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Happy New Year! Weli Newiyal!

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Message from Chief Paula Pechonick

I hope this issue of the DIN finds you well after the holidays! We have had another productive quarter at the Tribe. I attended National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) in Portland, Oregon at the end of October. I had not previously been to Portland. I was amazed to see “Occupy Portland” on three square blocks. I networked a bit but had to leave early to go to Indiana (below).

The tribe was invited to a symposium called “Wiping Away the Tears: The Battle of Tippecanoe in History and Memory,” sponsored by Purdue University in West Lafayette, IN. I spoke on behalf of the Tribe, and Dr. Brice Obermeyer also presented a paper. It’s been 200 years since the battle, and the state of Indi-

ana and Purdue now want to recognize the Indian tribes’ side of the story through the development of Prophetstown State Park which is located at the approximate site of Prophetstown. Prophetstown was named for Tecumseh’s brother Tenskwatawa who is known as “the Prophet.” Prophetstown is located adjacent to Battle Ground, IN where the infamous Battle of Tippecanoe took place. There is an article with additional information about the Battle in this issue.

The Trust Board elections in early November went well. John Sumpter and DeAnn Ketchum were elected to their first term in office; Verna Crawford and Wayne Stull were re-elected. We have not heard back from the solicitor’s office

on the Trust Board. I anticipate the issue of the necessity of the Trust Board as it exists today will be on the ballot in November 2012.

The Tribal Council continues to work at the Tribe’s wishes for a revised MOA with the Cherokee Nation. The Tribal Council will schedule a meeting with the Nation to discuss the changes and updates. The meeting thus far has been postponed due to the transitional pains of the new Cherokee Nation administration.

We had a Christmas Party on December 11 for our Delaware children. Fun was had by all with Santa, gifts and snacks. About 70 attended, with almost 50 children.

The employee Christmas Party was December 16. There was a gift exchange, food and a good time was had by all!

We have advertised for a Tribal Manager/Administrator. We will certainly benefit from the right person in the position.

I look forward to a prosperous 2012. We are on the cusp of our economic development opportunities to come to fruition. Your good thoughts and prayers are appreciated for the well-being of our Tribe.

We submitted ICDBG (Indian Community Development



Delaware Tribal Council. Left to right, Jenifer Pechonick, Nate Young, Verna Crawford, Wayne Stull, Chief Paula Pechonick, Janifer Brown, and Assistant Chief Chet Brooks.

Block Grant) and SEDS (Social and Economic Development Strategies) grants in January. The SEDS grant is written to revitalize our gift shop, to assist the funding of our archival project, and to house our collections for a future museum.

Information about the 2012 Federal Budget comes out as I write my article. The initial numbers for IHS and BIA are better than anticipated. EPA had a small cut. I haven’t yet seen the numbers for HUD.

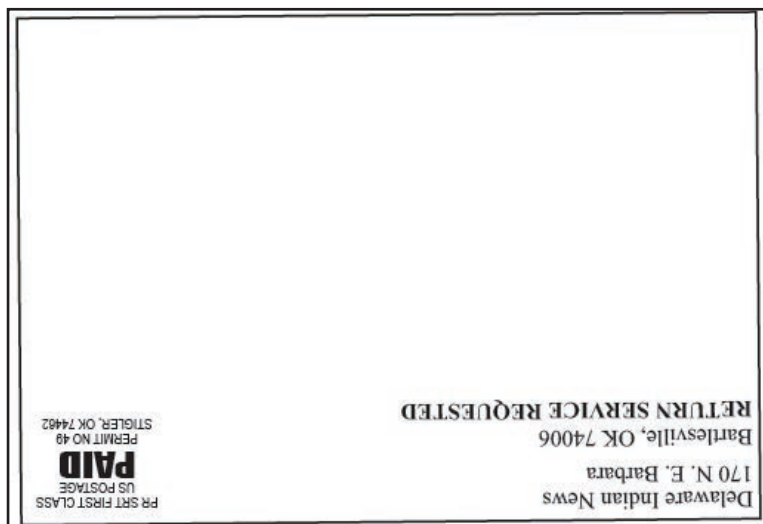
As always, if you have any questions, comments or needs, please don’t hesitate to email me at ppechonick@delawaretribe.org, contact any of the Council members (contact information is available on the tribal web site), or call the Tribal Office. ■

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NOTE

Minutes of both Tribal Council and Trust Board are posted monthly on the official tribal web site at www.delawaretribe.org. Other information including enrollment/registration, community and education services, 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,

Happy New Year!! I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas, enjoyed family and friends, good food, fellowship and celebrated the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ. It's a new year and with it comes hopes, dreams, promises and a new beginning for some and a time to reflect for others. What will 2012 bring? All of the above is my hope and whatever your personal New Year's resolutions for 2012.

Thank you for your vote and the votes for Verna Crawford, DeAnn Ketchum and John Sumpter. DeAnn and John are new Trust Board members. Make them welcome, they will be working to make your Trust Board better for all Delaware Indians. Thanks to everyone who participated in the 2012 Trust Board election.

Tribal Trust Board budgets passed, a resolution insur-

ing your trust money stays in place passed and the Trust Board will move forward in 2012. Thanks again to everyone who voted and everyone who attended General Council. Tribal members' participation is needed to make sure we can conduct business and do what Tribal members want. Where are my Delaware brothers and sisters? Come participate, vote, gripe, praise, stomp your feet, mutter, but please show up. More about this in the coming months.

Next issue will have new committee heads listed and their contact information. Looking forward to 2012 and making the Delaware Tribe of Indians Trust Board something all Tribal members are proud of!

God Bless,
Wayne Stull
Trust Board Chairman ■

Trust Board Election Results

The Trust Board election was held November 5, 2011. Expiring terms resulted in openings for the Trust Board chairman and three members. Official results are as follows:

	POLL PLACE	BY MAIL	HAND TALLY	TOTAL
TRUST CHAIRMAN				
TITUS FRENCHMAN	24	224	248	248
WAYNE STULL	9	377	386	386
TRUST BOARD MEMBER				
VERNA CRAWFORD	14	420	434	434
DEANN KETCHUM	18	460	478	478
CASS SMITH	25	273	298	298
JOHN SUMPTER	24	389	413	413
ADOPT THE BUDGET				
YES	21	560	581	581
NO	14	53	67	67
TRIBAL JUDGMENT FUNDS QUESTION				
YES	25	588	613	613
NO	9	27	36	36

BOLD = Elected/passed.

According to the election results, the new Trust Chairman is **Wayne Stull**. The new Trust Board members are **DeAnn Ketchum**, **Verna Crawford** and **John Sumpter**. The Trust Budget passed and the question of the Tribal Judgement funds passed with yes. Approximately 650 tribal members voted.

The Oath of Office for the Trust Board chairman and new members was administered at General Council November 12, 2011 and December 5, 2011 for the members not present at the general council.

A very special thank you to our Election Board: Laura Maynor, Missy Buck Gillman, LuAnn Hainline and Jim Hammon as well as the League of Women Voters Debbie Haskell, Cheri Spears and Becky Wallace. ■

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The deadline for articles, letters, ads and calendar of events is March 15, 2012 for the April 2012 issue. Submissions may be mailed, faxed or hand delivered to the tribal office or emailed to din@delawaretribe.org.

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Reconnecting the Circle

Essay Contest for High School Students, 2011/12

Full Essay Topic: "Why is reconnecting the circle with Native Americans important today"? Consider Native American values. Tell us which ones you want to see integrated into mainstream society and why.

Deadline: January 20, 2012

Who: High school students (grades 9-12) in the United States

For more information, please go to www.reconnectingthe-circle.com. ■

Lifeline and Link Up Programs

The Lifeline and Link Up programs help to provide telephone service to low-income consumers living on Tribal lands for as little as \$1 a month. Lifeline and Link Up, run by the Federal Communi-

cations Commission (FCC), help eligible low-income consumers establish and maintain telephone service by discounting services provided to them by wireline and wireless providers. These programs are

part of the Federal Universal Service Fund, or USF.

For more information, go to <http://www.fcc.gov/guides/lifeline-and-link-affordable-telephone-service-income-eligible-consumers>. ■

Statement by New Tribal Council Member Nate Young

Note: At the December 5, 2011 Council meeting, Nate Young was appointed, by a majority vote of the Tribal Council, to fill the Council vacancy caused by the resignation of Council member Tom Moore.

In considering the short term I have to serve on the Tribal Council, there are several issues I wish to concentrate on during my tenure.

The first issue is the Memorandum of Agreement between the Delaware Tribe and the Cherokee Nation. You may recall that in order to restore our federal recognition the Bureau of Indian Affairs required us to reach an agreement with the Cherokee Nation on several key issues. The MOA was a bitter pill to swallow, but necessary to restore our recognition. Now we have discovered the MOA may not be working as intended. Every indication from the new Cherokee administration is that they are open to correcting the flaws in the current MOA.

Early in December of 2011, all of our Tribal Council members met with Chief Pechonick in a workshop to prepare our position on the MOA flaws and the changes we would like to make. This was an extremely productive meeting with each Council member expressing their opinion openly and freely without fear of personal accusation. Our members would have been proud to see our governing body working effectively together. Our Chief has indicated that our purpose is to simplify, streamline, and lessen

the burden for both parties under the current MOA. It is my intent to work for an agreement that allows the money set aside for the Delaware in the MOA comes directly to the Delaware and not to the Cherokee. This would be beneficial to both parties. My pledge is that we will continue our efforts to correct this situation.

The next issue to resolve is our pending Judgment funds. This money belongs to the Delaware Tribe. We have been told by our outside attorney that this issue was settled in principle in 2003. I have participated in telephone conference calls as far back as 2008 and was informed the money would be released shortly. Today I received permission from the rest of the Council to contact our outside counsel and to get a clear and concise statement as to the reasons for the delay and solutions to any problems causing the delay. There is no intent on our part of fixing blame or finger pointing. We would merely like an explanation in layman's terms. The Council needs to understand what is happening and our membership has the right to know. I will stay on top of this issue and report to the Council and our members on a regular basis.

Finally, I want us as a tribe to prepare for the 21st century. Many refer to this as nation building. It is simply using our sovereignty to our advantage. As Thomas Friedman of the New York Times said so eloquently, "the world is no longer round but flat." Our world is

now digitized, virtualized, and automated. Our tribal government must reach out to a tribal membership spread out across our nation. Our tribal institutions must reflect the changes in our world and the desire to assist all of our members.

The Harvard Project on American Indian Economic Development (www.hpaied.org) is an excellent resource for tribes. If you have access to the internet I would encourage you to read (actually "devour") this website and its links. The site makes available to us at no cost information about the trials, errors, and successes of other tribes. It does require thinking outside of the box, but we must never let any solid opportunity slip by because of our failure to research and analyze what may be profitable for our tribe. I would also like you to look at the Alaskan Native Corporations. They too are landless; however, because of their business skills several have gross revenues in excess of a billion dollars annually. Our tribe's success depends on our most important resource, our members.

I will soon start a web site to keep our members informed, where ever they may be, on what is happening in our tribal government. Not everything we do is going to be a success. The great baseball player Babe Ruth did not have a batting average of 1000. In fact his batting average was only around .300 and he did not hit a home run every time. My thoughts are our failures should be learning experiences to enable us to avoid mistakes in the future. The guiding principle of the Tribal Council and tribe is doing our best for our people. ■

Preserving Delaware History: Documents, Books, Pictures

Anita Mathis

The project to preserve Delaware history discussed in the last two DIN issues continues through this quarter. As I noted in the last DIN, I am Anita Davis Mathis, currently serving on the Cultural Preservation committee as well as Land Management. As a member of Culture Preservation I have become increasingly interested in the preservation of Delaware Tribal history.

Along with tribal member Marilyn Coffey, we continue to collect books, other documents, images, and artifacts. We have been enormously assisted by the staff of the Bartlesville History Museum, especially Director Joan Singleton and Collections Manager Debbie Neece. Funds have been provided by a federal grant aimed at preservation of tribal archives.

To date we have copied approximately several thousand pictures, a large number of documents, and a few artifacts. These will be used, along with further donations, in what we hope will eventually be a Delaware Tribal Museum.

We are hoping to pursue larger grants that will help

us build and equip a tribal museum building, but in the meantime these digital copies of our tribal records provide us the opportunity to share them more widely and also help ensure their long-term preservation.

As tribal members we hope you will donate pictures, artifacts, or any information on past Tribal members, customs, dress, books, activities etc. For now material can be scanned and/or photographed and returned to the owner; eventually we would love donations or long-term loans of the actual objects.

Please feel free to contact Marilyn or myself with any questions, comments or to make arrangements to donate or loan any pictures, documents, books, artifacts or anything related to our Delaware Heritage.

With your help this can be a tremendous success.

Thank you.

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If you have any pictures, documents, books, or artifacts to donate or loan to the Tribal Archives, please contact Anita Mathis at amathis@delawaretribe.org or at 918-440-8734. The material can be scanned or photographed and returned to you if requested; otherwise the items will be stored securely for use in the future once the museum is built.

Delaware Tribe Housing Program

DTHP Staff

Hello everyone. We want to remind you that the maintenance crew will be winterizing all the rental units within the next few weeks. They will be covering the roof turbines, checking your heater unit for proper operation and covering all the outside faucets. Remember, once the outside faucet cover is installed, it is your responsibility to keep the cover in place. If you remove the cover to use the faucet, be sure and replace the cover when you are finished. If you notice your faucet cover is missing, or discover any other problem in your rental unit, call the Housing Program office and let us know. You can reach us by calling the office telephone number of 918-789-2525 seven days a week. After office hours or on weekends, this same number will connect to a maintenance department cell phone. Just select Rick Adair's extension and follow the prompts on the recording.

We would also like to take this opportunity to remind you that the Delaware Tribe Housing

Program Office is always seeking low income and elderly Native American families in need of housing. If you, or someone you know, are interested in the possibility of receiving housing assistance, contact the DTHP office in Chelsea at 918-789-2525 if you are interested in Craig or Rogers County. If you are interested in Washington or Nowata County, you can contact the DTHP office in Bartlesville at 918-337-6586 and we will be happy to send you an application for housing and answer any questions that you may have.

Just a reminder that payments are due on or before the 1st of each month but no later than the 5th of each month. Please have your account paid by the 5th to avoid late fees. We allow you the 5 extra days as a courtesy to pay your account. However, at times our office may be closed on the 5th due to how holidays fall, or the 5th may fall on a weekend, so please be aware of those dates to avoid being charged late fees.

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Delaware Tribe Environmental Programs

Jimmie Johnson, DTEP Director

Hope this finds everyone well! In November 2011, Environmental Programs assistant Michael Marshall and I traveled to Sacramento California to attend a three-day Environmental Review Training. In this training we learned the basic fundamentals of the Environmental Review process. Building these capabilities will provide a service to the Tribe that can be utilized in basically any action taken by the tribe that involves construction where an environmental review must be completed. More training will be necessary but the foundation has been laid to develop these capabilities.

In December we attended the Oklahoma Inter-Tribal Meeting on Climate Variability and Change at the National Weather Center in Norman Oklahoma. In this one-day meeting, we were presented information in regard to how climate change will affect our natural

and cultural resources in the near future. Climate change IS happening, and it will affect every one of us, from hotter summers to warmer wetter winters. These changes will affect agriculture, water system sustainability, and critical energy infrastructure. Steps can be taken now to lessen these effects but not stop them completely. Emissions control is a key player in reducing the effects of climate change. By using less fossil fuels in our cars and everyday lives, we can greatly reduce the impact these climate changes will have on us and future generations.

On another note, we are seeing a lot of participation in our recycling program. The question was asked at General Council about the paper recycling and the rebate that will be received from the recycling of paper. In November, the Tribe received \$53.41 for the paper that was placed in the recycling

container by tribal staff, tribal members, and the general public; these monies were placed into the Tribe's General Fund. We appreciate the Tribe's involvement in the recycling program and hope it continues to grow!! We would like to reiterate that the recycling dumpsters are located on the north end of the parking lot between the Wellness Center and the Community Center at the Headquarters Complex on NE Barbara in Bartlesville. These dumpsters are clearly marked for recycling.

We are also getting into the time of year when grant opportunities are being announced. We are diligently working on grant research to expand our current capabilities as an Environmental Department and advance our Tribe into a greener more sustainable future!!■

Delaware Tribe Accounting Department

Jade Johnson

As of October 1, 2011, the Delaware Tribe of Indians took over the finances of the Housing Authority of the Delaware Tribe. Jade Johnson, the Tribe's Chief Financial Officer, now oversees the finances of the Tribe, Trust, and the Housing Program.

One immediate component of the consolidation of the Housing Program within tribal operations is a change of software. The Housing Authority used QuickBooks for all of their accounting needs. The Tribe uses Sage Fund Account-

ing, and has now incorporated the Housing Programs QuickBooks data into the Sage Fund Accounting system. Syntax is helping with the conversion process.

Syntax has also been chosen through the procurement process as the Housing Program's Consultant (Fee Accountant). Their main objective is to train the accounting staff to be able to perform all the functions of a fee accountant.

There has also been a change of Auditor. An request for qualifications (RFQ) was sent out a

few months ago, and Bill Turner and Associates was chosen as our new auditor. The Accounting Department is closing the books for FY 2011 and is in the process of scheduling their audit. The Accounting department has also submitted budgets for FY 2012.■

Housing, After Hours Emergencies

If you have a maintenance emergency that occurs after regular business hours, please call the office at 918-789-2525. When you hear the recording you will receive directions to dial 2 to report a maintenance problem. Once you dial 2 you will hear a recording giving you additional choices.

For a maintenance emergency you will be instructed to dial 4 to be directed to the maintenance department cell phone, which is always with a maintenance technician 24 hours a day 7 days a week. You may need to leave a message on the cell phone. Please be sure to leave your name, address, contact number and the nature of the problem you are having.

Leaving all the above information is critical for us to be able to respond to your call. Thanks in advance.■



Update on the Indian Community Development Block Grant

Jade Johnson

ICDBG 2010 – Social Services Building and ICDBG 2011- Expansion of Elder Nutrition and Expansion of Retention Pond and Infrastructure Update

We are hard at work designing new buildings and infrastructure using funds from the Indian Community Development Block Grant (ICDBG) that we obtained earlier this year (details are in the October 2011 *Delaware Indian News*).

The Tribe has chosen SGS as the Design Build team for

the Social Services building. SGS is working diligently on the design of the building. On December 9, 2011, a design was brought to the table for the committee to approve or make changes to the design of the building. The plans were modified to fit the Tribe and now we are waiting on the final blueprints. The construction for the Social Services building is schedule to break ground on March 1, 2011.

The Tribe is meeting with the Corps of Engineers on De-

cember 19, 2011 to choose the Design Build team for the expansion of the Elder Nutrition Kitchen and the infrastructure. Once the Design Build team is chosen, there will be a small delay before the construction will actually take place.

If you have any further questions about either of these two projects, please contact Jade Johnson by email at jjohnson@delawaretribe.org or by phone at 918-337-6597. ■

You Are Invited! Have Lunch with the Elders

If you haven't been to lunch with your elders lately, we'd like to invite you to join us. Lunch is served at 12 noon, Monday through Friday, at the Delaware Community Center.

After lunch we have card games on Tuesday and Bingo on Thursday, and yes—there are prizes. The other three days we offer chair exercises in the mornings at 10:30. More activities will be added as we grow. Suggestions for other projects are welcome.

This is a Title VI program for Native American Elders, 60 and over. Native Americans under 60 and other guests can come eat for a small charge. Donations are appreciated. Come join us. ■

Name and Address Changes

Any member with name and/or address changes should send their current addresses to the tribal headquarters. Also, if you know of someone not receiving a newspaper or ballot, please advise them to send their information also. This can be done by three methods—email, fax or mail—as noted below, or can be done in person at the tribal offices.

To email your information, contact Shirley Moore at smoore@delawaretribe.org.

To fax, use 918-337-6591.

You can also send your information by mail to:

Delaware Tribe of Indians
170 NE Barbara
Bartlesville, OK 74006

Because we need a written record for our files, we can't accept address changes over the phone. You may, however, drop off a printed address change at the Tribal Offices.

Please feel free to contact Shirley Moore at 918-337-6590 if you have any questions. ■

News from the Enrollment Department

Shirley Moore

I hope everyone had a blessed Merry Christmas!

The Delaware Tribe of Indians "Lost Delaware" program is designed to update our tribal rolls and to ensure that all Delaware tribal members or potential tribal members are provided all appropriate benefits and rights.

A list of names and addresses is on the tribal web site at <http://www.delawaretribe.org/lostde.php>.

To update information on yourself, a friend or relative, please call me (918-337-6590) or, even better, send me an email at smoore@delawaretribe.org. When emailing information, please type "Lost Delaware" in the subject box.

We will use this information to update the enrollment database and will try to keep the information updated on the web site. Please be aware that there may be some delay in updating the web site, so don't be alarmed if you send us updates and they don't appear on the site right away.

In addition to the "Lost Delaware" program, we would like to start honoring deceased Delaware in the newspaper and on the web site. Obituaries and photographs of loved ones can be emailed to smoore@delawaretribe.org.

The tribe's new computer system is scheduled to go online soon. In the meantime, updating our enrollment database is a huge priority. Anyone needing assistance in enrollment can call me at 918-337-6590.

Tribal blue cards will be sent out within three days of notification. If you need one sooner, please contact me. ■

Education, Community Services, and LIHEAP

Lacey Harris

I am very pleased with the amount of applications received for LIHEAP this year. We assisted all nine Delaware households that applied for heating assistance this winter. The Education/Community Service Committee will continue to meet every second Tuesday of the month.

I am accepting 2012 Fall Scholarship applications at this time. Applications are available at [\[tribe.org/education.htm\]\(http://www.delawaretribe.org/education.htm\). The deadline for scholarship applications is January 31.](http://www.delaware-</p>
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Any Tribal member interested in applying for Community Service benefits, that application is also available on the Tribal web site at www.delawaretribe.org/commservices.htm. For any questions please feel free to contact me at 918-337-6595, or lharris@delawaretribe.org.

Community

AARP Oklahoma Honors 50 Indian Elders at Honors Event

From AARP Oklahoma web site (<http://www.aarp.org/politics-society/advocacy/info-10-2011/indian-elder-honors-ok.html>)

Linguists, artists, ministers, educators, veterans, tribal and community leaders and the first American Indian to receive a degree in Physics from the University of Oklahoma were among those recognized at AARP Oklahoma's 2011 Indian Elder Honors.

Indian elders representing 37 federally recognized Oklahoma tribes and nations were celebrated at an event held at the National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum.

AARP National Board Member John Penn was on hand to deliver the keynote address and help present medallions along with AARP Executive Vice President Hop Backus, Regional Vice President Nancy Stockbridge, State Director Sean Voskuhl and State President Marjorie Lyons.

Penn, whose great-great grandmother was on the Trail of Tears, praised the honorees and noted AARP's commitment to work with diverse populations. He also reminded the audience of AARP Founder Dr. Ethel Percy Andrus' commitment to serving all older Americans.

Backus announced the launch of the AARP Oklahoma Indian Elder Navigator—a single-point-of-entry website for Indian elder services that can be accessed at <http://www.aarp.org/okindiannavigator>.

"We hope that this new website will be a place where an Indian Elder from any Oklahoma Indian Tribe can go to find the service or resource that best fits their need. We envision it as a 'living room' of information for tribal elders," Backus said noting AARP will be working directly with tribal leaders and program directors on the project.

"It was a beautiful night to salute these Oklahoma Indian Elders," said AARP State President Marjorie Lyons. "AARP Oklahoma has pledged to continue working with Oklahoma Indians to understand their unique needs and find ways that the association can help them age with dignity."

Our very own Mary Watters was among the elders honored. Mary has served on the tribal council and regularly gives back to the Indian community. She is a Delaware-Peoria-Shawnee – the granddaughter of early-day Lenape Indian settlers of the Dewey area, and William Skye who served as



Mary Watters.

the Peoria Tribe Chief in 1908. Mrs. Watters retired from Phillips Petroleum Company after 30 years of service. She is a member of New Hope United Methodist Indian Church where she has served as lay leader, lay speaker and UMW local secretary for many years. She has been actively involved in the Bartlesville Indian Women's Club, where she has served as president, vice president and secretary. She performed as one of the club's first storytellers and also served as OIS storytelling chair for a number of years. Mary has been involved with the Oklahoma Federation of Indian Women, Delaware War Mothers Club and has served on the Delaware Tribal Council Grievance Committee, Cultural Preservation Committee, Elder Committee and Language Preservation Committee. She served as head lady dancer for the Chris Wilson Memorial Dance in Dewey in 1993 and was head lady dancer for the 1994 Delaware Pow Wow in Copan. ■

VISIONS Program

The VISIONS program is a nation-wide program dedicated to assisting Native American, Alaskan Native and Native Hawaiian families who have children (0-26) with special needs. VISIONS may provide many things--available resources to help families become better advocates so their children receive the services they need to get the best education they can, a sounding board for families struggling with the trials of having a child with special needs, sample letters to use for conflicts with school teachers, principals and administrators, training

on your rights and what the law requires children be provided as far as their education, training for professionals on how to provide services in a culturally-relevant and sensitive manner, and much more.

For more information about the VISIONS program, please go to their web site at fndusa.org/programs/visions-services-to-native-american-native-hawaiian-and-alaskan-native-families.aspx. ■



Delaware Health and Wellness Center



Attention all Delaware, Cherokee and Friends: Do you want to exercise?

The Delaware Health and Wellness Center is currently open Monday through Friday from 8 am to 5 pm.

There is no fee for any member of the Delaware or Cherokee Tribe. (Bring your membership card with you.) Others are charged a small fee of \$20.00 a month or \$2.00 a day. We encourage everyone to get healthy!

The Delaware Wellness Center is located at the Tribal Office at 170 NE Barbara, Bartlesville, OK.

Please note that there is no medical staff on duty, so use of the equipment is at your own risk ■

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AARP Oklahoma Indian Elder Navigator

from: AARP Oklahoma | September 29, 2011

Community (*continued*)

American Indian Graduate Center Fellowships and Loans Attention! Native Graduate Students!

The American Indian Graduate Center, Inc. announces the availability of fellowships and loans for service to American Indian and Alaska Native undergraduate and graduate students.

To find out more information and eligibility requirements about various programs, please visit www.aigc.com to view programs listed under scholarships and fellowships.

Some of the fellowships include:

- **Elizabeth Furbur Fellowship:** Graduate fellowship for women studying the creative fine arts, visual works, crafts, music, performing, dance, literacy, creative writing and poetry.
- **Dr. George Blue Spruce Fellowship:** Dr. Blue Spruce created the fellowship as a step toward increasing the very low

number of American Indian dentists.

- **Gerald Peet Fellowship:** Priority to medical students or health-related fields.
- **Grace Wall Barreda Memorial Fellowship:** Graduate fellowship for students seeking advanced degrees in environmental studies or public health.
- **Jeanette Elmer Scholarship/Graduate Fellowship:** AIGC was granted authority to accept administration of the trust fund monies of the Jeanette Elmer estate. This fund is designated to provide scholarships to students who have completed their bachelor's degree and are enrolled in a graduate or professional degree program at an accredited institution and who are members of Wisconsin,



New Mexico or Arizona tribes.

- **Katrin Lamon Fund:** For Native American graduate students majoring in literature, journalism and communications or a related field.
- **Ruth Muskrat Bronson Scholarship Fund:** Priority to nursing, or health-related fields if the nursing pool is non-existent. One or two graduate students per year.

In addition, there are links to other scholarships on the site.■

George Clifford Newbold Scholarship

Applications are available for the George Clifford Newbold Scholarship Fund dedicated to the memory of Cliff Newbold, an outdoorsman, raconteur, naturalist and gentleman who treasured his native background. The fund is set up to award an annual scholarship of \$2000 a year for four years to qualified students of Native American heritage who evidence a desire to further their education in the fields of busi-

ness or education and use this education for the benefit of their native community. It will be a renewable grant based on demonstrated achievement in your studies and the ongoing recommendation and evaluation of your professors. Preference will be given to those students of Lenni Lenape heritage and to those who are current New Jersey residents, however these factors are not a restriction to application.

All will be considered, however the foundation believes students whose tribal heritage includes communities operating gambling facilities should turn to those organizations for assistance.

For more information, go to the web site at www.newboldscholarship.org/.



Gates Millennium Scholar Program

The Gates Millennium Scholar Program will select 1,000 talented students each year to receive a good-through-graduation scholarship to use at any college or university of their choice. Gates Millennium Scholars are provided with personal and professional development through our leadership programs along with academic support throughout their college career.

Gates Millennium Scholar Program Eligibility

Please review the following information for eligibility criteria and visit www.gmsp.org for the 2012-13 application.

Students are eligible to be considered for a GMS Scholarship if they:

- Are African American, American Indian/Alaska Native, Asian or Pacific Islander American, or Hispanic American.
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- Have attained a cumulative high school GPA of 3.3 on a 4.0 scale (unweighted) or have earned a GED.
- Will be enrolling for the first time at a U.S. accredited college or university as a full time, degree-seeking, first year student in fall 2012.

- Have demonstrated leadership abilities through participation in community service, extracurricular or other activities.
- Meet the federal Pell Grant eligibility criteria.
- Have completed and submitted all three required forms (Nominee Personal Information Form, Nominator Form, and Recommender Form) by the deadline.

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For more information about the program, please go to their web site at www.gmsp.org.■

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University of Tulsa senior tight end Clay Sears is proud of his Native American heritage.

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Clay Sears won't only be representing the Golden Hurricane football program in this year's Armed Forces Bowl.

The senior tight end will join other Native American teammates in ambassadorship of their heritage.

"I'm definitely proud of it," said Sears, who is a member of the Delaware Tribe of Indians. "My grandfather really keeps our family in that tradition and reminds us of who we are."

Sears, G.J. Kinne (Creek), Shawn Jackson (Creek), Chris Hummingbird (Kiowa) and interim running backs coach Clint Rountree (Cherokee) are just a few members of the Tulsa roster with Native American blood.

Sears comes from an impressive bloodline both traditionally (his family has had five Delaware chiefs) and athletically. His grandfather, Dee Ketchum, was the tribe's chief between 1998-2002 and also

was a captain for the University of Kansas basketball team in 1960.

It's not unusual to see Sears—a straight dancer decked out in blue-and-gold—at the annual Delaware Pow Wow in Copan.

"He's been dancing since he could walk," Ketchum said. "He's been around that circle and knows the significance of the culture and tradition as we try to teach him and have taught him that. He's always been receptive and wanting to get more knowledge about his culture."

"With his stature, he's 6-5 and out there and his presence is quite obvious in the dance arena in that blue and gold."

Sears' Delaware name is "Sisku," which translates to Clay in the English language.

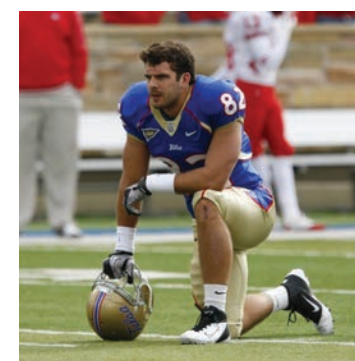
Kinne recently found out he has Creek bloodlines. The Tulsa quarterback is hungry to discover more about his heritage.

"It has been very exciting," Kinne said. "Being in Tulsa, with the Creeks being so strong in this area, it's awesome. I'm hopeful, after the season, I can learn even more."

"I've gotten some feedback from other (Native Americans) that said they are now Tulsa fans because of that. That's something that's very special to me."

Jackson point out Hummingbird and said "it's cool about our heritage. It's something different and unique."

Hummingbird played at Tahlequah Sequoyah High School. From the first day he stepped onto TU's campus, he



has been proud of who he is and what school he represents.

"I'm really proud to represent (Sequoyah)," Hummingbird said earlier this year. "It's a Native school and I'm Native American. You don't see a whole lot of Native Americans playing Division I sports." ■

Battle of Tippecanoe

This article is an edited version of the story posted at http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Battle_of_Tippecanoe. Citations are found on the website.

The Battle of Tippecanoe was fought on November 7, 1811, between United States forces led by Governor William Henry Harrison of the Indiana Territory and Native American warriors from the Lenape, Miami, Shawnee, Potawatomi as well as Ojibwa people who came all the way from Michigan by canoe! The Tribes were with the Shawnee leader Tecumseh. Tecumseh and his brother Tenskwatawa

known as "The Prophet" were leaders of a confederacy of Native Americans from various tribes that opposed U.S. expansion into Native territory. As tensions and violence increased, Governor Harrison marched with an army of about 1,000 men to disperse the confederacy's headquarters at Prophetstown, near the confluence of the Tippecanoe and Wabash Rivers in Indiana.

Public opinion in the United States blamed the violence on British interference. This suspicion led to further deterioration of U.S. relations with Great Britain and served as a

catalyst of the War of 1812, which began six months later. By the time the U.S. declared war on Great Britain, Tecumseh's confederacy was ready to launch its war against the United States and embrace an alliance with the British.

After being appointed governor of the newly formed Indiana Territory in 1800, William Henry Harrison sought to secure title to Native American lands to open more land for settlers; in particular, he hoped the Indiana Territory would attract enough settlers to qualify for statehood. Harrison negotiated numerous land cession treaties with American Indians, including the Treaty of Fort Wayne on September 30, 1809, in which Miami, Pottawatomie,



Location of Tippecanoe within Indiana Territory around 1812.

Lenape, and other tribal leaders sold 3,000,000 acres (approximately 12,000 km²) to the United States.

Tenskwatawa, known as the Prophet, had been leading a

religious movement among the northwestern tribes, calling for a return to the ancestral ways. His brother, Tecumseh, was outraged by the Treaty *continued on page 9*



A map showing the layout of the battlefield.

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of Fort Wayne, and thereafter emerged as a prominent leader. Tecumseh revived an idea advocated in previous years by the Shawnee leader Blue Jacket and the Mohawk leader Joseph Brant, which stated that Native American land was owned in common by all tribes, and land could not be sold without agreement by all the tribes. Not yet ready to confront the United States directly, Tecumseh's primary adversaries were initially the Native American leaders who had signed the treaty. He began by intimidating them and threatening to kill anyone who carried out the terms of the treaty. Tecumseh began to travel widely, urging warriors to abandon the chiefs and to join the resistance at Prophetstown. Tecumseh insisted that the Fort Wayne treaty was illegitimate. In an 1810 meeting with Harrison, he demanded that Harrison nullify the treaty and warned that settlers should not attempt to settle the lands sold in the

treaty. Harrison rejected his demands and insisted that the tribes could have individual relations with the United States.

In the meeting Tecumseh warned Harrison that he would seek an alliance with the British if hostilities broke out. Tensions between the United States and Britain had been high for several months as a result of British interference in U.S. commerce with France. As early as 1810, British agents had sought to secure an alliance with Native Americans to assist in the defense of Canada should hostilities break out, but the Natives had been reluctant to accept their offer, fearing they had little to benefit from such an arrangement.

In August 1811, Tecumseh again met with Harrison at Vincennes, where Tecumseh assured Harrison that the Shawnee brothers meant to remain at peace with the United States. Tecumseh then traveled to the south on a mission to recruit allies among the "Five Civilized

Tribes". Most of the southern nations rejected his appeals, but a faction of the Creeks, who came to be known as the Red Sticks, answered his call to arms, leading to the Creek War, which also became a part of the War of 1812.

Harrison left the territory for business in Kentucky shortly after the meeting with Tecumseh, leaving Secretary John Gibson as acting governor. Gibson, who had lived among the Miami tribe for many years, was quick to learn of Tecumseh's plans for war and immediately called out the territory's militia and sent emergency letters calling for the return of Harrison. By mid-September, most of the militia regiments had formed. By then, Harrison had returned, accompanied by a small force of army regulars, and had taken command of the militia. Harrison had already been in communication with his superiors in Washington, D.C., and he had been authorized to march against the confederacy in a show of force, hoping that they would accept peace.

Harrison gathered the scattered militia companies at Fort Knox near a settlement on Maria Creek, north of Vincennes; There he was joined by the sixty-man company called the Yellow Jackets, so named for their bright yellow coats, from Corydon, Indiana, as well as the Indiana Rangers. From there the entire force of about 1000 men set out northward towards Prophetstown. The force consisted of about 250 army regulars from the 4th US Infantry Regiment, 100 Kentucky volunteers, and near 600 Indiana militia including two companies of the Indiana Rangers. The army reached the

site of modern Terre Haute, Indiana, on October 3 where they camped and built Fort Harrison while they waited for supplies to be delivered. A scouting party of Yellow Jackets was ambushed by Native Americans on October 10 causing several casualties and preventing the men from continuing to forage. Supplies quickly began to run low. By October 19, rations were cut and remained so until October 28 when fresh supplies arrived via the Wabash River from Vincennes. With the army resupplied, Harrison resumed his advance to Prophetstown on October 29.

As Harrison's forces approached Prophetstown late on November 6, they were met by one of Tenskwatawa's followers waving a white flag. He carried a message from Tenskwatawa, requesting a cease-fire until the next day when the two sides could hold a peaceful meeting. Harrison agreed to a meeting, but was wary of Tenskwatawa's overture, believing that the negotiations would be futile. Harrison moved his army to a nearby hill near the confluence of the Wabash and Tippecanoe Rivers. There he camped his men in battle array, and kept sentinels on duty during the night.

On the west side of the hill on which he encamped was a shallow creek (Burnett Creek), and on the east side a very steep embankment. Because of the nature of the position, Harrison did not order any temporary works to be created around the position as was ordinarily done by encamped armies. The Yellow Jacket company, with Captain Spier Spencer in command, was posted on the southern end of the camp perimeter. The rest of the militia



Tecumseh, by Benson Lossing in 1848 based on 1808 drawing.

formed a rectangular formation along the edges of the bluff surrounding the camp. Colonel Davis Floyd commanded the militia units guarding the steep bluff on the eastern side of the formation. The regulars, commanded by Major Rodd, and the dragoons, commanded by Maj. Joseph Daviess and former congressman Capt. Benjamin Parke, were kept behind the main line in reserve.

In an 1816 conversation with Lewis Cass, the Governor of Michigan, Tenskwatawa denied that he ordered his warriors to attack Harrison, and blamed the Winnebagos in his camp for launching the attack. Other accounts also point to the Winnebago as the responsible party for encouraging the attack and suggest that Tenskwatawa was unable to control his followers as panic set in. Tenskwatawa's followers were worried by the nearby army and feared an imminent attack. They had begun to fortify the town, but the defenses were not yet completed. During the evening, Tenskwatawa consulted with the spirits and decided that sending a party to murder Harrison in his tent was the best way to avoid

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a battle. He assured the warriors that he would cast spells that would prevent them from being harmed and confuse Harrison's army so they would not resist. The warriors then moved out and began to surround Harrison's army looking for a way to sneak into the camp. Ben, an African-American wagon driver traveling with Harrison's army, had deserted to the Shawnee during the expedition. He agreed to lead a small group of warriors through the line to Harrison's tent. During the late night hours, he was captured by the camp sentries, taken back to the camp and bound. He was later convicted of treason but pardoned by Harrison.

Although existing accounts are unclear about exactly how the battle began, Harrison's sentinels encountered advancing warriors in the pre-dawn hours of November 7. Around 4:30 a.m., the soldiers awoke to scattered gunshots and discovered themselves almost encircled by Tenskwatawa's forces. Contact was first made on the northern end of the perimeter, but the movement was probably intended as a diversion. Shortly after the first shots, fierce fighting broke out on the opposite end of the perimeter as the warriors charged Harrison's line on the southern corner. The attack took the army by surprise as the warriors shouted war calls and rushed the defenders. Spencer was among the first to be killed, being shot in each thigh. Governor Harrison later recorded his death in a dispatch to Washington saying,

"... Spencer was wounded in the head. He exhorted his men to fight valiantly. He was shot through both thighs and fell;

still continuing to encourage them, he was raised up, and received [another] ball through his body, which put an immediate end to his existence."

Lieutenants McMahan and Berry, the other two Yellow Jacket commanding officers, were also soon wounded and killed. Without leadership, the Yellow Jackets began to fall back from the main line, retreating with the sentinels. The warriors followed the retreating unit and entered the camp. The soldiers regrouped under the command of future United States Senator, John Tipton, and with the help of two reserve companies under the command of Captain Rodd, repulsed the warriors and sealed the breach in the line.

The second charge by the Native Americans targeted both the north and south ends of the camp, with the far southern end again being the hardest hit. Over half of Harrison's casualties were suffered among the companies on the southern end, including Captain Spencer and five other men in his company, and seven other men in the adjoining company. With the regulars reinforcing that critical section of the line, and the surprise over, the men were able to hold their position as the attacks continued. On the northern end of the camp, Major Daviess led the dragoons on a counter charge that punched through the Native Americans' line before being repulsed. Most of Daviess's company retreated back to Harrison's main line, but Daviess himself was killed. Throughout the next hour Harrison's troops fought off several more charges. When the warriors began to run low on ammunition and the sun rose, revealing the small

size of Tenskwatawa's army, the Indian forces finally began to slowly withdraw. A second charge by the dragoons forced the remaining Native Americans to flee.

The battle lasted about two hours and Harrison lost 62 men (37 killed in action and 25 mortally wounded); about 126 were less seriously hurt. The Yellow Jackets suffered the highest casualties of the battle, with 30% of their numbers killed or wounded. The number of Native American casualties is still the subject of debate, but it was certainly lower than that of the United States forces. Historians estimate that as many as 50 were killed and about 70–80 were wounded.

The warriors retreated to Prophetstown where, according to one chief's account, the warriors confronted Tenskwatawa and accused him of deceit because of the many deaths, which his spells were supposed to have prevented. He blamed his wife for desecrating his magic medicine and offered to cast a new spell and insisted that warriors launch a second attack, but they refused.

Fearing Tecumseh's imminent return with reinforcements, Harrison ordered his men to fortify the camp with works for the rest of the day. As the sentries moved back out, they discovered and scalped the bodies of 36 warriors. The following day, November 8, he sent a small group of men to inspect the town and found it was deserted except for one elderly woman too sick to flee; the rest of the defeated Natives had evacuated the village during the night. Harrison ordered his troops to spare the woman, but to burn down Prophetstown and destroy the Native Ameri-

cans' cooking implements, without which the confederacy would be hard pressed to survive the winter. Everything of value was confiscated, including 5,000 bushels of corn and beans. Some of Harrison's soldiers dug up bodies from the graveyard in Prophetstown to scalp. Harrison's troops buried their own dead on the site of their camp. They built large fires over the mass grave in an attempt to conceal it from the Native Americans. However, after Harrison's troops departed the area, the Native Americans returned to the grave site, digging up many of the corpses and scattering the bodies in retaliation.

The day after the battle the wounded were loaded onto wagons and carried back to Fort Harrison for medical care. Most of the militia was released from duty on November 9 and returned home, but the regulars remained in the area a bit longer. In his initial report to Secretary William Eustis, Harrison informed him of a battle having occurred near the Tippecanoe River, giving the battle the river's name, and added that he feared an imminent reprisal. The first dispatch did not make clear which side had won the conflict, and the secretary interpreted it as a defeat. The follow-up dispatch made the United States victory clear, and the defeat of Tecumseh's confederacy became more certain when no second attack materialized. Eustis replied with a lengthy note demanding to know why Harrison had not taken adequate precautions in fortifying his camp. Harrison responded that he considered the position strong enough to not require fortification. This dispute was the catalyst of a



Tenskwatawa, by Charles Bird King.

disagreement between Harrison and the Department of War that later caused him to resign from the army in 1814.

At first, the newspapers carried little information about the battle, instead focusing on the highlights of the ongoing Napoleonic Wars. One Louisville newspaper even printed a copy of the original dispatch and called the battle a defeat for the United States. However, by December, most of the major papers in the United States began to carry stories about the battle. Public outrage quickly grew and many citizens blamed the British for inciting the tribes to violence and supplying them with firearms. Andrew Jackson was at the forefront of those calling for war, claiming that Tecumseh and his allies were "excited by secret British agents". Other western governors called for action, Willie Blount of Tennessee called on the government to "purge the camps of Indians of every Englishmen to be found ..." Acting on popular sentiment, the War Hawks

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in Congress passed resolutions condemning the British for interfering in the United States' domestic affairs. Tippecanoe fueled the worsening tension with Great Britain, culminating in a declaration of war only a few months later.

Until recently historians have accepted the story that Tecumseh was furious with Tenskwatawa for losing the battle, and that Tecumseh had threatened to kill his brother for allowing the attack to take place. According to this story, the Prophet lost prestige after the battle and no longer served as a leader of the confederacy. In their subsequent meetings with Harrison, several Native leaders claimed that the Proph-

et's influence was destroyed; in some accounts it was said he was being persecuted. Historians Alfred Cave and Robert Owens have argued that the Natives were probably trying to mislead Harrison in an attempt to calm the situation and that Tenskwatawa actually continued to play an important role in the confederacy. Harrison, having accomplished his goal of dispersing the Natives of Prophetstown, proclaimed that he had won a decisive victory. But some of Harrison's contemporaries, as well as some subsequent historians, raised doubts about whether the battle was as successful as Harrison claimed. "In none of the contemporary reports from Indian agents, traders,

and public officials on the aftermath of Tippecanoe can we find confirmation of the claim that Harrison had won a decisive victory", wrote historian Alfred Cave. The defeat was a setback for Tecumseh's confederacy, but the Natives soon rebuilt Prophetstown, and frontier violence actually increased after the battle. "If anything," writes historian Adam Jortner, "the strike on Prophetstown made Tenskwatawa's movement stronger."

On December 16, 1811, the first of the New Madrid earthquakes shook the South and the Midwest. Many Natives of the northwest took the earthquake as a sign that Tenskwatawa's predictions of doom were coming true, leading many to

support Tecumseh, including many of his former detractors. Attacks against settlers by Native Americans quickly increased in the aftermath. Numerous settlers and isolated outposts in the Indiana and Illinois Territories were targeted, leading to the deaths of many civilians. Prophetstown was partially rebuilt over the next year, though it was again destroyed by a second campaign in 1812. Tecumseh continued to play a major role in military operations on the frontier, and by the time the U.S. declared war on Great Britain in the War of 1812, Tecumseh's confederacy was ready to launch its own war against the United States, this time with British allies. Tecumseh's warriors

made up nearly half of the British army that captured Detroit from the United States in the War of 1812. It was not until Tecumseh's death at the 1813 Battle of the Thames in Ontario that his confederation ceased to threaten the interests of the United States. When William Henry Harrison ran for President of the United States during the election of 1840, he used the slogan "Tippecanoe and Tyler Too" to remind people of his "heroism" during the battle.

Chief footnote: Harrison was so pompous his inaugural speech lasted an hour outside in spite of cold blizzard-like conditions. Consequently, he died of pneumonia. ■

Delaware Tribe Historic Preservation Office

Brice Obermeyer

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 include current and past gravesites, archaeological sites, traditional cultural properties and reburial locations.

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 items to share about our work over the past few months.

NAGPRA funded research continues with the State

Museum of Pennsylvania, New York University College of Dentistry and the Peabody Museum at Harvard University

Following our extensive summer consultations with the State Museum of Pennsylvania, New York University College of Dentistry and the Peabody Museum of Archaeology and Ethnology at Harvard University as well as several other institutions with shared collections in the region, we have now digitized and reviewed all of the provided inventories, photographs, primary and secondary documents and site files for five Delaware affiliated historic cemeteries and a dozen isolated burials. There are several hundred individual burials that were excavated from these sites and await reburial.

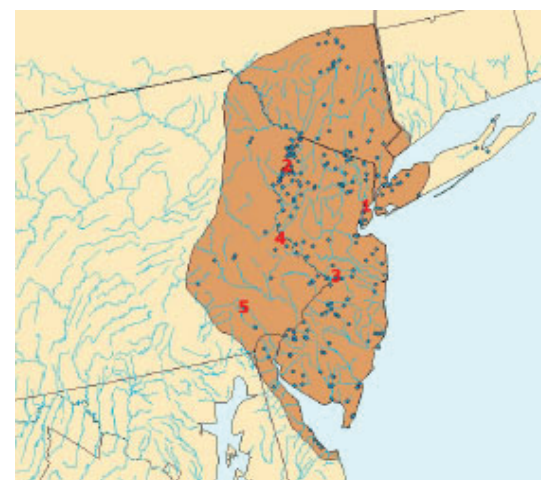
Our review of the collected information from the State Museum of Pennsylvania identified the Wapwallopen site as the first site collection to seek repatriation. Wapwallopen is a historic Delaware village (ca. 1740-1760) located along the Susquehanna River in Luzerne County, Pennsylvania. Over 20 burials were excavated from the village cemetery, all of which are curated at the State Museum of Pennsylvania. We are now reviewing the Wapwallopen inventory to ensure that all of the remains and associated objects are correctly identified before moving forward with a repatriation request. Once the objects are correctly identified, we will also begin the process of identifying an appropriate reburial location in the vicinity. Consultations with the New

York University College of Dentistry are complete and we are prepared to repatriate from them as well as from the National Park Service who holds several sets of remains from the New York area. Once we are able to find a secure location in the lower Hudson River Valley, we will officially pro-

ceed with the reburial. Please contact our office (bobermeyer@delawaretribe.org) if you are aware of an appropriate reburial location in the Hudson River Valley.

Abbott Farm is a multi-component Delaware affiliated prehistoric/historic village site

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Some of the known Delaware-related archaeological sites on the East Coast. Sites 1-2 (Ellis Island and Delaware Water Gap) are already repatriated; sites 3-5 (Abbott Farm, Overpeck, and Montgomery) are subjects of current consultations and preparations for a future repatriation.

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located along the lower Delaware River near Trenton, NJ. Approximately one hundred burials have been excavated from this site over the past century. Twenty-five of such burials are located at the Peabody Museum of Archaeology and Ethnology at Harvard University, and we have learned that a significant number of other burials are curated at the New Jersey State Museum and perhaps at the Chicago Field Museum. In our effort to learn more about Abbott Farm, Greg Brown attended the Eastern States Archaeological Federation meetings in Mount Laurel, New Jersey October 27-29. These meetings were a gathering of regional archaeologists and historians describing recent archaeological work in New Jersey and Pennsylvania, including several sites where the Delaware Tribe is working on NAGPRA repatriation issues. The conference included a guided tour of the Abbott Farm National Historic Landmark.

NAGPRA funded research on identifying Delaware affiliated funerary objects nears completion

National NAGPRA funding provided by the National Park Service is allowing us to more accurately identify Delaware affiliated funerary objects. During previous consultations, we learned that objects found on the grave surface and grave fill are not typically classified as funerary objects by museums. To correct this oversight, we have been learning more about traditional Delaware funerals from tribal members and those that are familiar with the ceremony as well as from writ-

ten sources. Such information has now allowed us to correctly identify objects recovered from a grave surface and grave fill as funerary objects.

The results from our work were presented at the Plains Anthropological Conference in Tucson, AZ in October 2011. Our presentation was well attended and we demonstrated that objects found in the grave fill and the surface of a grave are legally classified as funerary objects under NAGPRA thus subject to repatriation and reburial. We are now finalizing a report on traditional Delaware funerals that will be shared with museums in order to provide guidance for documenting the funerary status of Delaware affiliated objects.

If you would like to contribute to this report or would like to learn more about traditional Delaware funerals, please contact our office.

Tribal members participate in the archaeological survey of Delaware Town in Southwest Missouri

Funding from the National Park Service Tribal Historic Preservation Fund is supporting much-needed archaeological research on the early 19th century Delaware villages in southwestern Missouri. The grant provided for the travel of three tribal members—Cy Hughes, Michael Kimbrel and Michael Adair—who volunteered to participate in the field work carried out in the fall by the Center for Archaeological Research at Missouri State University (CAR-MSU). The survey work has uncovered several previously undocumented sites and further refined the boundaries of others. Text excavations at Wilson Cem-

etry revealed a period artifact for the Delaware occupation thus placing this site as a previously unrecorded Delaware cemetery. The results of this archaeological field work are now being prepared and will allow us to better document the Delaware settlements and cemeteries in southwest Missouri and nominate them for inclusion on the National Register of Historic Places.

Please contact our office if you would like more information about the 19th-century Delaware settlements in Southwest Missouri.

Cemetery Preservation Project to begin in spring 2012

We are pleased to be able to provide for the preservation and maintenance of Delaware cemeteries beginning in the spring of 2012. Our inaugural efforts will begin with the Delaware, Busby, Silver Lake and Jackson-Falleaf cemeteries in Washington County with plans to extend this service to the additional four counties in the Delaware Service area in subsequent years. While we have the locations of many Delaware cemeteries in Oklahoma, we are also aware that there are other unrecorded burial locations in Washington and other counties and we would like to include such locations in our database so that we may have a lasting record and protect them from any future disturbance.

If you know of such unrecorded locations, please contact Brice Obermeyer at (918) 335-7026 or bobermeyer@delawaretribe.org.

Delaware, Miami, Ottawa and Eastern Shawnee Tribes represented at the 200th anniversary of the Battle of Tippecanoe



Top to bottom, crew in the field at Delaware Town; Cy Hughes and Michael Adair working in the CAR-MSU Lab.

The Battle of Tippecanoe was a turning point in the frontier conflicts of the War of 1812. While most Delaware remained neutral during the struggle, a few did join the Shawnee and intertribal forces led by Tecumseh against American expansion into Indiana. To commemorate the 200th anniversary of the battle, Purdue University hosted a conference of tribal leaders, historians and archaeologists who gave presentations on the battle and its historic significance. The conference was titled “‘Wiping Away the Tears,’ The Battle of Tippecanoe in History and Memory: Recalling History, Rediscovering its Impact.” It was held in West Lafayette, IN.

Chief Pechonick and Brice Obermeyer attended and presented at the conference along with representatives from the Miami, Ottawa and Eastern Shawnee. Chief Pechonick was part of a panel of tribal leaders and representatives who shared their perspective on the significance of the battle and the tribe’s continued interest in protecting their shared heritages in the state of Indiana. Brice presented a joint paper with Shawnee historian Steve War-

ren titled “Migration, Identity and Cultural Survival in Shawnee and Delaware History,” in which we highlighted the GIS map database of historic Delaware sites in Pennsylvania, Ohio and Indiana.

Delaware Tribe, Osage Nation and Emporia State University to host the 2012 Flint Hills Conference, April 6-7, 2012

Our office is partnering with the Osage Nation to host the 2012 Flint Hills Conference at the campus of Emporia State University in Emporia, KS on April 6-7, 2012. The Flint Hills Conference is a regional meeting of archaeologists and avocationalists with an interest in the archaeology and history of Eastern Kansas and Oklahoma. The conference will include presentations on regional archaeology, tribal historic preservation and Delaware and Osage NAGPRA related issues. Participation at the conference is free and we encourage anyone with an interest to attend. If you would like to attend the conference or contribute a presentation, please contact our office. ■

Images from the General Council, November 12, 2011



Halloween Party October 22



Tribe's Christmas Party for the Children December 11



Minutes of the Tribal Council, September-November 2011

Monday, Sept 12, 2011

Delaware Community Center

Respectfully submitted by Jenifer Pechonick

Chief Pechonick called the meeting to order at 6:10p. Chet Brooks gave the invocation in Lenape and English. Roll Call: Chief Pechonick, Assistant Chief Brooks, Janifer Brown, Wayne Stull, Jenifer Pechonick. Absent: Bill Hatch, Verna Crawford.

Guests include: Charles and Mary Randall, Cy Hughes, Vicki Sousa, Ernest Tiger, Greg Brown, Rosetta Coffey, James and Marilyn Coffey, Don and Priscilla Mason, Jade Johnson, Vickie Bratton, Brice Obermeyer, Barbara Wallace, Tom Moore, and Tonya Anna.

Jenifer Pechonick made a motion to amend the agenda to add the August 22, 2011 minutes, the insurance and the auditors and the empty seat. 2nd Wayne Stull. Motion passed all in favor.

Jade sent out an RFP to auditors and nine auditors responded. There were several auditors present at the meeting. Debbie Mueggenborg with Archambo and Mueggenborg said the firm is local and they do not have offices anywhere else, she brought Pat Hurd who specializes in Native business. Bill Turner from Vinita does governmental audits and gave a brief history.

Brice Obermeyer asked to be recognized. He wanted to talk about several projects for the Tribe. Greg is back from an entire month on the East Coast visiting a dozen or so museums and institutions. There are six large historic and pre-historic

sites with Delaware burials. The next task is to find a suitable location for a repatriation/reburial. They are putting together a large mapped database of sites. They hope to build a multi-state database of the collection. They will be GPSing cemeteries in Oklahoma. Brice encouraged anyone who knows of location to contact the NAGPRA office. Contact information is available on the website. Another project is a partnership with Southwest Missouri State to perform an archeological survey. Brice asked for interested people to contact the NAGPRA office. Wayne asked if Brice has been in contact with the National Park Service. Brice said the Park Service is not interested in assisting with collections not found on Park Service sites. Wayne asked if Brice had been in contact with any states. Brice said they have talked with states, but for instance, Pennsylvania was concerned about security at one site the state has been maintaining. Brice suggested maybe buying a plot in a cemetery to protect the remains. Brice said we would have to have the Stockbridge and the Delaware Nation agree.

Jenifer Pechonick made a motion to approve the minutes from August 1, 2011 and August 22, 2011 with corrections if any. 2nd Wayne Stull. Motion passed all in favor.

The 2012 budget is currently under review. Janifer Brown made a motion to approve the financials pending audit. 2nd Jenifer Pechonick. Motion passed, all in favor.

Unfinished Business

Vickie Bratton made a report regarding the Housing Pro-

gram. Vickie Bratton and the Chief met with Washington County to discuss the PILOT (Payment in Lieu of Taxes) Agreement. Vickie has requested to be put on the agenda for the other counties. The ARRA monies allocated for the Tribe needs to be spent by March 20, 2012 or return the money. The current plan is to purchase two homes in the Bartlesville/Dewey area. The IHP (Indian Housing Plan) is currently under review to build offices and storage in Bartlesville for housing. Housing Program is currently working on the 2004 report that had not previously been completed.

Chris Miller is currently training to become the Housing Specialist. Vickie Bratton and Jimmie Johnson will travel to Denver for Greener Homes training. This will allow our EPA to perform energy audits for housing. The staffing changes have occurred due to internal matters. The staff is currently working hard to clean up the Chelsea building and file years of paperwork. TJ Aaroe asked if rents were going to change, Vickie said they are not.

Wayne Stull made a motion to approve Resolution 2011-23 New Members. 2nd Jenifer Pechonick. Motion passed all in favor.

New Business

Wayne Stull made a motion to approve Jimmie Johnson, Lacey Harris, James and Marilyn Coffey to attend a Grant Writing class in Oklahoma City, September 19, 2011. 2nd Janifer Brown. Motion passed, all in favor.

The Employee Insurance under Housing was a better plan

than the Tribe enjoyed. The Tribe will switch insurance plans but continue with the same agent.

The Tribe was awarded the ICDBG monies to enlarge the kitchen, bring the retention pond to code, a road through to Madison and parking lots. The infrastructure increases are required by the city to build future structures.

James Coffey asked about the Idaho Delawares. The issue has been tabled.

The Council went into Executive session to discuss employees.

The Council returned to regular meeting at 7:39pm.

Jenifer Pechonick made a motion to accept the recommendations of the HR Department. 2nd Wayne Stull. Motion passed, all in favor.

Jade Johnson will notify Turner and Associates that they were selected as the auditor due to history, rate and turnaround time.

Jenifer Pechonick made a motion to approve the contract of the IT person, pending review by attorney. 2nd Janifer Brown. Motion passed all in favor.

Wayne Stull made a motion to appoint Tom Moore to the vacant seat. 2nd Janifer Brown.

Discussion: Bill Hatch has made no contact with the tribal offices regarding his absences. Tom Moore said that he would only accept the position if the vote is unanimous, Chet asked why. Tom Moore said that he feels the Tribal Council should be unified, there is not time to announce the position for election in the three days left and the position is only for a year. He only feels it's a good way

to move forward if the Tribal Council is unified. 4 yes, 1 no (C. Brooks).

The logistics regarding putting the position on the ballot were discussed. The Council asked Tom to reconsider and he accepted. Chet Brooks agreed Tom is well qualified.

Justice Charles Randall swore in Tom Moore.

Meeting adjourned at 8pm.

Monday, October 3, 2011

Delaware Community Center

Respectfully submitted by Jenifer Pechonick

Chief Pechonick called the October 3rd meeting to order at 6:10p. Chet Brooks gave the invocation in Lenape and English. Roll Call: Chief Paula Pechonick, Assistant Chief Chet Brooks, Janifer Brown, Verna Crawford, Wayne Stull, Jenifer Pechonick, and Tom Moore.

The Chief recognized the guests present: Charles and Mary Randall, Cy Hughes, Greg Brown, Don and Priscilla Mason, Jade Johnson, Karen Wilson, Teri Jo Aaroe, Jack Tatum, Nancy Sumpter, John Sumpter, Titus Frenchman, and Homer Scott.

Nancy Sumpter said that she was glad to see everyone here and asked everyone to not get upset. She said that she's proud of everyone standing up and doing their job. She said that she will let the Tribal Council know when she doesn't agree with something, but appreciated everyone being here.

Wayne Stull made a motion to approve the agenda.

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2nd Verna Crawford. Motion passed all in favor.

Janifer Brown made a motion to approve the minutes with corrections from September 12, 2011 meeting. 2nd Jenifer Pechonick. Motion passed one abstention (V. Crawford).

Janifer Brown made a motion to approve the financials pending audit. 2nd Wayne Stull. Motion passed, all in favor.

Unfinished Business

Housing – Jenifer read the reports from Rick Adair and Susan Hefner. Wayne Stull said that he spoke with Vickie Bratton who located approximately \$523k additional funds in an audit of housing money. The Housing Program is meeting with the Cherokee Nation on Thursday to discuss the updated Indian Housing Plan (IHP). John Sumpter asked if this would include rehab. This is part of the plan to be approved.

Employees – The Tribe hired four employees in housing. Discussion was held regarding our web site. Jenifer Pechonick asked for Delawares who are interested in employment to fill out an application (available online or by mail when a temporary position becomes open), we can pull from the resumes on file to place a tribal member while the position is advertised. The Housing Program encourages all Delawares to apply for housing or update their application if they have previously applied.

New Business

Wayne Stull made a motion to approve Resolution 2011-24. 2nd Jan Brown.

Discussion: 22 new members were approved for membership. Tom Moore encourages

Delawares to intermarry to increase blood quantum.

Tom Moore said he had some interesting conversations at Delaware Days about the Trust Board and how it operates. He said he wrote a resolution about the Constitutionality and free legal analysis of the Trust Board. He said he has changed his stance and feels the issue should be presented on the ballot. He said overall the Trust Board is a great idea. But he doesn't think we need to have elections in the off-year from the Tribal Council to approve budgets that are laid out in the Master Plan. He said he feels that the people that have committee programs in their heart should be elected to chair the committees. He suggested we put on the ballot requesting the \$3.4 million stay in Trust (for the Delaware people, not with the Federal Government) for the Tribe. Don Mason asked once the money is labeled as Trust, how would the money be overseen? Tom said that he's not asking for that on the ballot, he's advocating that we need to agree as a Tribe to keep the money in Trust. Chet Brooks asked if he was withdrawing the resolution. Tom Moore said yes, it was never intended to pass. He said if the BIA comes back and says the money is not in Trust currently, so we would need to have a special election. He said he feels like the money needs to be protected forever, until the people agree.

Tom Moore made a motion to put on the ballot for approval to keep the money in Trust for the benefit of our people and administered per the Master Plan. 2nd Jan Brown.

Discussion: Charles Randall said the question needs to be explained in the election. Tom

Moore said the intent is not to affect the way the Trust Board operates; just that the people agree the money stays in Trust, until the people want to change the status. Chet Brooks said Tom Moore's article in the newspaper reflected that Tom wanted to do away with the Trust Board and Chet felt like this would confuse readers. Tom Moore said that Chet Brooks wrote an article right next to it with arguments for the Trust Board. John Sumpter said he can agree with all this discussion and said he feels the Trust Board has reached its limitation. He said the major question is who is going to have the say so over the Trust monies. Tom Moore said until the Tribal members change it, nothing would change in the administration of the money. He suggested a Constitutional convention to decide how we want the government ran. Jack Tatum said that he was an absentee Delaware at one time. He said from an absentee perspective, he's concerned they (the absentee Delaware) would perceive this as a method to per cap the money. Tom Moore said there is no intention or way to distribute the money. Jack Tatum said he wanted to bring up a complaint of how the money is currently overseen. He said the committees should oversee their money and how it is spent. Motion passed, 1 no (C. Brooks).

Jenifer Pechonick made a motion to approve Resolution 2011-25 Directing Tribal Personnel Committee to Form a Work Flowchart and Hierarchy of Staff Listing All Tribal Employees. 2nd Chet Brooks. Motion passed all in favor.

Discussion: Jenifer Pechonick asked Jade Johnson to

send out the current organizational chart to the Personnel Committee for review and a meeting to be set up for discussion.

Jenifer Pechonick made a motion to approve Resolution 2011-26 Directing Relations with the Delaware Tribal Court as amended. 2nd Verna Crawford.

Discussion: Jan Brown asked to define semi-monthly. The Resolution is amended to quarterly reports. Don Mason asked for the resolution to be sent to all the judges and proposes a meeting be held within the next 30 days. Don Mason noted the Delaware Nation recently built a new courthouse. Motion passed all in favor.

Verna Crawford made a motion to approve Resolution 2011-27 Concerning Economic Development Reporting of The Delaware Enterprise Authority. 2nd Chet Brooks.

Discussion: the resolution is meant to aid in providing transparency in the DEA. Motion passed all in favor.

Jack Tatum asked who the current economic development director is and are there business plans? Tom Moore stated Ernest Tiger is the director and there are two business plans almost complete.

Charles Randall requested the Economic Development Director attend Council meetings.

Nancy Sumpter suggested we use the building in Caney for bingo. John Sumpter discussed the logistics.

Other Business

Jack Tatum asked who the Chairman of Economic Development, Tom Moore is. Wayne Stull is the Chairman of the DEA.

Jenifer Pechonick made a motion to send Don Mason and Shirley Moore to the ICWA conference in Midwest City, November 14-16. 2nd by Wayne Stull. Motion passed all in favor.

Chet Brooks said that the Council had previously voted for the Chief and Vice Chief to go to NCAI. He asked to withdraw himself.

Chet Brooks made a motion to send the Chief and Verna Crawford with Jan Brown as an alternate if Verna Crawford is unable to attend. 2nd Wayne Stull. Motion passed. 1 abstention (J. Brown).

Priscilla Mason said she appreciates everyone's hard work for the Tribe.

Meeting adjourned at 7:44 pm.

Monday, Nov 7, 2011 Delaware Community Center

Respectfully submitted by Jenifer Pechonick

Chief Pechonick called the November 7th meeting to order at 6pm. Wayne Stull gave the invocation. Roll call: Chief Pechonick, Assistant Chief Chet Brooks, Janifer Brown, Wayne Stull, Jenifer Pechonick and Tom Moore. Verna Crawford was absent and excused due to illness.

The Chief recognized the guests present. Priscilla and Don Mason, Charles and Mary Randall, Nancy Sumpter, James and Marilyn Coffey, Greg Brown, Chris Miller, Vicki Sousa, Lacey Davis, Curtis Zunigha, Barbara Wallace, Ruth Black, Jack Tatum and Ernest Tiger.

Tom Moore asked for a moment of silence to honor the

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passing of Sarah Johnson Scimeca. Jenifer announced the wake will be held at 7pm on Wednesday and the funeral Thursday at 10am, both at Stumpff's.

Tom Moore made a motion that any recordings of the Tribal Council meetings be unedited to ensure that no comments are taken out of context. 2nd Janifer Brown. Motion passed all in favor.

Nancy Sumpter asked if there was a report from NCAI. Tom said he had a report prepared.

Chief Pechonick recognized Chief Curtis Zunigha.

Tom made a motion to approve the agenda. 2nd Wayne Stull. Motion passed all in favor.

Jenifer Pechonick made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 3, 2011 meeting with corrections. 2nd Chet Brooks. Motion passed all in favor.

Treasurer's Report – Janifer reported October is not closed out so there will be corrections to the report presented. Chet Brooks pointed out that our employees have tripled, but our general operating fund is greater.

Tom Moore made a motion to table the financials until they are complete. 2nd Janifer Brown.

Discussion: Tom said he wouldn't expect the financials to be accurate until the 15th of the following month. Motion passed all in favor.

Unfinished Business

Housing – Chris Miller reported they placed a Delaware family this month. They are working on several other homes to prepare them for move-ins. The chief said a complete re-

port will be available at General Council.

Resolutions

Wayne Stull made a motion to approve resolution 2011-28 Approval of Tribal Membership. 2nd Chet Brooks.

Discussion: there are 27 new members. Motion passed all in favor.

Tom Moore made a motion to approve resolution 2011-29 Adopting the Emergency Management Procedure Document Developed by the Delaware Tribe Emergency Management Office. 2nd Chet Brooks.

Discussion: Jimmie Johnson has been working with the Washington County Emergency Management. Motion passed all in favor.

Other Business

Tom Moore gave a report on the 68th annual NCAI in Portland. He, Chief Pechonick and Teri Jo Aaroe attended. He prepared a five page report which he summarized. He will submit information to be put on the Tribe's website. Tom discussed hurt feelings from other Lenape people as a result from a resolution from the previous administration dismissing certain bands as "pseudo-Delawares." Tom suggested we should reach out to other bands and not necessarily take them under our wing, but rather be conscious of a policy admonishing these bands who can trace their roots. He stressed we should help our people first but include these others when possible.

Chet Brooks made a motion to rescind the resolution on the web site (regarding pseudo Delawares). 2nd Chet Brooks.

Discussion: Nancy Sumpter said she doesn't feel these people aren't Delaware neces-

sarily, but some of these bands are receiving grant money instead of us. Discussion was held about private foundations funding these groups. Tom said he feels like there are ways we can help these entities. Charles Randall said that our Constitution is clear about how to be a member of our Tribe but it does not preclude us from recognizing that our relatives and Lenape people are out there and unable to be members of our Tribe. Other tribal members shared their feelings. Chief Pechonick said the past fall the Canadian Delawares were offended by that resolution. Motion passed all in favor.

Tom Moore said he is going to scan all non-privileged information on his web site www.welachimulsin.com. This is the Delaware word for good council. Our official Talking Dictionary is www.talk-lenape.org.

Tom Moore asked if officers would be re-appointed at General Council. Jenifer Pechonick said this historically has taken place after our Tribal Council election.

Chief Pechonick said she and Brice Obermeyer presented at a symposium at Purdue University called "Wiping Away the Tears,' Remembering the 200th Anniversary of the Bat-



Tribal Judge Charles Randall administers the oath of office to new Council member Nate Young.

tle of Tippecanoe." She gave a brief history of the area.

Former Chief Zunigha requested the Chief make some comments about the relationship with the Cherokee Nation with the new administration. She said that we are working with the Cherokees currently on revisiting the MOA.

Don Mason said he stands beside the letter from Chief Justice Art Stull asking the Tribal Council to help facilitate the reorganization of the Court. Don has located several grants to fund the Court. Don discussed setting up a possible drug court for Delawares and other Tribes, Child-Support Enforcement and moving forward with Indian Child Welfare.

Tom Moore said there is money available for Education and discussed immersion schools.

Curtis Zunigha spoke regarding the election Saturday. He appreciates the service of the volunteers who helped with the election. He asked for clarification on the vote. The people voted to keep the Trust funds in place. The Trust Budget passed. Wayne Stull was re-elected chair, the new Trust members are John Sumpter and DeAnn Ketchum. Verna Crawford was re-elected.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:32pm. ■

Note on Meetings

The November Trust Board meeting was cancelled. Minutes for the December meetings will be approved at the January meetings and posted in the April 2012 DIN. They will also be posted on the tribal web site at www.delawaretribe.org/meetings.htm.

Current Tribal Government

TRIBAL COUNCIL

Paula Pechonick, Chief
Chet Brooks, Asst Chief
Verna Crawford, Secretary
Janifer Brown, Treasurer
Jenifer Pechonick
Wayne Stull
Nate Young

TRUST BOARD

Wayne Stull, Chairman
Chet Brooks, Vice-Chair
Verna Crawford, Secretary
Teri Jo Aaroe, Treasurer
Larry Joe Brooks
DeAnn Ketchum
John Sumpter

TRIBAL COURT

Chief Justice Arthur Stull
Rick Barnes
William Crawford
Don Mason
Charles Randall

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Minutes of the Delaware Trust Board, September-November 2011

Monday, Sept 12, 2011 Delaware Community Center

*Respectfully submitted by
Lacey Harris*

Chairman Wayne Stull called the Delaware Trust Board meeting of September 12, 2011 to order at 4:00 p.m. Teri Jo Aaroe called roll. Members present were: Chairman Wayne Stull, Assistant Chairman Chet Brooks, Treasurer Teri Jo Aaroe, members Tom Moore and Joe Brooks. Absent were Verna Crawford and Bill Hatch.

Wayne gave the innovation.

Chet Brooks made a motion to make Teri Jo Aaroe temporary recording Secretary for the next two meetings until election. Joe Brooks seconded. Passed, all in favor.

Chet made a suggestion about getting help from the office to do the minutes. Wayne and Joe suggested Lacey Harris will do the minutes.

Wayne, Joe and Teri Jo discussed the fact that there is no Treasurer's report. Wayne also asked if there were any questions about the financials.

Teri Jo questioned if it is okay for her to sign off on an emergency Community Service voucher with only three other committee members signing. Tom replied that Lacey Harris double-checks all the applications beforehand, and although seven people sit on the committee, four signatures would be all you need.

Wayne moved on to program reports.

1. LAND MANAGEMENT

There was a meeting held. Those who participated were Wayne Stull, Anita Mathis, and

Chet Brooks. Discussion was the Fallleaf, Dewey, and Silver Lake cemeteries. Wayne said he currently has the deed for the Dewey Cemetery, and has requested the deed for Silver Lake and Fallleaf. Therefore the Tribe will have four cemeteries that the Tribe will take care of. Brice Obermeyer has the funds to help with the cost. Brice stated his program would be able to commit ten to twenty thousand a year for someone to maintain the cemeteries. Brice also says that there does need to be criteria in place for why the Tribe wants to maintain the other cemeteries.

Brice said information gathered from Ruby Cranor suggest there are 56 cemeteries in Washington County, many of which have Delaware burials. Wayne says in the next three years we will look at the other cemeteries, until then he would like to see if we can do these four first.

(On another subject) Joe Brooks suggested that both Trust Board and Tribal Council should be on the personnel committee. Tom Moore disagrees on the Trust Board being responsible for employees being hired. Instead he suggests a criteria for money to be paid to the Tribe for employees.

2. COMMUNITY SERVICE AND EDUCATION

TJ reported there has not been a meeting and Tom said Verna has pushed the 2nd Monday of the month meeting to September 19th. Wayne suggested Teri Jo call Lacey to set up a meeting.

3. CULTURAL PRESERVATION

Chet Brooks reported on the recommended 2012 budget,

and announced the dates of Indian Summer and Delaware Days.

4. TRIBAL OPERATIONS

Joe Brooks had no report at this time. Tribal operations is used to pay for Tribal Audits.

5. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Ernest Tiger reported that DEA is in the process of finalizing two projects. Also, there are four investment groups that are wanting to look into these projects with the intent of funding them.

Tom Moore suggested that once DEA's projects become more into place and Ernest has more free time, he wants to have an Economic Development committee meeting.

Joe Brooks made a motion to go into executive session, Chet Brooks seconded. 1 abstained, 1 no and 1 yes. Motion carried 2 to 1.

Wayne called the meeting back into session.

Joe Brooks made a motion to appoint Darrell Glenn to the election committee and pay each member of the election committee a \$150 stipend each. Chet seconded. Passed, all in favor.

Tom Moore made a motion that anything the Tribal Council needs on the ballot should be put on the ballot. Joe Brooks seconded. Passed, all in favor.

New Business

Chet stated that he spoke with an attorney that informed him he could review any contracts concerning Economic Development.

Chet Brooks made a motion to get two other bids for reviewing contracts and hire the one of the three attorneys that

are the most qualified and have reasonable pricing.

Tom Moore suggested that is a good idea to seek counsel for future contracts when they do come up. Jenifer Pechonick asked why not use the Tribal Attorney. Tom Moore replied that two meetings before, Economic Development was taken out of the Tribal Attorney's hands. Joe Brooks seconded. Passed, all in favor.

Joe mentioned the National Congress of American Indians, October 30th-November 4th. The discussion of the board was to send two people whose term was not close to being up. There was no official motion or vote on sending anyone from the Trust Board to NCAI.

Chet Brooks made a motion to withhold the Economic Development Director's salary of \$15,000 for the next two months, until General Council. The discussion was not to remove the Director from his position, but remove the funds from the line item and suspend those funds for 60 days. Joe Brooks seconded. 1 no, 2 yes and 1 abstained. Motion carried 2 to 1.

Meeting adjourned 6:10pm

Monday, October 3, 2011 Delaware Community Center

*Respectfully submitted by
Lacey Harris*

Call to Order: 4:10pm

Invocation: Joe Brooks

Roll call: members present, Verna Crawford, Chet Brooks, Wayne Stull, TJ Aaroe, Joe Brooks, and Tom Moore

Guests: Chief Pechonick, Nancy Sumpter, Titus French-

man, Jan Brown, Charles Randall, Mary Randall, John Sumpter, Homer Scott, and Cy Hughes.

Others present: Tribal employees Lacey Harris, and Ernest Tiger

Verna Crawford made a motion to approve the Agenda as presented. Joe Brooks seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

(Joe Brooks declined to go to NCAI due to a schedule conflict)

Chet Brooks made a motion to accept the Minutes from the Sept 12th meeting as corrected. Joe Brooks seconded. 4 in favor, 1 abstained (Verna Crawford), motion passed.

TJ Aaroe made a motion to approve the financials pending audit, Verna Crawford seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

Programs Report

1. LAND MANAGEMENT

Wayne got the Quit Claim Deed for the Delaware Cemetery (Williams Cemetery), not filed yet because the grantee name was titled incorrectly, will confirm everything and file as soon as possible. Wayne also talked to Gary Deckard about the Beck cemetery (mostly Delaware?) not being taken care of. Gary said that Randy Lawrence has put up a locked gate restricted access, Wayne will discuss with Brice Obermeyer and then contact Randy Lawrence.

2. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Ernest Tiger will review the generator business plan with Tom Moore and James Ray (Native American Business Enterprise Center) this week and follow up shortly there-

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after with the four investment groups who have expressed interest in funding the bonds. Next week the same should happen with the airpark business plan.

3. COMMUNITY SERVICE/ EDUCATION

TJ Aaroe mentioned having a meeting, applications passed for Community Service were 1 electric, and 1 medical equipment. Education applications passed were 9 School Supplies, 1 Technical School, 1 Drivers Ed, 1 Academic Achievement, and 9 Education Assistance.

4. REINVESTMENT

Nothing to report.

5. CULTURAL PRESERVATION

Chet Brooks, reported Delaware Days was a great success, the food was great and Chief Paula Pechonick was named Elder Honoree and Kenny Brown was named Veteran Honoree. Next event will be the benefit Pow-Wow at the Fallleaf Pow-Wow Grounds.

6. TRIBAL OPERATIONS

Nothing to report.

Unfinished Business

Chet Brooks discussed his closed bid process seeking counsel for the Trust Board on possible economic development contracts and found that Tribal Member Les Reynolds offered the best price per hour. Chet motioned to retain Les Reynolds as counsel to review a proposal from Pete Dennis that would not be brought to the DEA due to unresolved previous relations, but that the developer would reimburse Mr. Reynolds' attorney fees. Tom Moore advised that this could be seen as a potential conflict of interest for Mr. Reynolds

and that since not one member of the Trust Board has had the opportunity to review the proposed plan that it would be ill-advised to pay an attorney to review it without having at least determined our interest level first. Tom Moore also mentioned that it could be seen as outside the Trust Document to circumvent the Economic Development Budget by pulling all funding from the Economic Development Director's position and using it to pay these legal fees. Motion withdrawn, Chet agrees to follow up with the full Trust Board in the coming days to review the proposal.

New Business

No new business.

Other Business

Tom Moore made a motion to appoint Titus Frenchman to fill Bill Hatch's Trust Board seat. Wayne Stull and Joe Brooks said that they cannot appoint a new member within 90 or 120 days before a regular election. Joe Brooks stated that the Trust Board needs to officially declare Bill Hatch's seat vacant. Tom withdrew his motion.

Tom Moore made a motion to consider Bill Hatch's seat on the Trust Board officially empty and forfeited to avoid potential expense for stipends or mileage. TJ Aaroe seconded. Motion carried with 4 in favor and 1 opposed (Chet Brooks relayed personal stories about Bill Hatch's years of unpaid service to the tribe and his frustration with the current administration as a possible cause for his repeated absences. Chet also said that Bill Hatch had asked him to tell the Trust Board that he is no longer a member of the board, but that he asked him to inform every-

one that he is still a Delaware Tribal member.)

Tom Moore made a motion to adopt his resolution amending the fiscal year and approving the revised Trust Budgets drawn up to eliminate the majority of overhead and administrative expenses while making improvements to nearly every budgetary category used to provide assistance for Tribal Members. During discussion, Wayne pointed out the missing stipends and mileage while Chet points out the elimination of the administrative category that had 10% of each committee budget going to Tribal Operations. Tom defended the actions stating that the committees should be run as charity organizations, not bloated government ones and that with the change to the fiscal year, the Tribal Operations budget could extend its original purpose and

intended expenses. Joe stated that the people have never approved a budget by line item. Tom said he is not asking the people to vote on the budget, he is asking the Trust Board. Wayne agreed it is a good plan and its money the people could use. Titus Frenchmen pointed out the new \$4,000 specifically listed for the Elders programs and questioned whether or not it had connection to any previous promises, Tom responded that it is new money available from streamlining the budgets. Jack Tatum did not understand why the Trust Board has such a large overhead on expenses and questioned whether or not the Board was even necessary to run the programs.

Motion was brought back to the table to pass the Amended Trust Budget. Verna Crawford seconded. Motion carried 3 yes, 2 opposed.

Chet asked, how are we going to go about the election. Wayne responds that he has asked Darrell Glenn to chair the Election, and he has accepted. Chet says he asked Darrell Glenn if he would hand count the ballots, and he said he would check with his committee members. The answer came back as, no they will not do that because when they took the job it was agreed that Automated Election Services would bring in machines. Chet suggested going ahead with Automated Election Services to get the ballots out to the people, and believed that 22 days is enough time. Wayne said he will call Darrell and discuss it with him, to see if he thinks there is going to be an election.

Adjourned at 5:41pm. ■

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Obituaries

Jackie Edward Everett

Jackie Edward Everett was born in Silt, Colorado on November 21, 1928. He passed away on October 21, 2011 in Grants Pass, Oregon.

Mr. Everett is the son of Alonzo R. Everett of the Delaware Tribe and Flora Susan (Rogers) Everett of the Cherokee Nation. He was raised in Rifle, Colorado and later moved to California where he had a successful career in finance. For the last several years he made his home in Oregon. He was an Army veteran who served in Korea.

Mr. Everett is survived by his wife, Bonnie Everett, his daughters, Jan Everett and Georgia Everett and two grandchildren, Piper and Lucas Everett. ■



Chelsea Marie Falleaf

April 12, 1986-December 17, 2011

Chelsea Marie Falleaf, 25, died early Saturday morning in Houston, Texas from injuries

sustained in an auto accident. Funeral services will be held at 10:30 AM on Friday at the Delaware Indian Cemetery Northwest of Dewey, Oklahoma directed by the Stumpff Funeral Home & Crematory. A memorial has been established and those who wish to make a contribution in memory of Chelsea may do so to: Trust Fund for her Daughter's Education C/O 66 Federal Credit Union, P.O. Box 1358, Bartlesville, Oklahoma, 74005. Chelsea Marie Falleaf was born April 12, 1986 at Claremore, Oklahoma to Marcus Wayne and Vicki Lynn (Pumphrey) Falleaf. She was raised and received her education in Caney, Kansas, and graduating high school there in 2004. She had made her home for the past few years in Cypress, Texas. Chelsea was very active in the Native American Club, Dance, Track, Basketball, Cheerleading and Choir. She was a member of the Tyro Christian Church in Tyro, Kansas. Dinner will be served at the Delaware Tribal Center after the graveside services. Survivors include her daughter Ava Lechelle Seymour of Cypress, Texas; her parents Marcus and Vicki Falleaf of Cypress, Texas; two brothers Joshua Levi Falleaf and Justin Bleu Falleaf of Lawrence, Kansas; paternal grandmother Mrs. Patsy and Otis Sanders of Caney, Kansas and maternal grandmother Mrs. Beverly McLain of Laurel, Maryland. Chelsea was preceded in death by her paternal great-grandmother Verna Harris and paternal grandfather Douglas Falleaf. ■



Lillian M. Fieldse

April 5, 1926-January 5, 2006

Note: This obituary was mistakenly omitted from the DIN in 2006..

Lillian M. Fieldse passed away on January 5, 2006 from complications stemming from a lifelong love of Pall Mall cigarettes. She left this earth the way she wanted to... very much at peace and still smoking. We are saddened by her loss, but happy she did her way to the very end.

A native of Alluwe, Oklahoma. Her birth name was "4th child unnamed Bratcher." She later amended her birth certificate to take the name Lillian M. Bratcher. She is of Irish, German and Delaware/Lenni-Lenape decent. As a child, she was known as Lily Mae because she was born around Easter and Mae is a family name. Lillian's mother, Louise (Fink) Bratcher died of toxemia while giving birth in 1929. Her father, Charles Edward Bratcher died in 1966.

She met her husband, Palmer John "Jack" Fieldse in Mobile, Alabama and they married in

Lucedale, Mississippi five days later. They came to California around 1949-1950. They were married over 55 years. Jack predeceased Lillian in April 2001.

Lillian was a 54-year resident of Rialto, California upon her passing. She is survived by her two sons, Jimmy De Wayne Fieldse, of Lansing, Kansas and Thomas Daryl Fieldse, of Yucaipa, California. Two daughters, Jacklyn Ernst, of Chino Hills, California and Linda Marie Spencer, of Fontana, California. Other survivors include Tommy's wife of 16 years Cindy, Jacklyn's husband of 15 years Ed and Linda's husband of 28 years Rubin.

She also leaves behind nine grandchildren, ages 28 to 6: Shannon Marie Spencer-Leimann and her husband Joshua, Jill Catherine Fieldse, Arion Gnotta, Damien Gnotta, Jeremie Ray Spencer and his wife Kelli, Jaime Sue Fieldse-Easterday and her husband Eldon, Jason Kyle Fieldse, Edward Thomas Ernst, Jr. and Krystal Rose Ernst; and four great-grandchildren, ages 8 to 4: Orlando Corneilus Wallace, Brittany Anne Helmholtz, Jordan Wallace and Nina Alyce Wallace.

Lillian has two surviving sisters, June Sears, of Bartlesville, Oklahoma and Mary Louise Baxter, of Kansas City Missouri. Her older brother John Charles "Pete" Bratcher and older sister Nettie Mae Bemis passed away in 2000. Other surviving relatives include her husband's family; Harold and Marlese Rank of Colton, CA, Ellen (Rank) and Wayne Trox-

el of Kingman, AZ and Pat (Rank) Pellam also of Kingman, AZ, as well as numerous nieces and nephews for several generations. Another sister in law, Alice (Fieldse) Le Beane passed away in 1977; Alice's husband Earle, passed away in 2002.

She was buried Saturday January 14, 2006 at Green Acres Memorial Park in Bloomington, California. ■



William Wayne Forsythe

March 6, 1924 - May 9, 2011

William W. "Bill" Forsythe was born on March 6, 1924. He died May 9, 2011. His devoted wife of 68 years says, "We met in the 9th grade. I saw him laughing and the most beautiful man I ever saw. And later, a bass voice in the choir behind me was so beautiful and mellow that I turned to see who it was – and it was Bill. And from that day forward, every time a low voice came through on any song, comments were made about 'who was that,' and it was Bill."

He won first in the State, singing bass solo.

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He was a certified welder, worked with his father in his Tulsa welding shop. He and his father constructed the Cushing Oil Relay Station that still pumps oil to New York.

He went into the Army in July 1943 and they discovered he was a certified welder with exceptional skills. They sent him to diving school in Fort Screven, GA, where he became a diver and was taught deep sea diving and underwater demolition. Detached in service to the US Navy from the US Army 1070 Engineers, he served in the South Pacific, clearing harbors in Manila, Philippines and Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

After returning home from service, he was instructed by the Colonel as he was given his discharge papers, "Go home and do something for your community." He was very impressed with that and as soon as he got home, he started his extensive volunteer work. While working for a living at the USPS as Safety Manager over 11 states, he knew OSHA regulations and participated in government lawsuits in DC.

While volunteering for the City of Sand Springs as Director of CD (Emergency Management) for 32 years without pay, he also served as a volunteer fireman, and was the last volunteer fireman in the City.

He would sometimes fight fires all night, come home, shower and then work 8 hours at his job at the Post Office. He would also come home and make sure his family had everything they needed, including his love, appreciation, guidance and religious training.

When it was evident that the family needed a larger residence, with his photographic memory, he scanned library books for knowledge of how to build a residence. With hammer and saw, he doubled the size of the family home. With the same acumen and successful result as he had built from scratch a car that he drove both to race and to date Mary Lea.

He was elected a member of the board of trustees for the Church of God and served 20 years or more, plus teaching Sunday school, singing in the chancel choir and performed many times as soloist and in duets with his wife Mary Lea. Later, he also sang at the Sand Springs United Methodist Church. He also helped those who had difficulty singing learn their music.

Bill was elected a tribal judge in the Delaware Tribe of Indians (Lenni Lenape') and served in that capacity from 1989 to 1998. He held membership cards with the Cherokee and Delaware tribe. He helped every member of his family, down to the newborn, become enrolled as tribal members.

He formed a SCUBA diving team for the City of Sand Springs and was responsible for recovering at least 57 drowning victim bodies so their families would have closure.

Bill received the following awards:

- Spirit of an Eagle – 10/14/1995, City of Sand Springs, OK
- Professional Member – 7/2/1970, American Society of Safety Engineers
- Excellence in Community Service – 3-16-1995,

Daughters of the American Revolution

- 20 Years Dedicated Volunteer Firefighting – 1966-1986, Sand Springs Fire Department, OK
- President, Model A Ford Club of America – 1973, Tulsa Chapter
- Service to Mankind Award – 2/15/1997, Sand Springs Sertoma Club
- Field Federal Safety and Health Council Achievement Award – 1977, US Department of Labor
- Honor Roll of Service: In recognition of a quarter century of service to the City of Sand Springs – 2/21/2008, Oklahoma Municipal League, Inc.

He was a certified Safety Engineer, and was recognized by the American Society of Safety Engineers as one of the only fully certified safety engineers to have achieved that distinction without a college degree.

He always encouraged his entire family to participate in local activities, including church, choir, teaching Sunday school and being a care giver for many family members.

Some said, "Why don't you tell me what he hasn't done? It would be quicker!"

Bill's wife, Mary says that, "He really was 250 years old – he just didn't look it!"

Surviving family members include Bill's wife, Mary Lea Forsythe of Sand Springs, OK, brothers Jerry Forsythe of Jenks, OK and David Forsythe of Dallas, TX. Children include daughter Martha Coffey of Sand Springs and son William P. ("Bill") Forsythe of Valley

View, TX. Grandchildren include Sean Coffey of Portland, OR, and Anthony Coffey of Sand Springs, OK; Kerry Nau of Las Vegas, NV, Robby Forsythe of Austin, TX, and Katy Forsythe of Valley View, TX. Great grandchildren include Ephraim Nau, Grace Forsythe, Branan Coffey, Aedan Coffey, and Caitlin Hitt.

Family members who preceded William W. Forsythe in death include his father Paul D. Forsythe, mother Theresa V. Forsythe and sister Pauline Catts.

Funeral services will be held on Wednesday, 1:00 p.m., May 11, 2011 at the Sand Springs United Methodist Church with Reverend Dennis Adlof officiating.

Burial will follow at Woodland Memorial Park Cemetery with Military honors.

Online memorials may be left for the family at www.dillonfuneralservices.com. ■

Franklin R. Frenchman

Franklin R. Frenchman passed away in Tulsa, OK on Monday, August 15, 2011, at the age of 76. He was born April 19, 1935, in Claremore, OK to Adam and Lillian (Anderson) Frenchman.

Frank attended Haskell Institute and graduated in 1955. He married Senoria in Phoenix, AZ in 1957. Frank served in the US Army Reserves and worked for the Salt River District and later General Electric in Arizona. He later worked for Public Service Company of New Mexico and as a self-

employed journeyman, supervisor in electrical construction, and a mine inspector before he retired in 2004. Frank will be dearly missed by his friends and family.

Frank was preceded in death by his parents and his sister, Mhyretta Lawson. He is survived by his wife, Senoria of the home in Eufaula; three sons, Frank Jr. of Show-Low, AZ, Matthew in Afghanistan, and Sam of Houston, TX; one daughter, Corinthea of Eufaula; nine grandchildren, Alycia, Janell, Stephanie, Kyle, Vanessa, Khloe, Ashley, Jorian and Samara; four brothers, George of Eufaula, Tommy of Flagstaff, AZ, Titus of Dewey and Andrew of Seminole; and two nieces and three nephews; as well as many other friends and loved ones.

Funeral services include a wake Friday, August 19, 2011 at 7:00 pm at Checotah Funeral Service Chapel and a service 10:00 am Saturday, August 20, 2011 at Checotah Funeral Service Chapel with Barnabas Grayson and Titus Frenchman officiating. Those planning an expression of sympathy are asked to consider a donation to the American Heart Association. ■

Note: When a family member is deceased, please send a copy of the death certificate or obituary from the newspaper to the tribal registration department to remove the individual from the mailing list and current roll.

Obituaries (*continued*)

Emmett “Chief” Longbone

Emmett “Chief” Longbone, 89, of Strasburg, Colorado, died Tuesday morning on August 2, 2011.

A wake was held at 7:00pm, August 7, at New Hope United Methodist Indian Church on West Ninth Street in Dewey, OK. Church services were held at 9:00am at New Hope Church on Monday, August 8.



Jeanette Marie Carson Runnels Mitchell

In memory of Jeanette Marie Mitchell, of the Wolf Clan, who made her journey to the spirit world January 29, 2011, at the age of 79, at home with family and friends. Jeanette was born May 18, 1931 at Pawnee Indian Hospital to Edith Parks and Jewel Carson, an Otoe-Iowa. Jean was raised by her aunts Fanny, Ruth and Lucy Parks Blalock in Copan, Dewey and Bartlesville. Her Aunt Lucy taught her to

shake shells. She camped at Copan pow wow from the beginning and was always on the pow wow trail. Jean became a well known champion shell shaker and danced traditionally among the Creek people.

Jean spoke fluent Delaware at a young age. When she was five years old she went on a bus, name tag attached, to Pawnee Indian School, a government boarding school. After graduating from Pawnee, she went to Haskell Indian Institute and learned printing. Jean married Jack Runnels, an Oglala Sioux from South Dakota, on campus at Pocahontas Hall. Jean worked as a linotype operator at KU for many years. She recalled making as much money as the men. After divorcing Jack, she later married Tony Mitchell, a Creek from Hanna, OK. Jean worked as a dormitory aide at Creek Nation Eufaula Boarding School until she retired after 16 years.

Jeanette is survived by three “sisters” (Yvonne Kaulity, Ruthe Blalock Jones and Rosamary “Jake” Wilson); three children (Cecilia Runnels, Jack Ray Runnels, Jr. and Reyna Runnels); grandchildren Luana Biggoose, Vincent Biggoose, Jamie Martinez, Dario Martinez, Winston Runnels, Kayla Butler, Justin Butler, Abby Jean Runnels, Elizabeth Thickenail, Greg Carpenter, Karis Dallis and many who called her Grandma Jean. She had 20 great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents and step-father, Albert Waters, of the Ponca Gives-Water family; husband Tony; brothers Anson Joe Carson, “Tudge” George Blalock;

and sisters, Darlene Carson, Elizabeth Brave, Cecilia Brave; and Aunt Lily Carson.

Mr. Chink White Cloud presided over the traditional Otoe and Delaware service, held at the Delaware Community Center. Jeanette was laid to rest at the Delaware Indian Cemetery following the blizzard of the century. A memorial dinner and give-away will be held in remembrance on January 29, 2012. ■



Sarah Elizabeth (Johnson) Scimeca 1982-2011

Sarah Elizabeth Scimeca, 28, resident of Copan, died Saturday evening in Stroud, Oklahoma.

Funeral services will be held at 10:00 AM on Thursday in the Stumpff Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Michael Svitak of New Hope United Methodist Indian Church officiating. Wake services will be held at 7:00 PM on Wednesday in the funeral home. Interment will be in the Dewey

Cemetery under the direction of the Stumpff Funeral Home & Crematory.

A memorial has been established and those who wish to make a contribution in memory of Sarah may do so to the Scimeca Children’s Education Account c/o Arvest Bank P.O. Box 36, Caney, Kansas 67333.

Sarah Elizabeth Scimeca was born December 7, 1982 at Tulsa, Oklahoma to Johnnie Ralph and Laura Elizabeth (Watters) Johnson. She was raised and received her education in Copan, Oklahoma graduating high school there in 2002. Sarah worked at Silver Dollar Café, Garfield’s, document conversion department for Phillips Petroleum Company and was secretary for the Washington County Emergency Management. Sarah was a member of the New Hope United Methodist Indian Church in Dewey.

Survivors include her husband Bill Scimeca of Caney, Kansas; two daughters Skye Elizabeth Scimeca and Anna Rose Scimeca; one son Beau Michael Scimeca all of Caney, Kansas; her mother Laura Maynor and her husband Jack of Copan, Oklahoma; her father Johnnie Johnson and his wife Teri of Ramona, Oklahoma; two brothers Jeremy Johnson of Noble, Oklahoma and Jimmie Johnson of Dewey; one sister Katharine Wilson of Vinita, Oklahoma; her maternal grandparents Mary and Gilbert Watters of Copan; her paternal grandmother Laura Marie Johnson of Bartlesville; her step-grandparents Jack and Eva Maynor of Talala, Oklahoma; her step-grandparents Robert and Bobbie Carlson of Grove, Oklahoma, and ten nieces and nephews. ■



Arrivals

Announcing the birth of Eli James Thomas on 12/20/2011 at 5:24 am.

Eli was born to his proud parents Chelsey Dias and Coleton Thomas.

Coleton is a member of the Delaware Tribe, son of Kevin Thomas and Kala Ketchum. Eli is 7 lbs 5 1/2 ounces, 18 inches long and a strong, healthy, and happy baby!



Eli James Thomas is the first great-grandchild of Dee and Annette Ketchum. ■

Editorials

As I See It

Dee Ketchum

It was certainly a pity that the November General Council did not meet the 100-member quorum. Angry exchanges among the Delawares led to one council member leaving the meeting and resigning. After over thirty years of attending General Council Meetings as a member, a councilman, and chief, there probably isn't any exchange of disagreement that I have not witnessed. It's never been a quiet, mannerly, pleasant meeting—Delawares are passionate. However, we are supposed to conduct our meetings under Robert's Rules of Order which does correct some outbursts. Because we have not had a quorum at our annual General Council meet-

ing for three or four years, the Tribal Council has not been advised of the people's wishes. There are issues that should be discussed and voted, but it is impossible without a quorum.

Last year at the General Council (2010) the consensus of the attendees (less than 100) was to suspend the DEA (Delaware Enterprise Authority). A year passed and to my knowledge nothing changed. This year the DIN had opinions regarding the usefulness of the Trust Document. I have no idea where that matter is headed. Since the Trust Document and the Trust Board was originated in the 1990-91 because the BIA would not acknowledge the Delaware Constitution or the Tribal Council as the legal entity under which the Delaware Trust Funds could be utilized by our Tribe to help our people with medical, social, cul-

tural, and educational needs, the Tribal Council in 1988-89 worked with the feds to produce a legal entity that feds would recognize. Consequently, our funds were released for the use of the Tribe.

The complaints of secrecy and closed meetings are two matters of concern to some. We must stop dwelling on the personalities of people and see the issues as they are. Our thinking must not be ruled by power struggles among families or who we like or don't like—usually the reasons are so petty they are ridiculous when dissected. Issues get lost in the emotions and usually harm is done. Delawares should be discussing issues like: 1. economic development; 2. federal funding cuts to tribes; 3. Cherokee MOA; 4. threats to our culture; and 5. infighting. It starts with you and me—the

people—as clearly stated in the constitution.

The Delaware Constitution states: Article I—Supreme Authority *The supreme governing authority shall rest with all Delaware Tribe members, 18 years of age or older who are registered to vote. Adult voting membership shall mean the entire voting membership of the Delaware Tribe of Indians in accordance with Article VI, Section. 6. Article VI, Section 6. All Delaware Tribes members, 18 years of age or older, who are registered to vote, can vote in all elections and sign petitions.*

Let's get passed the apathy, indifference, self-serving and infighting. Also, remember you still have choices and those may be made at the ballot box next year. ■

Editorial Policy

Editorial statements of DIN guest columns and reader's letters reflect the opinion of the author and do not necessarily reflect the opinion of the DIN, its staff, or the tribal government.

Editorials must be signed by the author and include the author's address. The DIN does not guarantee publication upon submission of comments.

The deadline for editorials and other submissions is March 15, 2012 for the April 2012 issue. Submissions may be mailed, faxed or hand delivered to the tribal office or emailed to din@delawaretribe.org. ■

Resignation Letter and Apology

Tom Moore

Submitted to Tribal Council following November 12, 2011 General Council

I have allowed my temper and ego to make many decisions for me in my lifetime and the current end of my public service with the Delaware Tribe of Indians appears to be yet another casualty of that combination. I wrestle many demons and have always found that my intellect combined with a quick and overly aggressive nature are not well suited to politics, let alone Indian politics. I am

overly direct. I do not ever lie. I will not change these things about myself, nor will I suffer fools in order to gain favor in their eyes – life is far too short to play along to get along because otherwise you end up speaking the wrong language, having your people scattered all over the country, and end up having to beg for them to call you an Indian again. (There I go again...)

There was and is no excuse for my breach of decorum at General Council today, but I am very sorry for stepping out of line and then running well

beyond it on my way out the door. While I may have been affronted by some members of the audience, my position required a far more diplomatic response, especially since easy responses were so easily achievable. I was unequal to that simple task and must therefore resign my position of trust as I am simply not worthy of it. I am sorry for any embarrassment I have caused any of you, and hope that the fallout from my actions are borne solely by me.

I wish you all the best for the long road of challenges

ahead and ask that you please publish this statement on the tribal website or newspaper so that those present may feel some comfort. I am certain that those offended will hold ill will toward me for a long time to come regardless of my statements here, so rather than be yet another distraction that our tribe does not need in its politics, I will issue a moratorium on contact with anyone and everyone affiliated with the tribe from this point forward. I may re-evaluate this position at some point in the future, but for now it seems

best politically to let the chips fall and let the Chief's agenda move forward without me. I will finalize my analysis of the information from NCAI and ship it to tribal headquarters as soon as possible.

In the words of another jerk whose example I almost matched today, you don't have Tom Moore to kick around any more.

Wanishi!
Tom ■

Delaware Tribe Community Services Program

All registered Delaware Tribal members are eligible to apply for assistance to any Tribal Program for which they qualify. Non-tribal members are not eligible for services from this program.

- **Student Eyeglass Assistance** - Provides eyeglass assistance to students enrolled in grades K-12, colleges or universities and Vo-Tech schools. Students must complete an application requesting such services. Approval of application requesting services must be obtained before services are provided. Funds can be designated to pay for glasses, contacts, physician visits, or related costs. A maximum of \$100 per request. One request per year is allowed. Payment for services will be made only to the vendor or provider of services and not to the student requesting such services.
- **Burial Program** - Provides burial assistance for Delaware Tribal members. An amount of \$300 has been designated. The \$300 may be applied to the funeral bill, wake/feed (paid to club, organization church, etc., not to family or family member), grave marker, flowers. Applicant should first exhaust all other resources, for example personal insurance, burial insurance, etc. All payments will be made to the funeral home providing service and not to tribal member's family. The committee only compensates for one certified copy of the death certificate. Documentation must be provided, such as the death certificate, copy of funeral home bill, food bill, etc.
- **Utility Assistance** - Provides emergency utility assistance for tribal members. Payment will be made directly to the vendor or utility company and will include gas, propane, water, electricity, wood or related utility services. Utility deposits and reconnect fees are not considered by this program. Only past-due balances are paid by the committee and current residence status of applicant applies. Original billing and cut-off notice must accompany the application. Telephone and cable TV are not covered. A limit of \$100 per request may be made. This is a one-time, once-per-year request. Bills submitted must be in tribal member's name.
- **Housing Assistance** - Provides assistance in emergency situations on a one-month, one-time, once-a-year basis. Amount of assistance that can be approved is limited up to \$100. Approval of application must be obtained prior to service payment. Payment for services are made only to the vendor or provider of services and not to the individual tribal member or family. Eviction notice, proof of ownership and/or other documentation must be submitted with application. Tribal member's name must be on the rental/lease contract.
- **Dental Assistance** - Provides assistance to pay for dental care for Delaware Tribal members. Services include tooth repair, dental fillings, and dentures. Emergency services are allowed. Routine dental exams or cleaning are not covered. Payment will be made to vendor and not the tribal member. Amount of assistance that can be approved is limited up to \$250. Maximum program assistance is once per calendar year.
- **Medical Assistance** - Assists Delaware Tribal members for medical assistance, including but not limited to, medical equipment. In some cases equipment must be returned to the committee. Purchase or rental not to exceed \$150 (tread mill and exercise bike not included). Home health care is included (three months on program/three months off program, care not to exceed 3 hours per day/5 days per week. Rate of pay is \$6.00 per hour, not to exceed \$360 monthly). Medical attention, nursing care and/or other related medical care is also included.

- **Medical Services and Emergency Travel** - Provides medical transportation services for Delaware Tribal members to include, but not limited to, health transportation costs, assistance, and/or other related costs. For emergency travel designated as personal health, physician's statement of need must be submitted. For death of family member (parent, brother, sister or grandparent), death certificate or obituary must be submitted prior to approval. This is a one-time assistance not to exceed \$100.
- **Hospital Equipment Assistance** - Provides assistance with hospital equipment. Certain Delaware Tribal members are hospitalized during the year and some costs of hospital equipment is not paid by third parties. Funds will be used to pay for hospital equipment which may include rentals, small equipment purchases or related costs. Some hospital equipment is available for loan from the committee (tread mill and exercise bike excluded). Funds are disbursed to vendors and will be handled on a case-by-case basis by the Community Service Committee amounts of assistance is limited in amounts up to \$150.
- **Medical Bill Assistance** - Assistance with medical bills for Delaware Tribal members. The medical bill must be in a past-due or collection status. Original billing and billing showing collection status must be submitted. Funds are disbursed to the vendor and not individual tribal members. A limit of \$100 assistance per year is allowed.

SENIOR CITIZEN PROGRAMS

- **Eyeglass Assistance** - Provides assistance for eyeglasses to Delaware Senior Citizens age 65 and over. Senior Citizens are allowed to apply for eyeglass assistance every three years. Funds will be used to pay for eye care to include glasses, physician visits or related costs. Funds are distributed to vendors and not tribal members. A maximum limit of \$150 per request.
- **Prescription Medication Assistance** - Provides prescription medication assistance to Delaware Senior Citizens age 65 and over. Funds are disbursed to vendors and include pharmacy or related costs. Funds are allocated as follows: \$25 per month not to exceed \$600 per year. Applicants are responsible for any amounts over the approved amount.
- **Emergency Assistance** - Provides emergency assistance to Delaware Senior citizens age 65 and over. Funds are to be used for senior citizen tribal members in emergency situations. Assistance includes but is not limited to groceries or related assistance. Applicants must utilize all other community resources prior to application. Documentation must be submitted. Appliances and home furnishings are not allowed. Funds are allocated at \$50 and will be disbursed as determined by the Community Service Committee. Applications are handled on a case-by-case basis.

Applications are available on the tribal web site (www.delawaretribe.org/commservices.htm) or at the Tribal Offices.

The Community Services Committee meets on the second Monday of each month, unless there are unforeseen scheduling conflicts. Applications will be reviewed and payments authorized once per month. Applications received after the meeting will be addressed at the next meeting. Emergency assistance is addressed by the Committee on an as-need basis between meetings.

Committee Chairperson TJ Aaroe ■

Delaware Tribe Education Programs

All registered Delaware Tribal members are eligible to apply for assistance to any Tribal Program for which they qualify.

- **School Supplies:** Students in grades pre-K through 5th grade may receive reimbursement of up to \$20 per school year. Payments are made from July 31 to September 30. Parents must send a school supply list with the school name and a receipt for the supplies.
- **Education Assistance:** Students in grades 6th through 12th grade may apply. Eligible expenses include: graduation, ACT/SAT exams, summer school, etc. Items required for subjects for which the student must pay. This program has a maximum payment of \$50.00 per applicant per fiscal year. Vo-Tech class requirements will be on an individual basis. **
- **Athletic Assistance:** This program is for registered Delaware Tribe of Indians students who need some type of assistance for students in grades 6 through 12. The sport must be school sponsored (such as football, soft/baseball, basketball, cheerleading, wrestling, physical education, track, archery). Eligible expenses include: sport shoes, uniforms, tournament fees (if student must pay them) and other related athletic items. This program has a maximum payment of \$50.00 per applicant per fiscal year. Summer league activities do not qualify. **
- **Academic Achievement Award of \$100:** Available to registered Delaware Tribal members that have graduated in the current fiscal year/academic school year from high school, college, or Vo-Tech with a current 3.5 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.
- **College Scholarships:** All Delaware are eligible for a maximum of \$800 one time. Paid at a rate of \$400 per semester. Student must have a 2.5 GPA in the previous school session. Applications must be received by July 31 for fall and January 31 for spring scholarship awards.

Applications and additional information on these or other available programs are available on the tribal web site (www.delawaretribe.org/education.htm) and the Tribal Offices. Applications can be mailed to:

Delaware Tribal Offices
Attention: Education Committee
170 N.E Barbara
Bartlesville, OK 74006

** Paid receipts are required. The receipt must plainly state what was purchased. Be sure to include documentation which class requires the item.

The Education Committee meets on the second Monday of each month, unless there are unforeseen scheduling conflicts. Applications will be reviewed and payments authorized once per month. Applications received after the meeting will be addressed at the next meeting. Fall scholarships will be considered at the August meeting and Spring at the February meeting.

Committee Chairperson Verna Crawford ■

Be Sure to Check Out the Tribal Web Site

For current news, job openings, meeting schedules, and other information, don't forget to visit the tribe's web site at www.delawaretribe.org.

For current news and events, check the listings on the right side of the screen or click on the "What's Happening" image. Job openings are listed on the "Careers" link on the menu; meetings are listed on the "Calendar" and an archive of minutes, along with contact information for tribal officers, is under "Tribal Government." Don't forget to click on the "Culture Site" link on the menu for information on the tribe's history and culture, courtesy of the tribe's Culture Preservation Committee.



The site is updated regularly with the latest information. If you have anything to post on the site, please contact the webmaster at gbrown@delawaretribe.org.

Lenape Language Preservation Project

Jim Rementer

In 2002 the Lenape Language Preservation Project received a grant from the National Science Foundation to produce a dictionary database of Lenape. In April 2011 we received a smaller DEL grant, also from the National Science Foundation, to upgrade the dictionary database. Included in the upgrade is the ability to look up words using Lenape, and better connection of the singular and plural forms.

The Talking Dictionary is a work in progress. We continue to convert audiotapes

of Lenape speakers to digital format, which are then edited to extract the Lenape words. These are then entered into the Dictionary database and become immediately available on the Internet.

We would appreciate your comments on the Lenape Dictionary. Go to www.talk-lenape.org. 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. ■