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A Message from the Chief

Paula Pechonick

He', Kulamàlsi hàch? Sikònëmihëna, nulelìntàm! I hope this issue of the *DIN* finds you well and enjoying Spring. Check out the Tribal seal! The old seal was adopted in 1970, and over the years many discussions have occurred about modifications to the seal for accuracy. Small modifications had been made. The Tribal Council researched suggestions made over the decades and with just a few important modifications developed the Tribal seal you see today.

We submitted the Fee-to-Trust application for the Tribe's Kansas Headquarters at 601 High Street in Caney, KS. Shortly, we will have our first Trust Land since our removal from Kansas in 1867!

The Caney building houses DFMS (Delaware Facilities Management Solutions), DTFS (Delaware Tribal Financial Services), and the Child Support Enforcement Program. If you are in the area I encourage you to stop and see the building.

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We will manage the Kansas expansion and the Tribe's presence in Kansas by continuing to build on the programs already offered. Currently programs under review include TANF, expansion of Housing services, health care and work under Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act of 1975 (Public Law 93-638) programs.

As you know, we are limited in exercising our rights as a Tribe in Oklahoma due to the MOA with the Cherokee Nation. A copy of the MOA can be viewed on the web site at http://delawaretribe.org/tribalsite/tribal-documents/. For those who cannot view the web site, a copy can be mailed to you by request.

We plan for the expansion of services in Kansas for unserved Native Americans as well as tribal members in 37 counties from southeast Kansas up to and including our last reservation area. Currently, our Economic Development consultant, Dee Ketchum,

is looking at properties at Leavenworth, KS.

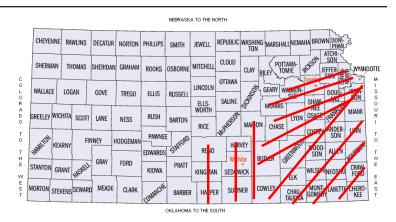
But we want to make it clear that we plan to continue to serve our members in the five counties in our Oklahoma Service Area, as well as the rest of Oklahoma and nationwide! We will continue our presence in Bartlesville.

Speaking of our Bartlesville campus, the new Social Services building is complete. The Environmental Program, the Tribal Archives and Library/Museum, the Housing Program, Education, Community Services, REACH, LIHEAP, and ICWA have moved into the new building.

The kitchen expansion should be finished in early April. Thanks to the hard work of our kitchen staff led by program supervisor Judy Dull, the Title VI program has continued to serve meals during the expansion, but was limited in their menus. Thank you to those who loaned their roasters to help the program. Thank you to our Title VI staff for keeping the program open during this time, we appreciated the social time.

We look forward to the delicious lunches out of the new kitchen. We will announce a grand opening soon. If you live out of the area, make sure to stop by and see the improvements on your next visit. The Bartlesville facilities are located on the northern edge of Bartlesville on the east side of Tuxedo Blvd off Hwy 75.

Recently we moved the Housing Program office from Chelsea to Bartlesville, but the Chelsea program office building is still staffed Monday through Friday, and has a drop box as well for



The 37 counties of our proposed additional service area in Kansas.

your convenience. With the announcement of the move, three of our Housing Program employees have resigned. We wish them well and have advertised and filled two positions.

Chelsea has vacant units if you or someone you know is interested in living in Tribal housing. The Tribal Council is in the process of reviewing the Housing Program for improved ways and opportunities to serve Native Americans and Tribal members as well as ways to simplify processes and communication

In efforts to continually move forward, we restructured DEA (Delaware Enterprise Authority), reduced overhead, and eliminated three positions. Three Board members have also resigned. In August 2012, the DEA Charter was revised to increase the Board to seven members. The Tribal Council is considering repealing this change to the Charter and returning to a five-member Board.

The Tribal Administration is focused on infrastructure, staff development, and training. Our im-

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## How's Your Lenape?

#### Sikon (Spring)

Mechi ta sikonëmihënuk, Chahkolak alëmakihëluk, Sakhukweyok nek otaesak, Pe asuwichik nek chulensak

Test your knowledge of the Lenape language. For the English translation, go to page 24 (or, even better, practice by looking it up in the Lenape Talking Dictionary at <a href="http://www.talk-lenape.org">http://www.talk-lenape.org</a>)

We are still having bingo one

day a week and exercising three

days a week. I've been learning

reflexology and will try to get my

teachers to come give a demon-

stration to the elders. If you have

a demonstration or a talk you

would like to present or know of

someone who does, please call the

kitchen (or actually, come to think

of it,) since the kitchen phone has

been disconnected because of the

renovation, just call the office and

tell Chris about your idea. If you

have tried to call earlier and didn't

find what you were after I apolo-

gize. The inconvenience had not

been foreseen but should be fixed

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mediate six-month plan is to shore up our foundation and help the staff with developmental needs in order to support expansion and growth of the Tribe and service to Tribal members. We are confident the staff will benefit from this focus. As a direct result, Tribal members will benefit. We all look forward to increased organizational strength and communication, both internally and to our Tribal members.

Early this year, River Trails, a gaming developer in Ohio, filed a lawsuit against the Tribe (but did not actually serve it). See our comment on this lawsuit on page 22. We appreciate the media's conservative approach in reporting the disagreement. Although the rumor mill reported differently, at no time were the Tribe's properties or judgment fund monies in danger. We are happy to report, we were able to negotiate with River Trails and keep the issues out of court.

Councilwoman Jenifer Pechonick and I went to the NCAIED (National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development) conference recently. Jim Gray (past Osage Nation Chief) made

appointments for us with major Native contractors. All of the meetings were productive, allowing us to spread the word about DFMS and our other economic entities. Each of our contacts volunteered to help us in various aspects of government contracts, including providing technical assistance on the DFMS 8(a) application. We were able to network, promote the Tribe, and promote DFMS.

I attended the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) planning meeting in March, and will be involved in project planning for the NCAI annual meeting, the first in a while to be held so close to home. The planning committee will meet monthly to prepare for its annual convention in October 2013 in Tulsa, OK. Tribal members who might be interested in volunteering the week of October 13-18, please contact the Tribal Office.

Please take your time reading the newspaper. Other than the web site (and our official Facebook page), the newspaper is the only current way we are able to keep you all up to date. However, mailing the paper to 4500 households

does cost money. Keep in mind that the newspaper (along with past issues) is posted on the tribal web site. If you would rather read it that way, and save us a little bit in postage costs, please send us an email at tribe@delawaretribe. org requesting to be removed from the paper's mailing list. This in no way cuts you out of any other communications or services, including your election ballots.

As always, please contact me if you have any questions or comments. Also feel free to submit questions or comments to our generic email address at tribe@ delawaretribe.org if you aren't sure to whom your questions or comments should be directed; this email is checked daily and questions are directed to the appropriate individual. Our official website (www.delawaretribe.org) is updated as frequently as we can with information about our programs, meetings, and career opportunities.

Lapich Knewël, Chief Pechonick ppechonick@delawaretribe.org 918-337-6590■

#### From the Desk of Council Member Janifer **Brown**

Tello, all you fellow Dela-Twares. I've been sitting at my computer for seems like hours trying to think of something going on in the tribe you haven't already heard a hundred times. Yes, the new Social Services building is finished and the employees working there are all moved in, but you knew that was happening... someday. They are working very hard to get the kitchen renovation done by April 12, and problems keep popping up as usual... like the large refrigerator just quit working one day, then last week the hot water heater started leaking constantly, just proves the redo was overdue. And yes, I said April 12th this year.

Quite a bit longer then we had hoped, but the elders are actually enjoying the variation of food. I think some come in just to find out what Judy has found to feed them. It makes it difficult with the kitchen in disarray but it is working, only a couple more weeks or less. The new appliances arrived March 25. It's so exciting, I think, though Judy and Archie are ready for the kitchen to come back to normal.

In regard to elections, our people can save approximately \$7,000 per year by having Trust Board elections in the same years as Coun-

> Trust Board Vice-Chair Verna Crawford has another article in this DIN concerning these changes. Should any Tribal Member wish to provide suggestions for forthcoming changes, I welcome them at achilenape@yahoo.com or by cell phone at 918-397-1161. If you phone please leave a message on my voice mail that you are a tribal

Wanishi.**■** 

#### **Delaware Indian News**

shortly. Wanishi.

The Delaware Indian News (DIN) is the official publication of the Delaware Tribe of Indians. It is published quarterly by the Delaware Tribe of Indians and is mailed free to members.

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We invite contributions, but reserve the right to limit printing based upon available space. Tribal members are encouraged to support the DIN with contributions.

The deadline for articles, letters, ads and calendar of events is June 15, 2013 for the July 2013 issue. Submissions may be mailed, faxed or hand delivered to the tribal office or emailed to din@delawaretribe.org.

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The mission of the DIN is to serve, empower and inform the Lenape people, while adhering to the policy of unbiased reporting in an ethical and professional manner

### From the Desk of Trust Board Chairman **Chet Brooks**

Wanishi Wuli Kishku Sikan –
Thanks for this Thanks for this good spring day!

Hello to all tribal members, relatives and friends. I want to use this space to inform everyone of activities of the Trust Board over the last few months and our plans for the balance of 2013.

All seven committees have performed their duties well in the first three months of 2013. The Education Committee granted record numbers of scholarships in the spring semester. Community Services continues to assist many tribal members, and Land Management has participated in cleaning

overgrowth from Lenno Cemetery in northwest Washington County. The Cultural Preservation Committee sponsored a well-attended stomp dance held at the Chelsea Boys and Girls Club on March 23.

All committees have met and performed their duties as required. I personally thank all Trust Board members and especially the volunteer committee members for their dedicated hard work on these Trust Committees.

In November 2011 a large majority of our adult voting members voted to continue our "Trust Funds-In Trust and used in general for the purposes outlined in the Trust Plan." In September 2012 two town hall meetings showed the same results of the people's desire to continue the Trust. The same meetings, however, made it clear that our Trust Document and Trust Plan are in need of amendment or revision in order to better meet the needs of our members. Therefore the Trust Board has been meeting regularly to revise them.

Of course any changes to the Trust Document or Trust Plan must be approved by two-thirds referendum vote before they become effective. Tribal members are hereby advised that they can expect to see proposed changes to the Trust Document published in July Delaware Indian News, and these changes will be voted by referendum election in November 2013.

cil elections. Therefore, the next Trust Board election will be in the fall of 2014 along with Council elections.

member and I will return your call.

#### From the Desk of Council and Trust Board Member Verna Crawford

The tribe did not have a governing body that was recognized by the federal government from about 1979 through 1996. Because of this the government would not release the Judgment Funds from Dockets 72 and 298 to the Tribe. The original award was granted in October 1972. Ninety percent of the funds were paid out in per capita to the Delaware people. The people voted to hold 10% of the funds for Tribal Operations. These monies were invested and collected interest for many years.

In October 1990 the Delaware people approved the Trust Document and Master Plan, thus establishing a mechanism to receive and administer the funds for the benefit of all the Tribe. The people elected seven people to serve on the Trust Board, as was called for in the Document. This worked well for many years. The Tribe has always maintained a Tribal Council recognized by the Delaware people. The Trust Board and Council worked together toward achieving federal recognition.

The Tribe is now federally recognized and is rapidly moving forward getting grants to provide programs for the tribal members and pursuing economic development to put tribal members to work.

Times have changed, and the documents we have worked under need to be revised to better serve the current needs of the people. The Trust Board is working on revisions to these guidelines. It is thought that the Trust Document and Master Plan should be combined and brought up to date. The Trust Board members plan to have the proposed changes ready to present to the people in the July 2013 Delaware Indian News. Comments and suggestions will be requested and the final document will be ready for a referendum vote in November.

Some of the proposed changes include eliminating some committees and adding others. The current committees are Economic Development, Education, Community Services, Cultural Preservation, Land Management, Reinvestment, and Tribal Operations. The Tribal Council has established an entity to handle the economic development for the Tribe. The Council is responsible for Tribal land management. Reinvestment does not need a committee because the percentage allowed for this is returned to the principal to help it grow. Tribal Operations money goes to the tribe to pay for the daily operation of the Trust programs. Economic Development and Land Management Committees are not needed. The money currently allocated to them could be divided among the other committees. The allocation for Tribal Operations will be used the same as it is. Two committees could be added. They would be an Elders Committee and a Veterans Committee. These possible changes would increase the services provided to the people.

The Trust Board plans to change the schedule of elections to coincide with the Tribal Council. This will save the Trust Board at least \$6,000 every two years that has been spent on election costs. This savings will go to the programs and services for the people that the Trust Board administers. This action will add one year to each Board member's term of office. Those up for election in 2013 will serve until November 2014.

The Trust Board welcomes suggestions and comments from all Tribal members. ■



## Important Information for All Tribal Members

Jenifer Pechonick, Tribal Council Member

#### **DIN** and Website

If you have access, please visit the official Tribal web site at www. delawaretribe.org for information about the Tribe today to benefit you and yours. The web site has current information about tribal programs, with applications for services (many do not require you to live in the five-county service area!), events, job opportunities with the Tribe, and information about meetings and day-to-day news. Our new online gift shop will be coming soon. Please share this information with your family!

#### Wish List

Though we are trying to obtain grants and other funding, we are always looking for help with our immediate and long-term needs, and we would be immensely grateful for any donated funds or materials.

Our current "wish list" includes:

- A van to transport Tribal elders to lunch program
- A van to transport Tribal elders to medical appointments
- Fireproof filing cabinets
- Donations to the Library, Museum and Archives (bookcases, display cases, disposable supplies, etc.)

#### **Enrollment**

Please take the time this month to enroll any of your family members who are not on our rolls! The last time I checked we had 10,585 tribal members. I was very surprised to realize of the total enrollment, only about 800 of those members are under the age of 18. I ask you to take the lead in your family to encourage everyone to get on the Tribal rolls. The process is not as difficult as you may think; our Enrollment Department is extremely helpful in the process. There are many programs available to our

people nationwide for which your family is eligible. Contact Enrollment today at 918-337-6590 to get started!

## Missing Delawares! Current Contact Information needed!

If you know a Tribal member who is not receiving information, please encourage them to contact the office at **tribe@delawaretribe.org** or 918-337-6590 to update their information. We have not forgotten anyone but we have lost contact with some Tribal members over the years. We want to be back in contact!

#### **Focus on Infrastructure**

All Tribal departments are currently focused to improve services, simplify processes, and increase communication. We have a terrific staff, dedicated to serve

Tribal members. I believe you'll see a difference as the Tribe works to meet the needs of staff members so they may continue program improvement and better serve you.

#### Communication

Thank you to everyone who made contact with me with your concerns, problems and ideas. Please continue your feedback on ways to communicate with you! How can we make the DIN better for you? Would you prefer periodic emails? Would a different format for the DIN reach more people?

Feel free to contact me by email at jeniferp917@aol.com or jpechonick@ delawaretribe. org, or call or text at 918-214-6872. You can also email or call the Tribal Office at tribe@delawaretribe.org or 918-337-6590 to let us know how we can better communicate with you!■



## From the Desk of Nate Young, Tribal Council Member

It is my firm belief that the longterm goal for our Tribe should be to attain self-sufficiency (as little dependency as possible on the government) and increase the availability of services for all 10,000 members.

Several weeks ago the Tribal Council and DEA Board held a planning session conducted by Gray and Gray Consultants. Over my career I have attended many planning sessions and I will have to put this as one of the best. An underlying theme was that as a people the Delaware possess the character to survive, the ability to adapt, and the capability to be successful.

We also acknowledged that there will always be a small minority of vocal dissenters. Fortunately, this is not unique to our tribe. With the current federal budget sequester, it will be necessary for our Tribe to be creative to survive. We must learn to think outside the box. As a Tribe, we must abandon the practices that are not effective and adopt new ways of accomplishing the things that make our Tribe meaningful to the lives of our members. These ideas are not only mine but also of our Chief.

There must be a balance between preserving our unique Delaware culture and adopting the attitude that others will not dictate our future. This means one thing, exercising our sovereignty.

Exercising sovereignty means taking responsibility for our future. Our first planning session was a step in exercising our sovereignty. Our right of self-determination.

#### **Delaware Tribe Environmental Program**

Jimmie Johnson, DTEP Director

Hope this finds everyone well. Since the first of 2013 DTEP has experienced quite a bit of change. Michael Marshall has moved from DTEP Program Assistant to the Delaware Tribe Housing Program. Michael's position with DTEP was a part-time position and because of budget limitations will not be filled during this fiscal year.

In February DTEP relocated our offices from the Community Center building to the new Social Services building at our Bartlesville Tribal Headquarters. In mid-February, an EPA Indian General Assistance Program (GAP) grant proposal was submitted to EPA Region 6 for FY 2013 funding. Included in this proposal was the conversion of the DTEP Program Assistant position from a part-time position to a full-time one.

A "document destruction" system, including an industrial paper shredder, was included in this grant proposal. Expansion of our current recycling capabilities and the addition of an Alley Cat style recycling trailer were also proposed. The addition of a mobile recycling unit enables DTEP to provide recycling collection capabilities at tribal and community functions that are not held at the Tribal Headquarters complex.

All projects proposed are still subject to approval by the EPA. In March, EPA Acting Administrator Bob Perciasepe sent a letter advising all tribal entities of possible budget cuts to all grant programs due to government sequestration. DTEP is now waiting on EPA Region 6 Office to advise us what types of cuts we can expect and when the cuts will take effect.

Regardless, DTEP will strive to maintain its current capabilities and programs.

An Energy Audit report was received from Oklahoma State University in February 2013, the result of an energy audit of the Community Center building performed by Scott Frazier of OSU in November 2012. This energy audit outlined practices and procedures that can be utilized by the Tribe to maximize the energy efficiency in our facilities. Steps are currently being taken to implement these proposed changes.

An annual event, Operation Clean House, is being held on April 20, 2013 at the Conoco-Phillips parking lot in Bartlesville, and the Washington County Fairgrounds in Dewey. DTEP personnel and volunteers are going to be participating at the Dewey collection site. Please see the flyer in this issue for more information regarding this cleanup/recycling event.

Feel free to contact DTEP Director Jimmie Johnson at 918-337-6584 or **jimmiejohnson@delawaretribe.org** for any questions or concerns that you may have.

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# Operation Clean house Annual Countywide Recycling Event



Saturday, April 20, 2013 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Dispose of your *hazardous household waste* in an <u>environmentally-responsible</u> manner, free of charge.

Choose your location *based on the material you need to discard* (see list on back for details):

Phillips 66 Parking Lot

West of the railroad tracks on Adams Blvd.

or North of the Fair Grounds in Dewey

For additional info, call Washington County Commissioners 918.337.2820

Together, we're providing a safer, healthier environment in the place we all call home.

### **Cobell Settlement**

For questions about the Cobell settlement and how it affects you, see their web site at:

#### www.indiantrust.com

Other ways to get information:

Call Toll-Free: 1-800-961-6109 Email: Info@IndianTrust.com By Mail:

Indian Trust Settlement P.O. Box 9577 Dublin, OH 43017-4877

Be sure that they have your correct address!!

### From the Tribal Manager, Curtis Zunigha

As the spring season finally begins, the Delaware Tribe administrative staff is very busy with continued growth and development. We've completed the new Social Services Building and have moved several programs and staff there. Our kitchen expansion in the Community Center should be complete by mid-April. Our Caney, Kansas facility now houses our Financial Services office (DTFS), the tribe's facilities management company (DFMS), our Tribal Court, and a new program, Child Support Enforcement. We're glad to welcome tribal member Gina Roth to the staff as director of Child Support Enforcement. We're also hiring an assistant for the program. For more information, please contact our Human Resources Manager Mike Taylor at mtaylor@delawaretribe.org.

We also welcome another new staff member, Jana Roth, serving as Executive Assistant to the Chief. Jana is a member of the Delaware Tribe and brings many years of experience as an educator and is former director of the Indian Education Program at Broken Arrow (OK) Public Schools.

The Delaware Tribe continues to expand our theme of "Return to Kansas." An application for the Caney, KS property has been submitted to Bureau of Indian Affairs to be placed in federal trust status. Our Historic Preservation Office is housed on the campus of Emporia State University and directed by Dr. Brice Obermeyer. We are serving as Executive Producer for a documentary film about our historic presence in Kansas during the 19th century.

And just recently Tribal Council member Annette Ketchum and Dee Ketchum (Delaware Enterprise Authority) spoke with city officials in Leavenworth, KS about developing a presence in that city. Leavenworth is the site of our former reservation from

1830 to 1866. Moving the tribal government headquarters to Kansas would allow the tribe to fully exercise its tribal sovereignty and governmental powers. Being outside the jurisdiction of the Cherokee Nation in Oklahoma and the restrictions in our Memorandum of Agreement will provide opportunities for expanding economic development and services to our Delaware members. By no means will we forsake our considerable investment in Bartlesville and Chelsea, Oklahoma. We will maintain a perpetual tribal government presence in both places as we expand our growth into

Rapid expansion and growth requires planning and communication. Tribal leaders and staff have been engaged in strategic planning to identify the best way to grow and move forward. As the first draft of the tribe's strategic plan becomes available, we'll ask you, the tribal members, for your review and comment. Your input is valid and of great value to this process.

However, you may contact us at anytime with your thoughts and opinions. You'll find contact information for all elected leaders and staff on our tribal website, www.delawaretribe.org.

#### To Contact Tribal Leaders and Staff

There is a tribal council, trust board, tribal court, and staff directory on the tribal web site at:

www.delawaretribe.org

You may also email the tribe at **tribe@delawaretribe.org** or email appropriate individuals at their own email addresses (also on the web site).

Please understand that your input is important and is valued.

## Development of the Delaware Tribe's Child Support Enforcement Program Underway!

Gina Roth

He, Gina Roth nteluwensi. Yukwe ni nikanixit Mimensi Enhawtuwakana.

Hello fellow tribal members! My name is Gina Roth and I am the new Director of the Delaware Tribe's Child Support Enforcement Program.

The development of the new Delaware Tribe Child Support Enforcement (CSE) start up program is currently in progress. The planning grant was received by the Tribe in October 2012, The grant provides a two-year period to hire staff, buy equipment, develop child support legal code and policy. Following the two-year planning period the CSE Title IV-D program will become a comprehensive program and will be able to accept cases.

The Child Support Program will have the capacity to serve Delaware Tribal members in Oklahoma and Kansas as well as members of other tribes in the state of Kansas.

More than 58 other Native American tribes operate tribal child support programs across the United States. The programs provide services to Native American families that are consistent with tribal values and cultures.

Like their state and tribal counterparts, the Delaware Tribe's Child Support Enforcement Program will have the capacity to

locate custodial and non-custodial parent and establish legal fatherhood (paternity). The Tribal Court will have the authority to put child support orders in place, as well as enforce them.

Established in 1975, as Title IV-D of the Social Security Act, CSE programs function in all states and territories via state and local Social Services Departments. The Act was amended in 1996 to give tribes direct child support enforcement funding to develop and operate Tribal Child Support programs. Tribal Child Support programs are a partnership between Federal/State/local and Tribal agencies.

The goal of tribal CSE's is to "strengthen the family circle" provide hope and support to Native American children and to ensure they receive financial and emotional support from both parents.

The enforcement service will benefit tribal children whose parents are owed overdue child support and encourage a community of healthy families invested in the future of the child and the tribe.

The startup funds provide two years to plan, research, develop and implement a Tribal Title IV D program. The startup program's primary objectives include, hiring personnel to develop and implement the Delaware Tribe of Indians Child Support Enforcement Program, visiting other successful tribal Title IV-D programs in Oklahoma to compile research and information regarding operations and regulation, and visiting CSE programs for the State of Oklahoma and Kansas.

In March, CSE Director Gina Roth and the Chief Justice of the Delaware Tribal Court, Don Mason, attended the CSE Tribal Directors Round Table Meeting at the Hard Rock Hotel and Casino in Catoosa, and traveled to Dallas to meet with Region VI Title IV-D directors Jane Martin and Carl Rich.

In addition, the CSE team will be attending the following conferences: the Oklahoma Child Support Association, National Tribal Child Support Association, the National Child Enforcement Association, and the Western Interstate Child Support Enforcement Council.

The Delaware Tribe of Indians Child Support Enforcement Program will be housed in the Kansas tribal headquarters in Caney, KS. The CSE staff and team members look forward to serving our Delaware citizens by strengthening the family circle beginning in October of 2014!

## **Delaware Tribal Financial Services (DTFS)**

The Tribe is excited to exercise sovereignty through innovative ways. In 2012, the Tribe adopted codes for LLC and Corporation formation under the Tribe as well as an insurance code. These codes allow captive insurance managers to form and manage captive insurance and reinsurance companies to domicile within the Tribe. Sidecars is an approved insurance manager under the domicile. DTFS, along with the Delaware Tribe Insurance Com-

mittee, is working to streamline processes and revise the insurance code to maintain a business-friendly environment. DTFS has retained CreditRe as an industry consultant. Tim and Janet Houseberg and Councilwoman Jenifer Pechonick represented the Tribe at the annual Agent Summit conference to educate the industry about the Tribe. The industry is excited about a domestic alternative to the traditional off-shore approach.



DTFS table at the annual Agent Summit. L-R, Janet Houseberg, Tim Houseberg, and Councilwoman Jenifer Pechonick.



L-R, Chief Compliance Officer James Kirby, VP Paul Griego, Councilwoman Annette Ketchum, Councilwoman Jenifer Pechonick, President Les Olsen, CEO Garen McMillan of Sidecars.

#### **Have Lunch With the Elders!**

Despite the disruptions caused by the remodeling and expansion of the kitchen, we have continued to serve our Elders a good and complete daily meal. We invite you to join us Monday to Friday (excluding holidays) at 12 noon. Elders and others aged 55 or over eat free; all others just pay a small fee of \$3.00.

We are still playing Bingo on Thursday after lunch and have chair exercises on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 10:45 am. Come and join us!--Judy Dull, Elder Nutrition Supervisor

This is a Title VI program for Native American Elders, 55 and over. Native Americans under 55 and other guests can come eat for a small charge (under 18 are free). Donations are appreciated.



### **Delaware Tribe Social Services**

Lacey Harris, Social Services Programs Manager

#### REACH

The Delaware Tribe is working to reduce energy costs and health and safety risks of low-income families with elderly, disabled, and/or young children by providing them with home repair services and energy efficient improvements. The project will provide up to \$500 of REACH benefits for heating and air unit repair/replacement, hot water tank replacement, installation of Energy Star appliances, and storm door and window replacement. \$300 will also be available to help with utility bills. The applicant applying for utility assistance must utilize LIHEAP funds first. Applicants must qualify under the 2012/13 HHS income guidelines, and live within the Delaware tribe's five-county service area.

The Residential Energy Assistance Challenge Option Program (REACH) is a competitive grant program established through the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Act, as amended. All LIHEAP grantees are eligible to apply for grant funds to support demonstration projects that address the goals of REACH. These goals are to:

- Minimize health and safety risks that result from high energy burdens on low-income Americans:
- Prevent homelessness as a result of the inability to pay energy bills;
- Increase efficiency of energy usage by low-income families, and
- 4. Target energy assistance to individuals who are most in need.

The REACH program allows tribes to be creative and design demonstration projects that address and target assistance towards the energy needs of their low-income households. This is an optional program for LIHEAP grantees, and is a separate program from the regular LIHEAP program with different application requirements and

different accounting and reporting responsibilities.

The REACH Program is designed to help low-income households reduce their home energy vulnerability and achieve energy self-sufficiency.

You can download the application at **www.delawaretribe.org**, or pick one up at the Tribal Headquarters 170 NE Barbara Bartlesville, OK 74006.

#### **Tenant-Based Rental Assistance Program**

The Delaware Tribe Housing Program has established a Tenant-Based Rental Assistance Program, hereby known as "TBRA," that will serve the housing needs of tribal members whose principal place of residence is within the following counties in Kansas: Allen, Anderson, Bourbon, Butler, Chase, Chautauqua, Cherokee, Coffey, Cowley, Crawford, Douglas, Elk, Franklin, Greenwood, Harper, Harvey, Jefferson, Johnson, Kingman, Labette, Leavenworth, Linn, Lyon, Marion, Miami, Montgomery, Morris, Neosho, Osage, Reno, Sedgwick, Shawnee, Sumner, Wabaunsee, Wilson, Woodson, or Wyandotte. The TBRA is a rental subsidy for tribal members and other Native Americans that are Low Income Families as defined by HUD. This is a temporary (max 12 months) program that can assist with up to \$250 of participants' monthly rent payments.

#### **LIHEAP**

The Social Services LIHEAP program will be accepting applications July 1 through September 30 for utility costs. Applicants must qualify under the 2012/13 HHS income guidelines, and live within the Delaware tribe's five-county service area.

A copy of your Tribal membership card, income verification for the past six months, and a copy of your utility bill must be submitted with the application for payment. Income includes, but not limited to, VA, SSI, Social Security Disability, unemployment benefits, child support, IIM, TANF, and all earned income for the household. LIHEAP will provide a one-time payment of \$325 to your energy vendor. If you have already received utility assistance from any other agency, DHS or any other tribes, you are not eligible for this program.

You can download the application at **www.delawaretribe.org**, or pick one up at the Tribal Headquarters (170 NE Barbara Bartlesville, OK 74006).

#### Carbon Monoxide Detector, Smoke Detector, and Fire Extinguisher Program

The Delaware tribe's Social Services Department is now offering tribal members access to free carbon monoxide detectors, smoke detectors, and fire extinguishers. There is a limit one per member. Eligibility requirements are the following: copy of Delaware Tribal membership card, live within the five-county service area, and qualify under the HHS State Income guidelines.

You can pick up an application at the Tribal Headquarters (170 NE Barbara Bartlesville, OK 74006).■

#### **The Judges Corner**

Judge Charles Randall

Our Delaware Court is now established and operating in our facilities at 601 High Street, Caney Kansas. For information concerning the court, contact Leslie Fall-Leaf at the Delaware Tribal Center at 170 NE Barbara Street, Bartlesville OK, phone 918-337-6570, email lfall-leaf@delawaretribe.org.

In January, Lacey Harris, Don Mason, and Charles Randall attended two days of ICWA (Indian Child Welfare Act) BASIC Training in Tulsa. During this class we learned the requirements and strategies of the ICWA program. Past policies have led to the destruction of American Indian families. ICWA is a giant step in turning that around.

The five Delaware Judges—Chief Justice Don Mason Jr., Assistant Chief Justice John Chapman Young, Rick Barnes, Beverly McLaughlin, and Charles Randall—recently attended a day-long symposium on resolving conflict in Indian Country at the University of Oklahoma in Norman. The University of Oklahoma American Indian Law Review, Student Bar Association, Native American Law Student Association, and Native American Studies program blended the richness of Native American culture with the legal landscapes facing America's tribes. Barbara Anne Smith, Honorable Supreme Court Justice, Chickasaw Nation gave a powerful presentation on intra-tribal conflict resolution and defining jurisdictional boundaries. This was followed up with a debate and resolution demonstration put on by OU law students. It is our hope to utilize what we learned at the Symposium within our tribe to help resolve conflict.



Tribal Courtroom at Kansas Headquarters in Caney.

### **News from the Enrollment Department**

Leslie Fall-Leaf, Enrollment Director

First of all I want to extend a warm welcome to our 52 new Delaware tribal members enrolled so far this year! We encourage all of you to keep enrolling your children and grandchildren as well as keeping us up to date on our existing members so that we can develop and maintain tribal programs to serve you.

We have heard from record numbers of you over the last few months, as hundreds of calls came in from our tribal members inquiring about qualifications and registration procedures for the Cobell settlement. We were thrilled to hear from so many of you and we hope that you will continue sending updates in the future. However, please know that the individual tribes are not part of the distribution process for the Cobell settlement funds and do not have any information as to who has been designated to receive checks nor the date when those checks may be sent. For those types of inquiries and detailed information about the case, visit the web site http://www.indantrust.com or call the Claims Administration hotline at 1-800-961-6109.

#### **Delaware Tribe Housing Program**

DTHP Staff

Big changes are happening in the Delaware Tribe Housing Program.

#### **Move to Bartlesville**

The Housing Program is now based in Bartlesville on the tribal campus, in the new Social Services Building. As always, payments and questions can be directed there. However, one Housing Program staff member, Bobbie Feeler, is still based in the Chelsea office, and residents living closer to the Chelsea office can still make payments and receive services Monday-Friday 8:00am to 5:00pm in the Chelsea office.

#### "The Lodges"

The Delaware Tribe Housing Program is now owner of the former Irene Apartments in Bartlesville, which are being renamed "the Lodges." Stay tuned for more information about this exciting new housing opportunity in Bartlesville.

## **Tenant Based Rental Assistance (Kansas)**

The Delaware Tribe Housing Program is proud to be offering housing services to our tribal members in the state of Kansas. This program is a rental subsidy for tribal members and other Native Ameri-

cans that are Low Income Families as defined by HUD.

#### Low Rent and Homeownership Opportunity

The Delaware Tribe Housing Program has two- and three-bedroom homes available for rent in Chelsea, Claremore, and Bartlesville. We also have one-bedroom elder units available in our Chelsea complex and one homeownership home available in Chelsea. If you are interested or in need of housing, please contact one of our offices to obtain an application. We look forward to hearing from you!!!

Wanishi! Delaware Tribe Housing Program.■

## Delaware Tribe Wellness Center Do you ne

Mickey Morrison



T he Delaware Tribe Wellness Center is open Monday through Friday from 8:00am to 8:00pm and Saturday 8:00 am to 1:00 pm. It is located at the Tribal Complex at 170 NE Barbara, Bartlesville, OK. (Barbara Avenue is located a block west of the Tuxedo Blvd. and Madison Ave. intersection.)

There is no fee for Delaware and Cherokee members. Just bring your CDIB card or your tribal membership card with you. Tribal members of other tribes (with their membership card) pay just \$10 per month. Anyone else can come in to get healthy for the small fee of \$20 per month. Walk-in guests pay just 2 dollars a day.

We now have a signup sheet for those that are interested in using the Therapy Pool if it was reopened. Come by and sign the list.

If you have any other suggestions on what we could do to make the Center more attractive and useful, please let us know. For more information call 918-337-6590.

As always, please note that there is no medical staff on duty, so use the equipment at your own risk.■

## Do you need help budgeting?



If so, come join us for our free personal finance and budgeting discussions scheduled to begin in June. Watch our web site for more details.

## **Minutes and Videos** of Meetings Posted

Minutes and videos of both Tribal Council and Trust Board are posted now 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.

Be sure to check the Events Calendar for meeting times and places, and get involved if you can attend.

#### **News from Information Technology**

Gregory Brown, I.T. Administrator and Webmaster

The tribe continues to enhance the infrastructure at the Bartlesville campus as well as the Kansas headquarters in Caney and the Chelsea office. During the first three months of the new year, the Tribe has consolidated the servers used to manage tribal business in Bartlesville and set up networked communications and access for staff in Chelsea. At the Kansas headquarters, a separate but connected network has been established for residents of that building.

With the opening of the new Social Services building in Bartlesville, we have further expanded our capabilities for group meetings, outreach, and video conferencing and recording. For those tribal members near Bartlesville, free wifi access will soon be available at all three buildings—the Delaware Community Center,

the Wellness Center and Tribal Offices, and the new Social Services building. The new conference room in the Social Services building is being outfitted with video projection capabilities, and both it and the auditorium/dining center in the Community Center will allow filming and online distribution of meetings, lectures, and other events.

The tribe's web site (www.del-awaretribe.org) now provides videos of monthly tribal council and trust board meetings, and we hope to broadcast other events as well. Remember that you can view an online version of this newspaper, as well as past issues, on the web site as well. As always, tribal members are reminded that they can submit News and Events listings to be posted on the site; just send an email to tribe@delawaretribe.org.

### **Delaware Tribe Accounting Department**

Jean Lewis, Chief Financial Officer

We have been very busy the last three months. We are preparing for our annual independent audit which will begin in the next couple of weeks. We have sent our trial balances, general ledgers, and other requested information to our auditors so they may begin planning the audit. We are prepared to gather and forward information to them as it is requested from us.

We have also been producing payments approved by the Delaware Trust for spring scholarships, athletic and education assistance, and community services such as prescription, medical and dental assistance, and housing and emergency assistance. Our Accounts Payable clerk, Gina Parks, has handled all this work with her usual efficiency.

The department has added a new employee, John Moore, a Delaware tribal member, as our Tribal Accountant. John graduated from Kansas University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting and plans to sit for the Certified Public Accountant's exam soon. We are so pleased with the skills that John brings and we know that he will be an outstanding addition to this department.

It is time to begin the preparation of tribal annual budgets and this department will be working with tribal administration and program directors to formulate those and put them in a form to be sent to management for the approval process.

## Mystery Photos from the Tribal Archives Do you know who these people are?







If you do, please contact Anita Davis Mathis at (918) 337-6595 or (918) 440-8734 or amathis@delawaretribe.org

### **Tribal Archives**

Anita Mathis

Happy Spring to all tribal members and your families. With the New Year come new changes for the Archive/Library Project. We have moved into the new Social Service Building. The move brings new opportunities for tribal members as well as for others.

We have a small library of books for doing research on Delawares (along with other Indian tribes). We will have computers set up for tribal members to research the Archive database very soon. You will be able to search the photos, documents, and other research we have been compiled so far, with new items added daily.

We are working on the online gift shop and hope to have it up and running very soon, and the online items will also be sold in a small shop in the Archive/Library area. Please come check us out.

As always we want your photos, documents, anything that is related to the Delaware Tribe of Indians. These items can be donated, or you can bring them in to be copied or scanned and given right back to you. Your items will then be added to the Archive database and shared with all tribal members. Wanishi.

## **Lenape Language Preservation Project**

Jim Rementer

We are awaiting word from the National Science Foundation on whether our grant application submitted last September will be funded. We were supposed to hear in February but no word has come yet, possibly because with the way things are happening in Washington, where no one is sure about funding.

The grant we were working under for the last year and a half is a DEL (Documenting Endangered Languages) grant from the National Science Foundation. It has now run out and we are actively seeking other funding to continue making improvements to the Lenape Talking Dictionary. But even without funding we will continue adding to it. We feel that this is a project which benefits all Delaware people and should be worked on continuously and not just when there is funding available.

Recent work has concentrated on correcting some mistakes that have crept in, adding some place names that are of Lenape origin, and adding some new words and stories.

Last year we discovered that, like many web sites that use Adobe Flash, there was a problem with the increasing use of some popular mobile devices, such as an iPad, which do not currently support this technology. In our case, users could not see the speaker icons used to play the sound files. However, in the past few months our computer programmers were able to rewrite the code, and now we believe that all users that access the web site are able to again use it effectively.

Newest Feature: In December 2011 we obtained permission from the Delaware Nation (formerly the Delawares of Western Oklahoma), based at Anadarko, Oklahoma, to use their tapes to create additional sound files for the Lenape Talking Dictionary. Although the two Delaware groups in Oklahoma have been separated for over two hundred years they use the same Lenape dialect, and we have

added many of those words in recent months. To distinguish them, sound files made from Delaware Nation tapes are marked with a {DN} following the Lenape word on the web site.

Also featured under our latest grant are **Stories in Lenape** which can be played line-by-line. We are particularly proud of this feature, which allows you to not only learn the language but also hear some of Lenape history.

To get to the stories feature, go to the web site at http://talk-le**nape.org**. On the top line click on Stories and you will be taken to a list of them. You can click on the red speaker icons to hear the titles of the stories. To hear the entire story click on the word View next to the name of the story. You will see the story written in short phrases or sentences in Lenape with a free English translation under it. There are a series of red speaker icons and by clicking each one you will hear the Lenape for that line. As the previous line finishes playing if you click the next icon and then the next on down through the story you can hear the story as it was spoken in entirety.

**Current Status:** At the present time there are 15,460 single-word entries (6,400 with sound files),

1,680 sentences with sound files, 22 stories, 3 hymns, 1 Christmas carol, and 2 "fun songs."

Project History: In 2002 the Lenape Language Preservation Project received a grant from the National Science Foundation to produce a dictionary database of Lenape. We had the database built to create a Lenape Talking Dictionary which could be placed online. Much of the funding went to digitizing and preserving our existing audiotapes made in past years with native speakers of Lenape. The Dictionary first went online in October 2005, and was officially online in February 2006.

Additional Information: 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

The Lenape Talking Dictionary is online at http://talk-lenape.org. Be sure to check it out; you can practice trying to translate the poem on page 1 of this issue of the DIN. Dictionary database and become immediately available on the Internet. We should mention that the sound files are not all of studio quality. Most were recorded whenever and wherever possible – sitting in someone's living room, on their porch, in a classroom, etc., so you may hear a dog barking in the background, or a baby crying, or other people talking.

We would appreciate your comments on the Lenape Dictionary. Go to www.talk-lenape.org. We hope you will find this useful as a learning tool. We will continue adding to the Grammar and Lessons sections so you can start learning how to construct sentences in Lenape. It is now up to you, the Lenape people who want to learn the language of your ancestors, to make good use of this material the Lenape elders left for your benefit.



## **Tribal Archivist Anita Mathis Teaches Lifelong Learning Class in Bartlesville**

Tribal Archivist Anita Mathis has just completed her first stint as instructor in the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI), sponsored by the Oklahoma State University College of Education.

The class, entitled "History of the Delaware Tribe," was held weekly February 11-March 18, 2013 at the Arvest Bank in Bartlesville. Approximately ten students, including Delaware tribal members, were introduced to various aspects of Delaware history by Anita and several guest speakers.

The abstract for the class, which was very well received and will most likely be repeated next spring, gives some indication of the content:

"Books, documents, images and artifacts of the Delaware Tribe of Indians are being collected and archived using state-of-the-art museum cataloging software. The collection is located at Tribal Head-quarters, and drawing on these rich cultural resources, **Tribal Archivist Anita Mathis** will introduce you to the history and way of life, both past and present, of the Delaware Indians. Using slide presentations and a field trip to Tribal Headquarters, you'll research documents, some of which date to the 1600s.

"Anita Mathis has been active within the Tribe all her life, including but not limited to participating in every Powwow put on by the Tribe. The 2013 Powwow will be her 49th. Anita has served on the Trust Board and chaired and co-chaired various committees. She currently serves on the Culture Preservation Committee. Anita is the Tribal Archivist and oversees the library, gift shop and research area. She has extensive training and experience in handling and archiving photos and documents and is dedicated to preserving written, oral and pictorial Tribal history."







#### **Contact Information Change Form**

Send form to: <b>Delaware</b>	Tribe of Indians	, 170 N.E. Barbara	, Bartlesville.	OK 74006

Name:	
Address:	
City:	
State:	Zip:
Others Affected:	

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

Please include others in your household who are affected by this contact info change, including children, so that their records can be updated. Thank you!

#### "Heart of the Drum" Film Project

Edie Robinette-Petrachi

s a part of the promise to the A s a part of the F. L. Kansas Humanities Council and Missouri Humanities Council, from whom we have been awarded development grants totalling \$20,000 sponsored by US taxpayers and the National Endowment of the Humanities, we are seeking further funding for the production of Heart of the Drum. Currently working with colleagues and connections in Los Angeles and Kansas City, Edie Robinette-Petrachi is developing the necessary relationships to build upon the foundation for further funding. Additional possibilities lie not only within the film investment community, but also within the private foundation world. The Annenberg Foundation, based in Philadelphia, is an additional opportunity for us as well. We are working as quickly as possible to encourage participation from potential funders who are passionate about bringing the Delaware story to the screen for the world to see. Jack Robinette has been meeting with local corporation sponsors and foundations in the Kansas City area.

Jim Rementer has done some research into his collection of videos and recordings of Nora Dean Thompson and other tribal members to provide archival footage for the film. Additionally he has identified and succeeded in finding scholars in the Philadelphia area to provide history of the tribe in Pennsylvania. Anita Mathis has provided several wonderful suggestions for meeting on the campus with the youth of the tribe for the portion of the film that will include video interviews between youth and elders in a modern-day context.

Petrachi has been chosen to be a judge at the Kansas City Film Festival (April 10-15), as well as screen a film she worked on as a director and producer. This film was originally produced by HEART OF THE DRUM producer Jack Robinette. During the Kansas City Film Festival, Edie and Jack will be on hand to host a meet-and-greet with the directors of the Kansas and Missouri Humanities Councils. State and federal legislators introduced by Chief Paula Pechonick and Tribal Project Director Anita Mathis to the film project will be invited as well. We view this opportunity as an important step in raising local awareness in the Kansas City and Lawrence communities. The Humanities Councils are especially pleased with this invitation as it draws attention to the story of the Delaware Tribe's important role in shaping the history of these two states, which otherwise have a bitter history of border conflicts dating back to the Civil War. The Delaware presence in the two states between around 1830 and the late 1860s, pre-dating the period known as "Bleeding Kansas," is both an important story in itself, often untold and not properly understood, but also a message of healing. The positive resonance of this story is receiving favorable attention which we are depending upon to secure all of the funding we need. Edie is building community awareness and developing a Facebook Movie webpage to provide updates to her film community and develop and audience base for future crowd funding.■

Film Director Edie Robinette-

If you have any pictures, documents, books, or artifacts to donate or lend to the Tribal Archives, please contact Anita Mathis at amathis@delawaretribe.org or at 918-337-6595 or 918-440-8734. The material can be scanned or photographed and returned to you if requested.
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## **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, and traditional cultural properties.

## **Documenting the Chambers Site at the Carnegie Museum of Natural History**

As part of our FY 2012 NAGPRA Documentation Grant, DTHPO staff member Greg Brown continues to work on the Cultural Affiliation Report for the cemetery at

the Chambers Site or Kuskuskies Village in western Pennsylvania (a late 18th-century Delaware village). Once completed, we will work with the Carnegie Museum to invite the affiliated tribes to consult with us as we move forward on the documentation effort.

#### **Student Intern**

As described in the last issue of the *DIN*, the Delaware Tribe of Indians now has a formal relationship with Emporia State University (ESU) in Emporia, KS. DTHPO director Brice Obermeyer, who also teaches at ESU, has recruited a spring-semester intern, Sociology major Madeline Lousch, who is primarily working on compiling information on Woodlands kinship to be included in the kinship section of the Chambers affiliation report while also helping identify additional sources and maps to be used as well. We are enormously appreciative of her hard work, and the hard work of other ESU students who have helped us out.

## **National Register Nomination**

Brice continues to draft a nomination to the National Register of Historic Places for "Delaware Town" in southwest Missouri, part of our FY 2011 Tribal Historic Preservation Grant. The narrative portion of the nomination is almost finished, pending a few questions for the Center for Archaeological Research (CAR) at Missouri State (which performed the archaeological work at the sites). We are still anticipating a completed draft by March 2013.

#### **Section 106 Reviews**

The DTHPO performed a total of 72 consultation reviews for private companies as well as many other reviews for public agencies in January (48 reviews) and February (24 reviews).

## Consultation with the Chicago Field Museum

The Chicago Field Museum holds a portion of the human remains and funerary objects from the Abbott Farm Collection. In anticipation of an eventual repatriation of the collection, we are initiating consultation with the museum to determine the cultural affiliation and reunite the portion at the Chicago Field Museum with the other Abbott Farm collections in other museums. During this initial visit, we plan to view the collection and collect museum records about the collection history and treatment history. Our consultation visit is funded under the FY 2012 NAG-PRA Documentation Grant.

## The Abbott Farm Site

Gregory Brown

In the last issue of the *Delaware Indian News*, we described the "Chambers"site, one of two Delaware sites in Pennsylvania and New Jersey that the Tribe is helping to document in preparation for the repatriation and respectful reburial of several hundred individuals. In this issue we want to tell you about the other site—"Abbott Farm."

The Abbott Farm site is one of the most famous archaeological sites in the New Jersey area, home to Delaware ancestors for at least 10,000 to 11,000 years.

The Abbott Farm Complex is a part of a large complex of archaeological sites in Trenton, New Jersey, in what is now the Abbott Farm Historic District, a National Register landmark. These sites have been excavated off and on for close to one hundred years (though human burials have not been excavated since the 1930s).

Several burials from these sites ended up at the Peabody Museum of Archaeology and Ethnology at Harvard University. These are dwarfed by the very large number of burials from these sites that were removed by the Indian Site Survey in during the 1930s by a crew under the direction of Dorothy Cross. These burials are housed at the New Jersey State

Museum, along with associated funerary objects.

Other material from these sites probably resides at the American Museum of Natural History and the Field Museum in Chicago, both of which had connections with Ernest Volk, one on the first excavators of the sites in the 1890s, and several others.

While the sites encompass human occupation starting about 9,000 BC, the Abbott Farm is known mostly for two types of sites: lithic (stone) scatters associated with the "Trenton Gravels," once thought to be of very great antiquity (and since

largely discredited), and the largest archaeological site on the East Coast dating to the Middle Woodland period (ca. 1-900 AD).

The Delaware Tribe of Indians, along with our cousins the Delaware Nation and Stockbridge Munsee Community, are working to repatriate the human remains from these sites, currently stored in a variety of museums.

If you know anything about this site, we invite you to contact us at gbrown@delawaretribe.org
or bobermeyer@delawaretribe.org.
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Excavation of a large pottery vessel at Abbott Farm in the late 1930s.

### Native Drummers Welcome Visitors to London for the 2013 World Figure Skating Championships

Dignitaries are welcomed by Aboriginal drummers CTV London, Mar. 10, 2013

The Forest City is putting out the welcome mat for visitors from around the world.

Many will be learning about "Canada's London" for the first time during the World Figure Skating Championships.

Several First Nations groups gathered at Museum London to officially welcome visitors Sunday.

Food, culture and aboriginal history were all on display.





"I think this is an appropriate time to remind people that we are here," said Chief Greg Peters of the Moraviantown First Nation.

Native performers will also be part of Tuesday's opening ceremo-

Read more at:

http://london.ctvnews.ca/the-forest-city-is-putting-out-the-welcome-mat-for-visitors-from-around-the-world-1.1190065#ixzz2NX3ObzfX■

### **Community Services and Education Programs**

#### **COMMUNITY SERVICES**

**Student Optical Assistance:** Assistance to students enrolled in grades K-12, colleges, universities or vocational technology schools. Funds can be designated to pay for glasses, contacts, physician visits or related costs. Each request may not exceed \$200.

**Burial Program:** Burial assistance for Delaware tribal members. The family may apply for up to \$500. The funds may be applied to expenses as is most beneficial to the family.

**Utility Assistance:** Emergency utility assistance for tribal members up to \$200. Payment will be made directly to the vendor or utility company and may include gas, propane, water, electricity, wood or related utility services.

**Housing Assistance:** 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 \$200.

**Dental Assistance:** Assistance for dental services up to \$350. Services may include tooth repair, dental fillings, dentures or emergency services. Routine dental exams or cleaning are not covered.

**Medical Assistance:** Assistance to pay medical bills, including but not limited to medical equipment (purchase or rental), home health care, pharmacy, etc. not to exceed \$200.

**Emergency Travel:** Medical transportation services for Delaware tribal members to include, but not limited to, health transportation costs, assistance and/or other related costs. One-time assistance not to exceed \$200.

Hospital Equipment Assistance: Assistance with hospital equipment for Delaware tribal members who 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 up to \$250.

Emergency Assistance: Emergency assistance to Delaware tribal members. Funds are to be used for emergency situations. Assistance includes, but is not limited to, groceries or related assistance. Applicants must utilize all other community resources prior to application. Funds are allocated up to \$200 and will be disbursed as determined by the Community Service Committee on a case-by-case basis.

**Elder Programs, Optical Assistance:** Assistance for optical services to elders age 55 and over. Funds may be used for services, including glasses, physician's visits or related costs up to \$200 annually.

Elder Programs, Prescription Medication Assistance: Prescription medication assistance to Delaware elders age 60 and over for pharmacy and related cost. Elders may receive assistance not to exceed \$900 per calendar year. Elders may apply more than once per calendar year until \$900 is reached. Funds may be disbursed to vendors on a monthly basis not to exceed \$75 per month for long term recurring medication.

#### EDUCATION COMMITTEE ASSISTANCE AND SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS

**School Supply Vouchers:** Help with the cost of purchasing the needed school supplies for their child and/or children ages Pre-K to 5th Grade. Available from July 15th to August 31st or until vouchers are exhausted. Deadline is September 30 of every year. Up to \$40 per child with receipt of purchase.

**Education Assistance:** Help for registered Delaware students who need some type of assistance for students ages 6th thru 12th grade while enrolled in school, such as graduation expenses, ACT exams, summer school, band, choir, etc. This program has a maximum payment of \$50 per applicant per fiscal year.

**Athletic Assistance:** Help for registered Delaware students involved in school sponsored athletic programs. Students may be reimbursed up to \$50 per application per fiscal year.

Academic Achievement Award: Available on a one-time basis to registered Delaware Tribe of Indians that have graduated in the current fiscal year/academic school year from high school, college, or Vo-Tech with a current 3.5 GPA.

**Driver's Education Assistance:** Help to defray costs of driver's education classes through an accredited training facility. This program has a maximum of \$75 per applicant per fiscal year.

**Adult Vocational Training Assistance:** Help with costs of short-term vocational training classes. Limited to out of school students who wish to learn new or upgrade current skills. Maximum of \$200 per applicant per fiscal year.

**Higher Education Scholarship:** Up to \$3,200 in scholarship funding. Full time students may apply for \$400 per semester for up to eight semesters. Part time students will receive \$200 per semester up to 16 semesters. Fall scholarship applications will be accepted from June 1 through July 31. Students must maintain a 2.0 GPA (grade point average) in the last semester attended. ■

## Fellowships Available! SUPPORT FOR NATIVE ARTISTS



**Vancouver, Wash.** American Indian, Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian artists are encouraged to apply for the 2014 Native Arts and Cultures Foundation Artist Fellowships before May 3. This unique national fellowship honors excellence by Native artists in six disciplines: dance, filmmaking, literature, music, traditional arts and visual arts.

Ranging from \$10,000 to \$20,000, the fellowships awarded by the Native Arts and Cultures Foundation (NACF) recognize the creativity and expression of exceptional Native artists who have made significant impact in the field. In past years, artists living in the Midwest, including Bobby Bullett (Chippewa), Brent Michael Davids (Mohican), Emily Johnson (Yupik), Bennie Klain (Navajo), Ronald Paquin (Sault Ste. Marie Chippewa) and Rosy Simas (Seneca) were honored with this award.

"Through the fellowship program, we hope to foster the creative voices of our indigenous artists," said foundation Program Director Reuben Tomás Roqueñi (Yaqui/Mexican). "The Native Arts and Cultures Foundation believes in the beauty and inspiration of the work of Native artists and the fellowships provide a significant resource for their practice."

Artists who are members of federally and state-recognized U.S. tribes, Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian communities can review criteria in full and apply by the May 3 deadline at: http://nacf. us/2014-fellowships. The foundation will announce award recipients in November 2013. For questions and technical support, contact Program Director Reuben Roqueñi: reuben@nativeartsandcultures. org or 360-314-2421.

Since it was launched in 2009, the Native Arts and Cultures Foundation has awarded \$1,341,000 in grants to 72 Native artists and organizations in 20 states. In addition to awarding Native artist fellowships, NACF has funded organizations including the American Indian Center of Chicago, the Association of Tribal Archives, Libraries and Museums of Oklahoma City, the First People's Fund in Rapid City, S.D. and the Northwoods Niijii Enterprise Community in Flambeau, Wis. Created after decades of visioning among the nation's first peoples with the support of the Ford Foundation and others, NACF is a national charity solely dedicated to supporting the revitalization, appreciation and perpetuation of Native arts and cultures.

To learn more about the foundation's mission and past fellows awarded, visit www.nativeartsandcultures.org.■



Excuse the mess while we finish renovation of the kitchen!

### **Cheevers Coffey Memorial Gourd Dance**

On February 16, 2013, the Delaware Tribe and Bartlesville/Dewey Community held a Memorial Gourd Dance in honor of Cheevers Coffey. A lot of tribal members, friends of Cheevers and Rosetta Coffey, were unable to attend the services held for Cheevers in Lawton, and wanted to do something in his honor.

When talking with Rosetta, she thought a Gourd Dance would be nice. This gave the local community a chance to visit with Rosetta, and reflect on the great and wonderful memories that they had of Cheevers Coffey. The dance was a great success, and we want to express our appreciation for all those who helped out and all those who attended.







## Coffeyville Community College "Rally in the Valley" Powwow, March 9, 2013









### Chelsea Boys & Girls Club Stomp Dance, March 23, 2013









## **Community**





elaware citizen Amy Wiley, whose paternal grandmother was Maudie "Bullette" Hough, recently represented the University of Miami in Coral Gables, FL at the Atlantic Coast Conference (ACC) Swimming Championships in Greensboro, NC. Amy is the daughter of Bill and Jay Wiley of Lake Oswego, OR.

Amy graduated from Lakeridge High School in 2011, where she was an Honor Student and a twotime Oregon 6A High School State Champion in the 100-yard breaststroke. Wiley holds the Oregon State High School State record in the 200 Medley and 200 Freestyle relays as well as the 6A State Record in the 100-yard Breaststroke. Wiley also ran track for Lakeridge and placed at State in the long jump and the 300-meter hurdles.

Wiley is a redshirt freshman at Miami majoring in Exercise Physiology, Pre-Med Track. At the recent ACC Championships she made a B-Final in the 100yard breaststroke and a C-final in the 200-yard breaststroke, helping the Hurricanes place sixth in the ACC.■

#### Birth Announcement

Tamesetta "Etta" Roth Chase, J daughter of tribal member Maranda Shae Compton and Jordan Chase, was born on October 22, 2012 at 11:23 PM at the Rose Medical Center in Denver, Colorado, "Etta" is the granddaughter of tribal member Gina Roth and great-granddaughter of member Joseph Lee Roth. Etta weighed 7 lbs 3 oz and was 21 inches long.





Incoming Delaware Powwow Princess Dava Deer Daylight.



#### 49th Annual DELAWARE POW-WOW May 24, 25 and 26, 2013

Fred Fall-Leaf Memorial Campgrounds 3 Miles East of Highway 75 on Road 600

Head Singer: Russell Mashunkashey Head Man Dancer: Vincent Jackson Head Lady Dancer:

Steva House Master of Ceremonies: **Brad Kills Crow Bruce Martin** 

Arena Directors: Dude Blalock & Chris Soap **Host Gourd Dance Groups:** Lenape Gourd Dance Society & Osage Gourd Dancers

Host Northern Drum: **Red Land Singers** Color Guard: Lenape Color Guard

> 2013 Delaware Pow-Wow Princess Dava Deer Daylight



Friday: 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Saturday & Sunday: 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Friday, Saturday & Sunday: 8:00 p.m. til close

**Stomp Dance** 

Friday and Saturday nights following the pow-wow

#### ALL SPECIALS ON SATURDAY & SUNDAY AFTERNOONS FROM 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Bet Football Game - Men against Women

Saturday at 11:00 a.m. - area between the Markley Camp and Fred Fall-Leaf's Home

Leona Shipley Memorial Fry Bread Contest, Saturday, May 25th at 10:00 a.m. at the Markley Camp

Sunday Morning Church Service - 10:00 a.m. at the arena

Free Parking

Free Admission

Winners announced and prize money paid out at the end of the pow-wow on Sunday night. Winners must be present and in dance clothes to receive prize payout.

ANYONE SELLING MEAT PIES OR OTHER FOOD ITEMS WILL BE ASKED TO LEAVE

NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR ACCIDENTS OR THEFT!

No chairs may be setup around the arena until Friday, May 24th at approximately 10:00 a.m. AN ANNOUNCEMENT WILL BE MADE WHEN IT IS TIME

> FOR ARTS & CRAFTS INFORMATION call Elaine Clinton - 918/531-2526 For More Information call Lu Ann Hainline - 918/338-9907

The Delaware Pow-Wow is the home of "The Dog Pound" and their Princess, Lu Ann Hainline

#### 49th Annual Delaware Powwow

Please join us at the 49th annual Delaware Powwow at Fred Fall-Leaf Memorial Campgrounds three miles east of Rte 75, May 24-26, 2013. Admission and parking are

For more information call 918-338-9907.■



### **Obituaries**



## Eddie John Barnes Sr.

September 16, 1923-January 16, 2013

Eddie John Barnes, Sr. died Jan. 16, 2013 at 2:20 a.m. at the age of 89. A wake was held at the Ochelata Baptist Church on Friday evening, January 18, 2013, from 7 to 9:30 p.m.

Funeral services for Mr. Barnes were held Saturday, January 19, at 11 a.m. at the Ochelata Baptist Church. Rev. E.J. Barnes Jr., Director of Missions, North Grand River Baptist Association, Trenton, MO, officiated. Assisting were Rev. Kevin Barnes of Legacy Church in Kansas City, MO; Rev. Dave Compston of the Bartlesville Westside Baptist Church; Rev. Tom Cox of Bartlesville First Baptist Church; and Rev. Brian Myers of the Ochelata Baptist Church. Interment followed in the Ramona cemetery with full military rites accorded by the Ramona American Legion Post 334.

Eddie was born at Ramona, Oklahoma on September 16, 1923 to Viola Marie Willey Barnes and Harrison McKinley Barnes. He attended Ramona Public School for his early education. He joined the Navy during WWII, serving 30 months on the USS *Pursuit 108* mine sweeper in the South Pacific,

participating in 17 invasions. After his discharge from the Navy, he graduated from Chilloco Indian School. In 1948, Eddie married Leona Bennefield. They were married 64½ years.

Eddie worked for Great Lakes Pipe Line Co. for several years but resigned when he was led to become a minister. To prepare himself for the ministry, he furthered his education by attending and graduating from Oklahoma Baptist University. Before attending the Southern Baptist Seminary for a short time, he served as a missionary with the Southern Baptist mission board with the American Indians at Sallateeska Indian Mission in Shawnee, OK. He then pastored the Baptist Church in Bowring, OK for three years. Later he returned to Ochelata, where he served the Ochelata Baptist Church for twenty-five years. During these years, he worked at Woolaroc in the Y-Indian Guide Center or as the Assistant Director of Washington-Osage County Head Start program.

Eddie was a loving husband and father to his family and a dedicated leader in the Churches he served. He is survived by his wife, Leona, of the home; three children and their spouses, E.J. Barnes and his wife Diann, Binnie Gullane and her husband, Jim, and Mollie Martin and her husband, Wayne; nine grandchildren, Metasha Olson and husband Brandon, Heath Spalding and wife Nicki, Kevin Barnes and wife Andrea, Misha Spalding, James Spalding, Daniel Martin, Karah Mesplay and husband Mark, Kelly Love and husband Andy, and Elizabeth Martin; and 18 great grandchildren. He also left two brothers: Howard Barnes and his wife, Betty, of Ochelata and Ray Barnes of Bartlesville.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Harrison and Viola Barnes; one son, Byron Barnes; two brothers, Bernard (Joe) Barnes and Clarence (Bill) Barnes; and one sister, Clara Bell. Eddie will leave a host of other relatives and friends who will miss him.

Note: Eddie was the veteran honored by the CPC in 2005.■



### Patricia P. "Pat" Secondine Cox

November 4, 1926-March 3, 2013

Patricia P. "Pat" Secondine Cox passed away, Sunday, March 3, 2013 at St. Francis Via Christi Hospital in Wichita, KS. She was 86 years old.

Pat was born on November 4, 1926 in Norman, OK, to Harrison and Blanche "Measles" Secondine. She was the widow of Martin Lee Cox. She and her husband owned and operated the Artistic Weave Shop and the King and Company Weavers. Pat was a reweaver by trade. She was a member of the New Covenant United Methodist Church in Wichita, KS.

Preceding her in death were her parents, brother Thomas Secondine, and sister Ora Louise Secondine. Survivors include daughters Marsha Meyer of Wichita and Michelle L. Conine and husband Allen of Wichita; step-son Gene Cox and wife Mary of Stover, MO; brothers Harrison Secondine and wife Dottie of Grand Junction, CO, and Dave Secondine of Reno, NV; sisters Norma J. Lyons of Augusta, KS, and Marie N. Brown of Midwest City, OK; four grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held on Wednesday, March 6, 2013 at the Loyal Shawnee Cultural Center, 26197 S. 4340 Rd., Vinita, OK 74301, with Pastor Don Greenfeather officiating. Pallbearers were Karl Meyer, Michael Conine, Thomas Conine, Jillian Conine, Allen Conine and Gene Cox. Burial followed at White Oak Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Loyal Shawnee Ceremonial Grounds and mailed in care of: Sherry Gardner, 1132 N. Falkner Drive, Claremore, OK 74017.■



### **Billy Joe Dick**

March 17, 1938-February 7, 2013

Billy Joe Dick, age 74, passed away on February 7, 2013 after a long battle with liver cancer. Billy was born on March 17, 1938 to John and Ada Mae Dick He attended school in White Oak, graduating in 1956. He later joined the United States Navy, serving four years. Billy enjoyed all sports, particularly baseball (St. Louis Cardinals), football (Kansas City Chiefs) and fishing. He was also very close to his family and enjoyed spending time with all of them.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Memorials may be sent to the Clarehouse, 7617 S. Mingo Road, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74133.

A wake was held Sunday February 10 at his sister Katherine Leaf's residence. Funeral services were at 1:00 p.m., Monday, Feb-

ruary 11, 2013 at the First Baptist Church of Chelsea with Pastor Gerald Biswell officiating. Interment followed at the Shawnee Cemetery near White Oak. Services were under the direction of Luginbuel Funeral Home.■



#### Nikki Kirkendoll September 29, 1974-January 25, 2013

Nikki Steinman Kirkendoll, 38, former Seminole resident, died Friday, January 25, 2013 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Nikki was born on September 29, 1974 in Shawnee, Oklahoma to Charles and Barbara (Johnson) Steinman.

Nikki grew up in Seminole and attended Seminole Schools and graduated from Seminole High School in 1992 where she was an outstanding softball player. She obtained a Bachelors degree from East Central University in Ada, Oklahoma and a Masters Degree from Cameron University in Lawton, Oklahoma. After college she started her career as a caseworker in prisons and then worked at several agencies counseling foster children and parents. She was currently serving as Director of The Behavioral Health Department at the Oklahoma City Indian Health Clinic. Nikki traveled to speak at seminars, and clinics and helped

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other Indian Health Services develop their programs. She was highly sought after as a speaker and authority in her field. She was a member of the Delaware Indian Tribe of Oklahoma. Nikki was a Licensed Professional Counselor and a licensed Alcohol and Drug abuse counselor. Nikki was a member of the National Board of Certified Counselors and a member of the First Baptist Church in Seminole

Nikki leaves to cherish her memories parents, Charles and Barbara Steinman; one sister, Wendy Sparks and her husband, Scott of Paoli, Oklahoma; one uncle, Andy Johnson of Bartlesville, Oklahoma; one aunt, Katherine Lynch of Bartlesville, Oklahoma; and several cousins, family members, and close friends.

Nikki was preceded in death by her grandparents, Loren and Helen Steinman, Bill and Janet Johnson, and an aunt, Patricia Johnson.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, January 29, 2013 at the First Baptist Church at 404 Reid St. in Seminole with Buddy Hunter officiating. Burial followed at Little Cemetery.

The family has requested memorials be sent to the American Lung Association at 1301 Pennsylvania Ave., Suite 800, Washington, D.C. 20004.

Funeral arrangements were under the direction of Swearingen Funeral Home in Seminole, Oklahoma.

If one of your relatives or close friends has passed, please feel free to send us an obituary. We will run it in the next *Delaware Indian News*. Obituaries can be sent to **din@delawaretribe. org** or to the Tribal Offices.

Please also pass along any birth or death announcements to the Enrollment Office at Ifall-leaf@delawaretribe.org. Remember that the Community Services Committee has a burial assistance program if you are in need of help.



Bob L. Randall July 12, 1932-March 1, 2013

 $B^{\text{obby Lester Randall went to}}_{\text{be with his Lord on March 1,}}$ 2013. He fought a long and courageous battle with cancer. Bob was born in Oklahoma City, July 12, 1932, son of Lester Henry and Mildred Marie McMahan Randall and great-great-grandson of Eliza (Woo-le-noo-squay) Snead Randall. Bob is the first of seven children, and grew up in Fairfax, Oklahoma, where he graduated from high school. He was a member of the Army National Guard for three years. Bob married Barbara Lucille Brock of Burbank. Oklahoma on June 26, 1954; they would have celebrated 59 years of marriage this summer. Their first home was in Cushing, Oklahoma, and in 1959, they moved to Haysville, Kansas, where he spent 22 years with Kewanee and Gulf Oil Companies. He returned to Oklahoma in 1979 and retired from Chevron Oil Company in 1987, as a safety and accident prevention representative, sending him all over the United States to lecture and direct classes.

Bob was a "Mr. Fix It" man and loved to do woodworking. After retirement, he and Barbara participated in craft shows as B & B Crafts. He was an avid sportsman and loved bowling, boating, camping, fishing, and hunting. Bob was a 17-year survivor of cancer and was a member of the

Oklahoma City Ostomy group. Through that membership, he was able to help and encourage other ostomates. He had just finished the LIVESTRONG program at the Edmond YWCA. Bob enjoyed RVing with his Frontier Sams group and spent many winters as a "Winter Texan" in the Rio Grande Valley. He also enjoyed membership in the Teacup Chains Square Dance Club.

His most important membership was the Quail Springs Baptist Church, where he actively attended the very caring Challengers Sunday School Class. Bob dearly loved to talk about his family and their good times together and how he was so blessed by them. He was proud of his Delaware heritage

Bob is survived by his loving wife, Barbara; children Bobby and Sue Randall of Argonia, KS; Steve and Becky Randall of Wichita, KS; Teri and Perry Barber of Raleigh, NC; Rick and Susan Randall of Haysville, KS; and Scott and Lori Randall of Edmond, OK; grandchildren Kelli and Ryan Emrick of Emporia, KS; Marc Randall of El Dorado, KS; Beth and Randal Schafers of Mulvane, KS; Diania and Joel Pile of Rose Hill, KS; Melissa and Matt Hudson of Haysville, KS; Read Barber of Raleigh, NC; Ryan Barber of Charlotte, NC; Mark Jones of Haysville, KS; Brent Randall of Santa Monica, CA; Shaun Randall of Santa Monica, CA; Ashley Randall of Haysville, KS; Eric Randall of Edmond, OK; and Holly Randall of Edmond, OK. He is survived by nine great-grandchildren, Brock, Rylie, Ben, Mason, Madison, Parker, Paris, Colin, and Claire. Surviving siblings are Arthur and Barbara Randall of Tulsa, OK; Charles and Mary Randall of Pawhuska, OK; David and Trish Randall of Tyro, KS; Judy and Dennis Nevius of Edmond, OK; and Jerri Laird of Bartlesville, OK. Preceding him in death were his parents, Lester and Marie Randall; a sister, Allene Randall; a brother-in-law, Danny Laird; and grandson Brock Randall.

#### Vivian Thornbrugh

March 18, 1934-February 18, 2013

Mrs. Vivian L. Thornbrugh, 78, died at 4:53 A.M. on Monday February 18, 2013 in Nowata. Memorial services were held on Friday, February 22, 2013 in the First Baptist Church in Nowata. Cremation arrangements were directed by the Stumpff-Nowata Funeral Home.

Mrs. Thornbrugh was born March 18, 1934 at Nowata, Oklahoma. Mrs. Thornbrugh lived in Nowata, most of her life, graduating high school from Nowata High School in 1952. She was married to Howard Thornbrugh in Nowata and they made their home there. Mrs. Thornbrugh was a member of First Baptist Church in Nowata, and served in the Nursery, the Rebekah Lodge at Nowata

and Dumas Texas, the Delaware Indian Women, secretary of the Nowata 10:33 Emergency Team. She was employed with the City of Nowata and worked in the Cemetery Maintenance Department and taught in the Head Start Program at Nowata.

Mrs. Thornbrugh is survived by three daughters, Dianna Laughlin of Nowata, Joanne Olmstead and her husband Terry of Tulsa, and Joy White and her husband Steven of Tulsa; five sons, Steve Thornbrugh and his wife Tracy of Germany, Joe Thornbrugh and his wife Krista, David Thornbrugh and his wife Tami, Roman Thornbrugh, and Stephen Thornbrugh, all of Nowata; her aunt Betty Eden of Nowata; thirteen grandchildren; and five-great-grandchildren. Mrs. Thornbrugh was preceded in death by her parents and her husband.

#### Eddie Barnes, We Salute You

Annette Ketchum

For you who never met Delaware member Eddie Barnes, I want to spend some time and try to let you know some things about Eddie that made him special. First, he came from a common, poor Delaware family, but everyone was poor at that time in the 1930s-40s. Eddie was one of five boys, born to Harrison and Viola Willey Barnes. The brothers are Bill, Joe, Howard and Ray.

Eddie quit school and joined the Navy in 1942. He spent four weeks in boot camp in San Diego, CA. He was tough because he had been through the Depression, had worked hard on the farm, and hadn't had an easy life; thus boot camp was not a hardship as it is to many boys today.

Many Indian men of that day tell how the military requires them to shave every day. But young Indians didn't have any facial hair. Eddie shaved every day, no hair was no excuse. He saw the ocean for the first time and was amazed at its enormous size.

Eddie was a boxer in the Navy. He weighed about 148 pounds and boxed with the light heavyweight champion of the Northwest United States. Again, I say, Eddie was tough. He overcame seasickness by determination.

Eddie was a Seaman First Class on the USS *Pursuit*. He was on board when the ship was commissioned. It was a minesweeper, a fleet minesweeper. Minesweeper missions were under high secrecy because the *Pursuit* was the first ship in. The job was to cut the mine cables set by the enemy and explode the mines when they floated to the water's surface. They also set out cables.

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The *Pursuit* and its crew went from island to island in the Pacific. Eddie learned to protect himself and his buddies with the guns on the ship, as often they encountered enemy fire after the sweeping was finished. Eddie said it was as though they were invisible. They swept for mines in the actual invasion of the Philippines and a destroyer went in to the Philippines after the *Pursuit* and it was shot to pieces. Another ship next to the *Pursuit* was hit by Kamikaze guns and was completely submerged.

Because Eddie was from Oklahoma, he often told the guys on board the USS Pursuit that he knew Bob Wills. When the Pursuit was in dock for repairs at Portland, OR, there was a sign saying Bob Wills and the Texas Playboys were at Jackson Beach. His mates wanted Eddie to take them out to Jackson Beach to introduce them to Bob Wills. Eddie tried to get out of it, but they finally went to a café at the Beach. Eddie had been to dances as Cains Ballroom in Tulsa and he recognized Tommy Duncan when he saw him in the café. He told his buddies who Tommy was and they wanted Eddie to introduce them to him. So Tommy was sitting at the bar and Eddie and his friends walked up, and Eddie tapped Tommy on the shoulder and said, "Hi Tommy." Tommy turned around and said, "How in the world are you?" He said, "fine." The guys' eyes got big around and they wanted Tommy's autograph.

There were thirteen men who went all the way through military service on the *Pursuit* together. On January 8, 1946, Eddie was honorably discharged. He received the Philippine Liberation Campaign Ribbon (2 stars), Victory Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Area Campaign Medal (7 stars), American Area Campaign Medal (5 stars), and Good Conduct Medal. The Purple Heart would have been awarded if Eddie had not refused treatment after being hit with shrapnel. All his life when he heard USS *Pursuit*, it was like hearing dad and mother. The men have a reunion every year and he would attend to reminisce and remember their adventures.

Eddie went back to finish school at Chilocco Indian School. He met and married the love of his life, Leona Bennefield, a Creek girl. Their three children—E. J., Binnie, and Mollie—are a testimony to his compassion, integrity, humanity and godliness. He was called to the ministry by God and attended Oklahoma Baptist University, where he graduated as a minister of the Gospel. He served his Lord and Savior all the rest of the days of his life.







## "35th" ANNUAL OPERATION EAGLE POWWOW



Title VII Indian Education

Bartlesville, OK

Contest

APRIL 6, 2013

Contest

Prize Money WASHINGTON COUNTY FAIR BUILDING DEWEY, OK

Prize Money

Head Singer:
Head Man Dancer:
Head Lady Dancer:

Head Lady Dancer: Head Boy Dancer:

Head Girl Dancer: Head Gourd Dancer: 2013-2014 Princess: Master of Ceremonies:

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<u>Agenda</u>

Contest in Tiny Tots (0-6), Juniors (7-15), Adults-16 and older Categories-Cloth, Buckskin, Fancy/Jingle Fancy, Straight, Grass/Traditional

1:00pm

Arena Director:

1:00p.m. 4:30p.m. 6:00p.m. Crown Princess Gourd Dance

Doug Donnell

Bear Tompkins

Nicole Sine

Trey Johnson

Patrick Lewis

Madison White

Dinner break Grand Entry

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## Minutes of the Tribal Council, December 2012-February 2013

#### Monday, Dec 3, 2012 Delaware Community Center

Respectfully submitted by Jenifer Pechonick

The Chief called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm. Assistant Chief Chet Brooks prayed in Lenape and English. Present: Chief Pechonick, Assistant Chief Chet Brooks, Treasurer Janifer Brown, Jenifer Pechonick, Nathan Young, Annette Ketchum, and Verna Crawford.

Guests: Curtis Zunigha, Charles Randall, Mary Randall, Rick Barnes, Michelle Vernon, Greg Brown, Bruce Martin, Cy Hughes and baby and Michael Adair.

Janifer Brown made a motion to approve the agenda with an amendment. 2nd Chet Brooks. Discussion: Jenifer Pechonick suggested an executive session to discuss Tribal attorney contract.

Annette Ketchum made a motion to accept the November 10, 2012 minutes. 2nd Jenifer Pechonick. Motion passed all in favor.

Janifer Brown presented the Treasurer's Report. She is looking forward to our next financials. Jean is working to prepare a sheet to add to allow us to review the financials more easily.

Verna made a motion to approve the financials pending audit. 2nd Chet Brooks. Motion passed all in favor

Curtis Zunigha presented the Tribal Manager's report (reprinted below):

#### Tribal Manager's Report-Curtis Zunigha

#### CHEROKEE M.O.A.

On November 20 two representatives of the Bureau of Indian Affairs Eastern Oklahoma Regional Office came to Bartlesville to provide technical guidance on the preparation and submission of a self-determination proposal. I will

be traveling to Washington, DC tomorrow with Chief Pechonick and Council Member Pechonick. Jenifer and I will be meeting Wednesday morning with the Director of the Office of Self-Determination at BIA HQ to obtain full support and approval of our forthcoming proposal.

#### PERSONNEL

HR Manager Mike Taylor and I attended Human Resources management training November 15-16 in Oklahoma City. Federal and state labor laws plus generally accepted employment practices were discussed. We learned that some of our policies need some revision in order to protect the legal rights of our employees and the tribal government. Overall it was an important training session and beneficial to our organization.

#### **BUILDING CONSTRUCTION**

The Social Services Building is moving along slightly ahead of schedule. Interior construction and painting are going on now. Our telephone and Internet contractors have inspected the utility lines into the building and are planning to implement the connections within the next 30-40 days. There has been no further discussion on the placement of the sign near Tuxedo Blvd.

## CITY OF BARTLESVILLE MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE

On November 28 members of the Tribal Council and I met with City of Bartlesville Manager Ed Gordon, Police Chief Tom Holland, City Planner Lisa Beemon, the City Engineer and the Chief Financial Officer. The purpose was to reestablished close government-to-government relations. We discussed law enforcement, city zoning and code enforcement, and renaming of Barbara Street. There is tremendous goodwill and pledges of cooperation and communication for the benefit of both the tribe and the city.

Curtis said he had not heard anything back on the Oologah property inquiry.

Discussion was held with regard to the revised Delaware seal.

Verna Crawford made a motion to approve Resolution 2012-41 Amendment to Tribal and Housing Procurement Policy. 2nd Nate Young. Motion passed all in favor.

Nathan Young made motion to approve Resolution 2012-43 Maintenance and Admissions and Occupancy policies. 2nd Chet Brooks. Motion passed all in fayor.

Jenifer Pechonick motion to approve Resolution 2012-46 Reauthorization of NAHASDA. 2nd Nathan Young. Motion passed all in favor.

Verna Crawford made a motion to approve Resolution 2012-47 New membership, 2nd Chet Brooks. Motion passed all in favor.

The Council went into Executive Session.

The Council returned from Executive Session.

Chet Brooks made a motion to approve the contract with changes. 2nd Annette Ketchum. Motion passed all in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:27pm

#### Monday, January 7, 2013 Delaware Community Center

Respectfully submitted by Jenifer Pechonick

The Chief called the meeting to order at 5:15 pm. Assistant Chief Chet Brooks prayed in Lenape and English. Present: Chief Pechonick, Assistant Chief Chet Brooks, Jenifer Pechonick, Nathan Young and Annette Ketchum. Janifer Brown and Verna Crawford were absent due to illness. Excused absences.

Guests: Curtis Zunigha, Charles Randall, Mary Randall, Rick Barnes, Greg Brown, Bruce Martin, Priscilla and Don Mason, John Chapman Young, Lauren Young and Olivia Young, Gina Roth, Dee Ketchum and Amanda Proctor.

The Chief welcomed the guests and introduced Gina Roth as the new Child Support Enforcement Director. The position was advertised and Gina is a Delaware Tribal member.

Nathan Young made a motion to approve the agenda. 2nd Annette Ketchum. Motion passed all in favor.

Annette Ketchum made a motion to accept the December 3, 2013 minutes. 2nd Chet Brooks. Motion passed all in favor.

Jenifer Pechonick made a motion to table the Treasurer's Report in absence of the Treasurer.

Curtis Zunigha presented the Tribal Manager report.

#### Tribal Manager's Report Curtis Zunigha

#### TRIBAL OPERATIONS

There's been a lot of activity in the last three weeks preparing and upgrading the electronic and physical infrastructure of our Bartlesville campus and the Caney building. In Caney we're painting walls, moving in office furnishings, and laying in new internet and telephone hookups. During January we'll be moving in (1) DFMS-Jim & Kelia; (2) DTFS-Tim Houseberg; (3) CSE-Child Support Enforcement and our new director Gina Roth; (4) The Tribal Judges; and (5) other administrative staff. Here in Bartlesville the outside portion of the Social Services building is more or less complete and interior finishing is over half complete. We are installing the wiring and fiber optic connections for phone and internet in the new building.

I have attached brief reports from staff members regarding their primary activities and tasks.

#### CHEROKEE MOA

I have sent in a request to Charles Head of the Cherokee Nation for Aid to Tribal Government and NAHASDA funds. I've also requested the (former) ARRA funds to be used for the apartment complex purchase. I've also informed Mr. Head we are beginning the process of developing a proposal to receive PL93-638 program funds directly from the BIA and it will require a re-negotiation of the MOA.

#### **BIA 638 PROGRAM PROPOSAL**

We have a BIA employee assigned to work with our tribe in the development of a program proposal. He was assigned by the Director of the Self- Determination Office at BIA HQ in Washington, DC. I began corresponding with him this past week and given him numerous documents pertaining to our past funding and current legal/political relations with Cherokee Nation.

#### CANEY PROPERTY FEE-TO-TRUST APPLICATION

The application is being finalized this week now that the Environmental Site Assessment has been received by our contractor, Horizon Engineering Services. You have before you a resolution to deed the Caney property over to the United States Department of the Interior.

#### PERSONNEL

We have a new employee, Gina Roth, who is our new Child Support Enforcement Director. She'll be working out of the Caney office as soon as it's ready to occupy.

The Newbold Scholarship fund out of New Jersey sent \$1,200 for the scholarship fund.

Charles Randall asked if there will be wireless internet access in the Caney facility, yes there will.

Don Mason gave a report on behalf of the Tribal Court. The judges met today in Caney with all judges present. Discussion was held regarding several issues. He said the judges would like business cards, he said the judges would like robes (the judges were advised the Tribe does have robes for them), they are interested in establishing a Tribal Bar Association, John Chapman Young was elected Vice-Chief judge, Constitution and Code revision and need for a budget. The judges were asked to submit a budget as well as a sketch of how they would like the room in Caney and also a list of items they need. Judge Mason is going to visit Osage Nation TANF and will go with Gina Roth to introduce her to CSE at Osage Nation. He is also going to visit the TANF program at the Creek Nation. He has talked to the federal official of TANF. Judge Mason is working with Lacey Harris and likely Gina Roth to meet with Washington County DHS. The judges are working on criteria for court advocates.

Jenifer Pechonick made a motion to approve Resolution 2013-01 Enrollment 2nd Chet Brooks. There are 12 new members approved. Motion passed all in favor.

Jenifer Pechonick made a motion to approve Resolution 2013-02 Adopting the Tribal Seal Design, 2nd Annette Ketchum. Discussion: Annette Ketchum wanted to mention that Janifer Brown worked diligently on the process of design, input and approval. Motion passed all in favor.

Chet Brooks made a motion to approve Resolution 2013-03 638 Submission, 2nd Jenifer Pechonick. Motion passed all in favor.

Nathan Young made a motion to approve Resolution 2013-04 Caney Land into Trust Status, 2nd Chet Brooks. Motion passed all in favor.

Jenifer Pechonick made a motion to approve Resolution 2013-05 Membership into UINOKT, 2nd Nathan Young. Motion passed all in favor.

Annette Ketchum made a motion to approve Resolution 2013-06 Establish Gift Shop Account, 2nd Jenifer Pechonick.

Nathan Young requested we have workshop. Workshop scheduled for January 17.

The Council went into Executive Session.

The Council resumed regular session.

Annette Ketchum made a motion to waive the 90 day period for benefits for the Administrative Assistant. 2nd Chet Brooks. Motion passed all in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 6:58pm.

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#### Monday, February 4, 2013 Delaware Community Center

Respectfully submitted by Jenifer Pechonick

The Chief called the meeting to order at 6:40 pm. Assistant Chief Chet Brooks prayed in Lenape and English. Present: Chief Pechonick, Assistant Chief Chet Brooks, Jenifer Pechonick, Nathan Young, Annette Ketchum, Janifer Brown and Verna Crawford.

Guests: Curtis Zunigha, Charles and Mary Randall, Rick Barnes, Michelle Vernon, CeCe Biggoose, Greg Brown, Bruce Martin, Melanie Downs, Susan Hefner, Jana Roth, Tim and Janet Houseberg, John Dillingham, Lesa Steele, Nathan Scullawl, Amanda Proctor, Anita Mathis, Gina Roth, and David McCullough.

The Chief recognized the guests in the audience and asked if anyone wished to address the Council.

John Dillingham, Delaware Enterprise Authority (DEA) Chair, presented the annual report of the DEA from 2012.

Verna Crawford made a motion to approve the agenda with changes to include Resolutions 2013-10 and 2013-11. 2nd Jenifer Pechonick. Motion passed all in favor.

Annette Ketchum made a motion to accept the January 7, 2013 minutes with the insertion of Tribal Manager's report highlights. 2nd Jenifer Pechonick. Motion passed. 5 yes, 2 abstain (Verna Crawford and Janifer Brown due to absence at the meeting.)

Nathan Young made a motion to approve the November and the December financials pending audit. 2nd Verna Crawford. Discussion: Budget preparation and cash-flow report. Motion passed all in favor.

Jenifer Pechonick made a motion to suspend the agenda to include Delaware Tribal Financial Services (DTFS) who was mistakenly left off the agenda. 2nd Janifer Brown. Motion passed all in favor. Tim Houseberg presented an update to the Tribal Council regarding Delaware Tribal Financial Services. He outlined the upcoming calendar for DTFS and forecast.

Nathan Young made a motion to approve Resolution 2013-10, to accept electronic signatures and forms. 2nd Jenifer Pechonick. Motion passed all in favor.

Janifer Brown made a motion to approve Resolution 2013-11 to authorize the DTFS Committee to oversee modifications or changes to the Delaware Tribe of Indians Insurance Codes. 2nd Verna Crawford Motion passed all in favor.

Curtis Zunigha gave the Tribal Manager report:

#### Tribal Manager's Report Curtis Zunigha

#### TRIBAL OPERATIONS

We are aggressively moving into the Caney Building and will be moving into the new Social Services Building during February.

The following tribal programs and functions will be relocated to the Social Services Building:

- Housing (Management and Services)
- Indian Child Welfare
- Environmental

- Community Services
- LIHEAP/REACH
- Library/Museum/Archives

We are simultaneously beginning occupancy of our Kansas Headquarters Building in Caney. There will be a room dedicated for a tribal administration office pool. The following tribal programs and functions are located in the Kansas Headquarters Building:

- Child Support Enforcement
- Financial Services
- · Tribal Court
- Delaware Facilities Management Solutions (DFMS)

#### KITCHEN EXPANSION

Demolition of the kitchen is expected within the week.

The dining hall will remain open and lunch will be served daily throughout the construction period. The dining hall will also remain available for necessary business meetings. Projected completion is April 1.

#### TRIBAL COURT

The court's first case of 2013 was held in Caney on January 29.

#### CANEY PROPERTY FEE-TO-TRUST APPLICATION

The application was sent to the BIA Office in Muskogee for review of technical composition and construction. Then we will schedule a meeting with BIA Eastern Oklahoma Regional Director Robert Impson and Chief Pechonick will deliver the trust application for approval. We expect this to occur during February.

#### BIA 638 PROGRAM PROPOSAL

The collaboration with the BIA liaison, Mr. Larsen, continues. I will not likely have a draft to present for review until approximately February 21.

#### PERSONNEL

We have established Leslie Fall-Leaf's role with the tribe as fulltime Enrollment Director with additional duties as Tribal Court Clerk. We also hired a temporary administrative assistant to support Chief Pechonick and assist me with other administrative duties. Her name is Jana Roth, she is a tribal member and former Director of Indian Education for the Broken Arrow Public School District.

## CHEROKEE NATION AND THE MOA

We are working with the administration to provide all documents related to the Housing funds, the Indian Housing Plan, and the Annual Performance report.

Nathan Young made a motion to approve the 2013 Holiday Schedule, 2nd Annette Ketchum. Discussion: The Council added one day, on Good Friday, March 29. Motion passed all in favor.

Verna Crawford Janifer Brown. Discussion: The Council agrees the Policies and Procedures are an organic document that may need to be changed as time passes.

Poll Vote: Resolution 2013-07 Establishing Authority on Financial Accounts. Resolution passed 1-23-13 7-0 Vote.

Nathan Young made a motion to approve Resolution 2013-08 New Enrollment, 2nd Chet Brooks. 19 new members. Motion passed all in favor.

Nathan Young made a motion to enter into executive session, 2nd Janifer Brown.

Motion passed all in favor.
Meeting adjourned at 9:10pm.■

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170 NE Barbara Bartlesville, OK 74006 918-337-6590

#### **Chelsea Housing Office:**

6 Northview Dr. Chelsea, OK 918-789-2525

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601 High Street Caney, KS 67333 620-879-2189

#### Office Hours:

8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. M-F

## Minutes of the Delaware Trust Board, December 2012-February 2013

#### Monday, Dec 3, 2012 Delaware Community Center

Respectfully submitted by Verna Crawford, Trust Board Secretary

Chairman Chet Brooks called the Trust Board meeting to order on December 3, 2012 at 4:35 p.m.

Homer Scott moved to declare a quorum present. Joe Brooks seconded the motion. Motion carried with one yes (Homer Scott), one no (Joe Brooks), one abstention (Verna Crawford) and the Chairman voted yes to break the tie vote.

Nancy Sumpter gave the invocation.

Secretary Verna Crawford called roll. Those present were Chairman Chet Brooks, Joe Brooks, Homer Scott and Secretary Verna Crawford. John Sumpter, DeAnn Ketchum and Cass Smith were absent.

Chairman Brooks greeted the guests and asked if anyone would like to address the Trust Board.

Nancy Sumpter, representing Lenapeowsi, the Delaware youth drumming group that meets on Thursday at the Delaware Community Center, requested funding for the annual Christmas Party. She stated there are 50 children who attend regularly. Last year the Trust Board donated \$10 per child, and she requested the same for this year for a total of \$500. The parents will provide food and decorations. The group has preformed for several events such as the Bartlesville Indian Women's Club and the Cherokee Nation.

Joe Brooks moved that the amount of \$500 be split between the Cultural Preservation and Community Services and Education Committees. Homer Scott seconded the motion. Motion carried with three yes.

Guests present were Mary Randall, Nancy Sumpter, Cy Hughes.

Tribal officials and employees present were Chief Paula Pechonick, Council member Jan Brown, Justice Charles Randall, Tribal Manager Chief Curtis Zunigha, Leslie Fall-Leaf, Lesa Steele, Cece Biggoose, and Council member Nate Young.

Verna Crawford moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Joe Brooks. Motion carried with three yes.

#### **Minutes of Previous Meeting**

Homer Scott moved that the November 3, 2012 meeting absence of Joe Brooks be unexcused. Verna Crawford seconded the motion. Motion carried with two yes and one abstention (Joe Brooks).

Verna Crawford moved to approve the minutes of November 3, 2012 with corrections. Homer Scott seconded the motion.

Discussion: Joe Brooks noted that he was listed as absent and that he seconded the motion to approve the Treasurer's report. Secretary Verna Crawford acknowledged that the changes would be made.

Motion carried with two yes and one abstention (Joe Brooks).

#### Treasurer's Report

Joe Brooks moved to table the Treasurer's report. Verna Crawford seconded the motion.

Motion carried with three yes.

#### **Committee Reports**

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: CHAIR JOE BROOKS

Committee Chairman Joe Brooks noted that no meeting had been held due to him being out of town. Joe asked for volunteers to serve on the Committee. Chief Paula Pechonick and Titus Frenchman volunteered. Verna Crawford commented that Jenifer Pechonick would like to be on the committee.

Tribal Manager Curtis Zunigha pointed out that the Trust Master Plan calls for there be an Economic Development director; it does not authorize a committee. He stated that the Tribe has an Economic Development Supervisor and as such meets the requirements of the Trust Master Plan.

Joe Brooks responded that we have always had a committee. He then requested a motion to appoint the volunteers to the Committee.

Homer Scott moved to appoint Chief Paula Pechonick and Titus Frenchman to serve on the Economic Development Committee. Verna Crawford seconded the motion. Motion carried with three yes.

Chairman Chet Brooks stated that Secretary Verna Crawford had just given him a report from Arvest Management with the current total assets of the principal the agency manages to be \$3,543.388.32. This does not include the money still under the management of the Office of Trust Fund Management or the Imprest account the Committees work from.

## COMMUNITY SERVICES: ACTING CHAIR VERNA CRAWFORD

The Community Services Committee met on Monday, November 14, 2012. The Committee approved 23 requests, which included utilities, emergency, housing, burial, pharmacy, medical services, dental and optical. The next meeting will be Monday, December 10, 2012 following the Education meeting.

## EDUCATION: CHAIR VERNA CRAWFORD

The Education Committee met on Monday, November 14, 2012. The committee approved one education assistance request and denied one athletic assistance request. The Education Committee guideline for athletic assistance requires the activity be a school-sponsored/required program. The request was for a non-school connected program.

The next meeting will be Monday, December 10 2012 at 1 p.m.



#### CULTURAL PRESERVATION: CHAIR CHET BROOKS

Meets the third Tuesday of each month starting at 6 p.m. in the Community Center.

The Cultural Night held the second Tuesday of each month is growing in attendance. Chief Pechonick and others are teaching moccasin making and other skills. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend.

## Land Management: Chair DeAnn Ketchum

No report given.

## REINVESTMENT: CHAIR JOHN SUMPTER

Meets quarterly. No report was presented.

## TRIBAL OPERATIONS: CHAIR JOE BROOKS

Meets quarterly. No report was presented.

Joe Brooks commented on the

#### **Old Business**

recent trip by himself, Verna Crawford, Chet Brooks, Curtis Zunigha, and Leslie Fall-Leaf. He stated that he has the full backing of the NCAI Veterans Committee to submit three resolutions to NCAI. The resolutions should be submitted the Mid-year Conference in June. One addresses all veterans 50% to 100% disabled, who should be drawing the mileage rate equal to the Federal, not half of it. Another is for veterans to have a nationwide lifetime hunting and fishing license. If veterans are 100% disabled, they should be sales tax exempt, not just in Oklahoma but nationwide. Veterans fought for the United States not one state, and should be acknowledged by the whole United States. He stated he went to every Veterans meeting, some others on economic development and tribal taxation.

Verna Crawford suggested that the Veterans Committee meet and set-up a structure and activities. There are many activities the Veterans could do and programs that could be developed. Joe Brooks stated he agrees fully.

Verna Crawford stated that the Trust Board should start working on strategic and long term planning. The Council is also working on this. The Trust Board will hold a preliminary workshop will be Monday, December 10 following the Education and Community Services Committee meetings.

Chairman Chet Brooks reported that at a joint meeting held earlier in the day the Trust Board was asked to assist with funding for Economic Development. Verna Crawford suggested the Board hold a short Executive Session.

#### **New Business**

Joe Brooks stated that John Sumpter was at the VA office to-day and could not be at this meeting.

Joe Brooks moved that the absence of John Sumpter be excused. Homer Scott seconded the motion. Motion carried with three yes.

Joe Brooks moved that the absence of DeAnn Ketchum and Cass Smith be unexcused. Homer Scott seconded the motion. Motion carried with three yes.

#### **Other Business**

Joe Brooks moved to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel. Verna Crawford seconded the motion. She suggested the Board move to another room as a courtesy to our Tribal members. Motion carried with three yes.

The Board went into Executive Session at 5:15 p.m.

The Board returned from Executive Session at 5:30 p.m.

No action was taken after Executive Session.

Chairman Brooks declared the meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.



#### Monday, January 7, 2013 Delaware Community Center

Respectfully submitted by Chet Brooks, Trust Board Chairman

Chairman Brooks called the meeting to order at 4:05 P.M. Homer Scott moved to declare a quorum present and Joe Brooks seconded the motion. One member voted yes, one member voted no, and one abstained. Chairman Brooks broke the tie vote, voting yes and declared a quorum present.

Trust Member Joe Brooks gave the invocation. Chairman Brooks welcomed Tribal Officials in audience and asked if they wished to address the Trust Board. Chief Paula Pechonick and Tribal Justices Rick Barnes and Charles Randall were present in audience but did not wish to bring business before the Trust. No other Tribal Members attended the meeting.

Roll call showed Chairman Chet Brooks and members Joe Brooks, Homer Scott, and John Sumpter present. Members absent were Secretary Verna Crawford, Treasurer DeAnn Ketchum and Member Cass Smith. A discussion was held about having two unexcused absences in a row. Chairman Brooks explained that all three absent members had called him prior to the meeting, and that DeAnn Ketchum was sick, Verna Crawford was on the way to a doctor appointment and that Cass Smith had two family emergencies in a row. After some discussion the motion was made and seconded to excuse the absence of all three members at this meeting and for Chairman Brooks to write all three, informing them we needed their attendance at meetings. Motion passed 3 yes, 0 no.

Motion and second to suspend the agenda for discussion purposes passed unanimous. In discussion Joe Brooks pointed out that brush pile left in pond needs to be removed before it rains and the pond refills.

#### **Minutes of Previous Meeting**

Motion to table approval of these minutes until next meeting, when Secretary present, passed.

#### **Treasurer's Report**

Motion and second to table until next meeting passed. Chairman Brooks reported that for the first time in over five or six years our Trust Fund assets exceed the \$3,800,000.00 minimum required by Trust Document.

#### **Committee Reports**

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: CHAIR JOE BROOKS

Reported that his committee had met and that only he and Nicky Michael had attended. Also, reported that committee is almost redundant if Delaware Enterprise Authority is going to handle all our economic development.

#### EDUCATION, COMMUNITY SER-VICES AND LAND MANAGEMENT

All three committee reports were tabled until Chairs are present at February 4th Trust Board Meeting.

## CULTURAL PRESERVATION: CHAIR CHET BROOKS

Reported that the second Tuesday pot-luck and cultural night would be held January 8th at 6:00 PM and that committee meets January 15th at 6:00 PM.

#### REINVESTMENT: CHAIR JOHN SUMPTER/TRIBAL OPERATIONS: CHAIR JOE BROOKS

Both committees meet quarterly. No reports given.

## Old Business, New Business and Other Business

None was presented and Trust Board adjourned at 4:38 PM.

#### Monday, February 4, 2013 Delaware Community Center

Respectfully submitted by Verna Crawford, Trust Board Secretary Chairman Chet Brooks called the February Trust Board meeting to order on February 4, 2013 at 4:00 p.m.

Cass Smith gave the invocation. Secretary Verna Crawford called roll. Those present were Chairman Chet Brooks, John Sumpter, Joe Brooks, Homer Scott, Cass Smith and Secretary Verna Crawford. DeAnn Ketchum was absent.

Chairman Chet Brooks welcomed guests. He invited anyone who would like to address the Board.

Business Manager Curtis Zunigha informed the Board that he and CFO Jean Lewis would be available when the Tribal Manager's and Treasurer's Report were reviewed to respond to questions if needed.

Chairman Brooks noted that DEA President John Dillingham, Chief Paula Pechonick and Dee Ketchum had something they each wanted to present (see attached).

Former Chief Dee Ketchum stated that he has been out of public service for several years. He said his name keeps coming up and often in a negative format. One instance is in relationship to the removal of the Trust Funds from the money market accounts at West Star Bank and investing them with Smith Barney. Recent statements have been made saying, that he and his administration had moved the Trust Funds to Smith Barney, which is not true. Minutes of the 2000 January Trust Board meeting reflect that action. Mr. Ketchum read from the minutes that Trust Board members were himself, Dan Arnold, Joe Brooks, Verna Crawford, Sally Farley, Paula Pechonick and Raymond Cline. He quoted, "A full plan will be filed with the Office of Trust Fund Management regarding the transfer of WestStar Bank to Smith Barney for reinvestment. Fund will be 100% insured. Joe Brooks made the motion to move all Trust Funds from the money market accounts at WestStar Bank to Smith Barney, seconded by Dan Arnold. Motion carried all in favor." He stated that the Trust Board Chairman has no vote.

Ketchum also wanted to clarify the misconception that the Trust Board is never to let the principal of the Trust Funds drop below \$3.8 million. The Master Plan states that the principal cannot drop below \$3.8 million due to drawing money from the principal itself. (See Resolution 2002-01). The Trust Board members can't control the market and if the market has a bad spell the Board cannot be held responsible. (Definition of principal as defined in Resolution 2000-09—"Principal shall be defined as the original cost of undistributed investments held in the judgment funds.") There have been two times that funds have been drawn down from the principal and both times the funds were used to fight for the Tribe's Federal Recognition. (2000 minutes, Resolutions 2002-1 and 2000-09, attached).

Jan Brown, a member of the Cultural Preservation Committee, stated her objection to the Trust Board directing committees to expend funds without Committee approval. At the December meeting the Trust Board approved a request for \$500 donation to the Thursday night children's group (Lenapeowsi) for their Christmas party for presents. The Board approved giving the donation and split it between Cultural Preservation and Education Committees. Providing money for the children's group is a good thing, but she thinks that the committees should have been consulted first.

Chairman Brooks stated that it has always been that the Board must approve an expenditure of over \$600.

Verna Crawford responded that the precedent has been set for the Trust Board action. This has been done because of the timeline. When requests are made and events occur before the next committee meeting.

Nancy Sumpter stated that she was upset that Jan Brown didn't like giving the money to the children. Nancy didn't like the way it had to be done either, but there was not enough time to go to the

Committees before the party. Next year the group will get things together earlier.

Verna Crawford stated that Jan did not object to giving money to the children, but felt the committee should have been allowed to make the decision, even if a poll vote was needed.

Chairman Brooks noted that John Dillingham and Chief Pechonick were on the agenda under new business and that we would move on.

Guests, tribal officials, and employees present were Rick L. Barnes, Verna Artherton, Nancy Sumpter, Susan Cade, Chief Paula Pechonick, DEA President John Dillingham, Lesa Steele, Dee Ketchum, Councilman Nathan H. Young, Jana Roth, Nicky Kay Michael, Judge Charles Randall, Mary Randall, Council member Janifer Brown, Michelle Vernon, Jean Lewis, Bruce Martin, Bonnie Jo Griffith, Cece Biggoose, Anita Mathis, Annette Ketchum, and Tribal Manager Curtis Zunigha.

Joe Brooks moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Cass Smith. Motion carried with five yes and one abstention (Cass Smith).

#### **Minutes of Previous Meeting**

Verna Crawford moved to approve the minutes of December 3, 2013 with corrections. Homer Scott seconded the motion. Motion carried with five yes and one abstention (Cass Smith).

Chairman Brooks provided the January meeting minutes due to Secretary Verna Crawford's absence and requested a motion to approve.

Annette Ketchum asked to address the Board regarding the number of members present to make a quorum. The Trust Document requires that four voting members and the Chairman must be present for a quorum. At both the December and January meetings only four members were present, including the Chairman. Members moved, at both meetings, that a quorum was present

including the Chairman. The vote was two for and two against, making the vote a tie and requiring the Chair to break the tie. Mrs. Ketchum felt that was wrong and both meetings were not legal.

Susan Cade commented that, if you take time to make rules, you need to follow them. This is a new year, let's move forward and do things right. That goes for the Council as well as the Trust Board.

Joe Brooks moved that we have no future meetings without five members present, the Chairman and at least four members. Motion seconded by Cass Smith. Motion carried with yes.

Joe Brooks stated that something has to be done about absences, which are excused or unexcused.

Joe Brooks moved to make any absence other than illness of self, immediate family or children unexcused with Trust Board retaining the right to consider each absence on a case-by-case basis. Homer Scott seconded the motion.

Discussion: Cass Smith suggested that the Board should have the option to consider each absence on a case-by-case basis. Having a too strict rule is tying the hands of the Board. We need people who have work experience. Motion carried with four yes and one abstention (Cass Smith).

Joe Brooks moved to approve the minutes of January 7, 2013 with corrections. John Sumpter seconded the motion. Motion carried with three yes and two abstention (Cass Smith and Verna Crawford).

#### Treasurer's Report

Chairman Brooks noted that the Treasurer was not in attendance. He stated that at the end of November 2012, the Trust was worth \$3,800,998.25. Jean Lewis, CFO, will present the report. She explained the Financial Summary—Cash Activity spread. She commented that with changing the fiscal year to coincide with the Council. The Indirect Cost Rate is negotiated with the IG. The rate is

calculated to be sufficient to support the accounting department, which it doesn't. It supports your administration, supervision, accounting (i.e., writing checks), the person doing that, Human Resources activities, cash activities, annual audit, bank account supervision, and oversight reconciliations. A lot goes into that cost. Traditionally the Trust Board has paid 10%. The Tribe's Indirect Cost Rate is 18.5%. The 10% is taken for the designated area and the remainder from other areas based on their expenditures.

Joe Brooks stated that only 10% is allowed and should not be taken unless voted on by the people.

Curtis Zunigha related that this has been the process about from the beginning of the Trust Board. It is the duty of the Trust Board to go to the people for their vote.

Verna Crawford moved to hold a workshop to start working on the revision of the Trust Document and master plan to be held on Tuesday, February 12, 2013 at 1 p.m. John Sumpter seconded the motion. Motion carried with 5 yes.

Verna Crawford stated that the Education and Community Services Committees would be held on Wednesday, February 13 at 1 p.m. instead of Tuesday.

A report will be presented at the March 4, 2013 setting the timeline to take the revisions to the people for a vote.

Cass Smith moved to have a timeline set by the March 4,2013 meeting and an interim spending guideline. Until the vote of the people we will follow the current guidelines. Verna Crawford seconded. Motion carried with four yes and one abstention (John Sumpter).

Curtis Zunigha gave a Tribal Manager's report (report attached)

Cass Smith moved to table Committee Reports till the March 4, 2013 meeting.

#### **Committee Reports**

Committee reports were not submitted per se, as this material was discussed under Old, New, and Other Business, below.

#### **Old Business**

A. John Sumpter requested that the legal status of our accounts be confirmed. Cass Smith said we need to know how much does it fall under the Council, what protection we have in case of law suits, liens and such. This will be another topic for the workshop.

B. Member absence: Joe Brooks moved to have the absence of DeAnn Ketchum be unexcused. Cass Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried with five yes.

#### **New Business**

A. Election of a Vice Chair: Cass Smith nominated Verna Crawford. Joe Brooks seconded the motion.

Homer Scott moved nominations cease. Cass Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried with four yes and one abstention (Verna Crawford).

Chairman Brooks called for the vote on the nomination. Motion carried with four yes and one abstention. (Verna Crawford). Crawford will continue to be secretary.

B. Joe Brooks moved to appoint Homer Scott as a check signer. Cass Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried with four yes and one abstention. (Homer Scott).

C. Committee assignments: tabled to March meeting.

D. DEA President John Dillingham introduced himself as a newcomer to the Board, he got elected in September. Our Board consists of the Chief, two Council members and three business leaders. He commented on the fact that the Trust Board minutes stated that the Economic Development and DEA were redundant. He requested the Board consider giving the Economic Development Committee funds to the DEA. John Sumpter asked if the Trust Board would have a member on the DEA Board. Mr. Dillingham stated that to do that a current member would have to leave.

E. Chief Paula Pechonick stated she came before the Board regarding rules and the violation of them. A Trust Board member has violated the Tribal Elected Offi-

cial Code of Conduct. This person has refused to attend an Executive Session. She presented a copy of the code, statement of information placed on the Face Book page of John Sumpter and a list of the violations. She left the matter in the hands of the Trust Board.

John Sumpter stated that this was the place to bring the issue.

Cass Smith moved to table this till the March 4, 2013 meeting. Joe Brooks seconded the motion. Motion carried with four yes and one abstention (John Sumpter).

#### **Other Business**

Cass Smith asked to make a closing remark. He said, "I have been an outsider most of my life. I didn't grow up in Copan or Dewey. We have been Delaware all of our lives. I would like to urge all Tribal Officials and all of our citizens to try to put bickering behind us. We spend more time on hurt feelings. We are a sovereign nation. We have our own flag; we are talking about restoring a cemetery of our ancestors. If our ancestors had been so quick to be worried about carrying their feelings on their sleeves we wouldn't be a mark on the history book now. I got involved in this Tribe's government because I hoped I could make a difference. A difference has to be made, not by a good leader or person every generation or two. We have to come together as a people or we might as well mail our Federal Recognition back to Washington and say "thanks very much, but we just committed political suicide". So we need to start thinking about our children and our children's children. What will people say about us when we are the ancestors or will there be a progeny to speak of us when we are the ancestors?

Verna Crawford moved to adjourn. Joe Brooks seconded the motion. Chairman Brooks declared the meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.



#### Tribal Manager Report Curtis Zunigha

#### TRUST FINANCIALS

I am joined by our Chief Financial Officer, Jean Lewis, to present the financial reports and discuss the issue of tribal operations and administration costs. I know there has been some confusion about the 10% set-aside and the 18.55% indirect cost rate applied to administrative costs. We're available to discuss these and other issues.

## LAND MANAGEMENT AND THE LENNO CEMETERY

Please note the attached photos. This shows just some of the deplorable conditions of the Lenno Cemetery located about 1.5 miles southwest of the Copan Dam. This cemetery is in dire need of restoration. I went there last June and the cemetery looks worse when overgrown with summer brush. I am asking all members of the cemetery committee, land management committee, and Trust Board to allow me to proceed with much needed work clearing the cemetery of fallen trees and limbs, brush and vines, and other growth. This will require an experienced crew with heavy equipment. I have discussed this issue with tribal member Terry Barnes, Owner/Operator of Barnes American Tree Service in Bartlesville. He is joining me Thursday to view the site and do a cost analysis of the task. The sooner we get started before the spring growth season the better. I ask for the Trust Board's approval to proceed with this initial analysis and provide written reports to the committees as this project moves forward.

The second step in this project is a plotting of all the graves on a map and restoration of the gravestones and markers. Some of them are over 100 years old and in bad condition. It'll probably require collaboration with a professional monument company. Finally we can set up a regular ongoing maintenance schedule for upkeep along with our other cemeteries.

#### Dee Ketchum's Presentation Trust Board Minutes January 3, 2000 Delaware Tribe of Indians

Called to order by Chief Dee Ketchum at 6:05 p.m. Invocation was given by Chief Ketchum in Lenape and English.

Roll Call: Dee Ketchum, Dan Arnold, Joe Brooks, Verna Crawford, Sally Farley, Paula Pechonick, and Raymond Cline

Guests: Alan Chissoe, Randy Eoff, Gary Frye, Mike Dillingham

Motion to approve the minutes December 6, 1999, Trust Board Meeting minutes, with corrections, made by Paula Pechonick, seconded by Sally Farley. Motion passed all in favor. Discussion of proper corrections and insertions.

Chief Ketchum explained that he and Gary Frye had a very informative question and answer session regarding financial information. If, in the future, the Board would like to request such an opportunity to talk with Gary, he will schedule an appropriate time.

Randy Eoff presented the Treasurer's Report. Gary Frye explained copy machine leasing fees. Joe Brooks made the Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report pending audit, seconded by Verna Crawford. Motion passes all in favor.

Committee Reports distributed in packets. No questions from Trust Board.

## **Tribal Comment on River Trails Lawsuit**

On Feb 13 the Delaware Tribe of Indians and the Delaware Enterprise Authority received notice of a pending federal lawsuit from a gaming development company in Ohio. The suit was filed but never served, as we sat down and negotiated. We settled the dispute by agreeing that both parties would accept the decision of the National Indian Gaming Commission.

Alan Chissoe discussed Economic Development issues and handed out a letter to the Chickasaw Enterprises referencing Tribal Power Authorities.

#### OLD BUSINESS

None.

#### **New Business**

Gary Frye presented the office report. Several questions have been raised concerning committee meetings being held outside the Tribal Headquarters. Chief Ketchum commented that meetings are to be open to the public at a set time and location to allow both staff and public to attend. Meeting attendance is on a volunteer basis, therefore paying mileage to a Staff member is against Board policy. Joe Brooks and Paula Pechonick agreed. Gary Frye will clarify to Staff that attending Committee Meetings outside of the Delaware Tribal Headquarters during normal work hours, is out of the question. Raymond Cline explained that the Community Service Meeting that was held off-site, was in appreciation of their participation. In the future, meetings with special circumstances will be scheduled outside of the Delaware Tribes' standard hours of operation. Meeting dates and times are published in the DIN therefore continuity should increase attendance.

A full plan will be filed with the Office of Trust Fund Management regarding the transfer of West-Star Bank to Smith Barney for reinvestment. Fund will be 100% insured. Joe Brooks made the Motion to move all Trust Funds, from the money market accounts at WestStar Bank to Smith Barney, seconded by Dan Arnold. Motion carried all in favor.

Gary Frye has been discussing with Mike Dillingham, of Smith Barney, options of reinvestment of Trust Fund moneys. Tribal Membership must be apprized of any financial process and the Board must pass a resolution stating the action has been approved. Dan Arnold made the Motion to accept the withdrawal.





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## **Delaware Facilities Management Solutions (DFMS)**

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We want to build a database of contractors interested in working with or for DFMS. If you are interested, please send your resume and/or other documentation, along with a cover sheet containing the following information:

- 1. Name, address, phone/email, best way to contact you
- 2. Company's name (if applicable)
- 3. Tribal affiliation (enrolled member of the Delaware Tribe of Indians, spouse of enrolled member, member of another tribe [list tribe or tribes])
- 4. Primary location
- 5. Willingness/ability to travel? Are you willing/able to travel anywhere? If not, list preferred specific locations or indicate distance from primary location
- 6. Area, industry or field of specialty
- 7. Other areas
- 8. Certifications
- 9. Availability/time able to dedicate to a project. Full-time? Part-time? Consultant? Other?

You may email this information to **kkindred@delawaretribe.org** (**please include** DATABASE on the Subject line), OR mail information to:

DFMS
Attn: DFMS Database
Delaware Tribe of Indians
601 High St.
Caney, KS 67333

### **Editorials**

#### As I See It

Dee Ketchum

In 2009 the U.S. Government restored the Delaware Tribe of Indians to its federally recognized status and approved our Constitution because the Delaware membership affirmed it through a vote. Thus, we are now independent of the Delaware Trust Document, which was written for two reasons: 1) to establish an entity which would allow the Tribe to utilize its judgment funds because we did not have federal recognition and our Constitution was not recognized by the U.S. Government; and 2) to utilize the document (entity) to act as a pseudoconstitution while our recognition was questioned. The funds were released by the U.S. into trust status and invested with the BIA.

The Trust Document has allowed the Tribe to spend the judgment funds to help our people through the programs that were es-

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Editorials that are intended to be published in the DIN must concern tribal issues and should not be statements of general political beliefs. They 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 June 15, 2013 for the July 2013 issue. Submissions may be mailed, faxed or hand delivered to the tribal office or emailed to din@delawaretribe.org.

tablished. Now, the Tribe has the legal status to manage the funds for the benefit of our people.

Today, the judgment funds are invested in trust with Arvest Bank in Bartlesville and have been there since 2003. This bank and the tribe have a professional relationship. The bank's stewardship has been above reproach and the investment of our funds in very lean times economically has allowed approximately \$120,000 of interest to be spent each year for our people. It is invested at low risk and certainly at more income than the BIA could offer with government bonds.

The actual elected Trust Board still meets, but there is very little work for them to do outside of reports from program chairmen. These program committees are made up Delaware members, plus some non-voting members who are not Delaware. The committees oversee their portion of the programs' budgets (their portion of the \$120,000), but all the accounting is done by the Delaware Accounting Office.

In conclusion, it's my opinion the Trust Document as it stands is in conflict with our Constitution, which was approved Nov. 6, 1982. As I see it, one or two things may be done: abolish the trust document, or make necessary changes that place it under the Constitution. The Judgment Funds are in trust with Arvest Bank Trust Department. The programs are intact and managed by Delaware members. The Trust Board has finished its job. I thank all the Delaware members who have served on the Trust Board for twenty-two years. You have done a fine job. I thank the present Trust Board for wrapping up its final duties and calling for a vote of the people to bring this entity to an end or put it in compliance with our Constitution at the next election.

#### Social Services Building Now Open

A long last the Tribe has a brand-new addition to its Bartlesville campus. The Social Services building at 166 Barbara Avenue (next to the Wellness Center and Tribal Offices) provides about 5,000 square feet of offices and storage space, along with a multi-media equipped conference room and space for displays

The building was opened on February 15, 2013 and houses: the Social Services Program, the Housing Program, the Environmental Program, and the Tribal Archives and Library/Museum. Look for announcements soon for a grand opening event!





## **Job Posting Child Support Enforcement Coordinator**

Immediate Supervisor: Child Support Enforcement Director

Controlling Supervisor: Tribal Manager

The Program Coordinator will work closely with the Program Director to establish the necessary procedures, guidelines and applications for a comprehensive Child Support Enforcement Program.

#### **QUALIFICATIONS:**

Minimum of an Associate's Degree in Sociology, Psychology, Social Work or related social service field or equivalent is required. Bachelor's Degree in Sociology, Psychology, Social Work or related social service field is preferred. Applicant should have two (2) to three (3) years of field experience in child support enforcement work in tribal, public or private sectors.

Must have comprehension and understanding of the basic principles of child support enforcement and Indian child welfare. Must have child support enforcement experience and/or case planning experience and a working understanding of court intervention cases in Tribal, State and Federal Courts. Must be knowledgeable of federal regulations, tribal codes and tribal policies and procedures as they relate to child support enforcement issues.

Must be computer literate and prefer experience in the use of Microsoft Office and other data-related software programs. Must possess excellent oral and written communication skills. Must exhibit the ability to recognize and use accordingly skills related to confidentiality issues. Must be able to maintain a working relationship with the CSE Program Director and the Tribal Child Support Enforcement Support development team.

Must be able to pass a background check (no felony convictions or misdemeanor convictions for offenses relating to children) and drug test. Must possess a valid driver's license and be insurable. Must be able to pass a physical examination. Delaware Tribal preference.

#### **RESPONSIBILITIES:**

In coordination with the Program Director:

- 1. Plan, organize, and implement the Child Support Enforcement program for the Delaware Tribe of Indians as described by the program goals and objectives in the Start-Up Program Development Plan.
- 2. Implement program goals and objectives designed to address the Child Support Enforcement

- needs of the Delaware Tribe of Indians.
- Continually assess Child Support Enforcement needs of the Delaware Tribe of Indians members and other Indian families living within the jurisdiction.
- 4. Acts as liaison between Indian families and various services provider agencies.
- 5. Conduct analysis of services provided by various organizations and makes recommendations and suggestions of new and alternative methods for improving the benefits to the Delaware Tribe of Indians Tribal Council.
- Responsible for all programmatic reports to funding agencies, Tribal Manager, and Tribal Council as required.
- Any other duties as assigned by the Child Support Enforcement Director, Tribal Manager or Tribal Council related to the Child Support Enforcement Program.

#### TO APPLY:

Send applications and resumes by e-mail to Michael A. Taylor at **mtaylor@delawaretribe.org**, fax to 918-337-6591, or by mail to 170 NE Barbara, Bartlesville OK 74006. Please no phone calls. Thank you.

#### **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 for information on the tribe's history and culture.

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



Be sure to also check out our Facebook page (http://www.facebook.com/delaware.tribe)



### How Well Do You Know Lenape? (from page 1)

Sikon (Spring): English translation

Mechi ta sikonëmihënuk, We are already experiencing Spring, Chahkolak alëmakihëluk, Frogs are beginning to jump Sakhukweyok nek otaesak,

The flowers are sticking their heads up

Pe asuwichik nek chulensak.

The birds are in the act of singing.



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