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Message from the Chief

Chief Paula Pechonick

He'! I hope you are staying cool this summer. I want to remind low-income tribal members that there is help from several programs within the Tribe to assist with the cost of keeping your home cool. Call the office if you are having difficulties with the summer heat. Drink plenty of water, and if you can avoid the midday sun you'll be in better shape. We have been fortunate to get a lot of rain so far this summer. We needed it!

As always, I want to give you some highlights of events since the last issue of the paper. In April, Curtis Zunigha (Tribal Manager), Anita Davis Mathis (Director, Cultural Resources) and I went to Muncie, IN to view a film that Ball State University produced. The students and teachers came to Bartlesville during Delaware Days to film. It is about the time when the Tribe was in Indiana 1795-1821. A special thank you to the tribal members who made it out to the event.

The Tribe received a grant from the Heritage Foundation in Kansas to work on plans for the Lawrence property. Currently we are leasing the property for agriculture at \$2100 a month. The Tribal Council will hold the July 7 meeting in Lawrence. We hope to live broadcast the meeting in Bartlesville, but at the least, we will post the video of the meeting on the website.

We worked to secure a plan to release our BIA 638 money (Aid to Tribal Governments) and I am happy to announce (after three years of working for this) that the money has been released directly to the Tribe (instead of going through the Cherokees as it has since the MOA was put into place). Thank you to the Cherokee Nation for working with us to accomplish this. We are currently working on a proposal for additional monies from the BIA.

The 50th Annual Delaware Pow Wow was May 23-25. I hope that you were able to at-

tend. If you didn't, start planning for next year, Memorial Day weekend. And come to Delaware Days September 26th and 27th. The Pow Wow was a success although Sunday night's dances were rained out.

We have a new Housing Director, Vickie Bratton, who has been nose-to-the-grindstone to strengthen the Housing Program and provide leadership for a promising future.

We have hired three new employees in June: two in Accounting and an IT person to replace Greg Brown, who is relocating to Maryland to be close to his wife's family and their daughter, who is going to school in Pennsylvania. He let us know that he will miss us, but he was given an opportunity that he just couldn't refuse! We all hate to see Greg go as he has been our DIN editor and website coordinator for two years. He's done a wonderful job for the Tribe wearing many hats. He was originally hired in 2010 to work as the Tribe's Archaeologist/NAGPRA assistant. He has assured us that he will continue to work on the paper and the website as long as he is able and will help with the transition the new IT person.

I want to assure you that every open position at the Tribe is advertised, that applications are reviewed for qualifications, and then qualified applicants are interviewed. The selection process is a coordinated effort of Human Resources, our Tribal Manager, and appropriate Department leadership. I have seen some negative campaigning about nepotism, but



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I, along with the Tribal Council, can stand firm that tribal employees are hired based on qualifications, not relations.

Cy Hughes is serving as the Chairman of the Election Board for 2014. She served on the 2012 election committee. The election rules are published on page 6. The election will be on November 1 this year. You may need to fill out the form for absentee ballot on page 8. If you voted by absentee ballot in the last election, the rules state you should automatically receive a ballot. I know that the committee and the Tribal Enrollment Department are working to put together the list.

The Trust Board fall scholarships applications are due at the end of the month. The Tribal Council voted to contribute \$16,000 to the Education Committee to fund 2014 Fall scholarships.

Last month, we began a newsletter which will be distributed more frequently than the DIN. This will be available electronically at the Tribal offices, and at events. If you wish to receive emails from the Tribe, let the Enrollment Department know (updates@delawaretribe.org).

Just for fun, and in support of the Delaware Scholarship Fund, Monterey's Little Mexico restaurant in Bartlesville has been sponsoring a fundraiser for the tribe. The first Wednesday of the month, those with a coupon will have 20% of their meal bill donated to the fund. Coupons are available on request at the Tribal Office. So, join in the fundraiser and provide scholarship money!

Tribal members (and employees) Leslie Fall-Leaf and Chris Miller keep the Enrollment Department staffed each weekday. They are eager to help you get

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your family enrolled and keep your information current.

Just a reminder—the Delaware tribal rolls are open for all descendants of the 1904 Per Capita roll to enroll as full members of the Tribe. If a person is able to trace their lineage to this roll (per our Constitution,) they are eligible to be Tribal members. No cutoff dates! No blood quantum minimum! And we do NOT prohibit you from being enrolled with another Tribe for the purpose of membership. Remember, if a Delaware you know isn't receiving information from the Tribe, then the Enrollment Department needs to know. Leslie and Chris are happy to help with the enrollment process.

If you have questions about Tribal programs or services our staff is here to assist you. We try

to pack the DIN and website with information that will interest you. The Tribe is on Facebook, and we are working on the newsletter to keep more frequent contact with Tribal members who are local and/or have access to email. We have open meetings at least once a month, but usually more. We have open records for the general welfare of the Tribe. The Tribal Council and I are accessible to you by phone, by email, or even by personal visit. Please contact any of us—you don't have to wait until an official Council meeting or General Council! Remember, everyone that you meet is facing a battle of their own—so be nicer than you have to be and Welanipen!! (I hope you have a good summer!)

Chief Paula Pechonick ■

From the Desk of Councilwoman Verna Crawford

The last several months have been eventful and the rest of the year will be more so.

The progress includes the Elder Nutrition grant, which has been funded and expanded from last year. The Child Support Services staff members are winding up the planning grant and gearing up for the implementation grant that will go into effect around October 1. The current LIHEAP grant started June 1, 2014. This is a grant to provide utility assistance funds to aid Indians in our service area.

This is a Council election year. The Chief and three Council members are up for reelection. They are Verna Crawford, Janifer Brown, and Jenifer Pechonick. All Council members work hard to serve and protect the Delaware people.

When considering running or voting for candidates please keep in mind the qualifications a Chief and Council members should have. The first is the determination to serve all the people to the best of their ability. Another is a broad knowledge of the Delaware history, the trials and tribulation of achieving federal recognition, several times. The desire and ability to place the good of the people above one's family, friends and themselves. Before going to the polls in November, gather information from the website and DIN, or contact the Tribal Office and Council to request any information you need to make your decision. I have faith the Delaware

people will do what is best for our Tribe's future.

Economic Development is high on the agenda for this administration and several possibilities are being considered, and once something is solid and ready to go it will be put on the tribal web site (www.delaware-tribe.org). The Council is working a plan that will allow us to bid on government contracts. This could result in putting people to work across the country. There will be sub-contracting depending on the location of the jobs. Anyone interested in being contacted should contact the Tribal Office with information on job skills. A survey to gather this information will be sent out soon. Let me know if you are interested and I will make sure you receive a survey.

The Court has heard its first court case and did a very professional job. Unfortunately this case had three Council members filing suit against the Chief. The following is my response to this matter:

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To: Delaware Tribal Court, Delaware Tribal Council, Delaware People and Other interested parties.

From: Council member Verna Crawford, Council Secretary

Vice Chairman Chet Brooks, Council member Verna Crawford, and Councilman Nate Young filed a lawsuit on March 19, 2014. The suit was regarding the action of Chief Paula Pechonick to terminate the consultant contract of Gray and Gray Consultants.

The petition was filed to clarify the question of whether a tie vote on the termination of the contract gave the Chief the authority to take this action. Some council members believed that tie vote did indeed give the Chief that authority, while others believed that a tie vote indicated that no action should be taken.

The Chief expressed that she felt her action was in the best interest of the Delaware Tribe because there were indications that the Tribe did not have the finances to continue this contract. It is my belief that Chief Pechonick was pressured into making this decision. That does not excuse the action but provides understanding.

The Court decided, "Matters of business for the Council shall be decided by a majority vote."

The Court decreed that the Council should decide what action was to be taken, according to Article X Section I of the Delaware Tribe of Indians Constitution and By-laws.

The Tribal Council agreed that the misunderstanding had been clarified and such action would be avoided in the future. The Tribal Council members did not feel that any action was called for as stated in Article X, Section 1. With this behind us the Tribal Council is moving ahead with the important business of the Delaware Tribe.

Respectfully submitted, Verna Crawford.

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The full text of the ruling is on the Tribal Court page of the tribal web site (www.delaware-tribe.org/Tribal-Court/).

Some Things I Have Learned

Councilwoman Annette Ketchum

I would like to share some of the wisdom from the Book of Proverbs from the Bible. These scriptures are from the 16th Chapter and various verses. I chose to respond with a brief comment so as to express what I learned.

"All the ways of a man are pure in his own eyes, but the Lord weighs the spirits." "A man's heart plans his way, but the Lord directs his steps." "There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death." "The lot is cast into the lap, but it's every decision is from the Lord." (Verses 2, 9, 25 and 33)

I can be deceived by the flesh, but God sees my motives, He corrects my direction, He reveals truth and I am content.

"Everyone proud in heart is an abomination to the Lord, though they join forces, none will go unpunished." "Pride goes before destruction and a haughty heart before a fall." "Better to be of a humble spirit with the lowly, then to divide the spoil (plunder) with the proud." (Verses 5, 18, and 19)

What could be clearer: Pride can destroy me.

"An ungodly man digs up evil, and it is on his lips like a burning fire. A perverse man sows strife, and a whisperer separates the best of friends. A violent man entices his neighbor, and leads him in a way that is not good. He winks his eye to device perverse things, he purses his lips and brings about evil." (Verses 27-30)

These verses show me the condescending path of sin: First, we are ungodly, then perverse, then violent, then so dead to righteousness that we wink at evil.

"The silver-haired head is a crown of glory, if it is found in the way of righteousness. He who is slow to anger is better than the mighty, and he who rules his spirit than he who takes a city." (Verses 31-32)

Righteousness and self-control comes from God. Both will make me strong regardless of my age. ■

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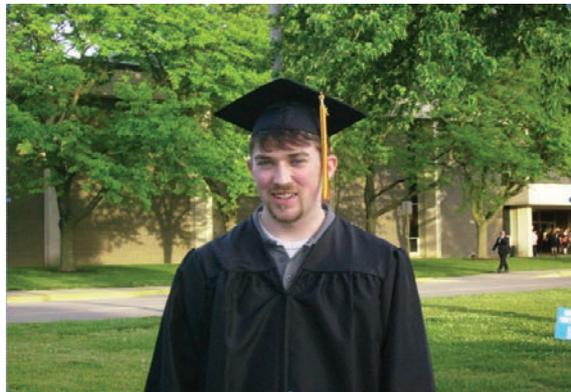
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Community

Tribal Member Jacob Seely Awarded Degree



Pittsburg State University of Pittsburg, Kansas awarded a Bachelor of Science in Engineering Technology, Mechanical Engineering Technology, to Jacob Seely of McPherson, Kansas at the Commencement ceremonies on Friday May 9, 2014. Jacob is the son of James and Jeanie Seely of McPherson, Kansas, the grandson of the late Walter Seely of Lindsborg, Kansas and the great grandson of the late Eva Louise Seely of Lindsborg, Kansas.

Veterans Committee Report

Kenny Brown, Chair

Attention Lenape Veterans! The Delaware Tribe of Indians Veterans Committee was officially formed on Feb 26, 2014. John Sumpter called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm and called for election of officers. Elected were:

Chair – Kenny Brown
 Vice Chair – Homer Scott
 Secretary/Treasurer – Susan Cade
 Lenape Color Guard Unit Leader – John Sumpter

Meetings will be held quarterly. The next meeting will be held August 13, 6 pm at the Delaware Community Center in Bartlesville and we encourage all our Veterans to attend.

The Tribal Enrollment Department is gathering information on our tribal veterans. The forms are available on the Delaware Tribe's website, and we are asking all of our men and women who have served or are currently serving to fill out the forms.

The Veterans Wall of Honor was recently unveiled and we are seeking additional pictures. If your picture or the picture of an ancestor isn't on display, and you would like it to be, bring it to the Delaware War Mothers. They will get a copy made for the wall and get the original back to you. The copy becomes the Tribe's property for permanent display.

The Lenape Veterans Color Guard is looking for additional members. For more information email John Sumpter (longwalk@longwalk@sbcglobal.net) or Kenny Brown (kennybrown27@cox.net).

The Veterans Committee will be gathering information on activities and events of interest to Veterans. We will also catalog organizations and resources that help meet the needs of Veterans. Pray for your Veterans. ■

Attention Delaware Tribal Veterans

Now that the Delaware Tribe has a recognized Veterans Committee with its own line item, we are looking to expand its membership and create a database of all our tribal veterans dating back as far as the families can go. The tribe has had an active color guard for some time now but we have mostly supported ourselves with some help from the Trust Board and some from the Tribal Council. We are looking for more veterans to join both the committee and the color guard.

The color guard has been active for some time now and has represented the tribe at various pow-wows around the area, usually starting with the Copan Delaware Pow-wow. We have been honored to help with the burial of a couple of our tribal veterans when they made their journey and the color guard has been requested to represent the tribe at a grand opening of a new Super Wal-mart in Catoosa, OK later this month. The color guard is looking to expand its membership so that we can ultimately have a full burial detail along with the color guard for our tribal veterans that pass on.

The committee is looking for active members to attend meetings and participate in the various programs that we are going to put into place. The proposed programs will not only benefit our tribal members, but will also be open for all veterans in our area. The Veterans Committee and color guard is not only open to tribal veterans but open to spouses of tribal members. Gender is not an issue. A veteran is a veteran. The color guard is proud to have its first female member in Sarah Boyd, who served with the U.S. Army. Susan Cade served with the U.S. Air Force and is the committee's Secretary /Treasurer.

The Committee is now looking for ways to raise money for the purchase of a gun safe and purchase of a set of military firearms for the formation of our burial detail. One of the ways that we are going to do this is to have an auction on the 26th of July at the Delaware Community Center in Bartlesville, OK. We are looking for donations of items for auction and dona-

tions of money. For those out of state that wish to donate money for this cause, send donations addressed to John W. Sumpter/Homer Scott at the Tribal HQ (170 NE Barbara, Bartlesville, OK 74006). Checks or money orders should be made out to the Delaware Tribal Veterans Committee. Arrangements for auction items can be made by getting hold of Homer Scott at 918-332-8020 or John W. Sumpter at 918-766-5592. The committee will start at 12 noon selling indian tacos for lunch and the auction will start at 1:00 pm.

For further information on joining the committee/color guard or helping with the auction, contact Homer or John at the numbers listed above. ■



Kenny Brown, John W. Sumpter, Glenn Miller, and Homer Scott at the Wall of Honor Dedication Ceremony.

Join Us for Supper After the July Trust Board Meeting

The July meeting of the Delaware Trust Board will be held on Wednesday July 2, 2014 at 4 p.m. in the Delaware Community Center, 5100 Tuxedo, Bartlesville, OK.

Following the meeting Trust Board members will go to Monterey's Little Mexico at 3815 SE Adams Blvd., Bartlesville, OK. Monterey will donate 20% of the bill to the Delaware Tribe of Indians.

Reservations will be made for 6 p.m. for those wishing to sit together. A coupon is required for the fundraiser, so notify Sandi Jamison (918-337-6527 or

sjamison@delawaretribe.org) if you wish to join the Council and Trust Board members.

The Tribe has designated the proceeds of these monthly get-togethers to go to the Trust Board Education Committee scholarship fund. Join us for dinner and support the Education Committee.

Our friends at Monterey's Little Mexico provide even more perks for tribal members. Show your Delaware Tribe registration card for a 15% discount off your bill any other day of the month. ■

Tribal Elders “Return to Kansas,” At Least for a Day!

First daylight on Tuesday, June 17 saw ten Elders board a van for their “RETURN to KANSAS” trip. This trip was funded by the Elders Committee.

Our first stop was a luncheon at Free State Brewing Company in Lawrence, KS. Here our group grew to fifteen with the addition of Tribal Historic Preservation Director Brice Obermeyer; Josh FallLeaf; and Carolyn and Steve Rowe and Jim Grinter of the Kansas Delawares.

Carolyn presented each of us a gift of tobacco. This is a traditional gift of welcome and friendship.

Brice and Josh were our tour guides, and our Kansas Delaware cousins were able to show us where their ancestors lived and were buried.

Our first stop was our tribal land on the edge of Lawrence. This 99-acre tract is currently used as a sod farm, and has 32 acres on the west side with a large 4BR/4B/2-car garage home with the remaining 60-plus acres across the road to the east being used as the sod farm. We checked out the house and all

agreed we could call that home!

Next Josh FallLeaf took us to the Haskell College Campus. Our own Bonnie Thaxton attended Haskell, graduating in 1939. Josh is on the faculty there, having recently moved to Administration. Wynona and Pocahontas are still dorms and the large arched entry to the stadium is still standing. A faculty history professor happened by and Bonnie was able to ask him questions (or maybe taught him a few things!).

Next stop was the Delaware Cemetery along KS Hwy 32. Here Carolyn Rowe’s ancestors are buried. Carolyn and Steve told us a bit of their history.

On to the Sarcoxie Cemetery located at Linwood, KS. Although it is called the Sarcoxie Cemetery, we did not find any Sarcoxie markers.

Grinter Place was our next stop. This was Jim Grinter’s great-great-grandparents’ home, but is also on the Kansas State Historical Registry and the National Register of Historic Places. The house has been restored by the Kansas Historical Society and Brice made it possible for us

to get a brief tour of the house. A little further was Grinter Chapel and Cemetery. Jim has relatives buried there.

Our last stop was White Church and Cemetery. To the surprise of Pat Donnell, here we found Delaware Nation graves of Rev. Jacob Ketchum, Rev. Charles Ketchum, William S. Ketchum and Captain Ketchum (chief of the Delaware for 28 years). At the foot of Captain Ketchum was a recent stone for Sharon J. Nolte (fifth generation grand-daughter of Captain Ketchum). Brice had visited with Sharon as she was a history buff. There were also markers for Lucinda M. Ketchum and Hatty Ann Ketchum.

We all were headed our separate directions now but before we headed out, Carolyn brought us two large baskets of homemade cookies and orange slices, individually packaged. One basket sugar free, one regular cookies complete with napkins. Oh so good!

A gasoline stop and a sandwich at Love’s in Ottawa, KS and we were headed south. We arrived at the Delaware Center about 10:15 pm, tired but believing everyone thoroughly enjoyed our “RETURN to KANSAS” trip. ■

Order a Memorial Brick!

The Elders Committee voted to honor members of the Elders Committee who pass in 2014 and the future by placing a brick in their honor in the Memorial Garden in Bartlesville. The first two bricks the Elders Committee will provide will be for William W. Baughman, grandson of Katy Whiteturkey Day, and our Cherokee brother, Robert R. “Bob” Ladd, who passed away earlier this year.

But this is not all! The Memorial Garden needs lots of bricks! We invite families to purchase a brick for their loved ones who have gone before.

The bricks will be 12 x 12 inches in size, pewter in color. Each brick can have up to 8 lines with up to 20 characters, punctuation, and spaces for each line. The cost is \$50.00 per brick.

To order a Memorial Brick, send us a description of what you want on your brick and a check payable to Delaware Elders Committee:

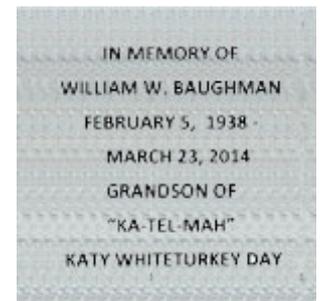
Delaware Tribe of Indians
Attn: Elders Committee
170 N. Barbara
Bartlesville, OK 74006

Need more information?

Email: elders@delawaretribe.org

or

Call: Mary Randall 918-336-0584 ■



Donations Gratefully Accepted

The Delaware Tribe of Indians has many departments and committees that provide services and assistance to Delaware Tribal members. Departments such as the Archives, Library, and Museum are always in need of financial assistance.

Any Delaware Tribal member or friend of the Delaware Tribe who would like to donate to support these worthwhile endeavors may send donations to the **Lenape Charitable Fund**. The Lenape Charitable Fund is a 501(c)(3) and all donations are tax deductible.

Please indicate where you would like your donation to go:

- Delaware Tribal Archives
- Delaware Tribal Library
- Delaware Tribal Museum
- Delaware Language Preservation Project
- Elders Committee
- Tribal Cemeteries Upkeep/Improvements
- Trust Community Services Committee
- Trust Cultural Preservation Committee
- Trust Education Committee:
 - All services
 - Scholarships
 - Other
- Veterans Committee
- Wellness Center
- Use funds where most needed.

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Tribal elders and others during the RETURN TO KANSAS trip.

Thoughts on the 50th Annual Delaware Powwow

Bear Tompkins, Head-Man Dancer

My name is Bear Tompkins, I am a member of the Delaware tribe, and I was the head-man dancer at the Delaware powwow. This year was the 50th annual Delaware powwow. It was a very memorable powwow and a very big honor for my family and me. We were honored when the powwow committee asked me to be this year's head-man dancer. My parents Ray and Sandy Tompkins prepared for an entire year, getting everything ready for my special, and my mom spent a considerable amount of time on my regalia (outfit). I am very thankful for them and all the support they gave me through this. My grandparents Walt and Pat Donnell have always worked hard every year to prepare our camp for the up coming year. My grandmother has always helped with my regalia and she made me a brand new shirt and vest for this year's powwow. My uncle Doug sang his song for my special. I remember last year when I was asked to be head-man, I went to my uncle right away and asked him to sing a song for me. He said he would and he did not disappoint. The song he sang was composed for him and it was such an honor for him to sing it for my special. My great uncle Dee Ketchum

spoke for me at my special. All of my family was there this year to support me, of course, they are there every year. But they showed me how much they care and how much they love me by all pitching in and helping out with the process. I could not have done anything without them. I am truly blessed to have such a wonderful family.

The powwow this year was great! Thursday night, the Culture Preservation, had their night out at the powwow grounds. The turn out was really big and a lot of young kids and children were stomp dancing around the fire and dancing to our Lenape social dance songs. Friday and Saturday night the powwow was in full effect. The dancers were looking keen in their regalia and the drum sounded sweet! All of the Delaware families were camping out all weekend and the fires were kept burning all night. Some even got in a little trouble for being a little too rowdy! But that's just kids being kids. Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves and that's what it is all about. We all had a great time even if Sunday night was rained out. The 50th annual Delaware powwow was certainly one to be remembered. May God bless us all. Wanishi!■



The 50th Annual Delaware Pow Wow

Mary Watters

War Mothers Entry – When they came in, I was particularly proud of our Granddaughter, Jennifer Revard. She came in and I'm sure you noticed her headdress. Her Aunt made this for her because she doesn't have any hair yet. She's been through a very bad year of breast cancer and so her hair hasn't completely started to grow back in yet. She wanted to dance and she wanted to wear her traditional dress, "so you know I can't dance without something on my head" and our ansipelaona doesn't cover all your hair, just the back. So anyway Laura did some research and she found a picture of Susan Elkhair in some of the papers of the history of the Delaware. Laura ordered a hat, a top hat, and bought a little sheet of metal. She got some creepers to cut the metal. She fixed a band around this hat. She got feathers to go around the band. A friend helped with the feathers that decorated this hat. And this hat is what Jennifer wore. It created a stir because this had not been seen in years and years. She was very proud to wear it and represent the Elder Delaware. That night afterwards, Mike Pace, whose mother was from the Elkhair family, presented



Jennifer Revard with her headdress, flanked by Mary and Gilbert Watters. Right, Susan Elkhair wearing the original headdress.

Jennifer with a broach that had belonged to Susan Elkhair and had been passed down through generations to him. He ended up with it and he gave it to Jennifer. So it was really an emotional and happy time because she told us all "Thank You" for this past year what she's been through and what her friends and family and relatives have helped her and she said "it's over and I won"! And this was really a special moment for me and this moment that we had our honor dance as Gilbert and I were picked as "Honor Elders" and we were led in by our grandsons, great grandsons and grandsons-in-law. They reached across the arena in front of us as we came in and then we had about, I can't remember how many came and



shook hands with us and how they made us feel completely honored. It was one of the most special moments in our lives and we appreciate everybody that was there and everybody that came and shook hands with us. It was a wonderful, wonderful Pow Wow to me.■



Delaware Tribe of Indians Election Regulations

**Approved by:
Tribal Council & Trust Board**

Date: June 2, 2014

Purpose

The purpose of these regulations is to conduct any called Delaware Tribe of Indians election pursuant to and in accordance with the Delaware Tribe of Indians Constitution.

Authority

The Delaware Tribal Council has the power to establish rules to regulate its own proceedings, to appoint subordinate committees, commissions, and boards in accordance with the Delaware Tribe of Indians Constitution.¹

Election Date

Elections shall be held every second year on the first Saturday of November pursuant to the Delaware Tribe of Indians Constitution.²

Eligibility

VOTER ELIGIBILITY

The right to vote is limited to persons who are:

Delaware Tribe members, eighteen (18) years or older, who are registered to vote, can vote in all elections³

Tribal members voting in the November 2013 election shall be considered to be absentee voters and will receive an absentee ballot in all subsequent elections unless they fail to vote in three (3) consecutive elections.

All eligible voters not voting in the November 2013 election will be required to request an Absentee ballot. Once requesting an absentee ballot, unless they fail to vote in three (3) consecutive elections, they will continue to receive an absentee ballot.

CANDIDATE ELIGIBILITY

The right to be a candidate is limited to persons who are:

A member of the Delaware Tribe of Indians⁴ who have reached their eighteenth birthday on or before the date of filing; and is an eligible voter.

An otherwise eligible candidate has been removed from office for cause while serving in an elected position, he/she is ineligible to run for office for a period of five years from time of removal.

Candidate Filing Requirements

Each candidate shall file a Declaration of Candidacy. The Declaration of Candidacy shall include: Candidate's Full Name, Address, Phone Number, and e-mail address (if available) for

publication and Delaware registration number for enrollment verification.

The filing period shall be August 1st thru September 1st for regular elections.⁵ For special elections, the deadline shall be 60 days prior to the election.

Notice of Election

Public notice shall be given at least thirty (30) days and not more than forty-five (45) days prior to the date of election to designate the polling place(s) and times in accordance with the Delaware Tribe of Indians Constitution.⁶

Notice shall be given through the United States Postal Service to all members of the Delaware Tribe of Indians eligible to vote and public notice posted.

Election Board

The Chairperson of the Election Board shall be selected and approved by the Tribal Council and Trust Board.

The Election Board Chairperson shall select election board members and present their name(s) to the Tribal Council and Trust Board for approval.

The Election Board shall elect from its membership by majority vote, a vice-chair and a secretary.

If any Election Board member, for any reason, cannot perform their duties for the Election, the Election Board Chairperson may replace the member.

The Election Board shall perform the following certifications:

To determine that each person offering to vote is on the official voting list.

To ensure that only one ballot is cast by each qualified voter and the qualified voter signs his/her name and current address on the official voting list.

To certify that all ballots received are signed and dated by the registered voter. Voters should provide full name including maiden name and any previous names that may have been used by the voter on the tribal registration list, date of birth and Delaware registration number. This information must be consistent with the Delaware Tribal Registration record.

To certify that all self-certification statements are signed by the registered voter.

To certify that no write-in candidates are allowed on the ballots.

To keep ballots, including the ones from the Post Office, locked at all times except when the ballots are being counted.

To count the ballots cast and make a tally there of after the polls have closed.

To make a certified election return and send it to the Bureau of Indian Affairs Muskogee Area Office and post a copy for the certified election return at the Delaware Tribal Center(s).

To preserve spoiled and/or mutilated ballots.

To secure all ballots and related material and to label it with the name of voting place and the date of the election for a period of not less than two (2) years immediately following the election.

Election Board members shall arrive at the polling place at a time designated by the Election Board Chairperson on Election Day. They shall remain on the premises of the polling place until all ballots are counted and the election results have been certified, unless the Chairperson moves the Board to an alternate location.

No member of the Election Board shall leave the polling place during the voting hours and/or counting hours without the permission of the Election Board Chairperson.

Candidate Rights

All candidates in any Delaware Tribe of Indians election shall be afforded the right to purchase a list of electronic media. Said list, shall clearly show all registered voters, less "lost" Delaware. The list will include a designation indicating those members actually voting in the most recent election(s) (See Election Regulations – Voter Eligibility).

Each candidate may name one person to act as a watcher at the voting place and counting place. The watcher is to be commissioned in writing by the candidate prior to the election date. The same watcher shall be allowed to watch the calling and recording of the result of the vote. The watcher shall receive no compensation for their services and shall have no further authority than to note or record any objections to the voting and counting procedures.

The watcher must register with the Election Board upon arrival at the voting place. The watcher must register with Election Board prior to the closing of the polls.

The watcher must remain on the premises of the voting place and counting place until the count is completed. The area where the counting takes place shall be locked before the count begins and no Election Board member or watcher shall leave or enter the premises until the count is complete.

Voting Place(s)

Voting place(s) shall be provided by public notice for tribal members choosing to vote in person or for those who opt to bring their ballots in rather than mail them.

Prior to the election, tribal voters are responsible to ensure the Delaware Tribe of Indians Enrollment Department has their current address.

Ballots

The Election Board shall issue the official ballots. A record shall be maintained of all ballots issued, including the name and address of the voter and date the ballot was issued.

Manner of Voting

Voting shall be by secret ballot. All member of the Delaware Tribe of Indians registered to vote may choose to vote in person at a designated polling place or by absentee ballot via the U.S. Mail.

In Person Voting

Any registered voter opting to vote in person, must appear at a prescribed voting place, announce to the Election Board his/her name and current address, provide a photo I.D. as proof of identification, sign the voter registration list, and place their marked ballot in the ballot box. Any person offering to vote who cannot read or write or who is physically impaired may be assisted, upon request, by a family member and two (2) members of the Election Board.

Absentee Voting

Absentee ballots must be returned though the U.S. Postal Service to the Delaware Election Board's P.O. Box no later than the close of business the day before the election.

¹ Delaware Tribe of Indians Constitution (2008) Article V. Section M

² Delaware Tribe of Indians Constitution (2008) Article VI. Section 1

³ Delaware Tribe of Indians Constitution (2008) Article VI. Section 6

⁴ Delaware Tribe of Indians Constitution (2008) Article II

⁵ Delaware Tribe of Indians Constitution (2008) Article VI, Section 1

⁶ Delaware Tribe of Indians Constitution (2008) Article VI, Section 6

Ballots must be marked and sealed in the inner envelope provided marked "ballot." The "ballot" envelope must be placed in the self-addressed envelope provided with the self-certification information on the back.

All required information on the back of the self-addressed, self-certification envelope must be completed and accurate or the envelope will not be opened or counted.

Ballots containing votes for more candidates than there are seat vacancies, or illegible or mutilated shall be void and not counted.

Election Day

Election Board members shall arrive at the voting place at time designated by the Election Board Chairperson. They shall remain on duty throughout the day until all votes have been counted and certified.

Candidate watchers, once registered with the Election Board, will remain on duty throughout the day until all votes have been counted and certified.

Election Board members, candidate(s) watchers and security guard, if one is hired, will be locked in the counting room or building once the count has begun. No other person shall be allowed in the counting room or building during the count.

All ballots from remote polling place(s) and/or U.S. Post Office shall be transported by the Election Board Chairperson, an Election Board member and the security guard (if one is hired) or by the Chairperson's designee(s).

All ballots cast shall be counted by either electronic tabulation, tallied by the Election Board or its designee. A certified return prepared by the Election Board and signed by the Election Board Chairperson, Election Board members and witnesses, (watchers, security guard) if any present. The tally shall be posted after the tally is complete at the Delaware Tribal Center, 170 NE Barbara, Bartlesville, Oklahoma.

Counting Ballots

Unless electronically tabulated, mailed ballots will be opened, certified and counted first. The name of the voter on the self-certification envelope will be checked against the list of ballots mailed and ballots received. Ballot envelopes will be separated from the self-certification envelopes. Ballots will then be separated from the envelopes in preparation for counting. The self-certification envelopes shall be saved as a permanent record.

The Election Board Chairperson or designee shall call out the votes marked on each ballot, the other Election Board members or designee shall tally the votes separately and count must balance. After the mail-in votes have been counted, the walk-in votes shall be counted using the same procedure.

Campaigning

No person shall campaign within one hundred (100) feet of any voting place.

Winner — Chief

The candidate for chief receiving the highest number of votes shall be declared the winner. In the event of a tie, a run-off election shall be conducted within forty-five (45) days, between the two chief candidates receiving the most votes in the primary election. The winner of the run-off election shall be declared the Chief of the Delaware Tribe of Indians.

Winner — Tribal Council Members

Candidates for the Tribal Council receiving the highest number of votes shall be selected to serve on the Tribal Council. In the event of a tie vote, the candidates who tied or their designee shall draw lots for the position within seventy-two (72) hours of the posting of the election results.

Winner — Chief Justice/Associate Tribal Judges

Chief Justice/Associate Judge candidates receiving the highest number of votes shall be selected to serve on the Tribal Court. In the event of a tie vote, the candidates who tied or their designee shall draw lots for the position within seventy-two (72) hours of the posting of the election results.

Run-off Election

In case of a tie for Chief, a run-off election shall be held within forty-five (45) days of the primary election between the two candidates that received the most votes. Election procedures shall be the same, except only those persons who voted by mail in the primary election shall be allowed to vote by mail in the run-off election. In the event of a run-off election, those persons who voted in the primary election shall automatically receive a ballot by mail for the run-off election.

Recount

Any candidate for any office may ask for a recount. A fee of \$400.00 shall be charged to the candidate requesting the recount. The time limit for requesting a recount shall be within seventy-two (72) hours of the closing of the polls. If more than one candidate for an office requests a recount, then they shall have the option to split the cost of the recount evenly or to pay \$400.00 for separate recounts.

Complaint Procedure

RIGHT TO A HEARING

A complainant shall be entitled to a hearing before the Delaware Tribal Court, if written request is filed within seventy-two (72) hours of the closing of the polls with the Delaware Election Board Chairperson.

DEFINITIONS

Complainant is defined as any enrolled member and registered voter in the Delaware Tribe of Indians whose rights may have been adversely affected by procedures used during any Delaware Tribe of Indians called election.

A complaint is defined as any dispute with the conduct and procedures of any Delaware Tribe of Indians called election or failure to act in accordance with the requirements of the Delaware Tribal Constitution or Tribal Election Regulations.

Prior to the Hearing

The complaint must be presented in writing to the:

Delaware Election Board Chairperson
P.O. Box 1198
Bartlesville, Oklahoma, 74005

During normal working hours within seventy-two (72) hours of the close of the polls. The complaint must include specific reasons for the complaint and the action or relief sought and must include a certified check made out to the Delaware Tribe of Indians Court Clerk in the amount of \$25.00 for filing fee.

Within three (3) working days, the Election Board shall forward the complaint, along with the check, to the Delaware Tribal Court.

The Hearing

The hearing shall be held before the Delaware Tribal Court within twenty (20) days of the filing of the complaint.

The complaint shall be afforded a fair hearing providing the basic safeguards of due process, which shall include:

The opportunity to examine, before the hearing, all documents, records and regulations of the Election Board, which are relevant to the hearing. The complainant shall bear all costs of the copying of these documents. Any documents not made available upon the complainant's request shall not be used by the Election Board to support their actions.

The Delaware Tribal Court may render a decision without proceeding with the hearing if the judges determine that the issue has been previously decided in an earlier proceeding.

If the complainant or the Election Board representative fails to appear at the scheduled hearing, the Delaware Tribal Court may make the determination to post-poner the hearing for a period not to exceed five (5) business days or the Court may make the determination that the party has waived his/her right to a hearing. Both the complainant and the Election Board shall be notified of such determination within ten (10) business days of the Court's decisions.

At the hearing, the complainant must make a showing of entitlement to the relief sought. Once the complainant meets his/her burden by clear and convincing evidence, the Election Board bears the burden of justifying its actions or its failure to act against which the complaint is directed.

The hearing shall be conducted as directed by the Delaware Tribal Court. The Court may receive oral or documentary evidence pertinent to the facts and issues raised by the complainant.

Decision of the Delaware Tribal Court

The decision of the Delaware Tribal Court shall be based solely and exclusively on the facts presented at the hearing.

The Delaware Tribal Court shall prepare a full written decision within ten (10) business days after the hearing. A copy of the decision shall be sent to the complainant, the Election Board and the Tribal Council. Copies shall be maintained in the Election Board files. ■



Election 2014 Declaration of Candidacy Form

Requirements: A candidate must be a member of the Delaware Tribe of Indians of legal voting age, a citizen of the United States and able to attend meetings held by the tribe. In addition, the candidate must be available for special meetings as required. With the submission of this candidate request form to the Election Board of the Delaware Tribe of Indians, I wish to be placed on the ballot for:

Check one: _____ Chief _____ Tribal Council _____ Associate Tribal Judge

Date: _____ Delaware Registration #: _____

Birth Date: _____

Full Name: _____
 First Middle Last Maiden
 (& previously married name(s) if any)

Address: _____

 City State Zip

Telephone #: _____ Email: _____

I hereby promise to support the Constitution and By-Laws of the Delaware Tribe of Indians and Delaware Trust Document, along with the best interest of all members of the Delaware Tribe. I also promise to attend every meeting of the Tribal Council unless I must be absent for good cause.

Signature: _____

The Candidate filing period is August 1 thru Sept 1, 2014. No exceptions.

All Candidate Declaration forms must be mailed to:

**Delaware Election Board
P.O. Box 1198
Bartlesville, OK 74005**

2014 Tribal Foster and Adoptive Family Recruitment Fair

On May 3, 2014, the Osage Nation and Delaware Tribe hosted the 2014 Tribal Foster & Adoptive Family Recruitment Fair at the Delaware Community Center 170 NE Barbara in Bartlesville, Oklahoma. Fourteen tribes, two DHS offices, and two DHS vendors were on hand to take applications, answer questions and share program information on becoming a certified and licensed tribal foster or adoptive home. The tribes represented at this event were: Osage Nation, Delaware Tribe of Indians, Iowa Tribe, Cherokee Nation, Seminole Nation, Sac & Fox nation, Absentee Shawnee, Citizen Potawatomi, Kickapoo Tribe, Creek Nation, Chickasaw Nation, Ponca Tribe, Pawnee Nation, and Kaw Nation. DHS office and vendors represented were Tallgrass Family Services, St. Francis Community Services, DHS Adoptions, and Osage County DHS.

We have had a lot of good tribal foster and adoptive homes, but the need is still there. We invite all interested tribal people to become a licensed and certified tribal foster home. ■



Delaware Tribe of Indians Candidate "Voter/Membership List" Order Form

I hereby request a voter/membership list—on electronic media to be used in conjunction with the 2014 Delaware Elections,

Declared Candidate for (seat): _____
 Delaware Registration #: _____

Full Name: _____
 First Middle Last Maiden
 (& previously married name(s) if any)

Address: _____

 City State Zip

Telephone #: _____

Email Address: _____

Order media type (check all that apply)

_____ paper list @ \$25.00 per

_____ flash drive @ \$25.00 per

_____ disk @ \$25.00 per

MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO DELAWARE ELECTION BOARD

*****IMPORTANT NOTICE TO CANDIDATE*****

Candidate agrees to keep confidential all personally identifiable information. Media/information is to be used only for the 2014 election/campaign cycle. Candidate agrees media/information is not to be resold or used for any other purpose

Candidate Signature: _____

Date: _____

All request forms must be mailed to:

**Delaware Election Board
P.O. Box 1198
Bartlesville, OK 74005**

Check Out the Tribal Web Site

Have you visited our Tribe's web site recently?

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

To get to the web site, go to

www.delawaretribe.org

Obituaries



William Walter Baughman

February 5, 1938-
March 23, 2014

Mr. William W. Baughman, 76, of Bartlesville, died at 5:52 P.M. on Sunday, March 23, 2014.

Graveside services were held at 10:00 AM on March 28 in the Silverlake Cemetery under the direction of the Stumpff Funeral Home & Crematory. Memorial services were held at 7:00 PM Friday, March 28 in the Revival Time Outreach Center in Bartlesville.

William Walter Baughman was born February 5, 1938 at Claremore, Oklahoma to Walter James and Imogene (Hall) Baughman. He was raised and received his education in Bartlesville, Oklahoma attending Limestone School. Mr. Baughman was employed as a carpenter building homes and condos. He also operated a produce and firewood business in Bartlesville and worked for the City of Bartlesville. Mr. Baughman was a member of the Revival Time Outreach Center.

Survivors include Shelby Labutis of the home in Bartlesville; one son James Baughman of Bartlesville; two daughters Teresa Baughman of Fayetteville, Arkansas and Lisa Kitchel of Bartlesville; six-grandchildren Garrett Kitchel, Lane Kitchel, Trey Kitchel, Blake Baughman, William Baughman, Madi Baughman, Raymond Labutis, Jessica Labutis and Kenny Labutis; step-daughters Rosemary Peach of Tulsa, Linda Sawyer of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma, Laura Burgess

of Clearwater, Florida; step-sons David Labutis of Copan, Oklahoma and Carl Labutis of Vinita, Oklahoma. Friends who wish may sign the online guest book and leave condolences at www.stumpff.org. ■



James Lee "Jim" Buoy

July 3, 1945-
June 9, 2014

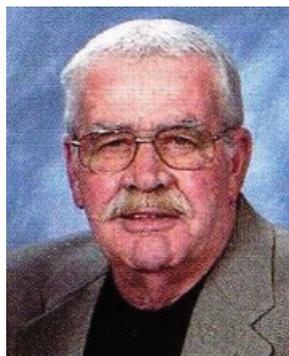
James Lee "Jim" Buoy, 68, resident of rural Dewey, died at 5:43 AM, Monday, June 9, 2014.

Funeral services were held at 11:00 A.M., Thursday, June 12 in the Stumpff Funeral Home Chapel with Chaplin Roger Shepard officiating.

James Lee Buoy was born on July 3, 1945 at Oglesby the son of Harold and Stella (Johnson) Buoy. He was raised in the Oglesby area. He served in the US Army during Viet Nam where he became disabled. He married Nancy Pierce on September 3, 1971 in Denton, Texas. They came to Dewey in 1987 and she preceded him in death on September 12, 2005. He volunteered at several parks in the Oklahoma City area. He liked to play golf and when he was young he liked to hunt but in his later years he decided he would rather watch and feed the animals. He loved to garden and he loved his dog Molly.

Jim is survived by two daughters, Carla Jean McConnell and her husband Dennis of Republic,

Missouri, and Sammy Buoy and her fiancé Preston Dean of Dewey, two brothers, Harold Buoy of Grove and Ben Buoy of Okmulgee, two sisters, Mary Scott of Dewey and Maudine Hidmand of Delaware, four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife Nancy, one daughter Lawana Clark and one grandson Cory Edwards, three brothers and one sister. Friends who wish may sign the online guest book and leave condolences at www.stumpff.org. ■



Wendell Paul Clingan Jr.

September 16, 1936-
April 9, 2014

Funeral services for Wendell Paul Clingan Jr. were at 2 p.m. on Monday, April 14, 2014, at the First United Methodist Church in Nowata, with Pastor Cheryl Newton officiating.

Arrangements were entrusted to Benjamin Funeral Service.

He was born Sept. 16, 1936 in Delaware to Violet (Jarrett) and Wendell Paul Clingan Sr. He died on Wednesday, April 9, 2014, at the Southern Regional Medical Center in Tulsa after a long battle with cancer.

He was a 1954 graduate of Nowata High School. In 1958 he married Martha Perkin and they had two daughters, Jill Jeanenne and Jina D'Ann.

He married Gwen Voth in Wichita, Kan., on Jan. 1, 1969. He worked in track maintenance for Union Pacific Railroad and was a member of Nowata's First United Methodist Church. He served his country as a member of the U.S. Army. He enjoyed the outdoors, riding his motorcycle and spending time at the lake.

He was an avid sports fan, especially if it involved the Oklahoma Sooners. The most important part of his life was the time he spent with his family. His favorite role was being a grandfather, and he loved going to all their activities.

His unique wit and sense of humor were enjoyed by everyone he knew.

He is survived by his wife Gwen of the home; two daughters, Stacy Kaiser and Kelly Hines and her husband Robert; two brothers, Jerry Clingan and John Clingan; and six grandchildren, Avery Clingan, Blake Clingan, Chloe Kaiser, Caroline Kaiser, Clare Hines and Hannah Hines.

He is preceded in death by his parents; and a son, Jarrett Clingan.

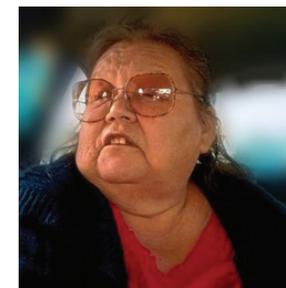
Online condolences may be left at www.honoringmemories.com. ■



Rita Earline Daugomah

July 24, 1952-
March 27, 2014

Rita Earline Daugomah, 61, of Grand Prairie, Texas passed away



on March 27, 2014 in Irving, Texas.

She was born July 24, 1952 to Herman and Helen Whitetree Dick, in Claremore, Oklahoma.

Survivors include her husband, Bobby Daugomah Sr., of Grand Prairie; sons William Daugomah and Harrison Daugomah, both of Ponca City, Okla.; Bobby Daugomah Jr., Jason Daugomah and his wife Robin, daughter Samantha Daugomah, grandchildren Brian Daugomah, all of Grand Prairie; Bobby Daugomah III of Dallas, Texas; Harrison Daugomah II of Oklahoma City; Jessica Daugomah of Dallas, Miranda Cornelia Daugomah, Marrisona Joyce Daugomah and Katerina Renee Daugomah of Newkirk, Okla.; brothers, Gary Dick of Vinita, Okla., and Brian Dick of Wyandotte, Okla.; sisters, Debbie Dick of Miami, Okla., and Kim Kortegast of Mansfield, Texas; numerous nieces, nephews and many more cherished family members and friends.

Services were held Wednesday, April 2 at the Cedar Creek Methodist Church in Carnegie, with the Rev. J.B. Jackson officiating, with burial to follow in Cedar Creek Cemetery with Burnett

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If one of your relatives or close friends has passed, please 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 need help. ■

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Pewnofkit, Paul Daugomah, Victor Ahtone, Ryan Owens, Leland Satepeahataw, Damon Dick and Adrian Satepauhhoodle as pallbearers. ■



Gary A. Jackson

**June 11, 1957-
March 31, 2014**

Gary A. Jackson, 56, of Bartlesville, died Monday morning, March 31, 2014 in Ramona, OK.

Gary was born June 11, 1957, in Bartlesville, the son of Robert Ray Jackson and Paula Lee (Rollins) Nelson. He was raised and educated in Ramona, Oglesby and Copan, before graduating from Pawhuska High School in 1975. Gary loved sports and was blessed with athletic ability, he was able to play all kinds of sports while in school. He worked with his brothers in the welding industry and was a member of the Local 397 Welders and Pipe Fitters Union.

Gary was an avid Univ. of Oklahoma (OU) football fan and enjoyed watching many different games. He was baptized at the Copan Baptist Church and received his credentials in ministry in October 2002. Gary loved his family and will be dearly missed.

Gary is survived by his three children, Darrell Steiner and Jami of Claremore, Garen Jackson of Yukon, and Jeremy Fuoco of Los Angeles, CA; stepfather Carl "Sarge" Nelson of Bowring; stepmother Jessie Jackson of Collinsville; four siblings, Paul Ray Jackson of Bartlesville, Darla Bohannan and Dennis of Ramona, Dalen Jackson and Sherry of Ramona, and Carolyn Rickman of Bartlesville; four grandchildren, Sean, Aaron and Raelynn

Steiner of Claremore, and Kaylee Jackson of Yukon, as well as numerous nieces and nephews and foster brothers and sisters. He is preceded in death by his parents, Bob Jackson and Paula Nelson one brother Rodney Jackson and one sister-in-law Gayle Jackson.

Gary's family received friends at the Davis Family Funeral Home, (918-534-3030), 113 S. Osage (Hwy. 75), Dewey, on Wednesday, April 2, 2014, from 6-8 p.m. Online condolences may be left for the family at www.DavisFamilyFuneralHome.com. Funeral services for Gary were held Thursday, April 3, 2014, at 10 a.m. at the Life Church of Bartlesville. Pastor Tim Kutz of Victory Church officiated. Interment followed in the Delaware Indian Cemetery. Arrangements were under the direction of Carter Davis and the Davis Family Funeral Home. ■



Karson Lane Kipps

**February 20, 2014-
February 22, 2014**

Graveside services for Karson Lane Kipps were held at 2:00 P.M., Thursday, February 27, 2014 at the McMains Cemetery in Centralia. Online condolences may be left at www.honoring-memories.com.

Karson Lane Kipps passed away Saturday, February 22, 2014 at St. John's Medical Center in Tulsa. He was born Thursday, February 20, 2014 in Tulsa to Paige Dehart and Shawn Dylan Kipps.

Karson is survived by his parents; a brother, Kadin Lee Kipps; maternal grandmother, Marcia West of Sand Springs; paternal grandfather Shawn Kipps of

Nowata; maternal great grandparents Harold and Emma West of Sand Springs; paternal great grandparents Jack and Linda Kipps of Nowata, numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins. ■



Carlo Richesin

**November 3, 1930-
April 23, 2014**

Carlo D. Richesin, 83, passed away at the Veterans Medical Center in Livermore after a long illness. "Carl" was born in Pampa, Texas but moved to Turlock as young boy where he graduated from Turlock High School in 1950. After graduation he joined the Military and landed in the Korean War, 1st Marine Division 1950. He was very proud of his military service but when it was completed he hurried home to marry the love of his life Carole. Together Carl and Carole raised four children. He was a specialist in Conveyor belts and Hydraulic hoses. He managed Delta Rubber Co. and King Bearing Inc. He loved cutting his own firewood and you could always find him tinkering in the garage! His favorite was probably camping and deer hunting in Colorado with his sons. In the 70's, Carl held a number of championships for sand drags and jeep racing. A very generous man, he will certainly be missed by all that knew him.

Carl was preceded in death by his wife of 61 years who passed away in January of 2013, a son Mark who passed away December of 2010, and parents Jim and Edna Richesin. He is survived by two brothers: Charles Richesin of Napa and Jim Richesin of Turlock; three children: Cathy Sharp, Larry (Tresha) Richesin, and

Kenny Richesin, all of Modesto; six grandsons, eight great-grandchildren and one great-great granddaughter.

Please leave memories and condolences at www.allenmortuary.com. ■



Martin N. Thomas

**March 20, 1942-
May 15, 2014**

Martin Neal Thomas was born of Delaware, Shawnee, and Creek descent, on March 20, 1942, in Vinita, OK. He began his journey home Thursday, May 15, 2014, from his lifetime home place in White Oak, Oklahoma.

Born to Milford Thomas and Jerline Chisholm, he was the third son of eleven children. He was preceded in death by his parents, sister Cordelia Nan Thomas, brothers, Robert Thomas, William Thomas, and Gerald Thomas.

He is survived by his wife Nicki Thomas of the home, daughter Carla Fisher and husband Dan of Collinsville, OK, son Chissoe Brown of White Oak, daughter Victoria Daniel and husband Sid of Verdigris, son Vincent Thomas and wife Kelly of Sperry, son Vance Horsechief and wife Rebecca of Pawnee, daughter Bianca Kirkendall of White Oak. Surviving brothers Harold Thomas and John Thomas of Chelsea, William "Chiefy" Tiger and wife Liz of Sperry, sisters Jerline Kidd of Avant, Karen Tiger of Tulsa, Cindy Tiger of Bixby. Surviving aunts and uncles, Dorothy Panther of Turley, Norma Sue Quinton of Bird Creek, Kathy Hughes of Hominy, and George Washington of Seminole, OK. He has eighteen grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. He has

numerous nephews, nieces, and cousins throughout the United States.

Martin attended Oaks Mission, White Oak Public School, and was a Chilocco Indian School alumni. He continued his education at Tulsa Junior College earning an Associate Degree in sociology. He was a veteran of the United States Marine Corps 1960-1964, and respectful of his fellow veterans. Martin was an Native American Civil Rights activist and Chairman of the American Indian Movement in Tulsa as well as a member of the Native American Church also serving as a local representative in the state chapter.

He retired as a pharmacy technician from the Indian Health Service in Claremore. He was part owner of the Pipestone Smoke Shops of White Oak and Sperry, OK. He spent his remaining years farming and ranching on the family farm. He will be dearly missed by many loved ones.

Arrangements were by the Luginbuel Funeral Home of Vinita. ■

Ethnobotanist Visits Tribal Headquarters



George Hill, who in 1972 wrote a paper Delaware Indian use of plants, published in Oklahoma Anthropological Newsletter (March 1972), visits with Chief Paula Pechonick.

Re-Elect

What can you do ?

- ✓ **VOTE.** ♦ Check with Enrollment to make sure your address is current & you are going to receive an absentee ballot.
- ✓ **ENROLL YOUR FAMILY.**
 - ♦ The Tribe's rolls are NOT closed, NO cutoff date to enroll your family, NO minimum/required amount/blood quantum and we allow dual enrollment (you can be enrolled with another Tribe!)
- ✓ **UPDATE ADDRESSES.**
 - ♦ If someone in your family does not receive Tribal correspondence - they are missing! Update addresses today! Our Enrollment Department is eager to help!
- ✓ **CALL YOUR RELATIVES.**
 - ♦ Spread the word. Remind your relatives to enroll their families, update addresses and encourage members to vote.

Tribal elections have been decided by as few as 10 votes!

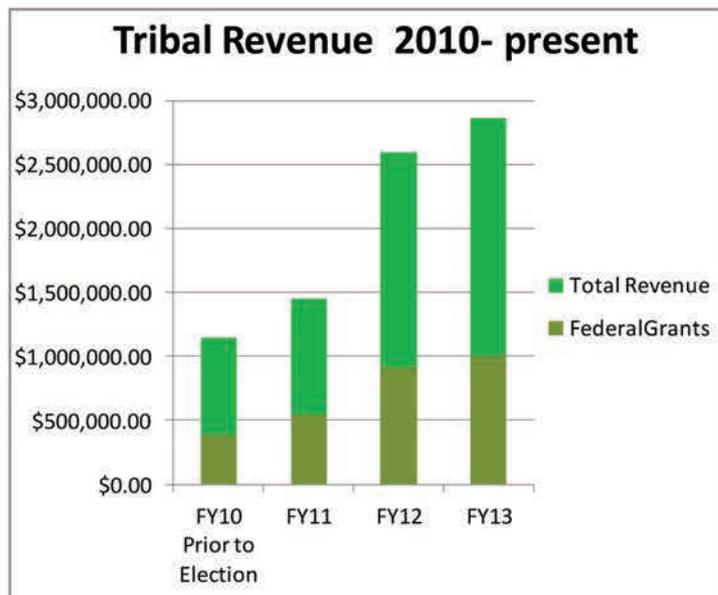
**EVERY
VOTE
COUNTS!**

**TO CONTINUE MANAGED GROWTH.
CONTINUE STABLE GOVERNMENT.**

Chief Paula Pechonick & Janifer Brown for Council

Keep the Momentum

**PROMOTING UNITY AND
COMMUNITY FOR ALL
DELAWARE PEOPLE**



Re-elect Chief Pechonick &

Janifer "Jan" Brown to continue to:

- ♦ **Employ Delaware People with Living Wages & Benefits**
- ♦ **Focus on Services to Tribal Members**
- ♦ **Grow the Tribe**
- ♦ **Inform Tribal Members**
- ♦ **Find revenue outside of federal grants with Economic Development**
- ♦ **Move Forward**

**CONTINUE THE INTEGRITY.
CONTINUE THE FUTURE FOCUS.**

Minutes of the Tribal Council, March-May 2014

Monday, March 10, 2014 Community Center

Respectfully submitted by Jenifer Pechonick

The Chief called the meeting to order at 5 pm. The meeting is the regular meeting for March but had been postponed due to weather. Annette Ketchum prayed. Present: Chief Pechonick, Assistant Chief Chet Brooks, Jenifer Pechonick, Annette Ketchum, Janifer Brown, Verna Crawford and Nate Young.

Guests: Bruce Martin, Charles and Mary Randall, Gilbert and Mary Watters, Bonnie Jo Griffith, Curtis Zunigha, Greg Brown, Cy Hughes, Sandra Jamison, Marsha Hardin, Bonnie Thaxton, Barbara Wallace, Nancy Sumpter, CeCe BigGoose, John Moore and Tonya Anna.

Tonya Anna presented the Tribal Council a thank you card on behalf of the Delaware War Mothers for facilitating the organization's recent fund raiser. Tanya asked the Tribal Council if the War Mothers could sell the Tribal flag on behalf of the Tribe. Discussion was held about the flags. Tanya also asked if there is space for the War Mothers could store a locked cabinet.

Verna Crawford made a motion to approve the agenda. 2nd Chet Brooks. Motion passed all in favor.

Annette Ketchum made a motion to approve the minutes Feb 3, Feb 13, Feb 21 with corrections. 2nd Janifer Brown. 6 yes and 1 abstain (Nate Young due to absences). Motion passed.

Janifer Brown made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report pending audit. 2nd Nathan Young. Motion passed all in favor.

Verna Crawford made a motion to approve the reports in the packet, 2nd Annette Ketchum. Motion passed all in favor.

Curtis Zunigha presented in addition to his written report. Curtis said the reports being published

72 hours after approval at meetings is behind schedule. He said they are working on it and should have February and March information on the website. With regards to the draft agenda passed out to the audience, Sandra had attempted to format of a more concise packet omitting confidential information. Curtis highlighted information from his written report.

Annette Ketchum made a motion to approve Resolution 2014-12 Tribal Membership. 2nd Janifer Brown. Discussion: Jenifer Pechonick read the names of the 13 new tribal members. Motion passed all in favor.

Janifer Brown made a motion to approve Resolution 2014-13 To Enact Codes for Civil Procedure of the Tribal Court to be amended with information in discussion. 2nd Jenifer Pechonick. Discussion: The codes will include the Constitution is the supreme governing document. Motion passed all in favor.

Chet Brooks made a motion to allow the utilization of up to \$16,000 of Lenape Scholarship Funds for Education Committee to give Fall Scholarships. 2nd Nate Young. Discussion: Jenifer Pechonick stated she was against the motion because she didn't feel it was right to dictate where the money will come from at this time. The Education Committee spent all the funds on the Spring semester. 6 yes 1 no (Jenifer Pechonick). Motion passed.

Nathan Young said our desire is to provide services to our people. He said we need to pool together for resources to help our people.

Bonnie Jo Griffith asked for prize money for a weight loss program open to those who are members of the Tribal Wellness Center. The weigh-in will be the second week of April three afternoons/evenings. The contest will last eight weeks and a weigh-out will take place. The top three contestants with the largest percent-

age of weight loss will win \$200, \$100 & \$50.

Jenifer Pechonick made a motion to approve \$350 for "Choose to Lose" program. 2nd Nathan Young. 2nd Nathan Young. Discussion: Wellness Center members will be eligible for the program. Motion passed all in favor.

Bonnie Jo Griffith asked if the Tribe has an Open Records Act. The Tribe does not. Tribal members can make an appointment to view non-proprietary information from Accounting. Curtis stated the internal policy is to request information in writing for consideration of the Council.

Dee Ketchum presented in regards to the Heritage Grant. One of the Douglas County Commissioners suggested the application. The grant would be for \$15,000 to fund the Tribal Council and the Commissioners for discussion of the use of the Lawrence property.

Jenifer Pechonick made a motion to approve Resolution 2014-15 To submit the application for the Heritage Grant, 2nd Nathan Young. Discussion: the monies would be used basically for travel expenses and a facilitator for development of the property. Any edits need to be submitted prior to tomorrow afternoon. Motion passed all in favor.

Janifer Brown made a motion to go into executive session to discuss Dee's updates. 2nd Annette Ketchum. Motion passed all in favor.

Prior to executive session the Council took a 10 minutes break.

The Council returned to regular session.

Nathan Young made a motion to adjourn. Motion passed all in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 8pm.

Monday, March 20, 2014 Community Center

Respectfully submitted by Jenifer Pechonick

Chief Paula Pechonick called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm. Councilwoman Annette Ketchum gave the invocation.

Secretary Verna Crawford called the roll. Those present: Chief Paula Pechonick, Assistant Chief Chet Brooks, Council Secretary Verna Crawford, Council Treasurer Janifer Brown, Council Members Jenifer Pechonick, and Annette Ketchum. Nathan Young was absent. Secretary stated a quorum was established. It was stated that an absence from a Special Meeting did not count against a Council member's attendance record.

Chief Pechonick welcomed guests asking if any guest would like to address the Council.

Guests present: Curtis Zunigha, Bruce Martin, Sandi Jamison.

Annette Ketchum made a motion to approve resolution 2014-14, A Resolution of the Tribal Council of the Delaware Tribe of Indians Authorizing the Submission of the U.S. Department of Justice Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation FY 2014 Competitive Grant. **Chet Brooks** seconded the motion.

Discussion: This resolution addresses the needs of the Tribe's justice system and to comprehensively address alcohol and substance abuse-related crimes. If funded the 18-month grant will include provisions for space, training, code review and strategic planning and a possible three year project with focus on alcohol and substance abuse crime.

Motion carried all in favor.

Chief Pechonick adjourned the meeting at 3:07 p.m.

Monday, April 7, 2014 Kansas HQ, Caney, KS

Respectfully submitted by Jenifer Pechonick, Reviewed by Verna Crawford

Chief Pechonick called the April 7, 2014 meeting to order at

5:30pm in the Tribal Court Room in Caney, Kansas. Annette Ketchum gave the invocation.

Council members present: at roll call were Chief Pechonick, Assistant Chief Chet Brooks, Jenifer Pechonick, Annette Ketchum, Janifer Brown, Verna Crawford and Nate Young.

Chet Brooks made a motion to suspend the agenda to talk about election rules, Verna Crawford seconded the motion. Motion carried all in favor.

Verna Crawford made a motion to approve Cy Hughes as the Election Committee Chair. Chet Brooks seconded the motion. Motion carried all in favor.

Discussion was held regarding the proposed election rules draft. Jenifer Pechonick stated she reviewed the current rules, removed redundancy, cited the Constitution as referenced in the document and rearranged with regard to flow. The spirit and intent of the draft document is the same as the current. She stated her goal was to make a document which wouldn't need to be changed every election.

Chet offered two amendments which were minor and within the scope of the document. Chet Brooks moved to approve the proposed election rules with amendments, Article IV, Eligibility, Section A, 2) bottom of page 3 and top of page 4. Tribal members who have voted in at least one of the three most recent elections are registered voters and any other members must register to receive an absentee ballot.

Article X Candidate Rights (top and side page 8), add amendment as Section A.

A. All candidates in any Delaware Tribe Election shall be afforded the right to purchase electronic media or mailing labels of the addresses and all available contact information for the entire adult voting membership. Such electronic media or labels

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shall clearly show those voters who are registered to vote as defined by Article IV, Section A,2 and those non-registered voters who have requested an absentee ballot before the absentee ballot request deadline (October 15). Such electronic media shall be at a cost of \$25 each plus expenses. The Election Board and Tribal Registration shall keep clear and accurate records to enforce this section.

B. What is currently in the rules would all be unchanged except becomes B 1 and 2.

Article XII E, page 9. Any non-registered voter opting to vote... all rest of this section OK, the reason "non" should be placed here is because any voter who has voted in one of the three elections is already registered and will automatically receive a ballot.

Jenifer Pechonick seconded the motion. Motion passed all in favor.

Chief Pechonick welcomed guests. Guests: Charles and Mary Randall, Mary Watters, Mike Taylor, Sandi Jamison, Nicky Michael, Bonnie Jo Griffith, Jim Grinter, Steve and Carolyn Rowe, Priscilla Mason, Donald Mason, G.R. Watters, Joe Brooks, Cy Hughes, Curtis Zunigha, and Greg Brown.

Joe Brooks asked if the Tribal Council would recess the meeting to allow the Trust Board to reconvene and authorize the previous Election Chairman Darrell Glenn to release the list. The Tribal Council agreed.

Trust Board Chairman Brooks took a poll vote of Trust Board members present to approve authorize the previous Trust Board Election Chairman Darrell Glenn to release the voter list of the 2013 Trust Board election to the registration department. Trust Board members Verna Crawford, Mary Watters, Joe Brooks, Nicky Michael and Chairman Brooks approved the request.

Mary Randall asked about the Elder Protection Act, which had been presented to the Elder

Committee in December 2013. She presented a copy. The Tribal Council said they would follow up on the status and confirmed with Mary the document had been reviewed and the elder's comments were noted.

Questions were asked and answered about Delaware Facilities Management Services (DFMS).

Verna Crawford made a motion to approve the remaining agenda as presented, Chet Brooks seconded the motion. Motion passed all in favor.

Verna Crawford made a motion to go into executive session at 6:07p.m. Janifer Brown seconded the motion. Motion passed all in favor.

Verna Crawford made a motion to return to open session at 7:26. Janifer Brown seconded the motion. Motion passed all in favor.

No action taken regarding executive session discussion.

Nate Young and Annette Ketchum had to leave the meeting at 7:30 pm.

Verna Crawford made a motion to approve the minutes of March 10, 2014 and special meeting of March 20, 2014 with corrections, Janifer Brown seconded the motion.

Discussion: Cy Hughes corrected a typo which referred to her as Cy Young. Motion passed all in favor. Motion carried with five yes.

Janifer Brown made a motion to approve Treasurer's Report pending audit, Jenifer Pechonick seconded the motion. Motion carried with five yes.

Department reports were acknowledged.

Curtis Zunigha announced Julia "Judy" Dull has announced she will retire in May. This position will be advertised. Discussion followed.

Jenifer Pechonick made a motion to approve Resolution 2014-16 Approval of Tribal Membership. Chet Brooks seconded the motion. Discussion: Jenifer read the names of the 32 new members. Motion passed all in favor.

Jenifer Pechonick made a motion to approve Resolution 2014-

17 Transfer house in Claremore from starter home to a low rent family unit. Chet Brooks seconded the motion.

Discussion: Curtis Zunigha explained that there are no home ownership applications, but have a long list of applicants for low-income rentals.

Motion carried with all in favor.

Jenifer Pechonick made a motion to approve Resolution 2014-18 To Establish the Delaware Tribe Fire Department. Janifer Brown seconded the motion.

Discussion: Jenifer explained the intent of the resolution is to further the research and due diligence of the concept, presented by tribal member Nathan Scullaw, who is an employee of DFMS. The program will not be in operation until due diligence such as insurance coverage is completed. There are many factors to be considered.

Motion carried with all in favor.

Jenifer Pechonick made a motion to approve Resolution 2014-19 to establish Conflict Management Strategies. Janifer Brown seconded the motion. Discussion: Jenifer explained the Council had gone over the concepts in the resolution and determined communication would benefit from establishment of a structured communication protocol in the event of an impasse. Motion passed with three yes and two abstentions (V. Crawford and C. Brooks).

Janifer Brown made an announcement the Tribe was awarded Title VI Part A & Part C. The grant is for three years and funds the elder nutrition program and a new program for caregiver support services. Jan also said that in closing the prior three-year grant, there was a \$5K shortfall.

Jenifer Pechonick made a motion to approve funds from Fund 215 (the Historic Preservation consultation fund which is a discretionary to cover the shortfall of Title VI, Verna Crawford seconded the motion. Motion passed with four yes and one abstention. (Janifer Brown).

Monday, May 5, 2014 Community Center

Respectfully submitted by Verna Crawford, Tribal Council Secretary

Chief Paula Pechonick called the meeting to order at 5:22 pm. Councilwoman Annette Ketchum gave the invocation.

Secretary Verna Crawford called the roll. Those present: Chief Paula Pechonick, Assistant Chief Chet Brooks, Council Secretary Verna Crawford, Council Treasurer Janifer Brown, Council Members Nathan Young, and Annette Ketchum. Jenifer Pechonick was absent.

Nate Young moved to excuse the absence of Jenifer Pechonick due to illness. Janifer Brown seconded the motion. Motion carried with six yes.

Chief Pechonick welcomed guests asking if any guest would like to address the Council. Guests present: Charles Randall, Mary Watters, G. R. Watters, Bonnie Jo Griffith, Mary Randall, Greg Brown, Cy Hughes, Barbara Wallace, Ruth Black, Don Mason, Priscilla Mason, Nancy Sumpter, Evelyn Kay Anderson, Leslie Fall-Leaf, Tanya Anna, Michelle Vernon, Curtis Zunigha, CeCe Biggoose, Vickie Bratton, Gina Roth, Rachel Overmyer, John Moore, Sandi Jamison, and Lenzy Krehbiel-Bmion (Native Times Reporter).

Bonnie Jo Griffith reported on the "Choose to Lose" project. Thirty people came into the Wellness Center to weigh in. The total weight of all participants was 6,453.5 pounds, an average of 215.12 pounds per person. The weigh-out will be in June.

Ms. Griffith asked why the recent court decision was not on the Tribal website. Who controls what goes on the web, Facebook and in the DIN?

The Council indicated that Greg Brown was the one who places items in all these media formats. Greg stated that any news item sent to him almost always gets posted. He had not re-

ceived anything on the ruling. The Court Clerk is the one who would forward court news. She may not have been aware that she should do that. She will be directed to do so now and in the future.

Michelle Vernon addressed the Council regarding her issues with housing. Her issues were due to housing not following their own policies, she stated.

Chief Pechonick stated that Michelle had already gone to a hearing (small claims court) and referred to a grievance committee and we will not hear this at this time.

Michelle stated she had not had a grievance committee hearing. She related that she had asked for a hearing and had not heard from anyone.

Verna Crawford interrupted Michelle stating that if a grievance hearing is to be held the information she was attempting to present to the Council could not be heard at this Council meeting. Grievance committees are selected from the Council and if Michelle were to continue all Council members would be recused.

Chief Pechonick stated that at this place and time the Council would not hear a grievance. Chief Pechonick instructed her to put everything in writing and it will be reviewed.

Verna Crawford again stated that the Council could not hear this information.

Michelle Vernon attempted to continue.

Chief Pechonick moved on with the business of the Council.

Nate Young made a motion to approve the agenda. Verna Crawford seconded the motion. Motion carried with six yes.

Chief Pechonick stated the Tribal Council as a whole has a statement regarding recent inflammatory information that has been circulated. She asked Janifer Brown to read the statement.

"We, the Tribal Council, do issue the following in unity.

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We have not and do not promote, support or condone any negative or defamatory statements directed at any tribal members. We acknowledge the right to freedom of speech however, we respectfully ask you to put politics aside for events and activities held for tribal members. At such activities and events we further request any and all parties refrain from distribution of materials of a defamatory nature. Let us find ways to be constructive and promote all that is good with our Tribe.”

Verna Crawford moved to table the minutes of April 7, 2014. Janifer Brown seconded the motion. Motion carried with six yes.

Election Board Chairperson Cy Hughes requested a workshop with Council and Trust Board members, the enrollment director, a representative from accounting and election board members be present. The workshop would be to review both Council and Trust election rules and meld them together in preparation for the November election. The workshop will be May 29, 2014 at 11:00 a.m. in the community center.

Cy Hughes stated the Board members as of now are Don Reineke, Pat Donnell, and Kanan Hughes. One or two more are needed.

Nate Young moved to approve the Treasurer’s report pending audit. Annette Ketchum seconded the motion. Motion carried with six yes.

Verna Crawford moved to accept department reports, including the Tribal Manager’s report. Janifer Brown seconded the motion. Motion carried with six yes.

Janifer Brown moved to approve Resolution 2014-20, Child Support Services Policies and Procedures Manual. Annette Ketchum seconded the motion. Motion carried with six yes.

Annette Ketchum moved to approve Resolution 2014-21: A Resolution of the Tribal Council of the Delaware Tribe of Indians to approve Tribal Membership, (Nine (9) new members). Janifer Brown seconded the motion. Motion carried with six yes.

Annette Ketchum moved to approve Resolution 2014-22: A

Resolution of the Delaware Tribe of Indians Tribal Council Denial of Tribal Membership. (Ten (10) persons denied.) Janifer Brown seconded the motion. Motion carried with six yes.

Chief Pechonick informed those gathered of a letter from Cherokee Nation Chief Bill John Baker supporting the Delaware Tribe’s move to Kansas.

Verna Crawford moved to adjourn. Janifer Brown seconded the motion. Motion carried with six yes.

Chief Pechonick adjourned the meeting at 6:11p.m. ■

Online Gift Shop Now Open for Business!



We are excited to announce that the online gift shop for the Delaware Tribe of Indians is now up and running! The same outstanding collection of Delaware merchandise available at the Tribal Headquarters in Bartlesville is now available for those of us who want to show off our Lenape heritage, but are unable to make it out to Oklahoma. We have everything from pocket Lenape dictionaries, to apparel featuring the official tribal seal, to beadwork, to books about Delaware history, and much, much more! We offer shipping throughout the United States as well as free in-person pickup in Bartlesville. All proceeds go towards expanding and improving the Cultural Resources Department of the Delaware Tribe of Indians as we work towards our ultimate goal of creating a museum for Delaware culture and history.

You can find the online gift shop at <http://www.delawaretribe.org/shop> or by clicking on the Gift Shop button at the bottom of the Delaware Tribe of Indians home page at <http://www.delawaretribe.org>. Check back often as we will be adding some exciting new products over the next few months.

All online payments are processed through PayPal. PayPal registration is free and available at <http://www.paypal.com>.

Everything available online is also available at the Gift Shop located in the Social Services building at the Tribal Headquarters at 170 NE Barbara, Bartlesville, OK 74006. Visitors to the Gift Shop will be able to explore the Tribal Archives, as well as have first access to new products as they are added to the online store. The Gift Shop in Bartlesville accepts cash, checks, and most major credit/debit cards. The Gift Shop hours are from 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM Monday – Thursday and from 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM on Fridays.

Questions, comments, and suggestions are welcome! You can reach us at shop@delawaretribe.org. If you are a Delaware artisan, who wishes to have your products sold through the Delaware Gift Shop, contact Anita Mathis at amathis@delawaretribe.org. ■

Education Committee Assistance and Programs

Take advantage of these programs; they are here for you!

Higher Education Scholarship: Up to \$2,400 in scholarship funding. Full-time students may apply for \$300 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, spring from Dec 1 to Jan 31. Students must maintain a 2.7 GPA (grade point average) in the last semester attended.

School Supply Vouchers: Help with the cost of purchasing the needed school supplies for their 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 tribal members that have graduated in the current fiscal year/academic school year from high school, college, or Vo-Tech with a current 3.5 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. ■

Changes in Community Services Programs!

Temporary changes due to financial shortfalls

Due to a greater demand than ever before, funds for Community Services programs have been awarded to eligible tribal members at nearly twice the rate than anticipated in the first six months of this year.

Unfortunately, that means that we have to make some painful decisions. Effective immediately, in an attempt to continue to provide our elders with benefits from the remaining funds, a moratorium has been placed on several other Community Service programs for the rest of the year, and others have been modified slightly. We don’t intend this to be permanent.

The following changes are being made. For the rest of 2014, Burial Assistance benefits will be reduced to \$300 (a decrease from \$500). Elder Programs will be available to tribal members age 62 or older (rather than 55 years of age as before). The other Community Service programs will not be available until further notice.

We encourage tribal members to contact Allan Barnes at (918) 337-6520 for suggestions or referrals. We also encourage them to apply for utility assistance through our Delaware Tribe LIHEAP program, which is not affected by these cuts.

Burial Program: The family may apply for up to \$300.

Elder Programs, Optical Assistance: Assistance for optical services to elders age 62 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: Available to Delaware elders age 62 and over. 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. ■

Minutes of the Trust Board, March 2014-April 2014*

Monday, March 10, 2014 Community Center

Respectfully submitted by Verna Crawford, Trust Board Secretary

Chairman Chet Brooks called the Trust Board meeting to order on March 10, 2014 at 3:05.

Nicky Michael gave the prayer.

Approve the Agenda

John Sumpter moved to suspend the agenda to allow Scott Thompson and Josh Randolph, Arvest representatives, to address the Board. Mary Watters seconded the motion. Motion carried with five yes.

Scott Thompson and Josh Randolph, Arvest Asset Management representatives, presented the annual report on the current Delaware Trust fund investment portfolio. Mr. Randolph reported the overall account balance as of Friday, March 7, 2014 was \$3,800,000.00. The presented an overview of Trust investments and recommended a little more aggressive strategy.

Verna Crawford asked about the Arvest fee structure. Mr. Thompson stated that Arvest charges 0.5% of the market value annually. Multiplying the account balance by 0.5% and dividing by 12 to get the fee amount calculate the fee monthly. There are no additional fees. Arvest has in house portfolio managers and as a result all transactions are in house.

Many investment administrators charge a small management fee for themselves, then hire someone to manage the stock portfolio, another to manage bond investments, and so forth, each of these people charge a fee that comes off the top of the account and rarely appears in the reports. Some also charge a fee for each transaction according to Mr. Thompson.

Joe Brooks moved to hold a special meeting at 1 p.m. on March 31, 2014 in the Community Center to discuss/review various portfolio recommendations from Arvest. Mary Watters seconded the motion. Motion carried with six yes.

Returning to the agenda, Secretary Verna Crawford called roll. Those present were Chairman Chet Brooks, Joe Brooks, John Sumpter and Secretary Verna Crawford. Homer Scott was absent.

Joe Brooks moved to wait till next meeting to decide if Homer Scott's absence is excused or unexcused. John Sumpter seconded the motion.

Chairman Brooks greeted the guests and asked if anyone would like to address the Trust Board. Guests present were Chief Paula Pechonick, Janifer Brown, Bruce Martin, Charles and Mary Randall, Gilbert and Mary Watters, Bonnie Jo Griffith, Curtis Zunigha, Greg Brown, Cy Hughes, Marsha Hardin, Bonnie Thaxton, Barbara Wallace, Nancy Sumpter, CeCe BigGoose, John Moore and Tonya Anna.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Joe Brooks moved to approve the minutes of February 3, 2014 with corrections. John Sumpter seconded the motion.

Motion carried with six yes.

Treasurer's Report

Verna Crawford moved to table the Treasurer's Report pending audit. Joe Brooks seconded the motion.

Motion carried with six yes.

Committee Reports

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE: ACTING CHAIR VERNA CRAWFORD

The Community Services Committee met on Monday, March 10, 2014. The Committee approved 28 requests of the 30 reviewed, which included utilities, emer-

gency, housing, burial, pharmacy, medical, dental and optical services. The next meeting will be Monday, April 14, 2014.

CULTURAL PRESERVATION COMMITTEE: CHAIR CHET BROOKS

Meets the third Tuesday of each month starting at 6 p.m. in the Social Services Conference Room.

Language lessons are being held on Sunday at 2 p.m. in the Community Center. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE: CHAIR NICKY MICHAEL

The Education Committee met on Monday, March 10, 2014. Dr. Michael reported at the February meeting 50 full-time and three part-time scholarships for a total of \$15,100. Non-scholarship applications included Vo-Tech, education and athletic assistance requests totaling \$240.

The committee discussed ways to strengthen and increase funding for this program. Dr. Michael will be looking into applying for 7871 status with the IRS, a tribal non-profit designation. The Committee will work hand in hand with the Tribal Council to improve the committee. A workshop will be held at 3 p.m. on April 7, 2014 before the Trust Board meeting.

The next meeting will be Monday, April 14, 2014 at 1 p.m.

ELDER COMMITTEE: CHAIR MARY WATTERS

The Committee met at 1 p.m. March 10, 2014. Mary Watters reported several elders participated in a field trip to Keepsake Candles in Bartlesville.

Discussion was held regarding replacing the veteran's pictures on the wall and adding more pictures. The cost of this will be divided between the Elders and Veterans Committees.

Jim Rementer presented a language lesson on Lenape for months and seasons.

The Committee plans a field trip to the Osage Casino on April 1, 2014.

Jack Tatum will make a presentation on Delaware Warriors at the next meeting on April 7, 2014.

REINVESTMENT COMMITTEE: CHAIR JOHN SUMPTER

John Sumpter reported a Reinvestment meeting/workshop was held on February 19, 2014 to discuss concerns and possible changes in the management of the Trust money. Meets at least quarterly.

TRIBAL OPERATIONS COM- MITTEE: CHAIR JOE BROOKS

Joe Brooks reported he had met with Jean Lewis, CFO and authorized the funds allocated to Tribal Operations Committee be transmitted to the Tribe. Meets quarterly.

VETERANS COMMITTEE: CHAIR KENNY BROWN

John Sumpter reported the Committee met and elected officers: Chair Kenny Brown, Vice Chair Homer Scott, and Secretary/Treasurer Susan Cade. John Sumpter remains head of the Color Guard.

The Committee approved paying half the expense to return the photos of Veterans to the wall in the Community Center.

Old Business

Joe Brooks reminded the Board that no action had been taken on the Treasurer's Report.

Verna Crawford moved to approve the Treasurer's Report pending audit. Joe Brooks seconded the motion. Motion carried with six yes.

New Business

Joe Brooks moved to hold the next meeting on April 7, 2014 at the Community Center.

Chairman Brooks declared the meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Monday, March 31, 2014 Special Meeting Community Center

Respectfully submitted by Verna Crawford, Trust Board Secretary

Chairman Chet Brooks called the Trust Board meeting to order on March 31, 2014 at 1:15 p.m.

Joe Brooks gave the prayer.

Secretary Verna Crawford called roll. Board members present were Chairman Chet Brooks, Vice Chair Nicky Michael, Secretary Verna Crawford, Joe Brooks, John Sumpter, Mary Watters, and Homer Scott.

Chairman Brooks greeted the guests and asked if anyone would like to address the Trust Board. Guests present included Nancy Sumpter.

Approve the Agenda

Joe Brooks moved to approve the agenda. Verna Crawford seconded the motion. Motion carried with seven yes.

Chairman Brooks stated this special meeting has been called to review and consider making changes in the Trust investment policy. Scott Thompson and Josh Randolph, Arvest Asset representatives, proceeded to present several options for the Board to consider.

(An outline of one possibility is included below.)

Some general statements regarding endowments presented by Scott Thompson are given below. Some of these statements come direct from major endowments within the U.S.

A financial endowment is typically overseen by a board of trustees and managed by a team of professional investment managers. The financial operation of the endowment is typically designed to achieve the stated objectives of the endowment and its not-for-profit organization.

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Non-profit organizations typically distribute 4-6% of the endowment's assets every year to fund operations or capital spending. Any excess earnings are typically reinvested to augment the endowment and to compensate for inflation and recessions in future years. This spending figure represents the proportion that historically could be spent without an extended period of diminishing the principal amount of the endowment fund. However, a major market decline can have a significant impact on the annual distributable amount and the endowment's principal balance.

An endowment is a fund that holds its principal in perpetuity and only pays out a small portion, approx 4 to 6 percent per year. Endowment investments have dual goals: to grow the principal and to generate income. Institutions invest in funds and companies that they feel will be successful and turn a profit. The investments are intended to contribute to both the growth of the principal and the income generated for the endowment.

Example:

Delaware Investment account as of 3/31/2014 = \$ 3,974,520

Current estimate of income available to tribe from all investments (does not include capital appreciation) = \$ 133,544 per year.

Current amount available if applying 4% endowment distribution = \$ 158,981

They presented a reminder—if an “Endowment” philosophy is adopted, it is suggested that the investment mix change from 30% Equity/70% Fixed Income to a more “Endowment”-appropriate mix of 50 to 60% Equity/50 to 40% Fixed Income.

Performance for the 30% Equity/70% Fixed Income portfolio over the last 10 years was a gain of 6.35 % per year

Performance for a 60% Equity/40% Fixed Income portfolio

over the last 10 years was a gain of 7.24 % per year.

In summary—long-term/historically the Endowment philosophy should have better returns than the current portfolio of 30% Equity and 70% Fixed Income. However, more risk is being taken with and Endowment investment allocation. So, there can be some years where principal could fall below \$ 3.8 million.

The Trust Board agreed to take the information under consideration and make a determination soon.

Chairman Brooks declared the meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

Monday, April 7, 2014 Community Center

Respectfully submitted by Verna Crawford, Trust Board Secretary

Chairman Chet Brooks called the Trust Board meeting to order on April 7, 2014 at 4:05 p.m.

Verna Crawford gave the prayer.

Secretary Verna Crawford called roll. Those present were Chairman Chet Brooks, Mary Watters, Joe Brooks, John Sumpter, Homer Scott, and Secretary Verna Crawford.

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

Guests present were Charles and Mary Randall, Chief Paula Pechonick, Mike Taylor, Sandi Jamison, Annette Ketchum, Bonnie Jo Griffith, Jim Grinter, Steve and Carolyn Rowe, Priscilla Mason, Donald Mason, G.R. Watters, Janifer Brown, Cy Hughes, Curtis Zunigha, and Greg Brown.

Approve Agenda

John Sumpter moved to approve the agenda. John Sumpter seconded the motion. Motion carried with seven yes.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

John Sumpter moved to table the minutes of March 10 and special meeting of March 31, 2014. Nicky Michael seconded the mo-

tion. Motion carried with seven yes.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer John Sumpter reported as of January 31 the Fund total was \$4,042,000, up from \$4,015,000 in the previous report.

Committee Reports

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE: ACTING CHAIR VERNA CRAWFORD

Chairman Crawford did not have a report. She stated she would have a report for February and March at the next meeting. The next committee meeting will be Monday, April 14, 2014.

CULTURAL PRESERVATION COMMITTEE: CHAIR CHET BROOKS

Meets the third Tuesday of each month starting at 6 p.m. in the Social Services Conference Room. Chet Brooks reported that the date for the language classes have been changed to the second, third and fourth Mondays of each month at 6 p.m. instead of on Sunday.

Jack Tatum, Levi Randoll and Chet Brooks gave about an hour-long presentation on Delaware Warriors after the Elders meeting on Monday, April 7, 2014.

Janifer Brown reported that crafts/sewing held on Tuesday starting at 5:30 p.m. alternate with the Drum session. The next Drum session will be held on April 15, 2014 starting at 6 p.m., than every other week after that.

Joe Brooks requested to go back to the Treasurer's Report before the next committee report.

Joe Brooks moved to approve the Treasurer's Report for February 2014 pending audit. Verna Crawford seconded the motion. Motion carried with seven yes.

Joe commented that the breakdown of the common costs shared by each committee was very helpful.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE: CHAIR NICKY MICHAEL

Before giving her committee report, Nicky informed everyone

she is working with the Delaware Nation on an ANA Language Preservation grant. This grant will also benefit the Delaware Tribe. She requested everyone to complete the survey that was passed around; this will help show community involvement.

The Education Committee met on Monday, March 10, 2014. There were three Vo-tech applications. The next meeting will be Monday, April 14, 2014 at 1 p.m.

ELDER COMMITTEE: CHAIR MARY WATTERS

Chet Brooks called on Mary Watters for the Elders committee report.. He congratulated the Committee members for hosting very good meetings and activities for elders.

Mary stated the Elders Committee met at 1 p.m. April 7, 2014. Elders will be visiting nursing homes on April 15.

Mary noted that the elders are participating in chair exercises. She asked if anyone would like to get out of the chairs to exercise. Mary suggested line dancing as a fun way to exercise. There was no decision made, but feedback was requested.

Charles Randall has the rails almost ready for the Veterans' photos to be placed back on the wall and adding more pictures. The Elders Committee, Delaware War Mothers, and Veterans Committee will unveil the Wall of Veterans on April 25.

Later in April Elders will attend the Muskogee Azalea Festival.

Jim Rementer presented a language lesson on Lenape for months and seasons.

Jack Tatum, Levi Randoll and Chet Brooks make a presentation on Delaware Warriors at the meeting on April 7, 2014.

REINVESTMENT COMMITTEE: CHAIR JOHN SUMPTER

John Sumpter reported a meeting with Arvest representatives who suggested a few different ways we could change our investment strategy. One was an Endowment type feature. Would bring in more

income, but would be a little more risky. Action has not been taken as of today. Meets at least quarterly.

TRIBAL OPERATIONS COMMITTEE: CHAIR JOE BROOKS

Joe Brooks reported he had met with Jean Lewis, CFO and authorized the funds allocated to Tribal Operations Committee be transmitted to the Tribe. Meets quarterly.

VETERANS COMMITTEE: CHAIR KENNY BROWN, VICE CHAIR HOMER SCOTT

Homer Scott reported the Committee meets quarterly. The next meeting will meet in May. The Delaware Color Guard, a subcommittee of the Veteran's Committee, has been invited to several powwows.

Unfinished Business

Verna Crawford moved to approve Resolution 2014-02 Changing the investments from 40% stocks and 60 % bonds to 60% stocks and 40% bonds. Drawdown not to exceed 4% of the trust earnings. Joe Brooks seconded the motion. Motion carried seven yes.

New Business

Joe Brooks moved to approve Resolution 2014-01 Authorizing persons to obtain information, authorize disbursement and provide investment instructions to the Office of Trust Fund Management. Homer Scott seconded the motion.

Joe Brooks moved to hold the next meeting on May 5, 2014 at the Delaware Community Center, in Bartlesville. Homer Scott seconded the motion. Motion carried with seven yes.

Joe Brooks announced that he would not be at the May meeting and that his absence would be unexcused.

Chairman Brooks declared the meeting adjourned at 4:57 p.m.■



Delaware Tribe Housing Program

DTHP Staff

The Delaware Tribe Housing Program would like to welcome Vickie Bratton as the Housing Director. Vickie came on board April 15, 2014. She brings with her 20 years of knowledge and expertise in both Indian Housing and Public Housing.

Vickie hit the ground running upon her return to work for DTHP and immediately be-

gan the task of updating DTHP Policies and Procedures. Under her direction, the housing staff attended the SPIHA (Southern Plains Indian Housing Association) training held in Tulsa which provided an overview of HUD and NAHASDA governing regulations and requirements on written policies, procedures and procurement.

The Housing Inspectors met with Cherokee Nation EPA officials on June 10, 2014 to bring up to date all of the environmental reviews done over the last two years.

Ms. Bratton's leadership will bring forth a new era for the Delaware Tribe Housing Program and will help us to better serve our tribal membership.

Current Delaware Housing Residents

Please contact the Housing Office with any issues.

EMERGENCY CONTACTS:

Mike Marshall (918) 214-5560
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From the Desk of Tribal Manager Curtis Zunigha

Welcome to our summer edition of the DIN. My thanks to outgoing editor **Greg Brown**. Greg has accepted an offer to work in Maryland applying his skills and talent in the archaeology world. He has been a tremendous asset to our own tribal Historic Preservation Office as well as managing our IT needs and the website www.delawaretribe.org. We wish Greg and his family all the best.

But as one door closes another one opens...for our new IT Manager **Johnny Barker**. A member of the Osage Nation, he brings considerable technical experience in systems administration and desktop support. I'm confident Johnny will keep us all connected with the technology we have available to administer federal programs and tribal operations.

We also welcome a new accountant/administrative assistant **Johnna Blaylock** (Delaware/Shawnee). She'll maintain financial accounts and the tremendous traffic flow in our accounting department. She comes to our team as the tribe is taking on more grants and contracts. After hours Johnna can be seen at area dances shaking shells in the stomp dance circle.

Our largest department (staff and funding) is the Housing Program and another new staff member is the Housing Director, **Vickie Bratton** (Delaware/Osage). Vickie has worked for the tribe in the past and brings focused leadership to our tribal administration. She also has a warm heart for the people she serves.

And you have likely heard the voice of **Dee Cummings**, a Del-

aware Tribal member, when you call in to the tribal office. She is our receptionist at the front desk and also serves as the attendant for the Wellness Center during daytime hours. We're pleased these individuals have joined our team.

I would also like to extend my gratitude and best wishes to retiring Title VI Elder Services Director **Judy Dull**. She and her sister **Arleena Whittenburg** have provided our daily lunch program exemplary service and warm friendship.

Our dedicated staff of employees is so very important to the success of our tribal government. We appreciate the privilege of working for the Delaware Tribe. ■

Wellness Center

Allan Barnes

Are you finding the time to increase your activity? Daylight Savings Time is our friend when it comes to additional time outdoors, but the humidity and outright warmer temperatures make it nice to be able to enjoy our controlled environment here at the Wellness Center! Our number of visitors remains strong and even though the opportunity for outdoor activities have increased, including transporting Little Leaguers and soccer players to their practices and games, our facility has seen less than a 10% decrease in Fitness Center visitors. Summer is here, and we encourage our members and guests to visit. Our staff will gladly make your experience an enjoyable one, and can make suggestions on how to get started even if you are a beginner. Remember, the atmosphere is casual.

Our Therapy Pool is available for a great low-impact workout. Kept at a very comfortable 88- 90 degrees, it is an excellent way to exercise. Very basic exercises can be performed with satisfying results. Just call us at 918- 337-6590 to make an appointment. As always, safety is our first concern, and we can help determine if the pool is a good fit for you. Your health, well-being, and the improvement of your quality of life are our main objectives. If you have a suggestion for an exercise program for your friends or group, we certainly welcome your input.

With that in mind, the "Choose to Lose" program winners were announced on June 6. The 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners were John Moore, Rachel Overmyer, and Robin Murphy.

Don't forget that Cassie Brown is available by appointment to provide therapeutic massage on Tuesdays and Wednesdays in the Wellness Center. Her clients recommend her highly and she still has openings available, and will happily work with you. To arrange an appointment, call Cassandra Brown at 918-214-7853.

The Wellness Center is open Monday through Friday 8:00 am to 8:00 pm and Saturday 9:00 am until 1:00 pm. It is located at the Tribal Complex at 170 NE Barbara, Bartlesville, OK. There is no fee for Delaware and Cherokee members. Bring in your tribal membership card or your CDIB card. Members of other tribes with their membership card pay just \$10 per month. The Wellness Center is also open to the public. Non-Tribal members can work out for merely \$20 per month. You can also use the Center as a walk-in for only \$2 per visit. Members can bring in a guest for free (after two visits the guest must register or pay the walk-in fee).

For more information call 918-337-6590.

Please note: there is no medical staff on duty; so use the equipment at your own risk. ■

The Lenape on the Wapahani River

The Lenape on the Wapahani River is an immersive learning project at Ball State University. Funded by the Hamer and Phyllis Shafer Foundation, the project seeks to provide educational resources about the Delaware (or Lenape) Native Americans during their time in East Central Indiana from the 1790s through 1821.

Be sure to check out the documentary at www.lenapeon-thewapahani.org. ■



Want to Know About "Return to Kansas"?

See our video on YouTube!!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bY0nznd3pgA>

or search "Return to Kansas Delaware"



Thank You!

*Judy Dull,
Retiring Nutrition Supervisor*

As I depart from the Delaware Elder Nutrition Center, I would like to say to the tribal members how much I have enjoyed working and serving you. I have worked at the Delaware Elder Nutrition Program for five years. My official retirement date was May 23, 2014. However, I assured the administration that I would not leave my position until they had a replacement.

The nutrition program has grown in leaps and bounds, which can be attributed to the Delaware Tribe having received an Indian Community Development Block Grant (ICDBG) and two consecutive Title VI grants to help with the expansion of the kitchen and dining room that has attributed to the growth of the congregate doubling during these years. But I also like to think that the nutrition department staff has had a hand in attracting more elders

by providing good nutritious meals and great customer service. This past year we added a hearty salad bar that can be a meal in itself or selected features that vary from day-to-day, such as mixed salad, three-bean salad, pickles, olives, cheese, watermelon or other fruit, cottage cheese, pudding, and the normal salad ingredients.

During my time with the Delaware Tribe I have seen a lot of changes and much progress since Chief Pechonick came into office. There have been several departments opened to assist all tribal members. All of these departments have created more jobs for Delaware people. The Tribe has its own housing, EPA, nutrition, child support services, cultural resources and education, historic preservation,



Judy Dull (right) and Arleena Whittenburg.

Lenape language revitalization, and a museum. The current administration is always looking for ways to improve the welfare of the Delaware people.

Never lose sight of what Chief Pechonick has brought to you. She works many hours and is always willing to go the extra mile for her tribe. Keep this in mind when it comes election time in November. Chief Pechonick should be re-elected to continue serving her people and to keep the progress rolling. ■

News from Enrollment

Leslie Fall-Leaf

It is now nipen, or summer, and while it may be a time for all of you to slow down and take things a little bit easier, it is a busy time for us in the Enrollment Department. It seems that we always get a lot of applicants during these hot months when the children are out of school. As was noted at the June Council meeting, we seem to be getting whole families applying at once now. We are very excited about this because it means that people who hadn't enrolled before or had only enrolled with the Cherokee Nation, as we Delawares are entitled to do, are coming back to the fold and bringing their children with them. This is a good thing and we welcome you all. Nulelintam eli paekw (I am glad you all came).

Please be aware that all applications and forms may be obtained either by downloading them from the tribal webpage or by calling and requesting them

from our office. Remember that the most effective way to ensure prompt and timely service is to make sure all requested documentation is included with your applications. However, due to the high cost of postage and the volume of applications that we receive, there is now a \$10.00 fee if you wish to have your documents returned to you through the mail. For security reasons we only send those documents via certified mail with a return receipt. If the fee is not received we will keep your documents in your permanent folder. There is no charge if you pick your documents up in person.

Also, please note that in order to assess the need for additional services, we are now gathering information on our tribal veterans and that there is a reporting form for them as well. ■

Enrollment Department Employees “Go The Extra Mile”

Reported by Sandi Jamison, as told to her by William James (Jim) Hill

Without the willingness of the Enrollment Department, Leslie Fall-Leaf and Chris Miller, Mr. William James (Jim) Hill probably would have never found his great-great-great grandmother's grave. Your Delaware Enrollment Department works diligently in ensuring you and your family members are officially added to the Delaware membership list but also can assist with tracing ancestors, and they researched cemeteries to locate Mr. Hill's relative. Therefore, I would like you to read some of the praiseworthy com-

ments Mr. Hill had to say about Leslie and Chris.

“In May when my wife and I went to Oklahoma in search of my great-great-great-grandmother Mahwatise, I met Chris and Leslie, whom I had talked to on the phone the week before May 15th, the day we arrived in Oklahoma. I am grateful and appreciate these two great people, because they went out of their way to help me find her final resting place. And they did! The Delaware Tribe can and should be very proud of these two people. I want to say thank you

from the bottom of my heart to these two great people. Thank you and God bless you. My great-great-great-grandmother passed 1910 and I am the first of my family to find and visit her resting place.”

I could continue on and on with the praises that Mr. Hill gave when I spoke to him on the telephone because each time I spoke to him he just could not say enough of how he felt about Chris and Leslie. For instance the week before their arrival in Oklahoma from Alabama he said Leslie said there were probably about 50 U.S. cemeteries where his great-great-great-grandmother might be, but by the time they had arrived she had narrowed it to 15 and really surprised them when she was able to say his grandmother was buried very

nearby—at the Beck Cemetery.

“I am very grateful and appreciate the courtesy that Leslie and Chris showed me and my wife while we were at the tribal house in Oklahoma. They went out of their way to help me find my great-great-great-grandmother, Mahwatise final resting place. They did not have to do that for me and my wife, but out of the goodness of their heart, they did.

“Before returning home, Chris and I shared tears of joy over me being the first of my family to visit her in 104 years. I feel I have made great friends with Chris and Leslie and everyone I met at the tribal house. May the Creator bless the Delaware Indian Tribe.”

Mr. Hill was very emotional about the experience he and his wife experienced while visiting

his great-great-great grandmother's grave. He intends to return every year to visit her grave as long as he is able to make the trip. As a closing note of interest, Mr. Hill's grandmother's birthday is in August and he called Chris to get the name and number of a local florist shop so he could order flowers for that special day. To his surprise and gratefulness, Chris offered to take the flowers to the grandmother's grave.

Delaware Tribe of Indians, this is your Enrollment Department—Leslie Fall-Leaf and Chris Miller—who are two Delaware Tribal members who truly care about their heritage and their fellow Tribal members. *Going the extra mile* is just their normal daily practice. ■

Delaware Tribe Historic Preservation Office

Brice Obermeyer

Consultation with FCC for the Positive Train Control System

The Federal Communications Commission has entered into landmark agreements with the seven Class I freight rail companies to address the railroads' construction of positive train control (PTC) facilities that may not have undergone the statutorily required environmental and historic preservation review. As a result of this agreement, the freight railroads are immediately able to start using nearly 11,000 previously-constructed poles for important testing and other preparatory activities and for the ultimate provision of PTC.

In order to begin using the unreviewed constructed poles, the freight railroads have agreed to create a Cultural Resource Fund totaling ten million dollars (\$10,000,000) to provide funding directly to Tribal Nations and State Historic Preservation Offices to support cultural and historic preservation projects. Each freight railroad has also committed to training its employees on environmental and historic preservation compliance and to building working relationships with Tribal Nations. When more guidance is given on how to access this fund, the Delaware Tribe Historic Preservation Office anticipates applying for funding to assist in recording and preserving Delaware historic sites and cemeteries in Oklahoma and Kansas.

Additionally, the seven freight rail companies anticipate the need to build at least 25,000 new poles on 60,000 of the 160,000 miles of remaining rails. These poles will need to be built along rails across the continental United States and lower Canada and

each one will need to undergo review by the appropriate Tribal Historic Preservation Office depending on the location of the pole. A congressional mandate requires that the poles must be constructed by 2015. Eastern tribes in particular whose aboriginal territories now accommodate a majority of the major rail lines will be responsible for reviewing the majority of these soon to be constructed poles.

In anticipation of the increased work load and revenue that will be generated from the PTC tower reviews, the Delaware Tribe Historic Preservation Office has established a temporary eastern office at Temple University in Philadelphia, PA to review projects in the Delaware Tribe's eastern states (Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York, Massachusetts, Vermont, Delaware, Maryland and Virginia). Archaeologists-in-training Susan Bachor and Blair Fink, who specialize in Delaware archaeology, are now the ones responsible for handling all reviews in the eastern region.

Ohio History Connection Meeting

With funding from a National Endowment for the Humanities grant, representatives from the Ohio History Connection (formerly Ohio Historical Society) met with representatives from several tribes in Oklahoma with historical roots in Ohio. This three-day meeting was the second half of a working group seminar that began in March when tribal representatives traveled to Ohio to begin discussing a new interpretive plan for the Ohio History Connection. The Ohio History Connection includes the State Museum of Ohio in Columbus and many

other historic and archaeological sites throughout the state.

A major goal of the new interpretive plan is to include the perspectives of federally recognized tribes in the interpretation of Ohio's American Indian heritage. Ohio is one of many states that does not have any federally recognized tribes and as a result previous interpretation efforts relied heavily on the archaeological and historical record. The intent is to create exhibits and site specific interpretations that balance this history with the voices, memories and interests of the Ohio tribes.

Of the many sites managed by the Ohio History Connection is the Schoenbrunn Village, first established by Delaware Moravians in 1772. The site includes the reconstructed Delaware village and the original Delaware Moravian cemetery from the late 18th century. The representatives from Schoenbrunn and the Ohio History Connection have offered the use of the grounds near the cemetery to accommodate the reburial of individuals from the nearby Kuskuskies village that are now curated as the Chambers site collection at the Carnegie Museum and the State Museum of Pennsylvania. We are currently working with both institutions on repatriating the collection in preparation for a reburial in 2015. ■

Lenape Language Preservation Project

Jim Rementer

What's New

Our grant from the National Science Foundation has enabled us to make improvements to the Lenape Talking Dictionary.

One new feature has been added to the online Talking Dictionary (www.talk-lenape.org). Now, when you look up Lenape words, if you find the word you want you can click on it and you will be taken to what is called Detailed Entry Information, which gives more information about the word.

Another of the features we have been adding is "Historical Example." These are early examples of the language as written in the 1600s and 1700s. For example, here are some early entries for the word for *Corn* (*Xaskwim*): Jésqem [1648] 'Turkish wheat (Indian Corn)'; Hosquen [1684]; and Chasquime [1755] 'corn.' The number after the word indicates the year it was written down.

Project History

In 2002 the Lenape Language Preservation Project received a grant from the National Science Foundation to produce a dictionary database of Lenape. Much

of the funding went to digitizing and preserving our existing audiotapes made in past years with native speakers of Lenape. The Dictionary was officially online in February 2006. The Talking Dictionary is a work in progress, and we continue to convert audiotapes of Lenape speakers to digital format, from which we extract the Lenape words.

Language Study

While not funded under the language project grant we have been working with Bear Tompkins (below), a student from Haskell who is also a tribal member. Bear began an independent study class this summer focusing on the study of Lenape. We started special classes with him early in May and he is doing an excellent job. ■



Cultural Resources

Anita Mathis

He` Tribal Members, Friends, and Family!

The name of this program has changed from Tribal Archives to Cultural Resources, but the work remains as steady as always! This work includes Archives, Research (part of the archives), Library, Museum, and Gift Shop.

Please remember that we do have computer workstations so that you can view the full rich-

ness of the Archives. We have also recently received a donation of artifacts that will be on display soon.

Students and faculty from the Department of Telecommunications at Ball State University finished a documentary on the Delaware presence in Indiana. Chief Pechonick, Tribal Manager Curtis Zunigha, and I travelled to Muncie for the premiere showing of the film ("The Le-

nape on the Wapahani River"). It was very good and very well received. Kelly Huth, Chris Flook, and a few others came to Bartlesville for showings on May 24, and to attend the powwow.

Stop by and check out all that is new and offered in the Library, Archives & Gift Shop. As always, please bring in your pictures, documents, or anything else that pertains to the Delaware to be copied and added to our archives to preserve and share with our future generations. Wanishi. ■

Delaware Tribe Environmental Program

Jimmie Johnson, Environmental Program Director

Good Day.

I hope this finds everyone well. Energy Efficiency has been a buzzword here in my office for several years now. As I have stated in previous articles and reports, an energy audit was performed in late 2012 (around Thanksgiving) on the Community Center building here in Bartlesville. The report developed by this audit outlined some simple strategies that could be utilized to promote energy efficiency in all of our tribal facilities, which would in turn save energy and money. Last fall I, along with numerous tribal employees, administrators, tribal

members, and tribal elders, sat down for three days with representatives from the Department of Energy to outline a tribal energy plan. This plan was developed to establish goals for our tribe as we move towards energy efficiency and sustainability. With this in mind, I am now working on creating an energy efficiency project to retrofit our existing facilities to enhance existing means of energy efficiency and savings. I anticipate a grant funding announcement to be made in late June from the Department of Energy to fund this project. This is the first grant of this nature that has been an-

nounced while I have been employed by the tribe. I am very excited to be finally developing a project after several years of training and planning.

On another note, Operation Clean House was held in late April at the Washington County Fairgrounds and the Conoco Phillips/Phillips 66 parking lot. The Tribal Environmental Program collected electronics at the Bartlesville complex for several months leading up to the event. These electronics (TVs, computers, stereos, etc.) were taken to the Bartlesville collection site for recycling. Tribal Employees Mike Taylor and Gina Parks,

along with tribal member Trey Johnson and myself, participated at the Washington County Fairgrounds site for the day. In late May a letter from the Bartlesville Community Foundation addressed to Chief Pechonick was received. This letter commended the staff and tribal members for participating in the event. The letter went on to say that vehicle traffic at the Dewey site was increased by over 50 cars from 2013 (351 vs 295.) The event resulted in the recycling of 1,000 gallons of motor oil, 200 gallons of antifreeze, approximately 70 batteries (large vehicle type batteries), 400 tires, and numerous

other household appliances. The letter thanks the Tribe for its continued service to this event by providing the most volunteers of any unpaid group at the event. The Delaware Tribe has volunteered at this event for the past four years and will continue to be a proud participant in future events.

As always, if you have questions, comments, or suggestions, feel free to contact me!!

Jimmie Johnson
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Child Support Services

Gina Roth, Director

Nkwēlahā wishēksi nipēn winkpēkw katu xahēli (We hope your summer is going great). The Child Support Team is staying very busy during these summer months and we are looking forward to going comprehensive in October, 2014.

Community Outreach has been one of the program's primary goals over the past few months. These projects allow the Child Support Services Team to get the program's name and services provided out to the community in which it serves. The team's first Community Outreach Project was the Foster Care Recruitment Fair on May 2, 2014. The Child Support staff worked with the tribe's ICW Director, Allan Barnes, to help with reception and children's crafts.

Child Support Services had our second Community Outreach project at the 50th Annual Delaware Powwow. During the Powwow, the CSS staff set up a booth and was available to answer questions regarding child

support services. The CSS staff made crafts available to the children and had a great time interacting with the families. The CSS team plans to attend future Delaware Powwows since it was a great way for the program to get to know our native community.

From May 30 to June 1, the CSS staff had a non-profit booth in YouthFest at SunFest. During the festival, CSS staff handed out information regarding the CS program, provided crafts for children, and participated in the festival's "Take The Journey" passport challenge. By participating in the passport challenge, CSS had over 750 children come to the CSS booth, along with their guardians, to receive their passport stamps and CSS program information. The Delaware CSS will continue to do Community Outreach projects in the upcoming months, so be looking for us!

The Child Support Team is expanding our knowledge of

child support services by visiting courts in their jurisdiction and by attending Tribal Conferences. On May 6 and 7, the CSS staff visited Kansas. CSS staff observed child support enforcement and establishment dockets in Wyandotte and Johnson County. This was crucial for the program since our service area includes 36 counties in the state of Kansas. Both of these counties were eager to learn about the Delaware Child Support Program and are willing to help in any way.

On May 8 and 9, the CSS staff attended the Region VII "Tribes Together" Child Support Workshop. During the conference, the CSS staff obtained information on the following topics: keeping confidential information safe, record keeping, child support software, and finances. The CSS staff was able to have one-on-one conversations with their regional program manager, Barbara Lacina, and with other tribal child support programs in Kansas. The CSS staff and Tribal Judge Charles Randall attended the National Child Support Association Conference from June

8 to June 12. Our team learned more about tribal child support and met other tribal child support programs' staff.

As the Child Support program reaches the end of the two-year start up phase, the CSS team is still hard at work to meet the requirements to be come a successful comprehensive tribal CS program. We have completed many of the requirements, such as having the program's policies and procedures in place and having any necessary contracts in place.

The Child Support Team is eager to go comprehensive on October 1, 2014. We are asking the Delaware community to direct anyone (native and non-native) who is need of child support services to the Delaware CSS office in Caney, KS or to our Bartlesville office, located at the Tribal Center. Our staff is looking forward to serving families in our service areas. Wanishi! ■



CSS information booth at Sunfest.

Editorials

And, As I See It

Bonnie Jo Griffith

How much are you worth to the Delaware Tribe of Indians? I believe, A LOT!!

As I see it, too much of our money is being spent on things that are unnecessary. Are we worth \$1.2 million? Yes, we are. A considerable amount of the money used to purchase the land in Lawrence, Kansas was from an unused Housing account. I feel that the money in Housing should be used for housing. There is considerable need in this area (Caney, Chelsea, Bartlesville, Dewey, Nowata, Quapaw, etc.) for housing for our members and especially our elders. I feel the money used in Lawrence should have been used to help in the area where there is the most need. As of now, we have not had any return on our Kansas investment. From what I have been able to find out, initially this property was to be used for a casino and housing. I now have been told that the possibilities of that happening are very slim. If there is a need for three or four homes in Lawrence, we could have bought them and implemented a rental program there. We, the Delaware Tribe of Indians, now own a sod farm. I believe the annual revenue from this sod farm to We the People, is about \$40,000. I would think that if the \$1.2M was drawn out of Housing and invested wisely, we would be drawing more than \$40,000 per year (and we would still have our \$1.2M).

We need real economic development for our tribe. It appears the Delaware Facility Management Service (DFMS) makes no revenue for the tribe. I have heard several times that they are "making money." If this is true, which I question, it is not for the tribe. Where is our economic growth? We deserve REAL economic development which in turn would

lead to more funding for all of the tribe's programs: Education, Elders, Veterans, Cultural Preservation, Language, Housing, Medical, Youth, Burial, and much more. We need a way to fill our coffers, not drain them. Economic growth for the tribe should include input from all of the tribal members. There are a number of ways to increase the monthly income of the Delaware Tribe of Indians. There is always a need for good, clean storage facilities. There is also a need in this area for a real truck stop—one with showers, etc. I am sure there are other great economic ideas that, with proper development and management, could be of great benefit to our tribe. As I see it, these are things that are needed by our tribe.

I believe that it is time our tribe look at going to a three branch system of government: Executive, Legislative, and Judicial. I realize this will be a major undertaking including a big change in our constitution but I see it as a way to provide checks and balances to our government. The Executive Branch could be a chief and assistant chief. The Legislative Branch could possibly be formed with seven members and the Judicial Branch with the current number of five judges. I believe that this type of government would ensure that no one (individual or group) would gain too much power.

And, as I see it, the things mentioned above are just the tip of the iceberg of ways to help our tribe.

BONNIE JO GRIFFITH
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From the Tribal Archives.

An Unpaid Debt

As we approach the Fourth of July, most of New Jersey will be celebrating our independence from the United Kingdom with fireworks, barbecues, beers and jingoistic flag waving.

But New Jersey has an unpaid debt to settle that the holiday revelers have conveniently chosen to ignore: The Lenape people.

Before New Jersey was New Netherland, New Sweden or the Province of New Jersey also known as New Caesarea, the proud Lenape people lived on the land that has become the state. It was their nation. It was their country. And it still is rightfully their land.

Through colonization, a genocide was undertaken against the Lenape and the remaining survivors were mostly dumped into third world living conditions at Native American tribal reservations in Oklahoma, where for years the federal government purposefully misclassified them as Cherokee.

New Jersey must establish politically sovereign Lenape reservations on available public lands statewide (such as Fort Monmouth) and encourage the Lenape to return to their home-

land. A formal apology must be issued and financial reparations must be paid. Lenape residing outside the state due to historical displacement must be given the right to vote in New Jersey elections. The Unami and Munsee languages spoken by the Lenape must be revived and made official languages of the state and taught in our schools.

New Zealand has recently sought to incorporate the aboriginal Maori culture and language into mainstream New Zealand society. Until the State of New Jersey takes similar steps for reconciliation with the Lenape, the status quo is effectively de facto approval of history's injustices. New Jersey should set an example for the rest of America and the world on indigenous rights.

In the meantime, I stand in solidarity with the struggle of the proud Lenape people and encourage others to join me.

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Staff and officials can be seen in person as well; please call or email ahead of time if possible, however, to insure that that person is available.

You may also email the tribe at tribe@delawaretribe.org.

Please understand that your input is important and is valued. ■

Contact Information Change Form

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.

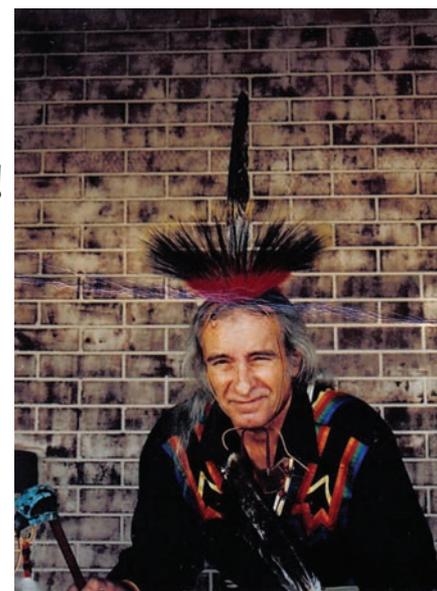
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November 1, 2014 Election**



ELECT CHESTER "CHET" BROOKS CHIEF OF DELAWARE TRIBE

I have five children, three grandchildren, and two great grandchildren who descend from the Ta-Ma-Nan, Ne-Ta-Wat-Wes, John Killbuck, Helena Killbuck Anderson, William Anderson, John Anderson Sarcoxie, Ta-Munda-A-Wa, Little John Sarcoxie, Marry Sarcoxie, Helen Camp Brooks Line. I have worked for two Boy Scout Camps, U.S. Forest Service, three lumber associations, one wood preserving company and was a lumber broker until 1982. I was in Native American Tobacco business for 20 yrs. During this period my Brother & I won a U.S. Supreme Court Criminal Case which helped enable Indian Smoke Shops and even Indian Gaming in Okla. It is my Honor to have served the Delaware Tribe for 23 yrs.—9 Housing Commission, 3 Trust Member, 5 Trust Chair, 2 Tribal Council and 4 Assistant Chief. Since 1999, I have brought the Delaware Tribe \$4,090,000 we would not have received without my efforts.

I LOST FAITH IN OUR CURRENT ADMINISTRATION when they attempted "Trust Takeover" 2-1/2 years ago. I have other issues of concern but lack space to address in this issue of DIN.

I PROMISE TO UPHOLD OUR CONSTITUTION, BY-LAWS AND MY OATH OF OFFICE!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

ALL DELAWARES AND FAMILY INCLUDING COUNCIL CANDIDATES ARE INVITED TO A CAMPAIGN RALLY @ 12:00 NOON, SATURDAY, AUGUST 23—DELAWARE COMMUNITY CENTER—BARTLESVILLE, OK. OTHER CHIEF CANDIDATES WELCOME IF THEY DESIRE TO DEBATE.

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