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Message from the Chief

Chief Paula Pechonick

He'! Nipen (summer) is about gone! Did you get everything accomplished that you wanted to do?

I have been to visit North Lawrence, KS several times. The Tribal Council had their July meeting there with a roomful of people in attendance. It was a really happy meeting with Tribal members in attendance who do not normally get to attend Council meetings. We've met with Haskell Indian Nations University (which just celebrated their 130th anniversary), KU, KSU, the city of Lawrence, Douglas County, the school district, the USDA, and Lawrence Chamber of Commerce.

But in the end, we will do what's best for the Tribe! We would like to have a multi-purpose building to house the programs we have in Bartlesville and Caney such as Elder Nutrition, Housing and Child Support Services. We would like to have

offices and classrooms to further our culture, our language and other projects with other programs.

In August, the BIA from the Miami agency visited us in Bartlesville to discuss our move from the Eastern Muskogee Region BIA office to the Miami Agency. The Miami Agency and the nine other Tribes under its authority are excited for the Delaware Tribe to join them. The BIA approved "Start-Up" monies for the Tribe. These monies are provided to help the Tribe administer the Tribe's ATG (Aid to Tribal Government) contract. We have been pursuing a direct contract relationship with the BIA since I took office in 2010. Under the Cherokee MOA, previously, our ATG was administered to the Tribe by the Cherokee Nation. We accomplished a modification to the MOA to change this restriction and to allow for **direct funding** from the

BIA. Now that we are able to contract directly, the Miami Agency is working with us to obtain additional funding.

The election process is moving along and is in this *DIN*. I appreciate the election committee's dedication to helping Tribal members vote. I hope that you will vote in person on November 1, or before by absentee ballot, in this very important election.

I hope you enjoy the information about our programs and services in each issue of the *DIN*. I want to thank Greg Brown as well as all the program directors and Tribal members who submit information to share with the membership as a whole.

I encourage you to check out our website www.delawaretribe.org and our official Facebook page "Delaware Tribe of Indians" if you have access to the internet.

I also encourage those who are able to come to our General Council on November 8. Our goal is to have an orderly, informative meeting to share with you the successes of the Tribe and plan for the future.

As always, please update your addresses as well as those of your relatives through enrollment and take a moment today to contact Enrollment to determine what you need to do to help your relatives get enrolled.

Be nicer than you have to be and help those in need.

Lapich knewë! (See you soon!)
Chief Paula Pechonick■



Chief Paula Pechonick (seated in center) with Oklahoma tribal leaders and Oklahoma Governor Mary Fallin (standing at center) at summit meeting June 30 in Miami, OK.

SPECIAL NOTICE TO TRIBAL MEMBERS

Tribal Election Date: Saturday November 1, 2014
General Council Meeting: Saturday November 8, 2014

This year the annual General Council meeting will be held **one week after the election**. The meeting is scheduled for **Saturday November 8, 2014** at the Delaware Community Center, 5100 E. Tuxedo Blvd in Bartlesville. Doors will open at 10 am and a lunch will be provided at noon. The business meeting will start at 1 pm. Tribal members are encouraged to attend. The winners of the election for Chief, Tribal Council, and Tribal Judge will take their oath of office. The State of the Tribe address will be given as well as staff and department reports. Please attend and support your tribe!

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From the Office of Tribal Manager Curtis Zunigha

This is quite an exciting time around the Delaware Indian Center. We've had a busy summer and now head into the fall season of feasts and ceremonies. And attention is turning to the 2014 tribal election for Chief, Tribal Council, and Tribal Judges. The date for the election is **November 1**, so send in for your absentee ballot if you're not going to be in Bartlesville or Caney, KS to cast your vote.

We started the summer with the first Tribal Council meeting in Lawrence, KS in 147 years. Our tribal presence in the area is growing, as our leaders work with local, state, and national officials to plan development of the 90+ acres of prime farm land that we now own. Chief Pechonick and the Tribal Council also held meetings with the U.S. District Attorney for Northern Oklahoma and a team of Justice Department officials to discuss law enforcement issues in Oklahoma Indian Country. We also met with officials of the Bureau of Indian Affairs to discuss our status as a sovereign nation. In a move to diminish the influ-

ence of the Cherokee Nation, the BIA transferred supervision of the Delaware Tribe to their Miami, OK Agency.

Superintendent Paul Yates and his team came to Bartlesville and discussed our inclusion with nine other tribes in his agency. Many of these tribes have been allies with the Delawares for over 200 years. This led to a proposal by our tribe to manage our own governmental affairs through a self-determination contract. The BIA awarded the Delaware Tribe with a contract called Aid to Tribal Government. With start-up costs the contract totals \$377,945 of new money coming to our tribe. We also received an Indian Housing Block Grant in the amount of \$576,437 from HUD Office of Native American Programs. Both of these awards represent the diligent work of Chief Pechonick, the Tribal Council and staff to re-establish a direct government-to-government relationship outside of the 2006 Cherokee Nation agreement.

The Delaware Tribe also received a solicitation by the National Native American Law Enforcement Association to apply for a grant from the Original Americans Foundation. We were granted 24 brand new iPads to be used in our tribal language

program. The first recipient was "Bear" Tompkins, a young tribal member who is attending Haskell Indian Nations University in Lawrence, KS.

On the personnel side we are pleased that tribal member Allan Barnes was internally promoted to become the new Title VI Elder Nutrition Director. Allan has quickly assumed the leadership at our community center's daily lunch program. We also welcome Candace Keah-Tigh to our Accounting Department and Sasheen Reynolds as Indian Child Welfare and Community Services Coordinator.

And finally, with this report I am proud to have represented our tribe at a planning meeting for a 2015 Lenape-Delaware gathering to held on the Stockbridge-Munsee Reservation in Wisconsin. The Munsees are the Wolf Clan people of the Lenape and this band was relocated in the 1930s. While I was there I met with our relations from Canada and attended a Veterans Pow Wow, proudly representing our tribe's veterans. We have much to be thankful for as members of the Delaware Tribe and much to be proud of. I hope you feel the same as you read this issue of the *Delaware Indian News*. Wanishi.■

From the Desk of Councilwoman Annette Ketchum

This year, all year, has been bloated with candidates campaigning for the vacancies for Chief and Council positions. Normally in an election year, especially when it is the year the Chief's position is open, there is politicking, but this year has been abnormal. It's probably because the councilmen receive a much larger monthly stipend than the \$25 that existed for 30-40 years. Also, anyone wanting to be Chief for the money will find out that with a 60+ hour week, with constant meetings, professional obligations, hard decisions to make, and staff/personnel matters always at a forefront, the money can never compensate enough for the work. A Chief must serve for the betterment of our people and for the preservation of the Tribe and its culture. That's the reward.

I believe after the election the politicking will subside and

hopefully things will get back on a smooth course. This administration can do the job the people re-elects them to do. I support this present administration. I support the extremely progressive growth of the Tribe. I support the return to Kansas to gain jurisdiction for the Tribe and still remain strong in Bartlesville with our infrastructure and continued growth, as well. Since the Cherokee Nation supports our move to Kansas to acquire jurisdiction, Washington DC will hopefully find all the funding to support our move. It is a slow process just as are all government efforts; however progress economically strengthens the Tribe.

In writing to you, my constituents, please let me know your thoughts, please pose your reasons for or against any subject and I will try to explain who, what, how or whatever. Thank you for hearing me out and please vote.

Sincerely, Annette Ketchum,
Senior Councilwoman ■

Community Services Programs

As stated in the July 2014 *Delaware Indian News*, due to a lack of available 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 Sasheen Reynolds 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. ■

Contact Information Change Form

Name: _____
 Address: _____

 City: _____
 State: _____ Zip: _____
 Telephone: _____ Email: _____
 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.

Send completed form to:

**Delaware Tribe of Indians
 170 N.E. Barbara
 Bartlesville, OK 74006**

Delaware Tribe of Indians

Absentee Ballot Request Form

Election November 1, 2014

I hereby request an absentee ballot for the 2014 Delaware Tribal Council & Judicial Elections.

Date : _____

Delaware Registration #: _____

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

Address: _____
City State Zip

Telephone #: _____ E-mail address: _____

Sign: _____ Birth Date: _____

This form must be received at the Delaware Election Board Post Office Box by close of business on OCTOBER 1, 2014 to receive an Absentee Ballot. Only (1) ballot per request form. This form may be duplicated. All request forms must be mailed to:

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

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ember 15, 2014 for the January 2015 issue. Submissions may be mailed, faxed or hand delivered to the tribal office or emailed to din@delawaretribe.org. Paid advertisements are available; for rates, please contact the editor.

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OFFICIAL BALLOT
DELAWARE TRIBE OF INDIANS
GENERAL ELECTION
Bartlesville, Oklahoma
Saturday, November 1, 2014

THIS IS YOUR SECRECY BALLOT
 DO NOT SIGN OR OTHERWISE MUTILATE
 DO NOT ERASE
 TO VOTE: USE PEN OR PENCIL
 COMPLETE THE ARROWS ← ←

POINTING TO YOUR CHOICES LIKE THIS ←

CHIEF - for a term of 4 years:
VOTE FOR (1) ONE ONLY

Chester "Chet" L. Brooks ← ←
 Bruce Martin ← ←
 Paula K. Pechonick ← ←
 Karla "Michelle" Vernon ← ←

TRIBAL COUNCIL - for a term of 4 years:
VOTE FOR (3) THREE ONLY

Janifer Kay Brown ← ←
 Verna Faith Crawford ← ←
 Bonnie Jo Griffith ← ←
 Lisa "Michelle" Holley ← ←
 Nicky Kay Michael ← ←
 Jenifer Jo Pechonick ← ←
 Benita J. Shea ← ←

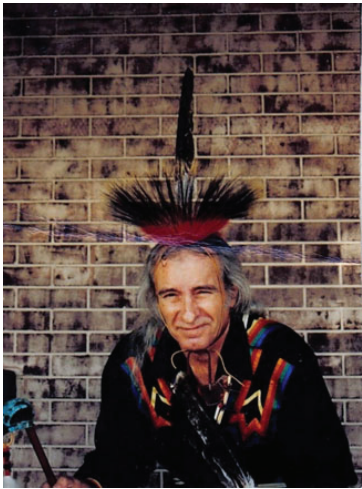
ASSOCIATE TRIBAL JUDGE - for a term of 4 years:
VOTE FOR (2) TWO ONLY

Rick L. Barnes ← ←
 Cameron Ann Fraser ← ←

OFFICIAL BALLOT
DELAWARE TRIBE OF INDIANS
GENERAL ELECTION
Bartlesville, Oklahoma
Saturday, November 1, 2014

Pre-print mockup of 2014 ballot. This is what you will receive in the mail or will be available on-site at the November 1 polling places. For information only; you do not have to do anything with this copy.

Candidates for Chief



Chester "Chet" L. Brooks

My concerns continued from full page ad elsewhere in this issue.

In addition to the attempted "Trust Takeover" and the "draw down of housing funds," my additional CONCERNS ARE:

I do not believe nepotism is being practiced by the definition prescribed in our Code of Ethics. However I can clearly see the reasoning by many Tribal Members that this Administration is "Nepotistic" when our Chief has an Elected Council Sister, an appointed Council Daughter, a gaming consultant hired Brother In Law, a DFMS employed Son & his Significant Other, and did have a Grandson Tribal Accountant and several Cousins, all working in our non-nepotistic Tribe at the same time. Of even greater concern to me is when non relative, social climbing employees and Council Members start joining "The Clan," in order to protect their own status and interests.

I am also very disturbed that we have no profit making businesses at this time and I have many other concerns but lack space to address in this DIN. We will discuss when elected.

I have given you my background and main concerns in July and October Issues of *DIN*.

I Respectfully ask for your vote and support and guidance when elected. I remind all absentee voters who did not vote in 2013 that your request for ballot must be postmarked by Oct. 1st.

I support and endorse the election of Bonnie Jo Griffith, Nicky K. Michael and Benita Shea to Delaware Tribal Council. WE PROMISE TO UPHOLD THE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE DELAWARE TRIBE OF INDIANS. – WANI-SHI

Chet Brooks
email achilenape@yahoo.com
phone: 918-397-1161 ■



Bruce Martin

After being approached by several of our Tribal Elders and other tribal members to run for Chief of the Delaware Tribe of Indians, and after much thought, consideration, and prayer, I have decided to run for CHIEF of the Delaware Tribe of Indians.

I am the son of Lewis and Patsy Martin, and grandson of Edward and Elizabeth Miller.

I am the adopted son of Ron Eastman, of the Crow Nation, of the Whistling Water Clan, Crow Agency Montana. Today, I live in Quapaw, OK with my wife Lee Ann (Blalock), of 25 years, and have two stepchildren and six grandchildren.

In 1999, Lee Ann and I received the Native American parent of the Year Award from the Kansas Association for Native American Education. I have been recognized for my work as a Powwow Arena Director by the Oklahoma Indian Times

I do not take this position lightly. Susan Cade, Mary and Gilbert Watters strongly encouraged me to run for Chief. And just before Martin Thomas passed away, I had the privilege and honor to visit with him at White Oak. He and Nicki Thomas strongly encouraged me to run for Chief as well. I am thankful for their support and prayers.

I have served on the Board of Directors, and as the Youth Activities Director, Assistant Executive Director, and Interim Executive Director at the Pelathe Community Resource Center, "Lawrence's Indian Center." As the Director of the Lawrence Indian Center, I have the experience of dealing with non-profit agencies, writing grants and budgets and writing reports for state and Federal funding. I have also served as the Executive Director of the Heart of America Indian Center in Kansas City Missouri for a short time.

For 10 years I served as the Co-Director and founder of the New Dawn Native Dancers, an American Indian Youth Dance group in Lawrence, Kansas. I also was in the Operation Eagle Dance group when it started. I enjoy going to pow-wows and have been on several committees and have served as head staff at numerous pow-wows.

My work with Haskell Indian Nations University as well as travels throughout Indian Country for Powwows and other ceremonial dances has given me the opportunity to build relationships with other tribal leaders, so the Delaware Tribe of Indians will possibly benefit from assistance from other tribes when needed.

I want to represent the Delaware Tribe in a positive manner as a professional and cultural leader. A Lenape leader cannot succeed without including all of our Tribal citizens and engaging everyone in our Tribal government business opportunities and cultural activities and ceremonies.

TOGETHER we can grow our Tribe by developing more programs, jobs and cultural programs for all. Honor, respect and dignity should be central tenants to a strong, proud Nation.

Wanishi,

Bruce Martin
Candidate for Chief of the Delaware Tribe of Indians
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Quapaw OK 74363
BruceM.Lenape@yahoo.com ■



Paula K. Pechonick

Chief Paula Pechonick is Chief of our great Delaware Tribe of Indians and the first female Chief in recorded history. Elected in 2010, she seeks re-election in November after a long list of achievements for the Tribe during her short time in office. The Delaware Tribe has a rich and unique history, is known as the "Grandfather Tribe" to many Tribes; and if you are looking, you will find the Delaware play a part in nearly every significant historical event throughout the years. However,

for approximately the last 145 years, the Tribe has known the ache of a prisoner of war, forcibly removed to Indian Territory into the area now known as the Cherokee Nation in the late 1860s. "I hit the ground running and have not stopped. As you learn about the Delaware you learn about the resilience through the years. We have always found a way to make our situation work." Chief Pechonick has a shining spirit which draws people to her. "We have not stopped making history; every day is a new day. I tell those who ask why we have been able to move forward in such a way. I explain that I made a deal with the Creator; I would be the Chief of my Tribe if he would stay right beside me." The Tribe has reached an amicable relationship with the Cherokee Nation, finding ways to help both Tribes in a complicated jurisdictional situation. The Cherokee leadership is an avid supporter in the Kansas quest. Chief Pechonick says of the Tribe's relatively recent mission to seek a Delaware jurisdiction in Kansas to serve all Native Americans and express true sovereignty and self-determination. "We have a very attentive BIA (Bureau of Indian Affairs) audience and in the last two years there have been many meetings and miles of travel gaining support for our effort. We just want what our Treaty rights demand and what all other Tribes are afforded."

The Tribe recently acquired 90+ acres near Lawrence, Kansas. The property has a special distinction of being part of the Tribe's last reservation, the two million acres the Tribe held in Kansas until the railroad and westward expansion drove us to Oklahoma. "The Lawrence property was owned by my relatives, the Sarcocie family, sold to the Pine family who occupied the land until we made the purchase last year. We are the first and third owners," says the Chief.

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The Tribe has an 80-acre complex in Bartlesville, OK which will continue to serve the Tribe. The Tribe also applied for Trust status on property just over the Kansas border where the Tribe's company Delaware Facilities Management Solutions is located. DFMS has applied for 8(a) status to open federal contracting opportunities which will mean significant revenue for the Tribe. "It's an exciting time to be a Delaware," says Chief Pechonick.

Chief Pechonick started as a volunteer at the headquarters and attended every Tribal meeting. She has served on the Tribal Council for 15 years and the Trust Board for eight years. Chief Pechonick was a Judge for the Tribal Court, a term of five years, her experience and knowledge of Tribal government and politics is extensive. Chief Pechonick has served in all of her positions, unpaid and not compensated, including the Culture Preservation Committee for 20 years. Chief Pechonick was on the gift shop committee and carried the gift shop on many out of state trips to promote the gift shop and our great Delaware Tribe of Indians. She is and has been on the Elder Committee for eight years. Chief Pechonick has served on the NAGPRA Committee since it was brand new back in the '90s. She traveled many miles and attended countless meetings to repatriate our ancestors and their possessions. This has worked into our newly-established Historical Preservation Office and hiring an archaeologist to help in our reclamation battle. In addition, Chief Pechonick has been an active member of the Bartlesville Indian Women's Club for 29 years. Chief Pechonick was educated at Dewey High School, completed Commercial Art School in Wichita, Kansas and has furthered her education by taking many college hours. Her mother was a Delaware Indian and her father had part Omaha blood. Chief Pechonick was born north

of Dewey, OK on her Delaware grandmother's allotment, was brought up in the Delaware way and always knew she was Delaware. Her heritage traces back to the Sarcoxie and Bullett families. Most of Chief Pechonick's adulthood has been spent being a wife, mother, and grandmother to her four children (sons Martin and Beau Watt, daughters Dr. Kimberly Moore and Jenifer Pechonick), seven grandchildren and two great grandchildren. Chief Pechonick is one of the most accomplished artisans in the Delaware Tribe and is widely known for her moccasins, bead work, ribbon work, traditional clothing and has many items on display in museums around the country. ■



Karla Michelle Vernon

I desire to be the change that guides the Delaware Tribe into being an innovator and leader within the Native American community.

Having lived on several reservations throughout the US, I believe I have a wide perspective and understanding on the needs of Native people. Fundamentally, I have learned that it is crucial to learn from our elders, guide our children, and invest and share with future generations. I have a history of volunteering with the following organizations: Rock the Vote, Native Vote, community libraries, tutoring elementary-university, and mentoring at risk youth. I'm a motivated professional with multiple college degrees, and a successful work history of producing results while striving for excellence. I am

poised, versatile, and competent with a demonstrated ability to excel within a diverse environment. I excel in leadership, personal accountability and integrity, team-building, customer service, and establishing goals and achieving results.

I desire:

- To bring a fresh, business-oriented perspective to the Tribe.
- To establish and promote a check-and-balance system within our Tribal government.
- To promote transparency, integrity, personal accountability, customer service, and timely responses to tribal member inquiries for all staff whether directly or indirectly employed by the tribe, and all tribal government elected and appointed officials.
- To establish departmental accountability regarding the above mentioned issues, with fines levied for breaches in timely responses,

integrity, and tribal written policies and procedures and in applicable cases federal written policies and procedures. The monies collected in fines to be utilized for scholarships, and each fine and reason be made public knowledge.

- To demand all tribal departments, committees, and tribal government elected and appointed officials adhere to their tribal written policies and procedures, and in applicable cases adhere to federal written policies and procedures.
- To require all staff, tribal government elected and appointed officials, or any representative of the Tribe to be randomly drug tested upon hire, throughout employment and/or term of office, and upon returning from any duty in which the person represented the Delaware Tribe in any capacity.

- To retire current hiring habits involving nepotism, and hiring people who lack experience or education in the given field. My priority is to place individuals into positions where they can successfully work for the betterment of the tribe and tribal members.
- To require either real-time online interactive Tribal Council and Trust Board meetings for tribal members located outside Bartlesville, OK, or for quarterly meetings to be held in each location that supports a tribal office.
- To actively strive to empower tribal members to ask questions, educate their self, and build up their fellow tribal members and other Native Americans.

Karla Michelle Vernon
(918) 892-6038
kmvernon77@gmail.com ■

Education Committee Assistance and Programs

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

If you have any questions, please contact Sasheen Reynolds at 918-337-6520.

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. ■

Candidates for Tribal Council



Janifer (Jan) Kay Brown

I am the daughter of James W. (Judge) Allen. I am here again asking for your vote. Four whirlwind years have gone by but I still have things to accomplish.

We have done a lot with the Elder Nutrition program and it has grown in leaps and bounds. The kitchen was enlarged so all food is kept in the building, not outside in storage sheds. Equipment was updated to allow healthier and fresher food choices for the elders and their families. A door was moved to the parking lot side for ease of access for the elders as well as an automatic door opener at the front of the building for wheelchairs.

Applications for programs for tribal members are readily available and are processed as fast as possible.

Meeting places and times are consistent and the *Delaware Indian News* is printed four times a year as our people wanted. The web pages are updated often and we now have a "Facebook" page as well. Information on what is happening with the Tribe is out there for people to find and read.

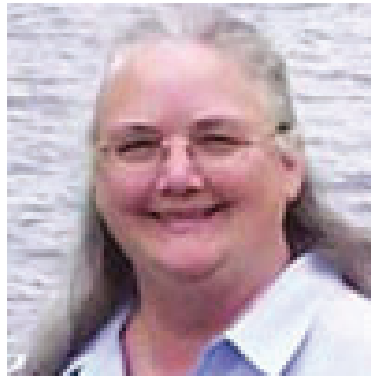
My e-mail and cell number has always been accessible to any and all tribal members [temalo-sa@yahoo.com or jbrown@

delawaretribe.org, or (918)214-5376].

I am at the Delaware Community Center almost every day to talk, listen and try to help those with a problem or just want to visit. I served as Chief Justice of the Delaware Tribe for six years in the '90s. I am at present serving on the newly-established Elder Committee as well as on our Tribal Council and remain active in the Culture Preservation Committee. Three months before the Delaware Pow Wow I helped teach to get people ready with traditional classes on dress, moccasins and Tulip purses. What we have learned and know needs to be shared. These classes should be online for all Delawares to learn, not just the ones living close. With the new equipment in the Community Center this will become a reality.

Housing for our people is now under our tribe, not an outside entity as what happened when we lost our recognition. My first month in office I tried to find a way to get the Delaware Child Care back under the umbrella of the Delaware Tribe but because of our MOA with the Cherokees, the process didn't get started until lately. At least it has begun. Soon day care will be available to Delawares and Delawares hired to take care of them as it was to be from the beginning as has been done in all our programs. Monies for Tribal Governance (ATG) and housing is now coming directly to the tribe not through the Cherokee Nation with them keeping processing fees. Soon this will be true for child care as well.

Please give me a chance to complete the things started. I don't want to make this a career. I ask for your vote to be on the Delaware Tribal Council one more time. I think helping Chief Pechonick will be the best thing we can do for our tribe. ■



Verna Faith Crawford

Hello, Delaware Tribal Members, I am Verna Crawford and I request your vote for Delaware Tribal Council in November.

I am the great granddaughter of *Tol le carpe* (John R. Stout) and *Na munow* (Susie Lucas Stout). My parents are Paul Vergil Stout and Ella Lorraine (Mitchell) Stout.

I currently serve on the Delaware Tribal Council and Trust Board. I am secretary of both boards.

I have served the Delaware Tribe in many capacities for over 30 years. I served on the Delaware Housing Authority Board of Commissioners for 12 years. I was editor of the *Delaware Indian News* from 1985 to 1991 and volunteered my services to the *DIN* from that time until about 2011. Other positions I have held within the Delaware Tribe include temporary office manager, assistant office manager, and gift shop manager, and I have served on many committees.

I am currently Chairman of the Trust Board Community Services Committee and member of the Education Committee. Other committees I have served on are Trust Board Economic Development, Land Management, Tribal Operations and Re-investment.

I owned and operated LV Variety Merchandising in Nowata for four years. I worked as reporter

and advertising sales for both Nowata newspapers, *Nowata Star* for six years and *Nowata County Area People* for four years. I am a past president of Nowata County Chamber of Commerce and member of Nowata Industrial Foundation, an entity of the Chamber. Since 2004 I have devoted myself to my community, my tribe and my family.

Over the past thirty years I have seen the Delaware Tribe struggle to keep the Tribe operating. In the 1980's there were few employees and along with the Tribal officials and volunteers the Tribe maintained their government for the Delaware people.

In the last eight years, the Delaware Tribe has won the final battle for federal recognition. In order to achieve that goal the Tribal Council was pressured to develop a Memorandum of Agreement with the Cherokee Nation that limited the authority of the Delaware Tribe within the Cherokee Nation. This agreement required federal funds for the Delaware Tribe were paid to us through the Cherokee Nation and they received a management fee.

Four years ago, when I was last elected, we had just won the battle for federal recognition. Since then we have been working on establishing and exercising our independent tribal sovereignty. We have worked with the BIA and Cherokee Nation to get our federal funds directly, not through the Cherokee Nation. The Aid to Tribal Government funds, housing funds and some others come directly to the Delaware Tribe. The return of the Child Development to the Delaware Tribe is near. Tribal enrollment has increased greatly, existing programs such as EPA and LIHEAP (utility assistance). The web site has been expanded and improved; the Museum, Historical Archives, Language Program, and Gift Shop are flourishing.

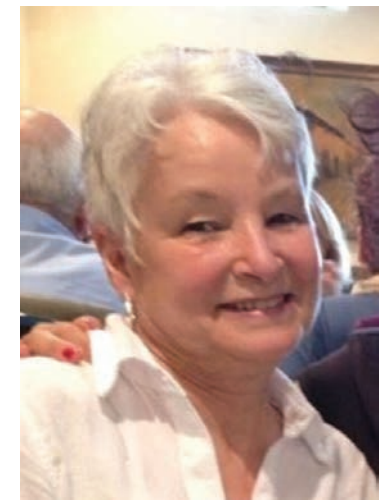
In order to fully exercise tribal sovereignty we must expand to Kansas. The first steps have been taken: an administrative office has been established in Caney, Kansas. The Tribal Court, Child Support Services office, and more are housed in Caney. An application has been submitted to the BIA to place this land in Trust.

There are several projects in the works for economic development, health care, education and more. I ask for your vote in November so I may see these projects become fact.

But whoever you vote for, your vote is important.

I pray for the Creator to bless all Delaware and guide the Tribe into a successful prosperous future.

Wainishi ■



Bonnie Jo Griffith

My name is Bonnie Jo Griffith and I want to represent you on the Delaware Tribe of Indians Tribal Council. I have spent considerable time this past almost two years observing and questioning our current elected officials. As I've attended their monthly "open" meetings, I've come away frustrated and puzzled. We HAVE

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to have a change in order for this tribe to grow and thrive.

Resolutions are voted on with no open discussion by the Council. I want to represent the people of our tribe and ensure they know what these resolutions are. When I have asked why the resolutions, in their entirety, aren't provided to tribal members before they are voted on, I have been told (by one of the incumbent candidates) that we don't need to know what the resolutions are, the Councilors know and they were elected to do the voting. I feel that we as tribal members have the right to know what is going on. I will work to have all resolutions posted on the doors of our buildings, on our website, and on our Facebook page at least 48 hours before a vote.

Numerous closed door "workshops" are held every month and I feel these need to stop immediately. EVERY meeting, with the exception of true executive sessions, should be open to We the People. I have actually been told by one councilwoman that Indian tribes HAVE to have closed door meetings to be able to conduct business. That statement is totally absurd. We, as registered tribal members, need to stand together and put a stop to this practice.

Nepotism has run rampant through our tribe in the last four years. This should never happen. In the last four years the chief's daughter was appointed, by a vote of the Council (including the chief voting), to a seat on the Council. Additionally, the chief's son, that son's companion, the chief's grandson, the grandson's fiancé, and the chief's brother-in-law have all gained employment and income from our tribe. This needs to be stopped!! Once elected, I hope to see a very strict anti-nepotism policy passed to protect our people.

Another real issue is the Delaware Facilities Management Solution, LLC (DFMS). This is an LLC owned by the tribe, OUR tribe, but with no accountabil-

ity to us. I asked about open records of this group and have been told, no these records aren't to be viewed by the public. Then I was told there are open records. Then, when I was provided some invoices to view that I asked for, the chief and three members of the Council, two of which are on the ballot, wanted the person who provided me the copies fired. That is ludicrous. We, as tribal members, should have access to all financials.....the detailed version, not the dumbed down one. This entity has cost our tribe hundreds of thousands of dollars, unaccounted for expenses. Our Housing Department has been especially hurt by DFMS. As a representative on the Council, I will work to see that you are an informed public.

There are two other council positions being voted on and I feel Nicky Michael, Michelle Holley, and Benita Shea are all excellent candidates. We need change – not incumbents.

Chester "Chet" Brooks is my choice for Chief. Of the four running, he has the most Delaware government experience and can bring his vast knowledge of our tribe to the table. For the sake of We the People, we have to make a change in that office also.

Join me on November 1st and vote for positive change for the Delaware Tribe of Indians.

Check out my blog at www.mydelawareviews.wordpress.com

Wanishi,
Bonnie Jo Griffith
Delaware Tribal Member
Registration #248■



Lisa "Michelle" Holley

Candidate for Tribal Council



Nicky Kay Michael, PhD

Kulamāsihemo hēch Lenapeyok? Nulhatenami! Ntēluwēnsi Opatiaxkwe.

Greetings fellow Delawares! My name is Nicky Kay Michael and I would be most honored to serve you as a member of the Tribal Council. My campaign is about "Advancing, energizing, and empowering our people through Dynamic and Focused Leadership."

To advance our people, I believe we need to expand our horizons and press for more business, education, health and leadership opportunities. For example, in the past, our Tribe has sought for business prospects in gaming and Delaware Enterprise Authority endeavors (see *River Trails LLC v. Delaware Tribe of Indians*). I believe we need to increase the Tribe's revenue streams by diversifying businesses and fundraising strategies.

When we open our minds and examine alternative strategies, we find important examples such as the Delaware Nation in Anadarko, our sister Tribe. The Delaware Nation Culture Preservation Department pulls in millions of dollars to assist their Language and Culture Preservation efforts. While some in the Delaware Tribe have stated that the Dela-

ware Nation in Anadarko profits only through their casino, nothing could be further from the truth. The Delaware Nation profits from their Historic Preservation, Section 106 Consulting processes. We have the same capacity to make millions because we have the same historical areas of interest. This is merely one example of what knowledgeable people can do to assist and empower our people with dynamic and focused leadership.

To energize our people, we need to be inclusive. This means assuring that we maintain an active means of communication with our members. As a leader we should also validating tribal members' opinions and we should acting with integrity. Essentially, we need to develop trust between our leadership and our members so that we can pursue the activities for which the tribal members deem important. Twenty years ago I was trained to be a certified facilitator and I use these methods every time I teach a college course or adult grant writing seminar. Experience has taught me the power of consensus building activities. Our tribal members should be considered in every decision. Each of you has something valuable and important to say, and as a leader, I will listen and honor your opinion.

Countless numbers of people outside the local area of Bartlesville request more on-line language and culture resources. While I have been honored to assist with the Lenape Talking Dictionary, I would like to see more interactive, web-based educational language opportunities. One of the reasons we currently do not have this capability is that the Tribe does not have the funding. I have already stated one possible solution to this through our Section 106 Historical Preservation processes. However, there are additional resources and partnerships to pursue. Over the course of this last year, I have been working with a national Education team.

This Education team seeks to integrate Native languages into the common core curriculum across the United States for third graders. What I have learned is that we need to actively pursue partnerships with companies capable of helping us develop these programs. In turn, we empower our people with their history, culture and their Native language.

Without question, another means of empowering our people is through education. We have numerous resources to develop our scholarship monies. As the Chair of the Education Committee on the Trust Board, I have steadily educated the committee about fundraising opportunities through private foundations. Yet, the Tribal Council has access to federal monies and programs that far exceed the ability of our Trust Board to provide scholarships. Additionally, I will press for our Tribe to develop Vocational Rehabilitation, Workforce Investment, and other job training programs.

In conclusion, I believe that our path should be towards self-determination. Most all other tribal nations in the United States have developed their governments for over forty years since the Indian Self-Determination Act of 1970. Our Delaware Tribe has been hampered from fully developing our capacity by many years of limbo legal status. We have much to catch up on and no time to waste on any dysfunction. We have the power and can be a dynamic force in this country as the Grandfather Tribe. Wanishi■

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.

www.delawaretribe.org



Jennifer Jo Pechonick

My name is Jenifer Pechonick. I ask for your vote November 1 for Tribal Council. I currently serve on the Council. I was elected to Tribal Council in 2002. I served until 2006 and on the Trust Board until 2008. Though I adamantly supported Chief Pechonick's election in 2010, I did not seek election. I helped from the sidelines until I was appointed to the Tribal Council in early 2011. I hope that you have been watching or participating in the Tribe's revitalization.

Our accomplishments and our experiences through history as a people are resounding. While most Tribes have a removal story and certainly no two are alike, piece after piece of our removal story is remarkable. Our history is vast and something every Delaware should be proud of, inspired by, and have an understanding of why we are where we are today.

In 1996, the Assistant Secretary of Interior ruled on the 1979 letter from the Bureau of Indian Affairs which claimed the Delaware were absorbed into the Cherokee Nation in 1867. In 2004, the 10th Circuit Court of Appeals determined the 1996 action of the Assistant Secretary was outside of her authority. In 2005, we went back to the Department of Interior and sought guidance. They

told us to go home and work it out with the Cherokees. In 2006, we sat down with various leaders and department heads of the Cherokee Nation. By 2008, the Tribal Council signed the MOA with the Cherokees and in 2009, the Tribe was recognized under OIWA.

Progress and growth under Chief Pechonick has been continuous. The *DIN* is a record of the minutes from meetings, articles written by program directors, editorials from your Tribal leaders, as well as news and stories submitted by Tribal members. Many more tribal families have benefited from the increased access to the Tribe (including the programs funded under the Trust document which are administered and in 2014 significantly funded through the Tribe). Because of the Tribe's location in the Cherokee Nation many of the Tribal programs only directly benefit Tribal members in the local area, but now there is access to those outside the local area that is greater than ever before. These include increased job opportunities, social programs for utilities, household repairs and other programs which rely on the Tribe's five county jurisdiction. In 2012, I wrote the first federal grant which recognized the Tribe's jurisdiction to include the historic five counties, all Delaware in the U.S. and all Native Americans in 37 counties previously underserved by any other Tribe.

In 2012, the Tribe self-funded a rental assistance program for the same area in Kansas. In 2012, the Tribe repurposed a former Delaware Child Care building in Kansas to house the Tribal Court, the Child Support Services Program as well as Delaware Facilities Management and others. In 2013, the Tribe expanded our land base in Kansas by purchasing the 90+ acres in Lawrence. This parcel of land was originally Chief Sarcoxie's when the Tribe had a designated reservation in Kansas. With the purchase, the Tribe has become the 1st and 3rd owners of this property and further solidifies the Tribe's authority in Kansas.

The Tribe's expansion to Kansas allows the Tribe to claim jurisdiction outside of the Cherokee Nation which will afford the Tribe the same opportunities other tribes enjoy and will in turn continue to benefit the general welfare of the Tribe and Tribal members throughout the Nation. The Tribe does not have to "move" to Kansas and will still maintain, grow and expand the programs available to members in the five counties. The progress of the Tribe and the completion of current projects (successful Tribal business, 8(a) SBA status, Land-into-Trust application, ongoing relationship with the Cherokee Nation, new programs, additional BIA contracts, etc) will cease to exist due to the crucial timelines and experience required if the present administration is interrupted and slowed down by Council changes.

I ask for your vote November 1, 2014 to keep the momentum of the Tribe. I promise to continue to lead with two basic principles: no lies, and be accountable. The Tribal Council is faced with tough decisions on every subject at an unbelievable rate. Our job is to perform the due diligence required, follow the Tribe's policies and be accountable for our decisions. As the election continues to draw near, beware of skewed facts, promises and lies from those who benefit from change in administration. A young tribal member was talking to me the other day about the platform of one of the candidates campaigning to be elected. The tribal member said of the candidate's promises reminded her of the "easy button" ad from an office products store. She said I should remind the candidate there isn't one. **Please don't forget to vote. In Tribal elections, every vote counts.■**



Benita J. Shea

I am Benita Artherton Shea, great granddaughter of John Falleaf and Sally Elkhair Falleaf, granddaughter of Myrtle Falleaf Black and Albert Black, daughter of Verna Black Artherton and Benny Jay Dunkle.

Education

I attended school at Copan and Jane Phillips, graduating from College High School in Bartlesville, OK. I attended Clark County Community College in Las Vegas, NV for accounting principles and the University of Memphis for Excel. I have completed classes offered through my workplace, including diversity, management, sexual harassment and ethics. I have also led a United Way campaign for a local Memphis chapter as well as a member of the American Payroll Association.

Experience

PROJECT MANAGER – I have 11 years with a leading HR outsourcing company. I currently work from home here in Bartlesville as a virtual employee. My job responsibilities include planning and evaluating project activities for clients such as International Paper, Pepsi and BP. I develop estimates for the job and track accordingly, ensure resources are aligned, look for process improvements, conduct meetings, status reports, train, coach, and

am proficient in written and verbal communication. I led a team of eight resources transferring the payroll operations from Memphis to Toronto, Canada, as well as team of 10 payroll and accounting resources from Chicago, IL to Memphis, TN for a client which is major bank located in Chicago.

PAYROLL MANAGER and ACCOUNTING SUPERVISOR – During my 10 year tenure at Boyd Gaming in Las Vegas, Nevada and Tunica, MS, I started as a payroll clerk and was promoted to Manager after three years. This position required an extensive and thorough Security background check by the gaming commission in the states of Nevada, Missouri and Mississippi. I managed a team of four payroll clerks and was responsible for ensuring accurate paychecks were issued on a timely basis as well as W-2's. I managed all internal, state and gaming commission audits. I also simultaneously supervised the accounts payable team of two resources which paid invoices from the gaming, hotel, marketing and restaurant business.

I have two grown daughters and three grandchildren. I recently moved back home to Bartlesville, where I was raised, after 27 years.

It is good to be back home and among my family and my tribe. It has long been a dream of mine to participate in the governing of our tribe.

If elected, I intend to be involved and upfront with our tribal members. I take great pride in my heritage and will represent our Tribal members with the utmost integrity. I am honest, reliable and hardworking.

I look forward to the experience and opportunity to serve.

Please feel free to contact me at **Benita.Shea@yahoo.com**.

Wanishi■

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

Candidates for Tribal Court

Rick L. Barnes

Candidate for Tribal Court



Cameron (Cami) Fraser

He' fellow Delaware members, family and friends! I am the daughter of Gail (Prendergast) and Robin Fraser, granddaughter of Virginia (Hough) and Francis Prendergast, and the great-granddaughter of Flora Randall and Miles Hough. I am a proud member of the Delaware Tribe and I want to as serve your

To Contact Tribal Leaders and Staff

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

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.■

Associate Judge. I have the three qualities that are needed to succeed in that role: a desire to serve my tribal community, legal experience working in Indian Country, and a commitment to building strong tribal governments and communities.

Legal Experience

I have 14 years of legal experience as an attorney working on behalf of tribes and native peoples. My experience includes working as an attorney in an Indian legal aid program, as a tribal prosecutor, and as a tribal attorney. If you select me to serve as your Associate Judge, my extensive legal experience will be a tremendous benefit for the Tribe. Now more than ever, it is important to have licensed attorneys on the Bench. My legal training and experience will assist me in arriving at just and legally sound solutions to the cases before me. Further, in order for the Delaware Tribal Court to exercise expanded jurisdiction under the Violence Against Women Act and to impose additional penalties under the Tribal Law and Order Act, the judge hearing a case must have legal training.

Since earning my law degree from the University of Michigan in 2000, I have developed tribal codes for an Alaskan Native non-profit, contributed to a tribal law codification project in Washington, and served as a tribal attorney and prosecutor. One of my greatest achievements as a tribal attorney was working with the elders in the community to develop an elder protection code, helping an elder obtain a protection order to prevent further exploitation, and then prosecuting the individuals that violated that court order. Since 2007, I have served as an Indian legal aid attorney, providing free legal services to low income Native Americans and tribes.

I have handled about every kind of case imaginable and am

admitted to practice law in 15 different jurisdictions (state and tribal). These days, I routinely handle child welfare matters, evictions, garnishments, juvenile delinquencies and criminal cases in several different tribal courts. I also handle appellate Indian Child Welfare Act cases on behalf of Indian parents trying to keep their children. I currently hold the following positions within the legal community: Secretary of the American Indian Law Section of the State Bar of Michigan, member of the steering committee for the National Association of Indian Legal Services, and a member of the Court Improvement Program of the State Court Administrative Office.

Commitment to Justice and Strong Tribal Government

In addition to having legal experience, I am committed to developing a just, responsible tribal government, which works for the benefit of all tribal members and our families. An active, independent Tribal Court is an important part of an accountable tribal government. As a tribal court judge, I will treat all people with respect and will devise creative solutions with an eye towards restoring balance. I will give everyone my full attention and make sure that no one leaves the court feeling like they did not have an opportunity to be heard. I will strive for outcomes that address more than just legal questions. I may have to make unpopular decisions at times, but my decisions will not be influenced by possible political fall-out. Instead, they will be based on the facts in front of the court, the law, and the principles of justice.

I am asking for your vote to enable me to serve our community. Please feel free to contact me at camifraser1@hotmail.com or by phone at (231) 944-9651. Wani-shi!■

2014 Delaware Election Board Official Candidate Announcement

Declared Candidates for the November 1, 2014 Election

CHIEF – 1 SEAT OPEN FOR A TERM OF 4 YEARS:

Chester “Chet” L. Brooks
Bruce Martin
Paula K. Pechonick
Karla Michelle Vernon

TRIBAL COUNCIL – 3 SEATS OPEN FOR A TERM OF 4 YEARS:

Janifer Kay Brown
Verna Faith Crawford
Bonnie Jo Griffith
Lisa “Michelle” Holley
Nicky Kay Michael
Jenifer Jo Pechonick
Benita J. Shea

ASSOCIATE TRIBAL JUDGE – 2 SEATS OPEN FOR A TERM OF 4 YEARS:

Rick L. Barnes
Cameron Ann Fraser

Cy Hughes, Chair, 2014 Delaware Election Board
Sept 4, 2014■

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.

Send donations to

Lenape Charitable Fund
170 NE Barbara
Bartlesville, OK 74006-2746

Community

Congratulations to Tribal Member Shawn Adams



The University of Colorado at Denver awarded a Masters degree in Architecture to Shawn Adams of Denver, CO in May 2014. Shawn was recognized as an Indian Scholar. He is the son of Terry and Barbara Adams of Highland Ranch, CO and the grandson of the late Ruben Buckley (R.B) and Norma Adams of Bartlesville, OK. Shawn accepted a position at the Powers Brown Architectural Firm in Denver.



Tribal Manager Curtis Zunigha at Veterans Pow Wow on Stockbridge-Munsee Reservation in Wisconsin.

Delaware War Mothers Activities

The Delaware War Mothers meet monthly on the third Monday at 5 pm. A Chili Cookoff to decide the best chili maker among this group of ladies is planned for October 25 from 5-7 in Forsythe Hall at the Delaware Tribal Headquarters in Bartlesville. The War Mothers will be providing the chili and the public can purchase a tasting kit or a bowl of chili for \$5.00. We help those who can will come out and support this event. Proceeds are used for programs for our veterans. Helping us will help them.

At the November 1 Delaware General Council meeting, the War Mothers will host a booth with a bake

sale and silent auction items. Then on November 7 we will be honoring all veterans at a program and lunch in their honor beginning at 11:30 a.m. in Forsythe Hall during the Elders lunch. We invite all veterans to come out and allow us to pay tribute to you. During this program, the reigning Delaware War Mothers Princess Hayden Griffith will crown the incoming princess, Skye Scimeca. Skye is the daughter of Bill Scimeca and the late Sarah Elizabeth Johnson Scimeca, granddaughter of Jack and Laura Maynor, and great-granddaughter of Gilbert and Mary Watters. ■

Delaware Tribe Moves to BIA Miami Agency

On June 20, 2014, the Delaware Tribe was approved to be placed under the administrative jurisdiction of the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Miami Agency. The Delaware Tribal Council passed a resolution in support of the move to the Miami BIA Agency on November 5, 2013.

Recently, representatives from the Miami Agency met with Chief Paula Pechonick and Tribal Council members for a briefing regarding the Delaware Tribe of Indians' programs and services and also to formally make introductions between the two groups. In attendance at the briefing held on August 14 from the BIA Miami Agency were Paul Yates, the Superintendent, Mary King, Deputy Superintendent, Mike Longan, Self-Determination Assistant, and Jan Williams, Realty Specialist.

Chief Pechonick said "we are really looking forward to working with the Agency. I think it will be a really good working relationship and that the Superintendent and his staff will be very helpful."

In describing how the idea came about, Chief Pechonick said that the BIA Eastern Oklahoma Regional Director Robert Impson had suggested that the Delaware Tribe switch to the Miami BIA Agency some time ago. So Chief Pechonick wrote both agencies a formal request letter to change affiliation to the Miami BIA Agency. Director Robert Impson approved the request and instructed the Miami Agency and the Delaware Tribe to follow through with a meeting and introductions. ■



Shown in photo (L-R): Mike Longan, Self-Determination Asst. Miami BIA; Jan Williams, Realty Specialist Miami BIA; Assistant Delaware Chief/Tribal Councilman Chester "Chet" Brooks; Mary King, Deputy Superintendent Miami BIA; Treasurer/Tribal Councilwoman Janifer Brown; Delaware Chief Paula Pechonick; Paul Yates, Superintendent Miami BIA; Tribal Councilwoman Jenifer Pechonick; Secretary/Tribal Councilwoman Verna Crawford; and Tribal Councilman Nate Young.

Delaware War Mothers Raffle for Pendleton Blanket

\$1 per ticket or 6 for \$5

Saturday,
November 8, 2014



Drawing will be held towards the end of The Delaware Tribe of Indians General Council. Tickets may be purchased from any Delaware War Mothers member. All proceeds will go towards supporting our veterans.

Need not be present to win!

Elder Nutrition

Allan Barnes

As you know from our July article, Judy Dull has passed on the torch as Director of Elder Nutrition. My name is Allan Barnes, and what a wonderful reception I've received from the Elders who participate in our daily lunch program. Thank you. Our mission will be to continue to carry on the good work of Judy, by providing good nutritious meals and a location for our Elders to enjoy a pleasant place to get together.

Speaking of pleasant, I don't want to overlook how important Arleena Whittenburg was to our staff and my immediate concern of how to fill her shoes as she also retired. Fortunately, we were able to obtain an excellent replacement through Grand Gateway, a Title V area program, and Josephine Little Sun has brought a new smile and fit in perfectly with our existing kitchen staff, Archie Elvington and Nancy Sumpter. Hopefully, you will join us for lunch so you can experience our great hospitality and casual atmosphere.

Lunch is served from 12:00-12:30 Mon-Fri in our Community Center's Forsythe Hall.

Our numbers continue to grow and more Elders are participat-

ing in our exercise program, a low-impact workout designed for seniors on Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 10:30 AM in Forsythe Hall. The fun also continues on Thursdays after lunch with our Elder's Bingo. These regularly scheduled events are shown on our Monthly Menu and Activities Calendar.

As we go into the holiday season, beginning with Halloween, Archie (our Chef) is already making plans to celebrate his favorite day with some ghoulish meals the entire week! Then, we will return to the traditional as we reflect on our Thanksgivings in November, and finish up our year in December with the excitement of Christmas and the New Year. Please check our Elder Nutrition Calendar for the month's meals and events.

You are welcome to call me at (918) 337-6589 to check on activities or even impromptu events that may be happening as plans are in progress. Your suggestions are also appreciated. Our people make our program, and the support has been tremendous. Family members and guests are welcome and encouraged to participate in our daily lunches and can enjoy a well-balanced meal for a nominal charge of \$3, if under age 55.

The Administration on Aging, Title VI program provides our

Delaware Tribe of Indians Nutrition Program with the essential funding that allows our program to operate. Many of you may know those Tribal members that have been involved with this program, who have not only recognized the need, but applied for the grants and done all the paperwork it entails, to establish and maintain the program over all these years.

It's these people, our Delaware people, who truly deserve our thanks and gratitude. Judy Dull successfully directed this program for five years, and it grew in leaps and bounds. In fact, it still is growing, as shown by the most recent numbers of total meals served by our staff the past three months (June 898, July 960, and August 1,000)!

I respect what has been accomplished prior to my arrival and promise to hopefully provide additional resources for our aging Tribal members through Part C of the Title VI grant, which we are currently researching and developing. In closing, I want to say I appreciate the privilege of being appointed as Director of Elder Nutrition. We do appreciate small donations to offset our rising food costs and as many do, just consider it a tip on how well we do our job.

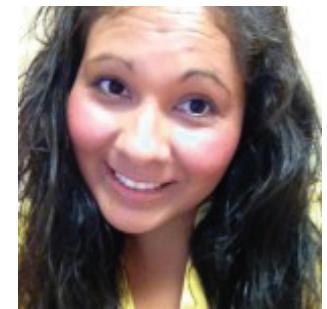
Mit si tum (Let's Eat)■

News from Enrollment

Leslie Fall-Leaf

Fall is always a busy time in the Enrollment Department but this year it is particularly so. By now most of you have heard of the Cobell Settlement and know that a good number of Delawares, those of us who received Indian Money between the years of 1985 and 2009 or who are the heirs of deceased individuals who did so, are included among the awarded classes in this multi-billion dollar lawsuit. However, it has come to the attention of the Tribe that the Garden City Group, the law firm handling these payouts, has published a list of some 2000 Delaware who they have deemed "Whereabouts Unknown." Although we are attempting to go through this list and notify as many of you as possible, it is

strongly advised that you check it out yourselves. The list may be found online at www.indiantrust.com, where you will select first Oklahoma and then "Cherokee Delaware Tribe." The full details of the settlement may also be read here. If you do not have access to the internet you may call the Garden City Group directly at (800) 961-6109. Please be aware that our Tribal Enrollment staff does **NOT** have access to your IIM (Individual Indian Money) account numbers. These can only be obtained by contacting either the Cherokee Nations IIM Coordinator, Jolinda Ballou, or by calling the Office of the Special Trustee at (888) 678-6836.■



Congratulations to Allan Barnes (left) and Sasheen Reynolds (right) on their new positions.

Indian Child Welfare/Community and Educational Services

Sasheen Reynolds

Hello, my name is Sasheen Reynolds. While I am an enrolled Delaware Tribal Member, I started out working through the Cherokee Nation with the Delaware Tribe through a work study program on March 2014. I officially joined the permanent Delaware Tribe staff on August 11, 2014. I am working in the Indian Child Welfare (ICW)/Community Services/LIHEAP Program.

During the month of August we approved 11 applications for

Community Services and 19 for Education Assistance. We also approved 60 Trust Fund Higher Education Scholarship applicants, with a few more for which we are waiting on trailing documents to finish up their application. We had 56 full-time and four part-time Scholarship winners. Since it's a new school year I have been receiving applications for School Supply Vouchers and Athletic Assistance, which I will prepare and get them ready

to be presented to the Committee at the next meeting.

Community Services programs are listed on the Delaware Tribe web site (www.delaware-tribe.org, under the tab Services/Programs). If you are unable to access the web site, I am always here to assist you in anything you need and I can get the forms out to you by mail.

Our Indian Child Welfare (ICW) program receives a variety of requests that we try

to respond to as we continually attempt to develop our program. As mentioned in our last edition, we recently hosted a multi-tribal adoptive parent and foster family recruitment fair and it was considered a big success and received congratulations from our state organization OICWA (Oklahoma Indian Child Welfare Association). The first step our program is always to establish eligibility for enrollment and then to act as liaison with our Enrollment department. We are currently involved in two such matters. Our second step is

to provide some basic assistance for those children's parents, relatives or guardians. This program is continually looking for adoptive/foster parents, and I am trying to build a more efficient database of prospective families. I appreciate your patience and ask you to contact me to verify that we have your information. Our primary goal with is to keep our Indian children from being separated from family, relatives or Indian families but also as important as that is, we also want to keep siblings together.■

RE-ELECT CHIEF PAULA PECHONICK

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

EVERY VOTE COUNTS!

Keep the Momentum

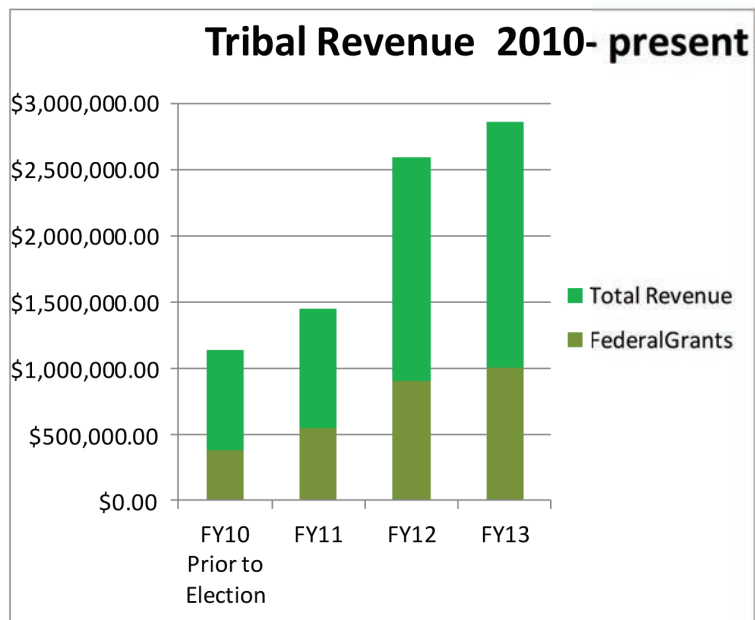


- **Employ Delaware People
with Living Wages & Benefits**
- **Focus on Services to Tribal Members**
- **Grow the Tribe**
- **Inform Tribal Members**
- **Find revenue outside of federal grants
with Economic Development**
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Obituaries



Ruby Josephine Seigel Armstrong

December 19, 1923-
June 14, 2014

Ruby Josephine Seigel was born on Indian land in Oklahoma; close to Chetopa, Kansas on December 19, 1923.

Ruby left this life in a hurry, contrary to her normal routine (a la Indian time!!), on June 14, 2014 at St. Francis South Hospital @ 7:18 a.m. in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Her parents were Leslie Murray Seigel (a Delaware tribal member) and Anna Emelese Barker (a member of the Cherokee tribe). Ruby had 10 living brothers and sisters and they all had a job to do on the farm. Her father took a job with GRDA around 1939 and moved his family to Vinita, Oklahoma where the rest of his children could finish their education.

Ruby graduated from Vinita High School in 1942 and married Julian Wilson Armstrong on November 14, 1942.

Ruby and J.W (Tuley) had four children; Rodney 1944, Bob 1946, Vicki 1947 and Gary 1950.

They moved to Tulsa in 1951 so Tuley could work for McDonald Douglas. They moved to Broken Arrow in 1952.

Ruby was busy in her sorority, Epsilon Sigma Alpha, in Broken Arrow for many years; with the Salvation Army; and volunteered

at Gatesway for five years. She worked for Seismograph in Tulsa for five years then retired to be a grandmother, which seemed to be her favorite thing to do. She had a beautiful smile and it was hard to get the best of her; she loved to joke around with the grandkids.

For years they babysat grandchildren when they were sick or so their parents could work and loved every minute of it. She was proud of the accomplishments of each grandchild and praised them to others.

They had a second home at Grand Lake near Ketchum for 30 years; always welcomed family and friends anytime and lots of people, especially family, took them up on the invitation.

Ruby was baptized as a young girl in the Baptist church. She didn't attend any particular church as an adult but she reminds me of that phrase: "I'd rather see a sermon any day than hear one!" She had a beautiful smile and it was hard to get the best of her, she had a fast wit; she loved to joke around with the grandkids.

It seems like there was always someone extra around our table but there was always enough to eat. Everybody felt at home there and some kids were almost too comfortable, hanging around for days. Ruby took care of her mother and two brothers before their deaths. She made a lot of friends over the years and cherished their friendship.

There was hardly ever a Thanksgiving, Christmas or other celebration that we didn't have ex-in-laws or friends to celebrate with us. She just said that; "They have been nice to me!" "They will always be family"

Ruby was preceded in death by her parents, Leslie and Em, brothers Leslie (Sonny), Loyal (Buck) and Gene; sisters Helen, Betty, Shirley, Mary and Jimi Lou; one son, Rodney, one grandson, Michael Shane Armstrong and two nieces; Tracy Rodman and De-

nise Franklin; two nephews Mike Vandever and Duff Wattenbarger.

She is survived by her husband of 71 years, Julian (Tuley); son Bob and wife Donna; son Gary; and daughter, Vicki and her spouse, Louis. She is survived by 12 grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren and 5 great-great grandchildren. She has one brother, Jerry Lee Seigel and his wife, Sharon, and lots of cousins, nieces and nephews who have been close to her and Julian.

This was not a service of sadness and regret for most of us; it was one of celebration and rejoicing. ■



Rosetta Pearl Coffey

January 2, 1925-
July 20, 2014

Rosetta Jackson-Coffey of Dewey, OK passed away July 20, 2014 at Forest Manor Nursing home of Dewey, OK. Rosetta was a full blooded Delaware Tribal member born in Dewey, OK on January 2, 1925 to James and Emma Jackson.

Wake services were held in Bartlesville, OK at the Delaware Tribal Community Center on Tuesday, July 22, 2014 at 6:00 pm. Funeral services were held at Deyo Mission Baptist Church in Cache, OK on Thursday, July 24,

2014 at 1:00 pm. Burial followed at Deyo Mission Cemetery.

Rosetta is preceded in death by her husband, Cheevers of 69 years, November 17, 2012.; son Marvin "Rusty" Coffey, her only daughter Paulette Louise Tallchief-Morrow; brothers John and Marion "Cowboy" Jackson; two sisters, Evelyn Thomas and Elgia Bryan; and one granddaughter Jonita Coffey.

Rosetta is survived by sons Jesse Coffey of Cache, OK; James Coffey of the home; and Charley Eckroat of Oklahoma City; two sisters, Bette Notah of Lawrence, KS and Jean Kirkendall of Claremore, OK; one brother, James Jackson of Catoosa, OK; grandchildren Susan Hartman, Robin Coffey-Hopkins, Rusty Coffey, Carrie Coffey, Angie Thurman-Goodfox, Janet Coffey-Work, Kristie Coffey, Marty Thurman, Jesse Jr. Coffey, Jake Coffey; 17 great-grandchildren; and 1 great-great-grandson "William."

Rosetta started her family and lived in Faxon, OK, then made a few moves to Lawton, OK, Tulsa, OK, and then to Lawrence, KS, where she then began working with Haskell Indian Junior College as a Supervisor of Residential Housing in the Women's dorm. After working for many years she retired in 1989 and returned back to her hometown, Dewey, OK. Throughout those years she traveled, cared for family, and attended many pow-wow's with her husband. While running for office for the Delaware Tribe of Oklahoma she was elected and served as a Trust Board Council Member for two terms. Also, Rosetta was

the founder of the Delaware War Mother's Organization in Dewey, OK which is still actively going strong to this day. ■



Grace E. "Betty" Nunnallee

July 15, 1918-
March 31, 2014

Mrs. Grace E. "Betty" Nunnallee, 94, of Nowata, died peacefully in her sleep at 2:27 P.M. Sunday, March 31, 2013. Graveside services were Thursday, April 4, 2013 in the Nowata Memorial Park Cemetery with Rev. Cheryl Newton of the Nowata United Methodist Church officiating. The Order of the Eastern Star Service was performed by the Sunrise Chapter 22 of the O.E.S. under the direction of the Stumpff-Nowata Funeral Home.

Grace Elizabeth Nunnallee was born on July 15, 1918 in Nowata

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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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County, the daughter of M.M. and Viola O. (Childers) Stewart. She was raised and educated in Lenapah. Betty married James E. Nunnallee on May 29, 1937 and they made their home in Nowata County. Mr. Nunnallee preceded her in death in 1991. Mrs. Nunnallee was a self-employed grocer in Nowata for 19 ½ years. She was active in the Lioness Club and the Order of the Eastern Star and also a member of the Nowata United Methodist Church.

Betty is survived by one sister, Jessie Nunnallee of Nowata, numerous nieces and nephews and great nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband and three brothers and three sisters. ■



John M. Parks

**December 30, 1932-
July 2, 2014**

John M. Parks died under Hospice care in Mesa, AZ, on July 2, 2014, after a courageous battle with multiple diseases over the past year and a half. God graciously took him home where he is blessed with complete healing and overwhelming joy in the presence of his Savior Jesus Christ whom he loved and served for so many years.

John was born December 30, 1932, in Claremore, OK, to Harrison and Vera ("Dusty") Parks. He attended school at Wann, OK, and Coffeyville College in Coffeyville, KS. After serving in the US Army, he entered the relatively new field of computer programming. His computer career took him around the country from Kansas City to Denver, Los Angeles, North Palm Beach, Oklahoma City, and Chicago, as well as on frequent trips overseas. He retired in 1994 from Marsh and McLennan, where he was Vice President of Computer Operations, and

moved first to Loveland, CO, then Apache Junction, AZ.

John was a devout Christian who faithfully attended church and served in many different capacities at the various LCMS churches to which he belonged. He especially delighted in studying the Bible, researching Bible-related topics, and teaching adult Bible studies.

He loved playing golf and watching OU Sooner football and basketball, even following the team three times to Hawaii for basketball tournaments. He enjoyed traveling and visited all but one of the fifty United States (North Dakota) and some forty different countries in Europe, Africa, and Asia, especially delighting in the archeology, architecture, art, scenery and- of course- food at each location. He even drank the coffee in Turkey, Egypt, and Tunisia, which is not for the faint of heart.

John is survived by his wife Joanna, son Mark, daughter-in-law Danette, and four granddaughters Kendra, Courtney, Kaylynn, and Cameron, as well as son Lindsay Parks and daughter Darlene Waggoner from a previous marriage. He is also survived by a sister Ann Mallams of Dewey.

He was a man of faith, strength, intelligence, humor, and a loving spirit who will be greatly missed. Love never dies.

A Celebration of Life service was held Saturday, July 19, in Mesa, AZ. ■



Donald Henry "Mr. Don" Secondine

**July 8, 1930-
July 22, 2014**

A celebration of the life of Donald Henry Secondine was held at 10:00 a.m., Monday, July 28, 2014 at Verdigris Assembly of God Church. Burial was at 2:00

p.m. at Nowata Memorial Cemetery under the direction of Rice Funeral Service. Visitation was Sunday July 27 from 1-5 at the funeral home with family receiving visitors from 2-4. Don passed away on Tuesday, July 22, 2014. He was 84.

Born in Chicago, IL on July 8, 1930 to Henry and Mary Mae (Tate) Secondine, Don was raised and educated in Delaware, OK where he graduated high school. Don joined the United States Army and was deployed to Korea where he faithfully served his country. After his honorable discharge Don went to work for the United States Postal Service until his retirement.

On November 5, 1950, at the age of 20, Don married the love of his life, 17 year old Sarah Smith in a ceremony at Camp Polk Louisiana. Their union was blessed with five children. The family lived in Bartlesville and Tulsa before making Claremore their home in the mid 1970's. Don was a wonderful husband and father who was very involved with his family's activities. He was an integral part of the Boy Scouts as a troop leader while his boys were active in the scouts.

When grandchildren came along, life was truly blissful for Don. He loved to laugh and spoil his grandchildren with cash and pony rides on Cinda, a little Shetland pony he kept especially for the grandchildren. Easter egg hunts at the family farm in Inola were always a favorite as well.

One of Don's favorite pastimes was horseback riding, something he grew up doing on the farm in Delaware County. He also loved to learn and increased his knowledge of horsemanship by reading horse magazines as well as many other self-teaching magazines such as Popular Mechanics.

Don had a passion for the Lord and for the truth of God's Word and lived his life by it, this was demonstrated by his and his wife's involvement in organizations that safely returned Jewish people to their homeland of Isra-

el. It was also because of his relationship with the Lord that he exemplified gifts of the spirit, which were compassion and giving. Don gave to numerous charities and he was a faithful supporter and was actively involved in the local Meals On Wheels Organization. It was because of his beliefs that he took a proactive involvement in politics signing petitions and handing out literature to make sure those we trusted and sent to represent us in Washington were held to a standard of biblical accountability.

This loving husband, father and grandfather will be missed by all whose lives he touched. Don is survived by his wife of 63 years, Sarah Secondine; children Donald H. Secondine, Jr., Paul D. Secondine, Melody Rankin and husband Ed, Teresa Clark and husband Don; grandchildren John Secondine, Isaac Secondine and wife Shaylynn, Lydia, Abigail, Sarah, and Victoria Secondine, Desiree Butler, Tabitha Benbrook and husband Brian, Grant and Amanda Secondine, Heather and Shannon Rankin, Terri, Sherri and Rebecca Owens, Sarah Camacho and husband Jonathan; great grandchildren Bowen, Neely, Serrada, Nigel, Tristen, Destinee, Savannah, Tanner, Tucker, Taylor, Akira, Francisca, Joaquin, and Audrey; brothers Glenn Secondine and wife Joyce, Roger Secondine and wife Annette, Fred Secondine and wife Jo and David Secondine and wife Karen; and numerous nieces and nephews. Don was preceded in death by his parents, son Terry Wayne Secondine and brother Earl Secondine. ■

Joe Turner Stewart

**January 2, 1932-
March 31, 2014**

Joe Turner Stewart, born in a farm house north of Childers, Oklahoma, was a husband, father, grandfather, and friend to all he met, because he never met a stranger. Joe was the first son born January 2, 1932 to Georgia (Stamps) and



Turner Stewart. He passed away at home on March 31, 2014.

Joe attended school at Lenapah graduating in 1950. He joined the Army National Guard at 17 and served for several years. During the 70's and 80's, he built numerous homes around Nowata County and the Coffeyville area. Joe was a dedicated farmer all of his life and took great pride while caring for his land. He could always be found on any of his John Deere equipment whether it was a tractor, lawn mower, or gator. Joe was also proud of his Delaware Indian heritage.

He was a member of the First Christian Church of Nowata.

Survivors include his wife Norma of the home; two daughters, Kay Stewart Lusnak and husband Mike of Tulsa, Kim Stewart of Erie, Colorado; three sons, Larry Stewart of St. Mary, Florida; Stephen Stewart of Bartlesville, Jeffrey Stewart and wife Kim of Athol, MA; two grandchildren, Jordan Lusnak and Michael Lusnak of Tulsa; one sister, Nancy Davis of Lone Wolf; and his brother Jim Stewart of Oklahoma City. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Services were held on April 3rd at 2:00 P.M. at the First Christian Church of Nowata. Private burial services were held May 31, 2014 at the Childers Chapel Cemetery. ■

Minutes of the Tribal Council, June-August 2014

Monday, June 2, 2014 Community Center

Respectfully submitted by Verna Crawford, Tribal Council Secretary. Approved at July 7, 2014 meeting with corrections.

Chief Paula Pechonick called the meeting to order at 5:45 pm. Council Member Annette Ketchum gave the invocation. Secretary Verna Crawford called roll. Those present: Chief Paula Pechonick, Assistant Chief Chet Brooks, Council Secretary Verna Crawford, Council Treasurer Janifer Brown, Council Members Jenifer Pechonick, Nathan Young and Annette Ketchum.

Guests present: Nancy Sumpter, Mary Randall, Cecilia Biggoose, Mary Watters, GA Watters, Tonya Anna, Barbara Wallace, Ruth Black, Bonnie Lee Thaxton, Rick L. Barnes, Charles Randall, Mary Jo Peterson, Mike Taylor, John Moore, Karla Michelle Vernon, Leslie Fall-Leaf, Greg Brown, Curtis Zunigha, Nicky K. Michael and Cy Hughes. Chief Pechonick welcomed guests. She gave the guests the opportunity to address the Council.

Nate Young moved to approve the agenda as written, seconded by Jenifer Pechonick.

Motion carried with all in favor.

Janifer Brown moved to approve the minutes of April 7, 2014 with corrections, seconded by Nate Young.

Discussion: Chief Pechonick stated that a footnote needed to be added that the Trust Board and Tribal Council had approved the proposed Election Rules.

Motion carried with all in favor.

Annette Ketchum moved to approve the minutes of May 5, 2014 with corrections, seconded by Nate Young. Motion carried with six yes and one abstention (Jenifer Pechonick).

Election Board Chair, Cy Hughes gave the Election Committee Report. A very successful joint workshop was held on May

29 with members of the Election Board, Tribal Council, Trust Board, Enrollment Department and other interested persons, consolidating the Trust Board and Tribal Council election rules. The Trust Board approved the new election rules at their meeting held earlier.

Verna Crawford moved to approve the election rules with corrections, seconded by Annette Ketchum. Motion carried with all in favor.

Cy Hughes requested approval of the remaining Election Committee members, Pat Donnell, Don Renike, Kanan Hughes and Nicole Hammon. Cy stated that she would like to have at least two more members, who could serve as alternates.

Janifer Brown asked if these board members would serve more than this one election?

Verna Crawford commented that the ultimate goal was to have a stable election process. In order to achieve that goal the Election Committee members should hold office through subsequent election and their terms should be staggered. There may be training and grant funds available that will help to reach the goal.

Janifer Brown moved to approve the committee members recommended by Cy Hughes, seconded by Chet Brooks. Motion carried with all in favor.

Chief Pechonick asked if any of the guests would like to serve on the committee. She stated the new rules would be printed in the July Delaware Indian News.

Nate Young moved to table the Treasurer's report seconded by Annette Ketchum. Motion carried with all in favor.

Verna Crawford moved to accept the department reports in packet, seconded by Nate Young. Motion carried with all in favor.

Nate Young moved to approve Resolution 2014-26, There are 27 Tribal Membership applicants for the month of May, seconded by

Chet Brooks. Motion carried with all in favor.

Judge Charles Randall informed the Council that at present the Court is without a court clerk. The person serving in this part-time position has been paid by the Child Support Enforcement Grant and is not acceptable by the grantor. The solution could be for the Tribe to pay for the time spent working on Court business.

Chet Brooks moved to have the Tribe pay the current person for the hours she works on court business providing the Child Support Enforcement Grantor agrees. Nate Young seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

Chief Pechonick called an Executive Session.

Verna Crawford moved to return to General Session, seconded by Jenifer Pechonick.

Motion carried with all in favor.

Verna Crawford moved to approve having Nate Young to research excess/surplus government property (IE: vehicles, furniture and other like property) that may be available to and needed by the Delaware Tribe. Chet Brooks seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

Janifer Brown moved to hold the July 7, 2014 Tribal Council meeting in Lawrence, Kansas and meet with the Heritage Grant committee the next day. Annette Ketchum seconded the motion.

Discussion: The Heritage Grant will pay for the Council to spend the night. The plan is to have the meeting broadcast back to the Delaware Center for those who want to attend.

Motion carried with all in favor.

Michelle Vernon was recognized and reported again her view of her housing problems.

Chief Pechonick adjourned the meeting at 7 p.m.



Monday, July 7, 2014 Delaware Tribe Lawrence Property, 1777 1500 Rd., Lawrence Kansas

Respectfully submitted by Verna Crawford, Tribal Council Secretary.

Chief Paula Pechonick called the meeting to order at 2:12 pm. Assistant Chief Chet Brooks gave the invocation. Secretary Verna Crawford called 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 due to health.

Chief Pechonick welcomed guests, invited them to address the Council, and requested that everyone introduce themselves starting with guests present: Justin Falleaf, Delaware, Lawrence, KS; Bonnie Jo Griffith, Delaware, Bartlesville, OK; Charles Villanueva, David Dunnihoo, Elijah Jackson, Delaware, Lawrence and granddaughter Danielle Boone, Jeanette Byington and grandson, Ethan; Bette Notah, nee Jackson, Lawrence; Jim Grinter, Steve Rowe, Carolyn Rowe, Kansas Delaware Council; Rachel Overmyer, John Moore, Brice Obermeyer, Johnny Barker, and Curtis Zunigha, employees; Anna Pechonick, Jenifer Pechonick's daughter and Chief's granddaughter; Kenneth Dantzler, Delaware, Kansas City, Thomas Moore and Sam Moore, tribal members.

After self-introductions by the Chief and Council, Assistant Chief Chet Brooks related Delaware history regarding the land purchased in Lawrence. Chet said, "This day is historic because this meeting of the Tribal Council is the first in about 148 years—since 148 years and three days ago when our ancestors signed the last Treaty with the US govern-

ment on July 4, 1866. It promised, three times, to provide the Delaware Tribe a reservation. About three years later in 1869, an ancestor of Chief Pechonick, Jenifer and Annette Ketchum and my third great-grandfather, John Anderson Sarcoxie, who owned this property, was the last Delaware to leave this area. Maybe we will get that reservation now," concluded Assistant Chief Brooks.

Jenifer Pechonick added, "The Pine family has owned this property since 1869. Recently when the family returned home from vacation found their new house on fire. Mr. Pine approached the Tribe with a request to rent this house while their new one is under renovation. The Pines will take care of the upkeep on the property as well as rent it. The Council agreed to the proposition."

Chief Pechonick acknowledged Bonnie Jo Griffith's question that per the open records policy could she could get copies of the Tribal Council's expense reports through June; later she changed her request to travel reports for Tribal Council and all employees. Jenifer and Annette indicated they had \$-0- travel expenses. Bonnie was instructed to summarize her request in an email to Curtis and he will get with John Moore to follow up on it.

Jenifer Pechonick asked for these two items to be placed on the minutes under welcoming the guests. Justin Falleaf, who lives down the road a couple of miles, is interested in helping the tribe with any IT Lawrence property issues. He and Johnny are getting together about possibilities, because he has IT capability and also yard work capability; and a good problem solver.

Jenifer received an update from Chris Miller on the total tribal membership which is 10,598. When he started working on this

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membership project four years ago we had 4,498 tribal members who had no address or incorrect one, and today we have 1,998, so he has connected 2500 members.

Jenifer Pechonick made a motion to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Chet Brooks.

Motion carried with all in favor.

Jenifer Pechonick made a motion to approve the minutes of June 2, 2014 with corrections, seconded by Annette Ketchum. Motion carried with six yes.

Annette Ketchum made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report pending audit, seconded by Jenifer Pechonick. Motion carried with all in favor.

Reports

Jenifer Pechonick made a motion to accept the Department Reports as presented, seconded by Janifer Brown. Motion carried all in favor.

Tribal Manager Report by Curtis Zunigha:

BIA—the Director of the Eastern Oklahoma Regional Office assigned the Delaware Tribe to be under the supervision of Superintendent Paul Yates of the Miami (OK) Agency. A tribal delegation met with Deputy Director Mary King at the agency on June 27.

Aid-to-Tribal Government 638 contract—Direct costs budget amended, resubmitted, and approved. Start-up cost proposal submitted; second draft under review. Miami Agency is direct recipient of our submission but is coordinating with regional office in Muskogee for approval.

Start up costs are projected at approximately \$290,000.00

HUD—The tribe was awarded a direct Indian Housing Block Grant in the amount of \$576,437.00 for the fiscal program year 2014. We continue to spend previously awarded housing funds through our sub-recipient agreement with Cherokee Nation. Dialogue will commence with Wayne Sims, SPONAP Director to discuss DFMS maintenance contract for NAHASDA compliance.

Personnel—Three advertised employment positions have been filled: IT manager, Johnny Barker as the new full-time IT manager; Johnna Blalock, hired for the accounting department for general accounting and administrative support; Allan Barnes selected on an internal hiring to be the new Title VI Director. Allan will quickly train with Judy and Jan while continuing to perform his existing duties. Curtis is working with HR manager Mike Taylor to fill the position of ICW Community Services-Education Coordinator.

Housing Program requested approval to add two more positions: part-time intake clerk in Chelsea and full-time housing specialist (including LIHEAP coordinator) in Bartlesville.

Advertising should commence later this week.

Tribal Court/Judges—the judges developed and submitted an operating budget for review, consideration, and approval by the Tribal Council.

DIN—the July issue published and distributed effective July 1.

Veterans Committee—the committee met and has asked for access to and use of tribal facilities. This includes (1) secure storage space for anticipated acquisition of ceremonial firearms for color guard, (2) use of Forsythe Hall on Saturday July 26 for a fundraiser, and (3) assignment of storage trailer behind east door of community center for exclusive use of Veterans programs and activities including office space for benefits and services counselors, committee meetings and activities, and general storage of committee and color guard possessions.

Election Committee—Office and administrative support being provided. All handling of committee documents and access to controlled information is under supervision of Committee Chair Cy Hughes.

Brian Pine rental contract—the contract has been submitted for

review and approval today. The house will be rented through October 31, 2014.

Fee-to-Trust application for Caney property—amended application submitted in late May and is under review by the regional office in Muskogee.

A proposed budget for the Tribal Court was presented for Council review. The Council members agreed to meet with the Delaware Tribal Judges in a workshop before the August meeting.

New Business

A. RESOLUTION 2014-27, TRIBAL MEMBERSHIP APPLICANTS FOR COUNCIL APPROVAL

Verna Crawford made a motion to approve Resolution 2014-27, seconded by Jenifer Pechonick. Motion carried with all in favor.

B. RESOLUTION 2014-28, SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION FOR COMPREHENSIVE CHILD SUPPORT PROGRAM

Verna Crawford made a motion to approve Resolution 2014-28, seconded by Chet Brooks.

Motion carried with all in favor.

C. RESOLUTION 2014-29, COMMIT LAND FOR ICDBG GRANT: CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

Verna Crawford made a motion to approve Resolution 2014-29, seconded by Annette Ketchum. Motion carried with five yes and one abstention, Janifer Brown.

D. RESOLUTION 2014-30, AUTHORIZE OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE FUNDING FOR LAND FOR ICDBG

Verna Crawford made a motion to approve Resolution 2014-30, seconded by Jenifer Pechonick. Motion carried with five yes and one abstention, Janifer Brown.

E. RESOLUTION 2014-31, SUBMIT APPLICATION FOR ICDBG GRANT

Verna Crawford made a motion to approve Resolution 2014-30, seconded by Annette Ketchum. Motion carried with five yes and one abstention, Janifer Brown.

Verna Crawford informed the Council that the Trust Community Service Committee is almost out of money. The Committee has agreed to approve only elder medical and burial assistance for the rest of the year. Unfortunately there is not enough money for even these programs, therefore, I have worked with Chief Pechonick and other Council members to find a solution for the rest of the year.

Verna Crawford made a motion to pay medical related Trust Community Service applications, approved by the Committee, will be funded from Indian Health Services pass through account under existing guidelines. Burial assistance applications will be funded by the Historic Preservation fund.

Both will be funded through the end of the Trust Board fiscal year ending on December 31, 2014.

Jenifer Pechonick seconded the motion.

Discussion: Verna Crawford said both she and Assistant Chief Chet Brooks are on the Committee.

The Committee will be revising the guidelines, enforcing income guidelines and making many tough decisions before the end of the year.

Chief Pechonick explained the II-IS account is for all members of the tribe for medical related issues. The Education Committee also is having problems and the Council has agreed to assist.

Motion carried with all in favor.

Chief Pechonick thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 3:19 p.m.

Monday, August 4, 2014 Delaware Community Center

Respectfully submitted by Verna Crawford, Tribal Council Secretary.

Chief Paula Pechonick called the meeting to order at 4:15 pm.

Council Member Annette Ketchum gave the invocation.

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

Chief Pechonick welcomed guests. Guests present: Charles Randall, Mary Randall, Mary Watters, Gilbert Watters, Nancy Sumpter, Susan Cade, Curtis Zunigha, Johnny Barker, Cy Hughes, Beau Watt, Jamie Creed, Gina Roth, Bonnie Jo Griffith, Kinzie Gomez, Anna Pechonick

Agenda

Verna Crawford made a motion to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Jan Brown.

Motion carried with all in favor.

Minutes

Janifer Brown made a motion to approve the minutes of July 7, 2014 with corrections, seconded by Annette Ketchum. Motion carried with six yes and one abstention (Nate Young).

Treasurer's Report

Jan Brown made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report pending audit, seconded by Jenifer Pechonick. Motion carried with all in favor.

Reports

ELECTION COMMITTEE

Election Board Chairman Cy Hughes reported the filing period for candidate filing opened August 1, 2014, and will close on September 1, 2014 at that time the Election Board will announce the slate of candidates. Two additional Board members are being considered to help insure there are enough people to carry out the election duties.

Chet Brooks relayed the suggestion from the Elders' Committee the possibility of offering monetary gifts be awarded and

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drawn from the Tribal members who cast their vote in the November election to entice more voter participation.

Following discussion, including audience participation:

Chet Brooks made a motion to allow the Election Board to offer prizes, up to \$200 each not to exceed \$800, to be drawn from all participating voters. The Election Board will be responsible for establishing the guidelines and process. **Nate Young** seconded the motion. Motion carried with six (6) yes and one (1) no, (**Annette Ketchum**).

Following approval by the Tribal Council, this matter was turned over to the Election Board.

Department Reports

Annette Ketchum made a motion to approve department reports as written including the Tribal Operations Manager's report, seven yes; Motion carried with all in favor.

Unfinished Business

Verna Crawford made a motion to approve the budget presented by the Tribal Judges, which will cover the remainder of the 2014 fiscal year and include the 2015 fiscal year, seconded by **Nate Young**. Motion carried with all in favor.

New Business

RESOLUTION 2014-32:

TRIBAL MEMBERSHIP

Nate Young made a motion to approve Resolution 2014-32, seconded by **Chet Brooks**.

Motion carried with all in favor.

RESOLUTION 2014-33: DTFS INSURANCE

Jenifer Pechonick made a motion to approve Resolution 2014-33, seconded by **Verna Crawford**.

Motion carried with all in favor.

Tribal Council Meeting Date

Janifer Brown made a motion to change the meeting date to the third Monday of the month instead of the first Monday, seconded by **Chet Brooks**.

Discussion: the reason for the change is so the Council may receive financial statements for the previous month instead of two months back. The time and location will remain at the discretion of the Tribal Council.

Motion carried with all in favor.

Verna Crawford made a motion to hold the next Council meeting on September 15, 2014 at 4 p.m., seconded by **Janifer Brown**. Motion carried with all in favor.

Delaware War Mothers Fundraiser Request

Annette Ketchum made a motion to allow the "Delaware War Mothers" to have a vendor booth

at General Council, seconded by **Chet Brooks**.

Motion carried with all in favor.

Executive Session

None held

Annette Ketchum made a motion to adjourn, seconded by **Janifer Brown**. Motion carried with all in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Note: Tribal Council meeting videos can be viewed on the Delaware Tribe website. ■

Minutes of the Trust Board, May-August 2014

Monday, May 5, 2014 Community Center

Respectfully submitted by Verna Crawford, Trust Board Secretary

Chairman **Chet Brooks** called the Trust Board meeting to order on May 5, 2014 at 4:10 p.m.

Mary Watters gave the prayer.

Secretary **Verna Crawford** called roll, those present were Chairman **Chet Brooks**, Vice Chair **Dr. Nicky Michael**, **John Sumpter**, **Homer Scott** and Secretary **Verna Crawford**. **Joe Brooks** was absent.

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

Chairman **Brooks** noted that **Cy Hughes**, the Election Board Chairman, had requested a workshop meeting with the Trust Board, Tribal Council, Enrollment Director and Election Board members to review Election regulations.

Cy Hughes stated that May 29th would be good for her. The time and place would be set later.

Guests present were **Charles & Mary Randall**, **G.R. Watters**, **Greg Brown**, **Cy Hughes**, Chief **Paula Pechonick**, **Janifer Brown**, **Barbara Wallace**, **Ruth Black**, **Don Mason**, **Priscilla Mason**, **Annette Ketchum**, **Nancy Sumpter**, **Evelyn Kay Anderson**, **Leslie Fall-Leaf**, **Tonya Anna** and **Curtis Zunigha**.

Approve Agenda

Verna Crawford moved to approve the agenda as presented. **John Sumpter** seconded the motion. Motion carried with six yes.

Verna Crawford moved to record **Joe Brooks'** absence as unexcused. **Homer Scott** seconded the motion. Motion carried with six yes.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Chairman **Brooks** noted that the minutes of March 10, special meeting of March 31, 2014 and April 7 were in the packet.

Dr. Nicky Michael moved to approve the March 10, 2014 minutes with corrections. **John Sumpter** seconded the motion.

Discussion: March 10 minutes corrections: **Dr. Nicky Michael** stated the IRS document was 7871 and in Education.

Motion carried with six yes.

Verna Crawford moved to approve the March 31, 2014 special meeting minutes with corrections.

Discussion: where it says not for profit put non profit.

John Sumpter seconded the motion.

Motion carried with six yes.

Dr. Nicky Michael moved to approve the April 7, 2014 minutes with corrections.

Discussion: Check and correct amounts noted in investment review. The decision was made to withdraw the resolution #2014-02 for correction.

John Sumpter seconded the motion.

Motion carried with six yes.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer **John Sumpter** reported as of March 31 the Fund total was \$4,050,640 up from \$4,042,000 in the previous report.

Verna Crawford moved to approve the Treasurer's report pend-

ing audit. **Dr. Nick Michael** seconded the motion. Motion carried with six yes.

Committee Reports

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE: ACTING CHAIR VERNA CRAWFORD

Chairman **Crawford** reported the Committee met on Monday April 14. 24 applications were reviewed, 22 approved, 1 declined and 1 pending. The next committee meeting will be Monday, May 12, 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** stated the next meeting would be May 20 two days before the Delaware powwow. Language classes have been changed to the second, third and forth Mondays of each month at 6 p.m. and will resume after the powwow. Crafts and/or drumming will be every Tuesday at

5:30 until powwow. May continue depending on interest.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE: CHAIR DR. NICKY MICHAEL

The Education Committee met on Monday, April 14, 2014. 11 applications were processed nine were approved and two are pending for a total of \$476.25. The next meeting will be Monday, May 14, 2014 at 1 p.m.

Janifer Brown reported that the first Wednesday of each month Monterey House gives the Tribe 20% of proceeds to the Tribe with coupons. The Tribe has designated that to the Trust Education.

ELDER COMMITTEE: CHAIR MARY WATTERS

Elders Committee met May 5, 2014.

In April the Elders visited **Forrest Manor** and **Journey Home Hospice**.

April 28 the Elders, War Mothers and Veteran's Committee participated in unveiling the Veterans Wall of Honor.

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April 29th 13 Elders went to the Muskogee to see the Azaleas at Honor Heights Park, had lunch at the Amish Bakery and a stop on the way home for Braum's ice cream.

Elders voted to remember elders that had passed from our group by adding to the Delaware Memorial Garden in Bartlesville.

A donation of \$100 will be given to the 50th Annual Delaware Powwow.

To honor Judy Dull and Arleena Whittenburg the Elders will give them \$50 each.

Elders were invited by Bonnie Jo Griffith to go with OIS to visit Red Buffalo Ranch in Sedan, Kansas on May 10th.

REINVESTMENT COMMITTEE: CHAIR JOHN SUMPTER

John Sumpter there was no report. Meets at least quarterly.

TRIBAL OPERATIONS COMMITTEE: CHAIR JOE BROOKS

Joe Brooks was absent and there was no report. Meets quarterly.

Chet Brooks commented that the Chief had received a letter from Cherokee Chief Bill John Baker supporting the Delaware expansion into Kansas.

Bonnie Jo Griffith reported that Chief Baker would be honorary Pow Wow host at Indian Summer September 18-21.

VETERANS COMMITTEE: CHAIR KENNY BROWN, VICE CHAIR HOMER SCOTT

Homer Scott reported the Committee meets quarterly; the next meeting will meet in May 16th.

Unfinished Business

Verna Crawford moved to withdraw resolution 2014-02. Homer Scott seconded the motion. Motion carried six yes.

New Business

Verna Crawford moved to hold the next meeting on June 2, 2014 at the Delaware Community Center, in Bartlesville. John Sumpter

seconded the motion. Motion carried with six yes.

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

Chairman Chet Brooks Verna Crawford, Trust Board Secretary

Monday, June 2, 2014 Community Center

Respectfully submitted by Verna Crawford, Trust Board Secretary

Chairman Chet Brooks called the June 2, 2014 Trust Board meeting to order at 4:10 p.m.

Mary Watters gave the invocation.

Secretary called the roll those present were Chairman Chet Brooks, Vice Chair Nicky Michael, Secretary Verna Crawford, Treasurer John Sumpter (arrived late due to a doctor's appointment), Joe Brooks, Homer Scott, and Mary Watters.

Chairman Chet Brooks welcomed guests. He asked if anyone would like to address the Board.

Chet Brooks introduced Mrs. Angie Thompson representing the Bartlesville Children's Musical Theater and invited her to address the Board. Mrs. Thompson gave a brief history of the Theater and explained the project of renovating their building so that classes and performances could be held there. The project is being done in phases. They are now working on the phase to renovate the entryway, which will cost around \$5,000. She stated that organizations and companies in and around Bartlesville are being asked to donate to the project. Angie said any assistance would be greatly appreciated. Eleven percent of the children participating are Native American.

Chet Brooks explained that each Trust Committee would have to review and decide what they will be able to do.

Verna Crawford suggested that both the Trust Board and Tribal Council take this request under advisement.

Guests, Tribal officials and employees present included Curtis Zunigha, Mary Jo Peterson, Cy

Hughes, Rick L. Barnes, Greg Brown, Charles Randall, G.R. Watters, Nancy Sumpter, Angie Thompson, Mary Randall, Chief Paula Pechonick, Annette Ketchum and Leslie Fall-Leaf.

Verna Crawford moved to approve the agenda as presented. Joe Brooks seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Joe Brooks moved to table the minutes of May 5, 2014 till July meeting. Homer Scott seconded the motion.

Motion carried with all in favor.

Treasurer's Report

Before calling on the treasurer for his report, Chairman Brooks noted that the Community Services Committee was over budget at this time and would be addressing the matter and announcing the action decided upon soon. He also commented on the fact that the financials had just been received.

Treasurer John Sumpter stated that the funds had increased by \$21,316.52, up from \$4,050,640 to \$4,071,957.17.

Verna Crawford moved to accept the Treasurer's report pending audit. Nicky Michael seconded the Motion.

Discussion: Joe Brooks stated he could not vote on the Treasurer's report since the financials were presented just before the Trust Board meeting and the Board members have not had a chance to review them.

Verna Crawford withdrew her motion to accept the Treasurer's report. Nicky Michael withdrew her second.

Verna Crawford then moved to table the Treasurer's report till July meeting since the Board had not had a chance to review them before the meeting. Nicky Michael seconded the Motion. Motion carried with 7 yes.

Committee Reports

COMMUNITY SERVICES: CHAIR VERNA CRAWFORD

The Community Services Committee met on Monday, May 12,

2014. Chair Verna Crawford stated that at the next meeting the Committee would be taking a hard look at the finances and making hard decisions. She did not have a detailed report on the last meeting and will make an expanded report next month. The next meeting will be June 9, 2014.

CULTURAL PRESERVATION: CHAIR CHET BROOKS

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

Committee Chair Brooks reported that the 50th Annual Delaware Powwow was well attended. It rained out the finals on Sunday night.

EDUCATION: CHAIR DR. NICKY MICHAEL

The Committee regularly meets on the second Monday of each month. The Committee met May 12. Two applications were approved, one Driver's Education and one scholarship for a total of \$466. The Committee balance is \$17,481.07.

ELDERS COMMITTEE: CHAIR MARY WATTERS

Chair Mary Watters reported the Committee met on June 2, 2014. Several spoke about Powwow experiences. Mary said she told about her granddaughter, Jennifer Revard's "head piece."

Elders are planning a "Return to Kansas" trip June 17th. We will leave the Delaware Center @ 7:30 am going to Lawrence and on to Bonner Springs, KS to original Delaware lands. Elders will provide for lunch & supper will be on your own.

Elders are going to order 12" x 12" bricks to be used in the Memorial Garden. First two bricks will be for Bill Baughman and Bob Ladd. Elders will handle ordering of bricks at a cost of \$50.00 for up to 8 lines on a brick. Individuals can purchase bricks to be added for a memorial of past family members. Contact Mary Randall for more info.

Going to arrange for someone to talk on wills, etc. (Glenna Do-

ris and Judge Don Mason)

Bear Tompkins gave a very interesting and enlightening talk about working for the Tribe as an intern and his time at Haskell University.

Reinvestment: Chair John Sumpter

Meets quarterly. No report was given due to no meeting being held.

TRIBAL OPERATIONS: CHAIR JOE BROOKS

Meets quarterly. No report was given due to no meeting being held.

VETERANS COMMITTEE: CHAIR KENNY BROWN, VICE CHAIR HOMER SCOTT

Vice Chair Homer Scott reported that the Veterans are raising money to purchase a buffalo monument to put on the Bartlesville Tribal campus. They will be holding auctions every four months to raise the \$1,700. The buffalo will be painted the natural color of a buffalo.

The Color Guard has been asked to attend the Grand Opening of Wal-Mart in Catoosa. They would like to provide guns for the Color Guard to carry at funerals. The Color Guard will provide the Veterans more details.

Unfinished Business

A. RESOLUTION 2014-2 – TO DIRECT ARVEST ASSET MANAGERS TO CHANGE THE CURRENT INVESTMENT STRATEGY TO AN ENDOWMENT TYPE PORTFOLIO

Joe Brooks moved to approve Resolution 2014-2 as amended from original. John Sumpter seconded the motion.

Motion carried with all in favor.

New Business

Joe Brooks moved to approved the Tribal Election Rules and Regulations as discussed and amended at a joint Tribal Council,

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Trust Board and Election Board workshop. Seconded by John Sumpter. Motion carried with 6 yes, 0 no and 1 abstention (Joe Brooks).

Other Business

Verna Crawford moved that the next meeting be held on Wednesday; July 2, 2014 at the Delaware Tribal Community Center at 4 p.m. Joe Brooks seconded the motion.

Discussion: Chairman Chet Brooks suggested holding the meeting on the first Wednesday instead of the first Monday in July. He noted that the monthly fundraiser held at Monterey's Little Mexico Restaurant was that day. He said that the Delaware Tribe would receive 20% of every check for everyone presenting a coupon. He suggested that the Trust Board and guests have dinner there following the Trust Board meeting.

Motion carried with all in favor.

John Sumpter moved to adjourn. Homer Scott seconded the motion. All approved. Chairman Brooks declared the meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

RESOLUTION # 2014 - 02

A RESOLUTION OF THE TRUST BOARD OF THE DELAWARE TRIBE OF INDIANS TO DIRECT ARVEST ASSET MANAGERS TO CHANGE THE CURRENT INVESTMENT STRATEGY TO AN ENDOWMENT TYPE PORTFOLIO

June 2, 2014

WHEREAS, the Delaware Tribe of Indians is a federally recognized Tribe and WHEREAS, pursuant to Article II, Section D of the Delaware Tribe of Indians Trust Document, the Trust Board is authorized to perform managerial functions and execute routine business functions relating to the administration of the Delaware Judgment Funds from dockets

72 and 298 and any other funds assigned to the administration of the Delaware Trust Board; and WHEREAS, the Trust Board has the responsibility to review and amend the investment strategy from time to time; and

WHEREAS, the Trust Board realizes that to ensure such timely and accurate responses, it is necessary to identify certain tribal officials and individuals who are authorized to initiate financial transactions, obtain information or give investment instructions.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that, the Trust Board hereby directs Arvest Asset Managers to change the current investment strategy to an Endowment type portfolio; and

Be It Finally Resolved that, the Trust Board hereby directs Arvest Asset Managers to change the portfolio from 30% equity and 70% fixed to 60% equity and 40% fixed and targeting 5% endowment earnings.

Wednesday, July 2, 2014 Community Center

Respectfully submitted by Verna Crawford, Trust Board Secretary

Chairman Chet Brooks called the July 2, 2014 Trust Board meeting to order at 4:12 p.m.

Board member Joe Brooks gave the invocation.

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

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

Guests, Tribal officials and employees present included Cy Hughes, Mary Randall, Charles Randall, G.R. Watters, Pat Donnell, Nancy Sumpter, Bonnie Jo Griffith and Chief Paula Pechonick.

Verna Crawford moved to approve the agenda with the addition of April and May Financial

reports. Joe Brooks seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Joe Brooks moved to approve the minutes of May 5, 2014 with corrections. **Homer Scott** seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

Verna Crawford moved to approve the minutes of June 2, 2014 with corrections. **Homer Scott** seconded the motion.

Discussion: Joe Brooks stated he had challenged the motion to approve the Treasurer's report was withdrawn because the financial report had not be sent out before the meeting and he had not had time to review them. He suggested the report be tabled.

Chief Pechonick pointed out that in unfinished business Joe's motion to approve Resolution 2014-2 the "2" had been left out.

Both these changes will be corrected and the Board will receive corrected copies.

Motion carried with all in favor.

Treasurer's Report

Verna Crawford moved to accept the Treasurer's report pending audit, seconded by Joe Brooks.

Discussion: Trust Board Treasurer, John Sumpter reported that at the end of April our balance was \$4,071,957.17 and the May financials showed a balance of \$4,130,656.45 an increase of \$60,681.28. The increase is due to higher interest rate in the stock markets.

Motion carried all in favor.

Committee Reports

COMMUNITY SERVICES: CHAIR VERNA CRAWFORD

The Community Services Committee met on Monday, June 2, 2013. The Committee reviewed 19 applications, approved nine (9), and declined eight (8) and pending two (2) for a total of \$1,984.48. The budget for this Committee is almost gone for the year. The Committee agreed to suspend all the programs except for Elder programs and Burial as-

sistance for the remainder of the year. They also recognized the need to revise some of the application guidelines. Crawford stated she is working with the Tribal Council and accounting to try to find possible funding for Community Services programs.

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

CULTURAL PRESERVATION: CHAIR CHET BROOKS

Meets the third Tuesday of each month starting at 6 p.m. in the Community Center. The Cultural Preservation Committee did not meet in June. The next meeting will be in the Social Services building on July 21 at 6 p.m. Chet Brooks asked for Tribal members input on Delaware Days, should it be one or two days? The consensus was for two days. Delaware Days is held the last weekend in September.

EDUCATION: CHAIR DR. NICKY MICHAEL

The Committee regularly meets on the second Monday of each month. The Committee met June 11, 2014. The Committee reviewed two applications and approved two (2) Education and one Vo-Tech. The next meeting will be July 14, 2014.

ELDERS COMMITTEE: CHAIR MARY WATTERS

The Elders Committee meets on the first Monday of each month at 1 p.m. in the Community Services Building. Mary Watters reported the Committee has not had a meeting yet this month. The next regular meeting will be on Monday, July 7, at 1 p.m.

REINVESTMENT: CHAIR JOHN SUMPTER

Meets quarterly. No report was given due to no meeting being held.

TRIBAL OPERATIONS: CHAIR JOE BROOKS

Meets quarterly. No report was given due to no meeting being held.

VETERANS COMMITTEE: CHAIR KENNY BROWN, VICE CHAIR HOMER SCOTT

Vice Chair Homer Scott reported the Color Guard attended the Wal-Mart Grand Opening and it was successful. The Committee held a Special meeting to discuss project priorities. The Committee decided obtaining rifles for the color guard should be first. The Buffalo statute for the Tribal Complex will be pursued later. The next meeting will be in August.

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

None

Verna Crawford moved to hold the next meeting on Wednesday, August 6, 2014 at 4 p.m. in the Delaware Community Center, Bartlesville, OK. Motion carried with all in favor.

John Sumpter moved to adjourn, seconded by Joe Brooks. Motion carried with all in favor.

Chairman Brooks declared the meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

Wed, August 6, 2014 Community Center

Respectfully submitted by Verna Crawford, Trust Board Secretary

Chairman Chet Brooks called the August 6, 2014 Trust Board meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Mary Watters gave the invocation.

Secretary called the roll. Those present were Chairman Chet Brooks, Vice Chair Dr. Nicky Michael, Secretary Verna Crawford, Treasurer John Sumpter, Joe Brooks and Mary Watters. Homer Scott was absent at roll call, arrived late.

Joe Brooks moved to excuse Homer Scott's absence due to medical appointment. Mary Watters seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor. (Homer Scott arrived late).

Chairman Chet Brooks welcomed guests. He invited anyone

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who would like to address the Board to do so.

Guests, Tribal officials and employees present included Bonnie Jo Griffith, GR Watters, Johnny Barker, Nancy Sumpter, Chief Paula Pechonick, Mary Randall, Charles Randall and Curtis Zunigha.

Verna Crawford moved to approve the agenda as presented. John Sumpter seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Joe Brooks moved to approve the minutes of July 2, 2014 with corrections. Mary Watters seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer John Sumpter stated the financials were in the packet. He noted in last month's financials the total was \$4,130,656.45 and the current statement shows a total of \$4,130,669.05 small increase.

Joe Brooks moved to accept the Treasurer's report pending audit, seconded by Verna Crawford.

Committee Reports

COMMUNITY SERVICES:

CHAIR VERNA CRAWFORD

Community Services Committee meets on the second Monday of each month in the Social Services conference room.

The Committee met on July 14, 2014. Eight applications were considered and approved, three Dental @ \$993.20, two Optical @ \$380, 3 Medical @ \$535, for a total of \$1,908.20.

The Committee, due to a lack of funds, decided to suspend all Community Services programs except for medical related and burial assistance, for the rest of this year. They will be reviewing and refining program formats, guidelines and requirements. The income limits will be adhered to and have reiterated that the Community Services Committee is a

payer of last resort.

Crawford informed the Committee that the Tribal Council approved at their July 14, 2014 Tribal Council meeting, to fund Community Services applications for medical related request to be paid out of the Indian Health Services pass through funds and burials from the Historic Preservations Program through the end Trust Board's fiscal year (December 31, 2014).

The next meeting will be on Monday, August 11, 2014

CULTURAL PRESERVATION: CHAIR CHET BROOKS

Chairman Brooks reported the Committee meets on the third Tuesday of each month starting at 6 p.m. in the Social Services Building. No meeting was held in July. The next meeting will be on September 16, 2014 as usual. Delaware Days will be held on Friday, September 26 and Saturday, September 27, 2014. Indian Summer will be on September 18-21. (See Facebook for details.)

EDUCATION: CHAIR DR. NICKY MICHAEL

Chair Dr. Nicky Michael stated the Committee regularly meets on the second Monday of each month. The Committee met on July 14, 2014. Three applications were considered and approved, one Education Assistance @ \$50 and two scholarships @ \$300 for a total of \$350. The next meeting will be Monday, August 11, 2014.

ELDERS COMMITTEE: CHAIR MARY WATTERS

July 7, 2014 Meeting Report

We had a DVD slide show of our Elders "Return to Kansas" Trip.

"Zombie's Can't Dance" will be shown on July 15th for our Afternoon of Activities.

7 Bricks have been ordered for the Memorial Garden.

Attendance was down today as the July Council Meeting was being held in Lawrence, KS.

August 4, 2014 Meeting Report

Cy Hughes, Election Board Chair gave an overview of the 2014 Election process. Q & A followed.

Bear Tompkins shared about his Lenape Language Summer Internship. The Elders Committee approved a \$250 stipend to help further Bear's education.

The first shipment of the Memorial Bricks were on display. Once we receive the balance of our order, the Bricks will be placed in the Memorial Garden.

Jack Tatum encouraged the Elders to have something from our Delaware Culture at every Delaware gathering.

Homer Scott asked for donations for Veteran Committee Auction to be held during Delaware Days.

Next Elders Committee meeting will be Tuesday, September 2nd, 2014 @ 12:30 pm.

REINVESTMENT: CHAIR JOHN SUMPTER

Meets quarterly. Chair John Sumpter stated he would request Arvest Account Services to make a presentation regarding our investments.

TRIBAL OPERATIONS: CHAIR JOE BROOKS

Meets quarterly. No report was given due to no meeting being held.

VETERANS COMMITTEE: CHAIR KENNY BROWN, VICE CHAIR HOMER SCOTT.

John Sumpter gave a brief report for the committee in the absence of Vice Chairman Homer Scott. The Committee has decided to develop a Delaware Tribal Burial Squad and are raising money for equipment. An auction will be held at Delaware Days. Donations are gratefully accepted. Donations may be taken to the Tribal Center, contact Veterans Committee members, Kenny Brown, Homer Scott or Susan Cade. Donations will be accepted at Delaware Days.

Old Business

None

New Business

Joe Brooks moved to change the regular Trust Board meetings to the third Wednesday of each month, time and location will be determined at each meeting for the next month. John Sumpter seconded the motion. Motion carried all in favor.

Joe Brooks moved to hold the next meeting on September 17, 2014 at 4 p.m. in the Community Center. John Sumpter seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

John Sumpter moved to adjourn. Joe Brooks seconded the motion. All approved. Chairman Brooks declared the meeting adjourned at 5:01 p.m. ■

Editorials

As I See It

Dee Ketchum

Our Delaware Constitution was ratified in 1982 from a 1958 version and the only changes in all these years has been a few amendments that changed the contents very little and did not change the format at all. The constitution has a set of By-Laws that must be incorporated into the body of the constitution since a tribal constitution should not contain separate By-laws.

Some of the changes or clarifications that should be made to the constitution are:

1. Candidates for elected office must be in good standing with the tribe and have no prior history of felonies.
2. The assistant chief should be elected, not appointed.
3. Sitting council members who have time left in a current term must resign that office before filing to run for another office. [Example: a councilman who files to run for Trust Board, Judge or Chief Justice, etc., must resign from the council before running for another office.]
4. An appointment made by the Council for a vacancy that becomes open for any reason cannot be filled with a relative of someone else who is serving on the Council. [Example: a parent, sibling, child, aunt, uncle, grandparent or in-law.]

5. No Delaware can serve on more than one elected position at the same time.

6. A candidate must agree to pay for his/her expenses to attend regularly scheduled council, board, or judges meetings regardless of where he lives.

There are many other changes, inclusions, omissions, explanations and clarifications that may be made to the constitution. There is federal funding for tribes to revise their constitutions; even requirements that tribal constitutions be relevant. No constitution covers every nuance of a tribe since ordinances, guidelines, policies, and laws are passed that are in agreement with the constitution.

The Delaware Tribe spent 30 years in and out of court with the Cherokee Nation, but that is behind us. It appears that we get along with the CNO better than our members get along. I would suggest that after "fighting" for thirty years, some of our membership want an enemy to assault! Let's put all the mistrust, attacking, and lying behind us. Let's get along. Let's celebrate the fact that the Tribe is still alive and well. I, for one, believe that the differences in opinions are healthy and can be talked out. What is not healthy is character assassination. It's easy to make up lies and it's easy to believe lies. It's hard to face the truths that you don't want to accept because you don't like someone. How petty! And that's the way I see it. ■

Delaware Tribe Environmental Program

Jimmie Johnson, Environmental Program Director

I hope this finds everyone well and enjoying the changing of the seasons.

DTEP started a new fiscal year on October 1, 2014. Current plans for this fiscal year include:

(1) Preparation of Energy Efficiency project grant proposal to be presented to the Department of Energy during the fiscal year. This EE grant proposal will be for energy efficient retrofits to buildings and facilities owned by the Delaware Tribe.

(2) Maintaining the current recycling capabilities at the Bartlesville complex.

(3) Hold 3rd Annual Delaware Tribe Electronics Recycling Drive. Although old electronics will be accepted at the environmental office year round, a drive will be held in early 2015 to collect and properly dispose of electronic waste.

(4) DTEP Director Jimmie Johnson and Housing employee Walter Dye will travel to Tahlequah to meet with and observe the Cherokee Nation Energy Efficiency group

in their operation that is used to promote energy efficiency within the Cherokee Nation.

(5) DTEP will participate again in Operation Clean House, a yearly Household Hazardous Material Recycling Event held in Bartlesville and Dewey, this event usually coincides with Earth Day in mid to late April.

(6) Training is always included in the budget but no training has been scheduled as of the drafting of this article.

November 1st is our General Council meeting. I will be set up at the meeting to provide information about the DTEP program and to answer any and all questions that the tribal membership has. I always look forward to this meeting and having face to face interaction with the tribal membership. As always if you have questions comments or suggestions feel free to contact me at 918-337-6584 or at jimmie-johnson@delawaretribe.org. -Wanishi■

Lenape Language Preservation Project

Jim Rementer

What's New

As stated in the last issue of the *Delaware Indian News*, our Documenting Endangered Languages (DEL) grant from the National Science Foundation has enabled us to continue making improvements to the Lenape Talking Dictionary. Our one-year grant was about to run out, but since we had remaining funds, we applied to NSF for a one-year extension and it was granted.

In addition to making improvements to the Lenape Talking Dictionary, we have continued to add words, sentences, and entries in the **Stories** section. The two latest entries in that section are: **Lënapeí Kwëtëlëtuwakàna** (Delaware Corrections and Sayings) and **Nèk Ansiskta-yèsàk** (The Seven Sisters [the Pleiades]).

Another recent improvement is the ability to search for Lenape words not only in the dictionary section, but also in the **Sentences** and **Stories** sections.

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 the Detailed Entry Information page, which gives more information about the word. One of the features we have added under the grant is **Historical Example**. These are early examples of the language as written in the 1600s and 1700s. Here are some examples of 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.

Language Study

We worked with a student from Haskell, a tribal member named Bear Tompkins. We went through 30 lessons which he is using for some additional college credits since he had permission from the college to work on a study of Lenape this summer. Eventually we will add the lessons prepared for him to the **Lessons** section of the talking dictionary.■

Delaware Tribe Housing Program

Lacey Sousa

DTHP is currently in a transition period. We are actively training our staff and working closely with HDS (Housing Data Systems) consultants to effectively and efficiently update, correct and establish procedures. DTHP is coming together as a team and working hard to achieve success.

Activities in Progress

These include: HDS training; preparing Cherokee Nation's "Initial Request for information" (09-15-2014 Audit); moving participants into vacant units; and updating the participant waiting list.

Accomplishments/Plans

Cherokee Nation will be on site September 15, 2014 to perform their annual Housing Audit. We are preparing and I am confident Housing will do well. Correcting participant accounts has been a major priority for over two months and

the deadline has been set for September 30, 2014. The housing CAS is correct and will be updated as needed. Ten DTHP units in Bartlesville have sustained damage from the September 1, 2014 storms. Amerind claims have been filed and we will be monitoring progress closely.

Future Plans

These include: training new hires on proper policies and procedures; continuing training for current staff to be more effective and efficient; continuing to update and correct all participant "hard files"; and continuing to update waiting lists and place new participants in vacant units.

Current Delaware Housing Residents

Please contact the Housing Office with any issues.

EMERGENCY CONTACTS:

Mike Marshall (918) 214-5560
Walter Dye (918) 214-5561■

Wellness Center

Mickey Morrison

With summer turning to fall, we should probably start thinking about how we can stay active as cooler weather arrives. So why not come try out the Delaware Wellness Center if you haven't already joined.

Membership is free for Delaware and Cherokee tribal members. For all other tribes the fee is just \$10 a month, and for non-Indians \$20. You may also choose a daily rate of only \$2. We have something for everyone: treadmills, ellipticals, free weights and lots more. We also have appointment times available in our heated therapeutic pool for those of you whose physician or therapist may have recommended a low impact workout.

We also have Cassie Brown, our on-site massage therapist, accepting new clients at \$25 for a half hour or \$45 for an hour.

Wellness Center hours are 8:00 am-8:00 pm Monday through Friday and 9:00 am-1:00 pm on Saturday. For more information call the main number (918) 337-6590.

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

Cultural Resources

Anita Mathis

He` Tribal Members, Friends, and Family. It looks like summer may be behind us and a wonderful fall is upon us.

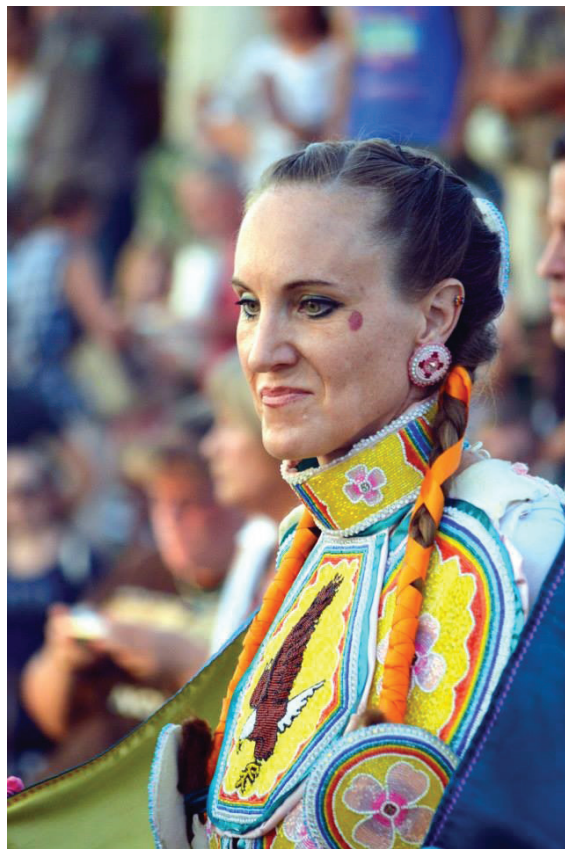
We have received newly donated artifacts that will soon be on display. We also have on loan to the Bartlesville Area History Museum a small collection of our Speck collection, which is now on display in the Delaware Tribe of Indians area of the museum.

The well-received documentary by students from Ball State University on the Delawares when they were in Indiana, titled *The Lenape on the Wapahani River*, is available for viewing in the Archives.

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

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Advancing, energizing, and empowering our people through Dynamic and Focused leadership by way of:

- **Education**—Obtaining and establishing grants and scholarships for higher education.
- **Health and Human Services**—Obtain funding and establish a self-sustaining Healthcare system.
- **Tribal Economic Development**—Explore beneficial and lucrative investment opportunities with less outsourcing, providing more employment opportunities.
- **Leadership**—Honest, Dependable, Hard-working, Tireless, Innovative, Knowledgeable, Resourceful & Determined.
- **Culture Revitalization**—Delaware Cultural and Language Preservation programs and development with more online resources for empowerment and education.

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Bonnie Jo Griffith, Candidate for Tribal Council WE ARE DELAWARE STRONG!

- I want to help establish real economic growth for our tribe
- I want to help unite our tribe
- I want to help give the government back to our People
- I will insist on open meetings, anti-nepotism, full disclosure, free press
- I will listen to the People
- I WILL WORK FOR YOU, THE DELAWARE TRIBE OF INDIANS
- I endorse Chester Brooks for Chief. I feel he is the most qualified of all Chief candidates, including the incumbent.

VOTE NOVEMBER 1 FOR BONNIE GRIFFITH AND CHESTER BROOKS





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Nov. 1, 9 AM-1PM***



ELECT CHESTER "CHET" BROOKS CHIEF OF DELAWARE TRIBE

Concerns in addition to attempted "Trust Takeover" presented July DIN: Council took over \$9,762,476 (Sep. 30, 2010) net assets Housing Authority about 3-1/2 years ago - as of July 31, 2014 those net assets have been reduced by \$2,772,115 to \$6,990,361. Yes, I know we bought 92 acres of land in Lawrence, KA (without an appraisal and a proper resolution of the Tribal Council - only to learn later that 60+ acres is in a flood plain and the rest has drainage problems which may prohibit it's intended use) for \$1,240,000 and the Lodges Apts. for maybe \$500,000 but what happened with the other \$1,032,115? I will not discuss that in a publication such as DIN for the simple reason that I do not have all the detailed facts and I do not believe it is relevant to the non Delaware Public. Continued inside art.

Elect Chester "Chet" Brooks Chief &

Bonnie Jo Griffith - Nicky K. Michael - Benita Shea

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