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‘Bright future’ ahead for tribe

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The future is looking bright for the Delaware Tribe of Indians, Chet Brooks, the tribe’s newly elected principal chief, told the *Examiner-Enterprise* recently.

“We have a new positive outlook,” Brooks said this week during an interview at the Delaware Tribal Center in Bartlesville.

Brooks was elected on Nov. 1 in a tribal election that also saw several seats on the tribal council change.

“We have a council of seven, including the chief,” he said.

The election saw Brooks, who had been a tribal council member, elected as chief, as well as three new tribal members, creating what Brooks says is a “new outlook” for the tribe.

“We are excited about a new LLC, among several other things,” he said.

According to Delaware Assistant Chief Bonnie Jo Griffith, the Limited Liability Company that Brooks is referring to is called “Tahkox.”

“The word means ‘Turtle’ in Lenape,” she said. “The company has been in existence for a few weeks and is 100 percent owned by the Delaware.”

Brooks says that the first contract for Tahkox is for GIS mapping, which will map different species of vegetation in Guam.

“This is just the first,” he said. “We hope to explore a variety of opportunities with this company.”



L-R, Council Member Michelle Holley, Council Member Nate Young, Assistant Chief Bonnie Jo Griffith, Chief Chet Brooks, Treasurer and Council Member Benita Shea, Secretary and Council Member Dr. Nicky Michael, and Council Member Annette Ketchum. Photo by Titus Frenchman.

According to Griffith, the new tribal council is also mulling over possible uses for land near Lawrence, Kan., purchased in 2013. When the land was initially purchased, rumors ran rampant that the tribe would be moving its headquarters from Bartlesville to Kansas. The case for the tribe moving was later bolstered in March of that year, when then-tribal officials said there was a “great possibility” that the tribe would move “to a location in Kansas.”

At that time it was explained that such a relocation would allow the Delaware Tribe to overcome restrictions it faces at its Oklahoma location, where the land is within the jurisdiction of another tribe.

“The new council may have a different outlook than the previous council,” Griffith said about the issue.

Brooks concurred, saying the tribe “already had some land in Caney (Kansas) that could be used for purposes of a trust.”

“We are absolutely excited to continue to be a part of the local community,” Griffith said. “And we will be continuing services.”

The tribe has for years hosted an elder nutrition program as well as a wellness center, housing, an environmental program, veterans education, and cultural programs, among others.

“It’s a real exciting time. I think we’ve turned a corner,” Griffith said. “This council very much wants to be transparent and is trying to be very open and very inclusive of members.”

“We have been posting all resolutions and all agendas, and it is our plan to have posted (agendas) the Friday prior to our Tuesday meetings,” Brooks said. “We have been doing that as a courtesy to tribal members, but will likely pass a resolution to make it official.”

Brooks said the new council has also passed “a strict anti-nepotism policy.”

“The only reason the council is here is for the tribe,” Griffith

said. “We don’t have any personal gain — only the best interest of the tribe as a whole... The future looks very bright.”

<http://examiner-enterprise.com/news/local-news/bright-future-ahead-tribe> ■

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Delaware War Mothers are Strong and Active

The Delaware War Mothers have been busy this year with fundraising events and planning activities. They kicked off the year with a Garage & Bake Sale February 15th and plan on making this a yearly event so watch for details!

April 28th the Elders Committee, Veterans Committee and DWM held a re-dedication ceremony for the Veterans Honor Wall. If you submitted a photo to be displayed please be patient as each plaque is being redone which takes a great amount of time. This will be a continuing project until all plaques are finished.

Once again, the DWM participated in the grand entry during the Delaware Powwow in May. They also paraded in during the Oklahoma Indian Summer event in September.

On July 20th Rosetta Coffey passed away. During her wake the DWM stood before Rosetta's family and read the following:

We, the Delaware War Mothers, stand here so you can see how many of us support her cause and will continue to carry on her legacy.

On behalf of the Delaware War Mothers, we express our deepest sympathy to the Jackson-Coffey family. As most of you know, Rosetta is the founder of the Delaware War Mothers, it was founded sometime in 1991 but was not established with the State of Oklahoma as an official organization until June 31, 1992. Records indicate that the club had three leaders and they were Rosetta, Bonnie Thaxton and Mary Watters. The thought of having a Club was inspired by the Persian Gulf War and was established to honor the veterans in the Delaware community.

Out of curiosity I looked up the meaning of Rosetta and Pearl and discovered the following:

Rosetta means Rose or Little Rose and we all know how beautiful she was just like a flower in bloom. I'm sure some of you felt



the prick of her thorn when you got her upset or crossed her path.

The pearl is the oldest known gem and unlike any other gems is derived from a living creature. It was said in some early cultures that the pearl was born when a single drop of rain fell from the heavens and became the heart of the oyster. Pearls have been called the "teardrops of the moon". Some believe that pearls were formed by the passage of angels through the clouds of heaven.

I came to the conclusion that Rosetta lived up to her name – not only was she as beautiful as a rose but she was unlike any other gem. She is the heart of our club because if it wasn't for her motivation and determination there wouldn't be a Delaware War Mothers Club.

Wanishi!

It is our understanding that Rosetta's daughter, Paulette Tallchief, was the one who had the idea of organizing a group to represent our veterans. Without Paulette, Rosetta and the first club members who all took part in establishing this fine club we would not be here today.

October brought about the first Chili Cook-off between the War Mothers. It was an exciting day to see all who attended and the competition was tough. The winners were Pat Donnell, Barbara Wallace, and Mary Watters. This is another yearly event that the ladies would like to continue so watch for details around September!

Congratulations to Adam Anna from Ohio who won the Pendleton that was raffled off during General Council on November 8th! The War Mothers also had a silent auction and bake sale during the meeting and would like to express their gratitude to the Tribal Council for letting us do so.

On November 7th the DWM recognized the veterans who were in attendance at lunch by presenting them with a pin of thanks. A special thank you goes out to the Washington County Chapter #65 Disabled American Veterans who performed a ceremony for the POWs and MIAs. The new princess, Skye Scimeca, was crowned by outgoing princess, Hayden Griffith, who will be greatly missed! Hayden has done such a fine job representing the DWM since 2013 and we would like to wish her the best of luck as she pursues her goal of going to college. We

welcome our new princess, Skye Scimeca, who is the daughter of Bill Scimeca and the late Sarah Johnson Scimeca.

This year the DWM presented our veterans with Christmas stockings which were full of miscellaneous items. All stockings and items were donations given by the members who attended the December meeting.

We always have fun as we work on our projects and feel we can never say "Thank You!" enough to all our veterans. So if you would like to become a member of this fun and wonderful group please contact any DWM member, write us at PO Box 74371 Bartlesville, OK 74006, email delawarewar-mothers@yahoo.com or attend one of our meetings the third Monday of each month at 5:30 in the conference room of the Social Service Building. Wanishi! ■



Top, Chili Cook-off winners Mary Watters, Barbara Wallace, and Pat Donnell; bottom, Delaware War Mothers.



Community

Congratulations to Tribal Member Kayla Greenwalt



Ms. Kayla Greenwalt recently won the finals of the Jr. barrel race competition at the Region 8 Arrington McSpadden All Indian Rodeo Association held in Lawton, Oklahoma. This qualified Kayla to compete in the Indian National Finals Rodeo to be held in Las Vegas, NV, November 4-8, 2014. Kayla is the daughter of Bill and Angie Harlan Greenwalt from Big Cabin. Kayla attends school at Adair.

Kayla has a rich tribal heritage. She is the granddaughter of Nancy Hayes Schoonover, great-granddaughter of the late Mrs. Elvin Hill Hayes, and the great-great-granddaughter of Jacob and Nancy Hill, all of rural White Oak. ■

Lenapeowski Foundation Youth Christmas Party

The 4th annual Lenapeowski Foundation Youth Christmas Party was held on December 20, 2014 at the Delaware Community Center in Bartlesville, OK. The Lenapeowski Foundation's officers—Dr. Nicky Michael, Michelle Holley and Jason Jones—hosted 47 Lenape youth, ranging in age from 7 months to 18 years of age, countless parents, grand-parents and extended family. Each youth was presented with a gift from Santa (tribal member Ja-

son Norris) and his special polar bear helper (tribal member Haley Madden). A photo with Santa was taken by Tara Madden Photography (tribal member) and a copy provided as a token of our appreciation. A special Thank You goes out to the Delaware Tribe of Indians Cultural Preservation Committee and ConocoPhillips for their generous contributions and continued support of this wonderful event. ■



Photo by Tara Madden, Tara Madden Photography.

Happy 50th Anniversary to Darrell and Charlotte Glenn!

Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Glenn of Bartlesville recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

Darrell Wayne Glenn married the former Charlotte Ann Colvin on December 26, 1964 in the Assembly of God Church at Pawhuska, Oklahoma. They are members of Tuxedo Assembly of God Church.

Darrell retired from the Crane School District in Yuma, Arizona after 31 years as a teacher, coach and athletic director. Charlotte retired from the Yuma Union High School District in Yuma where she was employed as a purchasing agent.

The couple have two daughters, Debbie Monck and Cathy Holland and husband, Jeff Holland. They also have four grandchildren: Jamie and Allie Monck and Heather and Matthew Holland. ■



GARAGE SALE, BEAN LUNCH and BAKE SALE

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Lunch (beans, cornbread, & drink—\$5)

11:00 am—2:00 pm

Delaware Tribe Community Center

170 NE Barbara ** Bartlesville, OK 74006

Have you done your spring cleaning early and don't want to wait until nice weather arrives for a garage sale? Now is the opportunity to purchase a table for \$10 and make some extra pocket money.

Call 918-532-2289 or 918-336-0584

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 Community Service programs, and others have been modified slightly. We don't intend this to be permanent.

The following changes are being made. 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 pro-

gram, 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. ■

Afghan Raffle



The Elder Committee would like to thank Rosie Ladd for her generous donation of a beautiful afghan.

In 2000, Bob and Rosie Ladd sold their country home and moved to Bartlesville not too far from the Delaware Tribal Community Center. Bob, being Cherokee, and Rosie began coming to the Center and enjoyed the nutrition program and the camaraderie. Kay Anderson was supervisor of the nutrition program and they played bingo once a week. One time the prize for blackout bingo was a Pendleton jacket won by Lew Ketchum and another time it was a beautiful afghan made by Marilyn Aaero. Again Lew Ketchum

won the blackout game but he said he had won before so let the next person to "blackout" have the afghan and that time Rosie Ladd was the winner. That was in 2004.

Bob, who was an advisor to our Elder Committee, passed in February 2014. We all miss Bob and thank Rosie for giving back to the Delaware Nutrition Program.

We raised \$240 on the afghan raffle. Thanks to all that purchased tickets. The Elders hope to attend a Stockbridge Munsee gathering to be held in Wisconsin in July 2015. This raffle was the start of our fund for this trip. The afghan was won by Chief Chet Brooks on December 15. ■

Elders Committee



The Delaware Elders Committee voted to request that everyone wear something Delaware for each monthly Elders meeting, to try to encourage preservation of our culture. Photos above are from the January 5 meeting. Left, Lewis Ketchum with Pat and Walt Donnell. Lew turned 101 on January 3rd.

Photo at right is of Elder Committee officers and their 3 advisors.



The Delaware Tribe of Indians Seeks Interested Registered Tribal Youth to Show Us Their Interest in Our Tribe

The Delaware Tribe of Indians is hosting an essay contest for our youth, ages 10-18 years. This will be a four-part contest beginning with the April edition of our *Delaware Indian News* (DIN).

Part 1. Research and write about the history of the Delaware Powwow. Deadline for submission of articles will be 5:00 pm on March 1, 2015. Winning article will be published in the April edition of the *DIN*. The winning essayist will receive \$100. All other youth who submit articles will receive \$25 for their participation.

Part 2. Research and write about the Delaware people's historical presence in Pennsylvania. Deadline for submission will be June 1, 2015 at 5:00 pm. The winning article will be pub-

lished in the July edition of the *DIN*. The winning essayist will receive \$100. All other youth who submit articles will receive \$25 for their participation

Part 3. Research and write about ANY Chief of the Delaware Tribe of Indians (living or dead). Deadline for submission of articles will be 5:00 pm on September 1, 2015. Winning article will be published in the October edition of the *DIN*. The winning essayist will receive \$100. All other youth who submit articles will receive \$25 for their participation

Part 4. A Grand Prize winner will be selected from the three quarterly winners. Their article will be reprinted in the January 2016 *DIN* and they will receive a \$500 cash prize.

Basic Rules

Participant must be a registered member of the Delaware Tribe of Indians, between the ages of 10-18 on the date of each submission. All entries must be typewritten, at least one full page (8 1/2 x 11 inches), single spaced, 12 pt Times Roman font. The deadlines will be strictly adhered to and NO late entries will be accepted. Participants must do their own research, composition and typing. Parental or adult help may only be requested for direction. Research may include personal interviews, websites, books, etc. Participants name and tribal registration number must be on the BACK of the essay. ■

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Education



The **INSPIRE Pre-College Program** is a full scholarship open to Native American, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian rising junior and senior high school students, including 2015 anticipated graduates, who want to spend 3-weeks on the George Washington University (GW) campus to learn about intergovernmental relations between tribal governments and the federal government.

The program centers on a full-day, experiential undergraduate course taught by GW faculty, Native Politics and the American Political System, which will offer opportunities for students to meet and interview influential Native advocates who work in Washington, D.C.

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- Room and board at GW
- Airfare to and from Washington, DC (one round-trip ticket)
- All required textbooks
- Required local travel related to the course

The INSPIRE Pre-College Program is made possible by a generous grant from the AT&T Foundation.

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APPLICATION DEADLINE: March 1, 2015

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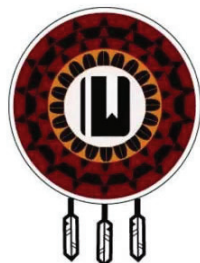
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New Scholarship Opportunity!

The National Society Daughters of the American Revolution invite Native American undergraduate and graduate students to apply for their DAR American Indian Scholarship. Eligible students must have a 3.25 GPA or higher in order to be considered for this one-time \$4000 award.

Complete applications include:

- The American Indian Scholarship application
- Letter describing family history, financial status, and educational goals
- Official transcript
- Three letters of recommendation
- Proof of American Indian blood

Check the DAR website to read more about this scholarship as well as other scholarship opportunities like the Frances Crawford Marvin American Indian Scholarship.

<http://www.dar.org/national-society/scholarships/american-indian>

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. ■

From the Desk of Assistant Chief Bonnie Jo Griffith

What a whirlwind end to 2014 it has been. The election came to a close with all new individuals being elected to positions as Chief and Council. I am more than honored to have been chosen to represent you as Assistant Chief. I will work closely with Chief Brooks for the betterment of all Delaware.

Unfortunately, one of the first items we had to deal with was suspending business being conducted under Delaware Facilities Management Solutions, LLC. The Council felt this was a necessary action as we found they were financially insolvent. This has led to our spending a significant amount of time dealing with issues that have grown out of this failing business. As of this writing I feel that we are finally getting this all figured out.

Several economic opportunities have been proposed to this new council and I feel that we are headed toward having some

revenue generating ventures soon. As promised, we are making every attempt at keeping you informed of all of the happenings. Presentations were made at the December 16 Tribal Council meeting about two possibilities. The videos of this are on our website. Go to the home page of our www.delawaretribe.org webpage and then click on the "VIDEOS" tab. All Council meetings and Trust Board meetings are posted there.

Speaking of "posts," I am very pleased to have accomplished one item right off the bat and that is the posting of agendas and resolutions at least 48 hours prior to any meetings. I had been told on more than one occasion this was not feasible but I have since figured out it is. Welcome to the world of information.

A new anti-nepotism policy has been approved and in my view should prevent stacking of families in jobs at the Tribe.

We definitely want to employ as many Delaware members as possible but nepotism has absolutely no place in a balanced, smooth-running tribe or business.

I am hoping that all who can, will join us at our monthly meetings which now will be held twice a month. They will be on the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 5:30 pm at the Tribal Center in Bartlesville.

Your Tribal Council will now start looking toward spring and all of the possibilities a change of Council and a change of seasons brings. We are excited. Feel free to contact me if the need arises.

Wanishi!

Bonnie Jo Griffith
Assistant Chief ■

From the Desk of Council Member Benita Shea

As 2015 commences, I want to thank all of you for the incredible support you have offered our new Council and to each other. I see examples of tribal employees' unique dedication to our members every day, in big ways and small.

The past few weeks, I've spent time on reviewing the personnel policies and will begin working on updating the policies with our HR Director, Mike Taylor. We hope to complete this by the end of February. We will be using the core policies already in place and expand on that to create a more concise and up-to-date document. When it comes to personnel decisions we cannot disclose all that has been presented to the Council and Personnel Committee. With this, I would ask that our members realize that the privacy of those involved will be respected.

We, as a Council have had to make some tough decisions for our tribe. We will continue to look at ways to benefit all of us and keep everyone informed of those decisions. In 2015, you will begin to hear more about Tahkox e2, the Lawrence property, and Child Support Services.

We had few challenges since the election in November, 2014. We've taken each in stride, while remaining firmly committed to our tribe. I am privileged to be a part of the Council and to represent us with pride and integrity.

I hope each of you can take time as the New Year begins to reflect on what we as a tribe can do for each other and support ourselves as one whole entity.

Here's to 2015!

Benita Shea
Tribal Council Member,
Treasurer ■

From the Desk of Council Member Nate Young

Our Tribe has a new Chief and four new Council members. Our new Chief, Chet Brooks, has experience and knowledge of our Tribal government. Our new Council members are educated, bright, and energetic. The qualities of our new Chief and Council members are important in solving the problems from the past and in preparing for opportunities in the future.

The Chief and Tribal Council must balance out time and efforts for the need in solving the problems from the past and preparing for the future.

Accountability is the recognition of past mistakes and a part of governing a tribe. A component of accountability is learning from past mistakes. Recently, we became aware of the misappropriation of tribal property and funds from an employee of

a tribally-owned corporation. Accountability requires this information to be accessible to the appropriate law enforcement agency. This misappropriation of property and funds has made us aware of the need for the Council to monitor our Tribal businesses. The Council should be aware of the activities of our tribal business, but not put us in the position of micromanaging our businesses. Accountability requires important and critical information to be provided to the Council on all tribal activities.

Our new leadership will be seeking solutions to problems that face the tribe. The issues of utilizing the 92 acres in Lawrence, Kansas; repaying the debts of Delaware Facilities Management Solutions (DFMS); and making our gov-

ernment open, transparent, and accessible are waiting for our action. Along with accountability and solving problems, we must also be prepared to seek opportunities that will help our tribe grow. This will require our Chief and Council to seek a "balance" on how we spend our time and efforts.

The underlying principle for all of our decisions must be to lessen our dependency on the government and to increase services to our members. This new Chief and Council are prepared for the tasks ahead. ■

Delaware Veterans Committee

Kenny Brown, Chairman

ATTENTION VETERANS: We have revised our meeting schedule to give more opportunity for participation. We meet every other month on the third Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. in Forsyth Hall. The next meeting will be February 18, 2015 at 1730 hrs.

At the last meeting we adopted a mission statement for our Veterans Committee, which states: "Our goal is to be a place of service, support and camaraderie to all veterans of the U.S. military. To be of service to families of veterans as they lay their loved one to rest. To safeguard and promote the spirit of the Lenape warrior."

The Veterans Committee will have another Auction and Indian Taco Dinner fundraiser in the latter part of February or early March. The actual date will be posted on our tribal webpage and promoted. If you have anything to donate—and we do need items—please contact Homer Scott.

Please make donations to Wounded Warrior Project, American Legion or Disabled American Veterans. Our returning vets and Silver and Gold families need your help and prayers.

Wounded Warrior Project
<http://www.woundedwarriorproject.org/>

American Legion
<http://www.legion.org/>

Disabled American Veterans Administration
<http://www.dav.org/> ■

From the Desk of Tribal Council Secretary, Dr. Nicky Kay Michael

Weli Kishku! It is a beautiful day in Indian Country. Thank you, wanishi, for your recent vote electing me to the Tribal Council. I am both humbled and honored. From my twenty-five years in higher education to the many years working for tribal governments throughout the United States, I feel that I have prepared my entire life for this service. No less important is that each member of our Tribal Council is diverse in thought and work experience, which adds an exponential amount of knowledge to our combined abilities. This has also enabled us a forum to really dig deep into what matters to the Delaware people from various walks of life. My personal commitment is to assure those who are most vulnerable in our communities receive the support and assistance they need. These include, but are not limited, to: elderly, disabled, veterans, children, and single-parent families. We have much work to do to increase our abilities to help each of these sectors.

No matter our Tribal Council's respective experiences, we have our work cut out for us. Most tribal governments have had the benefit of forty years of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act, which re-ignited the rise of tribal governance in Indian Country in the late 1970s and throughout the 1980s. The Delaware Tribe was hampered by the rise and fall of its government ability through our wavering federal recognition status. While we have many positive forces, such as a committed staff which we retained throughout the new Tribal Council's transition, we also see strong areas of need.

From the moment we were sworn into office, tribal members insisted on the newly-elected Tribal Council taking more

active control over our programs and fixing areas of business and finance that were not working. In less than an hour, the tribal members at the General Council instructed us to develop an objective "Personnel Committee," so our employees could have an objective entity overseeing their work product. Some of the initial steps we took during the first months were difficult but necessary, such as bringing to a standstill an insolvent LLC, Delaware Facilities Management Solutions (DFMS). This business took resources from our limited government funding. To this day we are receiving unpaid invoices. Just to exemplify the depth of this problem, one vendor's unpaid invoice alone was over \$17,000. Had DFMS generating revenues worth supporting this type of spending, most of us in the Tribal Council would have retained the business. To the contrary, we were not making this kind of revenue in six months, let alone weeks, to warrant this type of spending. More disturbing is that we still have unaccounted equipment for which we are spending precious time trying to retrieve. We are grateful to those who gave their hearts and souls toward this company, but we had to shut it down. Several other areas of governance have also operated outside our tribal oversight and our tribal members are likewise insisting we have more direct involvement with these services.

I am grateful to the rest of the Tribal Council members for voting me into the Secretary position. As such, I am responsible for communications as well as providing my stamp of approval, literally, on important government documents. Moreover, the Tribal Council believes that every letter, email, and proposal should reflect a professional and polished government. To sup-

port this value, one of the first steps I took was to insure that any important correspondence have my approval. This enables me to evaluate our programs, as well as decorum in engaging with the public and each other. No office or program is exempt from this instruction until the Tribal Council is assured that we are reflecting the values of our Tribe in everything we do.

We also plan to engage in a full-scale communications campaign and social-media plan to assure our tribal members are informed and have every opportunity to educate themselves, remain informed and feel a part of our Delaware Tribe. Each and every tribal member is important and we want you to feel valued and appreciated. Please follow us on the Delaware Tribe's facebook (www.facebook.com/delaware.tribe) and watch for us as we develop Twitter and LinkedIn feeds.

In sum, today is an exciting time to be a Delaware. We have tremendous potential and the benefit of a diverse Tribal Council who can provide insight and planning for the future. We hold open meetings and while some of our information sessions are held in the Chief's office, such as with the Governor's Tribal Liaison, Jacque Secondine Hensley, or business proposals such as Department of Defense contracting opportunities, we aspire to be inclusive of tribal members' questions, suggestions, and demands. Through strategic planning sessions and a diverse and well-educated Tribal Council, we aspire to provide a new path towards Indian self-governance and sufficiency, the embodiment of Indian Self-Determination. Wanishi ■


From the Desk of Council Member Michelle Holley

Greetings Lenapeyok! I hope each of you had a wonderful holiday and have experienced all the blessings this New Year of 2015 has to bring. I would like to express my gratitude to the Delaware Tribe of Indians Tribal Council members for voting in my favor to fill the Tribal Council seat vacated by now Chief Chet Brooks, and allowing me to opportunity to serve our tribal members. I will work tirelessly to propel our tribe in the direction of posi-


tive growth and make informed decisions with the best interest of our tribe and its members in mind. I am honored to represent our Lenape people. Please feel free to contact me at the email address below regarding any questions or concerns.

Wanishi

Michelle Holley
Tribal Council Member
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TULSA COMMUNITY COLLEGE



Red Fork
Native American
Film Festival

PowWow

Saturday, February 28th

Stephen J. Jatrass Student Union
Tulsa Community College - West Campus
7505 West 41st Street, Tulsa Oklahoma

Hosted by TCC Native American Student Alliance and TCC Native American Studies Program

Free Admission — Everyone Welcome

Raffles / 50-50s
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For more information, contact
Keetowah Knight (918) 955-6807
Steven Woods (918)595-8210

Schedule of Events

Gourd Dancing
2:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Supper Break
5:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Gourd Dancing
6:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Grand Entry
7:00 pm

Intertribals

Contests

Men	Women
Winner-Takes-All in each category	
Straight	Cloth
Traditional	Buckskin
Grass	Jingle
Fancy	Fancy Show!

*Committee reserves the option to combine categories.

Tiny Tots Contest
Sponsored by Keetowah Knight Family

Golden Age Women Combined Contest
Sponsored by Keetowah Knight Family

Hand-drum Singing Contest
Sponsored by Jimmy Whiteshirt

ALL DRUMS & SINGERS WELCOME
Princesses and Ambassadors invited to represent.

No alcohol, drugs, or firearms permitted—NO TOLERANCE
Not responsible for accidents, injuries, or theft.

Head Staff

<p><i>Master of Ceremonies</i> Arena Director Head Singer Host Northern Drum Head Man</p> <p><i>Head Lady</i></p> <p><i>Head Gourd Dancer</i></p> <p><i>Color Guard</i> Head Boy</p> <p><i>Head Girl</i></p>	<p>Mark Wilson (Cherokee) Larry Tsosie (Kiowa/Navajo) Vann Bighorse (Osage) Redland Singers Rod Pocowatchit (Comanche/Pawnee/Shawnee)</p> <p>Nicole Sine (Ho-Chunk/Navajo) (Cherokee) Clifford Springwater (United Keetowah Band/Kiowa) Seminole Nation Color Guard Xavier Michael-Young (Shawnee/Seminole) Aubree Wensman (Shawnee/Red Lake Chippewa)</p>
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Honored Elders

Marcella Postoak (In Memoriam)

Jimmy "Coach" Johnson Frank "Willie" Haney Charley Harjo

Ushering in a New Year with the Child Support Services Department

CSS Staff

Winki pëntamwèlxinè kwëlahta winkhatënamu wëski kahtën!! Happy New Year from the Child Support Services Team! It's a new year, we have a new administration and we are excited to be offering new services to our tribal members!

The Child Support Enforcement Planning and Implementation grant has been in place since 2012. We in the CSS department want our tribal members to have a good understanding of how the Child Support Services Department is funded and what valuable services we will be providing our clients.

The Child Support Enforcement program was enacted in 1975 as a federal/state program. Although states were always required to provide CSE services

to members of tribes, tribal children were not receiving adequate or fair services.

In 1996 a public law was established giving tribes who operate their own programs jurisdiction in child-support-related issues. This allowed tribes to establish, enforce, and modify child support orders. In addition, Tribal CSS programs are able to be culturally sensitive to Native Americans and offer easy access to tribal members. Tribes receive federal dollars to fund Tribal Child Support Enforcement programs. There are currently 55 Tribal Child Support Enforcement programs across the country.

How do tribes benefit from operating CSE programs?

1) Tribal CSE programs pay

rent to the tribe for the space used to operate programs on tribal property. In addition, Tribal CSE programs pay the tribe an administrative fee to process payables and payroll.

2) Tribal CSE programs receive federal funding to establish paternity, ensuring accurate Tribal enrollment.

3) Tribal Court Jurisdiction allows more authority and flexibility in how cases are handled.

4) Increased financial responsibility of parents means less reliance on tribally-funded programs.

5) Having Tribal IV-D status provides more opportunities for available resources.

However, the greatest benefits are for the children. All children deserve to be financially and emotionally supported by both parents. All children deserve to be assured they have food in their stomachs and a warm bed to sleep in at night. ■

Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)

On October 15, 2014, the Administration for Children and Families awarded approximately \$3.05 billion to states, tribes and territories in LIHEAP funding available under the Continuing Appropriations. The Delaware Tribe of Indians received a small portion of this funding.

LIHEAP is a federally funded program that assists low income households with home energy costs. Priority is given to applicants who meet the income guidelines and have NOT received assistance from DHS, Cherokee Nation or any other LIHEAP program within the past six months; you are only able to apply once a year for heating and once a year for cooling.

LIHEAP guidelines currently require that the applicant resides in the Tribe's five-county service area of Washington, Nowata, Craig, Rogers and North Tulsa County.

Applying for Assistance

The Delaware Tribe announces when their program is available by way of the Delaware Indian News, website (www.delawaretribe.org) and a flyer posted at Tribal headquarters and distributed on Facebook and other means. We only accept applications during the time frame on the website and flyer.

We are currently accepting applications for Heating Assistance FY2015.

Procedures

Current LIHEAP guidelines require documentation to establish proof of identity for the LIHEAP applicant: your Delaware tribal membership card, current income verification, a completed LIHEAP application, your utility bill, and the names of ALL persons residing in the household. Each individual in the home over the age of 18 must provide their proof of income as well. ALL information must be submitted at the time of your LIHEAP application. Your application is considered "pending" until all required documentation is reviewed.

Past Funding Period

We are proud to announce that **58** applications were approved during the past application period, for a total of **\$18,850**. These include 24 Heating applications, 33 Cooling, and 1 Emergency.

Funding Details

Our current funding is derived from the Tribe's previous year. For more information please visit:

<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ocs/programs/liheap>. ■

TRIBAL MANAGER REPORT

DEPARTMENT SUMMARY:

- Provide administrative and operational support to Tribal Council in their first full month of operation.
- Coordinate office space, computers, phones, keys, and other support functions to new TC members.
- Most activities have been centered on reorganization of DFMS. Working on this with Kelia Kindred (now the Administrative Assistant to the Tribal Manager) and Paul Bradford (Contractual Financial Consultant).
- Close coordination with Human Resources Manager to hire Chief Financial Officer and reassign or terminate DFMS employees.

ACTIVITIES IN PROGRESS:

- Assist/Coordinate the layout of January issue of Delaware Indian News with contract editor, tribal staff, and TC Secretary.
- Trust Application for Caney, KS property (awaiting DOI Solicitor opinion).
- Coordinate briefing for TC on Trust Fund litigation
- DFMS Reorganization: Reassign DFMS staff, reconcile bank accounts and pay creditors, assess all vehicles and equipment.
- Renegotiate DFMS contracts with existing vendors including janitorial services.
- Provide maintenance and janitorial services to tribal buildings on Bartlesville campus and Caney property.
- Pine Family lease of Lawrence, KS house extended through 1/31/15.
- Sustainable Foods project with USDA and KS entities on Lawrence, KS property; awaiting TC direction to re-start talks with multi-agency group.
- Sod Farm lease management on Lawrence, KS property
- Original Americans Foundation grant proposals include awarding of two vehicles plus completion of walkway around storm water pond. Cost estimates delivered to foundation. Awaiting response from foundation after the holidays (early to mid-January).

PLANS:

- Conduct departmental briefings with new TC members
- Supervise support for Child Support Services staff to implement Comprehensive Grant Program.
- Coordinate with Housing Director to develop and submit additional Housing Program policies and procedures; supervise development of FY2015 Indian Housing Plan with staff and TC.
- Coordinate with CFO to develop new internal controls for accounting systems.
- Coordinate meeting between Chief/TC and Paul Yates, BIA Miami Agency Superintendent. ■

Elder Nutrition

Allan Barnes

Alapsi Mitsitum! (Hurry up, Let's Eat)

Hello Tribal Members,

The Elder Nutrition Program is thriving! Our daily lunch program is served Monday through Friday, from 12:00 to 12:30. But that's not all we do. Our Dining Room, Forsythe Hall, is located in the Delaware Community Center, and we certainly encourage all to come enjoy a place to visit, tell stories, joke, laugh and exercise. Our Elders exercise program is a good way to start and get acquainted. Initially our participants worked out on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Now, because of the great response and interest, we have informally included Tuesdays and Thursdays for those that want to stretch out those shoulders, neck, legs, backs and whatever else needs it. We try to accommodate the needs of our Elder exercisers with different levels of exercise DVDs. All are low impact.

Also, as mentioned we are located in the Community Center—your Community Center—and we want you to know, that if you want to come early and get out of the house, our doors are open for you get up a game of cards or dominoes or just read your newspaper.

The friendly atmosphere that we want to extend to our tribal members is hopefully being represented by the number of daily meals we are currently serving. In the last DIN, we stated that the number of meals served in August was 1,000. In September we served 1,053; October 1,282; and November 996 (and that was for only 17 days)! The monthly daily averages have risen from 50, to 55, to 58 in November! What a great response we are seeing and welcoming, in providing a nutritious meal for our Elders and guests.

Of course, these increases do present challenges to our kitchen

staff, who, I am happy to say, are adjusting and responding admirably. Rising food costs are always an issue that we deal with here in the Elder Nutrition department. Since there is no charge for Elders and spouses enrolled in our Nutrition program, we do appreciate those guests and staff that pay the nominal fee of \$3.00. All would agree the meals served are well worth the price. In fact, as we go into a New Year we may need to evaluate the minimal amount currently charged due to several factors—food prices, wages, and the increased numbers served which result in more food needing to be purchased.

Oh, by the way, I want to say thank you to all who have donated \$1 or \$2 at lunchtime. All of your contributions go wholly to the purchase of food for our daily fresh Salad Bar. I do want to acknowledge the anonymous donor or donors, who have discreetly put a \$20 bill in our donation box. Thank you. It does not go unnoticed.

Who is eligible to enroll in our program? All Native Ameri-

cans... Certainly, we encourage all Delaware Tribal members age 55 and older to participate. Our program is a Native American program, federally funded by the Older Americans Act, Title VI, and we have many Tribes currently enjoying our Lunch, who simply provide us their Tribal Membership or CDIB card to complete a Senior Intake form. So, we do invite our Native American Community with the hope our increased numbers will allow our continued growth.

On a personal note, Nancy Sumpter, our long-time Kitchen Assistant and overall girl Friday, has retired. Her absence has been felt not only in all the good work she has done but the great spirit she brought every day to work. We all miss working with Nancy. Fortunately, she comes to lunch on a regular basis but we just can't talk her back into her apron! In fact, Judy Dull, past Nutrition Director, her husband Jack, and her sister Arleena (both Judy and Arleena retired from the program in late July), come to our Elders Lunch—and I think that speaks volumes for



the welcome atmosphere we try to create here at our Lunch program. Our exercise programs are fun and so is Bingo Day, every Thursday. So, come join us!

When you get this publication, the holidays will be behind us and our new year will have begun. We will continue to grow our program and offer more services. Our Senior Intake form is very simple to fill out and will help me reach you and understand your needs. Maybe we can fill a need you may have or provide the information you may need to obtain assistance that you did not know is available. Our door is always open and the Community Center is yours. Let's exercise! ■

News from Enrollment

Leslie Fall-Leaf

It has been a good year for our Delaware people. In 2014 we added approximately 200 new members to the rolls. Thanks to those of you calling and writing us, the "Lost List" is now down to 1955 (or just over 18% of our enrolled population), which is a significant reduction from what was once 42%! We hope that everyone will continue to send in enrollment applications for their children and grandchildren over the next year and to let us know when you relocate so these trends can continue.

As always, please be aware that new enrollment and replacement ID applications may be obtained by either downloading them from the tribal web-

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

Cultural Resources

Anita Mathis

He` Tribal Members, Friends, and Family

Happy New Year!!! I hope a wonderful Christmas was had by all.

The name of this program has changed from Tribal Archives to Cultural Resources. The programs under Cultural Resources are Archives, Research (part of the archives) Library, Museum, and Gift Shop.

Please remember we do have computer workstations so that you can view the full richness of the Archives. We have received newly-donated artifacts that are now on display in the culture resource office.

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.

We have a copy of *Lenape on the Wapahani River*, a documentary produced by Ball State Student Media. This documentary on the Delaware presence in Indiana in the early 19th century was produced by Ball State University in Muncie, Indiana, with the full cooperation and support of the Delaware Tribe of Indians. It has won numerous awards in the last year.

Stop by and check out all that is new and offered in the Library, Archives, Museum & Gift shop. We have added many new books to the Library. One of the book collections belonged to the late Deborah Nichols and was donated to the tribe by her husband.

The gift shop has many new items added to the inventory; we

are working on getting them online.

As always please bring in your pictures and documents or anything that pertains to the Delaware Tribe of Indians to be copied and added to our archives and or the museum, to preserve and share with our future generations.

Wanishi

Anita Mathis
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Lenape Language Preservation Project

Jim Rementer

What's New

In the last *DIN* we mentioned that our DEL grant from the National Science Foundation (NSF) 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 given.

In addition to making improvements to the Lenape Talking Dictionary, we have continued to add words, sentences, and entries in the Stories section. In the last issue we mentioned: *Lënapei Kwëtlëtuwakàna* (Delaware Corrections and Sayings) and also *Nëk Ansisktayèsàk* (The Seven Sisters [the Pleiades]).

Since then the following have been added on the second page of the Stories section:

- *Na Chëmamës Eluwënsit* (What The Rabbit Said)
- *Osële ënta Tekëna* (Light in the Forest)
- *Na Awënhake Luwe* (The Indian Said [humor])
- *Mwekaneyok òk Tëmeyok* (The Dogs and the Wolves)

Other recent improvements include the ability to search for

Lenape words not only in the dictionary section but also in the **Sentences** and the **Stories** sections. This is a great improvement as it allows those wanting to learn the language to see and hear the use of the words in context. Another feature is that if you look for a word and it is not in the dictionary you will see a message stating *Not yet in dictionary*.

Another New Feature

When you look up a Lenape word, click on it and you will be taken to the **Detailed Entry Information** page which gives more information about the word. One of the features we have added 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*:

- Jësquem [1648]
- Turkish wheat ('Indian Corn'); Hosquen [1684]
- *Chasquime* [1755] 'corn'

Project History

In 2002 the Lenape Language Preservation Project received a grant from the NSF to produce

a dictionary database of Lenape. Much of the funding went to digitizing and preserving our existing audiotapes made in past years with native speakers of Lenape. The Dictionary was officially online in February 2006. It is a work in progress, and we continue to convert audiotapes of Lenape speakers to digital format, from which we extract the Lenape words. These are then entered into the Dictionary and become immediately available on the Internet. We should mention that the sound files are not all of studio quality. Most were recorded whenever and wherever possible – sitting in someone's living room, on the porch, etc.

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

To view the Talking Dictionary, go to:

<http://talk-lenape.com> ■

Wellness Center

Mickey Morrison

Now that the holidays are over did you eat too much? Now would be the time to join the Delaware Wellness Center on the Delaware Tribal Campus. Membership is free for all Delaware and Cherokee tribal members. For all other tribes it is only \$10. For all non-Indians the cost is only \$20 per month, or \$2 per visit. There are free weights, ellipticals, and an exercise bike. For those that are interested, we have a therapeutic pool with water kept at 90 degrees to work out your sore muscles. We also have a massage therapist, Cassie Brown, who is now accepting new clients. The cost is \$25 for a half hour or \$45 for an hour.

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

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



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We invite contributions, but reserve the right to limit printing based upon available space.

The deadline for articles, letters, ads and calendar of events is March 15, 2015 for the April 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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opinion of the author and do not necessarily reflect the opinion of the DIN, its staff, or the tribal government. Editorials that are intended to be published in the DIN must concern tribal issues and should not be statements of general political beliefs. They must be signed by the author and include the author's address. The DIN does not guarantee publication upon submission of comments.

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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

Obituaries



Gina Gray

1954-December 20, 2014

Renowned Osage artist Gina Gray, 60, passed peacefully away Saturday December 20, 2014 in her Indian Camp home in Pawhuska, Oklahoma. She was surrounded by family at the time of her passing.

Gina made her living as an artist and is considered a master among her peers and Native American art aficionados. Her work has been shown from Pawhuska to galleries all over the world. A winner of art contests in the most prestigious showings in Indian country, her work was noted for her fresh contemporary vision of the warrior and her monotype prints.

Gina owned galleries in Santa Fe and Tulsa showcasing her unique style of painting and monotypes. Her long career in art started at the Institute of American Indian Arts where she graduated from high school. She later studied at the prestigious California Institute of Arts where she studied as a commercial artist.

Her art is found in galleries and collections across the globe. She has work hanging in the palace of the Sultan of Brunei. Her long career also found her being asked to serve as Commissioner from the Secretary of the Interior for the Indian Arts and Crafts Board in Washington D.C. for a four year term. She also counted winning the Southwest American Indian Art Association 70th Annual Santa Fe Indian Market Fellow-

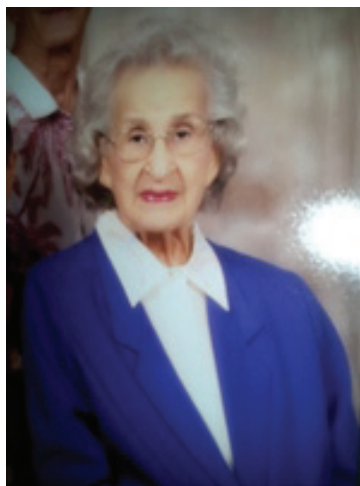
ship Award as a great honor. She was commissioned to provide the cover of the National Congress of American Indians History book cover and was a featured artist at museum showings at the Smithsonian Museum of the American Indian, among others. She had literally hundreds of showings all over the country.

One of her latest achievements was providing the book cover for a book about Osages titled "Bootheel Man" by author Morley Swingle. Gina followed a family tradition of fighting for native rights when she hitchhiked from Santa Fe, N.M. in the middle of winter of 1973 to the historic occupation of Wounded Knee in Pine Ridge, South Dakota. She returned to her studies at IAIA after a month at Wounded Knee. Many programs were born after the occupation to the betterment of Indian Country.

Gina is the mother of Addie Roanhorse, Pawhuska, OK, and Dante Halleck, Santa Fe, NM. She is also survived by grandchildren Ezra, Olden, Neo, Thor Halleck and Anya Roanhorse Brezinski.

She is survived by her siblings Jacque Butler, Andrew Gray, Jr., Mary Bighorse, Louise Gray, Margo Gray, (former Osage Chief) Jim R. Gray and Pat Tinker. She has one daughter in law; Yanti Halleck. Gina is preceded in death by her parents, Andrew and Margaret Gray.

A Rosary was held Tuesday, December 23, Indian services were held December 24th followed by Catholic services at Immaculate Conception Church. Gravesite services were in Pawhuska Cemetery. ■



Shirlye Madge Hutton

April 6, 1927-
November 15, 2014

Funeral services for Shirley Madge (Secondine) Hutton were 2:00 P.M., Wednesday, November 19, 2014 at Benjamin Funeral Service Chapel with Ben Killion officiating. Online condolences may be left at www.honoringmemories.com.

Shirley Madge Hutton passed away Saturday, November 15, 2014 at her home in Nowata. She was born April 6, 1927 in Nowata County to Charles J. and Minnie (Parker) Secondine. Shirley grew up in Nowata and was a lifelong resident, except for a short time living in Copan, Oklahoma. She married James R. "Bob" Hutton on July 6, 1975 at Santa Fe, New Mexico and the Huttons continued to make their home in Nowata. Shirley handled home health services for the Cherokee & Delaware tribes for 25 years, before retiring. She was a member of the Hillside Christian Church and was a caregiver to her husband, Bob and her son, Raymond, when the health of each failed.

Shirley is survived by her son Eddie Lee Secondine Cline and life partner Mike Gatewood of Palm Springs, California and numerous nieces and nephews. She

is preceded in death by her parents, Charles Secondine and Minnie Secondine Payton; her husband James R. "Bob" Hutton; her son Raymond Michael Cline; two brothers, Kermit Secondine and John W. Secondine; seven sisters, Dollie Ward, Bertie Miller, Louella Jimison, Janie Kimbro, Iala Lambert, Lorane Winters, Deloris White. ■



Jess Townsend

October 10, 1923-
December 12, 2014

Jess Townsend passed away Friday, December 12, 2014. Services were held at 2:00 p.m. Thursday, December 18, 2014 in the Walker-Brown Funeral Home Chapel with Reverend Chad Perciful officiating. The family received friends at the funeral home from 6-8 p.m. Wednesday. Interment was in Memorial Park Cemetery. Arrangements were under the direction of Walker-Brown Funeral Home.

Jess Edward Townsend was born October 1, 1923 in Delaware, OK to Jesse and Ida Mae (Miller) Townsend. Jess proudly served his country during WWII in the U.S. Army. He fought in the Pacific Theater, Philippines, Luzon and New Guinea where he

received two Bronze stars and a Purple Heart. He married Ramona Irene Tremain on February 12, 1955 in Havana, KS.

Jess was very proud of his Native American Cherokee-Delaware Indian heritage. In 2002 Jess was honored as veteran of the year by the Culture Preservation Committee of the Delaware Tribe. In 2008 he was honored as elder of the year.

He enjoyed fishing, dancing, gaming and being with family and friends. Jess is survived by his wife Ramona Townsend of the family home in Bartlesville; two sons, Stephen Townsend and Rhonda Lang of Wagoner, OK and Jess and wife Jana Townsend of Bartlesville. Jess was blessed with the following grandchildren: Jason and wife Liz Townsend, Jacob and wife Deidra Townsend, Kevin Townsend, Brandon and wife Christy Weaver, Brian and wife Kara Ruddick. Great grandchildren: Layla Townsend, Eli and Jesse Ray Townsend, Daniel Townsend, Zachary Weaver, Tristen Weaver, Gavin Weaver, Gage Ruddick, Chase Ruddick, numerous nieces and nephews. First cousins Marjorie Wheelock of Boulder, CO, Charles Lookout of Tulsa and many friends. Jess is preceded in death by his mother and father. Sister Mary Townsend-Crow Milligan, two brothers; Blue Hill Townsend, Bruce Miller Townsend and granddaughter Rachel Diane Townsend. ■



Jess Townsend, Elder of the Year, 2008.

Obituaries (cont'd)

Rosemary Blalock Wilson

October 30, 1941-
September 28, 2014

Rosemary Blalock Wilson, age 72 of Quapaw, Oklahoma went to be with the Lord on Sunday, September 28, 2014 at Landmark Hospital in Joplin, Missouri. She was born on October 30, 1941 in Claremore, Oklahoma the daughter of Charles W. (Joe) and Lucy (Parks) Blalock. She has lived in Quapaw, Oklahoma most of her life. She retired from Miami Indian Health Clinic in Miami, Oklahoma after many years of service.

She is a member of the Peoria (and Delaware and Shawnee) Tribes. She was preceded in death by her parents, a brother, George Allen Blalock and a sister, Jean Mitchell.

She married Gerald Wilson on September 6, 1961, who survives the home. Also surviving are 2 sons, Everett Wilson and his wife Stephanie of Fayetteville, Arkansas and Eddie Eppler of Quapaw, Oklahoma, and daughter Barbara Wilson and her husband Blaine of Tahlequah, Oklahoma and Tresa Runnels & Jack Glen of Pool, Oklahoma, sister Ruth (Blalock) Jones and Carroll of Okmulgee, Oklahoma, 3 granddaughters, 3 grandsons, 2 great-granddaugh-

ters and 2 great-grandsons, several nieces and nephews and other relatives and friends.

Funeral services for Rosemary Blalock Wilson were held 9:00 A.M., Tuesday, September 30, 2014 at the Ottawa Peoria Building in Miami, with Rev. Ray Clontz, officiating. Interment was at the Peoria Indian Cemetery. Pallbearers were George Blalock, Brett Blalock, Carroll Jones, Jr., Mark Jones, Jack Runnels and Chris Caldwell. Honorary pallbearer were Miles Burkybile. Native Indian Rites were performed by Wayne Blalock, Robbie Blalock and Dude Blalock. Funeral arrangements were under the direction of the Paul Thomas Funeral Home and Cremation Service. Online condolences may be made at www.paulthomasfuneralhomes.com. ■

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 lfall-leaf@delawaretribe.org. Remember that the Community Services Committee has a burial assistance program if you need help. ■

What The Indian Said (Na Awènhake Luwe)

Translated by Nora Thompson Dean in 1963.

When she heard this Indian joke Nora translated it into Lenape just for fun.

When he saw what is called waterskiing
Enta nemèn nē "waterski" èluwèntasik
the Indian (of a tribe not known to the Lenape) said,
na awènhake luwe,

"What is the reason that boat is moving like that?"
"Kèku hàch wènci nē muxul alèmhèle?"

And the other Indian said,
Ok na làpi awènhake luwe,

"The man with the rope is chasing it."
"Alèmskaolao ta na lènu tükòpink."

Job Announcements



Administrative Assistant to the Chief

The Administrative Assistant to the Chief is the principal assistant to the Chief of the Delaware Tribe and the Tribal Council. The range of duty varies and is performed through both general and specific delegation by the Chief. Three to five years experience as Administrative Assistant. Requires ability to use Microsoft Office Suite programs as well as Microsoft Project. Requires good interpersonal communication and teamwork skills.

Please email resumes to mtaylor@delawaretribe.org or fax to 918-337-6591 or mail to 170 NE Barbara Street, Bartlesville OK 74006, with subject line of "Administrative Assistant to the Chief." Applications can be downloaded from the links on the right or at the bottom of the page. No phone calls please.

Position closes on January 31, 2015.

Delaware Tribal/Native American preference will be observed. ■

Receptionist

The receptionists employed by the Delaware Tribe of Indians answer inquiries and obtains information for the general public, tribal members, visitors, and other interested parties. They also provide information regarding activities conducted by the Delaware Tribe of Indians; location of satellites, departments, offices, and employees within the tribal government. High school diploma or GED required. Must become proficient in ESI phone network within thirty days of hire. Requires a high level of multi-tasking ability. Requires ability to use Microsoft Office Suite programs. Requires excellent verbal and written communication skills.

Please email resumes to mtaylor@delawaretribe.org or fax to 918-337-6591 or mail to 170 NE Barbara Street, Bartlesville OK 74006, with subject line of "Receptionist." Applications can be downloaded from the links on the right or at the bottom of the page. No phone calls please.

Position closes on January 31, 2015.

Delaware Tribal/Native American preference will be observed. ■

Kitchen Assistant

Part-time position with work hours Monday-Friday 10am-2pm

The Kitchen Assistant will aid in the daily operations of the Elder Nutrition Department in helping prepare meals and as a dishwasher. High school diploma or GED required. Familiarity with routine quantity kitchen operations desired. Universal food handling knowledge required. Requires a food handler's license/or be willing to obtain one. Must be able to lift up to 25 lbs. Must be able to stand for long periods while performing Job functions.

Please email resumes to mtaylor@delawaretribe.org or fax to 918-337-6591 or mail to 170 NE Barbara Street, Bartlesville OK 74006, with subject line of "Kitchen Assistant." Applications can be downloaded from the links on the right or at the bottom of the page. No phone calls please.

Position closes on January 31, 2015.

Delaware Tribal/Native American preference will be observed. ■

Court Clerk/Tribal Court Grant Writer

Part-time/ 25 hours per week

The Court Clerk for the Delaware Tribal Judiciary performs the clerical duties of the Delaware Tribal Court; prepares docket of cases to be called; secures information for the Delaware Tribal Judges; and contacts witnesses, attorneys, and litigants to obtain information for the court. Research and write with approval granting opportunities for the Tribal Court. High School Diploma or GED. Prior experience or education in court proceedings. Requires ability to use Microsoft Office Suite programs as well as Microsoft Project. Requires good interpersonal, communication, listening, and teamwork skills. Requires a high level of confidentiality. Requires excellent verbal and written communication skills. No Felony Convictions.

Please email resumes to mtaylor@delawaretribe.org or fax to 918-337-6591 or mail to 170 NE Barbara Street, Bartlesville OK 74006, with subject line of "Court Clerk/Tribal Court Grant Writer." Applications can be downloaded from the links on the right or at the bottom of the page. No phone calls please.

Position closes on January 31, 2015.

Delaware Tribal/Native American preference will be observed. ■

Minutes of the Tribal Council, September-December 2014

Monday, Sept 15, 2014 Community Center

Respectfully submitted by Verna Crawford, Tribal Council Secretary.

Chief Paula Pechonick called the meeting to order at 4:14pm.

Council Member Nate Young 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 Nathan Young. Annette Ketchum was absent due to surgery. Nathan Young asked that her absence be excused.

Chief Pechonick welcomed guests.

Guests present: Charles Randall, Mary Randall, Mary Waters, Gilbert Watters, Nancy Sumpter, Susan Cade, Gina Roth, Nathan Persinger, Pat Donnell, Beau Watt, Barbara Wallace, John Sumpter, Bonnie Thaxton, Sandi Jamison, Tonya Anna, Cecilia Biggoose, Anita Mathis, Curtis Zunigha, Johnny Barker.

Agenda

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

Motion carried with all in favor.

Audit Report: Turner and Associates: Bill Turner

Bill Turner presented and explained the audit report. There were no findings. Chief Pechonick thanked him for his report.

Executive Session

Chet Brooks made a motion to go into Executive Session, seconded by Nathan Young.

Motion carried with four in favor and two no (Chief Pechonick and Jenifer Pechonick).

Verna Crawford made a motion to return to general session, sec-

onded by Janifer Brown. Motion carried with all in favor

Discussion: Secretary Verna Crawford stated for the record, there will be no action taken following Executive Session.

Minutes

Jenifer Pechonick made a motion to approve the minutes of August 4, 2014 with corrections, seconded by Janifer Brown.

Motion carried with all in favor.

Reports

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.

Election Committee

Election Board Chairman Cy Hughes addressed the action of the Tribal Council giving the Election Board \$800 to use in a possible drawing from among the people who vote. This action would be to encourage voter participation. She thanked the Council, and explained that the Board met and decided not to use it in this election cycle. The Board felt that there are other avenues for voter outreach to pursue, such as a mail-out to request member information update and more.

Cy Hughes amended the candidate list adding one chief candidate. The candidate sent in the declaration of candidacy by certified mail and Cy had picked up the mail from the post office box after the post office closed and so the declaration was received late.

Verna Crawford asked for a consensus of the Council to leave the \$800 available to the Election Board to use as they see fit. The Council agreed.

Department Reports

Verna Crawford made a motion to approve department reports as written, including the Tribal Operations Manager's report, sec-

onded by Janifer Brown. Motion carried with all in favor.

Unfinished Business

There was no report on the "Choose to Lose" program, facilitator Bonnie Jo Griffith was not at the meeting.

The program will resume in January.

Chief Pechonick asked if it would be the desire of the Council and Tribal members to put the annual audit on the Web site.

Nathan Young made a motion to put the audit on the Delaware web site, seconded by Chet Brooks.

Motion carried with all in favor.

New Business

A. Resolution 2014-34: Interbank Transfer Funds to provide operating funds for DFMS.

Poll Vote: 6 yes and one no (Chet Brooks) on Sept. 8, 2014. Secretary Verna Crawford read the resolution into the record.

B. Resolution 2014-35: Tribal Membership: approving 34 new members.

Verna Crawford made a motion to approve Resolution 2014-35, seconded by Janifer Brown.

Motion carried with all in favor.

C. Resolution 2014-36: Early Head State/Child Care Partnership Grant submission

Verna Crawford made a motion to approve Resolution 2014-36, seconded by Janifer Brown.

Motion carried with all in favor.

D. Resolution 2014-37: NCAI membership

Chet Brooks made a motion to approve Resolution 2014-37, seconded by Janifer Brown.

Motion carried with all in favor.

Verna Crawford made a motion to hold General Council on the second Saturday of November the week after election seconded by Chet Brooks. Motion carried with all in favor.

Note: Election will be on November 1 and General Council

will be on November 8, 2014.

Chet Brooks made a motion to donate \$1500 to Indian Summer, seconded by Nathan Young. Motion carried with four yes and one no (Janifer Brown).

A motion was made to adjourn, seconded by Janifer Brown. Motion carried with all in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 6:25p.m.

The next Tribal Council meeting will be held October 20, 2014 at 4 p.m. in the Caney, KS Delaware Tribal Courtroom.

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

The foregoing minutes were considered and approved by the Delaware Tribal Council of the Delaware Tribe of Indians on the 20th day of October 2014 with a vote of 6 yes, 0 no, and 0 abstaining.

Paula Pechonick, Chief
Verna Crawford, Secretary

Monday, Nov 17, 2014 Community Center

Respectfully submitted by Dr. Nicky Michael, Tribal Council Secretary

Called to Order: 5:32

Prayer: Mary Watters

Attendance: Chief Chet Brooks, Assistant Chief Bonnie Griffith, Secretary Nicky Michael, Treasurer Benita Shea, Councilwoman Annette Ketchum, Councilman Nate Young.

Approve Agenda

Councilman Young motions

Councilwoman Griffith seconds with all in favor.

Minutes from Oct. 20th Meeting

Ms. Paula Pechonick asks that the minutes from the October 20th minutes be reviewed because she believed the Election Committee Chairwoman, Ms. Cy Hughes,

stated she had taken absentee ballots home out of the post office box.

Councilwoman Michael motions to table the approval until we review tape of October 20th minutes.

Bonnie seconds.

Councilwoman Michael would be happy to review as Secretary.

All were in favor.

Minutes from the Special Meeting of Nov. 6th

Councilwoman Michael motions to table approval until the tapes are reviewed.

Councilwoman Shea seconds

All in favor.

Treasurers Report

Councilman Young moves to approve Treasurer's Report pending audit.

Councilwoman Ketchum seconds.

All in favor.

Councilwoman Shea states that she wants to add that all checks and balances are in the Tribe. Reviews have been made with some minor movement of funding from one bucket to another.

Councilwoman Ketchum asks if the Treasurer has been bonded. Mr. Zunigha explained that the Tribe has been covered through the process of adding the names of our new Tribal Council to the accounts. While this process has occurred, the Tribe remained covered.

Chief Brooks asks if any Department Head wants to bring any business before the Tribal Council. Packets are in front of the members, but if any department would like to, they have an opportunity.

Tribal Manager Report

Mr. Curtis Zunigha states that the biggest issue is the transition from the previous administration to the

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new Tribal Council—restructuring of the political apparatus of the Councilmembers themselves. The first thing was changing the check signers; all the federal agencies were notified of the new Council. Mr. Zunigha continues to explain that meetings have been held all week with Chief Brooks, Assistant Chief Griffith, and Treasurer Shea on tribal operations. Transition has been the primary focus of his duties as well as maintaining continuity through all of these activities.

Regarding the new Personnel Committee:

Mr. Zunigha states the Committee held a meeting last week. We need support for hiring a new Chief Financial Officer. The hiring of this position has not precluded us from completing our financials by bringing in people in a consulting capacity. Jean Lewis has just finished developing our Indirect Cost proposal, which has submitted for our review for the year 2015.

Waiting on the Fee-to-Trust application for our Caney, Kansas property.

The Tribal Council will be meeting with David McCulough this week regarding our SBA 8A application status.

We extended the lease on the Pine family house in Lawrence through the end of Dec. after their construction issues are taken care of—remember they had a fire. Operations for the sod farm are going smoothly.

Chief Brooks sat in on a meeting regarding our Tribal Priority Application (TPA), with Ms. Kelly Harjo from BIA; needs to have report early Dec.

Working with staff to produce monthly, quarterly and year-end reports to the various federal agencies.

Future Plans: have many briefings available. He asks if we have a report included in our Packet from Dee Ketchum. He did provide a report.

Councilwoman Ketchum asks who is our Grants and Compliance officer for our Tribe? Mr. Zunigha states we will not have one until we hire our CFO. That is an additional duty of that position.

Councilwoman Michael asks what our Tribe's Indirect Cost rate is. Mr. Zunigha replies that it is 18.53% and the best we can get is pushing it up to 19.1% in this next proposal. We are too small to get up above 20%.

Councilwoman Ketchum asks about Fee-to-Trust in Caney. Mr. Zunigha states we are still waiting on what is called Carciary decision.

Mr. Zunigha is taking a Leave of Absence next week but is available to return emails and phone calls.

Unfinished Business

National Sex Offender Registry was previously tabled from February 6th indefinitely. Chief Brooks wanted to know if we need to keep tabling the agenda item. Mr. Zunigha confirmed that Chief Brooks' recollection was correct but he believes we need to take it off the agenda.

Councilwoman Michael asked the reasoning for tabling this item.

Verna Crawford explained that at National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) the discussion was brought up at a general session. The consensus was not to give any control over our sovereignty. NCAI recommended not doing anything but also not handing this over to the federal government.

Councilwoman Michael states that this then has more to do with the "reach" of the federal government than of the Registry itself. Councilwoman Ketchum confirmed. Councilwoman Griffith adds that yes, we just don't have the resources for such an undertaking. Councilwoman Michael states, yes, I would think we would have to have our court systems up and going.

Previously the motion has been made to remove this item until

we are capable of handling such a program.

Councilwoman Griffith then makes a motion to table this item indefinitely but Councilwoman Ketchum believes we don't need to do it again, we can just take it off.

New Business

Resolution 2014-42. Secretary Michael reads aloud the new enrollees.

Councilwoman Ketchum motions to approve Resolution of new enrollees.

Councilwoman Griffith seconds. All approve.

Resolution 2014-43. Eagle Parts Registration.

Councilwoman Griffith motions to approve the Resolution for Eagle Parts Registration.

Councilman Young seconds. All in favor.

Applicants for New Tribal Council Seat

Verna Crawford addresses the Tribal Council by listing her experience (including many years of volunteering on boards) on the Tribal Council and Trust Board. Her motivation is that she wants to carry out the will of the people. Michelle Holley addresses the Tribal Council stating that she wants to bring new ideas and outside-the-box thinking to approach different obstacles we have encountered.

Chief Brooks thanks the candidates and Councilwoman Ketchum says she was handed information about one of the candidates that she believes the Tribal Council should see.

Chief Brooks calls for Executive Session.

(Discussion regarding what information we can allow into discussion regarding candidates who wish to fulfill the seat.)

Councilwoman Griffith motions to return to Regular session. Councilwoman Shea seconds.

All were in favor.

Chief Brooks says that there was no action as a result of Executive Session.

Councilwoman Griffith motions to present both candidates for secret ballot.

Councilwoman Michael seconds.

All in favor.

Results:

Michelle Holley 4 votes

Verna Crawford 2 votes

Michelle Holley is sworn in by Tribal Judge Charles Randall.

Other New Business

Councilwoman Griffith: Motions to stop any further document shredding and document destruction until we have a chance to review what is being shred.

Councilwoman Shea seconds.

Councilwoman Ketchum says she read that the documents have been done right. She wants to know what the reasoning for this motion.

Councilwoman Griffith responded that we need to look through what is being shredded before the documents are shredded.

Councilwoman Ketchum states Beau Watt was hired to do this. We have a list to determine what can be shredded and what can be retained. Each of the department heads has a list of what needs to be shredded. We were covered in old paper. Bins full of old newspapers and ballots. So this is a necessary activity.

6 Councilors in favor (Young, Holley, Griffith, Brooks, Michael, Shea), 1 Councilor opposed (Ketchum)

Councilwoman Ketchum: Voices her disagreement or her corrections with what certain tribal members stated during the General Council.

Councilwoman Michael has to leave to teach her class. She apologizes for having to go.

Judge Rick Barnes approaches Tribal Council:

Child Support and Judges met at 2:15. The Delaware Judges would like for the Tribal Council to write Judge John Young a letter thanking him for his services for the judges.

Cami Frazier for back up for assistant for Don Mason.

Would like to see an approved copy of the judicial budget. We haven't seen what was passed. There is a voucher for \$32.48 for a lock box.

Dec. 3-4; Judges would like to attend a meeting at the cost of \$175/person in Tulsa. They would also like to use the tribal vehicle. If we have the money would like to go. Judges do not have an official budget though so only want to go if we have the funds.

Would like to get approval for a Court Clerk's office.

Judges are meeting again Dec. 15 at 3:30.

Councilman Young motions to authorize that we send the judges to the meeting (Child Welfare, Child Support, and holistic families).

Councilwoman Ketchum seconds.

Councilman Young states that if the budget has been approved, the judges do not necessarily need to approve. But the Judges want to cover their bases.

Chief Brooks states that we should approve the trip regardless to make it clear.

Councilman Young amends the motion to include the travel with the vehicle as well as covering the lock box,

Councilwoman Shea seconds. All in favor.

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Titus Frenchman approaches Tribal Council:

Wants to know if we have a rehabilitation program for tribal Elders that own their own home. As a result of using the Cherokee Nation, numerous problems occurred. He knows there are weatherization grants and rehabilitation, could we not have our own rehabilitation program.

He was able to obtain 67k for 3 years once he was able to obtain Title VI. 8k through Grand Gateway for walk in freezer as well as 6k for utensils. Has not asked for a penny.

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Relatives calling asking about the land in Kansas. No clarification of the status of that land. Is it swamp land, airport? etc. Many rumors. Will the Tribal Council please provide this in written form.

Redskin issues. Councilwoman Ketchum has already voiced her opinion in the *Tulsa World*. OU uses Boomer Sooner, which is a historical date and time. Redskin is a racist classification. I have heard that the Tribe is accepting money for this. We should not accept money. The Tribal Council should not speak for all Delawares and many Tribes do not agree with the use of the term Redskins.

Councilman Young asks is we have received any money from the (Redskin) American Foundation?

Mr. Zunigha states that the Tribe has not received any money but we have received 24 iPads for the language preservation program. There is a request to finish the walkway around the pond. We also requested vehicles for the Tribe but we have not seen anything in that direction. There are other Tribes like the Sac and Fox accepting these things. Yes, it is a contentious issue.

Chief Brooks asks if there are any stipulations in accepting these items and Mr. Zunigha states no.

Councilman Young states he is more worried about Mr. Frenchman's roof. Mr. Zunigha states we can do something about that by changing the Indian Housing Plan. Councilman Young is appalled to hear what Mr. Frenchman has experienced through the Cherokee Nation.

Chief Brooks states that he feels we should accept the money for the walkway around the pond but that the Tribe should not have an official opinion and certainly not speak for the Tribe.

Judge Charles Randall:

Once the Child Support system goes live, we will lose Kinsey as our Court Clerk and we will need one. Councilwoman

Griffith asked if that was in the 19k budget? Judge Randall says yes, partly.

Councilwoman Ketchum asks when this will occur. Judge Randall believes in January but is not certain.

Councilwoman Ketchum says she has one more thing. We spoke at the General Council about two meetings a month. We need a resolution for this.

Chief Brooks confirms that the constitution indeed requires we need a resolution.

Councilwoman Griffith motions to have a Special meeting Dec. 1 in Forsyth Hall and she will have a resolution to present the Regular meetings then.

Councilman Young seconds.

All in favor.

Councilwoman Ketchum says that the Tribe does not have an overall budget. We have departments but no "Budget."

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Video shuts down so there is no recording of what was said next or what time meeting was closed.
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### **Monday, Nov 24, 2014 Special Meeting Community Center**

*Respectfully submitted by Dr. Nicky Michael, Tribal Council Secretary*

Called to Order: 5:32

Prayer: Mary Watters

**Attendance:** Chief Chet Brooks, Assistant Chief Bonnie Jo Griffith, Secretary Nicky Michael, Treasurer Benita Shea, Member Annette Ketchum, Member Nathan Young, Member Michelle Holley

Councilman Young moves to approve agenda.

Councilwoman Griffith seconds.

All in favor

Chief Brooks explained this Special Meeting has been called for one purpose only and that is to consider the reorganization of Delaware Facilities Management

Services. Anyone in the audience will be given the opportunity to speak or ask questions but in consideration of the time we have at hand, we will have to limit it to two minutes for the question, comment, and response.

Councilman Young motions to consider reorganize of DFMS

Councilwoman Griffith seconds.

All in favor.

Chief Brooks asks if any Councilmember would like to speak first.

Councilwoman Ketchum: would like an explanation of "reorganization."

Chief Brooks replies that the answer is to reorganize DFMS and that may include employees in executive session but certainly not all 13 but certain employees as has been spread on the Internet.

Councilman Young explains that we are losing money and the business is failing, the invoices are inadequate and therefore DFMS needs to reorganize.

Councilwoman Ketchum wanted to know what occurred in May when the Tribe was working in 8(a). Councilman Young said that that was a resolution to put DFMS under the Tribal Council, May 13.

Councilwoman Ketchum asks are we reorganizing to put this back under Delaware Enterprise Authority (DEA).

Chief Brooks states no.

Councilwoman Ketchum says that in the last financials, she did not see a loss on there.

Councilman Young says this is because \$85,000 of capital infusion was listed as revenue.

Councilwoman Ketchum: so they are in black.

Councilman Young: no they are in the red.

Councilwoman Ketchum: but a capital infusion will put them in the black.

Councilman Young: It doesn't count as revenue as was listed.

Chief Brooks: That would have been two and half to three months ago.

Councilwoman Ketchum: I recall that has something to do with the Housing Authority not utilizing DFMS the way they were supposed too; they were being stonewalled? She recalls Councilman Young being in favor of that infusion then.

Councilman Young: I am not aware of this (Housing Authority issue). He says he was in favor of paying our Vendors, for example Lowes, which had cut of our credit. A fence-man who hadn't been paid in a year, was owed \$7 thousand; air conditioning men, electricians, many others who haven't been paid. There is no accountability of DFMS to this Tribal Council. They have never come to the tribal council and said they have problems. DFMS has never had a monthly report.

Councilwoman Ketchum: Wants to ask or audience input because she wants to know what the explanation is for what the Tribal Council is taking action.

Councilwoman Griffith says I think Councilman Young said it best when he says DFMS is losing money and we have to stop the bleeding.

Ms. Jenifer Pechonick asks to be recognized. Chief Brooks states that he is sorry but she has not been recognized to speak and asks for Mr. Paul Bradford. Chief Brooks says before you speak Jenifer, I would ask Mr. Bradford, the CPA to come forward. Ms. Pechonick says she will just pass out information.

Mr. Paul Bradford to spoke to his involvement, first with Vicki Bratton in the Housing Authority, who previously asked him to look at housing operations. Senior manager of the audit in 2010 on site when the Tribe disbanded the independent Housing Authority and brought it under the Tribe as a program.

At the time she had informed Mr. Bradford that DFMS was providing services to the Hous-

ing Authority. I was provided financials directly from DFMS and was asked to give an evaluation and review. Technically, DFMS is "Insolvent—technically bankrupt—more debt than assets." Current projections does not show that this can improve unless the Tribe makes significant investments into DFMS on a continuous basis.

There was a line of credit that has been fully expended and of course the Tribe is fully liable for this.

Councilwoman Michael asks where this line of credit came from.

Mr. Bradford states: Bank First for approximately \$300,000.

Councilwoman Michael: So we have a loan.

Mr. Bradford: Yes, we have a line of credit loan which is fully due at some particular point and time for which the Tribe is liable.

Councilman Young; What was collateralized?

Mr. Bradford: I have not looked at the collateralization other than the fact that it is basically a CD.

Councilman Young: If I told you it was a tribal CD, would you disagree with that?

Mr. Bradford: No I would not disagree.

The Tribal Council thanks Mr. Bradford for his services.

Councilwoman Ketchum: States that gets us to the point of what we want to do. She asks what are the suggestions for the reorganization?

Chief Brooks: Before we get to that, he wants to recognize those in the audience who wish to address that Tribal Council.

Ms. Jenifer Pechonick is recognized. Councilman Young states she has two minutes. Ms. Pechonick states no, she will not yield to the floor for two minutes because she is going to take Kelia's two minutes, Brandon's

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two minutes, Jan's two minutes, Nathan's two minutes....begins shouting that the Tribal Council is going to let her talk.

Councilman Young moves to go into Executive Session.

Councilwoman Griffith seconds.

Ms. Pechonick points to one of the DFMS workers asking if anyone can name this man. Councilwoman Griffith states Brandon.

Chief Brooks states Ms. Pechonick is out of order. Ms. Pechonick replies that Chief Brooks is out of order because this is a DEA matter and this is the reason there is a separation. She proceeds to strongly vocalize that there are 13 people here that the Tribal Council is firing tonight and they have families and you are going to regret what you are doing to them.

Chief Brooks says that is incorrect.

Tribal Council goes into Executive Session while Ms. Pechonick is escorted out by Security Guard.

Tribal Council returns after Ms. Pechonick is safely out the door.

Councilwoman Griffith motions to postpone Executive Session and proceed with the regular session

Councilwoman Shea seconds.

All in favor

Chief Brooks reminds the audience that we have set the time limit for two minutes and wish for anyone to be able to address the Tribal Council. But if there is another outburst such as what we just witnessed, the Tribal Council would return to Executive Session.

Ms. Kelia Kindred is recognized: She has been DFMS Administrative Assistant since December of 2012. Up until March of 2013, all of the books and business operations were run by the staff under DEA. When they were let go at the end of Feb., half of the line of credit was already used and then we ended up paying another \$40k to bureau taxes, which had never been paid. They

weren't used for operating funds and then we had about half of that money left to start a company and run it. For about the last six months or so....before that we always had direct oversight by the Tribal Council, whoever the CFO was, always had access to our books. The Tribe hasn't had a CFO or an Accountant the last 3 to 6 months. The books haven't been watched or kept as carefully, which I always appreciated. I am not an accountant and never wanted to be; so some of the income was put in the books as uncategorized income, I wanted to put that money in the books but needed someone to guide us. Some of those figures are probably wrong with the categories, but all of the transactions are in there. There is a bigger story here though than money or income. We have met challenges that have made it hard to succeed. We are just now on the verge to succeed. I would hate for that to end. Tribal Council thanks Ms. Kindred.

Jack Tatum is recognized: The question that I have is was there a business plan?

Councilman Young: No sir.

Yes, from my understanding, if that is under the Tribal Council, you have the power to reorganize it as you see fit. I would suggest that you start a business, you want a business plan and you need to hold their feet to the fire of that plan.

Mr. Joe Brooks is recognized: Respectfully Chief and Council, I was self-employed for 35 years. I did my own accounting. Watched every penny and sent it to a CPA and they sent my financials back saying I didn't need them. Delaware Facilities Management is broke and they have been broke for several months. Some of you Councilmembers know that I'm upset that the Tribal Council fronted DFMS another \$75,000. Not only is DFMS broke, our Housing Department is broke because they have been milking our housing authority

which was illegally only getting single bids. You can't very well pay \$14-15/hour and then turn around and charge housing \$29. I have a little bit of a problem with that. So it needs new management and it needs to be put under new supervision, the Tribal Council. Thank you for having Executive Session. Congratulations for being elected and do what you got to do but only in the best interest of the Delaware people, not a select few families.

Councilman Young: May I ask you a question. Would you agree sir, that a re-organization doesn't mean that all the employees are not going to be out of work.

Mr. Brooks: Yes, I most definitely do, sir.

Councilman Young: And would you agree that there is a possibility that we could find equivalent paying jobs for the majority of these people, either in Housing or elsewhere.

Mr. Brooks: If they can afford to pay. The Tribal Council knows what they can afford to pay but it shouldn't be left up to anybody but the Tribal Council. Housing is merely a department. You all have the power to set the wages.

Councilman Young: You were in a very profitable smoke shop business, did you keep inventory?

Mr. Brooks: Yes, I did. I took inventory 3 or 4 times a week in every smoke shop I ever owned. If I came up missing a candy bar, I wanted to know where it went, unlike the DFMS has been doing to the Delaware Tribe for however long its been in existence.

Jan Brown is recognized.

I also ran my own business for 10 years and not go bankrupt. I did my own accounting. All I'm saying if you want to redo it, I don't have a problem with that. I just want to make sure we

have someone that knows how to recondition a business because I don't want to lose that 8(a) application. We realize we may not be making a fortune with this one, but there is a fortune on the wings of it that is so close to be there. I'm just not sure if your not firing everyone, that is good news. If you wait and hire someone that knows how to revamp a business, that is perfectly alright. Please revamp DEA because they are the ones that started this problem in my opinion because they took the money.

Councilman Young: I think everyone agrees Ms. Brown that \$130,000-\$140,000 was used by the DEA.

Councilwoman Ketchum: It was used by the Economic Development Director, I guess is what she was.

Councilman Young: Any other questions? I am somewhat acting as parliamentarian on behalf of the Chief, you don't object do you Chief?

Chief Brooks: Not at all.

Titus Frenchman is recognized: I have question. I'm still unclear about what this organization does. Most Tribes that I've worked with over the last 40 years always come up with a plan—a business plan that fits their vision of what the Tribe is about. Most Tribes today are very productive, they are economically sound, but they have casinos. So they often have a different sophistication level, you might say from the infusion of money into the peoples pockets. Now this particular endeavor here, I understand is a janitorial service of sorts? How does that fit with our Tribe? Do we want to become Janitors? Do we tell our children to grow up and aspire to become janitors? Should we be looking at this endeavor as a tribal project? I don't think so. That is only my opinion. Thank you.

Nathan Scullawl is recognized.

Why are we insulting the janitors? That is part of growing the business. Jim is out there getting contracts and its been two years and the business is taking off, and have any of you all started a business out of curiosity? How long did it take to start a successful business?

Councilman Michael: Yes, six months.

Mr. Scullawl: So you are all are bashing it when DFMS are out there trying to get jobs and Jim is pulling in contracts. I understand we are down in money right now but you got to understand, we had people working for us that went to Lowes and stole from us. We have evidence of that. I don't understand, there is \$6,000 that we had to pay for that we are now hearing they are trying to drop the case and we can't get our money back. I can show you the papers, everything that was charged on that account.

Chief Brooks: What happened to the other \$144,000?

Mr. Scullawl: I don't know about that. I'm just telling you what I know from my point of view. When you have people not in this business, you have to put a bid out there, if it's 5k more we have to put a sealed bid on it. When it's under that, we just have to put a bid on it. And we had no work because Housing tried to shut us down as everyone knows.

Councilwoman Michael: Mr. Scullawl, is there a business plan?

Mr. Scullawl: I don't know. That was up to DEA; I just work for DFMS.

Councilwoman Michael: What's your position at DFMS?

Mr. Scullawl: I am the maintenance Supervisor. I just oversee all the workers. That's all.

Councilwoman Michael: We appreciate your work.

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Councilwoman Ketchum: I want to hear more about that man that stole money.

Mr. Scullawl: I have records here from ODCR where it's not his first time with embezzlement charges against him.

Chief Brooks: I am not sure we can allow this.

Councilwoman Griffith motions to go into Executive Session  
Councilman Young seconds.

All in favor.

Councilwoman Griffith moves to return to regular session

Councilman Young seconds.

All in favor.

## DFMS

Councilwoman Griffith motions to terminate the employment of the CEO of DFMS, Jim Creed.

Councilman Young seconds.

6 in favor.

1 opposes (Councilwoman Ketchum)

Councilman Young motions for the remaining DFMS employees report to the Tribal offices at 8 am.

Councilwoman Michael seconds.

All in favor

Councilwoman Griffith motions to terminate employment of Beau Watts.

Councilman Young seconds.

6 in favor.

1 opposes (Councilwoman Ketchum)

Councilman Young motions to terminate employment of Nathan Scullawl.

Councilwoman Griffith seconds.

6 in favor.

1 opposes (Councilwoman Ketchum)

Councilman Young: Announces that all of the remaining DFMS and Child Support employees will meet here in the Delaware Community center, at 8 am, for re-assignment.

Chief Brooks want to make it clear that the Tribe is not terminating anyone's employment tomorrow.

Councilwoman Griffith: What we discussed was putting some under Housing and some under the Tribe.

Mr. Scullawl asked why he was terminated.

Councilman Young stated here would be told in a letter.

Chief Brooks stated he would have an opportunity to appeal.

Councilwoman Griffith agreed stating all employees have an opportunity to appeal.

Councilman Young inquires of the audience whether we have the Surface Pros have been returned?

Councilwoman Griffith explains further, the laptops and the Mac that have not been returned.

Councilwoman Griffith motions to adjourn.

Councilman Young seconds

All in favor.

Meeting closes at 6:50

## Monday, Dec 1, 2014 Special Meeting Community Center

*Respectfully submitted by Dr. Nicky Michael, Tribal Council Secretary*

Called to Order: 5:32

Prayer: Mary Watters

Attendance: Chief Chet Brooks, Assistant Chief Bonnie Jo Griffith, Secretary Nicky Michael, Treasurer Benita Shea, Member Annette Ketchum, Member Nathan Young, Member Michelle Holley

Chief Brooks welcomes tribal members and explains that as a special meeting, only the items on the agenda can be addressed.

Councilwoman Griffith motion to approve agenda

Councilman Young Seconds

All in favor

Councilwoman Griffith motions to approve Resolution 2014-44—Setting meeting times, dates and places to 1st and 3rd Tuesdays, beginning Dec. 16, 2014 at

5:30pm.

Councilman Young seconds

All in favor

Councilman Young motions 2014-45—To assign Chief, Secretary, and Treasurer as the only signatures on all of the DFMS financial accounts, effective immediately.

Councilwoman Griffith seconds

All in favor

Councilwoman Griffith motions to accept Resolution 2014-46—To mandate the return of all tribal assets by previous administration. Items need to be returned no later than 5 pm, December 5th, 2014.

Councilwoman Shea seconds

Discussions: Councilwoman Ketchum asked if there was anything not returned and asked who has them.

Ms. Verna Crawford asks if she could have access to it for the Trust Board

(5) Five in Favor

(2) Two abstain (Chief Brooks and Councilwoman Ketchum)

Councilwoman Griffith motion to accept Resolution 2014-47—To dismiss all criminal charges against Thomas Alsup.

Councilman Young seconds

Discussion: Councilwoman Ketchum believes it is a bad resolution to get involved with an Oklahoma District Court case and that it's out of our hands.

Councilwoman Griffith stated that our Tribe is the one who started the action with the District Attorney. She further states that "we" have also spoken with the DA and that the charges are not going to go through.

(6) Six in favor

(1) Opposed (Councilwoman Ketchum)

**Resolution 2014-48**—To dismiss the pending complaint against Councilor Nathan Young.

Councilman Young corrected the language on the Resolution, the "complaint" was signed by the Secretary, Verna Crawford.

Councilman Young moves to amend resolution to say "Complaint"

Ms. Crawford said that the previous administration deemed the complaint non-actionable.

Councilwoman Griffith motions to accept Resolution 2014-48 as amended.

Councilwoman Shea seconds to approve as amended.

(5) Five in favor

(2) Abstain (Councilwoman Ketchum and Councilman Young)

Councilman Young motions to pass **Resolution 2014-49**—To mandate the return of all tribal assets by terminated DFMS employees by 5 pm Friday, Dec. 5th, 2014.

Councilwoman Shea seconds.

Mr. Beau Watt is recognized and asks what the Tribal Council needs returned. He said that there was nothing from the Tribe: 1. That DFMS provided all the items as a separate entity and 2. DFMS had to beg, scratch borrow, to get anything—that they had to ask Phillips Petroleum to donate because DFMS had absolutely nothing to work with. He said that the vehicles were returned to creditors and to ask John Sumpter because he has this information on his Facebook page. Three vehicles were co-signed by Jim Creed, who put his name on the line to get the vehicles.

Councilwoman Griffith answers that anything that is tribal property, needs returned and she asks when the vehicles were returned to the creditors?

Two trucks did make it back down to Bartlesville, an F250 White Ford and a Ford Ranger. Both of these have notes on them.

Councilwoman Holley asks who those vehicles were assigned?

Mr. Watts states that Mr. Creed was in the process of returning those to the dealership in Wichita.

Mr. Joe Brooks is recognized and states that if there is a lien on the vehicle, how can it be an asset?

Ms. Jan Brown is recognized: Spoke about a Lien on a vehicle it is considered an asset.

All in favor

Mr. Watt inquired about why he and the other terminated DFMS employees had not received letters verifying this. Moreover, they had seven days from the termination and then in seven more days we would need to address the "Contracts."

Councilwoman Michael explained she had not had any opportunity to examine the contracts.

Chief Brooks explained these "Contracts" handed to him at the previous meeting, were for Jim Creed, Nathan Scullawl, and Beau Watt and were for five years. They stated if these employees were terminated, they would receive one year's salary. These contracts were signed on Oct. 1, 2014 by the previous Chief Pechonick. None of these contracts were introduced to the Tribal Council, let alone approved by the Tribal Council. These contracts were sent to the Attorney.

Councilman Young recommends sending Beau Watt, Nathan Scullawl, and Jim Creed letters demanding return of tribal property.

David Frenchman is recognized and asks what happens to the rest of the DFMS employees. He has been waiting for calls to work, but he doesn't know who to get in touch with now.

Councilwoman Griffith states that the other employees have been reassigned and to get in touch with Curtis.

Councilwoman Griffith motions to go into Executive Session for Personnel issues.

Councilwoman Holley Seconds

All in favor

Councilwoman Griffith motions to return to Regular (of the Special) Session

Councilman Young seconds.

All in favor.

Councilwoman Shea motions to adjourn

Councilwoman Griffith seconds

All in favor

Meeting Adjourned: 5:46■

# Minutes of the Trust Board, September-November 2014\*

## Monday, Sept 17, 2014 Community Center

*Respectfully submitted by Verna Crawford, Trust Board Secretary*

Chairman Chet Brooks called the September 17, 2014 Trust Board meeting to order at 4:21 p.m.

Verna Crawford 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, Mary Watters and Homer Scott.

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

### Audit Report, Turner & Associates: Bill Turner

Mr. Turner reviewed the audit page by page and reported no findings.

(The Audit Report will be posted on the Delaware website.)

Joe Brooks moved to have the Trust Board audit emailed only to the Chair and Trust Board members. Dr. Nicky Michael seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

Chairman Brooks thanked Mr. Turner for presenting and explaining the audit report.

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 G.R. Watters, Johnny Barker, Nancy Sumpter, Chief Paula Pechonick, Mary Randall, Charles Randall and Curtis Zunigha.

### Minutes of Previous Meeting

Joe Brooks moved to approve the minutes of August 6, 2014 with corrections. Mary Watters seconded the motion.

Discussion: Joe Brooks pointed out that Homer Scott was late to the August meeting, not absent. Other minor typo errors were noted.

Motion carried with all in favor.

### Treasurer's Report

Treasurer John Sumpter reported that the total fund balance as of August 31, 2014 was \$4,127,546.92 compared to the July balance of \$4,130,669.05, reflecting a small loss of \$3,122.13 for the month.

Joe Brooks addressed the common costs charged to each Committee monthly. He stated that when the Trust Board approved the plan for the payment of the common costs, Jean Lewis, CFO, had explained the estimated annual common costs for all committees was \$24,000 including the audit. She had planned to charge the Trust Board \$2,000 a month for eleven months divided between the committees. She also kept track of the actual monthly expenses by committee. In December she would adjust any differences as needed. Joe stated this has not been done since she left.

Joe Brooks moved to pay \$2,000 per month for common costs divided by committees and reconcile the actual expenses at the end of the year. Each committee will receive a monthly statement of actual expenses starting January 1, 2015. Homer Scott seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

Joe Brooks moved to accept the Treasurer's report pending audit, seconded by Verna Crawford. Motion carried with all in favor.



### Committee Reports

#### COMMUNITY SERVICES:

##### CHAIR VERNA CRAWFORD

The Community Services Committee met on Monday, September 15, 2014.

The Committee reviewed and approved six applications, one burial, one medical assistance, two dental (one of which is pending for additional information), and two elder prescriptions assistance. The total expenditure was \$1,439.90. The next meeting will be October 13, 2014 at 1:00 p.m. in the Social Services building.

#### CULTURAL PRESERVATION:

##### CHAIR CHET BROOKS

Meets the third Tuesday of each month starting at 6 p.m. in the Community Center. Chairman Brooks announced that Bartlesville Indian Summer would begin on September 18, 2014 at the Bartlesville Community Center.

Delaware Days will be Friday September 26 and Saturday September 27 at the Delaware Powwow grounds east of Copan, Oklahoma. Dinner both nights will be at 6 p.m. Both meals are potluck; the Cultural Preservation Committee will supply the meat on Saturday.

Friday evening before dinner the Elder and Veteran of the Year will be acknowledged.

The Veterans Committee will hold and auction at 3 p.m. Saturday before dinner. There will be social dancing and more.

#### EDUCATION: CHAIR DR.

##### NICKY MICHAEL

The Committee regularly meets on the second Monday of each month. The Committee met September 15, 2014. The Committee reviewed 47 applications: two VoTech, one Academic Achievement, 10 Education assistance, 10 Athletic assistance and 23 School Vouchers. They pended two for additional information and denied

one for a total \$2,376.92. The Committee will meet on Monday October 14, 2014.

#### ELDERS COMMITTEE: CHAIR MARY WATTERS

The Elders Committee met on Monday, September 2, 2014. Meeting Report:

Pat Donnell, a member of the Election Board, presented the slate of candidates for the November 1st General Election.

Cultural Preservation asked the Elders Committee to select an Elder to be honored at Delaware Days. Pat Donnell was chosen as our Elder to be honored.

On Friday afternoon, September 19, we will take a van to Oklahoma Indian Summer. The Art Market and other vendors will be set up.

For Delaware Days, on September 27th, a van will take Elders to the Powwow Grounds at 2:00pm returning at 9:00pm. The Elders suggested we plan an activity after dinner and before social dances. Bingo was suggested.

Our next Elders Committee meeting will be Monday October 6th at 12:30pm.

#### 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, ASSISTANT CHAIR HOMER SCOTT.

Assistant Chair Homer Scott reported the Committee met to finalize preparations for the auction fundraiser to be held at Delaware Days on September 27 at 3 p.m. Donations may be given to any

Committee member or brought to Delaware Days. The funds received from the auction will go to purchase rifles for the Delaware Color Guard to be carried at funerals.

Nancy Sumpter stated she will donate a Pendleton blanket for the auction and asked that it start at \$100.

He also stated the Veterans Committee selected Susan Cade as Delaware Veteran of the Year. She will be honored along with the Elder of the Year at Delaware Days on Friday September 26 following dinner.

### Old Business

None

### New Business

None

### Other Business

None

Homer Scott moved to adjourn. Joe Brooks seconded the motion. All approved.

Chairman Brooks reminded everyone to go to Monterey's Little Mexico for dinner. On the third Wednesday of each month gives 20% of tickets with coupons, to the Delaware Tribe. These funds are earmarked for the education department. Coupons available at Tribal Center and on Facebook.

Chairman Brooks declared the meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

The foregoing minutes were considered and approved by the Trust Board of the Delaware Tribe of Indians on the 15th day of October 2014 with a vote of 7 yes, 0 no, and 0 abstaining.

Chairman Chet Brooks  
Council Secretary Verna  
Crawford ■



**\* Note: Minutes for the October and November meetings of the Trust Board were not available for this issue and will be printed in the April Delaware Indian News.**

## Editorials

### Letter to the Editor Delaware Indian News

Phillip Oyler

It is my intent with this letter to the Editor of the DIN to generate a conversation among our people, both in Kansas and Oklahoma and around the land.

First I wanted to give credit to the new administration/leadership (including Tribal Council) in stopping our financial hemorrhage and the previous administrations' lack of transparency in reporting the actual financial numbers of the tribe, either good or bad.

To give an entity blank checks, authority of the tribe, ability to leverage credit lines without a clear vision, mission statement, and a measurement/evaluation system which determines the current and projected ability was absolute madness.

While senior leadership is still investigating these events, we must not lose time on moving towards developing our economic future as a people. My recommendation is to create a focused effort which will continue to forensically examine the past with a couple or more team members that can perform due diligence and report back to our people

giving full disclosure.

In the interim, I would strongly recommend that either a Business Development Office staffed by a full time Business Development Officer be created which should remain separate from administration's changing, so that when leadership changes (future elections) the current momentum of this office doesn't dissolve and have to be recreated.

Regarding the DEA board, it should be dissolved immediately. The number one killer in business today is the layered level of communications. The new BDO office should be an agile and flexible team reporting to the Tribal Council and senior leadership (Chief and Assistant Chief, Tribal Manager).

Over time we have heard of multiple opportunities, ventures, discussions, ideas, projects that involve multiple paths, but then never receive any updates, status checks, if these ideas remain or have been torpedoed respectively.

An example here is our current Gaming status. The last I knew we were being sued for

\$2M. This item should be designed and evolved by the new entity, BDO and team. Another example is a \$76M project I was asked to review, dissect and recommend actions (all done Pro Bono for my people) in a partnership venture with Native One Financial for a project located in New Jersey, but have never had an update.

The one positive focus of the last administration was the focus of moving our tribe back to Kansas while maintaining the Bartlesville location.

From a business perspective this opens huge advantages, since the current MOA between the Delaware Tribe and Cherokee Nation prohibits our growth into any venture within the geographic location of their 14 county jurisdiction.

Along this path we have built the facilities in Caney, KS and acquired a huge parcel of land in Lawrence, KS. While I do not understand the decision to buy land in Lawrence, KS and or agree with the amount overpaid, if there is a vision and business merit behind this decision then that should be shared with the people.

Kansas is the future of economic growth and sustainability for our people. It is here where we have the immediate opportunity for building infrastructure, business, community relationships and a future with a dynamic legacy.

I am a Kansas resident, a registered tribal voter in Kansas and want answers. I would ask any Kansas tribal member (or other tribal family member) to

reach out to me and voice your concerns, then directly petition our senior leadership by calling, emailing, writing to carry out the vision of our people.

Otherwise in four years, if my warnings are not embraced and implemented by the new administration, we will still be where we started...broke, lost, confused, angry (holding grudges/grinding axes) and no closer to the economic development; we can achieve if we simply put down the battle axes and pick up our true heritage as the Grandfather Tribe and unite to continue are journey. We need to quit living to the standards and expectations of the English and embrace our traditional tribal values.

Wanishi,

--Phillip Oyler■

### Letter to the Editor

Jeremy Johnson

Within the last few months it has come to my attention that my tribe, the Delaware Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma, is receiving money from Dan Snyder's Washington Redsk\*\*\* Original Americans Foundation. I am utterly ashamed of, and disgusted by, their actions.

The Washington team name is derogatory at best. It is harmful to our youth as proven in studies conducted by the American Psychological Association ([www.apa.org/pi/oema/resources/indian-mascots.aspx](http://www.apa.org/pi/oema/resources/indian-mascots.aspx)). It has a negative affect on the self-esteem and self-image of Native youth. There are other studies that back this up.

Furthermore, Native mascots encourage the continued defamation and mockery of tribal cultures across the U.S. and Canada as witnessed in fans dressing up in "redface" and chanting "Indian" songs.

The name is a slur in much the same way that the N-word is a slur. It has been used historically to refer to the scalps of murdered Native men, women and children that were collected for bounty by Indian killers. It has been used to deride and belittle. It is offensive.

The tribe's acceptance of money from WROAF is an implicit, if not explicit, endorsement of the continued degradation of the cultures of all Natives. It is an endorsement of the term being used to refer to my children, my wife, my brother, my sisters, my parents, and my grandparents. If this term is acceptable to refer to Natives, my tribe should also be willing to be called other derogatory terms like Injun, Wagon Burner, and Blanket Ass. These words are from the same family of racism and prejudice.

It's hard enough living in a world where our culture and

traditions are viewed by mainstream society as strange, outdated, primitive, dead and/or meaningless. Endorsing the use of this racist slur as acceptable only adds to the burdens we face each day in trying to keep our languages, ceremonies and traditions alive.

The Delaware Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma's acceptance of money from WROAF is a slap in the face to my ancestors and a direct assault on our youth. The money is bribe money. The money is hush money. What are we getting out of it? Some iPads and a few shiny trinkets?

As long as we're at it, why don't we just trade away everything we have fought to maintain as Lenape people for some pox-ridden blankets and a few glass beads?

It's practically the same thing.

--Jeremy Johnson■

### Results of November 1, 2014 Election

|                                 | Poll Place |           |            | Total      |
|---------------------------------|------------|-----------|------------|------------|
|                                 | KS         | OK        | Mail       |            |
| <b>CHIEF</b>                    |            |           |            |            |
| <b>Chester L. "Chet" Brooks</b> | <b>1</b>   | <b>24</b> | <b>292</b> | <b>317</b> |
| Bruce Martin                    | 0          | 38        | 87         | 125        |
| Paula Pechonick                 | 4          | 26        | 220        | 250        |
| Karla "Michelle" Vernon         | 0          | 5         | 29         | 34         |
| <b>TRIBAL COUNCIL</b>           |            |           |            |            |
| Janifer Kay Brown               | 1          | 23        | 231        | 255        |
| Verna Faith Crawford            | 1          | 29        | 248        | 278        |
| <b>Bonnie Jo Griffith</b>       | <b>1</b>   | <b>60</b> | <b>366</b> | <b>427</b> |
| Lisa "Michelle" Holley          | 4          | 29        | 135        | 168        |
| <b>Nicky Kay Michael</b>        | <b>2</b>   | <b>55</b> | <b>307</b> | <b>364</b> |
| Jenifer Jo Pechonick            | 4          | 28        | 183        | 215        |
| <b>Benita J. Shea</b>           | <b>3</b>   | <b>45</b> | <b>323</b> | <b>371</b> |
| <b>TRIBAL COURT</b>             |            |           |            |            |
| <b>Rick L. Barnes</b>           | <b>5</b>   | <b>82</b> | <b>526</b> | <b>613</b> |
| <b>Cameron Ann Fraser</b>       | <b>3</b>   | <b>72</b> | <b>527</b> | <b>612</b> |

Winners are in bold.

# Repatriations and Culture Camp Planned for 2015

Brice Obermeyer

Delaware Tribe Historic Preservation Office

As 2014 draws to a close our office is pleased to share with you our progress on several important projects and upcoming events for the new year. Although the year has seen many significant achievements and day-to-day consultation, we are particularly pleased to announce the completion of our cultural affiliation studies which will pave the way for our upcoming repatriation and reburials for two very large cemeteries in Pennsylvania and New Jersey.

Over the past several years we have focused our efforts on the larger collections that are housed in the State Museum of New Jersey and Pennsylvania. The single largest collection of Delaware human remains were excavated from a large Delaware occupation site known as the Abbott Farm National Historic Landmark. It

is located in the lower Delaware Valley near where Trenton, NJ is today. Over 100 individuals have been excavated and removed from the site over the past 100 years. The second very large collection comes from a historic Delaware cemetery associated with the historic Delaware village of Kuskuskies in western Pennsylvania. The cemetery is known archaeologically as the Chambers Site and at least 80 individual graves were identified during the excavation of this site in the 1960s.

Our first step was to identify all of the museums that hold a portion of these collections and those are listed in the paragraph above. The second is to document that these individuals were Delaware. Documenting the so-called cultural affiliation of the collection is a necessary step before the tribe

can repatriate the collection under NAGPRA. We are pleased to announce that we completed the cultural affiliation of the Chambers site in January and we completed the Abbott Farm cultural affiliation report in November. Our next step is to submit these reports to the museums and potentially affiliated tribes so we can move on to the next step of repatriating these very large and significant collections.

Our next step in the coming year then is to move forward with the repatriation of the Chambers and Abbott Farm collections. We have identified the sites at which these collections will be reburied as both are very near the places where the graves were originally located and offer secure locations for the reburied remains to be placed. We have identified the Schoenbrunn Historic Village in Ohio as the place where we will rebury the Chambers collection and Pennsbury Manor near Philadelphia, PA will be the place for the reburial of the Abbott Farm burials.

Schoenbrunn is a reconstruction of the Moravian Mission village that was originally established for the Delaware while they lived in the Ohio country. There is a cemetery there on the site that houses Delaware graves that would have been contemporary with the Chambers site graves. We plan to expand this cemetery to include the graves of the Chambers collection. We anticipate this reburial to take place in the summer of 2015 and we are currently applying for funding to assist with the repatriation.

Pennsbury Manor is the reconstructed home of William Penn, the Quaker founder of the Penn-



“Heaven’s Half Acre”

Delaware Cemetery at Schoenbrunn Historic Village, OH

sylvania colony and original negotiator for Delaware lands in the lower Delaware valley. This property also holds a small cemetery that is reported to have a Delaware buried there as well. Similar to the Schoenbrunn plan, we anticipate expanding this cemetery to include the individuals from Abbott Farm as well. With the Chamber repatriation in 2015, we anticipate the Abbott Farm repatriation to take place the following year.

Along with the planned repatriations, we are equally excited to announce that plans are in place to establish a cultural preservation camp that will be held next summer at the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area in northeastern Pennsylvania. This camp will be open to a limited

number of high school aged members of the Delaware Tribe, Delaware Nation, and Stockbridge-Munsee, and will provide an educational experience in which students will learn more about Delaware culture and history while living in the Delaware homeland. The camp will be jointly run and led by representatives from the three Delaware tribes, Park staff and local professionals. The camp will be supported by NPS funds that are available for such activities but space will be limited based on how much funding is made available. Please contact Brice Obermeyer at [bobermeyer@delawaretribe.org](mailto:bobermeyer@delawaretribe.org) if you are interested in having your high school-aged child participate in the upcoming culture camp. ■



Kuskuskies Village, 1755



Pennsbury Manor near Trenton, NJ