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Relations Between Delawares and Cherokees at an All-Time High

Tim Hudson

Tribal officials are saying that relations between the Delaware tribe of Indians and the Cherokee Nation are at an all-time high.

"I think it's a great thing that is happening," said Delaware Chief Chet Brooks.

"Cherokee Chief Bill John Baker and his entire administration have been very supportive of the Delaware."

Chief Books words were on the occasion of the Cherokee's donation of \$20,000 toward the Delaware's Elder Nutrition Program on March 3. At that time Baker, Cherokee Councilman Dick Lay, and several other tribal officials made the trip to Bartlesville to present the check, have lunch and view the Tribal Headquarters.

"In attending the recent Delaware Tribal Headquarters nutrition site presentation, I am happy

to report strong cordial relations between the Cherokee and Delaware" Councilman Lay said.

"We broke bread, shared good conversation, re-acquainted with old friends, and met new ones. The daily meal served at the complex is a good thing in more ways than one.

"A good nutritious meal, combined with fellowship, well, kinda like days gone by."

Delaware Assistant Chief Bonnie Jo Griffith says that the Cherokee approached the tribe after becoming aware that the tribe needed help getting through to the next grant funding.

"We had run out of our grant money and were going to be really hurting to feed our elders," Chief Brooks said. "So hats off to Chief Bill John Baker."

Assistant Chief Griffith says that the number of elders served

by the program has doubled in the last year.

"We don't just serve Delaware, as a native tribe as long as you take care of your elders it doesn't matter if you are Cherokee or Delaware it's taking care of elders. Plus I think word has gotten out that the food is terrific too and it's always good when tribal members utilize what we have to offer."

Lay concurs concerning the food: "Special thanks to the Delaware Chief and Council delegation for inviting us and being great hosts and big thanks to the cooks and staff at the complex for their good work."

Chief Brooks says that the relations with the Cherokee have been long-standing.

"We been associated with the Cherokee nation for 140 some years and I think Chief Bill John Baker's administration has been very friendly towards us.... I really hope the Delaware will come out and vote for him in the next election."

"I think it's great that we are able to work with them" Assistant Chief Griffith says

"They seem very receptive to us with Chief Brooks' administration, which from what I understand was not the case previously. It's a win-win situation and goodwill between the tribes that I hope will continue." ■

IMPORTANT

The Tribe Has a New Mailing Address!

The mailing address of the Tribal Headquarters in Bartlesville has changed from **170 NE Barbara** to **5100 E. Tuxedo Blvd.** Please use this new address on all correspondence, etc. Note that the physical location of tribal buildings has not changed; this is just a change in mailing address.

PRESS RELEASE



Delaware Tribe of Indians is officially announcing the launch of its newest LLC, Tahkox e2. The company is spearheaded by Jimmie Johnson and DTI council. The acting tribe board of directors will oversee the tribe's overall goals of training and ensure that new employment opportunities are met within our community. As Tahkox e2 has already undergone its official launch, Tahkox e2 employees will help usher in a new era of local growth and economic development.

Tahkox e2 is an environmental engineering company that will compete with government contracts on an 8a playing field. This will give the company an advantage of obtaining environmental contracts. Tahkox e2 is pursuing its aggressive penetration into the environmental engineering playing field; it has already secured several commercial subcontracts and is currently hiring and fulfilling the contractual obligations.

Now at a critical crossroads, Tahkox e2 is primed for winning government contracts both in Oklahoma and Kansas as well as around the Pacific Rim, mainly in Guam, Hawaii and Japan where there is an abundance of federal jobs. Tahkox e2 upper management is forecasting positive growth that will exceed expectations of similar companies with the help of outside experts helping to guide the way. By providing access to a global network of industry leaders, investors and talent, Tahkox e2 is structured for the best possible success that will move the local economy and create jobs within the tribe and bring back our tribal members.

We are encouraging tribal members to submit resumes if you have any experience or education in the areas of: past military contract work, environmental engineering, environmental sciences, engineering, and skilled labor. ■

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Tribal Representatives Attend National Congress of American Indians (NCAI)

Tim Hudson

The National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) 114th Congress Executive Council in Washington, D.C. proved to be very valuable for attending Delaware representatives.

"We hope that a lot of positive things come out of this week," said Chief Chet Brooks. He and Assistant Chief Bonnie Jo Griffith were representing the tribe alongside about 100 other tribes.

"Historically the tribe has gone to this meeting" he said.

"I've gone off and on to DC for the Delaware tribe since about '83 or '84... even a few at personal expense."

"I learned so much this week and truly hope this knowledge enables me to be a better Assistant Chief/Councilperson for the benefit of all of us" said Assistant Chief Bonnie Jo Griffith.

According to information from the NCAI, the non-profit organization is "the oldest, largest, and most representative American Indian and Alaska Native organization serving the broad interests of tribal governments and communities" and seeks a "bright future for generations to come by taking the lead to gain consensus on a constructive and promising vision for Indian Country."

The council meeting in DC was intended to provide "an opportunity for tribal leaders and advocates to visit congressional offices to discuss current legislative priorities."

The Delaware representatives spent several days at the Council as had numerous Delaware representatives in years past.

One of the many seminars attended was on Homeland Se-

curity, which Griffith says was of particular importance to the Delaware.

"There were several issues of security discussed but one thing I think we, as a tribe, need to address is a need for electronic security. I have concerns with what would happen to our enrollment records and accounting documents should something as severe as a tornado, similar to Joplin Missouri, would hit our community. We need to seriously look at ways to protect our records" she said.

"Also, our new tribal enrollment cards are TSA (Transportation Security Administration) accepted, which is great. Chief Brooks and I both used ours traveling to and from D.C."

She says that she also learned that there is the possibility of "enhanced" tribal cards, which would allow entry into any country in the Western Hemisphere.

Chief Brooks and Assistant Chief Griffith also met with Kevin Washburn, Department of

the Interior, Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs.

"He said he would make time to come to our Tribal Center to speak with members of our tribe the next time he's in Tulsa" Griffith said.

The Delaware group also met with Elaine Huch, Chairman of the Kaw Nation.

"She also serves on one of the NCAI committees. It was surprising to hear her tribe is going through some similar issues as we are. I plan to stay in touch with her and possibly go over and visit her office soon."

She says that she's happy to talk about anything that was discussed at any of the meetings with tribal members.

"This is just an overview of what all happened... feel free to contact me if you have any questions" she said.

"I feel like we learned a lot and made a lot of connections."

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Please understand that your input is important and is valued.

Tahkox E2

Tim Hudson

The Delaware Tribe of Indians new environmentally based LLC Tahkox E2 is quickly becoming an important asset to the tribe.

"We want our tribal members to know that this is a very promising venture with an eye on the future" says Assistant Chief Bonnie Jo Griffith of the endeavor.

"This is definitely a top priority for the council."

"We've already gotten a biologist at work in Guam and that's for a four or five month contract that we should make a good profit off" said Chief Brooks.

"And that was the first thing we've done with it and it looks real promising."

Tahkox E2 Manager and Tribal Environmental Programs

Director Jimmie Johnson says that the initial work done by the company will be with "geographic information systems."

The company is 100 percent owned by the Delaware.

"The top of our list of priorities is safeguarding tribal funds," Assistant Chief Griffith says.

"And this is something we hope will be generating revenue for years to come."

Council member and Native Studies Professor Nicky Michael says that the LLC is "critical" to the development of the tribe.

"Because our resources are

limited when it comes to business; plus it's completely in line with our culture because it's environmental. Our most successful program in the last five years has been our environmental and this business takes it to a whole new level. If you look at all that this is going to do for us it's pretty amazing. Tahkox E2 is a legitimate business, it's solid and will bring a good foundation to our tribe. It will be good money and not something that is controversial. I am so happy about this business."

According to Chief Brooks more contracts will be forthcoming.

"We are talking with a couple of groups that could very well result in some more business real soon" he said. ■

WEBSITE:

<http://tahkoxe2.com/>

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Comments from Chief Chet Brooks

Kula Malsi Hach Lenapeok? Wanishi Wuli Kishku Sikan!

How are you, Lenape Relatives? Thanks for this good Spring Day!

May we be blessed with a happy and prosperous 2015. I congratulate our new Assistant Chief Bonnie Jo Griffith, Secretary Dr. Nicky Michael, Treasurer Benita Shea, Council Member Michelle Holley, and Tribal Judges Rick Barnes and Cameron Fraser on their Tribal Election win. All of these newly-elected tribal officials are working long hours for the benefit of the Delaware Tribe of Indians.

My condolences are extended to the incumbent Chief and three incumbent Council members who lost in the lawful November Tribal Election. I have no personal animosity toward any of you and wish you all a happy life in your future other endeavors, but I do respectfully ask that you privately discourage the continued public and sometimes libel-

ous untruths that a few of your disgruntled, immature followers continue to spread. Wanishi for your assistance in these matters.

The first three months of this administration were spent trying to correct the problems created by the failure of tribally-owned "Delaware Facilities Management Systems, LLC."

It is my displeasure, but my duty, to inform our Tribal Members that the two years DFMS existed has cost our Tribe a \$400,000 loss. Seven DFMS employees lost their jobs over this failure, two of them Delaware tribal members. Three other Delaware tribal members have been hired to perform the Delaware Housing Program maintenance work that seven DFMS employees could not do in a profitable and efficient way.

Let me remind all tribal members, "SUCCESS IS ONLY A MEASURE OF HOW FAR WE BOUNCE, AFTER WE HIT BOTTOM." In that regard we have formed a new company

capitalized for \$10,000, "TAH-KOXe2, LLC." The motto of Tahkox e2 is "to save the environment born off the turtle's back." It is an environmental engineering company which will do such things as GIS mapping, soil reclamation, erosion control, construction, etc. The company already has one biologist performing our first contract, an invasive species GIS survey at a military base on Guam. **If any Delaware has environmental, engineering, GIS, biology, CAD, aerial photogrammetry, or construction education or experience**, please send your resume to Mike Taylor, HR Delaware Tribe of Indians at mtaylor@delawaretribe.org. We plan to SBA certify and grow this company rapidly and your present home location may not be an impediment to a good job opportunity.

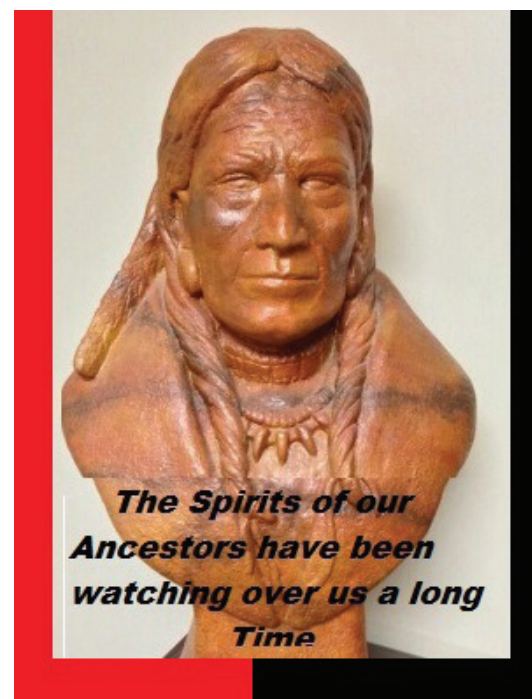
We have also been discussing possibilities in "waste to energy conversion" in New Jersey, Ohio and Oklahoma and hydroponic

growing of lettuce and vegetables, and of course will explore all possibilities of income for our Tribe.

In closing I remind Delawares and Cherokees that the deadline for registering to vote in the Cherokee election is March 31.

The Bill John Baker Cherokee Administration has been very cooperative with DTI. Please register and vote.

Wanishi■



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.

The Education Assistance programs provide financial aid to Tribal members of all ages from Pre-School to Adult Vocational Technology training. Programs available to our members are listed below. We just finished up the Spring 2015 semester applications that were approved for the Trust Fund of Higher Education Scholarship award, which is provided on a semester basis for full and part-time students. The Spring scholarship program awarded a total of \$16,200 to 56 applicants (52 full-time students in the amount of \$15,600 and four part-time in

the amount of \$600). We will begin accepting applications for the Fall from June 1 thru July 31. You can get the applications on the Delaware Tribe website (www.delawaretribe.org) under the Services/Programs tab, then scroll down to Educational Assistance.

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 Tribal Council Secretary, Dr. Nicky Kay Michael

My position as Secretary, via our Constitution, states that my responsibility is communications. The first few months required me to act in correlation to my position of Tribal Council. In this regard, we had to address the most important needs and solvency of the Tribe. After turning the corner in February, I can now focus my attention to the Communications arm of our Delaware Tribe. In this regard, we have developed more of a presence on Facebook and invite tribal members to "like" and follow our page. We post important information such as scholarships, current events and programming. We have also developed a Tribal Blog, thanks to our Assistant Chief, and the tribal members can see our Tribal Council member's activities through the months between the *Delaware Indian News* (DIN).

The Delaware Tribe website is next on our agenda. We not only want to upgrade the site, but we are considering a complete overhaul. Our business arm, Tahkox e2 has a very current look and feel and we aspire to achieve this same polish on the governance site.

Last Tuesday, on March 17th, the Tribal Council passed the Tribal Seal Usage Ordinance. As the property of the Tribe, our

seal needs to have solid legal protections. Most professional businesses and other tribal nations also have these same laws regarding their tribal seal. We aim to stop any illicit use and misrepresentation of our seal. However, this does not preclude tribal members using our seal for personal use and gifting each other with an image of the seal.

While my position relates to communications, this also requires me to be on top of our federal, state, intertribal, and private funding. Our Tribe must maintain an open and professional dialogue with all the associated agencies and we have taken steps to streamline these processes. As an example of acting within this capacity, we were able to isolate an issue with our NAGPRA program. Many people are unaware of our Tribal Historic Preservation activities. One of those activities is to guard and protect our Native American Graves and Protected (NAGPRA) sites. Apparently, the public was protesting to safeguard one of those sites in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. Because we were not consulted about the pipeline project, as is required by federal law, and it would adversely affect our ancestral site, we were able to interject our presence and stop the

project.

Our Child Support Enforcement (CSE) funding and Aid to Tribal Government (ATG) were also stalled from being caught up in the previous systems. We have identified and resolved those problems and are on our way to receiving the comprehensive CSE and ATG. We wish to thank the federal agencies involved, Children and Family Services and the Bureau of Indian Affairs, respectively.

To further our grant writing efforts, the Tribal Council is establishing a professional and efficient means to identify potential writers and/or train the existing staff. The current Chief will appoint a Grant Writing Steering Committee who will decide upon the bids or retainer fees for grant writing services. This will ensure that no one tribal member is favored over another and thus benefit from their position, such as being an existing tribal representative. If a person's qualifications are competitive and correlate to our needs, those criteria will determine who is awarded a contract for these services. Eventually we will work our way into establishing a full-fledged grant writing program with a Grants and Compliance Officer to oversee this function.

Wanishi ok weli sikòn.■

From the Desk of Council Member Benita Shea

The opportunity to learn about our tribal business has been appreciated during the past four months. I look forward to the path that leads ahead. Your council will always strive to serve our tribal members in an open forum.

Mike Taylor and I continue our work on updating the employee personnel policies. We have spent several weekends working together and have made some great progress. While we didn't meet our March 1st deadline, we hope to finish up in April.

It seems I am getting a late start but my attention has now begun to shift to our financial side of tribal matters as the treasurer. Jean Lewis is a great asset to our tribe.

A few items that I would like to share:

The tribe receives funds for a state fuel tax on a quarterly basis. These funds are used to pay the chief's salary as well as council pay and conferences.

I am concerned about the Child Support Services Grant on hold with \$43k in the red. Nicky Michael is working with the contacts so that we don't lose sight of retaining that grant.

Each grant must be used for that sole purpose or the funds will be lost. This is where we lack training and resources. Our Tribe depends on the receipt of grants to keep us viable for our future.

Tahkox e2 is moving forward with potential contracts in the wings. We are very close to filing a Section 8a. This will be an exciting venture with possible job opportunities for our members.

The generous gift from the Cherokee Nation of \$20,000 covered a negative balance of \$15,000 for the elder nutrition program. The other \$5,000 will cover that program until the next year, which starts in April.

With all I have experienced since November, I keep my ancestors near and dear. I hear my grandmother, Myrtle Fall-eaf Black, whisper in my ear to "keep going" when I feel hurt for our tribe. I wear my great-aunt Nancy Sumpter's turtle necklace to every council meeting. I know they are smiling on me and guiding me along the way.

Benita Shea
Tribal Council Member,
Treasurer■

Delaware War Mothers Looking to Increase Membership

The Delaware War Mothers are looking to increase membership. Our mission is to represent and honor our military relatives. If you are a female Native American wanting to represent a veteran OR a female Non-Native American wanting to represent a Native American veteran and would be interested in joining please feel free

to attend one of the meetings, which are held at 5:30 pm the third Monday of every month at the Social Service Building on Barbara Drive in Bartlesville. If you would like more information please email the club at delawarewarmothers@yahoo.com or write to PO Box 3092, Bartlesville, OK 74006. We will also be at the 2015 Delaware



Powwow and you may contact any club member for more information. Applications will also be available.■

Donations for Education Scholarships Gratefully Accepted

We invite tribal members (and others) to contribute to a special fund for educational scholarships. Donors will be recognized in five levels:

Brass Level	up to \$ 100
Silver Level	\$ 100-500
Gold Level	\$ 500-1,000
Wampum Level	\$ 1,000-5,000
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Send donations to

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From the Desk of Assistant Chief Bonnie Jo Griffith

Since the last edition of the *Delaware Indian News*, a lot of positive things have happened. We are still putting out some fires from prior to our taking office but at least now I feel we are moving forward.

Chief Brooks and I traveled to the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) Winter Meeting in Washington, DC the last week of February. Valuable information was obtained and very good contacts were made.

As a Council, we are pushing hard to get the Child Support Services grant finalized. We have been unable to progress with that program as the previous grant has run out. We have to wait until the new grant is funded before we can fill the vacant positions and continue the tribe's work. This is a very important program and I believe it is safe to say, "All Councilmem-

bers are looking forward to its success."

Some days it still seems overwhelming the amount of work we are doing but there is light at the end of the tunnel. Construction of the new day care center should have started by the time you receive this edition of our paper. Hopefully, the Tribe will be able to claim the 5,000 square feet that is presently the child care center by the end of the year. The administration building has become extremely crowded and this extra space is much needed.

The gift that the Cherokee Nation brought to us is another Godsend as the Elder Nutrition program had also depleted their grant funds. The \$20,000 was so needed and will allow us to continue to serve our Elders. The check being personally delivered by Principal Chief Bill

John Baker of the Cherokee Nation was an honor.

Also, a lot of work is being performed by our Housing Department's Maintenance Division. There are homes being rehabbed and lots of upkeep being performed. I know with the winter weather they had some issues they had to deal with on some of our units and also spent quite some time making sure our drives and parking areas were cleared.

Our new LLC, Tahkox E2, is off the ground and running and we have had minimal investment and should start seeing a return very soon.

I think all of us are looking forward to spring, tornadoes excluded. Please be watchful as we enter this new season.

Wanishi!

Bonnie Jo Griffith
Assistant Chief ■

From the Desk of Council Member Nate Young

First, we must show our gratitude to Cherokee Nation Chief Bill John Baker in arranging for a \$20,000 donation to our Elder Nutrition program and a \$15,000 donation for Indian Summer. Chief Brooks gave an unqualified endorsement of Chief Baker and his administration for their generosity. We also want to extend our thanks to Cherokee Councilman Dick Lay for his assistance to our Tribe and the local Native American community.

Two meetings have happened since January with Chief Brooks, our Tribal Council, and Chief Bill John Baker along with his key personnel. These were meetings between two sovereigns working to solve common problems. Unique about these meetings was the mutual respect and the friendly atmosphere. Chief Brooks and our Council focused on the issues that can help our Tribe. The openness and candor by both was very refreshing.

Now that the dust has settled from the recent Tribal Election, our Chief and Council have to deal with problems inherited from the past administration while at the same time maintaining what we have and develop a plan for future growth. The problems this Chief and Council inherited, the DFMS debt (our janitorial company) and the wasted Lawrence land purchase, will take both time and energy to resolve. This time and energy will effect maintaining our current operations and can cloud our strategic planning. Everyday there is a new revelation on the actions of the previous Administration. These new discoveries are never good.

Fortunately, our Tribe has a Chief that is prepared to tackle these issues and a Tribal Council in which each member brings a unique set of talents that will help solve these problems, while working to help maintain what we currently have, plus develop

a plan and vision for a future that will benefit all of our members. Personally, it is a blessing to work with such a diverse and talented group. The character, integrity, and talent of our new Council members are the best. It is a real pleasure working with these new members.

Our Chief and Council believe we have a duty to inform the membership as to our current condition and to address the half-truths and lies coming from past tribal officials. Anticipate a greater use of both the print and social media by this Administration to inform you what really happened in the past and to respond to any fabricated lies.

Finally, we must always think of ways to help our Elders, our Veterans, and War Mothers. We appreciate their great sacrifice. Along with those that sacrificed for us in the past, we can never forget another precious resource, our children. Our future will soon be in their hands. ■

From the Desk of Council Member Annette Ketchum

I believe everyone will enjoy the article below and it will help you find peace with God, our Creator, Savior and Friend:

Views about "self" today are confusing at least. The world has a number of them. All teach the importance of one's having a positive regard for one's self. The Bible, on the other hand, has nothing good to say about self. Nevertheless, the church, particularly in the last hundred years, has increasingly reflected what the world preaches rather than what the Scriptures teach.

The world's focus is to highly value self. Why? Because there are only two options regarding any potential hope for humanity: Self or God (meaning the God of the Bible). Self is the choice of the world: man's will and way as opposed to God's will and way. Self is the only option left for everyone who rejects the God of the Bible. Although there may seem to be other options, including religious ones, they are all variations of willful "works-salvation" and self-righteousness, with some being more obvious than others.

All religions, from the most legalistic to the most liberal to the mystical, have self at the core of one's achieving a positive consequence regarding life after death. Only biblical Christianity teaches that denying self and turning to Jesus alone for one's salvation is acceptable to God.

Self-deification attained through sacred rites is found throughout the religions of the East. Self-realization has its counterpart in humanistic psychology where it is termed "self-actualization." The connection between Eastern mysticism and psychology has long been recognized by research psychologists, who have documented the fact that Hinduism was brought to the West and made popular through the ve-

hicle of psychology. Although not immediately recognized as self-deification, it is the aim of self-actualization, which is simply defined as reaching toward the ultimate fulfillment of one's potential.

Self is the cornerstone of all psychological counseling. All of the more than 500 concepts are contrary to the Word of God, and psychotherapy essentially rejects God himself. A fundamental teaching of psychological counseling is that man is innately good. Psychological concepts and practices can never change an individual's sin nature.

God has the solution for humanity's self-oriented, self-willed dilemma. It must start with a new birth—a spiritual birth from above. When one receives the simple gospel by faith alone, he is submitting himself, from the heart, to God and to obeying His teachings found in the Scriptures. Although he is then born again spiritually and has become a new creature in Christ, he still retains his old sin nature, but he has been delivered from its control. Nevertheless, a spiritual battle follows between doing his will versus God's will. God has given every believer the Holy Spirit to help him win every battle in favor of God's will. Luke 9:23-25 says, "For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will save it. For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and is himself destroyed or lost." Have a blessed day.

(Permission for excerpts given by The Berean Call, March, 2015, "Self: Mankind's Number One Problem.")

Annette Ketchum
Tribal Council Member ■

News from Enrollment

Chris Miller, Interim Enrollment Director

Happy Spring! It's time to welcome back the beautiful growth that comes with this time of year.

One in every five calls this year from members wanting to update their information and getting a new card comes with a comment of "I wish I would have gotten my children enrolled in the tribe before the cut off." Please let me stress, there is no "cut off"; if you are descended from someone on our base roll, you are eligible for tribal enrollment. Please visit our website (www.delaware-tribe.org), go to the Enrollment tab under Services, and print out the application. Review and

send it to us at our new mailing address: 5100 E. Tuxedo Blvd., Bartlesville, OK 74006.

We still have a considerable number of "Lost Delaware." That number is currently 17.9% of our 10,757 members, much reduced from our very high numbers only a year or two ago. To keep us in touch with you (for tribal services, the *Delaware Indian News*, voting opportunities, etc.), please contact us and let us know if you have moved, had a child, gotten divorced, or sadly had a death in the family. One thing I am seeing that has happened over the years is an Elder or the sibling in charge of keeping up with the

Tribe for the family passes on, and everyone has been receiving tribal communications at his or her address. When we have 25 tribal members all with Great Granddad's house as the address the tribe has for them, and he passes away, we lose contact. Sometimes we hear when mail to that address gets returned. It puts a smile on my face to be able to help a tribal member when we re-acquire their current information. Help me put a smile on your family members faces too.

You can contact me at cmiller@delawaretribe.org or via phone at 918-337-6583.■

Judge's Corner

The development of the Judicial Branch of the Delaware Tribe of Indians is progressing, with the help of Judges Mason, Fraser, Randall, Chafin, and Barnes. Just four years ago, in 2010, judges were elected, and their main purpose was to be available for any possible grievance filings by tribal members. There wasn't a specific place to hold a judges court or meeting place.

Now, we have a court room, a office in Caney (at the tribal offices there) and even court robes. We attend various other courts (Indian and non-Indian). Since the Indian Welfare Act of 1978 (the tribe is a officially recognized tribe), we are involved with the BIA and the

Department of Justice in Indian Child Welfare.

Other federally-recognized tribes (Kaws, Osage, Creeks, Chickashaws, Cherokees, etc.) are further along in their processes. But our judges will soon be involved with child custody cases, parental rights, child support and review disputes. The judges are currently reviewing applications for a part-time court clerk and assisting with cases within the Indian Child Welfare Act (timetable of April 2015). Judges now have a budget allocated and are also filing for grants within the Department of Justice. Judges have court or hearings in Caney, Kansas.■

Community Services Programs

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

Delaware Tribe Community Services has again opened up most of their programs with some new changes. These include some changed ceilings, so check the list below carefully. Other changes include limiting requests to two applications per fiscal year. We hope that this will let us stretch out the money so that we are able to assist more of our Delaware Tribal members. It is the intention of the Community Services Committee to assist all eligible Tribal members who are in financial need. Some measures have been initiated regarding income eligibility and steps are being taken to update the existing applications to reflect those impending changes.

Student Optical Assistance:

Assistance to students enrolled in grades K-12, colleges, universities or vocational technology schools. Funds can be designated to pay for glasses,

contacts, physician visits or related costs. Each request may not exceed \$200.

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

Rental Assistance: Assistance in emergency situations on a one-month, one-time, once-a-year basis. Amount of assistance that can be approved is limited up to \$200.

Dental Assistance: Assistance for dental services up to \$250. Services may include tooth repair, dental fillings, dentures or emergency services. Routine dental exams or cleaning are not covered.

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

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

Hospital Equipment Assistance: Assistance with hospital equipment for Delaware tribal members who are hospitalized during the year and some costs of hospital equipment is not paid by third parties. Funds will be used to pay for hospital equipment, which may include rentals, small equipment purchases or related costs up to \$200.

Emergency Assistance: Emergency assistance to Delaware tribal members. Funds are to be used for emergency situations. Assistance includes, but is not limited to, groceries or related assistance. Applicants must utilize all other community resources prior to applica-

tion. Funds are allocated up to \$200 and will be disbursed as determined by the Community Service Committee on a case-by-case basis.

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

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

PLEASE NOTE: The Community Services Committee has

adopted income guidelines for all assistance programs with the exception of Burial Assistance. The income guidelines went into effect on January 1, 2014. The Guidelines are based on the guidelines used by the Delaware Tribe Housing Program, and are intended to insure that these services remain available to those in need.■



TRIBAL MANAGER REPORT

Tribal Manager Curtis Zunigha

Personnel Actions – Hired three employees, two full-time and one part-time. These included Dana Murrell (Administrative Assistant to the Chief); Jyme Felix (Receptionist); and Mary Lucy Young (Dishwasher/Kitchen Assistant). Tribal Council approved amendment to personnel policy to raise minimum wage to \$8.50/hour.

Operations – (1) Tribal Center and facilities closed 2/16 due to snowstorm. (2) Provided operational support (janitor and dining hall setup) for luncheon with Cherokee Nation Chief delegation on 3/3. (3) Snowstorm on 3/4 closed local schools; per TC directive the kitchen was closed that day and lunch was not served.

Program Support – (1) Reviewed submittal of appeal to BIA re: questioned cost on FY2013 ATG contract. (2) Contacted Regional DHHS-ACF Administrator re: Child Support Grant. Tribal Secretary Nicky Michael is now primary contact

and agency is reviewing grant proposal for final decision; situation hopeful. (3) With Housing Department, negotiating grievance filed by homeowner re: conveyance of Mutual Help home ownership unit. A TC-appointed hearing panel may be necessary within 30 days.

Property Management – (1) Released bid specifications for land maintenance of Bartlesville campus, Caney property, and cemeteries. Bids are due 3/20 with contract to begin 4/1. (2) Submitted forms to USDA Farm Services Agency on 2/27 updating crop specifications on Lawrence property. (3) Working with Housing Director and Boys & Girls Club of Chelsea, the Housing Department cleaned up an old riding mower that was still serviceable (and had depreciated to zero value) and on 3/11 donated it to the Club for their use in maintaining their property.

Looking Ahead

(1) Grant-writing workshop with TC March 16, 23, 30.

(2) Acquisition of ABILA accounting and human resources software per BIA/ATG contract.

(3) Need TC direction re stocking pond with fish. If yes, then recommend enroll in farm pond program with stocking to begin in August. All land management issues with general public on property will need to be addressed by policy. Liability insurance policy will increase \$699 annually.

(4) Security Cameras – initial price quote for total property coverage from security service was higher than expected. Lower cost installation of cameras at Community Center only will commence 3/19.

(5) TC consideration of association memberships – United Indian Nations in Oklahoma, Kansas, and Texas; American Indian Chamber of Commerce of Oklahoma.

(6) Staff training in Microsoft Office Suite and Microsoft Outlook applications.■

Delaware Tribe Housing Department

Since January, the Delaware Tribe Housing Department (DTHD) has submitted our 2015 Indian Housing Plan. The Indian Housing Plan (IHP) is the funding source from which the DTHD operates our Housing programs.

The IHP has a set funding amount to be received from a formula HUD has set up to provide funding for all Indian Housing Authorities, Housing Departments, or Tribal Designated Housing Entities (TDHE). Based on the formula, the Delaware Tribe Housing Department will receive \$576,437. From that amount, each Indian housing program will allocate, within their grant, 20% of their grant

for program administration. The remaining balance is for the completions of the activities the tribes want to accomplish.

These funds are designated for rental units we have to maintain and for program such as; the Elderly Homeowners Housing Rehabilitation Program and the Down Payment/Closing Cost program.

The Elderly Homeowners Housing Rehabilitation Program is a new program set-aside specifically for homeowners who are 62 years and older who own their own home. Since this is a new program, we will only be providing assistance to those living in Washington County, and for only five homes. This

activity will provide us a better prospective for operating a program in the coming years.

The other new program is the Down Payment/Closing Cost Program. This new activity is for first-time buyers on the open market. The basis is for assisting the homebuyer for the down payment portion of the purchase of the house the homebuyer wants to purchase. The lending agent generally has the option to determine the amount of assistance a family can borrow from an outside family member or agency.

We are expecting our 2015 IHP to be approved and we expect a letter of approval from HUD by mid or late April of this year.■

Indian Child Welfare

Sasheen Reynolds

Our Indian Child Welfare (ICW) program receives a variety of requests that we try to respond to as we continually attempt to develop our program. The first step our program takes is to always establish eligibility for enrollment for the child/children involved and to act as liaison with our enrollment department. Our second step is to provide some basic assistance for those children's parents, relatives or guardians. This program is continually looking for adoptive/foster parents and I am trying to build a more efficient database of prospective families. I appreciate your patience and ask you to contact me to verify that we have your information. Our primary goal is to

keep our Indian children from being separated from family, relatives or Indian families but also as important as that is, we want to keep siblings together.

I am excited to announce that we just received our ICWA grant for the fiscal year of 2015 in the amount of \$11,869. We are striving to improve this program every day and continually making progress. We hope to grow our program within this year so that we can assist more families that are in need. Also, I have been working with Judge Don Mason and looking forward to working more with Judge Randall. We are working together to expand our program.■

Cultural Resources

Anita Mathis

He` Tribal Members, Friends, and Family

Happy Spring,

The programs under Culture Resources are Archives, Research (part of the archives) Library, Museum, and Gift Shop.

There are a few artifacts that are now on display in the Culture Resource office. We also still have on loan to the Bartlesville Area History Museum a small collection of our Speck collection which is on display in the Delaware Tribe of Indians area of the museum.

Please check our website and watch the gift shop site, we are adding new items to the inventory, hopefully something for everyone. There will be a booth set up at the Copan Powwow, If you are planning on attending and would like something from the gift shop you can pick up your items at the powwow and save on shipping. If you have

any requests or ideas for something you would like to have in the gift shop you may contact Anita Mathis at 918-337-6595 or amathis@delawaretribe.org

Stop by and check out all that is new and offered in the Library, Archives, Museum & Gift shop. There are 718 books in the Library for your reading and research, with new books being added.

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

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Elder Nutrition

Allan Barnes

Hello Tribal Members, Elder Nutrition enrollees, family and guests. Our people are a tenacious group! Braving the cold and sometimes bad weather conditions, these past three months have not usually kept our regular diners from participating in our daily meal. In fact, we served 1,136 meals in January and 957 meals in February. At first glance, the disparity between January and February may seem discouraging, but the February meals served is based on only 19 days, which is still an average of 50 per day. As expected, we are seeing an increase during the first half of March.

So, to recap past events of the last three months, here is what has happened. During January, we provided Forsythe Hall to the Sumpter family for a Memorial Service meal. The large turnout of family and friends was truly inspirational. The number of volunteers in preparing that meal and providing covered dishes was tremendous! In February, on Saturday the 14th, Valentine's Day, the Delaware War Mothers held an indoor garage sale, bean lunch and bake sale in Forsythe Hall. Later in the day, the Cultural Preservation Committee held a Social Dance event and chili supper, followed by a Stomp Dance. On Tuesday, March 3rd our program hosted the Chief of the Cherokee Nation, Bill John Baker, and accompanying delegates for lunch with our Tribal administration (Chief Chet Brooks, Assistant Chief Bonnie Jo Griffith, and our Tribal Council). During lunch, Chief Baker presented our Elder Nutrition program with a sizeable donation of \$20,000! The lunch was very well attended with nearly standing room only, and our Delaware Tribe was well represented. My sincere thanks

go out to the Cherokees and our Tribal Administration for making this support possible. One brief mention regarding Chief Baker: as he went through our Serving Line and received his meal, instead than taking his seat, he took the meal meant for him directly to one of our esteemed elders, Bonnie Thaxton.

Now, rather than repeat the same information presented to you in the January edition, regarding our activities and how we operate, let me simply remind you that you are most definitely welcome to contact our program regarding questions that may come up as an Elder/Senior Citizen. It is our intention to listen and provide ideas or direct you to those agencies that can help. That is why the Delaware Tribe Elder Nutrition program is a member of the National Association of Area Agencies on Aging (n4a), which is the Native American Aging Program, and the Oklahoma Indian Council on Aging (OICOA). These two organizations assist in providing the information and connection with other tribal nutrition programs. We need this to be a strong and viable program for our people. In fact, our Tribe is hosting the OICOA state meeting at our Bartlesville Headquarters on March 27th.

Now, if you are not aware of all of activities here during our lunch, let me list them. We celebrate our Elders' birthdays and acknowledge anniversaries in a group celebration, usually on the 3rd Wednesday of the month. The birthdays we observed during the months of January, February and March include: Lewis Ketchum, Bucky Buck, Judy Dull, Rosie Ladd, Gilbert Watters, John Sumpter, Barbara Johnson, Paula Pechonick, Jack Tatum, and Bonnie Jo Griffith. If this list does not include your

name, let me know and it will be corrected, or let us add you! With that in mind, you are again cordially invited to become part of our Elder Nutrition program. Remarkably, Lewis Ketchum is a regular participant in our Monday, Wednesday and Friday Elder Exercise program and just turned 101 years young in January! Mr. Ketchum is an example to all of us involved with this program. I must also mention Gilbert and Mary Watters celebrated their 63rd wedding anniversary in March! In future articles, we will acknowledge these milestones and honor the good works and accomplishments of our Elders.

In response to the job announcements listed in our January edition, the Kitchen Assistant position has been filled. Mary (Lucy) Young, a Delaware tribal member, has assumed that role and we are enjoying working with her. She has been involved in a variety of duties and has certainly accepted the challenge with a good attitude and smile on her face. Our Elders have been very receptive and kind to Lucy, as they continue to become acquainted.

The Kitchen Staff continually strives to provide a healthy, nutritious and tasty lunch. We pride ourselves on the fresh daily Salad Bar and regularly look to add items to enhance your meal. That is where your individual support and donations go, to help us maintain those fresh items on a daily basis.

Finally, we hope to provide our Delaware Tribe a resource guide of services as it is currently being designed to go to publication in the very near future. Our Elder Nutrition program is an excellent way to keep up with what is going on within our Tribe. Come join us! Wanishi

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Bonnie Thaxton
with Chief Bill
John Baker in the
Community Center
dining room.

Lenape Language Preservation Project

Jim Rementer

The DEL grant from the National Science Foundation has enabled us to continue making improvements to the Lenape Talking Dictionary. Our one-year grant was extended to two years.

In addition to making improvements to the Lenape Talking Dictionary we have continued to add words, sentences, and entries in the Stories section. Two newest additions in the stories section are *Nsükwis Nshinkalükw* (My Mother-in-Law Hates Me), told by Martha Ellis of Anadarko, and *Tam Tulpe*, the Lenape version of the song Tom Dooley, translated by Nora Thompson Dean about 1963.

To view the Talking Dictionary, go to:

<http://talk-lenape.com> ■

Wellness Center

Mickey Morrison

With spring upon us, 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 with their tribal membership cards. For all other tribes its \$10 with their membership cards. For all non-Indians it is \$20 or \$2 per visit. There are free weights, an elliptical, and an exercise bike. For those that are interested, we have a therapy pool with water kept at 90 degrees to work out your sore muscles. We also have a licensed Massage Therapist, Cassie Brown, who is taking new clients. The cost is \$25 for a half-hour or \$45 for a hour.

The Wellness Center hours are 8:00am-8:00pm Monday thru Friday and 9:00am-1:00pm Saturdays.

For more information call the main number at (918) 337-8590.

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



Elder chair exercise
program is held three
times weekly in the
Dining Hall.

History of the Delaware Powwow

By Catherine Monck

The history of the Delaware Tribe of Indians is a rich and interesting one. Although the history of the tribe goes back hundreds of years, it is common to begin discussion around the time of colonization. The 1737 Walking Purchase began a long period of great distrust between the Tribe and the U.S. Government. Eventually the Delaware Tribe was forced to move until many settled in Oklahoma, where many offices are kept in Bartlesville.

Despite the rough history of the Tribe, there is still much reason for joy and celebration of a culture that has managed to live on and thrive. This brings us to the Delaware Powwow. A Powwow is generally a large gathering of people that includes dancing, sometimes competitively, traditional jewelry, art, and food. Sometimes Powwows are also held to discuss matters of the Tribe.

The most exciting part of a Powwow is probably the dancing. It offers a very real and vivid display of how tradition has been passed through so many generations. The main instrument used is the water drum and it is played by the main singer. This drum was traditionally made from a hollowed out log, which had a bit of water inside to help create resonance, and then covered with an animal hide. Now the drum has evolved to be made from an iron kettle. The other main instruments are generally rattles, which are often made out of gourds. Usually these instruments are played during social dances. Most of these dances are performed moving counter-clockwise, with many repetitions. An interesting part of the history of the music and

dances is that some of them have also been passed to other tribes. Some of these dances are performed differently in the tribes they were passed to, but it goes to show how kind the Delaware Tribe was/is.

At Powwows one can also find traditional art. It once again reiterates the passing on of tradition within the tribe. It was quite common for the Delaware to make pipes and ornaments from copper. As many other Native American Tribes, the Delaware made pottery for basic purposes such as holding corn, beans, or tobacco. Beads are also a popular item to be made, which can obviously build on many other things including jewelry or decorating clothing. The making of moccasins has also been very important for the Delaware Tribe. These moccasins are often decorated with beads that are also made within the Tribe. It all makes for a beautiful display of great craftsmanship that helps bring practices of the past to the more modern-day Powwow.

Finally, the food. No Powwow would be complete without frybread, corn soup, and even maybe a deer pie for the more adventurous. My mother has made frybread for me from a traditional recipe multiple times, and I absolutely love it. Frybread is good by itself or with jam, butter, etc. on top. While it is quite a basic dish, the simplicity does not make it any less delicious. Corn soup is another traditional food that may be found at a Powwow. Another simple recipe, it pairs quite nicely with frybread and can be made in large amounts to accommodate for the crowd at a Powwow. Then the deer pie. One can imagine

how the members of the Tribe in the past hunted down deer and then used the meat for pie, and the hides for drums, moccasins, or clothing. While slightly more complex, it is once again another hearty dish that compliments the atmosphere of a lively Powwow.

In the end, many of the traditions that are found in Powwows of the past can be found today. The lively dancing, beautiful art and craftsmanship, and the hearty food all contribute to the atmosphere that is uniquely that of a Powwow. I am quite glad that we are able to pass down these traditions of our Tribe to other generations. It is always very important to reflect on where we came from, and where we are going now. A Powwow is a perfect example of how tradition has managed to live on and thrive in the modern world.

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THE DELAWARE INDIAN NEWS ANNOUNCES FIRST ESSAY WINNER

Congratulations to Catherine Monck, tribal member from Lexington, Kentucky on being our first winner in the essay contest for our youth. A \$100 gift will be in the mail very soon to Catherine, and all other youth who sent in essays will be receiving \$25 checks.

Her essay is reprinted on the left.

ABOUT THE ESSAY CONTEST

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 published 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.

Please send essays to arrive no later than the deadline to:

bgriffith@delawaretribe.org

or

Delaware Tribe of Indians
Attn: Asst Chief Bonnie Jo Griffith
5100 E. Tuxedo Blvd
Bartlesville, OK 74006 ■

HELP RE-ELECT CHIEF BILL JOHN BAKER AND DEPUTY CHIEF S. JOE CRITTENDEN



The Cherokee Nation and the Delaware Tribe worked together to maintain the Delaware's federal recognition and promote joint efforts to help tribal citizens.

Chief Baker supported a donation to the Elder Nutrition Program helping to ensure the health and well being of Delaware Elders. Chief Baker and Deputy Chief Crittenden look forward to working with the Delaware Tribe and its leaders to create economic development opportunities and develop a plan that will allow each Delaware citizen to proudly display a car tag.

These efforts display the support and dedication that Chief Baker and Deputy Crittenden's administration has in assisting the Delaware Tribe so they thrive and are successful.

VOTE JUNE 27TH OR VOTE BY ABSENTEE BALLOT

Learn how to vote by absentee ballot by calling 918-431-9993 or visit votebilljohnbaker.com

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Community

Housing Dept Donates Riding Mower

The Delaware Tribe Housing Department recently donated a riding lawn mower to the L.B. Ketchum Youth Sports Center, home of the Boys & Girls Club of Chelsea.



Standing (l-r) members of the B&G Club Board of Directors Debbie Hoskins, Lindsey Harris, Nicky Harris, April Lockhart, Sarah Smith, Emily Copeland; (seated l-r) Housing Director Ron Scott and Chief Chet Brooks.

Lewis Ketchum, age 100, Delaware Tribe, still drives and participates in tribal activities

AARP Website, posted January 16, 2014

Lewis Ketchum—Delaware Tribe—a revered elder who, at the age of 100, continues to live alone, drives and participates in the tribal work-out program three times a week, Mr. Ketchum was chosen elder of the year by the tribe in 2009. He attended Chilocco Indian School and worked in the engineering department of Reda Pump Company for 42 years.



Two of Mr. Ketchum's sons – the late Lewis B. Ketchum and Dee Ketchum – served as Chiefs of the Delaware Tribe. His daughter-in-law now serves on the tribal council. In addition, he has one daughter, Pat Donnell.

See more at: <http://states.aarp.org/aarp-oklahoma-indian-navigator/>.

Congratulations to Hayden Griffith

Congratulations to Delaware Tribal Member Hayden Griffith on signing her Letter of Intent with Coffeyville Community College to play softball during the 2015-16 school year. Hayden is presently a senior at Caney Valley High School, Ramona, Oklahoma. In addition to softball, she is also on the Superintendent's Honor Roll, has been past Powwow Princess for Oklahoma Indian Summer, and past Princess for the Delaware War Mothers. Hayden is the daughter of Tribal Member Lisa Griffith and granddaughter of Assistant Chief Bonnie Jo Griffith.



Seated left to right, Lisa Griffith, Hayden Griffith, Caney Valley High School Coach Bryan Gardner; standing left to right, CCC Assistant Coach Shiloh Blockburger, CCC Head Coach Tamika Harrel, CVHS Assistant Corey Shivel.

Delaware War Mothers Crown New Princess

The Delaware War Mothers crowned a new Princess on November 7, 2014 during a ceremony honoring our Veterans. Skye Elizabeth Scimeca will represent the Delaware War Mothers for the next two years. Skye is the daughter of Bill Scimeca and the late Sarah Elizabeth Scimeca. She attends school in Caney, Kansas and is very active attending church, participating at powwows, showing at livestock shows, and enjoying time at the lake. Skye is the sister of Anna Scimeca and Beau Scimeca. She is also the granddaughter of Jack and Laura Maynor and the great-granddaughter of tribal elder Mary Watters and her husband Gilbert. The outgoing Princess Hayden Griffith crowned Skye before lunch at the Veterans Lunch. The Delaware War Mothers thank Hayden for the effort she made this past two years and look forward to Skye as their new Princess. ■



Obituaries



Kenneth L. Adams, Jr.

January 31, 1948-
January 25, 2015

Kenneth L. Adams, Jr., age 66, long time Wellington resident, passed away January 25, 2015 at Sumner Regional Medical Center in Wellington. Kenny was a brakeman/conductor with Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad where he retired after 38 years of service.

Kenny was born on January 31, 1948 in Liberal, KS to Kenneth L. Adams, Sr. and Beverly Jean (Hall) Adams. He was raised in Liberal and graduated from McPherson High School with the Class of 1966. He attended Hutchinson Junior College for one year. He then served for three years with the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam War from 1967 to 1970. He served two tours in Vietnam earning two Purple Hearts and the Bronze Star.

He married Cindy K. Deschaine, the love of his life, on July 4, 1969 at St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Wellington.

He enjoyed everything to do with his grandkids, gardening, and being outside. He was an avid Crusader fan.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and one brother, Steven.

Survivors include his wife of 45 years, Cindy Adams of Wellington; three children, Eric Adams and his wife Coni, Kelly Adams and his wife Daphne, and Mandy Thomson and her husband Shawn, all of Wellington; two sisters, Marsha Blackwell and Melissa Brooks and her husband Gene, all of Bartlesville, OK; eight grandchildren, Erianne, Peyton, Madison, Jaden, Mekenna, Kade Adams, Addi and Gracie Thomson; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Rosary was held at St. Anthony-St. Rose Catholic Church on Wednesday, January 28, 2015 at 7:00 P.M.

Mass of Christian Burial was held at St. Anthony-St. Rose Catholic Church on Thursday, January 29, 2015 at 10:00 A.M. Father Dwight Birket and Father Andrew J. Seiler officiated. Interment followed the service at Prairie Lawn Cemetery in Wellington.

Visitation was held at the funeral home on Tuesday, January 27, 2015 from 1:00-8:00 P.M. The family was present to greet friends from 6:00-8:00 P.M.

Memorials have been established with the Avenue of Flags and WHS.CC Scholarships in lieu of flowers. Contributions can be left at the funeral home.

Frank Funeral Home has been entrusted with the arrangements. ■



Michael DeWayne Bradshaw

March 24, 1973-
January 15, 2015

Michael DeWayne Bradshaw passed from this life Wednesday, January 14, 2015 in Washington County. He was born

March 24, 1973, to Larry Bradshaw and Glenna (Allen) Hash, in Claremore, Oklahoma. He was educated in the Nowata schools. Michael enjoyed swimming, camping, listening to music and the CB scanner. He also enjoyed working on cars and working at D and L Tire shop. He was married to Kristi Still in Miami, Oklahoma in 1993. They had a son, Derick. Michael loved his family very much. He loved spending time with them as well as his friends. He was always helping others and was a very caring and kind person. Michael will be missed by all who knew him.

Preceding Michael in death are his maternal grandparents, Corky and Lois Allen, his paternal grandparents, Al and Audrey Bradshaw, and a sister Carla Shakleford.

Survivors include his parents, Glenna and Timmy of Nowata; his father, Larry Bradshaw of Chelsea, Oklahoma; former spouse, Kristi Still; a son, Derick DeWayne Bradshaw and partner Taneshia Hicks of Oklahoma City; siblings, David Bradshaw and partner Carrie of Hop Bottom, Pennsylvania, Daniel Currie of Manhattan, Kansas, Lorie Sellers and husband David of Nowata, Tara Rexwinkle and husband David of South Coffeyville, Oklahoma, Donna Roeder and husband Seth of Nowata; grandfather, Hugh Hash; thirteen nieces and nephews with two more on the way; a very special aunt, Mary Brown; very special friends, Gary, Dean and Susie Scharosch; many other relatives and a host of friends. ■



Wadie Lee Elam

October 17, 1957-
January 8, 2015

Wadie Lee Elam, born Oct. 17, 1957 in Bartlesville,

OK, after an extended illness was peacefully welcomed into heaven Jan. 8, 2015 along with his parents William & Ellen Elam and brother Mike Elam, all of Bartlesville, OK. He was a longtime resident of Huffman, TX. He was an Electrician for 40 years, last serving the City of Houston Airport System. He enjoyed fishing and other activities with his family. He is survived by his loving wife of 34 years Ketra Elam, two sons Lawrence Donnie Elam and Wadie Wayne Elam, mother-in-law Labeta Metzger, all of Huffman, TX, father-in-law Richard Bennett and wife Glenda of Victoria, TX, a sister Shasta Parvulescu and husband Mike of Lakeland, FL, a brother Bill Elam and wife Kathy of Huffman, TX, brother in laws Mike Bennett and wife Kathy of Huffman, TX and Charles Bennett and wife Dawn of Liberty, TX, and numerous other relatives and friends.

See more at: http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/lake_houston/obituary.aspx?n=wadie-lee-elam&pid=173821385#sthash.LNE4iB7Z.dpuf



Jacquelyn Kay Johnson

April 16, 1945-
April 6, 2014

Jacquelyn Kay Johnson, 68, of Coffeyville passed away Sunday, April 6, 2014 at Coffeyville Regional Medical Center.

She was born April 16, 1945 at Coffeyville to Pauline Journey-cake. Kay grew up and attended school at Coffeyville, graduating from Field Kindley High School.

She married Bill Monk, he preceded her in death.

Kay married William G. Johnson and they were later divorced.

Kay worked at City Publishing, Sherwood's Restaurant, and Wig's Cafe, all in Independence. She was employed by the Union Pacific Railroad in St. Louis, MO as a Clerk and later at North Platte, NE as a yard driver.

She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Coffeyville.

Survivors include one daughter, Stacie Dawn Moore of O'Fallon, IL; one sister, Barbara Davis of Coffeyville; two grandchildren, Jordan Moore and Stellyn Moore both of O'Fallon, IL; one niece Kayla S. Alstatt and husband Kendall of Seymour, IN; and one nephew, Darrin D. Davis and wife Jennifer of Coffeyville.

She was preceded in death by her mother, and one brother-in-law, Don D. Davis.

Graveside services were held at 2:00 p.m., Friday, April 11, 2014 at the Robbins Cemetery west of Coffeyville with Dr. J. Dean McNamara of the First Baptist Church officiating.

Friends were able to call on Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the David W. Barnes Funeral Home in Coffeyville. The family received friends on Thursday from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the funeral home.

The family suggests memorials to the Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation, or American Diabetes Assoc.; contributions may be left with the funeral home or mailed c/o David W. Barnes Funeral Home, 306 North Cline Road, Coffeyville, KS 67337.

See more at: http://dwbfh.com/tribute/details/446/Jacquelyn_Kay_Johnson/obituary.html#sthash.096uWYUQ.dpuf

Obituaries (cont'd)



Edna Sue Sears

April 5, 1945-
November 7, 2014

Edna Sue Sears, 69-year-old Vinita resident, passed away on Friday, November 7, 2014 in Butler, Missouri. She was born on April 5, 1945 in White Oak to Eben and Elvina (Hill) Brown.

Sue graduated from White Oak High School in 1963. She married Lowell V. Sears on May 21, 1968 in Joplin, Missouri. Sue was a member of the White Oak Baptist Church and worked many years for the Eaton Corporation in the shipping and packing department. She enjoyed sewing, crocheting, quilting, embroidery, cooking and most of all her family.

The family includes: her husband, Lowell of the home; children, Jerry Sears and wife Lana of Claremore, Mike Sears of Welch, Jim Sears and wife Melinda of Vinita, Shawn Maple and husband Dustin of Chelsea; sisters, Carolyn Smith of Vinita, Mary Lynn

Wadley of Claremore; brothers, Eben Brown, Jr. of Claremore, Edward Eugene Brown of Vinita; thirteen grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

The family received friends from 6-8 PM Tuesday, November 11, 2014 at the Luginbuel Funeral Home.

The funeral was held on Wednesday, at 2:00 PM in the White Oak Baptist Church, with Pastor Leland Bartlett officiating. Interment followed at the Fairview Cemetery in Vinita. Online condolences can be made at www.honoringmemories.com. Arrangements are by the Luginbuel Funeral Home of Vinita. ■

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

Outreach Events, Repatriation and Culture Camp Ahead

Brice Obermeyer

Delaware Tribe Historic Preservation Office

With Spring finally here our office is pleased to share our progress on several important projects and upcoming events. Since our last update we have been involved in a few outreach events. The first was a presentation at the Mid-Atlantic Archaeological Conference on the work we have been doing with museums and archaeologists at Abbott Farm National Historic Landmark. Our presentations focused on presenting the case for culturally affiliating the Abbott Farm complex with the Delaware using multiple lines of evidence, including evidence obtained from archaeology and oral traditions. The second was the publication of our work on correctly identifying Delaware funerary

objects in an upcoming issue of *North American Archaeologist*. These research-oriented events were capped off with a screening of the movie *The Canary Effect* on the Emporia State University campus. Tribal Manager Curtis Zunigha and Historic Preservation Director Brice Obermeyer served as the screening panelists and discussed the documentary's presentation of Native American history with ESU students and faculty. All events were well attended and the publication received two positive reviews. Hopefully this work will help raise awareness about Delaware and Native American heritage in the different states and communities with which we share a common interest.

There has also been steady progress in our effort to rebury the Chambers Site collection. This 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. All three Delaware tribes (Delaware Tribe, Delaware Nation and Stockbridge Munsee) have signed and delivered a request letter to transfer control of the collection from the Carnegie Museum and the State Museum of Pennsylvania to the tribes. Once the museums formally transfer control

Check Out the Tribal Web Site

Have you visited our Tribe's web site recently?

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

www.delawaretribe.org

Ohio University Offers Scholarship Program Just for Native Americans

Rankin Scholars Program is a four-year renewable scholarship just for Native Americans.

For more information, contact the Ohio University Office of Multicultural Student Access and Retention:

<http://www.ohio.edu/omsar/>

Tribal Seal Protection Ordinance

On March 17, 2015, the Delaware Tribe of Indians adopted a tribal seal protection ordinance in order to: (1) identify the Tribal Seal of the Delaware Tribe of Indians; (2) set forth authorized uses of the Tribal Seal; and (3) provide a procedure under tribal law for the authorization of acceptable uses of the Tribal Seal.

To view the ordinance, visit the tribe's web page at:

www.delawaretribe.org

The ordinance is listed under the "Documents" tab.

of the remains we will apply for NAGPRA funding to help with the reburial of the remains which we hope to take place at Schoenbrunn Historic Village at some point this summer or early fall.

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.

Along with these events and planned repatriations, we are equally excited that plans continue to develop for the 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. Participants will not only learn about important historic and natural resources in the park but will also visit museums and historic Delaware sites outside the park. The camp will be supported by National Park Service 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 if you are interested in having your high school aged child participate in the upcoming culture camp. ■

Minutes of the Tribal Council, January-February 2015

Tuesday, Jan 6, 2015 Community Center

Respectfully submitted by Nicky Kay Michael, Ph.D, Tribal Council Secretary.

Called to Order: 5:37
Prayer: Nathan Young

Attendance

Chief Chet Brooks, Assistant Chief Bonnie Jo Griffith, Secretary Nicky Kay Michael, Treasurer Benita Shea, Member Annette Ketchum, Member Nate Young, Member Michelle Holley.

Approve Agenda

Councilman Young motions to approve agenda.
Councilwoman Shea seconds.
All in favor.

Approve Minutes

MINUTES FROM OCT. 23RD REGULAR TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING

Councilwoman Griffith motions to approve Oct 23rd minutes as written.
Councilwoman Michael seconds.
All in favor.

MINUTES FROM DEC. 1, SPECIAL TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING

Councilman Young motions to approve Dec. 1 Special Meeting minutes.
Councilwoman Griffith provides an edit for the adjourn time, from 5:46 to 6:46 and motions to approve minutes as corrected.
Councilman Young seconds.
All in favor.

Unfinished Business

TIM HOUSEBERG, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Tim states we have taken steps to prepare ourselves for our first opportunity:
1. GAP, DCAA Accounting system with Jean Lewis

2. Along with Michael Taylor, Personnel and HR for the Tahkox e2
3. Payroll, benefits, etc

Nancy Sumpter asked for confirmation that even though this is a separate business, the LLC is still under the Tribe.

Mr. Houseberg states, Yes.

Councilwoman Ketchum asks about the sub-leasing in Guam.

Mr. Houseberg says yes, we have found a landlord to work with us on a monthly basis. Attorney David McCullough is reviewing a lease agreement for \$350/month.

Joe Brooks asks if the check signers will be in OK and who will be the signatories. Also asks if we will be receiving monthly reports.

Mr. Houseberg responds that we will be receiving bi-monthly reports.

Hydroponics: Thank you letter was sent and there is potential for a visit. He did a background check on the people and business proposal. He also checked with US foods for potential of product use in our area. Next opening for a facility will be in March and we would like to send a delegation to South Carolina to visit.

Domicile: In December, the Tribe authorized 26 Corporations and LLCs for a net profit \$12,500 for the month. The year total net was \$39,878. Between Jan 1 and March 31 all those companies will either renew or go elsewhere.

Chief Brooks: asks about a projection of renewals.

Mr. Houseberg says we can expect a net profit of \$27,500 in renewals of the existing businesses.

New Business

DISABILITY PARKING

Nancy Sumpter asks if we can repaint the lines on the parking lot outside the offices and Community Center because people are parking in handicapped spots. Tribal

Manager Zunigha states that as soon as we can (ideally when it's warmed up) and reminded people to only use handicapped spots if they have a sticker. This is a problem for our Elders and disabled, so he asks people be respectful.

RESOLUTION 2015-01— APPROVE TAHKOX E2 OPERATING AGREEMENT

Councilwoman Griffith motions to approve.

Councilman Young seconds.
All in favor.

RESOLUTION 2015-02—To SUSPEND THE CHARTER OF THE DELAWARE ENTERPRISE AUTHORITY (DEA)

Councilwoman Griffith.

Councilwoman Holley seconds
Discussion revolved around whether this would interfere with our River Trails Contract.

4 in favor
1 abstention (Shea)
1 opposed (Ketchum)

Councilwoman Griffith motions for a 5 minute break.

Councilwoman Michael seconds.
All in favor.
Break begins 6:35

Meeting resumes 6:45

RESOLUTION 2015-03— APPROVING THE AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT THE 2015 INDIAN HOUSING PLAN TO HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

Councilwoman Michael moves to approve.

Councilwoman Holley seconds.

Curtis explains he and Ron Scott are available with a budget for any questions because the due date is January 15th.

All in favor.

RESOLUTION 2015-04—To ASSIGN SIGNATURES TO THE DEA FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS

Councilman Young moves to approve.

Councilwoman Shea seconds.
6 in favor
1 abstention (Ketchum)

Titus Frenchman: Asks for an audit of the land purchase in Lawrence, Kansas.

RESOLUTION 2015-05—To TERMINATE THE EXISTENCE OF THE LENAPE TRIBE OF INDIANS (LTI) ENTERPRISES, LLC.

Councilman Young moves to approve.

Councilwoman Griffith seconds.

Councilwoman Ketchum asks for clarification. She thought it had already been terminated. Jean confirms that there is no paperwork confirming this. Further she states there was not just lack of paperwork, LTI has not been terminated.

All in favor.

RESOLUTION 2015-06—To ADOPT A PERSONNEL POLICY FOR TAHKOX E2

Councilwoman Griffith moves to approve.

Councilwoman Shea seconds.
All in favor.

Nancy Sumpter requests a meeting with the Personnel Committee.

Councilwoman Holley invites her to the Personnel meeting held on Wednesdays at 5:30.

RESOLUTION 2015-07—To APPOINT CHIEF, ASSISTANT CHIEF AND TREASURER AS THE ONLY SIGNATURE AUTHORITY ON ALL OF THE TAHKOX E2 ACCOUNTS

Councilman Young moves to approve.

Councilwoman Shea seconds.
All in favor.

To APPOINT TIM HOUSEBERG THE LIAISON FOR RIVER TRAILS

Councilwoman Griffith moves to approve effective immediately.

Councilman Young seconds.

Nancy Sumpter asks if he is getting paid one for the current position and additionally from River Trails.

Councilman Young clarifies he is not getting paid currently and now this will be payment from River Trails.

Joe Brooks, from the Personnel Committee objects to the Tribal Council from passing the motion—that River Trails advances the money to the Tribe and therefore it is tribal monies. That would make it a tribal personnel decision.

Titus Frenchman is recognized and asks (for the third or fourth time) for detailed information on the land purchase in Lawrence.

6 in favor
1 abstention (Michael)

GRAND GATEWAY APPOINTMENT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

Rick Barnes attends every one of their meetings. Is it appropriate as a Judge? Majority of Tribal Council deems appropriate.

Councilman Young nominates Rick Barnes to have one of our members sit on their Board.

Councilwoman Michael seconds.
All in favor.

Other New Business

Joe Brooks: Tribal members would like to fish in our pond. Winter time is the ideal time to stock the pond. We've been requested to inquire of Fish and Wildlife to stock the pond.

Councilwoman Griffith motions to find out the answer.

Councilman Young seconds.
All in favor.

Former DFMS Director allegedly traded in the tribal vehicle (Lincoln) for a personal vehicle (Ford Edge)

The missing vehicle under DFMS was retrieved by track-

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ing it down to the Auto Dealers in Kansas, who provided the documentation that the tribal titled Lincoln was traded in for another vehicle (titled under his personal name) and this trade in vehicle was in the possession of the former DFMS Director, Jim Creed. One of the two keys is still missing. A lawn mower was also bought with DFMS funds but is not in our inventory.

Joe Brooks is recognized. Speaking as one tribal member, this has been going on for years and years. All the previous Tribal Councils ignored it. You all (the Tribal Council) should hold anyone accountable who commits fraud by trading in a tribal vehicle for a personal vehicle; he “demands” it.

Councilwoman Griffith responds that she is also going to go through all the Lowes receipts and reconcile the purchases with our inventory.

Judge Randall also believes the Tribal Council needs to take action.

The Tribal Council asked those present in the room to raise their hand if they wanted the Tribal Council to pursue legal action.

Councilwoman Griffith motions to proceed with legal action against Jim Creed.

Councilwoman Michael seconds.

Chief Brooks comments that the U.S. attorney has already been notified.

All in favor.

ESSAY CONTEST FOR YOUTH

Councilwoman Griffith proposed an essay contest for youth. Each month youth can submit an essay regarding a specific aspect of Delaware history. Winners will have their essay in the Delaware Indian News.

Councilman Young motions to approve.

Councilwoman Michael seconds.

All in favor.

Joe Brooks announces that the Elders and Culture Preservation

Committee are hosting a Stomp Dance on February 14th, starting at 4 pm. Councilwoman Griffith adds to this that the War Mothers are also having a Garage Sale and Bake Sale followed by a Bean Lunch.

Councilwoman Griffith motions to adjourn.

Councilwoman Michael seconds.

All in favor.

Motion to adjourn 7:45

Tuesday, Jan 20, 2015 Community Center

Respectfully submitted by Nicky Kay Michael, Ph.D, Tribal Council Secretary.

Called to Order: 5:37

Prayer: Mary Watters

Attendance

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

Approve Agenda

Councilman Young moves.

Councilwoman Griffith seconds.

All in favor.

MINUTES FROM DECEMBER 15, 2014

Councilwoman Ketchum corrects spelling of names and Councilwoman Griffith suggests removal of a repetitive word.

Councilwoman Griffith moves to approve.

Councilman Young seconds.

All in favor.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Councilwoman Shea moves to approve pending audit.

Councilman Young seconds.

All in favor.

Unfinished Business

REPORTS

Audience requests Environmental Director to Report.

Jimmie Johnson, Director, is currently working on the GAP grant, which funds his program. The funding level has dropped two thousand dollars from the previous year. We are currently working on energy efficiency projects and the grant would continue this work. Other work:

1. He is continuing the recycling program.
2. Waiting on negotiations with mining companies to offset the costs for the National Zinc site.

Mr. Houseberg asks if there are any grants to train in Environmental positions. Mr. Johnson has identified one for which there is a no cost share and would include job training. He wants to speak with Councilwoman Michael about it.

Joe Brooks asks if we have turned the pond over to the Environmental Program.

TIM HOUSEBERG, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Continuation from last month's meeting of developing the GAP accounting system. The policy and procedures were adopted last month and are now implemented in the hiring package.

Continued to research the hydroponics proposal and he is very confident in their credibility.

Domicile is on track to profit \$27,500.

Questions were from audience about Hydroponics.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Would like to add Tribal Operations Manager, Curtis Zunigha.

Anticipate being done with the Personnel policies by early March.

Sue Cade asks: Are you using federal guidelines? Answer yes.

Councilman Young motions to add Tribal Operations Manager to the Personnel Committee.

Councilwoman Shea seconds
All in favor

TRIBAL OPERATIONS MANAGER, CURTIS ZUNIGHA

The bulk of his activities has been to shut down DFMS.

He is also working with the accounting department to develop accounting and management as a tool for the staff.

Additionally working with staff to set up Tahkox e2, with offices set up in the Caney building.

We submitted our Indian Housing Plan on the 15th. We will need public input for the final draft for which we will need resolutions (1) for Elders rehab and (2) for opening and closing costs for new buyers.

Went to Emporia Kansas on January 9th to visit with our NAGPRA officer, who is getting ready to apply for a Repatriation grant.

He is going up to Lawrence to visit property and a move-out inspection on January 30th. Dr. Nicky Michael, Benita Shea, and Michelle Holley are planning to go with him.

Had a meeting with Sherry Ratcliff from Delaware Child Care, who will be implementing an ICDBG grant. We can look forward to monthly reports.

Councilwoman Holley requests him to describe the handling of the move-out of the Election Board office. He assured no elected representative was anywhere near this office or material during the time.

Susan Cade asks if the Lawrence property was still under LTI Enterprises?

Councilman Young responds stating that LTI has been suspended and yes, the property was bought under LTI. The property is now in the name of the Tribe.

She also wants to know how much are the taxes? Councilman Young responds that it is really surprisingly low—about a sixth of our Caney property. Jean believes they were less than \$3k.

Joe Brooks checked with Prudential Insurance regarding the pond and any liability. Regardless of whether we stock it with fish, we have to carry liability

because anyone could drown. There is a drain pipe broke off inside the dam and it needs to be fixed. Councilwoman Holley asks him to email this information to the Tribal Council.

Nancy Sumpter asks about the Child Care ICDBG grant. The Child Care continues to build these buildings, is the Tribe getting anything out of this.

Mr. Zunigha states we are getting the grant, \$800k.

Ms. Sumpter is asking about revenue from the Child Care, not the grant.

Mr. Zunigha: No, we are not revenue sharing.

Joe Brooks wants to know why we are not charging a lease on any of her buildings? She pays utilities.

Verna Artherton asks if there is any Delaware preference for the kids?

Councilwoman Michael said no. While as a tribal member and someone who needed child care, she didn't appreciate the use of the Delaware name, but at the same time, when we lost our federal recognition, the Child Care had to form a non-profit to stay in business.

Councilwoman Griffith states that she would be willing to come in and look at the Child Care financials for answers.

Jean cautions if we do not have a service area to be able to place child care back under the Tribe. The allocation would be approximately \$2k as opposed to obtaining \$1.5 million as is.

Councilwoman Griffith motions for a 10 minute break.

Councilwoman Michael seconds.

All in favor.

RETURN OF TRIBAL ASSETS

Councilwoman Griffith will file a “Writ of Replevin,” an order to return the Surface Pro from Ms. Jenifer Pechonick.

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Councilman Nate Young has talked to the FBI. He can't say more because this is an open case.

New Business

RESOLUTION 2015-08 —To ADOPT A VOLUNTARY COMPLIANCE AGREEMENT WITH HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HUD) FOR NON-DISCRIMINATION

Councilwoman Griffith moves to approve.

Councilwoman Michael seconds.

All in favor.

RESOLUTION 2015-09 —To AUTHORIZING THE REDEMPTION OF THE CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$344,444.65 TO PAY THE LINE OF CREDIT AT BANKFIRST

Councilwoman Griffith motions to approve.

Councilman Young seconds.

Susan Cade is recognized. She asks why we are putting the remainder in the General Fund and why not back into a CD to draw interest? Also is this the line of credit DFMS used for their operation and we are having to repay out of our CD.

Councilwoman Griffith answers: Yes this is the DFMS line of credit. We have paid more than \$47,000 of their bills and we are still no done—There are still outstanding bills.

Verna Crawford asks if we can sue any of the individual members at DFMS?

Councilman Young says yes, but there really is nothing we could collect.

All in favor.

RESOLUTION 2015-10 —To APPOINT JIMMIE JOHNSON TO THE MANAGER OF TAHKOX E2

Councilwoman Griffith moves to approve.

Councilman Young seconds.

All in favor.

Other New Business

The Tribal Council met with the Cherokee Nation last week and we are possibly pursuing Delaware car tags. Councilwoman Griffith has a mock-up of this.

Susan Cade asks if there has been any movement in developing relations with the Delaware Nation, perhaps an invite to the Valentines dance.

Chief Brooks responds that they were just here today and an invite will be sent to them.

Councilwoman Griffith motion to adjourn.

Councilwoman Michael seconds.

All in favor.

Adjourns: 7:57

Tuesday, Feb 3, 2015 Community Center

Respectfully submitted by Nicky Kay Michael, Ph.D, Tribal Council Secretary.

Called to Order: 5:34

Prayer: Bonnie Thaxton

Attendance

Chief Chet Brooks, Assistant Chief Bonnie Jo Griffith, Secretary Nicky Michael, Treasurer Benita Shea, Councilwoman Annette Ketchum.

Councilwoman Griffith motions to excuse Nate Young's absence due to illness.

Councilwoman Shea seconds.

All in favor.

Welcome guests. Cherokee Representative Dick Lay is attending and wants to address the new Tribal Council.

Approve Agenda

Councilwoman Griffith moves to approve.

Councilwoman Michael seconds.

All in favor.

Approve Minutes

Councilwoman Michael moves to table the minutes.

Councilwoman Shea seconds.

All in favor.

Unfinished Business

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Tim Houseberg absent

Jimmie Johnson updating on Tahkox e2:

Business Licensing completing in Guam, Mike Taylor and Jean Lewis working on Personnel and DCA Accounting and payroll system.

Chief Brooks reported on the Tribal Council meeting with the BIA in Miami. We met with Paul Yates. An additional \$40k will be added to the amount we are supposed to be able to draw down shortly -- for a total of \$470k. The other issue was that we are still waiting on Carciery decision before the Solicitor makes any decision about putting the Caney land into trust.

Titus Frenchman asks for a report on the land in Kansas: what will it be used for and why did we purchase it? How did we purchase this land with only two signatures on a check? He says he understands several of members went to see the property.

Secretary Michael responds that several Tribal Council members have examined the notebook for any proprietary information and found none. The notebook is available for review under the Freedom of Information Act. He can look at it right after the meeting if he desires.

Tribal Operations Manager states that the staff will need a few days to scan the documents and upload it to the Tribe's web site and it will be available to all tribal members.

Councilwoman Shea and Councilwoman Michael report on their observations of the land and home. The land was in a good location and the house was very nice. Brian Pine explained that the land is in a 500 year flood zone with one corner being a 100 year flood zone. The land is a sod farm and the lease assists to pay for the home expenses.

John Sumpter strongly encourages the Tribal Council to re-

search sod farming and the land being in the direct line of a flight path. The sod farm could bring us a slow and steady stream of income IF we do our research. Housing would be difficult due to being near an airport.

New Business

RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AND SIGN A LETTER OF INTENT WITH THE DENNIS GROUP, LLC

Councilwoman Griffith motions to approve.

The Letter is not attached.

Councilwoman Ketchum states we need to table this until we can discuss the letter.

Chief Brooks wants to know what there is to discuss; there is a group who wants to merely talk to us about trash to energy and possibly gaming outside of the state of Kansas.

Councilwoman Michael motions to table the Resolution.

Councilwoman Shea seconds.

5 in favor, 1 opposed (Brooks)

PROVISIONS FOR TRIBAL SEAL PROTECTION ORDINANCE

Secretary Michael explains that we are seeking to provide protections for our Tribe's seal. Currently, we have come to understand that we do not have any protections. This means that anyone can use our seal with or without our permission and it is generally good business practice and good governance to protect your tribal property. As such, we asked Amanda Proctor, the Tribal Attorney to draft an ordinance. It is just in draft form now. This would give the provisions for people/organizations to obtain permission to use the seal but also how we can keep it from unlawful use. For instance, this may include somebody claiming to be Delaware governance status when they are not—hiding behind certain social media. Other examples could be groups in the east claiming to be Delaware using our seal to "validate" their claim. Cherokee Nation has a strong ordinance

against any misuse or illegal activity regarding their seal, as do most Tribes.

Councilwoman Shea adds that this would not prohibit tribal members from reproducing the seal for personal use or as gifts. The point being if you want to wear the seal, put on your car or tattoo on your body, that is perfectly fine.

Beau Watt is recognized. He wants to know why all of a sudden the Tribal Council wants this Ordinance now. Tribal Council members take turns responding to his inquiries.

Councilwoman Griffith proposes that we have a second time of year for which we can have a General Council. She suggests the Pow Wow but most state that this would not happen due to the high activity levels and couldn't occur at the powwow grounds—no politics at the Pow wow.

Councilwoman Griffith inquires about working cameras for security of the building. For instance, several months previous to the election there were defamatory flyers placed in the community center and no one was on camera. They had to have come in through a door that didn't have cameras. Tribal Operations Manager, Curtis Zunigha will check into some estimates.

Executive Session for Personnel Issues: Approx. 7:15, Return 8:43

Councilwoman Griffith moves to uphold termination Kinzie Gomez.

Councilwoman Shea seconds.

5 in favor, 1 opposed (Ketchum)

Councilwoman Griffith moves to uphold the termination of Gina Roth.

Councilwoman Shea seconds.

5 in favor, 1 opposed (Ketchum)

Councilwoman Michael motions to adjourn.

Councilwoman Holley seconds.

All in favor.

Adjourns 8:47■

Minutes of the Trust Board, November 2014-February 2015*

Wednesday, Nov 19, 2014 Community Center

Respectfully submitted by Verna Crawford, Trust Board Secretary

Call to Order

Chairman Chet Brooks called the November 19, 2014 Trust Board meeting to order at 4:10 p.m.

A. Prayer

Joe Brooks gave the invocation.

B. Roll Call

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

Joe Brooks moved to make the absence of John Sumpter excused. Homer Scott seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

Joe Brooks moved the absence of Nicky Michael be unexcused. Homer Scott seconded the motion.

Chairman Chet Brooks stated Dr. Michael had been in the office most of the day.

Motion carried with four yes and one abstention (Chet Brooks.)

C. Welcome Guests

Chairman Chet Brooks welcomed guest. He asked if any guest would like to address the Board at this time.

Guests, Tribal officials and employees present included Mary Randall, Charles Randall, Gilbert Watters, Alan Barnes, and Johnny Barker.

D. Approve the Agenda

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

II. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting (s)

Joe Brooks moved to approve the October 15, 2014 minutes with any corrections if needed. Verna Crawford seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

Joe Brooks moved to take a five-minute recess, return at 5:20. Verna Crawford seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

III. Treasurer's Report

Joe Brooks moved to accept financials for September and October 2014 pending audit. Homer Scott seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

IV. Committee Reports

A. COMMUNITY SERVICES: CHAIR VERNA CRAWFORD

Community Services Committee met on Monday, October 13, 2014.

The meeting was called to order at 1:36 pm. Members present were Chair Verna Crawford, Assistant Chair Alan Barnes, Chet Brooks, Joe Brooks, Darryl Glenn, Homer Scott, Bonnie Jo Griffith and Sa-shleen Reynolds.

Three applications for medical assistance were reviewed. Two were approved totaling \$400 and one denied.

Chairman Crawford reminded the members that the 2015 budget would be addressed at the next meeting.

Bonnie Jo Griffith moved to hold the next meeting at 11 am on November 10, 2014. Chet Brooks seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Joe Brooks moved to adjourn, seconded by Homer Scott. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

B. CULTURAL PRESERVATION: CHAIR CHET BROOKS

Chairman Brooks stated that the Committee meets on the second

Wednesday of each month. Have reinstated the cultural drum and pow wow drum practice on alternating weeks.

C. EDUCATION: CHAIR DR. NICKY MICHAEL

Verna Crawford reported the committee met on Monday, October 13, 2014 following the Community Services meeting. Two applications were reviewed, one Votech and one school supply voucher. The Votech was approved and the school voucher pending membership verification. The school supply voucher was later denied due to no membership verification.

The committee will be reviewing their budget at the next meeting.

The Committee regularly meets on the second Monday of each month. The next Committee meeting will be November 10, 2014.

D. ELDERS COMMITTEE: CHAIR MARY WATTERS

Committee met on November 3, 2014. Officers present were Chair Mary Watters, Jan Brown and Mary Randall. Jan Brown gave the financial report. The committee has \$2,522.94 left and a roll over of \$5,582.22 for a total budget of \$8,105.16. Jan Brown moved to approve the financials pending audit. Homer Scott seconded the motion. Motion carried.

October 11, 2014 the Elders Committee and the Election Committee hosted a Candidate forum monitored by the League of Women Voters. Jan Brown reported it went well, but not all candidates attended.

October 31 the Committee hosted a Halloween party for the day care children. Elders dressed in customs and handed out candy from each table. Elders also brought covered dishes for lunch.

The pending trip in July of 2015 to the Stockbridge Muncie was discussed.

The next meeting will be December 1, 2014.

E. REINVESTMENT: CHAIR JOHN SUMPTER

Meets quarterly. No report was given due the absence of John Sumpter.

F. TRIBAL OPERATIONS: CHAIR JOE BROOKS

Meets quarterly. Joe Brooks questioned the payments given to the Tribe in addition to the 15% given annually. When the new CFO is instated this will be addressed.

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

Last meeting in October next meeting will be in December. The auction held at Delaware Days we make \$2,127. The money will go to the purchase of ceremonial rifles and gun safes for the Color Guard. The committees is preparing another auction and are requesting donations.

Joe Brooks moved to have Verna Crawford draft a resolution for the Veterans Committee to open a bank account with the signers be Homer Scott, Susan Cade and Jim Baker. The Tribal tax number and statement that the committee is non-profit. Homer Scott seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

V. Unfinished Business

None

VI. New Business

None

VII. Other Business

A. Set the time, date and location of next meeting.

Verna Crawford moved to hold the next meeting at 4 p.m. on December 17, 2015, Delaware Community Center, Bartlesville, OK. Seconded by Mary Watters. Motion carried with all in favor.

VIII. Adjourn

A. Joe Brooks moved to adjourn. Homer Scott seconded the motion. All approved. Chairman Brooks declared the meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec 17, 2014 Community Center

Respectfully submitted by Verna Crawford, Trust Board Secretary

Chairman Chet Brooks called the December 17, 2014 Trust Board meeting to order at 4:13 p.m.

A. Prayer

Elder Mary Watters gave the invocation.

B. Roll Call

Secretary called the roll those present were Chairman Chet Brooks, Secretary Verna Crawford, Joe Brooks, Mary Watters and Homer Scott. Treasurer John Sumpter was absent and Dr. Nicky Michael was open due to her resignation.

Joe Brooks moved to make the absence of John Sumpter excused. Homer Scott seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

C. Welcome Guests

Chairman Chet Brooks welcomed guest. He asked if any guest would like to address the Board at this time.

Guests, Tribal officials and employees present included Mary Randall, Charles Randall, Jyme Felix, Curtis Zunigha, Jean Lewis, Alan Barnes, and Bonnie Griffith.

D. Approve the Agenda

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

Joe Brooks moved to amend the agenda to include the Elders and Veterans Committees. Homer

*** Note: Minutes for the Oct meeting were not available for this issue.**

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Scott seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

II. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting (s)

Joe Brooks moved to table the November 2014 minutes. Homer Scott seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

III. Treasurer's Report

Joe Brooks gave the report stating that the funds went from \$4,190,859.50 in October to \$4,253,174.80 in November.

Joe Brooks moved to accept financials pending audit. Verna Crawford seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

Tribal Operations Manager Curtis Zunigha noted that Jean Lewis has been brought as the Tribal CFO. It took some long hours for Jean to get the reports out in time for the meeting.

Chairman Brooks related the Boards appreciation for Jean Lewis' hard work and welcome her back.

Joe Brooks stated that the total budget for 2014 was about \$101,000 and for 2015 it is projected to be \$131,311 up about \$30,000. Each committee will have more to work with this year.

IV. Committee Reports

A. COMMUNITY SERVICES: CHAIR VERNA CRAWFORD

The Community Services Committee met on Monday, December 12, 2014.

The next meeting will be on January 12, 2015.

B. CULTURAL PRESERVATION: CHAIR CHET BROOKS

Chairman Brooks announced his resignation as Committee Chair and that Homer Scott was installed as the new Committee Chairman. Before leaving that Chairmanship that the committee only spent about half their budgeted funds for 2014. Brooks said the Committee seems to be in better shape than when he took over. The Committee is reserving funds
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for the event coming in July at the Stockbridge Muncie facilities to get a good turnout for it.

Homer Scott stated that the Committee meetings would be held on the first Monday of each month at 6 p.m. in the Community Center. The next meeting will be on January 5, 2015 Cultural Drum and dances and Pow Wow drum practice will be held alternating every other week. Language classes will be on the second Monday at 6 p.m.

Cultural Preservation Committee donated \$500 to Lenapeowski Foundation for the children's Christmas Party.

C. EDUCATION: CHAIR DR. NICKY MICHAEL

Assistant Chair Bonnie Griffith gave the Committee report. She stated that four applications were reviewed and approved, two for schools and two for education, for a total of \$163.

Spring Scholarship applications are due by January 31, 2015. The Scholarship review and awarding will be at the February meeting.

The Committee regularly meets on the second Monday of each month. The next Committee meeting will be January 12, 2015.

D. ELDERS COMMITTEE: CHAIR MARY WATTERS

Committee met on December 1, 2014. It was a short meeting due to visitors. Following approval of minutes and treasurer's report the meeting was turned over to the Social Security District manager Kevin Rhoads and his assistant Roxanne Herman of the Bartlesville office. They talked about the SSI supplement to Social Security benefits. Following the meeting some of the elders met with them. We have the number for anyone else who is interested in more information on this.

Mary Randall submitted her letter of resignation as Committee secretary on November 14. No replacement has been chosen. As yet Mary Watters stated that she has done a great job as secretary and will be missed. Mary Randall will continue to be active with the

Committee.

The next meeting will be Monday January 5. Bonnie Thaxton is organizing a cultural program for that day. Everyone is requested to wear their tribal clothing on that day. All tribes are invited to participate. It will be fun and interesting.

Mary Randall reported that the Elder Committee raised \$240 on the raffle for the afghan donated by Rosie Ladd. This will go toward the Wisconsin trip.

E. REINVESTMENT: CHAIR JOHN SUMPTER

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

F. TRIBAL OPERATIONS: CHAIR JOE BROOKS

Meets quarterly. Joe Brooks reported that the 2014 budget was about \$15,000 and the projected amount for 2015 is \$19,566.74. This will be paid to the Council in a lump sum in January 2015. This is for the administrative support given the Trust Board by Tribal staff members.

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

Last meeting we had agreed to have the Color Guard and Gourd Club to go to the Pryor Pow Wow. The next meeting will be today following this meeting. We will set the date for our next fundraising auction. Still requesting items to be donated for the auction.

V. Unfinished Business

A. REPLACE DR. NICKY MICHAEL DUE TO HER RESIGNATION

Chairman Brooks stated that two applications have been received, Roger Stewart and Michelle Vernon.

Roger Stewart gave a short speech noting his abilities and desire to serve the tribe.

Verna Crawford moved to elect Roger Stewart to fill the seat vacated Dr. Michael by acclamation. Joe Brooks seconded the motion.

Discussion: Verna Crawford stated it has been the policy of the Tribal Council and Trust Board that candidates be present to be considered.

Motion carried with all in favor. Justice Charles Randall gave Roger Stewart the oath of office.

VI. New Business

Approve 2015 overall budget.

Verna Crawford moved to approve the proposed overall 2015 budget and publish it in the next DIN. Joe Brooks seconded the motion.

Discussion: Joe Brooks read the Committee totals for the record, (Reinvestment - \$13,131.16; Cultural Preservation- \$13,131.16; Community Services- \$39,393.48; Education- \$32,827.58; Elders- \$6,565.58; Veterans- \$6,565.58; and Tribal Operations- \$19,696.74.)

Motion carried with all in favor.

VII. Other Business

A. SET THE TIME, DATE AND LOCATION OF NEXT MEETING

Verna Crawford moved to hold the next meeting at 4 p.m. on January 21, 2015, Delaware Community Center, Bartlesville, OK. Seconded by Mary Watters.

VIII. Adjourn

A. Joe Brooks moved to adjourn. Homer Scott seconded the motion. All approved. Chairman Brooks declared the meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan 21, 2015 Community Center

Respectfully submitted by Verna Crawford, Trust Board Secretary

Call to Order

Chairman Chet Brooks called January 21, 2015 Trust Board meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

Assistant Chairperson Mary Watters gave the invocation.

Secretary called the roll those present were Chairman Chet Brooks, Assistant Chair Mary Watters, Secretary Verna Craw-

ford, Treasurer John Sumpter, Members Joe Brooks, and Homer Scott.

Chairman Chet Brooks welcomed guest. He asked if any guest would like to address the Board at this time.

Guests, Tribal officials and employees present included Mary Randall, Charles Randall, Jyme Felix, Curtis Zunigha, Jean Lewis, Alan Barnes, Nancy Sumpter, Gilbert Watters, Michelle Holley, Johnny Barker, and Bonnie Griffith.

Verna Crawford moved to approve the agenda with amendments. Add under New Business, A. Committee appointments and B. Election of officers. Joe Brooks seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Joe Brooks moved to table the November and December 2014 minutes. Homer Scott seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer John Sumpter reported the Trust balance as of December 31, 2014 was \$4,243,276.08. He noted this is more money than we have had in a long time.

Chairman Chet Brooks called on CFO Jean Lewis to address the Board, as she had requested. Jean asked the Board members to review the document they had received at the beginning of the meeting. These figures are the actual budget for 2015. The total is \$133,652.02. Committee totals are: Reinvestment—10% --\$13,365.20; Cultural Preservation—10%--13,365.20; Elders Committee—5% --\$6,682.60; Veterans Committee 5%--\$6,682.60; Community Services—30%--\$40,095.61; Education—15%--\$20,047.80.

Jean Lewis said that any committee that had a balance as of December 31, 2014 it would roll over and be added to the committee totals.

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Joe Brooks asked that since Community Service and Education ended the year with a negative balance, would this amount be deducted from the new budget?

Jean replied that yes, unless another source of funds can be found.

Verna Crawford reminded everyone that the Tribal Council voted to pay the Community Service balance from the IHS pass-through and Education from the Lenape Scholarship Fund. All expenditures approved after December 31, 2014 will be paid with Trust monies.

Joe Brooks moved to table the December 2014 financials, seconded by Verna Crawford. Motion carried with all in favor.

Joe Brooks moved to require the minutes and financials be received at least four days prior to meetings, seconded by Homer Scott. Motion carried with all in favor.

Committee Reports

COMMUNITY SERVICES: CHAIR VERNA CRAWFORD

The Community Services Committee met on Monday, January 12, 2015. Verna Crawford reported that seven Community Service applications were review and approved for a total of \$899.53. (1 Elder Prescription, 1 emergency and 2 medical). The next meeting will be on February 9, 2015.

CULTURAL PRESERVATION: CHAIR HOMER SCOTT

Cultural Preservation Committee, Elders Committee and Veterans Committees are co-hosting a stomp dance Saturday, February 14, 2015 starting at 4 p.m. following the Delaware War Mothers bean dinner. Social dances will begin at 4 p.m. The evening meal will be at 5:30 P.M. Joe Brooks and John Sumpter are donating the chili and beans. The Stomp dance will begin at 6:30 p.m. All tribes are invited to participate. Gas stipends will be paid to all

Leaders and Shell Shakers 16 years and older.

There are activities are held every Monday. The 1st and 3rd Mondays are for traditional singing and drumming in the Community Center. The 2nd and 4th Mondays Jim Rementer holds language classes in the Social Services building.

EDUCATION: CHAIR DR. NICKY MICHAEL

The Committee regularly meets on the second Monday of each month. The Committee met January 12. Eight applications were reviewed and approved for a total of \$1,650. (2 Athletic Assistance, 1 Education Assistance and 5 higher Education Scholarships). The next meeting will be on February 9, 2015.

ELDERS COMMITTEE: CHAIR MARY WATTERS

The Elders Committee met on January 5, 2015. Bonnie Thaxton gave the invocation. December minutes were approved. Jan Brown gave treasurer's report.

December activities included a Christmas party on December 23.

Nancy Sumpter moved that the Elders so more traveling. Bonnie Thaxton seconded the motion adding that a stop at Brauns be included. Motion carried. January 28 after lunch the Elders will take a trip to Philbrook Museum in Tulsa with a stop at Brauns on the way back.

Elder Advisor Jack Tatum started a discussion on the Elders participating more in Cultural Preservation Committee activities. Stomp dances and language classes were discussed.

The Committee decided to have Jan Brown serve as secretary/treasurer. She has been serving a treasurer.

Alan Barnes the lunch program director announced that if anyone knew of elders who needed help or was home bound, lunches could be taken to them if we wanted.

At the December meeting everyone was invited to wear some

form of native dress to the January meeting. Nine people dressed in Delaware attire. They were Chief Chet Brooks, Joe Brooks, Lewis Ketchum, Bonnie Thaxton, Mary Watters, Pat and Walter Donnell and Mary and Charles Randall.

Bonnie Jo Griffith moved to wear something with an Indian motif at each meeting and have Jack Tatum lead us in a bean dance. Mary Watters seconded the motion, which passed.

Bonnie Jo Griffith moved that if the Cultural Preservation Committee plan activity such as a stomp dance the Elders would participate. Bonnie Thaxton seconded. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be on February 2, 2015.

REINVESTMENT: CHAIR JOHN SUMPTER

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

TRIBAL OPERATIONS: CHAIR JOE BROOKS

Meets quarterly. Joe Brooks stated that as soon as Jean Lewis has the final total for the Committee budget a check will be cut to the Tribe. The funds for Tribal Operations is paid to the Tribe to cover the cost of administer the Trust funds.

VETERANS COMMITTEE: CHAIR KENNY BROWN, VICE CHAIR HOMER SCOTT

The Veterans Committee met on December 19, 2014. The date for a fundraising auction was set for March 17. More items are requested to be donated for the auction. The proceeds will go toward the purchase of a gun safe and rifles for the Color Guard to use at burial details. There will be a Taco dinner before the auction.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, February 18, 2015.

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Chairman Brooks stated that committee assignments are done annually. He asked the Board which committee they would like to be assigned. The Board member assigned to each committee will make the monthly report.

Mary Watters is Trust Board representative on the Elders Committee, John Sumpter on the Reinvestment, Verna Crawford on Community Services, Joe Brooks on Education, Homer Scott on Cultural Preservation, Roger Stewart on Veterans and Chet Brooks on Tribal Operations.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Joe Brooks nominated Mary Watters for Assistant Chairperson. John Sumpter seconded the motion. Mary Watters was elected by acclamation.

John Sumpter nominated Verna Crawford for Secretary. Roger Stewart seconded the motion. Verna Crawford was elected by acclamation.

Joe Brooks nominated John Sumpter for Treasurer. Homer Scott seconded the motion. Homer Scott was elected by acclamation.

Other Business

Verna Crawford moved to hold the February Trust Board meeting on February 18, 2015 at 4 p.m. in the Delaware Community Center 5100 Tuxedo Blvd. Joe Brooks seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

Joe Brooks moved to adjourn. John Sumpter seconded the motion. All approved. Chairman Chet Brooks declared the meeting adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb 18, 2015 Community Center

Respectfully submitted by Verna Crawford, Trust Board Secretary

Chairman Chet Brooks called the February 18, 2015 Trust Board meeting to order at 4:10 p.m.

Secretary Verna Crawford gave the invocation.

Secretary called the roll those present were Chairman Chet Brooks, Assistant Chair Mary Watters, Secretary Verna Crawford, Treasurer John Sumpter, Members Joe Brooks, Homer Scott and Roger Stewart.

Chairman Chet Brooks welcomed guest. He asked if any guest would like to address the Board at this time.

Guests, Tribal officials and employees present included Sasheen Reynolds, Mary Randall, Charles Randall, Curtis Zunigha, Bonnie Jo Griffith, Allan Barnes, Jean Lewis and Jyme Felix.

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

Minutes of Previous Meeting

(November and December 2014 minutes were tabled at the January 2015 meeting.)

Verna Crawford moved to approve the December 2014 minutes with corrections if needed. Homer Scott seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

Verna Crawford moved to approve the November 2014 minutes with corrections if needed. John Sumpter seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

Verna Crawford moved to approve the January 2015 minutes with corrections if needed. Joe Brooks seconded the motion.

Discussion: Mary Watters noted a typo in the Elders Committee report third paragraph "Nancy Sumpter moved that the Elders "do not so" more traveling.

Homer Scott stated that the date for the Veterans Committee auction would be March 7 not the 17.

John Sumpter pointed out that in "Election of Officers, Joe Brooks nominated John Sumpter for Treasurer. Homer Scott not "John Sumpter" seconded the motion. He also said John Sumpter not Homer Scott was elected by acclamation.

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Motion carried with all in favor.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer John Sumpter reported the Trust balance as of December 31, 2014 was \$4,243,254.88 and as of January 31, 2015 was \$4,214,962.45 this is a loss of \$28,292.45.

Homer Scott moved to approve the December 2014 and January 2015 financials pending audit, seconded by Roger Stewart. Motion carried with all in favor.

Committee Reports

COMMUNITY SERVICES: CHAIR VERNA CRAWFORD

The Community Services Committee met on Monday, February 12, 2015. Verna Crawford reported that 11 Community Service applications were reviewed, 10 approved and one denied, for a total of \$2,683.14, (Three Elder prescriptions, three dental, two medical and three Burial Assistance). One Elder optical was de-

nied. The next meeting will be on March 9, 2015.

CULTURAL PRESERVATION: CHAIR HOMER SCOTT

Homer Scott reported at the last Cultural Preservation Committee two people signed up to ride in the Tribal van to the Peoria/Ottawa stomp dance. The van was cancelled do to lack of people registered. Seven or eight tribes were represented, with 250 to 300 people attending.

The stomp dance sponsored by the Cultural Preservation, Elder and Veterans Committees on February 14 was a success. Four leaders and about 85 people attended. Cultural Preservation donated \$400 (\$200 for leaders and \$200 shakers).

The Committee discussed the trip to Wisconsin in July for the Muncie powwow. The sign in sheet for the trip is in the lobby. Need to know how many are going so the Committee may plan accordingly. The next meeting will be March 2, 2015 in the Social Services building at 6 p.m. followed by the Language lessons.

There are activities are held every Monday. The 1st and 3rd Mondays are for traditional singing and drumming in the Community Center. The 2nd and 4th Mondays Jim Rementer holds language classes in the Social Services building.

EDUCATION: CHAIR JOE BROOKS

The Committee regularly meets on the second Monday of each month. Joe Brooks stated that he had not attended that meeting due to a dental appointment. The Committee met February 9, 2015. 40 full time and four half time scholarship applications were reviewed and approved for a total of \$12,750.). The next meeting will be on March 9, 2015.

ELDERS COMMITTEE: CHAIR MARY WATTERS

The Elders Committee met on February 2, 2015 at 12:40. Mary Watters reported a good turn out for the meeting. The meeting opened with Jack Tatum leading a bean dance. Bonnie Thaxton gave the invocation.

Curtis Zunigha gave an up-date on the July 22/26, 2015 trip to Wisconsin there will be information later. The Committee donated \$200 for the Stomp dance to be held on February 14, 2014.

Homer Scott reported on the Veterans auction.

The next meeting will be on March 2, 2015.

REINVESTMENT: CHAIR JOHN SUMPTER

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

TRIBAL OPERATIONS: CHAIR CHET BROOKS

Meets quarterly. Chet Brooks stated there was no meeting held. The funds for Tribal Operations are paid to the Tribe to cover the cost of administer the Trust funds. He said that would be done soon.

VETERANS COMMITTEE: CHAIR KENNY BROWN, VICE CHAIR ROGER STEWART

The Veterans Committee meets as needed. During the last meeting the Committee discussed the

upcoming auction to be held in the Delaware Community Center. Donations are needed for the auction, items for the auction and for food supplies. The Committee will meet February 18, 2015 following the Delaware Tribe Trust Board meeting.

Unfinished Business

Chairman Brooks reported that the Tribal Council approved to establish an Oversight Committee for NAGPRA and Historical Preservation. There will be six members two each from the Tribal Council, Trust Board and the Elders Committee.

New Business

None

Other Business

Verna Crawford moved to hold the next Trust Board meeting on March 18, 2015 at 4 p.m. in the Delaware Community Center 5100 Tuxedo Blvd. Joe Brooks seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

Chairman Chet Brooks adjourned the meeting at 4:47 p.m. ■

Dee Ketchum Profiled in Kansas Alumni Magazine

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PROFILE by Chris Lazzarino

Thorpe award thrills former chief and athlete

Like his idol Jim Thorpe, Dee Ketchum was a Native American multi-sport star while growing up in Oklahoma. Unlike Thorpe, who won two Olympic golds in track and field and played professional football, basketball and baseball, Ketchum saw his athletics outlet whittled to one when men's basketball coach Dick Harp found his star recruit from Bartlesville practicing with the KU golf team at Lawrence Country Club.

"Coach Harp said, 'What are you doing out here?'" recalls Ketchum, d'61, g'69. "I said, 'Well, I'm playing golf,' and he said, 'No more. You came here to play basketball, not golf. And that was the end of my career in golf.'"

Ketchum went on to become a basketball captain for the 1960-'61 season, and his career free-throw percentage of 79.2 is still ninth on KU's all-time list. Thanks to his athletic success, numerous stints as a college and high school coach, an entrepreneurial business career and many years as a leader of the Delaware Tribe of Indians, including four as chief, Ketchum in November was awarded the Jim Thorpe Sports Excellence Award by the Tulsa Area Indian Affairs Commission.

"It's very humbling for me to be associ-

ated in any way, shape or fashion with Jim Thorpe, because he was one of the greatest athletes America ever produced. He also was of Indian descent, so that made it particularly special for me."

After serving as coach of KU's freshman team and head coach at Clay Center High School, Ketchum returned to the Hill to work on his education master's degree and coach freshmen for fellow Oklahoma native Ted Owens. He went on to coach at Independence Community College and Eastern Arizona College, then joined his brother in forming an oil-field pipe and supply business.

Based in Dallas for 20 years and longing for home, Ketchum sold his share to his brother and returned to Bartlesville, where he coached basketball while embracing his Delaware roots. In 1998, after 11 years on the tribal council, Ketchum became the fifth member of his family to serve as chief of the Delaware Tribe of Indians.

Now retired, Ketchum continues to teach Delaware language, tradition, songs and dances, passing on the heritage he



Former chief Dee Ketchum encourages Delaware youth to find successful careers but not forget their heritage: "Get your education. People are looking at you to be an example."

learned over two decades spent as an understudy to an uncle who was the longtime ceremonial chief.

"Picking the University of Kansas to further my education was one of the best things I ever did in my life," he says, "and coming back to Bartlesville and picking up my heritage is really high on the list, too. I'm encouraging kids to come back and be involved and learn the language and songs and traditions and customs of the tribe.

"But it's a fight, you know? I would never have learned that if I didn't make the decision to come back to Bartlesville and be involved with it." —

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Enrollment Department
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