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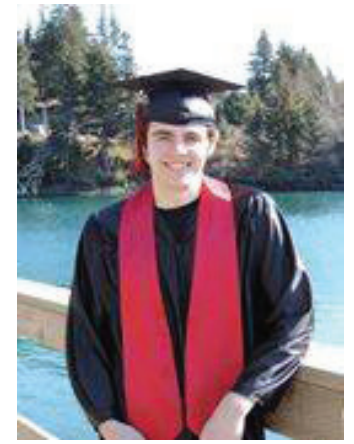
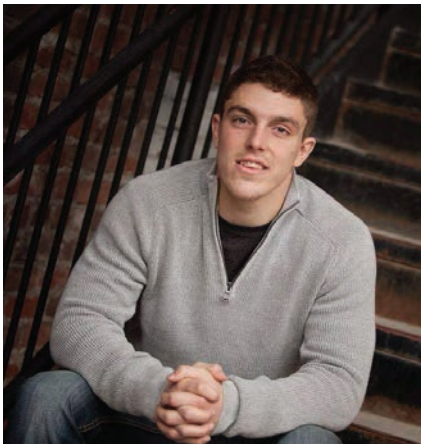
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Congratulations to Recent Graduates



Left to right. Delaware member **Crystal Thaxton-Dombrovsky**, on left, graduating with a Nursing degree; **Maggie Gray** from our neighboring Osage Nation, congrats on graduating from Haskell (pictured with her mother Jennifer); congrats Delaware member **Lori Hasselman**, who received her AA in Media Communications at Haskell (she was also awarded Haskell Student of the Year!).



Left to right. **Andrew Dean Humphrey**, 2015 graduate of Oologah High School; member **Myckie Jacobsen** graduated from the College of Charleston with a BA in Biology with a minor in Environmental Studies; congrats **Bear Tompkins**, Native Studies grad at Haskell; congrats Delaware member **Amy Jay Wiley**, graduate from the University of Miami with a degree of Bachelor of Science in Education with a major in Exercise Physiology and minor in Chemistry (receiving her degree from President Donna Shalala); **Chance Haller**, Valedictorian, Susan B. English School in Seldovia, Alaska.

Comments from Chief Chet Brooks

Wanishi Wuli Kisku Nipan –Thanks for the good Summer Day!

In the first six months of 2015 most of the Tribal Council and I have been very busy. During February, Assistant Chief Bonnie Jo Griffith and I attended the National Congress of American Indians Mid-Winter Conference. We were present at all general sessions and each of us went to several breakout sessions of interest. Short discussions also occurred with FBI representatives and the Office of Native American Affairs – Small Business Administration.

At least three talks have been held with Cherokee Nation Chief Bill John Baker and two or more meetings have been held with the Cherokee Nation Secretary of State and Cherokee Attorney General. The Cherokee Nation has recently opened a new Medical Clinic at Ochelata, OK which will provide convenient dental, optometry and general medical care to our Washington County, OK tribal members. Thanks go out to Cherokee Nation.

Delaware Child Development broke ground on a new Child Development Center Building on June 2nd. Construction is expected to be completed in February or March 2016. The building will more than double our child care capacity and will free up Delaware Community Center space to provide offices for several more tribal employees. Thank you to Sherry Rackliff and all Child Care staff.

The Historic Preservation Office recently completed a 2000-mile trip to several locations arranging recovery of objects. Thanks go to Dr. Brice Obermeyer and Oversight Committee Chairman Titus Frenchman for their hard work. In addition, this office has arranged a free 10-day trip for five of our high-school Delaware students and a chaperone. The trip will be to Delaware Water Gap National Park with NPS covering all expenses in late July. The students will participate in conferences about archeology, natural resources and other activities including a canoe trip on the Delaware River. In late July another cultural activity will be a five-day trip to a gathering of tribes at the Stockbridge Munsee Reservation in Wisconsin. Over



15 Elders, Cultural Preservation Committee, and Veteran Committee members will attend this event, most expenses paid by their respective Trust Committees.

The Trust Education and Community Services Committees are functioning well in providing scholarships and other needed services to tribal members.

In regard to economic development, the Tulsa Solicitors Office has been holding up a Trust Land Application for the past year or more. We recently learned that his review was complete and it had been sent to Washington, DC for final review. The Tribal Attorney and I traveled to Washington to check the status of this question June 3rd-5th. Daniel Black, Daniel Smith and a Solicitor were visited at BIA and positive news was received. However, it may be several months before the final ruling is issued. While in DC we also visited the Office of Native American Affairs at the Small Business Administration, and our Congressman Jim Bridenstine and his legislative representative. We also visited the Delaware part of the new Treaty Exhibit at the Museum of the American Indian.

With the continued support and diligent work of our Tribal Council, Trust Board, Committees and Tribal Staff the Creator will bless the Delaware Tribe of Indians.

Wanishi■

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

Per Part II of Constitution and Article I of the Bylaws, the Tribal Council Secretary is in charge of ALL the Tribe's correspondence:

“The Council Secretary shall have charge of all tribal correspondence and it shall be his duty to submit promptly to the Superintendent of the Jurisdiction and the Bureau of Indian Affairs copies of all minutes...”

The literal definition of “correspondence”:

Any written or digital communication exchanged by two or more parties. Correspondences may come in the form of letters, emails, text messages, voicemails, notes, or postcards. Correspondences are important for most businesses because they serve as a paper trail of events from point A to point B (Read more: <http://www.businessdictionary.com/definition/correspondence.html#ixzz3de1XqsYX>).

Synonyms for the word correspondence include: communication, writing, contact, letters, post, mail, relation, match, agreement, fitness, comparison, harmony, coincidence, similarity, analogy, correlation, conformity, comparability, concurrence, congruity.

Recent events as the Secretary have led me to prepare this information to the rest of the Tribal Council and to our membership. Unfortunately, my position has been called into question when I have insisted that the Tribal Council be included in any correspondence. I feel that no one of our Tribal Council members should act alone outside the scope of the constitution. Therefore, as a safety precaution to the Tribal Council officers and members, as well as to the Tribe, the Secretary should at the very least, be courtesy copied and allowed to correspond as the point of contact as referenced in the Delaware Tribe Constitution.

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Thank You and Congratulations

Former Council Member Verna Crawford

I finally made it, after missing the last two deadlines for the *DIN*. I wanted to take some time and thank everyone who voted for me in the last Tribal Council Election. I also wished to send out a special “thank you” to everyone that took the time and voted. Every vote counts, so be sure and vote in the 2016 elections!

I congratulate the new Council members and give them 100% of my support. I have always, and will always support the elected tribal officials. I ask all Delaware tribal members do the same. Their job is difficult and our Tribal Council has

always done their best. The Council must monitor, promote and enhance all current tribal functions, as well as plan for the future. The Delaware Tribe is moving ahead with services to tribal members, improved governmental functions and economic development. The only way this may be accomplished is for all of us to work together. As they say, “United We Stand, Divided We Fall.”

I am still Secretary of the Trust Board and will continue to serve the Delaware people.

Wanishi.■

Check Out the Tribal Web Site

Have you visited our Tribe's web site recently?

www.delawaretribe.org

From the Desk of Assistant Chief Bonnie Jo Griffith

So many exciting things happening in our tribe!!

The Child Support Services grant has been awarded in full and progress is being made to get that department up and running. Curtis Zunigha will be the Director of that program and is pushing to get it fully staffed and functioning. We are all excited here as this department was in the red for some time but we are able to use some of the grant monies to cover that deficit.

Most of us were saddened by the rain washing out the Delaware Powwow but there was a silver lining to it. So many people have commented that they stayed at the grounds, spent much time visiting relatives and just enjoyed the family time. The Delaware Powwow Committee works so hard and I certainly appreciate their hard work and dedication.

We have formed another LLC, Lenape Aquaculture LLC. There

is a lot of promise now in the hydroponics arena of business. A USDA grant has been applied for and should that come through we feel this will be a definite revenue generator for the Delaware Tribe of Indians. I am extremely excited about this and think that good things will happen with our tribe if this comes to fruition.

The Tahkox E2 LLC is working on its first contract and we think this is going to be another great source of revenue for us. Jimmie Johnson is doubling up and working his EPA job 40 hours a week and then extra hours getting Tahkox E2 going.

This last month, my family went through a very troubling time attempting to have my granddaughter's school allow her to wear her gifted eagle feather on her mortar board at her high school graduation. This was presented to her by our elder, Laura Watters Maynor, and Hayden's heart was so touched by this

honor. Unfortunately the Federal Court sided with the school. We took this to court and at the last minute were stunned by the betrayal of a tribal council member. People who are subpoenaed against their will do not sit in a Witness Room discussing things with the defense attorneys.

The groundbreaking for the new Child Care facility was held June 2 so we should see construction very soon on this expansion. That was a fun afternoon and it was so much fun seeing all of the little ones with their hard hats and little shovels.

Summer has arrived in full swing and I wish nothing but the best for all of you. Please be safe as you travel this summer, go to the lake, etc.

Wanishi!

Bonnie Jo Griffith
Assistant Chief ■

From the Desk of Council Member Benita Shea

It's been eight months since I have had the honor of joining the council. I am proud to serve our tribe! I believe this council has the combined strengths to overcome any adversity or differences. We speak our minds and know that at the end of the day, our main objective is to strengthen our tribe. While I realize that we can't please all of the people all of the time, I will always strive to do what is best for the majority.

Your Council held Vision meetings in the month of April with many discussions of the goals that each of us have for our tribe. The top three revolved around Economic Development, Social Services, and Cultural Preservation. The next goal will be to identify what steps we need to take to get there. We have discussed bringing in a third party to help us achieve this goal. Cost and timing are of essence. In the meantime, we will continue on our path towards these goals and as always, we welcome input from all of you.

There were many discussions this past three months regarding the acceptance of the two vans from the NFL team in Washington D.C. We have tagged the vehicles free of charge with Cherokee Nation, placed our tribal seal on the sides of the vans, and installed steps for easier access which were anonymously donated.

I had the privilege to be one of the first drivers to take our elders to attend the grand opening of the new Cooweescoowee Health Center in Ochelata. The new facility features a pharmacy and an

X-ray lab, along with a dentist's office. I am sure many of our members will have the opportunity to utilize this new facility.

Economic ventures are in progress. The Child Support Enforcement grant was awarded in April and is on the ground running with Curtis Zunigha at the helm. Section 8a was applied for and the USDA grant was submitted. Tahkoxe2 is moving forward with potential contracts in the wings.

I encourage all of our members to get a new tribal membership card if you don't have one. I visited Leslie and Chris in the enrollment office and was thrilled to receive mine. They will take your picture right then and there. These cards can be used as an official ID. Chief Brooks and Asst Chief Griffith used theirs at the airport while traveling to Washington D.C.!

Our 51st Delaware Pow Wow was more than wet this year limiting dancing to only Thursday and Friday night. I still enjoyed good family time and food. Chief Brooks made personal donations for rations to the campers Saturday morning. I am very proud of our Chief for walking to the Pow Wow grounds in daily increments. His dedication to strengthen us as a profitable recognized tribe is impressive.

As always, your feedback is welcome and valued. I thank you for your continued support and shared interest in the future of the Delaware Tribe.

Benita Shea
Tribal Council Member,
Treasurer ■

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Name: _____

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City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Others Affected: _____

To have a name changed on the tribal roll, send proper documentation, such as a legal document, stating the change (examples: marriage license, adoption papers, divorce papers, etc.). Be sure to include your previous name or names since that will be the way it is listed on the roll. Including Tribal Registration number is helpful, but not required. Please include others in your household who are affected by this contact info change, including children, so that their records can be updated.

Send completed form to:

**Delaware Tribe of Indians
Enrollment Department
5100 Tuxedo Blvd
Bartlesville, OK 74006**

The Delaware People's Historical Presence in Pennsylvania

By Catherine Monck

Many people begin the history of the Delaware people around the same time the white settlers arrived in North America. The Delaware people were settled in the area that is now made up of the states of Delaware, New York, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania. They were considered to be one of the two most powerful Native American groups in North America. They lived in longhouses covered in grass and bark. Their language was Algonquin with three different dialects which were Munsee, Unami, and Unalactigo.

In the year 1610, Captain Samuel Argyll went into the area in which the Delaware people lived. He decided to name the area and the people that lived there "Delaware" in honor of his commanding officer, Sir Thomas West III Lord De la Warr, who was also the Provincial Governor of Virginia. This begins the unfortunate decline of the Delaware people. The white settlers were not respectable or understanding of the lifestyle that the Delawares had.

As more white settlers moved into the Delaware area, things began to change for the worse. The Delaware people had never been exposed to the idea of people owning land. They had always believed that "the Creator" owned all of the land, and they simply inhabited it. Yet, the white settlers

had different ideas. In the beginning, the white settlers seemed to be relatively fair in their interactions with the Delawares in terms of land transactions. Then, the colonial government began to push for even more settlements and even more expansion. When the Delawares left their villages to go hunting or fishing, the land was viewed as abandoned and consequently taken. This is where many conflicts arose, and then became violent.

The once semi-fair economy began to spiral out of control as the white settlers gained more control. Soon the Delawares were running out of land in the original area to occupy. The colonial government consistently continued to push for more expansion. All of this led to more and more tensions and more clashes.

The last straw for the Delawares and the colonists was the 1737 Walking Purchase. A well-thought-out fraud from the beginning, the Walking Purchase was meant to determine how much land the Penn family (the family who helped settle Pennsylvania) would purchase. The agreement had been created while Thomas Penn was still the patriarch, and was then carried out by William Penn, who was Thomas' son. The original idea was that the amount of land would be how far a man could walk in a

day and a half. Each group of people had three men who would "walk" for them. The white settlers cheated though, training their men how to run for miles for many hours, cutting away underbrush along the way, having horses available to carry their supplies, and even boats to get them across rivers. When the Delawares protested the clearly unfair agreement, the Iroquois were called in. The Iroquois were happy to be involved in the finalization of the agreement, because they felt they had defeated the Delawares in the 17th century, and were pleased to have a title to the land.

After the 1737 Walking Purchase, the Delaware people slowly got pushed out and down south in the United States. The Native Americans and the white settlers could not coexist, and the white settlers had the power. The Delaware people slowly moved down, until many of them settled into what is now modern-day Oklahoma. Many of the living descendants of the Delawares live in Oklahoma and the surrounding areas.

The Delaware people had a difficult time in Pennsylvania. They were oppressed and abused. They were tricked and used by the white settlers. It is unfortunate that they were driven out of their land that they respected and held so dearly. Yet, despite all of these hardships, they still continue to live on and thrive. The culture is still in existence, and that is incredibly respectable.

THE DELAWARE INDIAN NEWS ANNOUNCES SECOND ESSAY WINNER

Congratulations to Catherine Monck, tribal member from Lexington, Kentucky on being our second 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 here.

For more details about the contest, see below.

Sources Cited

<http://www.easterndelawarenations.org/history.html>

<http://delawarein.webs.com/delaware-history.htm>

<http://www.tolatsga.org/dela.html> ■

ABOUT THE ESSAY CONTEST

This is a four-part contest beginning with the April edition of our *Delaware Indian News* (DIN).

Parts 1 and 2. Research and write about the history of the Delaware Powwow (Part 1) and research and write about the Delaware people's historical presence in Pennsylvania (Part 2). Winning articles were published in the April *DIN* and in this issue.

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. Par-

ticipants 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
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Obituaries



Dr. Donald Beeson

May 24, 1922-
February 23, 2015

Donald Beeson was born May 24, 1922, in Fairland, Okla., to John Edward and Emma Frances (Patterson) Beeson. He grew up and attended school in Claremore and graduated Claremore High School. He went on to attend Oklahoma A&M College, the University of Cincinnati, and later received his doctorate degree in Optometry from University of Chicago where he was a member of Tomb and Key Honor Society.

He served our country in the United States Army during World War II, serving in the Pacific Theater. He was wounded twice in battle and received the Purple Heart. He was scheduled to go in on the invasion of Japan when the Japanese surrendered. He was quiet about his service but was proud of his service and his love of our country remained strong throughout his life. He was a member of Disabled American Veterans and the American Legion in Pryor.

He married Leah Johnson on Aug. 29, 1947, at Hilton Memo-

rial Chapel on the University of Chicago campus. They were devoted to each other and had a wonderful marriage for 67 years which was a beautiful example for their children and grandchildren. They made their home in Pryor where they raised their son John, and daughters Deborah and Donna. Beeson was a respected and loved optometrist in Pryor. His concern for people extended beyond work; he and his wife were both very active in many community clubs and organizations over the years with many hours of service. He was a member of the Pryor Lions Club, and the Lions Club band where he played saxophone and clarinet. Don and Leah organized and participated in the Salvation Army Bell ringing in Pryor. He was a volunteer optometrist for the Whitaker Children's Home in Pryor. He also was on the Pryor City Council as well as the Pryor School Board. Pryor Chamber of Commerce recognized both Don and Leah as Citizens of the Year for their volunteer work. He was an active member of Oklahoma Optometric Association.

He had a strong faith in God and was an active member of First Baptist Church in Pryor for over 50 years. He taught Sunday School for several years.

He enjoyed spending time with his family to include his grandchildren. He also enjoyed fishing, gardening, and loved to cook or grill for family and friends including people his children would bring to their home to swim and enjoy both the couple's cooking. Their doors were always open to other people. He loved animals and birds. He was protective of the tadpoles on his pool cover and the covey of quail that chose his backyard. He was a gentle, compassionate soul. He was an excellent example of integrity and love

for his family and others. He was a wonderful husband, dad, grandfather, and friend. We rejoice for his new life with God but we will miss him so much.

Beeson is survived by his wife Leah of the home; two daughters, Dr. Deborah Beeson of Tulsa and Donna Schenck and husband Tony of Pryor; grandchildren: Matthew Schenck and his wife Mary of Bartlesville, Benjamin Schenck of Pryor, and Kelly Beeson Ahern of St. Louis, Mo.; three great-granddaughters: Calista Schenck, Hannah Aldrich; great-niece Stephanie Beeson Spiers of South Carolina. He is preceded in death by his son John Warren Beeson.

The family rests in the promises of God:

"He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and there will be no more death or sorrow or crying or pain. All these things are gone forever." Revelation 21:4, please visit the funeral home webpage at www.stephensmemorialchapel.com ■



Marilyn Sue (Hudson) Buck

February 4, 1948-
June 5, 2015

Marilyn Sue Buck, 80-year-old longtime Nowata resident and business owner, passed away at her home in Nowata, Friday June 5, 2015.

She was born February 4, 1935 in Dewey, Oklahoma to

John Barton and Francis Mary (Thaxton) Hudson. Sue graduated from Dewey High School in 1952 and moved to Nowata shortly after that. She started her career as a beauty operator at the Silver Saddle for several years and then started her own beauty shop in her house. Sue worked as a beauty operator for approximately 55 years.

In March of 1953 she married Dewey Eugene Buck in Bentonville, Arkansas. Sue enjoyed bowling and was a part of the group of ladies known as the Bowling Bags. She enjoyed music and loved attending the Country Jubilee Show in Nowata. She was not shy about a game of chance and Bingo was one of her favorite games. Sue was a wonderful wife, mother, and grandmother. Each one of her children and grandchildren hold a special place in heart. She had time for each and every one of them. She loved cleaning her home and was quite a cleaning diva. Her friends Linda Pearsall, Kay Cody and Midge Long meant so much to her, and she enjoyed her weekly time of eating out with them.

Sue will be missed by all who knew her. Preceding Sue in death are her parents, John and Francis Hudson; her husband, Dewey; and two siblings, Jenny Hammond, and Kelly Jay Hudson. Survivors include her daughters, Jo Lynn Buck Campbell and husband Roy Bruce of Nowata, Kelly Ann Buck Krouse and husband Johnny of Nowata, Johnna Kay Buck Bridges and husband Dean of Nowata; four grandchildren, Kayse Lynn Krouse, Brett Austin Campbell and wife Sophia, Joshua Wayne Krouse, Paige Eryn Bridges; one great-granddaughter that will be here soon; siblings, Bonita McGrew, and Johnny Leon Hudson; many other relatives and a host of friends.

Funeral Services for Marilyn Sue Buck were held 2:00 p.m., Monday, June 8, 2015 at the First Church of God, Nowata, Oklahoma with Dr. Larry Delay officiating. Interment followed at Memorial Park Cemetery, in Nowata. Services were under the direction of Benjamin Funeral Service of Nowata. ■



Lillie (Whiteturkey) Doubt

July 27, 1915-
March 17, 2015

Lillie Whiteturkey Doubt, age 99, passed away on March 17, 2015. She was born to Albert and Elizabeth Whiteturkey on their farm East of Bartlesville, Oklahoma on July 27, 1915. She was the second of three daughters. She spent her entire life in and near Bartlesville and graduated from Central High School in 1932. She met her husband, Ralph A. Doubt, while working at Phillips Petroleum Company, and they were married Christmas Eve in 1938.

Lillie, a devoted wife, homemaker and a wonderful mother was the heart of her family and she thoroughly enjoyed caring for them. She had an inner strength and beauty about her. Reading was one of her favorite past times. She not only read for pleasure but she enjoyed staying current with the daily news. She was a wonderful storyteller and recounted many entertaining stories from her youth and early Washington County history. She was the granddaughter of Simone Whiteturkey, one of the first settlers in Washington County. She was a strong Christian, a member of First Baptist Church for many years and later in life

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became a member of Trinity Baptist Church. She loved her Sunday school class. Her greatest joys in her later years were her grandchildren and great grandchildren. She was very proud of all of them.

She is survived by son Ronald Doubt and his wife, Connie; daughter Joan Pope and her husband, Gary; son Roger Doubt; 7 grandchildren (Angie Ellis and her husband Johnny, Paul Doubt and his wife Lan, Jennifer Coffin and her husband Rod, Emerson Pope and his wife Jennie, Elizabeth Doubt, Megan Doubt, and Robert Doubt); and 7 great-grandchildren (Abby, Elizabeth, Rebecca, Emily, Sofie, Alexis and Griffin); and sisters-in-law Kay Doubt and Ruth Crawford. She adored her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband of 48 years and her two sisters.

As a teenager during the depression era, Lillie fostered a strong set of beliefs, ethics and values and a love and compassion for the human condition. Unconditional love was reflected in all of her relationships.

We will forever celebrate her life with joy and deep gratitude for the sweet love and care she always gave to each of us and for what she brought to our lives. We love you Mother and we will keep you in our hearts forever.

The family thanks the staff at Medicalodges and Comforting Hands Hospice for their care and compassion. The family also extends special thanks to Clarence Pasqua for his kind care and attention.

Donations may be made to the Salvation Army, 101 N. Bucy, Bartlesville, Okla., 74003 or Hopestone Cancer Support Center, 120B S.W. Frank Phillips Blvd., Bartlesville, Okla., 74003.

A memorial service was held at 11:00 A.M. Saturday, March

28 at Trinity Baptist Church, Ed Gordon officiating. Cremation arrangements were under the direction of Stumpff Funeral Home & Crematory.

Friends who wish may sign the online guest book and leave condolences at www.stumpff.org.

See more at: <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/examiner-enterprise/obituary.aspx?pid=174462722#sthash.E2d76zDB.dpuf>



Wayne Edward Stull

July 6, 1944-
May 4, 2015

Wayne Edward Stull, 70, and retired owner of Two Turtles Smoke Shops, and resident of the Coves at Grand Lake, died at 11:57 PM, Monday May 4, 2015 at his home.

Mr. Stull was born on July 6, 1944 at Escondido, California to Arthur Eugene and Bonita Jane (Winn) Stull.

Mr. Stull is survived by his wife Joyce Ann (Curry) Stull of the home on Grand Lake, and by a Step Son Mark Jones and his wife Dawna of Owasso, Oklahoma, and by his granddaughter Karis Ann Jones of Owasso, and by his dog; Oreo. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Arthur "Artie" Stull in 2014, and Larry Dean Stull as a child, and by his parents Arthur E. and Bonita Stull. ■



Nancy Carrol Walker

February 27, 1932-
June 1, 2015

Nancy Carrol Walker of Bartlesville moved to her heavenly home on June 1, 2015 at the age of 83. She was born February 27, 1932, in Nowata, the third of five daughters born to Glenn C. and Delphia I. (Parrett) Brannan.

She began her career in 1952 at Phillips, working as an elevator operator and later as a telephone operator for Cities Service in Bartlesville. She was hired by General Services Administration and retired as a Communications Specialist Supervisor after 27 years of service.

Nancy Carrol is preceded in death by her sister, Dixie Standeford. She is survived by her sisters Arlene Yelton, Laura Maddux, and Wanda King. Her three daughters, Ann Bybee (Bruce) of Burnet, Texas, Marilyn Coffey (James) of Dewey, Oklahoma, and Christa Cobb (Stephen) of Thompson Falls, Montana will miss her. "Noni" will also be missed by her six grandchildren, David Millegan, Kingsland, Texas; Kimberly Bailey, Dallas, Texas; Heather Shaffer, Boulder, Col-

orado; Leah Darrah, Beavercreek, Ohio; Brannan Bolin, Bremerton, Washington; and Matthew Godoy, Houston, Texas; sixteen great grandchildren and six great-great grandchildren.

She was fiercely independent, proud of her Native American heritage and dearly loved her family. Our loss is heaven's gain.

Private family services will be held and cremation arrangements were under the direction of the Stumpff Funeral Home & Crematory.

Friends who wish may sign the online guest book and leave condolences at www.stumpff.org.

See more at: <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/examiner-enterprise/obituary.aspx?n=nancy-carrol-walkerbrannan&pid=175015026&fhid=3324r> ■



Patricia (Patty) Hanna Williams

July 31, 1950-
April 23, 2015

Patty Williams, age 64 of Melissa, Texas, passed away April 23, 2015. She was born July 31, 1950 in Nowata, Oklahoma to Bill and Mary (Adair) Hanna. She graduated from Chelsea High School in 1968. In October 1971

Patty married Bill Williams in Terrell, Texas and they lived their life together in McKinney, Texas. Her life was devoted to spoiling her grandchildren and keeping her husband of 44 years on his toes. Patty was a loving Wife, Mother, Sister, Mother-in-law, Friend and most importantly a Memaw. She was ornery on the outside but had a heart of gold

She was survived by her Husband of Melissa, Daughters Michelle Caple and Husband Chris of Leonard, Texas and Angie Harris also of Leonard, Texas. Grand Children, Blaine Davis, Hunter Fox, Walker Fox, Rylee Fox and Caden Caple. Her mother Mary (Adair) Hanna, sisters, Betty (Hanna) Hartwig of Princeton, Texas, Marilyn Wilson and Husband Dwayne of Rattan, Texas, Kathy (Hanna) Taylor of McKinney, Texas. Uncle Bill Adair and Wife Rosa of Chelsea, Oklahoma. Aunt Colleen Adair of Chelsea, Oklahoma. Cousins Rick Adair and wife Shirley, Lisa Park and Husband Daryl, Gina Adair all of Chelsea, Oklahoma and Cousin Michael Adair of Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Patty was preceded in death by her Great Grandfather John Redman Ketchum and his wife Harriet of Lightening Creek, Oklahoma, Grandmother, Fern Fay Adair, a brother Gary Leon Hanna, Uncles Ellis (Cotton) Adair, Kenneth (Whimp) Adair, and Aunt Lois Joseph and her Husband Harold and her very special Cousin Mary Katherine (Joseph) Shafer. ■



Obituaries (cont'd)



Betty Lou Zimmer

June 22, 1927-
May 21, 2015

Betty Lou Zimmer passed away, Thursday, May 21, 2015. She was born June 22, 1927 to Frank and Frankie (Kendall) Heady.

In 1948, she married Paul Zimmer in Coffeyville. In 1967, Paul and Betty opened LaTienda Mexican Restaurant, which they operated until 1976. She later worked for the Delaware Tribe Housing Authority.

Betty was a member of Holy Name Catholic Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents, six brothers, two sisters and one son, Larry Paul Zimmer.

She is survived by three children: Paula Whetstine (Ron) of Coffeyville, Kansas, Robert

Zimmer (Lynda) of Springfield, Missouri, Richard Zimmer (Loretta) of Coffeyville, Kansas; four grandchildren, Jim Monk (Monica) of Chengdu, China, Jeff Monk (Kristy) of Houston, Texas, Heather Brinker (Andrew) of Springfield, Missouri, Joshua Zimmer (Bailey) of Joplin, Missouri; five step-grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren, nine-step-great-grandchildren, five step-great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorial services were at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, June 6, 2015 at Holy Name Catholic Church with Father Chad Arnold officiating. A rosary vigil was held at 6:30 p.m. Friday, June 5, 2015. Interment was at the Liberty Cemetery in Liberty, Kansas at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, the family has suggested memorials may be made to the Holy Name Catholic Church and can be left at the funeral home or mailed c/o David W. Barnes Funeral Home, 306 N. Cline Road, Coffeyville, Kansas 67337.

See more at: http://dwbfh.com/tribute/details/1485/Betty_Lou_Zimmer/obituary.html#sthash.jWwgFkQN.dpuf

Lenape Language Project Report

Jim Rementer

What's New

The DEL grant from the National Science Foundation has enabled us to continue making improvements to the Lenape Talking Dictionary. We have been adding a number of sound files for Lenape words which until recently have lacked sound files. Since February, 1,500 sound files have been added. Other recent improvements include the ability to search for Lenape words not only in the dictionary section but also in the Sentences and the Stories sections. This improvement allows those wanting to learn the language to hear the words in context.

Another New Feature

When you look up Lenape words you can click on the word and you will be taken to what is called the **Detailed Entry Infor-**

mation page which gives more information about the word. One of the features we have added under the grant is **Historical Example**. These are early examples of the language as written in the 1600s and 1700s. An example is the word for House and the date written: *Wickwmen* [1648]; *wigwham* [1684]; and *wikquam* [1760].

Project History

In 2002 the Lenape Language Preservation Project received a grant from the National Science Foundation to produce a dictionary database of Lenape. Much of the funding went to digitizing and preserving our existing audiotapes made in past years with native speakers of Lenape. The Dictionary officially went online in February 2006.

The Talking Dictionary is a work in progress, and we con-

tinue to convert audiotapes of Lenape speakers to digital format, from which we extract the Lenape words.

We always appreciate your comments about the Lenape Talking Dictionary. We will continue adding to the Grammar and Lessons sections so you can start learning how to construct sentences in Lenape. We hope you will find this useful as a learning tool, and will find the Lenape stories interesting. Go to **www.talk-lenape.org**.

It is now up to you, the Lenape people who want to learn the language of your ancestors, to make good use of this material the Lenape elders left for your benefit.

To view the Talking Dictionary, go to:

<http://talk-lenape.com> ■

Tribal Operations Manager Report

Curtis Zunigha

Tribal Government Support

- Managing daily operations of BIA Aid to Tribal Government Contract
- Monitoring and awaiting BIA response to Fee-to-Trust application for Caney, KS property
- Working with Housing Director and Chief Financial Officer as Cherokee Nation conducts Annual Performance Review on sub-recipient agreement for Indian Housing Block Grant
- Providing communications support to Historic Preservation Office and newly-formed Oversight Committee on repatriation of burial artifacts
- Serving on Personnel Committee to oversee three new hires and three people ending tribal employment (we also just closed the application period for an additional five job openings.)

- Serving on Grants Steering Committee and initiating project proposal to AmeriCorps/National Civilian Community Corps

Tribal Operations

- Managing and supervising staff and contractor performance on building custodial services plus mowing and maintenance of tribal grounds and cemeteries (this also includes the building on our Lawrence, KS property--mowing and upkeep on this is donated by tribal member Justin Falleaf, a resident of Lawrence)
- Facilitating acquisition of two 2015 Chevrolet passenger vans plus completion of walking path on Bartlesville campus
- Facilitating installation of security cameras at Community Center ■

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

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

Elder Nutrition

Allan Barnes

Hello, everyone reading this article! Thanks to all those that have continued to show great support for our Elder Nutrition program. We hope you had a great 4th of July and Memorial Day weekend as well. As we go into the summer months we wish you safe travels and enjoyable trips. In reviewing the past three months, I am proud to report that our average daily meals served have continued to increase to 59 meals per day. In April, we served 1,318 meals, and in May we served 1,193. As for June, there certainly has been no noticeable decrease, even with the start of vacation season.

Oh, with that said, come see us! This is your Community Center and we know many of our Delaware Tribal members reside in many states, all the way from Washington to Florida. In fact, what about a family reunion? You may not know that we rent Forsythe Hall, our dining room, for occasions such as wedding or baby showers and family reunions. Certainly, there are some restrictions and guidelines, but nothing unreasonable. Contact me at the phone number or email address below and I will be glad to let you know when the hall is available.

How quickly time flies... Have you noticed that? Those with April birthdays and anniversaries sure said so. The April birthdays were: Paul Fox, Pat Donnell, Robert Fox, Ed Trottingwolf and Susan Cade. Jim and Gloria Pratt celebrated an April anniversary. Our May birthdays were: Carol Gray, Annette Ketchum, Mary Lou Dershem, Arleena Whittenburg, Sandy Buck, Wayne Brewer, Onita Little Sun, and Ruth Black. Mary and John Fox celebrated a May anniversary. Of

course, as mentioned, we have our Birthday Celebration, usually on the 3rd Wednesday of the month, and in June we had our pre-4th of July celebration with a Hamburger/Hot Dog cook out. One of our holidays at the Center is July 3rd, since the 4th fell on a Saturday. Our June birthdays were: Jean Lewis, Walt Donnell, Mary Watters, Mary Fox, Les Reynolds, and Jim Pratt. If you have had a birthday or one is coming up, and you would like to inquire about how to complete an Elder intake form, just let me know.

On May 6th, I attended the White House Conference on Aging Listening Session in Norman, OK. This program was hosted by representatives from Washington D.C. and featured speakers from several of the 108 Native American representatives that attended. There were tribal leaders from as far away as Washington, Oregon, Arizona, and New Mexico in addition to several tribes in Oklahoma. The themes for the conference were Retirement Security, Healthy Aging, Long Term Services and Support, and Elder Justice. Even with the interruption of our session by tornado warnings and sightings very nearby, the program resumed after approximately an hour break and lasted until sometime around 8:00 PM. Yes, we were escorted by building security to their designated storm shelters. Much credit goes to the Washington Delegates for giving those who attended a chance to speak. Our Oklahoma Indian Council on Aging (OICOA) was able to make their presentation because of this consideration. Also, during our time in the safe room, I was able to visit one-on-one with Cynthia

Lacounte, Director of Office for AI/AN and Native Hawaiian Programs, and Randella Bluehouse, Executive Director, National Indian Council on Aging. That time did help me explain some of the challenges that our Delaware Tribe faces.

Our Elder Committee met on June 1st, which was the first Monday of the month and is their regularly scheduled meeting time. During that meeting, Chairwoman Mary Watters opened the discussion of our Elder Lunch and how we might better honor our Elders. A very positive discussion was held and some changes have been instituted. For those of you who are not familiar with our usual lunchtime procedures, we begin by saying the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a prayer. One request that we have incorporated has been to wait until after the prayer is said before going through our serving line and the salad bar. Remember, I have said before that we pride ourselves on the fresh daily salad bar, especially our fruit selection, and the elders felt waiting until after our pledge and prayer was more in line with our tradition. Speaking of tradition, in regard to respecting our Elders, the committee decided that it was appropriate to ask that those age 80 and above go first in line, then 70 and above, and so on. Elders' going first is a Delaware tradition. Jokingly, I have said we could even begin with age 100 and above, as Lew Ketchum is a daily diner!

Finally, effective July 1st, we changed our charge for our lunch from \$3.00 to \$5.00. Yes, unfortunately this does affect tribal members under the age of 55, tribal staff, and those guests not eligible for our Elder Nutrition program. We are a federally funded Title VI program and in fact, during the course of attending OICOA meetings, I

learned that other area directors have cited that \$5.00 is required by this program. On a positive note, where else can anyone go and pay only \$5.00 for an Indian Taco Lunch? We certainly appreciate your acceptance.

We are short a kitchen staff person... Josephine Little Sun, our Salad Bar and Dining Room Associate, left the Title V Grand Gateway program to take a position with our Tribe and become a Delaware Tribal employee. We certainly wish her the best. During the interim period of being somewhat short staffed, my hat goes off to Lucy Young, our all-around Kitchen Assistant, and Archie Elvington, our Cook, for continuing the excellent meals and salad bar that we have come to enjoy. As they strive to provide a healthy, tasty and nutritious lunch, they are always looking to add a new entrée item or two each month, especially now that we are going into the summer months, to make our lunches more compatible with the hot weather we will soon experience. So, if your vacation plans allow you to drive through Bartlesville this summer and visit Woolaroc or many of the other sites to see, come and experience a meal with us! Our Delaware History goes back to the beginning of this vibrant community and its namesake Jacob Bartles. Maybe we can tell you that story. Wanishi!

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Wellness Center

Mickey Morrison

Now that summer and its heat are here, why not try the Delaware Tribe's Wellness Center. There is a nice cool air conditioner on the tribe's campus and it's free for all Delaware and Cherokee tribal members with their membership cards. Members of any other tribe pay only \$10 with their own tribal membership cards. For all non-Indians the cost is \$20. There are free weights, an elliptical, an exercise bike, and three treadmills. The therapy pool is now closed until further notice. We also have a licensed Massage Therapist, Cassie Brown, who is taking new clients. The cost is \$25 for half-hour and \$45 for a full hour.

The Wellness Center hours are 8 AM-8 PM Monday thru Friday and 9 AM to 1 PM on Saturday.

For more information call the main number at 918-337-6590.

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



Right, Levi Randall teaches about dance clothing at Lenapeowski gathering.

News from Enrollment

Enrollment Staff

The Enrollment Department would like to take this opportunity to encourage all of you to obtain the new photo ID cards which have been available since 2012. If you apply for services through the Tribe with an old style card you'll be asked to visit the enrollment office to update your ID, and at some point in the near future we hope to make this the only card that will be accepted for any Native American services. In this way we hope to get

everyone to transition over to the new cards because we feel it is important that we have a single card style that can be recognized as belonging to our Tribe. There is no cost to obtain this card the first time and it can be obtained easily.

New and replacement ID applications may be obtained by either downloading them from the tribal website or calling and requesting them from our office. Remember that the most effective

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

Indian Child Welfare

Sasheen Reynolds, ICWA/Social Service Coordinator

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 always to establish eligibility for enrollment for the child/children involved and to act as a 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.

We also have Crisis Assistance Program in the Grant with the intent to prevent the break-up of Native American families in which children are identified as being at risk of abuse and/or neglect or to reunify families who have been separated as a result of abuse and/or neglect. This grant is NOT intended to be a poverty assistance grant; however there

are circumstances in which severe poverty could lead to the potential neglect of children, which in that case would apply under the Crisis Assistance Program. If you are in need or have questions, please feel free to contact Sasheen Reynolds, Indian Child Welfare Director, at 918-337-6520. I will have to observe your situation and see if there is any assistance that we will be able to provide you with through our Crisis Assistance Program.

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Child Support Services

Curtis Zunigha

On April 24, 2015 the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services/Administration for Children & Families – Office of Child Support Enforcement awarded a grant of \$361,388 to the Delaware Tribe to operate the Office of Child Support Services. The Director, Curtis

Zunigha, was hired on May 19. Two other staff positions, Case Manager and Financial Specialist, will be hired by mid-July.

The Director recently attended two training conferences collaborating with tribal, state, and federal officials to get the program operational. The Office of

Child Support Services will provide a legal venue (Tribal Court) to obtain child support orders to both custodial and non-custodial parents. Most importantly CSS is the voice of advocacy for Indian children as the Delaware Tribe enhances family values and improves the quality of life for Indian children. The office is located in the tribe's administrative facility at 601 High Street in Caney, KS. ■

Cultural Resources

Anita Mathis

He` Tribal Members, Friends, and Family

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

We now have on display at the Cherokee Clinic in Ochelata "Cooweescoowee" some of our artifacts and gift shop items. These artifacts and other items will be changed out every few months. We also have a few artifacts that are now on display in the Cultural Resources office, along with the display on loan to the Bartlesville Area History Museum.

Please check our website and watch the gift shop site. We are adding new items to the inventory, hopefully something for everyone. Unfortunately the gift shop booth at the Delaware Powwow this year was rained out along with the dances; this was a first in 51 years for our powwow.

If you have any requests or ideas for something you would like to have in the gift shop you may contact Anita Mathis.

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Delaware Child Development Breaks Ground on New Center



The new center will be able to serve 90 children, ages birth through five years, and almost DOUBLE the capacity of the present child care center, which has 47 enrolled and 151 children on the waiting list. The current DCD building will be re-purposed for other needs within the Tribe, including expansion of the elder nutrition program. Congratulations and thank you to Sherry Rackliff and all Child Care staff for their hard work. ■

Education

Congratulations to Joey Richard

Joey Richard, son of Steven and Ann (Tipton) Richard of Glen Carbon, Illinois, has received a scholarship to the INSPIRE pre-college Native American Political Leadership Program at George Washington University, located in Washington D.C., this summer. INSPIRE scholarships are awarded to students based on evidence of academic ability, leadership potential, and an interest in public service.

The INSPIRE Pre-College Program is a full scholarship open to Native American, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian rising junior and senior high school students, who apply and are selected to spend three weeks on the GWU campus learning about intergovernmental relations between tribal governments and the federal government. As a scholar at GWU, Joey will study the process and practice of democratic representation in the U.S., focusing on the interplay between tribal interests and politics and government at the national level. He will closely study how national politics in the electoral and legislative arenas work.

INSPIRE students live on campus and participate in recreational programs with the community of high school students

enrolled in GWU Pre-College programs. INSPIRE is funded by a grant from AT&T Foundation.

The INSPIRE application was recently highlighted in the *Delaware Indian News* January 2015 issue and it was instrumental in Joey's decision to apply.

Joey is a junior at Father McGivney Catholic High School, Maryville, Illinois. Joey carries a 3.92 GPA and is active in National Honor Society, student leadership, scholar bowl, math team, academic committee, yearbook, soccer, and band. He teaches kindergarten Sunday School and is an active member of the music ministry at St. Mary's Church in Edwardsville, Illinois. Joey worked as an intern on a recent political campaign. Joey is interested in pursuing a business or international relations degree in college and a possibly a law degree.

Joey is the grandson of the late Alice and Virgil E. (Son) Tipton Jr., Springfield, Illinois, great-grandson of Lida W. (Woodall) and Virgil E. Tipton Sr., Afton, Oklahoma and is proudly descended from the Woodall, Marker, and Killbuck lines. ■



Lenapeowski Foundation

Lenapeowski" means to live the Lenape way. The Lenapeowski Foundation is a 501(c)3 organization with a mission to preserve, sustain, and perpetuate Lenape language, culture, and society. The organization was founded by three Delaware members: John Sumpter, Titus Frenchman, and Nicky Michael. Today, this organization mainly focusses on youth activities. Each year the foundation holds a Christmas Party attended by nearly one hundred people. The Foundation provides Christmas presents to all the children who attend the party. Moreover, each Thursday evening since 2007, the Foundation holds a pot luck and cultural activity as well as language instruction at the Delaware Community Center in Bartlesville, OK. Levi Randall (Delaware) and Jason Jones (Euchee) volunteer their time and effort to provide this Thursday night activity. Nancy Sumpter and Kay Anderson, both Delaware Elders, attend and provide for the weekly activities. They assure that everyone is fed, clothed, and behaved appropriately, as most grandmothers do.

All children are welcome to attend our activities regardless of tribal affiliation. While we focus on Lenape culture, we include other tribes as well. For instance, some of the kids know how to sing in both Kiowa and Lenape. Cherokee culture is also strongly influential in our area. Last week, the youth attended a stomp dance at the Miami Tribe complex.

The Cherokee Nation, Native Voices Rising, and the Delaware Tribe have all supported the organization with both cash grants and in-kind donations. Our youth also sell t-shirts, wrist bands, and fans to raise money for their field trips and dance attire. If you would like to donate to this organization or purchase items, please call the Chairwoman, Nicky Kay Michael, PhD at (918) 766-6299, or submit a check to Lenapeowski Foundation, 927 E. Portland Ave. Dewey, OK 74029. ■

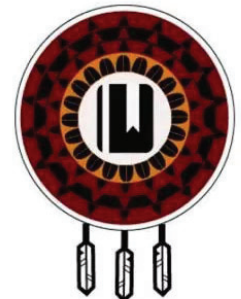
Donations for Education Scholarships Gratefully Accepted

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
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Wampum Level	\$ 1,000-5,000
Wampum Belt Level	above \$ 5,000

Send donations to

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Trust Board, Education Committee
5100 Tuxedo Blvd
Bartlesville, OK 74006-2746**



Minutes of the Tribal Council, February-April 2015

Tuesday, Feb 17, 2015 Community Center

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

Called to Order: 5:42
Prayer: Annette Ketchum

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

Councilman Young asks to give Councilor Michelle Holley an excused absence due to icy weather.

Councilwoman Griffith seconds.

All in favor.

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Chief Brooks welcomes guests.

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Councilwoman Griffith moves to amend the agenda and move Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) up to the present.

Councilwoman Ketchum seconds.

All in favor.

Dr. Brice Obermeyer is video-conferenced into meeting and states: We are finally at the end of our Chambers site. We have been trying on this site for 15 years before I even came on board. This summer we hope to have a joint repatriation in Ohio this summer.

Second thing we have this summer is a Delaware Youth camp at Delaware Water Gap, paid for by the Park Service (5 participants per Delaware Tribe/Nation Stockbridge Munsee).

We have been mapping sites in Kansas. We just finished the allotments and this is available to us. I'm also looking at documents trying to recreate what the reservation would have looked like in Kansas.

Other projects we have been in constant collaboration with in New York and Pennsylvania. We

just stay in the loop until they are ready to move forward and then we provide our input.

Councilwoman Ketchum asks: Have any campers come forward for the Water Gap?

Dr. Obermeyer responds: We haven't had any so far. I'm including Nicky in on the correspondence and we are hoping to have her participate and also take it to the Cultural Preservation. We may want to consider giving this an age limit—high school. They are planning on doing this every year. The dates are the last two weeks in July.

Councilwoman Michael asks: Am I understanding correctly; are you working on a repatriation grant as well?

Dr. Obermeyer says he is looking to the Tribal Council for this answer. These grants are \$15k. When NAGPRA found out that it was three Tribes applying for the same grant, they split it three ways. In 2009, we needed 5k to get people out there because we needed the money. But now, looking at the actual amount of funding and we would be under federal guidelines and reports. It may be better to cover the costs on our own. "My personal opinion is I would rather do the repatriation without the headache of the grant. We make that in a week in consultations."

Councilwoman Michael asks: Another question I have is the "To Bridge A Gap" conference. You brought it to our attention that you may only be able to go for a short time and possibly have somebody else attend? Is this still the case? We are opening this up to anyone in Cultural Preservation, perhaps, that want to attend would be welcome to attend.

Dr. Obermeyer: Yes certainly. It would help tremendously if there is someone from the Tribe who wants to attend these events; that would be very helpful.

Questions from the audience about the camp and the grant. Why would he not want to write the grant for \$5k rather than use tribal money?

Dr. Obermeyer; I would be happy to write the grant. It's really just the fact that it is regulated—can only be used for costs of the repatriation themselves—travel, transportations of the remains. If the other two Tribes don't apply, we could get \$15k. I am leaving that up to the Tribal Council. This would be an entire new grant from scratch.

Tribal Council thanks Dr. Obermeyer for his report.

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Councilman Young motions to return to the regular agenda.

Councilwoman Shea seconds.

All in favor.

### Approve Agenda

Councilman Young moves.

Councilwoman Griffith seconds.

All in favor.

### Minutes from January 6, 2015

Councilwoman Griffith motions to approve.

Councilman Shea seconds.

All in favor.

Councilwoman Michael states she doesn't see January 20<sup>th</sup> minutes. She submitted them but they are not in the packet. Tabled until later.

### Financial Report

Councilwoman Shea moves to approve pending audit.

Councilman Young seconds.

All in favor.

### Unfinished Business, Reports

#### PERSONNEL COMMITTEE:

Councilwoman Shea: We originally established the Personnel Committee as temporary but we would like to keep the Personnel

Committee as is while including the department heads in the hiring and firing. We have made some progress and would like to keep the momentum.

Councilman Young motions to approve maintaining the Personnel Committee.

Councilwoman Griffith seconds.

All in favor.

### NAGPRA:

Previously, we had an oversight committee for NAGPRA and Tribal Historic Preservation Office.

John Sumpter spoke from audience and stated that the NAGPRA Committee used to be under the Trust Board. He was originally second Chair. Under the last administration, the Chief took it over to the Tribal Council and we were no longer involved.

Councilman Young motions to re-activate the NAGPRA and THPO Committee—two from the Tribal Council, two from the Trust Board, and two from the Elders Committee.

Councilwomen Ketchum and Michael volunteer.

Councilwoman Griffith motions to appoint Annette Ketchum and Nicky Michael to the Committee.

### New Business

#### RESOLUTION 2015-14 —To AMEND THE ENROLLMENT ORDINANCE OF SECTION 6(A) AND 6(B)

Councilwoman Griffith moves to approve.

Councilman Young seconds.

All in favor.

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Councilwoman Griffith motions for a 5 minute break at 7:15.

Councilwoman Michael seconds.

All in favor.

Returned at 7:29
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#### RESOLUTION 2015-15—To APPROVE TRIBAL MEMBERSHIP DETERMINED ELIGIBLE TO BE ENROLLED

Councilman Young motions to approve.

Councilwoman Shea seconds.

All in favor.

#### NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE HERITAGE GRANT:

Councilwoman Michael explains that James Rementer and Anita Mathis want to write a National Park Service Grant for historic preservation. Mr. Rementer is proposing an oral history project to interview Elders or also transcribe Elders from the past.

Councilwoman Griffith motions to approve that James Rementer to write the grant and be paid \$3,000 out of Historic Preservation if the grant is funded.

Councilman Young seconds.

Tribal Operations Manager recommends using the Historic Preservation funds.

Councilwoman Shea: This would be pending whether the grant is awarded?

Councilwoman Michael: Doesn't agree with the "if" statement due to the fact that the work is tedious and will take him likely 100 hours of his time. The grants are also competitive.

All in favor (Councilman Michael states aye, with the caveat that she doesn't agree with not paying someone for the hours they put in).

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Chief Brooks states we need to talk about an even bigger grant, Administration for Native Americans (ANA).

There is an Economic Development grant to discuss.

Councilman Michael is asked to discuss: She forwarded this RFP—Request for Proposal—to the Tribal Council and Economic Development team. She is putting

it out there to discuss how we are going to proceed. Are we going to put it out for bid? Are we going to have one of our staff write it? This will be beneficial to the Tribe and could bring in a lot of resources if funded.

Councilwoman Griffith asks if we have staff who could write it without it interfering with their jobs?

Councilwoman Michael: An ANA grant is very tedious and is the hardest ones to write. It takes from 500 to 1000 hours (months). It's due in the middle of March. If we sat down as a team and wrote it, we could get it in. We have all the pieces by using Tahkox e2 but it's more about whether we could get ourselves together to write it.

Councilwoman Griffith does not view this opportunity as having enough time. She feels we need to sit down and write some policies and procedures regarding how we are going to plan for grant writing.

Councilwoman Michael states she very much agrees and has been asking to put these out for bid since December. But she does want to encourage us to move. Every month we put this off, we are missing out on another opportunity.

Councilman Young is proposing holding a grant-writing meeting to discuss policies and procedures on March 5th.

Other New Business

Councilman Young: Wants to affirm the poll vote to send Chief Brooks and Assistant Chief to the Winter Session NCAI. Councilwoman Ketchum states that she was not polled. She does not object but wants to assure it's written into the minutes.

Meeting on Feb. 9th with Chief Baker: We discussed adding one of our Tribal Council members to the Cherokee Nation Task Force called OneFire, which deals with domestic violence and Indian Child Welfare and things of this

nature. He would like to nominate in a form of a motion, Dr. Nicky Michael.

Councilwoman Michael accepts.

Councilwoman Griffith seconds.

Five in favor.

Councilwoman Michael abstains.

Councilwoman Griffith states we have received demand payment letters from Jim Creed, Beau Watt, and Nathan Scullaw's attorneys demanding over \$100k for these 5-year signed documents. In her opinion, the documents are fraudulent. She would like to motion to take the person who signed the documents on behalf of the Tribe (Chief Pechonick) to Tribal Court and declare the documents null and void. All were notarized by Kelia Kindred.

Councilman Young seconds.

Five in favor.

Councilwoman Ketchum abstains.

Councilwoman Griffith motions to go into Executive Session at 7:56.

Councilwoman Shea seconds.

All in favor.

Return from Executive Session

Councilwoman Griffith motions to accept recommendations from Personnel Committee.

Councilwoman Ketchum seconds.

All in favor.

Councilwoman Griffith motion to adjourn.

Councilwoman Shea seconds.

All in favor.

Adjourns: 8:24

Tuesday, March 3, 2015 Community Center

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

Called to Order: 5:34

Prayer: Bonnie Thaxton

Chief Chet Brooks, Assistant Chief Bonnie Jo Griffith, Treasurer Benita Shea, Councilwoman Annette Ketchum, Councilman Nate Young, Councilwoman Michelle Holley.

Welcome guests.

Approve Agenda

Councilman Young moves to approve.

Councilwoman Shea seconds.

All in favor.

Unfinished Business

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

Tim Houseberg: Absent due to his attendance at the Reinsurance Conference. He sent in a written report.

Environmental Director Jimmy Johnson provides an update on Tahkox E2. He states we have confirmed that we sent an offer letter to our first employee in Guam. Waiting on Business License in Guam, which would affect our hire date. We have set up meetings with the Tribal Council, the 10-12th for our marketing team to provide an update.

This Guam employee will be doing a GIS vegetative survey on Anderson Air Force Base. Our contract is for 6 months.

TRIBAL SEAL ORDINANCE:

Tabled from last meeting; remains tabled.

Titus Frenchman is recognized. He asks again about the land purchase for a million dollars in Lawrence, Kansas. Asks why the tribal members were not notified of this purchase.

Assistant Chief Griffith explains that we received two essay entries to the contest and none were local. The winner will be printed in the *Delaware Indian News*.

New Business

RESOLUTION 2015-16: TO APPLY FOR THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE TRIBAL HERITAGE GRANT

Councilwoman Griffith motions to approve.

Councilman Young seconds.

All in favor.

DELAWARE INDIAN NEWS (DIN):

Deadline for the *Delaware Indian News* (DIN) is set for March 15th. Councilwoman Griffith states that Chief Brooks and she met with Chris Rush and the *Examiner-Enterprise* quote will save us \$2-3 thousand in printing costs.

Councilwoman Griffith motions that the *Examiner-Enterprise* retain the printing service of the DIN.

Councilman Young seconds.

All in favor.

NATIVE AMERICAN WOMEN'S AND MEN'S WELLNESS CONFERENCE, MARCH 22-25, 2015

Councilwoman Michael has been asked to present at the conference to talk about healthy lifestyles. They have waved her fee for registration in lieu of leading a wellness class.

There are funds available for the travel costs.

Jan Brown is recognized and states she feels that the conference should pay if they ask for a presentation. Councilwoman Michael explains that is not how it works at conferences. She is asked, on average, four to five times a year and often turns them down. Only the keynotes are paid speakers. Conferences couldn't exist without people willing to present.

Councilman Young motions to pay for Dr. Michael's per diem and travel costs.

Councilwoman Holley seconds.

6 in favor.

1 abstention (Councilwoman Michael)

ADDRESS CHANGE:

Councilwoman Griffith explains the need for changing the official address from 170 NE Barbara to the 5100 Tuxedo address. The Barbara address is down at the Wellness Center while the main building is up here at Tuxedo.

NAGPRA AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION:

Oversight Committee is being established for the Historic Preservation.

Tribal Manager is seeking direction regarding whether to instruct the THPO to proceed with a Repatriation Grant. The Tribal Council states that he should proceed.

CHILD SUPPORT GRANT:

We haven't heard anything so under the direction of Councilwoman Michael, contacted Carl Ridge with the Administration for Children and Families. He replied affirmatively that he looked forward to working with the Tribe. That is positive news.

Mary Randall is recognized. She would like to have some direction regarding whether the Elder Nutrition would be closed if the Bartlesville Schools are closed.

Councilwoman Griffith supports closing the Elder Nutrition program but feels the offices should stay open. The rest of the Tribal Council is in agreement.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE:

Recommends increasing the tribal minimum wage for the employees to \$8.50/hour. Federal is \$7.25.

Councilman Young motions

Councilwoman Holley seconds

All in favor.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Councilwoman Griffith motions to go into Executive Session for personnel reasons.

Councilwoman Michael seconds.

6:35

Chief Brooks calls the meeting back to order at 7:02.

Councilwoman Griffith motions that if the cost is less to do the publishing of the DIN through Tim Hudson, then we retain him.

Councilman Young seconds.
All in favor.

Councilwoman Michael asks when we can re-schedule the Grant Writing meeting, March 16th at 11 am to 1 in the Social Services building.

Councilwoman Griffith motions.

Councilwoman Michael seconds.

All in favor.

Councilwoman Griffith motions to adjourn.

Councilwoman Michael seconds.

Adjourns 7:17

Tuesday, March 17, 2015 Community Center

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

Called to Order: 5:35

Prayer: Annette Ketchum

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

Secretary Michael is on her way.

Welcome guests. Several Kansas Delawares are in the audience.

Approve Agenda

Councilwoman Griffith moves to approve.

Councilman Young seconds.

All in favor.

Councilwoman Griffith motions to postpone approval of minutes until the Secretary arrives.

Councilman Young seconds.

Financial Report

Councilwoman Shea motions to approve the financials pending audit.

Councilwoman Ketchum seconds.

Unfinished Business

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

Tim Houseberg: Tribal Domicile: In January, we launched the on-line application process to make it easier for businesses to fill in the paperwork. We were a premier sponsor at the Domicile Trade show and received accolades for our program.

We completed the preliminary historical tribal for the fee to Trust application.

The High School wishes to use the property in Leavenworth to practice football. The Tribal Council will need to decide whether to allow this. There would be no liability.

Tahkox e2: Jimmie Johnson, is out so Mr. Houseberg is filling in for him. We completed our first sub-lease for the office in Guam. One of the two subcontracts for the vegetative biologists at Anderson Air Force base. The second is a survey needed to assess Anderson Air Force Base in Guam.

(Secretary Michael arrives.)

The last week, members of the Tribal Council met intensively with the Development Team as we prepare the 8(a) application.

The members of the Development Team met with Cherokee Nation to consider how to obtain Cherokee TERO (Tribal Employment Rights) certification to be able to do business within the Nation.

Councilwoman Griffith motions to take a 10 minute recess.

Councilwoman Shea seconds.

All in favor.

Reconvene at 6:43.

Approve Minutes

Councilwoman Griffith motions to approve minutes pending correction.

Councilman Young seconds.

All in favor.

New Business

TRIBAL ADMINISTRATIONS

MANAGER: CURTIS ZUNIGHA

We have placed our new Administrative Assistant, Dana Murrell, Osage Nation. Jyme Felix, Cherokee, has been placed as our Receptionist.

Mr. Zunigha explains the support systems for each of the departments.

We look forward to the release of the *Delaware Indian News* (DIN), on April 1.

We recently donated a refurbished riding lawn mower to the Chelsea Boys and Girls Club. They have an average monthly membership of 175 with an average daily attendance of 75. They felt like we really stepped up to the plate and he wants to encourage us to visit.

He is excited to be a part of the Grant Writing meeting held on Monday.

He has obtained some bids to provide security cameras on the buildings. He thinks he has a good idea of a low-cost solution.

TRIBAL SEAL ORDINANCE:

Councilwoman Holley filled in the description of the Tribal Seal and asks for input for any revisions.

She states, "This is the first step we need to protect our Seal and then we will apply to trademark it."

Several questions from the audience clarified the Ordinance. The Tribal Council explains that it stopping any misuse or misrepresentation of a group or any person whom portrays that they are the governing body of the Delaware Tribe.

Secretary Michael reads the Ordinance aloud.

Councilman Young motions to approve the Tribal Seal Usage Ordinance.

Councilwoman Griffith seconds.

Questions came from audience regarding who would get a fee for

special ordering a template from a company outside the Tribe. Secretary Michael explains the fee would go to the company for the fee to develop the template/pattern of the seal, but they would be doing it with our permission.

Councilwoman Griffith wants to know if letters will be going out. Secretary Michael states this will occur immediately.

All in favor.

GRANTS:

Councilwoman Michael explains that the meeting Monday was held to decide how we could progress as a Tribe with grant writing—to establish protocols. She describes that many Tribes have an in-house system. "While we can't afford, we discussed how our Tribe could proceed with possible 'bidding.'" Pay options could be a monthly retainer fee or a specific contract for one grant. We want to go after all of the different types of funding: BIA, Federal and Private. We need to also develop a strategic plan in tandem and aligned with our April 13th, 20th, 27th from 11-1, to identify priorities.

We concluded that we need another committee. This one, however, would be a Steering Committee designated by the Chief.

Councilman Young motions for the Chief to appoint a Steering Committee.

Councilwoman Griffith seconds.

Questions from the audience: Why are we not training directors? Each of these directors in the Departments should be trained?

Answer: We are not training at this point. We are just coming up with a plan. When it comes to our department heads. Some of these grants take 200-300 hours. Do we put that much more on their plate to where they cannot do their own work.

Tribal Manager Curtis Zunigha states the directors are already doing their own grants. He provides

those examples, such as Housing, Title VI Elders Nutrition, and Environmental. But this is only to maintain what we are doing now.

Ms. Nancy Sumpter: Wants to know if there will be training for the staff.

Answer: This a great suggestion and we will be doing that. But these plans are to expand into areas we do not know about.

All in favor.

Chief Brooks asks if the Tribal Business Manager, the Chief Financial Officer, a Trust Board member, and then recommends Nate Young and Benita Shea serve from the Tribal Council.

Councilwoman Shea and Councilman Young accept.

Councilwoman Shea motions for these four appointments.

Councilwoman Griffith seconds.

All in favor.

RESOLUTION 2015-17: TO APPROVE TRIBAL MEMBERSHIP

Councilman Young motions to approve.

Councilwoman Holley seconds.

All in favor.

RESOLUTION 2015-18: TO APPROVE SUBMITTAL OF SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION 8(A) APPLICATION FOR TAHKOX E2.

Councilman Young motions to approve.

Councilwoman Holley seconds.

All in favor.

RESOLUTIONS 2015-19: TO APPROVE THE MINIMUM WAGE FOR TRIBAL EMPLOYEES.

Discussion: The minimum will always be \$1.25 higher than whatever the federal standard is at the time.

Councilman Young motions to approve.

Councilwoman Shea seconds.

All in favor.

Councilman Young stresses that we need to disperse the good news

about our Tribe. There are sites on social media fabricating stories about our Tribal Council members. He suggests we hire a professional to write about the progress we are making.

Councilman Young motions to spend up to \$500/month in Public Relations.

Councilwoman Griffith seconds.

All in favor.

LOI WITH PETE DENNIS

Councilwoman Griffith motions to strike paragraph A due to advice from our attorney.

Councilman Young seconds.

5 in favor

2 abstentions (Shea and Ketchum)

Councilwoman Michael is excused.

Michelle Vernon is recognized.

She notes that in May of 2014, at 19.56 exactly in the video, former Councilwoman Jan Brown read aloud this statement: "Tribal Council members have not or do not promote or condone any negative or defamatory statements directed at tribal members." In the June 2, 2014 video of Tribal Council, shortly before the end of the meeting at 45.45 Annette Ketchum states, "Does it sound like maybe she is trying to adjust the rules to fit her." She said this during a Tribal Council meeting "when I brought the question of breeches of policies and procedures to the Tribal Council against them for not following tribal policies and procedures; not following HUD policies and procedures; and Housing not following their own procedures. In no way does this benefit me because I will not live in Delaware Housing again. I have learned that I cannot trust my own people and discriminatory acts take place. I understand this Tribal Council is trying to rectify this fact. I would like to address Annette on this issue." If she had known she had said this then, I would have addressed it

then. She was clearly upset with the statements. She also feels that Councilwoman Ketchum attempts to "speak" for all Native Americans, such as racism on reservations.

Councilwoman Ketchum addresses Ms. Vernon and "if I remember this was the day Michelle was the day she was evicted."

Chief Brooks asked if Ms. Vernon was filing a grievance.

Councilwoman Ketchum states that at the time Michelle would not get rid of her dogs.

Ms. Vernon states that service animals are unlimited.

Chief Brooks states we would have to address pursuit of any of your complaints for a grievance in Executive Session.

Councilwoman Griffith motions to adjourn.

Councilwoman Holley seconds.

All in favor.

Adjourns 9:00

Tuesday, April 7, 2015 Community Center

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

Called to Order: 5:35

Prayer: Curtis Zunigha

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

Approve Agenda

Councilwoman Shea motions to approve.

Councilman Young seconds.

All in favor.

Unfinished Business

Anita Mathis asks if the Gift Shop can sell a carving of the Tribe's seal.

Councilwoman Griffith motions to approve.

Councilwoman Annette Ketchum seconds.

All in favor

Titus Frenchman: States that Dee Ketchum has not been called up to ask question

He asks if the Tribe will make a statement against the mascot protecting our children from ie—Redskins. The Osage and other Tribes refuse to do business with UPS and any other businesses supporting the mascots. He wants us to publicly pronounce our stance as a Tribe.

New Business

RESOLUTION 2015-20: TO AMEND THE HOUSING ELIGIBILITY AND OCCUPANCY POLICY.

Discussion

Councilwoman Ketchum is concerned that in changing the "shall" to "may" and "will" to "might," we are making this an ambiguous policy.

Titus Frenchman is recognized and asks that our policy be more inclusive due to the numerous obstacles for Native people, who are often the lowest income bracket—we need to be assisting not putting road blocks in front of our people.

Councilman Young speaks to the importance of revising our policy. If for instance, someone is caught in one of our homes with an illegal substance, under the old policy, we could evict an innocent home owner who had no knowledge of the substance. Moreover, we shouldn't be running credit reports on low income people to live in low income housing. We want to help the poorest people in America.

Councilwoman Ketchum states: So you are saying low income people do not have good credit rating. Is that what you are saying?

Councilman Young: I don't know, but I don't want to be a barrier to someone who doesn't have credit.

Councilwoman Ketchum states: That's not what we are talking about. We are talking about whether they owe so many bills for whether they can pay their rent. If they owe so much then they would possibly have to live with their relative or something. We just rent to anyone and then two months later we have to evict them causes a terrible workload for the personnel.

Councilman Young motions to approve.

Councilman Shea seconds.

4 in favor.

1 opposed (Ketchum)

2 abstain (Brooks, Griffith)

Chief Brooks explains that the current policy could exclude him from housing (Section 8 b, past due tax obligations). While he's not in the current homeownership, but the state of Oklahoma claims I owe them \$8,800 in taxes and Chief Brooks disputes this due to the compact on tobacco. I have never been convicted of tax evasion. However, our Constitution states that no Tribal Council member shall vote on a subject for which they have personal interest in the outcome of the vote.

RESOLUTION 2015-21 TO ALLOW TRIBAL COUNCIL MEMBERS TO ATTEND MEETINGS VIA TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Discussion: Does this include all meetings?

The consensus is it should only cover cases for which a member simply cannot physically be there, ie weather or health circumstances.

Chief Ketchum states that all Tribal Council meetings be conducted by Roberts Rules of Order. I'm uncertain as to whether or not this includes telecommunications or changing the Constitution.

Tribal Operations Manager Curtis Zunigha affirms Roberts Rules isn't clear yet. The way he reads it, the By-Laws must specifically allow for this.

Councilwoman Griffith states: We therefore need a referendum then. She then motions to table Resolution 2015-21 for two weeks.

Councilwoman Michael seconds.

All in favor.

OTHER:

We received an email from Elaine Clinton explaining tree removal costs of \$1500 to the Powwow Committee.

Councilwoman Griffith motions to donate \$1500 to the Delaware Powwow Committee.

Councilwoman Michael seconds.

All in favor.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE POLICY:

Councilman Young motions to adopt.

Councilwoman Griffith seconds.

All in favor.

TRIBAL COUNCIL TRAVEL POLICY:

Councilwoman Griffith motions to table this vote until May 5th.

Councilman Young seconds.

All in favor.

Tribal Operations Manager offers a short report.

1. We have officially changed our address to 5100 Tuxedo.
2. Delaware Indian News (DIN); he hopes this was satisfactory
3. Aid to Tribal Government (ATG); we received a letter approving total of \$480,000
4. Housing Grant totaled: \$576,000

JULY 22-26, MUNSEE TRIP

Sign up sheet will be circulated and available at the center.

Councilwoman Griffith motions for Executive Session

Councilwoman Ketchum seconds.

All in favor.

Break for ten minutes at 6:45.

Reconvened at 8:02 pm

Councilwoman Griffith motions to reinstate Leslie Falleaf into her position, beginning in the morning, with no back pay, for 90-day probation.

Reason: Her appeal was past the 10 day policy deadline.

Councilwoman Ketchum seconds.

All in favor.

Motions to adjourn.

Chief Brooks adjourns.

Tuesday, April 21, 2015 Community Center

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

Called to Order: 5:37

Prayer: Titus Frenchman

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

Councilwoman Griffith motions to amend the agenda so the Tribal Council can hear from Tami McKeon, from Grand Gateway.

Councilman Young seconds.

All in favor.

Judge Barnes introduces her. She has been with Grand Gateway for 16 years, particularly in Economic Development.

She explains their programs including CDBG (Community Development Block Grants), aging, rural fire, rural transit, capital improvement and hazard mitigation. ED (Economic Development) is a program you are eligible that the Tribe could apply. Through the state, there is Economic Development Infrastructure Financing—to build infrastructure for businesses to locate within jurisdiction.

Minutes

Councilwoman Griffith motions to table the minutes for the last meeting.

Councilman Young seconds.

All in favor.

Financial Report

Councilwoman Shea moves to approve pending audit.

Councilwoman Griffith seconds.

All in favor.

Unfinished Business

RESOLUTION 2015-21: TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Councilwoman Michael reminds everyone that this was tabled to do some research. To her knowledge, no one has followed through with that research. She motions to table it again.

Councilwoman Ketchum seconds.

All in favor.

TRAVEL POLICY:

Councilwoman Ketchum motions to table.

Councilwoman Griffith seconds.

All In favor.

Reports

TRIBAL OPERATIONS MANAGER:

1. We are getting underway with our Cherokee Housing audit.
2. The Tribal Historic Preservation/NAGPRA Oversight Committee met today and that is well underway to doing what it was enacted to do, including the culture camp.
3. We had a professional service come in and clean the floors.
4. The additional security cameras will be put in tomorrow and cover all the doorways.
5. Mowing contracts were put out to bid and being done by a tribal member.
6. He is asking for direction on an offer to stock the pond if we put in a strict catch and release policy. However, the new Child Care building is being built and we don't know what

they are doing with the pond. Tribal Council consensus is to wait until after the building is constructed.

7. Sasheen Reynolds is at the National Indian Child Welfare Association conference.

8. We have some disenrollment concerns to address with codes.

Etc.

Councilwoman Griffith motions to appoint Nate Young and Annette Ketchum to the enrollment workshop committee.

Councilwoman Shea seconds.

Chief Brooks asks if whether we have illegally enrolled members prior to 1982. Mr. Zunigha says that he is choosing his words carefully saying that we may have some members who were ineligible to be enrolled but were enrolled anyway. That is why we need the workshop to pull out all of their documentation and pair that with the enrollment act. None of them, as far as he knows, were enrolled prior to 1982.

Councilwoman Michael wants to clarify: These were done prior to November 2014, correct?

Mr. Zunigha: That is correct.

All in favor.

LIMITED WAIVER OF SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY FOR THE COPIER CONTRACT

We have a good contract and will pay less than the previous contract.

Councilman Young motions to approve a limited waiver of sovereign immunity for this contract.

Councilwoman Shea seconds.

Councilwoman Michael asks for the language.

Zunigha states: Basically it's asking us if there was a dispute for them to be able to handle it in state court rather than tribal court.

Councilwoman Michael is concerned that a five-year contract puts us in state court a long time when we could develop our tribal court. She wants to assure that it's

not standard practice.

Nancy Sumpter asks if we get an upgrade with technology upgrades in the industry.

Short answer is yes, the service is similar to a warranty.

All in favor.

New Business

RESOLUTION 2015-22: TO AMEND APPROVE TRIBAL MEMBERSHIP. 058458-058476

Councilwoman Griffith motions to approve.

Councilman Young seconds.

All in favor.

RESOLUTION 2015-23 TO AUTHORIZE CONTRIBUTION OF FUNDS TO TAHKOX E2 LLC; \$10K FOR THE GROWTH OF THE COMPANY.

Councilwoman Griffith motions.

Councilman Young seconds.

Discussion: Councilwoman Ketchum wants to assure we have the money to cover these costs.

Nancy Sumpter: Wants to assure that this is a one-time draw down. She doesn't want the same situation as DFMS where they kept draining money from the Tribe. Councilwoman Ketchum said that this is the second draw down for \$10,000 totaling \$20,000.

OTHER:

Indian Arts and Craft Act of 1990 letter of Certification to Christopher Sears.

Councilwoman Griffith motions to approve.

Councilman Young seconds.

All in favor.

Councilwoman Shea states that the Personnel Committee recommends developing a permanent part-time position for the Janitorial services as a tribal employee.

Councilwoman Griffith moves to approve developing a permanent part-time position.

Councilwoman Ketchum seconds.

All in favor.

Nancy Sumpter reads a statement from Sue Cade and Kenny Brown, on behalf of the Veterans Committee, in support of using the pond for recreational services for Delaware families. She recommends an ad hoc committee be formed.

Titus Frenchman reports on the NAGPRA Oversight Committee. The committee met this day and addressed the following issues:

1. Mr. Frenchman was elected Chairman.
2. Section 106 Consultations: Stockbridge Munsee, Delaware Nation, all share the same historical areas. Sherry from Stockbridge Munsee is ready to charge \$400. Delaware Nation charges \$500/per consultation and \$1000/new construction. Our Tribe charges \$300.

Councilman Young motions to approve \$500/per consultation and \$1000/new construction.

Councilwoman Griffith seconds.

All in favor.

Mr. Frenchman has been doing research on mainstream Americans using Native American caricatures. The American Psychological association has studies verifying the negative affects mascots on children. Fifty Senators wrote to the NBA last year. They are now doing this same to the NFL calling for them to rescind the Redskins. He is asking for a public statement or a resolution of sorts.

Anna Pechonick approaches the Tribal Council asking about the Powwow rations and voicing her support of the "Redskins," as a child.

Councilwoman Griffith announces there will be a Special Meeting to address several resolutions on the proceeding Monday, April 27.

Councilman Young motions to adjourn.

Adjourns. ■

Minutes of the Trust Board, March-April 2015

Wednesday, Mar 18, 2015 Community Center

Respectfully submitted by Verna Crawford, Trust Board Secretary

Call to Order

Chairman Chet Brooks called March 18, 2015 Trust Board meeting to order at 4:07 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 Crawford, Treasurer John Sumpter, Members Joe Brooks, and Homer Scott.

Chairman Chet Brooks welcomed guests. 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, Curtis Zunigha, Jean Lewis, Gilbert Watters, Michelle Holley, Dana Murrell, Johnny Barker, and Bonnie Jo Griffith.

Roger Stewart moved to approve the agenda. Joe Brooks seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Joe Brooks moved to approve the February 18, 2015 minutes with corrections if need. Homer Scott seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer John Sumpter reported the Trust balance as of February 28, 2015 was \$4,277,245.39. This was an increase of \$61,598.26 from the January 31, 2015 balance of \$4,215,647.13.

Joe Brooks moved to approve the February 2015 financials pending audit. Homer Scott seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

Committee Reports

COMMUNITY SERVICES:

CHAIR VERNA CRAWFORD

The Community Services Committee met on Monday, March 9, 2015. Verna Crawford reported that six applications were reviewed. Five were approved for a total of \$1,260.34, one was denied (2 Elder Prescription, 1 Emergency, and 1 Emergency denied). The next meeting will be on April 15, 2015.

CULTURAL PRESERVATION:

CHAIR ROGER STEWART

Roger Stewart stated the Cultural Preservation Committee reviewed the success of the stomp dance held on February 14, 2015 that they co-hosted with Elders and Veterans Committees.

Stewart said more people should to be involved in the language, drumming and singing sessions held every month. This will help save our heritage.

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.

The next meeting will be on April 6, at 6 p.m. in the Social services building.

EDUCATION: CHAIR JOE BROOKS

The Committee regularly meets on the second Monday of each month. The Committee met March 18, 2015. Joe Brooks reported ten applications were reviewed (6 full time and 1 part-time scholarships and 3 athletic assistance). Seven scholarships approved for a total of \$1,950. Two Athletic Assistance applications were denied.

The Committee elected Darrell Glenn as chair and Joe Brooks as

co-chair. The Trust Board must confirm the election.

Joe Brooks made the motion to accept athletic assistance applications for students in Pre-K through sixth grade, provided the activity is school sponsored and proof is included.

The next meeting will be on April 13, 2015.

Verna Crawford moved to confirm the Education Committees election of Darrell Glenn as chair and Joe Brooks as co-chair. Homer Scott seconded the motion. Motion carried with seven yes votes.

ELDERS COMMITTEE: CHAIR

MARY WATTERS

The Elders Committee met on March 2, 2015. Mary Watters reported there was a good turnout.

Bonnie Thaxton gave the prayer.

The meeting opened with Elder Jack Tatum led a bean dance. He has been leading a dance for the last several months.

Jan Brown gave treasurer's report.

The Stomp Dance the Committee helped with was a success.

Activities for April were discussed. A card game tournament was suggested. No plans have been made yet.

It was noted that the Elder Committee would elect officers every two years starting in 2014.

It has been agreed to sell the brown couch. There have been no takers yet, but it will be advertised.

Jim Rementer is writing a grant to interview Elders talking about their lives and Delaware history.

The next meeting will be on April 6, 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 that the Tribe has been paid \$20,0047.80. The funds for Tribal Operations are paid to the Tribe to cover the cost of administering the Trust funds.

VETERANS COMMITTEE:

CHAIR KENNY BROWN, VICE CHAIR ROGER STEWART

The Veterans Committee met on February 18, 2015. Roger Stewart reported the committee worked on the details for the March 28, 2015 fundraising auction. He noted more items need and requested donations for the auction. A Taco dinner will be held at noon and the Auction will begin at 1p.m. Joe Brooks stated he will be in a personnel committee meeting at the same time as the Veterans Committee meeting. Joe will be designing a flyer for the event and asked Roger to get him the information and the flyer would be done tomorrow.

The proceeds will go toward the purchase of a gun safe and rifles for the Color Guard to use at burial details. The next meeting will be Wednesday, March 18, 2015.

Unfinished Business

Joe Brooks asked if there had been a representative selected to represent the Trust Board on the NAGPRA/Historical Preservation Oversight Committee?

Chairman Chet Brooks stated that the selection of representatives for that Committee had been turned over to the Cultural Preservation Committee. John Sumpter and Anita Mathis have been selected. The Elders Committee needs to select someone to represent the Elders on the Committee.

New Business

Chairman Brooks announced that the Tribal Council has formed

a Grant Writing Steering Committee. Benita Shea and Nathan Young will represent the Council. Jean Lewis, Chief Financial Officer and Tribal Manager Curtis Zunigha will also be on the Committee. A representative is needed from the Trust Board.

Joe Brooks moved to have Verna Crawford represent the Trust Board on the Grant Writing Steering Committee. Homer Scott seconded the motion.

Discussion: Joe Brooks stated that elected officials should not be paid to write grants. The Tribal Council receives payment for serving on the Council.

John Sumpter said there should be sealed bidding on grant writing. As long as the position is publicly advertised there should be no problem with an elected official submitting a bid.

The Steering Committee will set up guidelines to prevent conflict of interest.

Motion carried with all in favor.

Joe Brooks moved to hold the April Trust Board meeting on April 15, 2015 at 4 p.m. in the Delaware Community Center 5100 Tuxedo Blvd. Joe Brooks seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

Roger Stewart moved to adjourn. Homer Scott seconded the motion. All approved. Chairman Chet Brooks declared the meeting adjourned at 4:58 p.m.

Wednesday, Apr 15, 2015 Community Center

Respectfully submitted by Verna Crawford, Trust Board Secretary

Call to Order

Chairman Chet Brooks called April 15, 2015 Trust Board meeting to order at 4:13 p.m.

Allan Barnes 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, Roger Stewart and Homer Scott.

Chairman Chet Brooks welcomed guests. 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 Jo Griffith.

Joe Brooks moved to approve the agenda with corrections. Homer Scott seconded the motion.

Discussion: Joe Brooks pointed out that Homer Scott not Chet Brooks is Cultural Preservation Committee and Darryl Glenn is Education Committee and Joe Brooks is Co-Chair.

Motion carried with all in favor.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Homer Scott moved to approve the minutes with corrections if needed. Joe Brooks seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer John Sumpter reported the Trust balance as of the end of February 28 was \$4,277,245.39. The March 31, 2015 balance was \$4,251,811.57. That is a decrease of \$25,433.82. John stated that on December 31, 2014 our balance was \$4,243,276.08 to date we have \$8,535.49 to the good.

Verna Crawford moved accept the March financials pending audit. Roger Stewart seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

Committee Reports

COMMUNITY SERVICES: CHAIR VERNA CRAWFORD

The Community Services Committee met on Monday, April 13,

2015. Verna Crawford reported that nineteen Community Service applications were reviewed and 17 approved for a total of \$3,675.08. (3 Burial, 1 Dental, 2 Elder Optical, 2 Elder Prescription, 5 Emergency approved [2 denied], 2 Medical, and 2 Rentals). The next meeting will be on May 11, 2015.

CULTURAL PRESERVATION: CHAIR HOMER SCOTT

Chair Homer Scott reported the Cultural Preservation Committee discussed the Historical Preservation/NAGPRA Oversight Committee. Anita Mathis and John Sumpter were selected to sit on that committee.

Verna Crawford was appointed for the Grant Oversight committee. Mary Watters was added as a check signer.

He reminded everyone interested in attending the Wisconsin gathering in July should sign up. The Committee is looking for money to pay expenses up and back.

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 DARRYL GLENN, CO-CHAIR JOE BROOKS

The Committee regularly meets on the second Monday of each month. The Committee met April 13, 2015. Two applications were reviewed and approved for a total of \$150 (2 Drivers Education). The next meeting will be on May 11, 2015.

ELDERS COMMITTEE: CHAIR MARY WATTERS

The Elders Committee met on April 6, 2015. Bonnie Thaxton gave the invocation. Jan Brown gave treasurer's report. \$6,185.00

was received for 2015, \$8,812.00 carried over from 2014 giving the Committee a balance of \$14,997.00.

The Committee discussed the election of officers being every two years. Next election October 2015.

Jim Rementer reported on a grant to interview Delaware Elders.

Committee entertainment was discussed. Suggestions included seeing a movie. Nancy Sumpter will report on possible movies to see.

The trip to Wisconsin July 22-26, 2015 was discussed. Bonnie Jo Griffith stated she is on the committee to find out more information and will give a report at the next meeting.

A pitch and dominoes tournaments were considered.

Anita Mathis gave a report on the Delaware display at the new Cherokee Health Care Center in Ochelata. She presented pictures of the artifacts to be displayed.

Chief Brooks requested the Elders to pick an Elder for the AARP award coming up. Bonnie Thaxton was selected as our honored Elder.

The Elders Committee selected Titus Frenchman and Nancy Sumpter as their representatives on the Historical Preservation/NAGPRA Oversight Committee

The next meeting will be on May 4, 2015.

REINVESTMENT: CHAIR JOHN SUMPTER

Meets quarterly. Chair John Sumpter stated no meeting no report.

Joe Brooks suggested that we may want to take more risks with our re-investment moneys. We need to make more money for our Committees. Following discussion John Sumpter stated he will contact Arvest Management and request they attend the May meeting and give some recommendations.

TRIBAL OPERATIONS: CHAIR CHET BROOKS

Meets quarterly. Chet Brooks stated there had been no meeting. The Tribe has received their annual funds. The funds for Tribal Operations are paid to the Tribe to cover the cost of administering the Trust funds.

VETERANS COMMITTEE: CHAIR KENNY BROWN, CO- CHAIR ROGER STEWART

The Veterans Committee met on March 18, 2015. The Taco Dinner and Auction held on March 28, 2015 was a success. After expenses of \$120, \$980 was cleared. Another Auction is planned to be held during the Powwow.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, April 15, 2015.

Unfinished Business

DONATION TO DELAWARE POWOW COMMITTEE

Joe Brooks moved to approve a \$1,500 donation to the Delaware Powwow Committee as approved by the Cultural Preservation Committee. Homer Scott seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE

Due to the resignation of Joe Brooks from the Personnel Committee, a new representative needed to be appointed.

Joe Brooks moved to appoint Roger Stewart to the Personnel Committee. Verna Crawford seconded the motion.

New Business

ACCOUNTING

Chairman Brooks called on Delaware CFO Jean Lewis to present information from the Accounting Department.

Jean introduced the Trust Board Auditor, Bill Turner. He was there to answer questions and met the Trust Board. Jean stated that in

his letter of intent noted that the previous \$6,000 has been reduced to \$5,000. She thanked Mr. Turner for his help.

Jean Lewis presented the new Accounting Department Policy for Payables. (Copy attached).

Joe Brooks stated he wanted to see an addendum for the Trust Board in the Policy.

RESOLUTION 2015-01 OFFICE OF TRUST FUND MAN- AGEMENT

A Resolution of the Trust Board of the Delaware Tribe of Indians to Identify designated officials approved to conduct business with the Office of The Special Trustee for American Indians. (See attached).

Joe Brooks moved to approve Resolution 2015-01. John Sumpter seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor

Other Business

Verna Crawford moved to hold the next Trust Board meeting on May 20, 2015 at 4 p.m. in the Delaware Community Center 5100 Tuxedo Blvd. Homer Scott seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

Homer Scott moved to adjourn. Roger Stewart seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

Chairman Chet Brooks declared the meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m. ■

Community Services Committee Update

Committee Chair Verna Crawford

Greetings Delaware people. The Community Services Committee has several programs that Delaware Tribal members may apply for. Current programs are the Elder Optical, Elder Prescriptions, Medical, Dental, Student Optical, Emergency and Burial Assistance.

In the 2014 fiscal year Community Services Committee ran out of money and the Tribal Council provided the money to fund the applications for the last two months. Because of this, the Committee revised some of the program requirements. First, eligible applicants may apply for only two programs per year. Second would be income limits, which coincide with HUD guidelines. Lastly, proof of income is now required for all programs, except for Burial Assistance. Proof may include pay stub, Social Security or other income award letter or any other form of proof that shows regular income (for ex-

ample: if someone collects aluminum cans for a living provide copies of payment receipts).

Forms and guidelines may be found at the tribal web site (www.delawaretribe.org).

The Committee is researching fund raising possibilities, such as sending letters to companies and other organizations that may make donations to worthwhile causes. Ideas and suggestions are always welcome. Send information, ideas or questions to Community Services Committee Chair Verna Crawford at 5100 Tuxedo Blvd., Bartlesville, OK 74006. I look forward to hearing from you.

Individual donations may be sent to Community Services Committee 5100 Tuxedo Blvd., Bartlesville, OK 74006. When sending a donation indicate where it should be applied (such as Community Services, Education or other).

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Delaware Indian News

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Community Services Programs

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

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

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

Elder Programs, Prescription Medication Assistance: Prescription medication assistance to Dela-

ware 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. ■

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) un-

der 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. ■

White House Conference on Aging Listening Session

Tim Hudson

Oklahoma weather and tornados weren't enough to deter the Delaware Tribe of Indians delegation from a recent conference on Aging.

According to Delaware Elder Nutrition Program Leader Allan Barnes, "We did get interrupted by the tornado sirens and were escorted to the designated Storm Shelter safe rooms until the all clear was given."

The scare happened on May 11, during the 2015 American Indian and Alaska Native White House Conference on Aging Listening Session held in Norman, Oklahoma.

According to the OICOA (Oklahoma Indian Council on Aging), the event was held in conjunction with the Department of Health and Human Services Region VI & VII Tribal Consultation Session and included attendees from thirty-one Tribal Nations from Arizona, Alaska, New Mexico, and Washington.

Attendees traveled from far and wide to voice their concerns about aging in Indian Country.

During a session with Assistant Secretary for Aging, Kathy Greenlee and Cynthia LaCounte, Director of American Indian/Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian Programs, Oklahoma weather reared its ugly head in the form of a severe tornado warning in the area, sending attendees to seek shelter in the lower levels of the building.

"We were down there for 45 minutes to an hour," Barnes said.

"No one seemed too ruffled by the idea of a tornado. If anything, there might have been a sense of claustrophobia."

He says that the safe rooms the attendees were divided into were fairly spacious so there was no crowding and he got the opportunity to visit with several people.

"One lady from Albuquerque said when they had storms they were more concerned about lightning strikes and flash flooding" he said.

"Another elderly Indian lady I sat down and visited with said she was from southern Oklahoma and they would just sit out on the front porch and watch them because she was too old to be worried!"

After the threat had been lifted, Assistant Secretary Greenlee and Director LaCounte graciously resumed the session and listened to every person presenting testimony until the session's conclusion at 8:00 PM.

"All of these sessions, meetings, and conferences are very worthwhile and are a benefit to our tribe," Barnes said.

"Our Delaware Tribe's history and our origins from the East Coast is a very interesting story to most that don't know we were one of the tribe's to greet the first Europeans who came to America."

He said that he feels like the seminar, even with the storm troubles, was very worthwhile.

"What I took away from the sessions for the Delaware people would be the influential contacts and their offers of assistance to our Tribe, whenever a need existed" he said. ■

About the Tribal Court

Tim Hudson

Delaware Tribe of Indians Tribal Council member Nate Young says he wants to talk to tribal members on the matter of the tribal court's standing with the state district courts.

"I think this is an area that a lot of people are foggy on, and I think it's worthwhile to discuss where we are and where we stand with the courts," he said.

According to Oklahoma state records, the tribe was granted "Full faith and credit of tribal courts" on April 6, 1995.

Young says that this means that an order issued by the Delaware Tribal Court will be recognized by the Courts of Oklahoma. The only event that would negate the recognition is if the losing party can show that the tribal judgement or order was obtained by lack of jurisdiction or fraud.

The Delaware tribe was one of dozens of tribes included in the agreement.

According to the State of Oklahoma's standards for recognition of judicial proceedings in Tribal Courts, the term "Tribal Court" means "any court or constitutionally established tribunal of any federally recognized Indian nation or tribe duly established under federal law or tribal law." The standards recognize an officer of the court as "any judge, justice, magistrate or other officer duly seated and authorized under federal or tribal law to resolve dis-

putes and enter tribal judgments in a tribal court." A judgment is recognized as meaning "any final written judgment, decree or order of a tribal court duly signed by a judicial officer and filed in a Tribal Court."

"We will recognize the state's court orders and they will recognize ours" Young says.

"Whether an order or a judgement, this and this also means temporary injunctions...as long as there is a valid order and by that the proper due process."

He says that tribal court has jurisdiction of "anything dealing with our members and dealing with the tribe itself."

"The tribal court has jurisdiction over that. There is also the scenario that a matter be dealt with in tribal court and taken to state court to get it enforced" he said.

"It's really no different than Texas or Kansas recognizing Oklahoma court orders, so we the Tribe are standing on the same level as a state."

In criminal matters the tribal court does not exercise any criminal jurisdiction.

"But we do exercise civil matters and tribal child welfare matters. The Delaware tribal court has a right to hear any cases involving Delaware children in the case of foster care or guardianship."

"We really want our people to have an idea of how the Tribal Court system works" he says. ■

Opening the Cooweescoowee Clinic

Tim Hudson

A delegation of Delaware Tribal officials was recently on hand for an open house for the new Cherokee Nation Health Center in Ochelata, Oklahoma.

On May 5, Delaware Chief Chet Brooks, Assistant Tribal Chief Bonnie Jo Griffith, and tribal member Benita Shea were among those in attendance for an open house held at the new \$10 million Cooweescoowee (pronounced coo-WEE-scoo-WEE) Health Center, which will serve Natives in northeastern Oklahoma.

The 28,000-square-foot facility is five times larger than the existing Bartlesville Health Center which it will replace, and also offers a much wider variety of services. It is the first of four new health facilities that will be completed under a \$100 million health care improvement plan using Cherokee casino profits.

The new health center has 10 exam rooms and offers family medicine, full lab services, optometry, dental, behavioral health, pharmacy with drive-thru, radiology, disease prevention, and more.

"You've been a part of us for so long" Principal Chief Bill John Baker said of the Delaware group as he addressed the crowd.

"And we are happy to have you here."

Delaware Tribe of Indians Chief Chet Brooks says the facility is wonderful.

"It's a fine looking facility and it will provide all kinds of care," he said.

"Medical, dental, and optometry assistance to our tribal members ... I'm very pleased with the new clinic."

He says that the clinic's location is better for tribal members, in that it's about 10 miles closer than the existing clinic and "will have additional services."

Assistant Tribal Chief Bonnie Jo Griffith agrees, saying, "We appreciate it being so close and modern."

"As tribal council members, we are happy the Delaware tribe will be able to use it" she said.

The facility carries historic Cherokee Nation Principal Chief John Ross's Cherokee name, Cooweescoowee, which is a type of bird. Ross is the longest serving chief of the Cherokee Nation, leading the Cherokees from 1828 to 1866 and across the Trail of Tears. Cooweescoowee is also the name of the northwestern historic district of the Cherokee Nation.

"The health center, and this is true of all our health centers, is open to any member of any Federally recognized tribe," Cherokee Secretary of State Chuck Hoskin Jr said.

"And any member of the Delaware Tribe may certainly use the health center."

He says that some of the programs however are limited to the Cherokee Nation's citizens.

"Some of those programs will only be available to Delaware members who have dual citizenship.... if a Delaware is carrying both cards they are eligible for any service."

He says that more information on which services are available may be obtained by calling the clinic at 918-453-5000. ■

Hunting and Fishing Rights

Tim Hudson

A recent compact between Cherokee Nation Principal Chief Bill John Baker and the state of Oklahoma should have Delaware tribal sportsmen very happy.

The agreement, which takes effect January 1, will expand hunting and fishing rights for the Cherokee Nation, and in turn, Delawares with dual membership, to all 77 Oklahoma counties.

"By creating and signing this compact, we have reaffirmed our tribal sovereignty," Cherokee Principal Chief Baker said. "I am proud the Cherokee Nation is the first tribe to compact with the state in proper recognition of our long-held treaty rights to hunt and fish the lands within not only our jurisdictional boundaries, but all 77 counties in Oklahoma. No Cherokee will ever be fearful of arrest or prosecution for exercising their inherent rights to hunt and fish."

"It's a great thing that they are doing this," Delaware Tribe of Indians Chief Chet Brooks said.

Overlapping state and tribal jurisdiction are often confusing when it comes to native citizens' rights to fish and hunt the land without facing unnecessary and unlawful prosecution from state wildlife enforcement officers. According to the Cherokee, under the new compact, citizens will "now be able to freely exercise their treaty rights across the state

and without fear of arrest or prosecution off tribal land. The compact is the result of several months of careful negotiation to ensure Cherokee Nation citizens' rights were not only preserved, but strengthened."

Delaware Tribe of Indians Council Member Nate Young says the compact is a reflection of tribal sovereignty.

"To have the ability to enter into this type of compact is all about tribal sovereignty," he said.

"And it's safer for both the Delaware citizen and for everybody else to not have to worry about being apprehended and having to go through the court system."

He calls the agreement "win-win."

"It was the smart and safe thing to do, it's good for the state and it's good for us," he said.

According to Cherokee Nation Secretary of State Chuck Hoskin Jr., Delaware tribal citizens with dual membership over the age of 16 will receive a hunting and fishing license annually and free of charge, along with one deer tag and one turkey tag. Two dollars from each license issued will go to the state in obtaining federal grants to help preserve the state's wildlife and natural habitats.

"The license will be issued to all of our Delaware that have dual citizenship, whether they request it or not" he said.

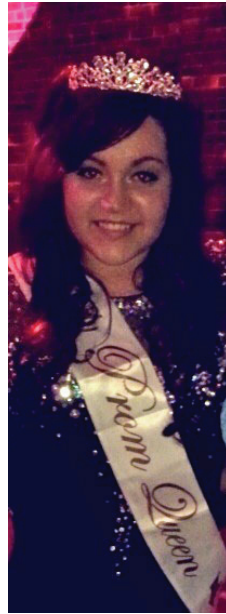
"The only thing that will hold that back is a bad address, so everyone needs to make sure that their information is kept up to date." ■

Community

Congratulations to Katelyn Elizabeth McDonald

Katelyn Elizabeth McDonald 2015 Sarcoxie High School Prom Queen is the daughter of Jacquie Moody-McDonald and Richard M. McDonald of Reeds, Missouri and granddaughter of the late Patricia L. Bullette-Moody. Katie is involved in DECA, FBLA, Student Council, Baseball manager, lettered in Volleyball four years, Cheerleader and past Basketball queen attendant her sophomore year.

Her outside interests are working with special education students, zoology, photography, reading and making jewelry. Katie will be attending Missouri Southern State University in the fall where she will be pursuing a degree in Photojournalism and plans to further her education with a Masters degree. She also looks forward to studying abroad in the International Program in Photography through Missouri Southern as well. ■



Delaware Tribal Member Graduates from Caney Valley High

Hayden Layne Griffith, a member of the Delaware Tribe of Indians, recently graduated from Caney Valley High School in Ramona, Oklahoma. She has been listed on the Superintendent's Honor Roll and was a four-year starter on the Caney Valley High School softball team. Hayden was recently awarded an athletic scholarship to play softball at Coffeyville Community College. She is the daughter of Lisa Griffith and the granddaughter of Assistant Chief Bonnie Jo Griffith. ■



Congratulations to Amy Wiley



Delaware citizen Amy Jay Wiley, recently graduated from the University of Miami in Coral Gables, FL with a degree in Exercise Physiology and a minor in Chemistry. Amy is the great-granddaughter of Maudie "Bullette" Hough.

Earlier this year Amy wrapped up her collegiate swimming career with lifetime best times in the 100 and 200 yard breaststroke at the Atlantic Coast Conference Championship meet in Atlanta, GA. Amy was one of the top individual point scorers for Miami at the meet. Amy was also very involved with community service events during her senior year, more than any other University of Miami student athlete.

The University of Miami Athletic Department honors a student athlete who demonstrates outstanding leadership and character by awarding them the Evelyn Schwartz Award. Amy was the 2015 winner. Amy is only the second swimmer to win this award. The award is for those student athletes whose commitment and leadership to the University of Miami is both on and off the playing field.

Amy is the daughter of Bill and Jay Wiley of Vaughn, Washington. ■

Delaware War Mothers

The Delaware War Mothers paraded in at the Delaware Powwow in support of all veterans. A raffle was held for a Pendleton blanket and was won by Cap Ulrey of Quapaw. Unfortunately, the rain prevented the parade in on Saturday and Sunday, so the tribute to the veterans that this group was hoping to have did not happen. Flags of all branches of the U.S.

Armed Services have been purchased and were going to be brought in during parade in. We are hoping for this to happen at Oklahoma Indian Summer.

The address of the Delaware War Mothers is P.O. Box 3062, Bartlesville, Oklahoma 74006. ■

