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## A Trip to the Delaware Water Gap National Park

CeCe Biggoose

A trip to the Delaware Water Gap National Park came to life in July when five Delaware teens, ages 14 to 17, embarked on a 12-day journey of their lifetimes. The trip made possible by the tribal leaders of the Delaware Tribe of Indians, including the

help of Greg Brown and Brice Obermeyer, Delaware Nation of Anadarko, Stockbridge Munsee of Wisconsin, the National Park Service, Cultural Preservation committees, archeologists, professors, many elders, leaders, volunteers and so many people

behind the scenes who envisioned, discussed, planned, set aside funds, wrote grants for this special event. The vision of this event spanned a decade or more.

This Summer Youth camp made it possible for our future generation of tribal leaders to see

through their eyes, learn through their hearts and minds, experience hiking through their original homelands. An experience the youth never envisioned possible, none of the youth groups had ever flew on a plane or traveled so far from home!

The trip attendees from our tribe included Cece Biggoose as the chaperone. Youth ambassadors were Tiana Long, Shu-Day Johnson-Biggoose, Hopie Thicknail, Kamren Pisachubbe, and Michaela Provence. They were joined by the Delaware Nation and the Stockbridge Munsee

youth groups at the Pocono Environmental Education Center, where the groups were provided yurts to stay in and daily meals and snacks. PEEC and their staff provided the youth with educational environmental hikes throughout the trails surrounding their youth camp facilities. It was a very busy place! Check out the Facebook pages and websites for both the PEEC and Delaware Water Gap National Park ([www.peec.org](http://www.peec.org) and <http://www.nps.gov/dewa/>).

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### Special Notice to Tribal Members

#### GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING SATURDAY NOVEMBER 7, 2015

This year the annual General Meeting will be held Saturday, November 7, 2015 at the Delaware Community Center, 5100 Tuxedo Blvd. in Bartlesville, OK. Doors will open at 11:30 AM and lunch will be provided at noon. The business meeting will start at 1:00 PM. The State of the Tribe address and staff department reports will be given. Following the meeting Lenape stomp and traditional dances are planned. Please attend !!!!!

### Delaware Water Gap continued from page 1

Linda Poolaw, an elder of Delaware Nation, flew up for the first day to pray and smudge all with our sacred cedar. She explained the importance of this trip to everyone who participated. She provided us with spiritual guidance. She was one of many elders, including our own leaders, who envisioned this event. She explained to us why we were there. She took us to the reburial site and we prayed.

National Park Service (NPS) employees were our personal guides throughout entire the visit. We were treated like royalty and given the red carpet treatment. More than once we were told, "You are the very reason we love the jobs we do to preserve and protect your history." The NPS employees were so enthused to share their experiences with us and learned from our youth as well. The youth groups said it made them very proud to hear how much our visit meant to the NPS. Our youth presented the Superintendent of NPS at Delaware Water Gap a gift, our Tribal Flag.

A castle called Grey Towers was an impressive visit due to the origins and history of National Parks. We were the honored guests at an ice cream social, set up like an extravagant affair, specially prepared for the youth on the first day touring the area in a chartered bus!

The groups camped on the river, canoed 18 miles over a two-day journey down the beautiful

Delaware River, stopping along the way at various important sites where our ancestors lived many, many years before anyone else inhabited the area, rich in natural beauty, plentiful in food and water. Understanding, sadly, that was the very reason we were killed, forcibly removed or fled our homelands.

So many learning experiences made possible, including a field trip to an important archeological dig site conducted by Temple University students and archeologists. The youth received hands on experience. The teens actually found arrowheads, tools, points, and items! They were so focused, to see them was amazing. All finds were logged and placed in bags with other archeological finds, tools our ancestors made by hand hundreds and hundreds of years before any other people invaded our original homelands. They learned the basics of pottery making and shown pottery our ancestors made. They will ship the pottery the teens made back soon.

The groups swam and fished thanks to the NPS guides. They visited the Historic Preservation archives and viewed items donated, found, protected in climate controlled buildings, not available to the public for viewing. A night hike to a beautiful waterfall and viewed stars through telescopes was fun. They hiked a portion of the Appalachian Trail to an overlook. They met with biologists researching turtles affected by disturbed natural habitat due to the huge power lines overhead.

NPS set up a Career Day to show all the different roles they have in protecting our natural resources and the wildlife and the many people who visit the area. They encouraged our youth to check out opportunities such as internships for youth in the park. They want Delaware youth to return and work in their original homelands for the National Park Service.

In return, the youth took pictures of all their experiences with GoPro cameras provided to each group by NPS. The youth collaborated together and made a short picture presentation of their own for the NPS. Tiana Long brought her Delaware clothes to wear during the presentation.

The trip ended with a smudging and prayer ceremony conducted by CeCe Biggoose, Shuday and WeeKah, who built the fire, burned cedar and fanned all who attended before our journey home. Many good words, handshakes, hugs, feelings expressed, a special prayer by Larry Hilaire, tears flowed from youth and adults alike. That is how awesome this trip was. Lifetime friends were made and history was made once again. We brought back gifts of heirloom Indian corn, tobacco seeds, beans and earth from our homelands. The youth presented items at Tribal Council and shook hands with their Delaware leaders thanking them for this wonderful experience.

A planning committee is working together with the chaperones to plan and prepare for next summer's Youth Camp. I hope this event is the first of many for our future, our Delaware youth.

Wanishi!!  
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## Bonnie Thaxton Named AARP Honoree

Tim Hudson

A Delaware Tribe of Indians Elder is set to be honored by the AARP as a key Oklahoma-based Native American Elder.

According to a release from the AARP, Delaware Tribe of Indians Member Bonnie Thaxton has been "nominated and selected" as an honoree for the 2015 AARP Oklahoma Indian Elder Honors. The 7th annual Honor banquet will be held on October 6th at the National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum in Oklahoma City.

"I'm 92-years-old and I'm certainly proud of my heritage with the tribe," Bonnie said.

"And I plan to go to Oklahoma City for the ceremony."

"This is one of AARP Oklahoma's most prestigious and visible awards, given to recognize outstanding Native American Elders who are making a powerful difference in their communities, and Indian Country, in ways that are consistent with AARP's mission and vision, and who inspire others to service," said Mashell Sourjohn, Associ-

ate State Director of Community Outreach for Oklahoma AARP.

"AARP Oklahoma takes great pride in congratulating Mrs. Thaxton on all that she has done for her nation, state, community and for Indian country."

Delaware Tribe of Indians Chief Chet Brooks says that he's known Bonnie "at least 33 years."

"And she is one of the Delaware Tribe's most deserving elders to receive this AARP award and I'd like to personally thank Bonnie for all the years of service to the Delaware Tribe."

AARP, Inc., which was formerly the American Association of Retired Persons, is a non-profit membership and interest group, founded in 1958 for people over the age of 50. It is one of the most powerful lobbying groups in the United States.

Sourjohn says Thaxton's record of achievement, service, and commitment to the community is "making a difference and bringing purpose to those around her."

"She is an extraordinary example of the difference that can be made in the lives of individuals and in the well-being and vitality of a community," she said.

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## Donations for Education Scholarships Gratefully Accepted

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

Brass Level	up to \$ 100
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## Comments from Chief Chet Brooks

**K**ula Malsi Hach Lenapeok – How are my Lenape Relatives:

Wanishi Wuli Kishku Tahkoken – I give thanks for this good fall day and report that this was the summer with the most rain I can ever remember. Not only was our pow-wow rained out several nights Memorial Day weekend, the grass is still green in early fall. This is very unusual in Oklahoma. My guess is this means: “STORE PLENTY FIREWOOD FOR THE WINTER.”

This summer twelve tribal members traveled to the Stockbridge-Munsi band of Mohican Indians Reservation for a four-day cultural exchange meeting with Stockbridge as well as the two Canadian Delaware groups. Our people did much visiting with members of the other three groups. Thanks are extended to all our members who attended and especially our Color Guard that did a great job of presenting our Tribe’s Colors. Special thanks are also due Kay Anderson, Bonnie Jo Griffith, and

Martina Thomas for cooking fry bread for the 200 participants at this gathering. It was the best fry bread ever!

Five of our high-school-aged students have recently returned from the National Park Service-sponsored trip to Delaware Water Gap National Park. Please read details of their trip reported in another article of this DIN. When the students reported their trip at a recent Tribal Council meeting, they all expressed eagerness to do the same trip next year.

Tribal Secretary Dr. Nicky Michael, Council Member Michelle Holley, and I traveled to the Choctaw Nation in Durant, OK to hear the speech given by President Obama. Just last week most of our Council met for the third time with the Cherokee Nation Attorney General and Secretary of State. The purpose of these meetings is discussion with the Cherokee about our MOU and in hope of achieving more federal funding direct to our Tribe. These Cherokee meetings will soon enable our



Oklahoma resident members to buy DELAWARE LICENSE PLATES AT SUBSTANCIAL SAVINGS COMPARED TO OKLAHOMA STATE CAR LICENSE PLATES.

In closing I must plead with all Delaware tribal members to ATTEND OUR ANNUAL GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING NOVEMBER 7th IN BARTLESVILLE. We have not achieved a quorum in over five years. Support your Tribe, let your voice be heard and THE CREATOR WILL BLESS THE DELAWARE TRIBE OF INDIANS.

Wanishi  
Chief Chet Brooks  
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## From the Desk of Councilwoman Annette Ketchum

**K**ulamulsi hech, Lenape linuwak ok kweyok. A benefactor came to the tribe and asked if he could provide something for our elders. His gift is automated retractable steps installed in each of the two new 12-passenger vans that the Tribe received from the Original Nations Foundation of the Washington Redskins. The elders are grateful for these steps to aid them in getting in and out of the vans. Now that the installation is completed Steve Rowe, husband of Carolyn Rowe, a councilwoman on the Kansas Delaware Tribal Council, has allowed his name to be released.

He knows his mother would be smiling to know how he spent the inheritance to help elders.

In addition to the retractable steps, Original Nations Foundation has donated a walking trail around our pond on campus, along with exercise aids and cookout stations. There are five stations that are covered and include a picnic table, charcoal grill, and trash receptacle. All the items are in red and black (our colors) and are positioned attractively around the pond.

Thank you to the Rowes and the Original Nations Foundation for their thoughtfulness and generosity.

During the Pechonick administration Original Nations Foundation contacted the Tribe to offer to assist with some of the donations they make to Indian Nations. Their offer of a dozen language tablets, walking trail with all the enhancements, and two Chevrolet vans was accepted, along with caps and t-shirts.

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## From the Desk of Assistant Chief Bonnie Jo Griffith

**L**ots has happened since the last publication of the DIN.

Our Child Support Services Department is up and running and should have some cases by the time you receive this paper. Thanks to Curtis Zunigha and his staff for their hard work. From personal family experience I know there are many single parents who can certainly benefit from these services.

We have had many Delaware in the news lately with great accomplishments; Bonnie Thaxton, Garrett Powell, Nathan Young IV, Cece Biggoose and the five young people in her group, to name a few. The accomplishments of our Delaware tribal members are shining through and certainly shows that hard work by our members pays off.

Progress on the new Child Learning Center is being made. There is a forecast date of February for the completion. Meeting that date will probably be dependent on our winter weather.

I do want to take this time to let all of you know what a great workforce we have here at the Delaware Tribe of Indians. Every day I come in to the office and our employees are hard at work. Everyone takes pride in their work and it certainly shows. It certainly makes others jobs easier when these employees work as hard as they do. We are fortunate to have this group of dedicated individuals as our staff. Wanishi to each of them.

By the time you read this we will have again met with the

Cherokee Nation. Hopefully we can make headway with the Delaware car tags and other issues. With the re-election of Principal Chief Bill John Baker, I feel the good working relationship we have established with the Cherokee will continue.

Chief Brooks, Councilor Holley, and myself will be attending NCAI the third week of October. I am excited to get face time with other tribal leaders and find out accomplishments and strategies of other tribes. I feel all tribes can benefit from the successes of others. Additionally in October, Chief and several members will travel to Ohio for the re-burial of Lenape remains. Brice Obermeyer has done a great job coordinating this and I tip my hat to him.

A visit to the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma was made by Chief and Councilor Holley to look at their Elder Independent Living Center. There is great hope that we will be able to offer something similar to our elders in the not-so-distant future. Sherry Rackliff is working hard to get funding for this project. I am excited about this and know it will definitely benefit some of our elders and keep them in their home environment longer.

Don’t forget General Council will be held November 7, 2015. I hope each of you will come out and join us for a great day.

Wanishi!  
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## Check Out the Tribal Web Site

Have you visited our Tribe’s web site recently?

[www.delawaretribe.org](http://www.delawaretribe.org)

## From the Desk of Councilwoman Michelle Holley

As your Councilwoman, my goals have been to expand services available to our tribal members and improve government-to-government relations. The Creator has brought many opportunities to the Delaware Tribe, over the past few months, to enable progression for our tribe. These opportunities have allowed me, along with our respective Council members, to focus on the following areas.

**Tribal Historic Preservation Office:** Efforts have made to implement a business plan to expand the 106 Program. The initial step has been to increase the consultation fees from \$500 to the standard going rate of \$1000, which will increase our revenue for this program. As we move forward with further development of this program, the details will be discussed during Tribal Council meetings and in future

articles. The expansion of this program is a work in progress.

**Bureau of Indian Affairs:** Recently, a resolution was passed to transfer Tribal Transportation Program (TTP) funding from the Delaware Tribe of Indians to the Kialegee Tribal Town, rather than allow the funds to expire at end of FY2015. Once the monies are allocated for FY2016, the Kialegee Tribal Town will transfer the TTP funding back to the Delaware Tribe of Indians. The TTP regulations stipulate these funds can only be expended to improve lands that are listed in the Delaware Tribe of Indians "inventory." The Council is in the process of requesting the application and criteria to identify which properties, in our assets, meet the criteria. We will then submit the application to add as many of these properties to the Tribe's inventory. This will be a

work in progress as well, which I intend to keep you tribal members informed of, as we proceed.

**The Code of Conduct/Constitution:** The Tribal Council has been working on revising both of these governing documents, to bring them up to current standards. The Council has been working with a group of law students attending the University of Kansas to complete this project. This too is a work in progress.

**Cherokee Nation Tribal Relations:** The relationship between the Delaware Tribe of Indians and the Cherokee Nation is the best it has ever been. Through two receptive and willing groups of tribal leaders, an open dialogue has developed to discuss potential partnerships between our two nations. A few of the topics have been the creation of Delaware Tribe of Indians car tags, which would be issued through

the Cherokee Nation Tag Office. A tribal member would need to be a registered Cherokee Nation citizen to meet the requirement to qualify, just as they would if requesting a CN tag. The option for a Delaware Tribe of Indians tag is in developmental stages. Another topic of discussion has been regaining the ability to apply for 638 Contracts through the BIA. As most of you know, the Delaware Tribe of Indians is bound by certain restrictions under the MOA, put in place by the Cherokee Nation during Chad Smith's administration. The current CN administration of Chief Bill John Baker has been open and receptive to identifying possible solutions to soften the terms of this agreement. The productive conversations between our two nations continue to display promising developments to come.

These topics detailed above are only a few of the many proj-

ects this administration has taken on. As we proceed with each item, I will make every effort to keep you, our valued tribal members, informed. I would like to ask you, our tribal members, to provide feedback on the projects detailed above. Your opinion, as a tribal member, matters to me. I would also like to ask that you watch the recordings of the Tribal Council meetings posted on the the tribal web site ([www.delawaretribe.org](http://www.delawaretribe.org)) to stay informed and involved with the current issues and progression of the Delaware Tribe of Indians. I am humbled to serve our tribal members and am available to discuss any of your concerns. Please feel free to contact me via email or phone.

With humility and respect,  
Michelle Holley  
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## From the Desk of Council Member Nate Young

Lately my thinking process as a Council member has been dominated by several words and phrases. They are patience, remaining alert, innovation, adversity, and perseverance.

Patience because it will take time for our tribe to grow and develop. Remaining alert because of the ever-changing social, economic, and political scene. Innovation to help communicate better among ourselves. Adversity because every objective the Council wishes to achieve seems to have numerous obstacles to overcome. Perseverance because of the belief in never quitting to survive.

Currently our Tribe has an 8(a) application pending with the Small Business Administration. If you are not familiar with the term 8(a), it is a certification by the SBA that allows Indian tribes

to have preference in government contracting and subcontracting with major government contractors (e.g., Boeing, General Electric, Lockheed, etc). This can be very profitable. Several small tribes and Alaskan Native Villages that do not have gaming have gross revenues in excess of \$500 million by participating in the 8(a) program. We should have an answer on our 8 (a) application by mid-September or early October. Our small business, Tahkox e2, has already completed several small subcontracts, which helps us develop a record of accomplishment with the government. Jimmie Johnson, one of our Tribal employees, has done an excellent job in representing the Tribe with our Tahkox e2 partners. This endeavor requires patience.

The Council has formed a Grants Committee, composed of two Council members, our Tribal Operations Manager Allan Barnes, and Chief Financial Officer Jean Lewis. The purpose of the committee is to monitor our existing grants and to look for new grants when they are announced. The underlying principle is to provide as many services as possible for our members. Many times the grant opportunities do not provide the services our members want or require a matching financial commitment we cannot afford. The award of grants has also become very competitive. Furthermore, the number of grant opportunities is shrinking every year. Success in this endeavor requires us to remain alert to changing government trends.

Chief Brooks, Assistant Chief Bonnie Jo Griffith, and Treasure Benita Shea, with the help of Administrative Assistant Dana Murrell, have brought a new and innovative practice to our Council. The Council now has a weekly telephone conference call. This helps to maintain the flow of information to all Council members and to insure we are keeping our projects on schedule. Either the Chief or Assistant Chief moderates the call and Benita Shea keeps an action log. This effective and inexpensive innovation has been in use by the private sector for years. An innovation that has proven to be helpful to our Council.

One adversity that affects nearly every activity the Council undertakes is our financial condition. We barely have sufficient revenue to support our current programs and it limits our ability to undertake new projects

in the future. Tribal Operations Manager Allan Barnes and Chief Financial Officer Jean Lewis have done an excellent job utilizing our limited resources. However, we must develop a revenue stream that adequately supports our current programs and does not limit our ability to grow. We are hoping that our participation in the SBA 8(a) will alleviate the burden of a limited revenue stream.

Finally, we must take the attitude of the late British Prime Minister Winston Churchill. In a speech at Westminster College in Missouri, he stated that during World War II his philosophy was "never, never, never quit." The Delaware Tribe has been in existence for hundreds of years and we will be in existence for hundreds of more if we never quit.

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## Charles Journeycake: The Faithful Chief

*Emily Messimore*

Charles Journeycake (Neshap-anacumin) was born December 16, 1817 to Sally Williams and Delaware Chief Solomon Journeycake in Sandusky, Ohio. In 1828 the Delawares were ordered by the government to move to reservations in Kansas Territory.

After arriving in Kansas Territory, Chief Journeycake's mother, Sally, became a Delaware interpreter for missionaries and helped establish the first Indian Mission in Kansas. Inspired by his dedicated Christian mother, Journeycake was saved and baptized in 1833. It is thought that Journeycake was the first person to be baptized in the state of Kansas. In 1833, Charles Journeycake and his mother, Sally Williams, were the only Christians among the Delaware tribe.

In 1855, Charles Journeycake became Chief of the Wolf Clan. By 1861, Journeycake became the principal Chief of the Delaware tribe. In 1867 the Delaware people were once again removed from their homes, this time to Indian Territory, and deemed citizens of Cherokee Nation. It was at this time that Journeycake retired his title as chief, becoming the last official chief of Delaware Nation. Times were hard for the Delaware people in their new home. However, Journeycake's faith did not waiver. He knew he had a greater purpose that was yet to be fulfilled. Chief Journeycake still cared deeply about the wellbeing and future of his tribe. Acting as chief counselor to the people, he represented the Delaware in Washington D.C. on twenty-four different occasions to fight for legal rights and economic opportunities.

This upright and loving man is largely attributed with the spread of Christianity in the Delaware tribe and in all of Indian Territory. Charles Journeycake was a disciple sent into the violent and desolate land of Indian Territory, who breathed hope into the people there. Shortly after the move to Indian Ter-

ritory, Chief Journeycake organized a Church in his home. On September 23, 1872, Charles Journeycake was ordained as a minister, at the age of fifty-five, and the Delaware Baptist Church was officially founded. Seven of the eleven founding members were Journeycake's close relatives. During Reverend Journeycake's time preaching, the recorded members of the Delaware Baptist Church increased from eleven to nearly three hundred. Reverend Journeycake preached in several Native American languages, including Delaware, Shawnee, Wyandotte, Seneca, and Ottawa. With Journeycake's encouragement, the Delaware Baptist Association was organized November 27, 1891. Over the course of his life, Journeycake translated the four Gospels of the Bible into the Delaware language.

Journeycake had married Jane Sossa at the age of twenty. They had ten children, eight daughters and two sons. All of their daughters became fervent Christians and worked within the Delaware Baptist Association. One of Chief Journeycake's daughters married Mr. Bartles, the man whom Bartlesville, Oklahoma was named after.

Journeycake led his family the same way he led his tribe, with a caring dedication. Journeycake had an array of interests and accomplishments. He is credited with establishing the first trading post and post office in his hometown of Alluwe, Oklahoma.

Alluwe is actually a Delaware word that means "A better place." Later in his life, Chief Journeycake contributed much of his time and money to the development of Bacone College in Muskogee. Chief Journeycake was an intelligent man who enjoyed reading and kept a large library in his home. However, his favorite pastimes were hunting and preaching. After his wife's death in 1893, Journeycake found little enjoyment except in hunt-

ing and working at the Delaware Baptist Church. Charles Journeycake died on January 3, 1894. He was buried beside his loving wife in a cemetery south of Nowata. The graves were later relocated to Armstrong Cemetery in Alluwe due to the building of the Oologah dam.

Journeycake was an advocate of his people and his faith. Above all, he had a vision of what key part of history the Delaware people should hold fast to. He best summed this up in his speech before the Indian Defense Association in 1886. He said, "We have been broken up and moved six times. We have been despoiled of our property.

We thought when we moved across the Missouri River, and had paid for our homes in Kansas we were safe. But in few years the white man wanted our country. We had made good farms, built comfortable houses and big barns. We had schools for our children and churches where we listened to the same Gospel the white man listened to. We had a great many cattle and horses. The white man came into our country from Missouri and drove our cattle and horses away across the river. If our people followed them they got killed.

We try to forget these things, but we would not forget that the white man brought us the blessed Gospel of Christ, the Christian's hope. This more than pays for all we have suffered."

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### THE DELAWARE INDIAN NEWS ANNOUNCES THIRD ESSAY WINNER

Congratulations to Emily Messimore on being our third winner in the essay contest for our youth. A \$100 gift will be in the mail very soon to Emily, 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.

### ABOUT THE CONTEST

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

**Parts 1, 2, and 3.** Research and write about the history of the Delaware Powwow (Part 1). Research and write about the Delaware people's historical presence in Pennsylvania (Part 2). Research and write about ANY Chief of the Delaware Tribe of Indians (living or dead) (Part 3). Winning articles were published in the April and July *DIN*s and in this issue.

**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. ■

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## Tribal Operations Manager Report

Allan Barnes

Hello Tribal members, spouses, staff, interested readers and all of our Native American friends and relatives! In this article, I would like to depart from the norm and use this issue to introduce myself as your new Tribal Operations Manager, effective July 13, 2015. Hopefully, many of you readers know me, whether you know it or not, because I started here with the Delaware Tribe of Indians as the Tribe's receptionist in June 2013. So, we may have spoken. Or maybe, I have been able to assist you in our Community Services program or possibly helped your student in our Higher Education Scholarship program. Since then, I spent a brief time in the Indian Child Welfare program, long enough to host an Adoptive Parent and Foster Family Fair and to apply for and be awarded a grant renewal.

However, most recently, if you have come to our Elder Nutrition Lunch this past year, we definitely have had a chance to speak. That is why I am excited to say I look forward to serving the tribe in this position.

Of course, many of us have come to rely on our outgoing Tribal Manager, Curtis Zunigha, to update us on ongoing operations and accomplishments, as have I, during this time of transition. Fortunately, as you may have noticed in our July issue, Curtis is diligently heading up our revitalized Child Support Services, with a very capable staff, which I believe will someday be a cornerstone of our Social Service programs. During this time, he has also briefed me on many topics and sat in on my first meeting with Mike Longan and Diane Jobe from the Miami and Muskogee BIA offices, respectively. Certainly, these contacts are invaluable and do help us continue the good relationship already developed with the BIA.

Also, while transitioning from the Elder Nutrition program to my duties as Operations Manager, I have traveled to our other tribal locations in Chelsea, Caney, KS, Lawrence and even four of our tribal cemeteries.

As a member of the Personnel Committee, we have hired two new employees, one in maintenance



and a receptionist at our Community Center.

In closing, I would like to say, I am confident that our Administration and Tribal Council will continue to develop our Delaware Tribe of Indians as a vibrant and successful organization by expanding and providing more services to our tribal members. By the way, hopefully you have been to our Tribal complex and seen for yourself how much pride we take in our appearance. Come and visit our Library, Archives and Gift Shop also here at our Complex. Finally, I am here to serve you and advance our Tribe's interests. Please don't hesitate to contact me.

Wanishi!

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## News from Enrollment

Leslie Fall-Leaf

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. 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 by either coming into our office or downloading the application from our website.

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

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.

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Leslie Fall-Leaf

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## Housing Department

Ron Scott

The Delaware Tribe Housing Department is currently working on our 2015 Indian Housing Plan grant, which has eleven activities to complete within our twelve-month period. The 2015 application was submitted last December and we received funding last spring.

It's been told that, for the first in recent history all our rental units are at or very near 100% capacity. In reporting this monu-

mental feat, our waiting list will continue to grow. Therefore, anyone calls or comes to Chelsea or to the Bartlesville office, should expect a long wait for housing.

The Delaware Tribe Housing Department for this year, is offering a "Down Payment/Closing Cost" for families who are purchasing a home on their own. Funding will be available now, please call the Housing Director at 918-337-6571 extension 126

for more information. The bulk of our HUD-funded activities allows our Chelsea and Bartlesville maintenance staff to maintain and upkeep our rental units year round (homebuyers are required to maintain their homes on their own).

During the period of August 13th to September 9th, the Chelsea maintenance staff made ready seven rental units to be able to be moved in. During the same period, Housing Inspector Walter Dye and the Chelsea crew brought the Delaware Acres Housing Addition up to a

"top notch" condition with grass cutting, tree and brush cutting and trimming. Our Bartlesville Lead Maintenance received good news with the hiring of Matt Keh-Tigh, which now constitutes a full crew with Jeffery Blalock, Lead Maintenance. With Matt on board, Jeffery can share the workload as the two will assist all our Bartlesville area tenants with fast and dependable services which Jeffery is noted for.

The Housing Department recently awarded the bid for surveying at the Secondine I Addition to Dan Goss and Associates,

out of Collinsville, Dan is a Delaware tribal citizen.

The Housing Department also provided good news for five families; one from Vinita and four from Chelsea received their deeds, as they paid off their homes. We are expecting to convey deeds to two more families in the very near future.

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Housing Director

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## Elder Nutrition

Allan Barnes

For those of us that enjoyed the Summer months, here we find ourselves having had all the fun of the 4th of July and most recently the Labor Day weekend. As for our Elder Nutrition program, we continue to roll along with the steady participation that we have enjoyed these past months. Our average number meals served has remained at approximately fifty five, even with all of the vacations and other activities. Thank you to all of our participants. So, to review the past three months: in June we served 1,157; in July, 1,261; and in August, 1,077 (which as you know is vacation month). Now that school has started up this September, our Elder Nutrition program is certainly rebounding and getting off to an excellent start!

Yes, we are still renting Forsythe Hall and actually over Labor Day Weekend had a large family reunion and in July we had hosted a nice wedding shower. Of course, the Community Center Dining Hall is the place for many of our Elder Activities, which includes our Elder Exercises on Monday, Wednesday and Fridays. I am happy to report that participation has seen a steady increase and the leaders and other volunteers continually are setting up more chairs. Don't forget the community center is for you, so you are welcome to contact us by phone or e-mail.

Of course, each month we celebrate our birthdays and anniversaries with hamburgers

and all the works, french fries, cake, and ice cream. Oh by the way, something that you should also know is that we do serve our Indian Taco lunch on the first Friday of every month. Our Elder birthdays for July were Glenda Patton, Max Branson, Bonnie Thaxton, Gary McGrew, Jim Rementer and Ronnie Coleman. In August we celebrated birthdays for Kay Anderson, Howard Barnes, Rick Barnes, Janifer Brown, Allan Barnes, Joanna Longley, Homer Scott, Terry Barnes, Dee Ketchum, and Curtis Zunigha. Our September birthdays and anniversaries were Gloria Pratt, Charles Randall, Janice Wilkie, Wanda Fox, Betty (Susie) Harbison, Chet Brooks, Leona Barnes, Verna Arher-ton, Mickey Morrison, Marilyn Aaroe, Alice Stokes, James Stephens, Karolena Gompf, and Shirley Troxell. Also, we would like to recognize Wayne and Loretta Brewer, regular diners, who celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary.

In August, we were fortunate to add a third member to our Kitchen staff, Thomas Selby. Tom came to us from the Grand Gateway program and has become a welcome addition to our staff. In fact, this was certainly an opportune time indeed, because I became of less assistance to Archie and Lucy in the last half of July and they definitely stepped up their duties and took on the work of three people. So, with that being said, on July 13, I accepted the position of Tribal

Operations Manager for our Delaware Tribe. Certainly, these past two months have been an exciting time and I look forward to the new challenge. By the time you read this issue, we will have selected a new Director of Elder Nutrition but as of this article a replacement has not yet been named. I am happy to say, during this time of transition, thanks to Archie, Lucy and now Tom, the lunch operation has run smoothly and efficiently.

Over the past year, we have become actively involved with our Title VI, AOA/ACL state association the Oklahoma Indian Council on Aging. It certainly benefits our program by becoming acquainted with the other surrounding tribes and their Elder Nutrition directors. Being part of an organization gives us a stronger voice throughout Indian Country and Washington D.C.

So, in closing, let me say how much I appreciate having worked side-by-side with our Elders, volunteers and staff in making this Elder Nutrition program continue to grow. As Tribal Manager, I am 100% committed to providing all the support possible, to this program and the new Director for its continued success. By the way, do not hesitate to contact us at our Tribal Headquarters, phone number (918) 337-6590.

Wanishi! Alapsi, Mitsitum... (Thank you, Hurry up, Let's eat.)

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## Delaware Tribe Child Support Services

Curtis Zunigha

The Office of Child Support Services is funded by a grant from the US Department of Health and Human Services/Administration for Children & Families/Office of Child Support Enforcement. The program assists applicants to obtain tribal court orders for child support payments. Our goal is to ensure both parents provide continuous financial support for their children. We promote functional co-parenting relationships to increase stable and self-sufficient families. We can locate non-custodial parents, establish paternity, transfer cases from other courts, modify and enforce court orders, and collect and disburse payments. Grandparents caring for children in the home may also be eligible to obtain child support.

The benefit of using our office is that paternity establishment ensures accurate tribal enrollment and inheritance rights. Tribal court jurisdiction allows more authority and flexibility in how cases are handled. And we use native cultural sensitiv-

ity in administering every case. We can refer applicants to other offices and agencies to meet the need for other social services. Our office does not provide any legal services to applicants.

The Child Support Services office is located at the tribe's Kansas headquarters building (601 High Street, Caney, KS 67333; telephone number: 620-879-2109).

The office staff is:

- Curtis Zunigha (Delaware) – Director
- Arleata Snell (Assiniboine) – Case Manager
- Crystal St John (Cherokee) – Financial Specialist

Contact the Office of Child Support Services to obtain an application or download one from the tribal web site:

<http://delawaretribe.org/wp-content/uploads/CSS-Application.pdf>

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Right, August 21, Tahlequah, OK. Staff members of Child Support Services and Tribal Judges spent the day at Cherokee Nation attending court and training with CN Child Support Enforcement. All were met by Cherokee Nation Chief Bill John Baker who lauded the cooperative effort to serve Cherokee and Delaware members.

(L-R) Curtis Zunigha, Arleata Snell, Judge Charles Randall, Judge Beverly Chaffin, Chief Baker, Judge Rick Barnes, Crystal St John, CN Director Kara Whitworth.



## Chambers Repatriation Complete and Museum Planning to Begin

*Brice Obermeyer*

*Delaware Tribe Historic Preservation Office*

With cooler weather finally here our office is pleased to share our progress on two important projects over the summer months.

Our most significant work continues to involve the preparation for the reburial of the Chambers Site collection. This very large collection comes from an 18th-century Delaware cemetery associated with the historic Delaware village of Kuskuskies in western Pennsylvania. The cemetery is known archaeologically as the Chambers Site, and at least 80 individual graves were identified during the excavation of this site in the 1960s.

In early summer we officially transferred the control of the collection from the Carnegie Museum and the State Museum of Pennsylvania to the three Delaware tribes (Delaware Tribe, Delaware Nation and Stockbridge Munsee). Following the transfer, Titus Frenchmen and I took possession of the collection and moved it to the curation facility at the Ohio History Connection in Columbus, OH. Ohio History has agreed to hold the remains for us until we are able to move forward and have been incredibly gracious with their time and space in assisting us with the process. Once at the curation facility, Titus and I began the process of reuniting the collection during this early June visit and then Nekole Alligood, Director for the Delaware Nation Cultural Preservation Department, and I returned to complete the process.

We are pleased to see that this collection has now been returned to the tribes and is ready for reburial. Work began on the repatriation of this collection over 15

years ago with the opening of our NAGPRA office, and this project's completion owes much to all of the previous directors and staff who have helped bring this project to a close. To help with the final step of the process, we applied for and were awarded \$15,000 from the National Park Service to fund our travel for the reburial. As a joint reburial, our award will be split equally among the three tribes.

The remains are planned to be buried at Schoenbrunn Historic Village in eastern Ohio. This historic village is a reconstruction of the 18th-century Moravian Mission village of the same name that was originally established for the Delaware while they lived in the Ohio country. The site is managed by the Ohio History Connection and they have been very helpful with the reburial planning as well. There is a cemetery there on the site that houses both Delaware and Moravian Delaware graves that would have been contemporary with the Chambers Site graves. We plan to expand this cemetery to include the graves of the Chambers collection and we are working with Ohio History on the details for the reburial.

Another significant development is that we are entering into the early planning stages for the eventual development of a Lenape Heritage Museum. Envisioned as a museum and cultural center, we hope that this institution will eventually serve as the premier curatorial and research facility for all facets of Lenape culture as well as an architecturally-inviting space for cultural events, language and cultural revitalization efforts,

and intertribal gatherings. With this goal in mind we applied for and were awarded funding by the MICA Cultural Resources Fund (\$15,000) to begin this multi-year project through planning and collaboration with all six Lenape-descended tribes and the many non-tribal museums who now hold the physical remains of Lenape heritage. MICA funding will be used to support the initial consultations with all six tribes and the identification of the museums who hold our most significant objects. These on-site consultations will be needed in order for us to begin the discussions necessary to create such a tribally inspired center for all to enjoy.

Beyond this initial phase, we will seek future MICA-CRF grants and additional funding sources to help us continue our museum efforts. Additionally a portion of the increased revenue from our recent increase in consultation fees will be committed to support the additional staff, construction, maintenance and technological infrastructure needed to maintain an appropriate facility. Although a lofty goal, it is one that we feel will eventually become a reality given the availability of these funding sources.

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## Lenape Language Project Report

*Jim Rementer*

### What's New

The grant from the National Science Foundation has enabled us to continue making improvements to the Lenape Talking Dictionary. Our one-year grant was extended to two years but it ran out at the end of August 2015. Now we will be looking for sources for additional funding, hopefully enough to actually have the language database rewritten in a more up-to-date computer programming language. It is now antiquated in computer terms.

We have also been adding a number of sound files for Lenape words which until recently have lacked sound files. Since February, over 2,700 additional sound files have been added. Most recently sound files recorded with Reuben Wilson in 1967 were added. The Lenape Talking Dictionary now has 16,400 word files and of those 8,900 have sound files. There are also 1,800 Sentence files with sound.

### Newest Feature

The computer programmers did a month-long analysis of usage of the Lenape Talking Dictionary. That gave a detailed breakdown of usage and showed us which parts were being used most frequently, number of hits, how long people stayed on the website, and even what countries people looking at the website where from. Based on the analysis of usage it was decided that one of the features that needs to be improved is the Lenape Lessons section. At the present time it is not possible to add sound files to this section. The programmers are therefore updating that section. This will allow us to add existing language class materials along with sound files

to the talking dictionary so that tribal members and interested people are able to use the lessons for the purpose intended.

In January we started having Lenape language classes on the second and fourth Mondays of every month. We have an average attendance of six and we have a new lesson plan each class. We have now had 12 classes.

### Project History

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

The Talking Dictionary is a work in progress, and we continue to convert audiotapes of Lenape speakers to digital format, from which we extract the Lenape words. These are then entered into the Dictionary and become immediately available on the Internet.

We should mention that the sound files are not all of studio quality. Most were recorded whenever and wherever possible – sitting in someone's living room, on the porch, etc. We 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.

To view the Talking Dictionary, go to:

<http://talk-lenape.com>



## Judges Corner

*Judge Charles Randall*

2015 has been an active year for the Delaware Court. We have hired Laura Holden to the position of part-time Court Clerk. Laura brings her experience of being Langley, OK Court Clerk for several years. She has been extremely helpful working with the Court and taking care of Court business.

Two major petitions have come before the Court. The first was to determine the ownership of assets purchased by the Tribe. It was determined that the assets were in fact Tribal property and were issued for Tribal use. The property was recovered for the Tribe. The second petition was to determine the validity of three contracts signed by the previous Chief just prior to the swearing in of the new Chief and Council. It was determined that there was

no motion or resolution by the Council transferring authority to the Chief to issue the contracts. According to the Article II Section 5 of the Bylaws "Matters of business for the Council shall be decided by a majority vote" and under the Constitution the Chief can only sign contracts when explicitly authorized by the Council pursuant to a vote. The contracts were determined to be null and void. Details of these petitions can be found on the Delaware web site ([www.delawaretribe.org](http://www.delawaretribe.org)) under Tribal Government, Tribal Court, and Judicial Decisions.

We are really excited about Child Support becoming a reality. In this capacity, we support both the custodial parent and the non-custodial parent in enforcing court mandated Child Support payments. The Child Support team and the Judges have observed various Child Support Dockets to become fa-

miliar with procedures and techniques. These include the Kaw Court, Osage Court, Montgomery County, KS Court, Washington County, OK Court, and the Cherokee Court. This has been very educational and we have received a great deal of support and help from each group. We would like to express our sincere appreciation to everyone we have worked with on this.

The Child Support team is actively soliciting applications and our first Child Support Docket will be held in late September.

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## Cultural Resources

*Anita Mathis*

Hand family. It looks like summer may be behind us and a wonderful fall is upon us.

The Archives are growing; we now have 927 documents, 135 artifacts, and 3842 photos for you to see and research.

Stop by and check out all that is new and offered in the Library. We now have 929 books cataloged that are ready to read and research. Unfortunately at this time we are not set up to check out these books, but you are welcome to come and read them on-site.

The gift shop has many new treasures. Check it out in person or on our website at [www.dela-](http://www.dela-)

[waretribe.org](http://waretribe.org) (at the bottom is a tab for the online gift shop). Remember that Christmas is just around the corner!

As always please bring in your pictures and documents to be copied and added to our archives to preserve and share with our future generations. How to reach these programs, Office, 918-337-6595 cell: 918-338-9919, e-mail [amathis@delawaretribe.org](mailto:amathis@delawaretribe.org).

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## Veteran's Committee Report

*Kenny Brown, Chairman*

Lenape Warriors and family members, greetings! As summer passes and fall approaches we look forward to some exciting celebrations. First, I want to again extend our appreciation to the Delaware War Mothers. The Veteran's Committee has given a letter of appreciation to the War Mothers for all they do and have done for all of our Veterans. In their honor the Veteran's Committee is going to host a cookout for our Delaware War Mothers organization on October 10, 2015 at 2:00 P.M. at the Delaware Community Center.

I want to acknowledge and thank Homer Scott, John Sumpter, Curtis Zunigha and Associate Member Kerric Franco of the Lenape Veteran's Color Guard for representing our unit at the

Stockbridge Munsee Rez. I have been told by many, our guys looked the sharpest and after seeing some pics, I agree.

As I write this Delaware Days is just a few weeks away. The Veteran's Committee has nominated John Sumpter, Sergeant, U.S. Army Special Forces (Green Beret) for this year's Veteran Honoree.

Mark your calendar!

- Oct. 17, 2015: Pryor Powwow, your color guard is on duty. It's always a good one.
- Oct. 24, 2015: American Legion Post #1 in Tulsa is having a fund-raising gourd dance. Curtis Zunigha will M.C. Come support the Post and Curtis.

- Nov. 11, 2015: Veterans Day! Participate in or go watch a parade and fly the Flag!
- Dec. 7, 2015: Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day! Recognize and shake a WWII veteran's hand.
- March 5, 2016 Tulsa Community College 2nd Annual Powwow! Your Lenape Gourd Society is Host Gourd Clan. Come dance with us!

Order of the Day: Support your local American Legion Post!

Not a member? Locate a post and join.

American Legion — [www.legion.org](http://www.legion.org)  
Disabled American Veterans Administration — [www.dav.org](http://www.dav.org)  
Wounded Warrior Project — [www.woundedwarriorproject.org](http://www.woundedwarriorproject.org) ■

## From the Desk of Council Member Benita Shea

We continue to strive to find ways to improve our financial condition. There are several irons in the fire and with great hope will be successful. The information on the 8a application should be provided by the end of October. Takoxe2 has been successful on a small scale. The Aquaculture ideas are still on the table. We were not awarded the USDA grant but plan on applying again next year.

We have had some major discussion around the Section 106 funds and how those funds will be managed. It has been determined that the funds are unrestricted. In addition, we are also looking at receiving some left over ATG funds. All departments have been requested to provide a wish list so that our needs can be prioritized.

The new Child Support program is fully staffed and ready to rock and roll.

We have also discussed a possible Elder Assisted Living program that would consist of housing with two bedrooms to allow someone to stay with our elders if assistance is needed.

We are a strong people who have overcome many obstacles in our past. I believe we will continue to grow and nourish our own. I know not all of us will agree on every item we have. However, I will continue to think about and work on what is best for my people.

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## Obituaries



### Barbara Jean (Harrold) Duvall

January 25, 2015

Barbara Jean (Harrold) Duvall passed away January 25, 2015 at the young age of 68 years. Barbara was happily married to James Duvall for more than 53 years. She is survived by two fine sons, Randy and Rusty; two super grandchildren, Mara Ann and Jack; and one great-grandson, Dameron. She enjoyed friends, family and fishing and creating delicious food dishes. She was a long time homemaker, Corp. Risk manager, Insurance Adjuster, owned her own alteration business, and helped her husband operate their property tax business for many years. ■

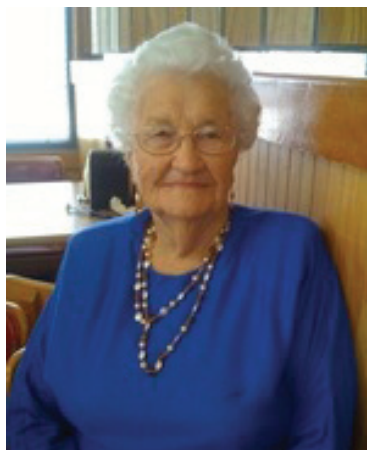


### Glen Jacobs

August 21, 2015

Glen "Chohkalihle" Jacobs, a resident of Moravian-town, Delaware First Nation on the Thames in Ontario, Canada passed away at his home on Fri-

day, August 21, 2015 at the age of 65. Born in Chatham, son of the late Cyril and Eva (Noah) Jacobs. Chohkalihle dedicated many years to educating and teaching the Lunaapeew Language. He was language consultant for the 1992 film *Last of the Mohicans*. He last visited the Delaware Indian community at the Gathering on the Stockbridge-Munsee Reservation in Wisconsin in late July. He was a friend to many of us at the Delaware Tribe in Oklahoma. His laugh and smile will be remembered by all. Beloved husband of Karen (Snake) Jacobs. A father to five children and had ten grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Interment was at Moravian-town Cemetery on the Delaware Reserve. Lapich Knewel. ■



### Jessie Ruth Stewart Nunnallee

August 15, 1916-  
August 18, 2015

Jessie Ruth Nunnallee passed away August 18, 2015 at Jane Phillips Medical Center in Bartlesville at the age of 99. She was born August 15, 1916 in Childers, OK to M.M. Stewart, Sr. and Ola Childers Stewart. She attended Lenapah Public Schools and graduated in 1934. Jessie married John

Houston Nunnallee, Jr. on August 20, 1936 in Delaware, OK. To this union were born five children: Loretta, Butch, Marcella, Bob, and Johnny Mac. They were married 65 years before John preceded her in death in 2002. John and Jessie moved two miles west of Nowata in 1942, built a house, and established a farm. Jessie lived in this house until her passing.

While raising their children, Jessie was a homemaker and a member of a home demonstration club. She was an accomplished seamstress, and enjoyed crocheting, quilting, and embroidery. Jessie was a member of the First United Methodist Church and it's quilting guild. Each of her children and grandchildren received one of her handmade quilts. Jessie worked for her sister and brother-in-law at Nunnallee's Grocery.

Jessie is survived by daughter Marcella and Roscoe Miller of Nowata, son Butch and Cheryl Nunnallee of Burbank, son Bob and Marilee Nunnallee of Nowata, and son Johnny Mac Nunnallee of the home. Also, grandchildren Sherrie Bellamy and husband Allen, Dee Waltman and wife Brenda, Angelia Franke and husband Steve, Lance Nunnallee, Todd Nunnallee, and Jason Nunnallee. She is survived by great-grandchildren Savannah and Chris Bellamy, Sarah Brown, Shay and Drake McGovern, Jake Waltman, Justin, Tyler, and Kelsey Waltman, John and Meredith Franke, and Conner Nunnallee. Jessie also has two great-great-granddaughters, Kayleigh and Isabella Waltma, and two great-great-grandsons, Maverick McGovern and Conner Wade Nunnallee.

Jessie was preceded in death by her parents, husband, daughter Loretta Wells, and grandson Nathan John Waltman. Also, seven brothers and sisters preceded her in death: brothers Leo, Turner, and

Mac Stewart, Jr. and sisters Verna Looper, Leola Yelton, Vera Schopmeyer, Betty Nunnallee, an infant sister Marcella Stewart.

Funeral services for Jessie Ruth Stewart Nunnallee were at 10:00 A.M., Saturday, August 22, 2015 at the First United Methodist Church in Nowata with Pastor Jeffrey Rickman officiating. Interment followed at Nowata Memorial Park Cemetery. Arrangements were entrusted to Benjamin Funeral Service. Online condolences may be left at [www.honoringmemories.com](http://www.honoringmemories.com). ■



### Rosalee Faye Nichols

February 13, 1940-  
July 17, 2015

Rosalee Faye Nichols, 75, of Nowata, passed away Friday, July 17, 2015 at the Jane Phillips Medical Center in Bartlesville surrounded by her family. She was born February 13, 1940 in Nowata to Mildred (Tatum) and Albert C. Armstrong. Growing up Rosie attended the Armstrong Church in the Armstrong Indian District. Rosalee was a 1958 graduate of Nowata High School. Upon graduation she remained in the Nowata area to stay close to her family. She was married to Garold Gene Nichols and they had one daughter, Deborah. Rosie

and her husband enjoyed square dancing and were officers in their club. In 1975 Gene and Rosie divorced and she devoted the rest of her life to raising and supporting her family. She was the manager of Pizza Hut in Nowata for several years and ran a thriving business. Rosie was loved and appreciated by employees and customers because she ran the business like a family. In 1995 her love and devotion to children eventually led her to her next job as the head cook at Wauhilla Head Start. Rosie retired in 2003 but her life did not slow down. She volunteered at the Boys and Girls Club as a mentor. Rosie's biggest passion in life was her daughter, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. She devoted her life to making sure her family was happy and had everything they wanted and needed. In her pastime she enjoyed fishing and was an avid NASCAR fan. Her all-time favorite racer was Dale Earnhardt Jr. She is going to be greatly missed by all that knew her.

Survivors include a daughter, Deborah Dunn and her husband Brian of Nowata; a brother, Howard Armstrong and wife Murial of Bartlesville; three grandchildren, Jeremy Rian Dunn and wife Lindsey, Brian Michael Dunn and wife Brittany, Jeff Sutton, a special niece, Brenda Savala, and two great-grandchildren, Dawsyn Rosalee Dunn, and Rian Jonathon Dunn, and special friends Panzy Seabert, Bonnie Crossland, and Patricia Schaffer.

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

## Obituaries (cont'd)

Rosalee is preceded in death by her parents, Albert and Mildred Armstrong; five siblings, Floyd Armstrong, Luey Jane Armstrong, Sue Dick, Garnett Mullikan, Mary Georgeanne Sutton.

<http://www.obitsforlife.com/obituary/1138428/Nichols-Rosalee.php> ■



### June Bratcher Sears

January 16, 1922-  
August 5, 2015

June B. Sears, age 93 and resident of Bartlesville, Oklahoma, passed away on Wednes-

day, August 5, at her home. June Sears was born on January 16, 1922 in Alluwe, Oklahoma. She was the daughter of Ed Bratcher and Louise (Fink) Bratcher. June grew up in Alluwe, attending the Wyandotte Indian School. On November 6, 1941, June and Lee Sears were united in marriage in Independence, Kansas. They

made their first home in Hogshooter, Oklahoma before moving to Bartlesville. June was a member of the Delaware War Mothers and she was proud of her Delaware and German ancestry. She was a very good cook and enjoyed cooking and eating fresh foods. She enjoyed crocheting, fishing, and doing jigsaw puzzles. Most of all, she enjoyed time spent with her family. She was very dear to all who knew and loved her. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Lee; brother, Pete Bratcher; sisters, Mae Bemis, Lillian Fieldse, Mary Baxter and Carrie Bratcher; and one great-grandson. Survivors include her children, Wayne D. Sears of Hogshooter, William "Bill" Sears of Talala, Oklahoma, Wiley Sears and his wife, Sande, of Skiatook,

Oklahoma, Ray Sears and his wife, Marie, of Welling, Oklahoma, and Bess Marler and her husband, Virgil, of Hogshooter; 25 grandchildren; 53 great-grandchildren; and 35 great-great-grandchildren. Visitation was held on Saturday and Sunday from 1:00-8:00 PM in the Arnold Moore & Neekamp Funeral Home. A funeral service was held on Monday, August 10, at 10:00 AM at New Harmony Baptist Church. Rev. Don Hazelwood officiating.

Interment followed the service in the Oglesby Cemetery (Old Steele Camp Oglesby). Pallbearers included Bryan Sears, Brian Burr, Wiley Sears, Jr., Steven Sears, Eddie Marler and Brandon Marler. Arrangements were under the direction of the Arnold Moore & Neekamp Funeral Home. ■

### Lenapeowski Foundation

**W**eli kishku tahkoken. Nkwelaha kulamalsi. (Greetings tribal members! I hope each of you are in good health and spirits as we move into the autumn season.)

The Lenapeowski Foundation would like to express our gratitude to each and every one of you for your continued support of our youth and our program! Without your support and participation, we would not be a success. This upcoming year brings exciting developments and unexpected changes to the Lenapeowski Foundation and our program.

Some unexpected changes within our leaders, will bring unexpected change to the schedule of the Thursday night program. As most of you know, Chairwoman Dr. Nicky Michael has accepted an appointment as Professor of Native American Studies at the University of Wyoming. This is an amazing opportunity for Dr. Michael to share her vast and di-

verse knowledge and experience of Native American issues with an emerging generation. We wish her, Xavier, Tahkoken, and River the best in their new journey.

In addition, our instructors have been experiencing time constraints, due to an increasing work load with their employers. So the Board of Directors has decided to change the Thursday night weekly program to a bi-weekly or monthly program. The Board is coordinating with our instructors to finalize a calendar. Once we have the details nailed down, the calendar will be posted on our website ([www.lenapeowski.org](http://www.lenapeowski.org)), Facebook page, and at the Community Center. The program content will still consist of language, dance and craft instruction.

Now for some exciting news! As we move into the coming year, we are looking at expanding our program into the Vinita, Miami and Grove areas to in-

crease our outreach area. We are coordinating with tribal leaders in these areas to identify locations and instructors. Please contact one of the Board members listed below if you are interested in becoming a volunteer instructor or participant.

The Board members have also discussed initiating a *Dress for Success* program to service our members with professional clothing for interviews and work. This would be a need-based program, where a member can peruse the collection of donated professional clothing, if that member could not afford to purchase new attire for an interview with a potential employer or university. The clothes would be returned or additional items would be donated, once the member was able to purchase their own clothing. Lenapeowski Foundation is accepting donations for the *Dress for Success Program* Items needed are professional clothing for both men and women (dress shirts, blazers, slacks, matching suits,

shoes). Monetary donations accepted as well. Please contact Michelle Holley to make a donation.

Another new development has been the creation of our web site [www.lenapeowski.org](http://www.lenapeowski.org). This web site is still in the developmental stages and will provide an event calendar, Lenapeowski merchandise (T-shirts, bracelets and fans), updates and many more features, as we move forward.

As you can see there are many new and exciting changes in the works. We will keep you posted as the developments progress. Please feel free to contact our Board of Directors with any questions or suggestions.

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### From the Tribal Archives



### Language Lesson

#### Dance words

(with the aid and consultation of Jim Rementer)

Malàxkwsitkan – Bean Dance  
Katuhowkan – Cherokee Dance  
Kwikwinkēmēkan –  
Duck Dance  
Nahēnaltin – Go Get 'um  
Dance  
Nahēnēmke – Coon Dance  
Nikantkan – Lead Dance, also  
known as Stomp Dance  
Mèkiskan – Sheep Dance  
Shkèhtewkan – Alligator Dance  
Namèskan – Fish Dance  
Ilawkan – War Dance  
Xkweyòk naxkuhēmaòk –  
Woman Dance

## Community

### Tribal Member Luana M. Strike-Axe Murphy Graduates from OSU Tech

Congratulations to Luana Marie Strike-Axe Murphy, 2015 Graduate of OSU Institute of Technology in Visual Communications Graphic Design.

Luana's degree is an AAS in Graphic Design Technology. She is a Delaware tribal member, daughter of Cecilia Biggoose, Lester Biggoose (deceased) and her step-father James Martinez; granddaughter of Jeanette Mitchell; great-granddaughter of Edith Parks Waters; and great-niece of Lucy Parks Blalock. Her Delaware name, Sikonatae, was given to her by Leonard Thompson and Lucy Blalock.

Luana's persistence, through a serious life threatening health issue, a baby, along with school age children, with the support of her loving husband and family, attended school full time and accomplished her dream. Congratulations! ■



Pictured with her is her family. Left to right: baby Roscoe, husband Jason, daughter Tiana, son Tehi (not pictured is son Choske').

### Tucker-Sibley Wedding

June 27, 2015

Christina Elaine (Howland) Tucker of Coffeyville, KS and Steven Thomas Sibley of Tulsa OK were united in marriage on June 27th, 2015 at Bartlesville Community Center, Bartlesville OK at 8pm. The evening wedding took place on the covered balcony, which overlooks downtown Bartlesville. The ceremony was officiated by Rev. James Denton of Edna, KS and a special blessing given by Chief Chet Brooks of the Delaware Tribe of Indians. A sunset reception followed on the balcony with dancing and Karaoke into the night.

The bride is a long-time resident of Coffeyville KS and graduate of both Field Kindley Memorial HS and Coffeyville Community College. The bride is employed at CCC as Director of Medical Assisting and Instructor. She is also a mem-

ber and officer of the American Legion Riders Chapter 20, of Coffeyville, ride name "Tink." The groom is a member of the Delaware Tribe of Indians "Wolf Clan." He is a graduate of Memorial High School, Tulsa OK, holds a Bachelors degree from DeVry University, is completing a Masters Degree from Mid America Christian University, and is serving on active duty in the U.S. Army Reserves, as a Career Counselor. The groom is also a member of the American Legion in Coffeyville.

The bride is the daughter of Mary (Jones) Burge, deceased, and Sam Burge of Coffeyville KS as well as Donald and Luisa Howland of Osborne KS. The groom is the son of Ronald and Nancy Sibley of Tulsa OK, both deceased. The bride was escorted by her sons Logan Tucker of Coffeyville and (in spirit)



Joshua Tucker of Parsons, who was unable to attend. Joshua's infant daughter, Isabella, served as flower girl and was carried by the bride.

The couple's honeymoon trip included the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in Cleveland, Ohio; Cedar Point Park in Sandusky, Ohio, home of some of the world's fastest roller coaster; and Chicago, Illinois, where they enjoyed sight seeing and baseball games. The couple plans to reside in Oklahoma. ■

### Garrett Powell Joins NSU Riverhawks

Tim Hudson

It's looking to be a great year," says Tribal member Garrett Powell, of the upcoming football season at Tahlequah, Oklahoma-based Northeastern State University where he's recently signed.

The Delaware Tribe of Indians wide receiver and punter says he's happy with his recent

change into the NSU Riverhawks uniform.

Upon graduating from Bartlesville High in 2013, Powell initially signed with Northeastern Oklahoma A&M, where he played wide receiver and punter. Eventually he entered the NCAA Division II ranks by playing at Pittsburg State in southeast Kansas. Shortly thereafter he transferred to Northeastern State where he will finish out his college career.

"The biggest thing with my college career is seeing now that the moves and everything else happens for a reason," Powell told the *Tulsa World*, "... I've met

some awesome people that I will be close with forever."

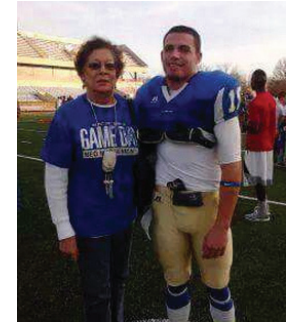
In his junior year he racked up 57 catches for 728 yards and five touchdowns, so for Powell the next year looks very promising.

Basically we played our first game last week" he said of the Sept. 4 contest. The Riverhawks fell short in that game 14-38 against Pittsburg State University.

"We made some mistakes and didn't come out on top" he said.

"But I'm optimistic about our chances this season. I'm really excited and they have a lot of new faces on the team. As a senior it's fun to see the kids come in and to show them how to win."

He says that compared to his team last year, the Riverhawks crew "is a lot more close knit."



As to his native heritage Powell says that it's something he's always stayed close to.

"I'm always talking to my grandma and asking about the history and heritage. I'm proud to be Delaware I think that's pretty big," he said of his grandmother Verna Sue Atherton, and adding that Tahlequah has a large Cherokee population.

"To be a native being in Tahlequah obviously it's neat to see so much native culture there and it's always good to to be a little different, that I'm Delaware," he said.

"I'm always proud of my heritage and it makes me feel good that I am native."

Tim Hudson  
918-815-2653 ■



## Tribal Member Elizabeth Reeve Competes in Today's American Woman

Elizabeth Reeve, a Delaware tribal citizen, recently competed in the Today's American Woman National Elegant Mrs. division, and won the national title. Along with the winning of her division, Elizabeth Reeve also won the Spirit of Pageantry (meaning she gave of herself even when it meant she might have to sacrifice some of her own goals to help other pageant contestants), Presidential Gold Community Service Award (she had well over 500 hours of volunteer time), and the Today's American Woman Community Service Award (she wrote an essay on community service and showed how she had performed the service, and had the top community service book over all of the other contestants). This year, Elizabeth is expected to continue on with the community service in order to try and get the Lifetime service award. The Lifetime service award consists of getting a certain amount of points for different activities. Such as promoting the pageant, getting sponsorships, making appearances, recruitment of delegates, and public relations.

The demographics of Today's American Woman pageant contestants could be any and every woman in America. TAW celebrates the diversity that makes America unique. We are a pageant for ALL women...REAL women...making a REAL IMPACT! Our age divisions range from Junior Teen, Miss, Ms., Mrs., Elite and Golden contestants. We have special divisions for Curvy & Petite ladies too! The Pageant is open to all eligible applicants, welcoming newcomers to join and see how wonderful pageantry can be!

Elizabeth is currently working on her EdD in Organizational



Leadership at Grand Canyon University, and is almost done with the exception of her dissertation. She has a Masters Degree in Special Education, and two bachelor degrees (her Bachelors of Business degree was obtained at Northeastern State University). Elizabeth is active in Oklahoma City, with the inclusion of being on the Governor's State Independent Living Council. Her platform is to help individual look at the abilities they have rather than the disabilities. She was recently in the Oklahoma City Memorial 5K and many other 5Ks, although she did them from her wheelchair. She has been an advocate for service dogs, and helping individuals find their independence. Elizabeth works at Oklahoma City Community College, as an English as a Second Language professor.

To find out more information about this pageant please go to [www.todaysamericanwoman.com](http://www.todaysamericanwoman.com).

Elizabeth Reeve  
Ms. Abilities America National Coordinator and Founder  
Ms. Service Dog Angel Lifetime Queen  
Elegant Mrs. Oklahoma 2014-2015 ■

## Art Education Makes a Comeback At Haskell

Lori Hasselman

With the reappearance of art courses and now the director's seat filled at the Haskell Cultural Center and Museum, art education has come full circle at Haskell Indian Nations University in Lawrence, Kansas.

It is the first time in seven years that students have been offered a painting class, and the first time in three years since they have studied ceramics.

Jancita Warrington stands in the reception window at the cultural center while two interns talk with a visitor. Warrington was recently hired as the new director and has already put together some new exhibits.

Warrington knows that for many students, the Haskell Cultural Center and Museum is a place where tourists look at pictures about Haskell history. Warrington wants to set the record straight.

"I want students to understand there really is a difference between museum and cultural center," she said. "A museum takes something that's dead in the past and preserves it to study later... A cultural center actually celebrates a living culture of people. It should be the community center of Haskell. That's why I want the students to get involved."

Art education has been on the back burner since long-time instructor and Kiowa-Comanche artist, Blanche Wahnee, retired. The art program suffered through several leadership changes over seven years until working artist, Gina Adams, was invited to the university to teach painting and ceramics as part of an art appreciation course.

The next semester, acting dean of humanities, Josh Falleaf, provided Adams with teaching space.

"We're coming together from all different departments to bring the arts back to all the students here at Haskell," Falleaf said.

Adams has been happy with the results, and the talent of the students.

"The students come here with a traditional sense of their culture," Adams said. "I give basic skills like color theory and how to create coil pots and pinch pots. I teach the skills, but then you want to see what the students can bring to it and that's been really great to see."

Two fine arts open houses have been held showcasing the students' work. Haskell President Dr. Venida Chenault attended both events and supports the return of the arts to Haskell.

"It's nice to see all the energy and the work that is back in this room," Chenault said. "It's been a long time since we've had this many folks in here for any kind of show. It's great and it's exciting."

Traditional workshops and cultural classes in beading, moccasin-making and cradle boards are some of the projects on Warrington's list, as well as traditional feasts.

"Around those tables during those casual times when you are beading or sewing or helping teach others are where your stories come out, where your vitally important information comes out that has to do directly with your identity," said Warrington.

Warrington discusses a time when tribal people were not allowed to express their culture. They found other avenues of expression that are in some of the designs and textiles on display. Warrington hopes to pass these tribal-cultural art forms on to the next generation of Haskell students.



A series of sun plaques by ceramic students is displayed at the Fine Arts Open House. Photo, Lori Hasselman, via Indian Country Media Network.

"To be able to revive the art at Haskell to me is vitally important because the students need to understand that it is a form of expression not just cultural art but many different forms of expression," said Warrington. "We come from a great people that were based in art. We didn't define it as it is today, but the same concepts are the same things we've used for hundreds of years."

The center is committed to student engagement and cultural diversity in the programs they hope to provide. Students are encouraged to stop by and visit with Warrington and share their ideas.

Lori Hasselman, Delaware Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma, is a 2015-2016 Native American Journalism Fellow who produced this story for the newsroom immersion program run by the Native American Journalists Association at the National Native Media Conference in Washington, D.C. She is a senior at Haskell Indian Nations University.

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## *Minutes of the Tribal Council, April-July 2015*

### Special Meeting Monday, April 27, 2015 Community Center

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

Called to Order: 5:30  
Prayer: Chet Brooks

#### Attendance

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

#### Agenda

Councilman Young motions to approve.

Councilwoman Griffith seconds.

All in favor.

Secretary Michael had a vehicle breakdown in Albuquerque while there for Gathering of Nations. Chief Brooks therefore called upon the other Council members to read the resolutions.

### RESOLUTION 2015-24 TO APPLY FOR THE USDA RURAL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT GRANT

Councilman Young motions to adopt.

Councilwoman Holley seconds.  
All in favor.

### RESOLUTION 2015-25 TO APPROVE THE FORMATION OF LENAPE AQUACULTURE, LLC

Councilman Young motions to approve.

Councilwoman Shea seconds.  
All in favor.

### RESOLUTION 2015-26 TO PREPARE THE USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT GRANT UTILIZING THE SERVICES OF NICKY KAY MICHAEL CON- SULTING, LLC FOR A FEE OF \$100/HOUR NOT TO EXCEED \$3,500

Councilman Young motions to approve.

Councilwoman Shea seconds.  
4 in favor.

1 abstention (Holley due to her participation in preparing the grant under NKM Consulting, LLC)

Please let the record reflect that Dr. Michael and Mrs. Holley had no vote or involvement in the selection process. The Grant Steering Committee made this recommendation to the Tribal Council based on time constraints, cost, and availability of writers.

Adjourn  
5:41

### Reguar Council Meeting Tuesday, May 5, 2015 Community Center

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

Called to Order: 5:35  
Prayer: Mary Watters

#### Attendance

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

#### Agenda

Councilwoman Griffith moves to approve.

Councilman Young seconds.  
All in favor.

#### Minutes

Councilwoman Griffith motions to approve for March 3, 2015  
Councilwoman Shea seconds.  
All in favor.

#### Unfinished Business

#### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

Tim Houseberg states we are finishing the 8(a) application. Tribal Attorney, David McCullough is here today finishing putting together the documentation. Mr. Johnson, Environmental Program, and he are also completing the TERO application with the Cherokee Nation.

Hydroponics: preparing application for USDA grant. Met with Judy Snodderly in Miami, OK for possible buildings and she is assisting with letters of support from key local officials.

Titus Frenchman asks who and where will our primary workforce be drawn?

Mr. Houseberg explains we will use Delaware and then second tier is Indian preference of course and will have a training manual. No one will need to have a major degree but will pay a good wage of \$15-\$17/hour.

Mr. Frenchman urges the Delaware Tribe to perform a survey. Twenty-five years ago, he tried to do this with the Tribe after researching how other Nations attain their grants and funding. They have a survey done.

#### RESOLUTION 2015-21: TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Councilwoman Michael reminds everyone this is the resolution to allow telecommunications for Tribal Council meetings. She believes it will be tabled due to no-body doing any research.

Councilman Young motions to table the resolution indefinitely or until a motion is made to remove it from the table.

Councilwoman Holley seconds.  
All in favor.

#### TRAVEL POLICY

Councilman Young moves to adopt the travel policy.

Councilwoman Ketchum seconds.

6 in favor.

1 opposed (Michael)

#### UPDATE ON LAWSUITS:

Councilwoman Griffith states that we heard back from Jenifer Pechonick regarding her motion to dismiss the case for return of her asset to the Tribe.

The one against the former Chief Pechonick for the case for a hearing on the "Five year employment contracts." Yesterday we heard back from the court to hold a "findings" hearing to be heard on May 30th at 1:30.

#### DONATION:

Councilwoman Ketchum relays that there is an anonymous donor providing steps for the vans.

Councilwoman Griffith motions to accept the offer of the retractable steps for the vans. The Tribal Manager can work on arranging the details.

Councilman Young seconds.

Chief's Secretary Dana Murrell explains a visit proposed by tribal member Joey Richards. He was accepted into a prestigious program for Native Americans to D.C. called Inspire.

Councilman Young motions to invite Mr. Richards to the June 2, Tribal Council meeting.

Councilwoman Michael seconds.

All in favor.

#### New Business:

### RESOLUTION 2015-27: TO AUTHORIZE SUBMITTAL OF THE CHEROKEE NATION TERO APPLICATION

Councilwoman Griffith motions to approve.

Councilwoman Ketchum seconds.

All in favor.

Titus Frenchman asks if we can develop our own TERO certification process.

Councilman Young states we can if/when we have the money to do it. We would need a department and staff to process applications.

Councilwoman Griffith motions to strike Executive Session from the agenda.

Councilman Young seconds.

All in favor.

Tribal Manager Curtis Zunigha reports on his meeting with Indian Country Consultants regarding the child support grant totaling federal funds of: \$361,388.00. With our matching funds, the total budget is: \$401,542. Our approval was retroactive, however, this puts us seven months behind of reaching our goals. We laid down our action plan. He wants to assure the Tribal Council sanctions him acting in the capacity of Director until one is hired.

He will be attending two trainings within the next few months. Marsha Harlan recommended his attendance.

The city of Caney had a meeting last night to establish a larger water line and it would cut across our property. He believes it would be a good idea to meet with Mayor McClure of Caney, and let her know we will continue to be a good neighbor. If our trust application is approved, there would be further legalities.

Minutes for the June 2 Tribal Council meeting and June 27 Special Meeting were not available for this issue. ■

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He explained we had a security breach last week. We are continuing to develop those security measures with cameras set up in every office.

Finally, he states we have the flags at half-staff for Wayne Stull.

Councilman Young believes this is a good time to discuss a resolution to 2015-28 to acknowledge Wayne Stull's over a decade of service to the Delaware Tribe. He put in many hours for this Tribe without ANY compensation. We should say thank you.

Councilwoman Griffith adds that Chief Brooks is reading the Eulogy on Friday.

Councilwoman Ketchum motions to prepare the resolution and plaque to be presented to Joyce Stull, Wayne's widow.

Councilwoman Griffith seconds.

All in favor.

### **INDIAN CHILD WELFARE ACT HEARINGS:**

Councilwoman Michael explains that the BIA is conducting hearings for the Indian Child Welfare Act. The closest one to us will be in Tulsa on May 14th at the Marriott. We have an ICWA grant but it is not to intervene on behalf of tribal children, it is to support families of ICWA cases. That leaves us in a lurch as to actual proceedings. We had to sign off a non-intervention letter due to our inability to handle the case. The BIA is coming to us so we need have someone there. Chief Brooks requests that Councilwoman Michael attend. If Sashen is available, that would be even better.

Councilman Young motions for Councilwoman Michael to attend the hearings and travel by use of her own vehicle.

Councilwoman Shea seconds.

All in favor.

Councilwoman Ketchum requests to wave the second meeting of the month and do all the business at the meeting in June.

Councilwoman Griffith disagrees.

Councilwoman Ketchum motions to not hold the second meeting of the month.

Motion dies. Meeting will proceed as usual.

Chief Brooks plans to walk from the center to the powwow grounds after the meeting Tues.

Assistant Chief Griffith addresses the upcoming trip to the Stockbridge Munsee. July 22-25. Culture Preservation and Elders have sign ups. Setting up a June 15th deadline to assure all the details are worked out ahead of time.

Councilwoman Griffith explains that she will be attending the Child Care Conference in D.C. with Sherri Rackliff on May 19th. She asks for an excused absence.

Councilwoman Shea asks if we can recognize the graduates this year.

Councilwoman Michael agrees adding that in addition to Facebook, other Tribes do some ceremonial activities to recognize the graduates. This would be a good start and hopefully we can build more in the future.

Adjourns: 6:30

### **Regular Council Meeting Tuesday, June 16, 2015 Community Center**

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

Called to Order: 5:35

Prayer: Titus Frenchman

#### **Attendance**

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

Treasurer Benita Shea is absent.

#### **Agenda**

Councilwoman Michael motions to approve the agenda.

Councilman Holley seconds.

All in favor.

#### **Financial Report**

Councilwoman Griffith moves to approve pending audit.

Councilwoman Ketchum seconds.

All in favor.

#### **Unfinished Business**

#### **REPORTS:**

##### **TRIBAL MANAGER**

Mr. Zunigha is transferring over to the Child Support Director position but he's still covering previous duties until we find someone to place in that position.

We just finished our Housing audit complete. The Cherokee Nation sent their letter asking us for our responses to their "findings" and we should be able to close that out within the week.

He's working with the Chelsea Boys and Girls Club on the grant that we want to submit to Americorp.

The wellness therapy pool is closed. It will cost some money to fix it and we are evaluating the cost verses benefit.

The lifts have been installed in the passenger vans and they are all complete with the tribal seal on the doors.

##### **CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES:**

The rest of Mr. Zunigha's time has been spent on Child Support Services in that role. He submitted a separate report on this.

The main portion is that I attended two very "powerful statewide and national" training conferences. The Tribes and federal agencies have been very supportive and understand that we were funded very late and catching up to implement a comprehensive program.

Councilwoman Michael asks if our program is going to be another Tribe that "copies" state child support, which is concerning due to the fact that tribal child support claims to be able to support Native children. Given this issue,

what regulations are we going to be using?

Mr. Zunigha states that our codes are very similar to what the other Tribes in Oklahoma are doing. This issue did come up at the National conference. There are Tribes trying to assert their sovereignty and not just copying the state. He attended a policy development workshop. We have a set of policies that have been approved so that we can get the program underway, but we could use more input from Tribal Council and tribal values.

Councilwoman Michael states that another issue is that given a choice between state and tribal child support, the Tribes obtain a lower amount for the custodial parent.

Councilwoman Griffith wants to know why this happens.

Councilwoman Michael explains that she was shocked when she found this out. From what she found was that the Tribes do not include medical like the state.

Mr. Zunigha added that the state will not fully transfer a case and this impeded tribal programs.

There were additional questions clarifying the status between Tribal systems and states and then Judge Randall announces and invites Tribal Council members to the judges meeting next Tues the 24th.

##### **NAGPRA/HISTORIC PRESERVATION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE (TITUS FRENCHMAN, CHAIR):**

Will be putting a slide show together from the 700 pictures he took on this trip he took. He started off in Lebanon, Ohio, where there was an earthworks group there. The meetings consisted of the Ohio and Mississippi Valley Mound Builders and the effort to declare the mounds as World Sites. He explained the importance of having our input in from having many declare us as the original, or oldest Tribes.

The next stop was Wheeling West Virginia at an archaeological round table along with state representatives. There was a good caucus of Native peoples there as well. Because a site had been discovered with human remains surrounded by what appeared to be Shawnee pottery, the Shawnee would take the lead for this site. Joseph Blanchard is the Absentee Shawnee representative.

They then went to Pittsburg, where a collection of some of our items were being held by Carnegie and took the items to Columbus.

Councilwoman Griffith asked about a web site that Brice and Greg developed.

Mr. Frenchman verified that indeed they did develop a site for their ability to identify and catalogue Lenape artifacts. He said that he thanked Dr. Obermeyer for not blasting the information nationwide but suggested that he is doing this work for the Tribe and we should have access.

He closed with the idea that we need to have more of a connection to learn from Dr. Obermeyer.

One other item he brought to the Tribal Council's attention was the National Endowment for Humanities grant. He turned it over to the Grant Steering Committee.

##### **OTHER:**

Mary Randall is recognized. She explains the process for finishing the Veterans pictures being placed in plaques and mounted on the walls at the Community Center.

Councilwoman Ketchum motions to accept War Mother and Charles and Mary Randall to finish mounting the 37 pictures mounted in plaques and on the wall.

Councilwoman Michael seconds.

All in favor.

Titus Frenchman is recognized and provides information on the Cobell Scholarship program. Applications will re-open April next

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year. It's a need based scholarship and anyone, even if someone needs retraining, is encouraged to apply. Sixty million is the total.

#### **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:**

Jimmie Johnson reports on Tahkox e2. SBA responded to our 8a application. They had a list of 7 to 8 questions, which we responded and then we wait on them.

He met with the Cherokee Nation TERO and all the work on our sub-contracts are going well.

Chief Brooks provides a report on the trip to Washington D.C. We met with our Congressman Bridenstien and his Legislative Aid. We then met with Daniel Black and Daniel Smith from the BIA. We got the good news that yes, Allen Woodcock, Tulsa Solicitor, had sent his recommendation on Carcieri to Barbara Cohen and Scott Keep. The next morning we met with SBA. Chris James stated that if we hadn't heard from the San Francisco office, we would soon.

#### **New Business**

#### **RESOLUTION 2015-34**

##### **HOUSING**

Councilwoman Griffith motions to table the resolution due to the lack of including updated housing regulations previously voted by the Tribal Council.

Councilman Young seconds the motion.

4 in favor

0 opposed

2 abstained (Brooks and Ketchum)

#### **RESOLUTION 2015-35:**

##### **TO APPROVE TRIBAL MEMBERSHIP OF NUMBERS 058499-058513**

Councilwoman Michael motions to approve

Councilwoman Holley seconds

All in favor.

#### **RESOLUTION 2015-26:**

##### **TO AUTHORIZE THE FILING OF AN AMENDED ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION FOR TAHKOX e2 LLC**

Councilwoman Griffith motions to approve

Councilman Young seconds

All in favor

Councilwoman Griffith motions to allow the Enrollment Department to release the full mailing list to the Tribe for labeling the Delaware Indian News.

Councilwoman Michael seconds.

Susan Cade asks when the deadline for the DIN is?

Councilwoman Michael explains it is always the 15th the preceding month the DIN comes out.

Titus Frenchman expressed his interest in being on the DIN Editorial Committee. He also is requesting a letter to validate his photos under the Indian Arts and Crafts Act.

Councilwoman Michael relays a request from Lenapeowski to utilize the vans for the youth to attend a stomp dance in Miami. There is a youth gathering there on the 18th. The consensus is that yes, the Lenapeowski can take the vans.

Councilwoman Griffith motions to go into Executive Session.

Called to order 8:12.

Councilwoman Griffith motions to redirect the Child Support Services Director to begin immediately at the Caney offices. Any issues that can be diverted to the Chief or Assistant Chief offices will be redirected to the appropriate office. His place on the Personnel and Grant Steering Committees are now vacant.

Councilwoman Holley seconds. All in favor.

Councilwoman Griffith motions to hire Melissa Zanderville

to overhaul our web site, emails, and calendar at the cost and any other electronic communication of \$5k.

Councilwoman Michael seconds.

Sue Cade wants to know when this position was advertised.

Chief Brooks explains it is not a position, it would be a contract.

Councilwoman Holley explains Melissa has already developed our Tahkox e2 web site and it is very nice and up to date. We would like to bring our Tribal web site up to date.

All in favor.

Councilwoman Griffith motions to adjourn.

Adjourns

#### **Tuesday, July 7, 2015 Community Center**

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

Called to Order: 5:35

Prayer: Joe Brooks

#### **Attendance**

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

#### **Approve Agenda**

Councilwoman Michael moves to approve.

Councilman Young seconds.

All in favor.

#### **Minutes for April 27th Special Tribal Council**

There is a typo on June 16, 2015.

Councilwoman Michael motions to approve April 27th Special Council Meeting.

Councilwoman Shea seconds.

All in favor.

#### **Minutes for June 16th, Regular Tribal Council**

Barbara Cohen and Scott Keep were both mentioned in the trip to Washington D.C.

Councilwoman Shea motion to approve.

Councilwoman Ketchum seconds.

All in favor.

#### **New Business**

#### **RESOLUTION 2015-37:**

##### **TO APPROVE TRIBAL ENROLLMENT MEMBERSHIP 058514-058517**

Councilwoman Griffith motions to approve.

Councilwoman Shea seconds.

All in favor.

#### **Unfinished Business**

Chief Brooks notes there is a mistake on the agenda, and unfinished business should be discussed before the resolutions. He therefore goes back to unfinished business.

Councilwoman Ketchum inquires about the Housing Audit and the Americorps grant.

Councilwoman Griffith announces we heard back from the Judges ruled in favor of nullifying the "employment contracts."

#### **New Business**

Titus Frenchman has requested a letter recognizing him as a Native American Artist.

Councilwoman Holley motions to approve.

Councilwoman Ketchum seconds.

All in favor.

Joe Brooks is recognized. He has researched a plan to stock the pond with fish. He stated he will drive down to get a variety for \$1,465. If the company transports them it will add \$500. Instead he will volunteer his time, drive the tribal van and transport them himself. He will also volunteer to take care of feeding them for two years

at no cost to the Tribe, except for feed. The feed will cost \$30/month for the first year and \$45/month for the second year. After two years, we won't have to feed them.

He would like to use the funds from Tribal Historic Preservation (THPO) since our Tribe was a fishing culture.

Councilwoman Griffith inquires if we have enough in THPO to cover the costs? CFO, Jean Lewis responds that we also need to take insurance into consideration. She believes our costs will go up exponentially.

Mr. Joe Brooks disagrees. He states insurance will not go up as long as we limit it to tribal members above the age of 18.

Councilwoman Ketchum stated she spoke with Beverly Chaffin the previous night because her husband wanted to donate the fish for the pond. The Tribal Council turned it down due to unknown circumstances for the new building. They may still be able to make that donation.

Mr. Joe Brooks says great, let him donate it back to the Tribe because we need to get this done before it gets too hot.

Councilwoman Griffith motions to approve this plan to stock the pond with the stipulation that if the Chaffins wish to donate the money, it goes back into the same line item we used to make the purchase.

Councilwoman Michael seconds.

5 in favor

2 opposed (Shea—stating she believes we have not done enough research into the insurance, the monthly cost, or the new building and Ketchum—stating that the Chaffins could donate).

Councilwoman Griffith reminds everyone regarding Monterey House next Wed.—donations go towards funding Delaware Trust Board Education Committee Scholarships.

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### TRIBAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE REPORT (TITUS FRENCHMAN)

He explains a grant we have been approached to prepare. There will be three (3) phases for the National Endowment for the Humanities: First 15k could be the initial planning phase. We handed this over to the Grant Steering Committee. We are following up with that.

Second issue is that he is preparing a training session for the members by bringing Caddo Chairwoman Tamara Francis-Fourkiller, who worked for the Delaware Nation for twelve years. She has been very effective towards implementing section 106 and she can provide this training for \$500. Everyone is welcome to join the session. He strongly encourages us to attend. He emphasizes that many of our leaders and employees need to learn to improve our program and pass along the knowledge.

Councilwoman Griffith motions to approve utilizing Caddo Chairwoman Fourkiller for \$500.00 to train about Section 106 THPO funding.

Councilman Young seconds.  
All in favor.

Councilwoman Griffith announces that the equipment around the pond was complete last week. She would like to get some trees planted.

Tribal members explain that the National Arbor Society states we can get trees around the path.

Chief Brooks announces that a Special Tribal Council meeting will be held on Monday June 20 in lieu of the 21st.

Councilwoman Griffith motions to go into Executive Session.

Councilwoman Shea seconds.  
All in favor.

Chief Brooks calls the meeting back to order at 7:25.

Councilwoman Griffith motions to hire Levi Randall as the Sargent at Arms.

Councilman Young seconds.

Councilwoman Ketchum asks if we "need" a Sargent at Arms? And Why? What will he do?

Chief Brooks responds that the majority of the Tribal Council wants one and he would keep the order.

6 in favor  
1 opposed  
Councilwoman Griffith motions to adjourn

Councilwoman Shea seconds.  
All in favor.  
Adjourns: 6:42

### Special Meeting Monday, July 20, 2015 Community Center

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

Called to Order: 5:38

Prayer: Curtis Zunigha

#### Attendance

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

Absent: Nathan Young

#### Approve Agenda

Councilwoman Griffith moves to approve.

Councilwoman Holley seconds.  
All in favor.

#### Minutes

Councilwoman Ketchum motions to approve as written.

Councilwoman Shea seconds.  
All in favor.

#### Financial Report

Councilwoman Shea motions to approve the financials pending audit.

Councilwoman Griffith seconds.

Councilwoman Michael asks to discuss Historic Preservation.

Councilwoman Shea explains that the CFO and she are working on a summary of the financials to

provide an overview of what the expenditures are and what they are meant for in the various grants and funding sources.

1 Abstention (Michael)

#### Unfinished Business

#### REPORTS:

#### TRIBAL MANAGER (ALLAN BARNES)

July 13th began his position with an all staff meeting encouraging professionalism in representing the Delaware Tribe. He has visited with all the departments, including Chelsea Housing and the Lewis B. Ketchum Boys and Girls Club.

#### CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT (CURTIS ZUNIGHA)

Cleaning up and organizing Caney offices. Visited with the Tribal Judges and other tribal programs. He is working with the Personnel Committee interviewing the applicants for two positions. We are getting ready to submit the next year's grant. He has submitted his proposed budget to the Grant Steering Committee.

#### TRIBAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE (BRICE OBERMYER)

We have the Chambers collections ready for re-burial. All the remains and the objects that were with them are accounted for and we have submitted funding to NPS for NAGPRA repatriation. We will obtain \$5k per Tribe (total of 3 Tribes). We will use our trip to the Munsees as a good time to discuss this with the other two involved Tribes. Fifty-five sets of human remains and eighty-eight boxes in total

The reburial site is at Schoenberg, in Ohio and the cemetery is from the 1700s.

Councilwoman Michael asks if we are going to bury them under many layers of concrete in protection of them such as Water-gap or because this is a cemetery are we not going to do the same?

Mr. Obermeyer states that we will treat them as a normal burial site considering this is a cemetery with protections in place already.

Councilwoman Michael also asks is the cemetery and the remains are traditional Lenape or are they Christian and are we considering this in how we rebury them.

Answer: There is evidence of both and it may not be inappropriate to use the traditional markers if that is what the Tribe decides. It is unclear though to be certain if the burial was Christian or Traditional. If the head is to the east, usually, that Lenape was buried traditional.

Levi Randall: Cautions that he was told that those traditions were already done and we do not need to repeat those signifiers. But he also understands why Councilwoman Michael may ask that question because Schoenberg was a Christian Delaware place and traditional Delaware were not allowed in or around the converted. In that regard, maybe it is a good idea to separate them and I would agree with that.

The second issue Mr. Obermeyer wanted to ask for clarification on is the Section 106 fee structure. He says he went back through the minutes from April and saw that the motion was for \$1,000 for new construction and \$500 for existing construction. My report, however was asking about the fee for railroads and pipelines, which is "linear." We are charging \$500 per county. When the Caddo Nation Chairwoman provided training, she relayed the going rate is \$1000/mile.

#### HOUSING:

Councilwoman Shea has a question about the IHP (Indian Housing Plan). Mr. Ron Scott is not in attendance. CFO, Jean, addresses the question. We procured a 90 day extension to get our IHP. The performance report is due in two weeks.

#### DELAWARE TAGS:

Councilwoman Griffith provides a mock tribal tag that we want to provide to the Cherokee Nation at our next meeting. This project was on hold due to the pending elections.

Levi Randall asks if we are going to receive any percentage of the revenue.

Councilwoman Holley explains that this has not been discussed or negotiated yet.

Both Mr. Randall and Charles Randall believe that regardless of whether we receive any percentage of the revenue, this is a really great for our tribal members and moral of our people.

Mr. Curtis Zunigha requests that we assure we are able to use our various Delaware cards (without being a Cherokee tribal member).

#### LAWRENCE PROPERTY:

Councilwoman Griffith would like to have the Tribal Manager, Allan Barnes contact a licensed appraiser and obtain a valid appraisal on that property. She is asking this in a form of a motion.

Councilwoman Michael asks if we know how much it will cost?

Answers range from a few hundred dollars to thousands.

Councilwoman Griffith then withdraws the motion and requests for the Tribal Manager to research the cost of an appraisal and we can then return to the table with it.

#### New Business

#### RESOLUTION 2015-38: TO CHANGE THE FISCAL YEAR END FOR THE DELAWARE HOUSING PROGRAM (OCT 1-SEPT. 30).

Councilwoman Griffith motions to approve.

Councilwoman Holley seconds.  
All in favor.

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**RESOLUTION 2015-39:  
TO AUTHORIZE THE SUBMIS-  
SION OF THE FY 2016 CHILD  
SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT  
GRANT BUDGET**

Councilwoman Griffith motions to approve.

Councilwoman Shea seconds.  
All in favor.

**RESOLUTIONS 2015-40:  
TO APPROVE TRIBAL MEM-  
BERSHIP (058519-058535)**

Councilwoman Michael motions to approve.

Councilwoman Ketchum seconds.

All in favor.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
REPORT (TIM HOUSEBERG)**

Tahkox e2: SBA sent us an email confirming receipt of 8(a) determination, which should by statute come within sixty (60) days. TERO application for the Cherokee Nation is complete and will go before the review board in mid-August.

He met with the BIA several weeks ago and discussed if there are ways to fund our work. The BIA said they could help but it would negatively affect the ATG monies already provided. Mr. Houseberg said we didn't want to do that. They then told him there would be some year-end monies becoming available. Mr. Houseberg said he passed this news along to the Chief and Assistant Chief already. These funds are first come, first serve and therefore, we need to be ready with a "scope of work and a budget."

There is training for which he advises Jean, Jimmy, and himself should attend in August called Federal Contracting Boot Camp and it will be two days in North Carolina.

Lastly we have two contracts that we are half way through. We have invoiced for at least ¾ of the up-front cost we initially bor-

rowed from the Delaware Tribe (\$16,000 out of the \$20,000).

**GRANT FOR ELDER  
INDEPENDENT LIVING CENTER  
(SHERRI RACKLIFF)**

She has been writing HUD grants for the Eastern Shawnee and Delaware Tribe for a number of years now. This design she put together for the Elders at Eastern Shawnee is what she is proposing to do for the Delaware Tribe. Last year when the RFP came out, they had 6 weeks to get the grant written.

Councilwoman Michael stated that these are challenging grants to write and we will need surveys and community meetings to scrunch into those six weeks.

Mrs. Rackliff states she would be willing to take the Tribal Council over to view the Eastern Shawnee's Independent Living Center.

**CHILD CARE IN OWASSO:**

Mrs. Rackliff is proposing a new program in Owasso. This would be a bit different than Bartlesville and Claremore.

Councilwoman Griffith asks how many Delawares we have in the Bartlesville facility.

Mrs. Rackliff does not know. She can get those numbers. She said that there is priority for Delaware kids though.

Councilwoman Michael stated that was not her experience. When she applied and asked if there was Delaware priority she was told no. At the time, her kids were two and three and really needed child care.

Mrs. Rackliff said that shouldn't have happened.

Levi Randoll states he feels that the child care center was initiated to provide child care for Delawares but that's not what this has turned into. Yet, I've never heard an actual count of Delaware or even Native kids. He feels that before we build in Owasso, we need to do something for our community; not just in name.

Mrs. Rackliff apologizes to Councilwoman Michael that happened but they have changed this.

The center promotes the Delaware name and we should be serving Delawares but there are none on the waiting list.

**LAND IN OOLOGAH:**

Councilwoman Shea explains the Housing Authority owns land in Oologah. The contract for sale ended in November. The original price was \$285k for 8 acres and it holds railroad tracks.

Councilwoman Holley wants to know if is listed as an asset?

No one seems to know much about the land. Councilwoman Ketchum recalls a few details about it.

The consensus is to get the land appraised and then come back together to determine how we want to proceed, possibly lowering the asking price.

**ELDERS NUTRITION  
PROGRAM:**

Councilwoman Griffith: At the Elders Committee meeting a week or two ago, they determined to raise the price from \$3 to \$5 (12 years old and up). They then changed it to recommend \$2 for 6 to 11 year-olds and \$5 for 12 years and up. This just needs discussion from the Tribal Council.

Ms. Nancy Sumpter addresses the Tribal Council stating she does not know why anyone would charge a child, a grandparent or a single mother of a child for a meal. There is no reason to be charging a child to eat. We have always fed our kids.

Councilwoman Michael asks what kind of impact the idea of charging children has on our program. Why are we charging kids if there isn't that much of an impact?

Councilwoman Griffith doesn't know. She said she was just there for the vote.

Councilwoman Michael then states she is not in favor of charging anyone under the age of 18, period.

Councilwoman Ketchum says before we raise prices, we could

ask for donations if we are "poverty stricken."

Allan Barnes, Title VI Director, states that the donations and the paid meals have certainly been generous and this allows us to provide the fresh produce salad bar every day. We possibly may make \$100/month at the most.

Councilwoman Shea states that she just doesn't see any benefit to charging children versus the benefits and cultural exchange.

Our recommendation is to therefore stick with the \$5 guest. If kids want a regular full meal

they can pay \$5. We also encourage donations.

Councilwoman Griffith motions for Executive Session.

Councilwoman Shea seconds.  
All in favor.

Meeting called back to order 9:03 pm

Councilwoman Griffith motions to adjourn.

Councilwoman Shea seconds.  
Adjourns: 9:04■

## Delaware Member Receives Prestigious Fellowship

A Delaware Tribe of Indians member has been selected as a part of the inaugural class of the George Kaiser Family Foundation's Tulsa Artist Fellowship.

According to Stanton Doyle, senior program officer at George Kaiser Family Foundation, tribal member Nathan Young, son of Delaware Tribal Council member Nate Young and Carol Chapman Young, is one of 12 artists who will comprise the Tulsa Artist Fellowship's inaugural class.

"He is such a talented young Delaware man," said Delaware Assistant Chief Bonnie Jo Griffith. "We are all so extremely proud of his accomplishments and look forward to seeing his future work displayed throughout Tulsa."

Hailing from nine different states, the class includes artists specializing in weaving, sculpting, installations, painting and public art. Possessing a wide variety of experiences and talents, the fellows will be immersed into the local art scene through gallery shows, community-wide art festivals and First Friday Art Crawls.

"We couldn't be more pleased with the high-level of talent and

diversity of this group," said Doyle. "The TAF selection panels had a tough job and they approached it very deliberately. In our inaugural year, to have more than 300 applicants is truly remarkable. We can't wait to get the 12 selected artists to Tulsa and involved with the art community."

A Tulsa-based artist recruitment and retention program, TAF offers a generous package to early- and mid-career artists. The selected artists will receive a stipend ranging from \$15,000 to \$40,000 and, in most cases, free housing and studio work space.

The fellowship describes Young as "an American Indian conceptual artist from Tulsa, Oklahoma, who works across sound, composition, video, performance and installations. Young has been displayed around the globe with his most recent international exhibit taking place in Canada in 2014."

The fellowship will begin on Jan. 4, 2016.

<http://examiner-enterprise.com/living/features/delaware-member-receives-prestigious-fellowship#sthash.VVU4VZvx.dpuf>■

## Minutes of the Trust Board, May-July 2015

### Wednesday, May 20, 2015 Community Center

*Respectfully submitted by Verna Crawford, Trust Board Secretary*

#### Call to Order

Chairman Chet Brooks called May 20, 2015 Trust Board meeting to order at 4:07 p.m.

Assistant Chief 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, Roger Stewart, and Homer Scott. Secretary declared a quorum.

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, Alan Barnes, and Johnny Barker.

John Sumpter 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 minutes with corrections if needed. Homer Scott seconded the motion.

Discussion: Two corrections were identified. One was to the Veterans Committee report. The last sentence needed rewording for clarification. (The amount of \$980 was cleared after expenses of \$120.) The other was in the Elders Report. The last sentence should read: A sign-up sheet for the trip to Wisconsin will be in the dining room.

Motion carried with all in favor.

#### Treasurer's Report

Treasurer John Sumpter reported the Trust balance as of the end of

April 2015 was \$4,252,583.84; the March 31, 2015 balance was \$4,251,811.56. That is an increase of \$772.28.

Following discussion regarding alternative avenues for investing to increase revenue, it was decided to contact Arvest Asset Management to attend the June meeting. Chief Brooks was asked to make contact with them.

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

#### Committee Reports

##### COMMUNITY SERVICES: CHAIR VERNA CRAWFORD

The Community Services Committee met on Monday, April 11, 2015. Verna Crawford reported that six Community Service applications were review and four were approved for a total of \$788.19 (1 elder prescription, 2 emergencies approved [2 denied], and 1 medical). The next meeting will be on May 11, 2015.

##### CULTURAL PRESERVATION: CHAIR HOMER SCOTT

Chair Homer Scott reported the Cultural Preservation Committee they hosted a Taco Dinner, Lenape Cultural and Delaware history presentation for a local traveling group. About 50 people attended. The Committee received good feedback from those attending.

The Committee will host a potluck dinner on Thursday, May 21 at the Delaware Night at the Delaware Powwow. The Committee will not provide the meat. They will supply paper goods and drinks (tea, coffee, water). Volunteers are needed to help with set-up, clean up, fire for stomp dance and more.

There are activities are held every Monday. The 1st and 3rd Mondays are for traditional singing and drumming in the Com-

munity Center. The 2nd and 4th Mondays Jim Remmenter 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 May 18, 2015. Three applications were reviewed and approved for a total of \$150 (2 education and 1 athletic assistance). The Committee voted to reaffirm that Athletic and Education assistance will be provided for students in grades 6-12. Athletic assistance must be school sponsored and a statement from school must be provided for verification.

Pre-K through 5 receives school supply vouchers for up to \$40.

Joe Brooks stated this reporting period the Education Committee has \$22,938.27 and ended with \$22,554.94 for a difference of \$383.33. When it comes time for scholarships we will be very tight.

The next meeting will be on June 8, 2015.

##### ELDERS COMMITTEE: CHAIR MARY WATTERS

The Elders Committee met on May 5, 2015. Invocation was giving by Elder Adviser Jack Tatum. Officers present were Mary Watters, Bonnie Jo Griffith, and Jan Brown.

Mary Watters read the Elders Committee Mission Statement and Policies and Procedures just as a reminder why the committee was organized. No minutes or financials were available.

Ron Scott, Delaware Tribal Housing Director, provided information on the Delaware Tribal Housing repair and rehab for tribal elders. The Council approved a program to allow Tribal elders to fill out an application for a \$5000 rehab funded by HUD. There

will be five homes in Washington County approved. Open date for applications will be May 5 to June 5, 2015.

A motion was approved to donate \$500 to the Delaware Powwow Committee.

Curtis Zunigha gave an update on the Stockbridge Munsee Gathering in Wisconsin to be held in July. We need a firm count of who will be going by June 15 so funding decisions can be made. Our tribe has been encouraged to participate in providing some Delaware food such as grape dumpings and fry bread.

Jan Brown made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Bonnie Thaxton. Meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

The next meeting will be on June 1, 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 Chief Brooks was asked to contact Arvest Asset Management and request they attend the June meeting and give some recommendations.

##### TRIBAL OPERATIONS: CHAIR CHET BROOKS

Meets quarterly. Chet Brooks stated there had been no meeting. The only item to report on is that the Tribe has been paid their money for this year.

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

The Veterans Committee met on May 20, 2015. Roger Stewart asked John Sumpter to report. John stated that at least four mem-

bers of the Color Guard to the Wisconsin gathering in July, more would be great. Preparations for the auction at 10 am Saturday at the Delaware Powwow were discussed. More donations of items are needed for the auction. The proceeds from the auction will go to provide rifles for the Color Guard for funeral services. John Sumpter recommended everyone to bring chairs with them to the auction.

Chief/Chairman Brooks announced that powwow rations for permanent campers would be distributed following the auction. The Delaware Tribe does not provide the rations. The donation for the rations is provided by a friend of Chief Brooks and matched by him.

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

#### Unfinished Business

##### TRUST BOARD ADDENDUM TO THE ACCOUNTING DEPARTMENT POLICY FOR PAYABLES

Verna Crawford moved to approve the Trust Board addendum to the Accounting Department Policy for Payables. Homer Scott seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

Joe Brooks was adamant about receiving the meeting packets at least five days before the meeting. Curtis Zunigha commented that the financials were sent five days in advance. Jean Lewis stated that she had sent them out on May 12.

The delivery of the minutes was received from the Secretary late.

Joe Brooks said that the complete packet should come from one person not from several people.

#### New Business

##### PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE

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Roger Stewart announced his resignation from the Personnel Committee, due to a conflict with the Veterans Committee, Roger is the Assistant Chair.

Roger Stewart moved to appoint John Sumpter to the Personnel Committee. Joe Brooks seconded the motion.

Discussion: John Sumpter requested time to consider the position.

Chief Brooks said the Personnel Committee asked to have the fact that one employee has been dismissed, Jzyme Felix.

Curtis Zunigha has been appointed as director of the Child Support Enforcement and the position of Tribal Operations manager will be advertised internally first.

### Other Business

Verna Crawford moved to hold the next Trust Board meeting on June 17, 2015 at 4 p.m. in the Delaware Community Center, 5100 Tuxedo Blvd. Homer Scott seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

John Sumpter moved to adjourn. Homer Scott seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

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

### Wednesday, June 17, 2015 Community Center

*Respectfully submitted by Roger Stewart, Trust Board Secretary*

### Call to Order

Chairman Chet Brooks called June 17, 2015 Trust Board meeting to order at 4:19 p.m.

Member Joe Brooks gave the invocation.

Chairman Chet Brooks called the roll. Those present were Chairman Chet Brooks, Vice Chair Mary Watters, Treasurer John Sumpter, members Joe Brooks, Roger Stewart, and Homer Scott.

Secretary Verna Crawford was absent. Chairman declared a quorum.

Chairman Chet Brooks welcomed guests.

Guests, tribal officials and employees present included Nancy Sumpter, Bonnie Jo Griffith, G.R. Watters, Dana Murrell, Sasheen Reynolds, Johnny Barker, Jean Lewis and Allan Barnes.

Chairman Chet Brooks asked for a motion to amend the agenda since Arvest Assets Management couldn't come to the meeting.

Joe Brooks moved to approve the agenda with two corrections.

Discussion: First was change the date from May 17th to June 17th. Second was to strike Arvest Assets Management off the agenda.

Roger Stewart seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

### Minutes of Previous Meeting

Chairman Chet Brooks mentioned the minutes didn't arrive at the Tribe until Monday so he gave the Board time to review the minutes.

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

Discussion: Joe Brooks moved to remove Verna Crawford as Secretary. John Sumpter asks who will take it over? Joe Brooks stated it will be covered under new business.

Chairman Chet Brooks asks if Joe would consider amending the motion to say that we would select a secretary today. He said that for three years he was the secretary of the Trust Board and tribal staff attended and took minutes and within a few days he would have the minutes and be able to make any corrections. He stated his administrative assistant believes that she could do that to make it a much easier job than for the secretary to do it themselves.

Joe Brooks amended his motion to that effect and will cover that under new business.

Vice Chair Mary Watters seconded the motion as amended.

Discussion: Joe Brooks stated several months the minutes have been tabled because there haven't been any. Also, almost every month the minutes weren't provided until the meeting date or the day before. He stated that they should be provided at least five days in advance so that they can be reviewed before coming to the table. Motion carried with all in favor.

Discussion: Chairman Chet Brooks states the secretary seat has now been removed and a new secretary will be selected under new business. Also to clarify Verna Crawford is not removed from the Trust Board she is just not the secretary.

### Treasurer's Report

Treasurer John Sumpter reported the Trust balance as of April 30, 2015 was \$4,252,387.64; The May 31, 2015 balance was \$4,273,242.74. That is an increase of \$20,855.10.

As stated earlier Arvest Asset Management wasn't there, they stated that next month will be a better time for them to meet which was fine with him.

Joe Brooks moved to approve the Treasurer's report pending corrections.

Roger Stewart seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

### Committee Reports

#### COMMUNITY SERVICES: SASHEEN REYNOLDS IN VERNA'S ABSENCE

The Community Services Committee met on Monday, May 11, 2015. Sasheen Reynolds reported that eleven Community Service applications were reviewed and ten were approved for a total of \$1,647.55 (1 denied). The next meeting report will be for June 8, 2015.

#### EDUCATION: CHAIR

#### DARRYL GLENN, CO-CHAIR JOE BROOKS BY SASHEEN REYNOLDS

The Education Committee met May 11, 2015. One application was reviewed and approved for a total of \$50 (athletic assistance).

Joe Brooks stated this reporting period the Education Committee balance changed \$383.33 ending with \$22,171.61 available for scholarships but that will disappear with the fall scholarships. Also the Education Committee voted unanimously to pass on to the Tribal Council to stock the pond with fish.

The next meeting report will be for June 8, 2015.

#### CULTURAL PRESERVATION: CHAIR HOMER SCOTT

Chair Homer Scott reported the Cultural Preservation Committee talked about the Delaware night and that it was a success, discussed the Wisconsin Trip deadline was June 15th for sign up. Total of 17 people going Jim and Ruth driving their own vehicle, John and Homer were driving as well to carry the flags and the rest of the people will be driven in the vans. It's a six-day trip leaving on the 21st and returning on the 27nd of July. Joe Brooks asks if the Cultural Committee approved \$6,000 for the trip. John Sumpter said that was correct. Chet Brooks stated that the Veterans and Elders Committees doesn't have as much funds that Cultural Preservation does and isn't sure that they are donating to the trip. John Sumpter states the Veterans Committee is meeting this same evening and this subject is on the agenda. Joe Brooks states that the Veterans budget is only 25% of Cultural Preservation's. Chet Brooks discusses more people may be able to go along in the vans. Many are driving and Kay may not attend.

Homer Scott said that Kay is doing well after her stroke and

is home. He also said at the last meeting they passed a vote to restock the pond awaiting approval from the Trust Board.

Chet Brooks asks for that to be under New Business as well.

#### ELDERS COMMITTEE: CHAIR MARY WATTERS

The Elders Committee met on June 1, 2015. Haven't had the discussion about Wisconsin trip, have been waiting on the numbers first to figure an amount to pitch in.

Discussion: Joe Brooks said if the Veterans and Elders Committees donate \$1500 apiece that will be 25% of what the Cultural Preservation Committee donated. No one should make any money off of this trip. Hotel cost plus per diem to eat on daily is all that a member will be allowed. No pay for travel unless driving their own vehicles, then it would be fair to pay some mileage. John Sumpter speaking on behalf of Veterans Committee said there are four members going. He said that he and Homer are taking Homer's vehicle to carry the flags and eagle staff which is over 6 feet long after wrapped. Joe Brooks said that at least one direction of mileage should be paid for at the federal mileage rate. Mary Watters asked again how much the 25% was, but Joe Brooks said that can't really be settled till all costs are figured. He confirmed the cost of the hotel at \$40 if the gathering is mentioned at check in. The cost of hotels while traveling is the question unanswered. Chet Brooks said that with any help from the Veterans and Elders Committee mileage one way should be covered. 800+ miles should be about \$400 which should cover the gas up and back. If the funds are available full mileage or gas tickets could be paid. Price of gas may be the best.

Nancy Sumpter suggested just bring receipts back and get re-

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imbursed so that no one makes money.

Joe Brooks asked what the date of next meeting will be, it is July 15th. If an amount is requested at that time will it be enough time to get checks issued by the 20th? Jean Lewis said that's probable. Mary Watters verified that if Kay doesn't go then there will be an opening. Their meeting is July 6th giving enough time for the Elders Committee to figure out what they can donate to the trip. Joe Brooks stated that it is understood that the Veterans and Elders committees are not expected to donate the same percentage that the Cultural Preservation committee will.

Mary Watters continues with the Elder Committee report.

Nancy Sumpter made a motion which passed that the Elders take a trip to Tulsa to see the Drillers play ball. Trip is planned Friday June 19th. Deadline for sign up was June 10th and the current number of attendees is unsure. Bonnie Jo Griffith has a list. Tickets and transportation is provided and any souvenirs or food is the responsibility of each individual. Leaving at 5:30 and returning after the fireworks display after the game. Discussed the gathering in Wisconsin and as said before no decision has been made on the amount to put towards that trip. Discussed the Elder Lunch Program with the Elders and Nutrition Program Director and are raising the price from \$3 to \$5 effective July 1st. Up to 11 years old are free, 12 to 54 years \$5, 55 years and older are free. 80+ will line up first, 70+ then 55+ and children last. Salad bar will no longer be open until after the blessing.

The next meeting report will be for July 6th, 2015

#### **REINVESTMENT: CHAIR JOHN SUMPTER**

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

#### **TRIBAL OPERATIONS: CHAIR CHET BROOKS**

Meets quarterly. Chair Chet Brooks stated there had been no meeting. The only report is the same stated for several months that the Tribe has been paid their money for this year.

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

The Veterans Committee meets on June 17, 2015. Roger Stewart stated there is no report, however the auction was a success and asks John Sumpter to report on the specifics. John stated the amount that was made will be available later in the Veterans Committee meeting that evening.

Nancy Sumpter states that it was over \$1100.

John Sumpter said for what was donated it turned out really well.

Roger Stewart stated that the Veterans Committee also vote to stock the pond.

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

#### **Unfinished Business**

#### **PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE**

Chet Brooks asked if John Sumpter has made his decision on whether or not he wanted to fill the chair on the Personnel Committee and John declines. Chet states the Personnel Committee agreed to begin meeting at 5:30 the second Tuesday of the month instead of Wednesdays when the Veterans Committee meets. Roger has agreed to be reappointed on the Personnel Committee if needed. Chet agrees that Roger needs to be since he resigned.

Joe Brooks motioned to reappoint Roger Stewart to the Personnel Committee. John Sumpter seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

#### **New Business**

#### **ELECT NEW TRUST BOARD SECRETARY**

Joe Brooks motioned that Roger Stewart be appointed as the new Secretary of the Trust Board.

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

#### **RE-ESTABLISH DELAWARE ENTERPRISE AUTHORITY**

Discussion: Chet Brooks believes the Tribal Council agrees to this only if no elected official serves on it. Plans on having changes to original charter developed by next tribal council meeting. He would like to see the Tribal Council and Trust Board appoint two members, and himself appoint one with the confirmation/approval of Tribal Council and Trust Board.

Nancy Sumpter asks that they make sure it isn't only one person having all the authority over the entity.

Chet Brooks explains that the previous charter gave the Chief authority to appoint all the members his intentions are to change that so he is only nominating a single member with confirmation of the Tribal Council and Trust Board. Then the Board will elect its own chairman.

Nancy Sumpter states that she wants it to run exactly like a business with nothing to do with tribal government. Both agree.

Discussion: regarding how to fix current financial problems.

Bonnie Jo makes a point that this discussion is pertaining to Tribal Council business other than Trust Board business because no decisions can be made.

#### **CURRENT STATUS OF PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

Joe Brooks states that he and several other tribal members don't agree that a paid tribal employee should sit on the Personnel Committee. The HR Manager and

Tribal Manager should only be able to make recommendations to the Personnel Committee and not have a deciding vote. He would like to ask the Trust Board to recommend that the Tribal Council do away with the current status of the Personnel Committee.

John Sumpter comments both positions are supervisory and that's a conflict of interest as well. Both agree.

Joe Brooks moved to have the Trust Board make the recommendation to the tribal council to not allow any paid tribal employee or contractor to sit on the personnel committee. Homer Scott seconded the motion. Following discussion Motion carried with five in favor and one abstention. Chet Brooks abstained because he sits on both, tribal council and trust board.

#### **STOCK POND WITH FISH**

John Sumpter moved for the Trust Board to make the recommendation to the Tribal Council that the pond is stocked with fish. Joe Brooks seconded the motion. Discussion: Joe Brooks volunteered to drive to Inola to bring fish back to the pond and offered to feed them or have them fed for the first two years for nothing except mileage back and forth to Inola to pick the fish up.

Nancy Sumpter asked if catch and release?

Joe Brooks stated for the first two years it will be catch and release only. After that the Tribal Council shall set up regulations regarding that issue and permits, etc. Motion carried with all in favor.

#### **Other Business**

Discussion: Roger Stewart moved to hold the next Trust Board meeting on July 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.

John Sumpter moved to adjourn. Roger Stewart seconded the

motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

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

#### **Wednesday, July 15, 2015 Community Center**

*Respectfully submitted by Roger Stewart, Trust Board Secretary*

#### **Call to Order**

Vice Chair Mary Watters called July 15, 2015 Trust Board meeting to order. She immediately announced that Chairman Chet Brooks was absent; he was in Durrant while President Obama was visiting.

Member Joe Brooks gave the invocation.

Secretary Roger Stewart called the roll. Those present were Vice Chair Mary Watters, Treasurer John Sumpter, Secretary Roger Stewart, and members Joe Brooks, Verna Crawford, and Homer Scott. Absent: Chairman Chet Brooks.

Vice Chair Mary Watters declared a quorum.

Guests, tribal officials, and employees present included Charles Randall, Mary Randall, Sasheen Reynolds, Johnny Barker, Jean Lewis, Paula Pechonick, Beau Watt, Curtis Zunigha and Dana Murrell.

Vice Chair Mary Watters asked for a motion to approve the agenda.

Joe Brooks moved to approve the agenda.

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

#### **Minutes of Previous Meeting**

Vice Chair Mary Watters asked for a motion to approve the minutes.

Joe Brooks moved to approve the minutes with corrections if needed. John Sumpter seconded the motion. Motion carried with five in favor. Verna Crawford abstained.

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### Treasurer's Report

Treasurer John Sumpter reported the Trust balance as of May 31, 2015 was \$4,273,370.04; The June 30, 2015 balance was \$4,206,569.12. That is a difference of \$66,800.92.

He didn't know about the Arvest Asset Management guys. Joe Brooks asked if they can be called and reminded to be at the next meeting. John said he will do that.

Joe Brooks moved to approve the financials pending corrections.

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

### Committee Reports

#### COMMUNITY SERVICES:

##### VERNA CRAWFORD

The Community Services Committee met on Monday, July 13, 2015. Four burial applications were approved, eleven were tabled due to no income verification submitted. These will be approved as the verifications do come in. The next meeting report will be for August 10, 2015.

#### CULTURAL PRESERVATION:

##### CHAIR HOMER SCOTT

The Cultural Preservation Committee met two weeks ago. Voted on and talked about how much the Cultural Preservation Committee would put toward the Wisconsin trip. There are 12 people going. Talked about Kay getting reimbursed for a portion of her room rate because she reserved it late. Joe Brooks has the recommendations from the Trust Board Chairman and current list of everybody that's going, Mary Waters asks that it be covered under New Business. They also want to ask for Trust Board's approval for the money donated by the Cultural Preservation Committee at \$6,000, the Veteran's and Elder's committees at \$1,500 each, for a total of \$9,000 for the Wisconsin trip. Verna Crawford asks if it is

a second motion that is being requested or if it is appropriate to be included with the approval of the committee reports. Homer Scott agrees it can all be approved together. Next meeting will be August 3rd at 6pm.

#### EDUCATION: CHAIR

##### DARRYL GLENN, CO-CHAIR JOE BROOKS

The Education Committee met July 13, 2015. One application for athletic assistance was approved for \$50. Eleven Higher Education Scholarships were approved for a total of \$3,300. Two part-time Higher Education Scholarships for a total of \$300. Three were approved for Academic Achievement for a total of \$300. One Votech was approved for \$50. Totaling \$4,000.

Joe Brooks stated this reporting period the Education Committee balance decreased by \$250 beginning with \$22,171.61 and ending with \$21,921.61. The next meeting report will be for August 10, 2015.

#### ELDERS COMMITTEE: CHAIR

##### MARY WATTERS

On Friday June 19th elders Nancy Sumpter, Mary and Charles Randall, and Bonnie Jo Griffith attended a double header between the Tulsa Drillers and Arkansas Travelers. Another trip is being planned and the signup sheet is available.

The Elders are finalizing the plans on the trip to Wisconsin. Leaving July 21st and returning on July 27th. The donation is \$1,500 upon approval from the Trust Board.

Some changes to the Elder lunch program are increasing the cost of guest lunch from \$3 to \$5 for ages 12-54. Then on July 6th it was voted to change youth ages 6-11 \$2 a plate upon approval of the Tribal Council.

Reminder that Monterey's Restaurant is still donating 20% of your meal every third Wednesday.

There are tickets for tonight available.

The next meeting report will be for August 3rd, 2015

#### REINVESTMENT: CHAIR JOHN SUMPTER

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

#### TRIBAL OPERATIONS: CHAIR CHET BROOKS

Meets quarterly. Chair Chet Brooks is absent for this meeting. There is no report.

#### VETERANS COMMITTEE: CO-CHAIR ROGER STEWART

The Veterans Committee met on July 15, 2015. Co-Chair Roger Stewart was missing his information, but John Sumpter stated that they voted to approve to send the Color Guard and approved the \$1,500 for the trip to Wisconsin. The four veterans going are Curtis Zunigha, Kerrick Franco, Homer Scott and John Sumpter. The next meeting will be Wednesday, August 19, 2015.

#### Unfinished Business

##### ARVEST ASSET MANAGEMENT

Vice Chair Mary Waters states that the Arvest Asset Management representatives were supposed to be attending and due to misunderstanding or lack of communication they are absent. This will have to be looked into further.

#### New Business

#### DISCUSSIONS AND PLANS ON THE TRIP TO WISCONSIN

Joe Brooks motioned that the Trust Board approve \$6,000 from Cultural Preservation Committee, \$1,500 from the Veteran's Committee and \$1,500 from the Elders Committee to make the Wisconsin trip. Roger Stewart seconded. Motion carried with all in favor.

Joe Brooks had recommendations from the Trust Board Chairman and Chief of the Delaware

Tribe. Ten adults and two youths totaling 12 people making the trip.

Discussion: Some people didn't make their reservations in time so will be paying \$60 a night instead of \$40 while there. Joe Brooks verified with Curtis Zunigha that the hotel Curtis was staying at is indeed \$60 a night. Curtis stated that he spoke to who couldn't go about transferring their reservation to Kay Anderson so that she could get the discounted rate. Original calculation for hotels in Wisconsin was for \$40 a night and \$60 while traveling. Which came to \$240 per person. Joe Brooks and Curtis agreed the tax exemption letter does not apply. Joe Brooks noted that there has never been a set amount established and the recommendation for food and hotel expenses is \$550 for each adult and \$275 for each child traveling. Each vehicle that is to be taken will be full of gas before leaving and each driver should save all receipts used for expenses and upon return fill each back up. The recommendation for each driver for fuel and turnpike expenses, plus emergencies such as flats, is \$500. Any additional monies not used are to be turned in back to the Tribe on July 28th. \$400 is to go to the Stockbridge-Munsee Historical Committee for the meal. Curtis Zunigha states these recommendations are well under the \$9,000 threshold estimated since so many people who originally signed up are not being able to go. Vice Chair Mary Waters went over the original estimates of \$400 for adults, \$200 per child, and \$300 to the Stockbridge-Munsee meal. Joe Brooks and Homer Scott verified that this is the newest recommendation from the Chairman for the Trust Board to vote on since the tax exemption letter wouldn't be accepted. Also, in regard to the members of the Trust Board that are going, they would need to abstain from the vote that pertains to themselves. Curtis Zunigha suggested keeping all receipts includ-

ing hotels but Joe Brooks said the recommendation only asks for gas receipts since everyone is paying different prices for their hotels. Verna Crawford stated that if the reservations were made in the name of the Tribe and paid as one that the tax exemption letter would have worked, because it has in the past. Curtis and Joe Brooks both agreed that it would not since it was out of state according to the way the tax letter reads. Verna Crawford and Joe Brooks did say that a few places have accepted it outside of Oklahoma, but the reservations this time weren't made in the name of the Tribe they were in each individual's name. Vice Chair Mary Waters questions if the Tribe is writing checks to each individual. Jean Lewis verified that with the exception of the minors whose checks will be combined with their guardian each of the adults will have a check written for them. Joe Brooks states he is driving van #1 and Curtis Zunigha is driving van #2; Homer Scott is driving his own vehicle to carry the flags, for a total of three drivers which would be getting \$500 for fuel, turnpike, emergency such as a flat as long as receipts are provided to accounting on the 28th with the difference unspent. Vice Chair Mary Waters asks what the total is. Joe Brooks said it comes to \$8,200 being below the \$9,000 estimated in the beginning.

Discussion: John Sumpter and Curtis Zunigha, Homer Scott and Joe Brooks discuss some food and supply preparation.

John Sumpter makes the motion that the Trust Board approves the recommendations made by Chairman Chet Brooks. Verna Crawford seconds. Motion carries with 3 yes and 3 abstentions which are the persons traveling.

Curtis Zunigha closes with the comment that lots of pictures and stories shall be shared with everyone about this delegation at this

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historic gathering. This group is going up there to represent the Delaware Tribe of Indians and share the culture and community, and he looks forward to bringing these pictures and stories back and appreciates the support of the Trust Board.

### Other Business

Vice Chair Mary Watters states that the time and date of next meeting needs to be set. Verna Crawford moved to hold the next Trust Board meeting on August 19, 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. Motion carried with all in favor.

Vice Chairman Mary Watters declared the meeting adjourned at 4:36 p.m.■

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

*PLEASE NOTE: The Community Services Committee has adopted income guidelines for all assistance programs with the exception of Burial Assistance.■*

## Contact Information Change Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Others Affected: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Send completed form to:

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

## Education Committee Assistance/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](http://www.delawaretribe.org)) under the Services/Programs tab, then scroll down to Educational Assistance.

**Higher Education Scholarship:** Up to \$2,400 in scholarship funding. Full-time students may apply for \$300 per semester for up to eight semesters. Part-time students will receive \$200 per semester up to 16 semesters. Fall scholarship applications will be accepted from June 1 through July 31, spring from Dec 1 to Jan 31. Students must maintain a 2.7 GPA (grade point average) in the last semester attended.

**School Supply Vouchers:** Help with the cost of purchasing the needed school supplies for their children ages Pre-K to 5th Grade. Available from July

15th to August 31st or until vouchers are exhausted. Deadline is September 30 of every year. Up to \$40 per child with receipt of purchase.

**Education Assistance:** Help for registered Delaware students who need some type of assistance for students ages 6th thru 12th grade while enrolled in school, such as graduation expenses, ACT exams, summer school, band, choir, etc.

This program has a maximum payment of \$50 per applicant per fiscal year.

**Athletic Assistance:** Help for registered Delaware students involved in school sponsored athletic programs. Students may be reimbursed up to \$50 per application per fiscal year.

**Academic Achievement Award:** Available on a one-time basis to registered tribal members that have graduated in the current fiscal year/academic school year from high school, college, or Vo-Tech with a current 3.5 GPA.

**Driver's Education Assistance:** Help to defray costs of driver's education classes through an accredited training facility. This program has a maximum of \$75 per applicant per fiscal year.

**Adult Vocational Training Assistance:** Help with costs of short-term vocational training classes. Limited to out of school students who wish to learn new or upgrade current skills. Maximum of \$200 per applicant per fiscal year.■

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## My Trip to the Gathering

*Cayla Magee*

*Note: this story was written by Delaware tribal member Cayla Magee, age 9, who was part of a tribal delegation attending "Maawehlahtii" (Gathering of Our Relatives) on the Stockbridge-Munsee Reservation in Wisconsin. The delegation was led by Chief Chet Brooks and included elected leaders, elders, veterans, and youth.*

On Tuesday 7/21/15, my grandad Curtis Zunigha, Paula Pechonick, Anna Pechonick, my mom Erica Magee, and I left the tribal center at 9:30 am in a tribal van. We drove to Albert Lea, MN. Along the way, we beaded on some earrings. We also learned some Lenape words. *Lenape Ni* means 'I am Lenape' and *Lenape hach ki* means 'Are you Lenape.' That was the first time I went through 5 states in one day. We stopped and ate a wonderful dinner. We were full, we went to our hotel, the Motel 6. It wasn't that nice of a hotel but I still had an ok time.

On Wednesday 7/22/15, the group and I left our hotel in Albert Lea, MN around 9:45 am, after breakfast at Perkins. We crossed the Mississippi river into Wisconsin around 11:30. It was Anna and I's first time at the Mississippi River. There were a lot of farms with big silos and barns along the way. Finally, we arrived at the Stockbridge-Munsee Band of Mohicans reservation. We checked into the North Star Casino and Hotel around 1:00 pm. We unpacked and I immediately knew that it was going to be a great trip. After the group got changed, we all went to the powwow grounds and checked into the Gathering. We went to the hotel and it was hard to fall asleep because I was so excited for the next day!

On Thursday 7/23/15 we ate breakfast at the hotel buffet. The food was so yummy! We went to the powwow grounds and watched the color guards bring in all the flags. The Eastern communities talked about their history that morning. After lunch Anna, mom, Paula, and I set up a teaching tent. While Paula and mom displayed Lenape regalia and stomp dance cans, Anna and I went swimming in the West Branch Red River. We met one of the local girls, Lorretta, who showed us around the camp grounds. Around the arena was a road that lead to the swimming hole. Across the road was camping spots. There were over 200 people who came to the gathering. Each community sponsored a meal. That night we had Indian tacos. Our group led the evening program of social and stomp dances. My mom wore turtle shells and I wore the cans and shook a lot of the stomp dance songs. A few of my favorite social dances from that night were the Bean Dance, the Go Get 'Em Dance and the Duck Dance.

On Friday 7/24/15 after breakfast, our group went to the grounds. The Stockbridge-Munsee and the Canadians spoke then we had lunch. We met several other kids from the reservation and even got to visit with some close friends that came from Green Bay for the Gathering. After lunch we helped work the booth. Anna and I rigged up 12 or more girls with cans during the stomp dance workshop. Mom and I got interviewed for a documentary. Anna and I helped serve supper. I tried to wear the turtle shells for the stomp dance that night, but they were too heavy, so I let my Auntie Martina wear them. At the end of the night Bruce Stonefish and his daughter showed us the stick dance. The drum was a deer hide with several long sticks around it. The

men tapped it with special drum sticks and sang special songs. The songs got faster and faster. It was fun!

On Saturday, 7/25/15 our chief Chet Brooks talked about our history that morning. Anna and I slept in that day. My mom came back and got us and Paula before lunch. We stopped at the museum and learned about the medicine wheel, dugout canoes and a basket weaving. Each of us kids read about one of the displays. Next we went to the gift shop general store. It was owned by the tribe. We all played in the creek all day until supper.

Bonnie Jo, Kay, Martina, John, and a few other of our Oklahoma group cooked fry bread, corn soup, and grape dumplings for the big supper that night. Bella, my friend from Green Bay, and I helped serve supper.

We dressed for powwow in Delaware clothes. My grandad was proud of me. At the powwow Anna and I were recognized by the elder women. I was given a really cool pair of beaded earrings. My grandad was recognized too, by the committee.

On Sunday 7/26/15 after breakfast at the casino, again, we went to the grounds for a healing ceremony. Each of us took cedar in each hand and put it into the fire. One was forgiveness of self and one was forgiveness of others. We all took a big group photo. It was sad to leave, but I was excited to see my daddy and brother again.

We drove to Albert Lea MN. and stayed at the same hotel and the same restaurant!

Sunday 7/27/15 we left the motel that morning and went to go eat breakfast around 8:00 am, we crossed state lines into Iowa around 10:00 am, we crossed state lines into Missouri 2:00, Kansas 5:00, Oklahoma 8:00 I was glad I was home. ■



Top row, L to R: Heading to the Gathering (Curtis, Erica, Cayla, and Anna).

Second row, L to R: Rez Casino; Molly, Erica, Tammy, and Sheila; Curtis leads the Bean Dance; finally returning home!

Third row, L to R: Lacrosse game, social songs, dugout canoe.

Fourth row, L to R: Erica, Cayla, and Curtis; Lloyd and Molly Miller.

Bottom: Gathering group photo.