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Fifth Annual Lenapeowski Youth Christmas Party

On December 19, 2015, the Fifth Annual Lenapeowski Foundation Youth Christmas Party fed over three-hundred people and provided gifts to over one-hundred and twenty Native American children. Each year since the inception of this event, the participation doubles. Michelle Holley and Jason David Jones have worked many untold hours to assure these children receive a good meal and present this Christmas season. The party began in the first years with a few volunteers who wrapped presents all night and thirty youth. Today, the increasing numbers tell us a

story of need in our community to come together for our young people. After each child visited Santa and obtained a gift, we had a stomp and social dance. Members from various other Tribes, such as the Euchee and Shawnee joined in with us.

The Foundation Board of Directors, Nicky Kay Michael, PhD, Chairwoman; John Sumpter, Vice Chair; Michelle Holley, Secretary; Jason David Jones, Treasurer; Director, Levi Randall; Honorary Elders, Kay Anderson and Nancy Sumpter would like to thank every sponsor and each of the volunteers.

Sponsors for this year's event were: Cherokee Nation Businesses, Delaware Tribe of Indians and employees, Delaware Trust Board, Delaware Nation, Grand Lake Nutrition, and last year's Native Voices Rising grant. Volunteers included: Leslie Jerden, Andrea Maria, Cece Runnels, Tara and Haley Madden, Jason and Vicki Road-Block Norris, John Randoll, Tara Beasley, David Frenchman, and all the youth who pitched in at any point something needed completing. ■



BEGINNING SUNDAY, JANUARY 10, 2016
THE DELAWARE TRIBE OF INDIANS'
CULTURAL PRESERVATION COMMITTEE
WILL HOST AN AFTERNOON OF DRUMMING AND DEMONSTRATIONS ON
VARIOUS OTHER CULTURAL ACTIVITIES AT THE DELAWARE TRIBAL CENTER

THESE EVENTS WILL BE HELD EVERY OTHER SUNDAY.

EACH OF THE SUNDAYS, WE WILL BEGIN AT 3 PM AND THEN AT ABOUT 5 PM WE WILL SHARE IN A POTLUCK MEAL. THE CULTURAL PRESERVATION COMMITTEE WILL PROVIDE THE MEAT AT EACH OF THE POTLUCKS. PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE FOLLOWING SUNDAY DATES: JANUARY 10, JANUARY 24, FEBRUARY 7, FEBRUARY 21, MARCH 6, MARCH 20, AND APRIL 3. FUTURE DATES WILL BE POSTED IN THE NEXT EDITION OF THE DIN. PLEASE ENCOURAGE ALL OF OUR YOUNGSTERS TO COME OUT AND PARTICIPATE. THE ONLY WAY TO SAVE OUR CULTURE IS TO INVOLVE OUR YOUTH. ADDITIONALLY, WE WANT ALL OF OUR ADULTS WITH KNOWLEDGE AND TALENT IN THE LENAPE CULTURE TO COME OUT AND SHARE THIS KNOWLEDGE WITH EVERYONE.



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From the Desk of Chief Chet Brooks

I wish all tribal members a happy and prosperous 2016.

On November the 8th our Tribal Council met to initiate a strategic plan. This meeting was facilitated by former Osage Chief Jim Gray. We are attaching that plan in this edition of the *Delaware Indian News* because we want tribal members' input into working that plan. I request all tribal members to read the plan and give any input, especially regarding the five items of consensus and Chief Gray's conclusions near the end of his summary. I am interested in knowing your responses.



Wanishi
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the Six Nation Confederacy, for control of the Ohio valley, took its toll on the tribe. As the Dutch, English and French were competing to form alliances with tribes throughout the northeast, the Lenape grappled with the Europeans and neighboring tribes while simultaneously dealing with the catastrophic impacts of disease which devastated the population.

The Delaware hold many distinctions in the founding of this country, chief among them is being the first tribe to enter into a treaty with the newly formed United States of America.

The Great Movement to Survive

As the Grandfather tribe began to deal with a future after their move into the Ohio Valley, internal splits occurred as spiritual, economic and political differences became too divisive to keep the tribe together. Even when these divisions forced bands to go in different directions, each band carried with it, a shared history, culture, and a story that is being told to this day.

As the story of the Delaware Tribe of Indians continued in the Ohio Valley, the Battle of Fallen Timbers in 1795, and the subsequent Treaty of Greenville, caused the tribe to move again further west. As western expansion continued throughout the 19th century, the Delaware Tribe continued to travel west in order to establish a homeland. By the 1860s they were settled in their last reservation, near the Kansas River, in central Kansas.

Despite their success in establishing a homeland in Kansas, pressure to move to Indian Territory continued to plague the Tribe's efforts to survive.

Life in Indian Territory, Cherokee Nation and Federal Recognition

The post-Civil War treaties with the Delaware were mostly puni-

itive in nature and the Delaware were moved again, this time to lands within the Cherokee Nation of Indian Territory.

Prior to Oklahoma statehood, the Delaware people, as all other tribes in the territory, were forced to accept the breakup of all communal land holdings by way of the allotment of tribal lands. This paved the way for Oklahoma statehood and for even more difficulty, as all native people lost their tribal governments, and as assimilation policies of the U.S. sought to kill the Indian to save the man. With daily assaults upon the preservation of Delaware culture, language and land, the Delawares also had to survive being within the jurisdiction of the Cherokee Nation and subject to Cherokee influence over any direct relationship with the U.S.

Despite this condition, the Delaware people still continued to remain a vibrant, distinct and prosperous tribe. Much like other tribes during this era, Delaware cultural practices went underground and issues such as language preservation and ceremonial dances were no longer the province of the tribal government. During this time in history, Delaware culture was preserved by families within the tribe. These families who continued

to keep the fires burning and the music of their people alive preserved Delaware culture through the founding of annual gatherings such as pow-wows and stomp dances. Tribal elder Numerous Fall Leaf is recognized as one of the leaders of the day, who started the Delaware Pow wow in the early 1960s. This pow wow continues as one of the most beloved and treasured annual pow wows in all of Indian Country.

In those years from the 1970s through the 1990s, the Delaware Tribal government flourished while managing federal grants and contracts which provided much needed services and jobs for their people.

Without a clear roadmap to exercise independent sovereignty in the 20th century, the Delaware co-existed with the Cherokee despite the on-again/off-again federal recognition. In the years that followed, Federal court challenges often occurred between the Delaware Tribe and the Cherokee Nation who expressed jurisdiction over Delaware independence within its 14 county jurisdictional area in NE Oklahoma. This legal battle continued until 2005 when the federal courts ruled against Delaware federal recognition. This meant no exercise of Federal rec-

Delaware Tribal Council Strategic Planning Session

November 8, 2015, 11 a.m.-6 p.m.

Jane Phillips Hospital, Bartlesville, OK

Looking Back

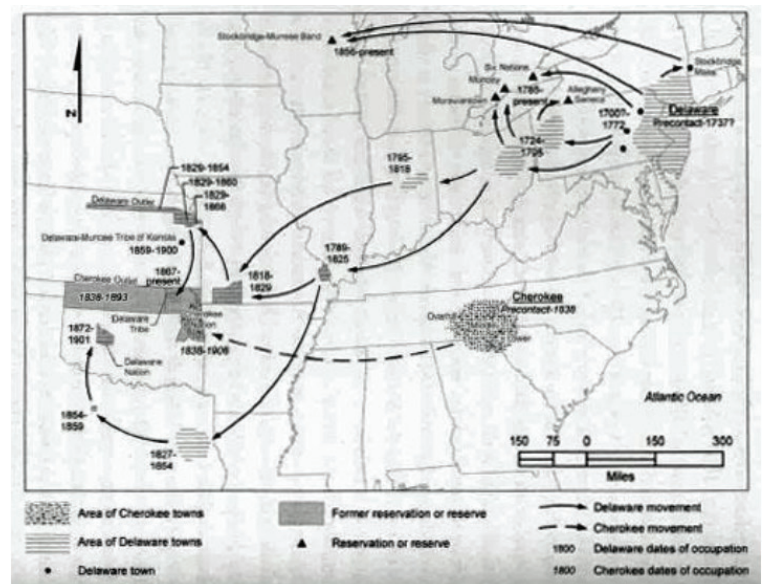
Like many tribal nations in the U.S., the Delaware have a history that is clear and verifiable in its existence as a distinct people among the family of tribal nations. Starting in its pre-Columbian era, the reverence for the Lenape (Delaware) among other tribes is often expressed by using the title "The Grandfather Tribe," an acknowledgement that carries on to this day.

In the era of early contact with the European explorers, the Delaware people were estimated to be 15,000 strong, and were first recorded living near the tip of Manhattan Island by the Italian explorer Giovanni da Verrazano.

An Era of Trade, Treaty, Disease and Warfare

In the centuries that followed, the Lenape executed many agreements with the Europeans such as the treaty with William Penn in 1682. This treaty further established the Delaware as a reliable trading partner, with a recognized jurisdiction, in areas throughout the northeastern part of the United States.

As competition for land and political influence grew, with more European settlements moving into their ancestral areas, a time of simultaneous war and peace for the Tribe came about for the Delaware. Warfare with



ognition could occur for the Delaware Tribe without the consent of the Cherokee Nation. In 2008, a Memorandum of Understanding between the Cherokee Nation and the Delaware Tribe restored the Delaware's status as a federally recognized tribe. This enabled the Delaware tribe access to federal services to work on behalf of their people albeit with consent of the Cherokee Nation on a case-by-case basis. Today, the relationship can be described as more collaborative with a shared effort to respect each other's roles in this overlapping jurisdictional condition.

The Delaware Tribe Today

Delaware tribal sovereignty has been exercised many times through the many treaties it entered into with foreign countries as well the United States. For nearly half a millennium, centuries after European contact and colonization of the Americas, Delaware tribal sovereignty is inherent and lives today in the hearts and minds of its 10,000 tribal citizens. This is the Delaware story, the product of Delaware prayers going back over 400 years, the legacy that the current leadership of the Delaware Tribal Council inherits. Despite repeated setbacks brought by colonial interference, wars, removal, disease and court decisions, the Delaware people have never given up their fight for survival as a people. This is a story of abundance, loss, survival, perseverance, stubbornness and a genuine love for all things Delaware. The eternal light that is passed down from generation to generation exists today, for they are the Grandfather Tribe.

Disclaimer: I tried to connect the various points in Delaware history, provided by the members of the Council, to build a narrative of your story. This report is not intended to be a historically accurate or an academic docu-

ment, but rather a summation of the points expressed in our strategic planning session. Any omissions of historic facts that are part of the official record are not to be considered an editorial judgment on the part of Jim Gray D.B.A. Gray Consultants.

SWOT Analysis

A SWOT analysis is a summary of an organization's strengths and weaknesses in both an internal and external context. Placed on a grid it resembles something like the graphic below.



Within the context of this graph, you can see the obvious benefits from conducting a realistic assessment of the tribe. For any real effort to build a foundation that draws upon the creativity, determination and commitment by the Delaware Tribe there must be consensus among the leadership on where we are, what we can do, and what we must overcome in order to achieve agreed upon goals. While these assessments are not word-for-word quotes, it is a summation of the ideas expressed by each member.

STRENGTHS

Benita: The Delaware language, culture, and history are valuable assets we draw upon because our story is one that exerts Delaware sovereignty. The Council also possesses a broad range of skill sets that give us the capacity to meet today's challenges.

Nate: We have an inherent ability to adapt in order to survive; a mentality that appears time and time again when you look at our

history. It is a character trait that has helped us survive in our ancient past as well as our recent past. We have a talented tribal membership that can come back and build the Delaware Tribe again. We are uniquely blessed with so many highly educated Delaware tribal members in professional careers today; we need to find a way to tap into that resource to help our tribe be more successful.

Nicky: We are the first Treaty Tribe. When we act in accordance with our historic past is when the Delaware Tribe is strong. In the most positive sense of the word, "We are stubborn people," meaning, our commitment to our cultural values is an asset that continues to define our people today. We have a long history of recognizing the strong women in our tribe, which helps define who are in many ways. While we are struggling to preserve the language, this effort to save our language helps restore the balance of heart and mind in being Delaware.

Annette: The Delaware people are peacemakers. This is a character trait that helped our people to meet the challenges they faced throughout history. Our current assets include our pending SBA 8(a) application, which holds the key for successful economic development in our immediate future. We are blessed with a strong and active elders' community that provides needed guidance and wisdom to our younger generation. As a tribe we also operate a small but successful tribal gift shop and other tribal programs like our housing program.

Assistant Chief Griffith: We are doing more in the area of communication. This is essential for us to maintain our progress and keep our people more informed, they are more likely to support our continuing efforts to be successful. Our Tribal Trust Fund helps provide financial stability

in the way it is administered. We have an extremely fair Chief that gives our staff plenty of room to grow professionally and every member of the Tribal Council to be heard.

Chief Brooks: Despite our status as a landless tribe, we use that status to gain much needed attention on other matters of importance when dealing with other tribes, and federal and state governments. We have a great story to tell when asking for assistance and it's our story that makes people want to help us be successful. Even though our recent fight with the Cherokees has resulted in living with the MOU, we have found common ground in gaining Cherokee support for many needed programs and services. Despite the obvious jurisdictional obstacles we have with the Cherokees, we have a much improved relationship with them today that we can use to our advantage. We have a broad diversity of talent on this Council which allows us to see a problem from many perspectives and that often leads to good decisions.

WEAKNESSES

Assistant Chief Griffith: The Delaware Constitution is not fit for our current times. We have a divided council these days which prevents us from fully meeting today's challenges.

Benita: The lack of financial resources limits our options. This situation makes it difficult for sustainable economic development for our tribe, which leads to a significant lack of involvement from our tribal members.

Annette: We are not getting our fair share of federal grants. These grants are competitive and we haven't had a concerted effort to write grants for everything we can. Combined with very little to no working capital, we are missing out on economic opportunities all the time. With no land base with which we can exercise

jurisdiction this also limits our economic opportunity to build a tax base of any kind.

Chief Brooks: We've lost that historically brave trait that used to be in our character. When I think of all the hardships our ancestors had to endure and overcome I can't believe we can't figure out a way to solve our problems today. We need to think BIG again!

Nate: Our tribal population is dispersed geographically throughout the U.S. We all remember the day when the Delaware Tribe was a close knit community of families, friends and neighbors. This hurts our ability to retain certain character traits that helped us survive in the past, both culturally and politically. With respect to the MOU with the Cherokee Nation, it leaves too much to interpretation for future Cherokee Administrations who may not share the goodwill the current Cherokee Administration demonstrates towards us now. As a political matter, the MOU is simply unfair. Having ridden the roller coaster of federal recognition for the past 40 years has severely hurt our tribal members' ability to have confidence in Delaware tribal sovereignty. We do not have enough federal grants helping us today.

Nicky: Our tribe is dealing with a history of oppression. This leads us to a mindset of attacking each other in times of crisis. We all know we have different styles of leadership and, like any tribe, this often leads to internal conflict within our organization. We have fallen out of touch with keeping up with what other tribes are doing. We need to benchmark what other tribes are doing so we can see if we can implement successful programs and strategies that work. We need to catch ourselves from falling into a "Group Think" mindset that often occurs when we only rely on our own ideas, opinions, or skills to meet today's challenges. We need to find a

Delaware cultural-based solution as well. When we keep our Delaware ways out of our decision making, we fall into bitter political debates that further erode the people's confidence in our ability to solve problems. We must trust in each other's abilities to work effectively as a political body.

OPPORTUNITIES

Chief Brooks: We need to take full advantage of our SBA 8(a) certification once it is approved. We are already getting a successful track record established with our contracts in Guam. Another opportunity that promises success in the future for the tribe is getting our land in Caney, KS into trust status.

Nicky: We need to investigate our opportunities in getting our land designated as an Empowerment Zone. There are legitimate tax advantages for attracting private investment to our community. We need to look carefully at existing federal laws that serve Indian Country and make sure we are getting our fair share of those dollars. We can build enormous goodwill among the tribes for their political support in helping advance our goals of tribal self-sufficiency. Whether it's grants, federal laws, private foundations, personal connections or federal contracting, we have a lot of opportunities available to us.

Benita: Our SBA 8(a) certification is essential to climbing out of our current situation. Our status as a federally recognized tribe offers us a fighting chance to build sustainable programs and services from the federal government. We can also build additional opportunities with an organized effort to reach out to other tribes.

Assistant Chief Griffith: We can build upon our good relationship with the Cherokee Nation to bring much needed work to our Delaware business organization through the Cherokee Nation's

TERO certification. We also need to maximize our grant writing efforts to bring more services to our Tribe.

Nate: Learning from the experiences from other tribes will help us avoid mistakes going forward and following paths that have proved to be successful. We should reach out to successful tribes to gain their expertise on helping us get on our feet. We have a really great story to tell and it's been proven in the past that we gain their interest and cooperation whenever we tell our story. We have an excellent relationship with BIA Superintendent Paul Yates. I don't think we have really fully maximized that relationship yet.

Annette: Agrees the BIA Superintendent is a friend to the Delaware Tribe and the relationship is not fully cultivated. Getting our tribal business TERO certified will help us obtain contracts for our tribal business. We need to work closely with the Cherokees to find grant opportunities that they are currently not pursuing. We really need to advance our domicile when our land-to-trust application is successfully processed in Caney. The hydroponics operation could be just one of many uses for the land in Caney. Strengthening our relationship with the Idaho Delaware could lead to some interesting opportunities.

Michelle: We need to pursue our opportunities on getting grants. We need to utilize our non-profit foundation to obtain funding for other projects as well. Should our current negotiations with the Cherokees continue, we might be able to obtain some land in the Cherokee Outlet in western Oklahoma to put some land into trust for the Delaware Tribe.

THREATS

Chief Brooks: It seems every state we've ever been in is threatened by us. The Cherokee Nation

is threatened by us whenever we try to exercise sovereignty while we're here in Bartlesville. U.S. Federal policy is a threat to us because it's often used as a weapon against us.

Annette: Being a tribe inside another tribe's jurisdiction is always going to threaten Delaware sovereignty.

Michelle: State, Federal, and tribal governments can be a threat to Delaware Tribal sovereignty. Having to fight for our federal recognition twice before has hurt our people's confidence to invest their careers in working for their tribe.

Nate: Political climate can be a real threat to us if it should change to one of being anti-Indian. Even though the Delaware Tribe is a non-partisan organization we could be a casualty to federal leadership that doesn't respect tribal sovereignty. Uncertainty in the financial markets can be a real threat to us. Case in point, we lost \$170,000 in the recent downturn in the stock market where our trust funds are located. The shrinking pie of the federal dollars has pitted tribe against tribe in these harsh economic times we live in.

Assistant Chief Griffith: Threat of losing federal recognition is now an everyday threat, whether real or imagined, because it's happened before there is always that fear that it could happen again. Not implementing a good public relations strategy is going to threaten anything we want to do that involves working in other communities. The Kansas property in Lawrence is a good example of what can happen if we don't do our PR correctly.

Benita: The biggest threat is not learning from past mistakes. Another threat is letting the "fear of failure" prevent us from managing risk. This fear currently drives our politics because nobody wants to make a bad decision, so making any decision is

difficult. We must overcome the "fear of failure" mindset. Not receiving the SBA 8(a) certification is a serious threat to our ability to build sustainable economic development. Miscommunication within our council is threatening our ability to manage the day-to-day issues.

SUMMARY

The SWOT analysis provided some serious discussion on several topics and presents a clear picture of where we are as an organization. Here are some takeaways that came from this discussion:

- An internal division within the Tribal Council is a problem but a manageable problem. Better communication and working on shared goals with a renewed sense of trust can lead to better management of the tribe's day-to-day decisions as well as better management of council resolutions.

- A new and improved relationship with the Cherokee Nation promises to bring much needed economic opportunity to the Delaware Tribe. Continued negotiations over the current interpretation of the MOU may lead to some much needed amendments to the document that will help the tribe in the future.

- Building on the good relationship with the BIA Superintendent at the Miami Agency could lead to additional federal assistance in the years to come.

- A concerted and organized effort to build a grant writing department is needed at this time to address the lack of services and jobs at the Delaware Tribe.

- We need to monitor the progress of our Land to Trust application for Caney and our SBA 8(a) certification. We

need to aggressively pursue contracting opportunities so when it comes in, we will be ready to capitalize on them.

- We need to keep the prayers of our ancestors and the legacy they left us to meet the challenges of today and erase the "fear of failure" that has plagued our people since the loss of federal recognition. It's not just our history, it's where we will find the inner strength to work through our disputes, come together, think outside of the box and adapt to not just survive but thrive.

Moving Forward with Conviction

Once we surveyed our past and current situation we are ready to chart a new course for the direction the work of the Delaware Tribal Council will take. Sixteen individual ideas were proposed, and were tabulated and consolidated to form five major action items.

These items represent the broadest areas of consensus among the Delaware Tribal Council.

1. Community / Social Services for the Delaware Tribe. This could be achieved after an aggressive grant writing campaign in close consultation with the Cherokee Nation to either co-write or co-manage until we can carry out these functions ourselves. After a land base is established for the Delaware Tribe outside of the Cherokee Nation, we can pursue and manage these grants ourselves.
2. Grants could also be used to help support other programs and departments within the tribal government such as administrative support for the THPO office with funds from the RR and Cellular industry.

3. Establish and adopt best practice models to build a more cohesive tribal council. While Robert's Rules of Order are already adapted to the management of the Tribal Council meetings, additional review of how decisions are carried out and supported by all members of the Council has indicated that implementation of decisions is not automatic. Decisions made through a majority vote continue to be debated, which stalls action. You must work to send a message to the tribal members, and to outside entities, that the decision-making processes of the Delaware Tribal Council is professional. This will instill confidence to those within and without the tribe.
4. Cultural preservation and language revitalization is a real opportunity to bring back the Delaware approach

to problem solving. The strength of the Delaware Tribal government is in the hearts of its people. By integrating policies and procedures that enhance, celebrate and promote Delaware cultural values you will build confidence in Delaware leadership decisions over time.

5. Setting up successful businesses. The first step is getting the legal structure set up properly so you can separate tribal business from tribal politics. Second is putting together a tribal corporation under the law that limits the exposure of the tribe's assets in its business decisions. It is recommended that the Delaware Tribe incorporate a limited liability company to conduct business with a board of directors separate and apart from the members of the Council. Elected officials of the tribe may be ex-officio

members of the board but cannot vote on any business decisions as a member of the board. The council may vote to confirm any member of the board, or remove them, as long as there is a due process embedded in law. In this way you can attract qualified talent to serve on the board that can effectively operate without political interference and limit any legal or financial exposure to the tribe.

Conclusion

It is an honor to serve as your facilitator for this strategic planning session. While not necessarily a required part of this report, I wanted to make a few observations and suggestions as you consider implementing these recommendations on behalf of the Delaware people.

First, there is a significant amount of consensus among the council as to what the problems

are, and what the solutions are, which is encouraging. This means the implementation of new attitudes and approaches have to be consistent with Delaware values. Your history of putting aside differences for the betterment of the tribe is a character trait that can help you overcome any political differences that may exist.

Second, I believe you all understand how important it is realize there are elements within the tribe, and outside the tribe, that hopes you fail as a Council. Disagreements are always magnified and success is never acknowledged. It is my recommendation that you make every effort to celebrate the strides you make as a group. You really want the collective work you do for your people to be defined by your work together, not by your division.

Finally, should you begin the process of implementing the agreed upon goals in this report,

try to assign a lead person on the council to build a team of other council members, and staff, to start putting together action plans based upon short term, midterm and long term success strategies. You can even cross reference these specific steps by assigning individuals, or departments/programs, who are expected to help support this effort. Even if you are left waiting for outside decisions to happen before you can do things like land to trust, 8(a), etc. get action plans drafted so when it occurs, you will be immediately ready to implement. Setting up the charter for your business entity and appointing board members to serve are a few examples.

I'm so honored to be asked to help you in facilitating this discussion with the Delaware leadership. Please don't hesitate to call upon me should you feel I can be of further assistance.■

From the Desk of Councilwoman Annette Ketchum

My heart was touched by the generosity of another Delaware from the Kansas Delaware group. It was Arlene Ziegler Micucci, who lives in New Jersey and is a relative of the Rowes in Kansas, whose gift of van steps for the elders was reported in my column in the October *DIN*. Ms. Micucci contributed to the stomp dance ground that is being constructed on the Bartlesville campus.

Arlene has watched the YouTube video of our bi-monthly tribal council meetings, and that is where she learned of this project for which we were raising funds. I first met Arlene by phone when she was researching her Delaware family several years ago.

We will all miss Jan Brown,

who passed away November 13. She was a personal friend of our family—so personal that our daughters thought she was our relative and others didn't know which one, me or Jan, was Dee's wife (All-Delawares-look-alike syndrome). She did have Ketchums in her genealogy. I served with her for two years on the tribal council and worked closely with her during the time the Elder Nutrition Program was in crisis in 2006-2010. In 2008-09 I put together a year-long program to teach through demonstrations, hands-on art projects, and lectures, using many of our tribal members as resources. Jan helped wherever she could and supported me. Along with Paula Pechonick, who is a foremost art and culture expert, we reached

many Delaware with the help of many who were willing to teach.

I would like to use this model again and bring classes to our people, especially our young men and women to whom we must pass our knowledge. This really hits home when someone like Jan passes away. I would like to either have a call, 918-333-8865 (messages OK) or an email, aketchum@delawaretribe.org, if you would like to be on a list of interested Delaware who would like classes to start up in the future.

Have a blessed day,
Annette Ketchum
Council Member
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Saturday, February 13, 2016

8:00 – 2:00 pm

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Sloppy Joe lunch \$5

Includes drink & chips



Now is the opportunity to reserve a table for \$10
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To reserve a table call 918-533-8035 or 918-397-3359
or email delawarewarmothers@yahoo.com

Community

Congratulations to Mckenna Brandon Grieco

Mckenna, a member of the Delaware Tribe of Indians, competed and won ribbons in the annual horse show through the Dinwiddie Horsekateer 4-Her. She is the daughter of Jeffrey and Amy Grieco and the great great granddaughter of Bertha Burnice Barker Herndon. This organization is part of the Virginia Cooperative Extension. The extension is a joint program of Virginia Tech, Virginia State University, the U.S. Department of Agriculture, and state and local governments. Mckenna is an 11-year-old student at Dinwiddie Middle School in Dinwiddie County, Virginia. The program, Horsekateer 4-Her, teaches leadership, responsibility, and cooperation, and many more life skills through the practice of hands-on learning. ■



Delaware War Mothers Continue Fundraising Efforts

The Delaware War Mothers have been busy this year with fundraising to help support our veterans. Cap Ulrey was the winner of the Pendleton Blanket at the Delaware Powwow! Congratulations Cap and we hope it keeps you extra warm this winter.

DWM purchased all five military flags and participated in the Grand Entry at Oklahoma Indian Summer where the

military flags were first presented. A big thank you goes to the following veterans who carried in the flags. Mike Burks, Army (Army flag); Andrew Gray, Army (Navy flag); Shawn Collins, Marines (Marine flag); Allen Fletcher, Air Force (Air Force flag); Ernie Snodgrass, Army (Coast Guard flag). Allen is a disabled veteran and was escorted by Keith Anna (Navy). ■



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 60 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. ■

CALLING ALL STOMP DANCE LEADERS AND SHELL SHAKERS
THE DELAWARE TRIBE OF INDIANS'
CULTURAL PRESERVATION COMMITTEE
IS HOSTING AN EVENING OF STOMP DANCING

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2016

THE EVENING WILL BEGIN AT 4:30 PM WITH SOCIAL DANCES
AT 5:30 PM WE WILL PROVIDE AN EVENING MEAL OF CHILI AND/OR BEANS
AT 6:30 PM WE WILL STOMP DANCE.



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For information contact Homer Scott at 918-332-8020 or Joe Brooks at 918-637-9397

Education

Tribe Enters into Partners in Education Agreement

On December 1, 2015, the Delaware Tribe of Indians has entered into a Partners In Education (PIE) Agreement with Community HigherEd, establishing an amazing training opportunity for our Delaware tribal members.

As of July 1, 2015 Community Care College and its branch campuses, Clary Sage College and Oklahoma Technical College, have converted to a non-profit, 501(c)3 and are now doing business under Community HigherEd. The mission of their colleges is to transform lives and contribute to society by providing career-focused higher education opportunities that empower students to obtain successful employment, develop leadership skills, and serve their communities.

With their non-profit status comes the ability to develop partnerships that will greatly benefit those we serve. The Partners in Education (PIE) agreement states that the training provider will provide our Delaware tribal members a grant for 25% of the training course of your choice, significantly decreasing student loan debt. The eligibility requirements for the 25% tuition grant are 1) to be an en-

rolled member of the Delaware Tribe of Indians; and 2) to have obtained your high school diploma or GED. There is no obligation to the Tribe.

With more than 70 degrees and certifications available in a variety of career fields, this is an opportunity worth looking into! For more information, please visit the websites for the three training facilities below or contact the Delaware Tribe of Indians at 918-337-6590.

Community Care College
www.communitycarecollege.edu
 (918) 610-0027

Clary Sage College
www.clarysagecollege.edu
 (918) 298-8200

Oklahoma Technical College
www.oklahomatechnicalcollege.edu
 (918) 895-7500 ■

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. Spring 2015 semester applications 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 began accepting applications for the Fall from June 1 thru July 31. You can get the applications on the Delaware Tribe website (www.delawaretribe.org) under the Services/Programs tab, then scroll down to Educational Assistance.

Higher Education Scholarship: Up to \$2,400 in scholarship funding. Full-time students may apply for \$300 per semester for up to eight semesters. Part-time students will receive \$200 per semester up to 16 semesters. Fall scholar-

ship 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 Tribe of Indians students who need some type of assistance for students involved in school spon-

sored athletic programs 6th-12th (baseball, football, basketball, track, cheerleader etc.). For items required but not provided by the school (shoes, baseball mitts, mouth pieces, etc.) Students may be reimbursed up to \$50 per application per fiscal year may be funded..

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. ■

Indiana Native American Indian Affairs Commission Announces New Scholarship Program

The Indiana Native American Indian Affairs Commission announced the passing of their new Scholarship Program for Indiana's Native American students attending Indiana colleges and universities.

The Scholarship Program will offer four scholarships in the amount of \$2,500 each for the academic school year, and five scholarships in the amount of \$1,000 each for summer school students. The program is projected to begin with the 2016 summer school classes.

Opportunities like this are made possible by the people of Indiana purchasing the Indiana Native American license plate. Other programs created by the license plate money include the education forum being offered to students during Native American Heritage Month, which will help them learn more accurate information about Native peoples.

Details about the Scholarship Program will be released as the program is developed. The public is invited to sign up on the INAIAC website to receive updates at www.IN.Gov/INAIAC.

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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
Silver Level	\$ 100-500
Gold Level	\$ 500-1,000
Wampum Level	\$ 1,000-5,000
Wampum Belt Level	above \$ 5,000

Send donations to

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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 GRAND PRIZE ESSAY WINNER

Congratulations to Emily Messimore on being the grand prize winner in the essay contest for our youth. A \$500 cash prize will be in the mail very soon to Emily.

Her essay is reprinted here.

Thank you to all the participants.

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Delaware Tribe of Indians delegates Chief Chester Brooks, Councilwoman Michelle Holley, Trust Board members John Sumpter and Homer Scott, along with many DTI members, attending the Native American Center for Excellence stomp dance at Northeastern Oklahoma A & M College on November 18th, 2015.

From the Desk of Councilwoman Dr. Nicky Kay Michael

We have a Delaware Tribe of Indians' Constitution and Bylaws, albeit a dated one from 1982. Many tribal members and leaders wish to revise our constitution due to the numerous illusive meanings and the time period it was developed. 1982 hardly reflects our current trends and needs. However, to do this right, a revision process will take some serious time and energy. I have been in touch with the Honoring Nations program at Harvard University and they have advised me of the processes to attain the best help in the country for tribal constitution revision. Despite the needs for revision, the current Constitution states the "Secretary shall have charge of all tribal correspondence."

There are two schools of thought to this meaning. The opposition seems to argue that this means after the fact--that the Secretary is basically a record keeper. My argument is that correspondence means the Secretary is charged at the forefront with communications, including the minutes of the meetings, agenda, outgoing and incoming important correspondence (electronic and postal services). This does not necessarily mean the Secretary has to perform each and every act, merely that the Secretary should see the product before it goes to the audience. In recent months the Tribal Council has passed a series of resolutions hampering the Secretary's ability to perform these duties.

1. "Line of Authority," which declares that the Secretary must go through Chief, Assistant Chief, and/or Tribal Manager. This limits the Secretary from

filing any petition members may bring to the Secretary in confidence. It also directly violates the Secretary's ability to speak directly with our IT regarding meeting videos, enrollment, and other important communication and confidential secretarial matters.

2. Assigning a "Public Relations Person" to our social media without the Secretary's inclusion or powers to control as deemed by the Delaware Constitution.

3. Declaring that minutes can only be written a specific way and in person rather than from a recording. While this issue is a little looser violation I feel, in that we have a standard practice for which we have written our minutes for over forty years. Our tribal members count on being able to read the minutes.

4. Another concerns is that we have a policy that the resolutions should be turned in by a certain date and all of these previous resolutions were not submitted late. Early in 2015, each Tribal Council member agreed that proposed resolutions would be turned in to the Secretary the Thursday before the Tuesday Tribal Council meeting.

Moreover, the Tribal Council is holding executive sessions and conducting business that should be done in open session regarding the Secretary position. On more than one occasion one of them has threatened to charge me with code of conduct violations for speaking out on my Facebook, Twitter, and other social media.

Previous to the Tribal Council removing me as Secretary, on Tuesday, December 15, 2015, I

was seeking to obtain injunctive relief from implementing these resolutions or removing me as Secretary until the Tribal Court could decipher the meaning of the Secretarial charge in the constitution. In this regard, a Tribal Council member texted me late November asking when I set up the Twitter and LinkedIn accounts. My reply was that she/he "could speak with my attorney about these matters." This Tribal Council member is now conveying that the statement to speak with my attorney was a threat of some sort. I am an open book. There is nothing that I have done or said that I would not say at the Tribal Council table or to our tribal members. I do not feel that I am completely right or wrong in the Secretarial duties, just that the constitutional meaning can be argued both ways and the judges need to make this decision rather than a few dominating Tribal Council members. Moreover, Chief Brooks told me he would remain neutral on this point of contention. He did not remain neutral.

When I was removed as Secretary, Councilwoman Ketchum accepted the position. I wish her well and know she is committed to serve the tribal members. I will continue to fight for her in this position because regardless of who holds the title, the meaning in the Delaware Constitution should be deciphered by the judges.

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From the Desk of Council Member Benita Shea

May all your New Year wishes come true, and may you prosper throughout 2016.

I would like to follow up on a few items to inform you of our progress. We are very close to hearing the status on the 8(a) application. The approval of the 8(a) application will certify our tribe to have preference in government contracts and sub-contracts. This will mean more work and revenue for our tribe.

From what I understand we are still in good standing for receiving some positive news on this application. Tahkox e2 is an integral portion to the tribe's receipt of the 8(a). We passed a resolution on December 8 for Chief Brooks to answer three remaining questions under the advice of legal counsel.

The Aquaculture ideas are still on the table and we will continue pursuing them. The council has researched growing leafy vegetables in a warehouse-type setting. The Osage Tribe allowed us to visit their site and it proved to be a worthwhile visit to see the running operation. The turnaround time is quick and profitable. The 8(a) will help with achieving those goals as well as other sources for potential revenue.

We are slated to receive \$124,388.00 from leftover Year-End ATG funds. The money will be used in the Enrollment department with the majority of the funds to be used to purchase fireproof cabinets for our enrollment records.

We continue to build a good relationship with the BIA Superintendent at the Miami Agency. This could lead to additional

federal assistance in the years to come.

We did not have enough members in attendance for a quorum at the General Council Meeting on November 7. However, we were able to hold a Town Hall Meeting that offered open dialogue. I support decreasing the required amount of tribal members to hold a General Council Meeting from 100 to 50. I feel the General Council Meeting is for the people. I will make every effort on my part to ensure we are able to make that happen.

Jim Gray led a Strategic planning meeting for your council members on November 8.

The five items listed below represent the broadest areas of consensus.

1. Community / Social Services for the Delaware Tribe.
2. Seek Grants to help support other programs and departments.
3. Establish and adopt best practice models to build a more cohesive tribal council.
4. Cultural preservation and language revitalization is a real opportunity to bring back the Delaware approach to problem solving.
5. Setting up successful businesses.

We will take this information, and what we have learned, to work together towards our goals as a united council.

Wanishi!
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Check Out the Tribal Web Site

Have you visited our Tribe's web site recently?

Go to: www.delawaretribe.org

From the Desk of Councilwoman Michelle Holley

He` Tribal Members, I hope this finds each of you in good health and good spirits!

It has been a busy past few months! As we near the close of 2015 and welcome the new year of 2016, I would like to share some of the highlights of my recent work with you, our valued tribal members.

In October, I was fortunate to represent our Delaware Tribe at the annual convention of the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI). There were many, many subjects of interest that were being discussed every day of the convention, however, I needed to narrow down the topics I felt would most benefit you, our tribal members, and attend these discussions. I bring back the following information to share with you.

Workforce Development: A growing number of tribal nations are designing innovative approaches to cultivate the abilities of their citizens to pursue careers that those nations have determined are essential to creating the futures they seek. Through roundtable discussions, participants and presenters focused on tribal workforce development and explored how tribal nations can assess the current state of their workforce and forecast their future needs, create new jobs and career pathways to meet those needs, and strengthen work ethic and skills to ensure success in those professions.

How does this affect the Delaware Tribe? As the Tribe continues to grow, Tahkox e2 will create new positions and result in a need for skilled workers to fill those positions. This will take place very rapidly once we attain the approval of our 8(a), through the Small Business Administration. It will be imperative that the Tribe identify the career sectors of these positions and begin

developing the relationships with training providers to create sector strategies and lay the career pathways necessary for training our tribal members to fill these positions. I was fortunate to bring back a “tool kit” from this session for future reference.

Indian Child Welfare Act: This workshop provided us tribal leaders with the tools we need to advocate on behalf of Indian child welfare on both local and national levels, which is particularly important as we move closer to the Department of the Interior’s release of its final Regulations for State Courts and Agencies in Indian Child Custody Proceedings. As tribal leaders, this session taught us how to be most effective in standing up for our youth and advocating on behalf of OUR children by educating our local communities Congressional representatives.

How does this affect the Delaware Tribe? Until ICWA is followed, Native American children and families with continue to face discrimination in the child welfare system, will continue to be removed at alarming rates, and will continue to be placed in risky and unauthorized adoptions with non-native families, essentially moving towards cultural genocide. As each day goes by the adoption agencies and their legal teams continue to chisel away at the Indian Child Welfare Act, working towards to end result of completely dismantling the law altogether. This threat not only effects the Delaware Tribe and children, but all U.S. Native Americans.

Generation Indigenous Challenge: *Youth Challenge*—As part of the Generation Indigenous (Gen-I) initiative, the White House is calling on youth ages 14-24 to get engaged and address community issues through the Gen-I Youth Challenge. By tak-

ing this Challenge, youth pledge to do something positive of their choosing (for example: hosting a culture night, starting a community garden, or becoming a mentor to a younger person) and sharing what they did with the Center for Native American Youth. Youth who take this Challenge will be eligible to participate in events in Washington D.C.

Tribal Leaders Challenge—The next phase in the Gen-I initiative is inviting tribal leaders to take tangible steps to engage Native American youth in their communities by working with or creating a youth council, hosting a joint meeting between youth and tribal leaders and partnering with youth to plan a program to support positive change in their community, within 30 days of taking the Challenge.

How does this affect the Delaware Tribe? Upon my return from NCAI, I challenged my fellow Tribal Council Members to take the Tribal Leaders Challenge along with me. We are working in conjunction with the Lenapeowski Foundation (which has also taken the Challenge) to fulfill our required goal within 30 days. More updates will be announced as we move forward with this project.

Besides the NCAI initiatives, we have continued to discuss and negotiate with the Cherokee Nation on a variety of topics. One of these topics is the potential development of a Career Services program (which would tie into the Workforce Development project) and the expansion of our ICW program to provide full services to protect our Lenape children.

As you can see, Tribal Members, I have continued to focus my work on investing in our Lenape people. I stated in my campaign in 2014, an investment in our members is an investment in our tribe. Throughout the coming

year of 2016, I will maintain my efforts to locate resources and initiate/establish programs that will assist in the success of our tribal members, in turn assisting in the success of our tribe as a whole.

May each of you be protected

and blessed by the Creator as we move into the New Year.

Respectfully,
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From the Desk of Council Member

Nate Young

It is my belief that the two most important goals of our Tribe are economic self-sufficiency and increasing the services we provide to our members.

The first goal is economic self-sufficiency. We must not allow our Tribe to be subject to the roller coaster ride of dependency on government appropriations. Remember when Congress passed the Budget Sequester? The Budget Sequester is an automatic reduction across the board of the government’s budget. Also remember the government shutdowns?

We are thankful for the support received in the past and for our friends in the government that have gone out of their way to be helpful. However, it is difficult to predict the future. It is better to be self-sufficient and self-reliant.

Every opportunity for grants and loan guarantees must be aggressively pursued, but with the understanding those grants and loan guarantees may not be there in the future.

The major reason for securing our 8(a) certification with the Small Business Administration is to provide business opportunities not available to us today and, hopefully, eventually reduce our dependency on the government. One example of the power of 8(a) certification is a small and isolated tribe in Montana. This small tribe grossed a half a billion dollars taking advantage of their 8(a) certification.

The second goal is to increase the services available for our members. This goal is connected to our first goal.

There are over 10,000 Delaware Tribal members. We should provide the most services possible with the resources we have. A member not having the financial ability to pay for health care, housing assistance, unable to feed or clothe their family, or have the financial ability to provide for career training or higher education should be able to look to their Tribe for guidance and assistance.

Again, economic self-sufficiency can help fund the services we should be providing for our members. We must work to lessen our dependence on the government and prepare ourselves for a future that is in our hands and not in the hands of others. Our destiny is our responsibility.

All of this requires four things from our elected officials. Vision, hard work, persistence, and patience.

Remember, as elected officials we are the servants to 10,000 members.

Patience because it will take time for our tribe to grow and develop. Remain alert because of the ever-changing social, economic, and polit of years, and we will be in existence for hundreds of more if we never quit.

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Tribal Operations Manager Report

Allan Barnes

He! Tribal members and friends of the Delaware Tribe of Indians. 2016... hard to believe isn't it? As a Delaware Elder, I agree with our tribal members and the many other Native American participants in our Elder Nutrition program, that each year goes by faster and faster.

So, my wish for each and every one is that you enjoy good health and the feeling of peace this new year. Over the past three months, since our last quarterly issue of the *Delaware Indian News*, many positive steps have been taken for the betterment of our tribe. In October, Bonnie Thaxton received AARP's Oklahoma Indian Elder of the Year honor held in Oklahoma City and our Tribal employees celebrated Indigenous Day on October 12th. The Tribal Council even hosted and cooked out for an all-employee appreciation lunch. The employees from all our Departments, including Chelsea and Caney, KS were on hand and really appreciated the recognition.

Of course, the daily operations of our Tribal Headquarters and other locations (Housing in the Chelsea and Bartlesville divisions, Child Support Services in Caney and the property in Lawrence KS) all generated specific needs. Not the least was the late mowing season due to unusually nice fall weather. Then the daily demand of paperwork, including our property's insurance renewals, required considerable time and effort during the month of October.

During November, progress was made in working to obtain the services of AmeriCorps, a team of volunteer college-age

persons, working toward additional funding for their school expenses. The screening process for this team is very extensive, as well as is, for the host. The intent of our tribe was to obtain several hundred man-hours of volunteer work with a variety of work skills to repair, paint, rehab and remodel various properties located in Chelsea and Bartlesville. To jump forward briefly ... our application was approved and an on-site inspection was performed by Crystal Kelley, Assistant Program Director of AmeriCorps, on December 1. Also, during the month of November, in continued cooperation with the BIA Miami Office, our Tribe acquired some used office furniture from them, which was not only received as a goodwill gesture, but in turn as an accommodation to them as we continue to develop our good relationship with their office.

On a sad note, we lost James Jackson, a full-blood Delaware Tribal member, who generously donated many historical items to Anita Mathis, our Cultural Resources Director. Then, unfortunately, Janifer Brown passed from our tribe. So much credit has to be given for her contributions to our tribe, which ranged from Tribal Judge to Tribal Councilwoman and who was so very instrumental in the development and expansion of our Elder Nutrition program, which remains a highly successful service provided by our Tribe. We will certainly miss Jan's daily participation in our lunch program and of course, all of those that have gone before us.

So, what are we striving for in 2016? Since I used the previous *DIN* article to introduce myself,

I would like to take a moment to tell you what I feel are my three main objectives for our Tribe.

1. Aid and assist our people by working for revenue generating businesses.
2. Strengthen and safeguard our Enrollment Department for the continued preservation of our tribal membership and heritage, for Ages to come.
3. Preserve our Culture through our Elders and Youth.

Now, this does not diminish the good work all our departments undertake. Our Housing Department, Social Services, Elder Nutrition, and Wellness Center all provide opportunities for our Tribal members. Our most recent, Child Support Services Department is an excellent example of providing new services. Last but not least, I would like to remind you to visit our Library/Archives and Gift Shop in our Social Services building. We can all support our Tribe in various ways. Happy New Year!

Wanishi!

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Veteran's Committee Report

Kenny Brown, Chairman

I hope Veteran's Day was a great day for you! David Inda and I went to the Claremore Veteran's Day Parade to represent the Lenape Color Guard and support Grand Marshal Charlie Soap, U.S. Navy. The parade committee said they were grateful we came in uniform to represent native warriors and they want more Native American veterans to participate in their parade.

At the Pryor Powwow, the Color Guard was on duty looking strac and several Gourd Society members were on hand to support the host Cherokee Gourd Clan. During the powwow Johnny Cochran (Cherokee, U.S. Army, Viet-Nam veteran) honored Sara Boyd in a special ceremony, bestowing an eagle feather on her.

At American Legion Post #1 Gourd Dance in Tulsa, M.C. Curtis Zunigha did a great job. The post raised a good amount of money for their Veteran's ministry. Most recipients of honor dances donated the money to

the post. Several pledges were made for next year's dance. Two men of the "Great Generation" were present, one a veteran of WWII and Korea and the other who made the landing at Normandy, was captured twice—escaped both times!

Winter is passing, we're looking forward to spring, it will be here sooner than you think, so get started on those new dance clothes.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Next Veteran's Committee meeting Feb 17, 2016. Come dance with us!

March 5, 2016 Tulsa Community College 2nd Annual Powwow! Your Lenape Gourd Society is host gourd clan and your Lenape Veterans Color Guard will lead the grand entry.

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Congratulations to **Mary Jo Peterson**, who was sworn in Wednesday, December 16, as the newest member of the Delaware Tribe Trust Board.

Elder Nutrition

Mary Randall

“Welcome everyone” can be heard as our Elders gather for lunch in Forsythe Hall Monday through Friday. With that being said, let me introduce myself. I am Mary Randall, wife of Judge Charles Randall, and I accepted the position of Director of Elder Nutrition for the Delaware Tribe of Indians. My first day was September 14, 2015. Charles and I had been coming for lunch and helping with various activities at the Center, so when Allan Barnes was promoted to Tribal Operations Manager, I decided to apply for the position. I was familiar with portions of the job, but coming from an accounting background, I have lots to learn. My staff remains the same, with cook/kitchen manager Archie Elvington, kitchen assistant Mary “Lucy” Young, and dish washer Thomas Selby.

I hope to expand the services we provide to our Elders. We currently have chair exercises Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 10:30 am and encourage

everyone to join in. Our eldest participant is Lewis Ketchum, who is soon to be 102 years young but doesn’t miss a beat. On Thursday we play bingo and enjoy popcorn as we vie for prizes. The second Tuesday of each month has been designated as Movie Tuesday as we enjoy a movie and refreshments after lunch. In October we watched John Wayne in *Hondo*, November was *Flicka* with Tim McGraw and December, Disney’s *I’ll Be Home for Christmas* with Jonathan Taylor Thomas. We try to have a special speaker once a month. In October Steve Donnell presented “Refuse to be a Victim,” and in November we had Kathy Sullins who gave an informative talk on Alzheimer’s Awareness. On the third Wednesday of each month we celebrate birthdays and anniversaries of that month with hamburgers and fries, punch, chocolate cake, and ice cream.

In October the Elders enjoyed a visit from the children from the Daycare all dressed in Hal-

loween costumes. The Elders Committee provided treats as the children went from table to table trick-or-treating. A traditional Thanksgiving lunch was served on November 25. Christmas lunch is Wednesday, December 23, followed by a Dirty Santa gift exchange which can prove to be very interesting. In the spring, we plan to have a Health Fair for our Elders, so be watching for further details.

The Elder’s Committee meets the first Monday of each month and together we try to find cultural activities that our Elders will enjoy. The December planned activity for the Elders is a trip to Pawnee, Oklahoma for lunch and a visit to the Pawnee Bill Museum and Santa’s of the World. Future activities will be planned during the monthly Elder Committee meetings and we strongly encourage your participation in these meetings.

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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 Dept of Health & 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 sensitivity 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 at 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 website:

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

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News from the Cultural Resources Department

Anita Mathis

Hè, Tribal Members, Friends, and Family

I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas, and a Happy New Year. The Archives are still growing. We had a wonderful donation from Anne Parks Malams. She has donated documents, many many pictures, her and her mother’s doll collections (all native), along with three of Jake Parks’s paintings, which include his first painting.

Stop by and check out all that is new and offered in the Li-

brary! We now have 986 books cataloged that are ready to read and research. Unfortunately, we are not set up to check out these books at this time.

The gift shop has many new treasures. Check out our website at www.delawaretribe.org, at the bottom is a tab for the online gift shop. Stop by and check us out; we’re always adding new items! We now have the book *Talking Tombstones* available again.

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

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Wellness Center

Mickey Morrison

With the weather turning cooler, now is the time to start coming indoors to work out. For all Delaware and Cherokee tribal members it’s free to work out at the Wellness Center. We have three treadmills, a Stairstepper, and an exercise bike, plus free weights. We have locker rooms with showers for both men and women. Members of any tribe with their tribal membership cards are \$10 a month, and for any non-Indian the cost is \$20.

The Wellness Center is open from 8 AM to 8 PM Monday through Friday and 8 AM to 1 PM on Saturday. The Therapy Pool is now closed until further notice.

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

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

Housing Department

Ron Scott

The Delaware Tribe Housing Department (DTHD) has submitted the 2016 Indian Housing Plan HUD grant. HUD expects all the grants to be approved and funds released within 70-75 days. In the next issue of the *Delaware Indian News*, the DTHD will announce the activities identified for the grant and the grant amount to be received.

The DTHD provided data during the annual Tribal Council Meeting last November. Here's some of the information we provided. The Lodges have two floors with six units on each floor, but the ground floor is reserved for the elderly. They have one- and two-bedrooms units for low-rent elderly and low-rent families. Residents enter into a twelve-month lease and must have verifiable income.

The Delaware Tribe Housing

Department has filed eight quit claim deeds during the past 12 months. Since the then-Delaware Indian Housing Authority began to issue deeds to homebuyers to become homeowners, the total (according to our Housing Data System, which handles our accounting and system accounts), when you include this year's homeowners, 98 families have become homeowners with the assistance of the Delaware Tribe.

Work orders during the past 12 months (November 2014-November 2015) included:

2014—674 work orders issued, 647 completed, 27 pending and 29 emergencies.

2015—741 work orders issued, 736 completed, 5 pending, and 44 emergencies.

Please be made aware that all the pending work orders were completed but not before the day

of the Annual Council meeting. Still, both the crews in Chelsea and Bartlesville both have worked hard and have been busy all year.

Another area the Housing Department administers is the LIHEAP program. LIHEAP is managed by our LIHEAP Coordinator, Ms. Laryssa Puryear. Laryssa is an efficient and determined worker, and will help all those who meet the guidelines for assistance. You'll find Laryssa's article in this issue.

I'd also like to acknowledge my other hard-working and determined housing staff: Jeffery (Dude) Blalock, Robert Blalock, Walter Dye, Lindsey Harris, Michael Leaf, Michael Marshall, Cecilia Biggoose, Matt Keah-Tigh, Alan Tatum Jr., and Alan Tatum Sr.

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Delaware Tribe Environmental Program

Jimmie Johnson

Happy New Year! I hope this finds everyone well. With the coming of the new year, it's time for DTEP to hold our annual E-Recycling Drive. We will be accepting items at our office in the Social Services Building on our Bartlesville campus at 166 N. Barbara through the first week of April 2016. Items that can be brought for recycling include: Televisions, Computers, Computer accessories, radios, clocks, printers, and basically anything electronic with a cord that you need to responsibly dispose of.

On the subject of recycling, our tribal office recycling program is still suspended for the near future due to lack of a ven-

dor that will service our area. In September of 2015 American Waste Control discontinued their recycling pickup in the entire Bartlesville area, leaving us with no option to have our recycling picked up from our campus. At the time this article was written DTEP Director Jimmie Johnson has not been able to secure another vendor. In the meantime, the City of Bartlesville has a recycling drop off location at 10th and Virginia. Items that can be recycled at the city location are; Plastic Bottles #1 and #2 (numbers are on the bottom of the bottles), Cardboard, Paper and Newspapers, and Aluminum Cans. Items that are not permitted are; Glass of any kind, food

and wet waste, any hazardous household waste like oil and antifreeze. Local tribal members and residents are encouraged to utilize this option until we can resolve this issue. A household hazardous waste event will be held this spring to take care of those needs as well.

If there are any questions, comments, or concerns, feel free to contact me.

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Lenape Language Project Report

Jim Rementer

What's New

Documenting Endangered Languages (DEL) grant from the National Science Foundation has enabled us to continue making improvements to the Lenape Talking Dictionary. Our one-year grant was extended to two years but it ran out at the end of August 2015. We are now looking for sources for additional funding.

We have 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 16,500 word files and of those 8,900 have sound files. There are also 1,800 Sentence files with sound.

Newest Features

As reported in the last *DIN*, based on the analysis of usage it was decided that two of the features that needed improvement were the **Lenape Lessons** and **Spelling** sections. Previously it was not possible to add sound files to those sections, but now this material can be added.

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.org>

A Great Loss

We mourn the loss of Janifer Brown who attended the language classes taught by Lucy Blalock from March 1992 to May 1994. Once Lucy was no longer able to make the trip from Quapaw to Bartlesville to teach classes, Jan and I would go to Lucy's home, sometimes almost weekly, to continue working with her on the language. These sessions were taped on audio and video. Occasionally when Jan was not able to go Nicky Michael would accompany me to continue the studies. These trips continued until 1997 when Lucy could no longer continue teaching. Jan and I also co-authored the *Conversational Lenape Mini-Dictionary*, which is available through the Tribal Gift Shop.

Jim Rementer
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Lucy Blalock and Janifer Brown

News from the Enrollment Department

Leslie Fall-Leaf

The Enrollment Department had the privilege of attending a very informative and beneficial conference in November. We traveled to New Orleans where we received training on various important enrollment issues such as identifying fraudulent documents, conducting enrollment file audits, and understanding and interpreting enrollment ordinances. This was also a great opportunity for our staff to forge relationships with the staff of enrollment departments from neighboring and distant tribes and to compare issues that impact us in our everyday functioning.

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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You just never know when you might run into long lost family members! Our Enrollment Clerk Chris Miller was surprised to meet a relative of his own recently. Chris is pictured here with distant cousin Joseph Bennett.

Community Services and Educational Assistance

Sasheen Reynolds, Social Service Coordinator

Community Services

Note that Community Service programs include Burial Assistance up to \$500, Dental Assistance up to \$250, Elder Optical Assistance up to \$200, Elder Prescription Med Assistance up to \$900 per calendar year and not to exceed \$75 per month on a monthly basis, Emergency & Emergency Travel Assistance for up to \$200, Medical & Hospital Equipment Assistance up to \$200, Rental Assistance up to \$200, Student Optical Assistance up to \$200. Applications are limited to two per fiscal year.

We hope that with our new processes we can stretch out the money so that we are able to assist more of our Delaware Tribal members. It is the intention of the Community Services Committee to assist all eligible Tribal members who are in financial need (defined using the Housing Department's income guidelines). All of the applications are updated on the website. Please provide all documentation needed for the application so that we can assist you. We sometimes have to cut off monthly applications when that month's budgeted quota has been reached; this can create a situation of hardship at that time of

immediate need, but does mean we don't have to eliminate or suspend a program mid-year.

Educational Assistance

Education Assistance programs provide financial aid to tribal members of all ages from Pre-School to Adult Vocational Technology training.

We finished the fall scholarship applications with some pending documents, but so far we funded 43 full-time and three part-time applicants in Fall 2015. You can get the applications online.

For More Information

For applications and other information, go to the tribe's web site at: www.delawaretribe.org. Community Services and Educational Assistance can be found on the top menu under Services and Programs.

See also the fuller descriptions of the programs on pages 5 and 7 of this issue.

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LIHEAP Program

Laryssa Puryear

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to everyone! The LIHEAP season started off with a bang this year! There has been a consistent increase in demand for LIHEAP assistance. I am looking forward to the New Year and new opportunities. We are hoping to increase funding as time goes by. I have been working on the fundamentals of the grant and all the wonderful things we can assist tribal members with! The plan for the upcoming year is to increase funding and options of the grant. We will be starting weatherization back up and hopefully

working towards some other great areas of assistance within the LIHEAP grant. I am looking forward to seeing everyone this winter season. If you would like to apply or know anyone that needs assistance please feel free to call or come see me at any time. I am located in the Social Services building. I hope to hear from you soon! Wanishi!

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Contact Information Change Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Others Affected: _____

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

Send completed form to:

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

Obituaries



James Wayne "Jim" Barnes

October 12, 1941–
February 8, 2015

Mr. James Wayne "Jim" Barnes Sr., 73, of Bartlesville, died Sunday afternoon, February 8, 2015 following a sudden illness.

Funeral services for Mr. Barnes were held at 11 A.M. on Friday, February 13, 2015 at the Virginia Avenue Baptist Church with Rev. Rue Scott, former pastor of the church officiating. Interment was in the Memorial Park Cemetery directed by the Stumpff Funeral Home & Crematory. Casket escorts included James Barnes III, Grant Barnes, John Daniel Park, Joshua James Park, William Bennett Jr., and Joseph

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

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

Bennett Jr. Honorary casket escorts included Justin Bolen, Daniel Barnes, Bryce-David Smith, Layne Park and Ben Harvie.

Visitation for Mr. Barnes was at the Stumpff Funeral Home until 4 P.M. on Thursday at which time the casket was taken to the Virginia Avenue Baptist Church where the family received guests from 6 P.M. until 8 P.M. on Thursday.

In lieu of flowers a memorial fund has been established and those who wish may send their contributions to the Virginia Avenue Baptist Church, 142 S. Virginia, Bartlesville, Oklahoma, 74003.

James Wayne "Jim" Barnes Sr. was born at Coody's Bluff in Nowata County, Oklahoma on October 12, 1941 to William and Margaret Barnes. He was raised in Nowata County and attended Childers School. He graduated from high school and married his sweet heart, Ms. Mary Lou Beumeler. They spent some time in New Mexico and Colorado and landed in Bartlesville. Together they raised four children, Ms. Pamela Diane Barnes Elvington, Ms. Patricia Lynn Barnes Park, Mr. James Wayne Barnes Jr., and Mr. David Scott Barnes. Mr. Barnes retired from National Zinc Co. in Bartlesville where he worked his way up from furnace operator to supervisor. Being the industrious man he was one job was never enough. He moonlighted as a drywall finisher for many years, as well as working with his wife in her business, Auctions by Mary. He was a tireless worker who could work circles around just about anyone. He loved to garden and each year made sure to plant plenty of vegetables so that he could share his crop with his family. He loved to raise chickens too. He could often be seen with his faithful dog "Lady" in the

chicken pen gathering eggs which he also shared with his family. Jim loved the mowing season. He would get on his zero turn mower and mow for hours. He would mow the family's yards and when he finished mowing he would fire up the weed eater. He loved his swimming pool and every year he would faithfully get that pool ready for his kids, grandkids and great grandkids. He knew that Mary wanted nothing more than to have her family close, so he made sure they had an incentive to come hang out in the summer. His most recent toy was a John Deere tractor. Oh my gosh, he was in HOG HEAVEN on that thing!

Mr. Barnes lived a full rich life and was never afraid of anything, including death. He said he knew where he was headed and he would see us there.

Mr. Barnes is survived by his wife of 54 years, Mary L. Barnes, his four adult children, Pamela Diane Barnes Elvington and husband Mark, Patricia Lynn Barnes Park, James Wayne Barnes Jr., and David Scott Barnes, all of Bartlesville, 12 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren, two brothers, Billy E. Barnes and Bob Barnes, both of Nowata, and two sisters, Vada Tatum of Claremore and Linda Kipps of Nowata. Mr. Barnes is preceded in death by his parents, one brother, Danny Barnes, and three great grandchildren. Friends who wish may sign the online guest book and leave condolences at www.stumpff.org. ■



Janifer Brown

November 14, 2015

Janifer "Jan" Kay Durham Brown went to be with her Tom Saturday, November 14, 2015 at



the age of 69. Janifer was born in Sayre, Oklahoma to Eloise Overholt and Judge James Allen. She was raised and lived in Stillwater where she met and married the love of her life, Thomas "Tom" Brown. Together they raised Cassandra K. Brown and Todd J. Brown and Tom's children, Les Brown and Renee Brown Gray. Janifer was as rare as her name. She loved Tom, her family, her dogs, her kids and their families, her friends, her Tribe, the Delaware Tribe of Indians, and her alma mater, the OSU Cowboys.

As a young adult, Janifer was reunited with her father, Judge James Allen and realized her Lenape heritage. About forty years ago, Jan discovered the Delaware Pow-Wow, which she never missed. For many years, Jan hoped for her family to be awarded their own campsite. One Pow-Wow that dream came true and she and her daughter spent countless hours building and decorating the Brown Camp. Jan was a fervent student of the Lenape Culture. Early in her studies, she learned to speak Lenape as a student of Lucy Blalock.

A talented Indian artisan, Jan handcrafted Delaware clothing, shawls, and beautiful moccasins for herself and countless others. From language classes to making moccasins and Delaware clothing, Jan helped others learn her heritage as a teacher and mentor. She even constructed books on Conversational Lenape and Delaware clothing.

Jan worked tirelessly for the Delaware Tribe elected as a Tribal Council member and, like her father, a Tribal Judge. She volunteered many years serving on the Elder Committee and the Cultural Preservation Committee. She was an avid supporter of the Elder Nutrition Program and was instrumental in making it what it is today. She loved the songs of her people and was known for her beautiful voice. She sang songs which she translated into Lenape.

Janifer is survived by her roommate, best friend and daughter, Cassandra Brown and her dogs, Tema (to strut) and Ibanowa (travel companion) of the home; her son, Todd Brown and wife Melissah, Stillwater, OK; son Les Brown and wife Heidi, Norman, OK; daughter Renee Gray, Little Rock, AR; her siblings, Ethelene Baker, Ohio, Jack Durham, Idaho, Angela Overholt West and husband Bud, Porter, OK, Paul Overholt and wife Stephanie, Broken Arrow, OK, nine grandchildren, her grand dogs, many nieces and nephews, many, many friends and extended family. ■

The Lord's Prayer in Lenape

Jim Rementer

We are fortunate to have a recording of Janifer Brown singing the Lord's Prayer in Lenape. She gave a copy of the recording to Annette Ketchum who made it available to add to the Lenape Talking Dictionary. It is located in the dictionary in the Stories section listed as *Jesus Eluwèt (Asuwakàn) - The Lord's Prayer (in Song)*. Scroll down about halfway down the page to locate it. It can also be heard by following this link:

<http://talk-lenape.org/story.php?story=92>

Obituaries (cont'd)



Pete Cruz

**December 3, 1944–
May 15, 2015**

Pete lost a long battle with lung disease and congestive heart failure at his daughter's home in San Diego, CA, on Friday May 15, 2015.

Pete was a proud member of the Turtle Clan of the Delaware Tribe of Indians. He was the great-grandson of John Sarcoxie, grandson of Mary Sarcoxie, and son of Betty L Cruz.

From the time he was a young man, Pete knew that he wanted to travel the world.

He joined the Navy right out of high school but had a medical discharge due to flat feet.

This did not curtail his desire for travel and in the early 70s he traveled to Europe, backpacking through many countries and staying in hostels. While traveling through Spain, he learned of a call for extras for a Spaghetti Western that was being filmed on the Canary Islands. He landed the job and loved telling the story of how he played different banditos being shot off his horse in one scene, and then became a different bandito by changing his hat.

Pete worked as a tool designer for the airplane industry and was contracted to work at locations

around the world. He learned many languages and loved to enjoy the culture and cook the foods of the region. Although he worked on tool designs for airplanes, he did not fly. On his many trips to Europe he was a passenger on the luxurious cruise ship, the QE2. He much preferred traveling with the luxury of the fancy meals and the comfort of a stateroom than being squeezed in cramped seats on airlines.

Classical guitar, photography, chess, linguist, and home chef were just a few of his hobbies.

Pete leaves behind a loving family. His daughter, Sara Faye Sarcoxie Ovadya, granddaughters Lola and Lucy all of San Diego, CA. Sisters Mary Bailey and Juanita Fiorello, and a number of nieces and nephews whom he dearly loved. ■



Mary Catherine Falleaf

**June 29, 1919–
November 5, 2015**

"Onward ever backward never..."

Mary Catherine (Atkinson) Falleaf of Apache Junction, AZ passed away Nov 5, 2015 in Apache Junction at the age of 96. Mary was born June 29, 1919 in Elgin, Chautauqua County, KS. to Frank and Helen (Longpine) Atkinson. She married Numerous M. Falleaf on October 24, 1936 and

together they had four children: Numerous LaVerne Falleaf, Mary Helen (Falleaf) Wilkie, William Ardell Fall-Leaf, and John Nelson Fall-Leaf.

Numerous and Mary were longtime residents of Caney, KS where Mary practiced as a beauty operator out of their home on Vine Street and was well known for her fiery sense of humor and her beautiful knit and crochet work. They were also very active in the Delaware Tribe and founded the Delaware Pow-Wow held outside Copan which celebrated its 51st anniversary in May of 2015.

Numerous preceded her in death on April 6, 1976 and tragically over the years so did their three sons. She is survived today by her daughter Mary Helen Wilkie; six grandchildren Kenneth Dean Wilkie, Monte Ardell Fall-Leaf, Monetta Denise Fall-Leaf, William Scott Fall-Leaf, Leslie Ann Fall-Leaf, and John Warrior Falleaf; nine great grandchildren: David Lawrence Guyer, Nikki Michelle Miller, George Nelson Buffill, Ashley Renee Fall-Leaf, Zowee Renee Fall-Leaf, Maya Renee Fall-Leaf, Benjamin Ross Plemmons, Michael Falleaf, and Navaeh Falleaf; and 4 great great grandchildren Billy, Mason, Lincoln and Legend. ■



Patsy Marlene Harris

**December 26, 1936–
September 21, 2015**

Patsy Marlene Harris entered this world on December 26, 1936 in Marion, Kansas, the second of seven children to James Earl Harris and Verna Fern [Bailey] Harris. She grew up in the Marion and Valley Falls areas of Kansas, attended schools there as



well as in Caney, graduating from Marion High School in 1955. She attended Coffeyville and Independence Junior Colleges studying nursing and medical technologies. Patsy attended the First Baptist Church in Caney. She was a member of the Kansas Federation of Licensed Practical Nurses & Medical Assistants organizations.

In 1956, Patsy was united in marriage to Douglas Wayne Falleaf at Knotts Berry Farm, Buena Park, California. To this union was born their five children- Marcus, Teresa, Stephen, Stacie, and Nancy.

The couple later divorced. In 1971 Patsy married Otis Erie Sanders at Miami, Oklahoma. To this union was born Amanda Raelene. Otis and Patsy had been married 43 years at the time of her death.

Patsy enjoyed crocheting and sewing. She loved to read and share her books with friends and family. Her candy-making was legendary, as was her many cooking skills. Patsy's vibrant personality, wealth of selflessness and friendly smile will be sorely missed by all of her family and friends alike.

Patsy Sanders, 78, of Caney, Kansas, passed away Monday, September 21, 2015, at the Coffeyville (Kansas) Regional Medical Center.

She is survived by her husband, Otis of the home, her six children,

13 grandchildren, and 7 great grandchildren; 2 brothers, and 4 sisters.

She was preceded in death by her parents James & Verna Harris, granddaughter Chelsea Marie Falleaf, and nephew Jimmy Dale Gordon.

Celebration of Life Services will be conducted at 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, September 29, 2015, at the Assembly of God Church, Caney, Kansas, with Pastor Mike Morris officiating. Cremation has taken place under the direction of Potts Chapel Funeral Home, Caney. Friends may leave on-line condolences at www.pottsfuneralhome.com. ■



James Harold Jackson, Jr.

**April 16, 1933–
November 9, 2015**

James Harold Jackson, Jr, 82, passed away on November 9, 2015 in Tulsa, Oklahoma. He was born April 16, 1933 in Dewey, Oklahoma to the late James Harold Jackson, Sr. and Emma Mae (Webber) Hill. James was the youngest of eight children. He attended Dewey High School and Northeastern State University at Tahlequah, Oklahoma. James was Sergeant in the Marine Corps from 1953-1956 during the Korean Conflict. Later, James became an Aircraft Mechanic, retiring

Obituaries (cont'd)

in 1998. James loved spending time with grandchildren. He also enjoyed attending Powwows. James was a wonderful Father and Grandfather and a friend to all who knew and loved him. He was the best Father ever!

James is survived by his daughter, Patti Long; son, Vincent Jackson; grandnieces Tracy Thornton, Alisha Underwood, Melissa Jackson and Jamie Jackson; and other loving relatives and friends. Funeral Services will be 10:00 a.m. Saturday, November 14, 2015 in the Floral Haven Funeral Home Chapel, followed by interment, Floral Haven Memorial Gardens, Broken Arrow, Oklahoma. Family will receive friends from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Friday, November 13, 2015 at the Floral Haven Funeral Home. ■



Shirley Ann Shepard

March 27, 1935–
August 17, 2015

Shirley Ann Shepard, age 80, of Brownwood joined her Lord and Savior on Monday, August 17, 2015.

Shirley was born to R.B. and Hattie (Oliver) Adams on March 27, 1935 in Ochelata, Oklahoma. Her grandfather, William H. Ad-

ams, was the first ordained Baptist preacher of the Delaware Tribe in Indian Nation known as Okla. today. Shirley was a registered Delaware. Her great-great-grandparents, John Adams and wife Abigail, was the second President of the United States; and their son, John Quincy Adams, was the fifth President. Shirley was very proud of her family heritage.

Shirley married the love of her life, John "Joe" Oliver Shepard, December 16, 1952 at St. Paul Methodist Church in Odessa, Texas. Growing up Shirley joked that she wanted to be a Nascar driver. Her humored continued throughout her life. She enjoyed gardening, fishing, feeding her birds, and playing bingo. Shirley was a loving and devoted wife, mother, nana, sister, and friend.

Shirley is survived by her husband of 62 years, Joe Shepard of Brownwood; daughter, Joanna Thompson and husband Donnie of Brownwood; son, John C. Shepard and wife Annette of Kermit; 4 grandchildren, Stephanie Brewer, Bryan Shepard and wife Sandra, Anisha Hickey and husband Joey, Michelle Bennett and husband Kyle; 9 great-grandchildren; sister, Mary Louise Sears of Sun City, AZ; and a brother-in-law, Don Barber of Sun City, AZ. She is also survived by numerous nieces, nephews, and other family members.

She was preceded in death by her parents, R.B. and Hattie Adams; brothers, R.B. Adams, Jr. and Kenneth Adams; and her twin sister, Norma Barber. ■



Jackie "Mossy" Stephens

September 24, 1927–
September 9, 2015

A graveside service with military honors celebrating the life of Jackie L. "Mossy" Stephens will be 2:00 p.m., Friday, September 11, 2015 at Winganon Cemetery, under the direction of DeLozier Funeral Service, Chelsea. Mossy passed away on Wednesday, September 9, 2015. He was 87.

Born in Chelsea on September 24, 1927, Mossy was one of ten children gifted to Homer and Gladys Pauline (Ketchum) Stephens Hayes. Raised and educated in and around his birth community, Mossy began his work career at a young age to help provide for his family. His children recall his first job was delivering large cubes of ice that were placed in the bottom of families iceboxes.

As he exemplified throughout his life, taking care of family always comes first and this will be a very small part of the legacy that will live on in the lives of his family. In January of 1946 Mossy enlisted in the United States Army and served in Tokyo, Japan. It was

through his faithful service that he received the World War II Victory Medal and the Army of Occupation Medal.

During his tour of duty Mossy not only risked his life as an Army ambulance driver but received training as a machinist that enabled him to have a career at Burgess Norton Manufacturing until his retirement.

After receiving his honorable discharge Mossy returned to the states and married the love of his life, Hazel Schmoll in Claremore on July 10, 1950. This union was blessed with two daughters Lyndall and Molly. Mossy excelled at his role of husband and father and his daughters will say family was always his first priority.

When not providing for his family, he loved to hunt and fish. Mossy was even known to in the dead of winter head to Oologah Lake set up a wind break, cut a hole in the ice just to enjoy his favorite pastime.

In recent months Mossy revealed a couple of things to family

and friends, one was his fondest memories as a youngster was that his grandfather Haram Stephens was a U.S. Marshall for Rogers County and that he would like to go fishing again.

This father, grandfather, and friend will be missed by all whose life he touched. Mossy is survived by his daughters Lyndall Culver, Molly McMahan and husband Bobby, grandchildren Christina and Dylan McMahan, Libbie LeClaire, Susie and Annie Culver and Shawn Culver and his wife Peggy, 10 great grandchildren and one great great grandchild, brothers Jim Hayes and wife Sue, Johnny Hayes and wife Marla, Doyle Hayes and wife Jane, sisters Janet Clanton and husband Johnny, Jiola Noblitt and husband Roy, Treva Murray and husband David, Sue Decker and husband Roy, numerous nieces and nephews and his special friend Nell Kinzer. Mossy was preceded in death by his wife of 51 years, Hazel, son-in-law Marvin Culver, brother Bob Stephens and sister Darlene Inman. ■

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Caney Office:

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Minutes of the Tribal Council, August-November 2015

Tuesday, August 4, 2015 Community Center

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

Called to Order: 5:35
Prayer: Curtis Zunigha

Attendance

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

Welcome Guests and New Employees

Child Support Enforcement Director, Curtis Zunigha, introduces Arleata Snell, member of the Assiniboine Nation, our new Case Management Specialist from North Dakota, and our new Financial Management Specialist, Crystal St. John, Cherokee Nation member.

Training is underway with Tribe, State, and County offices.

Approve Agenda

Councilwoman Shea moves to approve. Councilwoman Holley seconds. All in favor.

Minutes

Councilwoman Michael moves to approve with no corrections.

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

Unfinished Business

LAWRENCE, KANSAS LAND

Appraisal will cost \$2,000

Councilman Young asks if this includes the house and the answer is yes.

As soon as we can find some funding to be able to accommodate this cost, we will proceed.

OTHER

Councilwoman Griffith requests to direct Allan to obtain some signs that say, "No Fishing." Councilwoman Michael adds "No swimming," due to liability issues. We have had people fishing.

Councilwoman Griffith motions to have Allan obtain additional signs. Councilman Young seconds. All in favor.

New Business

RESOLUTION 2015-41: TO ADMINISTER SECTION 106 FEES UNDER THE NATIONAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION ACT

Councilwoman Ketchum asks if the per mile fee is why "they" make millions of dollars?

Councilwoman Michael clarifies, "You mean the Delaware Nation?" She states yes, the per mile fee is a proportion of the revenues but they make that much due more to the 17-state jurisdiction they claim.

Councilwoman Ketchum wants to know how "we" know they make this much.

Councilwoman Michael explains she worked with the Delaware Nation for four years and we have a copy of their financials. "We," meaning the THPO Oversight Committee. The way it works is the Delaware Tribe will list the states we are to be consulted on the FCC Web Site. Then we actively pursue that projects consult us for any projects. This is a consultation process and we charge a fee for the process. What we are currently doing is waiting until someone contacts us, then we charge them.

Councilwoman Ketchum asks if we are in competition with the Westerns (Delaware Nation).

Councilwoman Michael says no, there is no "competition." This is a federal law for any tribal area of interest. So the Shawnee may

have an area that crosses over with ours and the agencies have to consult with every Tribe that has an interest in that area.

Titus Frenchman is recognized: "Our committee (THPO Oversight) met last Thursday with Caddo Chairwoman Tamara Francis-Fourkiller. She oversaw the Delaware Nation THPO and Section 106 Consultation process for 12 years very successfully. They take an aggressive stance on this program. He warns that federal programs can quickly be reversed. He furthers this assertion stating we need to take advantage of the program while it's still strong and we will be shorting ourselves if we do not. I think it's imperative to take full advantage of this now. This was a program initiated in the National Humanities Council. These funds could fund a FULL language program, such as immersion. We also need someone who is knowledgeable with experience. Levi Randoll has 6 months experience in the program and he is ready to go. We need someone over-viewing the program. Dr. Obermeyer is doing well. But he emphasizes we need someone in this office here at the headquarters on an equal footing with him. As we sit here today, we are losing thousands and thousands of dollars almost on a daily basis."

Councilwoman Ketchum inquires about whether Councilman Young is going to attend the training.

Councilman Young: "I don't know if I am going to attend. I need some more information. I visited with the FCC just yesterday. There appear to be some issues that I am not sure about. One of them is FERT. The other is industry trends and collating. I like the idea of Levi on because of his experience but in the back of my mind, I think about the idea of smoke shops and how profitable

it was to begin with. Then Quick Trip and Loves moved in and now they are minimum wage. Railroads are today blaming lack of safety controls on all the consultations required. They have sent a Bill to congress about this very issue. Whatever the issue is, I'll just say, I am out of it. Let's just say that."

Councilwoman Ketchum asks what he means.

Councilman Young doesn't feel he has enough information from our Tribe. He hasn't seen how many consultations we have nor business records. I want to find out how the Delaware Nation charged for areas we occupied with them. Some of the other Tribes that made a similar journey and then split up, share their fees—I want to confirm this. I am concerned. I want to raise the fees and bring Levi on. But I am going to pull back. I'm concerned that we will get into it and then we will come in when the trends are going negative. What if the Delaware Nation owes us some money? The Cherokees, UKB, and the Eastern Band all split their fees—at least that is what I was told.

John Sumpter is recognized. I've worked with Tammy (Chairwoman Fourkiller) and I brought word of this back of their programs. I've seen the financials. They are separate. The Anadarkos are not the only ones. The Chickasaws, Choctaws, and the Creeks run a "20 Man" 106 office and they are swamped and do not have enough people to carry the workload. We have attended meetings in Oklahoma City. He is close to Tammy. She calls me brother and her daughter calls me uncle (Councilman Young stated she is also a relative of his wife—on the Pawnee side). She has set up three different programs and they are all successful and still succeeding today. As to whether they owe us money. They are a separate entity.

There have been mistakes made on our part. Brice has only been covering 1/3 of New York. We cover the whole state of NY and all the way down to Virginia. Everywhere we walked or camped, we have influence and it is federal mandate. The railroads can whine but they have to pay the fee. If you have questions, I will give them to Tammy. She is pretty busy. She did a special favor for us coming up to do the training. The consultation fee for the information she imparted to us was way too little and she is still willing to give us more.

Councilwoman Shea states that she believes the risk is minimal from what she has seen and heard and have studied on my part. The longer we sit, the more we lose.

John Sumpter adds that it is a project he firmly believes in. He says this is a reflection on the tribal Council, how it's set up can't have any cliques. It should be set up right. It has got to be done for the good of the people; not your interests. Your interests are in the back door. If it is short lived, hey, we got our toe in. Personnel has to be about what someone has to bring to the table to get the job done.

Councilwoman Michael agrees that all these issues need to be worked out but regardless of everything else, the fees still need to be implemented in a resolution. She asks if we can get back to the resolution on the table.

Councilwoman Michael moves that we approve the resolution.

Councilwoman Holley seconds. 6 in favor, 1 abstention (Young)

FENCE IN THE BACK

Councilwoman Griffith explains that the fence in the back of the building needs to be moved. The location is too close due to the attempts that we are trying to make in putting in a stomp dance area there.

Councilwoman Shea asks if there will be additional costs and further asks why the placement wasn't proposed ahead of time.

Housing Director Mr. Scott states that the Tribal Manager at the time thought it was a good idea for that area for all the equipment that we had that needed to be placed behind the fence. Then all the rains stalled the implementation to until recently.

Chief Brooks recalls the Tribal Manager bringing this up in November.

Councilwoman Shea states that this is about lessons learned. No tribal structure should go up without approval from the Tribal Council.

Councilwoman Griffith motions to move the fence.

Councilwoman Shea seconds.

Chief Brooks advises two or three council members look out the back after the meeting to provide guidance.

6 in favor, 1 abstention (Ketchum)

Councilwoman Griffith updated the Tribal Council on the trip to Wisconsin. There were lots of give-aways and gifts. Meals were all wonderful and each Tribe participated. Our guys, the Color Guard, "rocked it." They looked the best. All the Tribes gave historical presentations, but Chief Brooks rocked it. Everyone paid attention to it and he really worked the crowd. The participants all really enjoyed the social dances we brought up. We want to host this here at the complex next year.

Delaware Indian News (DIN) deadline for October Edition is Sept. 10th.

Councilwoman Michael encourages everyone on the Tribal Council to please write your articles pertaining to your position. She has had complaints about this and wants to address them. Write your articles about what your position is and what you are working on.

Councilwoman Griffith motions to go into Executive Session.

Councilwoman Michael seconds. 6:05

Called to Order at 7:46

Chief Brooks asks for any actions to be taken?

Councilwoman Griffith states the Surface Pro was returned.

Meeting adjourns 7:48

Tuesday, August 18, 2015 Community Center

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

Called to Order: 5:32

Prayer: Bonnie Thaxton

Attendance

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

Approve Agenda

Councilwoman Shea moves to approve. Councilwoman Griffith seconds. All in favor.

Unfinished Business

AMERICORPS UPDATE

Tribal Manager Allan Barnes explains that the previous Tribal Manager prepared much of the Letter of Inquiry with the Concept Form notifying them of our request to apply. The Program Director for our area has responded with an invitation to apply. Once we submit, we will have a two-four month waiting period, possibly in October and in January.

Our first area of concern would be to update the Lewis B. Ketchum Boys and Girls Club and then the Elders Housing.

CAR TAGS

The proposed design is passed around to the audience and the Tribal Council will propose this at the meeting with the Cherokee Nation. Johnny Barker, IT, places a copy in front of the video camera.

Jan Brown is recognized: She is concerned we may not be able to see "Delaware Tribe."

The TC responds that this is just a mock up so we can relay this concern to the Cherokee.

Councilwoman Michael states that the Cherokee responded to the dates provided and they wish for us to choose the date and time in Catoosa.

Councilwoman Griffith motions to have Secretary Michael contact them with the date of Sept. 10th at 1 pm.

Councilwoman Holley seconds.

Councilwomen Ketchum and Michael will be out of town. Michael states she will be available to conference call.

6 in favor, 1 abstention (Ketchum will be unavailable)

New Business

Tribal Member Steve Donnell has a presentation regarding self-defense and personal protection. He has a Pepper Spray class for safety and awareness as well as how it can be used to deter an attack. The second class is much more detailed such as escape techniques. A third class is designed by women of the NRA. It teaches safety at home, living environment, safe rooms, etc. He will teach one to the leaders and employees to do a training exercise for an active shooter, for instance, to establish a plan.

DELAWARE WATER GAP PRESENTATION BY YOUTH AND CHAPERONE CECE BIGGOOSE

Tiana Long, Shu-day Johnson-Biggoose, Kamren Pisachubbe, Hopie Thicknail, Michaela Provence.

They provide a slide show and little gifts to each of the Tribal Council members—soil from our homeland.

The youth learned a great deal about Pennsylvania and felt more connected to their ancestral homeland. Even more exciting was that they realized there are more Delaware groups than just ours. They

connected to these other Delaware youth.

TAHKOX E2 REPORT

Jimmie Johnson: Our sub-contract at Anderson Air Force base in Guam environmental liability is complete. The work on the vegetative state is still going. The TERO application to the Cherokee Nation goes before the TERO Board, August 27th. The email states we should know something the first of October. We have received no correspondence from the SBA. We will have to wait the 90 business days, which puts us in June.

Sue Cade is recognized and inquires about the dollar amount received.

Mr. Johnson states there was one employee and he doesn't have the exact profit but she is welcome to call him. It was a cost plus contract and he was just notified yesterday that we completed the work.

INDIAN ROADS PROGRAM

Councilwoman Griffith explains that she, Chief and Michelle Holley met with Mike Longan at the Miami BIA and we have roads money, approximately \$35k. We can only use it on roads in our inventory and the only one in our inventory is Barbara. We will therefore lose this money unless we develop another stratagem, which they have provided to us. To save the \$35k, the Kialegee Tribal Town has a use for it. The resolution would enable us to "seed the roads money to them and in 2016, they will give this money back." This gives us until March 15th to place the parking lot in Caney into our inventory.

Chief Brooks adds that the resolution was provided to us to keep us from losing our roads money altogether. If it gets sent back to DC, we will never see it again.

Sue Cade is recognized. She is wondering why we are lending this to the Kialegee—"isn't this the same Tribe that was in the

gaming situation in Broken Arrow."

Councilwoman Holley explains that the BIA approached us with this "creative idea. The BIA came to us. The Kialegees did not come to us."

Ms. Cade further asks why there was not a better plan in place for the roads money since we have apparently been getting it for five years—since before 2012?

Councilwoman Holley explains that there is no other justification we can use to expend this money until we get other accessible sites in the inventory and the money has been accruing the entire time. There is no immediate need for repairs on this street.

Ms. Cade asks was the roads money was not used for the expansion of the street that goes to Elder housing?

Councilwoman Holley explains that she cannot speak for the time before we were in office.

Councilwoman Michael states that those are great questions and she was wondering the same thing. Councilwoman Shea was asking this question too, if this money was available, who instead paid for the road?

Jan Brown is recognized. She states the BIA told her that there was no money and it is the BIA's fault. They said they had no money and we neglected the kitchen due to having to pay for the road.

Councilwoman Ketchum adds that the money was received in a block grant which is why they had to carve out enough to pave the road.

The Councilors continue to explain that this exchange is similar to a loan but there is no interest and we will get the same amount back. The 638s are the "contracts" with the federal government and the loan is solidified through the resolutions. Councilwoman Ketchum adds that it really is just a "good faith" exercise.

RESOLUTION 2015-42: TO APPROVE TRIBAL MEMBERSHIP NUMBERS 058536-058562

Councilwoman Michael motions to approve. Councilwoman Ketchum seconds. All in favor.

RESOLUTION 2015-43: TO LOAN TO THE KIALEGEE TRIBAL TOWN THE BIA ROADS MONEY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$35,630.69

Councilwoman Griffith motions to approve. Councilwoman Holley seconds. All in favor.

RESOLUTION 2015-44: TO AMEND RESOLUTION 2014-53 ANTI NEPOTISM POLICY

To include: aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and first cousins.

Councilwoman Griffith states that the first she saw of this was earlier in the afternoon. She would like to table the resolution until we have time to discuss it. She wants to know why we are adding these.

Councilwoman Holley explains this is to assure that there are not any close family members that are new hires.

Councilwoman Griffith states then we need to change the degree of affinity and consanguinity because we step outside the second degree.

Councilwoman Shea states it would be good to have the original in front of us.

More discussion ensues about what the terms mean and the conclusion is that we may need to omit some of the wording in the original (second degree of affinity and consanguinity) and add these members to the original list.

Councilwoman Griffith motions to table the resolution until Sept. 1. Councilwoman Shea seconds. 6 in favor, 1 abstention (Holley)

The Financial Report was omitted off of the agenda. However the Financials are included.

Councilwoman Griffith motions to approve the financials pending audit. Councilwoman Shea seconds.

Councilwoman Michael requests the CFO to answer a few questions. She asks about the THPO amount from June, listing \$176k. We found out afterwards that was not the right figure.

CFO, Jean Lewis, states that is true. At the end of the year we booked 140k receivable anticipating repayment. I wanted to be sure to get that in for the audit. When we came back I converted all the financials to cash basis so that it would be easier for everyone to understand it. What you were looking at then was a retained balance but it wasn't cash money.

Councilwoman Michael asked what the money went for that needed re-paid?

Ms. Lewis says she thinks it went to pay River Trails.

Councilwoman Michael: "So you are saying this happened before your time but it was allocated to pay River Trails."

CFO: states she just wanted to show a receivable to get it back in there. It was gone by Sept 2014. She has some proposals to replace the funds.

Councilwoman Michael asks if this payment needs to be done every year or was this a one-time payment.

Ms. Lewis states it was a one-time payment.

Councilwoman Michael asks then if we paid that much of a sum, even before we were in office and it was changed, shouldn't that have come before us somehow?

4 approve, 2 no (Holley and Michael), 1 abstain (Brooks)

OTHER

Councilwoman Griffith urges that we prepare for the election next year. She proposes that the Tribal Council members come back to the Sept. 1 meeting with any ideas they may have for a Chair and develop the rules.

She also announces that some of the Tribal Council members are going to Seneca, Missouri to tour

the Eastern Shawnee Independent Living facilities. Sherri Rackliff has made these arrangements. She wrote the HUD Grant for their housing.

She also feels like we need to stay on top of the Oologah property.

Councilwoman Shea states that we are doing a survey on that property and then put a price tag on that.

Councilwoman Michael wants to address the Tribal members and the Tribal Council that she has accepted a position in Laramie, Wyoming for nine months as a Professor of Native American Studies. She states, "Looking at the prices of airline tickets, it looks reasonable for me to afford coming back to the meetings."

Jan Brown is recognized. She wants to know If getting the minutes would be a continued problem with you being out of state.

Councilwoman Michael states she writes them off the videos. July is the only minutes we are lacking right now.

Councilwoman Ketchum asks about the DIN.

Councilwoman Michael: "Speaking of which everyone please get their articles in, they are due by Sept. 10th. Both Greg and I are distant anyway. There isn't anything new on that one."

Councilwoman Shea adds then that Nicky Michael will retain her Secretary role.

Councilman Young states NCAI is coming up in October. We need to assign who is going to take full advantage of the early bookings.

Councilwoman Griffith states that NCAI is the third week in October and the repatriation is likely the next week in Ohio. She has a plane ticket in her account from when she did not go to Washington. She would like to attend NCAI with Chief in San Diego.

Councilwoman Michael asks if anyone else would like to go from the Tribal Council.

Councilwoman Holley would be interested if there are funds available.

Councilman Young motions to send the Chief, Assistant Chief and Councilor Michelle Holley (3 individuals) to San Diego. Councilwoman Michael seconds.

Councilwoman Shea confirms funding with the CFO to be able to send three. All in favor.

Councilwoman Griffith motions for executive session. Councilwoman Michael seconds. All in favor. 7:08

Called back to order, 7:59. No action taken.

Councilwoman Griffith motions to adjourn. Councilwoman Shea seconds. All in favor.

Adjourns at 8 pm.

**Tuesday, Sept 1, 2015
Community Center**

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

Called to Order: 5:38

Prayer: Mary Watters

Attendance

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

Absent: Nicky Michael, Secretary

Welcome guests.

Approve Agenda

Councilman Young moves to approve. Councilwoman Shea seconds. All in favor.

Minutes

Councilwoman Shea moves to Approve the July 7, 2015 Minutes. Councilwoman Griffith seconds. All in favor

Councilman Young notes that the title should read "Special Tribal Council on the 20th"

Other Corrections: Councilwoman Griffith states that at the

bottom of page 1, it reads, "the CFO and Jean..." It should read, "and she."

Page 5 when Councilwoman Griffith asks "how many we have in Bartlesville," it should also include "facility," regarding the childcare.

Councilwoman Ketchum motions to accept the minutes with corrections for July 20th. Councilwoman Shea seconds. All in favor.

Unfinished Business

Economic Development Report: Tim Houseberg, the Director, is absent. However he did call in today and will be here tomorrow and he has found another contract for Tahkox e2.

Child Support Enforcement: Curtis Zunigha, Director, states that the program is moving forward and is working with the CFO to set up the debit card payment system. We have a visit from our representative in Dallas. We are taking applications and are in an aggressive public outreach mode right now.

Councilwoman Shea inquires if we have any cases set up?

Director Zunigha states yes, we have several cases and files established. When we visited Washington County, they want to provide hundreds of cases to our office. Cherokee Nation was very cooperative and set up a personal meeting with Chief Baker to address our program delegates.

Tribal Manager, Allan Barnes: August 26th, representatives Mike Longan and Diane Jobe came to examine our 2015 year-ends. They seem quite pleased with the answers to the questions they asked. We toured the facilities and the one area that they were pleased with was our enrollment.

Chief Financial Officer, Jean Lewis: The BIA spent time with us and went over our books. They seemed pleased with us. We are close to having our new software up and going and have been working closely with our Internet Technology Director on this.

OTHER

No other unfinished business from the Tribal Council.

RESOLUTION 2015-45: TO DENY TRIBAL MEMBERSHIP

Councilman Young motions to approve.

Enrollment Director Leslie Fall-Leaf explains that the individuals either have not submitted the paperwork needed to proceed or did not have an ancestor on the base roll.

Councilman Young clarifies, “they are not being dis-enrolled; they have not met the criteria.”

Director Fall-Leaf affirms.

Councilwoman Shea asks about the correspondence to the individuals. Have they had ample time and proper notification?

Director Fall-Leaf affirms yes, the individuals have been notified by phone, emails, and letters.

Councilwoman Griffith notes that they can come back later, that this action does not preclude application at a later date.

Councilwoman Ketchum states that no ancestor on the 1906 roll would be conclusive.

Director Fall-Leaf explains that the Tribe will send them a letter notifying them of the decision and they can appeal to the Tribal Court.

Chief Brooks asks if any of these applicants has any ancestor enrolled on the base roll.

Director Fall-Leaf: No

Titus Frenchman is recognized: “Can Leslie provide us with the population number of our Tribe today?”

Director Fall-Leaf: 10,800

Mr. Frenchman: “What about members in Oklahoma?”

Director Fall-Leaf: She can provide that tomorrow morning.

Councilwoman Ketchum seconds. All in favor.

New Business

Nancy Sumpter is recognized. She states that the previous Tribal Council and this Tribal Council

call for Executive Session and stay in there “forever until we just get tired and go home. I want to know what can be told about Executive Sessions; what can we be told as a tribal member? It can’t be all that important because you are making resolutions like crazy and we the tribal members do not know what’s going on.”

Councilwoman Holley explains that our Executive Sessions should deal with “sensitive information, personnel, and information covered under the privacy act.”

Ms. Sumpter: “So that’s the reason you go in there to decide who to hire and fire?”

Councilwoman Holley: “No, we have a Personnel Committee that handles that. Trust me, I don’t want to sit in there any longer than you guys sit out here.”

Ms. Sumpter: “I understand Personnel issues are private and should be done there. But I want to know what else is being done. Any poll votes?”

Councilwoman Holley: “Absolutely not, I am against Poll voting.”

Councilwoman Griffith: There has been one poll vote for when Chief Brooks and she went to Washington D.C.—because there was a deadline. “I think the consensus of this whole council is we are not doing poll votes.”

Councilwoman Holley: “I do not support Poll Voting whatsoever and whenever this has come up I adamantly refused to partake in it.”

Councilwoman Shea believes we are all in agreement on no poll voting.

Councilwoman Griffith notes we did one more when Titus went to Pennsylvania for the Insurance—for him to be able to drive the tribal vehicle.

Chief Brooks states, “we would only take a poll vote if it concerned the life or death of a tribal member or the life or death of the Delaware Tribe of Indians and that’s the way I feel.”

Councilwoman Ketchum states that she would participate in one if we had a deadline for a grant and it meant money for our Tribe.

Ms. Sumpter: “That doesn’t make sense to me. I understand about deadlines but the trips—you should have known about this way ahead of time.”

Councilwoman Griffith: “With the discounts available and the travel involved, the vote enabled us to save money for the Tribe.”

John Sumpter: “I want to follow up what Dude (Nancy Sumpter) said. Executive Session is not addressed in our constitution, so that is an open question you can do what you want with. The only place that Executive Session is addressed is in the Trust Board document.”

Curtis Zunigha: “As a past Chief and having sat in that seat, our constitution says that Executive Session will be run by Roberts Rules of Order. That’s where the guidelines are listed.”

Chief Brooks affirms that yes, we do have to follow Roberts Rules (moral turpitude of a Tribal Council member or Personnel) unless specifically addressed in our Constitution.

Mr. Sumpter: But the results have to be addressed afterwards in the open meeting. His point was that Executive Session IS NOT addressed in our Constitution.

Titus Frenchman is recognized: Thanks the Tribal Council for coming to the NAGPRA and Section 106 Oversight Committee meeting last Wed., where there was a good discussion. “I’m in the process of developing recommendations for the Committee to provide to the Tribal Council.”

Mr. Frenchman then states he looks forward to an update on our 1.2 million dollar investment in Kansas. “What’s our one-year-plan; five-year-plan?”

Joe Brooks is recognized: “I would like to start out by asking our Tribal Council leaders how many years they have on the

Tribal Council. You Nate? 10-12; Michelle: first year; Bonnie: first year (and Trust Board before this); Chief: Trust Board from 1995 to 1998, then Tribal Council 6 years ending last November, Chief going on 10 months; Benita: 10 months; Annette: 7 years. I don’t know about the rest of you all, but I’ve been involved with this Tribe for 35 years. I find it very offensive that the Tribal Secretary wants to slam dunk, not only me but all the other former administrations. All of them, that none of us know what we are doing, including you all. I think that’s unprofessional to do that on Facebook and cut this Tribal Council to the bone. This Tribal Council is supposed to be a democratic way to accept whatever the Tribal Council votes and move on for what’s in the best interest of the Tribe. For that reason I think she should be removed as Secretary of the Tribe. Not from the Tribal Council, you can’t remove her from the Tribal Council except for the ways defined in the Constitution. She is not acting in a professional way as being the Secretary of this Tribe and I for one take offense that she says that I, Dee Ketchum, Paula Pechonick, none of us knew what we were doing. I’ve been around this Tribe for 35 years, I also know that Section 106 Consultation money can be spent any way this Tribal Council deems fit. There is no regulation because that money comes from cell phone companies—US Cellular, AT&T, Sprint, can’t regulate that money. This Tribal Council can spend that money any way it sees fit. So for them reasons I’m asking the Tribal Council to remove her as Secretary and appoint someone else. I’m sick and tired of reading negative emails, Facebook, about myself, this Tribal Council. It’s uncalled for. If you don’t have anything positive to say about this Tribal Council, don’t be sending me any more emails—lose my email address. This Tribal Council

is supposed to be working for the best interest of the people. Act as one. Treat everyone as equal and I don’t think the Elders on this Tribal Council are picking on anyone. I think they have a lot of wisdom and they know a lot more about the tribal programs and what this Tribe needs.”

Chief Brooks: Did anyone on this Tribal Council ask you to say these things.

Mr. Brooks: “Absolutely not, I’m speaking on my own and if I have something to say I will say it to this Tribal Council and not behind your back on Facebook.”

Nancy Sumpter: “If you are going to read Facebook, it must be true. Feelings get hurt, oh well. I roll up and down and comment ‘Lol, wthay,’ etc. I don’t believe because a person doesn’t like what a member of this Tribal Council says when they are not here to stand up for themselves should be removed. This could have been done when she was here. Unlike Joe, I don’t condone anyone talking about someone else. If I have something to say to someone, go up to their face and say it. If I hurt your feelings, oh well. That’s my opinion, you are allowed one. Leave things alone right now. It seems like the biggest problem in here right now is the Section 106 monies, who is going to get it, where is it going to go? Who gets to spend it, which is a bunch of BS. If it’s going for the Tribe let it be used that way.”

Councilwoman Griffith states we are arguing over money, we don’t even have yet.

Levi Randall: “I’ll be the first one to say that I do like Facebook. I write on there a lot. I critique things and if I have an opinion, if I don’t like something, I am going to put it on there. This Council needs to be reminded that they do not have the authority to tell Tribal members what to say or what to do. That would be overstepping. As citizens of this Tribe, we have a right to say and do as

we please. Though you are Chief, Chet Brooks, you don't have the authority over me to say what I can do; Bonnie Jo cannot either. If you are an employee here, possibly. But on our free time you can't do that. You don't want to be the first Tribal Council to put the hammer down on tribal citizens telling them what they can do or write. That would be pretty strange. This isn't Nazi Germany, you can't go through everyone's Facebook pages, and say, well, I don't like that, I don't agree with that. It is the Internet. Everyone is entitled to their opinion. There is nothing sensitive that is being written that I read about and what she wrote about the Section 106, I agree with. I agree it's for cultural programming. That's my opinion and this would have been better suited for when she was here. I don't agree with that. That's my opinion and the Internet is the same way."

John Sumpter is recognized: "I've been there before if you all remember. Freedom of Speech is a fundamental right of every American. Also, proof. What is inflammatory? What is derogatory? Who takes offense to what? Removal is a process that is outlined in the Constitution. Go through court, bring the proof forward, if she is indeed guilty deemed by the judges, remove her. But if not, leave it alone. You have got to have the proof. Is it not Nate Young?"

Councilman Young: "Removal? Removal is by recall."

Councilwoman Griffith: States she understood Mr. Brooks to refer to Secretary; not as a Tribal Council member.

Mr. Sumpter: "I would like proof of what, where and when. That's got to be considered."

Chief Brooks: I don't disagree with you in Principle except to say one thing, it is the Delaware Tribal Council that elects the Assistant Chief, the Treasurer, and the Secretary.

Councilwoman Holley: "I would like to go on the record stat-

ing that was a low blow for Joe to do that when Nicky was not here to defend herself. I think it was very inappropriate of you to do that."

Mr. Brooks states he did not know she was not going to be here.

Councilwoman Holley: "She isn't seated here."

Titus Frenchman is recognized: "In regard to Facebook, a lot of things are posted on Facebook, all you have to do is delete. As far as tribal members posting about other tribal members, that can get a little hairy at times, but we elect a diverse group of people with different opinions to come together to discuss opinions, outlooks and come to a conclusion for what's going on. If someone steps up and disagrees, that's fine. If it carries weight that's fine, the council can act on it. But to stifle someone for giving their opinion—I'm against that. I had three hundred rounds dumped around my head just so I could come back and have that ability. Joe's a Veteran; John's a Veteran; we have a lot of veterans here. The fact that Joe said not to talk behind someone's back and she's not here, you see that she is not here."

Councilwoman Griffith states "That just as Nicky has a right to free speech so does Joe."

Councilwoman Holley: "We all do."

Councilman Young moves we adjourn. Councilwoman Ketchum seconds. Meeting adjourns: no time announced: approximately 6:37.

Special Meeting Thursday, Sept 10, 2015 Community Center

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

Called to Order: 2:42

Prayer: Chief Chet Brooks

Attendance: Chief Chet Brooks, Assistant Chief Bonnie Jo Griffith, Treasurer Benita Shea, Member Michelle Holley, Member Nathan Young

Resolution 2015-46 To submit Lenape Language Talking Dictionary Project to the National Science Foundation not to exceed \$20,000

Councilwoman Griffith motions to approve. Councilwoman Holley seconds. All in favor.

Councilwoman Griffith motions to adjourn. Councilwoman Shea seconds. All in favor.

Adjourns: no time announced: approximately 2:45.

Tuesday, Sept 15, 2015 Community Center

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

Called to Order: 5:36

Prayer: Mary Watters

Attendance

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

Welcome guests and new employee: Angela Krebbs (Osage) is our new receptionist. Dana Murrell introduces Mrs. Krebbs.

Approve Agenda

Councilwoman Griffith moves to approve. Councilwoman Shea seconds. All in favor.

Minutes

August 4th Minutes: p. 1 "Councilman" Holley should be changed to Councilwoman Holley.

August 18th: p. 1, "Allen" should be spelled "Allan" and the last page should be Councilwoman Michael and "in" San Diego should be changed to "to" San Diego.

Councilwoman Griffith motions to approve August 4th and 18th with corrections. Councilwoman Holley seconds.

Financial Report

Councilwoman Shea moves to approve pending audit. Councilwoman Ketchum seconds. All in favor.

Unfinished Business

Tribal Manager Allan Barnes: Department communications status is excellent. All departments are performing their duties and if there are any issues, they bring them to me.

August 26th meeting with the BIA went well. They expressed their interest to become better acquainted with our Tribe. They did recommend a more secure fire safe cabinets in the Enrollment department. They also recommended that while the therapy pool is inoperable, the room would be a good location for these files.

Councilwoman Holley asks how much we estimate to fix the pool.

Manager Barnes states about \$4,000. We are still determining if it is cost prohibitive to fix the heater including labor and other costs.

He has renewed several insurance policies. Recently he was able to visit the property in Kansas and visited with the Pine family. Justin Falleaf was mowing this particular day of his visit and unfortunately, he does not have the equipment he needs to mow that property. We therefore had to go with another option.

The cemeteries are all mowed and in good condition. The AmeriCorps Project (contact person is Chrystal Kelley) has informed us we have been invited to provide the full application due October 30th. Mary Randall has been hired to administer our Elders Nutrition program.

Child Support Enforcement Director Curtis Zunigha: Last Thursday, Carl Rich, our Regional

Director from Dallas came up and observed our program. He was complimentary on our re-establishment of the office. We made it to fourteen applications today (our goal was fifteen). We are setting up our debit system at Arvest. Other than that, he reports that we are on target.

Councilwoman Ketchum asks if we are on target for the Assisted Living Center grant application. She inquires if the resolution approving this application will be provided at the next Regular meeting.

Councilwoman Griffith states we will need to speak about this for the October meeting.

Councilwoman Michael states that Jim emailed her this morning that he turned his grant for the National Science Foundation was turned in.

Councilwoman Griffith noted the Cultural Preservation is working on building an area for stomp dance grounds.

New Business

RESOLUTION 2015-44: TO AMEND THE ANTI-NEPOTISM POLICY

Chief Brooks: One Council member has already approached him that this resolution means we would have to repeal or nullify the previous policy, Resolution 2014-53.

Councilman Young explains the issues are whether this is a rescission, an amendment, or an issue previously laid on the table. Therefore we can proceed with a vote on it or vote to remove it (Resolution 2014-53) due to needing prior notice. Did we table this from the last meeting?

Councilwoman Holley asks for clarification. Is it because we are adding to the previous resolution?

Councilman Young states he just saw this resolution this afternoon when he walked in the door.

Councilwoman Holley explains that this resolution was placed on the table last month for which she

discussed with two other Tribal Council members how to proceed and they advised this route.

Councilman Young says he truly does not know which direction to go, he walked in and saw the resolution on the door and it refers to a resolution previously adopted.

Councilwoman Griffith states this policy already adopted is the strictest policy in any Tribe or in the State.

Councilwoman Holley addresses why she included aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews. When we previously adopted this anti-nepotism policy, Councilwoman Ketchum asked why not include aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews. Looking back on this, I think we should have done this because in our community our Delaware families are very close. Aunts are considered mothers, cousins considered brothers and sisters.

Joe Brooks is recognized: He feels that this one is too restrictive. He asks, "Do you think it's right to limit our grand-children from working for the Tribe when we have new programs opening up. Do you think it's right that this only applies to the Tribal Council? What about the Trust Board and Judges who are elected officials?"

Councilwoman Griffith does not feel that we can legislate for the Judges and the Trust Board.

Councilwoman Ketchum states case in point, when Chief Pechonick hired her Grandson, this policy was a result of that issue—it's not what the people wanted.

Councilman Young states he wants to make the policy as least restrictive as policy to hire as many Delawares as possible.

Councilwoman Ketchum states it's almost like you are saying if it's a certain family they can hire their grand-child and certain others can't.

Mr. Brooks said no, that's not what he is saying. He is saying this should be up to the Personnel Committee.

Councilwoman Holley wants to explain to wrap this up that Tribal members have requested that these members be added to the policy.

Councilwoman Griffith motions we table for further review. Councilman Young seconds. 5 In favor, 1 Abstains (Holley), 1 Opposed (Ketchum).

RESOLUTION 2015-47: TO APPROVE TRIBAL MEMBERSHIP NUMBERS 058563-058572

Councilwoman Michael motions to approve. Councilwoman Ketchum seconds. All in favor.

OTHER

Nancy (Dude) Sumpter has been selected to be our honored Elder at Delaware Days on October 26th. John Sumpter has been selected to be our honored Veteran for this event.

Idaho and Kansas Delaware will be meeting with us on October 26th, to listen to a joint proposal at the Delaware Community Center at 9:30.

Discussion revolved around the purpose of the meeting. Chief Brooks states let's wait and see what they want.

Councilman Young motions to donate \$1,500 to Indian Summer, which is coming up this weekend.

Councilwoman Griffith adds that Xavier Michael-Young, Councilwoman Michael's son is Head Boy and the Lenape Color Guard will also be involved. Councilwoman Shea seconds. 4 in favor, 2 abstentions (Griffith and Michael).

AARP contacted the Tribe for a nomination as Native Elder of the Year. Bonnie Thaxton was awarded this honor and her award ceremony will be at the Cowboy Hall of Fame in Oklahoma City at 6:30 on October 6. The vans will leave at 2 pm. Mary Randall has the sign-up sheet.

Nathan Young (Jr.) is recognized for his achievement as an inaugural fellow artist at the Kaiser Family Foundation, 2016-17.

Chief Brooks calls for a Special Council meeting October 5th. However, both Councilwomen Ketchum and Holley will be unavailable that night and asks if we could entertain the 7th. The next scheduled meeting we'll be at NCAI in San Diego on the 20th. The following week, we are at the reburial.

John Sumpter is recognized. He explains that he wants to address a former resolution. Dartmouth has hired an individual claiming Lenape from the Eastern Delaware Nations, which is a 501(c)3. The Delaware Nation and David Cornsilk have offered to back us on an effort to squelch these groups. He continues, "We had a resolution formerly. You all don't have pictures of your kinfolk on the Nanticoke website claiming is theirs. I do not appreciate this. I would ask that you pass it again, because it's culture theft."

Councilman Young asks if he is referring to the Resolution objecting to recognition of these "wannabes" and then we rescinded it, correct?

Mr. Sumpter: Correct. We need to get with President Holton and make a united front. Now Dartmouth is being called on it. She is not Lenape in any shape or form. Her lineage was posted and all her relatives are from Ireland.

Councilwoman Ketchum: These groups are very aggressive. We've passed resolutions before and then nothing happens.

Councilwoman Griffith motions to hold a Special Meeting on October 7th and then return to regular meetings on the first and third Tuesdays. Councilwoman Holley seconds. 6 in favor, 1 opposed, Michael, due to her belief we can go back to once a month schedule.

Councilwoman Griffith motions for Executive Session. Councilwoman Michael seconds. All in favor. 7:06

Chief calls the meeting back to order at 7:35. The reason for the Executive Session for the Chain of Command.

Councilwoman Griffith announces that the Osage Nation has invited the Delaware Council on October 3rd to visit their hydroponics program.

Councilwoman Ketchum motions to adjourn. Councilwoman Griffith seconds. All in favor.

Adjourns (time cut off of video) approximately 8:05.

Special Meeting Wednesday, Oct 7, 2015 Community Center

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

Called to Order: 5:40

Prayer: Mary Watters

Report on Bonnie Thaxton as AARP, Indian Elder of the year.

Blue River Haas is recognized and reads his request from the Delaware Tribe to change Columbus Day to Indigenous Peoples' Day in the Bartlesville. He explains when he approached the Superintendent of Bartlesville School District, Operation Eagle personnel were threatened with their job.

Laura Maynor is recognized and spoke on behalf of him. He has support from Choctaw Nation and he plans to visit many Tribes to gain their support despite threats from the school district to defund Operation Eagle.

Attendance

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

Welcome guests

Approve Agenda

Councilwoman Griffith moves to approve.

Councilwoman Shea seconds.

All in favor.

Unfinished Business

Child Support Enforcement, Curtis Zunigha: July 30th submitted ACF \$341,342

New Business

RESOLUTION 2015-44: TO AMEND THE ANTI-NEPOTISM POLICY

Councilwoman Ketchum motions to approve.

Councilwoman Holley seconds.

Questions came from the audience about what the difference was and grand-children are already in the previous policy.

Councilwoman Ketchum states that "you took cousins off."

Councilwoman Holley confirms yes, due to the concerns about how far this would go.

Councilman Young expresses that his concern is that this resolution would limit the pool of Delaware candidates. He says we have such a small community that it will be hard to hire Delawares. He believes the Personnel Committee should make those decisions. "I'm concerned we wouldn't hire someone because that person was married to someone's grandson." We may not be able to hire them because they are a "Wilson or a Barnes or a Young." We are in a unique position as a small Tribe. As we develop our businesses, if someone is hired by an independent board. He appreciates the motive but feels that the "cure would be exclude Delawares that could be employed."

Councilwoman Ketchum responds that we are just talking about the 7 people on the Tribal Council.

Councilwoman Holley responds that each of those examples he gave is already in the previous nepotism policy that Councilwoman Griffith proposed last winter. Those examples you gave already are in place. This resolution is simply adding nieces, nephews, aunts and uncles.

Chief Brooks notes the only difference in this resolution is it adds

aunts and uncles and he doesn't have to worry about this with none of these relatives in this area.

Councilwoman Shea and Griffith both state they do have to worry about it. Councilwoman Shea says she has a lot of family members sitting right here.

Councilwoman Ketchum states she isn't worried about it.

Councilwoman Holley states she is not interested in seeing this Tribe turn into a family affair. "I believe there should be a fair chance for everyone, not just family members. I am not in favor of having multiple family members in key positions of this Tribe."

Councilwoman Griffith states yes, this is why she wrote the initial resolution in December but she feels we have to be careful about going too far in the lineage.

Councilwoman Shea brings up the third **Whereas**, "sometimes a situation arises where the current policy does not meet the need of the Tribe." She notes this could be the point at which certain situations go before the Personnel Committee who would make a recommendation to the Tribal Council.

Councilwoman Holley explains that every word of this to the **Now Therefore It Be Resolved** is the same wording as the previous resolution.

Councilwoman Griffith states that that the **Now** therefore be it resolved locks us into that policy though; not that the **Whereas** can override this.

2 in favor (Holley and Ketchum), 4 opposed (Brooks, Shea, Young, Griffith)

Councilwoman Ketchum asks why we spent all this time on this when no one believed in it. She states, "when just two of us voted for it."

Chief Brooks felt that Councilwoman's statement was unfair. His niece works for the Indian Health Services and knows better than to go to work for the Delaware Tribe.

Councilwoman Ketchum states her grand-children are the same way, they know not to work for the Tribe.

Councilwoman Griffith states her niece also would not work for the Tribe.

John Sumpter is recognized. He asks a hypothetical question regarding his nephew, Levi Randall. "What if he were working for the Tribe?" If he ran for a Tribal Council seat and got it would his nephew then be fired?

There are mixed answers with some yes and some no.

Jack Tatum is recognized and states he feels this really affects our Tribe. It doesn't just affect "you people up there." He believes this should go to the people. He resents that the Tribal Council is making this themselves. He believes it should be for "the people."

RESOLUTION 2015: AMEND RESOLUTION 2014-53 ANTI-NEPOTISM POLICY AS REFLECTED IN THE CODE OF ETHICS

Councilwoman Griffith motions to table until the next meeting. Councilman Young seconds

RESOLUTION 2015: TO AMEND THE TRIBAL MEMBERSHIP ACT TO INCLUDE PROCEDURES FOR DISENROLLMENT

Chief Brooks explains this is a resolution that only applies to those who were not legally qualified to enroll to begin with either by fraudulent claims or by mistake.

Levi Randall is recognized and asks if we can give him a number for those who may not be lawfully enrolled.

Enrollment Director, Leslie Fall-Leaf explains that there are two families who would have this applied to them—not that they were fraudulently enrolled but had an ancestor with the same name as someone on the base roll.

Mr. Randoll favors the policy. He exemplified the Osage who are dealing with an issue where some adopted children were issued a CDIB against Osage policy.

Councilwoman Griffith states that this resolution is not to target anyone or place blame. It's meant to support our true members.

Director Fall-Leaf explains it was possible before to remove members but this resolution provides "due process."

Verna Sue Artherton asks "how does someone prove their enrollment?"

Director Fall-Leaf explains that everyone has to provide state certified birth certificates.

Ms. Artherton asks if we will ever see a blood quantum requirement.

Director Fall-Leaf explains she would not support a blood quantum because we would lose most of our Tribe. "We have only three full-bloods today, three."

Councilwoman Griffith motions to approve. Councilman Young seconds. All in favor.

RESOLUTION 2015- : TO APPROVE TRIBAL MEMBERSHIP NUMBERS 058573-058589

Councilwoman Ketchum motions to approve. Councilwoman Young seconds. All in favor.

RESOLUTION 2015- : TO IMPLEMENT THE LINE OF AUTHORITY AND RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE TRIBAL GOVERNMENT: FOR THE CHIEF, ASSISTANT CHIEF AND TRIBAL OPERATIONS MANAGER SHALL HAVE OVERSIGHT OVER THE DAILY OPERATIONS OF THE TRIBE

Councilwoman Holley says she saw two resolutions earlier this week about the line of authority and a separate one for the Chief, Assistant Chief, and their designee to be the spokesperson for the Tribal Council. So we are combining them into one now?

Chief Brooks asks who wrote the resolution.

Councilman Young states he did.

Chief Brooks: "Was it written in two parts?"

Councilman Young: "Not that I recall."

Councilwoman Shea states maybe it was the way they were split up?

Councilwoman Holley: Possibly

John Sumpter is recognized: "The way I see this is those that are not written into this, which is four of you, has to go to the Chief, Assistant Chief, or the Tribal Manager to ask permission to go to a department to get information. Is this what I am hearing?"

Councilman Young: That is exactly what you are hearing.

Mr. Sumpter: Thank you. Ms. Shea. You said this was due to a Council member "trying to rewrite Delaware History? Could you clear me up on that?"

Councilwoman Shea: We had a Councilmember go to one of our employees asking if we could edit the Tribal Council video.

Mr. Sumpter: The 106 video?

Councilwoman Shea: Yes

Councilwoman Griffith: No it was the Tribal Council meeting video of the 106 video.

Mr. Sumpter: "Because this seems like a power grab to me."

Councilwoman Griffith: "Absolutely not"

Councilwoman Ketchum: "Absolutely"

Councilwoman Holley: "Yes it is."

Mr. Sumpter: "I'm not the only one seeing it. But I'm here to question considering one individual slipped up and called it a fee, which is covered under the privacy act, and it was an honorarium. I set this up. She came here on my invite to help this Tribe. She did us a favor. She would not have come here for any of you. Chief Brooks, you know I have been trying for three years due to spending time

down at the Western Delawares with their program.

Chief Brooks: States he agrees that John has been trying to bring this up for three years. "But the truth of the matter is that we have a problem on our Tribal Council that seems to be any individual Tribal Council member thinks they can order an employee to do what they want. The Tribal Council has to have a majority vote to do anything."

Councilwoman Holley: So let me get this straight. To do anything, except for the Chief, Assistant Chief and Treasurer that are mentioned in this resolution..."

Councilwoman Griffith: "And Allan."

Councilwoman Holley: "Allan is the Tribal Operations Manager. That is his job."

Councilwoman Griffith: "He is in the resolution."

Councilwoman Holley: "He is a paid employee. Under the Constitution it does not include that the Chief and Assistant Chief are to micromanage the daily details of the Tribe. I would think that you would be busy enough to not have to do that."

Chief Brooks: "And I believe every Council member, including you Michelle, would be too busy to do this either."

Councilwoman Holley: "Absolutely, I am busy, but I don't believe I have any requests over the day to day operations..."

Mr. Sumpter asks for the floor back. "Like I said, I'm not the only one that sees this as a power grab. You are going to have to be very explicit on this. If you remember what I told you at the Oversight Committee, which it's mute now; you blowed us off; kept us out of the circle; on this program. I told you what would happen. It was my gift. There was two things I wanted to do that I owed this Tribe and that was to get the Elders recognized and the Veterans recognized and I accomplished that with help."

Chief Brooks: “You accomplished that sometimes with my help.”

Mr. Sumpter: ‘I’m getting there. The first one was Curtis—he was the first but we didn’t have a line item. Your help there too when they was trying to make a run at us. We got them a line item and we got them money. But this program was another gift that the Tribe can benefit from. And this is a little push that makes me doubt how that’s going to go. To me, my observations, what I’ve seen happen, Executive Session abuse, Special Meeting abuse, the Conference Calls, which to me is conducting the business of the Tribe on the phone and the people don’t have any access to it. Well that makes me wonder. Don’t make me sorry. I endorsed every one of you. I campaigned hard for you. I’m not saying a bunch of people listen to me. But don’t make me sorry.”

Chief Brooks: “Your words are well taken. However, I don’t care what kind of authority I’ve got. I only can have the authority that this Tribal Council gives me. I didn’t ask for this resolution; other Tribal Council members did.”

Councilwoman Holley asks for clarification on the second whereas stating the Chief, Assistant Chief, or their designee shall be official spokespersons for the Tribe. I would like to know the motivation behind this. Are you saying individual Council members cannot speak for themselves?

Councilman Young: Most certainly not. You have that right under our constitution. As to what is our Tribal Policy there has got to be one official spokesperson on any subject.

Councilwoman Ketchum: “Can I speak? The line of authority we already have established. We have our constitution that tells what our duties are. We have a job description that tells what our Tribal Manager duties are. Therefore, this is unnecessary, because every individual employee can go

to the Tribal Manager and tell him if any of the Tribal Council is trying to manipulate them. I don’t understand what this grievance is because it never happened. We had a wise employee that went to the Tribal Manager—Is that what happened?”

Councilwoman Griffith: No he came to me very stressed out.

Councilwoman Ketchum: Well he should have gone to the Tribal Manager.

Councilwoman Holley: Yes, exactly. That is not following their chain of command that is already established.

Tribal Manager Barnes: If this example is the one I’m thinking of, then yes, that employee did come to me. He consulted with me first. Then we went to the next Chain.

Councilwoman Shea: My concern is that we have power over that employee as Tribal Council members. I can see an employee feeling intimidated because I have a Tribal Council member asking me to do something. Yet, I have my boss over here telling me to do something else. Now I don’t know what to do first. This lays it out that the authority goes to the Department Head. I should not have that power to go to an employee and tell them I want something done right then and there.

Councilwoman Holley: That is understandable that we go to the Tribal Operations Manager; he is over all of our employees. We are not specifically listing just employees in this resolution. I do not understand why they have to be in the line of contact.

Councilwoman Shea states she thinks the concept behind this is that these two (Chief and Assistant Chief) are here on a daily operations.

Councilwoman Griffith: Chief Brooks was elected to lead the Tribe.

Councilwoman Holley: I understand the concept and I feel it is a control effort.

Councilwoman Griffith motions to approve.

Councilwoman Ketchum: We have a Constitution that says where the authority lay and that is with our people. We go and make all these rules about authority and then the people never have a voice because they can’t have a meeting. They are already complaining about it. I don’t know of anyone besides John...

Jack Tatum: Me too. Not about this but the People don’t have a voice.

Councilwoman Ketchum: I don’t know how we solve it because the people have felt this way the last four years, but I don’t like this; I don’t like “designee.” Who would that be?

Councilwoman Griffith: Whoever Chief chooses.

Councilwoman Holley: Or whoever the Assistant Chief chooses.

Chief Brooks: I totally disagree it would be who I chose to be the official designee. I don’t have that authority. This whole thing is turning into a deal where Chet Brooks is becoming a dictator. It wasn’t me that wrote the organization chart. It was the prior administration, which you were a part.

Councilwoman Ketchum: Did I say something offensive?

Chief Brooks: I don’t in any way appreciate anyone’s comments that I am a dictator.

Councilwoman Ketchum: “I didn’t say that? Are you looking at me?”

Chief Brooks: “I am looking at you and Michelle both.”

Councilwoman Holley: I have never used your name and dictator in the same sentence. I have said other Tribal Council members are.

Councilwoman Ketchum: That is an erroneous insult to both of us. We haven’t said this.

Chief Brooks: I will apologize for the insult but I will not apologize for the organization chart.

Councilwoman Ketchum: I don’t know. I haven’t seen it. But what I’m talking about is in the last

administration the people felt like they didn’t get information. And they are already complaining they aren’t getting the information. And I think this Tribal Council has done everything it can to provide the information. It’s always been a problem that the elected constituents are out of favor by the end of the second year. This Council it’s the first year. Everyone is second guessing everyone. One Council member may have possibly overstepped and made a judgment call. She apologized for it and now we want to go and make something like this out of it?

Leslie Jerden is recognized: I wanted to give my personal comment on the way this reads if I may. My experience from other Boards is it is a way to protect the employees who work for the Council. I don’t read it as taking away from the people’s voice because that is not in this resolution at all. It reads that a Tribal Council member cannot go to an employee without a couple people behind them saying yes, it’s ok to do that. I think this is a protection for the individual Tribal Council because if one of you directs an employee with anything that is misleading, or withholds information, or anything in that line, that represents you as a Council. I would just suggest that you take out the “and” in the third whereas because it does make it sound like it’s cumbersome and too much. I agree that there should be accountability and at least one other person behind that and whether that’s the Chief and the Tribal Operations Manager, or whomever else I believe it provides a protection. The sixth whereas is confusing because you are allowing anyone to be the designee or spokesperson and I think that doesn’t agree with what you are trying to do with the resolution. That should be discussed with the members of the Tribal Council. You don’t pass the buck to someone else. You don’t get that opportunity. That’s the point

of the resolution is to make a joint decision to ask an employee to do something.

Councilman Young: Are you suggesting we strike the next to the last whereas?

Ms. Jerden: Yes, completely.

Councilwoman Ketchum: When you’re putting that official spokesperson in there it’s a different subject than the line of authority.

Councilman Young: I would like to make two amendments to my own motion.

Ms. Jerden asks any Tribal Council member what aspects of the resolution do they think would hinder business?

Councilwoman Holley responds that it’s not that it would hinder business. The problem is with the mention of the Chief and the Assistant Chief whose duties are separate and laid out in the Constitution, which does not include day-to-day operations.

Ms. Jerden: I see your point but when this did happen he stated he didn’t get the problem resolved. He went up the chain to the assistant Chief. Maybe it’s protecting him in his security.

Councilwoman Holley says we have an Organization Chart, a Constitution, an Employee Policy. We have a number of documents that detail roles in the hierarchy.

Councilwoman Griffith states that when there is an issue, she refers the employee to the Tribal Operations Manager. If he is not here, then someone has to make the decision.

Nancy Sumpter: Well then wait until the next day.

Dana Murrell is recognized: She states Mr. Barnes is not her Direct Supervisor so this would not apply to her. She believes she is the only one in that position. Her and the receptionist.

Councilwoman Griffith motions to approve with the amendments. Councilman Young seconds. 3 in favor (Young, Griffith, Shea), 2 no (Ketchum, Holley), 1 abstention (Brooks because he doesn’t want

any further accusations of running a dictatorship).

Councilwoman Griffith motions to take a break. Councilman Young seconds.

Called to order 7:42

RESOLUTION 2015- TO AUTHORIZE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE LENAPE CULTURAL CENTER PLANNING GRANT

Councilwoman Griffith motions to approve. Councilman Young seconds. Councilwoman Griffith states they took the employee's name off and replaced it with the position. 5 in favor, 1 abstention (Holley).

RESOLUTION 2015- TO AMEND THE HOUSING RESOLUTION: FROM ASSISTANCE AT \$5,000 TO \$10,000 REHABILITATION

Councilwoman Griffith asks the Housing Director if the previous program had a different age limit. This one says 55.

Housing Director, Ron Scott: Yes, when I wrote the first grant I listed 62 and higher.

Councilwoman Ketchum asks if this was because there were not enough people 62 and higher?

Mr. Scott: We have enough but only five applied.

Councilwoman Ketchum: How much is the grant?

Mr. Scott: The initial amount was \$25k. With this increase, we will boost it up to \$50k.

Councilwoman Griffith asks what if you have seven applicants?

Mr. Scott: We may not need the full amount for rehabilitation on each house. We may not be used rolls over.

Councilwoman Ketchum: They have to own their home correct?

Mr. Scott: Yes

Nancy Sumpter asks what happens if she needs a new roof but her sister owns the house?

Mr. Scott: Some type of agreement or understanding about a relative living in the home.

Councilwoman Ketchum: Was it first come first serve?

Mr. Scott: It ended up that way but hopefully more people will apply to demonstrate a need.

Councilwoman Griffith motions to approve. Councilman Young seconds. All in favor.

RESOLUTION 2015- : TO SUBMIT AN INDIAN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (ICDBG) FOR AN ELDER INDEPENDENT LIVING CENTER, 2015

Councilman Young motions to approve.

Levi Randoll is recognized: He asks if this is being written by Sherri Rackliff. Councilwoman Griffith seconds. Councilwoman Griffith states that Ms. Rackliff is not accepting any money for writing the grant. All in favor.

RESOLUTION 2015- : TO APPROVE MEMBERSHIP TO NCAI

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

Councilwoman Ketchum asks if we have an alternate in case something happens to one of the delegates? We always have before.

Councilman amends his motion to include Councilwoman Griffith and then Holley in order of the alternates.

All in favor.

RESOLUTION 2015- : TO APPROVE THE DECLARATION OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY

Councilman Young motions to approve. Councilwoman Holley seconds. Councilwoman Griffith asks to amend it to Indigenous Peoples Day. Councilwoman Ketchum asks to amend government to "Federal Government." All in favor.

Nancy Sumpter is recognized: She asks what a "fabricated Delaware is?"

Councilwoman Griffith states it's a wannabe.

Levi Randoll is recognized: He states, "You guys did a re-

ally good job against Susan Taffe Reed. It's an insult when you have a Chartered school to help Native Americans and here you have this woman from a fabricated Delaware Tribe as the head of the program. She passed herself off over the years as a legitimate Delaware from Pennsylvania receiving thousands of dollars in scholarship money. That could have been one of our tribal members. That could have been me. I would have liked to have been one of those. With you guys speaking out the way you did and not only you guys but Shawnees such as Ben Barnes and Keely Squirrel Denning, You guys speaking to the Dartmouth Alum and the Dean of Students shut that down. I applaud that effort Michelle, Chet, especially Nicky Michael. These people put their own time into it. People don't think these people are hurting our Tribe but they honestly are taking away from us." He thanked us.

Councilwoman Holley explains that yes, she agrees. A number of us before we were tribal leaders, even as individuals have been working on this with Ben Barnes, the second Chief of the Shawnee. These groups have stolen tens of thousands of dollars; Taffe-Reed scholarships should have gone to Native American students.

Councilwoman Ketchum asks to be excused.

RESOLUTION 2015- OPPOSING FABRICATED DELAWARE TRIBE, GROUPS, AND INDIANS

Councilwoman Griffith motions to approve. Councilwoman Holley seconds.

Chief Brooks has a question on "Be it further resolved," what would happen to our Tribe if we ever lose our recognition. I am for this resolution. But I am not sure about state recognized. He provides a synopsis of when we were not recognized with NCAI, which included us as State recognized and Tribes that have been before the Indian Claims Commission.

Still, there were those who felt we should not be allowed to be a member. He moves to strike the "state recognized."

Councilwoman Holley: Disagrees with striking the "state recognized," because that is what is happening with a number of these groups who are stealing our heritage, culture and funding.

Levi Randoll is recognized: I would have to disagree with your statement about NCAI having anything to do with who is Native American. NCAI is not in the business of recognizing Tribes. I have a problem with state recognized as well. States cannot recognize Tribes. States do not have that authority. We know who our Delaware people are. If you have any fear that would hinder any future negotiations with the Idaho Delawares, this will not. As our Council, we elected you to run the business of our Tribe and protect our people. Be strong leaders and protect our people.

Councilwoman Griffith states that if we lost our recognized, we would likely have all our resolutions nullified.

All in favor.

Letter of Intent: Chief Brooks is asking for approval from the Tribal Council to sign a letter with Ernie Jackson and the other the Dennis Group.

Councilwoman Griffith: There will be no funds to expend.

Chief Brooks: No

Councilman Young: Advises just to let us know by sending us a copy.

Chief Brooks doesn't want to bind us to anyone but wants to encourage business to be brought to us.

Councilwoman Holley: So this is basically a template and we will receive a copy.

Councilwoman Griffith motions to approve. Councilwoman Shea seconds. 4 in favor, 1 abstains (Brooks)

Councilman Young motions to adjourn. Councilwoman Griffith

seconds. All in favor.

Adjourns 8:40.

Special Meeting Saturday, Nov 7, 2015 Community Center

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

Called to Order: 5:38

Prayer: Mary Watters

Attendance

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

Welcome guests.

Approve Agenda

Councilman Young moves to approve.

Councilwoman Shea seconds.

All in favor.

Minutes

Councilwoman Shea motions to approve Sept. 1, 2015 minutes. Councilwoman Ketchum seconds. Councilman Young states on p. 5 second paragraph in answer to Mr. Brooks, the answer was 10 to 12. 2 in favor (Shea, Ketchum), 3 abstentions (Brooks, Griffith, Young).

Councilwoman Griffith motions to approve Sept. 10, 2015, Special Tribal Council meeting minutes. Councilwoman Shea seconds. All in favor.

Councilwoman Ketchum motions to approve Sept. 15, 2015 minutes. Councilwoman Shea seconds. 4 in favor (Griffith, Brooks, Shea, Ketchum), 1 abstention (Young).

Councilwoman Ketchum motions to accept Oct. 7, 2015 Special Council meeting minutes. Councilwoman Shea seconds.

Top of meeting identifier should be changed to "Special Meeting," not Regular.

P1, Laura's last name should be changed to Maynor.

Councilwoman Ketchum would like the record to reflect that she asked to be excused due to being indisposed.

p.8 Lesly should be spelled Leslie

Levi's last name should be Randall. 3 in favor (Shea, Brooks, Ketchum), 2 abstentions (Griffith, Young)

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

RESOLUTION 2015-58: TO APPROVE TRIBAL MEMBERSHIP

Councilwoman Griffith motions to approve. Councilman Young seconds. All in favor.

RESOLUTION 2015-59: TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR AMERICORPS

Councilwoman Griffith motions to approve. Councilman Young seconds.

John Sumpter is recognized. He asks what AmeriCorps volunteers are going to be doing for us?

Councilwoman Shea explains that a team of 10-12 will be working for us at the Delaware Tribe Lewis B. Ketchum Boys and Girls Club. The Tribe will benefit from \$23,040 of donated workforce.

Mr. Sumpter asks how much the Tribe provides to the Boys and Girls clubs and how much to the Director and Assistant Director.

Levi Randall asks how much material are we going to expend on the building.

Tribal Manager Barnes answers that the materials will cost between \$500-1000 and the Boys and Girls Club will provide the cost of those materials.

All in favor.

Councilwoman Griffith announces she has an estimate from Kenny Foreman to prepare stomp dance grounds. Cultural Preservation is donating \$2,000 and she is asking for the Tribe to donate \$1,000. She is going to reach out to the Elders, Veterans and War Mothers. The rest can be raised with fundraisers.

Councilwoman Griffith motions to donate \$1,000. Councilman Young seconds.

Councilwoman Ketchum asks Mr. Sumpter and Mr. Randall if that sounds like too much money?

Mr. Sumpter says it's a fair price. But the bigger issue is that the Trust Board and Veterans committee is "in dire straits" having taken a loss on our Trust monies due to the stock market crash.

Chief Brooks said that the October Trust Monies have returned to a few percentages higher than we were when the stocks market dropped.

Mr. Sumpter states that he believes we should hold off on this project until we are on sure footing.

All in favor.

Bonnie Thaxton wants the announcement to be made that on the first Monday of every month after the Elders lunch, the Elders are encouraged to STAY for the Elders meeting.

Jack Tatum is recognized and states that we have the same problem with the General Council and would like the Tribal Council to waive the 100-member quorum to enable members to introduce resolutions from the floor.

Councilwoman Griffith states she agrees although we cannot do this because it is written in the constitution.

Chief Brooks states that the Tribal Council would have to act on an initiative petition with 100 signatures.

Mr. Sumpter explains how Roberts Rules should be conducted for General Council.

Councilwoman Griffith motions to donate \$200 to the Nowata basketball tournament. Councilwoman Ketchum seconds. All in favor.

Councilwoman Griffith motions to adjourn. Councilwoman Young seconds.

Adjourns 6:30 ■

Minutes of the Trust Board, August-October 2015

Wednesday, Aug 19, 2015 Community Center

Respectfully submitted by Roger Stewart, Trust Board Secretary

Call to Order

Chairman Chet Brooks called August 19, 2015 Trust Board meeting to order at 4:12pm.

Vice Chair Mary Watters gave the invocation.

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

Chairman Chet Brooks declared a quorum.

Guests, Tribal officials and employees present included Charles Randall, Mary Randall, Sasheen Reynolds, Johnny Barker, Jean Lewis, Dana Murrell, Gilbert Watters and Allan Barnes.

Chairman Chet Brooks asked for a motion to approve the agenda.

Treasurer John Sumpter moved to approve the agenda.

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

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Chairman Chet Brooks 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 all in favor.

Treasurer's Report

Chairman Chet Brooks mentions that Scott Thompson with Arvest had to miss the meeting because he was called to St. Louis.

Treasurer John Sumpter reported the Trust balance as of June 30, 2015 was \$4,205,868.82; The July 31, 2015 balance was \$4,216,181.68. That is an increase of \$10,312.86.

Discussion: Gain for year is around \$50k, Chairman Chet Brooks stated a draw down was made to make payments of \$20k last month so stocks and bonds did make \$30k. Treasurer John Sumpter said the word is financial troubles are coming. He watches FOX NEWS, gold is going down. Secretary Roger Stewart mentioned Rand Paul said the sky was falling. Treasurer John Sumpter agreed that Rand Paul declared hard times for the upcoming year to two years. Chairman Chet Brooks mentioned the national debt sunk 17 Trillion Dollars and the backdoor news was the Department of Defense lost 8 Trillion in the last 10 years. Whether or not that is true no one knows, but it breaks down to about 55k per man, woman and child in the US. So it looks imperative to have Scott Thompson join the next meeting, but if there is a bad monetary collapse can a banker be trusted to tell you? Joe Brooks said they tell you leave it alone

it'll come back. Maybe we need to speak to someone else? CFO Jean Lewis said that things should be OK, however Treasurer John Sumpter believes that a backdoor is still needed. Chairman Chet Brooks thinks maybe scouting around for a capable financial advisor in addition to Arvest, not to move away, just talk about the future in general might be a way to safeguard the Tribe's money. The Trust Board owes it to the Tribe to do that. Treasurer John Sumpter agrees that now the balance is back up to 4 million it needs to stay there. Joe Brooks states the budget next year is going to be \$30-\$40k slimmer than this year. If it stays like that some of the committees are going to have to take some drastic measures. Chairman Chet Brooks asks for a motion to approve the financials pending audit.

Joe Brooks moved to approve the financials pending audit.

Roger Stewart seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in

favor.

Committee Reports

COMMUNITY SERVICES: JOE BROOKS IN VERNA CRAWFORD'S ABSENCE

The Community Services Committee met on Monday, August 10, 2015. Three dental applications were approved totaling \$604, one Elder RX for \$900, one emergency assistance for \$196.58, one medical for \$200, one rental assistance for \$200, two student optical totaling \$372.12. Also approved up to \$40 per month for fish food. The next meeting report will be for September 14, 2015.

CULTURAL PRESERVATION: CHET BROOKS IN HOMER SCOTT'S ABSENCE

The Cultural Preservation Committee met August 3, 2015. Delaware Days are the 25th and 26th of September. The committee will be letting the Veterans Committee recommend one Veteran for a

Veteran Honoree and the Elders Committee will recommend one Elder Honoree and Joe Brooks said that the Cultural Committee will then approve or reaffirm whoever they recommend. Also passed resolutions on how much to spend on meat for Saturday Night Joe Brooks said if he's not mistaken it was \$500 and \$250 for supplies Chet Brooks said also a stipend for Elaine to cover electricity Joe Brooks said due to inflation he motioned to increase the amount from \$150 to \$200. Chet Brooks asks if a report on the Wisconsin trip was given at the last meeting that he missed due to being in Durant and Joe Brooks answered yes. Discussion: Delaware Days is a straight pot luck on Friday night and the Culture Committee furnishes meat for Saturday night. Which will be the same as last year being eight pork loins and four briskets. Vice Chair Mary Watters confirms the honoree process. John Sumpter said that it was voiced the Cultural Committee has always picked in the past but there wasn't always a Veteran's committee, Joe Brooks confirms the Cultural committee will still approve but just wants the recommendations to come from each committee and it will also pay for both blankets. Next meeting will be September 14, 2015.

EDUCATION: CO-CHAIR JOE BROOKS

The Education Committee met July 13, 2015. Three were approved for Academic Achievement for a total of \$300. One application for athletic assistance was denied because it wasn't school sponsored. One Education was approved for \$50. Six School Supply Vouchers were approved totaling \$193.87. Thirty-two full time Trust Fund Higher Education Scholarships were approved for a total of \$9,600. One part-time Higher Education Scholarships for a total of \$150. There were two denials because the

GPA wasn't met. Chairman Chet Brooks asked Sasheen Reynolds if she has anything to add. She stated that all the applications have been updated on the website now.

The next meeting report will be for September 14, 2015.

ELDERS COMMITTEE: CHAIR MARY WATTERS

The Elders Committee met on August 3rd. Officers present were Mary Watters, Bonnie Jo Griffith and Jan Brown. Honored Elders that were there was Bonnie Thaxton and Jack Tatum. Discussed was their ideas that were provided to the Tribal Council to improve the Elders lunch program. Part of the ideas were not accepted but she understands that the adult lunch price did go up to \$5. Also tribal members had traveled to Wisconsin and Bonnie Jo Griffith had a report to give complete with pictures and Joe Brooks added to that. Both reports were informative, however they invite any others to speak at their next meeting because this has been the only information that they have heard. The next meeting report will be for September 14th, 2015 because the 7th is Labor Day.

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 there is no report besides getting the trust money at the beginning of each year.

VETERANS COMMITTEE: CO-CHAIR ROGER STEWART

The Veterans Committee met on. John Sumpter stated that the Color Guard represented the Tribe at IICOT on Saturday night. They had their newest member to the Color Guard Deborah Moody who he thinks come out as a sev-

en, but she agreed with the committee's approval to add her. The Honored Veteran was discussed which was himself and that will go to the Cultural Committee for approval. The Veterans represented the Tribe well, did well and looked good at Wisconsin in their fatigues, the others were just in slacks and white shirts and black vests. The Veterans up there were welcoming and it was a good visit and get together altogether. Chairman Chet Brooks said in his opinion the Color Guard looked and did the best out of all of them. Discussion: John Sumpter has video and Joe Brooks has pictures of them that should be archived. John Sumpter also spoke of videoing the visit he had with the Seneca at Green Corn of the Stick Dance that we call the Skin Dance. He said that he listened to their story about the songs that were kept for the Delaware people until being asked for and from at least '69 John has been the only Delaware to ask for those songs. He told of the reason they called it the Stick dance and they performed it for him, he felt privileged. He just wanted to mention it even though it doesn't apply to the Veterans Committee and Mary Watters asked if he would join their next Elders meeting to share. Chet Brooks said that someone from Wisconsin will be sharing video as well for the Elders to see. Joe Brooks added that they owe a big thank you to Kay Anderson for the meal on Saturday night in Wisconsin. John Sumpter suggested a letter of appreciation to Kay Anderson and Martina Thomas for their contribution and hard work for the preparation of the meal. Joe Brooks made a motion that a letter of appreciation and thanks be send to both ladies. Chet Brooks seconded it. Motion carried with all in favor. The next meeting will be Wednesday, September 16, 2015.

Unfinished Business

JOE BROOKS ANNOUNCEMENT

His daughter got the job as RN at the Cherokee Clinic and he is proud of her.

Chairman Chet Brooks asks if no other Old Business is there any New Business, and if none asks for a motion to set the time and date of next meeting.

Joe Brooks moved to hold the next Trust Board meeting on September 16, 2015 at 4 p.m. in the Delaware Community Center 5100 Tuxedo Blvd. Vice Chair Mary Watters seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

Joe Brooks adds with Scott Thompson present.

Chairman Chet Brooks agrees and said that if it's written in the minutes then Scott Thompson would most likely make it a point to not have anything else to do except attend. Joe Brooks suggested a copy of the minutes should be shared with him.

John Sumpter moved to adjourn. Joe Brooks seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

Chairman Chet Brooks announced the Monterey discount is still in place for the Tribe and declared the meeting adjourned at 5:01p.m.

Wednesday, Sept 14, 2015 Community Center

Respectfully submitted by Roger Stewart, Trust Board Secretary

Call to Order

Chairman Chet Brooks called September 14, 2015 Special Trust Board meeting to order at 4:07pm.

Joe Brooks gave the invocation.

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

Chairman Chet Brooks declared a quorum. Mentioned that he tried to get ahold of Verna Crawford however since this was a special meeting it would be considered an excused absence. If two regular meetings are missed though, she forfeits office.

Guests, Tribal officials and employees present included Charles Randall, Mary Randall, Sasheen Reynolds, Johnny Barker, Jean Lewis, Dana Murrell, Gilbert Watters, Allan Barnes, Bonnie Jo Griffith and Cece Biggoose.

Scott Thompson and Josh from Arvest Bank are acknowledged.

Chairman Chet Brooks asked for a motion to amend the agenda to let them go first.

Joe Brooks moved to approve amending the agenda.

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

Arvest Asset Management Representatives Scott Thompson and Josh

Chairman Chet Brooks we are looking for your guidance, recommendations and anything that you can tell us.

Josh stated they brought a report. Asked if there was any specific questions or if they should just start with what they were thinking and where things stand.

Roger Stewart asks what happened?

Josh Gives commentary first. States the market has been very volatile the last couple of weeks. Beginning around Aug 20th or 21st. The general driver of that volatility has been concern around the Chinese market and what's going on in the Chinese economy. Lots in the news how it's lost a lot of money. Like to point out that the Chinese stock market is very different than ours, it being a communist country. Our market is made up of individual investing. About 80 to 90 % of our stock market is mutual funds, pensions, endowments and funds like the Tribe's. Larger amounts of money.

It's not necessarily like an individual going out and buying 100 shares of Phillips. It's driven by a lot of larger dollars that tend to be more longer thinking.

The Chinese stock market is very different in that almost 80 to 90% is driven by individual investors who are very strict with it. They put a lot of controls on who can buy and sell in their country. Earlier in the year in an attempt to get Chinese investors out of putting so much money in real estate causing a bubble in the real estate market they loosened up their requirements on how much money they could borrow to go invest in the Chinese stock market. So what happened is when they made a lot of money easily a lot of investors started buying Chinese stocks. It drove them straight up and in about 2 or 3 months. Then the Chinese government figured it's not a good thing so they tightened down on the lending requirements to buy stocks and it brought it right back down. So while that ended up in the news and while their economy slowed down a certain degree, it isn't a direct correlation of what's happening in the US economy. Last quarter the US measure of growth came in at 3.7%. Our economy is growing quite healthful. Jobs around 230k which is considered a healthy growth number for a month. Then other measures consumer confidence have been very positive, housing prices are up. There's a fairly big disconnect when you get into the data between our economy and things like China's economy or Greece's economy. That's one of the reasons why we are not overly concerned about a spillover effect from that area, but it's something we need to be mindful of and make sure that it doesn't affect us in a big way. The other thing that's got the markets a little bit concerned is the Federal Reserve and when are they going to finally raise interest

rates. They are meeting today and tomorrow. We don't really expect that they will raise rates this time, but probably do it later in year because of concern over what's happened the last month or so in the market. When they do, when the fed feels it's the time. They feel the economy is growing enough. So that's not necessarily a bad sign, it's not an inflationary time like the 70s or 80s. It's a sign that the economy is moving well enough that we can move on. They will still do it at a slow measure pace. That's got markets concerned since there hasn't been any meaningful pullback since 2011, although when we see the market do this we don't enjoy it but sometimes it's necessary to reset the bar a little bit. People get frothy in their expectations so anytime they see a pullback that just provides a little bit of sanity.

Those being my general comments to start with. Last thing. We've been getting lots of questions if this is another 2008 - 2009 a big pullback. We don't see that at all because of all the fundamental things that are happening in our economy, growth, payroll, constructions and housing. When we think back to 2009 the economy was slowing down, we overbuilt, a lot of borrowing. That's not happening now. In the next month or two we'll probably see some more market volatility like this, but we don't think we will see a heavy down slide in the market from here. Any questions?

Roger Stewart Taking into account the way China reacts to those things you said. Is there a danger that they can do this again?

Josh The one thing about the Chinese government is that they want to prop up their economy and keep it rolling. Think back to what some of the things our Federal Reserve did in 2009 to stabilize. Our expectation is if the Chinese government sees things heading in the wrong di-

rection whether it be just normal growth or volatility in the market. Our markets see that hey they are probably going to step in and try to do anything they can and we know they have a lot of cash and surplus and a lot is invested in our treasuries. So they have the ability to do stimulus and try to keep their economy moving the right direction. Our belief, is that will be things that they continue to do to keep their economy moving forward.

Roger Stewart when referring to 2008 is that when we propped up the auto companies?

Josh Yes. Two big things that happened. The Federal Reserve put a lot of money into the system to provide equity because they feared banks were going to fail. Second the government actually stepped in and bailed out General Motors and other things like that. Right or wrong it kept things from collapsing.

John Sumpter Just how does the Chinese market affect ours?

Josh The Chinese market and also Russia and some of the other emerging markets are all in one with this deal and some are struggling too because commodities are down. Their number one exports are commodities but China is more than just commodities. We don't have as much direct trade with China as some might think. More so with Europe, Russia and other countries in the European continent. A slowdown in their economy really doesn't have as much effect. It's not as large as you would think. Our growth came in at 3.7 some commentary from oil managers said you're looking at .5 off of that if China really did go into a recession. It is a factor yes, but they are not one of our major trading partners. We don't believe that it would cause us to go into a recession. It's more of a sentiment when you see that on the news that gets people concerned. Greece was in the news for quite a while again the econo-

my of Greece is smaller than most of our states. Even though Greece was having trouble they are just financially a speck on economic scale of the globe. It was really more of an issue for Germany and the UK than us. It got lots of press but doesn't affect our growth in your portfolio. 80% of the stocks are US large company stocks.

Roger Stewart The adjustments that the stock market makes seems like the same time every year.

Josh Historically September and October are the worst months for the market. You look at the seasonality and those seem to be the worst months going back the last 100 years. Since 3 - 4 years of market running. People worrying about what the feds are going to do and that seasonality again to say that it's a really a big surprise that the market finally had that pullback really isn't the case. It'd be nice to know exactly when that would happen, but it's not out of the ordinary. At the hype the stock market was at 12% historically that happens every year and a half. We haven't had that in about 4 years. Generally it happens more often. A good thing to point out is what we see on the news with your portfolio being a blend of stocks and bonds and we see the market is down 5% or 10% just know that that's only about 1/2 of your portfolio the rest is in fixed income or bonds but typically when the stock market is down those bonds are up because they are seen as a safe haven. That really helps balance the volatility in the portfolio.

Chairman Chet Brooks Josh I'm no stock market follower but August 20th I added up S & P, NASDAQ the Dow Jones average and the Russell 2000 and by the following Monday it was down 11.47%. Then in the next four days by Friday of the same week it came back up and was only down about 3.58% in a week and a day. By the next week it

dropped about a % then 1/2%. My fear is it just keeps going down. What you are saying makes since to me. Just worried about losing our peoples' money. We lost 160k in August, I'm wondering if we could get back half of it.

Josh Jump to the back page of the report that has the larger account. Page 14 thru the end of August the performance of the account. At the end of August we were at 3.664k. Look at the center of page YTD the account includes our fee was down 2.95%. Look at the market down at that week 10 to 12 % and have the portfolio only down 3% in essence shows the type of design you can have to weather this kind of volatility. Look at the chart right above. Think back to the dip in 2008 - 2009. That dip was painful. Subsequently look at where the funds are now from that point and time. After that time we want to be mindful at the moment and want to mitigate the risk and that's a lesson in volatility. What we look at is for it to be there for the life of the tribe and we want it moving in a Northeasterly direction on the chart so it has the opportunity to grow and be available. We don't see something major in the cards right now. We feel like the stock market is in the bull market, but in the 7th or 8th inning. Still some room to go, but we don't think that we are at the point that the ball game is over. We think that we are returning to a more normal volatility that we haven't seen in quite some time. And know that if we see something that is structurally changing in the market, that our job to you is that we need to come to you and say we need to adjust, but we don't see any reason for that right now.

Long term 2003 just shy of 6%. That's been annual net of fee annual return for these funds. Questions or just want to hit highlights first? Page 1 of 14 a couple of comments. End of August just at 59% equities or stocks, 38% in

bonds so the mix is pretty balanced not too aggressive either way. Long term unrealized gains in portfolio stocks or bonds that haven't harvested any gains. Even with the slight pullback shows growth. Even if the portfolio dips up and down the interest is over 100k that's coming off of your 3%. We design a portfolio that's kicking up as much income for your use, but want a little reasonable growth so we can utilize that too. So we feel like that's a very good blend for what you're trying to accomplish. The sub account is mostly cash and fixed income which is safe and low volatility. Questions?

Chairman Chet Brooks Asks if there are any questions? If none how about the audience.

Charles Randall This is really a period of opportunity but there's always risks.

Josh That's right some of this commentary our portfolio team says if someone is heavy in cash that they don't need for expenses and in your case we segregate the income that it can be saved and spent, but if someone has cash or under their target for ex, our target is 60% equity and you're right at that target right now. If for some reason you were at 55% or lower, we actually view that as a time to take advantage of the volatility to get up to that part. In some accts if under the equity target or they have cash for whatever reason. We've been using it to take advantage of the volatility, not as a time to get more conservative, but to take advantage.

John Sumpter where do you think we stand (your personal opinion) because 160k to some is chump change, but it's pretty big to us.

Josh You never want to see any loss from one statement to the other or one quarter to the other, and that is significant, and this is a significant account to you and us as well. That's why we highlight those long term numbers of how much growth has happened over

that time, because we want to be able to provide long term growth. Yes we have to take some time to see a loss of 100k, 200k in order to see that long time growth of 500k, 600k. If the funds were needed soon we wouldn't want to take this kind of risk and that's why we've got the sub account, but for funds that are meant to stay long term, taking that kind of modest risk in order to get the better gains is prudent.

John Sumpter I can understand that and all in all we've done well. I feel that way any way. I knew we were going to take a hit, I just didn't know how big of one. We take one eventually it's not a matter of what if it's when.

Josh Exactly and that's the thing we have to remember. We tell a lot of individual customers this. What's your risk tolerance and how much of a hit are willing to take and still be able to sleep at night. If it's my 401k and I'm not able to see it go down then it should be put it in cash or CDs. I know to get retired someday, I need to take some volatility. It's how much of that can I take and still sleep at night. It's not worth it to be sick at night if one cannot take it. Personally and how these funds are set up is meant to be as low volatility as possible but knowing that there is going to be some. Our job to you is we see something that looks to cause a large hit that's when we call you and say this just changed from normal volatility correction to we need to change our objective and we don't see that right now and also dollar wise that is a large amount but we want to look at that as a percentage. It's the same thing if we saw it go up 100k that's great but it's only 2 or 3%. Same thing on the downside as far as a percentage seeing the market go down 12% and only being down 3% here, that's what we want, to be able to be positioned that way to walk through that kind of volatility without being down as much.

Chairman Chet Brooks Are there any further questions. Josh any comments?

Josh If you look there is some commentary from our team as to what we are thinking and why and what's happening with lots of data and stats summarized. If anyone individually have market questions feel free to contact us and we are always available to you.

Joe Brooks I'll be truthful. What I'm worried about is we have 4 million, 63 thousand fair market value. 78k that's office of trust fund management that we've agreed to never touch. We've got it in our trust document that we'll never go below 3.8 million dollars. So what I'm worried about is, are we going to have a budget at all next year? That would be cutting off all services. Some tribal members may be upset. We cannot go below 3.8 million dollars. Of course that's counting the office of trust fund management, if you take that off of there you're looking at less than 4 mil dollars right now. I'm wondering what the market is going to do the next 4 months? Doesn't look good the next 4 months, you probably agree.

Josh We see the next several months to be kind of being around this range, I don't see us getting out of this quickly. The market hates uncertainty, even if the news is not that great, if the market knows what the story is then it can digest it. When Greece was up in the air that caused the market consternation once that was settled now it's kind of forgotten. If we know what the feds finally going to do that will get people off of that so we just need some of these new airlines to get behind us but that will be more down the road. There's still a lot of income spinning off of here that provides some ongoing equity and we just don't see something that will create that big of flop, but I certainly understand the concern. Also there's 1.8 mil of the total portfolio just shy of half, that is in either

cash or bonds that are very low volatility so that's why we have those in there.

Roger Stewart Question on penny stock oil co in Colorado BLKG would you research that and send an email?

Josh happy to on a personal level. One thing about this portfolio we are bound by our policy and yours as well that we only invest in what is considered investment grade stocks and bonds that aren't speculative.

John Sumpter I guess it could have been worse.

Josh Sometimes you see in the news, you see what's happening then you look and see what's happening on yours hopefully you realize it's not anywhere near what the news is portraying or what the market in general is happening you all own large solid stable companies and those companies can be volatile as well but those are companies that are going to be around and still paying dividends, healthy companies.

John Sumpter Following on the news seemed worse that it really was which makes me feel better. Like what Joe says we have people looking to us.

Chairman Chet Brooks anyone in the audience have any comments? Comments of the Trust Board? When you drop 160k for all I know it happened in 4 days. Then the market came back up more than half of what it lost in that 4 days and then it takes a week to go down ¼ of 1% one week and 1% one week, maybe the worst is over. You can go a long time losing 1% a week, about 2 years. That still won't solve our budget problem next year if it does continue down.

Joe Brooks Right now we've got roughly 180k over and above the money of office of trust fund management. If we lose another 160k we'd have no budget next year.

Chairman Chet Brooks Back about 2 years ago one of my play money hobbies, paper trading

commodities. I've had financial advisors say you really ought to take 2% of your money and put it in the riskiest thing you can watch day and night. I finally figured out in a trust board meeting that we'd never do that it's too risky. So I decided I'd play with it with my \$1,200.00 in savings and started day trading and 52 weeks later 61296 then in the last 10 weeks turned it into right at 8500. I've had people tell me before if you ever take large risks don't risk any more than what it could lose. If the trust board would have taken the reinvestment 2 years ago and had a commodity trader do with our money what my playing with it did, we'd have 61,000 in one year. Maybe 200k the 2nd year. I'm not suggesting we do that but I am suggesting we keep our eye on the stock market if not daily then weekly.

Joe Brooks Instead of putting the reinvestment money back in the principal every year, I think we should be doing something different with it. For instance what if we took this year's budget \$13,365. What if you bought a cattle contract with it a year ago. That would probably be worth 30k today. Beef has gone up at least 200%.

Chairman Chet Brooks It would be 50k. Of course you have to watch that type of investment hourly or at least when the market is open.

Joe Brooks Well we sure aren't earning much with it by putting it back into the principal and only earning 3, 31/2 %. Not saying with all of our trust fund money but the reinvestment we need to be doing something different with it, we need to reinvest it somewhere different besides Arvest Bank. Gold whatever something different, a little bit of a risk. That little bit of a risk might earn a lot of money.

Chairman Chet Brooks You are talking about our annual reinvestment money. Which of course is a lot less than 1% of our total assets.

Joe Brooks When did the stock market fall before 2008? Williams

Co fell plum off the NY stock exchange. Their shares went to .03 per share. I told BOK I want 10k worth of Williams stock. They thought I was an idiot because they figured Williams would file bankruptcy. Within 4 weeks it went back up to .07. I made 11k with my 10k investment. If I'd hung on to that Williams stock it's 43.64 per share today. And I paid .03. We need to take the reinvestment money, take some risk and buy some low priced stock on our own. Not through Arvest Asset Management, we need to do something different with it.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Chairman Chet Brooks asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes.

Joe Brooks moved to approve the minutes with corrections if needed. John Sumpter seconded the motion.

Discussion:

Secretary Roger Stewart states to Chairman when he got the bad news and called special meeting which took five days seems to me there was time wasted what if something else happened. There ought to be something that we could do about it that first day.

Chairman Chet Brooks said that he didn't know anything about it till Tuesday after it already fell eleven and a half twelve % and as I mentioned it came back almost 8% of what we'd lost in the next four days. Really don't know what we could have done other than just call Scott Thompson immediately to see if he could get here.

Question has been called for the minutes

Motion carried with all in favor. To approve minutes as written.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer John Sumpter reported the Trust balance as of July 31, 2015 was \$4,216,666.33; The

August 31, 2015 balance dropped to \$4,063,058.29. That is a loss of \$153,608.04.

Discussion: Could have been worse the way the stock market went. After hearing the report from Arvest Asset Management that's not too bad as opposed to what we could have had.

Chairman Chet Brooks stated he just hopes they are right and don't have any long term worries. Joe Brooks stated banks aren't always right per his example he spoke about.

Joe Brooks moved to approve the treasurer's report.

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

Committee Reports

COMMUNITY SERVICES: ALLAN BARNES IN VERNA CRAWFORD'S ABSENCE

Chairman Chet Brooks states that the Community Services Chair hasn't been to the last 3 meetings. Joe Brooks said that Allan Barnes the Assistant Chairman will present the report.

Allan states that Verna Crawford has not been at the last few meetings. The Community Services Committee is met earlier in the day Monday, September 14, 2015. Two Elder RX for \$555.55, four emergency assistance for \$200.00 each totaling \$800.00, one dental application for \$250, one medical for \$200, one rental assistance for \$200, one application denied that was student optical. Total approved amount \$2,005.55.

1) During the meeting there was a motion to recommend to the Trust Board Joe Brooks to serve as the Chairman of the Community Services Committee and that Verna be removed.

2) Another recommendation is to increase the amount of fish food from 80 to 120lbs. Which increases the cost from \$40 to \$60.

3) Final recommendation the Elders Committee approved a donation toward the purchase of a new ice cream machine.

The Elders Committee approved \$3k towards the ice cream machine purchase. The community services committee had a recommendation for the trust board for an additional \$1,500 to put towards the purchase. Discussion was made that the funds were available to bring this request to the trust board.

Discussion: Chairman Chet Brooks states for everybody's information it must be approved by the trust board any expenditure over \$500. He asks Mary Watters if the Elders Committee actually made a commitment to that \$3k. Mary Watters said that the Elders Committee was asked if they could pay half of the \$3k and Bonnie Jo Griffith suggested that the other half could be raised through fundraisers or other committees pitch in to help. Joe Brooks reminded her that it was voted on 7 yes to 1 no. Mary stated she remembered and it was for \$3k. Chairman Chet Brooks states the trust board would have to approve both expenditures. Joe Brooks makes the motion to approve the Elders committee for \$3k toward the purchase of an ice cream machine and Community Services for \$1,500 toward the purchase of the ice cream machine. John Sumpter seconds. Chairman Chet Brooks asks if there is any discussion and that the total purchase price is \$6k so it is still \$1,500 short which will be raised by fundraisers. Motion carried all in favor.

Chairman Chet Brooks asks for the motion to appoint Joe Brooks to serve as Chairman of the Community Services Committee in place of Verna Crawford. John Sumpter makes the motion. Mary Watters seconds. Motion carried 4 yes and 2 abstentions being Chairman Chet Brooks and Joe Brooks.

Joe Brooks accepts and states he will be at the meetings.

The next meeting report will be for October 12, 2015.

CULTURAL PRESERVATION: HOMER SCOTT

Chairman Chet Brooks reminds everyone about Delaware Days that are a week from this coming weekend the 25th and 26th of September.

Homer Scott states the Cultural Preservation Committee meets tonight September 14, 2015. They will be discussing the food and the meat that they have agreed on and supplies. Mary Watters reminds him the Elder Committee has the names to turn in for the honorees. Next meeting will be October 5, 2015.

EDUCATION: CO-CHAIR JOE BROOKS

The Education Committee met today September 14, 2015. One was approved for Academic assistance for \$100. One athletic assistance for \$50. Six Educational assistance were approved for a total of \$293.54. One denied. One Vo-tech for \$200. Twenty School Supplies totaling \$773.96. Five full time Trust Fund Higher Education Scholarships were approved for a total of \$1,500. Two part-time Higher Education Scholarships for a total of \$300. All together totaling \$3,217.50. That pretty much depletes the education budget for the year. So as assistant chairman of the education committee I am coming to you as the Chief of the tribe and asking for assistance through the Tribe on education. Our balance before what was approved today on education was \$5,522.85 and we spent \$3,217.00 so there is roughly 2k left on education which most of that will go to common cost over the next four months. You've got September, October, November, December. I'm asking you as the Chief of the Tribe to take this to the Tribal

Council for help for the Education Committee with some of the Tribal education funds. Chairman Chet Brooks said that he will mention voting on that to the Tribal Council at the meeting the following night. He believes that there are still funds available to do so. The next meeting report will be for October 12, 2015.

ELDERS COMMITTEE: CHAIR MARY WATTERS

The Elders Committee met today at 12:50 September 14, 2015. Curtis Zunigha gave the invocation in Delaware and English. Mary Watters read the minutes. Jan Brown gave the treasurer's report assisted by Mary Randall. We made recommendations for selecting Elder of the Year for Delaware Days as follows: Mary Watters recommended Charles Randall, Roger Stewart recommended Joe Brooks, Jack Tatum Recommended Nancy Sumpter. The names will be presented to the Cultural Preservation Committee this evening. Discussion on the new ice cream machine for Elder Nutrition. Charles Randall checked the price for a new one which is \$6k. The Elder Committee was asked to help and it was suggested by Bonnie Jo that we give half of the cost and have some fundraisers or projects to help pay for the rest. Bonnie Thaxton will be the AARP Honoree at OKC National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum. On October 6th. Planning on taking two vans as needed for those wanting to attend. Curtis Zunigha and Arleata Snell gave a presentation on the services available at their office. Mary Randall and Jan Brown expressed interest in a defense class let by Steven Donnell more later on this. The next meeting report will be October 5th, 2015 at which time we will select new officers for the next two years. The meeting adjourned at 1:26pm. Discussion: Mary Watters asks if new officers are elect-

ed. Since she is listed as Chairman of the Elders, will she still give a report or will she be listed as a member. Chairman Chet Brooks states that the trust document says that two members of the Trust Board are on each committee. Joe Brooks corrects the statement saying it says one, either the Chair or Vice Chair. It is verified that she will either serve as Chair or Vice Chair.

REINVESTMENT: CHAIR JOHN SUMPTER

Meets quarterly. Chair John Sumpter stated no meeting so no report other than what we had today.

TRIBAL OPERATIONS: CHAIR CHET BROOKS

Meets quarterly. Chair Chet Brooks there is no report besides what was discussed today.

VETERANS COMMITTEE: CO-CHAIR ROGER STEWART

The Veterans Committee met this month. No report to give.

Unfinished Business

MARTINA THOMAS AND KAY ANDERSON LETTERS OF APPRECIATION

Roger Stewart asks if the thank you letters were sent out to Martina Thomas and Kay Anderson for their help. Chairman Chet Brooks said the letters had not been written yet but will be completed by Wednesday. Appreciation for spending the whole day making the best frybread for 200 people that he has ever eaten.

New Business

REPLACING VERNA CRAWFORD ON THE PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Discussion: Chairman Chet Brooks asks who on the trust board would be able to serve on the Personnel Committee? Joe Brooks had served once before and resigned due to being outnum-

bered by the ladies, he stated he would serve again since there was another man on the committee.

Roger Stewart motioned to nominate Joe Brooks to replace Verna Crawford on the Personnel Committee. Homer Scott seconded. Motion carried 4 in favor and 2 abstentions which were Joe Brooks and Chairman Chet Brooks.

Joe Brooks states he will serve and he will attend the meetings.

Chairman Chet Brooks said that since this evenings meeting was a special meeting there is no reason to meet again on the scheduled meeting date of Wednesday, September 16th.

Homer Scott moved to hold the next Trust Board meeting on October 21, 2015 at 4 p.m. in the Delaware Community Center 5100 Tuxedo Blvd. Joe Brooks seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

Homer Scott motioned to adjourn. Roger Stewart seconded. Motion carried with all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 5:35pm

Special Meeting Monday, Oct 19, 2015 Community Center

Respectfully submitted by Roger Stewart, Trust Board Secretary

Call to Order

Vice Chair Mary Watters called October 19, 2015 Trust Board meeting to order at 4:00pm.

Joe Brooks gave the invocation.

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

Vice Chair Mary Watters declared a quorum. Guests, Tribal officials and employees present included Mary Randall, Sasheen Reynolds, Johnny Barker, Jean Lewis, Dana Murrell, Gilbert Watters and Allan Barnes.

Special Trust Board Meeting October 19, 2015 Agenda

John Sumpter moved to approve the agenda.

Homer Scott seconded the motion.

Motion carried with all in favor.

Previous Meeting September 14, 2015 Minutes

Joe Brooks moved to approve the minutes with any corrections.

Homer Scott seconded the motion.

Discussion: Joe Brooks asks cut down the detail.

Motion carried with all in favor.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer John Sumpter reported the Trust balance as of August 31, 2015 was \$4,063,058.27; The September 30, 2015 balance dropped to \$3,989,172.64. That is a loss of \$73,885.63.

Discussion: If below 3.8 million, no budget next year. Maybe should have another meeting for brainstorming.

Joe Brooks moved to approve the treasurer's report pending audit.

Homer Scott seconded the motion.

Motion carried with all in favor.

Committee Reports

COMMUNITY SERVICES: CHAIR JOE BROOKS

The Community Services Committee met Monday October 12, 2015.

Joe Brooks reports one Burial for \$359.13. One Dental for \$250. Two Elders Prescriptions totaling \$126.86. Two Emergency Assistance totaling 342.78. Total approved amount \$1,078.77.

The next meeting report will be for November 9, 2015.

CULTURAL PRESERVATION: CHAIR HOMER SCOTT

The Cultural Preservation Committee met October 5, 2015.

Homer Scott reported Delaware Days was a success. The

Cultural Preservation Committee voted from nominees and John Sumpter was the Veteran honored and Nancy Sumpter was the Elder honored. Lots of meat was left over so next year needs to cut back. Levi had another job to do so thanks was extended to everyone in general who stepped up and helped out. Regarding the Stomp Grounds, looking at prices. Possible Stomp Dance in February or March, more discussion later.

Next meeting will be November 2, 2015.

Discussion: John Sumpter adds process changed in selection of honorees. Having Elders and Veterans Committees selecting their own and purchasing blankets without the Cultural Preservation Committee having input.

EDUCATION: CO-CHAIR JOE BROOKS

The Education Committee met October 12, 2015.

Two school sponsored Athletic totaling \$96.10; Two Education totaling \$89.35; Four School Supplies totaling \$123.69. Total all together is \$309.14. Education Committee funds minus common cost is almost depleted. The Tribal Council voted if it's needed they will help out.

The next meeting report will be for November 9, 2015.

ELDERS COMMITTEE: CHAIR MARY WATTERS

The Elders Committee met October 5, 2015.

Meeting was to have an election of the officers for 2015-2017 but lacked elders so there was no quorum. Postponed till next meeting. John Sumpter showed a video of the Delaware Color Guard and others at Wisconsin and one of the keepers of old Delaware Songs and Skin Drum. He plans on showing more later.

The next meeting report will be November 2, 2015

REINVESTMENT: CHAIR JOHN SUMPTER

Chair John Sumpter stated no meeting so no report.

TRIBAL OPERATIONS: CHAIR CHET BROOKS

No report.

VETERANS COMMITTEE: CO-CHAIR ROGER STEWART

Roger Stewart said the committee is meeting Wednesday, October 21, 2015 so the report will be late.

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

COMMITTEE BUDGETS

Joe Brooks made a motion to table making any budgets till after receiving November financials at the December 16, 2015 meeting, and asking the committees to do the same. Wants to see what the stock market is going to do.

John Sumpter seconded the motion.

Motion carried all in favor.

Joe Brooks makes a motion for Trust Board to ask Tribal Council if they will consider moving the DIN deadline to after the December 16, 2015 meeting.

Homer Scott seconds the motion.

Motion carried all in favor.

Other New Business

Discussion: Roger Stewart begins discussion regarding homeless Delaware and steps to follow regarding assistance. Sasheen Reynolds confirms Emergency Assistance and Rental Assistance amounts and limitations regarding community services.

Joe Brooks moved to hold the next Trust Board meeting on November 18, 2015 at 4 p.m. in the Delaware Community Center, 5100 Tuxedo Blvd.

Homer Scott seconded the motion.

Motion carried with all in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 4:27pm■