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From the Desk of Chief Chet Brooks

Chet Brooks, Chief

Happy spring, Delaware Tribal Members. The Delaware Tribe of Indians extends thanks to the Cherokee Nation Businesses for their recent large contribution to our Elder Nutrition Program. Our program Director Ronda Williams received a check on Tuesday March 12 from Chuck Hoskins Sr. This monetary contribution was extended due to the fact that 75 percent of our regular attendees at elder nutrition lunches are Cherokee Tribal members. We sincerely thank the Cherokee Nation and Cherokee Nation Businesses for

this monetary assistance.

Late winter has been a busy time for the Delaware Tribal Council due to meetings with BIA, Cherokee Nation, business exploration and concerns over what to do with our Lawrence, Kansas land. The Lawrence Kansas land has again been leased on an 18 month rolling lease for sod farm production. The house located on the land will also be leased shortly.

From a cultural stand point we would like to remind all tribal members that the second Tuesday of every month we have a

Cultural dinner at 6 P.M. and study language, do crafts and practice dancing. Be sure and join us at one of these cultural nights if possible. Also in that regard I would remind all tribal members that the Delaware Pow-wow will be held May 24, 25 and 26 at the Copan Fall-Leaf Pow-wow Grounds. Please join us for a full weekend of cultural activities.

I am now aware that our trust board is going to appoint persons to fill out the terms of two resigning trust board members and our tribal court is going to have to

make an appointment of tribal court justice. If any tribal members are interested in filling one of these positions please advise us and we will notify the trust board and tribal court of your interest.

If any tribal members have comments or questions for our council or Chief, I always invite you to direct said questions to (918) 337-6590 Office or (918) 397-1161 Cellphone.

Chet Brooks
Chief, Delaware Tribe of Indians
cbrooks@delawaretribe.org ■



Ronda Williams accepts a donation from Cherokee Nations Businesses representative Chuck Hoskins, Sr.

OPEN SEAT ON TRIBAL COURT

The Tribal Court has an opening to be filled. If you would like to serve the Delaware people by being a member of the Tribal Court please send a letter with your qualifications to:

Tribal Court
5100 Tuxedo Blvd
Bartlesville, OK 74006

All letters must be received by **Friday April 12, 2019.**



TRUST BOARD HAS TWO SEATS TO BE FILLED!!

Delaware Tribal Members wanting to serve the Delaware people by being a member of the Trust Board, send a letter with your qualifications to:

Trust Board
5100 Tuxedo Blvd
Bartlesville, OK 74006

All letters must be received by **Friday April 12, 2019**

In order to be selected and seated you must attend the April 17th Trust Board meeting held at the Delaware Community Center at 3pm.

From the Desk of Council Member Jeremy Johnson

Jeremy Johnson, Tribal Council Member

Lënapeok, I hope this article finds you well. It's been a busy last couple of months, and I feel that I am now getting my feet under me as a new council member.

We've had some important decisions to make and I've tried to uphold the promises that I made to tribal members when making those decisions.

One of the big issues at the moment is the Lawrence property. I've talked with many folks about this, and there is definitely a split in the ideas of what we should do with it. As of right now, we are considering leasing it again for sod farming. However, I feel that this property could be much more valuable to our tribe if it were utilized for agri-

culture production in association with partnerships from Kansas University and surrounding colleges like Haskell. It could be a possible future hemp producing land if the correct things are done in the near future. I still want to see what our members feel about this issue.

A couple things I would like to accomplish shortly are strategic planning for our tribe's future, both immediate and long-term, and bettering our Housing program. We need to take a deep look into these areas and come up with some solutions that help benefit our tribal members the best ways that we can.

Lastly, I would like to mention that in the last month, many of our tribal members have been

dealing with the loss of one of our Shawnee relatives, David Tyner. I send my condolences and prayers to anyone struggling with the hole that David's passing has left within our Native community in the extended area. He was a good man whose influence reached well beyond the Dewey/Bartlesville area, and he will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

Until next time, take care of yourselves and each other, and feel free to contact me with any ideas or concerns. Lápich Knewël!

Jeremy Johnson
Tribal Council Member
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From the Desk of Nicky Michael, Ph.D.

Nicky Kay Michael, Ph.D., Tribal Council Member

Kulamàsihëmo häch Lënape'ok. I greet you with a warm heart and hope you each are doing well. First, I wish to thank each of you who voted and participated in our last tribal election. Regardless of who you voted for, we appreciate your participation.

Since the November election, we have been meeting regularly to address numerous issues, particularly business concerns for the Caney and Lawrence proper-

ties, and Tahkox E2. From what we understand, our application for the Caney property, fee to trust, is still on hold in the Solicitor's Office. We are hearing that there is a moratorium (informal) regarding further Trust approvals for all tribes, not just ours. We are therefore seeking congressmember's assistance.

The Lawrence property was up for sale and there were no buyers. We have several options: 1.) Lease it to the Pine family for 18

months; 2.) Put it back up on the market for sale; 3.) Develop our own businesses. I have spoken with several tribal members in Lawrence who strongly encourage us to keep the property and develop it for benefitting our Tribe. Delaware Tribal members of the area have explained that the development for the city of Lawrence is close to our property and the potential for growth is strong. Moreover, the partnerships we could have between the city of Lawrence, KU, and KSU for cultivating traditional Indigenous foods and medicine is of strong necessity. With our prop-

erty we could fill this void. Moreover, we have also had several proposals for organic farming. I also believe we should use this as a culture center and eagle aviary. We can lease the property to the Pines at the same time we incrementally introduce our projects.

A campaign issue we are working on is to reorganize the Delaware Housing Authority. At present, Housing is under our Tribe as a department. A separate Housing Authority will ensure fairness and equity in housing applications in addition to creation our eligibility for grants.

I am more than happy to hear

of your thoughts and beliefs regarding this and all other subjects.

We have lost some dear friends and relatives this winter and send our love to all those suffering, mourning, or in need.

Sincerely,

Nicky Kay Michael
Tribal Council Member
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A Message From The Tribal Manager

NOTICE: REVIEW OF ENROLLMENT FILES

As some of you may know, the Enrollment Department has undergone some changes recently. The new Enrollment Director is Mitzi Houser and the Enrollment Clerk is Angela Jeffers. I have asked them to conduct a thorough review of our enrollment files. In doing so, they may find some documentation may be missing or incomplete. So over the next several weeks, we are asking that you please be patient and understanding if we ask you for additional or replacement documents to make your file complete. Our goal is to have a complete, stable, and accurate Enrollment Department. Thank you for your understanding.

Joe Exendine
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From the Family & Children Services Department

Please pardon our progress. Due to the closing of local Family and Crisis Counseling Center, Family & Children Services has had a significantly-increased case load. We are striving in our own way, building foundations and planning. It has been a period of growth for us as our programs continue to expand and take on new challenges.

Our staff has been hard at work to secure funding for the programs in order to better provide services. It takes a coordinated effort to complete the marathon-like applications and win the grants we hope to be awarded.

Our staff has greatly increased their potential to provide for applicants and to respond to community needs. We have been fortunate enough, or persistent enough to have submitted three grants. The Family Violence Prevention Services Act (FVPSA), will allow us to further assist the vulnerable members of our community who have reached out to us for aid. The Victims of Crimes Act Grant (VOCA) through which we will be able to provide emergency response to crisis victims, as well as provide crucial services to assist victims

of crime transition and grow into their new life as survivors. And lastly, the Office of Victims of Crimes Grant (OVC) will provide vital logistical support in helping develop our programs, as well as providing resources for our participants.

You may not be able to track progress like the building of a house, but it does take a monumental amount of time and energy to secure one of these grants. If awarded, the funds that we receive will help us help others. These programs, these grants, and the energy and effort expended by our dedicated staff help the Delaware Tribe of Indians not only provide for our own people in their times of need, it helps the tribe illustrate its passion and reputation for compassion and love.

Delaware Family and Children Services has grown into a reputation that is recognized in the community and within the state at large, as a group, and a tribe of people dedicated to others. ■

Pennsylvania Teen Produces Lenape Exhibit for National History Day

Amanda Brown

“My name is Amanda Brown. I am in the 7th grade at Springhouse Middle School in Allentown, PA. I am participating in National History Day. Everyone in my advanced history class was required to participate. It is a graded project and also a competition. I was one of 2 chosen in January from my school to advance to the regional level that will be in March at Muhlenberg College in Allentown. If selected at regional the next advancement is state and if selected at state the next level is nationals.

The theme this year is Triumph and Tragedy. Most of the kids in my class choose to do their project on the Salem Witch Trials, space, war, etc. I wanted to stay local to Pennsylvania and since I

have only lived in PA for 3 years I looked up its history. My family had visited to the Museum of Indian Culture in Allentown and Mr. Wesley Dunn talked to me about the exhibits.

I chose to do my exhibit on the Lenape. For the tragedy I wrote about the arrival of the Europeans and the forced migration. I knew I had found my triumph when my mom came across the video of the youth at the Water Gap in 2016. It is inspirational.

When I first started my project I just wanted to win. But now that I have learned about your tribe I realize it is not about winning but about telling your tribes story correctly so that I honor your tribe.

I was inspired by Mr. Harris’s video of the youth so I created the Water Gap. I have also painted the Water Gap on the back of my board too. I made the land with foam, spray adhesive and fake grass. I made the Delaware River by digging foam, plastering the foam, painting and using a liquid called water effects. I made two canoes with modeling clay. One to represent your ancestors. I even put bark on it that I got from my grandfather’s house in Lufkin, Texas. The silver canoe represents the youth at the Water Gap.”

Amanda’s article for National History Day is reprinted with permission. She was helped by Tribal Council member Nicky Michael. ■



Culture Preservation Committee Seeks New Members

The Culture Preservation committee is looking for new members to join our committee. If you have ideas and would like to keep our culture alive, we want you! We meet the first Monday of each month at 5:30 P.M. in the Community Center in Forsyth Hall. You may contact chair Homer Scott at (918) 332-8020, or Anita Mathis at (918) 337-6595. ■



Enrollment Department Update

Mitzi Houser, Director

The Enrollment Department is in the process of updating enrollment files, so don't be surprised if you receive a letter from us. We just want to ensure all files are up-to-date and meet all tribal and federal requirements. Feel free to call, email or stop by our office if you have any questions or would like additional information.

Our webpage at delawaretribe.org/home-page/enrollment/ has been updated, and you will find various forms you may need there. Please be sure to update your information and request a new ID card, when your name or address changes to ensure your ID is valid and to avoid any disruption of services.

Spring is right around the corner! If you are interested in fishing the pond located on campus, come see us for a permit. Be sure to bring your tribal ID along with a current Oklahoma or Cherokee Nation fishing license. We will ask you to read and sign a waiver, then we will issue you a permit.

Remember, if you are interested in obtaining eagle parts and/or transporting them, you must apply through the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service. Both applications may be found on our website and in our office. After you complete your sections of the applications, we will complete the Certificates of

Enrollment and return them to you for submission.

Lastly, if a family member passes away, please notify the Enrollment Department with a copy of the death certificate and/or the obituary in order for the member to be removed from the mailing list. Obituaries and photos, if provided, will be printed in the *Delaware Indian News* to honor their memory.

We are here to answer any questions you may have regarding any of the topics above and assist you in any way we can. Don't hesitate to contact us via email at enrollment@delawaretribe.org or individually using the contact information below.

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Angela Jeffers
Enrollment Clerk
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Early History of the Lenape Talking Dictionary As Printed in the Delaware Indian News

Jim Rementer

5 August 2006

The Talking Dictionary produced by the Lenape Language Preservation Project is now available from a link on our tribal website. The dictionary contains about 13,000 words but so far only 1,600 have sound files. We have been adding sound files from tapes made with native Lenape speakers and it is time consuming. We now have also added the beginning of the grammar section and lessons to the web site. There is also a detailed introductory page which explains how to use the web site, who the elders are whose voices are heard saying the Lenape words, and also information about the various personnel working on the project.

Dr. Bruce Pearson has been adding grammatical categories to the dictionary as well as word analyses. The Dictionary is searchable by entering an English word or words and it will find the Lenape translation. You can also browse the Dictionary by entering a single letter instead of a complete word. If you click on the English or Lenape words you will be taken to a page with more details about the word and sometimes sample sentences which have sound files attached. Each word will eventually be accompanied by a sound file.

We continue to have our audiotapes of Lenape speakers converted to digital format. We have also been making copies of the CDs on which we edit out the unnecessary conversation preserving only the Lenape

words and phrases and their translations.

Grant History: In January, 2002, we applied to the National Science Foundation for a three-year grant to produce a resource dictionary database of Lenape. We received official notice that we were funded. Much of this funding is going to digitizing and preserving our existing audiotapes. Our grant would have run out by September, 2006, but since we had some remaining funds we made a request to NSF for another one-year no-cost extension, and we received word that our extension has been granted. Our initial grant to start the Lenape Dictionary was a Planning Grant awarded by the Administration for Native Americans (ANA) in 1997. That grant was for a printed dictionary with an attached CD but by 2002 it was decided to produce a dictionary online.

The Lenape Talking Dictionary contains over 18,000 Lenape words with sound files. It also has photographs, 2,300 sample sentences, grammar, 12 lessons, 59 stories and songs, and historical examples of Lenape from the 1600's and 1700's. The Lenape Talking Dictionary will continue to be available online at no cost to tribal members and anyone interested in many aspects of the language and stories of the Lenape or Delaware people. ■

Check Out the Tribal Web Site

Have you visited our Tribe's web site recently? Additional material that we were unable to include in the DIN can often be found there.

Go to: www.delawaretribe.org ■



DIN Subscription Form

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Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Send completed form, with a check of money order made out to "Delaware Tribe of Indians," to:
Delaware Indian News, 5100 Tuxedo Blvd, Bartlesville, OK 74006

Community Services and Education

Education Committee Assistance/Programs

Take advantage of these programs; they are here for you! If you have any questions, please contact the Tribal Office at 918-337-6590.

The Trust Board Education Assistance programs provide financial aid to tribal members of all ages from Pre-School to college, and also Adult Vocational Technology training. Programs available to our members are listed below.

PROGRAMS

Academic Achievement Award: This \$100 award is available on a one-time basis to registered Delaware Tribal members who have graduated in the current fiscal/academic school year from high school, college, or Vo-Tech with a current 3.5 GPA (grade point average).

Athletic Assistance: This program is for registered Delaware Tribe of Indians students who need some type of assistance for students involved in school-sponsored athletic programs (such as baseball, football, basketball, track, cheerleader, etc.), for items required, but not provided by the school (such as shoes, baseball mitts, mouth pieces, etc.) Students may be reimbursed up to \$50 per application per fiscal year. Applications are approved on a case-by-case basis. Awards are based on the availability of funds.

Drivers Education Assistance: Can be used to help defray costs of driver's education classes through an accredited training facility. This program has a maximum of \$75 per applicant per fiscal year. The assistance will be made based on funding availability.

Education Assistance: This program is for students ages 6th thru 12th grade who are registered members of the Delaware Tribe of Indians who need some type of assistance while enrolled in school, such as graduation expenses, ACT exams, summer school, band, choir, etc. This program has a maximum payment of \$50.00 per applicant per fiscal year.

School Supply Assistance: Helps registered members of the Delaware Tribe of

Indians with the cost of purchasing the needed school supplies for children in grades Pre-K through 5th grade. School Supply Assistance applications may be submitted from July 1 to September 30 or until funds are exhausted. Application deadline is September 30 of every year. Assistance is available up to \$40 per child with receipt of purchase. Please submit separate receipts for each application. Acceptable receipts shall only include the school supplies purchased (no groceries or household items).

Trust Fund Higher Education School Scholarship: Delaware Tribal members attending college are eligible to apply. Currently, full-time students may apply for \$400 per semester for up to eight semesters, and part-time students may apply for \$200 per semester up to 16 semesters. Semesters do not have to be consecutive. Applicants must submit all required documentation, including official transcripts and enrollment verification from the college or university. Students must maintain a 2.7 GPA (grade point average) in the last semester attended (high school, college, etc.) Students must reapply at the end of each semester. Award is made directly to student to insure that it does not interfere with their financial aid package from the institution. Scholarships will not be awarded for the summer semester. Scholarships are subject to funding availability.

Fall scholarship applications will be accepted from June 1 through July 31, spring from December 1 through January 31.

You can download the applications directly from our web site www.delaware-tribe.org. Just go the Services/Programs tab, and then scroll down to Educational Assistance. ■

Community Services Programs

If you have questions, please contact the Tribal Office at 918-337-6590.

As of January, the Delaware Tribe Community Services which is also funded by Delaware Tribe Trust Board has made some revisions to their existing programs including the suspension of some. It is the intention of the Community Services Committee to assist all eligible Tribal members who are in financial need, if funding is available.

It is the hope of the Community Services Committee that additional funding can be made available so some of the programs can be restored. If you have a question on whether or not to submit an application, please contact our Tribal Office at (918) 337-6590

The Community Service programs and benefits available as of the March 2019 meeting are

Burial Program : \$750.00 : Burial assistance for Delaware tribal members. The family may apply for up to \$750. The funds may be applied to expenses that are most beneficial to the family (i.e., funeral services, meals, wake, grave marker etc.). Documentation must be provided, including death certificate.

Elder Prescriptions \$75.00 maximum per year : Prescription medication assistance to Delaware elders age 60 and over for pharmacy and related costs.

Elders may receive assistance not to exceed \$75.00 per calendar year. Elders may apply more than once per calendar year until \$75 is reached. Funds may be disbursed to vendors not to exceed \$75.

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 \$120. Payment for services will be made to the vendor or Tribal member if paid receipt is provided.

Emergency & Emergency Travel 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, or health transportation costs. Applicants must utilize all other community resources prior to application. Funds are allocated up to \$25 and will be disbursed as determined by the Community Service Committee on a case-by-case basis.

Further updates on the availability of these programs and any additional programs that are reinstated will be posted on our Tribal website Delawaretribe.org and Facebook. As previously mentioned, you are welcome to call our Tribal office. ■

DELAWARE TRIBE GIFT SHOP



CULTURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT
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Howards Celebrate 75th Wedding Anniversary

John and Roma Lee Howard celebrated their 75th wedding anniversary on December 27 at their home on the family's original allotment near Copan, Oklahoma. John is retired from National Zinc while Roma Lee is enjoying her retirement after many years at Copan Public Schools. Both have been very active in the community. John previously served as a member of the local school board, and Roma Lee was a leader in the Delaware Women's Club making many sets of regalia for fashion shows. The couple has been blessed with four children: John Howard, Jr.; Patsy Steeley; Leona Jones; and Truman Howard. They also enjoy 10 grandchildren, 28 great-grandchildren, and 11 great-great-grandchildren. ■



Delaware Tribe Housing Program

DTHP is currently accepting housing applications for Delaware tribal families in Chelsea, OK. Eligible applicants must be 18 years or older and an enrolled member of a federally recognized tribe. Delaware preference does apply for this service. Rent is based on annual household income of residents. DTHP provides affordable housing to Native American families within our jurisdiction. Applications are available at the Bartlesville Office or may be printed off from the Delaware Tribe website.



Delaware Tribe Youth Culture Camp

June 24-28, 2019 8:30A.M. – 5:00P.M. Daily

We have seats for up to ten youth to participate in the Delaware Tribe's youth culture camp: NIPENI MAEHELAN (Summer Gathering). Applicants must be registered members of the Delaware Tribe, between the ages of 13-18, and must participate all five days to receive camp materials and giveaways. Participants must arrange on their own to arrive by 8:30 am at the Tribal Cultural Center in Bartlesville and will be dismissed to go home by 5:00pm. Dress will be summer casual. Mornings will focus on outdoor skills and activities at the tribal campus or other local outdoor locations. Afternoon activities will be indoors at tribal headquarters. A healthy breakfast, sack lunch and snacks will be served each day. Local transportation will be in a tribal vehicle. Our emphasis will be on tradition, culture & language, learning, and FUN!

Outdoor activities may include: Traditional blessing ceremony, learn social & stomp dancing, cook Indian recipes, archery, and swimming.

Indoor activities may include: Tribal history-culture-language lessons, archive and artifact maintenance, crafts, environmental practices, life skills and personal responsibility.

There is no cost to the youth camper. The camp is sponsored by the Delaware Tribe Cultural Resources Department. Applicants must have parent or guardian approval and prove age and tribal membership.

For more information or for pre-enrollment contact:

Curtis Zunigha, Cultural Director
(918) 337-6541

or
email: czunigha@delawaretribe.org ■



Delaware War Mothers Report

Rosetta Coffey was the founder of the Delaware War Mothers. She founded the group sometime in 1991, but it was not established with the State of Oklahoma as an official organization until June 31, 1992. Records indicate that the club had three leaders and they were Rosetta Coffey, Mary Watters and Bonnie Thaxton (pictured). The thought of having a club was inspired by the Persian Gulf War and was established to honor the veterans in the Delaware community.

Delaware War Mothers Today

In September 2012 the DWM reorganized in hopes to revive this great organization. We are Grandmothers, Mothers, Daughters, Granddaughters, Sisters and Aunts whose mission is to represent and honor our military relatives. If you are a Native American woman from a federally recognized tribe you may represent any veteran of all races. If you are not Native American you may represent a Native American Veteran. We are currently working with the Veterans Committee in hopes of increasing membership for both groups. Our organization does various fundraising, assisting veterans with needs, sponsor events, and recognize our veterans throughout the year. If you have been a member in the past or interested in joining please feel free to attend our meeting any-

time. We meet the fourth Tuesday of the month at 5:30 pm in Forsyth Hall (dining hall) at the Delaware Center. This is the same evening as the veterans committee so bring a veteran with you! ■



Veterans Committee Report

Kenny Brown, Chairman

We have had some fantastic meetings lately, the Veterans Memorial Wall project will cost in the neighborhood of \$190,000 to complete. As soon as we get the funds in hand or promissory notes as work progresses we can get started.

We have formed teams to approach the city to inquire about building permits and tapping into water lines and a water meter.

Another team will set up meetings with other Veteran organizations to inquire about donations.

The Veterans will continue to have fund raising auctions and raffles.

To donate, go to <https://www.gofundme.com/lenape-veterans-memorial-wall> or donate directly by check, made payable to Delaware Tribe/ Veterans Committee, and within the memo area write: Memorial Wall.

The Committee is looking into paving bricks that Tribal members can purchase to honor a military veteran. We plan on a

4"x12" brick for \$50.00 and a 12"x 12" for \$150.00. There will be more info about these as we get it.

The Lenape Color Guard was given the honor of presenting the Colors at the State Capital Rotunda for the 4th annual Indian Education Legislative Day on February 5, 2019.

Being able to represent our Tribe at the State Capital was a great privilege.

The Color Guard will be on duty on these dates,

- April 27 for TCC/Red Fork Powwow
- May 18 for Wounded Veterans of Oklahoma Welcome home celebration at Keystone Lake
- May 24-26 Copan Delaware Powwow
- June 21-23 Peoria Powwow

Order of the Day: if you are a veteran get active in the Veterans Committee.

Ladies of all ages support your veteran relatives by joining the Delaware War Mothers, they meet on the 4th Tuesday each month at 5:30 P.M.. ■



Chet Brooks
Chief

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Charles Randall
Assistant Chief

MEMBER REQUEST TO UPDATE INFORMATION

Please complete with information currently on file in the Enrollment Office.

Last Name		First Name		Middle Initial
Other Name(s) – indicate maiden		Date of Birth	Phone #	
Address	City	State	Zip	
Email			Roll #	

Other Member(s) Affected by Change(s):

Name	Date of Birth

Requests for name changes, must include Marriage License, Divorce Decree, or Adoption Order.

Member Signature _____

Date _____

Only complete boxes for which you are requesting a change.

Name		
Phone #		
Address		
City	State	Zip
Email		

Education Committee Assistance Programs

The Delaware Tribe Trust Board provides funding to the Education Assistance Committee to benefit Tribal members for the purpose of furthering their education. Since January of this year some Education Assistance programs have been suspended until further notice due to availability of funding. The program currently available to our students is as follows.

Trust Fund Higher Education Scholarship: Delaware Tribal members attending college are eligible to apply. Currently full-time (FT) students may apply and Part-time (PT) students may apply. The Spring 2019 award amounts were \$400 FT and \$200 PT. Fall scholarship applications will be accepted from June 1 through July 31 and the amount of awards will be determined at that time.

The following students received the Spring Semester 2019 awards:

Name	State	FT/PT	Name	State	FT/PT
Lori Hasselman	KS	FT	Seth Nitz	AR	FT
Elyse Coulter	MA	FT	Erica Randall	OK	FT
Maylee Loftin	AR	FT	Brooke Greeno	CO	FT
Caleb Fiddler	OK	FT	Catherine Monck	NY	FT
Tristen Tucker	OK	FT	Anthony M. Carr	MO	FT
Kelby Jo Deenihan	KS	FT	Alyssa Hosey	OK	FT
Ashlyn Garrett	OK	PT	Anna McClure	OK	FT
Ronald Stacy	CA	FT	Logan Armstrong	OK	FT
Krystal Ernst	MO	FT	Rachel Spencer	SC	FT
Lauren Roberts	KS	FT	Lindsey D. Randall	OK	FT
Reagan Tucker	TX	FT	Emily Messimore	OK	FT
Hannah Granger	MO	FT	Andrew Veatch	KS	FT
Sarah Irwin	MO	FT	Natalie Chang	CA	FT
Austin Metzner	CO	FT	Michael Galiga	OK	FT
Hayden Dillingham	OK	FT	Erick Metzner	CO	FT
Wyatt Sanders	OK	FT	Klaire Thomas	MO	FT
Keri Curbow	MO	FT	Anna K. Rodenberg	LA	FT
Haley Cowan	KS	FT	Joseph Cushing	WA	FT
Jaden Adams	KS	FT	Austin Headlee	OK	FT
MeKenna Adams	KS	FT	Case Guinn	OK	FT
Kaci Templeton	OK	FT	Mackenzie Willy	OK	PT
Kendal Hale	KS	FT	Cal Guinn	OK	PT
Meredith Franke	OK	FT	Derek Templeton	OK	PT
John Franke	OK	PT	Kyle Nading	WA	FT
Madison Adams	KS	FT	Ashton Anderson	OK	FT
Noah DeMoss	OK	FT	Sean Magdaleno	CA	FT
Ashlee Morgan	OK	FT	Andy Burrus	OK	FT
Jaelyn Carter	KS	FT	Lauren Hutson	OK	FT

The Education Committee approved 51 Full-time and 5 Part-time scholarships. ■

Delaware Tribe Housing Department

The Delaware Tribe Housing Department in Chelsea, Oklahoma is currently looking for applicants to apply for their housing program. Delaware's are encouraged to apply, but all other tribal members will be considered. Delaware Tribe Housing Department is a fair housing opportunity provider as long as all other requirements are met. ■

\$5,000 Delaware Tribe of Indians Scholarships Offered

The Delaware Tribe of Indians has budgeted for two \$5,000 scholarships to be awarded for the Spring Semester 2019. These scholarships will be given to two qualifying members of the Delaware Tribe of Indians. Applications will be processed and chosen by the Education Committee of the Delaware Tribe of Indians Trust Board. There are also smaller scholarships given by the Trust Board but this is actually from the Tribe. Eligible members may apply and be awarded scholarships from both the Tribe and the Trust Board. Applicants may apply for this \$5,000 funding to attend a two year col-

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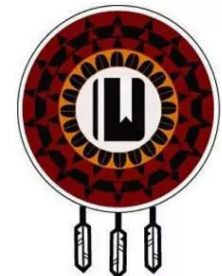
DUE DATE FOR SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS: July 31, 2019

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Obituaries

Rodney Ray DeMoss



July 7, 1936 –
February 4, 2019

Rodney Ray DeMoss, 82, passed away Monday, February 4, 2019.

A celebration of his life will be held at 11 am on Wednesday, February 6, 2019 in the First Baptist Church of Borger. The family received friends from 6-8 P.M. on Tuesday, February 5, 2019 at the funeral home. Services were under the direction of Minton Chatwell Funeral Directors of Borger. In lieu of flowers his memory may be honored with a gift to the Opportunity Center, 930 Illinois St, Borger, TX 79007.

Rodney was born July 7, 1936 in Nowata, Oklahoma to C.H. DeMoss and Ernestine Hall DeMoss. He proudly served in the United States Army. Rodney married Barbara Lanham in August of 1956 in Borger. He retired from Borger Bank at the age of 65. Rodney enjoyed reading western novels. He loved to be in the mountains, but nothing brought more joy to his life than his grandkids and great grandkids

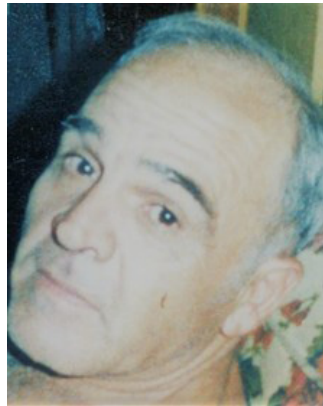
He is preceded in death by his parents; wife, Barbara; and grandson, Bryan DeMoss.

Survivors include his sons, Brett DeMoss and wife Lynette of Fort Stockton, Texas, Mark DeMoss and wife Susan of Okla-

homa City; three grandchildren, Zachary, Noah and Hannah; granddaughter-in-love, Shyenne DeMoss; two great grandchildren, Brooks and Steevi; and sisters, Dorothy Gage, Nancy Taylor and husband Merle all of Colbert, Oklahoma. ■



Ralph Allan Frauenberger, Sr.



March 27, 1941 –
February 17, 2019

Ralph Allan Frauenberger Sr. passed away peacefully surrounded by family at his beloved Big Creek home-place on February 17, 2019. He was proud of the fact that he was born, lived, and died on the same place.

He began his life being born to Milton Milo and Audria Frauenberger on the family acreage in Big Creek On March 27, 1941, the second of two children. He received his education at Armstrong and then graduated from Childers in 1959. He began working in the oilfield with his dad and uncles at a young age for Forrest Oil Company where he oiled the rod lines. He would use the custom Model A with two transmissions that his dad built to drive around the leases and everywhere for that matter.

Later he worked as a mechanic and heavy equipment operator. He worked for every coal mine, rock crusher, and construction company in the area including, Peabody, MJ Lee, Carbonex, Bellco, JT Ewers Construction Co, Lawson Oil, Waugh Trucking, 4-D Energy, and ended his career at Nowata County District 2 as a mechanic. Ralph also ran a shop at his home through the years and after retiring he ran it full time. Ralph worked hard and played hard. He always had a cold beer for a friend. Ralph loved to fish and camp. He was always there to help anyone in need, especially his grandkids which he loved more than anything. Ralph is survived by his two sons, Ralph Allan Frauenberger Jr. and wife April, Michael Dean Frauenberger and wife Kris, 6 grandkids, Jeramiah, Matthew, Emilee, Shelbi, Gratton Milo, and Talon, sister in law Wilma, nephew Bill, niece Joanna, and his first wife and mother of his children Judy which he remained friends with. He was preceded in death by his wife Brenda, parents Milton Milo and Audria, brother Herb, and niece Kelly. Ralph took good pride in his family and always made sure they were taken care of. Ralph had lots of friends and will be missed greatly by all who knew him. As one close neighbor put it best, "Since I was a little girl, he has been the man up the road that my family had many stories about and said that he knew it all when it came to fixing engines. Big Creek will never be the same, but the man will never be forgotten."

In Lieu of flowers, the family has requested donations in Ralph's name to the Armstrong Community Church or the 10-33 Wheelchair Van. ■



Katherine M. (Gray) Long



July 5, 1932–
February 11, 2019

Katherine was born at home Kin Dewey, Okla to parents Charles F. Gray and Lenora (Drum) Gray-Larmore. She was the oldest of 10 children. Katherine was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; all nine siblings, Jim Gray, Bill Gray, Sherman Gray, Willis Gray, Walter Gray, Gary Gray, A Marie (Gray) Cutler, and 2 baby brothers, Johnny Allen and Big boy Gray; several sister-in-laws, 2 nieces and 3 nephews. She is survived by her daughters Mary Jane Brown of the home and Katherine Ferry (Paul); 6 grandchildren Paul Edward Ferry, Kenneth Robert Ferry, Michael alan Ferry, (Joanna) Marc Austin Ferry, Rebeckah Lynn Ferry, Ashlea Grace Ferry; her soon to be Great Grandson Jacob; numerous nieces and nephews; and many many loved ones and friends. Katherine loved her fur babies, Puggie and Ricca. She was proud to be a Delaware. She loved her family and extended family. who will miss her greatly. A celebration of her life will be held July 6th 2019 at the at the Delaware Indian center in Bartlesville, Oklahoma from 12-3 P.M. ■

Robin Gayle Murphy

June 18, 1955 –
March 9, 2019

"It is good people who make good places." — Anna Sewell, Black Beauty

Robin "Rockin' Robin" Murphy (née Cagle) died in her home after a long illness on Saturday, March 9th in Bartlesville, Oklahoma at the age of 63.

Robin is survived by her husband, Lucky Pat; her brother, Raymond Lee Cagle, Catossa, OK; children, Justin Lindley and his wife Falecia, Midland, TX; Brandy Wilson and her husband Waylon, Bristow, OK; Heather Sanders and her husband Jason, Midland, TX; and Amber Bilby and her husband Jacob, Bartlesville, OK; grandchildren, Jesse Sanders, Taylor Murphy, James Sanders and fiancée Brooke, Emma Sanders, Eric Wilson, Kaiden Simmons, Destinie Lindley, Kailey Simmons, Morrigan Simmons, Dakota Lindley and Alexander Bilby; and one great-grandchild on the way. She is preceded in death by her parents Raymond and Ruth Cagle and her brother Roger Cagle.

The great-granddaughter of former Delaware Indian Chief Reverend John "Little John" Sarcocoxie, Robin was born on June 18, 1955, in Bartlesville, OK to Raymond and Ruth Cagle. She married Lucky Pat Murphy in 1982. After moving to Blackwell, OK, Robin worked with Pat in their plumbing business, Murphy's Plumbing. Her children remember her as a kind, gentle, and patient mother who encouraged them to pursue their goals.

Robin was accomplished at many things including gardening, cross-stitch, crochet, and photography. She was a witty individual who loved singing, bird-watching,

Obituaries (cont.)

nature, and being with her grandchildren. ■



Cara Deanna Smalls

September 1, 2018–
January 24, 2019

Cara Deanna Stephanie Viola Jean Smalls made her appearance fifteen weeks early on September 1, 2018 in Toledo Ohio at St. Vincent Medical Center to Heather Beasley and her husband, Kevin Smalls. She weighed one pound nine ounces and was twelve inches long. Her parents dedicated their time to her for thirteen and a half weeks along with her primary nurse, Lisa Matthews. Cara was then transferred to C.S. Mott Children's Hospital in Ann Arbor, Michigan on December 5, 2018 due to complications of Respiratory Syncytial Virus Infection (RSV). A short time later she was also diagnosed with Hemophagocytic Lymphohistiocytosis (HLH). Cara fought long and hard during her short time here on earth while inspiring people of all walks of life. On January 24, 2019 she took her journey home in the arms of her Mother. Cara was the answer to her parent's prayers, and they waited for her birth with joyful expectation. During her brief visit on earth, she enjoyed listening to music, cuddling with her mom and dad, and being held close by her nurse, Lisa. She was loved by all who met her and will be greatly missed but never forgotten.

A small Memorial Service was held Friday, January 25, 2019 at Nie Funeral Home in Ann Arbor,

Michigan. Her ashes will be laid to rest in Copan, Oklahoma at a later time.

Cara is survived by her Grandparents Tonya Anna and Doug Dean of Copan, OK; Stephanie Smalls of Brooklyn, New York and Darnell Jefferson of Santee, South Carolina. Great Granddaughter of Barbara Wallace of Copan, OK and Viola Williams of Brooklyn, New York. Sister Amber and brother Ethan. Aunt Fatimah, Uncles; Keith Smalls, Tyrell Willis and Benjamin (Ashley Smith) Stahl of Ashland, Ohio. Cousins Addie and Amir. Cara was preceded in death by her brothers Ezra and Kevin Jr.; Great Great Grandparents Richard and Lera Falleaf, Sr. and Great Grandparent Ezra Anna. ■



Lawrence Lee Woodall II



June 17, 1951–
November 28, 2018

Lawrence Lee Woodall II, 67, was born June 17th, 1951. His passing took place in Chelsea, Oklahoma on November 28th, 2018 where he chose to retire earlier in 2017. Lawrence was known as "Big Lee" to his friends and family. He was a direct descen-

dant of Brigadier General Stan Watie, who was the last Cherokee General to surrender to the north during the Civil War. Lawrence's bloodline was Delaware, Cherokee and Wintu. He was very proud of his Native American heritage. He collected dream catchers, loved Native body art and tattoos, and he was the only Native American I knew who didn't care for fry bread. He was named after his father Lawrence Lee Woodall I and his Mother was named June Elizabeth Woodall. Lawrence had 3 siblings, Barbra, Stan, and Ralph. He raised three beautiful children, Lawrence Lee Woodall III, Teresa Anne Woodall, and Michael Shane Woodall. In his later life, he was blessed with four wonderful grandchildren, Keenan Woodall, Celina Woodall, Noah Spinner and Wyatt Spinner. He was dearly loved by his family and friends very much. They enjoyed his funny humor and free spirit. In his early life, Lawrence grew up in Southern California, his occupation was a building inspector. After the passing of his father he relocated in 2003 to a small town called Ukiah. He lived with his son Lawrence Lee Woodall III and family for most of his remaining life. Lawrence was a big fan of Jimmy Hendrix, fishing, and cooking. He loved to bake pies and goodies for his Grandkids, and would teach them to always have a good time and to live life to the fullest. His energy and attitude towards life was very influential. He was the best Grand Father, Father, and Friend. May he rest in peace along with his Native ancestors before him. He will be truly missed.

Written By Celina Woodall ■



Doris Brannan Yelton



October 7, 1930–
November 27, 2018

Doris Arlene Yelton, 88, of Las Vegas, passed away Tuesday, November 27, 2018. She was born

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 enrollment@delawaretribe.org. The Community Services Committee has a burial assistance program if you need help. ■

Oct. 7, 1930 to Delphia and Glenn Brannan in Nowata, Oklahoma. She married Arthur Yelton, also from Oklahoma, on January 1, 1949. They were married 65 years until his death in 2014 and had made Las Vegas their home since 1964. Most of her working life she was a legal receptionist and loved her job. Doris was a beloved daughter, sister, wife, mother, and grandmother and was preceded in death by her parents, husband, and sisters Dixie and Nancy. Doris is survived by her son Derrek, daughter Darice Jorgenson (Rob), grandchildren April and Chris Cline, sisters Laura Maddux (Tom) and Wanda King of Tulsa, Oklahoma; and granddogs Ginger, Gracie, Teensy, Daisy, Emma, Posingie, and Jake. She was a wonderful role model to her family and friends and loved them unconditionally. Doris had a bright smile and laughed easily. She will be missed by all who knew her. The family requests donations in lieu of flowers in Doris' name to Wagging Tails Rescue. Their website is <http://www.waggintailsrescue.org/donate>. Services were held at 10:40 A.M. Friday, December 7, at Southern Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery Chapel, 1900 Veterans Memorial Drive, Boulder City. ■

The Department of Family & Children Services Has Moved!

The Department of Family & Children Services is now located at 5100 Tuxedo Blvd. Suite C Bartlesville, OK 74006. Our new phone number is 918-337-6510.



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Lenape Language Report

Jim Rementer

What's New: The new and improved Lenape Talking Dictionary website has been online now for a year and a half. We worked to update the site for over a year thanks to funding from the tribe. Our National Science Foundation grant ran out in June but we continue to add material to the Dictionary.

Stories and Lessons—We have been updating the Stories and Lessons sections and now have included twelve lessons with lesson 12 being a prayer format. These lessons have sound files also. Here is the Lessons section:

<http://talk-lenape.org/lessons>

New Story - A new story was added - **The Dogs and Wolves Fear Each Other** . . . This story was told by Nora Thompson Dean in 1982. It tells about a time when dogs and wolves were friends. It also tells how dogs came to live with the Lenape people. Go here to listen: <http://talk-lenape.org/stories?id=112>.

On the main Delaware tribal website there are word lists and these have photos and links to the dictionary so you can hear the word pronounced. They are in categories like Birds, Animals, Houses, etc. Go to the address below and look for files that begin **Lenape Names**.

<http://delawaretribe.org/blog/2013/06/26/language/>



The list on Traditional Clothing shows this pair of men's leggings collected in Kansas in 1832. Go to <http://delawaretribe.org/wp-content/uploads/LENAPE-NAMES-OF-TRADITIONAL-CLOTHING.pdf>.

Another early item shown under the Men's Clothing section of that list is this beautiful deerskin hunting coat made by a Delaware about 1850. (*right*)

And here are two new lists recently added to that section:

<http://delawaretribe.org/wp-content/uploads/Lenape-names-of-Wooden-Items.pdf>

<http://delawaretribe.org/wp-content/uploads/Lenape-Names-of-Reptiles-Amphibians.pdf> ■



From the Desk of the Cultural Resources Department

Curtis Zunigha, Director

The Cultural Resources Department is located in the Delaware Tribe Cultural Center at 166 N. Barbara on the tribal headquarters campus in Bartlesville. The staff includes Curtis Zunigha—Department Director, Anita Mathis—Library/Archives & Gift Shop Manager, and Jim Rementer—Language Program Director. Additional details about the department can be found on the tribe's website: www.delawaretribe.org.

The department consists of:

Library—The tribal library consists of 1,160 titles of books, publications, discs and tapes (both audio & video). All items in the library are available to tribal members for reading & viewing IN-HOUSE ONLY in the department office by appoint-

ment with department staff. We currently do not offer check-out of library items. However the Library has been moved to Room 108 of the Cultural Center and we now offer a reading/viewing room in the library so you can enjoy your experience while here.

Archives & Collections—Our department houses 135 artifacts, 1,573 documents, and 3,887 photos. Tribal members may view these items IN-HOUSE ONLY by appointment with department staff. The department provides computer stations for IN-HOUSE ONLY research with access to archival and historical information. The research must be made by appointment with department staff.

Cultural Activities—The department staff serves on the Cultural Preservation Committee which includes tribal elected leaders and elders. CPC Activities during 2019 have included the monthly Second Tuesday Gathering featuring a potluck supper, social & stomp dancing, and language lessons. The biggest event of the year is the annual Delaware Days held on the last weekend of September. The two-day event features social dances, stomp dances, feasting, honoring of elders and veterans, games & storytelling.

History & Culture—The department maintains a considerable amount of historical data and institutional knowledge. It is shared and practiced at various tribal events & activities. Tribal representatives have also

presented history & culture to non-tribal audiences across the country. Additional information can be found on the tribal website home page clicking on the Culture & Language button.

Language—Since 2005 the program has been converting analog recordings to digital data now used on the language website www.talk-lenape.org. Word pages and lessons are presented at tribal events and cultural gatherings. Additional information can be found on the tribal website home page viewing the menu bar at the top and clicking on the Services/Programs drop-down menu tab, then click on Language Revitalization. Please read the accompanying Language Program article by Jim Rementer. We received a grant from the MICA Group/ Cultural Resources Fund for a special project we've titled "Speaking Across Generations". Project team members are writing and learn-

ing short beginner-level conversations. Then the team members video-record their conversations to post on the tribal website.

Gift Shop—The department operates a small gift shop with many items bearing the Seal of the Delaware Tribe of Indians. Some books and compact disc recordings of Lenape language and music are also available for sale. The Gift Shop also accepts items on consignment for sale at the discretion of management. The shop is a Pendleton Woolen Mill distributor and our current inventory has blankets and accessories. Online sales are also available by going to the tribal website homepage and clicking on the Gift Shop button at the bottom of the page.

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Delaware Tribe requests archaeological survey of Lawrence site before mental health project proceeds

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Plans call for 10 cottages to be built on a site in northern Lawrence, but before a hammer is swung or a wall raised, the Delaware Tribe that once inhabited the area has asked that surveyors look below the ground.

Delaware Tribe historians say there could be archaeological and human remains on the site, and they have requested that an archaeological field survey that includes subsurface testing be conducted before the project goes forward.

The cottages are part of the much-anticipated Douglas County behavioral health campus, which includes a mental health crisis center and additional supportive housing. Even with the city built up around the site on two sides, the mostly empty tract of land in northern Lawrence remains distinctive — the site looks toward a pond encircled by trees on one side and a bend in the Kansas River on the other. Delaware Tribe Historic Preservation Office Director Brice Obermeyer told the *Journal-World* that the entire site, not just the portion set aside for the cottages, may be archaeologically sensitive.

“Obviously, we’re making the request because we’re concerned about the location,” Obermeyer said.

Obermeyer said the Delaware lived in northeast Kansas for 30 years and that members of the tribe died and were buried there. He said that the tribe knows where those burial sites are but that he was not comfortable providing their specific locations. He did say that the tribe already knows of one cemetery that exists in the Lawrence area.

The Delaware lived in Northeast Kansas beginning in the 1830s after being forcibly removed from their ancestral home near the Delaware River. In the 1860s, the Delaware were forced to give up their Kansas reservation lands and move to Oklahoma. The tribe is now based in Bartlesville, but the preservation office is located in Emporia and the tribe now owns a 92-acre site just northeast of Lawrence.

The mental health project

The proposed cottages, The Cottages at Green Lake, are one component of the county’s behavioral health campus. The cottages would consist of a 10-unit supportive housing complex located next to the proposed mental health crisis center and a proposed supportive group home at 1000 W. Second St. In November, Douglas County voters overwhelmingly approved a quarter-cent sales tax to fund the behavioral health campus, and money from the city’s affordable housing fund is going to support the group home.

Obermeyer requested that the archaeological survey be conducted following a notification about the project from the City of Lawrence. Though it is a county project, the city is in charge of the federally required environmental review, which includes a historic preservation review. That review requires the city to notify certain Indian tribes, including the Delaware.

The environmental review is required because of the use of federal funding. The Lawrence-Douglas County Housing Authority has proposed using federal Housing and Urban Development funds to lease the cottage units from the county, according to a city memo. The project is meant to address the shortage of housing

and treatment for those with severe and persistent mental illness who are homeless or at risk of homelessness in Douglas County.

County Administrator Assistant Jill Jolicoeur told the *Journal-World* that the archaeological field survey will be done as soon as possible. Jolicoeur said that she has requested that interested firms or organizations submit their proposals by March 1, and the survey itself would be conducted soon after in order to keep the process moving.

If artifacts or remains are found

There are both state and federal laws governing Indian artifacts and cemeteries.

Kansas Historic Preservation Office Archaeologist Tim Weston said the archaeological survey would involve making small holes in the ground on a consistent grid to see if any artifacts or remains were under the surface. Weston said if archaeological remains, such as pottery fragments or stone tools, are located, then there would be another phase to determine whether the archaeological site is significant. He said that determination is rare and based on the eligibility for the National Register of Historic Places.

If human remains are discovered, the process would fall under the Kansas Unmarked Burials Act, which makes it illegal to disturb unmarked burials and prohibits the possession or display of human remains and artifacts from unmarked burials, according to the Kansas Historical Society website.

A Kansas Historical Society board handles decisions regarding what to do with remains. The unmarked burial sites preservation board consults with interested parties to determine the proper

course of action, according to the law. The nine-member board consists of the state archaeologist, an anthropologist, a historian, two members of the public and four tribal representatives.

State Archaeologist and board member Bob Hoard said that in his approximately 20 years on the board, there has been cooperation between parties and developers. Specifically, he said that developers have redesigned projects around remains if a tribe requests that the remains not be disturbed.

“We work as a board to come to a decision, in this instance, to try to preserve the remains in place,” Hoard said. “That’s always our first intent, is if we can leave the human remains alone, we do.”

For example, Hoard said a Delaware grave was found in Wyandotte County in the middle of a proposed residential development and the development redesigned the project around the grave. He said a fence and a sign to identify the grave were also added. In another instance, he said prehistoric remains that are believed to be from the Wichita were found in Rice County on the site of a proposed water treatment plant, and the plant was also redesigned so the remains would not be dis-

turbed.

Jolicoeur said the survey would cover both elements of the current site plan, which includes the cottages and the group home. She said that once the survey is complete, the results will be sent to the tribe and the board, and that the county would consult with the board about what action to take.

Obermeyer said that if the survey does indicate there are human remains on the site in northern Lawrence, the tribe does not want the remains to be disturbed. If such a discovery is made as part of the upcoming archaeological survey, he said his hope would be that the project would be built somewhere else or redesigned to account for the cemetery.

“I would say leave them there,” Obermeyer said. “If you found a cemetery, wouldn’t you want to leave it there?”

Story reprinted from the Lawrence Journal-World at <http://www2.ljworld.com/news/city-government/2019/feb/24/delaware-tribe-requests-archaeological-survey-of-lawrence-site-before-mental-health-project-proceeds/> ■



As a result of a historic preservation review, a HUD-funded project that involves 10 apartments slated to be built at 1000 W. 2nd Street, pictured on Thursday, Feb. 21, 2019, may undergo an archaeological review, as recommended by the Delaware Tribe Historic Preservation Office to examine whether or not the site may have human or archaeological remains.