Bright Beginnings is a new child development center proud to be serving the families of Claremore, Oklahoma. The center, which is organized under Delaware Child Development, opened August 14th, 2010. ARRA stimulus money was used to open the center and it has steadily grown in child enrollment in its first year of operation. Bright Beginnings has made a successful start in the community and has big goals to continue to increase the quality of care offered to children.

When you arrive at Bright Beginnings it looks as though you are entering a castle. Upon coming inside, you are greeted by warm yellow walls which lead you to the Family Room. The Family Room is a place where a tired parent can relax on a soft green sofa while their child plays in the large open space. Bright Beginnings is a place where every child and family is welcomed and cared for.

Currently, Bright Beginnings offers quality care to 53 children from birth through Pre-K age. The center regularly has a waiting list for infant and toddler ages. This rapid growth has provided jobs to 17 people in the Claremore area. Bright Beginnings employs many staff with bachelor degrees in education and offers education assistance and ample training opportunities to increase staff qualifications. Children are always learning at Bright Beginnings through a play-based curriculum called Creative Curriculum. The developmental progress and needs of each child are assessed quarterly through the GOLD Assessment Tool. Additional services are offered to families such as speech and language screenings, hearing, and developmental screenings. Speech and language therapy often takes place on sight when the parent chooses. It is common to see family members come to nurse a baby each day or stay to eat a meal with their child. Bright Beginnings, as a part of Delaware Child Development, strives to meet the needs of the whole family with value for differing culture and beliefs.

Within the next year, Bright Beginnings plans to become accredited through the National Association for the Education of Young children (NAEYC). The center will then become a 3 star program and will be the first full-day NAEYC accredited program in the Claremore area. This first successful year has truly been a bright beginning toward meeting the need for quality child care in the Claremore area.

Election Committee Confirmed

Election Committee Chairman, Darrell Glenn, and members were confirmed by the Tribal Council by poll vote. Tribal Council election date has been set for November 6, 2010. Candidate filing deadline is September 15.

Positions open for election are for Chief, three Council Seats and three judicial positions. For additional information see page 8-11 and on the Tribal Website www.delawaretribe.org

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Message from Chief Jerry Douglas

August 11, 2010 will celebrate the first year of Federal Recognition for the Delaware Tribe of Indians after the devastating loss in 2004. Under my leadership as Chief and the tireless service of the Tribal Council and tribal staff the following has been accomplished:

First and foremost:

Our Federal Recognition was restored and we are back in the federal register as a federally recognized tribe.

Thanks to the dedicated work of our accounting department, the Tribal audits are all current and all with unqualified opinions and no findings. Our indirect cost rate is now current. The tribe, when our recognition was lost in 2004, operated with a modest and sometimes negative budget. Thankfully by being thrifty and frugal with tribal funds we now have $1,110,121.53 in our coffers. This does not include some of our reimbursable grants, NAGPRA, EPA, Library and LiHeap funding.

New grants that have been received:

A. LiHeap* - this grant is in partnership with the State of Oklahoma and the Cherokee Nation to identify tribal members who are in need of heating and cooling assistance. New programs to provide energy assistance are being explored. Currently we are working to identify eligible applicants. We were awarded $51,000

B. NAGPRA* - two grants have been awarded. One that allowed tribal elders and council to attend a reburial of tribal remains at Delaware Water Gap in Pennsylvania. We have received the $4,991 that was awarded.

The current NAGPRA grant is to identify Delaware remains currently housed in eastern states museums has been awarded in the amount of $89,796.

The Tribal Council also voted and established a Delaware Tribal Historic Preservation (DTHP) Office. Under the direction of Dr. Brice Obermeyer the office will be temporarily housed on the Emporia State College campus. The college has donated office space for the program. The DTHP will be instrumental in identifying funding sources for a tribal museum and cultural center to be located in the Bartlesville area.

C. EPA GAP* - this grant will help re-establish the Environmental Program for the Delaware Tribe. The grant also provides training for staff and will establish a recycling program for our child care and tribal office facilities. The grant awarded in the amount of $130,000.

D. HUD ICDBG* - this grant allows for the expansion of our Resource and Referral building. The grant will build additional office and conference space as well as provide a safe room and storage for records. Amount awarded $800,000 and construction should begin soon.

E. Native American Library Grant - we are partnering with the Bartlesville Public Library and History Museum to help preserve items and documents of historical value to the tribe and the safe storage of items owned by the tribe. Amount awarded $7,000.

The Elder Nutrition program is currently operated for the benefit of our tribal elders by the Cherokee Nation. This was accomplished with the cooperation of CNO council member Dr. Brad Cobb, Chief Douglas and Assistant Chief Wayne Stull. The partnership has been a successful one in that nutritional services for our elders remained intact when tribal funding was limited.

The tribal offices maintain a direct line of communication with the Cherokee Nation on grants and funding sources that can be applied for or partnered with.

One Grant the tribe applied for and are awaiting funding is an EPA Air Grant. The air grant will assist in establishing an air quality program for the tribe.

The tribe has established an official website www.delawaretribe.org. Updates are made weekly or as information becomes available.

Our tribal properties have been maintained with the wise and prudent use of our tribal funds.

Under the leadership of our child care director Sherry Rackliff and the Washington County Child Care Foundation Delaware Child Care department maintained funding that ensured services to clients was uninterrupted. Sherry has applied for and received additional funding for several programs. To see all programs offered by DCD/WCCCF* visit their website at www.delawarechild.org. Currently the tribe offers “Three Star” rated facilities in Bartlesville, Chelsea, Claremore and Caney, Kansas.

We are currently working on several projects for the betterment of tribal members and the community that include a walking trail, upgrade wellness center equipment, investigating potential office space for new employee growth, a possible wind generator to reduce energy costs for the tribal complex andelder units, identify funding for a tribal services building.

The tribe has received some $450,000 in trust monies from claims that were paid from the late 60’s to 1982. Additional funds currently due to the tribe, along with a small per capita payment to tribal members, are tied up in congress at this writing.

Thank You and May God Bless and Keep You and Yours.

Chief Jerry Douglas

* Explanation of acronyms listed below.

For your information:

Minutes of both Tribal Council and Trust Board are posted monthly on the official Tribal Web site: www.delawaretribe.org.

Other information including Registration, Education, scholarship application forms, job openings and more may also be found on the site.

Some Common Federal, Tribal Acronyms

CNO: Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma
DCD/WCCCF: Delaware Child Development/Washington County Child Care Foundation
DTHP: Delaware Tribal Historic Preservation
(ESU) Emporia State University
EPA: Environmental Protection Act
EPA GAP: General Assistance Program
HUD: Housing and Urban Development
HUD ICDBG: Housing and Urban Development Indigenous Community Block Grant
LiHeap: Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program
NAGPRA: Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act

Attention Delaware Tribal Members!

Name and Address changes: If you change your name or address, please contact the tribal office at 170 NE. Barbara, Bartlesville, OK 74006. 918.336.5272. To complete a name change on the tribal roll, you will need to send proper documentation, such as a legal document, stating the change (Example: Marriage License, Adoption Papers, Divorce papers etc.) If your address changes, just drop a note or a post office change card to the tribal office. It is very important to keep all of our tribal members up to date on the tribal registration rolls. We can continue to do this with your help! Death notifications: When a family member is deceased, we need the proper documentation provided to the tribal registration department to remove the individual from the mailing list and current roll. Copy of the death certificate or of the obituary from the newspaper will suffice.

If you find mistakes in this publication consider that they are there for a purpose. We publish something for everyone and some people are always looking for mistakes.
From the desk of Trust Board Chairman: Raymond M. Cline…

My fellow tribal members:
The past several months have been busy, while not being able to have our regular meeting (we have missed a few) but with life in general. But do not fear that we are not still the stewards of our trust monies, that is what you expected us to do when you put your faith in us by electing us to this honored position. Thanks to the internet we all stay connected and if there is a decision of importance to be made we are in contact. All committees are working and while some may not have regular meetings the objectives are being accomplished. We are currently working on the Trust 2011 budget which will be voted on referendum vote in November. We will publish these for your review in the next D.I.N.

This year is a pivotal year for our tribe, we have come so far since obtaining our recognition and we have far yet to travel to get to where we were and beyond. We depend on your input for the direction in which you wish us to go. Let us hear from you. We are looking forward to a great future for our tribe.

My prayers and thoughts are with those who are serving our great country and their families.

Delaware Elders listed on our base roll

Ester Secondine

Ruth Parks

Lizzie Thompson Whiteturkey

pom-mah-pun-aqua.
The Delaware Tribe not only has restored recognition, it has also added a Tribal Historic Preservation Office (DTHPO). The Delaware Tribe Historic Preservation Office was officially organized by the Tribal Council in 2003 and is now beginning to take shape with funding from consultation services, federal grant funding and an institutional partnership with Emporia State University (ESU). The ESU College of Liberal Arts & Sciences recently provided a suite of offices in Roosevelt Hall to serve as the home for the Delaware Tribe Historic Preservation Office. Dean of the College, Dr. Steven Brown, believes that the partnership with the Delaware Tribe is a great opportunity for complementing the educational mission of the college and looks forward to a strong relationship between ESU and the Delaware Tribe.

From the ESU office, Dr. Brice Obermeyer will serve as the DTHPO Director. Brice is an ESU anthropologist whose recent book, “Delaware Tribe in a Cherokee Nation,” documents the tribe’s past and current efforts to remain independent from the Cherokee Nation. He is not a new face to the Delaware Tribe as he has worked as the tribe’s NAGPRA Director since 2003 and will now take on the position of DTHPO Director which will continue to provide consultation services and oversee the development of the new, multi-faceted Tribal Historic Preservation Office which will have offices at ESU and Bartlesville.

The primary responsibility of the DTHPO at ESU is to consult with private and public agencies to assess the impact of federal undertakings on sites of religious or cultural significance to the Delaware Tribe. Although the DTHPO has a working database of significant Delaware sites (i.e. past village locations and reburial sites), we are working on the development of a new GIS map database and thus the DTHPO welcomes the addition of any location that is culturally and/or religiously significant to tribal members. Please contact Dr. Obermeyer at bobermey@emporia.edu with any additional information so that we may add your sites and tribal cemeteries to our new database.

When performing such reviews for private companies, the DTHPO asks for a one-time consultation fee and the revenue from this service provides for the time and equipment necessary to respond to each request in a timely manner. The DTHPO currently receives approximately thirty requests per week from private and public agencies and thus consultation is time consuming. However, the consultation service does provide a source of revenue that will allow the tribe to pursue other much more desirable projects from the tribal headquarters on a more secure basis. One such project is the establishment of a Cemetery Preservation Program within the DTHPO that will provide limited amount of funding for the conservation of tribal cemeteries within the Delaware Tribe’s Service Area.

Beyond the consultation services, the DTHPO will oversee the development of two branch offices that will eventually be established in Bartlesville. The first is the NAGPRA (Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act passed in 1990) Office which is tasked with the responsibility of consulting with museums and federal agencies to document the cultural affiliation of ancestral Delaware remains so that they may be returned to the Tribe and properly reburied. The Delaware Tribe has already carried out significant work in this area with a digital database of over 75 museum inventories and the completion of several reburials in the Northeastern United States. The most recent reburial took place in 2009 at Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area in northwestern New Jersey at which representatives from the three Delaware descended tribes (Delaware Tribe, Delaware Nation and the Stockbridge-Munsee) reburied the remains of over 100 individuals previously held by the Smithsonian, National Museum of the American Indian and the National Park Service.

The NAGPRA office will continue such work with funding from a recently awarded NAGPRA consultation grant. This $90,000 grant will fund the addition of an archaeologist to assist the DTHPO office in updating and maintaining the museum inventory database while carrying out research to document the cultural affiliation of ancestral Delaware remains currently housed in museums at Harvard University, New York University and the State Museum of Pennsylvania. Once the cultural affiliation is documented, the NAGPRA office will move forward on yet another successful repatriation and reburial. The NAGPRA office will also be working with the Gateway National Recreation Area in New York Harbor on the repatriation and reburial of one individual discovered within the park.

The second branch is the planned Delaware Tribal Library and Museum that will be located in Bartlesville. Our first step toward this goal has been funded by a grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Sciences and supported through a partnership with the Bartlesville Area History Museum and the Bartlesville Public Library. The IMLS grant will fund the part-time employment of a tribal member who will be trained by the Bartlesville History Museum to begin the process of digitizing the Delaware Tribe’s archival collection so that they may be added to the collections at the museum, the Bartlesville Library and the Delaware Tribe. This complete collection will be stored on a computer at the Tribal Headquarters and will be available to tribal members thus increasing access to information on the genealogy, history and culture of the tribe.

The next step is to establish a Delaware Tribe Education Center that will house the digital archives as well as a parent-child resource center, smart classrooms, meeting areas, office space and educational, hands-on exhibits about local Delaware history and culture. There is also the possibility of adding other resources that will contribute to the tribe’s economic development such as a cafe and gift shop. Initial funding for the planning of such a facility will be sought in partnership with the Delaware Tribe’s Childcare Program and funding from next year’s Indian Community Development Block Grant (ICDBG). The DTHPO will be seeking advice, suggestions and volunteers from all stakeholders over the course of the following year to help begin planning for the new facility.

**ARCHAEOLOGIST**

**Delaware Tribe of Indians**

Salary: $35,000-$40,000/year with the opportunity for increase through successful grant writing and adjunct teaching

The Delaware Tribe invites applications for a two year research position to assist the Delaware Tribe’s Historic Preservation Office in carrying out the objectives of a recently awarded NAGPRA consultation grant. We are seeking a four-field anthropologist with specialization in eastern woodland archaeology and experience with museum collections and GIS. M.A. is required; Ph.D preferred. Although this is initially a temporary position, we are interested in a candidate who is able to help build the capacity of the Delaware Tribe’s NAGPRA program and is willing to pursue external funding sources in order to maintain the position on a full-time basis. The demonstrated ability to secure external grant funding is therefore a plus.

The position will begin September 1, 2010 and will be housed within the Delaware Tribe’s Historic Preservation Office at Emporia State University. The position will require working on the upgrade and maintenance of our digital database of museum inventories, maintaining our GIS database of Delaware sites and helping us to complete our own research to support cultural affiliation claims to museum collections. Frequent travel will be required in order to carry out the grant objectives. To apply, please send a cover letter, vita and the contact information for three references to Brice Obermeyer, Delaware Tribe Historic Preservation Office, 1417 West St., Emporia, KS 66801. Electronic applications can be sent to bobermey@emporia.edu.
**LEATHER BRITCHES**

Makes 4-6 servings

1 pound green beans, washed ~ 2 quarts water
1/4 pound salt pork, diced
2 teaspoons salt
1/8 teaspoon fresh ground pepper

Snap the ends off the beans, and string on heavy thread. Hang in sunny place to dry for two months. When you are ready to cook the beans, soak them for 1 hour in the two quarts of water. Add the salt pork, salt and pepper, and bring to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer very slowly, stirring occasionally, for 3 hours. Add additional water if necessary. Serve hot, with lots of broth, as a vegetable. Corn pone is the perfect accompaniment—good for “sopping up” the potlikker. (Note: This recipe takes two months to prepare)

**Indian Chili**

1 lb. ground beef salt and pepper
2 cans red kidney beans 1 Tbsp. chili powder
2 cans tomatoes 72 tsp. sugar
1 onion

Cook onion in 2 Tbsp. fat. Add beef and stir constantly until separated well ~ add tomatoes, salt, sugar and pepper. Cook until tomatoes are cooked to pieces and mixture is thick. Add chili powder, and beans. Let simmer awhile. Serve with cheese, pickles and crackers.

**BATTER-FRIED SQUASH BLOSSOMS**

8 servings

Squash blossoms, picked as they are just about to open (2-3 doz.) 1/8 teaspoon fresh ground pepper
1 cup milk 1 teaspoon salt
1/2 cup cooking oil Paprika (garnish)

In a shaker jar, combine milk, flour, salt and pepper. Place squash blossoms in large pan and gently pour the milk-flour mixture over them. Heat the oil in a large heavy skillet until a drop of water will sizzle. Fry the batter-coated blossoms in the hot oil until golden brown, drain on paper toweling and sprinkle with paprika. Serve hot.

**Glorified Carrots**

2 eggs, beat slightly
12 med. cooked carrots
2 cups crushed corn flakes 1/4 cup brown sugar
1 Tbsp. lemon juice
2 Tbsp. milk ¼ cup butter

Mix eggs and milk. Dip carrots in and then into corn flakes. Brown lightly in the butter in skillet. Sprinkle with brown sugar and lemon juice.

**YELLOWJACKET SOUP**

Although the mention of “yellowjacket soup” immediately raises an eyebrow on those unaccustomed to such a food, it was actually a delicacy and should not be criticized until tried. Only the bravest dare venture into the preparation of this exotic Eastern Indian food. Secure an entire nest of ground-dwelling yellowjackets when it is full of grubs. Loosen all the uncovered grubs by heating and remove them. Heat the nest with the remaining grubs over a fire until the thin paper-like covering parches. Pick out the yellowjackets and brown them over the fire. Cook the browned yellowjackets in boiling water to make soup and season to taste. Good luck and good eating!!

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**American Indian Nurse Scholarship**

By Council Woman Annette Ketchum

The NSCDA (Colonial Dames), an organization that is much like the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), sponsors a $1,000 per semester scholarship for nursing school. It is available for a semester in nursing school, not for basic nursing. All Indian students, members of any tribe, are eligible. The Delaware students have not been applying for this scholarship.

The requirements are: tribal membership card, 1/4 blood quantum, sometimes less will be accepted, resident of any state and must have evidence of enrollment in a nursing school.

To get the application for this scholarship, e-mail gaegey@aol.com Reference NSCDA, American Indian Nurse Scholarship.

A member of the Colonial Dames, Gail Kane of Bartlesville, is the director of this program for NSCDA. She would like to see Delaware people take advantage of this scholarship program. As a member of the Tribal Council, I told her I would let people know. Ms. Kane must have your application and all accompanying information by December 1 for second semester and by July 1 for first semester, as any year the application is submitted. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Kane.

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Sarcoxie Decendants

Decendants of John and Francis M. Sarcoxie; daughter Ida Sarcoxie Infield; her daughter Francis L. Infield Ramsey, her sons James and Charles Ramsey. James served in the army and Charles was a Marine.

Delaware People

Merl Lindsay and his Oklahoma Nite Riders, Elmwood Ballroom Oklahoma City 1948. Delaware Tribal member, Ted Haff, 2nd from right in first row, join the band in 1947 and later played with Johnie Lee Wills. Top L-R: Tommy Elliott, Rudy Martin, Clarence Bailey, Mike Hugo, Bobby Lee, Phil Chenault; bottom: Jimmy Solis, Don Tolle, Merl Lindsay, Ted Haff and Homer Bean. Photo courtesy of Mike Hugo. Submitted to the DIN by the family of Ted Haff. (Theodore ‘Ted’ F. Haff passed away on June 26, 2008.)

Marilyn (Love) Aaroe, right at age 3 1/2 or 4 years old and sister, Suzie 1 year older taken at their grandmother, Mary Broadbent’s home in Covesprings.

Coffey, Hitt Wed

February 28, 2010 Anthony Coffey and Michelle Hitt were accompanied by their daughter, Caitlin as they were joined in holy matrimony.

Frank L. Stout, son of Tol le carpe and Na mu now-John R. and Susie Lucas Stout, father of Paul Virgil Stout, grandfather of Robert Paul Stout, Mary Lou Huddleston Stout and Verna F. Stout Crawford

Delaware people share your news with us. Send birth notices, weddings, obituaries, graduations (High School or College), family reunions, anniversary celebrations and other news about your family to: dtriberegistration@yahoo.com Include photos when possible.

Note: When a family member is deceased, please send the proper documentation to the tribal registration department to remove the individual from the mailing list and current roll. A copy of the death certificate or obituary from the newspaper will be good. Obituaries and photos, if available, will be printed in the DIN.
Peggy A. Rentfro
(September 27, 1935 - March 12, 2010)
Peggy Ann Bullette Rentfro, age 74, passed away Friday, March 12, 2010 at the Webb City Health & Rehab.
She was born September 27, 1935 in Dewey, OK to Louis Bullette and Mary Dallison Bullette.

“Gammies” loved her family and grandchildren, each of whom was her “sugar”, and had a unique and special relationship with each and every one. She made the family home into a home for all her children’s friends and neighbors; often welcoming and feeding anyone who showed up near meal time.

She was a lifelong member of the Lenape (Delaware) Tribe of Indians, was a very strong, stoic, reserved and soft spoken woman, and was quick to joke and laugh, with a unique and infectious giggle. She was exceptionally intelligent, frequently challenging herself by extensive reading, completing crossword puzzles, and playing scrabble.

She was an excellent friend and loved being a member of the “Wing-Ding Club”, which included Nita Anstine, ‘Twinkle’ Sandra Booth, Carol Collins, Sue Davis, the late Shirley Gouge, Billie Walker Lester, Sally McAfee, Carol Norris, Sharon Sprout, and Janice Warman.

Her favorite hobbies included traveling, gardening, feeding and watching her birds, playing with her dogs, and especially cooking. She was an excellent cook, frequently trying and adapting new receipies. She cooked as if “for an army”, never perfecting the art of cooking for two.

She served on the Board of Directors for the Eagle-Picher Credit Union and was secretary-treasurer for the Union for many years. She was a member of the Fellowship Baptist Church in Joplin, MO.

She was deeply loved and respected will be sorely missed by her family and friends and by many generations of people whose lives she touched. “We Love you Gammies”.

Survivors include seven children; Kelley Nordstrom and husband Blake, Ryan Lacey, Tara Wood, Brandon Loyd, Micah, Shea and Louis Lacey, Garrett Loyd, Falon, Natalie, Paden, Erin and Allie Lacey and two great grandchildren, Emma and Brynn Nordstrom.

Peggy was preceded in death by her parents, a son, Terrance Padraic Lacey; a brother, Louis Bullette; her first husband, Terry Lacey, father of their 8 children who were born within 6 years and 11 months with no twins; one grandson, Levi Englert; one brother, Louis “Luggy” Bullette; and her second husband, Rex Rentfro.

Funeral services were held on March 17, 2010 at the Simpson Funeral Home Webb City, MO. with burial at the Ozark Memorial Park Cemetery.

Theodore F. “Ted” Haff

Theodore ‘Ted’ Haff, 86, of Mesa, Ariz., passed away on June 26, 2008. He was born to Jake and Gertrude Haff in Vinita, where he was raised.

As a young man, he was interested in music and became a very good violinist and vocalist. During the World War II years in the forties, Ted and other local musicians provided the country western swing music for dancing every Saturday night at the Union Hall building on East Illinois Street in Vinita. After World War II ended, he formed his own band and played for dances and broadcast on the radio station at Bartlesville. In 1947, he joined Merl Lindsay and his Oklahoma Nite Riders Band, playing violin and as a vocalist. The band was the number one western swing band in the Oklahoma City area and western Oklahoma. The band broadcast on radio stations KOMA and KBYE and played regularly at the Elmwood Ballroom in south Oklahoma City. He later joined the Johnnie Lee Wills band as vocalist and violin player. The band broadcast on the KVOO radio station in Tulsa and played for dances at the Cains Ball Room.

After playing with the Johnnie Lee Wills band, he was employed by McDonell-Douglas Aircraft in Tulsa. He moved to Mesa, Ariz. after retiring.

He is survived by: his wife of 65 years, Wanda Olson Haff, one daughter, Paula (Haff) Totty; three brothers. Gene Haff of Oklahoma City, William Herman Haff of Sand Springs. and Jake Haff Jr., of Laveen (Phoenix), Ariz.; a sister, Mary Lou Kimberlin, of Jay: two grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Vera Frances Schopmeyer
Fort Worth – Vera Frances Schopmeyer, 89, passed away peacefully Thursday, July 1, 2010, surrounded by family.

Celebration of Life: 2 p.m. Monday in McKinney Memorial Bible Church chapel.

Memorials: In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Pregnancy Lifeline, Bread Basket Ministries, or the Fort Worth Botanical Gardens.

Vera was born May 1, 1921 in Childress, Oklahoma to Mack and Viola Stewart. She was the eighth of nine children. She grew up on a farm near Nowata, Oklahoma. After high school, she attended Coffeyville, Kansas Junior College.

In 1943 Vera joined the Woman’s Army Corp, and while attending training at Kelly Field, in San Antonio, she met and married the love of her life, William Schopmeyer. After the war, they settled in Fort Worth and raised four children.

Vera was an active church member, volunteer, mother, and grandmother. She and Bill volunteered at the Bread Basket and John Peter Smith Hospital, and taught Sunday School. In later years, she volunteered at the Fort Worth Botanical Gardens, Mayfest, Concerts in the Park, and for the Prayer Closet at McKinney Church.

She was known for her abilities as a seamstress and was, for many years, the family tailor and mender. She swam almost daily with her lifelong friend, Barbara, and exercised well into her eighties.

Vera was a woman of great spiritual strength who never lost her love for her Lord. She was known for her great sense of humor and playing practical jokes.

One of her greatest joys was bragging that she had four sets of twins among her thirteen great-grandchildren.

The family would like to give a special thanks to Odyssey Hospice and the angels who work there, especially Dorothy, Carolyn, and Jennifer.

Vera was preceded in death by one daughter, Christine Hufnagle, and by her husband of 47 years, Bill.

Survivors: Sons: Stewart Schopmeyer and wife, Isabel; Fred Schopmeyer and wife, Beverly; Daughter: Verety Braymen and husband, Bill; Sisters: Betty Nunnallee and Jessie Nunnallee; Grandchildren: Brad Braymen and wife, Catherine; Brooke Griffith and husband, Grey; Paul Braymen; Nicole Lightfoot and husband, Gary; Stewart Hufnagle; Sara Lara and husband, Ben; Christopher Schopmeyer and wife, Mia; Justin Slaughter and wife, Eve; and Mamie Hudson and husband, Chance; Great-grandchildren: Henry and Paul Braymen; Lauren, Lindsey, and Logan Lightfoot; Carlie, Josie, and Ari Lara; Blake, Garrett, and Cole Griffith; Reid Slaughter; and Ike Hudson.

Walter Seely Sr.

Walter Seely Sr. was born October 1, 1935, the son of George Frank and Eve Louise (Parker) Seely, in Hutchinson, KS.

Walter was a Salina resident since 1987, coming from Lindsborg, KS. He was a parts man at Long McArthur Ford.

Memorials include the Trinity United Methodist Church and the American Legion of Lindsborg.

July 11, 1992 he married Frances Stone in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Survivors include wife of the home, sons; Kenneth Seely of McPherson, James Seely of McPherson, Roger Seely of McPherson, daughter; Teresa Ferdinand of Yelm, WA. Stepson Martin Stone of Coffeyville KS; sister Shirley Prestin of Killen TX, 10 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren.

Burial was held at Elmwood Cemetery in Lindsborg, KS.
Tribal Council Election Regulations

Delaware Tribe of Indians

Tribal Council Election Regulations

I. PURPOSE
The purpose of these regulations is to conduct any called Delaware Tribal Council Election that is pursuant to the Delaware Tribe Constitution.

II. AUTHORITY
The Delaware Tribal Council has the power to establish rules to regulate its own proceedings, to appoint subordinate committees, commissions, and boards as provided for in the Delaware Tribe Constitution, Article V, Section M.

III. ELECTION DATE
Elections shall be held every second year on the first Saturday of November pursuant to the Delaware Tribe Constitution, Article VI, Section I.

IV. ELIGIBILITY
A. Voter Eligibility
   The right to vote is limited to persons who are:
   1) Members of the Delaware Tribe of Indians as defined in Article II of the Delaware Tribe Constitution and pursuant to the Delaware Tribal Membership Act (2000); and are
   2) Members who have reached their eighteenth birthday on or before the date of the election.

B. Candidate Eligibility
   The right to be a candidate is limited to persons who are:
   1) A member of the Delaware Tribe of Indians as defined in Article II of the Delaware Tribe Constitution and pursuant to the Delaware Tribal Membership Act (2000); and
   2) Persons who have reached their eighteenth birthday on or before the date of filing; and
   3) Is an eligible voter.
   4) A person is ineligible to run for office for a period of five years from time of removal, when he/she has previously served in an elected position and while serving in that position has been removed from office for cause.

V. CANDIDATE FILING REQUIREMENTS
A. Each candidate shall file a Declaration of Candidacy. The Declaration of Candidacy shall include the following information:
   Full Name, Address, City/State/Zip, Phone number and a brief biography of the candidate for publication.

B. The filing deadline shall be September 15th of each election year.

VI. TENURE AND OFFICERS
A. The Delaware Tribal Council shall consist of seven (7) members; a Chief and Assistant Chief, a Secretary, a Treasurer and three (3) members. (DTC Article IV, Section 1)
B. Following the first election in accordance with the Delaware Tribe Constitution, each elected Chief or Tribal Council member shall serve terms of 4 years.

VII. VOTER REGISTRATION
A. Each person must fulfill the voter eligibility requirements of Section IV; and,
B. Each person must have obtained a tribal membership registration number as proof of compliance with the registration requirements.

VIII. NOTICE OF ELECTION
A. Public notice of the date of election and the designation of polling places shall be given at least thirty (30) days and not more than forty-five (45) days prior to the date of election. Notice shall be given through the United States Postal Service to all members of the Delaware Tribe of Indians eligible to vote and by public notice.
B. The Election Referendum Ballot shall be mailed to all members of the Delaware Tribe of Indians, eligible to vote, at least thirty (30) days and not more than forty-five (45) days prior to the election.
   Contents of the election referendum ballot shall include the date of election, instructions, (election regulations upon request), candidate information, ballot, ballot envelope, certification envelope and any other information deemed necessary by the Election Board.

IX. VOTING PLACE AND HOURS
A voting place shall be provided at the location of the General Council for tribal members not receiving a referendum ballot by mail or for those who opt to bring their ballots in rather than mail them.
A. The referendum ballot will be mailed to the address recorded by Delaware Tribe Election Board.
B. Each tribal member is responsible for ensuring that the Delaware Tribe Election Board has their updated and current address.
C. Voters will be able to drop their ballots between the hours of 9:00 am to 5:00 pm on the day of election. A receptacle will be available to collect ballots received by mail.

X. ELECTION BOARD
A. The Chairperson of Election Board shall be selected and approved by the Tribal Council.
B. The Election Board Chairperson shall select election board members and present to the Tribal Council for approval.
C. The Election Board shall elect from its membership by majority vote, a vice-chair and a secretary.
D. If any Election Board member, for any reason, cannot perform their duties for the election, the Election Board Chairperson may replace them.
E. The Election Board shall have the following specific duties;
   1) To determine that each person offering to vote is on the official voting list.
   2) To see that only one ballot is cast by each qualified voter and the qualified voter signs his/her name and current address on the official voting list.
   3) To certify that all ballots received are signed and dated by the registered voter. Voters should use full name, including maiden name and any other previous names that may have been used by the voter on the tribal registration list, date of birth and registration number. This information must be consistent with the Delaware Tribal Registration record.
   4) To certify that all self-certification statements are signed by the registered voter.
   5) To certify that no write-in candidates are allowed on the ballots.
   6) To keep the ballots, including the ones from the Post Office, locked at all times except when the ballots are being counted.
   7) To count the ballots cast and make a tally there of after polls have closed.
   8) To make a certified election return and send it to the Bureau of Indian Affairs Muskogee Area Office and post a copy of the certified election return at the Delaware Tribal Center.
   9) To preserve spoiled and/or mutilated ballots.
   10) To secure all ballots and related material and to label it with the name of the voting place and date of election for a period of not less than two (2) years immediately following the election.
   11) Election Board members shall arrive at the voting place at a time designated by the Election Board Chairperson on Election Day. They shall remain on the premises of the voting place until all ballots are counted and the election results have been certified, unless the Chairman moves the Committee to an alternate location.
   12) No member of the Election Board shall leave the voting place during voting hours and/or counting hours without the
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XI. CANDIDATE RIGHTS

A. Each candidate may name one person to act as a watcher at the voting place and counting place. The watcher is to be commissioned in writing by the candidate. The same watcher shall be allowed to watch the calling and recording of the result of the vote. The watcher shall receive no compensation for their services and shall have no further authority than to note or record any objections to the voting and counting procedures.

1) The watcher must register with the Election Board upon arrival at the voting place. The watcher must register with Election Board prior to the closing of the polls at 5:00 p.m.

2) The watcher must remain on the premises of the voting place and counting place until the count is completed. The area where the counting takes place shall be locked before the count begins and no Election Board member or watcher shall leave or enter the premises until the count is completed.

B. All candidates may purchase from the Election Board, one (1) complete set of registered Delaware voter address labels or by electronic media per election. The cost of the labels is $75.00 or $25.00 by electronic media, per set.

1) No other complete or partial list of the names and addresses of all registered Delaware voters shall be provided to any candidate.

XII. MANNER OF VOTING

A. Voting shall be by secret ballot.

B. Voting in person - Unless otherwise provided for in the Delaware Tribe Constitution or these regulations, any registered voter opting to vote in person, must appear at the prescribed voting place, announce to the Election Board his/her name and current address, proof of identification, sign the voter registration list, and place their marked ballot in the ballot box.

1) Walk-in voters who fail to bring a ballot with them to the polling place must sign a sworn affidavit stating that they have not submitted a ballot via U.S. mail.

2) Any person offering to vote who cannot read or write or who is physically impaired may be assisted, upon request, by a family member and two (2) members of the Election Board.

C. Voting via U.S. Mail - Any registered voter who will be unable to vote in person may return their ballot through the U.S. Postal Service. Ballots must be received by 11:00 a.m. on the day of election. In order to meet this deadline, ballots being delivered via U.S. mail must arrive at the downtown Bartlesville Post Office no later than 4:30 p.m. the day before the election.

1) Ballots must be marked, and sealed in the inner envelope provided marked “ballot”. The “ballot” envelope must be placed in the self-addressed envelope provided with the self-certification information on the back.

2) All required information on the back of the self-addressed, self-certification envelope must be completed and accurate or the envelope will not be opened or counted.

3) Ballots containing votes for more candidates than there are seat vacancies, or illegible, or mutilated shall be void and not counted.

XIII. BALLOTS

The Election Board shall issue official ballots. A record shall be maintained of all ballots issued, including the name and address of the voter and the date the ballot was issued.

XIV. ELECTION DAY

A. Election Board members shall arrive at the voting place at the time designated by the Election Board Chairperson. They shall remain on duty throughout the day until all votes have been counted and certified.

B. Candidate watchers, once registered with the Election Board, will remain on duty throughout the day until all votes have been counted and certified.

C. Election Board members, candidate watchers and security guard, if one is hired, will be locked in counting room or building once the count has begun. No other persons shall be allowed in the counting room or building during the count.

D. All ballots from the Post Office, shall be transported by the Election Board Chairperson, one other Election Board member and the security guard.

E. All ballots cast shall be counted by either electronic tabulation or tallied by the Election Board. A certified return prepared by the Election Board and signed by the Election Board Chairperson, Election Board members and witnesses, (watchers, security guard) if any present. The tally shall be posted after the tally is complete at the Delaware Tribal Center, 170 NE Barbara, Bartlesville, Oklahoma.

F. Counting of Ballots:

1) Unless electronically tabulated, mailed ballots will be opened, certified and counted first. The name of the voter on the self-certification envelope will be checked against the list of ballots mailed and ballots received. Ballot envelopes will be separated from the self-certification envelopes. Ballots will then be separated from the envelopes in preparation for counting, the self-certification envelopes shall be saved as a permanent record.

2) The Election Board Chairperson or an Election Board member shall call out the votes marked on each ballot, the other Election Board members shall tally the votes separately and the count must balance.

3) After the mail-in votes have been counted, the walk-in votes shall be counted using the same procedure as in XIV, Section G, (2).

XV. WINNER

A. Chief

The candidate for chief receiving the highest number of votes shall be declared the winner. In the event of a tie, a run-off election shall be conducted within forty-five (45) days, between the two chief candidates receiving the most votes in the Primary Election. The winner of the run-off election shall be declared the Chief of the Delaware Tribe.

B. Three (3) Tribal Council Members

The three (3) candidates receiving the highest number of votes shall be selected to serve on the Tribal Council. In the event of a tie vote for the last position, the candidates who tied or their designee shall draw lots for the position within seventy-two (72) hours of the posting of the election results.

XVI. RUN-OFF ELECTION

In case of a tie for Chief, a run-off election shall be held within forty-five (45) days of the primary election between the two candidates that received the most votes. Election procedures shall be the same, except only those persons who voted by mail in the primary election shall be allowed to vote by mail in the run-off election. In the event of a run-off election, those persons who voted in the primary election shall automatically receive a ballot by mail for the run-off election.

XVII. RECOUNT

Any candidate for any office may ask for a recount. A fee of $400.00 shall be charged to the candidate requesting the recount. The time limit for requesting a recount shall be within seventy-two (72) hours of the closing of the polls.
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The recount shall be conducted within seventy-two (72) hours of the request for a recount. If more than one candidate for an office requests a recount, then they shall have the option to split the cost of the recount evenly or to pay $400.00 for separate recounts.

XVIII. CAMPAIGNING
No person shall campaign within one hundred (100) feet of any voting place.

XIX. COMPLAINT PROCEDURE
A. Right to a hearing:
A complainant shall be entitled to a hearing before the Delaware Tribal Court, if written request is filed within seventy-two (72) hours of the closing of the polls.

B. Definitions:
1) Complainant is defined as any enrolled member and registered voter in the Delaware Tribe of Indians whose rights may have been adversely affected by procedures used during any Tribal Council called election.
2) A complaint is defined as any dispute with the conduct and procedures of any Tribal Council called election or failure to act in accordance with the requirements of the Delaware Tribal Constitution or Tribal Election Regulations.

C. Procedure Prior to the Hearing:
1) The complaint must be presented in writing to the Delaware Election Board at 170 NE Barbara, Bartlesville, Oklahoma, 74006 during normal working hours within seventy-two (72) hours of the close of the polls. The complaint must include specific reasons for the complaint and the action or relief sought and must include a check made out to the Delaware Tribe Court Clerk in the amount of $350.00 for filing fee.
2) Within three (3) working days, the Election Board shall forward the complaint, along with the check, to the Delaware Tribal Court.

D. The Hearing:
1) The hearing shall be held before the Delaware Tribal Court within twenty (20) days of the filing of the complaint.
2) The complainant shall be afforded a fair hearing providing the basic safeguards of due process, which shall include:
   a) The opportunity to examine before the hearing all documents, records and regulations of the Election Board, which are relevant to the hearing. The complainant shall bear all costs of the copying of these documents. Any documents not made available upon the complainant’s request shall not be used by the Election Board to support their actions.
3) The Delaware Tribal Court may render a decision without proceeding with the hearing if the judges determine that the issue has been previously decided in an earlier proceeding.
4) If the complainant or an Election Board representative fails to appear at the scheduled hearing, the Delaware Tribal Court may make the determination to post-pone the hearing for a period not to exceed five (5) business days or the Court may make the determination that the party has waived his or her right to a hearing. Both the complainant and the Election Board shall be notified of such determination within ten (10) business days of the court’s decisions.
5) At the hearing, the complainant must make a showing of entitlement to the relief sought. Once the complainant meets his/her burden by clear and convincing evidence, the Election Board bears the burden of justifying its actions or its failure to act against which the complaint is directed.
6) The hearing shall be conducted as directed by the Delaware Tribal Court. The Court may receive oral or documentary evidence pertinent to the facts and issues raised by the complainant.

E. Decision of the Delaware Tribal Court
1) The decision of the Delaware Tribal Court shall be based solely and exclusively on the facts presented at the hearing.
2) The Delaware Tribal Court shall prepare a full written decision within ten (10) business days after the hearing. A copy of the decision shall be sent to the complainant, the Election Board and the Tribal Council. Copies shall be maintained in the Election Board files.

ADDITIONALLY: These election rules and regulations shall also be followed in conducting elections that include candidates for Chief Justice and Tribal Judges/Judicial Members.

Exercise Your Rights!!
Vote in the upcoming Elections Tribal and National.

Delaware Tribe of Indians Address Correction Form
Address changes: Use this form, drop a note or a post office change of address card to the tribal office or e-mail to dtriberegistration@yahoo.com

Delaware Indian News
170 N.E. Barbara
Bartlesville, OK 74006

Name: ________________________________

Address: ________________________________

City: ________________________________ State: ______ Zip: __________

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 role. Including Tribal Registration number is helpful, but not required.

For your information:
Minutes of both Tribal Council and Trust Board are posted monthly on the official Tribal Web site: www.delawaretribe.org.
Delaware Tribe of Indians
Declaration of Candidacy

Positions to be filled in November 2010 Election are: Three (3) Tribal Council, three (3) Judicial seats and Chief.

Candidate Requirements:
1. A member of the Delaware Tribe of Indians, in good standing
2. Of legal Voting age
3. A Citizen of the United States of America
4. Able to Attend meetings held by the Tribe (Regularly scheduled and special meetings)

With submission of this Declaration of Candidacy form to the Election Committee of the Delaware Tribe of Indians, I request to be placed on the ballot for:

Indicate office declaration is for (check one):   Chief       Tribal Council   Tribal Judge

Date: Registration Number: Birthdate: Gender: M F

Full Name: ____________________________

First    Middle    Last    Maiden    (& Previously married name(s) if any)

Address: ____________________________

City State Zip

Business Address (if applies): ____________________________

Educational Background: ____________________________

Civic and Fraternal Affiliations: ____________________________

Business, Professional or Occupation: ____________________________

(If more space is needed use additional sheet of paper.)

I hereby promise to support the Constitution and By-Laws of the Delaware Tribe of Indians with the best interest of all the members of the Delaware Tribe. I also promise to attend every meeting of the Council unless I must be absent for valid cause.

Signed: ____________________________ Date: ____________________________

This form must be received at the Delaware Election Board Post Office by 5 p.m. Monday, September 15, 2010.
Send to the Delaware Election Board, P.O. Box 1198, Bartlesville, OK 74005.

Note to Candidates:

A separate candidate bio maybe be submitted to the Delaware Indian News by September 15, 2010 to be printed in the October issue. DIN Candidate Bio must be submitted in a Microsoft Word document (font: Times size: 12 point type; one letter sized page) to www.officialdelawareindiannews@yahoo.com or mailed to

Delaware Indian News
170 N.E. Barbara
Bartlesville, OK 74006

Attention Candidates !!!

The Information sent to the Election Committee will NOT be forwarded to the Delaware Indian News for publication.
Send your candidate information in the form of an article along with a photograph if desired. The articles may be no longer than one (1) 8.5” x 11” page, typed in 12 point font or larger. It must be submitted to the Delaware Indian News by September 15 to be printed in the October issue.
DIN candidate bio must be submitted in Microsoft Word or Rich Text format to officialdelawareindiannews@yahoo.com. The information may be mailed in the proper format to the (DIN Staff will not retype the information):
Delaware Indian News
170 N.E. Barbara,
Bartlesville, Oklahoma 74006.
Remember it must reach the newspaper staff no later than 5 p.m. September 15, 2010.
Ninety-three members of the late John R. and Harriett Pittsenberger Ketchum family gathered on Sunday, July 25, 2010, for their annual reunion. The event was held at the Nowata Senior Citizen Center. Locals attending from Chelsea were Bill and Rosa Adair, Molly McMahan and Dylan and Chrissy, Jackie Stephens, Jenan Alderman, Clifford and Wanda House, Linda Bacon, A.K. Douglas, Debbie Whisenhunt, Jim and Sue Hayes, Cheryl and Greg Ritzman, Debbie Shrum, Wyatt, Halley Jayzie and Mayce Reed. Others from Oklahoma were Roy and Joila Noblitt, Larry Noblitt, Kelly Noblitt, James Reinsager, Ronnie and Darlene Inman, Jeremy Inman, Matthew, Stacy Macie and Mattie Sloctor, Mike and Barbara Sloctor, Marvin and Lyndall Culver of Nowata. Bill Noblitt and Katie, Bryan and Kelsey Noblitt of Claremore, Carolyn and Megan Green, Chad Hutchinson of Pawhuska, Keven, Shannon, Hunter and Jaycie Perrier, Jerry Douglas, Darrell and Charlotte Glenn of Bartlesville. Larry, Christina and Rylee Kopp, Owasso. Ty, April and Adam Stansill of Tulsa. LaShanna, Justin and Haelee Hesstin of Talala. Phyllis Grimes of Helen. Josh, Bekki and Natalie Davis, Oologah. Lisa McKinnis, Enid Johnnie and Janet Clanton, Rick and Judy Forth, Travis and Katie Patty Williams, McKinney, TX. Sue Decker, Stacy, Jesus, Sidnee and Emmalee Martinez, Worland, WY. Dortha Reavis, Savannah, MO. The family will meet again on the last Sunday of July 2011.

Forth of Copan. David and Rhonda Douglas of Big Cabin. Doyle and Jane Hayes of Delaware. Brittnay Beachamp of Wilburton. Traveling from out of state were Dewayne and Marilyn Wilson, Pecan Gap, TX. Mary Hanna, Princeton, TX. Billy and Tristen Crawford, born April 14, 2010. He weighed eight pounds 15 ounces and was 19 1/2 inches long. Son of Brandon Crawford and Courtney Weyaent. Paternal grandparents are William and Jane Crawford, great grandparents are the late Leonard Crawford and Councilmember Verna Crawford.