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## Returning to Kansas— A Homecoming

On August 23, 2013, six Delaware and one Osage returned to Topeka, Kansas to meet with Kansas Governor Sam Brownback.

This meeting was a historic one, and the delegation presented Governor Brownback a brief narrative of our history. The Delawares first moved to Kansas in the early 19th century. Beginning in 1829 and ending by 1831, the Delaware Tribe moved from its former home in southwestern Missouri to the junction of the Kansas and Missouri rivers in present-day northeastern Kansas. They reestablished towns along the Kansas River and soon prospered from the emerging industry surrounding the migration of American settlers to the West for which the Delaware served as traders, ferry operators, military scouts, and guides.

Following the Civil War, white encroachment and railroad speculation increased, and the Delaware were pressured to cede their lands in Kansas and relocate to Indian Territory (now Oklahoma), on lands purchased from the Cherokee Nation along the upper

Caney River valley.

But as we all know, this new settlement came with a lot of strings attached. Living on land occupied by the Cherokees has meant surrendering many sovereign functions that tribes are entitled to, and the only practical way to regain those functions is to consider returning (administratively) to the tribal home in Kansas.

Governor Brownback indicated that he was in favor of the Delaware Tribe returning to Kansas; and proceeded to inform us that the Kaw Nation was interested as well. He asked what our next steps would be to make this happen. He suggested that the Delaware Tribe set up some “town hall” Kansas meetings, starting with Lawrence, to tell the community our story. To bridge the gap, Governor Brownback said he would meet with his legal counsel and work on a plan to help make this happen.

The Governor did admit that prior to this meeting, he did have concerns about the newspapers reporting the Lawrence property had been purchased with gaming in the plans and about the lack of

our response to that news being reported about gaming. He encouraged us to respond in a positive way about the social service programs and opportunities that we will offer as we gain our residency in Kansas. This revealed another question as to whether we would try to just be a resident tribe of Kansas, or if we would try to set up a reservation? This is something that will be studied by both the state and tribal legal teams.

It is up to us to continue to work on these government-to-government relationships with the state of Kansas and the Kansas American Indian tribes to make it a smooth transition. We will be developing a comprehensive outreach plan to offer services to the already targeted 36 counties in Kansas. Plans are in motion to include comparable services to what our Bartlesville facilities currently have. And, NO, we are not deserting our Bartlesville community but expanding our land base into Kansas.

The Delaware delegation at this “returning to Kansas” momentous occasion included Chief Paula Pechonick; Assistant Chief Chet Brooks; Councilwomen Jenifer Pechonick, Verna Crawford, and Annette Ketchum; Tribal Liaison to Kansas Bruce Martin; and Consultant Jim Gray. Governor Brownback’s associates included Kansas Native American Affairs Tribal Liaison Chris Howell and two of the Governor’s advisors.

A Powerpoint presentation, “A Journey to Kansas and Back,” has been prepared by Councilwoman Pechonick. It will soon be available on the tribal web site. ■



Meeting with Kansas Governor Sam Brownback. L-R, Councilwoman Verna Crawford, Councilwoman Jenifer Pechonick, Chief Paula Pechonick, Governor Brownback, Assistant Chief Chet Brooks, Councilwoman Annette Ketchum.

## Message from the Chief

Chief Paula Pechonick

He’ Kulamalsai Hach, I hope Hall is well with you and your relatives. The summer was a busy one for the Tribe. In late June, I was invited by Comanche Chief Wallace Coffey to attend the preview of the popular film *The Lone Ranger*. I found it fun, though it

didn’t get rave reviews. I also attended Mid-Year NCAI (National Congress of American Indians) with Councilwomen Verna Crawford and Jenifer Pechonick. We campaigned for our expansion

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### Call to General Council

**November 2, 2013 at 1:00 pm**

**Delaware Community Center**  
**5100 Tuxedo Blvd.**  
**Bartlesville, OK**

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into Kansas with the tribes in attendance. We were also able to speak with recently-appointed Assistant Secretary of the Interior Kevin Washburn, Director of the BIA Mike Black, and other top level federal employees. I was encouraged by listening to the words of Secretary of Interior Sally Jewell, who spoke at the meeting. Another positive I learned at the meeting was that the President has sent a proclamation forming the White House Council of Native American Affairs.

In other news, our auditors completed the audit for 2012, which came back "clean" with no findings. Good news, and thanks for all the hard work to our Accounting Department.

Caney, Kansas, has a new mayor. We visited with her. An article was printed in the newspaper that did not properly represent the meeting we had. I am scheduling a meeting with her to discuss the article. I know how the press can spin stories. I appreciate everyone who takes the job seriously enough to get the real story. I plan on escalating our efforts to get the real message out there.

We had another nice and friendly visit with the Kansas Delaware at our Caney Offices. I will try to get a story on the web site to explain who the Kansas Delaware are for those who aren't familiar with their story.

We have been attending monthly NCAI planning meetings in preparation for the 70th Annual NCAI, which will be held in Tulsa in October. NCAI will host their Cultural Night Wednesday October 16 at the Hard Rock Casino. If you are interested in caravanning or riding from Bartlesville, please contact the office. The Tribe is also sponsoring the "Elder's Lounge" at the convention.

The Veterans Committee and the Tribe each have a resolution to present at NCAI. The Veterans Committee resolution deals with mileage paid for travel to the clinics/hospitals. The Tribe's resolu-

tion seeks support for the Tribe's expansion of services and sovereignty in Kansas.

We officially purchased 92 acres (plus or minus) in Lawrence, KS, north of the Kansas River on July 10, 2013. We are in the process of putting together the application for Land-in-Trust Non-Gaming. The trust status will allow the Tribe to exercise sovereignty at the property, which will result in jobs and services in the surrounding community and result in benefit tribal members and other Native Americans. The property is currently a sod farm and we have entered into a lease to continue the operation. Immediately prior to the Pine Family Sod Farm, the property was in the Tribe's homeland and near the maize fields of Chiefs Sarcoxie and Fall-Leaf as well as the site of the Big House.

We traveled to Washington, DC on invitation to meet with the Assistant Secretary of Interior Kevin Washburn. We also met with former Assistant Secretary and current Director of the National Museum of the American Indian Kevin Gover. The Museum is planning a 2014 treaty exhibit. The Tribe asked to participate in planning of the exhibit, in light of our rich treaty history.

The 23rd of August was a busier than normal day for us. Assistant Chief Brooks, Councilwoman Janifer Brown, and I went to a breakfast at Tri County Tech for Senator Tom Coburn. Then a delegation of Tribal Council members and others met with Kansas Governor Sam Brownback at the Topeka Capitol Building (see the article on page 1). We had a nice visit and he is willing to help in our efforts.

The United Indian Nations of Oklahoma, Kansas and Texas (UINOKT) had their first annual convention. The body voted (almost unanimously, with one abstention) to support the Tribe's efforts at true sovereignty.

The Culture Committee is getting ready for Delaware Days,

Sept 27th and 28th. It will be over for this year by the time you read this, but I hope you were there! Curt Anderson is the Honored Elder and Homer Scott is our Veteran of the Year. Delaware Days is a good dance and good chance to visit.

I issue the Call for General Council to be held Saturday, November 2 at 1:00 pm. Additional details are coming together. I invite everyone to

General Council to hear about the year and enjoy fellowship with your Lenape friends and relatives.

I look forward to the food, family and fun of the upcoming season.

Happy Fall!

Lapich Knewel  
Chief Pechonick■



*Governor Brownback is presented with a blanket by the Delaware tribal delegation.*

## Expanding into Kansas! Wow! What a Concept!

*Verna Crawford  
Tribal Council Secretary*

**H**ow will it help the Delaware Tribe and people? A very good question and the answers are unlimited. Expanding into Kansas will allow the Tribal Council to apply for grants and receive that funding directly from the Federal Agencies. The situation now is that the Tribe must ask for approval from the Cherokee Nation before any applications are submitted. If the Cherokee Nation does not receive funding from that grantor and doesn't want to apply for that grant, they may give their consent for the Delaware to apply. Historically the money goes to the Cherokee Nation and then to the Delaware Tribe, minus a management fee. This situation exists only within the fourteen Oklahoma counties within the jurisdiction of the Cherokee Nation.

Returning to Kansas will allow the Delaware Tribe to apply for health services, more housing, Indian Child Welfare, expand the EPA department, provide jobs and training for tribal members. Tribal communities may be established. The only limit to the possibilities is the imagination and vision of tribal leaders, staff and people.

Calls for assistance, guidance and direction are received at the Tribal Complex daily from Delaware tribal members. On one particular day, two calls were received at the office within minutes of each other. Both calls were health and housing related, all that could be provided was a list of other places they could contact for assistance. The housing issues were related to work that needed to be done on their homes to make the houses livable. There is funding available to tribes for this type of service, but as long as the Tribe is within the Cherokee Nation the Delaware Tribe cannot apply. The health issues stemmed from mold in the home, again the Tribe could not help. It is heart breaking for Delaware tribal leaders and staff to receive these calls and know that every other tribe in the country has the ability to provide help, but we can't. Expanding into Kansas will open up many doors so that in the future help will be there for our people.

Establishing a service area and becoming a resident tribe of Kansas is the first step. Advances won't happen overnight! It will take a lot of work, planning

and goal setting to achieve and build the status the Delaware Tribe deserves. The Delaware Tribe has always been known as the "Grandfather Tribe." This Tribe has always been resilient, surviving all the forced moves over the years, from the east coast to where we are today. The Delaware Tribe has continued to hold the people together maintaining our heritage.

As we work toward getting established in Kansas, we are preparing the tribal infrastructure to hit the ground running, so to speak. Guidelines for all departments and staff positions that are expected to be needed are nearly complete. The Delaware Court codes and laws are being refined and expanded. A good judicial system is required to be a viable government. We have strong leaders to lead the way and knowledgeable, caring and loyal staff and consultants to carry out the work.

The current programs, services and facilities in Bartlesville will continue to be a vital part of the Tribal activities. The Elder Nutrition program will continue and grow. Housing will still be available and improve. The future for the Delaware Tribe is brighter than ever. I encourage all Delaware people to stand tall, hold your heads high and be proud to say, "I am Delaware and Proud of it."

May the Creator bless us all!  
Wanishi.■

## Trust Board Chairman Chet Brooks Calls for 2013 Trust Election on November 2

*Trust Board Chairman Chet Brooks*

**Poll open from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm**  
**New Social Services Building, Bartlesville**  
**General Council follows**  
**Poll closes at 1:00 pm**

**W**uli Kishku Tahkoken, It is a good Fall Day:

I invite all Lenape to participate in the November 2nd election by casting your vote at the poll or by mail. Please plan to attend General Council after the poll closes. We have not had the required quorum of 100 voters to conduct business in several years. I respectfully ask all Lenape Delaware People: "IF WE

CANNOT EVER REACH THE 1.43% (100) OF OUR 7,000 ADULT VOTING MEMBERSHIP – WHAT IS THE FUTURE OF OUR TRIBE?" Good door prizes will be awarded at the end of the meeting.

For the past two years, five town meetings have been held concerning the Trust Document and Master Plan. Two years ago there was a feeling by some Council members that the Trust Board should just be "appointed by the Council." After two town meetings a year ago it became clear that was not the desire of our people. However, many aspects of the Trust Document and Master Plan need reform to better meet the needs of our people.

The Trust Board has spent many hours reforming the Document and Master Plan over the past year. A draft, "New Document and Incorporated Plan," was presented in the July *DIN* and three more town meetings were conducted this summer. The final reform of the Trust Document with Master Plan incorporated is presented in this *DIN* and must be voted by referendum vote November 2nd.

I encourage all Tribal members to vote yes on the new Trust Document and Master Plan because: 1) it will provide 5% each to Elders and Veterans Committees; 2) it will increase Education, Community Services and Cultural Preservation Committees 5% each; 3) it will add 5% to Tribal Operations for the Tribal Council and the Trust will pay for its own annual audit. In addition, the new document will provide that future Trust elections will be held every two

even years, with Tribal Council elections, saving \$6,500-7,000 annually, which can be expended on committee programs to directly benefit our people. I highly favor your yes vote on the new Trust Document with Incorporated Plan and your yes vote on our 2014 Trust Budget.

I fully support the reelection of incumbent Trust Board members Homer E. Scott, Jr., Bonnie J. Griffith and Larry Joe Brooks because they have all three been present in tribal functions for many years and have worked hard to reform our Trust Document and Plan. However, I wish all candidates best success in their endeavors and may the best men and women win.

May the Creator bless and guide our Tribe into a prosperous future. ■

## The Trust Board

*Verna Crawford, Trust Board Secretary*

**G**reetings to all my friends, relatives, and Delaware people I have yet to meet. The last few months have been a very busy time for us at tribal headquarters. The Trust Board has been hard at work writing revisions to the Delaware Trust Document and the Master Plan, which govern the Trust Board and dictate how the tribe's 3.9 million dollars in trust funds are invested and distributed. Three town hall meetings have been held and as hoped many of you took the opportunity to submit your suggestions for revision and improvement. The Trust Board took those suggestions into serious consideration and after much contemplation has merged the two documents into one comprehensive, more clearly worded document. This can be viewed on page 7 in this issue.

The major changes that were made were:

- Changing Trust Board elections from odd years to even so that Trust Board and Tribal Council elections coincide, which will save money on election costs.
- Changing the distribution percentages of the annual interest earned on our Trust monies among the various Trust Committees as well as replacement of the Land Management and Economic Development Committees with an Elders and a Veterans Committee. Economic Development and Land Management will be shifted under the supervision of the Council. This will place Economic Development and Land Management, typically more governmental in na-

ture, and better suited there, under the Council's supervision.

- Removal of governmental functions that are the purview of the Council as stated in the Delaware Constitution clarifying the Trust Board's duties and its authority to manage and preserve the Tribe's Trust money.

From this year forward all eligible voters voting in the November 2013 election shall be considered to be absentee voters and will receive a ballot in all subsequent elections unless they fail to vote in three consecutive elections.

Eligible voters not voting in the November 2013 election will be required to request an absentee ballot. Once requesting an absentee ballot, unless they fail to vote in three consecutive elections, will continue to receive an absentee ballot.

The option to accept these changes will be on the ballot in the upcoming election along with

the candidates who will be running for the three Trust Board seats coming open (currently held by Bonnie J. Griffith, Homer Scott Jr., and Larry J. Brooks). These three were appointed interim board members to fill seats vacated by the resignations of elected members, and all have served the Delaware people with dedication.

This will be a referendum election. Ballots will be mailed to all voters who have current addresses on file with the Delaware Tribe Enrollment Department.

As secretary of the Delaware Trust Board, I respectfully request your support for the Trust Document revisions in the upcoming election and hope that you will elect the most worthy candidates to serve on the Trust Board and represent us all as Delaware people. ■

OFFICIAL BALLOT  
 Delaware Tribe of Indians  
 TRUST BOARD ELECTION  
 Bartlesville, Oklahoma  
 November 2, 2013

This is your secret ballot.  
 Do not sign or otherwise mutilate it.  
**DO NOT ERASE**  
 TO VOTE: USE A #2 PENCIL (NO INK)  
 Complete the arrow(s) pointing to your choice(s), like this

### TRUST BOARD CANDIDATES

Vote for Three (3)

LARRY JOE BROOKS  
 JANIFER K. BROWN  
 PATRICIA K. DONNELL  
 BONNIE J. GRIFFITH  
 SHELLI S. HARRIS  
 HOMER E. SCOTT, JR.  
 KARLA M. VERNON  
 MARY L. WATTERS

### TRUST BOARD BUDGETABLE INCOME CALCULATIONS 2014 BUDGET

Total budgeted income (interest earned from principal)	\$92,538.87
<b>Program</b>	
Reinvestment (10%)	\$9,253.89
Cultural Preservation (5%)	\$4,626.94
Land Management (5%)	\$4,626.94
Economic Development (25%)	\$23,134.72
Community Service (25%)	\$23,134.72
Education (20%)	\$18,507.77
Tribal Operations (10%)	\$9,253.89
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$92,538.87</b>

I am hereby voting on the proposed FY-2014 Annual Budget for the Trust Board of the Delaware Tribe of Indians shown above.

ADOPT THE BUDGET  YES  
 DO NOT ADOPT THE BUDGET  NO

### REVISED TRUST DOCUMENT AND TRUST PLAN

I am hereby voting on the proposed Trust Document and Trust Plan for the Trust Board of the Delaware Tribe of Indians.

ADOPT THE DOCUMENT AND PLAN  YES  
 DO NOT ADOPT THE DOCUMENT AND PLAN  NO

OFFICIAL BALLOT  
 Delaware Tribe of Indians  
 TRUST BOARD ELECTION  
 Bartlesville, Oklahoma  
 November 2, 2013

*Sample ballot. This is what you will get in the mail.*

## To Contact Tribal Leaders and Staff

There is a tribal council, trust board, tribal court, and staff directory on the tribal web site at:

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

You may also email the tribe at [tribe@delawaretribe.org](mailto:tribe@delawaretribe.org).

Please understand that your input is important and is valued.

## About the Trust Board Election

### Think About It

Charles Randall

The following is my opinion and I encourage you to investigate the facts and develop your own opinion. In 1972, we the Delaware people voted to reserve 10% of the judgment funds from Dockets 72 and 298 for tribal operations. The remaining 90% was paid out in per capita to the Delaware people. Because the Delaware Tribe had lost its federal recognition the government could not (would not) release the 10% of the funds to the Tribe because to do so they would have had to recognize that the Tribe existed. In order to have the funds released we had to establish a **nontribal** entity (The Trust Board), which we did in October 1990. A Master Plan was approved to govern the administration of the funds. The Trust Document establishing the Trust Board is very similar to our Tribal Constitution, essentially creating two governing bodies, the Tribal Council and the **nontribal** Trust Board. This has created a power struggle within the Tribe that causes friction and additional expense that could be better applied to programs for the benefit of our people as defined in the Master Plan.

It has been stated that the Trust Board is there to protect our funds. In reality, the Master Plan dictates exactly how the funds are to be managed and it is controlled by us, the Delaware people. It can only be changed by us.

Some people believe that the Trust Board protects the Trust Funds in the event we should lose our Federal Recognition again. If we lost our Federal Recognition, it would definitely affect our programs, but we now control the Trust Funds and they cannot be taken away from us. The Trust Board is not needed any more as it has fulfilled its purpose.

The Trust Board has worked hard and done some very positive

things for the Tribe. Many of the changes they have recommended for the Trust Document are positive, but I believe it is time to bring these functions into the Tribe as initially intended through an amendment to the Constitution rather than revise the Trust Document and continue to have two governing bodies. The Master Plan, which we the Delaware People control, governs the administration of the Trust Funds and operation of the programs. It's our money so let's make it work for us.

I firmly believe combining these two bodies into one would make our Tribe stronger, provide more money for programs, and allow us to be the Tribe we should be. The Trust Board is costing us thousands of dollars each year that are taken directly out of the programs. I recommend voting "no" to the revised Trust Document and bring this function under the Tribe as was initially intended through a Constitutional Amendment. I would also strongly encourage you read the Tribal documents on the web page [www.delawaretribe.org](http://www.delawaretribe.org), or request a copy if you do not have internet access, develop your own opinion, and get involved.

Pënaelintàm (Think About It).

*Charles Randall is a Judge on the Tribal Court. This submission, however, is made as a voting tribal member and is not meant to convey an official position of any tribal entity. ■*



*New Elders Committee officers: non-voting Secretary Mary Randall, vice chair Bonnie Jo Griffith, chair Mary Watters, treasurer Janifer Brown.*

### In Support of the New Trust Document

Nicky Kay Michael, PhD  
Trust Board Member

Wëlikishku tahkokën:

On this beautiful autumn day here in Oklahoma, I want to submit this article to you with these same vibrant sentiments of this season. We have developed our Trust Document with the intent to bring a new beautiful day to our people. In doing so we are offering the autumn warmth and vitality of a new season for the Delaware. That is truly how I feel about the changes we are asking you to support by voting for our new Trust Document. While I do believe we still have much more work to do to continue updating and professionalizing our tribal documents and conduct, this is one of the means we can modernize the use of our former Trust monies.

An overriding example of the reason we need to revise our allocation of funding percentages (as proposed in the new Trust Document) is that we received more applications for scholarships than we have ever experienced, fifty-three (53) applications to be exact. Our current education budget is stretched as far as we can to meet the demands of our students. Having spent twenty-two (22) years as a student, I can attest to how critical every penny is for education expenses. Still, in comparison to other Tribes, our scholarships are a minimal \$400 and may only cover a few books. I have proposed methods to increase our education budget and one of the first, clearest means of doing so is to approve our new document, which increases the amount to the Education Committee. Obtaining our status as an IRS 7871, Tribal Designated Non-Profit, is another means for tribal members and the community-at-large to donate to our Trust Board Scholarship Program and increase our capac-

ity to support our students. If you wish to donate to scholarships today, you may do so by writing your check to the Delaware Tribe of Indians Trust Board—Scholarships. Community Services is another area that is strongly in need. People come to our Tribe in some of their most pressing hours of need to keep their lights on, and maintain a home for just another month until they can get their next check. My heart is full, knowing we can be there when no one else will help. That is what a Tribe is, a large family to rely on and help when we need a little help until we can stand on our own two feet again.

I have always believed that our Delaware people need to maintain an arm of separation from the Tribal Council, an arm that could exercise independently yet in conjunction with the General Council and strictly for the benefit of the tribal members. However, I do not come to this decision lightly. My experience as a historian of tribal histories influences my strong belief in the Trust Board's autonomy. I believe that the recognition of our tribal sovereignty could always come into question, regardless of the Cherokees. All one needs to do is look at the waves of pro-Indian and anti-Indian sentiments that have dominated United States history. In the

1850s, the leading sentiment was to exterminate Indian people; the 1880s saw a turn towards assimilation and "Kill the Indian, save the Man." In the 1940s, we experienced a wave of limited sovereignty and self-determination only to be followed by the 1950s era of "Termination." Termination was an era for which certain tribal government's relations were severed from the federal government. Another pro-Indian wave continued into the 1970s with the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance acts. Today, the waves of pro-Indian sentiment could be drawing to a close as anti-Indian organizations are rearing their heads in attempt to minimize our civil rights and laws such as the Indian Child Welfare Act. No matter what occurs with federal or tribal politics, we can ensure our freedom to continue to have a solid base of funding for the Delaware Tribe in your vote to approve our Trust Document.

In addition to the strong need to increase our budgets in Education, Community Services, and Cultural Preservation, these larger over-arching historical episodes inform us that we need to make changes that will prepare us for a more vibrant, self-determined, future.

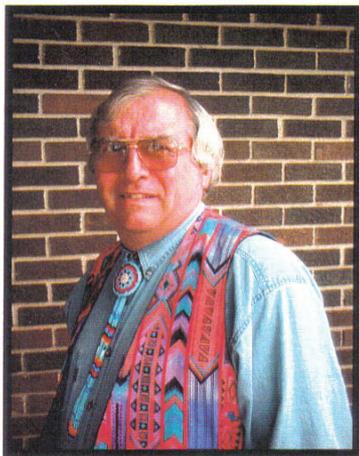
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*Dr. Michael is a member of the Trust Board. This is not meant to convey an official position of any tribal entity. ■*

### Proposed 2014 Trust Board Budget

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## Candidates for Trust Board



### Larry (Joe) Brooks

I, Joe Brooks, ask for your vote for the office of Trust Board Member. I am the son of the late Helen Brooks and grandson to the late Mary Sarcocie. I am a high school graduate and hold an Associate Degree in Architectural Drafting. I served in the U.S. Army 1966-68 and am a disabled Viet Nam Combat Veteran. I have owned or operated seven Native American tobacco stores for thirty years and happily retired in 2008. I have served the Delaware Tribe in several capacities including Tribal Council, Trust Board and Chief over the past thirty-one years. I currently serve on the Delaware Trust Board and have worked on Education, Community Services, Cultural Preservation, Economic Development and Land Management Committees.

As regards to the politics of this Trust Board Election: The truth is that five out of seven of our current Tribal Council members have tried to terminate the functions of the Delaware Trust Board over the past two years. I fully agree that our Constitution has been the governing document of our Tribe since it was written in 1982. I further agree that our Tribal Council is the Governing Body, while the Delaware Trust Board serves the limited function of safeguarding and overseeing the expenditure of our "Trust Funds." However the "Supreme Authority" in our Tribe is the "Adult Voting Membership." The "Adult Voting Mem-

bership" is who voted 1900+ to about 200 in 1991 to form the Trust Board because that was the only way the Federal Government would release our \$3,800,000.00 to us for our much-needed use. My basic philosophy is that something done by a referendum vote of the "Adult Voting Membership" can only be undone by referendum vote of the "Adult Voting Membership."

The Trust Board has served our people well since 1991 through six Chief's Administrations, two losses of Federal Recognition, and there used to be a spirit of cooperation between the Trust Board and Council. Two years ago five of our seven Council Members attempted to take over the Trust Board's function. The Council was going to eliminate Trust Elections and appoint Trust Board Committee Members. Two town-hall meetings were held and it became clear that our people in no way wished the Trust Board be appointed. It also became clear that The Trust Document and Master Plan needed some revisions. Since that time the Trust Board has worked hard to prepare a new Trust Document and Master Plan and three more town meetings have been held for member suggestions. The new document and incorporated plan will also be voted on in this election. I ask all adult members to vote yes on the document and incorporated plan as it will provide 5% Trust Budget to Elders, 5% to Veterans and will increase Cultural Preservation, Education, Community Services and Tribal Operations (money expended by Council) 5% each. All increases are a good thing for our Tribe.

For all of the reasons above stated, I respectfully ask for your votes for "the new Trust Document and Plan," and your votes for incumbent Trust Board Members Bonnie Jo Griffith, Homer Scott and myself, Larry (Joe) Brooks.

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### Janifer Brown

Hello fellow Delawares. I, Janifer Brown, would like a position on the Trust Board. Being on the Tribal Council has allowed me to see the need for improvements in the way the Trust Board functions. In 2010 after I was elected to the Tribal Council I found many of the programs offered by the Trust Board being underutilized. Chief Pechonick and I set about making sure all tribal members knew what was available and how to get it. The process has run more smoothly since. The tribe already supplied the accounting and check writing for the trust board but the other functions of the Trust programs were neglected.

When I was Chief Justice for the tribe in 1995, the Trust Board wasn't meeting as they should and their function was almost defunct. We can't have this inactivity repeated. During the last year, funds have been spent without the programs having a say and the program committees are supposed to distribute/use the money for their programs, not the Board. The Trust Board programs appear to rely on the whimsy of the Trust Board only.

Now don't misunderstand me, I don't want our Trust money to be turned over to the tribe. I want a system that keeps our programs working no matter what and I still want the checks and balances of an elected Trust Board. I want my grandchildren to have programs available through our trust

just like anyone else. I'm for reforming the Trust Document and Distribution Plan, and possibly adding it to our Constitution. The changes they are asking for at this election are needed, but they are not enough.

I am the daughter of James W (Judge) Allen. I'm available to talk at 918-214-5376, and I'm at the Center everyday at lunch. See you there! I ask for your vote.■



### Patricia Kay Ketchum Donnell

I live in the rural area of Copan, OK. with my husband Walter L. Donnell. We have been married for 59 yrs. We have 3 wonderful children: Steven Donnell of Ingram, TX, Sandra Tompkins also of Copan, OK, and Douglas Donnell of Bartlesville, OK. We have 9 grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren.

My parents are L.A. Ketchum of Bartlesville, OK and the late Lillian (Berry) Ketchum Hatfield. I have two brothers, Dee Ketchum and the late Lewis B Ketchum.

As a member of the Delaware tribe, I feel like I could do my part by running for the Trust Board. By listening to the tribal members, I could be their voice in making the right decisions for our tribe.

I would appreciate your vote.■



### Bonnie Jo Griffith

My name is Bonnie Jo Griffith and I am a proud member of the Delaware Tribe of Indians. Currently I serve on the Trust Board of the Delaware Tribe of Indians as the Treasurer. I was elected to the Trust Board by the sitting members of that board in April of this year due to a resignation of one of the members. At this time I would like to ask for your support for reelection by the voting members of our tribe.

My family is the Sarcocie Family and we are of the Turtle Clan. I am the proud mother of two children: Lisa Griffith (a first grade teacher at Dewey Elementary School) and SFC Charles A Griffith (U.S. Army, stationed at Fort Sam Houston, TX). Lisa has been with the Dewey Schools for 12 years and Charles has had three tours of duty in Iraq and one in Afghanistan. I am extremely proud of my children as they both provide service for the betterment of our nation. Additionally, I am a 65-year-old retiree and worked for about 29 years in corporate America. My major in college was math with business and English minors. The years I spent in the corporate work environment were working in accounting as well as in marketing. During my tenure of employment I was responsible for a budget of approximately one million dollars. I have previously served on the Board of Directors of Big Brothers Big Sisters, chaired the local American Cancer Society's Relay for Life, chaired the Art Market for

Oklahoma Indian Summer, then chaired the Powwow for Oklahoma Indian Summer. I presently serve as a member on both the Community Service Committee of the Delaware Tribe and the Education Committee. As well, I am the Vice Chair of the Delaware Tribe of Indians Elder Committee and Chairman of the Executive Board of Oklahoma Indian Summer.

I have a strong desire to assist in growing the Delaware Tribe of Indians. By running for a seat on the Trust Board I hope to keep our trust funds safe and to also fund programs benefitting all members of our tribe. Those of us sitting presently on the Trust Board have worked extremely hard to present a new Trust Document to our people to also ensure our monies and provide additional services to our membership. All of us on the Trust Board are proud of the document and have worked to keep our tribal members informed of what we have worked on, taken input from members, and made changes to the working document as we have considered suggestions. This Trust Board Document is a document FOR the people of this tribe. The money in trust belongs to the people of the Delaware Tribe of Indians, not to the Trust Board, not to the Tribal Council.

The Trust Board of the Delaware Tribe of Indians is not the governing body of this tribe nor should it be. The running of this tribe is performed by the Delaware Tribal Council and I believe that is the way it should stay. It is my opinion that it is in the best interest of the people of the Delaware Tribe to have the Tribal Council and the Trust Board as two separate and elected boards. To me the trust monies should be kept separate from the Tribal Council and the governing of the tribe should be separate from the Trust Board. Also, I feel that the Trust Board needs to be kept an elected board and not an appointed board. You, the people of the Delaware Tribe, need to choose

who safeguards your trust funds, not the Tribal Council.

As a member of the Trust Board I will work to ensure transparency in our tribe's board as I feel that this has been an issue in the past. My opinion is that tribal members should always be informed of what any governing body of the tribe is planning. No decisions should be made at "workshops," no votes taken in these and that poll votes should absolutely ONLY be used in a case where it is an emergency for one of our tribal members or an emergency concerning our funds.

I am asking for your support. Please remember that my interests are for what is best for "We the People."

Wanishi■

## Shellie Harris

No statement submitted.■



## Homer Scott Jr.

Homer Scott, Jr., son of Evelyn Mae Jackson Scott, asks for your vote on November 2, 2013 for Trust Board member.

The Jackson family moved to Oklahoma when the Delaware Tribe was relocated from Kansas. Homer was raised north of Copan near the state line. His grandfather, James Jackson, who participated in stomp and gourd dances, introduced him to tribal culture as a child. He has been involved in

traditional ceremonies and customs since childhood. Homer has assisted the Fall-Leaf and Sumpter families with many traditional burials.

Scott served in the U.S. Navy from 1971 to 1974. He simultaneously managed three ranches from 1998 to 2009 and currently works for a stockyards company working cattle.

The Jackson family has participated on committees and held tribal offices, including governmental, traditional and cultural, over the years.

Homer Scott has followed that example. He was a Delaware Tribal Judge for four years in the mid 1980s. He has served on the Delaware Trust Board for the past year and a half, filling the vacancy left by the resignation of a Board member. He also serves on the Trust Board Education and Community Services Committees.

He supports the election of Trust Board members Joe Brooks and Bonnie Jo Griffith, both are serving out terms of vacated seats on the Board. "I support Joe's belief to protect the Trust money for future generations" stated Homer. "Bonnie Jo is politically active in both the tribe and the community. Both are dedicated to the Delaware people."

"The Delaware Tribe has a bright future mentally, spiritually and economically," he said, "as long as the elected leaders and tribal members work together. I would like to see a revival of tribal traditions and culture. This can be achieved if tribal members become more active and work with elected officials."

"I ask tribal members to vote yes on the proposed Trust Document. The proposed document combines the current Trust Document and the Master Plan. A large change is in the allocation of funds. The Economic Development and Land Management Committees are being replaced by new Elder and Veterans Committees, each will receive 5% of the allocation, Community Services,

Education, Cultural Preservation and Tribal Operations Committees will be increased by 5%. This will put more money into services for individuals and our cultural endeavors," expounded Scott.

"The tribe is growing in population and in tribal members participation. As a Trust Board member for the past year and a half, I have seen the growing interest of the people," Homer explained. "The new document focuses on the duties and responsibilities of the Trust Board. It does not duplicate or interfere with the duties and responsibilities of the Tribal Council or constitution."

"I ask for your support and vote on November 2, 2013. I want to be a part of the growth of the Delaware Tribe. Wanishi."■

## Karla Michelle Vernon

No statement submitted.■



## Mary Louise (Skye) Watters

Hello, my name is Mary Louise (Skye) Watters. I am declaring my candidacy for the Trust Board Member Election.

Education and care of our Elders are my main reasons for seeking this position on the Trust Board. When my Mother and I attended the General Council meeting held to determine how funds

from Dockets 72 and 298 were to be distributed, the tribe voted that 10% of the Judgment Funds were to be put in trust to perpetuate our tribe through education of our youth and care of our elders. I would like to work toward making this a reality.

I am the daughter of the late Elizabeth Longbone Skye West and Lester Skye and the granddaughter of Willie and Anna (Wilson) Longbone, prominent early-day Lenape Indian settlers in the Dewey area and William Skye who served as Chief of the Peoria Tribe in 1908. I attended Dewey Public Schools and was employed by Phillips Petroleum Company as secretary for approximately 30 years, retiring in 1986. My husband Gilbert R. Watters and I have been married 61 years. We have two children, Jim "Bo" Watters and Laura Elizabeth (Watters) Maynor, five grandchildren and ten great grandchildren.

I am a member of New Hope Indian United Methodist Church in Dewey, and have served as Lay Leader and Lay Speaker. I have been twice president of the Bartlesville Indian Women's Club, Vice-president of the First District of GFWC and GFWC-Oklahoma Drama & Literature Chairman, member of the Oklahoma Federation of Indian Women, serving on the constitution committee, secretary of the Delaware War Mothers club, member of the Delaware Tribal Culture Preservation Committee, served as Head Lady Dancer for the 1993 Chris Wilson Memorial Dance in Dewey and Head Lady Dancer for the 1994 Delaware Pow Wow in Copan. I was named to the 2011 AARP Oklahoma Indian Elder Honors Program. I am currently president of the Delaware Elders Group and active with the Delaware War Mothers.

I am proud to be a Delaware and would appreciate the opportunity to represent you as a Trust Board Member. Voting is a privilege. Please remember to vote in this election.■

## Proposed Revised Trust Document of the Delaware Tribe of Indians

**WHEREAS**, The Delaware Tribe maintained a governing Council before and after the Tribe's moving to Indian Territory in 1867-89, and:

**WHEREAS**, In September 1990 The Delaware Tribe of Indians were not on the list of federally recognized tribes possessing governmental powers, and

**WHEREAS**, The Delaware Tribal members approved the original Trust Document of the Delaware Tribe of Indians to establish an entity to which the BIA would release Delaware judgment funds for management and indirectly support the Delaware Tribal Government, and

**WHEREAS**, In 2009 The Delaware Tribe of Indians reacquired their federal recognition status as a functioning government and,

**WHEREAS**, The Delaware Tribal Council is the governing body of the Delaware Tribe of Indians, the Constitution of the Delaware Tribe of Indians is the governing document of the Delaware Tribe, and

**WHEREAS**, We, the Delaware Tribe of Indians, a/k/a LENAPE, associated with the Cherokee Nation in accordance with Article II of the Delaware Agreement, dated April 8, 1867, in order to preserve our Delaware organization, and;

**WHEREAS**, as it had become expedient and necessary for the release of the 10% Judgment Funds provided for in the Act of Congress dated October 3, 1972, P.L. 92-456, 86 Stat. 762, 25 U.S.C. § 1294(b), and;

**WHEREAS**, both the Cherokee Nation and the Secretary of the Interior have committed themselves to the fact that the Cherokee Nation will not interfere with or be called upon to approve, administer or oversee the administration, purpose, or use of such funds, and;

**WHEREAS**, as decreed in the original Trust Document approved by the Delaware People in 1990, the Trust Board established committees and guidelines to deliver services to the Delaware people, those committees and guidelines will stand unless otherwise stated in the "Plan" part of this document.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the following Document of the Delaware Tribe of Indians is hereby declared to be the formal expression of the procedure to administer the judgment funds of the Delaware Tribe of Indians appropriated by the Act of December 26, 1969 (83 Stat. 447, 453) (unclassified), to pay a judgment in favor of the Delaware Tribe of Indians in Docket 298, and in Docket 72, together with any interest thereon in the above referenced Act of Congress, dated October 3, 1972.

**THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**; that any future judgment funds that may be received by the Delaware Tribe and placed with the Delaware Trust Board for governing by consent of the Delaware Tribal Council and/or the Delaware people by referendum vote shall be administered by the Delaware Trust Board. Also any funds donated, received by grants, or fundraisers that are specifically received for Trust programs shall be administered by the Delaware Trust Board.

### ARTICLE I - Authority

The Supreme Authority of the Delaware Tribe of Indians is vested in the tribal members, (as defined in Article II of the Constitution of the Delaware Tribe).

- A. The Members of the Delaware Tribe of Indians, in 1990, established the Delaware Trust Board, to administer judgment funds when released to the Tribe by the BIA for Dockets 72 and 298.
- B. Any future judgment funds, donations, grants, etc., that are assigned or delegated to the Trust Board by the Tribal Members and/or the Delaware Tribal Council shall be administered by the Board.
- C. The members of the Delaware Tribe of Indians (as defined in Article II of the Constitution of the Delaware Tribe) delegated to the Delaware Tribal Council the authority to govern the Tribe and take care of all other business of the Delaware Tribe.
- D. Business: The sole and only methods of conducting business under this document shall be limited to:
  1. The elected Trust Board as delegated authority by the Delaware people by approving this document, as provided herein.
  2. The members voting by referendum; or the members meeting in General Council and the members voting by referendum;
- E. **General Council**: as herein used shall mean a meeting or gathering of all members of the Delaware Tribe of Indians who assemble in one geographic location, as stated in the Delaware Constitution Article XI.
  1. The Chairman of the Trust Board shall make an annual "Trust status" address at General Council.

2. Any action passed by General Council, regarding the Trust Board, may be confirmed by a referendum vote of the people.

#### F. Trust Board

1. There was created, by the Document approved on September 21, 1990, a representative body, which is known as the Delaware Trust Board, hereinafter referred to as "Trust Board."
2. The Trust Board consists of one (1) Chair and six (6) members, all of whom must be registered voters within the Delaware Tribe. Of the six (6) members the following officers shall be designated: Vice-Chair, Secretary and Treasurer.
3. Trust Board managerial functions, including the employment of workers, as needed, and the execution of routine Trust Board business functions, shall be delegated to the Trust Board.
4. The Trust Board shall meet at least once per month at a time and place designated by the majority vote of said Board at the previous meeting. All meetings of the Trust Board shall be held in accordance with Roberts Rules of Order Revised, unless in conflict with this document, the Delaware Tribal Constitution, and the Constitution of the United States of America.
5. All meetings of the Trust Board shall be public, except:
  - a. When matters of personnel and their employment are discussed;
  - b. When the question of moral turpitude of any Trust Board member is discussed; or
  - c. When the decorum of the audience shall prejudice orderly administration of business.

Such exceptions above will allow the Board to go into executive session. In the event that consideration of a subject shall take place in executive session, the vote shall take place in an open meeting.
6. No action shall be taken at any Trust Board meeting unless there is present a quorum, which shall be four (4) members of the Board.
7. The Chair of the Trust Board shall call and conduct all regular and special meetings of the said Board.
8. The vice-chair, in the absence of the chair, shall perform the duties of the chair, assuming all the duties, privileges, and responsibilities of the chair.
9. The secretary of the Trust Board shall correctly record and maintain all proceedings of the meetings of the said Board and shall upon request, make records available to members of the said Board and tribal members for inspection during regular business hours and send a copy of each to the superintendent of the Tahlequah Agency of the Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs. In the absence of the chair and vice-chair the secretary may conduct the meeting, if a quorum is present.
10. The Treasurer shall have direct supervision over the accounting department in regard to any monies administered by this Board. All monies entrusted in his/her care are in a special account and all disbursements are made by a check. All checks so issued shall be signed and properly countersigned by the properly designated trust officials before distribution.
  - a. The treasurer, working with the Tribal accounting department, maintains the formal accounting system for trust funds, which includes the accurate accounting of receipts and disbursements of said funds and shall present monthly reports to the Trust Board. The treasurer shall make an annual report at General Council. The treasurer shall make all Trust accounts and records available to the Superintendent at all times for inspection and/or audit.
    1. The fiscal year shall begin on January 1 and end on December 31.
    2. Each program will submit an annual budget to the treasurer. The treasurer shall then, with assistance from accounting, prepare an annual budget and supplements, thereto administering the judgment funds and consistent with the Plan as set forth in Article III of this Document. The Trust Board will approve the annual budget and present it to Tribal members in the *Delaware Indian News* and on the Delaware Tribe web site ([www.delawaretribe.org](http://www.delawaretribe.org)). Upon approval chair of the Trust Board shall submit the annual budget to the Secretary of the Interior for the Secretary's review.

11. The members of the Trust Board consist of those persons elected to the Office of Chair or member of the Trust Board in a duly called election in accordance with Article IV - Elections of Trust Board.

**E. Tribal Records:** All expenditures of Judgment Trust Funds shall be a matter of public record open to all tribal members at all reasonable times. Official minutes and reports of the Trust Board and any of their programs shall also be available to all tribal members at all reasonable times.

1. Any reports, minutes or other information pertaining to matters of personnel shall remain confidential to the extent necessary to protect the individual rights of the person or persons involved. However, the personnel decision of the Tribal entity shall be a public record available to review by all tribal members at all reasonable times.
2. Tribal members shall be allowed reasonable arrangements to copy open Tribal records, subject to appropriate federal law. The cost of such reproduction shall be born by the tribal member requesting reproduction, unless waived. Such cost shall not exceed that charged by local photocopying companies.

## ARTICLE II – Eligible Program Recipients

All members of the Delaware Tribe of Indians, as determined in Article II of the Constitution Delaware Tribe of Indians, are eligible to receive program benefits. All program applicants must meet the individual program guidelines.

## ARTICLE III – Program Plan

The Delaware Trust Board sets forth this plan to administer the Delaware Judgment Fund Distribution Plan as provided in Public Law 92-456, any additional funds from future judgment settlements, donations, grants etc. as determined by the Delaware people. This plan establishes perpetual funding for the operation of programs and services as provided in this plan:

### A. Purpose of the plan is:

1. To safeguard the assets of the Delaware people administered by this plan.
2. To establish rules and regulations for administration of programs.
3. To ensure that every eligible Delaware Tribal member has an opportunity to benefit from the use of the tribal assets, as described in this document, and investments. The plan will identify general guidelines to ensure effective delivery of services to the Delaware people.

### B. Definitions

1. Board shall mean Delaware Trust Board
2. BIA will be used to mean Bureau of Indian Affairs
3. Funds shall mean any funds supervised by the Board.
4. Tribe shall mean Delaware Tribe of Indians.

### C. Background

On December 26, 1969, the United States awarded a claim to the Delaware Tribe of Indians in Docket 298, with accumulated interest. The claim was a settlement for the Delaware outlet in Kansas in payment for lands taken in 1856 and 1857 and sold under Treaty of 1854 (10 Stat. 1048 involving sale of the Delaware Trust Land).

The funds not apportioned to the Absentee Delaware of Western Oklahoma (aka. Delaware Nation) were placed to the credit of the Delaware Tribe in the United States Treasury and were to be administered as follows: 90 percent of the funds were distributed in equal shares to each person enrolled pursuant to subsection 2(c) (1), and 10 percent remained to the credit of the Tribe in the United States Treasury, and was designated to be advanced, expended, invested or reinvested for any purpose that may be authorized by the entity as described in this document.

### D. Methodology:

This plan is the product of a series of meetings, planning and research by the Delaware Trust Board, Tribe and Tribal Staff. The original plan was implemented as follows:

1. For the purpose of this document the definition of assets refers to Delaware Judgment Funds as provided in Public Law 92-456, any additional funds from future judgment settlements assigned to the administration of this Board,
2. The original Delaware Judgment Funds, approximately \$1.5 million plus accumulated interest were placed under the supervision of the BIA.
3. The Board removed all except \$50,000 from the supervision of the BIA and invested it in secure interest bearing accounts,

4. All money under the supervision of the Board shall be placed in secure interest bearing accounts.
5. The annual earned interest is used to fund the programs and services as presented in this document.
6. All money under the supervision of the Board shall be audited at the conclusion of the fiscal year by an independent certified public accountant.
7. Only registered members of the Delaware Tribe of Indians, as provided in the Delaware Tribal Constitution, are eligible to receive services and programs presented in this plan.
8. All funds allocated to a program within this plan that are not expended at the conclusion of the fiscal year shall be carried over to be used by that program in the next fiscal year in addition to the new year's budget.
9. The Board reserves the right to transfer the investment management of the Delaware Judgment Funds from the supervision of the BIA to a private sector entity {as provided in Public Law 92-456, Section 4 (a)} upon approval of a properly submitted resolution to the Bureau of Indian Affairs. Such resolution and transfer shall require the approval of the BIA.

Neither the United States nor the Secretary of the Interior shall be liable, because of the Secretarial approval of an investment decision under this plan, for any losses encountered within such and investment decision.

10. The Board reserves the right to withdraw funds from the principal of the Funds provided:
  - a. The Board shall require the approval of the BIA and a referendum vote of the Delaware people over the age of 18 years. Approval requires a 2/3<sup>rd</sup> majority of votes cast.
  - b. Any withdrawal shall not exceed twenty percent (20%) of the total principal of the funds and may not reduce the principal below a value of \$3.8 million.
  - c. There shall be no more than one withdrawal from the principal of the funds during the fiscal year.

### E. Program Plan Distribution

1. Community Service	30%
2. Education	25%
3. Cultural Preservation	10%
4. Elders	5%
5. Veterans	5%
6. Tribal Operations	15%
7. Reinvestment	<u>10%</u>
	100%

### F. Program Parameters

The Board shall determine the duration, eligibility requirements, commencement date, budget amounts and rules and regulations for each of the selected distribution areas. Each program will develop an annual budget to be approved by the Board and presented to Tribal members in the *Delaware Indian News* and on the Delaware Tribe web site ([www.delawaretribe.org](http://www.delawaretribe.org)).

#### 1. Community Services Program—30%

The Community Services Program will promote the general welfare and well being of the members of the Tribe through support services and technical assistance. The supportive service will meet the need for Delaware Family Assistance and will provide a Central Information-Referral Service component. The services will be available on an emergency basis and will provide such services as financial assistance. This program will be national in scope to assist enrolled Tribal members as families, individuals and with community resource referral service component. This program will be flexible and available to all ages.

The Board established a committee to develop and oversee the program. The Trust Board assigns one of the Board members to be chairman, or co-chairman. Guidelines for available services are available from the Tribal Center and on the Tribal Web site ([www.delawaretribe.org](http://www.delawaretribe.org)).

#### 2. Education Program—25%

The Education Program shall provide financial and technical support to Tribal members of all ages to promote educational endeavors, including but not limited to higher education scholarships. This program will be national in scope. The Board established a committee to develop and oversee the program. The Trust Board assigns one of the Board members to be chairman, or co-chairman. Guidelines for available educational services are available from the Tribal Center and on the Tribal Web site ([www.delawaretribe.org](http://www.delawaretribe.org)).

**3. Cultural Preservation—10%**

The Cultural Preservation Program will provide a centralized system to maintain the language, ceremonies and traditions of the Lenape. This program will include the establishment of a museum, a library, ceremonial grounds, cemeteries and learning resource center for the Delaware people.

The Board established a committee to develop and oversee the program.

The Trust Board assigns one of the Board members to be chairman, or co-chairman. The committee is composed of tribal elders, historians, staff members and volunteers to implement the program.

**4. Elder Committee—5%**

The Board will establish a committee headed by an elder to address elder services, issues and needs. The Board established a committee to develop and oversee the program. The Trust Board will assign one of the Board members to be chairman, or co-chairman. The committee will establish guidelines and goals to be achieved.

**5. Veterans Committee—5%**

The Board will establish a committee headed by a veteran to address veteran services, issues and needs. The Trust Board will appoint a Board member as chairman or co-chairman who shall be a veteran. The Committee will establish guidelines and goals to be achieved.

**6. Tribal Operations—15%**

The purpose of this program is to provide an administrative structure of operations that will implement and maintain the various services called for in the Plan. These funds will be transferred to the tribal accounting department to provide administrative, accounting and staff support to all Trust programs. The annual audit will be paid for by the Board from each program according to the percentage received by each.

**7. Reinvestment—10%**

The Reinvestment Program will provide a continuous growth of the financial reserve and enhance the concept of perpetual funding sources for the Delaware people. The Board, on an annual basis, will reinvest ten percent of the annual accumulated interest on the principal amount back into the principal.

**ARTICLE IV – Election of Trust Board****A. Officers and Terms of Office**

1. Each elected chair or Trust Board member shall serve staggered terms of four (4) years.
2. Elections shall be held every even year the first Saturday of November to coincide with the Tribal Council elections.
3. Election of Trust Board members in 2013 shall be by referendum vote (ballots sent to all eligible Delaware voters with current addresses on file).
4. In order to bring Trust Board elections in line with the Tribal Council, Trust Board members elected in 2013 shall serve 5 years. Their terms will end in 2018. Trust Board members whose terms would end in 2015 will serve until 2016. All future terms of office will be for four years.
5. In concurrence with the Constitution of the Delaware Tribe of Indians, all members, eighteen (18) years of age or older, who are registered members of the Delaware Tribe, may vote in all elections and sign petitions.
6. Public notice of the date of election and 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 elections. 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.
7. Declaration of Trust Board candidacy shall be for either of the following positions: (a) Chair of Trust Board or (b) member of the Trust Board.
8. Members elected to the Trust Board shall take office at the next regular meeting of the Trust Board after the election at which time they shall take an oath administered by the Chair. In absence of the chair, the Vice-Chair, or Chair Pro-Tem elected by a majority of the Trust Board shall administer the oath of office.
9. The Trust Board, after being installed in office, shall elect by majority vote of its members, a vice Chair, secretary and Treasurer.
10. Vacancies of elected Board positions shall be announced at the Trust Board meeting at which the resignation is announced. Such vacancy shall also be posted on the Delaware Tribal web site for a minimum of 21 days. Tribal members interested in being considered for such position shall submit in writing their

interest and qualifications to the Trust Board and be present at the next regular meeting. The position shall remain vacant until the next regular meeting of the Trust Board, provided applications have been received and public notice has been given. Candidates not elected in the previous Trust Election shall be placed in the vacant seat according to most votes received that election, provided they submit an application for the position. If no previous candidates apply, Trust Board shall then appoint a tribal member, who has submitted an application, receiving the majority of the votes of the Trust Board then assembled, to the vacant post. The member chosen in this manner shall serve out the unexpired term of the office.

11. If the Trust Board shall fail to give proper notice of the election or in case a regular election has not been held, the Election Board, upon receipt of a valid petition signed by at least 100 registered voters shall call such election and shall give thirty (30) days notice, setting the time and place of the election.

**B. Election Board.**

The Election Board, chosen jointly by Tribal Council and Trust Board, shall consist of five (5) tribal members who shall not be members of the Trust Board, nor candidates for or hold any elective positions within the Delaware Tribe of Indians or employed by under contract to the tribe. The Election Board shall have the responsibility for overseeing elections and shall serve for a term of one (1) year or until successors are duly chosen and installed.

**C. Election Regulations.**

The Election Board, first selected in accordance with this Trust Document, shall present, for approval to the Tribal Council and Trust Board, proposed election regulations which shall provide for, among other things, walk-in balloting, mail-out secret balloting, voter registration and procedures for settling election disputes. Upon adoption by the Tribal Council and Trust Board, the election regulations shall remain in effect until amended by the Tribal Council and Trust Board.

1. The Tribal Council and Trust Board shall, in an election year, establish the location, date and time for the election.
2. Elections shall be held every even year the first Saturday of November to coincide with the Tribal Council elections.
3. Election of Trust Board members in November 2013 shall be by referendum vote (ballots sent to all eligible Delaware voters with current addresses on file).
4. From this year forward all eligible voters voting in the November 2013 election shall be considered to be absentee voters and will receive a ballot in all subsequent elections unless they fail to vote in three consecutive elections.
5. Eligible voters not voting in the November 2013 election will be required to request an absentee ballot. Once requesting an absentee ballot, unless they fail to vote in three consecutive elections, will continue to receive an absentee ballot.

**ARTICLE V - Removal from Office**

- A. Any member of the Trust Board shall be subject to removal from office for willful neglect of duty, corruption in office, habitual substance abuse, incompetency, prior or current conviction of a felony or convictions involving moral turpitude, provided such offenses occurred while the member is in office.
- B. Any member of the Trust Board not in attendance two consecutive times with unexcused absences, or a total of four regularly scheduled Board meetings, shall be subject to removal from office.
  1. Excused Absences
    - a. Illness—Board member, immediate family (spouse, children, parents, siblings)
    - b. Accidents—automobile accidents, unexpected breakdowns, i.e., flat tire, motor problems that leaves the Board member without transportation
    - c. Death in family
    - d. Board member shall provide documentation (doctor's note or bill, receipts for auto problems, photos or personal statements).
- C. The Trust Board shall make rules as are necessary for carrying into effect the provisions of this article, insuring therein that due process is afforded to all persons.

**ARTICLE VI - Initiative, Referendum and Amendment****A. Reserved Power**

Notwithstanding the provisions of Article I of this document, the members of the Delaware Tribe of Indians reserve to themselves the power to propose resolutions,

regulations or Trust Document amendments and to enact or reject the same at the polls, and also reserve power at their own option to amend or reject any act of the Trust Board. The power of initiative, referendum and amendment shall be exercised by petition. The Trust Board shall make suitable provisions for carrying into effect the provisions of this Article.

B. Petitions

A valid petition signed by one hundred (100) voting members of the Delaware Tribe shall be required to propose resolutions, regulations or amendments. The petition shall, at the beginning, contain a statement of purpose in clear and concise language. Petitions shall be typed and clearly set forth the proposal. A copy of the petition shall be filed with the Trust Board Secretary and addressed to the Trust Board Chair, prior to obtaining signatures. Petitions not filed will be invalid. Persons signing the petition must print their full legal name, address, and affix their signature. In determining whether the signatures are valid (those of registered voters), only those names, which appear on the same page as the "Statement of Purpose" with the text of the proposal, shall be counted. The Trust Board Secretary shall verify the voting status of all persons signing any petition.

C. Referendum

From time to time certain issues may require a mandate of the registered Tribal members 18 years or older. A referendum petition meeting the requirements of Article VI, section B, and signed by at least one hundred (100) voting members shall require the Trust Board Chair to institute a special election within forty-five (45) days, provided:

1. Referendum election shall be by secret mailed ballots prepared by the Election Committee.
2. The issue or question is clearly and concisely stated.
3. Notice and mailing of such ballots be accomplished not less than thirty (30) days and no more than forty-five (45) days before the deadline for submission of such ballots; and
4. Due process requirements are met, as provided by the Indian Civil Rights Act of 1968, 25 U.S.C., Section 1302.

D. Amendment

This Trust Document of the Delaware Tribe of Indians may be amended by 2/3-majority vote of the registered voters participating in a duly conducted referendum election. If two or more amendments are proposed they shall be submitted in such a manner that electors may vote for or against them separately. No proposal for the amendment of this document which is submitted to the voters shall embrace more than one general subject and the voters shall vote separately for or against each proposal submitted; provided, however, that in the submission of proposals for the amendment of this document by articles, which embrace a general subject, each proposed article shall be deemed a single proposal or proposition.

### ARTICLE VII - Ratification

This Trust Document shall become effective upon date of ratification, when ratified by: Those eligible to vote in Delaware Tribal elections as defined in the Constitution of the Delaware Tribe of Indians Article VI Section 6.

1. Those persons whose name; or Whose lineal ancestor's name appear on the per capita roll prepared by the secretary of the Interior on April 20, 1906; and
2. Who are eighteen (18) years of age or older and are registered Tribal members.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal the Trust Board of the Delaware Tribe of Indians to be affixed. This Trust Document of the Delaware Tribe of Indians is passed and certified in accordance with this document this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2013 at Bartlesville, Oklahoma.

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Chairman of the Delaware Trust Board

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Secretary of the Delaware Trust Board

## Donations Gratefully Accepted

The Delaware Tribe of Indians has many departments and committees that provide services and assistance to Delaware Tribal members. Departments such as the Archives, Library, and Museum are always in need of financial assistance.

Any Delaware Tribal member or friend of the Delaware Tribe who would like to donate to support these worthwhile endeavors may send donations to the **Lenape Charitable Fund**. The Lenape Charitable Fund is a 501 C3 and all donations are tax deductible.

Please indicate where you would like you donation to go:

- Delaware Tribal Archives
- Delaware Tribal Library
- Delaware Tribal Museum
- Delaware Language Preservation Project
- Elders Committee
- Tribal Cemeteries Upkeep/Improvements
- Trust Community Services Committee
- Trust Cultural Preservation Committee

Trust Education Committee:

- all services
- scholarships
- other
- Veterans Committee
- Wellness Center
- Use funds where most needed.

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Bartlesville, OK 74006-2746

## Check Out the Tribal Web Site

Have you visited our Tribe's web site recently?

We have a brand-new look (right) that hopefully is much more modern and attractive. Major stories are shown in a slideshow at the top of the page; wait a few second for the next slide in the sequence. Click on the picture to get the full story. Below this are three "sections" (News and Events, Culture and Language, and Our Community) with an ever-growing variety of stories and announcements. We'll be adding a lot more to the Culture and Language section very soon.

Videos of major tribal events including Council and Trust Board meetings are linked farther down, along with a link to an online copy of the latest issue of the DIN and links to major storylines such as Trust Board elections and the "Return to Kansas" initiative. Keep watching for the long-awaited online gift shop as well.

Don't forget to use the menu at the top of the page for contact info, services and programs (including downloadable application forms), an event calendar, job postings, and other information.

The site is updated regularly with the latest information. We hope you like it. If you have anything to post on the site, please contact us at [tribe@delawaretribe.org](mailto:tribe@delawaretribe.org).

To get to the web site, go to  
[www.delawaretribe.org](http://www.delawaretribe.org)

## From the Office of Tribal Manager

Curtis Zunigha

Greetings fellow tribal members and friends of the Delaware Tribe. As we head into Indian Summer and the autumn season we have much to be thankful for. Throughout this issue of the *DIN* you will read about the tribe's expansion into Kansas. There are political, economic, and historical reasons for this. One of the most compelling history lessons comes from a University of Kansas scholar, Mike Caron, who wrote an opinion piece for the *Lawrence Journal-World* in August. He brilliantly summarized the events of the Civil War era that forced the Delaware Tribe to give up its reservation in the Lawrence-

Leavenworth area. Please view it online at: <http://www2.lj-world.com/news/2013/sep/14/opinion-tribe-has-historical-ties-land>.

Our tribal leaders and staff meet daily to position our government for the expansion and to effectively maintain our current tribal community. We have a considerable investment in Oklahoma with the tribe's 80-acre complex plus 35 housing units in Washington County and 75 housing units in Rogers County. We also support the Boys & Girls Club in Chelsea, OK, where tribal children from our housing attend. Our staff has grown almost 400% in the past

two years. We recently achieved a "no findings" financial audit of the tribe's accounts. And the Cherokee Nation has just agreed to allow our tribe to get direct funding from the Bureau of Indian Affairs for operation of our tribal government. We had been operating under a 2008 agreement with Cherokee Nation that gave them control over our federal funds. So there is much to be proud and thankful for compared to just five years ago.

I urge all tribal members to read each page of this *DIN* and remain in contact with your tribal leaders and staff. We have so much more to achieve but we need your support in realizing the vision of a greater tribe. Wanishi (thank you).■

## Delaware Tribe Environmental Program

Jimmie Johnson

Good Day, I hope this finds everyone well. Over the course of the final quarter of this fiscal year, the Delaware Tribe Environmental Program saw the completion of several major projects. First the Delaware Tribe Environmental Protection Act was passed in the September Tribal Council Meeting. This Act sets the baseline for environmental enforcement on all of the Delaware Tribe's lands. This legislation project was sponsored by Councilwoman Jenifer Pechonick and spearheaded by Tribal Consultant Libbi Gray. DTEP Director Jimmie Johnson then worked closely with Libbi Gray, Bruce Martin, and Curtis Zunigha to draft a document that fulfilled the needs of the environmental program. The passage of this legislation marks the first time environmental law has been passed by the Delaware Tribal Council. Second, DTEP drafted the Delaware Tribe Integrated Solid Waste Management Plan. This document outlines how the tribal

facilities dispose of solid wastes, in an environmentally responsible manner which includes recycling in all tribal offices. This document fulfilled a grant deliverable for the current EPA GAP grant. Finally, a Strategic Energy Planning Workshop was held at the Hampton Inn in Bartlesville on September 4th, 5th, and 6th. This workshop was the result of the Environmental Program submitting a request to the Department of Energy for Technical Assistance in the matters of renewable energy and energy efficiency. The Department of Energy then contracted with Sandia National Laboratory to provide the Delaware Tribe with the workshop. Sandra Begay-Campbell from Sandia National Laboratory and Lesley Kabotie from Kabotie Consulting traveled to Bartlesville to present the workshop to the tribe. Tribal stakeholders attending the workshop included members of nearly every department and branch of the administration. This workshop helped define the Delaware

Tribe's vision for future energy sustainability and energy independence. The workshop produced several different workgroups that have set timed goals and objectives to produce an energy project. I would like to publicly thank each and every one who participated in the workshop and I am looking forward to seeing this project make progress in the near future.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone at the General Council meeting in November and hope to have exciting news about our energy project.

Wanishi.■



## Social Services Programs

Lacey Harris

The Delaware Tribe of Indians Social Services Department strives to enhance the quality of life and self-sufficiency of people in need of financial and social services. We provide leadership, advocacy, planning and delivery of these services in partnership with public and private organizations. Our staff is dedicated to providing these services with respect, compassion and accountability.

Below are some of the programs we are offering:

### LIHEAP

The Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) helps low income households, primarily in meeting their immediate home energy needs.

As usual, applications for heating assistance through LIHEAP will be accepted beginning December 1. You can download the application form at the tribal web site at [www.delawaretribe.org](http://www.delawaretribe.org), or pick one up at the Tribal Headquarters 170 NE Barbara Bartlesville, Ok 74006.

### REACH

The Delaware Tribe is working to reduce energy costs and health and safety risks of low-income families with elderly, disabled, and/or young children by providing them with home repair services and energy efficient improvements. The project

will provide heating and air unit repair/replacement, hot water tank replacement, installation of Energy Star appliances, and storm door and window replacement. \$300 will also be available to help with utility bills. Applicants must qualify under the 2013 HHS income guidelines, and live within the Delaware Tribe's five-county service area.

You can download the application at [www.delawaretribe.org](http://www.delawaretribe.org), or pick one up at the Tribal Headquarters 170 NE Barbara Bartlesville, Ok 74006.

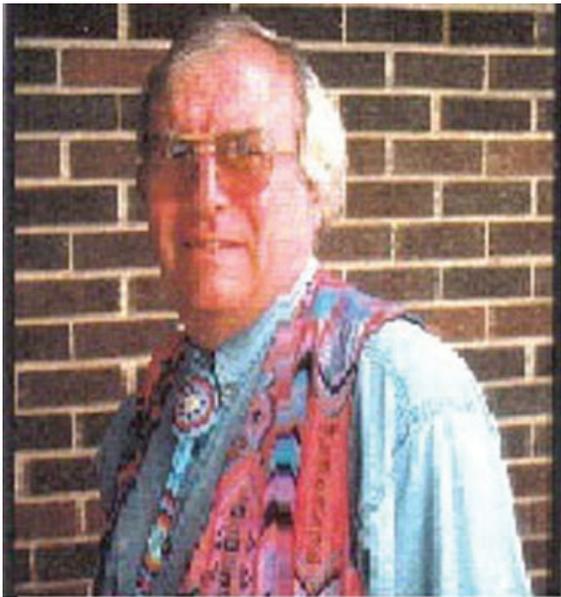
### CARBON MONOXIDE, SMOKE DETECTOR, AND FIRE EXTINGUISHER PROGRAM

The Delaware Tribe Social Services Department is offering Tribal members access to free carbon monoxide detectors, smoke detectors and fire extinguishers. Limit one per member. Eligibility requirements are the following: copy of Delaware Tribal membership card, live within the five-county service area, and qualify under the HHS State Income guidelines.

You can download the application at [www.delawaretribe.org](http://www.delawaretribe.org), or pick one up at the Tribal Headquarters 170 NE Barbara Bartlesville, Ok 74006.■

## Space Heaters to be Available to Tribal Members This Winter

The Delaware Tribe's Social Services Department will be offering digital ceramic space heaters in the months of December through February. These heaters will be for emergency situations, and the applicant must complete and submit an application and be income eligible according to the 2013 HHS Income guidelines. Applications will be available in all locations on the Bartlesville Campus, as well as on the Tribes website [www.delawaretribe.org](http://www.delawaretribe.org). For questions regarding this program please contact Lacey Harris at 918-337-6521 or at [lharris@delawaretribe.org](mailto:lharris@delawaretribe.org).■



Larry (Joe) Brooks

## *Elect Two Elder Veterans*

Homer Scott

Homer and Joe have worked hard to arrange a **NEW TRUST DOCUMENT & PLAN** which will protect our Trust Funds into the future, Their efforts will create new Elder and Veteran Committees receiving 5% each of Trust Funds and add 5% each to Community Services, Cultural Preservation, Education and Tribal Operations. ***ELECT JOE AND HOMER - VOTE YES NEW DOCUMENT, PLAN & BUDGET***

**Paid For With The Personal Funds of Homer Scott, Joe Brooks and Lenape Friends**



Strategic Energy Planning Technical Assistance was held September 4th, 5th, and 6th in Bartlesville. Pictured (L-R) Councilwoman Jan Brown, Councilwoman Jenifer Pechonick, Lesley Kabotie (Kabotie Consulting), Environmental Director Jimmie Johnson, Chief Pechonick, Sandra Begay-Campbell (Sandia National Laboratory), Councilwoman Verna Crawford, and Assistant Chief Chet Brooks.

## Housing Program Opens New Units in Bartlesville

Former Irene Apartments Renamed "The Lodges"



The Tribe's 12-unit apartment complex at 1026 S. Johnstone in Bartlesville was purchased in early 2013. Renovations included restored concrete walkways, electric circuit boxes, outdoor lighting, new paint, and a new sign. The Tribal Council approved renaming the complex to The Lodges.

## Needed! Foster and Adoptive Parents

### DELAWARE TRIBAL SOCIAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

All children need a loving touch, kind words, safety, security, and a family. These aren't optional in a child's life. These are things that are needed for healthy development of children. These things make the difference between a life of success and a life of struggle.

That's what you can do as a Foster/Adoptive Parent for Delaware Children who, by no fault of their own, are in out-of-home placements. Did you ever wonder why somebody didn't do something about that? Then you realized that you are that somebody! You can make the difference in the lives of Delaware Children. The Delaware Tribal Social Services Department is recruiting foster parents for placement of Delaware children who have been removed from their parents, family member or caregiver for any number of reasons. Examples of these are substance abuse, abuse and neglect, domestic violence and a parent's inability to handle the stressors of being a parent.

Contact our Social Services Manager, Lacey Harris, for more information on how you can make a positive difference in the lives of Delaware children (918-337-6590, or [lharris@delawaretribe.org](mailto:lharris@delawaretribe.org)).

The mission at Delaware Tribal Social Services is to protect children from abuse and neglect while strengthening and preserving families. However, without the help of people like you, Delaware Tribal members, and other Native Americans, these children often end up in the homes of complete strangers, leaving behind relatives, culture, and heritage.■



## Birthday Parties in the Community Center

Birthday celebrations were held on June 11 for Mary Watters and on July 3 for Bonnie Thaxton (her 90th!). A "group" celebration was also held on August 28 for August birthdays (Kay Anderson, Sandi Jameson, Janifer Brown, Homer Scott, Dee Ketchum and Curtis Zunigha) and wedding anniversaries in the same month (Ralph and Mary Lou Dershem).

Congratulations to the honorees and thanks to the Elder Nutrition kitchen staff for all their hard work!!■



## DELAWARE WAR MOTHERS SEEKING NEW MEMBERS

If you are a female Native American wanting to represent a veteran OR a female Non-Native American wanting to represent a Native American veteran and would be interested in joining please come to our next meeting or contact Bess Marler, Vice President at 918-440-1955, Tonya Anna, President at 918-533-8035 or send an email to us at [delawarewar-mothers@yahoo.com](mailto:delawarewar-mothers@yahoo.com).

Delaware War Mothers Club meets every third Monday of the month at 5:00 pm in the dining hall at the Community Center.■

## Powwow Committee Needs Help!

A fund-raiser is being planned for the 50th Delaware Pow-wow, which is coming up in May 2014. The fund-raiser will be held October 19, 2013 at the Fred Fall-leaf Memorial Pow-wow Grounds, Copan, OK. There will be an auction, raffles, a hog fry, Halloween party, and a hayride. Starting at 3:00.

The Pow-wow Committee is looking for items to be used in the auction, hog fry and Halloween party. If you would like to help or have items to donate please call Lu Ann Hainline at 918-338-9907. We are hoping to have a great time and raise some money for the 50th Delaware Pow-wow. See you there!■



Tribal member Jim Hammon gives Tyler Ennesser, 8, a few dancing tips during the Andersonstown Powwow in Anderson, Indiana, September 7 and 8. Photo Don Knight/The Herald Bulletin.

During the ten years that Andersonstown Pow Wow and Art Market has been founded, a group of Delaware have helped. Annette Ketchum and Mike Pace are descendants of Chief Anderson for whom the town and festival are named. Dee Ketchum has MC'ed the Powwow for three years and Mike has served as area director. Both, along with Annette Ketchum and Ella Pace, are presenters for the school programs during the week before the powwow and during the powwow they speak to small audiences at the event on various Delaware topics. After the powwow dancing, they do some traditional and lead dances.



Photo of Mike Pace, upper right, courtesy of James W. Brown, originally published in The Star Press, Muncie, IN.

## Happy Birthday to Bobby Ray Stevens

Chief Pechonck thanks Jake Stevens for the nice letter (part of which is reprinted, left) and is happy to send along her birthday wishes to Jake's brother Bobby Ray!!

In the Old Delaware News, could you wish my Brother Bobby Ray Stevens a happy Birthday again  
SEP. 25, 1989  
HAPPY Warrior Day  
Bobby Ray Stevens  
And many more to follow, live today to the fullest  
Because our Creator never promise a tomorrow  
BIG LOVE your lil Bro  
Jake Stevens

## Obituaries



### Franklin Delano Brown

November 26, 1933-  
June 10, 2013

Mr. Franklin Delano Brown, age 79, a resident of De Queen, died Monday, June 10th in the Christus St. Michael Health System, Texarkana.

He was born to Andrew Merrill and Ardith M. Haff Brown in Lawton, Oklahoma on November 26, 1933. He was a veteran of Vietnam War, having served in the U.S. Air Force 18 years, and worked in construction in Texas.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and a sister, Pauline Gilmore of Dallas, Texas.

He is survived by a sister and brother-in-law, Reventa and Charles Ligon of De Queen; a son and daughter-in-law, Frank M. and Kathy Brown of Summerville, South Carolina; two daughters, Vickie Brown of Summerville, South Carolina, and Laura Sumner and her husband of Hugo, Oklahoma; a grandson, Brent; a granddaughter, Paige; a great-granddaughter, Zoe; and a number of nieces and nephews.

The family received friends at Chandler Funeral Home, De Queen on Wednesday, June 12, from 6:00 to 8:00 P.M. ■



### Norma Lee (Baker) Byler

February 11, 1927-  
November 1, 2011

Norma Lee (Baker) Byler, 84, passed on to the other side Tuesday, November 1, 2011. She was a long-time resident of San Jose, CA.

She was born in Copan, Okla. to Henry Baker and Mary Tina Black. She graduated her Senior High School and Jr. College in Bartlesville, OKLA.

She was VERY proud of her Indian Heritage and her Grandchildren!

She is survived by her 4 children (Randall Lee Byler, Bradley Henry Byler, Mitzi Kay Byler and Kristi Elizabeth (Byler) Cattaneo) and her 7 grandchildren: Matthew L. Byler, Melanie J. Byler, Jacqueline S. Byler, Brandon J. Byler, Briana L. Byler-Marse, Angela M. Cattaneo, and Kevin J. Cattaneo. ■

### Kenneth R. Cobb Jr.

August 10, 1944-  
August 22, 2013

Born August 10, 1944, Claremore, Oklahoma. Died August 22, 2013, Tulsa, Oklahoma. Services were held 10:00 am Saturday, August 24, 2013 at Memorial Park Cemetery, Nowata, Oklahoma. Officiated by Curtis Zunigha of the Delaware Tribe of Indians; Casket Escorts Kenneth Cobb, Jr., Tim Balio, Ron Davis

Rosann Bilio, and Cheryl Wilson. Honorary Casket Escorts Cinitha Balio, Charles Dowling, and Andrea Balio. Interment at Memorial Park Cemetery, Nowata, Oklahoma. Arrangements by Stumpff-Nowata Funeral Home, Nowata, Oklahoma. ■

### Joyce Ann Glover Harris

August 6, 1953-  
June 11, 2013

Joyce Ann Glover Harris, 59, passed away June 11, 2013 at her home in Joplin, MO. She was born August 6, 1953 in Quapaw, Oklahoma.

Her parents were Barson and Helen Glover, who preceded her in death. She married Steve Harris, in 1973 in Joplin. He also preceded her in death.

She is survived by one son, Michael W. Harris of the home; one sister, Nancy Miller of Galena; one sister-in-law, Karen Glover Hobbs of Joplin; several nieces and nephews, who loved her dearly. Two sisters preceded her in death, Kathy L. Glover and Milissa Bovial; two brothers, Billy Glover and Frankie Johnson.

Cremation was by Parker Mortuary. Memorial services were held on Monday, July 8, 2013 at 1:00 P.M. at the community center in the Galena, Kansas Police Department, with Christine Lannucilli officiating.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Parker Mortuary towards funeral expenses. ■

### Verna "Madge" Parret

December 19, 1919-  
May 6, 2013

Passed away at home on May 6, 2013. "Madge," as she was known to family and friends, was born on December, 19, 1919, in

Cody's Bluff near Nowata, Oklahoma to Alta (Allen) and John L. Armstrong. She was very proud of Cherokee and Delaware ancestry as many of her relatives were listed on the Dawes Indian Roll of the territory of Oklahoma.

She was married to Charles I. Parret, in Independence, Kansas on October 4, 1939, a union that lasted 63 years, until Charles' passing in 1992. They had four children, Phillip, Linda, and twins Ronny and John.

She was preceded in death by Charles; two infant sons; mother and father; brother, Preston WWII; sister, Nondis; brother, John.

She is survived by her daughter, Linda; husband, Dean Pfaender; grandchildren, Delinda Gauntz husband Doug; Daren Pfaender; all of North Bend OR; son, John Parret, Tenmile OR; his daughters: Jolynn, Jessie, Jeri, and Jamie and husband Herbert; sisters: Sandra Boswell and Alberta Van Noy of Lakewood, CO; and numerous great-grandchildren.

She was cremated and buried at Noah Cemetery in Camas Valley on June 2, 2013. ■



### Jack Powell

February 19, 1919-  
June 20, 2013

Nowata resident Jack M.B. Powell, 94, passed from this life Thursday, June 20, 2013 at Jane Phillips Medical Center in

Bartlesville. Jack was born February 19, 1919, in Ruby, Oklahoma, to Wendel Adolphus Powell and Mary Verna (Armstrong) Powell, and is a great-great grandson of Charles Journeycake, Chief of Delaware Indians. His was a hard-scrabble childhood growing up on his grandparent's farm north of Nowata. His rough-and-tumble youth and young adulthood were filled with rodeos, and living fast and hard. He served his country in WWII from July, 1, 1942 to December 30, 1945, in Australia, New Guinea, the Philippines, and Korea as a Tech Sergeant in the 15th Army Air Corps. On February 22, 1947 he married the love of his life, Lula Rose (Posey) Frieden.

Jack and Posey started their life together at Oklahoma A&M in Stillwater where he studied engineering. They moved to Oklahoma City where both worked and their daughter, Liz, was born in March 1952. In 1968 the family moved back to Nowata when Jack accepted a job with Phillips Petroleum. Posey died April 22, 1982 at age 58. Jack continued to work until his retirement in 1984.

Jack later married Betty (Benjamin) Poole, a former high school classmate. Betty's daughter, Roxie, worked for Frontier Airlines and the three enjoyed many trips to exotic places, including Jack's beloved Australia where he won the 1944 Championship bull riding event during the war. Jack and Betty later divorced but he remained close to Roxie.

A few years later Jack married Carroll Marrs and moved to Bartlesville. They divorced but maintained a friendship. Jack moved back to Nowata where he spent the remainder of his days golfing; walking his dogs Sugar, then Frosty, and most recently Smokey; and attending the Senior Center and Nowata First Christian Church.

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Jack maintained lasting friendships from high school, rodeo, Army days, and from Crown Heights Christian Church in Oklahoma City. He made many new friends when they returned to Nowata. He and Posey were active in the Nowata County Club. In later years he golfed regularly with his Schnauzer Sugar riding along in the cart.

Perhaps one of his most memorable good deeds was visiting the children of friends, dressed as Santa Claus, with "special" Christmas gifts. Those, now grown-up children, still remember those visits. Children in his neighborhood today are still attracted to his special aura of love and friendship.

Though he never thought about how he wanted to be remembered, he will be remembered as a regular guy whose path in life touched many, with the blessings of true friendship, understanding, and compassion.

Jack is survived by a daughter Elizabeth "Liz" Parker and her husband Jim, of Kemmerer, Wyoming; and a step-daughter Roxie Poole, of Aurora, Colorado.

Services for Jack Powell were held on Wednesday, June 26, 2013 at the First Christian Church of Nowata, with Reverend Rob Crawford officiating. Services were under the direction of Benjamin Funeral Service of Nowata. The family suggests donations to the 10-33 Wheelchair Van

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

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

in Nowata, the Nowata Senior Citizens, or Home Health, 2000 W. Blue Starr Drive, Claremore, Oklahoma 74017. Online condolences may be left at [www.honoringmemories.com](http://www.honoringmemories.com).■



### Victoria Sina "Vicki" Sam-Bush October 9, 1966- June 27, 2013

Victoria Sina "Vicki" Sam-Bush, 46-year-old resident of Marble City, died Thursday, June 27, 2013 at the Kindred Hospital in Tulsa. She was born on October 9, 1966 in Claremore to Dwayne and Condelia Nan (Thomas) Sam. Vicki was a graduate of Tahlequah-Sequoyah High School. She married Benny I. Bush on July 10, 1985 at the Craig County Court House in Vinita. Vicki was a member of the Native American Church, as well as the Cherokee and Choctaw Tribes.

The family includes: her husband Benny of the home, children, Ben Cody Bush of Tulsa, Dustin Wayne Bush and Samuel Austin Bush both of Marble City; siblings, Sherri Sam of Tulsa, Leon Slinker of White Oak, Lucy Livers of Stilwell, Robert Slinker of Stilwell, Dorena Terrapin of Tahlequah, Job Thomas of Miami; granddaughters and grandsons, numerous nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

The wake was held at the Thomas home approximately one mile south of White Oak on 4340 Road.

The graveside service was held Sunday, June 30, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. at the Thomas Family Cemetery south of White Oak on 4340 Road, with Eric Wensman officiating.

Online condolences may be made at [www.honoringmemories.com](http://www.honoringmemories.com). Arrangements by the Luginbuel Funeral Home of Vinita.■



### Robert Lawrence Slinker May 24, 1984- September 12, 2013

Robert Lawrence "Baby Boy" Slinker, 29-year-old resident of Stilwell, died Thursday September 12, 2013 in an automobile accident near Stilwell. He was born May 24, 1984, in Oklahoma City to Charles Leon Slinker and Cordelia Nan (Thomas) Slinker. Robert was a graduate of White Oak High School. He married Starla Duncan on May 24, 2013, in Adair County. Robert worked as a professional painter and was a Native American pottery artist.

The family includes: his wife Starla of the home, two children, Blaze and Blade Slinker, step-child, Athan Duncan; siblings, Sherri Sam of Tulsa, Leon Slinker of White Oak, Lucy Livers of Stilwell, Dorena Terrapin of Miami, Anthony Slinker of Oklahoma City, Chuck Slinker and Larissa Slinker, both of Tulsa.

He was preceded in death by his mother and sister, Victoria Sina "Vicki" Sam-Bush.

The funeral was held Tuesday, September 17, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. at the Thomas Family Cemetery south of White Oak, with Eric Wensman officiating.

Online condolences may be made at [www.honoringmemories.com](http://www.honoringmemories.com). Arrangements by the Luginbuel Funeral Home of Vinita.■

## What is Going On?

Janifer Brown  
Tribal Council Treasurer

Everything under the sun is happening in the tribe, or at least it feels like it. This expansion into Kansas is moving right along. If you haven't heard the latest then let me bring you up to date.

Chief Pechonick and the Kansas Governor had a visit about the tribe's desire to expand into Kansas. He was very pleased with the idea of what our tribe can offer the people in Kansas.

Expanding into Kansas. What exactly does that mean to you and your family? Many think we have to move and don't care about you. That is far from what is happening. The Tribe does not plan to give up any of its holdings here in Oklahoma, just to add service areas in Kansas. This allows the tribe to operate as many or more programs than we had before the second removal of our sovereignty.

With the MOA signed by the previous administration, the tribe is under the control of the Cherokee Nation. We are an independent tribe and this is very restricting and belittling. We can become a stronger tribe and be very self-sufficient in Kansas. The more we are able to accomplish, the better it will be for tribal members and the future for our grandchildren wherever they live, This move has been talked about for years, and now is the time to do it.

The land that was purchased in Lawrence, KS, is the first step in developing our new reservation, or re-establishing our old reservation. It is a piece of land that was owned by a tribal member before our forced removal. It's like going back to the family home where you were raised. It's just a small portion of what we once had in Kansas, but it's a start. Come join the move or just sit back and watch. It is an exciting time for the us, the Delaware Tribe of Indians.■

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# Minutes of the Tribal Council, June 2013-August 2013

## Monday, June 3, 2013 Community Center

*Respectfully submitted by Councilwoman Jenifer Pechonick*

The Chief called the meeting to order at 5:05 pm. Councilwoman Annette Ketchum prayed. Present: Chief Pechonick, Assistant Chief Chet Brooks, Jenifer Pechonick, Annette Ketchum, Janifer Brown and Verna Crawford. Nathan Young was absent due to illness.

Guests: Curtis Zunigha, Charles and Mary Randall, Bruce Martin, Jana Roth, Jean Lewis, Leslie Fall-Leaf, Ben Plemmons, Gina Carrigan-St. Clair, Jo Griffith, Don and Priscilla Mason and John Chapman Young.

Annette Ketchum made a motion to accept the agenda as presented. 2<sup>nd</sup> Verna Crawford. Motion passed all in favor.

Jenifer Pechonick made a motion to approve the minutes May 6, 2013 with corrections. 2<sup>nd</sup> Chet Brooks. 5 yes, 1 abstain (Janifer Brown, absent for meeting).

Janifer Brown made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report pending audit. 2<sup>nd</sup> Jenifer Pechonick. Motion passed all in favor.

Verna Crawford made mention the Trust Fund is up \$60k due to the market.

Annette Ketchum made a motion to approve the reports in packet, 2<sup>nd</sup> Jenifer Pechonick. Motion passed all in favor.

Verna Crawford made a motion to approve a 25% increase in the consultation fees for Brice's department to \$250 per historic consultation. 2<sup>nd</sup> Janifer Brown. Discussion: the Tribal Council discussed what other Tribes are charging. Curtis discussed how some of the funds are spent. Motion passed all in favor.

## Unfinished Business

Leslie Fall-Leaf reported on the enrollment backlog and recent training. In the last month 148 up-

dates, 92 cards (which may not be accurate due to printer jams), 67 affidavits of membership, 3 BIA 44-32 forms, 59 profile forms. The backlog is still 103, with 31 new ones last month. Priority is to get new people in and scan documents later. The 2<sup>nd</sup> seat for Progeny has been purchased.

## Ratification of Poll Vote

A poll vote was conducted May 30, 2013 for Resolution 2013-27 to Contract with a Tribal Judge for the Tribal Child Support Enforcement Program. Verna Crawford made the motion to work on codes, 2<sup>nd</sup> Chet Brooks to ratify the poll vote. Motion passed all in favor.

Jenifer Pechonick made a motion to approve Resolution 2013-28 To Amend the Delaware Tribal Membership Act. 2<sup>nd</sup> Janifer Brown. Discussion: the resolution moves Section 13 to 14 and Section 14 to 15. Motion passed all in favor.

Annette Ketchum made a motion to approve Resolution 2013-29, to Amend the Delaware Tribal Membership Act, Changes Section 12 to Section 13 Ineligible Tribal Member Removal Procedures. 2<sup>nd</sup> Verna Crawford. Discussion: the provision allows for removal of tribal membership in the event of mistaken identity or deliberately false information as well as due process for applicants.

Jana Roth presented information regarding a planning grant for a tribal charter school.

Verna Crawford made a motion to approve Resolution 2013-30, Establish Tribal Education Department, 2<sup>nd</sup> Chet Brooks. Motion passed all in favor. Discussion: Curtis Zunigha said the challenge will be for the Trust Education Committee to work with the Tribal Council.

Verna Crawford said that we are holding consideration of Resolution 2013-31 until a later date.

Verna Crawford made a motion to approve Resolution 2013-32

Chief Financial Officer and Director of Human Resources will fall under the supervision of the Chief. 2<sup>nd</sup> Annette Ketchum. Discussion: The Tribal Council feels the changes of the organizational chart are necessary to help the flow of information.

Verna Crawford made a motion to approve Resolution 2013-33 Remove Title 25 and Title 19 and any resolutions pertaining to these. 2<sup>nd</sup> Janifer Brown. Discussion: these titles pertain to the job descriptions and personnel policy mandated into law in 1983 per the Tribal Codes. Motion passed all in favor.

Verna Crawford made a motion to approve Resolution 2013-34 NCAI Delegate and Alternate. 2<sup>nd</sup> Annette Ketchum. Discussion: resolution is required by NCAI to designate the representative and alternates. Motion passed all in favor.

Chief Pechonick welcomed Gina Carrigan-St. Clair back as our tribal attorney.

Don Mason, Chief Justice, reported on Sovereignty Symposium. He said there is money for law enforcement. Local and State law enforcement is interested in partnering with Indian tribes. ICWA and Economic Development were hot issues. Don also discussed instituting criminal codes and enforcement with which to enforce the codes in the future. Don also applauded establishment of the Education Department. Don mentioned the meeting this afternoon on behalf of Child Support Enforcement.

Verna Crawford said that she, Curtis Zunigha and Chet Brooks attended the Office of Trust Fund Management reform. She said on Friday Curtis Zunigha gave a verbal outline of our situation and she and Chet commended Curtis's presentation. Chet Brooks said one of the commissioners pledged to help us.

Curtis Zunigha reminded everyone the DIN deadline is June 15.

Meeting adjourned at 6:07 pm.

## Monday, July 1, 2013 Community Center

*Respectfully submitted by Verna Crawford, Tribal Council Secretary*

Chief Paula Pechonick called the meeting to order at 5:40 pm. Council Member Annette Ketchum gave the invocation. Roll call was given by Secretary Verna Crawford. Those present: Chief Paula Pechonick, Assistant Chief Chet Brooks, Council Secretary Verna Crawford, Council Treasurer Janifer Brown, Council Members Jenifer Pechonick, Nathan Young and Annette Ketchum.

Chief Pechonick welcomed guests.

Guests present: Charles and Mary Randall, Mrs. Nate Young and Bonnie Jo Griffith (Trust Board). Employees present: Curtis Zunigha, Greg Brown, Bruce Martin, Jana Roth, and Jean Lewis

**Janifer Brown** moved to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by Nate Young.

Discussion: Chief Pechonick stated that Resolution 2013-35 and 2013-38 need to be removed and considered at a later date. Jenifer Pechonick requested to add consideration of the revised contract for DTFS, Inc. under Other Business. Motion carried with all in favor.

**Verna Crawford** moved to approve the minutes of June 10, 2013 with corrections, seconded by Annette Ketchum. Discussion: Verna Crawford requested to have the full name of those submitting reports. (Brice Obermeyer did not have last name listed). Motion carried with six yes and one abstention (Nate Young).

**Verna Crawford** made a motion to approve the Treasurer's

report pending audit, seconded by Chet Brooks. Discussion: Treasurer Janifer Brown announced that the audit reports for Council and Trust Board have been completed with no findings. Verna Crawford expressed the Council's appreciation to CFO Jean Lewis and the accounting department. Motion carried with all in favor.

Chief Pechonick noted that department reports were in the packet. She asked if anyone had any questions or comments on the reports? (Reports attached).

Annette Ketchum requested an explanation of the "Intranet" verses the "Internet" as stated in the Tribal Manager's report. Tribal Manager Curtis Zunigha explained that the "Intranet" is for closed internal communication. Each department will have forms and other information for only staff members and elected officials. This will improve and make more economical for internal communication, especially with the move to Kansas. This will be a great management tool, stated Nate Young. There will be a Council workshop on the system soon.

Annette Ketchum congratulated Greg Brown on the July DIN. It was out on time and a great job.

**Chief Pechonick** called on Registration/Enrollment Director Leslie Fall-Leaf to report on the enrollment backlog.

Director Fall-Leaf stated that only some progress has been made in clearing up the backlog. She stated that the office has been rearranged. Enrollment Clerk Chris Miller has been moved into the office as well as the enrollment filing cabinets. She stated that Allan Barnes has been established as the receptionist and is doing a great job. Both Leslie and Chris attended training on the enrollment software, which has been a big help.

Jenifer Pechonick commented that in the past the department

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staff did not have the tools to do their job. The Tribe had only one license for the software for enrollment and at least two were needed so that two people could input the information into the computer at the same time.

Ms. Fall-Leaf stated that she is working on policies and procedures for enrollment and is making progress on the backlog. Most of the backlog for enrollment from the years before her assuming the job has been completed. This month there are 51 new tribal enrollees. She had been instructed by the Council to hold working on the new enrollees and clear up the older applications. That is why there are 51 people in the current Resolution of new members. A couple of Council members volunteered to help with the input of information after hours. This would help to understand what the staff does on a daily basis. The Council agreed on an extension of 120 days to work on the backlog.

Janifer Brown requested, due to the length of the Tribal Manager's report, to have a workshop on it.

Tribal manager Curtis Zunigha responded that there was a lot there. He stated that he had a letter ready for the Chief to sign going to the BIA requesting an extension to our 638 direct funding request. All advisors including the BIA, recommended the extension. At present these funds pass through the Cherokee Nation.

Curtis Zunigha requested approval to allow Cherokee Nation Engineering Department to use Delaware Tribe priority points for sanitation projects funded by Indian Health Service. This will benefit Delaware Tribal members in Chelsea, Alluwe and other areas.

**Janifer Brown** moved to allow Cherokee Nation Engineering Department to use Delaware Tribal priority points for sanitation projects funded by Indian Health Service. Nate Young seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

Nate Young suggested that we request adding our name to the projects along with the Cherokee Nation. Curtis said that the last one in Ramona our name was also on the sign.

Jenifer Pechonick reported that Cherokee Nation donated \$4,900 to the Boys and Girls club in Chelsea. The Delaware Tribe gives \$36,250 annually to the club. The Delaware Tribal Housing Authority helped build the facility and supplied initial funding.

**Nate Young** moved to approve the membership resolution as presented in Resolution 2013-37 and that the council waive reading of the resolution. (51 new Tribal members were listed). Chet Brooks seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

**Annette Ketchum** made a motion to approve Resolution 2013-36 – Resolution of the Tribal Council of Delaware Tribe of Indians authorizing the submission of an application to the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Innovation and Improvement for the planning, program design, and implementation of a Delaware Tribal Charter School. Jenifer Pechonick seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

Curtis Zunigha reported that he would like to get two items in the record.

One was that he, Chet Brooks and Verna Crawford attended a special consultation meeting in Oklahoma City. The Special Secretarial Commission on Trust Fund Administration held consultation meeting with tribes and individuals. Curtis stated that he made a presentation representing the Delaware Tribe and followed up with an extensive paper to the Commission. The content of the presentation and paper were what our Attorney Tom Peckam provided regarding history, what actions are needed to get our trust claims resolved and money turned over to the Tribe. Commissioner Stacy Leeds responded that the report was received and she would see that it got to the appropriate federal officials. Curtis

stated that the Tribe has follow up work to do with Congress and in Washington.

Curtis acknowledged that three Tribal Council members went to the Mid-Year meeting of NCAI in Reno. They met with many tribal and federal leaders, including Assistant Secretary Washburn. He stated the Tribe needs to work on our presence at the Annual NCAI meeting in October. The Delaware Tribe will host the Elder's Lounge.

Bonnie Jo Griffith reported that the Elders Committee held their election of officers at their meeting. Mary Watters was elected Chairman, Bonnie Jo Griffith Vice Chair and Jan Brown treasurer. Mary Randall was elected secretary as a non-voting member.

Chet Brooks moved to go into Executive Session. Jan Brown seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

Nate Young moved to return to open session at 7:50 p.m. Chet Brooks seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

No action taken regarding Executive Session.

Meeting adjourned at 8 p.m.

## Monday, August 5, 2013 Community Center

*Respectfully submitted by Verna Crawford, Tribal Council Secretary*

Chief Paula Pechonick called the meeting to order at 5:40 pm. Assistant Chief Chet Brooks gave the invocation.

Secretary Verna Crawford called the roll. Those present: Chief Paula Pechonick, Assistant Chief Chet Brooks, Council Secretary Verna Crawford, Council Treasurer Janifer Brown, Council Members Jenifer Pechonick, Nathan Young and Annette Ketchum. Crawford announced all present, a quorum was established.

Chief Pechonick welcomed guests asking if any guest would like to address the Council.

Guests present: Bonnie Thaxton, Bruce Martin, Carol Young, Tonya Anna, Barbara Wallace, Chief Justice Don Mason, Priscilla Mason, Curtis Zunigha, Justice Charles Randall, Mary Randall, Leslie Fall-Leaf, John Moore, Greg Brown, Dee Ketchum, Jean Lewis, Rick Barnes, and Sandi Jamison.

**Jenifer Pechonick** made a motion to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by Janifer Brown. Discussion: Chief Pechonick stated that agenda item; VI-C should be removed, as item is not ready for action. Motion carried all in favor.

**Nate Young** made a motion to approve the minutes of July 1, 2013 with corrections if needed, seconded by Janifer Brown. Motion carried with six yes and one abstention (Nate Young).

**Nate Young** made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report pending audit, seconded by Janifer Brown. Motion carried with all in favor.

Chief Pechonick noted that department reports were in the packet. She asked if anyone had any questions or comments on the reports. (Reports attached).

Curtis Zunigha requested the Council to waive the regulations regarding the FEMA trailers. There is an applicant for the last trailer who lives in Kansas. The applicant has land and qualifies in every other way.

**Nate Young** made a motion to waive the policy requirements to allow for the last FEMA trailer to be placed in Labette County Kansas. Motion carried with all in favor.

**Chet Brooks** made a motion to approve the use of the community center building for a fundraiser for the War Mothers and their fund-raising booth at General Council. Annette Ketchum seconded the motion. Discussion: Curtis will oversee the use of the building and cleanup. Motion passed all in favor.

**Chief Justice Don Mason** delivered the judges report stating that a rough draft has been com-

pleted for the child support enforcement code; with more work to be done. Libbi Gray, Marsha Hart and he are working on it. He is also working with Libbi Gray to build an updated judiciary act. Mason stated that he is reviewing the current acts, one adopted when Joe Brooks was chief and another from the days of Chief Lewis Ketchum. He plans to review the Osage, Cherokee, Muskogee and Seminole judiciary acts as well. There will be a rough draft of a new judiciary act for the Delaware Tribe with minimal changes. It will be modified into a more concise document. Libbi and Don are researching a judicial grant application for later in the year. He will visit the federal CFR court in Miami. The Delaware codes may not be completed when our Child Support Enforcement grant ends and we may need to use the CFR court.

Chief Pechonick called on Leslie Fall-Leaf, Enrollment Director, for a department update. Leslie Fall-Leaf reported the data entry of the backlog is complete. The next step is to issue and deliver the cards; only plastic cards are being issued with or without photo. There are 34 new members enrolled and one denied. Leslie will be issuing a purchase order to buy a machine to replace the 15 year-old card making machine currently in use. The new machine should be in use by next meeting.

**Janifer Brown** made a motion to approve the DTFS contract presented last month. Jenifer Pechonick seconded the motion. Discussion: The contract was approved last month, but the minutes did not reflect. Motion carried with all in favor.

**Annette Ketchum** made a motion to approve Resolution 2013-39 Approval of Tribal Membership. Nathan Young seconded the motion. Discussion: There are 34 enrollees and one application denial. Motion passed with all in favor.

**Note:** Curtis Zunigha, Tribal Operational Manager, explained

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Resolutions 2013-40 to 42 are establishing departments to help strengthen the Tribal organization infrastructure in preparation for future growth. The departments that are being established by these resolutions will be in place when funding and need arise.

**Discussion followed each of the following three resolutions with the same conclusions for all:** These projects will contribute to the organizational infrastructure.

**Annette Ketchum** made a motion to approve Resolution 2013-40 Authorization to Establish a Tribal Communications Department. Janifer Brown seconded the

motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

**Verna Crawford** made a motion to approve Resolution 2013-41 to establish a Tribal Health Department. Jenifer Pechonick seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

**Jenifer Pechonick** made a motion to approve Resolution 2013-42 to authorize the establishment of a tribal IT Department. Verna Crawford seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

The Council confirmed, for the record, the poll vote taken on July 19, 2013 to approve Resolution 2013-43 to amend the Caney Trust Application regarding revising the property boundaries.

**Janifer Brown** made a motion to approve Resolution 2013-44 to rescind Resolution 2005-20 amending the Tribal Membership Act. Annette Ketchum seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

**Janifer Brown** made a motion to approve Resolution 2013-45 to amend the jurisdiction in Kansas services to be 36 counties instead of 37. Annette Ketchum seconded the motion. Discussion: One of the tribes in Miami area is planning to place Cherokee County under their jurisdiction so we will not include it in the Delaware area. Motion carried with all in favor.

**Jenifer Pechonick** made a motion to designate Bruce Martin as

our Kansas 638 Liaison and other service programs as time permits. Chet Brooks seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

**Jenifer Pechonick** made a motion to move the September 2 meeting to September 9 due to Labor Day. Janifer Brown seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

**Jenifer Pechonick** made a motion to approve the revised codes for the domicile. Nathan Young seconded the motion. Discussion: Jenifer Pechonick stated that the committee has reviewed the codes for DTFS, they are upgrades to the ones approved before. Motion carried with all in favor.

**Jenifer Pechonick** made a motion to approve Enrollment Director to release the veteran's information she has collected for a mail out. Annette Ketchum seconded the motion.

Motion carried with all in favor.

**Nathan Young** made a motion to go into Executive Session, seconded by Chet Brooks.

**Nathan Young** made a motion to return to open session, seconded by Chet Brooks.

No action was taken following Executive Session.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m. ■

## Community Services and Education Programs

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

### COMMUNITY SERVICES

**Student Optical Assistance:** Assistance to students enrolled in grades K-12, colleges, universities or vocational technology schools. Funds can be designated to pay for glasses, contacts, physician visits or related costs. Each request may not exceed \$200.

**Burial Program:** Burial assistance for Delaware tribal members. The family may apply for up to \$500. The funds may be applied to expenses as is most beneficial.

**Utility Assistance:** Emergency utility assistance for tribal members up to \$200. Payment will be made directly to the vendor or utility company and may include gas, propane, water, electricity, wood or related utility services.

**Housing Assistance:** Assistance in emergency situations on a one-month, one-time, once-a-year basis. Amount of assistance that can be approved is limited up to \$200.

**Dental Assistance:** Assistance for dental services up to \$350. Services may include tooth repair, dental fillings, dentures or emergency services. Routine dental exams or cleaning are not covered.

**Medical Assistance:** Assistance to pay medical bills, including but not limited to medical equipment (purchase or rental), home health care, pharmacy, etc. not to exceed \$200.

**Emergency Travel:** Medical transportation services for Delaware tribal members to include, but not limited to, health transportation costs, assistance and/or other related costs. One-time assistance not to exceed \$200.

**Hospital Equipment Assistance:** Assistance with hospital equipment for Delaware tribal members who are hospitalized during the year and some costs of hospital equipment is not paid by third parties. Funds will be used to pay for hospital equipment, which may include rentals, small equipment purchases or related costs up to \$250.

**Emergency Assistance:** Emergency assistance to Delaware tribal members. Funds are to be used for emergency situations. Assistance includes, but is not limited to, groceries or related assistance. Applicants must utilize all other community resources prior to application. Funds are allocated up to \$200 and will be disbursed as determined by the Community Service Committee on a case-by-case basis.

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

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

### EDUCATION COMMITTEE ASSISTANCE AND SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS

**School Supply Vouchers:** Help with the cost of purchasing the needed school supplies for their child and/or children ages Pre-K to 5th Grade. Available from July 15th to August 31st or until vouchers are exhausted. Deadline is September 30 of every year. Up to \$40 per child with receipt of purchase.

**Education Assistance:** Help for registered Delaware students who need some type of assistance for students ages 6th thru 12th grade while enrolled in school, such as graduation expenses, ACT exams, summer school, band, choir, etc. This program has a maximum payment of \$50 per applicant per fiscal year.

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

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

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

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

**Higher Education Scholarship:** Up to \$3,200 in scholarship funding. Full time students may apply for \$400 per semester for up to eight semesters. Part time students will receive \$200 per semester up to 16 semesters. Fall scholarship applications will be accepted from June 1 through July 31. Students must maintain a 2.0 GPA (grade point average) in the last semester attended. ■

# Minutes of the Delaware Trust Board, June 2013-August 2013

## Monday, June 3, 2013 Community Center

*Respectfully submitted by Verna Crawford, Trust Board Secretary*

Chairman Chet Brooks called the June 3, 2013, Trust Board meeting to order at 4:13 p.m.

Rick Barnes gave the invocation.

Secretary those present at roll call were Chairman Chet Brooks, Vice Chair and Secretary Verna Crawford, Bonnie Jo Griffith, John Sumpter, Joe Brooks and Homer Scott.

Chairman Chet Brooks welcomed guests, inviting anyone who would like to address the Board to do so.

Guests: Tribal officials and employees present included Rick L Barnes, Chief Paula Pechonick, Jana Roth, Nicky Kay Michael, Mr. Michael, Judge Charles Randall, Mary Randall, Councilwoman Janifer Brown, Jean Lewis, Bruce Martin, Councilwoman Annette Ketchum, Greg Brown and Business Manager Curtis Zuziga.

**Bonnie Jo Griffith** moved to approve the agenda as written. Joe Brooks seconded the motion. Motion carried with five yes.

## Minutes of Previous Meeting

**Bonnie Jo Griffith** moved to approve the minutes of May 6, 2013, with corrections. John Sumpter seconded the motion.

**Discussion:** John Sumpter noted that on the second page Bonnie Jo moved to table Resolution 2013-02, seconded by Homer Scott, the "r" was left off of Homer.

**Motion** carried with five yes.

## Treasurer's Report

Chairman Brooks said according to the Trust Board Financials indicate the overall value of our funds is \$4,014,144.94 and increase from last month of about \$60,000 from last month.

Verna Crawford moved to accept the Treasurer's report pend-

ing audit, seconded by Homer Scott. Motion carried with five yes.

## Committee Reports

### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: CHAIR JOE BROOKS

Chairman Joe Brooks stated that no meeting was held due to the Tribe handling all economic development, an issue that will be addressed on the ballot in November. Adding two committees, Elders and Veterans, and eliminating Economic Development and Land Management will also be on the ballot.

### COMMUNITY SERVICES: CHAIR VERNA CRAWFORD

The Community Services Committee met on Monday, June 3, 2013. The Committee received several applications that were incomplete. Three were approved and the others will be addressed at the meeting on Monday June 10 at 1p.m.

### CULTURAL PRESERVATION: CHAIR CHET BROOKS

The Cultural Preservation Committee regularly meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. The Cultural Preservation Committee met on May 21, 2013. The Tuesday before the Delaware Powwow. The Powwow was well attended. The Committee made a donation of two roads of gravel for the roads. Committee member Jim Bohamond [ed note: Jimbo Hammon] donated another load of gravel.

### EDUCATION: CHAIR VERNA CRAWFORD

The Committee regularly meets on the second Monday of each month. The Committee met May 20, 2013. Three applications were approved one for educational assistance, one for athletic assistance and one was a scholarship. The next meeting will be June 10, 2013 at 1 p.m. in the Social Services Bldg. conference room.

Joe Brooks asked if Tribal members were aware of the Education Committee revisions? Verna Crawford answered that all the revisions were on the website.

### LAND MANAGEMENT: CHAIR DEANN KETCHUM

No meeting due to DeAnn Ketchum's resignation from the Trust Board.

### REINVESTMENT: CHAIR JOHN SUMPTER

The funds of this Committee are returned or left in the principal of the Trust funds.

### TRIBAL OPERATIONS: CHAIR JOE BROOKS

No report was given due to no meeting being held. The funds allocated to this Committee are transferred to the accounting department to cover the expenses of the Trust Board, such as accounting, staff support and other related expenses. Chairman Brooks stated that there is no need for a committee, perhaps a chairman to see that accounting receives their funds. He also reported that the recommendation for a change in the percentage going to this committee will be on the November ballot. Trust Board Chairman Chet Brooks added that the audit expenses will be taken out of all the other committees.

## Unfinished Business

Resolution 2013-02 was tabled at the last meeting.

**Verna Crawford** moved to approve Resolution 2013-02 with corrections, seconded by John Sumpter.

**Discussion:** The resolution number was incorrect. Joe Brooks pointed out that his name was not listed among those who could receive information. Both corrections will be made.

Resolution 2013-02 is titled: A Resolution of the Trust Board of Delaware Tribe of Indians to Identify Designated Officials Approved to Conduct Business with

the Office of The Special Trustee for American Indians.

This allows tribal officials (Chairman Chet Brooks, Chief Paula Pechonick, and Vice Chair Verna Crawford to give directions on how monies are invested and initiate tribal disbursements, (via Trust Board resolution). Chairman Chet Brooks, Chief Paula Pechonick, and Vice Chair Verna Crawford, Trust Board members Homer Scott, John Sumpter, Joe Brooks and Bonnie Jo Griffith, Tribal Council Treasurer Janifer Brown and CFO Jean Lewis to receive information on tribal trust accounts.

**Motion** carried with four yes and one no (Joe Brooks).

## New Business

Chairman Brooks stated that the next order of business was to fill the vacant seat on the board.

Bonnie Jo Griffith quoted that from the minutes of the last meeting "Chairman Brooks stated that the vacancy on the Board would be posted on the Internet regarding the position. The notice will state that applicants must send a letter, via mail or email, stating their interest in serving and that they must be present at the June meeting to be considered." The notice had not been posted.

Bonnie Jo Griffith moved to table filling the position to the next meeting, seconded by Verna Crawford.

**Discussion:** Chairman Brooks replied that the Trust Document states that a vacant seat must be filled at the next regular meeting. Chairman Brooks said that he took full responsibility for not getting it posted. The secretary should have gotten it posted. Secretary Crawford apologized and said she had gone out of town shortly after the last meeting and would be more diligent in the future.

**Motion** failed.

Chairman Brooks said he had received one request, from Nicki Micheals [ed note: Nicky Mi-

chael], to be considered for the position.

**Joe Brooks** moved to have Nicki Micheal to fill the seat of DeAnn Ketchum and for her to be sworn in at this meeting. Homer Scott seconded the motion. Motion carried with three yes and one abstention (Bonnie Jo Griffith).

Chairman Brooks gave Nicki Michael the oath office.

**Joe Brooks** moved to appoint Bonnie Jo Griffith as treasurer. Homer Scott seconded the motion. Motion carried with six yes.

**Bonnie Jo Griffith** moved for Joe Brooks to be chairman of Land Management. John Sumpter seconded the motion. Motion carried with five yes and one abstention (Joe Brooks).

**Verna Crawford** moved for Nicki Michael to be Chair of the Education Committee. Joe Brooks seconded the motion. Motion carried with five yes and one abstention (Verna Crawford).

Verna Crawford stated that the Trust Board has been working on proposed revisions to the Trust Document. One of the proposals is to combine the Master Plan and the Trust Document. She suggested have a workshop on Wednesday June 12, 2013.

**Verna Crawford** moved to place proposed revisions to the Trust Document in the DIN and on the website following the next Trust Board workshop. Bonnie Jo Griffith seconded the motion. Motion carried with six yes.

**Joe Brooks** moved to hold Town Hall meetings for comments on the Trust Document. The first meeting will be held in Chelsea on Saturday July 13, the second in Nowata on Saturday July 20, Bartlesville on July 27. Seconded by Homer Scott. Motion carried with six yes.

It was agreed that notice would be placed in the local newspapers for the Town Hall meetings.

**Joe Brooks** moved to extend all Trust Board members by one

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year to coincide with the Tribal Council elections and not have a Trust Board member election this year. Bonnie Jo Griffith seconded the motion.

**Discussion:** Verna Crawford pointed out that the current Trust Document requires a Board member election this year. One of the suggested revisions is to have Trust elections on even years at the same time as the Council. This will save money. It was stated that once the revisions are approved the four Board members will serve and extra year and that would be unfair for the three that would be up for election this year.

**Motion** carried with three yes, one no (Verna Crawford) and two abstentions (Bonnie Jo Griffith and Homer Scott).

**Verna Crawford** moved to have the next meeting on July 1, 2013, at 4p.m. in the Delaware Community Center. Seconded by Bonnie Jo Griffith. Motion carried with six yes.

**Bonnie Jo Griffith** moved to adjourn at 5:47 p.m. Homer Scott seconded. Motion carried with six yes.

## Monday, July 1, 2013 Community Center

*Respectfully submitted by Verna Crawford, Trust Board Secretary*

Chairman Chet Brooks called the July 1, 2013 Trust Board meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

Joe Brooks gave the invocation.

Secretary Verna Crawford called the roll those present were Chairman Chet Brooks, Vice Chair/Secretary Verna Crawford, Treasurer Bonnie Jo Griffith, John Sumpter and Joe Brooks. Homer Scott and Nicky Michael arrived late.

Chairman Chet Brooks welcomed guests. He invited anyone who would like to address the Board to do so.

Guests attending were Judge Charles Randall, Mary Randall, Bruce Martin and Greg Brown.

Charles Randall asked for a clarification. The Trust Board had previously passed a motion to change the year from odd to even to coincide with the Tribal Council election. He stated that the Trust Document called for the election of three Trust Board members this year. The Trust Board voted not to have an election for the three Trust Board members this year. The reason stated was to save money by waiting till next year, but an election is planned for approving a revised Trust Document and Master Plan. Since there will be an election held there is no reason not to put candidates for Trust Board on the ballot.

Chairman Brooks stated there are four Trust Board members, Verna Crawford, Nicky Michael, John Sumpter and himself, whose terms do not end this year. He stated that the Trust Board felt that it was unfair to extend some of the terms and not others. He said that it would be necessary to extend terms to make the Trust Board and Tribal Council Elections coincide. He stated that the Trust Document is very clear how to force an election if one is not held. That is by a petition signed by 100 adult tribal to force an election.

Randall stated that if an election of Board members is not held this year, the Board would be violating the current Trust Document.

When asked what he thought would be the solution to the problem, Charles stated that it should be written into the new document stating that the people elected this year would serve until 2018 and the people whose term is up in 2015 will serve until 2016.

Bonnie Jo Griffith commented this issue might come out in the Town Hall meetings that will be held in July.

**Bonnie Jo Griffith** moved to approve the agenda as presented. Joe Brooks seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

### Minutes of Previous Meeting

**Joe Brooks** moved to approve the minutes of March 4, 2013, with

corrections. **Nicky Michael** seconded the motion.

**Discussion:** Bonnie Jo Griffith pointed out that the word “coincide” was misspelled. Also, Nicky is spelled with a “y” not an “i”. It was also noted that the minutes referred to the name of Jim Bohammond should be Jimbo Hammon.

**Motion** carried with all in favor.

### Treasurer’s Report

Treasurer Bonnie Jo Griffith noted that we had gone down \$10,000 this month. Chief Financial Officer confirmed the loss was due to the drop in the market value.

Bonnie Jo Griffith moved to accept the Treasurer’s report pending audit, seconded by Verna Crawford. Motion carried with all in favor.

### Committee Reports

#### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: CHAIR JOE BROOKS

No report.

#### COMMUNITY SERVICES: CHAIR VERNA CRAWFORD

The Community Services Committee met on Monday, June 10, 2013. Several applications were approved a more detailed report will be presented in August.

#### LAND MANAGEMENT: CHAIR JOE BROOKS

No meeting.

#### CULTURAL PRESERVATION: CHAIR CHET BROOKS

Meets the third Tuesday of each month starting at 6 p.m. in the Community Center. Chet stated that Delaware Days would be held September 27 and 28.

#### EDUCATION: CHAIR NICKY MICHAEL

The Committee regularly meets on the second Monday of each month. The Committee met June 10. Nicky reported that we approved on one Academic Achievement. The next meeting will be on July 9 at 1 p.m.

#### REINVESTMENT: CHAIR JOHN SUMPTER

Meets quarterly. No report was given due to no meeting being held.

#### TRIBAL OPERATIONS: CHAIR JOE BROOKS

Meets quarterly. No report was given due to no meeting being held.

### Old Business

**Bonnie Jo Griffith** moved to hold a workshop Wednesday, July 3, at 11 a.m. to finalize preparation for the three Town Hall meetings to be held in July. Seconded the motion.

Charles Randall informed everyone that on Wednesday at noon there would be a surprise party for Bonnie Thaxton who will be 90 on Saturday, July 6, 2013.

### New Business

Bonnie Jo Griffith announced that she will not be at the August meeting and her absence will be unexcused, she will on vacation.

Verna Crawford stated that she had received information at NCAI on a proposed educational center next to the Veteran’s Wall. The plans are to gather information on individual veterans, including photos and stories and would be recorded so visitors would be able to hear about the veterans. She stated that she had a short video that would be played before the Tribal Council meeting. Donations are needed to make this dream a reality.

Joe Brooks asked if Crawford has presented the proposed resolution from our Tribe regarding increasing the rate for veteran’s trips to the doctor.

She reported that the resolution was presented to the Veterans Committee Chairman. He informed her that the rate is in a law and every Congressional session the attempt is made to get it changed. He said he would work on the resolution and be in touch with me before the NCAI meeting in Tulsa in October.

Nicky Michael thanked John Sumpter, the Veterans, and staff, especially Bruce Martin, who helped her, put together a National Indian Child Welfare prayer service for the Brown family. Dustin Brown, father of Baby Veronica, was presented an eagle’s feather. This family has been struggling to get permanent custody of Dustin’s daughter. The case has gone all the way to the Supreme Court. The Court referred it back to state court. If Brown loses his daughter this could result in the Indian Child Welfare Act being narrowed. That would not be in the best interest of Native American Children.

Verna Crawford stated that there was a prayer vigil at NCAI. Vigils were held around the world.

Bonnie Jo Griffith announced that the Elders Committee met after lunch and elected officers. Mary Waters were elected Chairman, Bonnie Jo Griffith Vice Chair, and Jan Brown treasurer. Mary Randal was elected Secretary; she is a non-voting member of the committee.

### Other Business

Bonnie Jo Griffith moved to adjourn. John Sumpter seconded the motion. All approved. Chairman Brooks declared the meeting adjourned at 5:01 p.m.

## Monday, August 5, 2013 Community Center

*Respectfully submitted by Verna Crawford, Trust Board Secretary*

Chairman Chet Brooks called the August 5, 2013 Trust Board meeting to order at 4:15 p.m.

Tribal Elder Bonnie Thaxton gave the invocation.

Secretary called the roll; those present were Chairman Chet Brooks, John Sumpter, Nicky Michael, Joe Brooks, Homer Scott and Secretary Verna Crawford. Bonnie Jo Griffith was absent. She had informed the Board at the last meeting that she was going on

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a trip and to consider her absence unexcused.

**Joe Brooks** moved Bonnie Jo Griffith's absence be recorded as unexcused. Homer Scott seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

Chairman Chet Brooks welcomed guests. He invited anyone who would like to address the Board to do so.

Guests, Tribal officials and employees present included Chief Paula Pechonick, Councilwoman Janifer Brown, Bonnie L. Thaxton, Nancy Sumpter, Mary Randall, Judge Charles Randall, Judge Rick L. Barnes, CFO Jean Lewis, John Moore, Chief Justice Don Mason, Priscilla Mason, Greg Brown and Business Manager Curtis Zunigha.

**Verna Crawford** moved to approve the agenda as presented. Homer Scott seconded the motion. Motion carried with four yes.

### Minutes of Previous Meeting

**Nicky Michael** moved to approve the minutes of July 3, 2013, with corrections. Joe Brooks seconded the motion.

**Discussion:** Verna Crawford pointed out that on the first page at the bottom the date should be June not March

**Motion** carried with all in favor.

### Treasurer's Report

Chairman Brooks stated that the Treasurer was absent but auditor Bill Turner of Turner and Associates, PLC and CFO Jean Lewis were both in attendance. Mr. Turner reviewed the recently completed audit. There were no findings in the audit.

Chet Brooks ask Jean to go over the current financials. He noted that the May financials reflected a total of \$4,004,000 and the June financials shows \$3,879,000. He asked why there was such a large difference. Jean Lewis informed the Board the loss was due to market fluctuation, it dropped by about \$68,000.

**Joe Brooks** moved to table the Treasurer's report until the September meeting due to the absence of the Treasurer. Nicky Michael seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

### Committee Reports

#### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: CHAIR JOE BROOKS

No report.

#### COMMUNITY SERVICES: CHAIR VERNA CRAWFORD

The Community Services Committee met on Monday, July 8, 2013. The Committee considered and approved 12 applications. The next meeting will be on August 12, 2013.

#### LAND MANAGEMENT: CHAIR JOE BROOKS

No report.

#### CULTURAL PRESERVATION: CHAIR CHET BROOKS

Meets the third Tuesday of each month starting at 6 p.m. Chairman Chet Brooks announced that the annual Delaware Days will be held on September 27 and 28 at the Fall-Leaf Powwow grounds near Copan, OK. Committee has requested a donation to assist with attorney fees. The Committee is being sued regarding a permanent campsite that has been vacated and the previous camper wants financial payment for improvements made on the site. Several tribal members volunteered to go to court and testify on behalf of the Committee. Many also volunteered to donate money to assist with the attorney fees. This will be addressed at the next meeting depending on the outcome of the Court case.

#### EDUCATION: CHAIR NICKY MICHAEL

The Committee regularly meets on the second Monday of each month. The Committee met July 8, 2013. The committee considered and approved one Academic Achievement application. The Committee agreed to extend the scholarship deadline for students

on a quarterly basis not by semester.

#### REINVESTMENT: CHAIR JOHN SUMPTEP

Meets quarterly. No report was given due to no meeting being held.

#### TRIBAL OPERATIONS: CHAIR JOE BROOKS

Meets quarterly. No report was given due to no meeting being held.

#### Old Business

Joe Brooks stated that the Trust Board Members should get the packets ten days before the meeting recently that has not been the case. He said he would also like to be reminded when the Committee meetings will be held.

**Chairman Brooks** briefly reviewed the town hall meetings. He said that 22 attended the meeting in Chelsea, 24 in Nowata and about 30 in Bartlesville. The comments and suggestions obtained at the meetings and from other sources will be reviewed and implemented. The Trust Board will hold a workshop soon. The general opinion seems to be that the people want the Trust Board to continue administering the allotted funds and to elect board members. No one had any problem with the change of percentages. Increasing Education, Community Ser-

vices, Cultural Preservation and Tribal Operations by five percent. The plan is to replace Economic Development and Land Management with an Elders Committee and a Veterans Committee. Each may receive five percent each.

In order to get the revised Trust Document on the ballot there will need to have a petition with 100 valid signatures. There is a petition circulating now. Nicky Michael thanked the Tribal Council members who attended the Town Hall meetings. Verna Crawford added the Trust Board's appreciated all those who attended them.

#### New Business

Secretary Verna Crawford noted that proposed budgets were in the packets. She said the committees should review the budgets and submit their budgets for 2014 for approval at the September Trust Board meeting. The budget will be on the ballot in November and will be printed in the October DIN for tribal member review.

#### Other Business

Chairman Brooks apologized for not allowing the guests to address the Board. Charles Randall pointed out an error in the minutes. The July minutes stated "Randall stated that if an election of Board members this year, the Board would be violating the current Trust Document." It should have stated, "Randall stated that if an

election of Board members is not held this year, the Board would be violating the current Trust Document." Secretary Crawford thanked him and said she would correct the minutes.

**John Sumpter** moved to adjourn, seconded by Homer Scott. Motion carried with all in favor. Chairman Brooks declared the meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m. ■

### Delaware Tribe of Indians



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Bartlesville, OK 74006  
918-337-6590

#### Chelsea Housing Office:

6 Northview Dr.  
Chelsea, OK  
918-789-2525

#### Caney Office:

601 High Street  
Caney, KS 67333  
620-879-2189

#### Office Hours:

8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. M-F

#### Tribal Web Site:

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

#### General Email:

[tribe@delawaretribe.org](mailto:tribe@delawaretribe.org)

## Contact Information Change Form

Send form to: **Delaware Tribe of Indians, 170 N.E. Barbara, Bartlesville, OK 74006**

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

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

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

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

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

To have a name changed on the tribal roll, send proper documentation, such as a legal document, stating the change (examples: marriage license, adoption papers, divorce papers, etc.). Be sure to include your previous name or names since that will be the way it is listed on the roll. Including Tribal Registration number is helpful, but not required.

Please include others in your household who are affected by this contact info change, including children, so that their records can be updated. Thank you!

## News from the Enrollment Department

*Leslie Fall-Leaf*

The Enrollment Department is very pleased to welcome all of our new tribal members!

We are enrolling on average 30 new people every month. Currently our total enrollment is 10,792, of which only 826 are under the age of 18. So we want to encourage all of you to continue to send your children and grandchildren's applications in get them enrolled, and to teach them to be proud of their Delaware heritage as they carry the tribe into the future.

As you send those applications in you may also want to send in applications for new membership cards for those who are already enrolled.

The department has acquired a new card printer and we are excited about putting it to good use. Although the old-style paper cards are still valid, we are no longer issuing those and have moved strictly to the plastic format.

These are available with or without your photo and the first one is provided free of charge. An example of the new card is shown in the upper right.

As always, we are happy to have members come into our office in person but if you are unable to do so, applications for both enrollment and member-



ship cards are available either online at <http://delawaretribe.org/home-page/enrollment/> or you may call us at (918) 337-6590 to request them.

We are looking forward to hearing from all of you! ■

## Wellness Center

*Mickey Morrison*

Did you know increasing muscles is a great way to burn calories? The key to successful weight control and improved overall health is to make physical activity a part of your daily routine. So come on over to the Delaware Tribe Wellness Center and let me show you how to use some of the equipment. We have great Nautilus weight machines, three treadmills, a couple of stair-steppers, two cycles, and free weights. Come work on those abs while sitting down!

The Wellness Center is open Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm and Saturday, 8:00 am to 1:00 pm; located at the Tribal Complex at 170 NE Barbara, Bartlesville, OK.

There is no fee for Delaware and Cherokee members. Bring your CDIB card or your tribal membership card with you. Members of other tribes (with their membership card) pay just \$10/month. Non-Indians can come in to get healthy for the small fee of \$20/month. You can also use the Center as a walk-in for only \$2 per visit.

The therapy pool is being renovated and should be open for business around November 1, 2013.

We are always open to suggestions on how to improve the Center to make it more useful for our community. For more information call 918-337-6590.

*As always, please note that there is no medical staff on duty; so use the equipment at your own risk. ■*

## Child Support Enforcement Program

*Gina Roth*

Winkhatënamu tahkokëñ. The Child Support Enforcement Team wishes you a happy fall (our favorite season)! The CSE Program just hit its one year mark of the start-up phase and is kshiku (growing fast). The program will be comprehensive and begin to accept applications on October 1, 2014.

Kinzie Gomez joined the team in August as the Program Administrator. Kinzie has a background in administration at Grand Lake Mental Health Center and as an instructor at the MUTUAL Girls Club. She has an Associate's Degree in Business Administration and is in the process of earning a Bachelor's Degree. She has been a great addition to the team.

The CSE team has been very busy these last few months. In July, the team met with their federal administrators, Carl Rich and Jane Martin, to discuss the direction of the program. Tribal Judges, Council, and the Accounting Department were also in attendance. Funding and progress were discussed in the meeting, along with the programs presence in Oklahoma and Kan-

sas. The CSE Team also visited the Kickapoo Tribe of Kansas and the Prairie Band Potawatomi in Northeast Kansas. The team had the opportunity to observe court, discuss software systems and observe the process of calculating child support, among other things. It was a very successful trip!

Director Gina Roth and Department Coordinator Rachel Overmyer completed the program's year one progress report and budget, with the help of Grants Compliance Officer John Moore. Federal administrators have told us the report and budget look favorable.

The CSE Team attended the National Child Support Enforcement Conference in Baltimore August 5-8. There the team had the opportunity to meet with vendors, attend conferences, and network.

During the month of August, the Child Support Enforcement Team worked on program forms and are currently meeting all of their monthly objectives to make the Delaware Tribe of Indians Child Support Enforcement Program a huge success! ■

## Sculptor Chris Booth Visits Tribal Headquarters

Renowned New Zealand sculptor Chris Booth visited Tribal Headquarters in early July to discuss an upcoming commissioned sculpture for the Storm King Art Center in southern New York (<http://www.stormking.org/>). Here he is with Tribal Archivist Anita Mathis and Chief Paula Pechonick, and below that is an example of his stone sculpture.

For more information about Chris Booth's work, go to his web site at <http://www.chrisbooth.co.nz>.



## Dennis Wiedman

*Jim Rementer*

The Tribe is happy to see, once again, Dr. Dennis Wiedman, Associate Professor of anthropology at Florida International University. He visited on July 17-18, doing research on the difficulty Indian people have in being able to continue the use of their sacrament in the Native American Church. Dennis first came to Oklahoma in his late teens in the late 1960s. His first trips were financed by selling beads and other supplies to Indian people and in turn buying Indian made goods to take back to Florida. He worked closely with tribal elder Nora Dean of Dewey, Oklahoma. He was also given the honor of being taken as a son by Charlton 'Steve' Wilson, and he later served as a pallbearer at Steve's funeral.

Over the years he began to notice the disastrous effects of diabetes on the native population. He began to study diabetes and the Indian people, receiving his Ph.D. in Anthropology from the University of Oklahoma. He continues to research and write articles on Native American health.

We look forward to continuing to collaborate with him on this important work. ■

## Delaware Tribe Historic Preservation Office

Brice Obermeyer

Staff of the Delaware Tribe Historic Preservation Office have recently returned from a grant-funded trip to several museums on the East Coast to document holdings for an upcoming repatriation under the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA). DTHPO Director Brice Obermeyer and tribal archaeologist Greg Brown visited the New Jersey State Museum in Trenton, NJ and the State Museum of Pennsylvania in Harrisburg, PA, as well as other consultations at Morristown National Historical Park in Morristown,

New Jersey and Pennsbury Manor in Morrisville, PA.

Stay tuned for much more information about this repatriation in upcoming issues. The DTHPO has also been busy, as always, handling "Section 106" consultation requests to safeguard archaeological sites in the Tribe's original homeland, monitoring of construction of a major power line through the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area on the border of New Jersey and Pennsylvania, and recording and caring for modern Delaware cemeteries in Oklahoma and Kansas.

## Tribal Archives

Anita Mathis

Hi, Tribal Members, Friends & Family. It looks like summer may be behind us and a wonderful fall is upon us. The Archives are growing, as is the gift shop. By the time you receive your paper the Tribe will have received many artifacts from long ago. The Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Seminole Indian Museum has sent home the largest known collection of artifacts associated with the work of anthropologist Frank Speck. Before long we will have many of the artifacts on display throughout our Tribal headquarters in both Bartlesville and Kansas. Stop by and check out all that is new and offered in the Library, Archives & Gift Shop. As always please bring in your pictures and documents to be copied and added to our archives to preserve and share with our future generations. Wanishi. ■

Be sure to visit with us at the upcoming General Council in November, and as always feel free to contact us with any concerns or information you wish to share. Tribal Historic Preservation Of-

ficer Brice Obermeyer can be reached at [bobermeyer@delawaretribe.org](mailto:bobermeyer@delawaretribe.org); Tribal Archaeologist Greg Brown can be reached at [gbrown@delawaretribe.org](mailto:gbrown@delawaretribe.org). ■

## Mystery Photos

Know who this is?



If you do, please contact Tribal Archivist Anita Davis Mathis at (918) 337-6595 or by email [amathis@delawaretribe.org](mailto:amathis@delawaretribe.org)

## 2013 Fall Scholarship Award Recipients

Congratulations to the recipients of Fall 2013 scholarship awards and academic achievement awards. We are proud of you!!

Name	Residence	University/College	Name	Residence	University/College
Michael Adair	Tulsa, OK	Tulsa Community College	James Monck III	Lexington, KY	University of Louisville
Zachary Anderson	Edmond, OK	University of Central Oklahoma	Shelby Morose	Claremore, OK	Concordia University, Nebraska
Leslie Armstrong	Claremore, OK	University of Oklahoma	Meagan Morrow	Bartlesville, OK	Southwestern College, Kansas
Bryant Collier	Bartlesville, OK	Rogers State University	Kathy Morrow	Bartlesville, OK	University of Illinois
Sarah Cornett	Webb City, MO	Crowder College	Alexandra Perry	St Louis, MO	Saint Xavier, Illinois
Taylor Dillingham	Katy, TX	University of Texas	Meagan Perry	St Louis, MO	Indiana University
John W Dillingham	Katy, TX	University of Kansas	Ashlee Pfaender	Cottage Grove, OR	Lane Community College
Crystal Dombrowski	Claremore, OK	Rogers State University	Cole Ready	Montrose, CO	Colorado State University
Hunter Durham	Nixa, MO	Palm Beach Atlantic University	Harley K Reynolds	Canyon, TX	West Texas A&M
Bethany Ennis	Springhill, FL	Coffeyville Community College	Jordan Roberts	Coffeyville, KS	Kansas State University
Michele Ennis	Springhill, FL	Galen College of Nursing	Erick Scott	Ochelata, OK	University of Central Oklahoma
Alex Felton	Broken Arrow, OK	University of Central Oklahoma	Mackenzie Seigl	Wann, OK	University of Central Oklahoma
Luke Felton	Broken Arrow, OK	University of Arkansas	Michael Stacy	San Diego, CA	Cuyamaca College, California
Douglas Folsom II	Cottonwood Heights, UT	Salt Lake Community College	Rose Thrasher	Salem, OR	Chemeketa Community, Oregon
Stuart Frazier	Spokane, WA	University of Washington	Laura Seigl	Leavenworth, KS	University of Kansas
John Franke	Nowata, OK	Oklahoma State University	Delaney Seely	McPherson, KS	Kansas State University
Brent Hunt	Chelsea, OK	Rogers State University	Shaunda Stanley	Bartlesville, OK	Breckinridge School of Nursing
Corey Humphrey	Claremore, OK	Rogers State University	Landon Stewart	Nowata, OK	University of Central Oklahoma
Danica Hare	Spokane, WA	Gonzaga University	Cory Bear Thompkins	Copan, OK	Haskell Indian Nation University, Kansas
Connor Harris	Edmond, OK	University of Central Oklahoma	Keri Tucker	Augusta, KS	Butler County Community College
Stephen Hatfield	Wilson, OK	Southeastern Oklahoma State University	Heather Turner	Peoria, AZ	Northern Arizona University
Alysha Howe	Granby, MO	Crowder College	Kyra Williams	Pueblo West, CO	Colorado State University-Pueblo
Jacie Housman	Miami, OK	University of Mary Washington			
Rebecca Jackson	Ramona, OK	Oral Roberts University			
Allison Jenkins	Albuquerque, NM	New Mexico State University			
Keathen J Kingfisher	Salina, OK	Northeastern State University			
Wade Kriebel	Coffeyville, KS	Coffeyville Community College			
Rebecca Lewis	Arlington, TX	University of Texas-Arlington			
Danielle Metzner	Longmont, CO	University of Colorado			
Brandy Mason	Vanceboro, NC	Pitt Community College			
Derrick Marr	Fredonia, KS	University of Kansas			
Austin T. Metzner	Longmont, CO	University of Colorado			
Jesse Monday	Dewey, OK	Oklahoma Baptist University			

### Academic Achievement Award 2013

James Monck III	Lexington, KY
Sage Thornbrugh	APO AF
Madeline Haff	San Diego, CA
Alex Felton	Broken Arrow, OK
Allison Jenkins	Albuquerque, NM
Meagan Perry	St. Louis, MO

## Delaware look to expand services, not just game

16 September 2013 LENZY KREHBIEL-BURTON, *Native Times*

BARTLESVILLE, Okla. – Contrary to published reports, the Delaware Tribe is not moving north just to open a casino.

Currently considered landless, the Bartlesville-based tribe is looking at relocating to its previous reservation in eastern Kansas in an effort to expand its services for citizens and business opportunities that do not necessarily involve poker chips and slot machines.

“We’ve talked about this for 20 years,” Chief Paula Pechonick said. “We want to get our 638 (federal self-governance) funds directly and be able to get out from underneath the Cherokee Nation.”

Under a 2009 memorandum of understanding with the Cherokee Nation, the Delawares cannot exert any governmental authority over land within the Cherokee’s jurisdictional area or take any land into trust in exchange for the Cherokee Nation not opposing the tribe regaining federal recognition.

The agreement, which was required thanks to an 1866 treaty that moved the tribe onto the Cherokee’s land in Oklahoma, does not extend to Delaware property outside the Cherokee’s jurisdiction. If the move happens, the Delaware Tribe’s proposed new service area could potentially include more than 15 counties in eastern and southeastern Kansas where its citizens lived before its forced relocation to northeastern Oklahoma.

The Delaware Tribe’s current capitol and its Chelsea office are within the Cherokee Nation. The tribe also has offices in Emporia, Kan., and Caney, Kan., and has been soliciting feedback from tribal citizens for potential service expansion in Kansas. The planned relocation would not disrupt services for the tribe’s citizens in Oklahoma.

“We’re going to leave everything at this building right here,” Pechonick said. “The complex is going to remain. The services will remain for our citizens still here.”

“There are almost 50,000 underserved Natives in those counties. We’re like to be able to help those Native Americans as well, along with our own people.”

The casino rumor was partially sparked by a real estate transaction tied to the Kansas move. Earlier this year, the tribe bought an 87-acre tract on the north side of Lawrence, Kan., through its business subsidiary, LTI Enterprises, and is in the process of attempting to take it into trust. Despite published reports in Lawrence area media outlets, the tribe’s trust plans for the property do not involve gaming.

“Something we’ve envisioned to show people was to take an aerial photo of what we have here at this campus and transpose it up there,” Pechonick said. “We want to be able to tell them we can have housing, child care, government offices and everything else we have down here.”

Pechonick and other tribal officials are in the process of meeting with the Bureau of Indian Affairs, the four federally-recognized tribes headquartered in Kansas and the state’s governor, Sam Brownback. The tribe also plans to present a resolution at the National Congress of American Indians’ annual convention in Tulsa later this year asking for support for the move. Since the proposed relocation has to be approved by the BIA and would potentially involve switching which regional office the tribe falls under, there is not a timeline in place.

“There is a certain historical precedent being set that at issue, it isn’t just about getting federal funds, although that is a factor,” said Jim Gray, former chief of the Osage Nation and Pechonick’s senior adviser on government relations. “A tribe’s primary responsibility is to take care of its people. The purpose of a tribal government is to take care...of its people, to provide services to help ensure the safety, security and culture of its people. If you want to be sovereign, you have to start acting sovereign. If you sit on the sidelines and don’t exercise it for too long, you lose it. This is the Delawares exercising their sovereignty.”

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