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Greg Brown Accepted Position at Maryland Historical Trust

Greg Brown, the Delaware Tribe's Archaeologist/NAGPRA Assistant, who also served as the Information Technology (IT) Director, webmaster and newspaper editor since November 2012, accepted a position at the Maryland Historical Trust. His final day on-site was June 13. A new employee assumed the IT duties June 12.

Brown, who began working for the Delaware Tribe October 2010, was initially hired to work in the historic preservation department, located in Emporia, Kansas.

Describing his work, Brown said that he and Brice Obermeyer, the Delaware Tribe's Historic Preservation Officer, would go to museums and get inventory funerary objects and things to be reburied.

His accomplishments in the position include: completion of two NAGPRA repatriation grants that will permit the respectful reburial of over 150 tribal ancestors from Pennsylvania and New Jersey; the development of the tribal web site; and the further development of the tribal newspaper.

Brown is excited that the new job in Maryland, combines his two main areas of vocational interest: archaeology and IT.

"I am moving to central Maryland to work for the Maryland Historical Trust, which curates the archives for the state," Brown said. In this position, Brown will serve as the cultural resource information manager, oversee-



ing the computer databases and making them more accessible to people through the web, he said. Located near Annapolis, Maryland, "the trust curates any historical, archaeological or architectural information that has to do with the state."

"The reason we are leaving has nothing to do with unhappiness. It's going to be really hard to leave our friends. But we'll be closer to her family, which live three hours away, and our daughter."

Brown, who began his job soon after Chief Pechonick took office, said he has enjoyed working for this administration.

"I think Chief Pechonick and the current Tribal Council have done a lot of good things, most notably the extensive expansion of services and programs. I'm really supportive of the 'Return to Kansas' initiative as I think it'll be incredibly helpful as the Tribe seeks to advance this expansion of services even further."

Regarding NAGPRA Brown said, "The current administration has been unfailingly supportive of our efforts at repatriation and has given us everything that we needed."

Chief Paula Pechonick said: "His improvements of the newspaper and website, and his ability to think outside of the box really made a difference in the first term of my administration.

"When he told me that he would continue to put together the Delaware Indian News [a quarterly news publication to tribal members] and update the website to assist in the transition to the new IT person, I was relieved we would be able to maintain the same quality of communication to Tribal members."

Chief Pechonick commented, "We all hate to lose Greg, he's been a real asset to the Tribe. But we also know it's a good move for him and his family, and we want what's best for him."

Did You Know?

The Delaware Tribe's gift shop is now open

ONLINE. You can find the online gift shop at
<http://www.delawaretribe.org/shop>

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Name This Newsletter!

The name of this newsletter means “what’s it called?” We look forward to your suggestions for a suitable name. Please email tribe@delaware.org with your input or visit with your elected officials and support staff.

July Delaware Tribal Council Meeting Held in Lawrence, KS

On July 7 the Tribal Council made a day-trip to the Lawrence, KS property to conduct the scheduled monthly Delaware Tribal Council meeting. Our Lawrence property is in the seat of the newly reclaimed jurisdiction area of the Delaware's former reservation in Kansas from which our ancestors had to move in 1867.

The Tribal Council concurred that it is important to establish this land base as one of the Tribe's headquarters and thereby conducting an official council meeting at this location at least once a year will make our presence known. In January we began having quarterly meetings in Caney, KS, our “off reservation” land and this month we substituted Lawrence, KS for the July meeting in Caney.

In November 2010 Chief Pechonick re-established the monthly meetings in Bartlesville soon after she was sworn into office. Prior to that, the administration conducted the Tribal Council meetings at many towns in Oklahoma. However, with the good news of the Tribe expanding and returning to Kansas, there were many Lawrence Delaware members who have never been able to attend the meetings when they were held in various towns in Oklahoma. The enthusiasm is encouraging. Meetings will continue in Bartlesville, Caney, and Lawrence.

All who have seen the prime 92 acres with its 4,300 square foot, three story house (for offices) are in agreement with the administration's foresight to establish our land base and jurisdiction for the Tribe's future. We have no land base or jurisdiction in Oklahoma because we are operating our tribal government on the jurisdictional area of the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma. Of course, we

own our tribal property (80 acres) and the tribal complex in Bartlesville.

Meeting in Lawrence, KS is a benefit to the Tribe because our Fee-to-Trust application in Caney, KS, has an “off reservation” category. Returning to Kansas, better explained as expanding to Kansas, gives the Tribe unlimited possibilities for grants, economic development and programs to assist and better the lives of our tribal members. One advantage tribes have that states do not have is tribes are not limited by state lines. In the future it is possible we could be known as the Delaware Tribe of Kansas and Oklahoma.

NOTICE: Delawares Missing from Cobell Settlement List

Please review the link below for anyone you may know. The 2nd class of the Cobell settlement is needs updated mailing information for 2217 Delaware.

<https://secure.gcginc.com/iim-missingpersons/PersonSearch.aspx?state=OK>

Go to this link to see if any of your relatives are among the missing. If you believe you or a family member may have a record that requires updating please help identify them.

Welcome!!!

New IT Manager

As Greg Brown was departing the office during the middle of June Johnny Barker stepped in to learn as much as he could from Greg in two days. Johnny is the tribe's new full-time IT manager.

New Elder Nutrition Director

In July Allan Barnes began transitioning into the Elder Nutrition Program Director position, an internal promotion. Judy Dull had retired in May but stayed on until a new director could be hired. There is a Part C of the Nutrition Grant award this year and Barnes has skills to facilitate these funds for elders.

SEPT. 3 MONTEREY'S LITTLE MEXICO RESTAURANT
will **donate 20%** of your meal bill (less taxes) to the
Delaware Tribe of Indians SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Watch for the upcoming flyer. Must have the flyer to give to your server.

The monthly Nutrition menu is posted in the lunchroom and at <http://delawaretribe.org/services-and-programs/elders-services/along-with-a-calendar-of-elder-activities>. Come join the fun!