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## Message from Chief Paula Pechonick

**H**e' kulamàlsi hàch? I hope Hall is well with you and your family. Happy New Year!

Here is a brief report highlighting some of the things that have been happening this quarter.

Just prior to your receiving your last issue of the DIN, Anita Mathis and I traveled to Philadelphia, PA for the opening of an exhibit at the Independence Seaport Museum on the Delaware River (see page 6). The next weekend we celebrated another successful Delaware Days, complete with beautiful weather and good attendance (see page 5).

October started off with a sad note with the passing of Tribal member Deborah Nichols. She served on the Trust Board and contributed articles to the DIN. Deborah loved the Delaware history and the Tribe.

The Social Services Building is almost complete! We appreci-

ate the personalized brick orders received for the front of the building. The building will contain our library and archives program, education and community services, housing, and EPA as well as LI-HEAP, ICWA and REACH.

Elections have come and gone with good people elected and already hard at work. Thank you to all who participated in the election process by volunteering to serve on the Election Committee and to all those who voted.

Chet Brooks, Curtis Zunigha and I went to the dedication of Cherokee Nation Vinita Health Center on November 5. We met Nate Young and his wife and Verna Crawford there. The building is beautiful and looks to be an excellent facility to serve Delawares in that area.

We honored our veterans on November 9 with a ceremony and luncheon (page 13). Thank you to

the staff and volunteers who made this event a success!

On Saturday, November 10, we swore in Nathan Young, Chet Brooks, and Annette Ketchum to the Tribal Council and Don Mason and Charles Randall as elected Judges. (Due to a later resignation, at a later Council meeting Beverly McLaughlin was appointed as the fifth judge.)

Later that month, I attended the first-ever regional RES, an economic development summit put on by the National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development and held in Tulsa. The event has many opportunities to network with services for the Tribe as well as economic development opportunities. At the meeting Jenifer Pechonick was recognized for her achievements in the "40 under 40" awards ceremony honoring the top 40 people under 40 in Indian Country. The Tribe's new company, DFMS (Delaware Facilities Management Solutions), also made several valuable contacts.



**Cherokee Nation Vinita Health Center Grand Opening, November 2012.** Left to right: Nate Young, Verna Crawford, Chief Paula Pechonick, Cherokee Chief Bill John Baker, and Chet Brooks. The new clinic also has a dental unit and serves Delaware tribal members.

I went to Emporia State University in Emporia, Kansas the next day where Dr. Brice Obermeyer, our Historic Preservation Director, was presented office space at the University for the program. The University's administration welcomed the partnership with the Tribe and offered to join with us on future jointly-beneficial endeavors. ESU is anticipating a long and successful relationship with the Tribe.

We've been working on getting our BIA Section 638 monies to us.

Last but not least, I traveled to Washington, DC for a White House conference hosted by President Obama. On the same trip, Curtis Zunigha and Jenifer Pechonick visited several of our granting agencies. The trip was successful and I look forward to many more good things to report as a result of the visit.

Please contact me if you have any questions or comments. Also feel free to submit questions or comments to [tribe@delaware-tribe.org](mailto:tribe@delaware-tribe.org) if you aren't sure to whom your questions or comments should be directed. Our official website is [www.delawaretribe.org](http://www.delawaretribe.org) and is updated frequently with information about our programs, meetings and career opportunities.

Lapich Knewël,  
Chief Pechonick■

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## From the Desk of Assistant Chief and Trust Chairman Chet Brooks

HAPPY NEW YEAR LENAPE ELDERS, YOUTH, BROTHERS, SISTERS & FRIENDS

Because the New Year season is a time for reflection on accomplishments of the past year and strategic planning and goal setting for the forthcoming year. I am listing my thoughts on said successes and plans for 2013.

Successes in 2012 were many. The new Community Services Office Building is nearly complete and will provide much-needed office space about the end of January. Barbara Ave. has been extended 0.30 miles to connect with Madison Street. The new office building is being paid for with a Federal Grant and the road extension should be paid for with BIA Roads money. Bartlesville City Officials have been consulted and are agreeable to renaming N.E. Barbara Avenue, giving it a more appropriate Lenape name. All Tribal members are welcome to suggest an appropriate Lenape word for this street name change.

Actions have been taken to put a Caney, KS office building in Trust status. The necessary environmental impact study is now complete. Putting this land in Trust, along with running a rental assistance program in 30+ KS counties, will go a long way toward improving our chance of direct Federal funding without the sometimes-negative impact of the Delaware-Cherokee MOA. Many meetings were attended by our Chief, Tribal Council, and Trust Board Members. These included National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) in Sacramento, where more than a dozen local tribal members met with our tribal officials one evening (I highly support continuing these tribal member-type gatherings whenever possible.) Our Chief, a council member and tribal manager recently attended President Obama's "Tribal Leaders Summit." This was the third time President Obama has

held said summits and the White House clearly wishes to continue them on an annual time frame.

During September two "Town Meetings" were held concerning the continuation of our "Trust Board" and the continued protection of our \$3,800,000 Trust Funds. These meetings made it obvious that a majority of our people favor preserving the "Trust Funds" and continuing the election of Trust Board Members. It was also obvious that a large majority also favor altering the "Master Plan" and the percentage-based allocation of funds so as to provide more tribal member assistance, higher education, scholarships, medical assistance, and other programs. The Trust Board has already taken steps necessary to provide higher amounts to help in these areas. More follows on this subject in our goals for 2013.

Having no long-range plan for the future is a plan for failure. Therefore our Tribal Council and Trust Board have pledged cooperation in long-range planning in the beginning months of 2013, as to the visionary goals that our Tribe should set for our future. Some of these goals may require changes to our Trust Document, Trust Master Plan, Constitution, and even the way we conduct elections. I pledge my personal support to forthcoming changes and feel all Council and Trust Members will do the same. The input of opinions from all tribal members is welcome at <[achilenape2@gmail.com](mailto:achilenape2@gmail.com)> and by telephone at 918-397-1161.

May the Creator bring you and yours a happy, healthful, prosperous and eventful 2013.■



## From Tribal Manager Curtis Zunigha

**H**e' Weli Newiyal! Greetings and Happy New Year! As we begin the calendar year 2013 I'm pleased to report great accomplishments and great progress. Since our last issue we have brought on new staff to meet growth and development. Our new Chief Financial Officer, Jean Lewis, has many years of experience working on our tribal financial accounts. She's replacing Jade Johnson who moves on to a career in the private sector and deserves thanks for her service to the tribe. We're also bringing on additional management personnel and a new staff for a Child Support Enforcement grant.

We've been working with the tribe's new company, Delaware Facilities Management Solutions, to provide maintenance and janitorial service on our properties.

On our Bartlesville campus we're nearing completion of the Social Services Building construction and should be fully operational by March 1. Our Community Center kitchen expansion should be complete around the same time.

Tribal Enrollment Director Leslie Fall-Leaf is coordinating information regarding the Trust Settlement "after-born" per capita payments and also has information about the Cobell IIM Trust Settlement payments.

We're expanding tribal programs and services from our Caney, Kansas, office including our new Child Support Enforcement program. Emporia (Kansas) State University has partnered with us to house our Historic Preservation Office and Director.

As your former Chief (1994-98) I'm privileged to now support and accompany Chief Pechonick and the Tribal Council as Tribal Manager. I've attended regional and national gatherings of Indian Country tribal leaders. In October I was a delegate to the National Congress of American Indians in Sacramento, CA. Besides meeting the new head of the BIA, I also

met a group of Delaware Tribe members who live in the area. I heard their concerns about staying informed and feeling important to the Oklahoma-based leaders.

In December I was in Washington DC for the Tribal Nations Summit. While Chief Pechonick met with President Obama and Cabinet Secretaries, I met with BIA officials to discuss direct funding for programs and services rather than going through Cherokee Nation. This will happen in 2013. On December 14 Chief Pechonick and I met with Oklahoma tribal leaders to reconstitute United Indian Nations in Oklahoma, a tribal advocacy group. These gatherings are important for our tribe to have visibility and credibility.

Finally I'd like to thank two sets of people I've had the honor and pleasure to work with. One is our volunteers. They serve on committees from elections to cultural activities and their value is immeasurable. The other is our tribal staff. They are hard-working and dedicated to the tribe's success. Please contact me if you have comments or questions about this report; I'm here to serve our people. Wanishi!

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### Delaware Indian News

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We invite contributions, but reserve the right to limit printing based upon available space. Tribal members are encouraged to support the *DIN* with contributions.

The deadline for articles, letters, ads and calendar of events is March 15, 2012 for the April 2013 issue. Submissions may be mailed, faxed or hand delivered to the tribal office or emailed to [din@delawaretribe.org](mailto:din@delawaretribe.org).

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The mission of the *DIN* is to serve, empower and inform the Lenape people, while adhering to the policy of unbiased reporting in an ethical and professional manner.■



City administration leaders recently met with tribal officials to discuss business and community relations.. Left to right: Bartlesville Police Chief Tom Holland, Chief Paula Pechonick, and Bartlesville City Manager Ed Gordon.



## Greetings for the New Year

*Council and Trust Board Member Verna Crawford*

I wish all Delaware Tribal members and readers of the *Delaware Indian News* a very Happy New Year.

The events of the past year have been many and exciting. A new Social Services building has been funded and is very near completion. Programs have been expanded or reestablished, including the EPA department, housing, child-care, and several others.

The Tribe has established a government office in Caney, Kansas. It was the first step to expanding the tribe's service area. Soon the property that was once a childcare center will be placed in Trust with the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

The Elder Nutrition Program has grown, there are many elders and guests who enjoy lunch Monday thru Friday. Meals are served from 12 to 12:30. All Indian Elders are invited. The kitchen is undergoing remodeling and expansion.

Curtis Zunigha was hired as Tribal Manager and Bruce Martin as his assistant. They are helping to move the Tribe forward. Coordinating existing projects and developing new ones.

The year 2013 will be more prosperous and exciting for the Delaware Tribe.

The Social Services building will be open and operating.

The Tribal Council and Trust Board are working together to update and revise the Constitution, Trust Document, and Trust Master Plan. They are working on improving and developing the Tribe's goals and plans for the next five, ten and twenty years. Workshops are being held, as possibilities are developed and refined town meetings will be held for individual tribal members. Opinions and suggestions from Tribal members are welcome at any time and may be incorporated into the long-range plans.

Any Tribal member is welcome to contact me directly at any time by email at [vcrawford@delawaretribe.org](mailto:vcrawford@delawaretribe.org), by phone at 918-521-2770, or write to me in care of the Delaware Tribe of Indians, 170 North Barbara, Bartlesville, OK 74006. I will answer all correspondence as quickly as possible.

I am honored to serve the Delaware people in any way I may.

As a Trust Board member I am dedicated to protect the principal funds and provide as many services as possible for the Delaware people.

As a Tribal Council member I will protect the rights of the Delaware people and promote our Tribe politically, through grant programs, economic development and culturally.

My service on both Council and Trust Board have different duties and requirements and I will always do my best to promote and protect the finances, culture and integrity of the Delaware Tribe and people. Wanishi (thank you) for allowing me to serve my Tribe.■

## Important Information for All Tribal Members

*Jenifer Pechonick, Tribal Council Member*

### DIN and Website

Did you know the DIN is available online on our web site at [www.delawaretribe.org](http://www.delawaretribe.org)? If you haven't visited the web site lately, you should! Our official web site has abundant information about the Tribe today that you should know. I am proud of the success and continued progress of our Tribe. The web site is updated frequently and has a significant amount of information about our programs with applications for services (many do not require you to live in the five counties!) We are also able to post update job opportunities with the Tribe, our online gift shop, information about meetings, and day-to-day news. Please share this information with your family!

### Enrollment

Please take the time this month to enroll your family who are not on our rolls! The last time I checked we had 10,585 tribal members. I was very surprised to realize of the total enrollment only about 800 of

those members are under the age of 18. I ask you to take the lead in your family to encourage everyone, including qualifying children and grandchildren, to get on the Tribal rolls. The process is not as difficult as you may think; our enrollment department is extremely helpful in the process. There are many programs available to our people nationwide for which your family is eligible. Contact enrollment today to get started!

### Current Contact Info

If you know a Tribal member who is not receiving information, please encourage them to contact the office to update their information. We have not forgotten about anyone but we have lost contact with some Tribal members over the years.

Assistance is available to Tribal members regardless of location, but we need to know how to contact you. Tribal members throughout the world are eligible for burial assistance, utility assis-

tance, housing assistance, dental assistance, medical assistance, emergency travel, hospital equipment assistance, and emergency assistance.

In addition there are programs specifically for elders, not limited by location, including optical assistance and prescription medication assistance.

Programs specifically for students include school supply vouchers, education assistance for incidentals, athletic assistance, academic achievement award, driver's education assistance, adult vocational training assistance and Trust Fund higher education scholarships.

### Communication

Please give us some feedback on ways to communicate with you! A tremendous amount of work is put into each issue of the DIN but I'm told over and over tribal members are not reading the important information about the Tribe provided in each issue. Feel free to contact me by email at [jeniferp917@aol.com](mailto:jeniferp917@aol.com), by phone at 918-214-6872, or email or call the Tribe ([tribe@delawaretribe.org](mailto:tribe@delawaretribe.org)) to let us know how we can better communicate with you!■

## From the Desk of Nate Young, Tribal Council Member

First I want to thank all of our tribal members that voted in the last election. It is important for our members to participate in the election of our leaders. The future growth of our tribe depends on this participation. The leadership of our tribe has the goal of serving our people. One way to insure we maintain the goal of service to our members is to participate.

As stated, service to our members is the primary goal. In today's political and economic climate (and add the years of not being federally recognized) we are required to work twice as hard to receive what we believe is our right

to participate in the nation-to-nation relationship with the federal government.

One lesson we have learned is information we believe our members should know is often used by others for their own political agenda. This places our leaders in a difficult position. We are proud of our accomplishments and the commitment to our members, but we have to be cautious of what we report. I am now aware of the difficulty a nation in war or conflict faces in what can be reported. Certain accomplishments can be reported, but our strategy and long-term goals cannot. Plus, we have

enemies both inside and outside of our Tribe. I have a difficult time in understanding members that don't want our tribe to grow and prosper.

One goal we can publicly discuss is our continuing effort to provide more services to our members and make our tribe self-sufficient. A second goal is to streamline our tribal government and all of our governing documents to meet the demands of a tribe operating in the 21st century. This may be unpleasant but it is absolutely necessary. We must adapt ourselves to an ever changing world. Being pro-active and not reactive is the only way we can survive and prosper.

Troubling to me is the constant bickering among our members. Even after an exercise in the democratic process of electing leaders, old feuds and jealousies surface. Unfortunately people don't realize that this behavior drives away the very people we need for future leadership. Conflict in any organization is normal and can be healthy if properly resolved. Sour grapes behavior does nothing to help our Tribe to achieve self-sufficiency and provide a promising future for our members. What our Tribe needs is individuals who will make a positive contribution and a willingness to work as a team.■

## Thank You!

Annette Ketchum, Tribal Council Member

Thank you for your vote of confidence in electing me to a new term on the Tribal Council. It is an honor and an especially important responsibility to serve as a councilwoman and I do take it seriously.

The reason I ran for a second term in office was to serve the Delaware people. I believe in a system that elects its leaders. I believe in a system who allows any person of the qualifying age, without a criminal record, and who lives within a reasonable traveling distance to file for candidacy. I would encourage people with those qualifications to run as citizen candidates next term.

Presently, the tribe has many committees where a person can volunteer to serve the tribe and see if he or she likes service. I know appointments, just as elections, are not everyone's forte. However, if you are not sure of the commitment that you would have to make as a candidate, "test the water" by volunteering or submitting your name for one of the committees. Of course, not everyone can make the commitment that is necessary to serve four years. Some of you

have young children, some have health problems, some are caring for elders, some have demanding jobs, some live too far away, and some have hardships that would prevent them from attending the many meetings elected people must attend.

Fortunately, some of you are using your gift or talent in another way just now. I don't think a person should run for office and resign before the term is completed, although no one can see the future perfectly clear and the unexpected arises. Some of you can serve your leaders by praying for them or dropping a note from time to time to encourage them.

I assure you being on the Delaware Tribal Council is an intense commitment. It will test a person's core values to do the very best thing when there are good and very good options. But, people with integrity, fortitude, and wisdom are needed and will be needed more and more as the Tribe grows and competes in the world. I want to serve with the best. ■

## AARP honors Indian elders at annual event

Susan Albert

Published in Bartlesville Examiner-Enterprise, November 25, 2012

The fourth annual 2012 AARP Indian Elders Honors was held recently at the National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum in Oklahoma City.

Joined by tribal officials, friends and family members of 35 Oklahoma Native American tribes and nations, as well as AARP officials, the celebration recognized preservationists, dancers, artists, authors, ministers and elders that have made a difference to the tribes, communities and state, according to an article on the AARP website, [aarp.org](http://aarp.org).

Among honorees recognized for their contributions were local residents Annette and Dee Ketchum, who were each presented a medalion.

Dee Ketchum, of the Delaware Tribe, served as chief of the Delaware Tribe from 1998 to 2002. He was a member of the Tribal Council for 12 years and served three years on the Trust Board. Ketchum was instrumental in acquiring the 80-acre land base on which the tribal complex is located and has served 14 years as a trustee at Haskell Indian Nations University Foundation. He is a member of the University of Kansas Letterman Club, the Association of American Indian Affairs and the National Congress of American Indians. He has served six years as chairman and co-chairman of the Oklahoma Indian Summer Festival. He is a member of the Lenape Gourd Society and the Southern Eagle Ridge Singers and currently serves as director of the Ketchum Institute of American Indian Studies at Oklahoma Wesleyan University.

Annette Ketchum, of the Delaware Tribe, was born on her grandmother's allotment in Dewey and raised among the Delawares and exposed to tribal government and traditions at a young age. She served on the tribal council and is a renowned Indian artisan who makes dance clothes for her family as well as other tribal members. She is a leader and mentor among tribal people and particularly a role model for Delaware girls. She takes pride in participating in tribal culture and has received many honors including Head Woman Dancer at the 1990 Nowata Powwow and the 2004 Women's Network History Maker of the Year. She is actively involved in the Bartlesville Indian Women's Club, the Bartlesville Area History Museum, the National Center for Grand Lake Native American Culture and First Baptist Church of Bartlesville. In addition, she was instrumental in beginning Oklahoma Indian Summer. A book and movie entitled, "The Long Journey Home," has been released about Dee and Annette Ketchum and the Delaware Indians.

AARP national board member Joan Ruff delivered the keynote address. Other officials included AARP Oklahoma State President Marjorie Lyons, Regional Vice President Nancy Stockbridge, and Associate State Director Mashell Sourjohn.

According to the AARP article, Lyons said, "Once again, we have come together in the spirit of goodwill and harmony to celebrate the remarkable lives of Native American elders from across the state. Though they come from different backgrounds and cultures, we see in tonight's honorees, the common bond they share— respect, dignity and service to their fellow man."



Annette and Dee Ketchum

Others honored were Peggy F. Acoya, Fredo "Chubby" Anderson, Buel Anglen, Neill Bayhlylle, Mary Ann Brittan, Lloyd Perry Buffalo, Grace Bunner, Mary Butler, Royce Carter, Ella M. Colman, George Coser, Judy Deer, Leland Michael Darrow, Georgia Gallegos, Glenda Galvan, Joe Grayson, Jr., John Hair, Louis Headman, Sharon Den Hoed, Leroy Howard, Doyle Barry Kerr, H. Mongraine Lookout, Alice Roberta Hedges Lindsley, Rebecca Lindsey, JoAnn Big Soldier Mayes, Guy Munroe, Emma Murdock, Lyndreth "Tugger" Palmer, Steven B. Pratt, Ph.D (Wazhazhe), Lucinda Robbins, Gayle Cussen Satepauhoodle, Jim Schreen, Jack Shadwick, Baptiste Shunatona, Doyle Morton Thompson, William (Bill) Thorpe, Nathan "Jumbo" Tselee, Pauline White Wahpepah, Josephine Myers-Wapp, Dr. Linda Sue Warner, Matthew Whitehorse, Stratford Williams, Stella Wilson, Robert Wilson, and Gladys Yackeyonny.

<http://examiner-enterprise.com/sections/living/features/aarp-honors-indian-elders-annual-event.html> ■



Tonkawa Tribe Chairman Don Patterson, Delaware Tribe Chief Paula Pechonick, and Osage Nation Chief John Red Eagle met in Bartlesville recently. They met with representatives of Oklahoma Governor Mary Fallin's administration to discuss taxation and jurisdiction issues.



## A Report from Delaware Days 2012

*Bruce Martin*

From the feedback I received Delaware Days 2012 was the best one we have had in a long time. I have been on the Cultural Preservation Committee for two years now and have helped out with Delaware Days. I invited our Shawnee brothers to come join us and they showed up for 2012.

We also had a number of guests from the Seneca-Cayuga, Creek, and Yuchi Tribes. Delaware tribal members from Chelsea, Dewey, Bartlesville, and Tulsa and all over were there and we had a good turnout. Some tribal members showed up for the first time or for the first time in a long while.

We also had some visitors from Germany participating in our dances. One of our guests had attended Delaware Days in 2005 and he enjoyed it so much he decided to return and bring three friends with him. At the end of our traditional dances on both days we asked them to sing a few German songs for us, and we had a small cultural exchange of songs. Around midnight it was suggested that we finish off the leftovers from dinner, and we asked the Germans if they would say a prayer for the food. I think this might have been the first time the Lord's Prayer was spoken in German in the arena at Copan Pow-wow Grounds! Their letters of appreciation are shown in the upper right.

Another big part of the success of Delaware Days this year was having some afternoon activities and there were some activities for the youth to do Saturday afternoon. One activity was storytelling. Mary Watters, Jack Tatum, and Annette Ketchum had stories to tell. Stomp dance shell-shaking class was taught by Jamie Martinez and Lee Ann Martin. Bow and arrow and slingshot lessons were arranged and given by Levi Randall and John Sumpter. Water-drum tying was also demonstrated by Levi, and fry bread making was

taught by Erica Zunigha. Everything was a great success.

I am also grateful to the members of the Cultural Preservation Committee who sponsor, organize, fund, and staff the event.

The CPC recognizes a tribal member veteran and elder to honor during Delaware Days. This year, the Tribe honored Sarah Boyd, U.S. Army, as our Honored Veteran and Dee and Annette Ketchum as our honored elders.

Next year, Delaware Days will be held on September 27 and 28. More activities Saturday afternoon being planned by various Delawares and their families are planning to attend, so mark your calendars. Volunteers will be needed. This will be a great time to get involved with some tribal activities and just get out and have a great time. ■

*All photos by Leslie Fall-Leaf*



*Mary Watters.*

## Thank You Notes from Our German Guests at Delaware Days

Dear members of the Delaware Tribe in Bartlesville and the Committee of Culture,

Although it is hard to find words I want to let you know how thankful I am for the night at your Delaware Days. It was an amazing experience to take part on your dancing and singing. I would have never expected to be treated like that! It was overwhelming! So I want to express my deep respect for you, your culture and your community. It was an honor that you invited us to sing a German song and share your food and thoughts with us.

There was so much good energy around and we enjoyed ourselves so much! Our thankful thoughts will stay with you after we return to Germany and if anyone of you plans a trip to Germany please let us know as everyone of us will be more than proud to show you around and give something back.

May the protecting power of Someone above take care of you and your families until we see each other again,

Thank you so much, blessings to all of you.

Sarah Rubal

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Dear Mrs. Paula Pechonick and Jim,

I'd like to send you my big thanks for the warm welcome the Delaware people gave us Germans at the 2012 Delaware Days. My friends and me all agreed about having felt more than welcome and comfortable and we enjoyed such a great hospitality and time at your culture days. Thank you for sharing with us your precious culture and friendship. It was again a great experience for myself, as I was attending already in 2005, as well as for my friends who took part for the first time. We enjoyed the dances, songs, food and

the visits with many people at the Dance ground.

I felt among your people something what I would describe as the true and generous "Spirit of the Lenape." I hope to be able to return again in the future. All the best wishes to the Delaware Tribe of Indians and all their friends.

Vielen Dank! Wanishi ta. Lâpich Knewëluhëmo.

Robert Götzenberger



*Left to right, Robert Götzenberger, Chris Schwalbe, Robert Reyl, and Sarah Rubal.*



*Sarah Boyd (plaid shirt) honored as Delaware member veteran for 2012.*



*Dee and Annette Ketchum, 2012 honored elders.*



*Young and old Delawares enjoy themselves at Delaware Days.*





## Delaware Days – The Early Days

*Jim Rementer, secretary of  
CPC*

Some younger Delawares may not know the history of Delaware Days, or its tradition as part of the Delaware community. As it approaches its 20-year anniversary in 2014, I was asked to give a brief description of how it began.

Delaware Days actually began as Delaware Day, an annual event sponsored and funded by the Culture Preservation Committee. The first one was held in 1993 on September 5 at the Fall-Leaf Dance Ground where the annual powwow is held. About 300 people attended that year. The Culture Preservation Committee formed a subcommittee to be in charge of Delaware Day, and in 1993 the committee was headed by Mary Watters and Rosetta Coffey, with Annette Ketchum in charge of

publicity. The main singer was Doug Donnell.

It became an annual event after that and for the first two years it was held early in September, but that often conflicted with Labor Day. In 1995 Delaware Day was moved to September 30. The following year, 1996, had probably the largest attendance ever for Delaware Days. This was the first year that it became a two-day event and many people attended because that was the year the Delaware Tribe had their federal recognition restored.

In 1996 the Culture Preservation Committee began to honor a tribal elder at Delaware Days with the first honoree being Lucy Blalock. In 2000 the Committee also began to honor a veteran.

Since 1996 Delaware Days has been a two-day event and the dates for the event have almost always been the last Friday and Saturday in September. In 1997 the Delaware Days Committee had Mary Watters as the chairperson, and



*Mike Pace thanks Fred Fall-Leaf for use of the Dance Grounds*



*Duck Dance 1998*

Annette Ketchum and Jan Brown also served on the Committee.

In 2012 Bruce Martin was appointed head of the Delaware Days Committee. He is always looking for volunteers (see his report on the previous page), so please contact him if you want to help.■

## Trip to Independence Seaport Museum

*Anita Mathis*

In September 2012 Chief Pechonick and Tribal Archivist Anita Mathis were invited to attend a reception and preview of Independence Seaport Museum's new exhibit "Digging the City: Archaeological Discoveries from the Philadelphia Waterfront." The exhibit includes many Delaware artifacts that have been recovered from excavations in that area. Our trip included seeing much of our Delaware history: a trip to **Penn's Landing**, a private Museum about the history of the Delaware in our homeland, and another to **Haverford College**, which has a great-great grandchild of the elm tree under which the Treaty between the Delawares and William Penn was signed. It was a short visit yet we were able to see much history of the Delaware's along with the historical sites of Philadelphia.

We encourage any Delaware with a chance to visit to take advantage of this opportunity; you can also see advertisements for the exhibit, which runs through February 2013, at <http://philly-seaport.org/digging>.

All expenses for this invited trip were paid for by the Seaport Museum and PennDOT, the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation.■



*Independence Seaport Museum, from their web site.*

## "Heart of the Drum" Film Project Update

*Edie Robinette-Petrachi*

The **Heart of the Drum** documentary film project received some wonderful news in November. The project is in the pre-production phase currently and is enjoying a continued show of appreciation and support. In the summer Edie Robinette-Petrachi wrote grant proposals for both the Kansas and Missouri State Humanities Major Grants programs. These are competitive grants and this year a very large number of applicants applied for the limited funds.

Missouri granted three major grants and Kansas five. **Heart of the Drum** won both, making the project a truly collaborative project across the Kansas and Missouri border. The funds are endowed by the National Endowment of the Humanities as well as state funds from taxpayers. This is a tremen-

dous honor for the tribe and for the project. For a press release describing the grants provided by the Kansas Humanities Council, see <http://pressreleases.kcstar.com/release/messages/31977/>.

Additional grant proposal development is underway, as well as a search for private investment funding from film funding sources.

The film industry is also beginning to take notice of our project. IMDB.com, the leading source for film production information now includes a listing for **Heart of the Drum** (<http://imdb.com/title/tt2415588/>). The tribe is listed as Executive Producer, Producers, and Actors in the project. More names will be added as the project develops. Not many films in the "Development" stage are listed here, usually only completed films

are listed. This is also an honor and will help in gaining the publicity we need for funding and positioning for later distribution.

While waiting for funding, filming of **Heart of the Drum** has continued. Many of the special events at this year's Oklahoma Indian Summer were recorded, including the Delaware Color Guard, the honoring of Annette Ketchum, many traditional dances, and the children dancing. An interview with Olympic Gold Medalist Billy Mills and Dee Ketchum, both scholars and athletes at the University of Kansas, was filmed inside the Bartlesville Community Center. The University of Kansas and Haskell University are both included in the film. This interview will compliment archival footage and stories from KU track and basketball from the Spencer Archives at KU and KU Athletics.

A candid portrayal of how life really was from the Indian perspec-

tive in Lawrence Kansas in the late 1950s and early 1960s is shared as well. This is particularly important to the film as many people do not know the Lawrence experience from the Indian perspective during this time. Stories of skill, perseverance, humor, courage and triumph fill the interview. The film makers were present at Delaware Days and recorded several traditional dances, story-telling, and fry bread preparation as well as some informal conversations.

**Heart of the Drum** includes footage from all four seasons. While waiting for funding to arrive, the film makers filmed during peak foliage in October in a flat-bottom boat on the James River near Delaware Town in southwest Missouri. In preparation for this trip, Edie and director Jack Robinette met with the Taney County Historical Society to view early maps, journals and accounts from families along the river in the tur-

bulent 1820s. Next stop was the Society for Ethnohistory meetings in Springfield Missouri. Here, Dr. Brice Obermeyer, Delaware Historic Preservation Officer, led a three-day panel discussion on many aspects of Delaware history, culture, and current concerns. Some of the panel members will participate in the project to help develop the information needed to portray the external forces that affected the tribe in southwest Missouri, Kansas, and Oklahoma.

The next meeting with the tribe will take place in January after the holidays. The film collaboration process will be outlined through a schedule and budget. Plans for interviews and trips with elders and tribal members to sites will begin to be planned.

We look forward to seeing you all again!■

## Mystery Photos from the Tribal Archives

### Do you know who these people are?



If you do, please contact Anita Davis Mathis at (918) 337-6595 or (918) 440-8734 or [amathis@delawaretribe.org](mailto:amathis@delawaretribe.org)

## Tribal Archives

Anita Mathis

Newiyal (New Year). Happy New Year, to all tribal members and your families.

With the New Year come new changes for the Library/Archive Project. We will soon be moving into our new Social Services Building. The move brings new opportunities for all tribal members as well as non-members. We will have a small library of books for doing research on Delawares as well as other tribes. Computers will be set up for tribal members to research the archive database that our Tribal Archivist has been working on; you will be able to search photos, documents and other research we have compiled.

We are proud to announce an online gift shop, and the items online will also be offered in a small gift shop in the Tribal Library/Research room. Please come check us out once we move into our new digs.

As always we want your photos, documents and anything that is related to the Delaware Tribe of Indians. These items can be donated, or you may bring them in to be copied or scanned and given back to you. Your items will be added to the archive database and shared with all tribal members.

This will serve our tribal members, our children and our grandchildren. We are preserving our past and present for our future generations. Wanishi.■

If you have any pictures, documents, books, or artifacts to donate or lend to the Tribal Archives, please contact Anita Mathis at [amathis@delawaretribe.org](mailto:amathis@delawaretribe.org) or at 918-337-6595 or 918-440-8734. The material can be scanned or photographed and returned to you if requested.■

## Lenape Language Preservation Project

Jim Rementer

### What's New

In December 2011 we obtained permission from the Delaware Nation (formerly The Delawares of Western Oklahoma) located at Anadarko, Oklahoma, to use their tapes to create additional sound files for the Lenape Talking Dictionary. Although the two Delaware groups in Oklahoma have been separated for over two hundred years they use the same Lenape dialect on the language web site ([www.talk-lenape.org](http://www.talk-lenape.org)). Sound files made from their tapes are marked with a {DN} following the Lenape word.

### Project History

In 2002 the Lenape Language Preservation Project received a grant from the National Science

Foundation to produce a dictionary database of Lenape. We had the database built to create a Lenape Talking Dictionary which could be placed online. Much of the funding went to digitizing and preserving our existing audiotapes made in past years with native speakers of Lenape. The Dictionary first went online in October 2005, and was officially online in February 2006.

Work has continued since, partially supported by a DEL (Documenting Endangered Languages) grant from the National Science Foundation. This has allowed us to, among other things, add "Stories in Lenape," which can be played line-by-line. At the present time there are 22 stories, three hymns, one Christmas Carol, and two "Fun Songs" to listen to and

learn from. We will be adding more stories as time permits.

### Help Us Continue the Work

The Talking Dictionary is a work in progress. We would appreciate your comments on the Lenape Dictionary. Go to [www.talk-lenape.org](http://www.talk-lenape.org) to find it. We hope you will find this useful as a learning tool. We will continue adding to the Grammar and Lessons sections so you can start learning how to construct sentences in Lenape. It is now up to you, the Lenape people who want to learn the language of your ancestors, to make good use of this material the Lenape elders left for your benefit.■



<http://talk-lenape.org>

## The Tribal Elder Interview Project

Michael Adair

He' my fellow Lenape,

We are all experiencing the loss of elders in our families. With these losses, we are also losing the stories and heritage of the elders who knew the old ways or who knew those who practiced the old ways. This has been a concern of mine lately as I would like my grandchildren and great grandchildren to know the stories of their ancestors' heritage. Our elders' stories will be lost forever to history if we do not take immediate action. I have an idea that many others, I am sure, have had. An idea that would require action from our tribe as a whole, a digital library filled with personal interviews of our elders. I am asking for the Tribe's help in achieving this goal.

My vision is to begin interviewing elders born before 1940 using video and/or audio recordings. These interviews will be based around a set of pre-determined questions that will be chosen from suggestions by you, the tribal members. With over 10,000 Delawares, it will be impossible for me to undertake this mission alone. The only way to succeed would be for others to interview the elders they know and submit the information to be added to a "digital library." This

idea is only in the birthing stage, as it is only an idea without any of the bugs worked out yet, and will take much time to complete. If this project is a success though, we will be able to secure forever the knowledge of our elders in their natural beauty.

I plead for your help in this huge undertaking before The Great Spirit calls for more of His children. I ask suggestions in making this a success, assistance in locating and/or interviewing elders, and assistance with entering interviews into the digital library. All help with this matter will be greatly appreciated by our future generations.

Wanishi,  
Michael Adair

For more information concerning this project, please contact:

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# Delaware Tribe Historic Preservation Office

Brice Obermeyer

The Delaware Tribe's Historic Preservation Office (DTHPO) is tasked with protecting and preserving sites of cultural and religious significance to the Delaware Tribe. Such sites include current and past gravesites, archaeological sites, and traditional cultural properties.

## Documenting the Chambers Site at the Carnegie Museum of Natural History

Archaeologist/NAGPRA Assistant Greg Brown travelled to the Carnegie Museum from Oct. 10-26 to assist the Carnegie Museum as they documented and created an inventory for their collection from the Chambers Site; the remains of a late eighteenth Delaware village and cemetery in Western Pennsylvania. Greg's work was funded under our FY 2012 NAGPRA Documentation Grant and he was able to produce a complete inventory. We will now begin working on the Cultural Affiliation Report and will invite the affiliated tribes to consult with us as we move forward.

## "Delaware Town" Presentation and Tour at the 2012 Ethnohistory Meeting

On November 9, 2012, we hosted a day-long panel about and tour of the Delaware Town archaeological site in southwest Missouri. The panel brought together historians (including tribal member Nicky Michael) and anthropologists that shared their research relevant to the Delaware's historic but brief occupation (1822-1830) in the James River Valley. We are pleased to report that we received a large audience for the panel and the tour was the most highly attended tour of the entire conference.

## Delaware Tribe Historic Preservation Office and Emporia State University

On November 16, 2012; Chief Pechonick and ESU President Michael Shonrock signed an agreement that would house the DTHPO on the ESU campus. This historic move provides the first time that a Tribal Historic Preservation Office has been located on a university campus. It promises to bring the tribe greater access to ESU resources (i.e. faculty researchers/grant writers and technology) as enhanced visibility in Kansas. We anticipate the move to be complete by the end of 2012.

## FY 2011 Tribal Historic Preservation Grant (\$40,000)

We continue to draft a nomination to the National Register of Historic Places for "Delaware Town" in southwest Missouri. As the nomination's author, Brice Obermeyer will be attending a training session in Oklahoma City on drafting a Nomination to the Federal Register on Dec. 7, 2012. We anticipate the nomination to be complete by March of 2013.

## Daily HPA Section 106 Reviews for October and November

We performed 85 consultation reviews for private companies as well as many other reviews for public agencies in October and November. We anticipate that the November total will increase slightly as we are still receiving projects that are dated in November. We do not ask for a fee from public agencies but we have performed a much larger volume of reviews for such entities including offices government-wide that are responding to the recent impacts of Hurricane Sandy.

# The Chambers Site

Gregory Brown

The Tribe's historic preservation office is currently in the midst of efforts to have over 150 buried individuals from two archaeological sites returned for respectful reburial. The individuals that we are presently researching are from the "Abbott Farm" site, near Trenton, New Jersey, and from the "Chambers" site in western Pennsylvania near Pittsburgh.

Although the museums that we are working with are eager to return the buried ancestors, and the objects buried in the graves with them, NAGPRA repatriation regulations require that we submit evidence that the Delawares are their descendents. For that reason the DTHPO will be researching archaeological, historical, and ethnological sources for both sites, beginning with the Chambers site.

Excavation at the Chambers site, in the late 1950s, began because of the presence of a large earthen mound associated with

an earlier "Woodland" period occupation (between 3000 and 450 years ago). However, into this mound were dug several graves by Indians living there in the late 1700s, and a much larger cemetery of this same period was found nearby and excavated. The village associated with this burial ground was one of four "towns" visited by the Moravian missionary Christian Frederick Post in 1758, when it was called Kuskusky or The Kuskuskies. Two settlements at Kuskuskies were prominent trading villages between 1755 and 1773.

Because this was a period where various Indian groups were migrating, or being forced, toward the west, the Chambers site was probably occupied by a number of groups, including (in addition to Delawares), Haudenosaunee (Iroquois), Shawnees, Wyandots, Chippewas, and Mahicans. Although we think this particular

village was mostly Delaware, we are searching for any evidence we can muster for this conclusion, which may include oral tradition or family papers in addition to scholarly papers.

Toward that end, we hope to present a more detailed presentation on the site at the Delaware Community Center, probably sometime in January or early February. Be sure to check the tribal web site for details. This presentation, or perhaps set of presentations, will also be videotaped and placed online for tribal members not in the immediate area.

If you have any information about this period of Delaware history (around 1750-1775 AD), or know anything about this site, we invite you to contact us at [gbrown@delawaretribe.org](mailto:gbrown@delawaretribe.org) or [bobermeyer@delawaretribe.org](mailto:bobermeyer@delawaretribe.org).

## Consultations in Poughkeepsie, NY

Along with the Stockbridge Munsee and Delaware Nation, we have sent a letter requesting that a burial discovered in Poughkeepsie, NY be removed to make way for the construction of an apartment building. The landowner has agreed to provide the three tribes an easement which is planned to take place in Spring 2013.

## Section 106 Consultations with Delaware Water Gap

We consulted with the Delaware Water Gap on the potential mitigation plan for a planned power line construction. Greg Brown and Jim Hammon are leading a subcommittee of the Culture Preservation Committee (CPC) to assess the mitigation on behalf of the Delaware Tribe and in coordination with the Stockbridge-Munsee and Delaware Nation.



Location of the Chambers site and a few of the objects found there.



## Obituaries



### Dena I (Neher) Barnes

**December 21, 1929-  
December 7, 2012**

Dena I. Barnes, 82, resident of Bartlesville, died Friday, December 7, 2012 at her home. Funeral services was held at 11:00 AM on Tuesday, December 11, 2012 in the East Cross United Methodist Church with Pastor Jeff Burrus officiating, assisted by E.J. Barnes of Trenton, Missouri. Cremation arrangements were directed by the Stumpff Funeral Home & Crematory.

A memorial has been established and those who wish to make a contribution in memory of Mrs. Barnes may do so to: Alzheimer's Association 2448 East 81st Street Suite 3000, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74137.

Dena I. Barnes was born December 21, 1929 at Bartlesville, Oklahoma to Harry Van and Mary Emma (Dulany) Neher. She grew up in the Bartlesville, Ramona and Oglesby, Oklahoma areas and graduated high school at Ramona, Oklahoma in 1948. Mrs. Barnes lived in Washington State for two years while her parents were employed in the ship yards during WWII. She returned to Bartlesville and was married to Ray Barnes on July 30, 1949 at the Lutheran Church; they were married for 63 years. Mr. and Mrs. Barnes made their home in Ochelata from

1950 to 1961 when they moved back to Bartlesville. Mrs. Barnes was employed for many years as a secretary at Wayside Elementary School where she touched the lives of many children. Dena's favorite pastimes were fishing and spending time with family.

Survivors include her husband Ray Barnes of the family home in Bartlesville; two sons, Terry Barnes of Bartlesville and Allan Barnes of Stillwater, Oklahoma; two daughters, Karen Wilson and her husband Bobby of Nowata and Carole Henry and her husband Clarence of Bartlesville; fourteen grandchildren, Justin Wilson, Torrey Barnes, Cody Barnes, Zachary Barnes, Dusty Barnes, Jesse Barnes, Jace Barnes, Mark Barnes, Miranda Hulsey, Joe Barnes, Marissa Martin, Brandon Martin, Jason Henry and Megan Gill; five great-grandchildren, Parker Barnes, Liam Grahlert, Hunter Hulsey, Jordan Hulsey, and Madison Barnes. Mrs. Barnes was preceded in death by her parents and two great-grandchildren Ryan Barnes and Trenton Woody. Friends who wish may sign the online guest book and leave condolences at [www.stumpff.org](http://www.stumpff.org). ■



### Cheevers "Hovarithka" Coffey

**April 15, 1924-  
November 17, 2012**

Cheevers Coffey, 88, Dewey, passed away on Saturday, Nov. 17, 2012, at his home. Burial was at Deyo Mission Cemetery in

Lawton.

He was a proud full-blood Comanche, born in Lawton on April 15, 1924 to Robert and Anna Harry Coffey. He graduated from Faxon High School, and then attended Haskell Institute in Lawrence, KS. In 1975, he graduated from Haskell Indian Junior College. He retired in 1989 as a Residential Supervisor/Counselor from Haskell Indian Junior College. There, he impacted many young people in furthering their education while advising them to keep true to their cultural roots. He loved attending any and all student sports at Haskell.

Cheevers and his wife, Rosetta, shared 69 years of marriage with the high regard of love of family. He was a member of Deyo Mission Baptist Church, and was an active part of the Native American Community. He participated in powwows across the country and was a founding member of the Comanche Little Ponies and a member of the Osage Gourd Dance Society. He was honored many times as Head Gourd Dancer for many powwows and gourd dances as he enjoyed gourd dancing and being in the arena. He also enjoyed his friendships with the Delaware Tribe Title VI Program.

Cheevers is well-known as master of ceremonies for many years at the annual Delaware Powwow.

He was affectionately called "Grandpa" by his 11 grandchildren and "Buddy" by his 17 great-grandchildren and one great-great grandson a total of five generations. He was also an uncle, cousin, in-law and Indian way Brother to many. He was a direct descendant of Chief Ten Bear "Pahnosamenah" and his Comanche name and grandfathers name was "Hovarithka." His Aunt Sarah Pohocsucut referred to Cheevers Coffey as Traditional Comanche Chief, "Chief Cheevers." He will be missed by all who knew him, as he loved to tell a good story and

share a joke. He had a life well lived. All will be forever changed by knowing him.

He is survived by his wife, Rosetta Jackson Coffey, of the home; his sons, Jesse Coffey of Cache and James and Marilyn Coffey of Dewey; three sisters, Mabel Ann Blalock, LaVoice and husband, Royce Satepauhoodle, and Pauline Hawzipta, all of Lawton; and several grandchildren, Susan Hartman of Noble, Robin Coffey-Hopkins of Edmond, Rusty Coffey of Rio Rancho, NM, Carrie Coffey of Lawrence, KS, Angie Thurman-Goodfox of Shawnee, Janet Coffey-Work of Oklahoma City, Kristie Coffey of Lawrence, KS, Marty Thurman of Shawnee, Jesse Coffey Jr. of Cache, Jake Coffey of Bartlesville, Russ Tall Chief of Oklahoma City, and Amy Tall Chief of Tulsa.

He was proceeded in death by his son, Marvin "Rusty" Coffey; a daughter, Paulette Louise TallChief; a granddaughter, Jonita Coffey; and a brother: Jesse R. Coffey. ■



### Frances Lewellyn Johnson-Kern- Hebert

**September 22, 1929-  
October 9, 2012**

Frances Lewellyn Johnson-Kern-Hebert passed away

Tuesday October 9th quietly in her sleep in Medford, Oregon. Frances was born September 22, 1929, in Bartlesville, Oklahoma to Frankie Johnson and Laura Ervabell Bechtel. The family moved to Los Angeles, California prior to 1945, and later to Long Beach, CA, where she graduated from high school.

Frances married Frank Prentiss Kern Jr. July 11, 1945, in Las Vegas Nevada and together had five children. She loved all of the outdoors including camping, fishing, boating and water-skiing. Frances remarried Paul Hebert in 1969, and relocated to Siskiyou County, then Klamath Falls, and eventually to Medford, Oregon. Frances was also a well loved, long time friend of Bill W., enjoying decades of happy sobriety among friends and family.

Frances Johnson was a descendant of Israel and Mary Haff of the Delaware Tribe of Oklahoma. Frances eventually returned for a visit to Oklahoma in 2001, for the first time since leaving there in the 1940s. There along with two of her daughters, she visited the Delaware Indian Headquarters in Bartlesville, met the Chief of that time, Dee Ketchum and his wife Annette, and visited once again with several extended family members. Fran had many fond memories of that visit.

Survivors include a son, Frank Prentiss Kern III; three daughters, L. Kathleen Kern, Christine Dotson, and Sandra Boyce; one grandson; two granddaughters; and one great grandson. She was preceded in death by her first husband Frank, her second husband Paul, and a son, Bradford Gary Kern. ■

If one of your relatives or close friends has passed, please feel free to 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.



## Deborah Joan (Neil) Nichols- Ledermann

**September 29, 1956-  
September 27, 2012**

Former Welch, OK resident Deborah Joan (Neil) Nichols-Ledermann, now of St. Louis, Missouri, passed away September 27, 2012 at St. John's Mercy Hospital, St. Louis, MO, after a sudden illness. She was 55 years old.

Deborah was born September 29, 1956 in Oswego, Kansas to Merle and Nadine (Wilkins) Neil. She was a graduate of Welch High School. She attended Missouri Southern State College, receiving her Bachelors Degree. In 1995, she graduated from the University of Missouri of Kansas City, and received her Master's Degree, majoring in Pharmacology. She married David Ledermann on September 29, 2001 and he survives her.

Deborah was a member of the Delaware Tribe of Indians headquartered in Bartlesville. She served on the Delaware Trust Board. She enjoyed researching Delaware Indian history as well as antiques. She was also an author and editor of several books and articles, and a list of her works is on this page. She was a member of the United Methodist Church of Welch.

Deborah was preceded in death by her parents; and 1 sister, Twyla Lathrop. She is also survived by 1 son, Christopher Nichols of Phoe-

nix, AZ; 3 brothers, Merle Neil, Jr., and Robert and Patricia Neil, all of Welch, and Gregory Paul Neil; many other loving relatives; and a host of friends.

A memorial service was held at 10:00 a.m. Friday, October 5, 2012 at the Thomas Funeral Home, Welch. Pastor Brad Canham will officiate. Interment was at Walker Cemetery, Welch, OK. ■



## Angie Talley

**February 26, 1957-  
August 30, 2012**

Angie Talley, 55, of Mount Carmel, IL, passed away on Thursday, August 30, 2012 at her residence with her family by her side.

She was born on February 26, 1957 in Fort Worth, TX, the daughter of Shirley (Ellis) Kimmel.

She married Kevin Talley on April 26, 1997, at his sister's house in Mount Carmel, IL, and he survives.

Angie was a Registered Nurse. She started her working career as a Certified Nurse's Assistant at Meadowood Nursing Home in Grayville, IL, where she worked her way up to Assistant Director of Nursing. Angie was a hospice nurse for several years, working for Hospice of Southeastern IL, and VNA Tip Hospice. She attended First Baptist Church in Mount Carmel, IL.

The family would like to thank Hospice of Southeastern IL, family and friends for their prayers and support during Angie's illness. A special thanks to friend and doctor, Dr. Ketan Vyas.

She is survived by her husband, Kevin Talley; mother, Shirley Kimmel of Alva, FL; daughter, April Kroll of Mount Carmel, IL; brother, Jeffery (Kelly) Vaupel of Carmi, IL; and several nieces and nephews.

Angie was preceded in death by her brother, Mark Vaupel.

Family and friends may gather from 11 a.m. until the time of service, Saturday, September 1, 2012 at the First Baptist Church in Mount Carmel, IL.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m., Saturday, September 1, 2012, at the First Baptist Church, with Adam Cruse officiating. Burial will follow at Highland Memorial Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Southeastern, IL at 800 East Locust Street, Olney, IL. 62450.

To view Angela's tribute wall and leave online condolences, please visit our website at [www.familytradition-funeralhome.com](http://www.familytradition-funeralhome.com). ■



## Reed Martin Wahnee

**October 16, 1940-  
November 14, 2012**

Reed Martin Wahnee, age 72, passed from this life on November 14, 2012 at his home with his family by his side. Reed was born on October 16, 1940 to James Wahnee and Ann Laura Wilson in Claremore, Oklahoma. Mr. Wahnee was a member of the Comanche Nation and the Dela-

## Books and Articles by Deborah Nichols

*Long Journey Home: Oral Histories of Contemporary Delaware Indians*. Edited by James W. Brown and Rita T. Kohn. Indiana University Press, 2007 (Deborah was a contributor and interviewee).

"Warriors for the Union," in *Civil War Times*, February 1997, By Deborah Nichols and Laurence M. Hauptman.

*Legends of the Delaware Indians and Picture Writing*, by Richard C. Adams, edited by Deborah Nichols, Syracuse Univ. Press, Syracuse, NY, 1997.

"The Rest of the Story," in *Delaware Indian News*, early 2000s.

"In Regard To The Travels Of 'Where He Was Seen,'" in *The*

*Museum of the Fur Trade Quarterly*, vol. 32, no. 3, Fall 1996.

"A Delaware Brave," in *Delaware Indian News*, Oct. 1995

Deborah was a consultant for:

*On Records: Delaware Indians, Colonists, and the Media of History and Memory*, by Andrew Newman, University of Nebraska Press, 2012.

*The State, Removal and Indigenous People in the United States and Mexico, 1600-2000*, by Claudia B. Haake, Taylor & Francis Group, New York, 2007.

*The Delaware Indians and the Development Of Prairie-Style Beadwork*, by Denise Neil-Binion (niece of Deborah), a Master's Thesis done in 2012. ■

ware Tribe of Indians. Reed graduated from Dewey High School in 1959. He married Debbie Dianne Wallace on September 17, 1987, in Oklahoma City. Reed was a Geologist Engineer traveling extensively in the oil industry working for Exploration Logging and Luttrell Oil and Gas for over 50 years and then served as a Geodynamic consultant.

Mr. Wahnee was a horseman, this was his passion. He was a race horse trainer and loved to watch the horse races. He always had a schnauzer dog that was always by his side on the oil rigs with him and his travels. Reed liked to fish, camp and loved all of his grandchildren. He was a very compassionate, loving husband and father.

Mr. Wahnee is survived by his wife Debbie of the home, Miami, Oklahoma; two sons, James Reed Wahnee of Oglesby, Oklahoma and Robert Wayne Wahnee of Bartlesville, Oklahoma; one daughter, Paula Ann Gibson and spouse Morgan Keene of Grove, Oklahoma; one step-daughter, Ginger Anne Nimmo and husband Richard of Bethany, Oklahoma; and one brother, Jim (Moke)

Wahnee and wife Carrol of Weatherford, Oklahoma. Also surviving Reed are twelve grand children, six great grand children and host of other relatives and friends. He was proceeded in death by his parents; one brother, Sonny Wahnee; step-son Bradly Wallace; and one step-grandson, Benjamin Nimmo. Reed was buried in the Delaware Cemetery in rural Dewey, OK. ■

## Delaware Tribe of Indians

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## Community Services and Education Committees Increase Program Benefits

Verna Crawford

Delaware Trust Community Services and Education Committees have been working on updating and revising the program guidelines in recent months. The two committees have increased many of the benefits and clarified the guidelines. This will be a continuing project as needs of our members change. Comments and suggestions are welcomed from any Delaware tribal member.

As chairperson of both committees, I want to thank the Committee members for their hard work, dedication and service to the Delaware Tribe. Committee members are: Vice Chairman Homer Scott, Darrell Glenn, Chet Brooks, Mary Huddleston, Teri Jo Aaroe, Titus Frenchman, John Sumpter, Cecilia Biggoose and Social Services Director Lacey Davis Harris. Cece Biggoose is the staff contact person. She has and will be very helpful to all Tribal members. Both Lacey Harris and Cecilia Biggoose are Delaware tribal members.

A detailed list of the guidelines is on the tribe's web site at [www.delawaretribe.org](http://www.delawaretribe.org).

All the program application forms are on the web site also. Tribal members may apply for more than one program within each calendar year. A separate form must be submitted for each program and each eligible family member. Forms may be mailed from the Tribal Office upon request.

Applications are processed by Cece and presented to the Committees for approval. The committees meet on the second Monday of each month. Emergency applications are addressed as required. (Emergencies are deemed to be those events that have immediate impact on the health and safety of the applicant. Applicants need to request assistance at least a week before utility cutoff date or any other programs.)

The Education Committee paid out \$13,600 in scholarships for the fall 2012 school year. A similar amount is expected for the spring session. Applications for spring are due by January 31, 2013 and will be processed at the February meeting.■

## Community Services and Education Programs

### 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 to the family.

**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 SCHOLASHIP 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. ■

FINAL RESULTS OF THE 2012 GENERAL ELECTION FOR TRIBAL COUNCIL AND TRIBAL COURT				
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TRIBAL COUNCIL CANDIDATES				
Chester L. Brooks	4	56	186	246
Marilyn S. (Pickett) Cole	1	27	76	104
Annette A. (Martin) Ketchum	7	53	181	241
John W. Sumpter	3	52	95	150
Nathan H. Young	5	60	138	203
CHIEF JUSTICE CANDIDATE				
Donald E. Mason	7	67	305	379
ASSOCIATE TRIBAL JUDGE CANDIDATE				
Charles E. Randall	7	76	304	387
PROPOSED 2013 TRUST BOARD BUDGET				
Yes	6	77	313	396
No	1	10	9	20





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## Community

### Delaware War Mothers and November Veterans' Activities

*Tonya Anna*

The Delaware War Mothers have been busy trying to get reorganized by January and have already participated in a couple of events. On Friday, November 9, the ladies joined the Delaware Veterans Committee and hosted the Veterans Special Recognition Ceremony at the Delaware Community Center. The Lenape Color Guard presented the flags while the Delaware War Mothers paraded behind them. The keynote address was delivered by John Henry Mashunkashey, a Marine Corps veteran from the Osage Nation. Russell Mashunkashey, K.C. Bills, and Bruce Martin were the drummers. After the speech CeCe



*John Henry Mashunkashey*

Biggoose started her televised presentation of the pictures of the veterans on record. It was accompanied by each individual military theme song. Each veteran was asked to stand during their theme song and was presented with a pin by one of the Delaware War Mothers and thanked for their service. The ceremony was followed by a luncheon with tribal leaders and elders.

On November 10, the ladies participated in the Bartlesville Veterans Day parade. The tribe provided the truck, trailer and bales of straw for this event. Bruce Martin gathered a small group to help with drumming. Thank you to all who participated or helped in the organization of both events!

Our mission is to represent and honor our military relatives, so if you are a Grandmother, Mother,



*Tonya Anna, Laura Maynor, Bess Marlor, Susie Finney, Barbara Wallace, Mary Watters and Bonnie Thaxton smiling for the camera just before the Veterans Recognition ceremony.*

Daughter, Granddaughter, Sister or Aunt of a Veteran(s), Native American OR non-native but want to represent an Indian veteran and would be interested in joining, please attend our next meeting scheduled for Monday, January 21, 2013 at 5:30 pm in the dining hall at the Delaware Community Center. You may also contact Bess Marler at 918-440-1955, Tonya Anna at 918-533-8035 or email the club at [delawarewarmothers@yahoo.com](mailto:delawarewarmothers@yahoo.com). ■



*Bonnie Thaxton and Barbara Wallace standing in front of the Fallen Soldier silhouette that was provided by Susie and David Finney.*

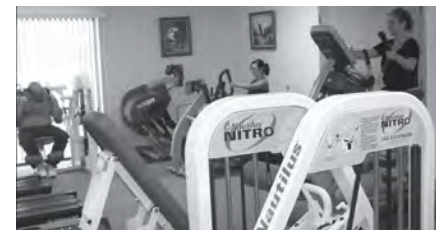


*Kay Anderson, Susan Cade and CeCe Biggoose ready to roll!*



*Bonnie Thaxton near the Delaware War Mothers float at the Veteran's Day parade in Bartlesville, November 10, 2012.*

### Delaware Tribe Wellness Center



The Delaware Tribe Wellness Center is open Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm, and Saturday 8:00 am to 1:00 pm. It is located in the tribal offices at 170 NE Barbara, Bartlesville, OK. Barbara Avenue is located about a block west of the Tuxedo Blvd. and Madison Ave. intersection.

There is no fee for any member of the Delaware or Cherokee Tribe, just bring your CDIB card or tribal membership card with you. We encourage everyone else to get healthy for a small fee of \$20.00 a month or \$2.00 a day for non-tribal members. For more information, please contact us at 918-337-6590

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

*Tribal Manager Curtis Zunigha was recently honored by the Greater Tulsa Area Indian Affairs Commission with the 2012 Will Anquoe Humanitarian Award. Zunigha was awarded for 25 years of service to Indian Country including his time on both the Tulsa and Oklahoma Indian Affairs Commissions.*



### We're Almost Ready!

The new Social Services building will be open by early February. We hope you'll come by to see it!





# Minutes of the Tribal Council, September 2012-November 2012

## Monday, August 27, 2012 Delaware Community Center

*Respectfully submitted by Jenifer Pechonick*

Chief Pechonick called the meeting to order at 6pm. Terry Jo Aaroe gave the invocation. Roll call: Chief Pechonick, Chet Brooks, Verna Crawford, Nathan Young, Janifer Brown and Jenifer Pechonick. Guests present included: Levi Randall, Cy Hughes, TJ Aaroe, Vicki Sousa, John Sumpter, Leslie Fall-Leaf, Curtis Zunigha, Homer Scott, Don and Priscilla Mason, Buck Young, John Young, Charles and Mary Randall, Nancy Sumpter, Susan Cade, Carol Young, Michelle Vernon, Lesa Steele, Titus Frenchman, James Jackson, Vincent Jackson, and Chris Miller.

Jenifer Pechonick made a motion to approve the agenda with one correction, 2nd Janifer Brown. Discussion: Move "Other Business A & B" to the beginning. Motion passed all in favor.

Verna Crawford made a motion to approve the minutes from August 6, 2012 with corrections if any. 2nd Chet Brooks. Motion passed all in favor.

Jenifer Pechonick made motion to approve Resolution 2012-31 LLC codes. 2nd Nathan Young. Motion passed all in favor.

Janifer Brown made a motion to approve Resolution 2012-32, Insurance Codes. 2nd Verna Crawford. Motion passed all in favor.

Curtis Zunigha presented the Tribal Manager's report.

Janifer Brown made a motion to approve the financials pending audit. 2nd Nathan Young. Motion passed all in favor.

Cy Hughes said they are looking for a printer and estimated cost for printing the ballots. They will meet again September 14.

### Unfinished Business

Jenifer Pechonick made a motion to approve Resolution 2012-26

supporting Edie Robinette-Petrachi. 2nd Janifer Brown. Motion passed all in favor.

Janifer Brown made a motion to approve the Election Committee Regulations. 2nd Jenifer Pechonick. 5 yes, 1 abstain (Chet Brooks).

Jenifer Pechonick made a motion to approve Resolution 2012-27 authorizing the transfer of tribal housing maintenance, personnel, vehicle and equipment to DFMS. 2nd Nathan Young. Discussion: Susan Cade asked what would happen to the assets if the business went under. Lesa Steele said it would go back to the Tribe. Motion passed all in favor.

Jenifer Pechonick made a motion to approve Resolution 2012-33 authorizing the use of a CD as collateral to financially support start-up and operating expenses in connection with DFMS. 2nd Verna Crawford. Discussion: Lesa Steele presented a forecast of startup expenses for DFMS for the first month and first quarter. She said they will transfer the employees of Housing maintenance to DFMS on October 1. She said that DFMS will take a line of credit on a Tribal CD. She presented the forecast and said prior to the end of the first quarter the janitorial and tree businesses should be self-sustaining. Motion passed (5 yes, 1 abstain – Chet Brooks).

The Chief and Council presented Verna Crawford a plaque on behalf of her son William Crawford for his service as a Tribal Judge.

Chief Pechonick recognized John Chapman Young who submitted his name as a Tribal judge. He graduated from OU with a degree in Modern Languages. He attended law school at University of New Mexico. He currently serves as the director of the National Tribal Trial College.

Jenifer Pechonick made a motion to appoint John Chapman Young to the vacancy on the Tribal Court to serve through November 2014. 2nd Chet Brooks. Mo-

tion passed all in favor (5 yes, 1 abstain - Nathan Young). Justice Don Mason swore in John Chapman Young to the Tribal Court.

Don Mason gave a brief judicial report. He thanked the Tribal Council for approving the codes tonight. There is a staff meeting with DHS on Wednesday, August 29. He congratulated new justice John Chapman Young. He provided information about a conference September 21.

Jenifer Pechonick made a motion to approve Resolution 2012-28, to approve new members. 2nd Verna Crawford. Motion passed all in favor.

Verna Crawford made a motion to approve Resolution 2012-30 to approve NCAI delegates and alternates. 2nd Nathan Young. Motion passed (5 yes, 1 abstain – Chet Brooks).

Lesla Steele presented the amended charter for DEA. Verna Crawford signed.

Jenifer Pechonick read Wayne Stull's resignation. His position will remain empty until the election in November.

Susan Cade and her son Levi Randall stated it looked funny that both Jenifer Pechonick and Paula Pechonick serve on the Council and the DEA. Jenifer Pechonick said that she was sorry they felt that way but she had served under other Chiefs, on many committees and had been elected to Tribal Office more than once. She also stated that Chief Pechonick did not appoint her to the positions, the other Tribal Council members and the DEA Board did.

Jenifer discussed the Lenape Scholarship Fund. She said the regulations will be in the October *Delaware Indian News*.

Verna Crawford made a motion to approve the Lenape Scholarship Funds with changes. 2nd Jenifer Pechonick. Motion passed all in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:18pm.

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## Monday, October 1, 2012 Delaware Community Center

*Respectfully submitted by Jenifer Pechonick*

Chief Pechonick called the meeting to order at 6:34 pm. Chet Brooks gave the invocation in Lenape and English. Roll call: Chief Pechonick, Chet Brooks, Verna Crawford, Nathan Young, Janifer Brown, and Jenifer Pechonick. Guests present included: Rick Barnes, Charles and Mary Randall, Cy Hughes, Christopher Ketchum, Priscilla and Don Mason, Nancy Sumpter, Greg Brown, LuAnn Hainline, Lesa Steele, Bruce Martin, Mary Huddleston, Michelle Vernon, and Curtis Zunigha.

Verna Crawford made a motion to approve the agenda. 2nd Nathan Young. Motion passed all in favor.

Verna Crawford made a motion to approve the August 27 minutes with corrections if needed. 2nd Janifer Brown. Motion passed all in favor.

Nathan Young made a motion to approve the financials pending audit. 2nd Verna Crawford. Motion passed all in favor.

Curtis gave the Tribal Manager's report..

### Abandoned Well Report

Curtis said during the construction of the pond, as they were digging they discovered an abandoned well. He went to Jimmie Johnson, Tribal EPA Director, who called the Corporation Commission, the Cherokee Nation and the Oklahoma Energy Resources Board (OERB). An inspector from the Corporation Commission who confirmed it was an old well that needs to be fixed. There is a five-year backlog on the ORB remediating abandoned wells. Shawn Scott, SGS, said they would work with a company who can fix it and modify the work plan. They are

fixing the well today. Curtis suggested the Chief write a letter to the Governor asking for her support.

A tribal member has requested several items of information regarding grants. The Council reviewed the requested information and asked Curtis to assist in completing the request.

Election Committee Report – reported the election committee met and continues to meet to prepare for the upcoming election. Cy and LuAnn discussed the quotes from the printing company. They will order the printed materials for the election.

DEA report – Lesa Steele gave a report on behalf of DEA. She said DFMS has consumed her time for the last month. She showed the ad in the DIN for the company. She asked if you know someone who needs something done – refer them to DFMS, if you know someone who can do something – tell them to come in and fill out a form to subcontract. Today was the first day. She gave some highlights of the company and procedures.

### Unfinished Business

There is no unfinished business.

### New Business

Jenifer Pechonick made a motion to approve Resolution 2012-36 New Membership Enrollment, 2nd Chet Brooks. Discussion: There are five new members. Motion passed all in favor.

Verna Crawford made a motion to approve Resolution 2012-37 Designating DFMS as Sole-Source Contractor. 2nd Janifer Brown. Motion passed all in favor.

Nathan Young made a motion to approve Resolution 2012-38 Approving Operating Agreement for DFMS. 2nd Verna Crawford. Motion passed all in favor.

Chet Brooks made a motion to approve the Admissions and Occupancy Policy. 2nd Nathan Young. Motion passed all in favor.

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Nathan Young made a motion to make an exception to the pet policy to allow Michelle Vernon's dogs to be approved to live in tribal housing. 2nd Janifer Brown. Motion passed all in favor.

Verna Crawford said there have been some increases to the Community Services. She will send the updates to Greg to put on the web site.

The Council went into Executive Session for personnel issues.

The Council came out of executive session at 8:26 pm.

Jenifer Pechonick made a motion to have the regular Tribal Council meeting Saturday, November 10 after swearing in the new Council members at 1pm. 2nd Janifer Brown. Motion passed all in favor.

Chet Brooks made a motion to terminate the Tribal Council attorney's contract with the 30 day notice as per contract. 2nd Nathan Young. 4 yes, 2 no (Paula Pechonick and Jenifer Pechonick)

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.

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## Saturday, Nov 10, 2012 Delaware Community Center

*Respectfully submitted by Jenifer Pechonick*

The Chief called the meeting to order at 1:10pm. Assistant Chief Chet Brooks prayed in Lenape and English. Present: Chief Pechonick, Assistant Chief Chet Brooks, Treasurer Janifer Brown, Jenifer Pechonick, Nathan Young, Annette Ketchum. Late: Verna Crawford.

Guests: Curtis Zunigha, Leslie Fall-Leaf, Carol Young, Maggie Young, Nathan "Buck" Young, Don Mason, Jr., Priscilla Mason, Charles Randall, Mary Randall, Beverly McLaughlin, Dee Ketchum, Rick Barnes, Michael Morrison, Michelle Vernon, Greg Brown, Jim Rementer, Keith N. Anna, Tonya Anna, Barbara Wallace, and LuAnn Hainline.

The Chief swore in newly elected Tribal Council members (Annette Ketchum, Chet Brooks, and Nathan Young) and Chief Judge Don Mason and Judge Charles Randall.

Chet Brooks made a motion to amend the agenda striking D & E from New Business as the Housing Department resolutions were not prepared. 2nd Annette Ketchum. Motion passed all in favor.

Janifer Brown made a motion to approve the minutes from Oct 1, 2012 and Oct 30, 2012 meetings. 2nd Verna Crawford. Motion passed (6 yes, 0 no, 1 abstain – Annette Ketchum as she was not present at the meetings).

Janifer Brown made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report pending audit. 2nd Nathan Young. (6 yes, 0 no, 1 abstain – Annette Ketchum as she did not have a copy of the report prior to the meeting).

Curtis Zunigha presented the Tribal Manager's Report.

Chet Brooks and Verna Crawford presented written reports with verbal highlights from attending NCAI.

LuAnn Hainline gave the Election Committee report. She said they learned a lot in the process. The Chief presented plaques to recognize the committee for their hard work and diligence.

Chet Brooks made a motion to give the Election Chair a \$200 stipend and each other member to receive \$100 for their services. 2nd Nate Young. Motion passed all in favor.

### Unfinished Business

Nate apologized for not being able to attend General Council due to the death of his mother-in-law.

Jenifer Pechonick made a motion to approve Resolution 2012-39 Approval of Tribal Membership. 2nd Janifer Discussion: We have 19 new members. Motion passed all in favor.

Jenifer Pechonick made a motion approve Resolution 2012-40 to designated DFMS as the service provider for the Tribe. 2nd Nathan Young. Discussion: The Tribe will

follow federal procurement (housing) policies as required.

Jenifer Pechonick made motion to table Resolution 2012-41, changes to procurement policy. 2nd Janifer Brown. Discussion: not in packet. Motion passed all in favor.

Nathan Young made a motion to approve Resolution 2012-44 Creating a Tribal Code Commission. 2nd Chet Brooks. Discussion: remove the word "supreme." Motion passed all in favor.

Don Mason discussed attending the ICWA conference, attending the Osage Nation Child Welfare software program and a potential CASA program. Don recommends partnering with the Cherokee Nation at first. Don has been researching Title IV-E and will continue. The judges will work to schedule a meeting within the next 30 days. Verna Crawford said that she gave the judges information on a flash drive and put a packet together.

Nathan Young made a motion to approve Resolution 2012-45 to approve the Delaware Tribe of Indians as a member of the National Tribal Environmental Council. 2nd Verna Crawford. Motion passed all in favor.

Annette Ketchum made a motion to entertain an offer from a bonified buyer. 2nd Chet Brooks. Motion passed all in favor.

Nate Young presented the proposed changes to the insurance codes.

Jenifer Pechonick made a motion to accept the proposed changes to the insurance codes. 2nd Verna. Motion passed (6 yes, 1 abstain – Annette, who needs to study the subject).

Janifer Brown made a presentation regarding the proposed changes to the Tribal Seal. The changes are small, the prayer sticks are changed to the proper striped and not striped. The bear paw is replaced with a wolf paw. The turkey foot is more realistic. Other suggested changes include removing "Lenni" and leave "Lenape" as this is redundant. The

consensus is to post the proposed seal on website, bring it to the elders and the cultural preservation to be decided at the December Tribal Council meeting.

### Other Business

We have an open position on the Court. Tribal Member Beverly McLaughlin was present to speak of her interest in the position. Don Mason endorsed Beverly as a good candidate.

Verna Crawford made a motion to appoint Beverly McLaughlin as a Judge of the Tribal Court. 2nd Annette Ketchum. Motion passed all in favor. Chief Justice Don Mason swore her in as judge.

Dee addressed the Council regarding a complaint filed with the Tribal Manager.

Several tribal members spoke for the good and welfare of the Tribe.

The Tribal Council took a short recess and went into Executive Session.

The Council resumed regular session at 4:16pm.

Janifer Brown made a motion to hire Jean Lewis as a temporary CFO. 2nd Nathan Young. Motion passed all in favor.

Janifer Brown made a motion to authorize the permanent position advertising of administrative assistant to Tribal Manager. 2nd Nathan Young. Motion passed all in favor.

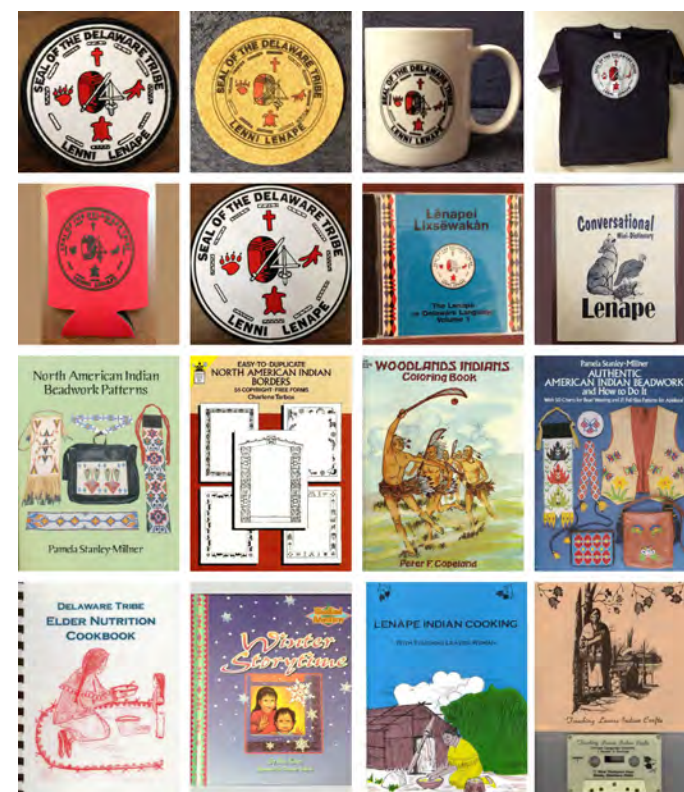
Janifer Brown made a motion to authorize Curtis Zunigha to keep reviewing suggestions for a tribal attorney. 2nd Verna Crawford. Motion passed all in favor.

Meeting adjourned 4:19pm. ■

## NEW! Online Tribal Gift Shop

The Tribe will soon again have a small gift shop offering Delaware-related merchandise and books. These will be available online as well as in the new Social Services building.

Here are a few of the items that we plan to offer. Keep your eye on the tribal web site for launch announcements!



# Minutes of the Delaware Trust Board, September 2012-November 2012

## Monday, August 27, 2012 Delaware Community Center

*Respectfully submitted by Verna Crawford, Trust Board Secretary*

Vice Chairman Chet Brooks called the September Trust Board meeting to order on August 27, 2012 at 4:10 p.m.

TJ Aaroe gave the invocation.

Secretary Verna Crawford called roll. Those present were Vice Chairman Chet Brooks, John Sumpter, Joe Brooks, DeAnn Ketchum, Homer Scott, and Secretary Verna Crawford. Six members were present (one seat unfilled).

Vice Chairman Chet Brooks informed those gathered that earlier in the day Chairman Wayne Stull had submitted a letter of resignation, effective immediately. The letter was sent to Chief Paula Pechonick.

"Dear Chief Pechonick,

I am writing to formally notify you that I am resigning from my positions as Tribal Trust Board Chairman, DEA President, and Tribal Council member effective the tender of this submission of this letter.

It has been my esteemed pleasure and honor to have spent the last twelve years working with tribal colleagues to advance the governmental, cultural, social, and economics causes of the Delaware Tribe of Indians. Most importantly, it is for me gratifying to have been able to serve the Delaware people with a personal commitment to make a positive difference for future generations.

Regrettably I must withdraw my candidacy for the upcoming tribal election of November 1012.

If I can be of any assistance during the transitioning of the positions vacated by me, please don't hesitate to call. Thank you Chief Pechonick for working with me during your administration. Sincerely yours, Wayne E. Stull."

(With the resignation of Chairman Stull, Vice Chairman Brooks automatically assumes the duties and office of Chairman. The Trust Board members will appoint someone to serve out the remaining term of office of Mr. Stull.)

Vice Chairman Brooks greeted the guests and asked if anyone would like to address the Trust Board.

Guests present were Mary Randall, Attorney Vicki Sousa, Nicky Kay Michael, Evelyn Kay Anderson, Teri Jo Aaroe, Dee Ketchum, Annette Ketchum, Nancy Sumpter, Titus Frenchman, Sheena Burnett, Susan Cade, Cy Hughes, and Priscilla Mason.

Tribal officials and employees present were Chief Paula Pechonick, Council Member Jan Brown, Justice Charles Randall, Tribal Manager Chief Curtis Zunigha, Leslie Fall-Leaf, Lesa Steele, Cece Biggoose, Council Member Nate Young, Anita Mathis, Lesa Steele, Michelle Vernon, Justice Don Mason, Jr. and Chris Miller.

Nicky Michael requested to address the Board. She stated she would be presenting a paper on November 7, 2012 to the Society for Ethnohistory Conference in Springfield, MO. She will be presenting a paper on Delaware history, mainly on the relationship of the Delaware Tribe and the Western Delaware. Ms. Michaels requested funding for conference registration, hotel and per-diem. The question was asked if conference presenters were paid by the conference to speak. In many instances they are not and this is one of those.

John Sumpter asked if Ms. Michael was still the Tribal Historian. Nicky responded yes, in about 2005 she had been appointed as ad hoc Historian for the Tribe and still was.

John Sumpter moved to pay for the registration fees from Cultural Preservation Committee for Nicky

Kay Michael to attend and present a paper on the Delaware Tribe at the Ethnohistory Conference in Springfield, MO on November 7, 2012. Joe Brooks seconded the motion. Motion carried with five yes.

Verna Crawford moved to approve the agenda with amendments: 1) Under Treasurer's Report—add to approve 2013 budget, 2) Under Other Business—remove A (it is also listed Under Old Business). Seconded by John Sumpter. Motion carried with five yes.

### Minutes of Previous Meeting

John Sumpter moved to approve the minutes of August 6, 2012 with corrections. Homer Scott seconded the motion.

Verna Crawford noted that the Land Management report was presented to attach to the official minutes. She requested to have committee reports emailed to her to be added to the minutes.

Motion carried with five yes.

### Treasurer's Report

Verna Crawford moved to accept the Treasurer's Report in the packet pending audit. Seconded by Joe Brooks.

Discussion: Chet Brooks noted the Trust Board had met earlier in the day with Jade Johnson, CFO of the Tribe, to review the financials. The current balance of the principal is \$3,800,851.19 plus \$50,000 plus held in Trust by the Office of Trust Fund Management.

Motion carried with five yes.

Verna Crawford moved to approve the proposed estimated budget for 2013. Homer Scott seconded the motion. Motion carried with five yes.

### Committee Reports

#### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: CHAIR

The Committee noted projects were underway and had no update at this time.

#### COMMUNITY SERVICES: ACTING CHAIR VERNA CRAWFORD

The Community Services Committee met on Monday, August 13, 2012. The Committee approved the 2013 budget and five requests for assistance. The Committee is working on revisions and updates to the guidelines for services provided.

Verna Crawford presented TJ Aaroe a plaque commemorating her service on the Trust Board and committees. The next meeting will be Monday, September 10, 2012 following the Education meeting.

#### EDUCATION: CHAIR VERNA CRAWFORD

The Committee regularly meets on the second Monday of each month. The Committee met August 13. The committee approved 34 scholarships, which is more than twice the number awarded last year. We are working on working on revisions and updates to the guidelines and procedures.

The next meeting will be Monday, September 10, 2012 at 1 p.m.

#### LAND MANAGEMENT: CHAIR DEANN KETCHUM

The Committee has not met since July 18. Brice Obermeyer has identified a company to do the Ground Penetrating Radar at the cemetery. The guidelines for burials are in place, Leslie Fall Leaf is the primary contact at the office and John Sumpter handles the details of the cemetery.

#### CULTURAL PRESERVATION: CHAIR CHET BROOKS

The Committee meets the third Tuesday of each month starting at 6 p.m. in the Community Center.

Chet Brooks reminded everyone that September 11 will be the next cultural night gathering. There will be a potluck dinner and cultural activities. September 28 and 29 will be Delaware Days held at the Delaware Powwow Grounds.

There will be a potluck dinner at 6 p.m. on both nights. Activities will include awards, stomp dance and much more.

#### REINVESTMENT: CHAIR JOHN SUMPTER

Meets quarterly. No report was given.

#### TRIBAL OPERATIONS: CHAIR JOE BROOKS

Meets quarterly. No report was given.

#### Old Business

Verna Crawford moved to table the Resolution to appoint persons to receive information and disbursements of the funds held in Trust by the OFTM. Joe Brooks seconded the motion. Motion carried with five yes.

#### New Business

Joe Brooks moved that Chairman Chet Brooks set up a meeting with Karen Ketcher, BIA Area Director in the Muscogee office on Thursday or Friday (September 30 or 31) for any of the Trust Board members available. John Sumpter seconded the motion.

Discussion: Verna Crawford explained members of the Tribal Council have presented a proposed plan for the restructuring of the Trust Document and master plan. The proposed plan calls for the Trust Board to be changed to an Oversight Commission with five members instead of seven. Tribal Council members could not serve on the Commission. All members of the Trust Board other than those also on Tribal Council would serve out their terms with one year added so that new members will start their terms in conjunction with the Tribal Council elections. This would eliminate the cost of an election every year. The proposed plan would have the Commission members appointed by the Chief with the approval of

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the Tribal Council instead of electing them.

A town hall meeting will be held on Monday, September 10 to get input from tribal members. The meeting will be live on the Web and the video will be placed on the Tribal website to be available to all tribal members. All comments and concerns are needed.

The stand of some Trust Board members and members of the audience feel that any amendments or changes should be done by a referendum vote of all the people.

Chief Pechonick stated that members of the BIA in both Washington and Muscogee had told her that the Trust Board had served its purpose and should be redefined.

Crawford stated that at a workshop earlier in the afternoon attended by both the Trust Board and Tribal Council a consensus was reached to have Town Hall meetings and put the subject on the web for everyone to see.

DeAnn Ketchum stated she had a problem with that. Chairman Stull had scheduled a workshop for the Trust Board so that accounting could go over and explain the financials giving them a better understanding. "I have a problem with having totally different material presented and I don't think that is the proper way to do things," commented Ms. Ketchum.

The essence of the comments was that material to be discussed at workshops should be presented to expected attendees before the meeting.

Motion carried with four yes and one abstention.

### Other Business

Joe Brooks moved to adjourn. John Sumpter seconded the motion. Motion carried with six yes. Chairman Brooks declared the meeting adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

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## Monday, October 1, 2012 Delaware Community Center

*Respectfully submitted by Verna Crawford, Trust Board Secretary*

Chairman Chet Brooks called the September Trust Board meeting to order on October 1, 2012 at 4:11 p.m.

Kristopher Ketchum gave the invocation.

Secretary Verna Crawford called roll. Those present were Chairman Chet Brooks, John Sumpter, Joe Brooks, DeAnn Ketchum, Homer Scott, and Secretary Verna Crawford. Six members were present (one seat unfilled).

Chairman Brooks greeted the guests and asked if anyone would like to address the Trust Board.

Guests present were Mary Randall, Mary Huddleston, Kristopher Ketchum, Nancy Sumpter, Cy Hughes, D. Cass Smith, Raegan Smith, Ronda Smith, Cameron Smith, Clayton Smith, David Frenchman, and Rick L. Barnes.

Tribal officials and employees present were Chief Paula Pechonick, Council Member Jan Brown, Justice Charles Randall, Tribal Manager Chief Curtis Zunigha, Leslie Fall-Leaf, Lesa Steele and Cece Biggoose.

Joe Brooks moved to approve the agenda.

John Sumpter seconded the motion.

Motion carried with five yes.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Joe Brooks moved to approve the minutes of the September meeting held on August 27, 2012 with corrections. John Sumpter seconded the motion.

Motion carried with five yes.

DeAnn Ketchum moved to approve the minutes of the Special meeting held on September 10, 2012 with corrections.

John Sumpter seconded the motion.

Motion carried with five yes.

### Treasurer's Report

Verna Crawford moved to accept the Treasurer's report in the packet pending audit.

Homer Scott seconded the motion.

Discussion: Treasurer DeAnn Ketchum presented the Trust Audit for review. If there are any questions I will get the answers for you. The current balance of the principal is \$3,823,213.65.

Motion carried with five yes.

### Committee Reports

#### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: CHAIR

No report was given due to the resignation of Wayne Stull and no meetings being called.

John Sumpter moved to make Joe Brooks Chairman of the Economic Development.

DeAnn Ketchum seconded the motion.

Motion carried with four yes and one abstention (Joe Brooks).

#### COMMUNITY SERVICES: ACTING CHAIR VERA CRAWFORD

The Community Services Committee met on Monday, October 1, 2012. The Committee approved five applications for assistance, one each dental, Housing, Emergency medical, utility and burial. Revisions and updates for review.

#### CULTURAL PRESERVATION: CHAIR CHET BROOKS

The Committee meets the third Tuesday of each month starting at 6 p.m. in the Community Center.

Chet Brooks said that Delaware Days held at the Delaware Powwow grounds on September 27 and 28 was the best so far. This was due to Council Member Jan Brown and other council members made it such a success.

#### EDUCATION: CHAIR VERA CRAWFORD

The Committee regularly meets on the second Monday of each month. The Committee met on Monday, October 1, 2012. The committee approved four applications, one athletic and four education. We are continuing to on working on revisions and updates to the guidelines and procedures.

Business Manager Curtis Zunigha announced that due to added

duties for Lacey Harris, Cece Biggoose would be handling the everyday processing of applications and committee meetings for both Education and Community Services Committee. Lacey will still be department director.

The next meeting will be Monday, October 15, 2012.

#### LAND MANAGEMENT: CHAIR DEANN KETCHUM

The Committee has not met since July 18. Brice Obermeyer has told us the Ground Penetrating Radar at the cemetery is on the back burner. The delay is from the company that planed to do the work. John Sumpter reported that there has been one burial and that went well. There seems to be a lot of cremations. The process is working well.

#### REINVESTMENT: CHAIR JOHN SUMPTER

Meets quarterly. John Sumpter said he has several people are interested in joining the committee. He noted that he and others have been reviewing our investment system and are going to present options when they get it all together.

Curtis Zunigha pointed out that the master plan states that the Trust Board must reinvest 10% of the interest earned each be reinvested into the principal. The plan does not require a reinvestment committee. The Trust Board is responsible for investing the principal.

John Sumpter made the motion for the Chairman to setup a financial workshop to review and discuss our finances and other possibilities.

Verna Crawford seconded the motion.

Motion carried with five yes.

#### TRIBAL OPERATIONS: CHAIR JOE BROOKS

Meets quarterly. No report was given.

### Old Business

Verna Crawford pointed out that the Board needs to fill the vacancy

on the Board. Chairman Brooks stated that he had received only one request for consideration from Cass Smith.

Verna Crawford moved to appoint Cass Smith to fill the seat vacated by Wayne Stull.

Homer Scott seconded the motion.

Motion carried with five yes.

Chairman Chet Brooks swore in Cass Smith to be a Trust Board member.

### New Business

None

### Other Business

Joe Brooks moved to go into Executive Session.

Homer Scott seconded the motion.

Motion carried with five yes.

Chairman Brooks ruled to go into executive session following a five-minute break.

Verna Crawford moved to return to open session. Homer Scott seconded the motion. Motion carried with five yes.

No action was taken following Executive Session.

Verna Crawford moved to adjourn. Homer Scott seconded the motion. Motion carried with six yes.

Chairman Brooks declared the meeting adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

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## Saturday, Nov 3, 2012 Delaware Community Center

*Respectfully submitted by Verna Crawford, Trust Board Secretary*

Chairman Chet Brooks called the November Trust Board meeting to order on November 3, 2012 at 11:15 p.m.

Cass Smith gave the invocation.

Secretary Verna Crawford called roll, those present were Chairman Chet Brooks, John Sumpter, DeAnn Ketchum, Homer Scott (arrived later), Cass Smith, and Secretary Verna Crawford. Joe Brooks was absent.

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Chairman Brooks greeted guests, Chief Paula Pechonick and Council member Jan Brown. He asked if they would like to address the Trust Board.

Verna Crawford moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Cass Smith. Motion carried with four yes.

**Minutes of Previous Meeting**

Verna Crawford moved to approve the minutes of October 1, 2012 with corrections. Cass Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried with four.

**Treasurer’s Report**

Verna Crawford moved to accept the Treasurer’s report pending audit seconded by Joe Brooks.

**Committee Reports**

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: CHAIR JOE BROOKS**

No report.

**COMMUNITY SERVICES: CHAIR VERNA CRAWFORD**

The Community Services Committee met on Monday, October 7, 2012 following the Education Committee meeting. Verna Crawford reported that Committee completed updating the guidelines for services provided and presented the overview with the changes to the Board for review.

Verna Crawford stated that the Committee approved seven request for services, one each pharmacy, glasses, and emergency travel and two each for burial and general assistance. The next meeting will be Tuesday, November 13, 2012 following the Education meeting. Lacey Harris and Cecilia Biggoose are the staff members who handle the processing of applications and present the requests to the Committee for approval and payment.

DeAnn Ketchum asked if there was anything comparable on the Tribe side. The Tribe has LIHEAP and REACH programs for energy and weatherization assistance.

**LAND MANAGEMENT: CHAIR DEANN KETCHUM**

DeAnn Ketchum stated that there was nothing new to report. She presented a review of the burial process, who to contact, where the cemeteries are located. Chief Pechonick stated that Leslie Fall-Leaf is the staff person who is the first contact for applications.

Cass Smith moved to accept the Land Management process and provide to the Council. Verna Crawford seconded the motion. Motion carried with four yes.

**CULTURAL PRESERVATION: CHAIR CHET BROOKS**

Meets the third Tuesday of each month starting at 6 p.m. in the Community Center.

Chairman Brooks reported that cultural night is the second Tuesday of each month. The attendance has been low, but is increasing. Brooks announced that this Delaware Days held September 28 and 29 was the most successful one so far.

He said there had been a workshop at NCAI (National Congress of American Indians) Conference on Eagle Feathers has changed the rules making them easier for tribal members to have and receive feathers.

**EDUCATION: CHAIR VERNA CRAWFORD**

The Committee met Monday, October 7, 2012. Committee Chairman Crawford presented the Board with revised Education applications for their approval. She reported that most dollar amounts have been increased. School supplies for K-4th to 5th grade are now \$40, Education assistance is still \$50 and band and choir has been added, Athletic assistance is still \$50 and is now for first grade to 12th, Academic Achievement Award is \$100, Driver’s Education is \$75, Adult Vocational training is \$400 (for short term training), Scholarships are \$400 for full time students for up to eight semesters and \$200 for part time students

(a maximum of \$3,200 per tribal member). Details are on-line.

John Sumpter moved to approve the updates as presented. Cass Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried with four yes.

The committee funded four each Education and Athletic assistance and one school supply voucher.

Cass Smith told the Board there is an Internet company that, for a fee, students may access college books online without having to pay for the actual books. This will save them a lot of money. Cass will supply the contact information and we will put it on line for our members. The next meeting will be Tuesday, October 13, 2012 at 1 p.m.

**REINVESTMENT: CHAIR JOHN SUMPTER**

Meets quarterly. John Sumpter reported he has spoken with Scott

Thompson at Arvest Bank regarding bringing our accounts up to date. John stated that Arvest Bank is doing the best they can with the guidelines we have given them to work with. John suggests we might want to go out for bids for companies to handle our investments.

**TRIBAL OPERATIONS: CHAIR JOE BROOKS**

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

**Old Business**

Verna Crawford moved to add Chief Paula Pechonick to the Resolution to the Office of Trust Fund Management listing the people who may receive information regarding Tribal monies held in trust for the Delaware Tribe. Cass Smith seconded the motion, Motion carried with four yes.

**New Business**

None presented.

**Other Business**

None presented.

Cass Smith moved to recess the meeting at 12 p.m. till after General Council. DeAnn Ketchum seconded the motion. Motion carried with four yes.

John Sumpter moved to adjourn the meeting. Cass Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried with four yes.

Chairman Brooks declared the meeting adjourned at 3:55 p.m.■

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Cobell Settlement

For questions about the Cobell settlement and how it affects you, see their web site at:

[www.indiantrust.com](http://www.indiantrust.com)

Other ways to get information (from the web site):

Call Toll-Free: 1-800-961-6109

Email: [Info@IndianTrust.com](mailto:Info@IndianTrust.com)

By Mail: Indian Trust Settlement

P.O. Box 9577

Dublin, OH 43017-4877

Be sure that they have your correct address!!

Contact Information Change Form

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

Name:

Address:

City:

State:

Others Affected:

Zip:

To have a name changed on the tribal roll, send proper documentation, such as a legal document, stating the change (examples: marriage license, adoption papers, divorce papers, etc.). Be sure to include your previous name or names since that will be the way it is listed on the 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!



## Editorials

# This is the Way I See the Issue of Nepotism

Susan Cade

Chief Paula Pechonick states: "Nepotism is a common accusation in politics when the relative of a powerful figure ascends to similar power seemingly without appropriate qualifications."

Miriam-Webster Dictionary defines Nepotism as: favoritism (as in appointment to a job) based on kinship

Wikipedia defines Nepotism as: favoritism granted to relatives regardless of merit

The Oxford English Dictionary defines Nepotism as: the practice among those with power or influence of favouring relatives or friends, especially by giving them jobs.

Tribal Council Appointments:

a. Chief Pechonick states: Jenifer Pechonick was appointed by the Tribal Council in 2011. I abstained from the vote. Jenifer Pechonick is Chief Paula Pechonick's Daughter.

b. Jenifer was also appointed to the Business arm of the Tribe, the Delaware Enterprise Authority. Again, the Chief did abstain from the vote.

c. Joe Brooks was appointed to the Trust Board while his brother, Chet Brooks, holds the office of Chairman of the Trust Board and Delaware Tribe Vice Chief. Vice Chief did abstain from the vote.

d. DeAnn Ketchum was appointed to the Trust Board. She is the niece of Chief Pechonick. *[Editor's note: DeAnn Ketchum was elected in Nov 2011.]*

e. Dee Ketchum was appointed to the DEA to work on Kansas gaming as liaison or representative in Kansas. He is Chief Pechonick's brother-in-law.

Elected Council Member: Annette Ketchum. Chief Pechonick's sister.

The appearance of favoritism weakens morale, not to mention

Tribal faith in the integrity of our Council

Tribal officials should be aware that such choices can give the appearance of unfairness.

Anti-nepotism policies are management policies which will prohibit relatives in supervising a relative, work in the same department as a relative, or exert influence over a relative's hiring, salary, or promotion. Relative is a member of an individual's family, including wife, husband, son, daughter, mother, father, brother, sister, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, mother-in-law, father-in-law, aunt, uncle, niece, nephew, grandmother, grandfather, stepparent, and stepchild.

This issue is NOT about my family against your family. It is an issue about integrity. We have The Chief, the Chief's daughter, the Chief's sister, the Chief's brother in law, the Chief's niece, the Vice Chief's brother all working for the Tribe.

Some appointed, two *[ed. note: three]* elected. I do not have an issue with those Elected, the people spoke their wishes and that's the way it should be.

**SOLUTION:** Let's do away with appointments and use the people who were on the ballots and voted on by the people to fill the vacancies. Second runner up will fill the next vacancy, etc. A simple solution and will help restore faith and integrity to our Tribe.

I agree with Chief Pechonick in that we should not tear each other down, or create factions within the Tribe.

The Nepotism Policy passed by the Tribe does not address the issue at hand. Abstaining from a vote to appoint a relative does not go far enough. The policy should be re-examined by our Judicial Branch to tweak and be above reproach. And that's the way I see this issue.

Susan Cade  
201 E. Falleaf Drive  
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## As I See It

Dee Ketchum

It's a new year and many people make resolutions which are quickly forgotten as we settle back into our old routines. This year I would like to challenge you and myself to remake and keep one resolution: Start respecting others. Have we forgotten who we are? We are the "Grandfather Tribe." We got that distinction because our ancestors were leaders and peacemakers.

A Delaware from California came all that way to join her fellow Delaware at the annual General Council meeting November 3. Near the end of the meeting she said to the body of attendees, "We are all relatives, we are a tribe and the very definition makes us relatives. I am a relative to about everyone in this room."

She is right. We are related. We also have common interests. I believe we want to see the Delaware Tribe on a path to success. We have a common goal to see our elders' and youths' needs met and the Tribe has a goal of assisting. We all want higher education for our graduates. We want to preserve our culture, including language, songs and dances. These are unifying causes.

If you disagree with elected leaders offer constructive ideas for change. Let's make our resolution (to respect others) and unify around it. An unforgiving heart is a terrible thing.

Let's get rid of infighting and look at the big picture of what can be accomplished by a unified body without pettiness. If we do this our ancestors will be proud of us. The elected leaders are trying to keep us a great nation without animosity, jealousy or disrespect.■

## Help Wanted: Accounting Department Supervisor

Qualifications: Requires four (4) year accounting degree, to include governmental accounting credits. CPA a plus but not required. Familiarity with Tribal Accounting preferred.

General Description: Responsible for all financial reporting for the Delaware Tribe, Delaware Trust, and Housing Program. Responsible for oversight of grants application and ensuring grant activities are in compliance with applicable requirements. Responsible for budgets and keeping indirect cost rate current. Responsible for ensuring internal controls over Tribe, Trust, and Housing Program financial matters are in place and functioning effectively.

Please email resumes to [mtaylor@delawaretribe.org](mailto:mtaylor@delawaretribe.org), fax to 918-337-6591, or mail to 170 NE Barbara Street, Bartlesville OK 74006, Applications and a complete job description can be found on the tribal web site at [www.delawaretribe.org/careers/](http://www.delawaretribe.org/careers/). No phone calls please. Position closes on January 7, 2013.

Delaware Tribal/Native American preference will be observed.

## Part-Time Janitorial Position, Delaware Facilities Management Solutions

Delaware Facilities Management Solutions is offering a part-time janitorial position, 15-20 hours per week, work to be performed Monday through Friday after 5:30pm.

Work will include emptying trash; collecting recycles; emptying trash from outdoor trash cans and cigarette butt receptacles; sweeping and mopping tile floors; shampooing carpets; cleaning windows and glass doors; cleaning restrooms; and other duties.

For details, go to the tribal web site at <http://www.delawaretribe.org/careers/>.■



# Delaware Tribe Social Services

*Lacey Harris, Social Services Programs Manager*

The Social Services Program continues to grow, in preparation for even greater expansion with the completion of the new Social Services building in February 2013.

We hope you make yourselves aware of the many programs that the Tribe offers, including the Community Services programs and Educational Assistance that are described on page 11 (more complete descriptions are on the tribal web site). Here are a few other programs you may not know about.

## 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 up to \$500 of REACH benefits for heating and air unit repair/replacement, hot water tank replacement, installation of Energy Star appliances, and storm door and window replacement. Up to \$300 will also be available to help with utility bills. The applicant applying for utility assistance must utilize LIHEAP funds first. Applicants must qualify under the 2012/13 HHS income guidelines, and live within the Delaware tribe's five-county service area.

The Residential Energy Assistance Challenge Option Program (REACH) is a competitive grant program established through the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Act, as amended.

All LIHEAP grantees are eligible to apply for grant funds to support demonstration projects that address the goals of REACH. These goals are to:

1. Minimize health and safety risks that result from high energy burdens on low-income Americans;
2. Prevent homelessness as a result of the inability to pay energy bills;

3. Increase efficiency of energy usage by low-income families, and
4. Target energy assistance to individuals who are most in need.

The REACH program allows tribes to be creative and design demonstration projects that address and target assistance towards the energy needs of their low-income households. This is an optional program for LIHEAP grantees, and is a separate program from the regular LIHEAP program with different application requirements and different accounting and reporting responsibilities.

The REACH Program is designed to help low-income households reduce their home energy vulnerability and achieve energy self-sufficiency.

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.

## Tenant-Based Rental Assistance Program

The Delaware Tribe Housing Program has established a Tenant-Based Rental Assistance Program, hereby known as "TBRA," that will serve the housing needs of tribal members whose principal place of residence is within the following counties in Kansas: Allen, Anderson, Bourbon, Butler, Chase, Chautauqua, Cherokee, Coffey, Cowley, Crawford, Douglas, Elk, Franklin, Greenwood, Harper, Harvey, Jefferson, Johnson, Kingman, Labette, Leavenworth, Linn, Lyon, Marion, Miami, Montgomery, Morris, Neosho, Osage, Reno, Sedgwick, Shawnee, Sumner, Wabaunsee, Wilson, Woodson, or Wyandotte. The TBRA is a rental subsidy for tribal members and other Native Americans that are Low Income Families as defined by HUD. This is a temporary (max 12 months) program that can assist with up to \$250 of participants' monthly rent payments.

## LIHEAP

The Social Services LIHEAP program will be accepting applications December 1 through March 1 for utility costs. Applicants must qualify under the 2012/13 HHS income guidelines, and live within the Delaware tribe's five-county service area.

A copy of your Tribal membership card, income verification for the past six months, and a copy of your utility bill must be submitted with the application for payment. Income includes, but not limited to, VA, SSI, Social Security Disability, unemployment benefits, child support, IIM, TANF, and all earned income for the household. LIHEAP will provide a one-time payment of \$325 to your energy vendor. Applicants will also be able to apply again June 1 through September 30 for cooling assistance.

If you have already received utility assistance from any other agency, DHS or any other tribes, you are not eligible for this program.

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 Detector, Smoke Detector, and Fire Extinguisher Program

The Delaware tribe's Social Services Department is now offering tribal members access to free carbon monoxide detectors, smoke detectors, and fire extinguishers. There is a 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).■

## Enrollment Department

*Leslie Fall-Leaf,  
Enrollment Director*

### PHOTO ID AVAILABLE!

Photo IDs are now readily available to tribal members. The application and required documentation has changed however, so please do NOT send the old applications. Those applications that were received before the new protocols were in place are being processed IF the documentation submitted is reasonably sufficient to establish proof of identity.

New applications must be notarized and be accompanied by a photocopy of your state or federally issued ID or drivers license, and a passport-sized photo. Special rules apply to children age 16 and under.

Applications may be requested through the enrollment department or found on the tribal website at [www.delawaretribe.org/enrollment/](http://www.delawaretribe.org/enrollment/).

We have accommodated several walk-ins already as well but please be aware that the processing time for walk-ins varies in accordance with amount of staff support available and the priority level of other tasks being carried out at the time. Tribal members may be served immediately, asked to return at a later time for pick up, or your application may be taken and ID mailed on completion.

Thank you for your patience and understanding this year as we got all of this set into place.■



*Chief Paula Pechonick swears in council members Nate Young and Annette Ketchum, Judges Don Mason and Charles Randall, and Assistant Chief Chet Brooks.*



*Chief Paula Pechonick with Kevin Washburn, Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs, in Washington, DC.*



## Delaware Tribe Housing Program

*DTHP Staff*

**H**appy holidays from the Delaware Tribe Housing Program! As always we have had a busy three months, with lots of normal business along with several special programs that we want to remind you about.

### FEMA Trailers

#### WE HAVE 3 FEMA TRAILERS LEFT!!

The Tribe has FEMA Trailers available for qualified applicants. The trailers are single-wide, three-bedroom, 14 feet wide, 64 feet long.

The applicant must have site control of land in the Delaware tribe service area (Washington, Nowata, Craig, Rogers and North Tulsa counties in Oklahoma) or the Kansas service area.

While these mobile homes are offered to eligible families free of charge, the Delaware Tribe will provide assistance in the form of a low-interest loan covering costs associated with transportation and setup of these mobile homes, including installation of skirting,

construction of porches, assistance for establishing necessary utilities, and insurance on the mobile home for the duration of the loan repayment period.

Interested applicants may complete a FEMA application by requesting one at an office in Chelsea (phone 918-789-2525); Bartlesville (phone 918-337-6590), or Caney, KS (phone 620-879-2189). You may also check the Tribe's web site for this and the other housing services we offer at [www.delawaretribe.org/housing/](http://www.delawaretribe.org/housing/).

### Tenant Based Rental Assistance (Kansas)

The Delaware Tribe Housing Program is proud to be offering housing services to our tribal members in the state of Kansas. This program is a rental subsidy for tribal members and other Native Americans that are Low Income Families as defined by HUD. (For more information see the Social Services article by Lacey Harris on page 20.)

### Low Rent and Homeownership Opportunity

The Delaware Tribe Housing Program has two- and three-bedroom homes available for rent in Chelsea, Claremore, and Bartlesville. We also have one-bedroom elder units available in our Chelsea complex and one homeownership home available in Chelsea. If you are interested or in need of housing, please contact one of our offices to obtain an application. We look forward to hearing from you!!!

Wanishi!

Delaware Tribe Housing Program.■



## News from Information Technology

*Gregory Brown, I.T. Administrator and Webmaster*

**A**s noted in the last issue, in the past six months or so the Tribe has put extensive effort into rebuilding the tribal computer network, which will enable us to more efficiently and economically manage our many and varied responsibilities. The modernized systems will allow tribal staff and others to collaborate effectively, to share documents and databases more readily, and to keep our systems running more smoothly.

For those tribal members near Bartlesville, one of the results coming soon will be free wifi access at the Delaware Community Center, Wellness Center and Tribal Offices, and the new Social Services building. The new system has also allowed much smoother operation of the tribe's enrollment database, financial oversight, and administrative functions.

Many new and exciting changes are also coming to tribe's web site ([www.delawaretribe.org](http://www.delawaretribe.org)). A new sound and presentation system in the Community Center

will allow us to provide videos of tribal events, including Tribal Council and Trust Board meetings. Video of this year's General Council is already on the site; click on the link below the News section on the right-hand side.

An updated events calendar on the home page, along with a more extensive list of events on the Calendar page, will provide information on upcoming meetings and activities. Tribal members are reminded that they can submit News and Events listings to be posted on the site; just send an email to [tribe@delawaretribe.org](mailto:tribe@delawaretribe.org).

An online gift shop is soon to be available on the site, as well as a link for those who wish to donate to specific programs. Be sure to let us know if there is anything else you would like to see on the site. Also please note that the Tribe has an official Facebook page (there is a link on the home page of the web site), where news can also be posted.■

## Winter has finally arrived!!

*Tips from the Delaware Tribe Housing Program*

**H**ere are some tips to keep you safe this winter, especially around the holidays.

Severe cold weather, with snowfalls interspersed with periods of melting and freezing, can inflict considerable damage on homes. Steps you can take to prevent through the winter months:

Keep sidewalks and entrances to your home free from snow and ice. Watch for ice dams near gutter downspouts.

Keep gutters free of leaves and debris so melting snow and ice can flow freely. Ice dams can cause water to build up and seep into your house.

Keep the house heated to a minimum of 65 degrees. The temperature inside the walls where the pipes are located is substantially colder than the walls themselves. A temperature lower than 65 degrees will not keep the inside walls from freezing.

If ice forms on tree limbs, watch for dead, damaged or dangerous branches that could break and fall because of ice, snow or wind. This could damage your house, vehicle or injure someone walking near your property.

To prevent pipes from freezing, take the following steps:

Fit exposed pipes with insulation sleeves or wrapping to slow the heat transfer. The more insulation there is, the better.

Seal cracks and holes in outside walls and foundations near water pipes with caulking.

Keep cabinet doors open during cold spells to allow warm air to circulate around pipes (particularly in the kitchen and bathroom).

Keep a slow trickle of water flowing through faucets connected to pipes that run through and unheated or unprotected space.

If your pipes burst, first turn off the water and then mop up spill.

If you haven't already, make sure all hoses are disconnected from outside spigots.

### Preventing Christmas Tree Fires and Holiday Lights Safety

Select fresh trees. Choose a green tree with a sticky trunk and tight needles.

Care for you tree. Keep it away from heat sources, and keep the tree stand filled with water. Take your tree down after two weeks.

Dispose of your tree at the recyclers. Never put the tree or branches in the fireplace or wood stove.

Maintain your lights. Inspect the lights, wires, sockets for wear and tear.

Don't overload outlets or stretch light to reach outlets.

Periodically check the light; they should not be warm to the touch.

Turn the lights off when you're not at home and before going to bed.

As the year ends, we think about all we are grateful for. We are thankful for the opportunity to serve our tribal members and help with your needs. We hope you have a holiday that fills your heart with joy and much success in the New Year!!■



## Delaware Tribe Environmental Programs

*Jimmie Johnson, DTEP Director*

We hope this finds everyone well. We have several new and continuing projects in the Environmental Program that we would like to tell you about.

We recently received \$125,000 in EPA GAP Funding for FY2012. This funding supports training, conferences, salaries, office supplies, vehicle maintenance, the recycling program, space costs, grant research, and general capacity-building.

We continue to participate in the National Zinc Trustee Council-Natural Resource Damage Assessment claim in cooperation with Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of Fish and Wildlife, Cherokee Nation, and Osage Nation. The MOA between Delaware Tribe and Cherokee Nation was amended for DTEP to receive a PL-638 Contract through BIA for \$13,000 in funding for continued participation.

Our just-expired GAP grant provided training for Director Jimmie Johnson and EPA Assistant Mike Marshall for the following programs:

- U.S. EPA: Quality Project & Program Management

- United Tribes Technical College: Indian Country Environmental Hazard Assessment Program
- Falmouth Institute: Advanced Grant Writing for Tribal Organizations
- National Partnership for Environmental Technology Education: Tribal, U.S. Territories and Insular Areas Grants Management and DBE Rule Training Supported by U.S. EPA
- National Enforcement Training Institute (NETI) U.S. EPA: Basic Inspector Training
- OK Office of Homeland Security and OK State Dept of Health: Western Shelter Training
- National Weather Service: Storm Spotter Training
- FEMA: IS-634 Intro to FEMA's Public Assistance Program
- Inter-Tribal Environmental Council: ArcGis Training
- HUD Office of Native American Programs: Environmental Review Training

We are now getting training in Energy Audit Training Institute-Commercial/Residential Energy Audit Training Program.

In addition, we have attended several conferences, including: Inter-Tribal Environmental Council Summit; Inter-Tribal Environmental Council Conference; Inter-Tribal Emergency Management Coalition Summit; U.S. EPA Tribal Lead Meeting; and Oklahoma Inter-Tribal Meeting on Climate Variability & Change.

Finally, we met with Choctaw Nation to observe their large-scale recycling center in Durant, Oklahoma. We met with Manager Tracy Horst and discussed funding mechanisms utilized by the Choctaw Nation to develop large-scale recycling.

If there are any questions, please feel free to contact DTEP Director Jimmie Johnson at 918-337-6590 ext 111 or [jimmiejohnson@delawaretribe.org](mailto:jimmiejohnson@delawaretribe.org). ■



## Delaware Tribe Accounting Department

*Jade Johnson, Chief Financial Officer*

Hello from the Accounting Department! We are currently going through a restructuring process and we are looking forward to a new year. The changes include new staff members, including a new CFO and Accounting Supervisor.

This will be my last report for the DIN; I am taking a new position with a new company. I want to say that it has been a pleasure working for the Delaware Tribe, Trust Authority, and the Housing Program. I wish the Tribe the best

of luck in all of its future endeavors.

After the first of the year, the Accounting Department, with its new department supervisor and CFO, will be working to put a course together in basic household financial management to offer to Tribal members. This will be a six-week course designed for all age groups. The course will cover a variety of topics and will be Native American based. Please be looking for training dates in the DIN in the coming months.

Normal financial tasks will continue to be completed as they always have been. Several months ago, the Trust Board voted to change their fiscal year ending to match the Tribe's. This will help reduce a delay in completing the audits. The 2012 audits for the Housing Program, Tribe and Trust Authority will be in January or February. ■

## Save Energy and Money Today

*Michael Marshall, EPA Program Assistant*

Right in your own home, you have the power to save money and energy. Saving energy reduces our nation's overall demand for resources needed to make energy, and increasing your energy efficiency is like adding another clean energy source to our electric power grid.

An energy-efficient home will keep you and your family comfortable while saving you money. Whether you take simple steps or make larger investments to make your home more efficient, you'll see lower energy bills. Over time, these savings will typically pay for the cost of improvements and put money back in your pocket.

The 113 million residences in America today collectively use an estimated 22% of the country's energy. Unfortunately, a lot of energy is wasted through leaky windows or ducts, old appliances, or inefficient heating and cooling systems. When we waste energy in our homes, we are throwing away money that could be used for other things. The typical family spends at least \$2,000 a year on home utility bills.

The key to these savings is to take a whole-house approach by viewing your home as an energy system with interdependent parts. For example, your heating system is not just a furnace; it is a network of ducts. Even the most energy efficient furnace will waste a lot of fuel if the ducts, walls, attic, windows, and doors are leaky or poorly insulated.

Easy low-cost and no-cost ways to save energy:

- Install a programmable thermostat to lower utility bills and manage your heating and cooling system efficiently.
- Check to see that windows and doors are closed when heating or cooling your home.

- Change air filters at least quarterly and make sure they are installed in the correct direction.
- Air dry dishes instead of using your dishwasher's drying cycle.
- Turn things off when you are not in the room such as lights, TVs, entertainment systems, and your computer and monitor.
- Plug home electronics, such as TVs and DVD players into power stripes; turn the power stripes off when the equipment is not in use. TVs and DVDs in standby mode still use several watts of power.
- Lower the thermostat on your hot water heater to 120° F.
- Take shorter showers (5-7 minutes) instead of baths and use low-flow shower heads for additional savings.
- Wash only full loads of dishes and clothes.
- Wash laundry in cold water only. Only use hot water for very dirty loads.
- Clean the dryer lint trap before every load.
- Air dry clothes.

We encourage you to make improvements that will contribute to your energy bottom line and make our planet healthier and cleaner. ■





# Indian Child Welfare Program

Lacey Harris, Social Services Programs Manager

In order to receive federal funding under title IV-B, the Delaware Tribe submitted a five-year Child and Family Services Plans (CFSP) and Annual Progress and Services Reports (APSRs). The CFSP is a strategic plan that sets forth a state's or tribe's vision and goals to strengthen its child welfare system. It outlines initiatives and activities that the state or tribe will carry out over the next five years to administer and integrate programs and services to promote the safety, permanency, and well-being of children and families. The APSR provides an annual update on the progress made by states or tribes toward the goals and objectives in their CFSPs and outlines the planned activities for the upcoming fiscal year.

The goals and objectives of the CFSP must address improved outcomes in the following areas:

- Permanency for children
- Well-being of children and their families
- The nature, scope, and adequacy of existing child and family and related social services

There are a number of programs covered by the CFSP and APSR, the Delaware Tribe received the following:

## Subpart 1—Child Welfare Services

The Stephanie Tubbs Jones Child Welfare Services Program provides grants to States and Indian tribes for programs directed toward the goal of keeping families together. They include preventive intervention so that, if possible, children will not have to be removed from their homes. If this is not possible, children are placed in foster care and reunification services are available to encourage the return of children who have been removed from their families. Services are available to children and their families without regard to income.

These funds are a small but integral part of tribal social service systems for families who need assistance in order to stay together. These funds, often combined with State and local government, as well as private funds, are directed to accomplish the following purposes:

- protect and promote the welfare of all children;
- prevent the neglect, abuse or exploitation of children;
- support at-risk families through services which allow children, where appropriate, to remain with their families

or return to their families in a timely manner;

- promote the safety, permanence and well-being of children in foster care and adoptive families; and
- provide training, professional development and support to ensure a well-qualified workforce.

Tribes can use a portion of their funds for foster care maintenance payments, adoption assistance and day care related to employment or training for employment. States must limit expenditures for administrative costs 10 percent or less of their expenditures under this program.

## Subpart 2—Promoting Safe and Stable Families

The primary goals of Promoting Safe and Stable Families (PSSF) are to prevent the unnecessary separation of children from their families, improve the quality of care and services to children and their families, and ensure permanency for children by reuniting them with their parents, by adoption or by another permanent living arrangement. Tribes are to spend most of the funding for services that address: family support, family preservation, time-limited family reunification and adoption promotion and support.

The services are designed to help State child welfare agencies and eligible Indian tribes establish and operate integrated, preventive family preservation services and community-based family support services for families at risk or in crisis. Funds go directly to child welfare agencies and eligible Indian tribes to be used in accordance with their five-year plans. Other grant funds are set aside for nationally funded evaluation, research, and training and technical assistance projects. In addition, funds are set-aside for court improvement programs.■

## An Open Letter to Tribal Members from the Falleaf and Sumpter Family

One of the many great things about our Delaware tribal community is how wonderfully we come together to support one another during difficult times. In 2011, we lost dear family members, loved ones, and friends, too many of which were far too young. And for the support we Falleafs and Sumpters received from the Tribe for the loss of our sister and cousin, Chelsea Falleaf and Sara Phillips, our appreciation continues to this day and cannot be measured.

And for our families, it is now time to reciprocate by supporting our cousin Becky Jones of Pittsburg, Kansas. Children aren't supposed to pass into the next life before their parents. Yet last summer, Becky lost her daughter Sara Jellene (Phillips) Smith, 32, on August 29, 2011 due to illness. Sara was a beautiful Muskogee Creek woman, friend to all, and mother of three.

On Monday, November 26, 2012, while still grieving the loss of her daughter from the year before, Becky must mourn yet another tragedy: the loss of (Vinnie) Mateo Lorenzo, 22, her youngest child, in an accident that took place at an old strip mining pit in Wilderness Park, outside Frontenac, Kansas. After several days of searching, authorities found Vinnie in a water-filled mining pit. Vinnie (Delaware, Creek, Sioux) is the father of son Damien, 6. Also, Vinnie's father (Wintun tribe, from California) died in March.

Just as the mourning of a mother has carried over into this year, and will continue, so too has the financial toll on Becky and her family. Becky did all that she could to assure a proper burial for Sara last year in the Highland Park Cemetery in Pittsburg, but

with the passing of her youngest child, we can only imagine the difficulty, emotionally and financially, she is going through.

As we always do, we should come together to support Becky in order to ease the stress and suffering so that she may appropriately mourn her loss and provide the services that Vinnie deserves. The toll has been such that, not until Thursday, December 13 was Vinnie able to receive an appropriate graveside ceremony and burial at 2:00 p.m. at Highland Park Cemetery, right next to his big sister.

This burden should not, cannot be handled alone. We need one another. Our ability to take on some of the suffering ourselves is limited. But what we can do is ease some of the difficulty, some of the stress, some of the worry by way of contribution so that she may grieve as a mother should.

These are difficult economic times for all. Yet as we know, any little bit helps. So we request that your sympathy, kindness, and/or kinship leads to the support of this mother and grandmother. If possible, any help that could responsibly be offered would be a blessing for Vinnie's whole family. Any offering should be directed to:

Derfelt Funeral Home  
132 E. Pine St.  
Columbus, KS 66725  
620-429-2795

If any expense at the moment is too much, we ask that you sing songs, pray, and send good thoughts in the direction of Becky Jones, her family, and the children of both Sara and Vinnie.

Wanishi,  
Joshua Falleaf  
Falleaf and Sumpter Family■



Chief Pechonick signs partnership agreement with Emporia State University President Michael Shonrock. For details, see <http://www.esubulletin.com/2012/11/29/13752>



## Check Out the Tribal Web Site

For current news, job openings, meeting schedules, and other information, don't forget to visit the tribe's web site at [www.delawaretribe.org](http://www.delawaretribe.org).

For current news and events, check the listings on the right side of the screen or click on the "What's Happening" image. Job openings are listed on the "Careers" link on the menu; meetings are listed on the "Calendar" and an archive of minutes, along with contact information for tribal officers, is under "Tribal Government." Don't forget to click on the "Culture Site" link on the menu for information on the tribe's history and culture.

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



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## Have Lunch With the Elders!

Our Elder Nutrition program is doing well. We are having a good crowd every day. We try to serve a variety of foods and our cook, Archie, is doing a good job of preparing it.

We will have a couple of special treats for the elders they should really enjoy. We are still playing Bingo on Thursday after lunch and have chair exercises on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 10:45 am. Lunch is served at 12 noon. Come and join us! -Judy Dull, Elder Nutrition Supervisor

*This is a Title VI program for Native American Elders, 55 and over. Native Americans under 55 and other guests can come eat for a small charge (under 18 are free). Donations are appreciated. ■*