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Sign of Progress: Chief Jerry Douglas (right) and Earnest Tiger, Delaware Tribe Economic Development Director, stand next to the recently erected sign at the Dewey Project site. The financial packaging for the Tribe's Lenape Delaware Plaza project is underway. Financing is expected to be finalized in the next 90 days and construction started shortly thereafter. When the site is fully developed it will include a travel plaza, strip mall, Delaware Culture Center/Gift Shop, and possibly a hotel.

Call to General Council November 22, 2008

Chief Jerry Douglas calls for the Delaware Tribe's Annual General Council to be held on Saturday, November 22, 2008. The meeting this year will be held from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Delaware Community Center located at 5100 Tuxedo Blvd, Bartlesville, OK. Tribal members are strongly urged to attend General Council to learn about the efforts to restore recognition. General Council allows tribal members to give their elected leaders input and guidance for the upcoming year. Every tribal member counts! Please put this date on your calendar and make plans to be in attendance.

GENERAL COUNCIL AGENDA

1 p.m. Call to Order
Invocation
Roll Call
No minutes from 07 to approve
Treasurer's Report
State of the Tribe Address
State of the Trust Address
Old Business
Committee Reports
Other Business
Adjourn

Notice of Election November 1, 2008

Tribal members are hereby notified that elections will be held by referendum and walk-in vote on Saturday, November 1, 2008. Elections for three (3) Tribal Council positions, two (2) judge positions, a constitutional amendment, approval/disapproval of Chief's salary and approval/disapproval of the proposed 2009 Trust Fund Budget. Tribal members are encouraged to approve the FY-2009 budget so that the Trust Board can continue services to all tribal members. The funds are utilized by the Trust Committees of Education, Land Management, Community Services, Economic Development, Cultural Preservation, Tribal Operations and Reinvestment. These committees provide many services to tribal members including, but not limited to, scholarships, school supplies, athletic and academic assistance, utility, rental, dental, medical, student & elder eyeglass assistance, prescription assistance for our elders and many cultural programs & festivities. These committees also help with exploration of economic ventures for tribal business possibilities provide maintenance for our tribally

owned properties and ensure that a portion of our monies are reinvested and provide staff to ensure the programs are operated efficiently. ALL of these programs are available for the benefit of tribal members and the tribe as a whole.

Tribal members are encouraged to provide the election committee with the correct mailing address so that all eligible tribal voters will receive a ballot. Ballots will be mailed to voters on October 1, 2008. Tribal members who wish to cast their vote in person may do so on Saturday, November 1st. at the polling place located in the Delaware Tribe Community Center from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. the community center is located at 5100 Tuxedo Blvd., Bartlesville, OK. All ballots must be received by the Delaware Election Committee at the Post Office box by 4:30 p.m. Friday, October 31, 2008, or they may hand carry their ballot to the polling place by 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 1st. Ballots not received at the post office by 4:30 p.m. October 31st or at the polling place by 5:00 p.m. will not be counted.

Remember to vote and mail your ballot back as soon as possible.

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A message From Chief Jerry Douglas

Dear relatives, friends and tribal members: It is that time again, election time and this is the election edition of our tribal newspaper. I have served two years of my four year term, and can now announce that House Bill 6786 has been introduced before Congress and this bill includes language to restore our tribal federal recognition.

I am also able to announce a bilateral agreement between our government and the Cherokee Nation. Our legislative bill for federal recognition now has the support of the Cherokee Nation for congressional passage. This is a result of the collaborative effort of our tribal governments to resolve our jurisdictional disputes.

The purpose for mentioning our legislative bill and the agreement with the Cherokee Nation is in conjunction with our upcoming elections and to point out that this administration is working to keep the campaign promises made two years ago. I fully intended to be much further along with our federal recognition; however, we have encountered many obstacles in getting our bill introduced. There is much to be done and as I promised we will accomplish our goal of federal recognition.

This administration has been able to improve our tribal financial position by approximately \$800,000 to maintain our tribal operations.

The Cherokee Nation has agreed to release \$277,867 Aid to Tribe government funding, specifically earmarked by the BIA, to finance our tribal operations. Over \$500,000 has been requested and will be released from the Bureau of Indian Affairs Delaware Land Claim settlement and will be utilized to leverage \$5 million to finance tribal economic development projects.

Our November tribal election will require your vote to select three (3) tribal council members and two (2) tribal judges. The tribal members selected by popular vote to fill these positions should have the best interest of our tribe at heart and be fair and justice minded. Acting in the best interest of all and being fair minded are reasonable qualities that are quite often lost to power, authority and ego.

The majority of our present Tribal Council members are a good group of mature, level minded, fair and balanced tribal officials. The people we elect in November to serve as Tribal Council members will play a vital role in the future of our tribe and the successful accomplishment of our long range tribal goals. The people we elect in November to serve as Tribal Council members and Judges need to be Tribal members who will safeguard the path that we are now on for our federal recognition and tribal economic development priorities. It is important the we elect tribal members that are seasoned, grounded and proven. With this in mind, I rec-

ommend and highly endorse Wayne Stull, William "Bill" Hatch and Chester "Chet" Brooks for Tribal Council. I also recommend and endorse Judy Harmon and Seth Pickett as judges for our Tribal Court system. The tribal members I am recommending are people that do not have an axe to grind and have a sincere desire to serve the Delaware people and advance our tribe.

As stated above, we have had obstacles and even roadblocks to prevent our tribe from regaining our federal recognition. It is ironic, the most significant source of help to regain our recognition has come from the Cherokee Nation and the most significant source of opposition preventing the regaining of our recognition has come from two tribal council members and their group of followers. Now that we have a legislative bill introduced in Congress it is imperative that we press forward for the passage of our bill by both the House and Senate.

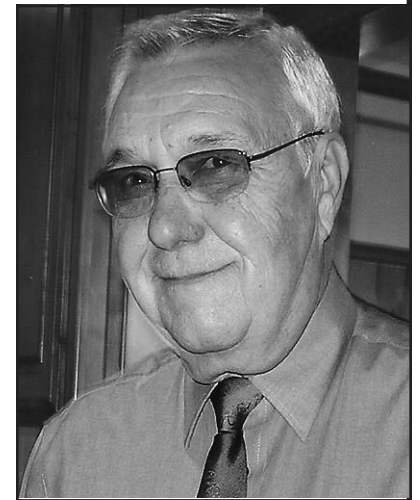
Your help and your vote is needed to insure that our Tribal Council is a cohesive team rather than a family feuding in a burning house.

Without reluctance, I am asking for your support and vote for Mr. Stull, Mr. Hatch and Mr. Brooks for Tribal Council.

I would like to call your attention to General Council Resolution 2007-07 in this edition of the DIN, Page 13 and the question on our tribal election ballot to suspend the salary of \$36,000 for the Chief's position.

The opposition forces that have rallied against our federal recognition and the MOA with the Cherokee Nation took issue with my receiving a salary on the following grounds;

1. The Chief presides over one meeting a month (council meeting), and has no defined office hours or duties;
2. The Chief should not be paid a salary because the Tribe does not have federal recognition;
3. The Tribe does not have the



Chief Jerry Douglas

finances to pay the Chief a salary.

At the General Council meeting of 2007, thirteen resolutions were introduced before some 40 to 50 people, some tribal members and some not. A vote was taken and all resolutions were approved. The resolutions became subject of lawsuits and unconstitutionality. The issue of the Chief being paid a salary remained a point of contention for two of our Tribal Councilors and their following. Our Tribal Court has issued an opinion that our Tribal Constitution needs to be updated, and clarified the definition of General Council to mean "all voting age Tribal members." No longer can 40 or 50 people meeting in Bartlesville take any actions that will affect the overall membership of the Delaware Tribe. My being paid a salary can best be resolved by a vote of the people. The assertions concerning my duties and hours worked are absurd. The claim that funds are not available to pay the Chief is also untrue. My job as Chief does not start at 8 o'clock nor end at 5 o'clock and our tribal financial position is better now than when I was elected. Therefore, I ask that you vote NO on the ballot question to suspend the salary for the Chief's position.

Thank You and May God Bless and Keep You and Yours.
Chief Jerry Douglas

***Remember
to Vote
on
Election Day!!***

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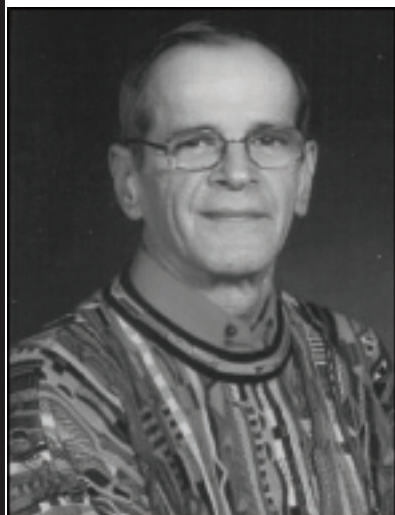
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Trust Board Chairman, Raymond Cline



Chairman Raymond Cline

Greetings & Salutations to all Delaware Tribal Members, here's hoping that this issue of the Delaware Indian News finds all well. I am pleased to announce that our annual audit was a good one. This has been accomplished through the dedicated work of our accounting staff. I want to assure you that your Trust Funds are being safeguarded for those generations to come. As you know the Trust Board operates on the interest earned from our invested monies. There are several programs available to all tribal members regardless of where they live. The Trust committees are Community Services, Education, Land Management, Cultural Preservation, Tribal Operations, Re-Investment and Economic Development. I urge all tribal members to vote yes to approving the proposed 2009 Trust Budget so that these vital programs and services can be continued for the benefit of all tribal members. The committees provide

such services as scholarships, school supplies, athletic and academic assistance, utility, rental, dental, medical, student and elder eyeglass assistance, elder prescription assistance. They provide maintenance for our tribally owned properties, insure that a portion of the funds are reinvested and provide staff to ensure that the programs are operated efficiently. We have established several cultural programs and festivities that benefit tribal members and provide positive public awareness of the Delaware Tribe. The Economic Development committee helps with the exploration of economic ventures for business possibilities that will benefit the tribe for generations to come. An example of this is our Dewey Travel and Shopping Center which will be breaking ground in the near future. This will generate jobs for our tribal members, income for the tribe and provide a positive business climate for the City of Dewey.

In addition to the budget I would urge tribal members to select candidates who have a willingness to work as a team to further the efforts currently being expended that will restore our recognition. The restoration of our Federal recognition is vital to the growth and vitality of our great Tribe. Select those candidates who have the best interests of ALL tribal members in their hearts, not just the select few that live here. Candidates who can work in harmony with the business and tribal communities. Candidates who have a vision for the Tribe that provides opportunities for all tribal members. I would like to endorse Mr. Wayne Stull, Mr. Bill Hatch and Mr. Chet Brooks for

Tribal Council. I have personally known and worked with these gentlemen for many years. They are dedicated, honest and truly care for our tribe as they have served the Tribe in both elected and volunteer positions. They realize the importance of obtaining our federal recognition as this is vital for the tribe's economic development and growth. They have a vision for the future our tribe and it is a great one. One that will make you proud to say 'I AM DELAWARE'. I am also supporting Ms. Judy Harmon and Seth Pickett for the position of Tribal Judges. Judy has served as a Tribal Council Treasurer for many years. She is a fair and honest business woman who can offer experience and wisdom to the position of Judge.

I am also urging tribal members to approve the constitutional amendment. This amendment will protect tribal members rights. I also urge the approval of the Chief's position as a paid position. Currently no tribal funds are being expended for this. The funding comes from recently released Aid to Tribal Government funding that was due to the tribe. This funding was released to the tribe through efforts of Chief Douglas and our efforts to work in harmony with the Cherokee Nation. The General Council voted in 1998? to make this position paid. I feel that the current movement to make this a non-paid position is one that is a personal vendetta on our current chief by a past chief/councilman who started the movement for pay but did not receive it.

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From the Desk of Wayne Stull, Assistant Chief

Trust Board Vice-Chairman and Delaware Enterprise Corporation Chairman

As your Assistant Chief, Vice Chairman of the Trust Board and Chairman of the Trust and Council Economic Development committees as always; I am pleased to address my fellow tribal members and reveal my thoughts and opinions concerning the most pressing issues facing our people and tribal government.

We now have a Congressional Bill for the restoration of our federal recognition introduced on Capitol Hill. Having a Bill introduced is a big step in the right direction and is the beginning of a political process that will require work, patience, public relations and networking. The introduction of our Bill is not an end-all, if anything, it is the beginning of what can sometimes be a long drawn out process. Our tribal leadership will play a critical role in the days, weeks, and months to come. There are no guarantees. We must be realistic and understand that the recognition of the Delaware Tribe of Indians just happens to be occurring at a pivotal period in American history. Our national economy has already collapsed and the democrats and the republicans are lying and in denial as they fight for the White House. Nationally, it is semi- appropriate be anti-Indian on sovereignty, taxes, gaming and tribal/state compacting. It is now politically correct for the majority

of politicians in the House and Senate to be anti-Indian on gaming. Let us be real...We need to understand that we are fighting an up-hill battle. I am not suggesting that we cannot win and accomplish our federal recognition goal. I am merely pointing out the national political perception of gaming will likely overshadow our unique, valid and rightful claim to our tribal federal recognition.

Our Tribal leadership is going to have a big job insuring that the Congressional committees and hearings fully understand the issues and facts pertinent to our federal recognition. We are going to need to represent our tribe and people in Washington and state our case for federal recognition. We've got to have a presence in Washington, from time to time as our Bill moves through both Houses and we have to make sure that the politicians, Republicans and Democrats, understand that our federal recognition is not about gaming.

There is much to be said about the work that has to be done now that we have a Bill before Congress and as equally important is...who is going to do the work.

Soon, you will be receiving a tribal election ballot to elect 3 Tribal councilmen and 2 Tribal Judges. I am among the candidates seeking

your vote to serve as one of your Tribal Council representatives. Presently, I am serving our tribe as the Assistant Chief, Vice-Chairman of our Trust Board, Chairman of the Economic Development Committee, Chairman of the Delaware Enterprise Corporation and Vice-President of the Delaware Enterprise Authority.

I am a retired businessman committed to the advancement and welfare of the Delaware people and tribe. My retirement from my businesses has turned into full time volunteerism for my tribe. Chief Douglas and I have untold hours devoted to our tribal federal recognition and the management of our tribal affairs.

I have been involved in our federal recognition struggle since the 10th Circuit Court decision and I would like to remain involved and complete the process we have initiated. I need your vote to remain involved and I will promise to give my best to make sure we prevail.

Some months ago I devoted much of my article to discussing the need for a tribal united front and cooperation among fellow tribal members as we work together for the betterment of all. Again, I call for peace and understanding as we approach a new era in our tribal history. In this regard, the question on your ballot concerning the Chief's



Assistant Chief Wayne Stull

salary should be a resounding NO, a resounding YES on the constitutional amendment and a resounding YES on approving the 2009 Trust Budget.

Speaking of understanding and cooperation, I certainly want to recognize and thank Chief Smith, Ms. Melanie Knight, Dr Brad Cobb, Mr Buel Anglen and the Cherokee Nation Tribal Council for their help, assistance and support with our federal recognition.

In the very near future our economic Development Authority will be making a major announcement.

Let me again Thank everyone for their support. Your vote in this election is truly going to make a difference in the future of our tribe. For this reason I am endorsing and supporting William 'Bill' Hatch and Chester Brooks for our Tribal Council and I hope you will also.

Thank you, peace, prosperity and wellness to you and yours.

Assistant Chief Wayne Stull

Delaware Tribe of Indians Address Correction Form

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

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Emma Wilson Lucas
and
Emma Jane Lucas White



Frank & Susan ‘Susie’ Altime Longbone
Frank was born 1875 and Susan was born in 1879
This is a wedding picture (date unknown)



Back row: left to right:Calvin E Everett Jr. ‘Bob’ November 9, 1895-March 21, 1937, Edna M Secondine April 9, 1897-April 28, 1912. Both are buried in the Bezion Cemetery, Nowata County OK., Grace Carson Smith March 10, 1897-March 23, 1977, buried in the Ball Cemetery, Nowata County OK. Front Row: left to right: Susan ‘Susie’ Altime Longbone, Henry Bud Smith May 28, 1891- December 25, 1939 buried in the Bezion Cemetery

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"In Fond Memory"

Guineth O. Palmer

Mrs. Guineth O. "Jimmie" Palmer, 93, of Othello, WA and a former Sunnyside resident, passed away Wednesday, July 11, 2007 at Othello Community Hospital.

Mom was born October 3, 1913 in Childers, OK to William E and Minnie Mae Ball. She received her primary education in Oklahoma and graduated from Haskell Indian Boarding School at Lawrence, Kansas in 1931.

She was an enrolled member of the Cherokee and Delaware Tribes and was very proud of her Indian heritage. In addition to completing school, she was proud to have taken and passed the prescribed examinations to obtain her teaching certificate, though she chose not to pursue a career in teaching. After graduation Guineth returned to Oklahoma. During WWII, she contributed to the war effort working as a junior mechanic at Tinker Field near Oklahoma City. Where she built carburetors and performed final wiring on military aircrafts. She remained in Oklahoma City until after the war ended.

In 1947 she relocated to Sunnyside. Along with her husband Lawrence, they raised two children. They continued to reside there until 1991 when they moved to Othello to be near her daughter Joeleen Barker and her husband Paul.

She was an avid cook and loved to experiment with different foods. She taught ceramics, made quilts, canned food and belonged to Red Hats. She entered her assorted jams and jelly in the Adams County Fair, where she won blue ribbons. Although hampered by a knee operation which eventually let to a complete knee replacement Guineth walked door to door collecting donations for the heart fund for many years.

Mrs Palmer was a member of the Eastern star. First and foremost, Guineth cared about her family. She was a great mom and the absolute definition of a grandmother. Guineth loved to go fishing and camping with her husband, Lawrence and her beloved grandchildren.

She is survived by her children, Joeleen Barker and husband Paul of Othello; her son Phillip Palmer and wife Paula of Olympia; her grandsons Alan Kottwitz and Russell Palmer; her granddaughters Carol Kottwitz and Adrienne Palmer; one great-granddaughter, Kayla Yerkes; and great-grandsons Paden Kottwitz and Connor Yerkes. Mrs Palmer was preceded in death by husband Lawrence Palmer; and one sister Wilma Lucille Wood.



Nathan Young, Jr.

Nathan H. Young Jr. 85 years of age, died September 4, 2008 at Cherokee County Nursing Center in Tahlequah, OK. Nathan was born on January 14, 1923, west of Copan, Oklahoma near Young's lake. He was the son of Nathan and Irene (Brookshire) Young. He was preceded in his death by his parents and three brothers and a sister. He is survived by his wife of sixty-seven years, Betty Warwick Young and three children, a daughter of the home, Wathene Young, son, Nathan and wife Carol of Tahlequah, Okla., and son Rodney and his wife Brenda of Albuquerque, NM; a daughter in law Dr. Alethea E. Young of Hanover, New Hampshire; a special sister in law Dora Dean Young; and nieces Jayne Saindon and Nathan Morgan of Billings, Montana; nephew John Young Dillingham

of Tulsa; niece Marci Lender of Tahlequah; and nephews Steve and Bill Warwick of Bartlesville, OK. Also surviving are his grandchildren, Holly Kirk and husband Wyman of Tahlequah, Nathan Young IV of Tahlequah, OK, and John Young and wife Lauren, of Albuquerque, NM; a granddaughter Shawn Soulsby of Plano, TX, and Michelle Young and companion, Quinton Ketcher of Tahlequah, OK. He is also survived by four great grand-children Hondo Kirk, Levi Kirk, Eric Young, and Stoney Barnoskie of Tahlequah, Okla. Nathan graduated from Dewey High School and was a lifelong resident of Dewey, Okla., until moving to Tahlequah in 1991. Nathan was a 37 year employee of Phillips Petroleum Company. He was dedicated to public service and served for many years on the Dewey School Board, Dewey City Council, and was the vice-chairman of the Delaware Tribe of Oklahoma. He also was a member and officer of the ritual team for the Bartlesville Elks Lodge. Nathan was a Army veteran of World War II and served in the Pacific Theater. His life was filled with love and joy with his family, his love of Northeastern State University athletics and his dogs. The last years of his life he formed a special bond with his great grandson Hondo. A grave side service was held at the Ft. Gibson National cemetery in Ft. Gibson, Oklahoma, on Tuesday, September 9, 2008.



Donna Ferguson

Donna Ferguson of Bremerton WA passed away on April 12, 2008 in the presence of her immediate family. Donna was born December 18, 1930 in Fruita CA to her loving parents, John Allen Weaver and Mary Helen Cook-Weaver, who preceded her in death. Donna's family moved to Washington State in 1940 and she then settled in Bremerton. In 1950, she married her husband William E Ferguson Sr, who preceded her in death July 1999.

Donna is survived by her sons, Bill Ferguson Jr, and his children Dana and son Jon; and younger son Mark A Ferguson and his sons, Scott and Kevin. Donna is also survived by her sister-in-law Lola and her daughter Debbie.

Donna is a member of and elder in the Delaware Indian Tribe. Donna in her youth was an avid ice-dancer. Donna was also a unique artist who formed unimaginable beauty with flowers, dream catcher scenes, and with oyster shells and driftwood brought to life captured by her minds eye and flowing through her loving creative hands. Some pieces were collected by local NW art dealers and displayed in local art museums.

Donna loved to cook. Her friend and family often sought her insightful wisdom. Donna loved her grandchildren and always put family first.

Delawares in the News



Karen Hinkle won lady big bass in the 2008 Hootie open on Grand Lake of the Cherokee, Oklahoma on Sunday September 5, 2008. She was awarded a check and a plaque for the big bass. Her partner was her husband Mike Hinkle and they weighed in two bass. Also fishing were Patsy & Bill Schmidt of Savannah Missouri and Bill weighed in two bass. Attending the weigh in besides the fishermen were Dortha Reavis of Savannah Mo, Joyce Westernhaver of Chelsea OK and Chief Jerry Douglas. There were 185 boats and 48 women fishing in the tournament. Karen is the daughter of the late John Redman Douglas and granddaughter of the late John Redman Ketchum.

Letter to the Editor

September 11, 2008

Dear Newspaper Committee:

I want to compliment Chief Jerry Douglas on his efforts to regain federal recognition for the Delaware Tribe. He has put in countless hours dealing with Congressmen and Representatives along with Chief Chad Smith of the Cherokee Tribe. He has been making real progress. I find it disturbing that some of the tribal members that we elected feel that tribal members who do not live here or can't attend general council should not have a voice in the affairs of our tribe. As a tribal member I find this appalling.

In my opinion the Tribe should remove all the road blocks at election time so the Tribe can move ahead. WE must elect people who are willing to work together and with our Chief for the good of our tribe.

Concerned Tribal Member

Dennis B. England

Tulsa, Oklahoma 74145

Annual Ketchum Family Reunion

Ninety five members of the late John Redman and Harriett Pittsenberger Ketchum family gathered on Sunday, July 27th for their annual reunion. The event was held at the Nowata Senior Citizen Center.

Locals attending from Chelsea were Bill & Rosa Adair, Joyce Westernhaver, Molly McMahan and Dylan, Jackie Stephens, Ida England, Jeanan Alderman, Clayton, Kaysie, Wyatt & Halley Reed.

Others from Oklahoma were Roy & Joila Noblitt, Larry Noblitt, Kelly Noblitt, Ronnie & Darlene Inman, Terry Inman, Jerry & Tina Inman, Jeremy Inman, Jessie Anderson, Doyle & Jane Hayes, Mathew, Stacy, Macie & Matthew Sloctor, Susan Miller, Mike & Barbara Sloctor, Brad & Lori Van Winkle, Marvin & Lyndall Culver, Joann Dunway, Bill Noblitt, Bryan Noblitt, Carrie Moore,

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Editor's note: The following article was submitted to the DIN by Pat Johnson, great granddaughter of George Bullette. The story was printed in the August 19, 1955 Tulsa Tribune.

'First Store' Marker Tells of Oxcart Days

by Bill Sampson

In the midst of business bustle at First St. And Boulder Ave., a steel tablet on the southwest corner proclaims August as the 73rd anniversary of the founding of the first department store in Tulsa.

The tablet reads: "First store on this spot in August 1882. George and John Bullett, members of the Delaware Tribe of Indians opened the first store in Tulsa. Aa goods then were freighted from points in Kansas and Missouri by mules and ox caravans. Erected as a public service by Mrs C.E. Baldwin, Mrs E.N. Holmes, Mr

& Mrs H.C. Payne."

George came to Tulsa first and started the store and later was helped by his brother John, according to Mrs Baldwin, George's oldest daughter who now lives at 3113 S Florence Ave.

George Bullette was born in Kansas Oct 19, 1853. He attended Carlisle, PA Indian School and later moved to his parents' ranch near Alluwe. His brother John meanwhile had started the first store and post office at Claremore. All were close friends of Will Rogers' parents.

For a time, George worked for a pioneer Nowata storekeeper named Lawson and in aAugust 1882 he came to Tulsa and started the first department store.

George married Bettie Payne in 1882. After a few years he sold the store and went into the cattle business on Tulsa's present north-east side.

In 1898, he built the large ranch house at the intersection of what is now King St. And Norfolk Ave. It was the hub of about 2,000 acres George Bullette owned at that time.

Mrs Baldwin remembers many social gatherings at the ranch house. A frequent visitor was Tulsa's first Mayor, Col. E Calking, who served in 1898-90.

Mrs Baldwin said the road to Tulsa ran down what is now Independence St. to where it intersects the Frisco tracks near Kenosha Ave and then followed the tracks into town.

The old home is now owned by Mrs W.H. McAdams, daughter of George Bullette's second wife. His first wife died January 29, 1923 and Feburary 23, 1924 Bullette married Mrs Mary Endicott, a widow. Bullette's second wife lives with her daughter at the house.

Mrs. McAdams remodeled the house a few years ago and discovered that every board in it was stamped: "To George Bullette, Tulsa, Indian Territory." when it was first built, the house was painted pink and had a cupola on the roof and a large brick fireplace.



L-R Nora Day, Evie Shailer, Patsy Martin, daughter of Evie, Emma Lucas



Mae Stout

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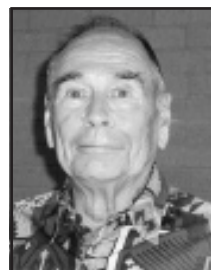
1. **YES** to amend the Delaware Tribe of Indians Constitution
2. **NO** to suspend the Chiefs Salary
3. **YES** to approve the 2009 Trust Budget

TRIBAL COUNCIL MEMBER

- Wayne Stull
- William 'Bill' Hatch
- Chester Brooks



Wayne E. Stull



William "Bill" Hatch



Chester "Chet" Brooks

TRIBAL JUDGE

- Judith Harmon
- Seth Pickett



Judith Harmon



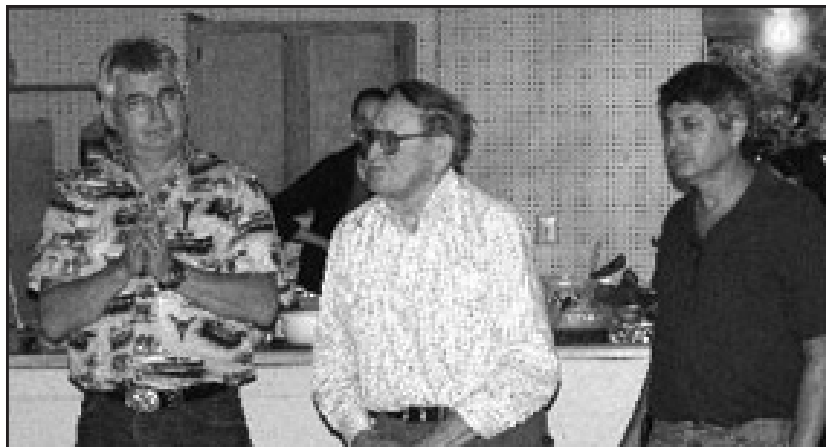
Seth Pickett

“More Delawares in the News”

Delaware Days 2008 Photos



Delaware Elder & WWII Veteran Jess Townsend was honored by Delaware Cultural Preservation Committee (CPC) at the recent Delaware Days celebration at Fall Leaf Dance Grounds in rural Copan. L-R: Curtis Zunigha (Tribal Council); Stephen Townsend (Son), Paula Pechonick (CPC), Jess Townsend (Honoree), Anita Davis-Lewis (CPC), Jess Townsend Jr (Son). Below: Jess Townsend and sons.



Ketchum enters Althletic Hall of Fame

The Bartlesville Sports Commission has announced the creation of the Bartlesville Athletic Hall of Fame.

According to organizers, the purpose of the Hall of Fame is to recognize individuals and teams who, through their athletic achievements, have made a lasting contribution to athletics and athletic endeavors in the Bartlesville area and brought honor to themselves, their school and the community. The inaugural Hall of Fame inductees were honored on May 17, during a banquet held at the Bartlesville Community Center. The first hall of fame class includes Dee Ketchum, former Delaware chief.

Ketchum played football, basketball and golf for College High from 1955-57. He set a new basketball conference record for scoring in 1957 in basketball and was named to All-State. He also was All-Conference in football and led Bartlesville to a state champion in golf. Ketchum played for the University of Kansas from 1958-1961, was co-captain his Senior year and his free throw shooting record in percentages still stands in the record books. He coached



Dee Ketchum

basketball teams for many years in Kansas, Arizona and Oklahoma, with Coach of the Year honors several times. A book and movie entitled, “The Long Journey Home” has been released about Ketchum, his family and the Delaware Indians. He served as Chief of the Delaware Tribe from 1998-2002, including twelve years on the Tribal Council.

During Ketchum’s term as chief, the tribe gained unequalled prosperity. He acquired the tribal complex on Virginia Avenue and administered several building projects during that time, including the Delaware Community Center, Childhood Care Center, Wellness Center and Elder Housing in Bartlesville and Childhood Care Centers in Chelsea and Caney, KS. Ketchum was instrumental in acquiring the 80-acre land base on which these buildings are incorporated in a campus-like layout.

In addition to Ketchum, the first hall of fame class includes Bob Kurland, former Oklahoma A&M College [now Oklahoma State University] and Phillips 66ers basketball star, and USA basketball gold medal team leader in the 1948 and 1952 Olympics; Dallas Dobbs, 1949-52 College High basketball standout, who also played for University of Kansas and Phillips 66ers; Coach Bailey Richetts who coached Ketchum and Dobbs and was inducted into the Oklahoma Coaches Hall of Fame in 1969 for his lengthy history in athletics; and the 1967 College High basketball team who won the 1966-67 3A state championship.

Candidates for Tribal Council



**Chester "Chet"
Brooks**

All Lenape-Delaware Tribal Members have seen my Delaware genealogy back to my 9th Great Grandfather "Tamanend" (The Delaware who signed the Treaty - land deed with William Penn in 1683). You Lenape voters have also seen my picture (in traditional clothing) and my complete work history and tribal accomplishments over the past twenty-six years in this newspaper 2 years back before our last Tribal Council election. If you have not seen this bio I will happily e-mail it if you request such at opalanielenape@yahoo.com.

Elections are often more about "what do we need to get done" than they are about the qualifications and background or personality of those candidates running for office. All of the candidates running are Delawares and therefore presumably good people. This opinion of a Delaware Tribal Member Chet Brooks (9 years Housing Commission - 3 years Trust Board Chairman-short term Tribal Judge) is placed instead of my bio in hopes that WE CAN UNITE THE DELAWARE TRIBE IN ACHIEVING FEDERAL RECOGNITION BY USE OF OKLAHOMA INDIAN WELFARE ACT. It is also written in support of Tribal Council Candidates Wayne Stull (incumbent), Bill Hatch and myself.

The real question is what does the Delaware Tribe need? WE NEED OUR FEDERAL RECOGNITION

BACK NOW!!!!!!! I fully support our Current Chief and a large majority of our current tribal council in their negotiation efforts to get that recognition now through OIWA. I fully support the necessity of ALL TRIBAL COUNCIL MEMBERS cooperating in those efforts and Wayne Stull, Bill Hatch and myself have and will continue our work and support when elected. I therefore respectfully ask your votes for us in this Tribal Council Election.

Speaking as an Elder (I am now 66), EVERY CANDIDATE I AM SUPPORTING IN THIS TRIBAL COUNCIL ELECTION IS AN ELDER. I have no understanding why some of our opposition would work hard for almost 4 years in trying to stop Cherokee negotiation, essential to our Federal Recognition, then 2-1/2 months prior to our Tribal Election switch positions, saying you now favor completion of a Cherokee-Delaware MOA and immediate application for OIWA Federal Restoration - almost as if it were you and your followers idea in the first place. For your information, Our Chief and 4 Tribal Council Members have correctly been in a Cherokee MOA stance for over 3 years while you and your followers undermined such actions. Our Chief and 4 of our 6 Tribal Council Members have been persueing OIWA Reorganization for over 7 months (because Bill Hatch, Chet Brooks & Wayne Stull asked them to-while you and certain followers only comment was "that is still unsatisfactory because of required Cherokee-Delaware MOA and it will still be too long a process"). Personally speaking, I think if you are not an ELDER (I hear that is 65 years of age) who can join hands with our Chief and Tribal Council as a team to achieve our Federal Recognition you will not be elected. You should have taken your irresponsible whining about our "TRIBE SELF DESTRUCTING" because "YOU DON'T NEED OR LIKE OUR FEDERAL RECOGNITION PLAN" and "YOU ARE NOT IN FAVOR OF CASINO GAMING AND MOST OTHER ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT" somewhere else

in the first place.

IN 1994 MY NEPHEW PRODUCED A DRAWING WHICH WAS TITLED "DO NOT CROSS THE DELAWARE" THE INTENT OF DRAWING WAS TO GET OUR FEDERAL RECOGNITION BACK BYGETTINGADELAWARECHIEF AND CERTAIN TRIBAL COUNCIL MEMBERS ELECTED - THREE OF THE FOUR CANDIDATES FOR OFFICE WERE ELECTED. ONE YEAR LATTER

I WAS IN WASHINGTON, DC AT MY OWN PERSONAL EXPENSE AND ATTENDED A TREATY RIGHTS MARCH WHERE I

ROUGH CRAFTED A POSTER TITLED "FEDERAL RECOGNITION IS NOT A LIST-TWENTY-TWO TREATIES PROVE MY TRIBE EXIST." ASSISTANT SEC. OF INTERIOR ADA DEER (WHOM I MADE A SMALL (\$50.00) POLITICAL CONTRIBUTION IN 1991)) AND THEN SOLICITOR MICHAEL ANDERSON INSISTED THAT THEY BE PHOTOGRAPHED HELPING HOLD THIS POSTER. ON SEPTEMBER 26, 1996 ADA DEER SIGNED THE BIA LETTER WHICH RESTORED OUR TRIBES FEDERAL RECOGNITION THAT HAD BEEN LOST SINCE 1979. BILL HATCH & WAYNE STULL WERE THE ONLY DELAWARE TRIBAL MEMBERS THAT EVER CONGRATULATED ME ON THE POSTER AND THE RESULTS THAT A SMALL POLITICAL CONTRIBUTION CAN BRING.

AGAIN I SAY "DO NOT CROSS THE DELAWARE - ELECT THREE TRIBAL COUNCIL MEMBERS WHO WILL FOLLOW OUR CONSTITUTION, BYLAWS AND INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS OF ALL TRIBAL MEMBERS - BILL HATCH, CHET BROOKS & WAYNE STULL" -----AGAIN I SAY "FEDERAL RECOGNITION IS NOT A LIST - TWENTY-TWO TREATIES PROVE MY TRIBE EXIST.."

ELECT THREE COUNCIL MEMBERS WHO WILL MAKE EVERY ATTEMPT TO EXPEDITE OUR FEDERAL RECOGNITION..

WANISHI,



Titus Frenchman

I am currently seeking a position on our Tribal Council so that I may use my skills and talents to serve our people. Our tribe is currently facing major issues that effect one every of members. It is of utmost importance that we take an aggressive approach to building our Nation even in the current economic downturn. I would like to see our Tribe prosper in all areas for the betterment of our people and future generations to come.

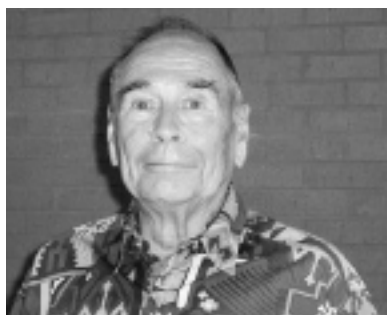
In the past I served as the Tribal Manager for the our Tribe and I know how things work. Tribal complexities are no mystery to me. I have also worked with a California Tribe as one of five Area Office Managers for the "Temporary Assistance for Needy Family" program in the greater Los Angeles Area. We served tribal members from all areas (2000 census estimate - 50,000 Native Americans). I also worked for a major Tribal Casino in southern California as an "Employee Relations Specialist" with an employee count of 5000 as of 2004. I performed investigation and dispute resolution for the Human Resource office. I have also been the Area Office Manager for the 2000 Census in Tulsa, Oklahoma, responsible for over five hundred workers in the eastern part of Oklahoma. At the Univ. of Calif. I was the first Native American Financial Aid Officer for the college. I managed five major federal programs including the Bureau of Indian Affairs grant program.

I am a full blood Lenape, Viet Nam Combat Veteran (1966-1970), member of the Black Wolf Gourd Society of San Francisco and an avid pow-
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wow announcer and singer for over thirty-five years. Although my singing days are almost over I still enjoy sitting at the drum and watching the younger ones take over. I love being around Indian people and will continue to do so. Thank you for reading this! - Titus Frenchman for Council Member



William 'Bill' Hatch

My name is William 'Bill' Hatch. As you know I am currently serving on our Trust Board. I want to Thank You for that privilege and honor. I have proven that I have a strong commitment to our tribe as my home is in Illinois and I have faithfully attended all meetings. I have proven that I am willing to make the sacrifices needed to help lead our Tribe into the future. A future that will result in the federal recognition being restored to our great Tribe and one of solid and stable economic development and growth which will enable the generations that will come after us to prosper, grow and be proud to say "I am Delaware." I am concerned that there are forces at work that will derail the current administrations efforts to see that this becomes a reality. I believe that our Council and Chief needs to be a strong, united Team in our battle to regain federal recognition and our efforts to continue economic development. We cannot afford to let go of our vision for the Tribe and it's members. I promise to be a Team player, I want all tribal members to benefit and have a future. We can't operate as a 'social club' if we want to reach the top of the mountain.

I am a tribal elder, father and grandfather so I want to see our tribe grow and prosper. We must leave a

positive legacy for the generations that will come after us and it is up to the Tribal leadership to provide this stability for them. We must step into the future, We must secure strong business ventures that include but is not limited to gaming. All the while, We should as a tribe be able to provide services to our tribal members both locally and those who live throughout the United States and abroad. Services that other federally recognized tribes offer their members that include education, health benefits and jobs. I also believe that our culture, language and history should be saved for all generations.

As a tribal member who does not live in the Bartlesville area I will be able to represent those who does not live there as well. My ancestors were Proud Delawares and my relatives are scattered through out the entire country as well as northeastern Oklahoma. I feel strongly that our tribal and trust funds should be protected and accounted for, federal recognition must be restored, a strong economic development base must be established, future per capita payments as well as other benefits for tribal members (I know you have heard this before, but we must establish an economic base so that this vision can come to fruition), all tribal members rights must be protected. This is my vision for the tribe and I would appreciate your vote to help make them a reality. Together with your support I will help to restore strong leadership and will listen to the voices of you, the tribal member and do my best to let your voice be heard. I appreciate and thank you for your support as Tribal Council member. I am a proud Delaware Tribal member, retired educator and elder committed to the betterment of our Tribe.

Jenifer Jo Pechonick

I am Jenifer Jo Pechonick. I was born in 1976 and moved to Oklahoma shortly thereafter. I grew up in Delaware Country and have always been a Delaware. I graduated from college with a BA in Communication. I have served the tribe for many years as an elected member of the Tribal Council and also the Trust



Jenifer Jo Pechonick

Board. I have served on many committees and been an active participant in preserving our culture. I currently teach school at the Montessori Academy in Bartlesville where we serve many Delaware families.

I am worried about our Tribe's future. I have a four year old daughter and an elder mother who are both Delaware. I have many Delaware relatives all through the nation. All decisions regarding Tribal Government based on you or someone like you. I care about our Tribe. I have proven this through my time in service to our Tribe throughout my life.

I have been to Washington D.C. and spoke to Congress and I came back and gave you a report. I tried to keep you in the loop – as much as you would let me. I have served our Tribe honestly and with accountability. I find answers to your questions.

I specialize in conflict management. I can hear all sides of a problem and find an integrated resolution to help us all. I can help people understand.

Some people say that they are against a person serving on the Trust Board and Tribal Council. The Trust Board has a very narrow scope of authority, regarding only the Trust Monies, which the Tribal Council has no authority. We do not have a bicameral system. The Tribal Council and the Trust's obligations and duties do not overlap or conflict. The two do NOT provide checks and balances for each other. Until more people are available to serve in these very important positions, the leaders of our Tribe may be required to fill seats on both Boards.

I can answer any particular

questions you have. Email me at jeniferp917@aol.com.

Please watch in the mail for your ballot and vote in the upcoming election. Encourage your friends and relatives to do the same. Your vote makes a difference.

Homer Scott, Jr.

He' Kulama Lsi Hech,

I am Homer Scott, Jr., and I am running for Tribal Council. I am the eldest son of Homer E. Scott and Evelyn Mae Jackson Thomas, a full blood Delaware Elder. I was raised on farm and worked as a ranch hand at an early age. I joined the Navy in 1971 and served until 1974.

I moved to Dewey Oklahoma in 1976 and have lived here since then.

I served as Tribal Judge for four years in the 1980's.

I have attended many powwows and Indian events to enhance and to teach the culture of the Delaware Indians. I have been a gourd dancer and a drummer since 1974.

I have been a ranch forman for 20 years, since living in Dewey and Bartlesville area. I have done Christian missionary work for the last 5 years. I enjoy people and helping them.

I love our Delaware people, especially the Elders. I have learned many things from the Elders.

We need a change in our tribe for the good of our Delaware members and to treat each other equally.

May the good Lord help us reunite.

I appreciate your vote!

Sincerely, Homer E. Scott, Jr.

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**Remember to
Vote in all Elections
Tribal, State, Federal,
Local
Your vote counts**

Candidates for Tribal Council continued



Wayne Stull

Greetings Tribal members, my name is Wayne Stull and as you know I have been serving our great tribe for many years now since I was appointed to fill vacated terms on the Tribal Council and Trust Board. I would appreciate your continued vote of confidence in allowing me to continue serving you. Currently, I serve as your Assistant Chief, Vice-Chair of the Trust Board, Chair of the Economic Development Committee, Chair of the Delaware Enterprises Corporation, Vice-President of Delaware Enterprise Authority and other volunteer committees. My dedication and loyalty to the Delaware Tribe and goals for its

growth and prosperity for all tribal members is evident. I am Proud to be a Delaware Indian.

I am a strong supporter of the current administration's efforts to restore our recognition and am honored to be a part of this process. I would ask for your support to let me continue and see that our federal recognition is restored and our economic development program established.

Now a little about myself, I served in the Army Reserves and understand issues facing our veteran's today. I grew up in the Bartlesville - Dewey area and have lived here most of my life. I have been married to my wife Joyce who is also from this area for 35 years we have one stepson, Mark. My parents were the late A.E. :Gene" and Bonita "Winn" Stull. My grandfather is the late Clem Winn. I attended both OSU and NSU. I am a member of the North Eastern Oklahoma Better Business Bureau, Native American Chamber of Commerce, Vice-President of the Tobacco Retailers Alliance of Oklahoma and NATO the National Association of Tobacco Outlets. I have always been a long time advocate of Native American rights and tribal sovereignty. I personally

feel we must take care of our elders as they are the wisdom and teachers of our tribe. They are a source of our history which must be taught to our children as they are our future.

I, Thank you for your support in allowing me to continue serving you as Tribal Council member.

John W. Sumpter

My name is John W. Sumpter, son of Nancy Falleaf Sumpter, youngest full blood daughter of John and Sally Elkhair Falleaf. Great grand-daughter of Capt. Falleaf thru Silas and grand-daughter to Charlie Elkhair thru Sally. I was raised in the Copan, Ok and Caney, Ks area until I graduated in 1970 from the Caney High School. I entered service with the U.S. Army immediately upon graduation. After successful completion of the required Special Forces Training, I was assigned to 7th SF Grp at Ft. Bragg, NC and then was assigned to the MACV Army Advisory Group in South Vietnam where I was assigned as a light and heavy weapons specialist and Senior Military Advisor to a 148 man Cambodian Rifle company during 1971-72. I served until 1977 when I was Honorably Discharged from military service. I have learned honor and integrity while in service and

above all, YOUR PEOPLE COME FIRST. I wish to bring these qualities back to the Tribal Government and again have it where the PEOPLE COME FIRST. I have been involved with the tribe since 1995, serving on the re-investment committee, cultural committee. I head the Veteran's committee, am a member of the Lenape color guard and head the Lenape Gourd Dance Society. I am a life member of the DAV, VFW and of the Special Forces Association, chapter 50 of Tulsa, OK. I am now asking for your vote in the upcoming Tribal Council election. The people have been kept in the dark to long and the truth has not been told to those outside of the area. Under the 1968 Indian Civil Rights Act (25 U.S.C. 1301-03) 1302. para. 1, States; No Indian tribe in exercising powers of self-government shall- 1. Make or enforce any law prohibiting the free exercise of religion, or abridging the freedom of speech, or the press, or the right of the people peaceably to assemble and to petition for a redress of grievances. These rights are slowly being taken away from the people and it needs to stop here and now. I believe that I can make a difference with your help and vote. WANISHI

Candidates for Tribal Judge



Judy (Kester) Harmon

I am Judy (Kester) Harmon and I have served as your Tribal Council representative. I have considered this to be a great honor and I thank you. I would now appreciate your consideration to serve our great tribe as a Tribal Judge. I feel that my

experience in both life and as your Council member gives me the insight to be a fair and impartial Judge. I feel that our Judges and Court system should be fair and honest to all tribal members.

I have lived in the Bartlesville - Dewey area all my life and graduated from Dewey High School. My parents are the late Katherine (Frenchman) & Bryden Kester. My granddad was Charles Frenchman. My husband John and I have two grown sons. We are retired from Phillips Petroleum company which will allow me the time necessary to devote to being a Tribal Judge. I currently am self-employed with an antique appraisal and estate sale business. I have always wanted only the best for our tribe. I want to see the tribe grow and prosper and in order to do this we must step into the

future with strong leadership guiding the way.

I have always been an enthusiastic, dedicated tribal leader that all tribal members is able to contact. I feel our tribe needs and deserves a fair and honest court system and Tribal Judges who will listen and be available to all Delawares, anytime. Your vote will be appreciated.

CURRENT LANGUAGE:

My name is Seth Pickett and I would appreciate your vote in my quest to become your Tribal Judge. I feel that I can be a fair and honest judge, a judge who has the best interest of the tribe and its members at heart. I am the great grandson of Joseph Lucas, grandson of Alice and the late Leonard Pickett and son of AJ and Iris Pickett. I am the



father of one daughter. I am a proud Delaware and my family who lives throughout the United States are all proud Delawares.

I want to see the tribe grow and prosper and in order to do this we must step into the future with strong leadership guiding the way, working in harmony towards the same goal.

Attention Delaware Voters

In addition to the election of council members and judges the following propositions will be on the ballot. The propositions and explanations are provided

Proposition I

Constitutional Amendment

CURRENT LANGUAGE IN THE CONSTITUTION:

ARTICLE XI – Annual Membership Meeting

Section 1. A General Council meeting of the adult membership shall be held on a Saturday, during the month of November, at which time the Chief or his designated spokesman shall make a “State of the Tribe” address. The General Council meeting shall be presided by the Chief and Tribal Council in accordance to Roberts Rules of Order. Resolutions or motions that rescind or effect previously adopted resolutions or ordinances passed by the Tribal Council must be approved by 2/3 of votes cast by eligible voting membership. Resolutions passed at the annual General Council meeting must be approved by 2/3 of votes cast by eligible voting membership. Resolutions or motions presented at the General Council meeting must be approved by 2/3 vote of the Tribal Council or 2/3 of votes cast by eligible voting membership in an election.

Section 2. Committee Reports and other reports regarding the operation of Delaware Tribe programs and projects shall be presented as well as other business properly brought before the membership.

PROPOSED LANGUAGE:

ARTICLE XI – Annual Membership Meeting

Section 1. A General Council meeting of the adult membership shall be held on a Saturday, during the month of November, at which time the Chief or his designated spokesman shall make a “State of the Tribe” address. **Notice of this annual membership meeting shall be given by the Chief, not less than thirty (30) nor more than forty-five (45) days preceding the meeting. The General Council meeting shall be presided by the Chief and Tribal Council in accordance to Roberts Rules of Order. Resolutions or motions that rescind or effect previously adopted resolutions or ordinances passed by the Tribal Council must be approved by 2/3 of votes cast by eligible voting membership. Resolutions passed at the annual General Council meeting must be approved by 2/3 of votes cast by eligible voting membership. Resolutions or motions presented at the General Council meeting must be approved by 2/3 vote of the Tribal Council or 2/3 of votes cast by eligible voting membership in an election**

Section 2. Committee Reports and other reports regarding the operation of Delaware Tribe programs and projects shall be presented as well as other business properly brought before the membership.

Section 3. **A quorum of not less than 100 eligible voting members must be present to conduct and/or vote on any business.**

Proposition II

To suspend the salary of \$36,000 for the Chief’s position NO or YES

TO SUSPEND THE CHIEF’S SALARY OF \$36,000 PER ANNUM
UNTIL SUCH TIME AS THE GENERAL COUNCIL REINSTATES
Resolution # GC 2007-07

WHEREAS, the Chief of the Delaware Tribe of Indians, pursuant to Article XI § 1 of the Delaware Constitution has duly called, noticed convened, and held a General Council meeting at the date and place aforesaid; and,
WHEREAS, the General Council of the Delaware Tribe of Indians consisting of the adult Voting members of the Tribe; and,
WHEREAS, the General Council of the Delaware Tribe of Indians is the

Supreme Governing Authority of the Delaware Tribe of Indians; and,
WHEREAS, the General Council of the Delaware Tribe of Indians has the constitutional Authority to pass resolutions, at a duly called meeting, for the benefit of the Tribe; and,
WHEREAS, the Chief of the Delaware Tribe of Indians is currently being paid \$36,000 per Annum; and,
WHEREAS, the Delaware Tribe of Indians does not have the income to support the Chief’s Salary.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Chief of the Delaware Tribe of Indians salary of \$36,000 per annum is suspended until such time as the General Council reinstates the salary, or any salary for the Chief’s office, based on having sufficient income to support said salary.

CERTIFICATION

We, Jerry Douglas, Chief and Verna Crawford, Secretary of the Delaware Tribe of Indians do hereby certify General Council Resolution 2007-07 to be true and exact as presented to the General Council of the Delaware Tribe of Indians in a duly called annual General Council meeting held at the Delaware Tribal Community Center, Bartlesville, OK on the 17th day of November, 2007 with a vote of ____ in favor of the resolution and a vote of ____ against the resolution.

Signed by: Jerry Douglas, Chief Delaware Tribe of Indians

Attested by: Verna Crawford, Secretary Delaware Tribe of Indians

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Tribal Courts Upsets

Annual Meeting Tradition

General Council Tradition Makes Last Stand by Proposing to Cut-off Chief’s Salary

General Council resolution 2007-07, “to suspend the chief’s salary of \$36,000 per annum until such time as the general council reinstates”, is one of 13 resolutions introduced and passed (approved), during the November 2007 general council meeting. Many of those attending the general council meeting had departed by the time the resolutions were introduced. Disorderly conduct was responsible for the reduction in the meeting attendance. Forty to 50 people were present at the time the resolutions were introduced and approved.

The tribal council following the general council meeting of 2007 discussed at length the general council meeting and the resolutions that were approved. At the insistence of councilman Curtis Zunigha, resolution 2007-07 was voted upon to go to a vote of the people in accordance with Article XI of the

tribal constitution. Article XI calls for the chiefs salary to be submitted in an election for a vote of the adult voting membership.

Twelve of the 13 resolutions introduced and approved at the 2007 general council meeting were either unconstitutional, thrown-out or litigated before the tribal court and dismissed by the court. In an footnote to case No CV-07-001, the tribal court stated “the Article 11 language”... as well as other business properly brought before the membership...” (referring to a specific meeting) limits the actions that may be taken. Following the principle that supreme governing authority is the adult voting membership actions taken in the past (including resolutions) may have been unlawful. The court further states, “again, how could a hand full of people make decisions reserved for the supreme governing authority? Previous actions at annual membership meetings may have

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Tradition

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thwarted the rights of the governing authority and the equal protection of Delaware tribal members.

The resolution to suspend the chief's salary is certainly an action taken by a hand full of people. Also, it violates the equal protection rights of Delaware Tribal members. It is unconstitutional and it is also untruthful because the tribe does have the financial resources to pay the chief's salary.

The chief and the tribal council thought it best for the tribe that you, the tribal membership, settle this issue. Tribal members are urged to vote NO on Proposition II.. General council resolution 2007-07 is misleading incorrect and vindictive. Proposition II of your election ballot is the result of vindictive actions on th

part of a minority dissension group.

Tribal members are urged to vote Yes on proposition III to approve the 2009 Trust Budget so that services to the tribe and its members will not be interrupted and Yes to Proposition I to approve the constitutional amendment requiring 100 tribal members to be present to constitute a quorum for a general council meeting. This will ensure that the rights of all tribal members are protected.

*Have a
Great Day!*

Proposition III

Approve Trust Board 2009 Budget YES or No

Proposed 2009 Trust Board Budget

Program	%	
Reinvestment	10%	\$ 13,660.00
Cultural Preservation	5%	\$ 6,830.00
Land Management	5%	\$ 6,830.00
Economic Development	25%	\$ 34,155.00
Community Service	25%	\$ 34,155.00
Education	20%	\$ 27,322.00
Tribal Operations	10%	\$ 13,661.00
Total		\$136,613.00

Approved by Trust Board 9-22-08

PLEASE VOTE FOR



Wayne E. Stull



William "Bill" Hatch



Chester "Chet" Brooks

These Tribal Members Currently Work with the Tribal Council and Trust Board Both as Elected Officials and Volunteer. They Have the Same Goals for the Tribe, the Vision to See into the Future by Restoring Our Federal Recognition and Encouraging Economic Development Efforts Which Can and Will Provide Jobs, Education and a Betterment for Our People.

I am also urging you to vote for the Constitution amendment, to approve the salary for the Chief position and to approve the 2009 Trust Budget.

OUR TRIBAL COUNCIL NEEDS PERSONS WHO ARE WILLING TO WORK AS A TEAM, NOT INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE HIDDEN AGENDAS AND WHO WISH TO CONTINUE THE STRIFE WITHIN OUR TRIBE.

For Tribal Judge:



Judith Harmon



Seth Pickett

**As your Trust Board Chairman
and Tribal Council Member
I Publicly Endorse these Candidates**

Thank you, Raymond M. Cline

Letter to the editor:

Nowata, Oklahoma a part of Lenape History

According to local legend Nowata was originally called "Noweta". Which was a Delaware word for welcome. A sign painter was allegedly intoxicated when painting the sign at the rail road depot and misspelled the word.

We have several historical items in our town of Nowata, some can be seen from the outside, but a lot can only be seen from the inside. The nowata county historical society museum is one that probably is one of the most overlooked wonders in nowata. The museum contains many, many items with a room designated for the kitchen, for the bedroom, for the sewing room, a complete dining room, a Native American display, which Delaware Tribal items, and have had two rooms dedicated to two of the very active members who have passed away, Alice Ann (Cambron) Askew and Mrs. Frances Branstetter. This is just a portion of what can be found in the museum. There is no fee to enter the museum, only a donation if you

choose to do so. There are docents at the museum who would guide you through each room. The museum has display cases with memorabilia from early Nowata and a variety of other items as you enter the building, to be purchased as mementos of the early days in Nowata, Oklahoma. They also have just completed their second cookbook which will be available shortly for purchase.

The Glass Mansion located on West Delaware street is a part of the museum, having been donated to the museum after the death of the Glass family. Each room in the house is exactly as the Glass family left it, beds are made, clothes are visible, dining room table is ready to seat a family and numerous other wonderful rooms. There is no fee to enter the Glass Mansion but donations can be made if you want to do that. The Mansion has been used for weddings, inside and out in the gardens, for dinner parties of various companies at Christmas time, and for other

events which do have a fee. There is always a Christmas tour for two weekends before Christmas and it is a spectacular display. There is a Christmas tree in nearly every room in the house, Christmas decorations along the staircase down to the entrance hallway, and a guide to tour with you to explain the rooms if that is something you would like. Decorating for the Christmas tour begins October 1 each year and it is done by the Glass Mansion committee. There is a lot of work involved in the magnificent display.

These two places are so overlooked in our busy lives, but truly are two places everyone needs to see. There are several local people who make up the board of directors for the museum and the Glass Mansion is one of the committees of the museum. The donations made are used for the upkeep of the buildings – repaired, toured, cleaned and both are totally maintained by donations. There are school children,

adult clubs, and others who make arrangements to visit the museum. If you have not been through these two buildings, you have missed a considerable amount of early Nowata through pictures, books, tools, dishes, and so many, many more items from days gone by.

If you or a group or a club group would like to tour either places please contact Raymond M. Cline, President @ 273-3821 or Vice-President Carroll Craun @ 273-1377

The museum is located at 121 South Pine Street, Nowata, Oklahoma and the Glass Mansion is located at 324 West Delaware Nowata, Oklahoma.

Many towns in Nowata County were named for the Delaware Tribe, Lenapeh, Delaware, Nowata etc.

The following is the dissenting judicial opinion of the court case that was presented in the September 2008 issue of the DIN. This opinion was not received by the DIN in time for the last issue.

IN THE DELAWARE TRIBAL COURT OF THE
DELAWARE TRIBE OF INDIANS

Curtis Zunigha
Tribal Councilman

Plaintiff,

Case No.: CV-07-001

v.

Jerry Douglas, Wayne Stull,
Raymond Kline, and Verna Crawford as Council members;
Edna Havens and Marilyn Cole as members of the DIN Committee
Defendant

Memorandum Opinion

This Judge cannot figure out how this Delaware Tribal Court came up with basis of Curtis Zunigha's petition. They said 'the basis of the plaintiff's action is to enjoin and declare unlawful certain questions placed on the 2007 election's ballot'. The petitioner submitted that the election was conducted without any proper constitutional authority or procedure, not the questions. Since the court has the basis of the plaintiffs' action all wrong so are the facts.

Facts

Jerry Douglas initiated petitions on the ballot questions, distributed copies, secured signatures. Verna Crawford verified 100+ signatures on September 24, 2007. Defendants prepared the DIN and mailed it on October 1, 2007. The ballot for the Trust Board election and the election to amend the constitution were mailed out on October 3, 2007.

Issues

Was this election, for these five questions, put with a Trust Board election,

constitutionally put on the ballot?

Applicable Law

In this part the Court is putting blame on the Constitution and By-laws of the Tribe and then uses them to resolve this litigation, which they have misrepresented in the first place! The Delaware Tribal Council was never told of the impending election. The Trust Board was not told of the addition to their ballot. This was improper procedure on the part of the defendants. They knowingly held this information from two Tribal Council members, Curtis Zunigha, and Annette Ketchum and four Trust Board members, Mickey Morrison, Anita Lewis, Jennifer Pechonick and John Tucker. There was a Trust Board meeting on October 1, 2007. Verna Crawford announced that the DIN had been mailed that day. Neither she nor Marilyn Cole had a copy. The defendants Cline, Stull, Crawford and Cole did not tell the other four members of the Trust Board that the additional ballot questions had been added to the Trust Board's election nor give notice to the Trust Board that the General Council meeting was scheduled for November 17, 2007. The two councilmen, Ketchum and Zunigha, and four Trust Board members had to receive the news in the DIN. Also, the ballots had been mailed on October 3, 2007. These things were done without Constitutional authority and against all procedures used in the past.

This Judge doesn't even want to go into the rest of the skullduggery these defendants perpetrated, but I would like to say part of it backfired on them and they are already trying to change part of the Constitution they connived to change in November 2007.

Paula Pechonick, Associate Judge, Delaware Tribal Court

2008 Tribal Election

YOUR VOTE DESERVES A HARD WORKING, LOYAL TEAM

The future of our Tribe, the Delaware Tribe of Indians hangs in the balance as we approach another election to determine who will serve as Tribal Council members for the next four years. The upcoming 2008 November Tribal election is a very serious tribal business matter because three (3) tribal council members and 2 tribal judges will be selected, and the elected council members and judges will be required to make critical decisions that will determine the future of our tribe.

At the core of the major issues facing our tribe is our tribal federal recognition and constitutional reform. The council members and judges elected in November 2008 must be willing, qualified, and able to work with the present tribal administration to complete the goals already in progress.

We are faced with the grave risk of electing Tribal Council members who are opposed to accepting our federal recognition through an agreement with the Cherokee Nation. Without a negotiated agreement with the Cherokee Nation, the Delaware Tribe will never receive federal recognition. A vote to elect tribal council members who are opposed to the existing federal recognition process is a vote to seal our fate as an unrecognized tribe. We have more than our fair share of tribal members who are self-appointed "experts" in Indian law and federal recognition, and refuse to accept the fact that Chief Douglas and the majority of the present Tribal Council are headed in the right and only direction to restore of our federal recognition.

Fellow tribal members, it is possible for the Delaware Tribe of Indians to have a bright and prosperous future, however, it is very unlikely if we elect the wrong people and reject federal recognition now. There are very serious decisions required of our voting tribal membership in the upcoming November 2008 election. The most critical issue, among many issues, is for the Delaware people to decide (at the ballot box), whether or not we want our federal recognition now or never. The candidates that are in opposition to Chief Douglas' administration and the time, work and effort that has been utilized to advance our struggle for federal recognition are saying this Council and Chief Douglas are selling out the Tribe. That regaining our federal recognition through a Cherokee agreement is all wrong. That the present approach to federal recognition is not in the best interest of the Delaware Tribe.

The candidates that will soon come forth making these claims can and will de-rail our federal recognition, if elected.

The Delaware Tribe of Indians is so much greater than some have portrayed us to be. It hurts to see and hear negative reports about our government and how we fight one another and amongst ourselves. It is most distressful to learn that members of our Tribal Council are positioning our Tribe to fail because they dislike the Chief. The Chief-by the way-is a good man who is doing a good job. The Chief is working hard and our Tribal financial affairs are better now than before he became Chief. In spite of the progress and doing a good job...people do not want the Chief to receive a meager salary.

Now is the time to draw the line. Your vote deserves a hard working, loyal team...We promise positive results for you, your family and loved ones.

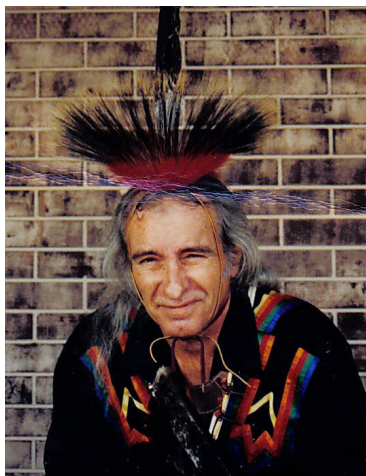
Thank you for your support
Bill, Chet and Wayne

The November 2008 Delaware Tribal Election will be a defining moment. This historical election will forever dominate our future and culture as the Delaware Tribe of Indians....as a federal recognized tribe. For this reason, we – William "Bill" Hatch, Chester "Chet" Brooks, and Wayne E. Stull, ask for your support and vote for Tribal Council in the November 2008 election.

We support and want our Federal Recognition NOW!!



William "Bill" Hatch



Chester "Chet" Brooks



Wayne E. Stull

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