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## Message from Chief Paula Pechonick

Hope all is well with each of you tribal members.

We continue to focus on Constitutional reform, governmental reform, and working on strategic planning. We will announce town hall meetings on the subjects soon. We are researching ways to view meetings such as these, our Tribal Council meetings, and General Council on the internet.

We've worked since April trying to get gaming going in Kansas. We have been working per the BIA to establish a greater presence in Kansas. The Kansas Headquarters in Caney is open almost every day.

I spoke to the downtown Lions Club in Bartlesville. It's amazing to me how little is known about our Tribe right here in our hometown! My daughter, granddaughter and I

attended the unveiling of the Osage Ten exhibit in Pawhuska April 28 (pg 21).

We had our ground-breaking of the new Social Services building on May 7 (right). The contractors have really made a lot of progress in the last couple of weeks.

I had a whirlwind trip to D.C. to visit with the Department of Defense on a joint venture in Connecticut.

Tribal Manager Curtis Zunigha and I had a successful meeting with the mayor of Caney, KS and the Chief of Police, who is also on the city council. They are quite receptive to the Tribe coming to town. They cannot wait to do more with the Tribe.

The 48th Annual Delaware Pow Wow was one of the best I can remember. The DEA

(Delaware Economic Authority) sponsored rations for the campers again this year, which was a much welcomed event.

As promised, we are working with the Cherokee Nation on our Memorandum of Agreement (MOA). Curtis and Councilman Young are the mediators of this project (pg 2).

We advertised and hired two more tribal members. Leslie Fall-Leaf was hired as Executive Assistant to the Chief and Enrollment Director. Mickey Morrison was hired as after-hours attendant for the Wellness Center (pg 26). Welcome to them both!

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## Call to General Council November 3, 2012 at 1:00 pm

Delaware Community Center  
5100 Tuxedo Blvd.  
Bartlesville, OK

## Construction Begins on the Social Services Building

The Tribe broke ground on May 7, 2012 for the Social Services Building located adjacent to the Wellness Center on our 80 acres of land in Bartlesville. The building was funded by an Indian Community Development Block Grant (ICDBG) of \$800,000.00.

The building will be 4600 square feet and contain programs to assist tribal members such as community services, housing assistance, and medical assistance programs, the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) program, and Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) programs, among other services. The building will also have a library with computers for Tribal members use, as well as a conference room, much needed storage and a safe room for storms. The Tribe anticipates the library in the Social Services building will be a springboard for the Tribe's future museum and library.■

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### Chief's Message, continued from page 1

At the June 4 Tribal Council meeting we passed a Tribal Government Code of Conduct. It's for all elected officials of the Tribe. Most of us felt like we lived by this code but now it is official.

On June 12, I attended the Tribal Leaders Luncheon at the Sovereignty Symposium with Councilperson Pechonick. The Judges attended training for all three days of the conference, as did Lesa Steele and Vicki Sousa.

The Tribe purchased a used minivan in excellent condition from a local dealership. As a promotion for purchasing the vehicle, the Tribe was given a 32-inch flat screen TV, which we will give away at General Council. In addition, the Tribe was entered into a drawing to win a car. On Saturday, June 16, Council members Janifer Brown and Jenifer Pechonick and I went to the dealership and WE WON the car! (pg 18). This vehicle will be a valuable addition to our fleet, to be used

like the others on official tribal business.

I want to remind everyone the General Council and the 2012 Election will be held on the same day this year—Saturday, November 3rd. We have a lot of positive information to share with tribal members. We will maintain the meeting under Robert's Rules of Order, in accordance with our Constitution. I want this meeting to be a positive gathering of people to be informed about our Tribe. I am also excited to announce we will have door prizes, including the 32-inch flat screen TV!

Our Tribe continues to move forward every day. We have a thoughtful Council who works together to perform their due diligence on tasks at hand. We have a terrific staff working on all of our programs. We appreciate your support and your interest in our Tribe. I want you to continue to ask questions, be informed, and choose candidates who will continue forward momentum when you mark your ballots in November.■

### Chet Brooks, Assistant Chief, Speaks for Cultural Preservation

**W**elikishku Nipan (It is a nice summer day).

The Cultural Preservation Committee Members wish to invite all Delaware Tribal Members to start coming to Cultural Night Potluck Dinners on the second Tuesday of each month. Upcoming dinners will be held at the Delaware Community Center on July 10, August 14th, and September 11th. Please bring a covered dish if possible, and come on out to the Delaware Community Center at 6:00 P.M. on these dates and enjoy a good potluck dinner and afterwards, stomp dancing, traditional Lenape Cultural Dances, and possible craft and language instruction.

We also want to remind all Tribal Members that the annual Delaware Days will be held at the Falleaf Pow-Wow Grounds on September 28 and 29. As always, the Delaware Pow-Wow was well attended this year.

Our Cultural Preservation Committee consists of more

than 12 Tribal Members who are very dedicated to preserving our culture and language. I sincerely thank all Committee Members for their fine work AND ASK ALL TRIBAL MEMBERS TO COME TO THESE EVENTS, ENJOY GOOD FOOD AND LEARN OUR CULTURE AND LANGUAGE. IF WE DO NOT PASS THESE THINGS ON TO OUR CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN, WHO WILL?????

Other items of interest that are happening include the recent ground-breaking of the new Social Services Building scheduled to be completed in January or February 2013. The kitchen at the Community Building is also going to be expanded to better serve our people.

Don't forget to register if you will need an absentee ballot to vote in the November Tribal Council and Judge Elections.

Wanishi.■

### From the Desk of Nate Young

**F**irst, I would like to give a big thank you to Tribal members Ryan Ullam and Judge Charles Randall. Ryan, a young tribal member, the son of Dr. Steve and Cindy Ullam, did some outstanding research on Chief John Conner's scouting trips into Texas and the huge amount of land given him as a reward for his services. Unfortunately after giving Chief Conner the land, Texas took it back! Thank you Ryan for your work.

Judge Charles Randall drafted a Code of Conduct for elected Tribal officials which was subsequently adopted by the Tribal Council. Thank you Charles. This Code of Conduct will continue to hold our Tribal Council members to a high standard of conduct, not only for this Council but for generations to come.

Finally, those that could not attend this year's Delaware Pow Wow missed a wonderful opportunity to see our Lenape Color Guard. They were very

impressive. By the way, the Pow Wow was a huge success.

The Tribal Council has had several projects we have been working on for the past months. First, the BIA has given us the green light to proceed to take our former Caney day-care center site into Trust. This is approximately 2.5 acres. The building currently serves as our Kansas Headquarters and is staffed daily. This will be our first Trust acquisition since 1866. Tribal Manager Curtis Zunigha has formed a team to complete this project. I was somewhat surprised by the lengthy list of requirements

by the BIA but we are making steady progress.

Curtis and I are also in the process of renegotiating the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the Cherokee Nation. The past sessions with the Cherokee's have been very fruitful. The end result will be restoration of our federal programs prior to the loss of federal recognition. This negotiation is making steady progress.

Our Tribal government has been functioning exceptionally well. Our Chief has done an excellent job of being a full-time Chief and wanting to take our Tribe to the next level. The

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The deadline for articles, letters, ads and calendar of events is September 15, 2012 for the October 2012 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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Tribal Council has continued to work together, respecting each other and each other's opinions. The Tribal Council has been making tremendous progress in developing a Court that will reflect our sovereignty. Our Tribal Manager has done an excellent job of organizing and managing our various departments. Our tribal government is united to take us to a higher level.■



# Copan Pow-wow 2012

Bruce Martin

I was asked to write a little about the Copan Pow-wow this year, so from my perspective here goes. Thursday is the day lots of the Delawares show up and set up camp. A big dinner was held at the Bucky Buck, Bonnie Thaxton camp. A lot of good food and a lot of good people gathered around to eat, talk, and tell stories. Thursday evening was a time for the old social dances and stomp dancing, held in the evening. The weather was nice, the songs were nice, and it was a very good evening.

Copan is famous for rain at some point in time during the pow-wow, but not this year. I think it was the dustiest year we have had in a long time,

and windy, but actually wasn't too hot.

Copan use to be known as the start of the Pow-wow season, and it seemed like this year everyone was excited about coming to Copan.

I had the honor to help out as the Arena Director for Friday evening while Dude Blalock went to his daughter's graduation, and I really enjoyed watching the youth dance and contest. It made me feel good to see a lot of good young dancers up and coming, and seeing them continue on this tradition. The singing is always great at Copan and this year was no exception. I enjoy all the chorus girls that come and help out as well, it just makes the drum

sound as "they say" that much more better.

Saturday afternoon was the famous Indian Football Game. It looked as if the men were cruising to an easy victory. So I went back to camp and visited with others. I heard that something crazy had happened and the women ended up winning the game. I will have to go back and look over the tapes and see what happened.

Saturday evening is usually a bigger crowd, and was good to see some old friends there, people came from all over the country to attend this event, Bartlesville, Dewey, Pawhuska, and actually I met a lady from Montana that was there dancing in her Crow Dress. Also friends from the Kickapoo Reservation in Kansas were there, and even some of my old Upward Bound Students and staff were there. Good to see everyone again.

Guess I couldn't talk about Copan without mentioning the Dog Pound. We took up the Old Skool Fancy Dance Con-

test again. But I have to give tribal member Mike Gabbard credit for us doing this again. He contacted me on Facebook and asked if we were going to have the Old Skool contest, that a lot of people he has talked with really liked it and enjoyed it, so I got with all the guys and we agreed to do it again. We held a camp 50/50, and Rob, Jay, Jimmie, and myself went camp to camp selling 50/50 tickets to raise money for our contest. We also auctioned off a few blankets, and we did pretty good thanks to all of the campers and visitors. There were around 10 dancers entered into this contest, but the one who stood out to us was Vincent Jackson. Well, in my opinion!... He was there Friday night, and danced all night. He did such a good job in the contest and all weekend, that the Committee selected him as the head man dancer for next year.

Sunday was the men's contest. Its always a lot of good dancers in all categories. I always enjoy watching the con-

tests, but I really like to just watch the Intertribal's and everyone dancing together. Listening to the songs, and just relaxing to the sounds of the dancers' bells, jingles, and laughter while dancing in the arena. I think that is more of what Copan Pow-wow is about, the friendship, and families getting together, all the visiting and joking and teasing each other. That is what I enjoy the most.

This year the Pow-wow committee selected three new members to be on the committee for next year, I was very surprised they asked me to join them. Jimmie Johnson and Turtle KillsCrow were the other two they invited. I am looking forward to seeing what kind of mischief I can get into now. But I know the three of us will do our best in joining with the rest of the committee to make next years pow-wow as much fun and enjoyable of an experience for everyone as this year's.

Wanishi.■

## Cultural Preservation Committee and the Dirty Bandanas: Bleacher Project

The Delaware Tribe of Indians Cultural Preservation Committee (CPC) took on a project several years ago to restore the Delaware Pow Wow Grounds bleachers.

Over the years, the CPC has paid for repairs, and volunteers have replaced boards and painted. This year, the CPC assessed the bleachers and decided funds could be utilized to give a new coat of paint to the bleachers.

The CPC enlisted the help of a local volunteer organization called "The Dirty Bandanas."

The Dirty Bandanas helped paint all of the bleachers. The CPC also purchased some wood and the Dirty Bandanas constructed and painted several new arena benches.

The Dirty Bandanas is a Native American-based motorcycle club. They come from many tribes. The club's intention is to create a positive and wholesome atmosphere for the Native American community, their members, their families, and the state and its communities. The club's goal is to always promote a positive image for all Native American people.

The Dirty Bandanas offer manpower and service at no charge to any event or charitable cause that will benefit the Native American community and people of all tribes. However, they are not confined to or limited to only Tribal events. Any event will be considered and all efforts will be made to participate.

The Dirty Bandanas also enjoy recreational riding activities. They encourage anyone and everyone to join them for a short ride around the community, a day trip, or even, on occasion, a weekend trip.

We want to say WANISHI to the Dirty Bandanas for their service to the community, tribal and intertribal functions!!■



Top, traditional dancer Eric Hicks (Creek, Crow, Onondaga), unidentified Crow woman dancer from Montana; bottom, Fancy Dancer Vincent Jackson, Delaware, and Jake Lawhead. All from the pow-wow this year.

## From the Desk of Wayne Stull, Trust Board Chairman

Tribal members, family and friends, I hope this summer finds you well. I hope you are finding ways to keep cool.

Our current balance of the Trust funds invested with Arvest Bank is \$3,700,110.85.

When we went to see the BIA in March about our Trust Board, we were told that the Tribal Council had the power to dissolve the Trust Board or we could put it to a vote of the people. The reason we set the Trust Board up in the beginning was for our Trust funds to be released but the BIA and OST feels like they fulfilled their part of the deal and they feel we don't need a Trust Board. I feel like this should go to a vote of the people, as do many others. The Trust Board, as it exists now, makes for a confusing mix of govern-

ment. I believe by dissolving the Trust Board's quasi-governmental powers our Tribe can become more unified. Last November, we voted to protect the Trust monies. I say that the sole mission of the Trust Board in addition to overseeing the funds be to determine how best to put this before the people in November.

I believe we should keep the committee heads in their current positions and we revise the Trust Document to maintain the Trust Board as an authority over the Trust funds.

Remember to smile, thank the Creator for each day and treat everyone like you want to be treated.

God Bless,  
Wayne E. Stull  
Trust Board Chair■

## Delaware Tribe Environmental Programs

*Jimmie Johnson, DTEP Director*

Good day. The Delaware Tribe Environmental Program staff has recently applied for funding through the Environmental Protection Agency Clean Air Act grant program for an indoor air quality program. This program would partner the Environmental Program with the Delaware Tribe Housing Program to provide duct cleaning services to our tribal housing residents. This grant would also fund a feasibility study to explore the pos-

sibility of extending this service to tribal members residing in our five-county service area. Program staff are waiting on final word from EPA regarding the funding of this grant proposal.

In May, the Environmental Protection Agency also made available an addition \$10k in funding to the General Assistance Program (GAP) that funds our department. These additional funds are earmarked for our staff's participation in

the Joint EPA-Pueblo/Tribal Nation Environmental Planning Agreement. This program is to work with the EPA to identify tribal priorities in our environmental program and ensure they are consistent with EPA's goals and authorities.

This additional funding will also provide funds for a fence to be built around the recycling dumpsters located at the tribal headquarters complex and pur-

chase signage for the recycling dumpsters, better identifying the materials that can be accepted.

If you have any comments or questions regarding the Environmental Program, feel free to contact us by phone at 918-337-6590, or by email @ [jimmiejohnson@delawaretribe.org](mailto:jimmiejohnson@delawaretribe.org) or [mmarshall@delawaretribe.org](mailto:mmarshall@delawaretribe.org).

ress has been made and that an end is in sight. If you have submitted an application for a photo id card, I ask that you bear with me as I fine-tune the design elements and application protocols that will enable us to issue legally-acceptable identification. I do still have your applications and will begin processing those as soon as it becomes feasibly possible. In the meantime, if you have an immediate need for membership verification please contact my office and I will be sure that is provided.

I would also like to call attention to the "Lost Delaware List." This is a list of approximately 3000 individual tribal members whom we have lost contact with over the course of time. Reducing the number of tribal members on this list is of utmost priority to both the Chief and myself as our people are what constitute us as a tribe. Each and every member of the Delaware Tribe is vitally important and we want to be able to reach all of you, so I ask that you take a few minutes to look over this list, which can be found under the Enrollment

## News from the Enrollment Department

*Leslie Fall-Leaf, Enrollment Director*

Hello Tribal Members! I'd like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Leslie Fall-Leaf and I have recently taken over the position of Enrollment Director as well as Executive Assistant to the Chief here at the Delaware Tribal Headquarters. I am very excited and grateful to be here serving my fellow Lenape people and want to thank all of you, who I have already interacted with, for your kindness and patience as I learn the ropes, so to speak.

My first order of business in the Enrollment Department has been to get our new enrollment software up and running smoothly. Some of you may recall from the report in our last issue that we have recently purchased a state-of-the-art software program called Progeny ES, which is being widely used among tribes across the United States and into Canada to record individual and statistical membership information. The data conversion process has been somewhat time consuming and at times even tedious but we here at Headquarters are confident that great prog-



Section of our website at [www.delawaretribe.org](http://www.delawaretribe.org), and contact us if you or anyone you know is on it. We have been getting a lot of updates lately so if you've submitted contact information recently and don't see the change yet please know that I am working on these and check back in a few days to see if we've gotten your name off the list. Wanishi!

To obtain NEW ENROLLMENT APPLICATIONS or to UPDATE CONTACT INFORMATION please contact me at [lfall-leaf@delawaretribe.org](mailto:lfall-leaf@delawaretribe.org), or you may call or send written requests to:

Enrollment Department  
170 NE Barbara  
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*Lucy Blalock and Leonard Thompson, at camp in Copan.*



## Delaware Tribe Accounting Department

*Jade Johnson, Chief Financial Officer*

**H**i, all from the Accounting Department. We are currently going through the Housing Program Audit, Tribe Audit, and the Trust Audit. These audits will be completed by June 30, 2012. The Fuels Tax Audit was completed and mailed on June 19, 2012. We had an increase of one Oklahoma Tribal member in the past year.

The next project for the Accounting Department is to complete the Indirect Cost Proposal. The Indirect Cost Proposal will be completed and mailed off to the Small Business Cen-

ter by July 2012. The Accounting Department is working on changing the format of the financial statements so they can be user-friendly. The changing of the format will not conflict with the Accounting Policies and Procedures.

### ICDBG (Indian Community Development Block Grant) Project

The ICDBG for the Social Services building is in full swing. The second ICDBG for the Expansion of the Retention Pond, infrastructure and expansion to the Elder Nutrition Kitchen is

at the cost negotiation stage. The Delaware Tribe of Indians is hoping the project will start approximately the first part July 2012. SGS is hoping to have the project completed by the end of 2012. The first priority will be the expansion to the retention pond and the pond will become a dry pond. The second project will be the parking lot for the Social Services Building and the expansion of the road out to Madison. Then, the third project will be the expansion of the Elder Nutrition Kitchen.■

## Delaware Tribe Housing Program

*Melanie Downs*

**T**he Delaware Tribe Housing Program (DTHP) would like to tell our tribal members about the housing services we are currently offering. If you or someone you know is interested in one or more of these programs, please contact one of our housing offices for more information or to request an application (Chelsea Office, phone 918-789-2525; Bartlesville Office, phone 918-337-6590; Caney, KS Office, phone 620-879-2189). We have units available in both Chelsea and Bartlesville for the Low Rent program and units available in Chelsea for the Homeownership Opportunity and Low Rent Elderly programs.

### Low Rent Family

These are two, three and four bedroom units with central

heat and air, range, 1 or 1½ baths (depending on unit size), washer and dryer hook-ups, and most with a fenced back yard and a single or double car garage.

Rent is based on 25%, not to exceed 30%, of monthly-adjusted income. Ceiling rents range from \$300 to \$400 per month. A security deposit of \$100 per bedroom is required. Yearly re-examination of income, family composition, and an annual inspection of units are requirements for this program.

Pets are permitted in the Low Rent Family program. The DTHP has a Pet Policy which limits the number and size of pets and requires an additional deposit which must be paid before move-in.

Utilities and yard maintenance are the responsibility of the resident. Residents must have a verifiable income and annual income cannot exceed 80% of the National Median Income Limits for placement.

### Low Rent Elderly

This program includes one and two bedroom duplexes with central heat and air, range, refrigerator, carpet, single bath, and mini-blinds.

Rent is based on 25% of monthly-adjusted income. Ceiling rent on these units is \$200. There is a security deposit of \$75 for this program. Yearly re-examination of income, family composition, and annual inspection of units are required for this program.

The DTHP permits pets in the Low Rent Elderly program

in accordance with the DTHP Pet Policy. A pet deposit is required and must be paid before move-in.

This complex is designed for elderly or near elderly households. Utilities are the responsibility of the resident. Maintenance and yard care are provided by the DTHP. Residents must have a verifiable income and annual income cannot exceed 80% of the National Median Income Limits for placement.

### Homeownership Opportunity Program

This program offers three- and four-bedroom units to be purchased from DTHP-owned units. Program participants enter into a 30-year Lease Purchase contract with the DTHP. Participant family's income must fall between 50% and 80% of the National Median Income Limits as published annually by HUD. Payments will not exceed 30% of the participant family's adjusted monthly income. Homebuyers are responsible for the routine maintenance of their unit, yards and utilities.

### Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) 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, Mont-

## Veteran's Assistance

My name is Lee Webb, I am a service connected disabled Vietnam veteran. Since getting my disability I have given back to the veteran community by assisting local veterans with their benefits such as healthcare disability payments and pensions. I have 14 years experience as well as VA training, first at the American Legion and then at Workforce at TCTC. During that time I have assisted thousands of veterans. Most all active-duty veterans are eligible for benefits from the VA.

I will be at the Delaware Child Development Center on Wednesdays from 9am to 12:30pm. My services have already been paid for by your service to our country. For more information, call Lee Webb at 918-846-2620 or 918-833-0685.■

gomery, Morris, Neosho, Osage, Reno, Sedgwick, Shawnee, Sumner, Wabaunsee, Wilson, Woodson, and 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 monthly rent payments.■

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# ATTENTION !!!

## NOTICE TO CANDIDATES

Candidate declaration forms sent to the Election Board will NOT be automatically forwarded to the Delaware Indian News (DIN) for publication. However, the DIN will provide free publication of a candidate bio/article for all declared candidates in the Oct 2012 issue. Send your candidate information in the form of an article, along with a

photograph if desired. The articles must be publication-ready as follows:

1. May be no longer than a single one-side 8.5" x 11" page
2. Typed in 12 point font or larger
3. Must be submitted in Microsoft Word or Rich Text format
4. Publication-ready material must be submitted no later than 5 P.M. on Sept 15

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### Delaware Tribe of Indians

#### Declaration of Candidacy for 2012 Election

**Positions to be filled in the November 3, 2012 Election are:**

Three (3) Tribal Council seats and four (4) seats on the Tribal Court, including Chief Judge

**Candidate filing period:**

August 1, 2012 through September 1, 2012

**Candidate Requirements:**

1. A registered member of the Delaware Tribe of Indians
2. Of legal voting age (18 at time of declaration)
3. A citizen of the United States of America
4. Able & willing to attend all official meetings of the Tribal Council or Tribal Court

With the submission of this Declaration of Candidacy form to the Election Board of the Delaware Tribe of Indians, I request to be placed on the November 3, 2012 election ballot for:

Declaration of Candidacy is for (check one):    Tribal Council    Tribal Judge

Tribal Registration #:    Birthdate:    Gender:    M    F

Full Name:   

First

Middle

Last

Maiden

(& Previously married name(s) if any)

Address:   

City

State

Zip

Telephone #:    E-mail address:   

I hereby promise to support the Constitution and By-Laws of the Delaware Tribe of Indians in the best interest of all members of the Delaware Tribe. I also promise to attend all official meetings of the Tribal Council or Tribal Court unless I must be absent for a valid cause.

**Signature:**    **Date:**

Form must be received at the Delaware Election Board Post Office Box by close of business on September 1, 2012. All Candidate Declaration forms must be mailed ONLY to:

Delaware Election Board  
P.O. Box 1198  
Bartlesville, OK 74005

## Late-Breaking News!

### FEMA Trailers Are Available

The Tribe has been awarded 10 FEMA trailers

The trailers are single-wide, 3 bedroom, 14 feet wide, 64 feet long (back to tongue), 5 axle and approximately 50,000 lbs.

For now, interested tribal members may complete a Housing Application and write **FEMA Trailers** at the top. Please contact one of our housing offices for more information or to request an application (Chelsea Office, phone 918-789-2525; Bartlesville Office, phone 918-337-6590; Caney, KS Office, phone 620-879-2189). You may also check the Tribe’s web site at **www.delawaretribe.org**; there may be a special application form in the future.

The tribal member who obtains the trailer is responsible for land, utilities, and moving costs, although assistance for utilities and moving costs may be available.

The Tribe will also contract to move the trailers. Mobile homes awarded to the Delaware tribe will most likely be transported from one of three locations: Selma, Alabama; Baton Rouge, Louisiana; or Neosha, Missouri. Pickup date and location is unknown at this time. If you are interested in bidding to move one or more trailers, please contact Cece Biggoose at 918-337-6572 or at **cbiggoose@delawaretribe.org**.■

Please join us at our

## Cultural Preservation Gatherings

**Tuesday, July 10,**  
**August 14, Sept 11**  
**Beginning at 6:00 pm**  
**Delaware Community Center**

## Ex-Housing Director Pleads Guilty to Stealing Funds from Housing Authority

Curtis Zunigha

On June 7 in the U.S. Federal Court in Tulsa, a former Executive Director of the Delaware Housing Authority pled guilty to a federal charge of embezzlement and theft from an Indian tribal organization. Michael Ellick, a tribal member, was fired in September 2011 after a tribal audit of Housing Authority financial records discovered “questionable financial practices.” Ellick was accused of using a Housing Authority credit card to make unauthorized payments for personal expenses. He says he made a “bad management decision” and pled guilty to one charge while agreeing that he owes additional restitution for other personal transactions using tribal funds. Ellick will be sentenced on September 6.■





Annette Ketchum, Chief Paula Pechonick, and Tonya Anna making bread for the Bartlesville Indian Womens Club booth at Sunfest in Bartlesville. The Indian taco sales fund scholarships the group awards each year.



Photos from wedding of Luana and Jason Murphy on April 20, 2012. Luana is the daughter of Cece Biggoose.

## Maintaining a “Healthy House”

Michael Marshall, DTEP

In April I had the opportunity to attend a seminar on “Healthy Housing,” conducted by the National Center for Healthy Housing and funded by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The basis of the seminar is the connection between housing and health, and how to identify and resolve problems that threaten the health and well-being of residents. This training identifies root causes of health problems such as asthma that are influenced by the indoor environment and focuses on the seven principles of healthy housing.

The seven principles of healthy housing:

- Dry
- Clean
- Ventilated

- Pest-Free
- Safe
- Contaminant-Free
- Maintained

The first step is to keep it DRY. Wet and damp conditions inside your house or workplace create health problems associated with mold and moisture. Some problems such as nose irritation, throat irritation and congestion are triggered. Other health problems are coughing, wheezing, asthma symptoms, and pneumonia (those particularly sensitive to mold).

There are three ways your house gets wet. The first is RAIN from the outside. Leaks through the roof, walls, foundation and basement are common and not usually noticeable in the early stages. The sec-

ond is water leaks from the PLUMBING. Some examples are showers, toilets and sinks. Plumbing leaks are generally more noticeable than rain. The third moisture problem is CONDENSATION. Warm air coming in contact with a cold surface like a window frame causes tiny drops of water to form. The humidity of your residence rises as does the possibility of mold and mildew. Condensation can build up and saturate walls, trim, carpet, furniture and other household items.

Tips to address the other principles of Healthy Houses will be in future issues of the *DIN*, and will be on the tribe’s web site under the Environmental Program. In the meantime please contact the DTEP office if there is anything we can do to assist you in maintaining a “healthy house.”■

## Attention Delaware Tribal Members



### Helping with the Summer Heat

If you live in **Washington, Nowata, Rogers, Osage, Craig, or North Tulsa** County come pick up your LIHEAP application today.

LIHEAP can help you pay your high cooling bill this summer.

Tribal member’s name must be on the actual billing. Must show proof of income for the last 6 months, this will include all income from individuals living in the home. If no income, the income verification form must be completed. Applications must be complete to be considered.

You can get applications by mail, on the tribal web site ([www.delawaretribe.org](http://www.delawaretribe.org)), or at:

Delaware Headquarters  
170 NE Barbara  
Bartlesville Ok 74006

For any questions call **Lacey Harris**, Social Services Manger, at 918-337-6590■



Old photo of Bruce Martin, Barbara Wilson (granddaughter of Lucy Blalock), Lucy Blalock, and Rob Blalock at Wyandotte Pow-wow.



Elizabeth Miller (back row), Patsy Martin, Norma Miller, and Dextral Lambeth.





## Delaware Enterprise Authority

*Lesa Steele, Economic Development Coordinator*

In 2007, the Tribal Council of the Delaware Tribe of Indians passed a resolution authorizing the creation and establishment of a tribally-chartered holding company, creating the “Delaware Enterprise Authority” to own, manage, and operate all Tribal business and industrial development projects. Since that time, the DEA has pursued various economic development projects to create a revenue stream for the Tribe and employment opportunities for tribal members. It is the intent of the DEA board to aggressively pursue economic development but at the same time protect the Tribe from being involved in a project that is not advantageous for the Tribe.

When Paula Pechonick was elected Chief, one of the first issues at hand was to reactivate the economic development projects that had been lying dormant for the past few years. Two projects that were still available were an airport and a generator company. After over a year of researching the project, various meetings and a tremendous amount of due diligence it was determined that the airport was not going to be feasible. Our focus then shifted

to the generator company with hopes of closing the deal in early 2012.

At the same time, we also began to look forward at new projects that would create economic development for the Tribe. We are currently pursuing another airport project in the hopes of applying our development plans to this new location. The DEA board representatives began negotiating contracts outlining the management and sale of the generator company.

Let me again say that it is the responsibility of the DEA board, above everything else, to always protect the Tribe from entering into any contract that is not in its best interest. During recent negotiations with the owner of the generator company, we reached an impasse and at this time, the project has been tabled. This was a tremendous disappointment for the DEA but our goal remains steadfast—to bring sustainable economic development to the Delaware Tribe of Indians. We have had several groups approach the DEA with “pie in the sky” deals that after some due diligence turned out to be too good to be true. Most require a tremendous influx of capital that the Tribe simply doesn’t have. At this point, it needs to be reiterated that the financial market is as depressed as it has been since the 1920s. Banks are overly cautious when it comes to lending money and since the banking collapse of a few years ago, are more tightly regulated.

What that means in layman’s terms is that the project has to

be one that will stand the scrutiny of not only the DEA board, but also the banking institution as well as the BIA who will be providing the loan guarantee.

We are currently reviewing several new business opportunities and are exploring the possibility of teaming with a construction company with the goal of creating either a joint venture or a mentor/protégé relationship which will enable DEA to successfully bid on government 8(a) and sole-source contracts. We also continue to pursue the new airport project and will keep you updated as that project advances.

We are looking at business acquisitions but as with any business transaction, the bank as well as the OIEED (Office of Indian Energy and Economic Development) wants the Tribe to have some “skin in the game.” Without a current revenue stream, supplying the tribe’s required infusion of capital, be it either dollars or collateral, remains a big hurdle for DEA to maneuver around.

DEA is working with NA-BEC (Native American Business Enterprise Center) and MAGIC (Mid-America Government Industry Coalition) to help break through some of those barriers and build sustainable economic development. In the past few weeks, representatives from DEA have attended two conferences, one on government contracting and the 2012 Sovereignty Symposium. At both of these conferences the DEA made several very important contacts with other tribes, agencies and tribal advocates that are excited

about working with the Tribe on economic development opportunities. One such opportunity is a government contract that would require the DEA to form a start-up business. We are excited about this opportunity for the fact that the scope-of-work entailed is work that the Tribe is already doing. We have begun to work on a proposal to bid on that contract in October.

During the Sovereignty Symposium, we attended several break-out sessions on Tribes in the agricultural market. The

DEA would be interested in having conversation with any tribal member who owns ranch or farm land to explore the possibility of teaming together and pursuing some government contracts in this area. This is a very lucrative area, and if you think about it, everybody eats every day. Why not keep the dollars spent on food flowing back into our tribal community instead of out to non-Indian providers. Since the Tribe does not have any land of its own, we are looking at the possibility of teaming with a tribal member(s) in this area. ■



### Community Bulletin Board Now in Delaware Community Center

Cece Biggoose of the Housing Program staff shows the new electronic community bulletin board at the Delaware Community Center. The 55-inch flat-screen television is used for news of events, activities, programs, and job postings. Information is displayed during the daily Elder Nutrition Lunch Program. The

information is also shown on the tribe’s website.

To submit your announcement for display, contact Cece at [cbiggoose@delawaretribe.org](mailto:cbiggoose@delawaretribe.org).

The tribe is not accepting commercial advertising for the electronic community bulletin board. ■

The Delaware Enterprise Authority is looking for tribal members who have farm or ranch land to possibly pursue an agricultural project.

If you would be interested in meeting to discuss opportunities in this area, please contact the DEA at (918) 337-6583.



# Lenape Language Preservation Project

Jim Rementer

## What's New

In the *Stories* section of the **Lenape Talking Dictionary** we have recently added a talk by James C. Webber (1877–1950) recorded in 1928. The title is *The Language of the Delawares*. (The exact address of the story is <http://talk-lenape.org/story.php?story=46>.)

The story was told to anthropologist Frank Speck in 1928, and is copied from an old phonograph record which is in the Library of the American Philosophical Society. It is probably the earliest recording of the Lenape language. This talk was re-edited by linguist Ives Goddard.

We hope to add more of his recordings in the future. The old records have become extremely worn and distorted. It takes a lot of time to prepare the sound files so they are understandable. We would like to thank Dr. Ives Goddard for his expertise in re-editing this story.

## Other New Items

We have also added some songs in Lenape to the *Stories* section. Most Lenape songs just use vocables (like the line in the English Christmas carol *fa la la la la, la la la la*) instead of words. However, the songs we have added to the Talking Dictionary use words.

## Hymns

### KISHELMUKONK OS'HAKAME [OUR CREATOR IN HEAVEN]

A Lenape hymn sung by Cornelius Wilson to the tune of *How Firm A Foundation*. This was recorded in 1954.

([www.talk-lenape.org/story.php?story=31](http://www.talk-lenape.org/story.php?story=31))

### WËNTAXA KISHELËMIÀN [COME HERE MY CREATOR].

A Lenape hymn sung by Cornelius Wilson to the tune of *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*, and recorded 1954. ([www.talk-lenape.org/story.php?story=52](http://www.talk-lenape.org/story.php?story=52))

### WANISHI KISHELËMIENKW [THANK YOU OUR CREATOR]

A Lenape hymn sung to the tune of *Amazing Grace* in Lucy Blalock's Lenape Language Class and led by Betty Skye, and recorded April 1992. ([www.talk-lenape.org/story.php?story=35](http://www.talk-lenape.org/story.php?story=35))

## A Christmas Carol

### KWISHKWEI PISKÈKE [SILENT NIGHT]

Translated by Lucy Parks Blalock working with Jim and Helen Rementer in 1992. This was first sung in Lucy's Lenape Language Class in 1993. ([www.talk-lenape.org/story.php?story=54](http://www.talk-lenape.org/story.php?story=54))

## Fun Songs

### KWËSHKWËSH MËLIMU [PIG IS CRYING]

Sung and told by Mary Townsend Crow to Dayna Bowker Lee in 1994. This is a little "fun song" for children which has Lenape words. ([www.talk-lenape.org/story.php?story=56](http://www.talk-lenape.org/story.php?story=56))

### CHËKËNAKWI, WAHA! [THE BLACKBIRD SONG]

Sung and told by Nora Thompson Dean to Robert Adams in 1977. This is a "little song"

about blackbirds stealing crops. ([www.talk-lenape.org/story.php?story=58](http://www.talk-lenape.org/story.php?story=58))

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## 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, and 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.

In April 2011 we received a smaller DEL (Documenting Endangered Languages) grant, also from the National Science Foundation, to upgrade the dictionary database. Included in the upgrade is the ability to look up words using Lenape, and a better connection of the singular and plural forms. Also featured are **Stories in Lenape** which can be played line-by-line. At the present time there are sixteen stories and two hymns to listen to and learn from.

On the top line click on the word **Stories** and you will be taken to a list of them. You can click on the red speaker icons to hear the titles of the stories. To hear the entire story click on the word **View** next to the name of the story. You will see the story written in short phrases or sentences in Lenape with a free English translation un-



James C. Webber

der it. There are a series of red speaker icons and by clicking each one you will hear the Lenape for that line. As the previous line finishes playing if you click the next icon and then the next on down through the story you can hear the story as it was spoken in its entirety. We will be adding more stories as time permits.

One of the stories, entitled *One Wehixamukès Story*, was translated into French by Valérie Leteinturier in 1989, and this story is also translated into German by Dr. Grant Leneaux, a Delaware tribal member and a professor of language.

## Additional Information

The Talking Dictionary is a work in progress. At present the number of Lenape words in the Dictionary is 15,250 and we have many more to add. Of these words over 6,300 have sound files, and over 1,660 have sample sentences. We continue to convert audiotapes of Lenape speakers to digital format, which are then edited to extract the Lenape words. These are then entered into the Dictionary database and become immediately available on the Internet. We should mention that the sound files are not all of studio quality. Most were recorded whenever and wher-

## Internship Opportunity Available

The Delaware Tribe is extending its invitation for a motivated individual to receive valuable career experience and knowledge of tribal government and daily departmental activities through working in our Tribal Headquarters office. If accepted the intern could expect to be working at the project level, providing technical staff with support in data collection and compilation of tribal records and archives, tracking progressions, coordinating editorial revisions, and maintaining project records. An intern could also provide assistance in the process of receiving tribal member's queries, and helping to categorize, reliably research, and return appropriately verified responses.

Interested parties should contact Leslie Fall-Leaf at 918-337-6570 or [lfall-leaf@delawaretribe.org](mailto:lfall-leaf@delawaretribe.org).

ever possible – sitting in someone's living room, on their porch, in a classroom, etc., so you may hear a dog barking in the background, or a baby crying, or other people talking.

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 the Lenape people who want to learn the language to make good use of this material the Lenape elders left for your benefit.■



## Oklahoma Indian Summer

Oklahoma Indian Summer Festival, northeast Oklahoma's premier Native American festival, is currently looking for artists and vendors for the 2012 festival, scheduled Thursday-Saturday, September 20-22, 2012 at the Bartlesville Community Center located at the corner of Cherokee Ave. and Adams Blvd. in Bartlesville, OK.

Oklahoma Indian Summer, the state's largest intertribal event and cultural exchange, features a pow wow with both competitive and non-competitive dancing on Friday and Saturday and a juried Native American and Western Art Show and Market, showcasing the talents of more than 30 artists. Additionally 20-30 arts and craft vendors are also asked to join the event outside, making for a unique and dynamic festival.

According to Festival Director Jenifer Pechonick, over 14,000 visitors from across the state and beyond take part in Oklahoma Indian Summer annually.

"In 2000 the Oklahoma Tourism Industry Association selected the festival as the Outstanding Event of the year" she says, noting the 2011 Indian Summer Festival was also a contender for "Outstanding Event" Redbud award from Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation.

She says vendors typically feature arts, crafts, games and

decorations which reflect the Native American theme of the festival, and notes interested parties do not have to have a CDIB card.

Pechonick says as usual arts and crafts vendors will play a very important part of the festival experience.

"We are looking for some unique vendors to join us in making this year's event the best yet" she said.

"We're happy many of our artists and craft vendors return year after year, but we have space available." The deadline for vendor and concession submittals is July 15th. The fee covers all three days of the festival and includes electricity.

"We have visitors come from all over Oklahoma and the surrounding states to enjoy the fest," she said.

"We'd invite everyone to come be a part of Oklahoma Indian Summer."

Applications may be obtained on the festival's website and should be sent to: Oklahoma Indian Summer Festival, P.O. Box 3455, Bartlesville, OK 74006.

**For Further Information.** Interested teachers, artists, concessionaires and vendors should contact Jenifer Pechonick, festival director, at (918) 331-0934 or e-mail [jeniferp917@aol.com](mailto:jeniferp917@aol.com).

[www.okindiansummer.org](http://www.okindiansummer.org) ■

## Images from the Archives Project



Joda Anderson



Silas Longbone

### Do you know who this is?



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



Curtis Zunigha



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If you have any pictures, documents, books, or artifacts to donate or loan 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. ■



# Minutes of the Tribal Council, March 2012-May 2012

## Monday, March 12, 2012 Delaware Community Center

*Respectfully submitted by Jenifer Pechonick*

Chief Pechonick called the March 12 meeting to order at 6pm. Nathan Young gave the invocation. Roll call: Chief Pechonick, Assistant Chief Chet Brooks, Janifer Brown, Verna Crawford, Nathan Young, and Jenifer Pechonick. Wayne Stull was absent.

The Chief recognized the guests present: Charles and Mary Randall, Curtis Zunigha, Cy Hughes, Titus Frenchman, Greg Brown, Earnest Tiger, Vicki Sousa, TJ Aaroe, Verna Artherton, Jana Roth, Terry Smith, Tony Smith, Nancy Sumpter, and Jack Tatum.

Nathan Young made a motion to amend the agenda to add the appointment for a Tribal Education Department Liaison. 2nd Jenifer Pechonick. Motion passed all in favor.

Verna Crawford made a motion to approve the minutes with corrections if needed from February 6, 2012. 2nd Janifer Brown. Motion passed all in favor.

### Treasurer's Report

Janifer Brown presented the financials. The general fund balance as of 1/31/12 is \$811,015.57, an increase of \$116,781.98 from the previous month.

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

### Unfinished Business

Titus Frenchman gave an update on "fake tribes." Kerry Holton suggested that we form a coalition with the Tribe, the Delaware Nation, and the Stockbridge Munsee to adopt a policy that will not step on the toes of the Canadian Delawares. Titus spoke of the application of Tennessee state recognition of people associating themselves as "United Eastern Lenape Nation of Winfield (Tennessee)." Titus said the group has a website. The issue is being debated and scheduled for a vote next week. Titus said the website does not show any link to the Tribe. Titus suggested the Tribal Council send a letter to the Tennessee state legislation in protest based on no cultural link to the Tribe.

Janifer Brown made a motion for Curtis to prepare a letter for the Tennessee legislature opposing the recognition based on the lack of cultural link to the Tribe. 2nd Jenifer Pechonick. Motion passed all in favor.

The Chief asked Titus Frenchman for an updated Elder Budget, he submitted to Curtis Zunigha, Tribal Manager, which has been submitted to accounting.

Earnest Tiger gave a report on Reservation Economic Summit "RES 2012" at the end of February. He had a copy of the brochure DEA put together regarding Service and Equipment International (SEI). They met with several companies who were very supportive of a Tribally-owned company selling sales and services of generators. At this time, the Tribe

does not own SEI, but does have an agreement for business generated by the Tribe. The Tribe is seeking financing to purchase SEI. A discussion was held regarding the mandate by companies to use Indian-owned businesses. Nancy Sumpter asked if the existing contracts would be the Tribe's when we purchase the company.

Earnest explained that yes, the contracts would transfer to the Tribe. Titus Frenchman asked if the DOJ ruling that states could get into internet gambling was discussed at RES, the response was that, yes, this topic was discussed at RES.

### New Business

#### RATIFICATION OF POLL VOTE

Jenifer Pechonick made a motion to ratify the poll vote from March 5, 2012 of Resolution 2012-06 regarding a grant submitted by NAGPRA. 2nd Nathan Young.

Motion passed all in favor.

#### RESOLUTIONS

Jenifer Pechonick made a motion to approve resolution 2012-07 Approval of Tribal Membership. 2nd Verna Crawford. Discussion: there are 23 new members including Terry Smith and Tony Smith who were in the audience. Motion passed all in favor.

Nathan Young presented tribal member Jana Roth. Jana Roth thanked the Chief and Council for allowing her to speak. She gave her educational background. She has taught for 14 years and has been the JOM and Title VII Director for Bro-

ken Arrow public schools. She is interested in applying for the Oklahoma Advisory Education Council. She would like to volunteer her time and talents to the Tribe to help develop Indian Education programs for our children. She recently learned of the State Tribal Education partnership which is a pilot program and grant partnership to allow Tribe's to help native students. The grant will open in the near future. She hopes to put together a proposal for Indian Education in public schools. She asked for appointment as the Tribal Liaison for the Tribe's Education Department. Last week the US Department of Education sent out a survey to Indian Educators what the funding should cover.

Nathan Young made a motion to appoint Jana Roth as the Tribal Education Department Liaison. 2nd Verna Crawford. Discussion: Curtis Zunigha asked that we acknowledge the current Education program. Jenifer Pechonick said that she feels members of the Education Committee as well as Lacey Harris will be willing to participate as the program develops.

Greg Brown asked that if anyone has anything for the DIN to submit the information as soon as possible.

The Tribal Council will appoint the election committee at the April meeting, the Chief asked if you are interested in serving on the Committee to let the office know.

### Other Business

Jenifer made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel issues. 2nd

Nathan Young. Motion passed with all in favor.

The Tribal Council came out of Executive Session. No action was taken.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm.

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## Monday, April 2, 2012 Delaware Community Center

*Respectfully submitted by Jenifer Pechonick*

Chief Pechonick called the April 2, 2012 meeting to order at 6:15p. Dee Ketchum gave the invocation. Roll Call: Chief Pechonick, Assistant Chief Chet Brooks, Secretary Verna Crawford, Treasurer Janifer Brown, Nathan Young, Wayne Stull and Jenifer Pechonick.

Jenifer Pechonick made a motion to amend the agenda to include two (2) additional resolutions, ratify two (2) poll votes, put Dee Ketchum and Don Mason on agenda. 2nd Wayne Stull. Motion passed all in favor.

The Chief recognized the guests present: Judge Charles and Mary Randall, Cy Hughes, Mary Huddleston, Teri Jo Aaroe, Marilyn Coffey, Dee and Annette Ketchum, Judge Don and Priscilla Mason, Judge Rick Barnes, Employees Vicki Sousa, Earnest Tiger, and Curtis Zunigha.

Dee Ketchum presented to the Council in regards to his article in the April newspaper. He applauds the Cherokee Nation's economic development in Oklahoma. He said his position is clear concerning going

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back to our old homeland in Kansas and having a presence there. He personally does not feel we are going to get much consideration in the fourteen-county area. He said that Kansas, our old reservation, is a great option. He said when he served the Tribe the law firms at the time concluded that Kansas was our best option. He said he knows about Kansas and knows people up there. He would appreciate the Council considering him as a liaison or representative in Kansas. He will work with DEA and the Council to help establish whatever we can in Kansas. Wayne Stull said that the BIA told us we could go to Kansas but we have to handle the politics. Wayne said this is where our Tribe is going, if we are going to do anything in the way of gaming, it's going to be in Kansas.

Nathan Young made a motion to appoint Dee Ketchum as the Kansas representative and for the Tribe recommend to DEA to appoint Dee Ketchum as the Kansas representative. 2nd Chet Brooks. Motion passed all in favor.

Verna Crawford talked about Raymond Cline's service to the Tribe. She made a motion for a \$100 donation to the Nowata Historical Society in Raymond's name. 2nd Nathan Young. 6 yes, 1 abstain (Janifer Brown).

Jenifer Pechonick made a motion to approve the minutes with corrections. 2nd Chet Brooks. Discussion: Minutes should reflect that the Council came out of executive session with no action taken. 6 yes, 1 abstain (Wayne Stull/absent in March).

### Treasurer's Report

Verna Crawford made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report pending audit. 2nd Nathan Young. Motion passed all in favor.

### Unfinished Business

The Council will approve the Election Committee next month. Cy Hughes volunteered to serve.

### POLL VOTES

Resolution 2012-08 was to submit a grant for archive program to National Park Service.

Resolution 2012-09 was to submit a REACH grant for LI-HEAP.

Verna Crawford made a motion to ratify both poll votes. 2nd Chet Brooks. Motion passed all in favor.

Don Mason presented to the Council regarding the Court project. He stated the Tribe will apply for a planning grant. The judges will meet the third or fourth Thursday at 4pm in Caney. They will keep basic minutes and an agenda with attendance.

Don Mason discussed training in New Mexico in April which has no registration fee, but does require travel. He also brought another training in South Carolina by the National Judicial College with a registration fee and travel. He discussed visiting Child Support Enforcement programs. He discussed differences of several programs. He talked about how economic development in Kansas would be enhanced with good public relations like Child Support Enforcement.

Nathan Young made a motion to give Don Mason \$100 to help reimburse his expenses for travel to the Child Support Enforcement programs. 2nd

Chet Brooks. Motion passed all in favor.

Nathan Young made a motion to send the judges to training in Albuquerque, to approve per diem, hotel for the judges and mileage for the driver. 2nd Chet Brooks. Discussion: Nathan asked if they would drive. Charles said they could use his car.

Motion passed all in favor.

### Housing Reports in Packet

Jenifer Pechonick made a motion to approve resolution 2012-10 approving submittal of the United States Environmental Protection Agency Clean Air Act Grant Proposal. 2nd Chet Brooks. Motion passed all in favor.

Verna Crawford made a motion to approve Resolution 2012-11 to authorize preparation and submission of a fee-to-trust application to the BIA. 2nd Nathan Young. Discussion: There was discussion about the timing to submit the application. Vicki requested that this application be coordinated with the economic development fee to trust application. Motion passed all in favor.

Janifer Brown made a motion to approve Resolution 2012-12 to appraise the Oologah property and sell it on the open market and apply the net proceeds to a future multi-unit dwelling/land purchase. 2nd Chet Brooks. Discussion: the area is being developed near the property. Motion passed all in favor.

Chet Brooks made a motion to approve Resolution 2012-13 to authorize the transfer of housing unit in Sperry to the home ownership program. 2nd Verna Crawford. Motion passed all in favor.

Jenifer Pechonick made a motion approving Resolution 2012-14 to approve new tribal

members. 2nd Wayne Stull. Discussion: there are five new members. Motion passed all in favor.

Jenifer Pechonick made a motion to approve 2012-15 to approve submission of a grant to the U.S. Department of Justice Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation FY 2012 Competitive Grant. 2nd Chet Brooks. Motion passed all in favor.

Jenifer Pechonick made a motion to approve 2012-16 to approve submission of a grant to the Institute of Museum and Library Services for the Library Enhancement Grant. 2nd Wayne Stull. Motion passed all in favor.

The Council went into Executive Session at 7:30pm to discuss personnel issues and Housing issues.

The Council went back into regular session at 8:00pm.

Jenifer Pechonick made a motion to approve executive assistant and wellness center attendant positions. 2nd Wayne Stull. Motion passed all in favor.

Verna Crawford moved to approve amendment to personnel policy for carryover of accrued leave on anniversary date instead of fiscal year. 2nd Wayne Stull. Motion passed all in favor.

Jenifer Pechonick made a motion to adjourn at 8:05pm.

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### Monday, May 7, 2012 Delaware Community Center

*Respectfully submitted by Jenifer Pechonick*

Chief Pechonick called the May 7 meeting to order at 6pm. Chet Brooks gave the

invocation. Roll call: Chief Pechonick, Assistant Chief Chet Brooks, Wayne Stull, Janifer Brown, Verna Crawford, Nathan Young and Jenifer Pechonick.

The Chief recognized the guests present. Charles and Mary Randall, Curtis Zunigha, Cy Hughes, Nicky Michael, Bruce Martin, JoAnn Markley, LuAnn Hainline, Cece Runnels, Greg Brown, Brice Obermeyer, Rick Barnes, Don and Priscilla Mason, Rich Lillard, Mike Taylor, Teri Jo Aaroe, Titus Frenchman, Nancy Sumpter and Levi Randall.

Rich Lillard presented to the Council regarding health insurance for the Tribal employees for the next year. He discussed the idea of raising the deductible to save the monthly premium and encouraged the Tribe to contribute money towards the deductible to offset the increase this year.

Wayne made a motion to approve insurance plan RX485 with the Tribe paying the 2nd \$500 portion of the deductible. 2nd Wayne Stull. Motion passed all in favor.

Jenifer Pechonick made a motion to amend the agenda

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### MINUTES OF OTHER MEETINGS

Minutes of both Tribal Council and Trust Board are posted monthly on the official tribal web site at [www.delawaretribe.org](http://www.delawaretribe.org). Other information including enrollment/registration, community and education services, scholarship application forms, job openings, and more may also be found on the site.



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to include Resolution 2012-20 and an executive session. 2nd Janifer Brown. Motion passed all in favor.

Verna Crawford made a motion to approve the minutes with corrections if needed from April 2, 2012. 2nd Wayne Stull. Motion passed all in favor.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Janifer Brown presented the financials. The general fund balance as of 3/31/12 is \$806,760.17. Janifer requested support from the Council to discuss with Jade having the financials ready by the 15th of the month prior to the Council meeting.

Jenifer Pechonick made a motion to approve the financials pending audit. 2nd Chet Brooks. Motion passed all in favor.

### **Unfinished Business**

#### **PERSONNEL POLICY**

Curtis Zunigha presented some proposed changes of the personnel policy regarding accrual and use of annual leave and sick leave. He reviewed the current policy: 5 days/yr for the first 3 years, after 3 years 10 days/yr. Proposed: 5 days/yr for the first year and years 2-10 10 days/yr, 11th year – 15 days/yr. 40 hours can be carried over to the following year. Proposed: employee is able to take leave as accrued after probation. Sick leave: proposed: accrue 1.85 hours/pay period (current: 2 hrs) to bring the Tribe closer to industry standard. Proposed: carryover 48 hours of sick leave at anniversary.

Jenifer Pechonick made a motion to accept the proposed changes to the personnel poli-

cy. 2nd Verna Crawford. Discussion: Wayne Stull asked if this will be an ongoing process. Curtis said there are additional sections to revisit. Motion passed all in favor.

#### **ELECTION COMMITTEE**

Chet Brooks made a motion to appoint LuAnn Hainline, James Hammon, Missy Gillman, Laura Maynor, Cy Hughes, and Nicole Hammon. 2nd Jenifer Pechonick. Discussion: The election committee will need to prepare some new rules. The election will be the same day as the General Council. There will be 3 Council members' and 3 Judges' vacancy.

Janifer Brown made a motion for General Council and the election to be on the 1st Saturday in November (November 3, 2012). 2nd Chet Brooks. Discussion: Vicki Sousa suggested setting up a polling place in Kansas. Motion passed all in favor.

Jenifer Pechonick made a motion to return to requesting absentee ballots to vote. 2nd Janifer Brown. Discussion: Jenifer Pechonick said that she was on the Council when the change was made to send out ballots to everyone because the Council thought this would increase voters, but it didn't. Chet Brooks said that he feels like maybe we shouldn't send out ballots to people who won't take the time to request a ballot. He said it has a large effect on who is going to elect our Tribal officials. He said a former employee gave the list of absentee voters to certain candidates. He said this could be prevented by providing the absentee list to all candidates. Nathan Young said that in county and state elections, the list requesting absentee ballots is public infor-

mation. Levi Randoll said that he would be in favor of Chet's suggestion. Charles Randall asked how candidates could get an updated list (if someone moved between the time the list was issued and the time the candidate would do a mail out). 5 in favor, Verna - no, Chet – Abstain.

### **Reports**

Tribal Manager Curtis Zunigha reported some highlights of activities of the last month. Two positions were advertised, the executive assistant to the Chief and a wellness center attendant, the interviews were completed last week. The final selection will be completed this week. We will have those employees hired and working soon. The network server, internet and phones were updated in Caney and Bartlesville. The new enrollment software has been loaded and is ready for implementation by the new executive assistant.

### **EPA**

Submitted AIR grant for renewal.

### **SOCIAL SERVICES**

Lacey Harris and Jade Johnson are attending Indian Child Welfare training in Shawnee.

### **CANEY PROPERTY FEE-TO-TRUST APPLICATION**

Curtis and Nathan Young met with BIA Realty officers on further details of the application. There is a meeting May 10 with Horizon Engineers to contract environmental review.

### **CHEROKEE MOA**

Curtis and Nathan met with Cherokee Nation officials to review federal dollars attributed to the Tribe. Secretary of

State for the Cherokee Nation Charles Head indicated that the Nation would work with the Tribe to identify any funding from 2003-2004 and turn them over to the Tribe. They will also meet with CN's planner/grant writer to identify Tribal needs in the next funding cycle and identify mechanisms by which the Tribe can receive direct funding with the intention of this being drafted into a modified MOA negotiated between both tribal councils.

Jenifer Pechonick made a motion for a 5 minute recess. 2nd Verna Crawford. Motion passed all in favor.

### **JUDGES' REPORT**

Don Mason reported on the trip the judges took for training in Albuquerque. Rick Barnes thanked the Tribe for sending the judges to the training. He said he noticed that Indian people look to rehabilitate citizens. Rick and Don said that domestic violence was a topic of the training. They said the Kansas Pottawatomis weren't forthcoming with information. Charles Randall said that the training took them through all the steps and documentation required. They were able to get a lot of discussion on the trip amongst themselves. The judges continue to work on the judicial system. Nathan Young asked what the judges' top priorities are. Charles Randall said that code review is top priority. Don Mason said we need a basic civil, basic domestic, basic corporation and basic criminal codes. Charles Randall said we were the only landless Tribe. Vicki will send the statutes to the judges. Verna Crawford asked the judges to let the Council know what staff support they need.

### **New Business**

Janifer Brown made a motion to approve Resolution 2012-20 approving the submission of the report on Delaware Burial Practices in the Archaeological Record titled "Traditional Delaware Funerals: An Ethnographic Approach for Documenting Funerary Objects under NAGPRA" as a grants deliverable for the FY 2010 NAGPRA Documentation grant. 2nd Nathan Young. Motion passed all in favor.

Brice Obermeyer said they have been working with archaeologists from the University of Missouri who have been working in the James River Valley. They will be here Tuesday, May 15 at 12:30pm at the Community Center.

Verna Crawford made the motion to approve Resolution 2012-17, Approval of Tribal Membership, 2nd Chet Brooks. Discussion: There are 12 new members. Motion passed all in favor.

Jenifer Pechonick made a motion to approve Resolution 2012-18 Housing Policies, 2nd Nathan Young. Discussion: There were no significant changes to the policies, only the name of "Housing Authority" to "Housing Program". Motion passed all in favor.

Verna Crawford made a motion to approve Resolution 2012-19 to approve the purchase of the home at 408 Mistletoe Lane, Bartlesville. 2nd Janifer Brown. 6 yes, 1 abstain – Jenifer

The Council will have workshop Tuesday May 15 at 11am to discuss the presented Code of Conduct.

The Council went into Executive Session.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20pm.■

# REMEMBER TO VOTE IN THE DELAWARE TRIBE 2012 ELECTION

Election Day is Saturday November 3, 2012. Three (3) Tribal Council seats and four (4) seats on the Tribal Court, including Chief Judge, are up for election. Approval of the FY 2012 Trust Budget will also be on the ballot.

All registered voters can choose either to vote in person or vote by Absentee Ballot via US Mail.

There will be two polling locations to cast your vote in person:

- Delaware Tribe Community Center**  
5100 E. Tuxedo Blvd.  
Bartlesville, Ok 74006
- Delaware Tribe Kansas Headquarters**  
601 High St  
Caney, KS 67333

The filing window for candidates to declare for a specific office is August 1 until September 1, 2012. All candidate declaration forms must be submitted by U.S. Mail ONLY to **Delaware Tribe Election Board, P.O. Box 1198 Bartlesville, OK 74005**. They must be postmarked by September 1.

All requests for Absentee Ballots must be postmarked by October 15, 2012 to receive a ballot via US Mail. Request forms must be submitted by U.S. Mail ONLY to **Delaware Tribe Election Board, P.O. Box 1198 Bartlesville, OK 74005**.

Your tribal registration number will appear with your name on the mailing label of this and all election correspondence. You will need this number when you cast your vote, so be sure to take note of it!

Please take time to vote. Make your voice count! Encourage your Delaware Tribal friends, family and neighbors near and far to vote as well. Wanishi!

## Delaware 2012 Election Board

- LuAnn Hainline, Chair
- Jim Hammon, Vice Chair
- Laura Maynor, Member
- Barbara Wallace, Member
- Melissa Buck Gillman, Member
- Cy Hughes, Member

## Contact Information

Delaware Election Board  
P.O. Box 1198  
Bartlesville, OK 74005

## Delaware Tribe of Indians Absentee Ballot Request Form Election November 3, 2012

I hereby request an absentee ballot for the 2012 Delaware Tribal Council & Judicial Elections.

Date : \_\_\_\_\_ Delaware Registration #: \_\_\_\_\_

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
*First Middle Last Maiden*  
*(& previously married name(s) if any)*

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
*City State Zip*

Telephone #: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_

This form must be received at the Delaware Election Board Post Office Box by close of business on OCTOBER 15, 2012 to receive an Absentee Ballot. Only (1) ballot per request form. All request forms must be mailed to:

Delaware Tribe Election Board  
P.O. Box 1198  
Bartlesville, OK 74005

Note: This form may be duplicated for other eligible voters.



**You Are Invited!**  
**Have Lunch with**  
**the Elders**  
**M-F 12 noon**



The Elder Nutrition Program is going strong. Up to 45 people come eat with us but we still want and need you or your loved ones to come join us. There is Bingo on Thursdays and card games the rest of the week. If enough elders are interested, we would like to start an exercise class. The class would consist of sitting in a chair and doing exercises to increase strength and balance.

We have a new dining room helper, TJ Aaroe. If you need help with your trays or anything just let her know, she is here to help you. We have good home-cooked meals and plenty of room, so come join us Monday thru Friday, Delaware Community Center, Tribal Complex in Bartlesville.

*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. Come join us. ■*



## Obituaries



### Patricia C. Johnson

**April 19, 1940-  
August 12, 2011**

Patricia C. Johnson, 71, of Bartlesville, died at 7:15 P.M. on Friday, August 12th, 2011.

Patricia Carol Johnson was born on April 19, 1940 in Tulsa, the daughter of Ralph Willard and Janet (Murphy) Johnson. She was born in Tulsa and graduated from Dewey High School with the Class of 1958. While in high school she was head cheerleader. She had worked for REDA Pump as a Billing Supervisor and retired in 1999 after 33 years of

service. She was a Methodist, she loved to paint, work crossword puzzles, knit, take photographs and exercise. She loved animals of all kinds. She was a member of Weight Watchers and walked in the Relay for Life. She was a member of the Delaware Tribe and a member of the Turtle clan. Her great-great-grandfather George Bullette was the Chief of the Delaware Tribe.

Patricia is survived by one son, Wade Kester of Bartlesville; one brother, Andy Johnson of Bartlesville; two sisters, Barbara Steinman of Seminole and Kathryn Lynch of Bartlesville; one grandson, Dustin Kester of Overland Park, Kansas; two nieces, Wendy Sparks of Paoli, Oklahoma and Nikki Kirkendoll of Yukon; three nephews, Travis Richmond of Albuquerque, New Mexico, Dan Johnson of Nowata, and Yogi Lynch of Bartlesville.

Funeral services were held at 10:00 A.M., Wednesday, August 17, 2011 in the Stumpff Funeral Home Chapel with Mrs. Sheri Graham officiating. Interment was in the Memorial Park Cemetery under the direction of the Stumpff Funeral Home & Crematory.

A memorial has been established with the SPCA, 16620 State Highway 123, Bartlesville, Oklahoma 74003 for those who wish to donate in her memory.■



### Dextral C. Lambeth

**February 4, 1937-  
June 5, 2012**

Dextral "Dex" C. Lambeth, of Webb City, passed away Tuesday, June 5, 2012 at 7:25 pm, at the age of 75, at the Landmark Hospital in Joplin.

Dextral was born February 4, 1937 in Claremore, OK, daughter of the late Edward and Elizabeth (Lucas) Miller. Dex was a 1955 Webb City High School Graduate, where she was a cheerleader and a

member of the swim team. Dex started her career as a telephone operator in Kansas City. She then worked at the Dairy Queen and Motorola, both in Webb City. Dex worked for 17 years at the Morton Booth Company in Cartersville and ended her career as a care giver at Oxford Health Care.

She is survived by a son, Bryan Lambeth, of Webb City; a grandson, Zakary Lambeth; step-granddaughter, Peyton Stamate; and granddaughters, Heather Turner and husband Matt of Webb City, Hillary Kory and husband Shawn of Joplin; great-grandchildren Hailey, Hannah, Halle, and Alyvia; and several nieces and nephews and great-nieces and -nephews. She was preceded in death by her sisters, Norma Jean Miller and Patsy Martin.

A memorial visitation was held at the Simpson Funeral Home of Webb City. Interment was Tuesday, June 12, 2012 at the Ozark Memorial Park Cemetery, with Pastor Matt Snyder, Frisco Church, officiating. Arrangements were under the direction of Simpson Funeral Home in Webb City.■

### Faye Allyson Wilson Sims

**October 17, 1950-  
May 18, 2012**

Faye Allyson Wilson Sims 61, of Elmira, Oregon died May 18, 2012 of lung cancer at Sacred Heart Medical Center. She was born October 17, 1950 in Tucson, AZ to Titus and Ida Norris Wilson. She married Larry Dale Sims July 27, 1971 in Long Beach, Ca.

Faye graduated in 1968 from Luzinger High School in Lawndale, CA. She worked as a caregiver and housekeeper at Hillside Heights Rehab Center for 20 years. Faye was a loving wife and mother who enjoyed helping others and spending time with her two grandsons.

Survivors include her spouse Larry Sims of Elmira, Oregon; her daughter Lori Baker of Avondale, AZ; her son Jack Sims of Oak Harbor, WA; and her two sisters, Dorothy Walz of Mesa, AZ and Maxine McGavern of Ontario, Canada.

A memorial service was held May 23, 2012 at 2pm at Olivet Baptist Church in Veneta, Oregon.■



**Lenapeowsi Group** at Conoco-Philips exhibition. *Lenapeowsi* literally means "Delaware Way." Photo by Titus Frenchman.

**Sara Boyd, first woman Lenape Color Guard member; at Copan Pow Wow 2012.**  
L-R : Kenny Brown, Glen Miller, Homer Scott, Sara Boyd, David Inda, John Sumpter, Quinton Sumpter.

*Photo courtesy of Weird Wayne.*

*Sara Boyd, Army, 2005–09, served as Convoy Security in Iraq 2007–08, 2nd Support Brigade, 82nd Chemical Battalion, 7th Chemical Company.*



# Minutes of the Delaware Trust Board, March 2012-May 2012

## Monday, March 12, 2012 Delaware Community Center

*Respectfully submitted by Lacey Harris*

Call to Order: 4:14pm

Innovation: TJ Aaroe

Roll call: Members present Chet Brooks, Joe Brooks, TJ Aaroe, DeAnn Ketchum, John Sumpter, and Verna Crawford. Absent Wayne Stull.

Guests: Dee Ketchum, Charles Randall, Mary Randall, Nancy Sumpter, Jan Brown, Chief Pechonick, Greg Brown, Titus Frenchman, Annette Ketchum, Tribal Attorney Vicki Sousa, Earnest Tiger, Tribal Manager Curtis Zunigha, Jennifer Pechonick, Jade Johnson, Lacey Harris, Jack Tatum, and Cy Hughes.

Joe Brooks makes a motion to give Wayne Stull an unexcused absent. DeAnn seconded, motion passed 3 yes, 1 no.

Acting Chair Chet Brooks welcomes guests.

Titus Frenchman mentions a dinner and dance March 17th. The dinner will be at 6:30, dance starting at 7:30, 9:30 close.

Chet Brooks entertains a motion to accept the agenda as presented. Verna Crawford makes the motion, John Sumpter seconded. All in favor and passed.

### Approval of Minutes

John makes a motion to approve minutes with corrections. TJ seconded. Motion passed 4 yes, 1 abstain.

### Treasurers Report

Chet calls for the Treasurer's report.

Joe makes a motion to table the financials until the next

meeting. John seconded. All in favor and passed.

Discussion: Charles Randall mentions to the Trust Board, if they have not received a board packet in prior days to the meeting, to call the office.

Joe Brooks calls to the Trust Board to reprimand Chairman Wayne Stull for going over the \$600.00 limit that can be spent with out the Boards approval. (Breaking document)

Verna states she will look back at the minutes as she recalls approving Wayne to go to RES.

Joe Brooks makes a motion to no longer accept poll votes by the Trust Board to approve expenses, but only extreme emergencies by poll vote. John seconded, all in favor and passed.

### Unfinished Business

No unfinished business

### Programs Report

### COMMUNITY SERVICES

TJ Aaroe makes a motion to drop the elder age limit to 60. Eyeglass assistance will still remain at 55. Verna seconded, all in favor and passed.

Titus did bring this issue to the Elder Committee, and the committee did agree 60 would be appropriate. Titus mentions there are not enough programs to help the age between early retirement and elder. The age 55 would help more elders. Joe Brooks takes a vote with the guest with their response on changing the elder age to 60. The guest agreed with 60 as the age. Discussion: Annette Ketchum asks if the committees still have the power to make judgment calls? Verna agrees yes if the committee had to do

that they would. Chet Brooks mentions the committees have the power to approve anything under \$600.00.

### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Earnest Tiger states he went to RES on Feb 27th-March 1st. Topics were International Energy, Trade, and Small business 8(a) certification. SEI was introduced to Tecta America and he will be sending them information on the Delaware Tribe. SEI had an overwhelming response at RES. The marketing that was done for SEI was worthwhile. The information has been sent to the Oklahoma State Bank and awaits approval. Dee Ketchum asked who went to RES to discuss SEI and 8(a) certification. Earnest replies that himself, Wayne Stull, Chief Paula Pechonick and Lesa Steele attended RES. Dee also asked what information is needed to guarantee the loan and who will run the company. Earnest states that it is a BIA loan guarantee and the company operator now will stay on under a five-year contract. Charles Randall asks what is the goal for the next month. Earnest reports the goal is to own the business in 30 to 45 days.

### EDUCATION

2nd Monday of the month at 2:00 the committee will meet again. The Committee approved the money for the Veterans and Elders.

Joe makes a motion to go into executive session. DeAnn seconded all in favor and passed.

5:26pm. Executive session begins.

5:52pm. The Trust Board is back in session.

### New Business

Joe makes a motion for the Trust Board to receive DEC and DEA financials and business plans from Earnest Tiger within 60 days, because Economic Development pays ½ of his salary. John seconded, motion passed with 1 no (Verna Crawford), 4 yes (Chet Brooks, Joe Brooks, DeAnn Ketchum and TJ Aaroe).

### Other Business

No other business

Meeting adjourned at 5:55pm.

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## Monday, April 2, 2011 Delaware Community Center

*Respectfully submitted by Verna Crawford, Trust Board Secretary*

Chairman Wayne Stull called the April 2, 2012 meeting to order at 4:08 p.m.

Earnest Tiger gave the invocation.

Secretary Verna Crawford called roll, those present were Chairman Wayne Stull, Assistant Chairman Chet Brooks, Joe Brooks, TJ Aaroe, John Sumpter and Verna Crawford. Council member DeAnn Ketchum was absent. She had a doctor's appointment.

Verna Crawford moved to approve the minutes with corrections if needed. Chet Brooks seconded the motion.

Discussion: Joe Brooks stated that under new business on the second page the motion he made should have said' "to receive financials and business plans from DEC and DEA and Earnest Tiger."

Verna Crawford stated that in the same motion the record shows four yes and one no. I cast the no vote. When the vote is not unanimous it must be recorded how the members each vote. The minutes should read; "Motion carried with four yes (Chet Brooks, Joe Brooks, DeAnn Ketchum and TJ Aaroe and one no (Verna Crawford).

Motion carried with five yes.

### Committee Reports:

#### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (CHAIR WAYNE STULL)

Chairman Stull asked Economic Development Director Earnest Tiger to present the Committee's report. Mr. Tiger stated since the last meeting progress has been made putting together the financial information on Services and Equipment International (SEI). One of the banks we were dealing with told us they did work with tax credits. In our research we found it was an S Cooperation Bank and as such can't work with new market tax credits. We are working with Bank First and have been all along. We are submitting all the information required so that we can get the new market tax credits. In the meantime we are working with Oklahoma State Bank to how much will be required for collateral for the project. We are moving forward with the new market tax credits because this will reduce the amount the Tribe will have to finance up front by \$300,000. Everything is moving forward. Wayne asked if we have an expected time line from the bank or banks?

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Earnest replied that within the next 20 to 30 days everything would be completed with the banks. In the meantime we are working on completing the contracts between us and SEI. The banks want copies of the contracts also. Once SEI's attorneys have approved the contracts things will move rapidly from there.

Chairman Stull commented that we cannot do anything with the bonds and that we will not pursue the airport project in Oklahoma City. We still have a gaming project in the works. He requested Attorney Vicki Sousa to report on that project.

Ms. Sousa reported that she, Chief Pechonick, Wayne Stull, and Earnest Tiger met with members of Interior, BIA, and an attorney from the Solicitor's Office who handles land determinations concerning fee land-into-trust for gaming projects. They discussed 2719B, a section of the IGRA regulations that applies to Oklahoma Tribes that did not have reservations before 1988. These tribes want to go back to the last formal reservation land before being removed to Oklahoma. The Delaware Tribe is looking into the possibility of putting land in trust in the Kansas City area with gaming in mind.

Wayne said the officials said they would do that for us if we can handle the politics. They indicated that the politics, in this instance, would trump the law.

Another event that could impact us is the resignation of BIA Secretary Larry Echohawk to take a job with the Mormon Church.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Chairman Stull noted the Treasurer's Report acknowledging

having skipped the report on the agenda.

Verna Crawford moved to accept the Treasurer's report as presented pending audit.

Chet Brooks seconded the motion.

Motion carried with five yes.

Chet Brooks pointed out that the important thing to look at is the total on the back page that is \$3,744,000. Two years ago it was \$3,100,000. This shows that the Trust fund has been coming up and is doing well.

Wayne said that is due to the way the funds are invested. When the stock market is going well we do well. It should keep going up for the remainder of the year.

### **CULTURAL PRESERVATION (CHAIR CHET BROOKS)**

Meets the second Tuesday of each month at the Community Center.

The Committee made a donation to Operation Eagle of \$250. A donation was also made of up to \$450 to repair the bleachers at the PowWow Grounds. Some paint was left over and will be returned to Lowes. Two additional dance benches were also constructed.

### **EDUCATION (CHAIR VERNA CRAWFORD)**

The Committee regularly meets on the second Monday of each month. The March meeting was held on the first Monday due to the Trust Board meeting being changed to the second Monday instead of the first. The next meeting is set for May 14, 2012 at 2 pm.

### **COMMUNITY SERVICES (CHAIR TJ AAROE)**

The Committee regularly meets on the second Monday of each month. The March meeting was held on the first Monday due to the Trust Board

meeting being changed to the second Monday instead of the first. The next meeting is set for May 14, 2012 following the Education Committee meeting. Chair TJ Aaroe noted for the record that the committee approved changing the age for Elder assistance from 65 to 60. The age limit for Elder eyeglasses will remain at 55.

### **LAND MANAGEMENT (CHAIR DEANN KETCHUM)**

Presented no report.

Jenifer Pechonick reported that the burial subcommittee has had one meeting and has scheduled another.

### **REINVESTMENT (CHAIR JOHN SUMPTER)**

Meets quarterly.

### **TRIBAL OPERATIONS (CHAIR JOE BROOKS)**

Meets quarterly.

### **Unfinished Business**

None

### **New Business**

Verna Crawford moved to approve Trust Board Resolution 2012—0402 regarding the Tribe's approved Indirect Cost Rate of 18.55% less the 10% already set aside and used under the Tribal Operations Committee budget. This authorizes this calculation to be applied to the committee budgets for the fiscal year 2012. TJ Aaroe seconded the motion. Motion carried with three yes, one no (Joe Brooks) and one abstention, (Chet Brooks).

### **Other Business**

John Sumpter presented the Board with information regarding the possibility of changing the Trust Board to a financial endowment as an alternate method of protecting the Trust money for future generations.

Chairman Stull declared the meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

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### **Monday, May 7, 2012 Delaware Community Center**

*Respectfully submitted by Verna  
Crawford, Trust Board Secretary*

Chairman Wayne Stull called the May 7, 2012 meeting to order at 4:16 p.m.

Former Chief Dee Ketchum gave the invocation.

Secretary Verna Crawford called roll, those present were Chairman Wayne Stull, Assistant Chairman Chet Brooks, TJ Aaroe, John Sumpter, DeAnn Ketchum and Verna Crawford. Board member Joe Brooks was absent. Chairman Stull informed the Board that Joe was on vacation. Chet Brooks said that his brother requested that the absence be unexcused.

Chet Brooks moved to have the absence of Joe Brooks be unexcused at Joe's request. TJ Aaroe seconded the motion, which carried with five yes.

Chairman Stull greeted the guests and asked if anyone would like to address the Board. Guest present were Judge Charles Randall, Mary Randall, Cy Hughes, Nancy Sumpter, Bruce Martin, Dee Ketchum, Annette Ketchum, Titus Frenchman, Nicky K. Michael, Atty. Vicki Sousa, Betsy Brown, Yancey Red Corn, Sam Caruso, and Farmer's Market representative Sandra Lykins.

Tribal officials and employees present were Chief Paula Pechonick, Councilman Nathan Young, Tribal Manager Curtis Zunigha, Brice Obermeyer, Anita Davis, Chris Miller, and Lesa Steele.

Chet Brooks noted that he and John Sumpter had invited

guests who would like to make presentations and asked when they could speak. Chairman Stull stated that they could address the board during the committee reports.

Verna Crawford moved to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Chet Brooks. Motion carried with five yes.

### **Minutes of Previous Meeting**

Secretary Verna Crawford moved to table the minutes till next meeting, because the minutes in the packets were not the one submitted by her. DeAnn Ketchum said she had received the correct minutes by email. There had been two sets sent out and the staff accidentally inserted the wrong documents in the Board packets. Copies were made and given to the Board.

Crawford rescinded her motion to table.

TJ Aaroe moved to approve the minutes with corrections if needed. John Sumpter seconded the motion.

Motion carried with five yes.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Verna Crawford moved to accept the Treasurer's report as presented pending audit, seconded by John Sumpter.

Chairman Stull reported that he had received a request to meet with the OST (Office of Special Trustee) next week. At this time, he did not know the reason for the meeting.

Motion carried with six yes.

### **Committee Reports**

#### **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (CHAIR WAYNE STULL)**

Chairman Stull requested Lesa Steele, Economic Development Coordinator, to give an Economic Development update. Lesa stated that Earnest

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Tiger, Economic Development Director, had rotator cuff surgery a couple weeks ago and is starting physical therapy. At the last meeting Earnest had mentioned "New Market Tax Credits," two applications were submitted and our project was deemed too small. The cost for servicing these credits is \$100,000 per year. A project would need to be \$5 or \$10 million dollars.

The DEA board and the owner of SEI are reviewing the contracts. Once these have been approved the contracts will be submitted to the bank for review and notification of the amount the bank will loan on the project.

In the meantime, Lesa has been researching sources for gap financing and grants that would support the project.

#### **COMMUNITY SERVICES (CHAIR TJ AAROE)**

The Committee regularly meets on the second Monday of each month following the Education Committee meeting. The meeting was held on April 9, 2012. Lacey Harris submitted 18 applications for assistance. Seventeen were approved and one rejected because applicant was not a tribal member. More applications are being received. The Committee will be receiving a spreadsheet each month, which will make tracking the services easier.

Chet Brooks introduced Sandra Lykins, Bartlesville Farmer's Market representative. Chet stated that the Committee had requested her to make a presentation.

The Bartlesville Farmer's Market is held on Saturdays outside of the Old Depot, now the Chamber of Commerce

office. The hours are 8 am to 12:30 pm. Ms Lykins told the group that this is the fifth season of operation. Local farmers and ranchers participate. Most products are conventionally grown, people try to use techniques close as possible to organic. Products sold include fruits, vegetables, free-range eggs, and meat.

The Farmer's Market, manned by volunteers, is requesting businesses and organizations to join and donate to help with publicity and educational events. One educational topic is the dwindling bee population. A large percent of fruits and vegetables needed to be pollinated and if the bees are wiped out these products will also disappear.

Chairman Stull encouraged everyone to attend and entertained a motion to donate \$200 to the Farmer's Market.

Chet Brooks moved to donate \$200 to the Bartlesville Farmer's Market and to advertise it on the tribal web site. John Sumpter seconded the motion. Motion passed with five yes.

#### **CULTURAL PRESERVATION (CHAIR CHET BROOKS)**

Meets the third Tuesday of each month at the Community Center. The May meeting will be at 1 pm following the Elders lunch on May 15. Brice Obermeyer and a group of archaeologists Missouri State University will make a presentation on a study of a Delaware village in southwest Missouri near Springfield. The study has been ongoing for about 10 years.

Jan Brown announced that a gathering has begun on the second Tuesday of each month starting at 6 p.m. with a pot luck dinner followed by sing-

ing, dancing, crafts, and other cultural activities.

#### **LAND MANAGEMENT (CHAIR DEANN KETCHUM)**

DeAnn Ketchum reported that the committee had met earlier in the day. Curtis Zunigha was directed to get bids for taking care of the cemeteries, mowing and other needs to get them ready for Memorial weekend.

Brice Obermeyer will map out the burial grounds and report back at the next meeting so it can be established where others might be buried. Next meeting will be held on June 4 at 2 pm.

The Committee will also look into getting the title in the name of the Tribe and not an LLC. Also at the next meeting policies and procedures will be addressed.

Verna Crawford noted that imaging had been done at the

Dewey Delaware Cemetery. The report and maps should be in the files.

#### **REINVESTMENT (CHAIR JOHN SUMPTER)**

Meets quarterly. John Sumpter introduced Yancey Red Corn, Sam Caruso and Betsey Brown Red Eagle Feather. John had asked them to speak to the Board regarding setting up a foundation to possibly replace the Trust Board.

The group provides many services to tribes. They help with everything from economic development, assisting with improving constitutions, policies and procedures, establishing regional centers (similar to free trade zones), helping with investing, and setting up foundations. They offered to make detailed presentations on any of these areas that the Tribe is interested in.

#### **EDUCATION**

##### **(CHAIR VERNA CRAWFORD)**

The Committee regularly meets on the second Monday of each month. The meeting was held April 9, 2012 at 1 p.m. There were no requests to consider at that time. The next meeting will be on May 14 at 1 p.m. and the Community Services Committee meeting will follow.

#### **TRIBAL OPERATIONS**

##### **(CHAIR JOE BROOKS)**

Meets quarterly. No report.

There being no further business, Chairman Stull declared the meeting adjourned at 4:15p.m.■



## **Tribe Procures a Vehicle and Gets Two!**

*Jenifer Pechonick*

The Tribe had a growing need for a vehicle. After talking with the Council and Chief we decided to procure a used vehicle in good condition to meet the needs. A month or so later, the need for groups of employees and officials to be going in two different directions was causing people to drive their personal vehicles (for which the Tribe reimburses mileage). Council member Janifer Brown and I set out to find a vehicle; with the feeling in my stomach that I wished we had the funds for two!

We drove several comparable minivans and opted to purchase a 2002 Ford Windstar with 91,000 miles. As part of a promotion, Malone Motors of Bartlesville, OK offered us a 32-inch flat screen TV, which we declined at first and asked them to lower the price even farther than they had done before. When they declined to lower the price further, though, we accepted the TV and will be giving it away at General Council!

Also, as part of their promotion, the dealership entered us to win a car. The drawing required the winner to be present to win, so Janifer, the Chief and I went to the dealership on June 16th and WON! The car we won is a 1993 Toyota Corolla, with 108,000 miles. Malone



told us the seller told them the car was one owner and garage kept. We could not believe the pristine condition! We are so pleased with the outcome and the customer service at Malone Motors!■



# 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, traditional cultural properties and reburial locations. The DTHPO is funded by the revenue generated from the consultation fees provided by private companies who require our services. A vast majority of our daily time is spent providing formal and timely responses to consultation requests from public and private companies. Beyond such routine work, we also have the following news items to share about our work over the past few months.

## Cemetery Preservation Program

We continue to work with the Cemetery Committee (a subcommittee of the Land Management Committee) on our joint effort to provide for the preservation and maintenance of Delaware cemeteries in Oklahoma. Our inaugural efforts have begun with hiring tribal members Dalen Jackson and David Frenchman to provide routine mowing and maintenance at the Delaware, Busby and Jackson-Falleaf cemeteries with plans to extend this service to cemeteries throughout the Delaware Service Area in subsequent years. We are also looking into the possibility of rehabilitating several historic cemeteries and carrying out ground-penetrating radar survey of the Delaware Cemetery in order to identify the unoccupied areas.

While we have the locations of many Delaware cemeteries in Oklahoma, we are also aware that there are other unrecorded burial locations in Washington and other counties and we would like to include such locations in our database so that we may have a lasting record and protect them from any future disturbance. If you know of such unrecorded locations, please contact Brice Obermeyer at (918) 335-7026 or [bobermeyer@delaware-tribe.org](mailto:bobermeyer@delaware-tribe.org).

## Tribal Consultations

This has been a very active spring for us that has taken our staff and representatives to several different states in order to consult with state and federal agencies on NAGPRA and historic preservation related issues. We traveled to Morristown National Historic Park in New Jersey to consult on their potentially NAGPRA related collection. Following our consultations that included representatives from the Stockbridge Munsee and the Delaware Nation, we determined that they did not have any funerary or sacred objects in their collections.

In collaboration with the other Delaware tribes, we continue to remain actively engaged with the National Park Service at Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area on the potential impact to Delaware-related sites that may come from a planned high-voltage electrical line project. Plans for the impact corridor will be finalized this summer and we hope to reach a mutually-beneficial

agreement that will satisfy all parties involved.

The Department of Transportation (DOT) in several states have remained in regular contact with our office about road projects that may or have impacted Delaware archaeological and burial sites. In Ohio, we participated in partnership with the Seneca, Miami and Shawnee tribes to consult with the Ohio DOT so that a new road project will avoid impacting a very sensitive archaeological district in the Little Miami River Valley. Though this work required an on-site visit, we also work with other DOT's by phone and correspondence in similar capacities.

We also remain actively engaged with the State Historic Preservation Office in New York State. There are several projects, including one in which construction has uncovered at least one burial in Poughkeepsie, that we work in collaboration with the other Delaware tribes to avoid and mitigate impacts.

## 2012 Flint Hills Conference, April 6, 2012

In collaboration with the Center for Great Plains Studies at Emporia State University, our office hosted the 2012 Flint Hills Conference at the campus of Emporia State University on April 6, 2012. The Flint Hills Conference is a regional meeting of archaeologists and advocates with an interest in the archaeology and history of Eastern Kansas and Oklahoma. The conference was very well attended and included presentations on regional archaeol-



Missouri State University archaeologist Marcie Venter (center, pictured with Chief Pechonick and Tribal Historic Preservation Officer Brice Obermeyer) presented the results of recent archaeological investigations in southwest Missouri, conducted in cooperation with the Tribe. The May 15 lecture in the Delaware Community Center was attended by over 50 tribal members.

ogy, tribal historic preservation and Delaware NAGPRA related issues.

## Delaware Town in Southwest Missouri

On April 15, archaeologist Marcie Venter from the Center for Archaeological Research at Missouri State University visited the tribal headquarters and gave a public presentation on the results from over a decade of archaeological research on the early nineteenth-century Delaware occupation of the James River Valley in Southwest Missouri. Their work has identified at least two Delaware sites and we are now using these results to enable our office to nominate these rare sites to the National Register of Historic Places. The presentation was well attended and was followed by a question and discussion session.

We plan to extend the public's awareness of the Delaware presence in Southwest Missouri by organizing a panel session on the topic at this year's Ethnohistory Conference, which will be held on

November 7-10 at Missouri State University. The Ethnohistory Conference is an annual meeting of primarily historians and anthropologists who share an interest in the histories of native peoples of the Americas. We are currently finalizing our list of presenters and hope to include a guided tour of the historic Delaware sites as part of the session. Anyone is welcome to attend the conference although there is a registration fee for attendees. Information on the conference can be found at <http://www.ethnohistory.org/meetings/>.

## Delaware Reservation in Kansas

On June 11, Brice Obermeyer gave a presentation to the Kansas Archaeological Association (KAA) on the Delaware Reservation in Kansas. The talk was part of the KAA's summer training program and coincided with their annual summer excavation and thus most of the attendees were either students or advocates interested in Kansas history.

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### **FY 2010 NAGPRA Documentation and Consultation Grant Completed**

All project objectives for our FY 2010 NAGPRA Documentation and Consultation grant have now been completed. Funding from the National Park Service allowed us to hire Greg Brown as our tribal archaeologist. Greg has updated and completed our digital database of museum inventories and Brice Obermeyer and Greg attended the NAGPRA training offered by the National Preservation Institute as well as the NAGPRA at 20 Symposium. Brice and Greg also completed a tribally-approved report on Delaware Burial Practices in the Archaeological Record (retitled, "Traditional Delaware Funerals"). This report was shared with the Peabody Museum of Archaeology and Ethnology, the State Museum of Pennsylvania and the New York University College of Dentistry (hereafter collaborating museums) and the Delaware Nation and the Stockbridge Munsee (hereafter Delaware descended tribes). Based on our grant supported consultations and internally funded research, each of the collaborating museums has completed, or is finalizing, revisions to their Notices of Inventory Completion for their Delaware affiliated collections. Such revisions include affiliating Delaware related collections with the Delaware Tribe rather than the Cherokee Nation (which was legally required before the Delaware Tribe was restored federal recognition) and adding funerary objects that were missed prior to our consultations. We have

also digitally reunited several Delaware affiliated collections that are shared with the Delaware affiliated collections of our collaborating museums and completed a report on the treatment histories of Delaware affiliated collections at our collaborating museums. Our final report included a detailed description of our accomplishments and was submitted to National NAGPRA at the end of June.

### **FY 2012 NAGPRA Grant Submitted**

In early March we submitted a grant proposal to the National Park Service's National NAGPRA office seeking funding that will enable our office to continue working toward the documentation and repatriation of the Abbott Farm Complex and the Chambers Site (two sites from which almost 200 graves were excavated). Our request for approximately \$90,000 over the next two years, if funded, would allow us to consult with four additional museums who hold collections from these two significant sites and combine all of the collections in order to facilitate our repatriation. NAGPRA grants are competitive and notifications of awards are sent out in June. ■



*Some of the sites we are currently working to repatriate.*

## **As I See It**

*Dee Ketchum*

One writer stated in his article in the April DIN, "...our tribe has had no visible business since the Tribal Smoke shop closed down in approx. 1990." I am sure the writer was not intentionally omitting facts; maybe he was just not fully aware of all the activity that was going on in 1998-2002. Since 2003 the Tribe has had no businesses started, although the Tribe has had an economic development director in its employment since that time.

The businesses that were active during the 1998-2002 time period were: a contract with Boeing, valued at over \$1 million per year; three 8(a) construction contracts; the Twelve Turtle Smoke Shop in Oklahoma City; leasing contracts for office space in the Virginia Avenue Tribal Headquarters, one for state offices, the other for county offices; three individually-leased office spaces in the Headquarters Complex; a fishing lure manufacturing

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business; Delaware credit card subscribers through Chelsea Bank; and the Delaware Gift Shop. The other stream of revenue was from grants, whose staffs rented offices. The Tribe had over 43,000 square feet of space which housed the administrative offices with plenty to rent out. I know many Delawares are aware of our economic enterprises during that period of time operated under the Delaware Enterprise Corp., but for those who are not aware, now you know the facts.

Economic development is an important arm of our Tribe. However, it is not happening for the Delaware. A plan or goal would be: to develop business(es) for the Tribe that are financially firm enough to meet the debt service on a loan, make a profit for the Tribe, employ tribal members, train a workforce as needed or employ capable people, provide a service to the community, and grow with the economy.

The Trust Document Master Plan states that the Trust Board must establish an economic development advisory board, but this does not exist. This advisory board should work together with the economic development director on business, as well as provide oversight. The director must be knowledgeable and capable of interacting with bankers, developers, marketers, and others involved in finances. Additionally, the director must be able to communicate with the Tribal Council and seek its input, as well. A brief report at a monthly Tribal Council meeting is insufficient to keep the Council abreast of development.



Professional conduct, appearance, and poise are very important qualities for the director. Being confidential and genuine are qualities of good character that are a must. Knowing the mechanics of getting people together, brainstorming new ideas, and finessing a project comes from leadership skills that are inborn. When the right person and the right advisory board are in place, things will start humming for the Tribe. Let's make it happen. And that's how I see it. ■

## **Editorial Policy**

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Editorials must be signed by the author and include the author's address. The DIN does not guarantee publication upon submission of comments.

The deadline for editorials and other submissions is September 15, 2012 for the October 2012 issue. Submissions may be mailed, faxed or hand delivered to the tribal office or emailed to [din@delawaretribe.org](mailto:din@delawaretribe.org). ■



## Delaware Tribe Education Programs

All registered Delaware Tribal members are eligible to apply for assistance to any Tribal Program for which they qualify.

- **School Supplies:** Students in grades pre-K through 5th grade may receive reimbursement of up to \$20 per school year. Payments are made from July 31 to September 30. Parents must send a school supply list with the school name and a receipt for the supplies.
- **Education Assistance:** Students in grades 6th through 12th grade may apply. Eligible expenses include: graduation, ACT/SAT exams, summer school, etc. Items required for subjects for which the student must pay. This program has a maximum payment of \$50.00 per applicant per fiscal year. Vo-Tech class requirements will be on an individual basis. \*\*
- **Athletic Assistance:** This program is for registered Delaware Tribe of Indians students who need some type of assistance for students in grades 6 through 12. The sport must be school sponsored (such as football, soft/baseball, basketball, cheerleading, wrestling, physical education, track, archery). Eligible expenses include: sport shoes, uniforms, tournament fees (if student must pay them) and other related athletic items. This program has a maximum payment of \$50.00 per applicant per fiscal year. Summer league activities do not qualify. \*\*
- **Academic Achievement Award of \$100:** Available to registered Delaware Tribal members that have graduated in the current fiscal year/academic school year from high school, college, or Vo-Tech with a current 3.5 grade point average.
- **Driver's Education Assistance:** Can be used to help defray costs of driver's education classes through an accredited training facility. This program has

a maximum of \$75.00 per applicant per fiscal year. The assistance will be made based on funding availability.

- **Adult Vocational Training Assistance:** Can be used to help with costs of short-term vocational training classes. They are limited to out of school students who wish to learn new or upgrade current skills. This program has a maximum of \$100.00 per applicant per fiscal year. The assistance will be made based on funding availability.
- **College Scholarships:** All Delaware are eligible for a maximum of \$800 one time. Paid at a rate of \$400 per semester. Student must have a 2.5 GPA in the previous school session. Applications must be received by July 31 for fall and January 31 for spring scholarship awards.

Applications and additional information on these or other available programs are available on the tribal web site ([www.delawaretribe.org/education.htm](http://www.delawaretribe.org/education.htm)) and the Tribal Offices. Applications can be mailed to:

Delaware Tribal Offices  
Attention: Education Committee  
170 N.E Barbara  
Bartlesville, OK 74006

\*\* Paid receipts are required. The receipt must plainly state what was purchased. Be sure to include documentation which class requires the item.

The Education Committee meets on the second Monday of each month, unless there are unforeseen scheduling conflicts. Applications will be reviewed and payments authorized once per month. Applications received after the meeting will be addressed at the next meeting. Fall scholarships will be considered at the August meeting and Spring at the February meeting.

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## Osage Ten Back in Pawhuska

Pawhuska, Okla. – The Osage Tribal Museum, Library & Archives, the oldest tribally-owned museum in the country, commemorated the unveiling of the final Osage bust of THE OSAGE TEN on Saturday, April 28, 2012 at the Constantine Theatre in Pawhuska, Oklahoma.

The creation of The Osage Ten began over 100 years ago in Pawhuska when molds and pictures were made of ten live models from the Osage Tribe and cast into full-size plaster busts by Smithsonian Institution's Department of Natural History. The Smithsonian created this collection to be displayed at the California-Panama Canal Exposition in 1915-16 as part of "The Evolution of Man" exhibit. Millions of people from around the world attended the historical event.

During the past seven years, the Osage Tribal Museum has been collaborating with the Smithsonian in obtaining replicas of The Osage Ten to be permanently displayed at the museum. This exhibit collection brings to life again the Osage tribal members and, in a sense, brings them home to be honored and remembered of an era long ago.

Descendants of Albert Penn, the first replica bust to be unveiled in 2005, retrieved and donated their

ancestors bust to the Osage Tribal Museum. The other busts that have been donated in the past six years are: Shun-kah-mo-lah (Charles McDougan), Wah-To-Ke-Ah (William Fletcher), Henry Pratt, Ah-Hu-Shin-Kah (Little Wing), Che-Sho-Wah-Ke-Pah (Fidelis Cole), Wa-Xthi-Zhi (Charles Wah-Hre-She), and Wah-Noh-She-Shin-Ki (Principal Chief Fred Lookout). The guardians who escorted the busts out were Joseph Tillman (Wah-hrah-lum-pah); Tim Lookout (Fred Lookout); Rebekah HorseChief (Charles Wah-hre-she); Fidelis Davis (Fidelis Cole); John Tallchief Lemon (Little Wing); Bill Fletcher (William Fletcher); Cameron Pratt (Henry Pratt); Mike McDougan (Charles McDougan); Joseph Pratt (Shun-kah-mo-lah), and Joe Don Brave (Albert Penn).

Among the distinguished guests were former Osage Principal Chief George Tallchief; former Osage Principal Chief Charles Tillman; former Osage Principal Chief James Gray; renowned Osage poet Carter Revard, Ph.D., who created a poem, especially for this occasion; David Hunt, Ph.D., of the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C.; and representatives from many American Indian tribes and nations, including Chief Pechonick.■

## The Judges' Corner

*Charles Randall, Judge  
Delaware Tribal Court*

Reactivating our judicial system is a major goal of Chief Pechonick and the Council. It is essential that we have a formal functioning court system to ensure the health and welfare of our people, exercise commercial relationship and contracts with nonmembers, and qualify for various grants and programs. Our court system has not been a functioning body since we regained Federal Recognition.

To accomplish this goal, Judges Rick Barnes, Don Mason Jr., and Charles Randall have been working to prepare the building blocks to get our court system back in operation.

In August 2011, our team was awarded travel scholarships from the National Child Welfare Resource Center for Tribes to attend the "Fostering Connections Tribal Gathering" in Oklahoma City. This addressed the problems, goals, action items, strategies, activities, and objectives associated with child welfare. Large numbers of Native Children have been placed in DHS Foster Care that would be better served with a Tribal Child Welfare Practice. The Judicial Guide to implementing the Fostering Connections to Success and Increasing Adoptions Act of 2008 provides many Native American children important federal protection and support for the first time by allowing Tribes to directly administer their local programs.

In April 2012, we attended the Tribal Court Training Program for Judges funded by the BIA Office of Justice at

the University of New Mexico School of Law Southwest Indian Law Clinic. This course covered all aspects of conducting a court from initiation of a case through resolution. Introduction to Indian Civil Rights Act, the Major Crimes Act, and the Tribal Law and Order Act of 2010 were covered with concepts of jurisdiction. We were able to participate in exercises to simulate various courtroom activities with seasoned judges (all of the other participants in the program had five to twenty-five years experience as tribal judges).

On June 12-13 we attended the Sovereignty Symposium in Oklahoma City sponsored by the Oklahoma Supreme Court, the Oklahoma Bar Association, Oklahoma City University School of Law, University of Tulsa College of Law, and the University of Oklahoma College of Law. There we focused on the court's desire to computerize all state records into a new system which the Supreme Court plans to expand to include tribal courts, the components of the Indian Law and Order Act, the use and impact of social media in the Native American community, the issues associated with Indian trust land acquisitions, and the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA). ICWA remains a huge Indian issue. No Indian tribe or nation is immune from the problems surrounding child neglect and eventual adjudication. Indian children



do end up in a system that is at times overwhelmed. Many of these children are victimized a second time by a system with many flaws. There is a consistent link between neglected children and those minors who end up in the juvenile criminal system. Indian children are much more likely to fall into this category and ICWA can be a tool to help us do something about this problem.

Indian Governments are sovereign and on equal footing with state governments. Sovereignty is important and all Indians should stand together, as a united front, to assert our right to govern ourselves.

There remains a lot of work to get our judicial system where it needs to be. Currently we are identifying how and where to establish our court. We are also planning to review our current laws and codes and make recommendations necessary to bring these up to standards that will both meet the needs of our tribe and conform to Federal laws. ■



## Planting A Seed: Delaware Indian Child Welfare

*Don Mason, Judge  
Delaware Tribal Court*

It was once said that the moral test... is how government treats those who are in the dawn of life, the children; those who are in the twilight of life, the elderly; and those who are in the shadows of life, the sick, the needy the handicapped." Vice President Hubert Humphrey made this comment over forty years ago. Despite the passage of time, we have made some progress in helping those who need it. Nonetheless, the need still exists.

Recently, tribal leadership has made the creation of a Title IV-E program a priority. Title IV-E is a subsection of the U.S. Social Security Act. Title IV-E funds and regulates programs focused on intervening in legal cases where young children are determined by a court to be neglected. State and tribal governments are delegated federal funding to create Title IV-E programs to help these children. Usually, a child or children are removed from a negative situation and placed with foster parents. Children who come from families ravaged by the effects of drug and alcohol addiction are the most common situation where a Title IV-E program gets involved, to rescue minor children from such families.

The federal government has charged state and tribal governments with Title IV-E funding to remove the children from such dysfunctional families and place them in a safer envi-

ronment Sometimes parents do follow the recommendations of the court and in due time regain custody of their children. Curing an unhealthy family unit is the goal. However, some parents never do remedy those problems which resulted in their parental rights being suspended. When this happens, these children are commonly adopted by foster parents or other relatives.

Title IV-E programs help and monitor the well being of children while this process occurs before the court. The children are deemed to be in the custody of the state or tribe until the primary parents cure their deficiencies, or until the court determines the parents will never be fit again and proceeds to permanently suspend the parental rights opening the door to permanent placement in another healthy family unit.

The Delaware Tribe is starting such a Title IV-E program. We are determined to help such families in trouble. We are determined to help such Delaware children who are in dysfunctional families and place them in safer foster families until their parents get well. We are making a commitment to save those young Delaware children who are in trouble.

For more information about this program, feel free to contact Ms. Lacey Harris, Delaware Indian Child Welfare Director. ■



## Delaware Tribe Community Services Program

All registered Delaware Tribal members are eligible to apply for assistance to any Tribal Program for which they qualify. Non-tribal members are not eligible for services from this program.

- **Student Eyeglass Assistance** - Provides eyeglass assistance to students enrolled in grades K-12, colleges or universities and Vo-Tech schools. Students must complete an application requesting such services. Approval of application requesting services must be obtained before services are provided. Funds can be designated to pay for glasses, contacts, physician visits, or related costs. A maximum of \$100 per request. One request per year is allowed. Payment for services will be made only to the vendor or provider of services and not to the student requesting such services.
- **Burial Program** - Provides burial assistance for Delaware Tribal members. An amount of \$300 has been designated. The \$300 may be applied to the funeral bill, wake/feed (paid to club, organization church, etc., not to family or family member), grave marker, flowers. Applicant should first exhaust all other resources, for example personal insurance, burial insurance, etc. All payments will be made to the funeral home providing service and not to tribal member's family. The committee only compensates for one certified copy of the death certificate. Documentation must be provided, such as the death certificate, copy of funeral home bill, food bill, etc.
- **Utility Assistance** - Provides emergency utility assistance for tribal members. Payment will be made directly to the vendor or utility company and will include gas, propane, water, electricity, wood or related utility services. Utility deposits and reconnect fees are not considered by this program. Only past-due balances are paid by the committee and current residence status of applicant applies. Original billing and cut-off notice must accompany the application. Telephone and cable TV are not covered. A limit of \$100 per request may be made. This is a one-time, once-per-year request. Bills submitted must be in tribal member's name.
- **Housing Assistance** - Provides 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 \$100. Approval of application must be obtained prior to service payment. Payment for services are made only to the vendor or provider of services and not to the individual tribal member or family. Eviction notice, proof of ownership and/or other documentation must be submitted with application. Tribal member's name must be on the rental/lease contract.
- **Dental Assistance** - Provides assistance to pay for dental care for Delaware Tribal members. Services include tooth repair, dental fillings, and dentures. Emergency services are allowed. Routine dental exams or cleaning are not covered. Payment will be made to vendor and not the tribal member. Amount of assistance that can be approved is limited up to \$250. Maximum program assistance is once per calendar year.
- **Medical Assistance** - Assists Delaware Tribal members for medical assistance, including but not limited to, medical equipment. In some cases equipment must be returned to the committee. Purchase or rental not to exceed \$150 (tread mill and exercise bike not included). Home health care is included (three months on program/three months off program, care not to exceed 3 hours per day/5 days per week. Rate of pay is \$6.00 per hour, not to exceed \$360 monthly). Medical attention, nursing care and/or other related medical care is also included.

- **Medical Services and Emergency Travel** - Provides medical transportation services for Delaware Tribal members to include, but not limited to, health transportation costs, assistance, and/or other related costs. For emergency travel designated as personal health, physician's statement of need must be submitted. For death of family member (parent, brother, sister or grandparent), death certificate or obituary must be submitted prior to approval. This is a one-time assistance not to exceed \$100.
- **Hospital Equipment Assistance** - Provides assistance with hospital equipment. Certain Delaware Tribal members 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. Some hospital equipment is available for loan from the committee (tread mill and exercise bike excluded). Funds are disbursed to vendors and will be handled on a case-by-case basis by the Community Service Committee amounts of assistance is limited in amounts up to \$150.
- **Medical Bill Assistance** - Assistance with medical bills for Delaware Tribal members. The medical bill must be in a past-due or collection status. Original billing and billing showing collection status must be submitted. Funds are disbursed to the vendor and not individual tribal members. A limit of \$100 assistance per year is allowed.

### SENIOR CITIZEN PROGRAMS

- **Eyeglass Assistance** - Provides assistance for eyeglasses to Delaware Senior Citizens age 55 and over. Senior Citizens are allowed to apply for eyeglass assistance every three years. Funds will be used to pay for eye care to include glasses, physician visits or related costs. Funds are distributed to vendors and not tribal members. A maximum limit of \$150 per request.
- **Prescription Medication Assistance** - Provides prescription medication assistance to Delaware Senior Citizens age 60 and over. Funds are disbursed to vendors and include pharmacy or related costs. Funds are allocated as follows: \$25 per month not to exceed \$600 per year. Applicants are responsible for any amounts over the approved amount.
- **Emergency Assistance** - Provides emergency assistance to Delaware Senior citizens age 60 and over. Funds are to be used for senior citizen tribal members in emergency situations. Assistance includes but is not limited to groceries or related assistance. Applicants must utilize all other community resources prior to application. Documentation must be submitted. Appliances and home furnishings are not allowed. Funds are allocated at \$50 and will be disbursed as determined by the Community Service Committee. Applications are handled on a case-by-case basis.

Applications are available on the tribal web site ([www.delawaretribe.org/commservices.htm](http://www.delawaretribe.org/commservices.htm)) or at the Tribal Offices.

The Community Services Committee meets on the second Monday of each month, unless there are unforeseen scheduling conflicts. Applications will be reviewed and payments authorized once per month. Applications received after the meeting will be addressed at the next meeting. Emergency assistance is addressed by the Committee on an as-needed basis between meetings.

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Are You Tired of Being Sick and Tired?

Jenifer Pechonick

I have had digestive problems for many years. I have had diagnoses discussed of chronic fatigue syndrome, lupus, arthritis, irritable bowel syndrome, fibromyalgia. I have had my gallbladder removed. I had horrible allergies. I have puzzled many doctors. I had a scare last fall and had tests for colon cancer. I have lived a gluten free diet and cut out all things that I thought to irritate my system. I have lived for years feeling sick and tired. Last fall, I was referred to a specialist who told me that I was not gluten intolerant and to put everything back into my diet with the exception of dairy. I knew that I did not react well to ice cream or milk and have limited them in my diet for years. However, I readily ate other dairy including cheese, cottage cheese and sour cream. The doctor told me to abstain from dairy for two weeks and see how I felt. He also told me to take fiber daily and eat yogurt. After two weeks, I felt a clear difference. After the trial period, I continued to abstain from milk, ice cream and most cheese. I was only eating dairy one to three times a week and felt better on days I didn't. After doing some research, I found that 79% of Native Americans are lactose intolerant. I also found that 90% of those of Mediterranean decent are lactose intolerant (which I am on my father's side). Realizing I felt better without dairy,

I make a conscious effort to abstain from dairy and find that when I do indulge (by incident or accident) in dairy, I do not feel good. Symptoms include diarrhea, nausea, constipation and sometimes, vomiting, abdominal cramps, bloating and gas. Often, I felt like my food wasn't digesting, it was just laying in my stomach. It is easy to presume your body spends some time and energy trying to figure out what to do about the offender and engages your body's inflammatory response system to help fight. Now, living dairy-free (for the most part) I have more energy, my immune system is much stronger, my allergies are almost gone, I have lost weight and I am mostly pain free. According to the Mayo Clinic, Lactose intolerance is usually caused by low levels of the enzyme lactase in your small intestine that lead to signs and symptoms. Normally, the cells that line your small intestine produce an enzyme called lactase. The lactase enzyme attaches to lactose molecules in the food you eat and breaks them into two simple sugars — glucose and galactose — which can be absorbed into your bloodstream. Without enough of the lactase enzyme, most of the lactose in your food moves unprocessed into the colon, where the normal intestinal bacteria interact with it. This causes the hallmarks of lactose intolerance — gas, bloating and diarrhea. My doctor told me the one exception to the rule is yogurt. Yogurt contains bacteria that help digest itself. He also told me that it's possible to

eat enough yogurt to combat lactose intolerance, but I have not found that to be true yet in my case. In talking with others who have experienced lactose intolerance, I have found that aged cheese generally loses its lactose. Calcium is important to our bones. The Recommended Daily Allowance (RDA) for calcium is: infants 600 mg/day, children (up to 10 years old) 800 mg/day, teens 1200 mg/day, adults (to age 35) 1200 mg/day, adults (35-50) 1000 mg/day, post-menopausal women 1500 mg/day. If you cut out all dairy, you will need to find ways to continue to consume calcium. USDA nutrition references report the approximate calcium content in milligrams per 8 oz (1 cup) for many foods. Carrot juice, fresh 57 Fish, canned salmon eaten with bones 440 Fish, canned sardines or mackerel eaten with bones 569 Molasses, black strap 2820, 176.2 per tablespoon Molasses, unsulphured 672, 42 per tablespoon DARK GREEN LEAFY VEGETABLES Many dark green leafy vegetables have relatively high calcium concentrations. The calcium in spinach is however, somewhat poorly absorbed, probably because of the high concentration of oxalate. The study revealed that kale, a low-oxalate vegetable, is a good source of bio-available calcium. Kale is a member of the same family that includes broccoli, turnip greens, collard greens and mustard greens.

These low-oxalate, calcium-rich vegetables are therefore also likely to be better sources of available calcium:	
cooked turnip greens	450
cooked bok choy	330
cooked collards	300
cooked spinach	250
cooked kale	200
parsley	200
cooked mustard greens	180
dandelion greens	150
romaine lettuce	40
head lettuce	10
SPROUTS	
soy	50
mung	35
alfalfa	25
SEA VEGETABLES (SEAWEED) (DRIED POWDERED FORM)	
nori	1,200
kombu	2,100
wakame	3,500
agar-agar	1,000, 62.5 per tablespoon
BEANS AND PEAS (COOKED, READY TO EAT)	
navy beans	140
soybeans	130
pinto beans	100
garbanzo beans	95
lima, black beans	60
lentils	50
split peas	20
GRAINS	
tapioca (dried)	300
brown rice, cooked	20
quinoa, cooked	80

corn meal, whole grain	50
rye flour, dark	40
oats	40
tortillas, corn, calcium fortified (2)	120
tortillas, flour or unfortified (2)	23
whole wheat flour	50
SEAFOOD	
raw oysters	240
shrimp	300
salmon with bones	490
mackerel with bones	600
sardines with bones	1,000
SEEDS	
almonds	750
hazelnuts (filbert)	450
walnuts	280
sesame seeds (whole, unhulled)	2,100
sunflower seeds	260

I eat many of these foods as well as eating yogurt and taking a calcium supplement. Sunshine and/or Vitamin D are also imperative in your body's ability to process calcium. I understand from the articles I have read there are varying degrees of lactose intolerance (some are more intolerant than others) and that to a certain degree, as we get older, we become more lactose intolerant no matter your ethnic background. If you are like me, it is worth a try to be lactose free for a trial period to see if you feel better. ■

Before you speak, THINK!  
T - Is it True?  
H - Is it Helpful?  
I - Is it Inspiring?  
N - Is it Necessary?  
K - Is it Kind?



## Supreme Court: Interior loses two tribal cases in 'bad day for the government'

Lawrence Hurley, E&E reporter  
Greenwire: Monday, June 18, 2012

The Supreme Court today ruled against the Interior Department in two cases concerning American Indian tribes.

In the first case, the court ruled in favor of a tribe in its dispute with Interior over how much tribal contractors are paid for carrying out government work.

In the second, the justices ruled that a man who objects to a proposed Indian casino could sue the government over the objection of Interior and the tribe in question.

"It's a bad day for the government," Robert Anderson, director of the Native American Law Center at the University of Washington School of Law, said of the two rulings.

The court, split 5-4, **held** in the contracting case, *Salazar v. Ramah Navajo Chapter*, that the government is required to pay in full for work that tribes carry out administering federal programs even though Congress has set a statutory cap on how much can be paid.

A certified class of Indians, including the Ramah Navajo Chapter, had sued Interior, claiming they had not been paid the required amount, citing the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act.

The Denver-based 10th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled in favor of the tribes, prompting Interior to seek Supreme Court review.

Writing for the majority, Justice Sonia Sotomayor said the ruling was "consistent with longstanding principles of government contracting law."

When an agency has difficulties meeting its contractual obligations, "it is the government that must bear the fiscal consequences, not the contractor," she added.

The ruling saw the court split along unusual lines, with Sotomayor, who was appointed by President Obama, joined by conservatives Antonin Scalia and Clarence Thomas, in addition to regular swing vote Anthony Kennedy and fellow Obama appointee Elena Kagan.

Chief Justice John Roberts wrote a dissenting opinion, in which he was joined by liberals Stephen Breyer and Ruth Bader Ginsburg as well as conservative Samuel Alito.

Roberts wrote that the majority's reasoning created an insurmountable conflict with the statutory language. The court's conclusion "cannot be squared with these unambiguous restrictions on the payment of contract support costs," he added.

An Interior spokesman said officials were "reviewing the ruling" but had no further immediate comment.

The ruling is likely to lead to other tribes succeeding with similar claims, according to Anderson. Additional pay-

ments could range from hundreds of thousands of dollars to millions, he said.

The second case concerned a dispute about American Indian lands in Michigan that were taken into trust by the federal government so the Match-E-Be-Nash-She-Wish Band of Pottawatomi Indians could build a casino. Such a move is required under the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act.

The justices, divided 8-1 with Sotomayor dissenting, **held** that David Patchak, who objected to the casino plan, has standing to raise his objections to the proposal in court.

The two related cases, *Salazar v. Patchak* and *Match-E-Be-Nash-She-Wish Band of Pottawatomi Indians v. Patchak*, arose from a campaign against the casino plan and focused in part on whether individuals could sue the government in an effort to stop the land being taken into trust.

In the majority opinion, Kagan said Patchak has standing to sue under the Administrative Procedure Act, the law that allows parties to challenge agency decisions.

The ruling is a further sign that "when the government tries to avoid judicial review, they haven't been very successful," Anderson said.

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## From the Desk of Curtis Zunigha, Tribal Manager

### Listening to You, the Tribal Member

As you look through this issue of the *DIN* and see the considerable activity going on at the Delaware Tribe facilities, I hope you share your comments with your tribal leadership. The Tribal Council and Trust Board meetings are held the first Monday of every month at the Delaware Community Center. The Trust Board meets at 4:00pm and the Tribal Council meeting is at 6:00pm. If you have specific business for either group please work with Chief Pechonick, Chairman Wayne Stull, or my office to have your tribal business placed on the agenda.

However, if you simply want to present comments, you also have an opportunity to be recognized and speak during the "recognition of guests" part of the agenda.

Good communication involves active, respectful listening and I pledge to provide that. If you need to contact me,

you always have the option of calling, emailing, or writing me during normal business hours Monday through Friday from 8am – 5pm. I would also like to be available to tribal members who may not be able to make it to meetings, so I'm scheduling weekly listening sessions. Starting July 5, I will hold listening sessions every Thursday from 5-6pm at the Delaware Community Center. If you want to come by and share your comments, questions, and concerns I will listen. I'll do my best to share them with the elected leadership and senior management and respond in an appropriate manner

Wanishi (Thank You).

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### Address Correction Form

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

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

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

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



# Coach Gayle Hatch

Chris Miller

On Thursday, May 24 2012; Delaware tribal member Gayle Hatch went to the opening of the Native American Olympic Exhibit at the Smithsonian and had the opportunity to stand beside Jim Thorpe's son and the legendary Billy Mills, first American to win the 10,000 Meters. Now who is Gayle Hatch, you ask? Let me tell you a few things that I have found out in the past few weeks about this remarkable tribal member:

In his early youth Gayle Hatch lived in Muskogee, Oklahoma, until his father moved the family to Baton Rouge, Louisiana at the age of 10. Gayle remembers fondly coming back to Oklahoma and traveling to Tulsa to visit his grandmother, who was Delaware, and grandfather, who was Wyandotte. His grandmother, the president of the Tulsa Indian Women's Club at the time, told stories of what it was like when she was young, telling him what she had heard about the Trail of Tears and other Native people. She gave Gayle a book about Jim Thorpe that would influence the rest of his life. Looking through the book he saw all of the pictures and marveled at the accomplishments of the man he looked up to and decided he wanted to be like. Gayle went to his father and asked him if he would help him reach his goal. His father made him promise to give it 100% and he did.

Going to Baton Rouge's Catholic High School, Gayle kept that goal in mind and proceeded to excel in basketball, football, and track. He set

school records in basketball, averaging 35 points and 23 rebounds, records that still hold 55 years later! He attended Northwestern State University in Natchitoches, Louisiana where he played basketball, again setting records those have lasted 51 years. After college, Gayle was drafted into the ABL (American Basketball League) where he played for the Chicago Majors for a few years before returning back home.

While building his real estate business in Baton Rouge, Gayle started working out with Alvin Roy, a local gym owner, on a weightlifting/strength and conditioning program. When a group of investors bought out Alvin's gym, he told them the best thing for them to do would be hire Gayle to run the place. So after an offer and several discussions his wife Peggy, Gayle accepted the position and started on the path that has led to 49 National and American Championships. Coach Hatch developed the Hatch System for weightlifting/strength and conditioning, which six National Football champion teams have used during their championship seasons. At the 2000 Olympic Trials he was presented an award for being the winningest coach and has been inducted into multiple Halls of Fame over the years.

In the summer games of 2004 Gayle was honored to serve as the head coach of the USA Men's Olympic Weightlifting Team. "It's like climbing Mt. Everest and reaching the summit! You remember everything that had brought you to this



point. Parents, grandparents, coaches, teammates, everyone is there with you. Then it is down to business and getting to the matter of why you are here."

Both Gayle and his wife Peggy will be going to the 2012 Games in London this year. Neither has had the opportunity to visit England yet and they are looking forward to touring the countryside while cheering on the US Olympic Team as they strive for greatness. We are honored to have a photo of Gayle in his 2004 Olympic uniform which hangs in the Wellness Center where, under the gaze of this great man, you can work out 8 AM to 8 PM Monday-Friday and 8 AM to 1 PM on Saturdays.■

## Delaware Tribe Wellness Center



The Delaware Tribe Wellness Center would like to announce new hours. We are now open Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm, and Saturday 8:00 am to 1:00 pm.

The Delaware Tribe Wellness Center is located next to 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

The new attendant is tribal member Mickey Morrison. Mickey is the grandson of Leona Shipley and son of Pat and Loyd Morrison. If you have any problems or questions please contact him at the front desk, call (918-337-6590), or email ([mmorrison@delawaretribe.org](mailto:mmorrison@delawaretribe.org)).

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

## Be Sure to 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 the webmaster at [gbrown@delawaretribe.org](mailto:gbrown@delawaretribe.org).





## Osage Financial Resources, Inc. Loan Programs and IDA Programs

Serving Kay, Noble, Osage, Pawnee, Tulsa, and Washington Counties

Osage Financial Resources, Inc. is a 501(c)3 Non-Profit Organization and Native CDFI, out of Pawhuska, that assists residents of Osage and surrounding counties with; asset building, credit restoration, classes on home purchases, financial education and various loans. As a Native CDFI (Community Development Financial Institution), OFR has to qualify individuals by our income guidelines. These programs are for Native Americans and Non-Native Americans.

### What is an IDA?

Individual Development Account – is a match savings account that allows the participant to save their own money and receive a matching amount at the ratio set by that company.

### OFR IDA Requirements

- 18 or older
- First-time college student, or can't have completed more than 23 credit hours
- Resident of Osage County or surrounding counties (Kay, Noble, Pawnee, Tulsa, Washington)
- Max of 42% Debt-to-Income ratio for Down Payment
- Must have part-time job for Post-Secondary Education IDA

### Osage Financial Resources IDA Programs

There are two different IDA saving goals that participants can choose from:

**Post-Secondary Education IDA** – Participants must open their account with a deposit of \$100. For the six month IDA, it is \$40.00 a month over five months or \$18.00 a month over twelve months, for a total of \$300.00 of their own savings. This will be matched 8:1. In the end, participants will have \$300.00 of their savings, and \$2,400 in match from OFR, for a total of \$2,700 towards a post-secondary education asset purchase.

**Allowable purchases for participants saving for post-secondary education:** books, tuition, laptops, and education-related materials and equipment.

**Down Payment IDA** – OFR is willing to work with participants who would like to save from six months to two years in this IDA program. Participants must open their account with a deposit of \$100. Thus, for example, participants saving for a homeownership asset purchase could deposit \$200.00 a month over six months, \$150.00 a month over eight months, \$120.00 a month over ten months, \$100.00 a month over twelve months, or \$50.00 a month over twenty-four months, for a total of \$1,200 of their own savings. This will be matched 3:1. In the end, they will have \$1,200 of their savings, and \$3,600 in match from OFR, for a total of \$4,800 towards a homeownership asset purchase.

**Allowable purchases for those saving for homeown-**

**ership:** closing costs, down payment and taxes and insurance on a home, manufactured home, modular home, or mobile home. Lease to purchase homes do not qualify for the Homeownership IDA.

These two programs are for individuals that are looking towards homeownership or furthering their education. It is first-come/first-serve and there are no catches. We have reviewed many IDA programs and there is no program that gives an 8 to 1 match on their Post-Secondary IDA. That helps cover at least a third of a year at Junior College, third of a semester at a university, and, at Tri-County Tech in Bartlesville, covers all cost of 12 programs and pays 60% of the remaining three programs. We have a limited amount of funds/slots so if you are interested please call 918-287-1989 or visit our offices at Stoneridge Estates in Pawhuska.

### Osage Financial Resources Loan Programs

OFR has three loan programs:

#### HOMEOWNERSHIP AND HOME IMPROVEMENT

- The home/home improvement loan is up to \$100,000 with a 3% down payment required.
- Must have at least a 600 credit score to enter program and qualify by our debt-to-income ratio (42%).
- The interest rate will not go above 6% and the lowest it will go is 4%.
- Must complete Homebuyer Education class

#### CREDIT BUILDER

- Is a \$500 loan with a 6-month term

- Must qualify under OFR's income guidelines
- Debt-to-Income ratio can't exceed 50%
- Complete Financial Education class

These are programs that have the goals of improving or building a credit score, give financial and homebuyer education, improvement on a current home, or purchasing a home. OFR's Homeowner-

ship Program has just started and we are ready to help those that are interested!! Please call 918-287-1989 for more information or you can stop by our offices at Stoneridge Estates in Pawhuska.

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Mark Your Calendars!

## Delaware Days 2012

### Friday/Saturday, Sept 28–29

Delaware Days 2012 will be held at the Fall-Leaf Dance Grounds northeast of Copan, Oklahoma, on September 28 and 29. It will be the 20th Annual Delaware Days sponsored by the Delaware Culture Preservation Committee. The first Delaware Day was held in September 1993 and was attended by more than 250 people.

The events will begin on Friday evening with a potluck dinner at 6:30 and then a Stomp Dance with Social Dance songs. In the late afternoon on Saturday there will be presentations to two tribal members—the elder of the year, and the honored veteran.

On Saturday at 5:30 there will be a potluck supper at which the Culture Committee will supply the meat. Everyone else should bring some food to share. Then there will be a Stomp Dance with Social Dance songs, and we will dance as long as everyone wants. Please join us!!■



*Go-Get-'Em Dance.*



*Duck Dance.*



*Duck Dance at Delaware Days 2005.*



*Committee members, 2001.*



*Honoring an elder at Delaware Days.*



*Thanking Frederick Fall-Leaf for use of the Dance Ground in 2000.*



*Food line at Delaware Days 2001.*



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