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Many of you have been bombarded with email and web sites that are slinging mud at each other. Can you just imagine what the BIA is thinking of us right now?

Most everyone by now does realize that Mr. Bishop has an extensive criminal history. Verifiable information can be obtained through the freedom of information act.

Our tribe has never had junior councilmen and none was provided in our constitution that was passed back in January. Recently our people were told to vote in a bogus election held by these same junior councilmen. Our office has received many telephone calls in regard to this election. These three individuals do not have any legal standing to call an election and any election held by these individuals will not be recognized by BIA.

All of the above individuals that took part in the theft of our files along with the theft of personal property from the Tribal Headquarters in Dover, can still be charged. The statute of limitations does not run out for another six (6) years. Perhaps one of these days the prosecuting attorney for Pope County may decide to go forward with this case.

Justice could still be served. Everything was documented not only with photo's but also police reports.

What you have at this point is a corporation that has splintered from the Tribal Headquarters at Dover and the Helton's which have splintered from that corporation. You now have these two splinter groups which want control of our tribe for personal gain. It has to stop !

When there is this type of internal trouble going on, you can bet the BIA has placed our Tribe to the side for federal acknowledgement. They have no choice.

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COURT AND LEGAL UPDATE

Judge Clawson has not announced a court date to hear the remaining issues in the complaint filed by the Oversight Committee. The audit that was ordered by the court back in November 2006 was never completed. The accounting firm returned a letter stating they could not complete an audit because they never received the required information in order to do an audit.

Your Tribal Council at Dover filed a complaint on behalf of all of our tribe against the corporation at Conway. This complaint was to deal with many issues including the theft of your personal files from the Dover Tribal Headquarters.

The hearing took place in front of Judge Maggio in Faulkner County, without ever hearing the merits of the case, he dismissed our case with prejudice. Never in any court room have we ever witness a display of judicial misconduct as was shown in that court room.

TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING

The Tribal Council had their scheduled council meetings on the second Saturday of July, August, and September 2007 at the Tribal Headquarters in Dover.

At the September Council Meeting, Stephanie Spargo from Hot Springs was appointed to replace Mike Ketcherside who resigned earlier this year.

Ms Spargo owns a realty firm in Hot Springs and recently opened a new office in Mountain Home, AR. Ms. Spargo is heavily involved in community affairs and events in Hot Springs and will be a great asset to our tribal council.

There will not be a Council meeting in October because of the tribal ceremony that will be held in Hardy, Arkansas. There will be workshop and council meeting on the second Saturday of November.

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The Tribal Headquarters at Dover will be closed during the week of Thanksgiving so that our volunteers can have time to visit with family and friends.

In December our office will be closed the week of Christmas until Wednesday, January 2nd, 2008.

Emergency calls will be answered.

CORPORATION BOARD MEETING

The corporate association had their regularly scheduled board meetings on the second Saturday of July, August and September 2007.

The corporate board adopted standard operating procedures for the food bank program and set term limits for all of the volunteers that are serving on the food bank committee.

There will be a new board selected for the food bank committee in December 2007. If you would like to serve, please call the office.

When making donations please specify where you wish your money to be spent. Donations for the general fund go to pay the utilities, rent, office supplies, etc. Donations that are made for the Tribe's legal fund, go into a special account and are used only for that purpose.

Donations are needed to keep the office open and pay the utilities and telephone expenses.

All donations are tax deductible.

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The judge displayed very unprofessional behavior in the court room. He wrote and passed notes to his clerk, rolled his eyes, acted like he was bored, etc. We were told the attorney for the corporation was a judge in the same district as Clawson and Maggio. This is something that will have to be checked out and verified. Our tribal council has voted to re-file our complaint. We are not going to go away.

Bishop admitted that the corporation did not send any of the documents to Washington and that he would like to have the original nine council members that existed before the split returned. This was stated to one of our headmen. To do this, would be to say that all of the money they took is ok, how they stole the files is ok, how they treated a lot of our people is ok and your current tribal council cannot agree to do this.

All of the issues will have to be resolved in court along with the complaint of fraud against Cliff Bishop.

We will let you know when the new complaint has been filed.

Your support to help your tribal council with legal expenses is needed.

FOOD BANK NEWS

The food bank has received hundreds of pounds of breaded chicken. This chicken has been given out to families and churches. For the months of July, August and September, a total of 1325 lbs was given to churches. During the same time period, families in Pope County received 600 lbs, Yell County 395 lbs, Newton County 485 lbs, Johnson County 10 lbs, and in Havana 10 lbs.

Our food bank is in need of can goods. If you can help donate or if you are in need, please contact our office and a member of the food bank committee will return your call.

Many thanks to our volunteers who have donated their time and finances.

We wish to thank Mr. Charles Ray for volunteering this past month on Wednesdays. Mr. Ray has assured us that after the first of the year he will be able to continue to volunteer in the office.

If you would like to volunteer to help our tribe in any way, please call our office.

Ceremonies

The Green Corn Ceremony was held at our ceremonial grounds in Dover, Arkansas.

We had a great buffet which included garden fresh vegetables, home made desserts, bread, and watermelon.

The traditional dances and ceremonies were carried out, which were enjoyable and relaxing. Everyone danced to the creator as they were led. There were visitors from Oklahoma and they sure did enjoy the ceremony and the food.

The Green Shade/Ripe Green Corn Ceremony was held in August at the new ceremonial grounds on Martin Creek on the farm of Doug and Judy Cotter in Hardy, Arkansas.

As is typical of Cherokee men, the building of the arbors and sweat lodge was put off until the last minute. Help was given by Chris Davis and family, Claude Williams, Phillip Hubbard, Jack Boren and Jake, including Doug Cotter and family. Without all of these people, the buildings would not have been completed on time.

The ceremony was a wonderful event with attendance by many of our tribal members including many locals who came and participated each night.

The crowing event of the ceremony had to be the Eagle Dance performed by Tom Lamb, head dancer and twenty other dancers. All were dressed beautifully and dancing in ancient Cherokee tradition. The Eagle wings worn by Tom were made by his daughter and were more beautiful than we could have imagined. Everyone was very proud of all the dancing.

At times there were over thirty children in the mosquito, ant, snake, round dance and others. The children danced until the drummers were worn out. The dancing finally was called to a halt around 1pm as the women had a sweat scheduled after the dancing.

Doug and Judy Cotter purchased a large pig for the ceremony and was started on the grill by Calvin Hale. Due to a previous engagement he was called away and Chris Davis and Emily Riggs took over and did an exceptional job. The chicken was donated by Cass and Jill Burrow. Judy and Trina Davis had the pleasure of killing 114 chickens and cutting them up for the grill. Great job!

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A special thanks to Hugh and Patty Bland of Corning who supplied the ice, tarps, freezer, corn and made a donation for other items for the meals.

We know that we have left off people who contributed food, work and monies for the ceremony and we are sorry for not mentioning your names, but we do offer you a heart felt Thank You!

These ceremonies were sacred to our ancestors and should still be to us. Thank to our drummers and singers and for the special entertainment provided by Snowball.

Please plan to attend our ceremony on the second Saturday of October.

There is one other issue that should be commented on. We have been criticized by some of our own for calling ourselves a Tribe.

These people say that we are not a Tribe until the federal government gives us recognition. Hog Wash! The Creator gave each of us common sense, so use yours!! The CFR states that if you have not existed as a Tribe since ancient times you cannot petition the Bureau of Indian Affairs to recognize you. Get It! We are a Tribe, always have been a tribe and always will be a Tribe regardless if we are federally recognized or not. The federal government recognizes us as a Tribe has nothing to do with who and what we are. We are the Arkansas Cherokee, a Tribe of people with a common past and common ancestors. Do not forget this and do not let anyone tell you different.

Be proud of who and what you are!



Congratulations to Taylor Morris, 12 and Brooke Morris, 10, they attend Sacred Heart in Morrilton.

In May 2007, while in the 6th and 4th grades, respectively, Brooke received a medal for maintaining a straight "A" report card for the entire 2006-2007 school year. She and Taylor were awarded ribbons for having read the most books in their grade level during a school-wide read-a-thon. Their proud parents are Dusty and Tami Morris of London and their even prouder grandparents are Cathy and Emsy Morris of Dover.

Congratulations are also in order to Ray and Tana Campbell of Florence, Arizona.

They celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in July 2007.

Thanks to everyone for all of the prayers that were said for my husband. He is out of the hospital and feeling much better. Again, thank each and everyone of you for the prayers. May God Bless and Keep You.

Susan Jarrett

BIRTHS — CONGRADULATIONS

MILEY GAYLE SPRINGFROG COTTER

Austin and Lacey Cotter of Williford announce the birth of their daughter, Miley Gayle Springford Cotter on July 17th at St. Bernard’s Medical Center in Jonesboro. She weighed 6 pounds and was welcomed by her brother Dylan Jacob Douglas Cotter, 5.

Paternal grandparents are Doug and Judy Cotter of Williford and Reynee and Andy Birdsell of Cherokee Village.

Maternal grandparents are Gaylon Lewallen of Corn- ing and Lisa Lewallen of Williford.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

It is important to take care of ourselves and each other. We must do what we can to stay “healthy” and to teach the next generation the things they need to know to stay healthy, along with our history and culture. It is necessary to live the good way, the red way, the Cherokee way. It is important to teach them well, so that our people and our culture can continue here on Mother Earth.

Due to the time of the year and the extremely dry season, ticks are very plentiful. Everyone needs to be aware of potentially deadly or disabling diseases caused by a simple little tick bite. The diseases are Rocky Mountain Spotted tick fever, Lyme, and numerous other infections associated with the tick bite. You should watch for headaches, muscle or joint pain, fever, nausea or fatigue. You may experience flu-like symptoms and develop a lesion or a ring of blisters. It is important to get to a doctor and receive medication as it may take 6 weeks for the blood work to come back. Stay safe and healthy. Wa do Janice Maxwell

If your membership files are in the possession of Cliff Bishop, Curtis Smith and John Brown, it is likely you have received a threading letter demanding your disassociation with the Oversight Committee. This type of behavior is Black-mail and Intimidation and is indicative of the criminal mentality for which Bishop is known . Bishop is a multi-convicted felon. They have all been self appointed to their positions. Bishop does not have the authority to remove the files or do anything regarding the membership of the Tribe.

The corporation headed by Bishop has spent over \$300,000 of the Tribe’s money and now they are being held accountable by the legal action initiated by the Oversight Committee and the legal action brought by the Tribal Council in Dover.

It will take a long time to respond to the T/A report and it will take a lot of money to do so. The recognition process can take years. Don’t let the threats keep you from letting Judge Clawson know how you feel about this behavior.

Tribal Member

Is it really Lyme Disease?

Lyme can masquerade as dozens of different illnesses, says Brian Fallon, M.D., Director of Columbia University’s new Lyme and tick-borne disease center. Have doctors check for Lyme whenever you’re being tested for any of the following: Multiple sclerosis, arthritis, new-onset migraines, fibromyalgia, chronic fatigue syndrome, Bell’s palsy, depression, infectious mononucleosis, lupus, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), meningitis and Alzheimer’s.

Lyme can occur anywhere from months to years after the initial bite. Lyme is primarily spread by the Ixodes species, also called the black-legged ticks. October and November are active months.

Take precautions when hunting. Susan Jarrett

PEOPLE OF THE LOST CHEROKEE OF ARKANSAS AND MISSOURI TRIBE

Please understand that your files were stolen from the office in Dover and taken to what the corporation called an office in Conway. You must also understand that the office in Dover is the official office for the Tribe of the Lost Cherokee of Arkansas and Missouri, the post office box that is on record in Washington is still in Dover and we still receive our mail through that post box. The elected interim council is located at the office in Dover and has made numerous attempts to inform you that you need to contact the Conway office and make arrangements to pick up your files to bring them back to Tribal Headquarters in Dover or replace them. Many of you have responded but there are many who have not. You need to understand that the office in Conway is nothing more than a corporate office for three corporation members, Cliff Bishop, Curtis Smith and John Brown. It is a fact that the corporation cannot be recognized as an Indian Tribe. The only group with a chance to be federally recognized is the Lost Cherokee of Arkansas and Missouri at Dover and no others.

No interim council member has visions of self greatness but are there because we did not want to see this tribe destroyed. We are going away and will continue to work toward federal recognition as long as we are able to do so, both physically and financially. That said to say this, if you do not get your file from Conway or duplicate your file and get it to the Dover office, we cannot include you in the tribal rolls when that time comes, it is as simple as that. It is your responsibility to get this information to the Dover office and to see that the file contains all the necessary forms to meet Tribal membership requirements. All files have to be verified to make sure they contain all of the necessary information required by BIA and to give you the right to vote in any election that will be coming up.

At one time you were asked to sign and fill out a form requesting that your file be returned to the Dover office. This was for us to use in our court case against the corporation. We still need these forms, now more than ever. Please understand the gravity of this plea to you, we must have these forms from you if you want this tribe to continue to exist. The other option is to turn over control to the corporation at Conway, again, made up of three men, they would have complete control of your file, your recognition hopes, your money and could even sign away your rights anytime they so desired. Please think about this. Your hope for truth and recognition lies with the Dover office. Fill out the forms, if you don't have one, call the office in Dover and we will send you one. We also will be placing the form on our web site. If you have already filled one out in the past, you do not need to fill out a new one. BIA has already stated they will not resolve our internal conflict for us.

Remember that your interim council of the Lost Cherokee at Dover does not support any other group, including the corporation at Conway or the Helton's. No election held by either of these factions will be participated in by any of the true Governing Body of the Tribe. It seems to us that these factions realize that their actions can do nothing but harm our chances for Federal Recognition.

Before you support any group, including the Council at Dover, ask questions, don't take the answer at face value, but research it for yourself. You will find that your Council has not and will not lie to you about anything pertaining to this Tribe.

Again, remember who stole our files in the first place and put some long hard thought into it before you support any of these groups.

Thank you for reading this and please consider what has been said here as it is the truth.

Community Meetings

If you would like help your tribe by having a pot luck dinner as a fund raiser for legal expenses or office expenses, please call the office and they will put you in touch with Susanna Bewley, who will be in charge of doing this for our tribe. Susanna recognized the need of our people to be able to interact with their tribal council on a regular basis. This past year has caused a lot of confusion among our people and it is time to start the mending process.

A bake sale is scheduled for October 27th, 2007 at Dover on Hwy 7 by the Dover Super Market. If you would like to contribute, please call the office and they will put you in touch with Cathy Morris.



“His brilliant splendor fills the earth and sky; His glory fills the heavens, and the earth is full of His praise! What a wonderful God He is!”

HABAKKUK 3:3 TLB

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**SUSCRIPTIONS ARE \$20 PER YEAR ; \$15 PER
YEAR FOR SENIORS.**

**Great New Moon of Autumn Fest and Cementation/
Reconciliation Fest (Combined Ceremonies) will be on
October 13th and 14th, 2007 at Hardy, Arkansas.**

**If you need directions, please call the office or go to our
web site www.lostcherokeetribe.com .**

See you there!

**Coming to the ceremony is
a great way to learn the cul-
ture of your ancestors and
to enjoy the fellowship of
other tribal members.**

**The corporate board meet-
ing will began at 10am and
our tribal council meeting
will began at 1pm on Satur-
day, November 10th, 2007.**

**If you don't come to the
meetings, then don't com-
plain about the decisions
that are made.**