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The Lost Cherokee of Arkansas and Missouri Tribal Members:

DRUG AND GANG SEMINAR

Doyle Turner presented a great seminar on meth, gangs and violence. There were 30 people that attended the seminar from very diverse backgrounds. This is truly a seminar that every parent, grandparent, and teacher should attend. Meth is a cheap and easy drug to make and but can be very expensive to purchase. This drug is so deadly, much worse than other drugs because it will cause permanent brain damage and will lead to death. Your liver cannot process this drug out of your body because it is man made. Our teenagers think they are indestructible and that they can use one time and never use again. But not true with Meth, one time is all it takes to become addicted. Women or girls that use during pregnancy have children who already have major brain dysfunctions. As an example there was an infant who was near death when Doyle led the raid on the premises, the mother had been giving this infant meth mixed with its milk because she thought this would help the baby because she was doing drugs when he was born. The infant was air lifted out and was later adopted by the foster family. He had recovered and looked so beautiful on the outside but had suffered permanent brain damage and will never have a future. These drugs as well as gangs are finding their way onto the reservations and the tribes are not prepared to handle these problems. Doyle and his wife, Sheri, spend a lot of their time teaching these facts to many tribes across the United States. After attending the

seminar you can understand why Doyle feels so strong about what he is doing because he spent 30 years watching the devastation of what illegal drugs can do.

He is now putting the facts together for a different type of drug seminar and that is on prescription drugs.

Doyle will be presenting another seminar for the Tribe in Northeastern Arkansas. We currently have a commitment from approximately 25 law enforcement personnel who are in need of this information on both drugs and gangs. They are excited that we could bring this to their community.

Our Association and Tribe give a special thank you to Doyle and Sheri for all of their hard work.

Our Tribe was thanked by all of those present for bringing this seminar to the local community. Also as a result of this seminar, our Association has been asked to make a presentation to the local school on drugs.

Special thanks go out to Pinnacle Point and Rivendell for furnishing the food both days of the seminar; they did a great job. Special thanks also go to Counseling Associates for all the help and assistance they gave to our Tribe and the Association.

Court and Legal Updates

The corporation at Conway was awarded the money from the estate of Mrs. Gefon. Our Tribe did appear with legal counsel at the Heber Springs hearing in January 2007. You may review Judge Weaver's decision on our web site. You may use either of the two web address

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That is listed below:
www.lostcherokeeofarkansasandmissouri.com
or www.lostcherokeetribe.com.

It the belief of the Tribal Council then as it is now that Ms. Gefon thought she was leaving her money to a Native American Tribe not a 3 man corporation.

There is not an update on the case in Judge Clawson's court as the court ordered audit has not came back as of today.

COUNCIL AND BOARD MEETINGS

The Tribal Council and Association held their regularly scheduled meetings on March 10th.

Tribal Council voted to hire the professional law firm of Hope, Fuqua & Campbell from Little Rock. This firm will handle the Tribe's legal matters involving the Dover Tribal Council and the Conway Corporation.

The Tribal Council agreed that family members of those already on our rolls should be accepted and that we can begin this process immediately. This is in keeping with the Technical Assistance Review.

The Association was working hard to prepare for the seminar. Brochures were given out to law enforcement and those in the mental health field.

Treasurer's reports and minutes were read and approved. The Food Bank report was given by Mary Ann Summers. Con Agra had given our Food Bank several gift certificates to use for our Easter Food Baskets.

MARCH 24TH OPEN HOUSE MEETING

Everyone had been invited to the luncheon and open house meeting in Russellville at the West Side Church of Christ.

A great lunch was served by the Cherokee Ladies Association.

Doyle Turner had an opportunity to meet most all of our Tribal Council and members of our Board. There was an informal discussion about why the Oversight Committee sued the LCAM, Inc. Doyle stated that they (Oversight Committee) was under a gag order and could not discuss anything with anyone that was not a member of the Tribe.

Most everyone present expressed a concern that they had heard rumors that Mr. Bishop has spent time in prison but was not sure if this was really the truth. Their concern was that if someone had been in prison for stealing, embezzlement, or racketeering that they did not want such persons to be in charge of their files. They felt that their rights had been violated. In the past, Mr. Bishop had made the comment to a council member, that he had spent time in prison in Leavenworth, Kansas. In order to check this out another member suggested they call the federal bureau of prisons archive division and see if such records actually exist. Someone did call and found out that Mr. Bishop had spent time in two federal prisons. They were told by the federal bureau of prisons that any additional information would have to be requested through the Freedom of Information Act.

Everyone wanted to know what had happened to all the money that had been donated to the corporation. It was pointed out that the audit that was ordered by Judge Clawson has not been completed.

Questions were asked about the money that had been in the land account as many of them had donated to this fund. There was a Resolution that was written in 2002 by the board of directors, which gave the board of directors the right to borrow from this fund and use the money at their discretion. At one time there was three \$10,000 CD's which belonged to the land account, now there is no money. Where did the money go? Hopefully that will show up in the audit.

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It was pointed out that the corporation has sent to Rita Souter with the Office of Federal Acknowledgement a resolution #7262006, which attempted to change the name on our Petition #204 from the Lost Cherokee Nation to the Lost Cherokee of Arkansas and Missouri, Inc. This same resolution was also sent to the Secretary of States Office in Little Rock. This same resolution along with many others was sent to the Assistant Secretary –Indian Affairs.

A copy of these resolutions can be obtained through the Freedom of Information Act from the Office of Federal Acknowledgement.

If the corporation was Petitioner #204, they would not be trying to change their name. It is a known fact that the Petition is in the name of the Lost Cherokee Nation. This cannot be changed or we will lose our petition. You have to understand that even if we lose our petition, that corporation has been in existence for over 5 years and as such can open gambling operations. This appears to be the goal of that corporation.

There is a letter from Rita Souter which states the official address with the Office of Federal Acknowledgement is P. O. Box 247 in Dover, Arkansas. This letter was sent to the Mr. Bishop with a copy to the Dover Tribal Headquarters.

Folks wake up, the corporation moved its office but the **Tribal Headquarters never moved!**

CHILI LUNCH AT DEER

Our chili lunch was a great success. Everyone had a great time. It gave all of our people in the Newton County area a chance to come out and ask questions and receive answers.

Many questions were asked about getting the files returned to the Dover Tribal Headquarters. Many people wanted a

lawsuit against the corporation for the theft of their personal information. Many felt this should be treated as identify theft.

The people were promised by the Dover Tribal Council that they would do what ever they could to get the files returned.

The donations received and recorded was to be used to help keep the office open.

Everyone was told that when they gave donations, to be sure and mark if it was for the general fund, legal fund, food bank, etc.

That all donations were spent according to the donors wishes.

DONATIONS

Donations to the legal fund or to any of our other funds can be made to the Lost Cherokee Nation Tribal Association, Inc. at our P. O. Box 247, Dover, Arkansas 72837.

Be sure to mark your donations legal fund if that is where you want your money spent.

The general fund pays the monthly expenses and keeps our office open. Donations to the food bank are spent 100% on the food baskets that are given out.

All donations are spent according to the donor's wishes.

MEETING IN OKLAHOMA

There will be a meeting on April 7th in Summerfield, Oklahoma in the community building at 1pm. The meeting will be a town hall type meeting so that any of our members that wish to come and ask questions, may do so.

Summerfield, Oklahoma is located south of Poteau, take US 271 South, turning left on CR 154.

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History

In the November Rural Arkansas 2006 there was a beautiful picture of the John Latta home on the cover. The story of John Latta is not a well known story. He was originally from South Carolina, then Tennessee, finally moving to the western Arkansas area in 1828. He settled in an area one mile north of present day Evansville, establishing a plantation with slaves he had brought with him. He called his plantation "The Lords' Vineyard".

John Latta was a believer in the importance of education, and in 1833, held a meeting in his living room, where they organized "Cane Hill College." The college opened the following year, under the operation of the Cumberland Presbyterians. This college played a major role in the education of many Cherokees, before they were able to establish their own college.

One sad event was when General Stand Watie's son Saladin died at Cane Hill College from fever in 1868. The General brought a wagon from Webbers Falls, OK, to take him home for burial. Cane Hill College closed in 1886, to later reopen at Clarksville, Arkansas, as College of the Ozarks.

The Latta home also served as the Vineyard Post Office, 1833-1838. Then in 1839, it was moved one mile south, to a store owned by Lewis Evans. He then changed the name to Evansville.

During the Trail of Tears, 1838-39, several Cherokee detachments camped at John Latta's. One of them disbanded at this location, at it was believed to be in Indian Territory. Several years later, it was surveyed, and found to be in Arkansas, about a quarter of a mile or so. There were a number of Cherokee found to be living on the Arkansas side. Due to his strong tie to the South during the Civil War, it could be that General Stand Watie may have used his home to recruit for the Confederate Cherokee Counted Rife Unit.

(This article was written by Dusty Helbing, Ozark, Arkansas).

The Legend of the Cherokee Rose

No better symbol exists of the pain and suffering of the Trail of Tears than the Cherokee Rose. The mothers of the Cherokee grieved so much that the chiefs prayed for a sign to lift the mother's spirits and give them strength to care for their children. From that forward, a beautiful new flower, the roses are white, for the mother's tears, with a gold center, for the gold taken from the Cherokee lands and seven leaves on each stem that represent the seven Cherokee clans that made the journey. To this day, the Cherokee Rose prospers along the route of the "Trail of Tears". The Cherokee Rose is now the official flower of the State of Georgia.

(From the Cherokee Legend)

BLESSINGS

As we approach Easter everyone needs to be reminded that Easter is more than bunnies or egg hunts but is the remembrance of the Resurrection of Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

May God bless each and every family this Easter that reads this newsletter.

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