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## From the Desk of Chief Brad KillsCrow

*Brad KillsCrow, Chief*

**H**appy New Year! Last year was one of the most exciting years for the Delaware Tribe. We accomplished a lot and now we are ready to move forward with even bigger and better things for our people. Even though as a tribe we are still feeling the effects of the global pandemic, I am proud of the progress being made every day here at the Delaware Tribe. We recently held our elections, and I want to personally thank Nicky Michael and Homer Scott for their service to the Tribe as they have both come off of the Tribal Council. I would like to congratulate Bonnie Jo Griffith, Bruce Martin, and Tonya Anna for running and being elected onto the new Tribal Council. I also want to congratulate Quay Hosey on being appointed to fill the vacant Tribal Council seat for the next two years. My plan and vision for this new council is to continue working hard and making progress for the betterment of all Delaware members. I know we have a lot of work in front of us and many obstacles to overcome, but I feel we can continue the momentum with our newly elected Tribal Council.

I was provided a sponsorship by the United South and Eastern Tribes, Sovereignty Protection Funds to attend the 2022 Tribal White House Summit in Washington D.C. November 30 – December 1. This was the first time in six years that the White House invited all tribal leaders across the nation for a two-day summit. Topics and goals that were discussed in the conference included environmental protections, infrastructure in tribal communities, and the protection of tribal treaties and treaty rights. The Biden administration said it wanted to create lasting change in Indian Country by protecting our sovereign rights. At the summit, they talked about getting rid of barriers for government access where previous administrations had put up roadblocks that would stop us from protecting our treaty rights. The White House also said it wanted to establish uniform standards for federal agencies to consult with tribes that go beyond the current “checking a box” exercise. It also wants to revitalize native languages and their rights to hunting

and fishing which exist in current treaties. President Biden also announced 9.1 billion dollars of spending on Indian Health Services for all of Indian Country.

Our newly acquired business, Teton Trade Cloth by Lenape, is up and running and creates an anticipated 50 percent revenue increase for the tribe. This acquisition also puts us in a promising position in the textile industry and shipping and receiving, which gives us the opportunity to diversify our business portfolio. We are in an important time to make sure we are securing businesses that produce revenue that can sustain and provide income for our current and future programs. The Delaware Tribe Ranch is continually operating and we are currently in the process of building two metal barns. The main barn will be approximately 7000 square feet with corals, and the other barn will be approximately 2000 square feet. We will be building two houses on the property for the Ranch Managers within the next couple of months. We, like all other ranchers in the Midwest, are trying to mitigate the drought that we are currently going through. Some of our ponds are currently drying up and we are looking at innovative ways to address this issue. Six new elder units are completed and are ready for tenants. These new units will help take care of some of the need for housing for our elders. I know we can do more and I will continue to seek funding to build more units in the near future. Title VI lunch program will be closed for approximately 5 weeks from January 3 to February 4 for much needed renovation to bring our kitchen into compliance. Title VI will cover the \$5.00 a day meal cost in form of a gift card (for lunches) to active participants in the program to offset daily lunches while the kitchen is closed.

In closing my final Chief's column for 2022, I remind you that we have moved forward and improved our tribal members' lives because we are unified in our goals and committed to protecting each other. 2023 promises to bring many positive developments for the Delaware Tribe of Indians because we remain true to our values. Onward! ■

## 2022 Tribal Election Results

**C**ongratulations to the winners in the November 2022 Delaware Tribe of Indians Elections!

Elected Chief: Brad KillsCrow

Elected to Tribal Council: Tonya Anna, Bonnie Jo Griffith, and Bruce Martin

Elected to the Trust Board: Evelyn Kay Anderson

The Constitutional Change was passed. ■

CHIEF ELECTION		Absentee	In Person	TOTAL	
BRAD PATRICK KILLS CROW		392	75	467	Winner
TRIBAL COUNCIL					
TONYA DEE ANNA		189	49	238	Winner
BONNIE JO GRIFFITH		182	19	201	Winner
LISA "MICHELLE" HOLLEY		158	22	180	
ALYSSA QUAY HOSEY		118	39	157	
BRUCE W. MARTIN		120	32	208	Winner
CHRISTOPHER CHARLES MILLER		79	9	88	
PAULA KATHLEEN PECHONICK		144	14	158	
GREGORY LEVI RANDOLL		108	44	152	
TRUST BOARD					
EVELYN KAY ANDERSON		407	80	487	Winner
Associate Judge					
NO CANDIDATES					
CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGE		Absentee	In Person	TOTAL	
Yes		357	65	422	
No		43	20	63	

### CERTIFICATION

We the undersigned, hereby certify the above to be a true and accurate abstract of the votes cast for the General Election shown herein for the Delaware Tribe of Indians on November 5, 2022. We also certify that said election was held in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Delaware Tribe of Indians.

Elaine Clinton  
Election Board

Jana Madder  
Election Board

John R. White  
Election Board

Katharine Maynor  
Election Board

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Election Board

Christa D. Martey

League of Women Voters  
*Laura Ballman*

League of Women Voters  
Mary J. Anders

League of Women Voters  
 Senator

League of Women Voters

## From The Desk of Assistant Chief Tonya Anna

*Tonya Anna, Assistant Chief*

**H**appy 2023! So much has been accomplished and so many new endeavors have begun in the past year that I am so excited to see what this new year has in store for the tribe. I am a firm believer in continuous improvement and am constantly evaluating how we can improve our campus. Being a visual learner, I find going to others and watching how they undertake their job helps me with ideas or ways to improve my own daily tasks. Executive Assistant Dana Murrell took me to the Osage Congress in September to see how they operate at the Osage Nation. Several Congress Members stated they have been keeping up with us on social media and were impressed with the progress we have been making with the tribe. They congratulated us on the television segment about our new app which can be found at the following link: <https://www.newson6.com/story/625d4fb1acd9a00726f476d8/delaware-tribe-testing-new-app-for-tribal-members-> So if you haven't signed up for Lenape Talk you should really consider doing so since we are striving for all members to utilize this new means of communication. It was a day well spent observing and visiting with our neighboring tribe's leadership.

The National Indian Education Association (NIEA) held the Education Sovereignty Conference in Oklahoma

City October 5-8, 2022. I was impressed with how they offered sessions not only for educators but students as well. I strongly encourage all students to attend the NIEA conference in the future if you have the opportunity to attend. Next year it is scheduled to be in Albuquerque, NM October 18-21, 2023. It was great to see our tribal seal as a sponsor for NIEA. During the opening ceremony the students carried in the 39 tribal flags of Oklahoma, along with recognizing the NIEA Board and Tribal Leaders. Participants got the chance to visit the First Americans Museum (FAM) free of charge. If you are in OKC, take the time to tour the FAM and dine at Thirty Nine Restaurant where they serve indigenous cuisine. Thursday evening was filled with Cultural Heritage Night where my favorite part highlighted the Fort Sill Apache Fire Dancers. Friday evening ended with a powwow where many vendors had a chance to show off their artistic talent. Again, I would encourage any educator, parent and/or student to take advantage of attending the NIEA conference.

The end of October I traveled to Dallas, TX with our Executive Director, Leslie Jerden, and our Director of Accounting, Kendall Reith, to visit with Teton at their warehouse. The organization of the warehouse was impressive with their packaging and shipping procedures. This gave us the opportunity to check out the inventory and their product first hand. If you haven't stopped by the

Lenape Reserve then I suggest you take the time to swing by or go online at [lenapereserve.com](http://lenapereserve.com).

November brought Food Handlers Training which impressed me with the number of employees who decided to participate. A big thank you to those employees for stepping up! Every now and then our kitchen may be shorthanded (or just needs the extra help) serving major events, such as Thanksgiving dinner. It seemed the elders enjoyed being served a sit-down lunch and the employees had fun assisting. Wanishi, Trudy Kerby, for giving us a chance to serve our elders.

Several employees took part in the Christmas parade not only in Bartlesville but also in Caney, KS. It was so much fun representing and tossing candy to everyone. Since our domestic violence group has relocated to Caney it was important to make an appearance in the community. A big thank you to everyone who made this happen.

In closing, I would like to thank all of our employees who make it possible for this tribe to run day to day and who have been here to assist our tribal members. To all of the volunteers who stepped up and gave your time to support the tribe because your heart felt the need to do so. Without all of you, we couldn't make this tribe what it is today. So as we enter 2023 let's work together to make this tribe flourish not just for us but our future generations!

Wanishi ■

## Stories of Our Past—The Remarkable History of the Delaware Tribe of Indians

*Anita Mathis, Librarian & Archives Director*

**H**ere in the Archives we have many wonderful pictures, documents, and objects of our ancestors from the past to the present. In this article I have taken an old way to battle the flu. Some articles are our old ways, some funny, and some are something to think about. Hope you enjoy. Please come check out what all we have to offer to our tribal members, and please donate any pictures, documents, or stories you would like added to our archives for our future generations. Wanishi ■

### Indian Pioneer History

#### An Interview with Charles Secondine Full- blood Delaware, Alva, Okla.

Alfred Hicks: Interviewer  
July 30, 1927

#### TREATMENT of Grippe by EARLY DAY DELAWARE INDIANS

**I**n the fall of the year my parents would send us boys out to gather pine knots. They put these pine knots in a homemade oven, made out of rocks and put together with mud. This oven would be out in the yard. They would melt the turpentine out of the pine knots, and put it away in a bottle for winter use for the grippe. They would heat this tur-

pentine and rub the body all over good and hard, and go to bed and in 24 hours the sick person would be well. The grippe was what the doctors call flu now. Every time now when one of our family got the flu, all I do is rub them well with hot turpentine and put them to bed and in every case they are up and well within 24 hours ■

## Tribal Member Alexandra Nicole Newton Graduates from Nursing Program

**A**lexandra Nicole Newton, a member of the Delaware Tribe, will be graduating from Seminole State College School of Nursing on December 8, 2022. A very competitive and intense program, Alexandra has excelled academically and was elected Class President of her graduating class.

Congratulations to this very deserving individual. ■





## 2022 Annual General Council Meeting Held November 12th

*Celeste Amadon*

### Amidst other routine business, Chief KillsCrow gave an overview of “The State of The Tribe Address”

*Note: The Chair of the Trust Board was unable to attend but will provide a State of the Trust address for posting to the Tribal website.*

**Preamble:** The doors of Forsythe Hall opened early to allow attending members time to visit the Tribal departments’ exhibits and collect informational flyers, applications for services, and meet department staff who were there to explain what the departments offer. Before the meeting began, Title VI provided a lovely lunch and there was ample opportunity for discussion and fellowship. The meeting officially began with Chief KillsCrow’s introduction of The Lenape Color Guard (Kenny Brown, Dave Inda, Tom Scott, and Homer Scott) for the Posting of the Flags while the audience stood. When the Color Guard reached the front of the stage, Cultural Education Director Jeremy Johnson sang. Councilman Joe Brooks led those attending in prayer.

**Announcements:** The official business of the meeting commenced with the official crowning of the 2022-2023 Delaware Tribe of Indians Princess Lauren Jeffers by the Tribe’s outgoing 2021-2022 Princess Morgan Messimore and the Princess Committee. Chief Killscrow commended Messimore for her service to the Tribe during her term as Princess. He then recognized the two departing council members, Secretary Nicky Kay Michael and Councilwoman Quay Hosey. Quay, in attendance, was presented with a gift for her service. After swearing in the Tribe’s newly-elected Council Members (Tonya Anna, Bonnie Jo Griffith, and Bruce Martin), Chief KillsCrow formally introduced the 2022-

2023 Council to the tribal membership. The audience applauded the newly constituted council. **Note:** the meeting was technically a town hall as the General Council requires a quorum of 100 Tribal members to conduct business and only 63 were in attendance.

**State of the Tribe Address:** Chief KillsCrow recognized several key employees: Executive Director of Tribal Operations Leslie Jerden; Financial Controller Kendall Reith; and Cultural Education Director Jeremy Johnson. He covered the progress the Tribe has made, largely using federal funds received to address COVID challenges. Chief KillsCrow reviewed the improvements made to the Tribe’s infrastructure including long-deferred maintenance of the Community Services building as well as improved signage, keyless entry and security, and software updates needed to manage enrollment. Funds were made available to tribal members for COVID medical assistance, vocational training, down payments for home buyers, heating and cooling assistance, and mental health counseling services. The Tribe increased cultural classes and revamped the Tribal Gift Shop to become the Lenape Reserve ([lenapereserve.com](http://lenapereserve.com)). Chief KillsCrow explained with emotion that the Tribe also negotiated the repatriation of remains of our ancestors from museums over the last year. Lastly, he reviewed the Tribe’s three significant purchases: ranch land that is now home to nearly 100 head

of cattle, the Delaware Powwow Grounds, and the company Teton Trade Cloth by Lenape (formerly known as Teton Trade Cloth). Chief KillsCrow spoke to the Tribe’s aspirations for each acquisition and acknowledged the collaboration and teamwork of the Council in completing them. Chief KillsCrow recognized the Trust Board members in attendance: Benita Shea, Bonita McGrew, and Bobby Jeffers.

**Council Member Comments:** Rusty Creed Brown spoke about how much he enjoyed seeing the participation at the meeting, and the effort the Council had put into making sure that programs that the Tribe started with ARPA funding would be sustainable for future generations. He reported that the Food Pantry is now serving more than 350 Tribal families.

Bruce Martin and Bonnie Jo Griffith expressed their enthusi-

asm for serving on this Council and urged tribal members to feel free to contact them with any questions, ideas, and concerns. Tonya Anna was glad to see so many members in attendance and asked how many members were from out of town (a gratifying number raised their hands). She had arranged for the Lenape Reserve to be open for the visitors. She recognized Executive Assistant Dana Murrell and the work she does for the Tribe. She also thanked everyone who voted and made it clear that she too is available for consultation. Joe Brooks thanked everyone. He has been serving the Delaware Tribe since 1978 and these will be his last two years of service given his age and health and the wishes of his family. Homer Scott congratulated the new council members and the members for attending and for bringing their opinions to the council for discussion. He mentioned his support for economic development as a priority for the Delaware people.

**Open Comments:** Among multiple comments and questions by tribal members, Tom Scott was recognized and provided an update on the progress at the Delaware Tribe Ranch. The ranch is currently limited to approximately 90 head of cattle

due to hay supplies and drought. Nevertheless, the business is proceeding well and construction is well underway. He outlined possible uses and new lines of business and mentioned that a Ranch Open House will be scheduled soon.

**Wrap Up:** Tonya Anna recognized the Delaware Tribe’s employees. In Official Business, last year’s town hall minutes were approved. Chief KillsCrow thanked everyone in attendance and officially concluded the town hall.

*Thank you to everyone who makes it possible to put on the General Council meeting.* There is a lot of work involved behind the scenes and all tribal employees are involved in preparing for this important day. Please remember the applications for services offered through programs which will only be available until the finite funding for them is depleted. Tribal departments are eager to assist tribal members and discuss program details and how to apply for benefits. Please see our website for individual staff contacts and reach out directly to the main headquarters at (918) 337-6590. ■



(Left) Department Directors, Chief Brad KillsCrow, and Executive Director of Tribal Operations Leslie Jerden had an excellent time meeting with tribal members at General Council.

## From the Desk of the Executive Director of Tribal Operations

*Leslie Jerden, Executive Director of Tribal Operations*

Each week for the last year I've been meeting with Department Directors as a group for "Leadership Team Meetings." It provides an opportunity for us to come together and communicate face-to-face. We share Tribal objectives; updates on programs, events, and needs we can cross manage; and ways we can focus on our growth. For me, it's a time and place to build trust. Trust is a human emotion and is not easily given.

Managers are good at being in charge. Assigning work tasks, identifying areas of weakness, being responsible and reliable. We need leaders. Time is well spent on the pursuit of becoming strong in leadership. Reliability doesn't make a good leader, it just means you're reliable. Assigning tasks and identifying the gaps doesn't make a good leader, it means you're good at managing from the top down. You're too far up to know what works on the ground. We began the year defining the difference.

Leadership on the level we needed to build is quite literally a tribal level of trust. Going back to ancestral village ways, everyone had skillsets that brought value to the tribe. The individual honed what they were best at in order to strengthen their contributions. An individual member was not meant to be the most valuable or the best at everything. Each member coming together and using their best skills made the tribe strong. They could survive because of this understanding: to be the best at your own something, and not all things.

We then focused on the Why. This is the What, How, and Why business model and it works brilliantly when flipped on its head. We broke it down like this: When someone asks what you do for work, how would you explain it? Most answers went like this: I work for the Delaware Tribe and I'm the Operations Manager. I support department directors to help them in their roles and I report up to the council.

Then I asked, "Why do you do that work?" Most answers went like this: "I am a tribal member and I want to see my tribe succeed. It's important to me."

Now I said, "Flip that response and start with the why. Tell me why you do what you do. Then tell me how, and finally tell me what." That answer looks like this: "I work for the Delaware Tribe of Indians because it's a part of who I am. I'm a member and the Tribe's success is important to me. I help by supporting department directors and communicating with council. I am the Operations Manager."

Powerful, right? It's highlighting the reason you have a piece of yourself in the model. It's helping people and yourself trust and believe you're in the right place.

Tribal mentality in leadership is no easy task to ful-

fill in modern society. Today we compete within our own circles of people. We focus on another's weaknesses and highlight it. We let a scarcity mindset best us and we beat others away from the Leadership table. We are looking for importance and we are trying to prove value in ourselves. We have done this so well that we have people afraid to contribute, because they are more afraid of being torn down.

In the modern day workplace the effects are employees who lay low, trying not to draw attention to themselves. It becomes harder to retain or attract people who want to work within the organization. It's an attitude of just doing enough to get through the day. It's an unfulfilling and unremarkable "job," to get the bills paid.

Getting back to a Tribal level of trust looks like helping those beside us recognize what we are good at. Private conversations and public affirmations are all symbols we can give that essentially say "I see you, You matter to me." It's playing the long game by spending time on what can be done better, but spending the most time on using the resources we already have to be our best right now.

People need to have trust to build their tribes. We have to make it safe to try new things, to fail and find support in getting back up, and to succeed. When people believe that we have their backs in their growth they are not afraid to say what they don't know, what they do, and what they really think; they will not be afraid to move mountains in the pursuit of the betterment of the tribe. That's the power of trust.

Growth is hard and we've had a lot of it over the last year. We have covered many more topics and we've learned to plan, be proactive, ready to be reactive with the back-up plan and most importantly communicate effectively. We are not perfect, but we are strides ahead from where we started. Growth is always a long game.

At the end of this year we still practice reciting our why. What these meetings have helped us define is the "why" for the Delaware Tribe of Indians has one common thread for each one of us amongst all the various departments. We are all here now as leaders to fight the inequities that exist amongst our community. We strive to even the playing field for our people. We will use our individual strengths in service and we will rally together with all of those strengths to support our Tribe as one.

We found our trust. We know we belong at the table. We also understand that the table is long, and there is room for others. Together we move mountains. ■

## Lenape Early Learning Center Earns 5-Star Status

*Gina Berry, Assistant Director  
Lenape Early Learning Center*

The Stars program is the name of Oklahoma's Quality Rating and Improvement System (QRIS) for all early care and education programs that are shaping the lives of children and the future of our state. Goals are for every provider to Reach for the Stars, grow professionally and be recognized for their accomplishments, for parents and the public to recognize and value quality practices, and for all of Oklahoma's children to benefit from the highest quality early childhood experiences.

The criteria used in QRIS are developed from research and what is universally considered quality care. Oklahoma's QRIS is designed to help providers improve the care and education they provide for children, raise the professional development level of early care and education teachers, and increase parents' awareness of the importance of positive practices in early care settings.

All programs who are on permit or license are automatically designated as a One-Star program. In order for programs to be approved for a higher Star level, they must meet all criteria listed in the requested Star level as well as all lower levels. In early November, LELC was notified that

they had been awarded a 5-Star rating—this is the highest rating a child care center can obtain in Oklahoma and it speaks to the quality of care and services provided by LELC.

The positive effects of high-quality early childhood programs on specific, short- and long-term outcomes for children, families, and communities, have been quantified by numerous research studies. Children enrolled in high-quality early learning programs are less likely to need special education services during their K-12 years; are less likely to commit juvenile offenses; and more likely to graduate from high school. In the long term, those participating children are more likely to be employed and less likely to be dependent on government assistance. The positive effects are larger, and more likely to be sustained, when programs are high quality. In addition, the impact is greatest for children from low-income families. High-quality early learning programs, like LELC, staffed by warm and responsive adults can help mitigate these effects, offering a safe and predictable learning environment that fosters children's development. ■





## Building Right Relationships With American Indian Peoples

*Tink Tinker and Loring Abeyta, Denver CO, July 2022*

*PREFACE by Curtis Zunigha (enrolled member of Delaware Tribe, Bartlesville, OK)*

In late 2021 I was approached by my long-time friend and colleague, Dr. George “Tink” Tinker (Osage), about bringing a small group of elders into a conversation with the President and Board of Trustees of Iliff School of Theology in Denver, Co. In late April 2022 the following individuals met with Dr. Tom Wolfe and the Iliff Trustees: Curtis Zunigha (Delaware Tribe), Connie Fall Leaf (Delaware Tribe), Pat Noah (Eelunaapeewi Lahkeewit – Delaware, Canada), Gregory Miller (Stockbridge-Munsee), plus Wes Martel (Shoshone/Arapaho) Steve Newcomb (Shawnee/Lenape) and Robert Cross (Lakota).

One year after its establishment as a distinctively liberal and progressive Methodist theological school in the Rocky Mountain region, board members of the University of Denver, which then housed the Iliff School of Theology, accepted a gift to Iliff from Methodist minister R.M. Barns that would embed itself into the school’s identity in ways unforeseen by those who accepted the

gift on September 26, 1893. This gift, which was described in a 1934 *Rocky Mountain News* article as “priceless vestment for the teachings of brotherly love” and in a 2015 published history as a “gruesome trophy,” is today at the center of Iliff’s re-envisioning of its mission and the institution’s commitment to social justice.

For more than eighty years, Iliff had maintained a perversely proud display of this 1893 gift, an old book of christian history horrifically bound in the tanned skin of an American Indian murder victim. Under the incisive leadership of President Tom Wolfe, along with American Indian emeritus professor Tink Tinker, Iliff has now agreed to a radical course of action to rectify what had been made so egregiously wrong.

Back in its second year of existence, Iliff had accepted this macabre gift, a trophy of the eurochristian conquest of American Indian Peoples. Two Lenape men had been murdered by a White squatter farmer for the crime of walking across what he consid-

ered his own property. His squatter colleagues then skinned both victims and turned their tanned skin into knickknacks, including the cover of this book. Iliff kept its grisly treasure on public display for 81 years in the entrance of its library until challenged by several Iliff students and the American Indian Movement (AIM) in 1974. To diffuse the controversy, Iliff secretly severed the cover from the book and surrendered the human remains to AIM and then hid the remainder of the book in the bowels of Taylor Library, constraining all participants to a non-disclosure agreement. The questions that long survived this incident were 1) why maintain the secrecy of Iliff’s reprehensible behavior, and 2) what should be done with the remainder of the book? Early in his tenure as president, President Wolfe decided that the narrative of the book’s history should become a teaching moment for both Iliff and the rest of the world. What Iliff once displayed with perverse pride, and then hid away with equally abject shame, Iliff now intends to use transparently as a teaching tool and as an occasion for reshaping its whole theological presence in the world. And they intend it as a moment for building right relationships with American Indian Peoples, particularly with the Lenape.

To help Iliff sort out its course of action, Iliff invited a delegation of Lenape elders to consult with Iliff in April 2022 and negotiate a path towards making right what had been so awfully wrong. Professor Tinker, with the blessings of President Wolfe, had already broken the non-disclosure agreement by publishing two articles about the book and its history. For his part, President Wolfe had pledged a future of transparency regarding this history.

This conference was the fourth in a series of events planned by President Wolfe and Professor Tinker intended to address this

ongoing concern about the book. In 2018 Iliff’s Native American Justice Council hosted the initial conference on the so-called 1493 “doctrine of discovery, or as scholar Steven Newcomb prefers to call it, the doctrine of christian discovery and domination. This doctrine of discover was a legal document enacted by a catholic pope summarily giving the Americas, Indian Country, to Spain.

In March 2019, Iliff hosted an all-day conference focused exclusively on the Iliff book inviting a panel of local American Indian community speakers to address the school audience: “Redskin, Tanned Hide: A Book of Christian History Bound in the Flayed Skin of an American Indian, a Native Forum.” It was during this conference that the seed was planted for calling in a delegation of Lenape elders to consult with Iliff, since by then it was clear that the murder victims in 1779 were Lenape men. That October in honor of Professor Tinker’s retirement, Iliff invited five important Indigenous scholars to deliver key addresses in another day-long conference, titled: “Erasing American Indian Genocide: Romanticizing the American Past.” Professor Tinker’s opening remarks directed the audience’s attention once again to the genocidal impact of the now infamous Iliff book: “How an Indian’s Tanned Hide Exposes the American Myth.”

Then after a pandemic respite of two years, Iliff did finally engage this Lenape delegation. By the end of our April 2022 conference, this delegation of Lenape elders committed themselves to an ongoing relationship with Iliff and Iliff with the Lenape, and Iliff is currently making plans to reassemble with the elders in the near future. For this conference five Lenape elders from the U.S. and Canadian Lenape communities traveled to Iliff to spend three spring days in intense conversation with the school.

The elders were clear that Iliff

needs to engage in ongoing demonstrable and consequential action to begin to build right relationships with the Lenape People and American Indians generally. On the second day the Lenape elders presented Iliff with the explicit list of necessary steps, quoted below. These will require Iliff’s close attention and dedicated effort enduring beyond any one school administration or president. Moreover, they will require persistent, long-term funding that will significantly re-shape Iliff’s relationship with Native peoples of this Land.

Here is what the Lenape elders said to Iliff:

As the Delegation of Lenape Elders, we are calling on the Iliff School of Theology to develop funds and resources to accomplish the following:

- Commit to maintaining a permanent relationship with Lenape Elders
- Create an Endowed Professorship with a Job Description by Lenape Elders. The expectation is that the professorship would always be filled by an American Indian activist scholar
- Add a required curriculum course to educate all Iliff theology students in a clear understanding of the Papal Bulls and the Doctrine of Discovery and Domination
- Create a Memorial and/or Traveling Display, also available on the Internet, featuring passages of the book with audio recordings read by Iliff theology students
- An Interpretive Center to educate Indians and non-Indians the truths of American history as it pertains to the Indigenous nations and people of Turtle Island
- At such time as it is requested by the Lenape, the Elders will take possession of the book.

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Iliff's current senior leadership swiftly responded with overwhelming affirmation of the Lenape requests. Both the members of the Board of Trustees in attendance and President Wolfe voiced their unconditional agreement. President Wolfe used these words about maintaining a permanent relationship with the Lenape elders:

I too [like the Trustees] think it would be an honor, but Iliff has already been in a destructive relationship with the Lenape people because of the book. We can't use the word 'reconciliation' because there's been no conciliation. I recommend something new, but something with the entire past in mind. I recommend a new and renewed relationship with Lenape people.

263 years ago, the murder of two Lenape men was one incident among a multitude of such violent actions as the juggernaut of eurochristian conquest plowed its way across the continent. These murders of the Lenape escalated the attempted elimination of Native peoples from the continent and

fractured indigenous nations and communities. The literal separation of skin from one of the Lenape victims, all in the service of glorifying the history of christianity, was emblematic of all the separations that Native peoples experienced during domination and conquest, colonization, extermination, removal, and assimilation at the hands of eurochristian invaders. By the time this book on the history of christianity, bound in the skin of the murdered Lenape man, reached the hands of Iliff's board of trustees in 1893, the genocidal damage to Native peoples was extreme. And yet, Native nations, communities, and peoples have survived. Among them are the Lenape elders who are from the same Lenape nation as the man whose skin covered the book that Iliff still houses in its archives. Those Lenape came to Iliff in April 2022 to hold Iliff accountable and find a way forward together with the Iliff community.

Iliff stands at a crossroads where its next steps in relation to this book could speak clearly, loudly, and persuasively to the rest of the world about how to rectify the

harms of generations of eurochristian conquest on this continent. So Iliff begins a new journey to establish a very different relationship with Indian Peoples and with the Lenape in particular. For some decades many Indian people would refuse to enter Iliff because of this egregious book and its history. But that history is part and parcel of the history of this country. Now Iliff is proactively committed to changing that historical memory. And as we have said consistently, healing for Iliff is a process in which all of us help to ensure that Iliff will never forget its role in this gruesome history. We call on the whole of the Iliff constituency to stand with Iliff in this historic endeavor. This will necessarily command our intention for years to come.

### POST-SCRIPT

Rocky Mountain Public Television recorded the Convening of Elders in April and produced a documentary video of the event. Click on this link to see the video on YouTube.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b3XCTu\\_o4g8](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b3XCTu_o4g8) ■



(Left) Tribal History Museum opening on October 21. On the curation team putting it all together were (L-R) Charles Taylor, Design & Fabrication; Jim Rementer, Lenape Talking Dictionary; Curtis Zunigha, Historic Research & Project Director; Michael Boyce, Graphic Design. Not pictured is Anita Mathis, Tribal Archivist & Librarian. The museum traces the history of the Indigenous Lenape before European contact and their forced removal as Delaware Indians to Oklahoma. Exhibit cases with centuries-old artifacts and wall text panels inform visitors in both English and Lenape languages.

### To Contact Us

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Bartlesville, OK 74006  
(918) 337-6590

#### Office Hours:

8:00 A.M.–5:00 P.M. M-F

#### Caney Office:

601 High Street  
Caney, KS 67333  
(620) 879-2189

#### Tribal Web Site:

[www.delawaretribe.org](http://www.delawaretribe.org)

#### General Email:

[tribe@delawaretribe.org](mailto:tribe@delawaretribe.org)





LENAPE JANUARY 2023 WORDS					
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1017 Wimo young man	1018 Wimo man	1019 kiyachim middle aged man	1020 kiyachim old man	1021 giashchih very old man	1022 chashim elderly man
1023 giashchahim little girl	1024 kiyachim girl	1025 kiyachim young woman	1026 kiyachim woman	1027 kiyachim middle aged woman	1028 kiyachim old woman
1029 kiyachim I am cold	1030 kiyachim are you cold?	1031 kiyachim he is cold	1032 kiyachim it is snowing	1033 kiyachim run snow or ice on the ground	1034 kiyachim it is snowing hard
1035 kiyachim it is icy or slippery	1036 kiyachim I guess he is cold	1037 kiyachim he shivers from cold	Erikwi Kishux Ground Squirrel Month		compiled by Zoe Rasmussen

## Tribal Elders Take the Lead in Restoring Turtle Memorial

*Celeste Amadon*

If you've enjoyed the newly-restored turtle feature on the tribal campus, you can thank a pair of unsung heroes among your tribal elders. In one of countless instances of our elders having a positive impact on our community, Beverly Chafin and Connie Falleaf recently put their heads together and rolled up their sleeves to make our community a more enjoyable place for all of us. Connie explained that her good friend and neighbor Beverly was the instigator for the beautification project. Beverly frequently walks the quarter mile around the pond near the Tribe's elder housing at Barbara Avenue, and took notice of an overgrown landscaping feature nearby. The once-impressive feature looked like it had been meant to evoke a turtle, but she needed a second opinion. She asked Connie to drive down in her golf cart and see what she thought. Connie agreed with Beverly that it resembled a turtle. Connie conferred with Tribal Manager Leslie Jerden, who recalled the details of the 10' x 13' feature. It was originally a memorial created years ago by Mark Falleaf for his daughter Chelsea Marie Falleaf after her tragic death in an automobile accident when she was only 26 years old. Beverly felt that it was important to restore this memorial given its original purpose. To be sure that proper respect was shown, she found a tribal member who knew Mark and contacted him so that he could approve the revitalization plan. Beverly and Connie then decided to take it upon themselves as Delaware tribal elders to take charge of restoring the memorial. Connie had considerable experience in such projects; landscaping is a passion! She was up for measuring and creating a pattern so that the patio blocks around the earthen mound at center of the memorial could be restored. Jerden was immediately supportive of the endeavor and arranged for the Tribe to cover expenses. Beverly and Connie wanted to make sure that they were good stewards of nature in this endeavor — consistent with Delaware tribal values — so they collaborated with the Tribe's Environmental Director Denny Fisher, who researched EPA restrictions and recommendations to ensure that any

weed killers and products used would not endanger the Canadian geese or other wildlife that inhabit or seasonally visit the nearby pond. After ten years of neglect, the roots to the overgrown weeds were so deep that digging them out required considerable effort, as did hauling in and placing the heavy new pavers and bags of pea gravel. The elders expressed great appreciation for the significant hard physical labor that Fisher and his teenage boys put in to see their vision realized. The result is a spiffy new turtle to commemorate a lost loved one and for every visitor to enjoy. Beverly suggested that perhaps the Tribe should consider adding a turkey and a wolf to accompany the newly-restored turtle as homage to all three principal clans of the Delaware Tribe! ■



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We invite contributions, but reserve the right to limit printing based upon available space. The deadline for articles, letters, ads and calendar of events is March 15, 2023 for the April 2023 issue. Submissions may be mailed, faxed or hand delivered to the tribal office or emailed to [din@delawaretribe.org](mailto:din@delawaretribe.org). Paid advertisements are available; for rates, please contact the editor.

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## Meat Gravy Recipe

### *Zechariah Rice*

**Yield:** 6 Servings

**Prep time:** 10 Minutes

**Total time:** 1 Hour 45 Minutes

### Ingredients:

3 tablespoons unsalted butter  
1 yellow onion, chopped  
3 pounds cubed beef chuck or stew meat  
14 ounces beef broth  
14 ounces French onion soup, condensed  
1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce  
Salt & pepper to taste

### To thicken gravy:

6 tablespoons cornstarch  
2/3 cup water

### Directions:

- In a large pot or Dutch oven, heat 1 tablespoon butter over medium-high heat. Season beef with salt and pepper and brown in small batches. Remove beef and set aside.
- Turn heat down to medium, add remaining butter and onion. Cook until softened and translucent, about 6 minutes.
- Add beef, broth, soup, Worcestershire sauce to the pot. Bring to a boil, cover and reduce heat to simmer 1 to 1 ½ hours or until beef is fork tender.
- To thicken gravy, combine cornstarch with water. Pour into the beef a little at a time while stirring until desired consistency is reached.

- Further season with salt and pepper to taste. Serve over mashed potatoes, rice, egg noodles, or with a piece of frybread.

### Healthier Alternative

Use lamb meat instead of beef and replace beef broth with chicken or vegetable broth to not take away from taste of lamb. ■





## Community Services Programs

If you have questions, please contact the Tribal Office at (918) 337-6590.

Community Service Applications for the following programs are being accepted, while funding is available. Applicants must be an enrolled tribal member of the Delaware Tribe of Indians. Tribal members are only allowed to apply for two applications per calendar year. Applications are considered on a case-by-case basis by the Community Services Committee.

**Burial Program:** Assistance up to \$750.00 for the burial assistance for Delaware Tribal members. The family may apply for the funds to be used for expenses that are most beneficial to the family (i.e., funeral services, family meals, wake, grave markers, etc.) Documentation required to establish membership and proof of death. Application must be submitted within one year from date of death.

**Elder Prescriptions:** Prescription medication assistance to Delaware Elders age 60 and over for Pharmacy and related

costs. Elders may receive assistance up to \$75.00 per month. Funds may be disbursed to vendors or reimburse applicants with proper documents and receipts.

**Medical Assistance:** Assistance up to \$300 for medical bills, including but not limited to out of pocket medical expenses, medical equipment (purchase or rental), Home health care, pharmacy, etc. Payment for services will be made to provider or Tribal member if paid receipts are included with other required documentation.

**Emergency Assistance or Emergency Travel Assistance:** Provides emergency assistance

up to \$400 or emergency travel assistance up to \$200. Funds are to be used for emergency situations as requested by Tribal member. Applicants must utilize other community resources if available.

**Rental or Mortgage Assistance:** Assistance up to \$400.00. Eviction notice and/or other documentation must be submitted with the application. Tribal member's name must be on the rental lease contract or mortgage bill.

**Dental Assistance:** Assistance up to \$300.00. Provides assistance for dental services including tooth repair, fillings, dentures

or emergency services. Routine dental exams and cleanings are not covered.

**Optical Assistance:** Assistance up to \$200 for optical services to Delaware Tribal Members. Funds may be used for services, including glasses, exams or related. ■



## Donations for Education Scholarships and to the Tribe Gratefully Accepted

We invite tribal members and others to contribute to a special fund for educational scholarships as well as donations to the Tribe's various programs.

For Educational or scholarship donations make your check payable to the Delaware Tribe Trust Board on the memo line write education assistance or scholarship fund

For general donations, other than education, please make your check payable to the Delaware Tribe of Indians. Examples for the memo line could be Food Pantry; Lenape Early Learning Center; Title VI or just specify general donation. Donors are recognized at five levels:

Brass Level	up to \$100
Silver Level	\$100-500
Gold Level	\$500-1,000
Wampum Level	\$1,000-5,000
Wampum Belt Level	above \$5,000



Send donations to:

**Delaware Tribe of Indians**  
**ATTN: Trust Board Education Committee (For education donations)**  
**OR**  
**ATTN: Donations (For all other donations)**  
**5100 Tuxedo Blvd**  
**Bartlesville, OK 74006-2746**

## From the Enrollment Department

*Emily Brown, Enrollment Director*

In our efforts to maintain accurate records, the Enrollment Department is requesting that you email Emily with your update information requests at [enrollment@delawaretribe.org](mailto:enrollment@delawaretribe.org). You can also find the member update information form on our website at <https://delawaretribe.org/home-page/enrollment/>. ■

## Education Committee Assistance/Programs

**Take advantage of these programs; they are here for you! If you have any questions, please contact the Tribal Office at (918) 337-6590.**

**Trust Fund Higher Education School Scholarship:** Delaware Tribal members attending college, for a degree, are eligible to apply. Currently, full-time students may apply for \$400 per semester for up to eight semesters and part-time students may apply for \$200 per semester up to 16 semesters. Semesters do not have to be consecutive. Applicants must submit all required documentation, including official transcripts and enrollment verification from the college or university. Students must maintain a 2.7 GPA (grade point average) in the last semester attended (high school, college, etc.). Award is made directly to student to insure that it does not interfere with their financial aid package from the institution. Scholarships will not be awarded for the summer semester. Scholarships are subject to funding availability. Please mail or hand in your completed applications to the tribal offices at 5100 Tuxedo Blvd., Bartlesville, OK 74006

Fall scholarship applications will be accepted from **June 1 through July 31**, Spring from **December 1 through February 15**.

**Vo-Tech Assistance:** This assistance may be used to help defray the cost of short-term vocational training up to \$200 per fiscal year. This assistance is **limited to vocational school students** who wish to upgrade or learn a new skill.


**Driver's Education:** This assistance may be used to help defray the cost of attending Driver's Education classes through an accredited training facility for up to \$200.

**Extra-Curricular Activity:** This assistance is for students involved in school sponsored extra-curricular programs (for items required but not provided by the school). Students may be reimbursed up to \$100.

**Education Assistance:** This assistance is for a \$50 gift card for students Pre-K thru 5th and 6th thru 12th to assist with items required for classes but not provided by the school i.e. school supplies, graduation expenses, etc. Gift cards are available on a first-come first-served basis while supplies last.

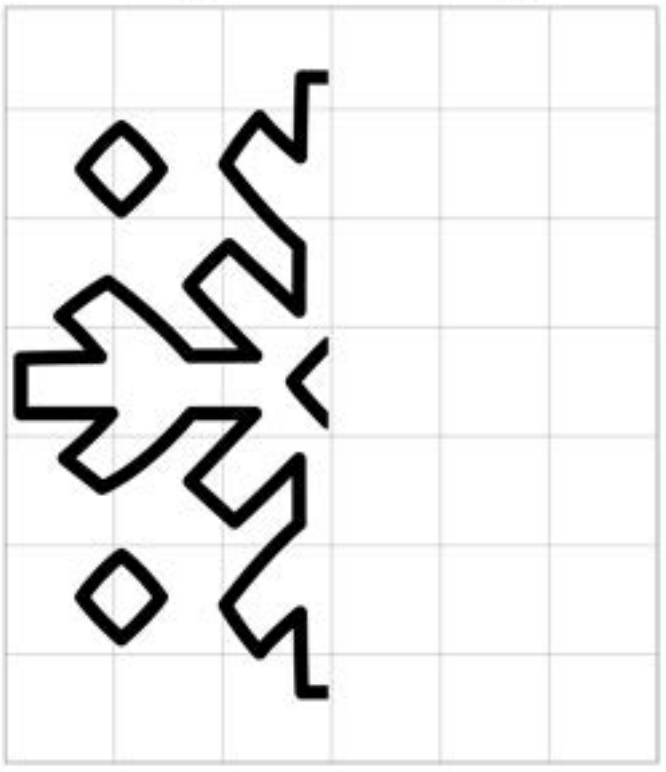
You can download the applications directly from our web site [www.delawaretribe.org](http://www.delawaretribe.org). Just go the Services/Programs tab, and then scroll down to Educational Assistance. ■

Lenape Youth Fun Page



### WINTER SYMMETRY

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## Lenape Talk by Korbyt, for Delaware Tribal Members and Employees

*Dana Murrell*

A little over 300 users (enrolled Delaware and tribal employees) have filled out the Google form to sign up for the Delaware Tribe’s Digital App.

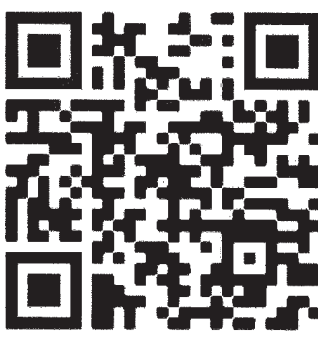
The app is set up for direct communication with @ mention with any other tribal member who is signed up. Also our entire staff, from marketing to the Chief’s assistant, is signed up and active on the app to help provide a better experience for each of you. Post away when you find, think of, or discover something relevant to the many categories or an upcoming gathering to post in general for everyone.

The “Resources” button links to information available on our website or to things like the latest edition of the Delaware Indian News. We are open to suggestions of additional resources that we can provide our tribal members. This is your app. What do you want us to make available to you?

The new year brings new additions to the Lenape Talk posting lineup. Besides continuing our weekly posts, we are discussing offering recordings of the various meeting on the app for Delaware tribal members to view. These would not be livestreams, but rather an on-demand archive after the meetings have adjourned. The recordings would be published in this private platform setting and if successful, making Lenape Talk the exclusive meeting viewing platform may be in future discussions.

Scan the QR code now or email the team and tell us you need to sign up. We will help you from there.

The Lenape Talk team can be reached by emailing [lenapetalk@delawaretribe.org](mailto:lenapetalk@delawaretribe.org)  
Wanishi ■





Delaware Tribal Court, 601 High St., Caney, KS

As a tribal member you have the option to use our tribal court system. Charles Tripp is our Chief Justice, along with appellate judges Rick Barnes, Cameron Fraser, Beverly Chafin, and Trial Judge Troy LittleAxe Jr. The Uniform Fee Schedule for Tribal Court Services is shown below. To access more information pertaining to our tribal court go to <https://delawaretribe.org/tribal-government/tribal-court/>. ■

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## Uniform Fee Schedule

### Trial Court

FILING FEE FOR ANY COMPLANT, PETITION OR OTHER	\$55.00
ORIGINAL ACTION IN TRIAL COURT	
ANY PROCEEDING TO MODIFY, VACATE OR CONTEMPT	\$35.00
CITATION AFTER JUDGMENT IS FINAL	
BENCH WARRANTS OR OTHER PROCESS	\$35.00
ANY APPEALS TO TRIAL COURT	\$100.00

### Service of Process

BY PUBLICATION	\$50.00 (deposit)
BY CERTIFIED MAIL	\$ 8.00

### Miscellaneous

REQUEST FOR JURY TRIAL	\$1,000.00 (deposit)
ISSUING SUBPOENA	\$12.00 (each)
MAILING	\$4.50 (any type)
NOTARY PUBLIC FEE	\$3.00 (per document)

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Number/Type of Copy	Fee
1-25 Paper	No Charge
1-100 Electronic	No Charge
26+ Paper	\$.25 per page for size 8-1/2"x 14"and smaller
101+ Electronic	\$.25 per page for size 8-1/2"x 14"and smaller
Oversized & Special Paper	\$2.00 per page + \$3.00 service fee per page for sizes larger the 8- 1/2"x 14"and for pages requiring special equipment to scan or copy
Certified Copy	\$3.00 per page

**ALL FEES DUE UPON FILING**  
**PAYMENT BY CASHIER’S CHECK, MONEY ORDER OR CASH ONLY**

### Upcoming Events:



Art Market: March 11

Battle of the Breads: March 25

Ranch Open House: April 14

## 2023 Tribal Court Docket Schedule

January 4

February 27

March 14

April 4

May 16

June 13

July 18

August 15

September 6

October 11

November 14

December 12

\*\*Proceedings will begin at 1:30 P.M. on all scheduled dates

\*\*All dates are subject to change due to unforeseen scheduling conflicts

## New Classes and Opportunitites Offered in Cultural Education

*Jeremy Johnson, Cultural Education Director*

These last few months have been busy for the Cultural Education Department.

A family Christmas ornament painting event was held in October where participants painted an ornament to hang on the tribal Christmas tree as well as two others to hang on their trees at home. The class was led by tribal citizen, Billie Jean Sheshey, who then took the ornaments to her workshop and fired them in the kiln. The finished products can be seen displayed on the Christmas tree in the main foyer of the tribal center.



Our Tribal History Museum opened on October 21<sup>st</sup> and is located in the Cultural Education Building at 166 N. Barbara within our tribal complex. The museum houses many unique Lenape artifacts and pieces such as fans, moccasins, figurines, and traditional games. There is even a string of wampum that is over 1000 years old! Come in and see for yourself. The museum is open Monday through Friday from 10 A.M. – 5 P.M. and by appointment. To set an appointment, please contact the Cultural Education Director, Jeremy Johnson, at (918) 337-6541 or at [jeremyjohnson@delawaretribe.org](mailto:jeremyjohnson@delawaretribe.org).



In November, the second Delaware Day Dress class was held with participants who were on the waiting list from the first class. All five participants finished a skirt and an apron and will be returning in January to complete the blouses for their dresses. Be on the lookout for new classes in the spring.

Our next Social Dance Practice will be on January 12<sup>th</sup> at 7 P.M. in the FCS building located at 5110 Tuxedo

Bldv. We have practice every two weeks. Each night we eat together at 7 and then practice singing and dancing directly after. The plans are in the works to hold a dinner and a social dance event in the spring, so now is the time to learn the songs and the dances. If you just want to eat and listen to the songs, come on out. If you want to



learn how to sing the songs, come on out. If you just want to come spend some time with your Lenape community, come on out. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend!

The Cultural Education Department is also looking for teachers to present classes on beading, sewing, leatherwork, jewelry making, moccasin making, fan making, etc. If you have a skill or an idea and want to teach a class, please contact Jeremy Johnson at [jeremyjohnson@delawaretribe.org](mailto:jeremyjohnson@delawaretribe.org).

Lastly, make sure to check the tribal Facebook page for weekly language posts! Past posts have included common greetings, conversational words, months, food items, and mini language lessons with links to our Lenape Talking Dictionary to hear the words and lessons presented.

Lenape culture and language are unique and interesting. I encourage everyone to make the effort to take advantage of the programming provided to help preserve and revitalize our Lenape ways within our community. I look forward to seeing everyone in the coming months at one of our events. Wanishi! ■





## Tyler Griscom Recipient of National Indigenous Recognition Program Award

NEW BRAUNFELS, TEXAS – November 14, 2022. At their November 14 meeting, the New Braunfels ISD School Board recognized students from New Braunfels High School who received awards from the College Board’s recognition programs. Tyler Griscom, a tribal member, was the lone recipient in NBISD of the award in the National Indigenous Recognition Program.

The College Board has four recognition programs – National African American Recognition Program, National Hispanic Recognition Program, National Indigenous Recognition Program, and National Rural and Small Town Recognition Program. These programs award academic honors to students who score highly on PSAT / NMSQT, PSAT 10, or AP Exams. This is not a scholarship program, but recognition of academic achievement. More information regarding these recognition programs may be found on the College Board’s website: (<https://satsuite.collegeboard.org/psat-nmsqt/scholarships-recognition/programs>) ■

*Tyler Griscom (left) is a recipient of the National Indigenous Recognition Program Award. Several other NBHS students received National Hispanic Recognition Awards at the NBISD School Board meeting on November 14, 2022.*



## An Inside Look at the Elements of the New Logo for Teton Trade Cloth by Lenape

The woman — representation of our matriarchal traditions. Women are highly respected and valued for their vision and guidance. Children born to a Lenape woman determine the Clan the children belong to and carry on.

Her position in the East — Our original homelands are in the NorthEastern woodlands along the Delaware Watershed. The sun rises from East and it’s also where we face in prayer to Creator for ceremony and wisdom.

Her red dot — This is our Traditional women’s paint for dance, celebrations and homecoming.

Her hair piece — worn at the back of the head this traditional hair piece is customary for Lenape women as part of their regalia.

Her hair — the length transcends to the base of the design and waves at the bottom reminiscent of the Delaware River which ran through our homelands

The 3 clans — Delaware Tribal members belong to either the Turtle, Wolf, or Turkey clan. Clans were based on where the clan was in our homelands. You could see that representation in their clothes, tools, and surroundings. ■



## Check Out the Tribal Web Site

Have you visited our Tribe’s web site recently? Additional material that we were unable to include in the DIN can often be found there.

Go to: [www.delawaretribe.org](http://www.delawaretribe.org) ■



## Obituaries

### Jesse Chisholm



**August 24, 1943 –  
October 25, 2022**

**W**ichita - The end of the trail has come for one of Kansas Native Americans and all around cowboys, Jesse Chisholm, best known for his bull riding abilities from small arenas to Madison Square Garden, passed away Tuesday, October 25, 2022. His death ends an era for the direct descendants of the Chisholm Trail. He was born August 24th, 1943 to Calvin Chisholm and Wilma Chisholm Daniel in Claremore, Oklahoma.

Jesse also helped raise monies for markers of the Chisholm Trail by giving speeches. He deeply loved his family and they will miss him greatly.

He was preceded in death by his parents; sisters, Cheryl Howland, and Beverly Murphy; nephew, Kevin Murphy.

Jesse is survived by his daughter, Jacqueline Ann Klepper; grandchildren, Jesse Meairs, Felicia Meairs, Quentin Klepper, Kendra Klepper; great-grandchildren, Cristian, Anjelica, Marcella, Calvin, Jesse, Jacqueline, Wyatt, Zoe, Victoria and Skye; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Celebration of Life: 11 A.M., Mon., November 28, 2022 at Wichita Indian United Methodist Church, 1111 N. Meridian, Wichita, KS 67203.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to Treasured Memories to help with funeral expenses. <https://www.tmcfunding.com/funds/jesse-chisholm-v/7149/> Donate Here: [www.smithfamilymortuaries.com](http://www.smithfamilymortuaries.com) ■



### Harriett Janet Clanton



**September 4, 1931 –  
October 20, 2022**

**J**anet was born September 4, 1931, in Claremore, Oklahoma to Paul Heaps and Gladys (Ketchum) Heaps (Hayes). She grew up on a farm one of ten children and attended school in Alluwe, Oklahoma, graduating with the class of 1950. Janet married her husband of 68 years, Johnnie Clanton, on March 19, 1954, in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Their daughter, Judy (Clanton) Forth was welcomed January 23, 1955. They lived in Tulsa, Bixby, their home on the hill in rural Wann, Oklahoma, and finally, Copan. Janet worked in a variety of places: Rexall Drug in Chelsea, Liberty Glass in Sapulpa, and Coca-Cola in Bartlesville.

Janet was preceded in death by her parents, stepfather Joe Hayes, brothers, Bob Stephens, Jackie Stephens, Jimmy Joe Hayes and John Hayes, sister,

Darlene Inman, six sister-in-laws and six brother-in-laws. She is survived by her husband, Johnnie of Copan; daughter, Judy Forth and husband Rick of Copan; granddaughter, Shannon Perrier and husband Keven of Bartlesville; grandson, Travis Forth and wife Katie of Copan; great grandchildren, Hunter Perrier, Jaycie Perrier, Jesse Forth, and Greyston Forth; sisters, Joila Noblitt and husband Roy, Treva Murray and husband David, and Sue Decker; brother, Doyle Hayes and wife Jane; sister-in-laws, Sue Hayes, Marla Hayes, and Jane Todd; brother-in-law, Leon Warren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Janet enjoyed country music, reading books, and hearing about all the things her grandkids were up to. She was always quick to let you know what she thought! She and her spunk will be missed terribly. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to The Journey Home. ■



### Georgia Francis Perkins Keys



**April 22, 1928 –  
October 6, 2022**

**G**eorgia Francis Perkins Keys, beloved mother, aunt, and friend of many others, passed from this life on October 6, 2022, from complications of pneumonia. Georgia was a longtime resident of Vinita, Oklahoma. She

was a member of the Delaware Tribe, and was the daughter of Maggie Anderson and Nathan Perkins of Sand Springs, Oklahoma. She was united in marriage to Clun Keys in 1947, and is survived by her daughter Jane Ann Keys. Georgia was very proud of her Delaware Indian heritage, and was the great-great granddaughter of Delaware Chief Charles Journeycake, and was the great granddaughter of Mary Elizabeth Journeycake. She was educated at the Seneca Indian Boarding School in Wyandotte, Oklahoma, and she graduated from the Chillicothe Indian School near Ponca City, Oklahoma. Chillicothe Indian School was for Native Americans from 1884–1980. The school was to assimilate American Indians into the mainstream of American life. The goal of boarding schools was to remove Native American children from their homelands and traditional ways and integrate them into the western ways of life. The school was “home” to some, and a reformatory and prison to others. It focused on vocational training and the Indian students were required to perform manual and domestic labor.

Georgia was preceded in death by her husband Clun Keys, and her two sisters, Katherine Perkins Worsham, and Marilou Perkins Bennett, and her two infant daughters, Nancy Sue, and Mary Katherine. Internment is with her husband Clun Keys in the Fairview Vinita Cemetery. She had a long and wonderful life and she will be missed by all who knew her and loved her. ■



### Roger DeWayne Miller



**December 19, 1974 –  
August 27, 2022**

Roger DeWayne Miller was born in Claremore, Oklahoma on Thursday, December 19, 1974, to Patti Miller. He passed from this life in Tulsa, Oklahoma on Saturday, August 27, 2022, at the age of 47.

Roger never knew his birth father but when his mother, Patti, married Harold Stephens, Roger, and he clicked. They were into car drag racing at the track. Roger enjoyed many different sports and became both a University of Oklahoma fan as well as the Kansas Chiefs NFL fan. Roger attended Union Public Schools in Tulsa and graduated from Union High School in 1992.

After high school, Roger joined the U.S. Air Force, where he served from 1995–1998. One of the years of his time with the Air Force was spent in Italy. After his time serving his country was complete, he enrolled at Tulsa Community College and became a Respiratory Therapist. His most recent job was at Saint Francis Hospital. He also worked at the Ernest Childers VA Outpatient Clinic in Tulsa.

Roger was a talented artist with drawing being his primary medium. He also enjoyed woodworking, making planters, cabinets, barn doors used to decorate, and many other things. Roger also



## Obituaries (cont.)

loved playing video games. But the two things he loved most were his two sons, even though the time he got to spend with them was limited. He will be missed by all who knew and loved him.

Left to cherish his memory are his mother, Patti, and stepfather, Roy Smith of Broken Arrow; son, Seminole Taylor of Coweta; son, Noah Daniel Miller of Collinsville; former stepfather, Harold Stephens of Inola; cousins: Jason Miller and his wife Kristin of Utah; Winterhawk of Claremore; Tonya Holt and her husband, Andy of North Carolina; Steven, Rachel, and Wayne of Tulsa; uncles: Loyd Miller of Broken Arrow; Glenn Miller of Tulsa; Fr. David Miller of North Carolina; Steven Miller of Tulsa

He was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents: Loyd and Bertha Miller ■

### Elder Interview with Kenny Brown

*Quay Hosey*

On November 9th, my grandfather, Kenny Brown was a recipient at the 14th annual AARP Oklahoma Native American Elder Honors. After graduating from high school, Kenny entered the U.S. Army. He served for six years in the Army 1st Battalion, 66th Armor, 2nd Armored Division. Kenny also served one year in the Air National Guard, 138th Support Wing. He is currently the chairman of the Veterans Committee and oversees the "Wall of Honor" veterans' memorial wall on our tribal land in Bartlesville. Kenny is an active member of the Lenape Gourd Society and Lenape Veterans Color Guard as well.

With this being said, I had the honor of doing an interview with my grandfather for the Elder Article. This allowed me to hear

him tell stories, something I have cherished my entire life. I started by asking him about some of the fondest memories from his childhood. Kenny reported that most of these involved him "playing in the woods around Flat Rock Creek or playing what we called sandlot baseball and football, getting my first car at 15 years old, and working in a service station." When asked, "What part of our culture or traditions do you hold important?" Kenny said, "Respecting our elders and warriors, keeping our songs and dances alive, and getting together as a Tribe. Especially in the Fall, to share and learn from each other." Lastly, when he was asked to provide advice to our youth, Kenny stated, "Learn our language, culture and Tribal history. Plan on getting involved somewhere in the Tribe whether in government, administration or just a committee."

My grandfather is devoted to preserving our Lenape culture, language and traditions. This became evident and clear to me at a young age as he began to devote his time to

teaching me. He is an inspiration to many and is loved by everyone who knows him. I am beyond grateful and proud to be his granddaughter. Ktaholël, mëxumsa. ■



If one of your relatives or close friends has passed, please send us an obituary. We will run it in the next *Delaware Indian News*. Obituaries can be sent to [din@delawaretribe.org](mailto:din@delawaretribe.org) or to the Tribal Offices.

Please also pass along any birth or death announcements to the Enrollment Office at [enrollment@delawaretribe.org](mailto:enrollment@delawaretribe.org). The Community Services Committee has a burial assistance program if you need help. ■



### Youth Interview with 2022-23 Delaware Tribe of Indians Princess Lauren Jeffers

*What are the most meaningful Delaware practices to you?*

My dad taught me the art of flint knapping, dying porcupine quills, the tradition of feasting, the art of beadwork and regalia-making. Not only are these meaningful because they are our traditional ways, but I had the honor of having my dad be the one to pass these cultural practices down to me and I enjoy the art of making something out of raw material. We try to use the gifts Mother Nature gave us.

*What are your goals for Lenape youth going forward?*

I'd like to help the Tribe start a program that instructs on self defense (MMIW) so that our youth can learn the right ways to protect themselves. I want the members of our Tribe to feel secure and confident. This includes youth. Safety isn't something youth should have to worry about.

*What advice do you have for our young Delaware members?*

Learn from our elders, cherish them, and don't take their knowledge for granted. Hear the stories they have, sit and talk with them, and build relationships. ■



# Wëli Newiyal! (Happy New Year!)

**H**appy New Year Delaware Tribe! This is the time of year when many of us make resolutions for how we can make our lives in the coming year happier, healthier, and more productive. However, if we don't take active steps, our good intentions often don't make it into February. Good news: the Delaware Tribe is here to help you! Being a member of a tribe means that your success is all of our success: To put it simply, your well-being is the Tribe's well-being! Employing available programs and seeking camaraderie from others hoping to make the same changes can make all the difference in keeping your resolutions on track, so we've polled our staff to come up with a few common resolutions so that we can share how you can use the Delaware Tribe's resources to stack the deck in favor of reaching your goal. This January, start your journey the tribal way by not going it alone! ■

## Start New Healthy Habits!

*Cody Blackmon, Wellness Director*

**B**e realistic! That's the first step toward actually making progress on physical fitness. It's natural to want to get to your ideal state of fitness or weight quickly, but setting unreachable goals reduces the likelihood of success because we often give up if we see that we are failing to meet our first milestones. *So set achievable targets.* The data shows that the more slowly and consistently we get in shape and/or lose weight, the more likely our positive changes are to last — because they've been developed through true lifestyle change and not a fad or an intense but unsustainable effort. Seek out the Delaware Tribe's programs that assist with nutrition and fitness at . Another best practice is to ally yourself with one or more resolution buddies. It's easier to show up for that walk or work out or try new, healthier recipes, when you've made an exercise or cooking commitment to a friend. One thing we know about interest and commitment to fitness and good nutrition is that *it's contagious!* We affect the fitness and eating decisions of those around us, and they affect our decisions. So your resolution and hard work on this front can be good not only for you but for your community and those you care about.

Since the COVID-19 pandemic began the average lifespan for Native American people has sunk to a completely unacceptable 65 years. Health and wellness needs to be a priority for all members of all tribes. In particular, we need to emphasize diabetes prevention and management because diabetes is astronomically prevalent among the Native community. Knowledge is power in the fight against diabetes, so arm yourself with information on diabetes management by consulting: .

For information on wellness resources reach out to: [cblackmon@delaware-tribe.org](mailto:cblackmon@delaware-tribe.org) or (918) 337-6590 ext. 140. ■

## Take the Leap and Ask for Help!

*Sarah Boyd*

**I**f you find yourself struggling, be easy on yourself. Our Delaware people carry generational trauma from genocide, forced removal and relocation into Indian Territory, and the involuntary placement of our children in abusive, culture-negating boarding schools. Recent studies show these kinds of generational traumas may physically change our DNA. Certainly the consequence of centuries of disrupted culture and language, and a lack of community significantly impact Native mental health and our sense of security and belonging. Delaware tribal members have the additional burden of having to navigate two worlds with their divergent values and priorities: mainstream society and popular culture as well as our Native traditions and beliefs. This struggle with duality may understandably be prevalent among younger Delaware people as they try to establish their sense of identity and how they fit into society as Native Americans.

Everyone struggles at some point. It takes courage to ask for help, but it's worth mustering it, because seeking help is much more likely to lead to a sense of well-being and/or recovery than staying quiet and struggling on your own. You don't have to go it alone. The Delaware Tribe of Indians and Samaritan Counseling have teamed up so that our tribal members can receive counseling services free of charge. Even if you are not in the Bartlesville area we can still help with counseling in your area.

You can find the counseling service application on our Tribal webpage at [www.delawaretribe.org](http://www.delawaretribe.org), on our Lenape Talk app, on our Facebook page, or in this paper on page 18. You may also come to the Delaware Tribal Center and pick up an application or contact ARPA Assistant Manager Sarah Boyd via email at [sboyd@delawaretribe.org](mailto:sboyd@delawaretribe.org) or by phone at (918) 337-6525. ■

## Take Care of the Planet!

*Denny Fisher,  
Environmental Director*

**S**tart the new year off right by honoring one of Native people's most important values: our respect and care for Mother Earth! The Delaware Tribe collects paper, cardboard, aluminum, and plastic for recycling. We offer two trailers on site to collect your materials. We also offer E-waste (any electronic component) recycling. The Environmental Department is a resource that's always available to our tribal members. Please call or email with any questions regarding safe recycling practices. (918) 337-6590 ext. 115, [efisher@delawaretribe.org](mailto:efisher@delawaretribe.org) ■

## Learn the Lenape Language!

*Jeremy Johnson, Cultural Education Director*

**W**ant to learn more of the Lenape language? Go to [Talk-Lenape.org](http://Talk-Lenape.org) and pick one word or phrase to incorporate into your everyday vocabulary and use it for the week. For example, you could pick the word "ntalëmska" which means "I am leaving" and then use that word every time you leave a place. After a while, you can work up to a word a day and utilize the word lists that are located on our webpage at <https://delawaretribe.org/blog/2013/06/26/language/>. Xu lapi knewël! ■



Take Control of Your Taxes!

Kendall Reith, Controller

Happy New Year! As 2022 closes, we look forward to new beginnings and goals to attain throughout the year. It is also a time to plan ahead for filing 2022 tax returns! My name is Kendall Reith, I am the Accounting and Finance Controller at the Delaware Tribe as well as a Delaware tribal member. I hope the below information will assist you and your family when filing your 2022 tax returns this year.

Deadlines to keep in mind:

Type of Form	Last Date to File
Form W-2, W3, 1099 NEC and 1096 NEC, 1099-G, 1099-K, 1099-S, 1099-MISC, 1099-B	January 31, 2023
Fourth quarter estimated payments due for the tax year 2022	January 17, 2023
W-4 form	February 17, 2023
Form 1065 (for Partnerships)	March 15, 2023
Form 1120S (for S-corporations)	March 15, 2023
Form 1040 (for Individuals)	April 18, 2023
Fin CEN 114 – FBAR	April 18, 2023
Form 1041 (for Trusts and Estates)	April 18, 2023
Form 1120 (for C-Corporations)	April 18, 2023
Form 990 Series (for Tax-Exempt Organizations)	November 15, 2023
Form 550 Series (for Employee Benefit Plan)	October 18, 2023

If you request an extension deadlines are below. Please keep in mind filing an extension is not an extension of time to pay.

Type of Form	Due Date for Filing
Form 1065 (partnership)	September 15, 2023
Form 1120S (S-corporations)	September 15, 2023
Form 1041	September 30, 2023
Form 1120 (C-corporation)	October 16, 2023
Form 1040, the late filing deadline	October 16, 2023
Fin CEN 114 (along with Form 1040)	October 17, 2023
Form 990 Series	November 15, 2023
Form 550 Series	October 15, 2023

Other key changes:

The tax year 2022 maximum Earned Income Tax Credit amount is \$6,935 for qualifying taxpayers who have three or more qualifying children, up from \$6,728 for tax year 2021.

The Standard Deduction for married couples filing jointly for tax year 2022 rises to \$25,900 up \$800 from the prior year. For single taxpayers and married individuals filing separately, the standard deduction rises to \$12,950 for 2022, up \$400, and for heads of households, the standard deduction will be \$19,400 for tax year 2022, up \$600.

OH NO! What if you file your 2022 tax return and unexpectedly owe more tax than you anticipated? Let’s plan ahead for 2023 tax returns! The IRS has provided a step by step calculator (link below) for your use in estimating your federal income tax withholding. See how your refund, take-home pay or tax due are affected by withholding amount and from there you will be able to adjust your W4 form with your employer accordingly.

<https://www.irs.gov/individuals/tax-withholding-estimator>

Wanishi! Cheers to 2023! ■





CLASS OF 2023  
GRADUATION

Graduates can request a stole for commencement.

Please email graduate's name, birthday, mailing address, graduation date, college or high school's name, and if graduating college please add degree and major.

Email info to: [ebrowns@delawaretribe.org](mailto:ebrowns@delawaretribe.org)  
\*STOLES ARE WHILE SUPPLIES LAST\*



Delaware Tribe of Indians  
Counseling service Application



Tribal Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Delaware Tribal Member Number \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

*Please submit completed applications to:*  
**Delaware Tribe of Indians  
ATTN: Sarah Boyd/ARPA Counseling Services Program  
5100 Tuxedo Blvd.  
Bartlesville OK 74006**



THE DELAWARE TRIBE OF INDIANS

# BATTLE OF THE BREADS

Saturday, March 25th, 2023  
11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.



\$100 to enter contest, contestants can keep all profits from bread/taco sales!  
\*Winner for Best Protein, Best Dessert, Most Creative\*  
Food Truck Space - \$100 fee  
Merchant Vendor Space - \$45 fee

Delaware Tribe Complex  
5100 Tuxedo Blvd,  
Bartlesville, OK 74006

Contact 918-214-5560 to Reserve Vendor Space

## Tribal Member Christopher Ingle Promoted to Master Sergeant in U.S. Air Force

Congratulations go out to Delaware Tribal member Christopher Raymond Ingle who was recently promoted to Master Sergeant in the U.S. Air Force. Christopher is the son of Dianne and George Ingle of Clinton, Utah, and is descended from Chief Charles Journeycake. He is currently stationed at Malmstrom Air Force Base in Great Falls, Montana. Congratulations Chris! ■



## Delaware Tribe Ranch

Tom Scott

The ranch started with 50 head of cattle and now there are some 90+ head which is all we can afford to keep because of the drought. Unfortunately, the drought has hit a lot of people hard this year which has also affected the hay supply. We have 50 some calves on the ground right now and they are in good shape. Although one calf was lost and had to be pulled from the mother, once she recovered, the cow was butchered and put into supply at the food pantry. The skeleton of the barn (140' x 50' with a 20' lean-to) is set up and about ready to be tinned. The barn and corrals are built stout so if we do acquire buffalo we can accommodate them. 50% is done on the South place and the corrals are about halfway done. Water is installed and need to inquire about some automatic water to put in the barn and corrals. The North place is ready for the construction of the barn. There is some rough terrain and would like to acquire some goats and sheep to help maintain that area. Right now goat meat is the number one product selling in America. As for horses, we are limited to space but we may get some good rope horses. Currently I am using my own horses when they are needed. Peabody Kansas Horse Pens in Peabody, Kansas gives horses a second life. They are typically 14/15 year old horses and would be good to utilize for introduction to riding or with our youth. So we have considered checking out Peabody's. To visit take 166 West towards Sedan, KS and turn right on road 12 and go North. About two miles you will have to curve to the left and about half a mile down on the right you will see the main entrance and barn. Stop by and feel free to ask questions if you see Homer or myself. ■

## **Delaware Tribe of Indians Housing Committee Call for committee members**

Pursuant to Article III Section B of the Housing Ordinance, adopted by Resolution 2021-28 by the Delaware Tribal Council on July 17, 2021, which states Housing Committee members shall be appointed and may be re-appointed by majority vote of a quorum of the Tribal Council.

The Delaware Tribal Council is currently accepting resumes for consideration of two appointments to the Housing Committee. Please call Executive Assistant Dana Murrell at the Tribal Headquarters at 918-337-6545 for an Appointee questionnaire and verification to be mailed to you for completion and return.

### **Qualifications:**

Any enrolled member of the Delaware Tribe of Indians who is at least twenty-one (21) years old and has sufficient knowledge of housing, business or finance is eligible to serve on the Housing Committee. No person shall be barred from serving on the Housing Committee because he or she is a tenant or homebuyer in a housing project of the tribe, and such Committee member shall be entitled to fully participate in all meetings concerning matters that affect all of the tenants or homebuyers, even though such matters affect him/her as well.

Please return your resume and questionnaire via fax 918-337-6591 or email [dmurrell@delawaretribe.org](mailto:dmurrell@delawaretribe.org) and mail the original to 5100 Tuxedo Blvd. Bartlesville Ok 74006 ATTN: Dana Murrell by February 28, 2023 for consideration.

