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## From the Desk of Chief Brad KillsCrow

*Brad KillsCrow, Chief, Delaware Tribe of Indians*

Hè, kulamalsi hàch!

Summer has arrived and the temperatures the last few weeks have already been unreasonably hot and humid. While the warmer weather has been a welcome change, there have been instances when the higher temperatures have created an environment for severe storms that have impacted our region. Some areas of our state are still recovering from the devastating effects of these powerful storms. Please, always be weather-aware and have a plan of action prepared in case severe weather becomes a threat to you and your loved ones. The Delaware Tribe will again host a cooling station in Forsythe Hall Monday – Friday from 1:00 - 5:00 P.M. If you're seeking a place to get out of the heat, please stop by and cool off!

On May 25 the Veterans Committee had their dedication of the newly constructed veteran's memorial. The dedication was beautiful and honored all our Delaware Veterans. I am pleased that our tribe has a place to honor our warriors.

The 58th Annual Delaware Pow Wow was held this past Memorial Day weekend at Fall-Leaf Family campgrounds. I want to thank the Delaware Pow Wow committee for all their work that went into the organization and success of this year's pow wow, including setup, cleanup, concession stand, vendors, etc. This was the first year the Tribe took over the operation of the pow wow after purchasing the land. There were many challenges (electricity!) that we were able to overcome prior to the celebration. The pow wow had a great turnout, and many reunions and celebrations were had in a safe family environment.

Delaware Tribe of Indians Family and Children Services (FCS) Director Shelby Lacey and I traveled to Charleston, WV to be present for a custody case involving a Delaware child. This case was heard in the West Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals and our concerns were voiced about the state not recognizing the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) of 1978.

FCS was notified by the Delaware Tribal parent almost two years after the case began. The Delaware Tribal parent did not know about their child and immediately acted and discovered the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) of 1978. The parent inquired about the federal law to their court appointed counsel, with no positive response. Upon receiving notification from the parent in December 2022, the Delaware Tribe FCS ICW department set out on a proper course of action. All while never receiving official notice of the Delaware child being in state custody.

In March and April of 2022, the Delaware Tribe's FCS ICW Coordinator and ICW Attorney was denied on a Motion to Intervene due to the ICW Attorney not being licensed in West Virginia. Thus the Delaware Tribe had to retain counsel in West Virginia. In August 2022 local counsel with knowledge of ICWA was secured after an intense search. A Motion to Intervene, along with a Petition to Invalidate Proceedings was filed. The Motion to Intervene was accepted, but the Circuit Court did not explicitly rule on the Tribe's Petition to Invalidate Proceedings. After that hearing, Delaware Tribe of Indians Tribal Court accepted a motion to transfer the case to Tribal Court. A motion and an Order to Transfer the case from West Virginia

to Tribal Court was filed and denied by the Circuit Court Judge stating, "the Act [ICWA] by its purpose was never intended to apply to this type of situation." Also, "ICWA placement preference solely based upon the minor child's genetic heritage would be to remove her [...] solely on the basis of race." The Circuit Courts final order on ICWA with this case, "the permanent placement provisions of the ICWA and inapplicable to this matter."

The Circuit Courts order is the subject of the Petition for Writ of Prohibition, adopting the "Existing Indian Family (EIF)" doctrine, finding that ICWA is discriminatory based on race, determining that ICWA does not apply to these proceedings, and denying the motion to transfer. The Circuit Court did not explicitly rule on the Tribe's motion to invalidate proceedings. The parties in favor of the motion to transfer argued that none of the parties empowered to veto a transfer to Tribal Court opposed it, and that there was no good cause to oppose the transfer. They argued that (1) the current litigation at the United States Supreme Court did not result in any judicial stay of the enforcement of the provision of ICWA; (2) the EIF exception is contrary to federal law, was only ever adopted by a minority of jurisdictions, and is recently falling more out of favor within the adopting jurisdictions; (3) that disparate treatment based upon tribal affiliation is not, under established federal precedent, comparable to racial discrimination; and (4) that the proceedings are still in the pre-adjudicatory phase, and therefore not advanced, and furthermore that the primary delay in involving the Delaware Tribe was attributable to the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Services's failure to exercise due diligence in determining whether the Respondent Father possessed a tribal membership that would result in the child

being classified as an Indian Child under ICWA.

Arguments were heard in West Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals on April 25, 2023. On June 12, 2023 we received news that we won our West Virginia case and it has been ordered that the case be transferred to the Tribal Court. Not only did we win this case, but it caused West Virginia to adopt new ruling stating that the Existing Family Doctrine does NOT apply in West Virginia! This was not only a huge win for us, but it will prevent other tribes from experiencing the same hardship on this case that we unfortunately endured. To me, this is a huge win in Indian Country as a whole.

In closing I would like to thank you all for your support, prayers and encouragement. The Tribe's continued success is our success, so let us all continue the work of moving our Tribe forward together! ■



## From The Desk of Assistant Chief Tonya Anna

*Tonya Anna, Assistant Chief*

Did you know that July is National Bison Month? On May 9, 2016 the American Bison was named the national mammal of the United States. The Lenape word for Bison is “sisilia.” Some of you may be getting ready for your student to go off to college for the first time or even returning to finish a degree. Don’t forget to apply for our Educational Assistance and Scholarships! With that being said— What did the buffalo say to his son when he left for college? BYE-SON!

March 25 was Battle of the Breads and the first competition ever was a success! The categories were Best Protein, Best Dessert and Most Creative. Our very own Trudy Kerby won two of the three categories. There were several booths selling things from baked goods to jewelry and even freeze dried candy. I sure had fun judging with Kay Anderson, CeCe Biggoose, and Scott Canavan. Another exciting event that happened later that evening was for our tribal member, Beth Wood Hilburn. You can check out this article at <https://www.oklahomaroute66.com/news/restoring-the-hi-way-cafe-neon-sign> about the Hi-Way Café and their re-lighting ceremony and what it took to make it possible. The evening was celebrated with an Elvis impersonator, car show, finger foods, and cake! The Elders Committee decided to go out to lunch one day to help support Beth and Hi-Way Café. So if you are near Vinita, swing by and enjoy a fabulous meal as I am sure you will not be disappointed.



*Council Member Bruce Martin and Lindsey Harris with tour guide Giuseppe.*

The Tribal Council and our CFO Kendall Reith traveled to Boston to visit a wool mill in Stafford Springs, CT about investing in their company. It was an exciting tour and they even had a prototype for one of our blankets. While in the Boston area, we stopped by Yale University and visited the Peabody Museum. The exhibits were awesome but the most interesting was the regalia we got to see firsthand. While admiring the beadwork I thought of the person who made the items, and wondered where they traveled and what interesting stories they could tell of their lifetime.



*Council Member Bruce Martin, Chief KillsCrow, Assistant Chief Tonya Anna, and CFO Kendall Reith*

Sovereignty Symposium XXXV was held June 13 & 14, 2023. The Juvenile Law and Children’s Issues was very informative and glad I picked this assembly. Oklahoma Supreme Court Justice Noma Gurich was the Moderator for this session. There were judges and attorneys who shared valuable information and stories of cases that make you wonder about people. Some other subjects were Gaming, Education, Water Law, Treaties, Criminal Law, Economics, and Ethics & Concerns of State, Federal and Tribal Judges.

The Tribe is committed to serving its members and that means some days we could use a little extra help. This could consist of answering the phone, assisting in an office, or even serving our elderly. Some of our employees went above and beyond their job duties and became Food Safety Certified! This all started because Title VI Director Trudy Kerby wanted to serve the Elders a sit-down lunch at Thanksgiving instead of making them go through the line. She knew this would take some extra help and asked for volunteers. We had so much fun that Trudy arranged for a class so we could work in the kitchen when needed. So if you are interested in volunteering please do not hesitate to contact me at [tanna@delawaretribe.org](mailto:tanna@delawaretribe.org) or call (918) 337-6590.

Wanishi ■



*The Enrollment Department's Emily Brown and Skyler Brott assisting in getting Title VI lunch ready!*

## New Classes and Opportunities Offered in Cultural Education

*Jeremy Johnson, Cultural Education Director*

Hè, kulamàlsihëmo hàh? (Hello, are you all well?) The Cultural Education Department has been working hard to provide classes, programs and opportunities for all of our Lenape people.

Over the last few months, we've managed to take 6 people back to Lënapehòkink (our original homelands) who have never been. We traveled to Pennsylvania and New Jersey to provide cultural presentations to the public at Great Paterson Falls Historic Park in Paterson, New Jersey and Pennsbury Manor in Morrisville, Pennsylvania. Each of the participants presented some aspect of tribal history, regalia, songs, and dances. Each presentation was a great success with many people in attendance. On one day in Pennsylvania we were able to present to close to 600 4th and 5th grade students, their parents, and chaperones! If you are interested in participating in future programs please contact Director Jeremy Johnson at [jere-myjohnson@delawaretribe.org](mailto:jere-myjohnson@delawaretribe.org).



*Paterson Great Falls, NJ*

*Pictured L to R: Levi Randall, Dee Artherton-Cowart, Katharine Maynor, Kristin Morrison, and Jeremy Johnson*

We will host a pucker toe moccasin making class in July with 18 participants who have registered. It will be a fun filled day, and each participant will make and complete their very own pair of pucker toe moccasins to take home by the end of the day. More classes will be advertised if you missed out on this one. We will post pictures of everyone's finished moccasins at the end of the class, so keep your eye out to see what your fellow tribal members are accomplishing!



*Lenape Pucker Toe Moccasins*

Cultural Education continues to have Social Dance and Stomp Dance practice every other Thursday night at 7pm. A meal is provided each class night for everyone to enjoy. Upcoming practices/classes will take place on July 13th, July 27th, August 10th and August 24th. You can keep up with the schedule by following the Cultural Education Department Facebook page at Delaware Tribe Cultural Education Department.

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 [jere-myjohnson@delawaretribe.org](mailto:jere-myjohnson@delawaretribe.org).



*Pennsbury Manor*

*Pictured L to R: Jeremy Johnson, Luana Strikeaxe-Murphy, and Levi Randall*

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.

The Cultural Education Department has many opportunities for engagement in the works and we look forward to seeing everyone come and participate.

We hope everyone has a great summer! Wanishi!



*Presenting at Pennsbury*

## From the Desk of Grant Writer Manon Taylor

*Manon Taylor, Grant Writer*

As a grant writer I do an abundance of research on a multitude of topics. In doing so, I come across some interesting facts and information. I would like to share some of them about Oklahoma in particular. Grants usually have requirements including data using census populations by area, income, housing, demographics, etc. that are helpful in articulating your need in the grant narrative. **Census.gov** is a helpful tool to learn more about your city or state.

This information is from various other sites, but I found it very interesting in relation to what's going on in Oklahoma.

- The most valuable crops grown in Oklahoma are oats, canola, rye, pecans, peanuts, sorghum, soybeans, corn, cotton, hay and haylage, and wheat.
- In 2019 the top five states whence people moved to Oklahoma were Texas, Colorado, Arkansas, California, and Kansas.
- In January 2023, the main countries that had refugees relocating to Oklahoma were Afghanistan, Burma, and Moldova.
- Counties in Oklahoma with the lowest cost of living are Alfalfa, Tillman, Kiowa, Jefferson, and Cotton. Neither Washington or Osage made the top 30.
- Counties with the most farmland are Cimmaron, Texas, Beaver, Woods, and Osage.

Based on the above information and the grant opportunities from USDA for individual farmers, you might consider ranching or farming as an occupation in Oklahoma. I know as a small individual gardener, it is very hard and labor-intensive work, but the benefits to growing your own food (in both nutritional value and that of knowing where your food came from and isn't contaminated) is worth all the watering and praying! And who doesn't love going to a local farmers market!

There are more than 2 million farms in the United States, about 98% of which are operated by families, individuals, family partnerships, or family corporations, according to the American Farm Bureau Federation. About 86% of all agricultural products in America are produced on family ranches or farms. A single farm feeds an average of 166 people per year, both in the U.S. and abroad. Even so, farming is a mere sliver of the U.S. economy, representing just 1% of America's GDP—farm and ranch families make up less than 2% of America's population.

More African Americans are operating farms now than ever before, likewise for Hispanic and Latino farm operators. One in four farmers are beginning farmers, a term that represents those with fewer than 10 years in agriculture work—their average age is 46. About 11% of U.S. farmers served or are serving in the military.

The U.S. is projected to export a record \$191.0 billion agricultural products in 2022. Stacker compiled a list of the most valuable crops grown in Oklahoma using data from the U.S. Department of Agriculture state agriculture overview. Crops are ranked by total annual value of production as of July 16, 2022.

# Lenape Language Report

*Jim Rementer, Director,  
Lenape Language Project*

**What's New** - This is a photo of Delaware Indian men at a meeting in 1957. The original photo was black and white but here it is colorized.



**Notice:** The Delaware Indian calendar for 2023 is now available on the tribal website <https://delawaretribe.org/> or at this address:

<https://delawaretribe.org/wp-content/uploads/Delaware-Calendar-2023.pdf>.

You can download your copy and print all the pages at once or print one month at a time as needed. For a wall calendar we suggest using 8.5 x 14 inch (legal size) paper.

**What's New** - I have also been working with colorizing old B&W Lenape photos and the newest ones are found here, go to bottom of the list and look for Lenape Photos: <https://delawaretribe.org/blog/2013/06/26/history/>

**Revived:** Here is the Lenape Word-a-Day calendar for June. This month's calendar is of Lenape names for different tribes. The downloadable calendar is also posted on the Tribal website with a calendar for that month, and they will continue to be posted at the beginning of each month. There are sound files for each of these words which are in the Lenape Talking Dictionary: <https://www.talk-lenape.org/>.

LENAPE			JUNE 2023			WORDS		
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY		
Kichi Nipen Real Summer <a href="http://www.laluk-lenape.org">www.laluk-lenape.org</a>			TRIBAL NAMES			Lenape	Shawnee	Kikapoo
					Delaware	Shawnee	Kickapoo	
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Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
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19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Cherokee	Cherokee	Cherokee	Cherokee	Cherokee	Cherokee	Cherokee	Cherokee	Cherokee
28	29	30	1	2	3	4	5	6
Cherokee	Cherokee	Cherokee	Cherokee	Cherokee	Cherokee	Cherokee	Cherokee	Cherokee
7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Cherokee	Cherokee	Cherokee	Cherokee	Cherokee	Cherokee	Cherokee	Cherokee	Cherokee
16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
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Here is the Lenape Word-a-Day calendar for July. This month's calendar is of Lenape words for nationalities and rivers. The downloadable calendar is also posted on the Tribal website with a calendar for that month, and they will continue to be posted at the beginning of each month. There are sound files for each of these words which are in the Lenape Talking Dictionary: <https://www.talk-lenape.org/>. ■

LENAPE		JULY 2023			WORDS	
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Lakney		Lainipën			HO	HEBENEN
his/her nationality		mid-summer			HeHo, HO	American
Alutian/Alutian	Chickasaw	Spanish American, Spanish	Chickasaw	Chickasaw	Wolpelt	Shikashika
Frenchman	German		Chinese	Japanese	white person	Black person
Wolapish	Shikashika	swen	swen	swen	Shikashika	swen
Oriental	American Indian	person	people	who?	White person	Indian tribe unknown
spn	upside little creek;	kithane	kithane	uho	uho	uho
creek, river	brook;	big river	land in river	downstream	upstream	downstream
Shikashika	Shikashika	Shikashika	Shikashika	Shikashika	Shikashika	Shikashika
folk of river	narrow river	other side of river	other side of river	downstream	upstream	downstream
spn	upside mouth of river	To learn to sing these words being pronounced go to: <a href="http://www.lenape.org">www.lenape.org</a>				compiled by Jim Sawyer

Fun Fact!!!

■ The most popular dog names for Oklahoma are Bella, Luna, Max, Charlie, and Daisy!

We have been working on new grants and renewals of current ones that will sustain services into the future, while also trusting that new awards will be received. If you would like to discuss grant opportunities with me, or need any assistance, please call and we can set up a time to collaborate.

Email me at [ltaylor@delawaretribe.org](mailto:ltaylor@delawaretribe.org) or call (918) 645-4799 ■

## Updates From The Housing Department

### Homeowner Assistance Fund (HAF) Program Information

*Cecilia Biggoose,  
Housing Director*

The Housing Department has exciting things going on! We have the Homeowners Assistance Fund (HAF) program which will help families that own their own home to receive assistance if they are behind on their mortgage, utilities, home insurance, property taxes etc.

### Mortgage Payment Assistance

The HAF program will provide assistance with full or partial monthly mortgage payments for homeowners who have been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic and suffered a financial hardship. HAF funds may be used to reduce a homeowner's full or partial monthly mortgage payment for a period of up to nine (9) months or until the maximum amount of assistance allowed is reached.

Maximum amount of assistance per homeowner will provide eligible applicants with up to \$8,000 of HAF funds under this program for their principal residence.

**Eligibility criteria and documentation requirements include:** HAF General Eligibility Requirements plus a statement or certification of inability or difficulty in making current, full monthly mortgage payments due to unemployment, underemployment, diminished employment opportunities inflation or increased household expenses due to COVID-19 or other continuing hardship.

**Documentation requirements include:** Copy of current mortgage statement; copy of property

deed; and copy of Tribal enrollment card or verification.

The program will make payments directly to the mortgage lender or servicer, as applicable.

### Mortgage Reinstatement/ Delinquency Assistance

The Housing program will provide assistance with past due or delinquent monthly payments, including payments under a forbearance plan, forward mortgages, and loans for manufactured or modular homes, for homeowners who have been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic and suffered a financial hardship. HAF funds may be used to bring a homeowner's account current and to repay or offset the costs of any amounts advanced, pre-paid or owed to the lender or servicer for related charges such as property taxes, insurance, and applicable fees.

The HAF program will provide eligible applicants with up to \$8,000 of HAF funds under this program for their principal residence.

**Eligibility criteria and requirements include:** General Eligibility Requirements plus statement or certification of reason for delinquency such as unemployment, underemployment, diminished employment opportunities inflation or increased household expenses due to COVID-19 or other continuing hardship; and statement or certification of current ability to resume and continue making current, full monthly mortgage payments after reinstatement.

**Documentation requirements include:** Copy of most recent mortgage statement; copy of property deed; and copy of Tribal enrollment card or verification.

Payments will be made directly to the mortgage lender or servicer, as applicable.

### Utility Payment Assistance

The HAF fund will provide assistance with full or partial monthly utility payments for homeowners who have been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic and suffered a financial hardship. HAF funds may be used to reduce a homeowner's full utility arrearage or prospective utility payments for a period of up to nine (9) months or until the maximum amount of assistance allowed is reached. Utilities may include electric, gas/LP, water, solid waste and/or internet access.

Maximum amount of assistance per homeowner will provide eligible applicants with up to \$4,000 of HAF funds under this program for their principal residence.

**Eligibility criteria and documentation requirements include:** HAF General Eligibility Requirements plus: statement or certification of inability or difficulty in making current, full utility payments due to unemployment, underemployment, diminished employment opportunities inflation or increased household expenses due to COVID-19 or other continuing hardship; copy of past due utility bill or cut-off notice; statement or certification that other utility assistance is not available and without HAF assistance, the homeowner is likely to lose service.

**Documentation requirements include:** Copy of current or past due utility statement; copy of

property deed; and copy of Tribal enrollment card or verification.

This fund will make payments directly to the utility or service provider, as applicable.

### Property Charge Assistance

The HAF program will provide assistance with payment of homeowner property related costs that may threaten the homeowner's ability to maintain ownership and/or remain in the home. Examples of eligible cost items include but are not limited to; annual premiums or costs for homeowners' property insurance; flood insurance; mortgage insurance; various homeowner fees; title resolution costs and fees; and property taxes. HAF funds may be used to pay these eligible costs for a period of up to two years or until the maximum amount of assistance allowed is reached.

The program will provide eligible applicants with up to \$5,000 of HAF funds under this program for insurance costs for their principal residence and/or up to \$5,000 of HAF funds for title resolution costs and fees. The DTI will provide up to two years of property taxes either delinquent, current or projected up to a maximum of \$5,000.

**General Eligibility Requirements include:** statement or certification of inability or difficulty in making current, full payments due to unemployment, underemployment, diminished employment opportunities inflation or increased household expenses due

to COVID-19 or other continuing hardship.

**Documentation requirements include:** a Copy of property tax statement; copy of property deed; copy of insurance premium statement; proof of title issues; and copy of Tribal enrollment card or verification.

The payments will go directly to the insurance carrier or service provider and/or taxing body, as applicable.

### Other Housing Updates

*Devon Witt,  
Housing Specialist*

At the May housing committee meeting new members voted on duties and responsibilities. The list is as follows:

Farrell Burks — Chair  
Mickey Canavan — Co-Chair  
John Tucker — Treasurer  
Martina Thomas — Secretary  
Sherri Sam-Chouteau —  
Committee Member.

Over the last several months we have experienced a big increase in Delaware tribal members applying for our Housing Program and we are grateful for the opportunity to serve them. ■



## 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/>. ■

## Teton Trade Cloth: Empowering Native Artists and Bridging Nations

*Celeste Amadon*

### The Delaware Tribe of Indians is the new Owner and Operator of Teton Trade Cloth by Lenape! #Nativeowned

*This article is the first in a series about the Tribe's businesses. Look for articles about Lenape Reserve and the Delaware Tribe Ranch in future issues*

In an exciting turn of events, the Delaware Tribe recently acquired Teton Trade Cloth, a unique textile business that has quickly captured the attention of the Native American community. Led by Leslie Jerden, formerly Executive Director of Tribal Operations and now Chief Executive Officer of the newly formed Teton Trade Cloth by Lenape, this venture has not only piqued interest but also created a buzz around the importance of this company and its remarkable products and respectful business model to Indian Country.

Last September, as the Tribe sought to invest American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) dollars, \$10 million of federal funds were made available to the Tribe specifically for investment in or acquisition of for-profit enterprises. Unlike other ARPA funds that had to be spent in direct response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Tribe could use this capital to create revenue streams that would endure beyond the pandemic.

One area that caught the Tribe's attention was its gift shop, which at the time carried Nu Trendz, a supplier of rather generic Native-themed products. The shop only broke even, and Jerden (as the Tribe's then-Executive Director) and then-employee McKenzie Loffer saw an opportunity to reinvent the gift shop. The shop was renamed Lenape Reserve in the spirit of its new mission: to become a premier showcase of Native artistry. Loffer helped clear the existing inventory, oversaw the store's remodel, and employed Shopify to create a new online presence. Luanna Strike Axe Murphy was recruited to be Lenape Reserve's new Director. The store began purchasing Native American-made products from Delaware Tribe members outright, bypassing the need for consignment and its attendant insurance obligations.

It was through this process that Jerden discovered Teton Trade Cloth. Teton Trade Cloth stood out from other companies that claim to be "Native-inspired" or offer "Southwest designs." With a commitment to authenticity, Teton exclusively represents designers from enrolled tribes. Furthermore, Teton incentivizes buyers who are doing positive work for Native people by offering them a better wholesale rate. And unlike its competitor, Pendleton, which buys perpetual exclusive rights to designs from Native designers for a one-time fee with no opportunity for residuals, Teton pays for the use of designs by its almost exclusively Native and Indigenous designers on a yearly basis. This means that designers can make use of the company's reach and

infrastructure while retaining the rights to their creative expression. This approach impressed Jerden, who also admired the policy of ensuring that each product prominently featured the artist's name, effectively transforming the company into a truly collaborative platform for Native artists and designers.

Recognizing the potential in Teton Trade Cloth, Jerden and Murphy arranged for Lenape Reserve to wholesale Teton blankets. Soon after, a scandal involving one of Teton's two non-Native owners led to an unexpected opportunity for the Tribe to become more than a customer. When one owner expressed support for an influencer associated with the company who had made sexist remarks directed at a Native woman in an online comment, all of the Native artists associated with Teton severed ties with the company and many customers distanced themselves. Jerden saw a once-in-a-lifetime chance to rescue the business and rebuild its reputation. She and Delaware Tribe CFO Kendall Reith reached out to the remaining owner (who had no involvement in the scandal) and initiated negotiations. Through careful deliberation and intense discussion, Jerden and Reith successfully negotiated a deal to bring to the Tribal Council for consideration and approval. This strategic move allowed the Delaware Tribe to take control of Teton Trade Cloth and demonstrate commitment by new Tribal ownership to restoring trust, integrity, and accountability. As part of the acquisition, the owner not affiliated with the controversial incident entered into a training agreement to teach Jerden and the new Delaware staff of Teton how to run the business.

New ownership and a new era called for a new name. Thus Teton Trade Cloth by Lenape was born, and the company embarked on a journey of redemption and reconciliation. Regaining the trust of its former artists was job #1. Indian Country was thrilled to see Teton now under tribal ownership, although some skeptics wondered if politics or the previous owners would hinder progress. Jerden and her team engaged in honest conversations with the designers, assuring them that the remaining owner had been an advocate for Indian Country, despite being non-Native. To reinforce the authenticity of the company's new leadership, Jerden conducted discussions over Zoom, allowing the sometimes skeptical designers to see her face and recognize her Native identity.

Today, Teton Trade Cloth by Lenape boasts an impressive 98% of its artists back on board, with new artists join-

ing their ranks. They have also expanded their wholesale accounts by 30%. May marked a milestone for the company, recording its highest sales in its six-year history. With a lean overhead structure, the company operates entirely online, employing 1099 contractors, including CEO Jerden. The virtual work environment fosters creativity and allows for greater profitability due to reduced costs.

Teton Trade Cloth by Lenape is expanding its product range beyond blankets to include clothing, such as shoes with gum soles, camp aprons, and other camp gear suitable for Pow Wow events. While the company aims to cater to Indian Country, their products are also available to a wider audience. Notably, the company continues to collaborate with Lenape Reserve, which stocks their products, and the company continues to sell online directly.

As Teton Trade Cloth by Lenape flourishes, the company remains aware of its significance. Being one of the few tribal-owned businesses outside of the casino industry, the company understands the positive reputational impact it can have. To ensure the longevity of their enterprise in the near term, the company is reinvesting the majority of its current profits (on approximately \$2,000,000 in annual sales) back into the business and into new product design. It recently introduced a new skate line, including skateboard decks. One notable new design, a floral pattern inspired by the earliest examples of Lenape beadwork from 3-4 early to mid-1600s coats now housed in museums, holds special meaning for the Delaware Tribe. This design, "Shakúkwián" (Lenape for "my coat") will be incorporated into an honor blanket to be named "Lenape Honor Blanket" and will serve as an example for other Nations considering their own similar products like honor blankets or serapes.

With the ability to create custom products for other tribes and to customize packaging and hang tags to showcase tribal names and logos, Teton Trade Cloth by Lenape actively engages with other tribes and serves as a trusted partner, elevating the status of Native people as a whole. Recognizing the responsibility that comes with this position, the company strives to conduct itself with integrity. The company's commitment to excellence ensures that Teton Trade Cloth by Lenape is not only a remarkable business venture but also an avenue for empowerment, creativity, and cultural preservation.

While Teton Trade Cloth by Lenape continues to navigate its path forward, the company remains steadfast in its mission to uplift Native artists, foster intertribal connections, and bring Native-designed products to the world. As the company surges ahead, it promises to be a beacon of success and inspiration for future tribal-owned businesses across Indian Country. Jerden looks forward to it "being one of the businesses that generates income for the Tribe so that my generation's children and grandchildren will have the security of knowing that our Tribe can fund their college educations. The hope and encouragement along with skills that education provides young people—I want all of our kids to have that." ■

## Community Services and Education

### 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 & 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. ■

### 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.delaware-tribe.org](http://www.delaware-tribe.org). Just go the Services/Programs tab, and then scroll down to Educational Assistance. ■

### 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 it as a general donation.

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### ATTENTION!

The Enrollment, Community Services, and Education Departments have moved office locations on campus. Please visit our new location at **5100 Suite C. Located at the SE corner of the main complex.** We have a new reception area for intake and hope the change is convenient. Signage will be added soon.

## Exploring New Higher Education Opportunities at Princeton University and in the State of Kansas

*Bruce Martin, Tribal Council Secretary*

On March 27 I and Cultural Director Jeremy Johnson traveled to Princeton New Jersey to meet with Stockbridge Muncie Delaware President Shannon Holsey, Tribal Historic Preservation Manager Bonney Hartley, and Director of Cultural Affairs Monique Tyndall and Delaware Nation President Deborah Dotson, Historic Preservation Director Carissa Speck, and THPO representative Katelyn Lucas for a repatriation of unburied artifacts at a construction site at the University of Princeton, New Jersey.

The Delaware Tribe has a unique history in the area of the University of Princeton and the state of New Jersey. A monument to honor the Lenape was set up next to an area that was the site at which a delegation of Lenape camped at in 1779 after advocating for funding from the Congressional Congress for the education of descendants of Chief White Eyes, who had been murdered by a soldier he had helped guide while serving as a captain in the American Army. The Continental Congress agreed to this request, becoming the first instance of United States aid to the education of Native Americans. George White Eyes became one of four Lenape to attend Princeton University in the eighteen century.

With this in mind, University of Princeton Provost Jennifer Rexford and Vice Provost Michelle Minter invited our Lenape Delegation to a lunch meeting to discuss a meaningful relationship between Princeton University, The Delaware Tribe of Indians, The Delaware Nation, and the Stockbridge Muncie Delaware.

Among the issues that we discussed were taking steps to increase the population of Native students at Princeton, to establish an open communication between the Lenape and the University, and to establish a process to recruit Lenape students to Princeton. A Memorandum of Agreement between the three tribes and the University was discussed, as were visits to campus and visits to the communities to be a starting step. There already is a small native population of possibly 35 to 65 Native students en-

rolled there out of close to 8000 students on campus. Discussion was had about retention of students, as well as tuition and entrance qualifications. More dialogue, meetings, and planning will be set up and the MOA will be developed by the three tribes and Princeton University.

On Friday April 21, Kansas Legislators passed a bill that will reduce tuition for local tribes and tribes that have historic relations with the State of Kansas, which includes Lenape tribal members. Talks are underway to eventually take the tuition away completely in the future.

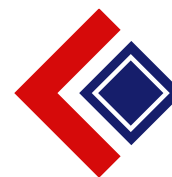
This is a great time for our tribal members to take advantage of these opportunities. If anyone is interested in attending any form of higher education, either in the State of Kansas or even looking into the University of Princeton or any other University, this is attainable, and there are people that can help guide you on this course. Please contact me at [bmartin@delawaretribe.org](mailto:bmartin@delawaretribe.org), or Jeremy Johnson at [jeremyjohnson@delawaretribe.org](mailto:jeremyjohnson@delawaretribe.org). ■



## Fee To Trust Training

*Bruce Martin, Tribal Council Secretary*

On Wednesday May 24 I attended the Fee To Trust Training (FTT) at the BIA Agency in Miami, Oklahoma. It was very overwhelming, exciting, and frustrating. But I do feel very hopeful and confident that the BIA Office and other agencies and tribes are very willing to help us in getting the properties we own into Trust Land Status. We are in the process of getting the 7 acres in Caney into Trust along with what we already have there in Trust. On Tuesday June 13 I met with Ronda Loftin and her staff discussing the FTT for the Ranch. I will continue to reach out to the BIA Superintendent as she has strongly encouraged me to seek out their help in getting all our land into trust. I am planning on taking her up on her offer and I anticipate that she will push this along quickly because she will be tired of me being there asking questions. ■



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## Obituaries

### Paul W Armstrong



1935 – March 1, 2019

**S**SGT U.S. Army Ret. Paul W Armstrong 83, entered into rest March 1, 2019.

He was born in 1935 in the front bedroom of his grandparents' house on South Choctaw Street, Bartlesville, Oklahoma. He attended so many schools that by Jr. High, he asked his parents if he could attend one school for his Senior year. They arranged for him to go to Bacone Indian College. Where he met the love of his life, Barbara Holmes. After graduation he went to the University of Oklahoma for one semester then transferred to Oklahoma State, while trying to decide on a career. He entered into service in 1957 via the Oklahoma National Guard. He married Barbara Holmes in 1958 in Hopewell, Virginia. After the birth of his eldest child (Sheryl) he transferred and became a Communication-Electronics and Tactical Microwave System Specialist. He was then deployed in that field for several years, including twice to Germany, where his youngest child was born (Mark). He also

served in Vietnam in 1970 as an Electronic Specialist with the 101st Airborne (Air Assault) and was attached to a helicopter repair unit as head of electronics repair. He completed his service in 1983 at Ft. Gordon, Georgia. After a successful and rewarding career in the U.S. Army, he moved on to enjoying his retirement with his wife, children and grandchildren (Colleen and Barry). He enjoyed helping his wife in her gardening endeavor's, visiting his beloved eldest sister (Barbara Jane Grabowski) and family. He also visited his father Harold Armstrong and younger brother (Harland Armstrong). ■



### Harold "Butch" Ford, Jr.

February 11, 1951 – March 23, 2023

**H**arold "Butch" Ford, Jr. originally from Ochelata, OK and a resident of various countries during many years of working overseas, died in Scottsdale, AZ on March 23, 2023.

Butch was born in Bartlesville, OK, on February 11, 1951, to Mary Ruth (Sarcxie) and Harold Ford, Sr. Raised in Ochelata, Butch graduated in the last (1969) senior class of Ochelata High School.

In the latter part of high school Butch played bass guitar in The Skeptics, a regionally successful rock band. He'd return home after a weekend of gigs, flush with cash that he kept rolled up in a rubber band. To a brother in need, he was generous to a fault; Ask to borrow a dollar and he'd give you five.

Fast forward a few years, and Butch is signing on to work over-

seas in the oil & gas industry, beginning a worldwide odyssey lasting thirty years. From a low-level management position, Butch parlayed a knack for gab, innate optimism, and a keen nose for a deal into a business development role pursuing high value contracts in faraway places. Butch spent the latter years of his working life in West Africa and moved to Scottsdale, AZ in 2012.

Butch was an avid sports fan, especially OU football.

In passing Butch leaves behind friends and acquaintances all over the world, from the Far East of Russia to Japan and Southeast Asia, across the Middle East to Africa and Europe. Proceeded in death by his parents, Harold and Ruth Ford, Butch is survived by his wife Tatiana, son Brandon Ford, daughter Anna Ford, siblings Brent (Patricia) Ford, Brad (Roberta) Ford, Brenda (Don) Burt and many beloved nieces and nephews. ■



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. ■

### Jeffrey Mack Hawkins



July 22, 1975 - May 16, 2023

**I**t is with great sadness that the family of Jeffrey Mack Hawkins announce his passing. Jeffrey was born on July 22, 1975 in Bartlesville and passed away on May 16, 2023 in Bartlesville. Jeffrey was preceded in death by his mother Robin Hawkins and his sister Misty Hawkins of Bartlesville. Survivors include his son Caden Hawkins of Tulsa, his daughter Bailee Forrest of Broken Arrow, and his father Steve Hawkins and wife Teresa of Owasso. Jeffrey was laid to rest in a private graveside service. ■



### Dee Wayne Ketchum



August 27, 1938 - March 26, 2023

**D**ee Wayne Ketchum, 84, passed away Sunday evening, March 26, at peace and was received by Jesus in Heaven immediately. Although saddened by losing him, the family is rejoicing that he is no longer trapped in a failing earthly body.

Dee lived life passionately—every pursuit was made with intentional, careful consideration. He loved his family and was devoted to them and regarded them as a gift from the Lord. Several words describe Dee, like Christian, Captain, Coach, Councilor, Chief, and Consultant, but nothing was a greater joy than Husband, Father, Brother and Believer. He was born to Lewis A. Ketchum and Lillian Berry Ketchum, both Delaware. He was born in Bartlesville at the family residence, delivered by his great-aunt, Kate Curleyhead Berry.

Ketchum attended elementary and high school in Bartlesville setting records in three sports. He continued his education at The University of Kansas on a basketball scholarship, starting four years, and was co-captain his senior year. He received a BS degree in Education and MS in Educa-

## Obituaries (cont.)

tional Counseling and Psychology from The University of Kansas and additional hours at University of Tulsa. Ketchum was a gifted athlete. There was no sport he couldn't play well if it was played with a ball. He coached basketball for twelve years, was in the business world for around 20 years and served the Delaware Tribe for about 20 years in elected positions on the Tribal Council and Trust Board, including serving four years as tribal Chief and later as a business consultant.

Dee loved spending quality time at Grand Lake, OK for 30 years. His summers were spent in his boat, on the golf course and at powwows with his children, grandchildren and their friends. Dee was the assistant to the tribe's Ceremonial Chief, Leonard Thompson, his relative, for 20 years. He helped many people during this time.

Ketchum was a Deacon at First Baptist Church in Bartlesville, OK. He had been asked at other churches where he attended during his life, but never believed he was prepared by his Lord to submit his name. However, the Lord finally allowed him to be selected for the lifetime ordination as a Deacon and Dee was committed to God in service until he was unable to serve because of his physical limitations.

Ketchum was preceded in death by his parents and his brother, Lewis B. Ketchum. He is survived by his wife, Annette Martin Ketchum. His legacy is two daughters, DeAnn Ketchum-Ross and husband Ron Ross of Fredericksburg, TX and Kala Ketchum of Capitola, CA; five grandchildren Jacob Sears, New Braunfels, TX; Hannah Sears Wassenberg and Eric Wassenberg, Greeley, CO; Whitney Thomas Ford and Taylor Ford, Mesa, AZ, Clay Sears and Carena Sears, Freder-

icksburg, TX; and Cole Thomas and Krystal Thomas of Casa Grande, AZ; and nine great grand children, Eli Thomas, Marcel Contreras, Tatum Ford, Charlie Sears, Kennedy Ford, Walker Sears, Cameron Ford, Connor Wassenberg, and Zevin Thomas. Ketchum is survived by sister-in-law Betty Ketchum, Tulsa, OK; sister Patricia Ketchum Donnell and Walter Donnell, Copan, OK; sister-in-law Paula Martin Pechonick, Bartlesville, OK; aunt Jane Ketchum Ethridge, Tulsa, OK; two helpful nieces Sandy Donnell Tompkins and Ray Tompkins, Copan, OK; Kim Watt Hudspeth and John Hudspeth, North Venice, FL; and many nephews, nieces and cousins.

The family held a private graveside and a Celebration of Life at First Baptist Church, Bartlesville, on May 23, 2023.

Anyone wishing to make a donation in Chief Ketchum's memory, please make the check to Delaware Tribe of Indians, note on the memo line "Elder Nutrition Program," and mail to

Delaware Tribe of Indians  
5100 Tuxedo Blvd.  
Bartlesville, OK 74006

The elder programs were very helpful to Dee and Annette during the duration of his illness. Thank you for your thoughtfulness. ■



### 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) ■



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Delaware Tribe Opens Community Center As Cooling Station For Bartlesville Residents

Celeste Amadon

As the sweltering summer months approach, it’s crucial to remember that the heat can pose serious health risks, particularly for our Elders and young ones. This is why we’re reopening the Tribal Cooling Center again this year—to offer a refuge from the soaring temperatures. The Center provides a comfortable, cool environment that keeps you safe by reducing the risk of heat-related illnesses like dehydration, heat exhaustion, or heatstroke.

In this heat, isolation can become more than a state of mind; it can become a health hazard. Until more temperate weather arrives, the Tribal Cooling Center offers a welcoming space to the Bartlesville community from M-F 1:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. Come to stay cool, connect and share stories with community members, and avoid the harmful effects of solitude (we had enough of that during the pandemic!).

Remember, even if your home’s air conditioning is working, using it less conserves energy, reduces strain on the electrical grid, and saves on energy costs, all contributing to the greater good of our community and Mother Earth.

Come spend time in our Cooling Center. You’ll be ensuring your health and safety while fostering community spirit and environmental responsibility ■



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One Summer paper per request, please only use the space provided, one page, front only. Summer stories will be displayed on the windows of Forsythe Hall for all the Elder Nutrition participants to read. The DIN reserves the right to refuse any stories turned in that don't follow the summer theme. ■



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## Delaware Indian Scholarship Fund Recipient Profile - Saige Scott

*Celeste Amadon*

The Delaware Indian News is proud to highlight recipients of grants from the Tribe's scholarship fund. Please write to the DIN if you have interest in being featured. Over the last 20 years, the cost of college tuition in the United States increased significantly. For public four-year institutions, the College Board reported that the average tuition for an in-state student increased from about \$3,500 per year in 2001 to about \$10,560 in the 2020-2021 school year. That's roughly a 300% increase. Costs are usually much higher for out-of-state students and private institutions. Financial aid packages often don't adequately factor the daunting ancillary costs of attending college, which include not only room and board, but also travel, healthcare, and the technology necessary to participate in the modern classroom—including laptops, smartphones, and more. As both a member of the DIN Editorial Committee and a student currently attending college, I'm in a position to report that I'm surrounded by students who are only able to continue their studies by using all available financial aid and every scholarship, and many times even that is not enough. Native Americans continue to be more underrepresented in college than any other demographic in the U.S., with only 19% of Native Americans ages 18 to 24 enrolled in college compared with 41% of the overall U.S. population, according to the Postsecondary National Policy Institute. Only 14.5% of the American Indian and Alaska Native population have earned a bachelor's degree or higher compared with 31.3% of the overall population, according to the Census Bureau. Experts believe that the lack of funds for college is one of the biggest impediments for Native Americans seeking higher education; also according to the Census Bureau, 26% of the American Indian population were living in poverty in 2016, the highest rate of any group, compared with 14% for the nation as a whole. Some factors in Native underrepresentation in college, such as lack of academic preparedness or mentorship, take time to address. However, our Tribe can try to immediately address the finance obstacles our would-be college students face. Please read an inspiring report below from one of our many high achieving young members, then consider contributing to the Lenape Native American Foundation Fund, which provides scholarships to tribal members. The fund is a registered 501(c)3 and donations are tax deductible. Be on the lookout for more in-

formation on how to donate to the fund online at [delawaretribe.org](http://delawaretribe.org) in the coming months.

Saige Scott is entering a nursing program at Oklahoma Wesleyan University in the fall and plans to bring needed medical skills back to the Delaware people. Let's hear from Saige in her own words:



My name is Saige Scott and I am a 2023 graduate from Caney Valley High School. At the time of graduation, I was named the class Salutatorian. In addition, I graduated with 55 college credit hours (college sophomore) from Coffeyville Community College, and was selected for the Dean's Honor Roll. Before graduating, I earned an academic scholarship from Oklahoma Wesleyan and Tribal scholarships for being my class salutatorian and for my overall academic achievements.

In my time spent at Caney Valley High School, I was a four-time girl's state golf qualifier, two-time All-State Second Team, one-time All-Star First Team, and placed 11th in the state my senior year. Once golf season came to an end each year, I participated in girl's basketball. Throughout the three years I participated in basketball, I was selected to First Team All-League, Honorable Mention in "Sports in Kansas," Montgomery County All-Area Second Team, and was mentioned in the Topeka Capital Journal.

Since graduating I have been accepted into the Nursing Program at Oklahoma Wesleyan University, and will begin in the Fall of 2023 as a sophomore. I plan to seek a job in an Intensive Care Unit in the Delaware reservation to give back to my tribe. ■

## Veterans Committee Report

*Kenny Brown, Chariman*

The Delaware Tribe of Indians Veterans Memorial was dedicated on May 25, 2023. Present at the dedication was the Gailey family of Ochelata, a Gold Star family. They attended in memory of their son, Sergeant Christopher D. Gailey, Co. F, 700th Brigade Support Battalion, 25th Infantry Brigade Combat Team. Sergeant Gailey was killed in Afghanistan, November 1, 2011.

Others present included members of American Legion Posts, DAV members, and several members of the Freedom Riders.

The Delaware Veterans Committee was honored to have Marine veteran John Henry Mashunkashey to open the ceremony with prayer and to have Chief KillsCrow tell us how this Veterans Memorial reached financial completion.

The Committee also thanks the Delaware War Mothers for their support and the Lenape Veterans Color Guard for taking care of The Colors.



Thanks also to Spencer Donnell for the beautiful Flag Song and to the Bartlesville Blue Star Moms for all they do for our warriors in uniform.

On a personal note, I want to thank the Lenape Gourd Dance Society and Lenape Veterans Color Guard for taking care of responsibilities during the Delaware Pow Wow—Copan.

The Saturday night Veterans Honor Ceremony was beautiful, with the Delaware War Mothers and Lenape Veterans Color Guard honoring those Warriors who didn't make it home. Special thanks to Army combat veteran Debra Mooney for standing guard at the POW/MIA chair during the Ceremony.

2023 was truly a Memorial Day Weekend to remember. ■



## Supreme Court Upholds Native American Adoption Law, Protecting Tribal Connections

*Celeste Amadon*

Just as this issue of the Delaware Indian News prepared to go to print, the Supreme Court handed down a significant ruling on a case being anxiously watched across Indian Country. The Court upheld a well-funded strategic challenge to The Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA), a 1978 law that aims to keep Native American adoptees within their tribes and preserve their cultural traditions. The decision marks a victory for tribes that have long advocated for the law, emphasizing its crucial role in maintaining their self-governance and fundamental principles.

Justice Amy Coney Barrett wrote for the majority in the 7-2 vote. The legal representation of the case before the Court was funded by The Goldwater Institute, which has participated in 12 cases challenging ICWA in the last five years. Native advocates were anxious that the case had been chosen by ICWA-opponents for elevation to the Supreme Court because its unusual facts might present a convincing case that the ICWA is not always in the best interests of children. It involved an evangelical couple from Texas, Jennifer and Chad Brackeen, who were already foster parents of a child with Navajo and Cherokee heritage. The Brackeens challenged the ICWA when they argued for custody of the child's sibling, while the Navajo sought placement with the child's great-aunt on a reservation.

The Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) grants preference to Native families in adoption proceedings, a policy that the foster couple argued violates equal protection principles and unfairly disadvantages Native children and non-Native families seeking to adopt them based on race. Under the ICWA, Native American children are subject to different rules

in child welfare cases to protect their tribal connections. The law establishes a hierarchy for adoption placement, prioritizing extended family members, then tribal members, and finally "other Indian families" when placing a child with non-Native families.

The tribes argued that they are political entities rather than racial groups. They emphasized that eliminating this distinction, which is the foundation of tribal rights, could jeopardize numerous aspects of Indian law and policy, including land access, water rights, and gambling regulations.

Writing for the majority, Justice Barrett stated that Congress has the broad authority to legislate regarding Indians, including family law, without erecting a constitutional firewall. Justices Clarence Thomas and Samuel A. Alito Jr. dissented, contending that Congress overstepped its bounds in regulating child welfare determinations.

The ruling brings relief to Tribal leaders who view it as a significant affirmation of the rule of law and the constitutional principles governing the relationship between Congress and tribal nations. See Chief KillsCrow's column in this issue for a present tense example of why the ICWA is essential for the Delaware Tribe; the Chief describes a case concerning a Delaware child in which, but for the ICWA, issues regarding the child's custody would not be decided by the Tribal court. The Supreme Court decision regarding the ICWA is especially significant given the historical mistreatment of Native American children, many of whom were forcibly separated from their tribes to be raised by non-Native families or placed in boarding schools outside their cultural heritage.

The Supreme Court's decision settles a longstanding debate and reaffirms the importance of maintaining Native American adoptees' connections to their tribes and cultural heritage. It sets a precedent for protecting tribal rights and acknowledging the significance of preserving indigenous communities through legislative measures like the ICWA. ■

## From the Desk of Tribal Domicile Commissioner Allan Barnes

**Commissioner Remarks:** The following article was written by our newest Domicile teammate, Reinsurance Coordinator Becky Bridendolph's perspective of the Domicile's prominence in the automobile Finance and Insurance (F&I) industry.

*Becky Bridendolph, Reinsurance Coordinator*

The Delaware Tribe of Indians Domicile was well represented at our 11th trip to the Agent Summit at Caesar's Palace in Las Vegas. Allan and myself were joined by Chief Brad KillsCrow, Elaine Higginbotham, Rhonda Pinkerton from Tribal Support services, and Andy Weill of Weill & Mazer, a respected industry-wide F&I and tax related attorney. We arrived in Las Vegas on Sunday and returned on Wednesday, and in the meantime spent many hours meeting and greeting old, new, and prospective clients.

The Agent Summit was launched in 2011 to drive the success of F&I and dealership profitability across the country. I attended this year for the first time, and I was impressed by the recognition and importance of the Domicile of the Delaware Tribe. The industry went from being uncertain and apprehensive of using the Tribe as a domestic option to hailing us almost as heroes over the past few years under the leadership of Allan, Rhonda, and Elaine. We were mentioned by several speakers and definitely play an integral role in the auto warranty industry. Our team met with and strategized with several of our insurance managers. We are growing rapidly, and this translates into a lot of time spent brainstorming and revisiting laws



and regulations to ensure we are in compliance with said laws. This conference for us is not necessarily a learning experience for anyone but me, but it is more of a marketing, strategizing and networking event for us as a whole. We rub shoulders and spend time cultivating relationships with many heavy hitters in the F&I and Auto dealership industries.

The Domicile of the Delaware Tribe of Indians is a domestic domicile, a cost efficient and timely option for domestication in a foreign country. Our turnaround time for new business is three days, and many clients and potential clients expressed their appreciation for our attention to these matters at the Agent Summit. The praises and gratitude bestowed upon us for the years of hard work and due diligence in the industry at the Agent Summit definitely

brought the scope of the need for our services into perspective to me. As a new hire, new to the reinsurance business I was overwhelmed and thankful for the opportunity to meet with and learn from some of the most respected names in our industry. We are looking forward to Agent Summit 2024, which will be held at The Cosmopolitan in Las Vegas NV. ■



## Youth Interview with Charlotte Zunigha

**What cultural practices or experiences taught to you are most meaningful?**

Some of my favorite cultural practices are growing a three sisters garden, learning to do ribbonwork, and participating in our social dances. My favorite experience has been returning to the Delaware Pow Wow every year from California.

**What are your biggest goals for Lenape Youth going forward?**

That they will take responsibility as keepers of our culture.

**What is your advice to our young Delaware members?**

Even if you live far away from this community, do your best to learn and practice Lenape ways. ■



## Elder Interview with Jimmy Rosler

**What are some of your fondest memories from your childhood?**

I loved living in NE OK in Pryor back in '46-55. I grew up on a farm where my grandparents hand-milked 10 cows in the morning and 10 cows in the afternoon. On Saturday morning we got in our cleanest and best clothes and went into town where Grandmother would churn butter in a gallon jug to trade for other supplies.

Used to love listening to how my grandmother and grandfather got together. Maiden name was Wolf. I remember never meeting any of her relatives because she married a white man. Although he was a great man. I learned all kinds of things from him. Watching and listening to the workings of the farm. I loved that time of my life. My Great-Great-Grandparents had started out with 40 acres and a mule. I wish I'd had a chance to meet my Grandmother's side of the family but never did.

**What part of our culture or traditions do you hold important?**

I like the culture because I used to tell the guys on the rig that I was an American born Indian. I love watching the pow wows in my area and I enjoy sitting in my chair watching the traditions of all the Indians go by. The blessing of items by the medicine men is only for us, only our traditions for our people.

**What advice would you like to give our youth?**

Always listen to your elders, older aunts, uncles, cousins, whatever. Richard Pryor once said that stupid people die young. You don't get old by being a fool. It's crazy now days and it's really anti social today. People seem selfish these days and Indians don't live like that. I'd like to tell the youth that addiction is running rampant on all the reservations, pay attention to it and get help. Pay attention to your friends so they can get help. Life is too short. ■

## Youth Interview with Sophia Joy Carson

**What cultural practices or experiences taught to you are most meaningful?**

Our language and dancing have taught me many things about my tribe as well as history and why it is important to carry on our traditions.

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

Our youth should be educated on health and wellness and how important it is to our life. I hope to see for all the Native American youth more engagement in health and sciences and I wish this for myself and it is one of my goals I have set for myself.

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

Don't be afraid to ask questions if you are not sure about things. I read the DIN every time I receive it in the mail and enjoy learning about all the things that go on in the tribe. Read the DIN. Be a part of the DIN. Enter your questions because I would love to read about you!!! ■



## Elder Interview with Cathey King

**What are some of your fondest memories from your childhood?**

Some of my fondest memories as a child include having family reunions at the cemetery on Memorial Day and also at Mohawk Park when the park had paddle boats. Amazingly, the park, nor our parents, required us kids to wear life jackets and we could also ride the paddle boats without an adult riding with us—even at the age of 10. My mother couldn't swim so letting us on the water made her nervous, but because she couldn't keep us away from the water, she made sure we learned to swim.

**What part of our culture or traditions do you hold important?**

I believe it is very important that we continue to preserve our Delaware language, and it's encouraging to see our tribal leaders working hard to keep it alive. I also believe it is important that we each learn about our ancestors and keep their memory alive and pass the history down to the next generation. My great-great-grandfather was born in what is now known as Ohio and my great-great-grandmother was born in what is now known as New Jersey. Both were removed to Kansas and then to Indian Territory, now Oklahoma, where they each received land allotments. The house they built is still on the allotment and is still being lived in today. After my gg-grandparents' passing, each family generation has maintained the cemetery. My husband and I have maintained the cemetery for the last several years and built a pipe fence around it to preserve the memory of my ancestors. In my opinion, honoring our ancestors is a part of the Delaware culture.

**What advice would you like to give our youth?**

Although it doesn't seem like it when you're young, life goes by very quickly, so utilize every opportunity that comes your way to better yourself. Love others \*and\* yourself. Always plan for the future. And always be proud of your Delaware heritage. ■



# From The Desk of Lenape Reserve Director

Luana Strike-Axe Murphy, Director, Lenape Reserve

This is my very first write up for the Delaware Indian News. Lenape Reserve officially opened their doors to the public October 24, 2022. As of June 2023, our tribal gift shop has officially been open for 8 months. We carry a wide assortment of handcrafted art, ready made traditional/contemporary Native American clothing, beaded jewelry, silver work, crafting supplies, health and beauty products, and non-perishable food items. We also carry NTVS products and our Teton Trade Cloth by Lenape products. All I can say is, the future looks bright for Lenape Reserve. I have taken notice of the influx of traffic visiting our store. We have had people visit us from surrounding Native American

communities, usually traveling a few hours to come and check out our store. We also have many visitors from our local community, as well as people from other States that are visiting the area. It's exciting to meet all the people passing through, and it's also exciting to see returning patrons.

Myself and Sherri Sam-Chouteau are the happy faces of Lenape Reserve. We are excited to see you and look forward to seeing and talking with our visitors. Also, we are always on the lookout for new vendors. We will definitely consider buying your hand-crafted art if you are a member of a Federally Recognized Tribe, so please reach out to us if you are interested. At this time, we are open Monday thru Friday 10:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. If you would like to purchase a product through our e-commerce store, the website is [www.lenapereserve.com](http://www.lenapereserve.com). If you have any questions, our store number is (918) 337-6532 or you can email us at [lenapereserve@delawaretribe.org](mailto:lenapereserve@delawaretribe.org). Wanishi! ■



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## Delaware Indian Recipes

Courtesy of Myrtle Black

### Bean Bread made with Masa Harina Flour

In a large bowl add 1 1/2 cups Masa Harina flour. Add enough hot water to make a thick paste. Add one can Red Kidney beans which have been rinsed. Stir lightly and pour into a hot baking dish with some shortening. It will be stiff and make only about 1 inch thick. Cook until slightly brown (light)

### Indian Hominy

Use 1 large granite dish pan. Fill about 3/4 full of water. Sift about 3 qts. of wood ashes and add to water. Bring to boil and then add 3 qts. of corn. (Old corn from a bin will not scald) Boil and stir until hulls come off grains. Then rinse until water runs clear. About 8 to 9 times and rub as you do this. Hang out to dry. Cook about 2 qts. at a time for 4 or 5 hrs. Add fresh pork the last hr. and cook until tender. Add salt.

### Wild Grape Dumplings

1 qt. grape juice (wild grapes if available)  
4 cup sugar  
Heat to boiling and add dumplings  
2 cups flour  
4 teaspoons baking powder 1/2 teaspoon salt  
1 tablespoon sugar 3/4 cup milk 1/4- 1/3 cup butter.

Mix dry ingredients, sift twice. Work in butter with pastry mixer, fork or fingertips, and add milk gradually. Roll out on floured board and cut in strips, then in squares. Drop in boiling grape juice mixture. Cover and steam until tender.

Courtesy of Geneva Howard

### Indian Corn Bread

6 ears of green corn (roasting ears) 1 tsp. salt  
4 Tbs. bacon drippings  
Grate corn from cob, using coarse grater. Add salt and half of bacon grease, mix well. Pour into pan, greased with remaining drippings and bake for 25 minutes in hot oven. ■



## Stories Of Our Past—The Remarkable History Of THE CLANS The Delaware Tribe Of Indians

Anita Mathis, Librarian & Archives Director

Here 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 some Legends from Richard C. Adams. Hope you enjoy the reading, please stop by the Archives to check out the rest of the story and see the pictures, and picture writing. Please come check out what all we have to offer to our Tribal Members.

Please donate any pictures, documents, or stories you would like added to our Archives for our future generations. Wanishi.

From Richard C. Adams

*Legends of the Delaware Indians and Picture Writing*

When the waters were so mighty

As to reach the mountains high, and it seemed that all creation

Surely then was doomed to die, Came the turtle to our rescue,

Brought us safely unto land, For the Manitou had sent him;

Now we're called "The Turtle Clan."

The Wolf band comes from children,

Whom a she-wolf nursed with care, and thus restored the children

Who were given up in despair. Her wailing brought the hunters

To the babies where they lay; So a band among the people

Is the Wolf Clan of to-day.

When the tribe was once in danger,

A wild turkey gave alarm, And the warriors met the foeman

With the fury of a storm, To a maiden, in a vision,

Did the turkey show the plan, and we call all her descendants.

To this day, the "Turkey Clan." ■

*From the Eiteljorg Museum (Eiteljorg.org):*

### In Memoriam: Dee Ketchum (Delaware Tribe of Indians), 1938-2023

Dee Ketchum and his wife Annette Ketchum have had a long connection and friendship with the Eiteljorg. During the museum's early years, they were involved in planning exhibits and presenting public programs about their people, the Delaware tribe, also known as the Lenape. A former chief of the Delaware Tribe of Indians, Dee Ketchum was a leader, culture bearer, coach and educator from Bartlesville, Oklahoma. He died March 26 at age 84.

Central Indiana residents might remember Dee and Annette Ketchum as cultural educators at annual events at the Eiteljorg and Conner Prairie and in Anderson, Indiana. What is now the city of Anderson is among the ancestral lands of the Lenape people before their 19th century removal by the U.S. government to Oklahoma. In educating audiences, Dee demonstrated a variety of dances and engaged visitors with songs and stories. In October 2009, the Ketchums had a major role in creating and presenting a Delaware Cultural Day at the Eiteljorg.

In Oklahoma, Dee Ketchum also is recalled as one of that state's great athletes. Setting records in three sports in high school, he was recruited by the University of Kansas in 1957 on a full basketball scholarship. He was a starting player all four years on the KU basketball team and co-captain his senior year. After earning his bachelor's degree in education and master's in educational counseling and psychology at KU, Ketchum coached basketball at the

college level for 12 years. He later worked as part owner of his family's oil pipe supply business. For 20 years, Dee served in his tribal government, as an elected tribal council member and then as chief from 1998-2002. In 2014, he received the Jim Thorpe Sports Excellence Award from the Tulsa Area Indian Affairs Commission.

As part of their efforts to educate the public about Lenape culture and heritage, Dee and his family participated in a WFYI-produced TV documentary in 2003, *Long Journey Home: The Delawares of Indiana*. His oral history interview also appears in the 2008 book *Long Journey Home*, edited by James. W. Brown and Rita Kohn and published by Indiana University Press.

In 2018, Dee and Annette Ketchum gifted a Delaware men's Straight Dance outfit—a ribbonwork shirt, leggings, apron and other items—to the Eiteljorg, which enhanced the Delaware portion of the museum's permanent collection.

The Eiteljorg Museum is indebted to Dee Ketchum for all his efforts to uplift the Delaware people. The museum staff extends condolences to his family, including his wife Annette, their two daughters, five grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren and his many friends.

This article may also be found online at <https://eiteljorg.org/in-memoriam-dee-ketchum-delaware-tribe-of-indians-1938-2023/>. ■



Dee Ketchum (Delaware Tribe of Indians) in performance in Anderson, Ind., in 2014  
Photo by Don Knight, *Anderson Herald Bulletin*

## 2023 Delaware Pow Wow

The 58th annual Delaware Pow Wow was held May 26 – 28 at the Fall Leaf Family Memorial Pow Wow Grounds. Everyone enjoyed reuniting with family and friends, probably eating way too much and especially participating in the dancing and singing. The celebration kicked off on Thursday evening with traditional Delaware social dances followed by a stomp dance. Friday night included the crowning of the 2023 Delaware Pow Wow Princess, Maura Johnson, and contests in the tiny tots and junior divisions. The highlight of the evening was the presentation of a 12 ft. hand carved dugout canoe, a gift to our Delaware people from Matthew Putnam, a Stockbridge Munsee from Bowler, Wisconsin. Saturday morning was the annual bet Indian football game and once again the women won. In the afternoon, there was a fry bread making contest as well as gourd dancing and honor dances. Following the opening of the evening session, there was a special tribute to our veterans and MIAs. The women’s dance categories also competed followed by a special contest for Delaware Men’s Straight Dancers. The Turtle races on Sunday were a favorite with the kids. In the evening, there was competition in the men’s divisions and special contests for tiny tots and women’s fancy shawl.

This was the first year since the Tribe purchased the Pow Wow grounds that this committee has organized and operated the Pow Wow. As a committee, we have learned a lot, especially just how much work it takes behind the scenes to hold such an event. Thus, the Committee for 2024 has been expanded to include new members who are young, energetic, and eager to become involved. They are Jennifer Dick, Dennis Little Axe, Kilan Jacobs, Tristen Tucker, and Alma Welch.

The Committee would like to thank everyone who donated their time and/or financial resources to support the Pow Wow. We would like to especially thank the Delaware Tribal Council for purchasing the new sound system as well as a cash donation for operating expenses, rations for 77 camps, the public porta potties, and last-minute electrical work due to storm damage. Other major contributors were Cherokee Nation, Osage Casino, and Mr. C. W. Powell.

We are already underway with planning for 2024. We hope to have a fund-raising event at the Pow Wow grounds this fall so be watching for more information.

See you next year,  
The Delaware Pow Wow Committee ■



## Summertime Safety

Denny Fisher, Environmental Program Director

If you spend time with kids in the summer, you want to keep them safe while providing fun outdoor experiences. Did you know that overexposure to the sun and air pollution can pose serious health effects, especially to children? You can take several simple actions to protect kids—and yourself.

Ozone can be protective or harmful, depending on where it is found in the atmosphere. Ozone is a naturally occurring gas in the upper atmosphere (the stratosphere) that protects us from the sun’s ultraviolet (UV) radiation. However, certain man-made chemicals released during the last 100 years have destroyed some of this protective ozone. Because there is less ozone in the stratosphere to protect us, it is more important than ever to be safe from the summer sun’s rays. Ozone at ground level (the troposphere) is formed from pollutants emitted by cars, power plants, refineries, and other sources. Ground-level ozone is a primary component of a chemical soup known as “smog.” Breathing can be difficult, especially for asthmatics and older adults, when the strong summer sun causes more smog to form. Your chances of being affected by these higher smog levels increase the longer you are active outdoors and the more strenuous the activity.

Overexposure to UV radiation can cause sunburns now, but also can lead to skin cancer, cataracts, and premature aging of the skin. Because kids spend so much time in the summer sun, and unprotected exposure during youth puts them at increased lifetime risk for skin cancer, protecting kids from the sun is especially important. Kids and teenagers who are active outdoors—especially those with asthma or other respiratory problems—are particularly sensitive to ground-level ozone. Ozone can cause coughing, throat irritation, and pain when taking a deep breath. It also can reduce lung function, inflame the lining of the lungs, and even trigger asthma attacks the day after ozone levels are high. Repeated inflammation over time may permanently scar lung tissue.

This message is brought to you by the Delaware Tribal Environmental Program (DTEP) and the EPA. The Director can be reached at [efisher@delawaretribe.org](mailto:efisher@delawaretribe.org). ■

UV Index (UVI)

Exposure Category	UVI Range
Low	< 3
Moderate	3 to 5
High	6 to 7
Very high	8 to 10
Extreme	11+

Air Quality Index (AQI)\*

AQI Number	Health Concern	Color Code
0 to 50	Good	Green
51 to 100	Moderate	Yellow
101 to 150	Unhealthy for sensitive groups	Orange
151 to 200	Unhealthy	Red
201 to 300	Very unhealthy	Purple

\*These reports are usually only for metropolitan areas, but some blazes by the wind can also create health problems in rural areas.

