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## From the Desk of Chief Brad KillsCrow

*Brad KillsCrow, Chief, Delaware Tribe of Indians*

As winter is slowly coming to an end and spring time is just around the corner, we embrace this time as a new beginning to our seasons. Many of you will be out in your gardens planning the cultivation of this year's crops and some of you will be taking in the new weather as it gets better. I look forward to what the summer time brings us. We had an opening on the Tribal Council after the resignation of former Councilman Bruce Martin. We advertised and held interviews for several individuals who all have the deepest interests for our people. I thank all those who applied, as I know how important our tribe is to each one of you. I'm pleased to announce the appointment of Shaunda Brooks as our newest Tribal Council Member. Shaunda is the daughter of former councilman Joe Brooks and she is the niece of the late Chief Chet Brooks. Shaunda is well respected in her nursing career and is someone I'm proud to have serving on our Tribal Council.

Again we have continued to maintain all of our current buildings and the latest projects are coming along very well. We renovated the Caney office building which houses our Tribal Court, Tribal Domicile, and our Family and Children's Services. This renovation will allow more

space for our Tribal Court and more secure office spaces for our Family and Children Services. Our Lenape Early Learning Center just recently underwent a kitchen renovation that will continue to make this 5-star facility the best environment for our children. Here on campus we just implemented a new Microix software system that will provide our employees and accounting department the ability to make the purchase order process a lot more sufficient.

I am very happy to report that the Tribe's fiscal year 2022 Independent Auditor's Report was released by Arledge Certified Public Accountants. The Tribe received another clean opinion. All of the tribe's financials (including all Grants, Domicile, ARPA, CARES monies) were thoroughly audited for inconsistencies, fraud, misappropriations, and other potential issues. I would like to thank our accounting department for all the hard work that went into this year's audit.

On March 8 I traveled with Jeremy Johnson, our Cultural Education Director, to Gnadenhutten, Ohio to attend a ceremony commemorating the anniversary of the Gnadenhutten Massacre. Gnadenhutten is the site of the

killing of 96 Lenape Christian Indians by U.S. militiamen. I was also accompanied by Chief Justin Logan, Delaware Nation at Moraviantown, and we were both able to give our prayers and sentiments to our ancestors.

On March 14 I had the privilege to be at the Grand Opening of our new Prevention Support Services. Under this program we now have the ability to address alcohol and drug abuse within our tribe. Sherry Sam-Chouteau is our Director and is overseeing this new program. Sherry had implemented a Talking Circle and a Wellbriety class that is held here on campus. With this program we will be able to send our tribal members to residential treatment facilities so they can get the help they need. If you know somebody that could use these services please contact Sherry here at the tribe.

I would like to remind everyone of the 59th Annual Delaware Pow Wow, May 24, 25, and 26, on the Fall Leaf Family Memorial Pow Wow Grounds in Copan, Oklahoma. This weekend is a homecoming for many of our tribal members. I look forward to the many laughs, food, and conversations that will be had during this weekend. ■

## 59<sup>th</sup> Annual Delaware Pow Wow To Be Held May 24-26

The Delaware Pow Wow Committee is looking forward to hosting our 59th Annual Delaware Pow Wow on May 24 – 26 at the Fall Leaf Family Campgrounds in Copan, Oklahoma. In preparation, we will be hosting a Campground Clean Up Weekend on April 27 and 28. We encourage everyone to come out to clean their camp and burn leaves as well as help us clean the common use areas (pow wow arena, concession stand, vendor area, etc.). The committee will provide hamburgers and hot dogs both days at 2 P.M. at the concession stand. We are asking for donations of chips and other sides to add to our "lunch". In case of inclement weather or high winds, we will move the date to May 4 and 5. Currently the gates to the grounds are open seven days a week from 7 A.M. until dark (with the exception of April 12) for permanent campers to work on their camps. Overnight camping begins May 18 and ends June 2. Please remember that burning leaves is not permitted if there is a red flag warning issued for Copan.

Thanks to the Tribal Council, we have new bleachers for the arena. The Council has also removed a number of dead and damaged trees that were posing a risk to camps and the public. We will continue to charge a \$25 electrical hookup fee for campers and other vehicles that hook into the electrical outlets on the campgrounds.

The Delaware Pow Wow Committee is an independent non-profit organization with the sole purpose of organizing, managing, and obtaining financial support for the Delaware Pow Wow through an agreement with the Tribal Council. The Committee members are Erica Zunigha, Chairwoman; Linda KillsCrow, Secretary/Treasurer; and members Sydney Gabbard Rose, Walter Dye, Jimmie Johnson, Tony KillsCrow, Alma Welch, Tristen Tucker, Jennifer Dick, Rob Little Axe, and Kilan Jacobs.

Since the Delaware Tribe does not provide funds for the Pow Wow itself, the committee relies on funds generated through the sale of program books, t-shirts, booth space, and at the concession stand. We also need volunteers to help before, during and after the Pow Wow. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Jennifer Dick (918-323-2581) or [jenhen28@gmail.com](mailto:jenhen28@gmail.com). The success of the Pow Wow relies heavily on the generosity of our tribal members and guests and donations are essential in helping us in covering our operating expenses.

Thank you for your continued support and we will see you in May! ■

## From The Desk of Assistant Chief Tonya Anna

*Tonya Anna, Assistant Chief*

Hé Tribal Members! *Sikónatae* in Lenape means “flower that blooms in spring”. Spring is about a time of rebirth and revival after going dormant in the winter. On that note, I would like to talk about growth. Our Tribe’s biggest assets are our employees. If we do not invest in the employees, we will remain dormant. Believing firmly in education and professional development gives our employees a chance to grow and better themselves not only professionally, but personally as well. When we empower our employees to be the best that they can, it will bring the best to the Tribe. If we take care of our employees then they have no reason to leave, which brings consistency and resilience. When a person leaves their position with us, I want it to be because they outgrew their position and moved on to bigger things.

My year kicked off by attending the Muscogee Nations Inauguration on January 6, 2024 for Chief David Hill and Del Beaver. The event took place at The Cove River Spirit Casino Resort with a nice luncheon that followed. It was an honor to support another tribal nation and hear how they aided their membership and constituents. They had various guests in attendance and gave away awards. They even presented an award to Sterlin Harjo, Native American filmmaker who directed *Reservation Dogs*.

For those who listen to the local radio station KWON you may have heard some of our directors promoting their departments and the Tribe. If you missed the Community Connection on KWON visit their Facebook page and locate Delaware Tribe of Indians in their Video album to watch our employees. I feel giving our em-



ployees professional development opportunities is one of the best things we can do as an organization. Which brings me to sending our female Directors to Women in Business. This monthly Chamber event gives them an opportunity to network with others in our community, enjoy a delicious lunch, and receive a gift bag and a chance to win door prizes. For a small investment they also get to learn various tools to bring back and utilize with employees.

The Bartlesville Library contacted me to give a talk about the Tribe on January 23. This gave me the opportunity to speak with a tribal member, Katelynn. We have stayed in contact with each other as she wants to be more involved with the tribe. She has a lot to offer so I am excited to see her graduate college to free up some of her time to spend with us! A big Wanishi Katelynn!

On February 8 I was installed as a Board Member for Grand Gateway Economic Development Association after Appellate Judge, Rick Barnes, stepped aside due to health issues. This opportunity is an honor and have already met so many new faces at the first meeting. Grand Gateway EDA is a cooperative created by local governments to serve local governments. They provide a net-

work to identify and solve community issues. We meet every other month, so I am excited to be able to bring back some valuable information in future publications.

As you know, our Food Pantry has partnered with the Eastern Oklahoma Food Bank. Food Pantry Director Sonny Fixico represented the Delaware Tribe of Indians very well. I have watched Sonny grow during his time here at the Tribe. He is not afraid to step outside of his comfort zone and embrace new opportunities. If you ever get a chance and want to volunteer at the Food Bank of Eastern Oklahoma you can call the headquarters in Tulsa at (918) 585-2800. They are located at 1304 N. Kenosha Avenue, Tulsa, OK.

The United Indian Nations of Oklahoma met on March 19 & 20. UINO membership is made up of Tribes, Individuals and Organizations. Topics covered included Legislative Updates, Federal Indian Policy, Sports Betting Bill, NCAI Update, Native HealthCare, Tribal Taxation, and several discussion panels.

In closing, as Maya Angelou stated, “Do the best you can until you know better. Then when you know better, do better.”

Wanishi ■

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## Tribal Member C A Griffith Graduates From KHA Advocacy All Stars Program

We are thrilled to announce that Charles Griffith, Smith County Family Practice clinic director, graduated from the inaugural KHA Advocacy All Stars program! The Advocacy All Stars training equips graduates with the skills to effectively communicate about policies impacting hospitals and health care. Charles has a strong desire to serve and we congratulate him on his achievement!

Last year, Charles was the driving force behind our Veterans Town Hall event, which proved highly beneficial for many veterans. We are excited to host another Veterans Town Hall and Health Fair on April 13th to provide veterans with even more resources. ■

*For more information, see the Smith County Memorial Hospital & Smith County Family Practice Facebook page.*



*C A Griffith, bottom row, left*



# The Elders Circle

Jana Roth

kikayàk (elders)

òkànkwèphatuwàk (group in a circle)

Welcome to The Elders Circle, a forum of the Elders Committee for sharing information with our fellow tribal members.

Do you know an elder Delaware tribal member that would enjoy receiving a birthday card and additional elder news and information? Or are you an elder Delaware tribal member that would like to receive a birthday card and other elder news and information?

If so, please cut out and complete the following form or email the information to **delawareeldercouncil2023@gmail.com**

Or send the information on Facebook to Beverly Sue Hough Hicks, via Messenger, at dtieldercommittee.

Return to:  
Beverly Hicks  
C/O Delaware Tribe of Indians  
5100 Tuxedo Blvd  
Bartlesville, OK 74006

## Elder Committee News

Please join us as we honor our late elder, Jack Tatum.



The dedication ceremony for “Jack’s Mile” will be held on May 23, 2024 (the Thursday before the Delaware Tribal Pow Wow) at 2:00 P.M. at the Delaware Tribal Complex located at 5100 Tuxedo Blvd Bartlesville, Oklahoma.



Congratulations to Terry Bryan, winner of the comforter set in our January raffle! The Elders Committee raised \$180.00 from the fundraiser. Wanishi, Beverly Chafin, for donating the comforter set to help raise funds our elder community.



The Elders Committee donated \$360.00 for bingo prizes for the first six months of 2024. Elder Bingo is held on Thursdays, at 1:00 P.M. following lunch in Forsythe Hall.

The Elders Committee welcomed a special guest, 13-year-old tribal member Isla, to our March 5 meeting. Isla, pictured to the right surrounded by elders, assisted us in planning for upcoming activities meant to strengthen our Delaware community.

## Elders Committee Activities

The Elders Committee is currently planning a trip to visit the Delaware Nation in Anadarko, Oklahoma. Space is limited. For more information, email the **delawareeldercouncil2023@gmail.com**.

## Elders Committee Meetings

If you are a senior citizen (55+) and a member of the Delaware Tribe of Indians, we invite you to join our monthly meetings at Tribal Headquarters or on Zoom.

The Elders Committee meets monthly on the first Tuesday at 1:00 P.M. in the Family & Children’s Services building, located at Tribal Headquarters, 5100 Tuxedo Blvd, Bartlesville, OK.

If you can’t make it in person, please join us on Zoom! To attend the meeting by Zoom, email your request to **delawareeldercouncil2023@gmail.com** and you will receive instructions on how to connect.



## Contact Us

Senior (55+) Delaware tribal members can contact the Elders Committee by email at **delawareeldercouncil2023@gmail.com**

Follow us on Facebook at dtieldercommittee.

ALL elder Delaware tribal members are invited to join us at our 2024 monthly meetings on Tuesdays, May 7, June 4, July 2, August 6, at 1:00 pm.

## Elder Council Officers:

- Chair—Beverly Hicks
- Vice Chair—Kay Anderson
- Secretary—Jana Roth
- Treasurer—Molly Martin
- Sergeant-at-Arms—Steve Donnell
- Tribal Liaison—Annette Ketchum ■

Please send a birthday card to

Delaware Tribal Member’s Name:

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State Zip

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

# A Message From Teton Trade Cloth by Lenape CEO Leslie Jerden

Leslie Jerden

Teton Trade Cloth by Lenape will have officially released our Made in America woolen trade cloth by the time this article is printed. This is a momentous step in our business as it’s the very first 10-band woolen trade cloth owned by a tribe to be manufactured in the USA. The m lange colors are American Red, Blue, and Purple. They’re stunners and we are so excited to offer them! Our monochrome pink cotton fabrics have released, as well as the monarch patterns by MaryBeth Timothy, a new in-house design of brass sequin prints, as well as new cotton bandanas, satin scarves, and enamel pins.

We are still working on perfecting our American-made serape blankets on the looms at American Woolen Mill. Sample sizes are produced to test for quality in color, striping, tightness of the weave and hand feel. The normal process of any mill running a new

product takes some time to get it “just right”. We are almost there! We are awaiting a jacquard loom for American Woolen Mill in order to produce geometric designs in the USA as well. Until then, we will continue to produce our trade cloth and serape styles from the mill, adding winter weight Honor Blankets to that list once the mill is equipped.

Teton has attended several pop-up Native Markets as well as Pow Wows with a sales booth. We are centering on Oklahoma, our tribal headquarters state, and we have some dates for larger events across state lines. Our intention is to raise brand awareness and to bring attention to our Tribal owned status. Next up will be Gathering of Nations Pow Wow in Albuquerque New Mexico!

This March Teton attended the Reservation Economic Summit as an exhibitor in Las Vegas, Nevada. With just over four thousand attendees this year, it is the

most well attended and the longest running Native American business consortium in the United States. Tribal leaders, State and Federal agencies, top CEOs, and Native-owned businesses exhibit, attend learning sessions, have one-on-one meetings, and talk about strengthening our business across our Nations.

This year I brought Jacob Long, the majority owner of American Woolen Mill, as my guest to the conference. Together we pitched the abilities of Teton Trade Cloth by Lenape to create and customize Native and Indigenous artwork to format textile fabrics while running the production of those textiles through our co-owned mill to Tribal business owners.

This would allow for natural American-sourced fibers (such as wool or cotton) to be created and manufactured under our Tribal name and within the USA.

We want those public meeting

spaces, conference rooms, cultural centers, casino lobbies, museum entry ways/installments etc. to utilize our business for interior textiles such as draperies and upholstery. We had some great conversations and made some very strong connections to start work on this endeavor. We intend to increase our business and partnership between both of these Tribal-owned companies.

In the quarter ahead, look for a fantastic new serape color line, a specialty colorway in American made trade cloth, and the public announcement of the annual Teton Trade Cloth by Lenape Fashion Show.

You are hearing it here in the DIN first! The fashion show will be held this year on Saturday October 26 right in our Tribal Headquarters town of Bartlesville Oklahoma. We will also have exclusive space for a Native Art Market with 40 booths. Applications for art market vendors, models and designers will be opened soon. Save the Date and come to the market and show!

Please don’t forget you can help our business at no cost

through Likes, Shares, and Follows on our social media spaces. Find us on social media here:

Facebook-Teton Trade Cloth  
Instagram-Teton Trade Cloth by Lenape

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Leslie Jerden, CEO (Tahkokenatae)  
Teton Trade Cloth by Lenape  
Tetontradecloth.com  
Leslie@tetontradecloth.com ■



## An Update from Delaware Tribe of Indians CFO Kendall Reith

Kendall Reith, CFO

The Accounting department has been busy these past few months! We have had the ability to streamline our payable process through electronic means and it’s made for a more efficient process. Additionally, we have started planning for FY25 budgets and have been working diligently on FY23 audit prep. On March 27–29, the Tribe had the opportunity to host the Oklahoma Tribal Finance Consortium at the Indigo Sky Casino & Resort in Wyandotte, OK. This is a finance conference the accounting department attends annually, and we were excited to have the opportunity to talk about our Lenape culture. Currently, we are looking to fill a full-time staff accountant position. Please see the Delaware Tribe website for more information and email application and resume to [kreith@delaware-tribe.org](mailto:kreith@delaware-tribe.org). Our accounting staff works tirelessly to keep our daily operations moving along. I’d like to

recognize their dedication and longevity serving our Tribe:

Gina Parks—Accounting Manager—20 Years  
Vicki Carvalho—Controller—3 years  
Scott Canavan—Procurement Specialist—1 year  
Sarah Donelson—Staff Accountant—1 year  
Shelby Lacey—Staff Accountant—7 years

Wanishi ■



## Delaware Artisans Making Tribal Clothes

We have two Delaware tribal members who are available to provide Delaware regalia for our members. If interested, please reach out to either of them for pricing.

Erica Magee: (918) 902-7750 [erica.magee33@gmail.com](mailto:erica.magee33@gmail.com)  
You may also private message her on Facebook.

Yolanda Frenchman [yfrenchman@gmail.com](mailto:yfrenchman@gmail.com)  
You may also private message her on Facebook.

Photos of their work can be found on our Facebook page ■

# Trust Board Community Services and Education Committees

## Community Services Programs

If you have questions, please contact the Tribal Office at (918) 337-6510.

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. As of FY2024, Only one (1) Community Service Application is allowed per tribal member, per calendar year, with the exception of Elder Prescription, which can be applied for monthly. 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) 337-6510.

**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 July 1 through September 15, Spring from December 1 through February 15.

**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.

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.

Donors are recognized at five levels:

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## An Elder’s Persepective

Allan Barnes

Being an elder in the Delaware Tribe of Indians provides many blessings and opportunities. Jack Tatum once proclaimed at a tribal council meeting that “we are not a club but a tribe of people” and with that difference comes a responsibility to carry forth our ancestors traditions, culture, language and respect for the creator’s worldly gifts. So, how does that tie into our present and everyday relationship to our tribe? First off how does a tribal member become an elder? Age is the simple answer. But there is more to it than guidelines set forth by the AOA, Administration on Aging or even our own Title VI elder nutrition program, which defines an elder as age 55 and older. Thank goodness for this program that provides the daily opportunity to congregate and socialize. For some this allows our widowed or single living alone elders to have that much needed interaction with others. We all know several that have lost a loved one who still come to have a meal and enjoy the company. I often tell the story that my first experience as an elder was coming to the community center to pick up a lunch for my father many years ago. He would often recall the time when he and his brothers would meet at these congregate meals which at the time Kay Anderson did what she could with as little as she had to provide a nutritious meal.

Our Delaware tribe leaders recognize how important the relationships are between the elders and our tribal youth and what benefits it can provide by the stories and traditions we pass along. My experience as tribal employee of more than ten years has allowed me to see the assistance provided to our youth and elders. My father would be proud of the great strides the tribe has made in the areas of growth and recognizing the needs of all. Of course, an excellent example is the food pantry that provides much appreciated assistance for our elders and families raising children. The Delaware Tribe of Indians has so many programs our members can benefit from including housing and other forms of assistance. Also, support from our cultural department tribal archivist, Anita Davis Mathis an elder, honor our past by preserving so many items from our ancestors who have passed. These things have been the common thread that truly make us the respected Tribe that we have been and are today. Elders, past and present have provided their wisdom and experience to our youth, whether we realize it or not. No matter what generation we represent we should all have an underlying pride for our history and status as a respected tribe. ■

## Birth Announcement



**Leland Dale Artherton**  
Born May 13, 2023 to Shelby Dayle Artherton

## Volunteers Needed!

Tonya Anna

We are always looking for volunteers to assist the tribe. If there is something specific, you would like to assist with just let us know. Otherwise, we have these to choose from and if they spark an interest or you have ideas you would like to pass along email [tanna@delawaretribe.org](mailto:tanna@delawaretribe.org) or call (918) 337-6531.

**Lenapeowski Foundation**—This 501(c)3 organization has been around since 2007 and has gone by the wayside. We would like to see someone get this group back up and running. Its mission was to preserve, sustain, and perpetuate Lenape language, culture, and society. When it was actively operating, they could have up to 30 school-aged children attend weekly. They would have potluck and cultural activities in Forsythe Hall where all children were welcome regardless of tribal affiliation.

**Young Lenape Leaders**—A motion was made in November 2021 to establish this group. They met a few times but could not get participation from our younger membership. This group may need an event to spark some interest for the younger members to get involved so any help would be greatly appreciated. ■




At the January 2024 Tribal Council meeting the Cultural Preservation Committee honored Anita Mathis, Jim Rementer, and Jeremy Johnson for their hard work and dedication for a job well done in preserving our history and culture. ■

## Wood Worker Needed


Tonya Anna

The Stockbridge Munsee gifted us a canoe and delivered it at last year's Pow Wow. It has been on display in the Tribal Council Chambers ever since. Unfortunately, it is cracking on each end and needs to be repaired. Maintenance tried wood glue but it's still cracking and we would like to have it repaired as soon as possible before it gets any worse. If your talent is wood working and you know how to rectify this issue, please give me a call at (918) 337-6537 or email [tanna@delawaretribe.org](mailto:tanna@delawaretribe.org). Wanishi ■



## Have Suggestions for the Lenape Youth Fun Pages? Let Us Know!

Do you want to share ideas for the Lenape Youth Pages? Submit your ideas to [din@delawaretribe.org](mailto:din@delawaretribe.org) for consideration. Thank you for helping to improve something for our children! ■



## 2024 Shamrock the ‘Ville 5k Race and 1-Mile Fun Run/Walk



Delaware Tribe employees participated in the annual St. Patrick's Day Shamrock the 'Ville in March that helps contribute to Catholic Charities of Eastern Oklahoma's program, Mary Martha Outreach. Mary Martha Outreach is an outreach program in Bartlesville, OK that provides services to those in need and includes a food pantry, clothing center, and crisis response.

Environmental Director Tristen Tucker represented the Delaware Tribe in the 5K race and placed 2nd overall. He placed 1st in his age category.

Enrollment Director Emily Haney, Enrollment Clerk Skyler Brott, Peer Recovery Support Specialist Sherri Sam Chouteau, Executive Director of Tribal Operations Shana Robedeaux, Domicile Reinsurance Coordinator Becky Bridendolph, Title VI Caregiver Coordinator Tammy Cunningham, Wellness Director Cody Blackmon, Receptionist Hayden Ingram, and Executive Assistant to the Chief Dana Murrell all participated in the 1K fun run/walk.

Everyone received a bright green Delaware Tribe of Indians t-shirt as a souvenir of the event and a thank you for participating. Being a part of the community and raising

awareness of the Delaware Tribe's programs and employees, now businesses, has been an ongoing priority. This is just one of many community events the Tribe hopes to be part of as we continue growing and contributing to benefit of the City of Bartlesville we call home. ■



Tristen Tucker (right)

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405.762.2844



## Veterans Committee Report

Kenny Brown, Chairman

The Lenape Veterans Committee has a new Veterans Service Center located in the Tribal Wellness Center. We will provide information and service to all Veterans, tribal member or non-native alike.

The center will be open on Tuesday from 10 A.M. to 5 P.M. The Veterans Center will be run by Steven Donnell. See below for his contact information:

Email: [1lenapeila@gmail.com](mailto:1lenapeila@gmail.com)  
Phone: (918) 337-6590 ext Steve  
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Organizations we are connected with include:

Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs  
Tulsa Vets Center for Counseling

Oklahoma Development Disabilities Council  
Oklahoma DHS  
Delaware Prevention Services (Sobriety Service)

Big thank you to Mike Burks, Brian Neal, and Tristen Tucker for planting the Red Bud trees at the Memorial.

Tristen provided information on Native pollinators provided and planted free of charge by Euchee Butterfly Farm in Bixby. Veterans Committee voted to plant pollinators in the Memorial planters.

The Lenape Veterans Color Guard presented the Colors at the Tribal Finance Consortium hosted by the Delaware Tribe of Indians at Indigo Sky Casino March 28 and 29.

The Lenape Veterans Committee meets on the 4th Tuesday of each month at 6 P.M. at the Family & Children Services Building. All Veterans are welcome.

Auxiliaries, Delaware War Mothers, and Lenape Gourd Dance Society are encouraged to attend.

Wanishi, see you at Copan! ■



## Veterans Open Service Center

Steven Donnell

The Lenape Veterans Committee has opened a new Veterans Service Center in the Lenape wellness center. The center will be run by tribal member Steven Donnell, Navy Veteran and American Legion Service Officer. We will perform VA claims filing through the American Legion. Will provide services for all veterans, tribal and non-tribal alike. We will have emergency services for veterans in distress and their families. The center is connected to several programs and groups within the state of Oklahoma, ranging from financial and housing to women's and men's counseling and sobriety along with intimate partners violence services.

Organizations were connected with include OKDVA-Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs, Tulsa Vets Center for counseling, OK developmental disabilities council, OK DHS, Delaware prevention support services (sobriety service).

The center will be open on Tuesdays from 10-5. The Center is located at the Tribal Complex at 170 Barbara St. Bartlesville, Oklahoma in the Tribal Wellness Center.

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Please come by and check out the center and visit. Wanishi ■



## Weli Nipali (Stand Me Up Well)



This is OUR Friend a Sister Veteran.

Stop- take the time to visit or do a buddy check, look at their surroundings their environment. Talk with your Veteran and really listen. Look them in the Eyes as they speak and really listen! Ask the question HOW YOU DOING? Re ask Really how are you doing, what do you Need? Never forget your VET! Your brother your sister Veteran. Deliver- Follow thru recheck and recheck and recheck.

This is our friend our sister Veteran. She passed from suicide. We did not Stand up well with her. We **STOPPED** and looked at her but did not see her and her surroundings. We **TALKED** but not to her. We listened to her but looked away as she spoke but not really hearing. We **ASKED** the question and took her answer at face value. We **NEVER SAW HER TEARS**, and We went on our way of life. We **DID NOT DELIVER** or follow thru with the contact. We go thru the motions. So now we must deal with the shame of not **STANDING UP WELL** with her. Among the Lenape (Delaware) Tribe. We are taught to **WELI NIPALI STAND UP WELL** this is to do good, help others, treat others with respect here upon this earth.

STAND AND BE THE ONE TO STOP A VETERAN SUICIDE

Steven Donnell (Ka Ku-Waise). Lenape Service Officer  
Salina OK American Legion Post 240 ■



Lenape Language Report

Jim Rementer, Director,  
Lenape Language Project

Notice: The Delaware Indian calendar for 2024 is now available on the tribal website <https://delawaretribe.org/> or at this address:

<https://delawaretribe.org/blog/2023/12/01/download-a-2024-lenape-calendar/>

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: A number of words and sentences continue to be added to the Lenape Talking Dictionary and some of the newest were ones recorded with Lucy Blalock in the 1990’s.

Revived: The Lenape Word-a-Day calendar is a monthly calendar of Lenape names for different things. The downloadable calendar is also posted on the Tribal website <https://delawaretribe.org/> and it 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/>.

What’s Available Online: One of many Lenape stories:

The Origin of the Bittersweet Vine

Told by Nora Thompson Dean  
translated in 1962

The version in Lenape can be found here:  
<https://www.talk-lenape.org/stories?id=96#2386>

At one time a man went hunting in a big forest. He hunted all day, and when he got tired that evening he went to sleep under a big tree. Not long after, an owl alighted in the tree and soon another owl came there. He

heard the two of them talking and he finally knew that they were quarrelling. That must have been the husband of the owl and he told her, "Why did you come here? You must like this man!" The husband-owl accused his wife of being in that tree because she liked the man who was sleeping under it. Finally he hit her with his wing and something fell to the ground.



Manunksu na Kukhus – The Owl is Angry

When it got daylight the man went to look at what he had heard fall, and he saw a red earring that fell last night. The hunter left it on the ground. In the Fall he returned to the forest, and where the earring had fallen something long was growing. It was covered with red berries that looked like the earring. That must have been the seed from which the Bittersweet Vine grew, and that is the reason we Lenape call the Bittersweet Kukhusëwim - the "Owl Berry".



Kukhusëwim – “Owl Berry” – American Bittersweet

Revived: Here are the Lenape Word-a-Day calendars for March and April. The downloadable calendar is also posted on the Tribal website with a calendar for that month. They will continue to be posted at the beginning of each month. There are sound files for each of these words and they are in the Lenape Talking Dictionary. ■

| LENAPE MARCH 2024 WORDS                |  |           |                      |          |                  |   |
|--|--|-----------|----------------------|----------|------------------|---|
| SUNDAY                                 | MONDAY                                     | TUESDAY   | WEDNESDAY            | THURSDAY | FRIDAY           | SATURDAY  |
| Shëwanamëkwi Kishux<br>Shad Fish Month |  |           | nik. Kulamëkwi häch? | nkana    | nkata kwë?       |   |
|  |  |           | Hello, How are you?  | I want   | I want to sleep  |   |
| nkati                                  | nkati kwë?                                 | ahas      | tipis                | tiyes    | tihsë            | kukhus  |
| I almost                               | I almost slept                             | crow      | chicken              | skutjey  | woodpecker       | owl   |
| nikwëh                                 | niqware                                    | ehëh      | shahmëh              | shasamëk | chikwëk          | skëw  |
| feather                                | down feather                               | clam      | crayfish             | eel      | shellfish/ eel   | wampum bead   |
| mëkanc                                 | mëkancëh                                   | pushis    | pushëh               | chulim   | chulimëh         | nämëh   |
| dog                                    | puppy                                      | cat       | kittan               | bird     | little bird      | fish  |
| nämëh                                  | mpüshëh                                    | ahëshëh   | hëshëh               | shëshëh  | shëshëh          | shëshëh   |
| little fish                            | bulldog                                    | grayhound | hound                | mongrel  | male dog/ animal | female dog/ animal  |
| shëshëh                                | Läpich knewëh. (or) Xu läpi knewëh.        |           |                      |          |                  | Go here to hear the Lenape words <a href="http://www.talk-lenape.org">www.talk-lenape.org</a> |
| mongrel                                | Goodbye. (literally) I will see you again. |           |                      |          |                  |   |

| LENAPE APRIL 2024 WORDS |           |              |   |                  |               |                                |
|-------------------------|-----------|--------------|---|------------------|---------------|--------------------------------|
| SUNDAY                  | MONDAY    | TUESDAY      | WEDNESDAY                                       | THURSDAY         | FRIDAY        | SATURDAY                       |
| nkëkë                   | mpë       | kunapu       | ti  | käpi             | mpäpi         | mpil                           |
| I fooled/foolster       | water     | ice water    | tea   | coffee           | juice         | beer                           |
| wëshëk                  | lüm       | mëhëshëh     | mëhëh   | mëhëh            | mëhëh         | mpäpëshëh                      |
| whiskey                 | rum       | beverage     | give me a drink                                 | give him a drink | let's drink   | you drink with a meal          |
| shëpëh                  | shëpëh    | shëpëh       | shëpëh  | shëpëh           | shëpëh        | shëpëh                         |
| bread                   | bread     | rye bread    | yeast bread                                     | cracker          | crackers      | blatut                         |
| shëkëshëh               | shëkëshëh | shëkëshëh    | shëkëshëh                                       | shëkëshëh        | shëkëshëh     | shëkëshëh                      |
| cake                    | cake      | pie          | pie   | corn bread       | skillet bread | my bread                       |
| shëpëshëh               | shëpëshëh | shëpëshëh    | shëpëshëh                                       | shëpëshëh        | shëpëshëh     | shëpëshëh                      |
| your bread              | her bread | her frybread | Tehim Otaeyu Kishux<br>Strawberries Bloom Month |                  |               | Läpich knewëh<br>See you again |

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

Anita Mathis, Librarian & Archives Director

Here in the Archives, we have many wonderful pictures, documents, and objects/artifacts of our Ancestors—from the past to the present.

In this article there will be a brief History of our Lenape, it will be in two parts.

Oklahoma was, and in many ways still is, Indian Territory. Oklahoma has the greatest percentage of Native Americans of any state in the Union. It is the home of forty-two federally recognized tribal units. Almost all of these tribal people were moved to Indian Territory in the nineteenth century. The Delaware were no exception.

The long trek from their original homeland in the Delaware River Valley to Oklahoma took approximately two hundred years. They were given the name of Delaware during the colonial occupation by English Governor Lord de la Warr. In their language, they are Lenape, which means "the common people." At first, the Delaware people were pushed back from the coastal regions by Dutch and then British colonists. By 1640 land cessions and the search for beaver, so sought after by Europeans for felt, had caused many Delaware to move westward.

They were considered a "grandfather" tribe whose power, position, and spiritual presence served to settle disputes among rival tribes. Even though they are known for their fierceness and tenacity as warriors, they chose a path of accommodation with the Europeans, treating with William Penn for eastern Pennsylvania and signing the first Indian treaty with the United States on September 17, 1778. The Lenape continued to give up their lands as they were pushed westward by the rising tide of European Americans. A small contingent of Delaware fled to Canada during a time of extreme persecution in 1790. Today, they occupy two small reserves, Moraviantown and Munsee, in the Province of Ontario.

By 1820, the Delaware that had remained in the United States crossed the Mississippi River into Missouri. During the next forty years, thirteen treaties were signed. These established a reservation in Kansas and, ultimately, a move to Indian Territory in 1866. In 1867, an agreement with the Cherokee allowed them to purchase a district there, where they could reside as Delaware within the Cherokee Nation.

As the Delaware began to move southwest and establish homesteads on unclaimed Cherokee land, the differences between two groups of Delaware became more marked. The Christian Delaware, led by Charles Journeycake, were more affluent, adopted white living standards, and advocated peaceful coexistence with their Cherokee brethren. The traditional Delaware were still active followers of the Big House religion that had provided spiritual renewal throughout the tribe's many years of uncertainty and upheaval. These Delaware, as keepers of the Big House, maintained a more isolated presence in the northwest corner of the Cherokee Territory.

They were apprehensive of Christian indignation towards their religion and built their ceremonial house in a remote location.

The last Big House stood near the Caney River, west of Copan, Oklahoma. It was constructed of hewn logs and there was a door at both the east and west ends. Large carvings of the face of Mesingw, guardian spirit of the game animals, were the only decorative features in the ceremonial building. The face of Mesingw was painted red on the right half and black on the left half. The center post of the building bore one face looking east and one looking west.

Keep your eye out for Part Two in the next issue of the DIN. Waniishi! ■

## Katlynn Hanks, Delaware Tribe of Indians Youth

Katlynn Hanks

What is up lovebugs? My name is Katlynn Hanks and I am a member of the Lenni Lenape tribe with the Delaware Tribe of Indians. This year, I will be finishing up my degree at RSU as a business major! I love participating in pow wows and cultural events (when I'm actually able to make it to the meetings lol).

But it wasn't always this way.

I am Lenape on my mother's side and she has lived in Oklahoma almost all her life, but I grew up with my dad in Nevada. Even though I wasn't able to visit on a yearly basis, I have loved every minute of understanding my tribe more and it gave me a foundation to be more curious about my heritage.

In middle school, I joined our Native American club where we would meet once a month during our lunch time. We primarily learned about the Shoshone and Paiute ways, but the traditions were fairly similar and gave me both an appreciation and love for the Native traditions.

Now that I am living in Oklahoma again, it has been a fun journey to connect with the other members of our tribe. Everyone has been so inviting of me to all the different events that take place and always make sure I have a seat at their table.



Chief Brad KillsCrow does a great job of ensuring that he has an open ear to thoughts and suggestions that tribal members make and the Cultural Preservation Team is planning and creating different events to teach and encourage people to learn different traditions of our tribe.

I'm so excited to continue to be taught by these incredible humans and find all the ways I'm able to participate and help!


If you are like me and are trying to find ways to participate and be more involved in our tribe, take some time to stop by or call the Delaware office in Bartlesville and ask the staff some questions. If you're active on Facebook, feel free to look up the Tribe's Facebook page as they post a lot of the happenings in the area on there as well.

And always make sure to find some great friends :) they will help guide you to who to ask for different questions to be answered.


Stay bold. Stay courageous. And stay connected <3 ■





A group of graduates in green gowns and black caps, throwing their caps into the air in celebration. The sun is shining brightly behind them, creating a warm, golden glow.

# Graduation STOLES

The logo of the Delaware Tribe of Indians, featuring a circular design with a central shield, a cross, and the words "DELAWARE TRIBE OF INDIANS" and "LENAPE".

WINTER GRADUATES CAN REQUEST A STOLE FOR COMMENCEMENT TOO!

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. Plus, share a picture wearing your stole to be featured in the upcoming issue of Delaware Indian News!

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\*STOLES AVAILABLE WHILE SUPPLIES LAST\*

# DELAWARE TRIBE HOUSING COMMITTEE OPEN MEETINGS

Held 3rd Thursday each month  
6:00 pm

WE INVITE YOU TO COME SHARE YOUR  
IDEAS, CONCERNS, AND MEET THE  
COMMITTEE

Current Committee Members;  
Farrell Burks, Chair  
Mickey Canavan, Vice-Chair  
John Tucker, Treasurer  
Martina Thomas, Secretary  
Sherri Chouteau, Member

## 2024 SCHEDULE

**CHELSEA  
BOYS & GIRLS CLUB**  
119 Ash St, Chelsea, OK

January 18  
March 21  
May 16  
July 18  
September 19  
November 21

**BARTLESVILLE  
MAIN CAMPUS**  
5100 Tuxedo Blvd  
Bartlesville, OK

February 15  
April 18  
June 20  
August 15  
October 17  
December 19

## 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) ■



# Delaware Tribe to Establish Lenape Seed Garden at HQ Campus

Curtis Zunigha

The Delaware Tribal Council recently approved a resolution to establish a Lenape Seed Garden at the tribal headquarters campus in Bartlesville. The Lenape Seed Garden Project (Xkanim Hakihakan) is an agricultural initiative, in partnership with Lenape Center (<https://lenape.center>), to grow ancestral varieties of corn, beans, squash, sunflowers, gourds, and tobacco. Lenape Center was founded in 2009 to continue Lenape presence in the ancestral homeland through art, culture, and community. Founded by artist and Executive Director Joe Baker, an enrolled tribal elder & Vietnam-era veteran, and Deputy Director Hadrien Coumans, Lenape Center established a seed rematriation program (now in its fifth year) with the expressed purpose of bringing ancestral seeds and knowledge to the Lenape communities.

The project will be managed by tribal member and former Chief Curtis Zunigha, now serving as a Co-Director of Lenape Center. Curtis retired from tribal employment in 2022 and has spent the last two seasons managing the Lenape Center Seed Garden at Hudson Valley Farm Hub in New York. “I’m excited to begin this project at tribal headquarters and connect our ancestors’ lifeways in the homeland with our present-day community in Oklahoma. After two years of managing a similar seed garden in New York’s Hudson Valley, I’ve experienced a spiritual connection with the soil, the waters, and the seeds. It has provided healing and wellness from the historical and generational trauma that still exists in our community today.”

The Lenape Center will donate seeds from the Lenape ancestral homeland to the tribe’s community in Bartlesville. The Seed Garden will be in a designated

community garden space within the tribe’s Development Area Plan of August 2022. The project is also meant to revitalize traditional Lenape cultural elements including language, stories, ceremonies, songs, dances, and foods.

Costs for this project will come from the Tribe’s ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act of 2021) funds. Up to six tribal members will be contracted to work part-time through the season. They’ll learn practical and cultural aspects of traditional gardening, seed saving and sharing the harvest with community members. The project has recently drawn support from the Elders Committee and the Cultural Preservation Committee. More information on the recruitment of the Lenape Seed Garden Team will come soon on the Tribe’s website and social media platforms. ■



## A Message From Food Pantry Director Sonny Fixico

Sonny Fixico, Food Pantry Director

The Feeding America Board of Directors and staff at the Food Bank of Eastern Oklahoma invited the Delaware Tribe to be Honored Guests at a special reception and dinner on Wednesday March 13, 2024. I got the honor of gifting a Delaware Tribe flag to the Food Bank of Eastern Oklahoma, seen on the right with Kelvin H. Taketa (Feeding America), Claire Babineaux-Fontenot (Feeding America), and Jeff Marlow (Food Bank of Eastern Oklahoma)

Rusty Creed Brown and I were invited to speak on a panel that took place before the dinner to discuss food sovereignty, which to me means food sustainability. Speaking of which, the Tribe is making strides to become food-sustainable with the Ranch and the orchard. We got a tour of the Food Bank facility now that their kitchen is completed. They have built a massive kitchen to feed hundreds per day. They really do help us out and I appreciate them. Spending \$25 there is probably equivalent to spending \$200-300 elsewhere, if not more. I also got to ride in the Chief-mobile. ■







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# Talking Circle

EVERY WEDNESDAY

Forsythe Hall  
6-8pm  
5100 Tuxedo Blvd.  
Bartlesville, OK, 74006  
Contact Sherri Sam-Chouteau  
918-766-3695 or  
sschouteau@delawaretribe.org

Prevention Support Services



Small steps everyday

Coffee to be served starting at 5:30 pm

## Community Clean-up Event

Sponsored by Delaware Tribe  
Environmental Department

Join us as we clean-up  
trash and debris near  
Eastland Shopping Center  
in Bartlesville.

April 13, 2024  
Time: 1-4pm

Volunteers should wear  
pants, long sleeves, and  
close toed shoes. Trash  
bags and gloves will be  
provided.



To RSVP please contact  
Tristen Tucker at 918-332-6260  
or ttucker@delawaretribe.org

### Delaware Recipes

#### XASKWIMI KSHITAY (Corn Soup)

*Elgia Bryan*

2 lbs. dried corn  
5 lbs. beef or pork  
8 cups water or more

**DIRECTIONS:** Trim fat off meat and cut in cubes. Combine all ingredients in a large pot. Simmer until meat and corn are done.

**NOTE:** If you are not familiar with the Dried Corn you can look online for Cope's Dried Sweet Corn.

**SULUS SEE'-KON (a Delaware Indian Dish)**

*Mary Townsend Crow  
Delaware-Cherokee-  
Shawnee*

Sautee 2 or 3 pounds of ground beef in a stew pan until all the red has turned. It is preferable that this be chile-ground or coarsely ground beef or small chunks. In earlier days this was usually buffalo or venison.

After the meat has all cooked to a brown stirring frequently, pour in water to cover the meat well, to about an inch over it. Salt and pepper it then let it cook slowly for about 20 minutes while you make some little flour and water finger dumplings by putting about ¾ to 1 cup of flour in a small bowl and dripping cold water in this boiling beef with your fingers breaking them up smaller if necessary. Stir the little dumplings into the beef and cook slowly for about 8 to 10 minutes until the little finger dumplings are done. Stir frequently to keep from sticking.

If a more gravy-like soup is desired pour in a little flour-and-water thin paste to thicken the broth.

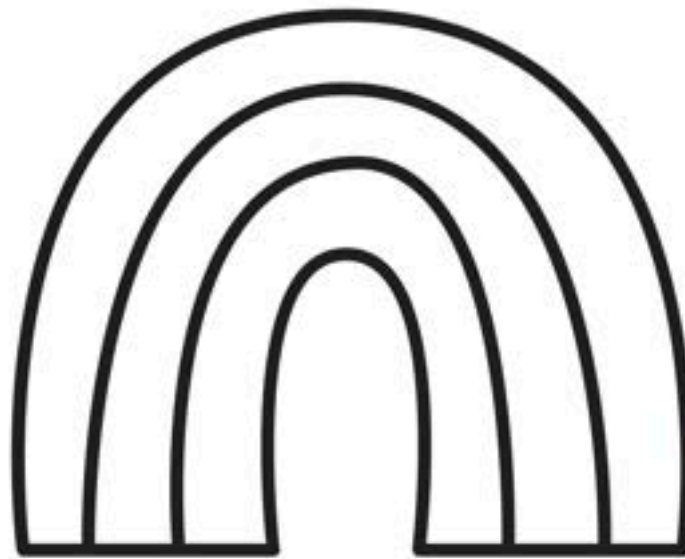
Serve this with some hot Indian fry bread and a salad, and finish the menu with a dessert of wild grape dumplings or berry cobbler, and you will see a circle of happy Indians around your table ■



# Lenape Youth Fun Pages



IN SPRING I CAN SEE



Color the picture and trace the Lenape and English words below.

mënëkòn

rainbow

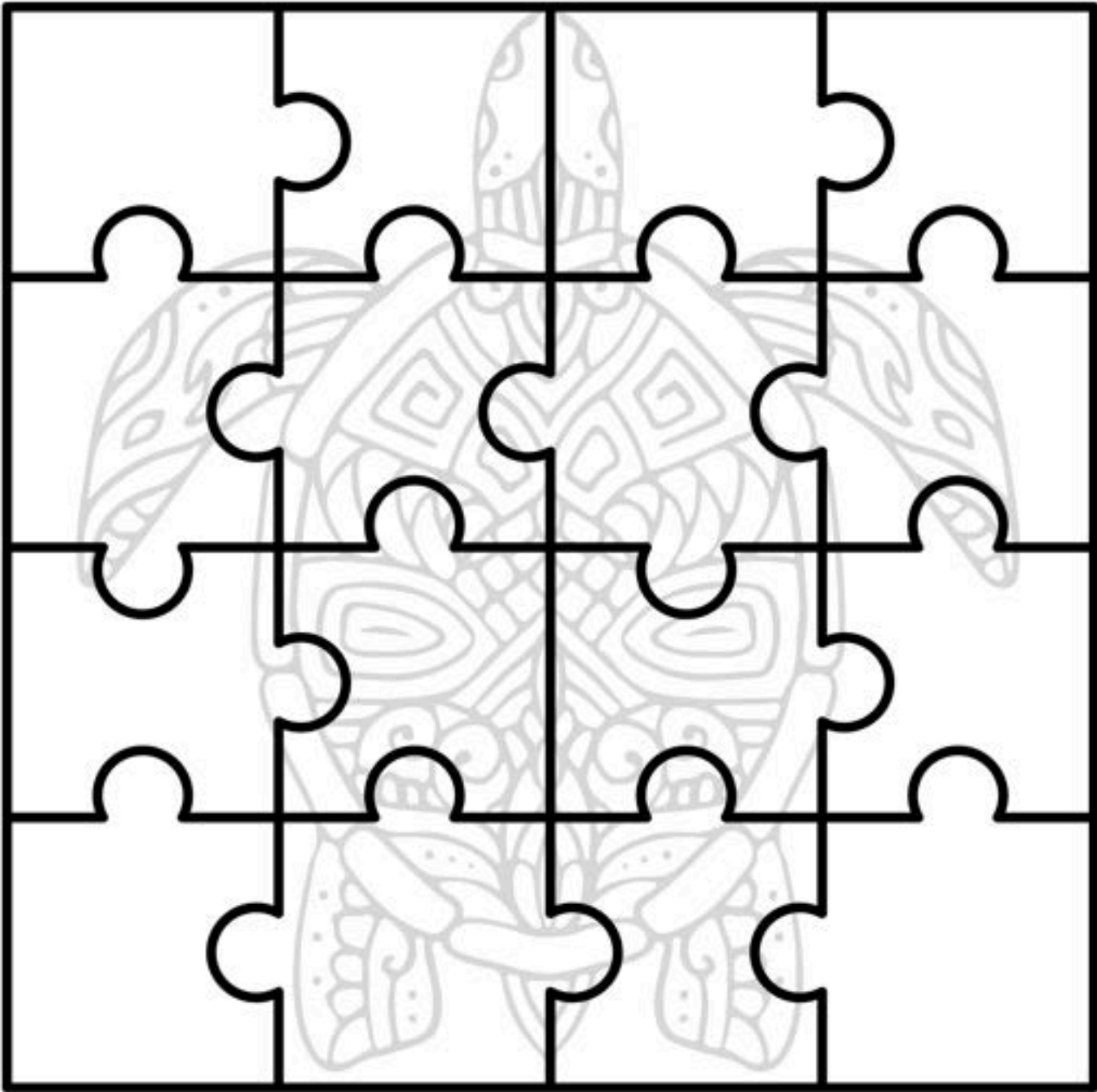




# COLORING PUZZLE FUN

## Turtle coloring puzzle

**Instructions:** Colour in the picture, then cut around the pieces. Ask a friend or family member if they can put your puzzle back together.



## Delaware Pow Wow 2024 Tahkox (Turtle) Races

*Tonya Anna*

Can you believe the turtle races have been going on for thirteen years?! It all started with six cousins finding turtles and wanting to do a race for entertainment. Little did I know the Falleaf-Wallace camp would start an event that would outgrow our camp and move to the football field. Barbara Wallace, Richard Falleaf, and Connie Falleaf were the first original judges. They have retired since then and said they would rather watch the race and the excitement on everyone's face. So if you are looking for something to do on Sunday afternoon at the powwow this year – come to the football field at 2 pm! We have seen all shapes and sizes from itty bitty to a big snapping turtle. So, keep in mind we do not let snappers or pond sliders compete and your turtle cannot be bigger than seven inches. Just a few items to remember if you are going to enter the race this year.

- Return turtles to the exact location that you retrieved them.
- Do not use toxic items to decorate them. Stickers are the best as they can be easily removed after racing.
- If your turtle flips over on its back then

turn them back the way they turned over, if possible. If they are turned and flipped all the way over, they become disoriented.

The race takes place on Sunday, May 26, 2024, at 1:00 P.M. at the football field. Registration will begin around 12:30 P.M. Prizes will be awarded to the top three winners and first place gets to keep the traveling brass turtle for one year. Don't forget to have a name ready for your turtle during registration.

I would also like to take the time to thank Shawn Skeel for sponsoring the race last year by supplying the prizes and Blow-Pops. A big shout out to Andrew and Alyssa Vass for assisting the last couple of races. This year the race will be sponsored by Kristin (Morrison) and Brian Neal. This will be their first pow wow as husband & wife and they wanted to do something to commemorate their marriage. Thank you, Kristin & Brian!

If anyone would like to help assist with the race this year, please call me at (918) 533-8035. This would include taking pictures, registering turtles, passing out prizes, judging, calling out names for each heat and create the racing circle.



### FUN FACTS (as reported by *National Geographic Kids website*)

1. Turtles belong to one of the oldest reptile groups in the world—beating snakes, crocodiles and alligators!
2. These creatures date back to the time of the dinosaurs, over 200 million years ago—woah!
3. Turtles are easily recognized by their bony, cartilaginous shell. This super-tough casing acts like a shield to protect them from predators – some turtles can even tuck their head up inside their shell for extra protection!
4. Just like your bones, a turtle's shell is actually part of its skeleton. It's made up of over 50 bones which include the turtle's rib cage and spine.

5. Contrary to popular belief, a turtle cannot come out of its shell. The turtle's shell grows with them, so it's impossible for them to grow too big for it!

6. What a turtle eats depends on the environment it lives in. Land-dwelling turtles will munch on beetles, fruit and grass, whereas sea dwellers will gobble everything from algae to squid and jellyfish.

7. Some turtles are carnivores (meat eaters), others are herbivores (plant eaters) and some are omnivores (a mixture of the two!). Many baby turtles start life as carnivores but grow to eat more plants as they mature.

8. Turtles are 'amniotes'—they breathe air and lay their eggs on land, although many species live in or around water.

9. These cold-blooded creatures have an incredibly long life span. The oldest ever recorded, named Tu'i Malila, of Tonga Island, passed away at the grand old age of 188!

10. Sadly, many species of turtle are endangered! 129 of approximately 300 species of turtle and tortoise on Earth today are either vulnerable, endangered, or critically endangered, according to the International Union for Conservation of Nature. Threats include loss of habitat, pollution, poaching and the illegal pet trade. ■

## Paula Pechonick Honored for Women's History Month

Paula K Pechonick, a proud Lenape, was born north of Dewey on the allotment of her grandmother Minnie and has remained in Washington County almost her entire life. She made history as the first female Chief of the Delaware Tribe of Indians. Elected Chief in 2010, she served the Delaware Tribe of Indians for a productive 4 years. During Paula's administration and under her guidance the Tribe built the Delaware Social Services building, remodeled and enlarged the Community Center to include a larger Elder Nutrition kitchen, and reclaimed a Lenape presence in Lawrence, Kansas with the purchase of income producing farmland.

Her community service over the years is a reflection of her passion and commitment to her Indian community. Her additional elected positions with the Delaware Tribe of Indians include service as Tribal Judge for 5 years and on the Tribal Council for 16 years. Paula represents her Lenape community by taking an active role in the implementation of the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), having traveled to locations throughout the United States to include reburial cere-

monies. For decades the Delaware Tribe appointed Paula to be their representative for the National Congress of American Indians.

A cultural passion for Paula is making Lenape moccasins. Moccasin making is a highly skilled art which Paula has perfected and shared with others since the 1960s. Chief has played an active role in handing down this cultural tradition by teaching moccasin making, leather work, beading, ribbon work and weaving for 60 years throughout the states of Oklahoma, Kansas, Indiana, and Pennsylvania. Her artistry is respected both in the United States and internationally. Examples of Delaware clothing exhibits include Conner Prairie Museum in Fishers, Indiana and New Jersey State Museum in Trenton, New Jersey.

Paula is a member of the Bartlesville Indian Women's club, Delaware Elders Council, a Delaware War Mother, and a member of the United Indian Methodist Church in Bartlesville. She has served on the Delaware Cultural Preservation Committee and the Delaware Indian News newspaper.

Chief Pechonick's goals and dreams have been and continue to be a living commitment to foster Lenape cultural awareness and to educate her community, family and friends. She boasts five children and 15 grandchildren, who have followed in her footsteps by attending numerous pow wows, naming ceremonies, and beading moccasins. ■





## Upcoming Events

### Tribal Council Meeting Schedule

4th Wednesday of each month at 6:00 P.M.

April 24  
May 22  
June 26  
July 24

### Committee Meeting Schedule

#### Elders and Cultural Preservation

First Tuesday of each month. Elders meet at 1:00 P.M.  
Cultural Preservation meet at 5:30 P.M.

April 2 (Corrected Date)  
May 7  
June 4  
July 2

#### Veterans Committee

4th Tuesday of every month at 6:00 P.M.

April 23  
May 28  
June 25  
July 23

### Others

#### War Mothers

2nd Monday of every month at 6:00 P.M.

April 8  
May 13  
June 10  
July 8

#### Prevention Support Services

Talking Circle Every Wednesday except Tribal Council meeting night (4th Wed.)

Forsythe Hall 6 P.M.–8 P.M.

### Community Events

#### Tribal Headquarters

Job Fair in Forsythe Hall - April 9 (2 P.M.–6 P.M.)

Battle of the Breads - April 20 (11 A.M. - 3 P.M.)

#### LELC

Daily themes and end of week family picnic

Clothing Swap – April 23-24

Gently used clothing – drop & swap

Week of the Young Child – (April 1-7)

Mother’s Day Event – May 10

Dental Kits for Kids – May 20

Father’s Day Event – June TBD

Preschool Graduation – June TDB

### Family and Children Services (FCS)

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month

Daily themes and end of week family picnic

Clothing Swap – April 23-24

Gently used clothing – drop & swap

May MMIP Awareness

FCS will have a booth at Caney Mayfest May 24-26

**59th Annual Pow Wow – May 24-26 ■**

## To Contact Us

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Bartlesville, OK 74006  
(918) 337-6590

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**Caney Office:**  
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Caney, KS 67333  
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## INTRODUCING: DELAWARE TRIBE OF INDIANS PORTAL

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- Submit a request to update your information
- \*Please note name change/info updates will require you to upload supporting documentation & State ID/Driver License
- Update your household members
- Update family relationships
- Add emergency contact information
- Add your income
- Print applications for programs that are available

To get started on your portal please click the following:  
<https://delawarecommunityportal.powerappsportals.us>

Actions you cannot complete through the portal:  
Any application that requires certified documents  
and/or notarized paperwork i.e. new  
enrollment or new tribal ID card

\*\*You will be required to use your tribal ID number (contact enrollment if  
you do not have this number)\*\*

If you have any issues with login/process or questions  
please email [enrollment@delawaretribe.org](mailto:enrollment@delawaretribe.org)

## Obituaries

### Linda 'Miimims' Clingan



**October 2, 1947 -  
January 25, 2024**

Linda Clingan was a visionary fundraiser, political activist, and loving mother to three, step-mother to three, and grandmother to three. She considered many more her chosen family. In 1991, she helped found the Campaign for Equal Justice (CEJ) and served as its executive director until 2004. Under her leadership, the campaign raised \$11 million in contributions for Oregon's legal aid programs. CEJ won the bipartisan support of Oregon's federal and state representatives and became a model fundraising program. Handwritten notes, home-cooked meals, and joy in work were trademarks of her fundraising and advocacy.

In partnership with the private bar, CEJ has continued to grow and has raised more than \$33 million for equal justice. Those dollars provide free civil legal help for low-income Oregonians who would otherwise be priced out of the justice system.

Linda's fundraising career spanned many years and included work for the Pacific Science Center in Seattle and the Association of University Women Educational Foundation in Washington, D.C. She was also proud of her volunteer service in 1981 selling the

bricks that funded construction of Pioneer Courthouse Square. Linda's early years as a parent living in public housing and surviving on very little shaped the activist she would become. Born in Seattle, she was the first person in her family to earn a bachelor's degree, graduating cum laude while working and raising two kids as a single mother.

In 1973, Linda, with her two small boys in tow, participated in a Field School in archaeology at the mouth of the Skagit River. It remained her favorite place for the rest of her life. She spent many summers there, living in a one-room shack on a farm overlooking the river. She explored the Skagit Bay estuary in her kayak, at home in its world of eelgrass, migratory birds, and seals.

Every August, Linda picked blackberries and baked the most delicious pies in the shack's old wood-burning oven. In fall, she barbecued salmon outside the cabin and collected the best corn and spuds from farms across the valley. The tradition of wonderful meals continued throughout Linda's life. She was not just the queen of the kitchen wherever she lived, but she involved all who arrived for dinner in the process. She opened her home to travelers, students, and people in need. Linda met her second husband, Fred Mebus, at Seattle Central Community college. They created a loving blended family and lived in Seattle's Madrona neighborhood until Mebus' sudden death. Linda's third husband, Michael Templeton, was her devoted companion for the next 40 years. In 1980, Michael accepted a job as executive director of OMSI and the family moved to Portland. They would call Portland home for most of the rest of their lives. She was enrolled member of the Delaware Tribe of Indians, a descendent of the Journeycake fam-

ily. In her later years, she worked in and around Indian country participating in circles of revitalization and preservation. She found adopted family in the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs and the 'Nchi Wanapum canoe family.

In 2014, Linda survived leukemia and a bone marrow transplant. She continued to fundraise, travel, and kayak. She took her mobility scooter many places we did not think it could go.

Reflecting on her legacy on the Campaign for Equal Justice's 30th anniversary, Clingan said she had not changed the world, but she had made it a little better. She told her friends and colleagues, "There is so much more to do. You have the privilege of striving to make the world a better place, and you will."

She was preceded in death by second husband, Fredrick Mebus; third husband, Michael Templeton; and sister, Shirley Elaine Clingan Steele.

She is survived by mother, Alice Clingan; children, Darell Duffy, Martin Duffy, Amelia Templeton; stepsons, Kurt Mebus, Tyler Mebus, and Tony Mebus; and grandchildren, Makenzie Swan Duffy, Rowen Duffy, Arthur Templeton.

The family held a private service March 16, 2024. Donations in her memory may be made to the Campaign for Equal Justice and the Museum at Warm Springs. Please sign the online guest book at [www.oregonlive.com/obits](http://www.oregonlive.com/obits) ■

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. ■

### John L. Creed Jr.

**- December 11, 2023**

John L. Creed Jr. was my husband for 39 years and my best friend for 39 years. He was 71 years old. He went to Heaven on December 11, 2023. He was a father, a son, a grandparent, a husband of Susan, a parent, and a friend. His Dad was John L. Creed Sr. and his Mom is Betty Jo Fletcher. He had 3 sisters; Sharon, Diana, and Jo Ellen. He had 5 kids; John the 3rd, Misit, Christina, Teah, and Brandy. He had 8 grandkids; Ashley, Mary, Luke, Aiden, John, Kaitlynn, Melody and Mylie, and one great-grandkid; Kalaya on the way.

John was a computer programmer, an estimator for industrial insulation, a sports fan, a rock and roll and country music lover. He had been in the insulation business for over fifty years. He once owned his own company in the 1980s. John was a good person and he helped many people in his life.

There is not one day that has passed that I didn't have happy memories of John. I am praying that his legacy lives in his family's life for years to come, and that his kids, Mom, grandkids, and friends are all blessed. John was proud of his Native American and Irish and French heritage! ■



### Kevin Walter Gray



**November 22, 1970 -  
November 19, 2023**

Kevin Walter Gray, 52, of Bartlesville, died Sunday in Bartlesville.

No formal services are planned. Arrangements are under the direction of Carter Davis and the Davis Family Funeral Home - Dewey Chapel. Online condolences and remembrances may be shared at [www.DavisFamilyFuneralHome.com](http://www.DavisFamilyFuneralHome.com). ■



### William Robert (Bob) Jones



**April 14, 1947 -  
March 19, 2024**

William Robert (Bob) Jones, born April 14, 1947 to Frank and Gloria Jones in Poteau, OK, died March 19, 2024 at the age of 76. Survived by his wife of 55 years, Sharon Jones; children, Heidi and Charlie Lofton, Rob Jones, and Daniel and Denise Jones; grandchildren, Maylee,



## Obituaries (cont.)

Lauren, and Laylah Lofton, and Zeke and Samara Jones; and brother Homer and JoJean Jones.

Bob attended high school in Heavener, OK and Denison, TX. He received his BS in animal husbandry from Sul Ross University and a Masters in School Administration from UALR.

After high school, Bob enlisted as a Navy Corpsman and served 3 tours in Vietnam with both the Navy and Marine Corps.

When he returned home, Bob began his dream of ranching in DeQueen, AR, raising angus cattle and broiler chickens. Bob and Sharon raised their family in DeQueen, where Bob also served as Associate Director of the Cossatot Vo-tech School, and long-time president of the school board.

After living in Woodland Park, CO for a time, Bob retired in Mountain Home, AR, where he enjoyed many hobbies including fly fishing, fly tying, wood carving, and bamboo rod building. He and Sharon traveled the world, visiting 6 continents together. A long-time member of the First United Methodist Church, Bob enjoyed volunteering with his church and in his community.

A Memorial Service for Bob was held at 1:00 P.M., Tuesday, April 2, 2024, at First United Methodist Church in Mountain Home, Arkansas, with Reverend Daniel Thueson officiating. Burial will be in the Fayetteville National Cemetery, Fayetteville, Arkansas. Arrangements are by Kirby and Family Funeral and Cremation Services - Mountain Home, Arkansas. Visit an online obituary and guestbook at [www.kirbyandfamily.com](http://www.kirbyandfamily.com). ■



### Darlene Joy Hough Justice

**November 10, 1938 – January 1, 2024**

**D**arlene Joy Hough Justice was born November 10th 1938 in Wenatchee Washington To Willis Jennings Hough and Verna Kyle and departed this life on January 1st 2024 in Marysville Washington, at the age of 86 years 1 months and 22 days.

Darlene was united in Marriage to Gerald "Jerry" Justice in 1962. She was preceded in death by her parents, Her beloved Jerry, Her daughter Lisa Dichasare, grandson Richard Byers, her sister Bobbie Hough Schertz, and brother Curtis B. Hough.

Darlene is a is survived by her sister Carol Janet (Gary) Craig of Las Vegas Nevada, Sister Beverly Sue Hough Hicks of Bartlesville Oklahoma, Daughter Roxanne (Michael) Justice, Daughter Bobbi (Craig) Bulushi, Son Curtis (Cindy) Greatricks, daughter Tina Justice and son Jerry (Tiffany) Justice. 13 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren. She will be deeply missed. ■



### Ruby Louise (Little) Kirk



**April 23, 1932 – March 14, 2024**

**R**uby Louise (Little) Kirk, 91, of Tahlequah, OK was born April 23, 1932 in Nowata, OK to

Horace Guy and Eliza Pearl (Martin) Little and peacefully passed away Thursday, March 14, 2024 in Muskogee, OK.

Louise enjoyed playing solitaire on her tablet, sewing, was the best cook, especially baking. She also enjoyed playing bingo but her passion in life was her family. Louise loved to watch her grandchildren play sports. Her love for her family was unconditional.

Louise is preceded in death by her parents, Horace Guy Little and Eliza Pearl Martin Little; brothers, Bob Little, Wesley Doyle Little, and Norman Little; sisters, Nadine Aliff, Kathy Hughes, and Delores Little; grandson, Anthony Reuben Kirk; and husband, Kenneth C. Kirk.

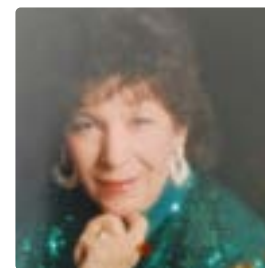
Those left to cherish Louise's memory are daughters, Vivian Kirk, Nancy Bernal, and Sharon Valdez all of Tahlequah, OK; six grandchildren; twelve great grandchildren, eight great great grandchildren, her sister, Maxine Brame; extended family; and many friends.

A celebration of her life was held at 11 A.M. Saturday, April 6, 2024 at Generations Church in Tahlequah, OK with Pastor Aaron Doan officiating. Patrick Kirk, Steven Kirk, Anthony (Jr.) Kirk, and Alex LaRocco will serve as urn bearers.

The family of Ruby Louise Kirk has entrusted her care and cremation to Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home and Crematory, Muskogee. (918) 910-8883. Online condolences may be left for the Kirk family at [clifforddgarrettfamilyfh.com](http://clifforddgarrettfamilyfh.com) ■



### Reventa Brown Ligon



**August 12, 1936 – November 24, 2023**

**M**rs. Reventa Brown Ligon, Age 87, resident of Horatio, Arkansas, was called to be with her Lord and Savior on Friday, November 24, 2023, in De Queen, Arkansas.

Reventa was born the last of three children to Merle and Ardith Missouri Haff Brown on August 12, 1936, in De Queen. She attended school in De Queen and later completed correspondence courses, of which she was very proud. On August 17, 1954, Reventa married the love of her life, Charles Henderson Ligon, Jr., in Idabel, Oklahoma, and to this union, a son and daughter were born. Reventa and Charles were faithful and active members of Horatio First Assembly of God. Reventa has never been a person to sit and watch the world pass her by, as she worked more than twenty years in Accounting at Pilgrim's Pride in De Queen. After her retirement, Reventa went back to work a number of times to keep herself busy. She enjoyed traveling, gardening, and her animals. She most loved her dog, Lucky, and her cat, Banjo. Reventa best spent her time with her children, grandchildren, and being involved with church activities and functions.

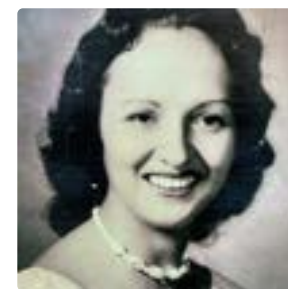
She was preceded in death by her parents; her loving husband of over sixty-seven years, Charles Ligon; and her siblings, Franklin Brown and Pauline Gilmore.

Reventa leaves to cherish her memory, one son and daughter-in-law, Jerry and Christy Ligon of De Queen; one daughter, Rhonda Wright of De Queen; three grandchildren, Charlie Ligon of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, J.D. Ligon and wife Kristen of Fern Park, Florida, and Will Wright of Eureka Springs, Arkansas and his father, Randell Wright of De Queen; two great-grandchildren, Jameson Ligon of New Boston, Texas, and Kora Ligon of Fern Park, Florida; as well as a number of nieces, nephews, other relatives, and a host of church family and friends.

A service to celebrate the life of Mrs. Reventa Ligon was held at 2:00 P.M., Sunday, December 3, 2023, at the First Assembly of God Church in Horatio with Bro. John Gutierrez officiating. Arrangements have been entrusted to Chandler Funeral Home of De Queen. You may leave a condolence online at [www.chandlerfuneral.com](http://www.chandlerfuneral.com). ■



### Delores Annette Little



**February 27, 1939 – December 22, 2023**

**D**elores Annette Little, forever beautiful, left this life to be with the Lord on Friday, December 22, 2023. She was born February 27, 1939 to Guy and Eliza Martin Little.

Delores attended grade school at Seneca Indian School in Wyandotte, OK and graduated from Chilocco High School in 1957.

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Delores was preceded in death by her parents, Guy and Eliza Little; seven siblings; two sons, Byron Dixon and Craig Dixon; and many beloved fur babies.

She is survived by her son, Eddie Little of Marlow, OK; two daughters, Donna Hendrix of Tahlequah, OK and Lisa DiGann of Austin, TX; nine grandchildren; and six great grandchildren.

A private family burial is pending. ■



Lucas Terry Miller



December 20, 1992 –  
January 2, 2024

Lucas was born on December 20, 1992 in Fresno, California to William Miller and Cynthia Rouse. During his youth, Lucas filled his time with friends and family; riding his skateboard, playing with cars, and building models.

Lucas was a dedicated, loyal brother and uncle who was always willing to provide comfort, laughter, and love to all those around him throughout his suffering and disabilities. Lucas will always be loved by his family and friends and will never be forgotten. Lucas touched the hearts of everyone he knew and all of our lives forever. ■



Robert (Bob)  
Schwenker



November 14, 1930 –  
November 4, 2023

Robert (Bob) Schwenker was born in Bartlesville, OK on November 14, 1930, to Clarence & Grace (Dallas) Schwenker. He is the grandson of Rosa Secondine and great grandson of Fillmore Secondine and Rachel Logan and descendant of Chief James Secondine and Chief John Killbuck. Bob was an enrolled member of both the Delaware and Cherokee Nations. Bob attended school in Bartlesville and Barnsdall, OK, before enlisting in the US Navy. He also received his associate degree in chemistry from Connors State College. He married his high school sweetheart Wilma Howell on July 7, 1952, in Claremore, OK. To this union, they were blessed with a son Robert and twin daughters Jeanie and Lynn. Bob worked for National Supply Co. as a field service manager in northern Kansas, until being transferred back to his home state, making their home in Hominy since May of 1960. He retired from National Supply in 1986.

Bob loved hunting, fishing and camping with his family, taking many enjoyable and memorable trips to the Illinois river and surrounding lakes. After retirement, he and Wilma enjoyed traveling together to watch bull riding events out west, sometimes taking their

camper so they could stop at various lakes and fish. During their travels, family members were always visited along the way. Another favorite pastime was taking cruises, especially to Puerto Rico. Bob was quite skilled and built a covered porch around the side and back of their home and rocked their home in native stone. When people came by, he could always be heard saying “come on in this house”. And somehow Bob could always find time to watch old westerns. When grandkids came along, he taught them to play blackjack, garden and telling stories from the past. Bob passed away at his home on Saturday evening, November 4, 2023, at the age of 92.

Those that survive and hold many cherished memories include his wife Wilma of 71 years; son Robert C. Schwenker Jr (Yoely), of rural Hominy; daughter Jeanie Harman of Florence, AL; and daughter Lynn Cook (Terry) of Florence, AL; three sisters Rose Bienroth of Pampa, TX, Shirley Bailey and Sue Biddle, both of El Dorado, KS; ten grandchildren Rachel Underwood, Becky Schwenker, RC Schwenker, Jennifer Brumley, Codi McGill, Amy Thomas, Jessica Jordan, Jared Harman, Jose Schwenker, Maria Schwenker and fourteen great grandchildren. Bob was preceded in death by his parents, two sisters Betty Brown and Marie Keesler and one brother Bill Schwenker.

Memorial services for Bob were held at 2:00 P.M. on Tuesday, November 14th in the chapel of the Powell Funeral Home with Dusty Giles officiating. The family has requested in lieu of flowers, to honor Bob’s memory, consider donations to the Demetia Society of America and the American Heart Assoc. Arrangements for final disposition were entrusted to the Powell Funeral Home of Hominy, OK. [www.powellfuneralservice.com](http://www.powellfuneralservice.com) ■



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- Domestic Violence advocacy
- Protective orders
- Safety planning
- Domestic violence education
- Referral services
- Court preparation support
- Temporary housing assistance
- Child welfare
- Child support services

**LOCATIONS:**

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| 5110 Tuxedo Blvd<br>Bartlesville, OK<br>74006<br>Phone:<br>918-337-6510 | 601 High St<br>Caney, KS<br>67333<br>Phone:<br>620-879-2189 |
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**24 HOUR CRISIS LINE:  
918-331-7349**









# 59TH ANNUAL DELAWARE POW WOW

May 24, 25, 26

Friday

6pm Gourd Dance  
8pm Grand Entry  
Tiny Tots & Junior Contests  
Stomp Dance following Pow Wow

Saturday

11am Bet Football Game  
(Men vs. Women)  
Football field is north of the caretaker's house  
Specials for Head Staff  
3pm - 5pm Gourd Dance  
6pm Gourd Dance  
8pm Grand Entry  
Sr. Womens Contests  
Stomp Dance following Pow Wow

Sunday

10am Church Service  
Pow wow arena  
Specials for Head Staff  
2pm Turtle Races  
(west side of football field)  
3pm - 5pm Gourd Dance  
6pm Gourd Dance  
8pm Grand Entry  
Sr. Mens Contests

## Head Staff

2024 Delaware Powwow Princess  
Allie Rodriguez-Whiteturkey

Head Singer:  
Geramey Cable

Head Man:  
Jason Bender

Head Lady:  
Nico Ross

Masters of Ceremony:  
Neil Lawhead  
Marty Thurman

Arena Directors:  
Chris Soap, Mike Gabbard & Dude Blalock

Host Gourd:  
Lenape Gourd Dance Society  
Osage Gourd Group

Host Northern Drum:  
Red Land Singers

Color Guard:  
Lenape Color Guard

Stomp Dance MC:  
Corey Winesburg

### Special Contest - Saturday Night

Troy Little Axe Memorial Men's Traditional Contest sponsored by Jason Bender.  
First place \$1200, second \$800, third \$500 plus three consolation places.

- Anyone selling meat pies or other food items will be asked to leave.
- Not responsible for accidents or theft
- No chairs may be set up around the arena until Friday, May 24th approx. 10am.
- \$25 electrical hookup fee will be collected from all RV campers on Saturday morning.
- All specials will be held before the supper break - NO EXCEPTIONS

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED -  
CONTACT JENNIFER DICK  
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Fall Leaf Family Memorial Pow Wow Grounds  
3 miles East of Hwy 75 on road 600, Copan, OK 74022