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From the Desk of Chief Brad KillsCrow

Brad KillsCrow, Chief, Delaware Tribe of Indians

Hè kulumàlsi hàch! I hope each and every one of you are enjoying the warmer temperatures and less severe weather than we have endured over the past couple of months. We have continued to stay busy here at the headquarters and in our travels and as we have represented the Tribe at a number of events. The Tribal Cultural Director and I traveled to Gnadenhutzen, Ohio, where we paid our respects and honored our ancestors that were brutally killed at that massacre site. We were joined by Chief Justin Logan of the Delaware Nation of Moraviantown, Ontario, Canada. It is very important that we remember our ancestors as they are the ones who paved the way for us to be here today. Their sacrifices shall never be forgotten as we continue to honor those who endured more than we can imagine.

On March 27-30 the Delaware Tribe hosted the Spring 2024 Oklahoma Tribal Finance Consortium at the Indigo Sky Casino in Wyandotte, OK. Hosting this statewide conference and highlighting the Delaware Tribe was a big step. We sent our accounting team for the week and they all did a wonderful job in hosting and being ambassadors for the Tribe. I gave the opening remarks and highlighted our growth and success in economic development. Jeremy Johnson, our Cultural Education Director, gave a wonderful presentation elaborating on our history and led the bean dance for all those in attendance. I also want to acknowledge our CFO, Kendall Reith, who also gave a warm welcoming address. Kendall took on the majority of the planning and execution of this conference and I am thankful we have a tribal member like Kendall with the ability to serve as our Tribe's financial officer and also with the leadership skills to help make the Delaware Tribe's name known and respected in Indian Country!

We also recently completed the renovation at the Caney property which houses our Court system, Family & Children Services, and our Tribal Domicile. This much needed renovation will allow our programs to continue to grow and serve our tribal citizens. Currently, Environmental Program Director Tristen Tucker is planting a pollinator garden in front of the community building which will enhance the beauty of our tribal complex as well as support our local bee population.

I had the privilege to visit the Delaware Tribe Ranch while the ranch hands were busy working cattle. This gave me a greater appreciation for the work of tribal member Tom Scott and his wife Linda, who were out there working hard on behalf of all of us. Their work ethic and vision makes me proud that we have them on our team! The ranch houses have been completed and are currently being furnished. We will schedule an open house soon for everyone to come out and visit the ranch and see what has been developed. We will make that date available as soon as we get everything completed. I am sure that you will be highly impressed and proud of our Ranch operation!

The 59th Annual Delaware Pow Wow was another success even though we had some severe weather during our gathering. I want to thank the Pow Wow committee for all their hard work and dedication to making sure we continue this dance as the way it was intended to be. The annual Pow Wow is always a special time that we as Lenapes gather together to share our culture and friendship with each other. Fortunately, the storm only caused minimal damage to our property and the biggest takeaway is that nobody was injured during the storm. The Pow Wow is such a wonderful time for us to see old friends and relatives and catch up with everyone. I hope all those that attended had a good time and can't wait until next year when we celebrate the 60th annual!

On that same note, some tribal houses and tribal members were not as fortunate due to the tornado that touched down in Claremore. After hearing about the devastation in Claremore (Rogers County has historically been a county in our service area), Councilwoman Lindsey Harris immediately contacted me and asked what kind of assistance we could provide to those impacted by the tornado. The Council quickly came together and putting pen to paper, we figured out a way to assist those tribal members affected. I could not be more pleased with this Council, and especially Councilwoman Harris, for their quick response. We were able to help approximately 40 Lenape households who were in need of immediate assistance from the tornado damages.

In early June I attended the National Congress of American Indians' (NCAI) mid-year convention in Cherokee,

NC where I sit on the Executive Board as the Eastern Oklahoma Vice President Alternate. It is extremely important that the Delaware Tribe has a voice in this national organization. My main reason for wanting to be a part of this group was because of all the fake Delaware Tribes that continually pop up all along the east coast in our homelands. Like I have said before they are accepting land and money and are speaking on the behalf of the Delaware Tribe of Indians. These groups are seeking validation from NCAI to gain state and federal recognition. These clubs have no Lenape ancestry but are wanting to take away federal funds that are intended for us for the use of their "Delaware" clubs. I am committed to keep fighting this battle as our ancestors have endured too much for us to sit by and let these greedy fake clubs claim to be us.

On a positive note, Teton Trade Cloth by Lenape had the grand opening of their physical store in downtown Bartlesville! I cannot be prouder of CEO Leslie Jerden for all her hard work and dedication to this business venture on behalf of the Delaware Tribe. Leslie has done an amazing job and continues to bring the Delaware Tribe to the forefront as she markets Teton products throughout Indian Country. If you get a chance, please stop into the new store and say hi! You will leave feeling proud!

In closing, I want to encourage each and every one of you to be proud of who we are. Encourage one another and be happy for one another. In today's society we are so eager to judge one another and become angry over nonsense. This is not honoring what our ancestors endured for us. We should not be fighting among ourselves. We are still referred to as the "Grandfather Tribe" in our homelands and among many Tribes, especially in the northeast. Our ancestors were known for being able to settle disputes rationally and with respect for the point of view of all sides. They did not tear each other down, they worked hard to build each other up. I pray all of us can find a way to live in harmony with one another as well as with those outside our Tribe. We are LENAPE, our ancestors were here, we have continued to be here, we will always be here! We are LENAPE! ■

From The Desk of Assistant Chief Tonya Anna

Tonya Anna, Assistant Chief

This quote by Anne Frank sums up the description of two outstanding tribal members who have taken their journey and left behind some great accomplishments.

How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world.—Anne Frank

If you knew Homer Scott, then you knew ranching was in his blood. When the Tribal Council started the ranch project it was decided that Homer would live in the north house. Unfortunately, he never got to live on the property before his passing. At the May Tribal Council meeting it was announced that the north house will now be known as “Homer’s Place” in memory of our cowboy and first Co-Manager. Tom and Linda Scott will be placing a plaque on the property with Homer’s name and information. Along with Homer, Jack Tatum was a very talented individual who stated “We have the power to control our own destinies.” He accomplished many things in his lifetime and one of his favorite activities was riding bicycles. When Jack couldn’t ride any longer he would walk around the pond located on the tribal campus with his fur buddy, Lucy. So on May 23, 2024, the Elders Committee had a dedication ceremony and now the walking path is known as “Jack’s Mile.” Curtis

Zunigha knew Jack for many years and spoke a few words in memory of our Bean Dance leader who had a call that could send chills down your spine. Jack Jr. was in attendance and spoke a few words about his father. If you are on campus please take notice of the new sign at the pond and take a lap or two, if not for Jack, then for yourself!. Walking a mile every day is a gentle yet effective way to enhance your physical and mental health. This form of exercise boosts cardiovascular fitness, strengthens bones, and aids in the regulation of body weight.



On April 12, 2024, I had the privilege of watching history happen at the United States Courthouse in Tulsa, OK. Sara Hill was sworn in as United States District Judge for the Northern District of Oklahoma. Judge Hill served for nearly twenty years as counsel for the Cherokee Nation and is the first indigenous woman to serve in this role. Among the many dignitaries in attendance was her family. I cannot begin to describe the emotions her parents displayed during her swearing-in

ceremony. Several spoke on her integrity, work ethic, and accomplishments thus far. Congratulations Judge Hill!

Patrick Ross invited the Tribal Council to attend a screening of his film called “KANSAS: An Eclogue” in which Chet Brooks and Curtis Zunigha participated. I attended the documentary premiere on April 27, 2024 at the University of Kansas. The film stems from a walking expedition across Kansas with Patrick’s film partner, Josh Nathan, in 2015 and a secondary production trip in 2019 where they interviewed Tribal Council members from the Kansa, Delaware, Prairie Band Potawatomi, and Osage nations. The film provides an important view of the state of Kansas and the native history prior to statehood. I am anxious to see the final cut and will keep you updated on its release.

The Missing and Murdered Indigenous People Walk took place on May 17, 2024 to raise awareness. Channel 9 News Tulsa was on location and you can view the coverage at:

<https://www.news9.com/story/6648172442e36743e9b760c8/delaware-tribe-raises-awareness-for-missing-and-murdered-indigenous-people>

Matt Rahn with Channel 9 wrote:

Members of the Delaware Tribe gathered in Bartlesville on Friday to raise awareness for missing and murdered indigenous people.

The ceremony and walk were all about bringing attention to issues faced by native communities.

Organizers of the event said in 2022, 86 indigenous people were either murdered or went missing and they fear when the latest data comes out, that number could rise. It might be a small group of people gathered at the Dela-

ware Tribe, but their goal is to reduce the number of murdered or missing native people in Oklahoma each year. Most tribal members wore red in honor of Missing and Murdered Indigenous People. They also made signs or carried photos of those lost. Family and Children Services Outreach Coordinator Shelby Kesley said it's important to bring people together to show them they're not alone.

“We want to let them know that we still are here, we have your backs, we want you to know that there are people out here that are encouraging you,” Kesley said.

The ceremony ended with a walk around a pond as people held signs and messages of support for their community. Organizers said as people leave, they want them to know that they are dedicated to helping the people in their Delaware Tribe get out of dangerous or even life-threatening situations.

Wanishi to all who participated and mark your calendars now to join us next year!

On May 25, 2024, Claremore was hit by a tornado and on May 29, Council Members Harris and Griffith joined Executive Assistant Dana Murrell and myself in Claremore to take applications for Relief Assistance. Any member affected by the tornado was able to visit with us and ask questions. Then, on May 31, Councilor Harris delivered the first round of checks to households who qualified. Wanishi to our employees who assisted our members during this time. Whether you were part of getting checks ready, making donations or physically helping with clean up—you made a difference!

The Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma had their grand opening and first flight on May 31, 2024 at their



Welcome & Education Center in Perkins, OK. The Grey Snow Eagle House mission is to strive to be the leader in eagle conservation. Through rehabilitation, education, research, and providing sanctuary to permanently injured eagles, we continue to preserve this culturally important species for future generations. If you are ever in Perkins, OK I suggest stopping by and checking out this awesome facility and what it has to offer.

Business After Hours was a huge success! Thanks to Councilor Bonnie Jo Griffith for arranging this event on June 6, 2024. Our Title VI Program gave a presentation of fresh fruit skewers, vegetables, ice cream, slushies, cappuccinos, and cookies. Several groups were given tours of the Food Pantry, Family & Children Services building, Lenape Early Learning Center, Lenape Reserve, Cultural Building, and Wellness Center. I gave a short presentation to all participants on Lenape history and what the Tribe has to offer to the community. The evening ended with good fellowship, drawings and valuable information about activities going on in Bartlesville. A huge Wanishi to all the employees who stayed over to help or had a hand in getting campus ready for such a wonderful event.

Wanishi ■



The Elders Circle

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

Upcoming Elder Activities



Teton Trade Cloth Blanket Raffle!

This stunning American-made 100% wool serape blanket (valued at \$225.00) was donated by Teton Trade Cloth for a raffle to benefit the Elders Committee’s cultural programs. The Elders Committee will use the proceeds of the raffle to purchase craft materials for our elders and Lenape youth cultural programs. You can purchase raffle tickets M-F at lunch in Forsythe Hall at the Delaware Tribal Complex, 5100 Tuxedo Blvd., Bartlesville, OK 74006 or by emailing delawareeldercouncil2023@gmail.com.

Tickets are \$1.00, and will be sold from July 1 to September 27, 2024.

The Raffle Drawing will be held during Delaware Days, but you do not need to be present to win.

Traditional Medicine and Foraging Class

Learn to identify the 10 most common medicinal and edible plants that grow in your yard or neighborhood. Elder Steve Donnell–Raincrow will teach this FREE class where

you will learn how to identify, collect and prepare plants for use as medicine with a hands-on cooking and tasting offered at the end of class. The class will be held on July 6 at 1:00 P.M. in Forsythe Hall located at the Delaware Tribal Complex, 5100 Tuxedo Blvd., Bartlesville, OK 74006. There will be another class in the future, so stay tuned for more details.

Veteran’s Representative Office—Open to All Veterans

If you’re a veteran that has questions relating to the armed forces or you need help with the VA, a veteran’s service representative is available on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. in the Wellness Center located at the Delaware Tribal Complex, 5100 Tuxedo Blvd., Bartlesville, OK 74006. If you are unable to come to the Tribal Complex, you may contact Steve Donnell at (760) 401-2056.



Elders Committee News

Elder-at-Large

The Elder Committee is pleased to announce that Billie Jean Sheshey has been selected to serve as our new Elder-at-Large. This position was created to give our elders living outside of the Bartlesville area a voice on the Elders Committee.

Delaware Elders Meet with Ursinus College

In April, Lenape Elders met with representatives Monique Kelly, Director of Commu-

nity Engagement, and Heather Lobban-Viravong, Chief Inclusion Officer, from Ursinus College (located in Collegeville, PA). We learned about the college’s current programs and how they represent the Delaware people on the Ursinus campus. We also discussed how we can continue to work together in our Lenape homeland.



Elders Visit Delaware Nation in Anadarko, Ok

Delaware Nation, located in Anadarko, OK, welcomed a group of fifteen Elders in June. Their Executive Committee, led by President Deborah Dotson, as well as Delaware Nation Cultural Preservation Department Director Sonnie Allen and Cultural Events Coordinator Evelyn Kionute, hosted a luncheon and served a traditional dinner to our Elders. We enjoyed the fellowship and look forward to continuing to build a relationship with Delaware Nation as we plan to host a group from Anadarko at our Delaware Tribal Complex soon.

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 complete the following and Email the information to delawareeldercouncil2023@gmail.com

Or send the information on Facebook to Beverly Sue Hough Hicks, via Messenger, at [dtieldercommittee](https://www.facebook.com/dtieldercommittee).

JOIN US!

Elders Committee Meetings

ALL Delaware Tribal members 55+, are invited to join us at our monthly meetings.

Our meeting date has changed. The Elders Committee now meets on the Tuesday before the monthly Tribal Council Meeting. Our meetings start at 1:00 P.M. at the Delaware Tribal Complex, 5100 Tuxedo Blvd., Bartlesville, OK 74006. 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’ll receive instructions on how to connect.



Contact Us

Delaware Tribal members that are (55+) can contact the Elders Committee by email at delawareeldercouncil2023@gmail.com

Elders Committee Officers:

- Chair—Beverly Hicks
- Vice Chair—Kay Anderson
- Secretary—Jana Roth
- Treasurer—Mollie Martin
- Sergeant-at-Arms—Steve Donnell
- Tribal Liaison—Annette Ketchum
- Elder-at-Large—Billie Jean Sheshey

To receive an invitation to join our private group, “DTI Elders Committee” on Facebook, please email us at delawareeldercouncil2023@gmail.com ■

Please send a birthday card to

Delaware Tribal Member’s Name:

Address:

StreetCityStateZip Code

Date of Birth:

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

From the Desk of Tribal Councilmember Bonnie Jo Griffith

Bonnie Jo Griffith, Tribal Councilmember

Wow!! What a month May was for our Tribe. A tornado hit Bartlesville on May 6 but luckily we had no tribal members injured. A few of our rental houses suffered some damages, but it was mainly fences and shingles. I want to give a shout out to those living in our rental properties for going above and beyond in dealing with their debris and clean-up.

Then, in the wee hours of the morning on May 26 a storm came through at our Pow Wow grounds. Fortunately, all of the tent campers evacuated and those who stayed rode out the storm in RVs or small structures. The storm came through with some 78+ mph straight winds toppling some trees and tents. I thank God

we had no injuries from that storm. The damage to the grounds was mainly trees and one set of the new bleachers. When daylight came, the outpouring of help was phenomenal. People, and not just Delaware people, showed up with chain saws, rakes, hoes, and shovels and went to work. It wasn't long before the only damage that could be found was the one set of bleachers. My thanks go out to everyone who pitched in without ever being asked and helped get the grounds back to normal. The attendance was great, and the drums caused everyone to relax and put the storm behind them.

Unfortunately, on that same evening Claremore, Oklahoma was hit with an EF3 tornado that has been termed as one of the

widest storms ever to hit Oklahoma. The Tribe has 19 rental properties in Claremore. All got damaged. We also have a number of citizens who live in other residences in Claremore that suffered from the storm. Our housing maintenance crew and tribal maintenance crew were both sent to Claremore early on May 26 and did a great job boarding up windows, tarping roofs, and cutting up tree debris. Assistant Chief Tonya Anna, Tribal Council Secretary Lindsey Harris, Chief's Administrative Assistant Dana Murrell, and I traveled to Claremore on Wednesday, May 29, and set up a booth to assist our citizens and tenants in filling out our new emergency assistance form. The Assistant Chief and Tribal Council Secretary both returned Thursday, May 30, to finish gath-

ering information from our people in need.

The Tribal Council scrambled a bit on Tuesday, May 28, to provide some help for our citizens. At that time, we had no emergency preparedness plan, but this disaster has prompted us to realize the Tribe definitely needs one. We plan to meet soon to come up with an action plan so that we can immediately address situations such as this in the future.

My biggest thanks go out to Tribal Council Secretary Lindsey Harris. She was our "boots on the ground" immediately after the tornado swept through Claremore. After speaking with her I know she was there in less than an hour of the tornado touching down. Her quick action in assessing the situation certainly helped in negating further damages that could have occurred had we not

been aware of the extent of damages. She is the main reason we were able to get our crews there early Sunday and salvage what we could by boarding windows and tarping roofs.

I'm telling you, spring in Oklahoma is not for the weak. ■



*Photo by
Rawlanda Whiteturkey*

GNA Forest Fest Wins A 2024 Governor's Award For Environmental Excellence

From wcupa.edu

West Chester University has been honored with a Governor's Award for Environmental Excellence for "A Forest Festival Celebrating 50 years of the Robert B. Gordon Natural Area for Environmental Education." These awards, presented on April 30 in Harrisburg, highlight the best in environmental innovation and expertise throughout the Commonwealth.

The Fall 2023 Forest Festival attracted more than 200 individuals from WCU as well as partners and community members to campus and served as a testament to the University's dedication to preserving the land and the vibrant ecological and biotic communities within the Gordon Natural Area (GNA). The event honored the many people who contributed to the establishment and care of the GNA and acknowledged the

ongoing work and partnerships that will ensure its long-term preservation.

The 2024 Governor's Awards for Environmental Excellence were presented by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to recognize 22 projects completed by schools, businesses, and community organizations around the state. Applications were evaluated for their degree of environmental protection, innovation, partnership, economic impact, consideration of climate change, sustainability, and environmental justice, as well as outcomes achieved.

"This year's Environmental Excellence honorees showcase the innovative ways we can protect our environment and shape a more sustainable future here in Pennsylvania," noted DEP Interim Acting Secretary Jessica Shirley. "Together we will spur the next generation of environ-

mental stewards. These projects represent our ability to work together and preserve Pennsylvania's natural resources."

WCU Director of Sustainability Brad Flamm and GNA Stewardship Manager Nur Ritter represented the University at the event.

Ritter and Biology Professor Jessica Schedlbauer were the driving forces behind the Forest Festival, which celebrated the University's commitment to protecting the land and highlighted the research, teaching, and recreational activities occurring at the GNA. The event featured the unveiling of educational signage developed in collaboration with the Delaware Tribe of Indians and their sister nations, the Delaware Nation, and the Stockbridge-Munsee Band of Mohican Indians, and the growing partnership between the University and these indigenous nations.

The GNA serves as a refuge for local wildlife, native plants, and other biota and provides a setting for researchers, nature lovers, artists and poets, runners, dog walkers, and visitors looking to reconnect with the natural world. Its protection has yielded invaluable benefits to students, faculty,

and staff of the University, neighboring municipalities, researchers from state agencies, other academic institutions, and non-profit organizations, as well as the flora, fauna, fungi, and other creatures that live within the boundaries of the GNA. ■



At the Governor's Award for Environmental Excellence (L-R): Tom Gilbert, President, Pennsylvania Environmental Council; Nur Ritter (with trophy), GNA Stewardship Manager; Jessica Shirley, Acting Secretary, Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection; Brad Flamm (with plaque), WCU Director of Sustainability; and Cindy Adams Dunn, Secretary, Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.

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 assis-

tance 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. 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:

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

Send donations to

Delaware Tribe of Indians
ATTN: Trust Board Education Committee (For education donations)

OR

ATTN: Donations (For all other donations)
5110 Tuxedo Blvd
Bartlesville, OK 74006-2746



The Rose Pavluk Memorial Scholarships Offer A New Financial Aid Opportunity for Delaware Students

Celeste Amadon

The Delaware Indian News is honored to announce the Rose Pavluk Memorial Scholarships, a new initiative dedicated to supporting the educational aspirations of Delaware students. These scholarships will support students who are enrolled Tribal members seeking post high school education or training at a two- or four-year college, a technical/trade school, or graduate program.

This year, two scholarships of \$1,500 will be awarded to full-time students and two scholarships of \$500 will be available for part-time students. Ms. Pavluk plans to continue offering the scholarships and hopes that other donors outside the Tribe may be inspired by her example. Successful applicants may reapply for subsequent academic years. There is no cap on the total years one can receive a scholarship. The award will be made directly to the student. Applications will be accepted beginning July 1 through September 15 for fall semester and December 1 through February 15 for the spring semester.

The scholarships will be awarded based on need and an essay of up to 200 words: "Describe the Role of the Tribal Community in Your Life." This initiative not only provides financial support but also encourages Delaware members to reflect on and articulate the importance of their tribal community.



About Rose Pavluk

What moved Marina Pavluk to establish these scholarships in memory of her late mother Rose Marie Pavluk (née Marino)? Ms. Pavluk and her family are not members of the Delaware Tribe, nor do they reside in the Bartlesville area. The Pavluks hail from outside Philadelphia, around the area of Lenapehoking

(the traditional homelands of the Lenape). In a Zoom meeting with the Delaware Tribal Council discussing her idea for these scholarships—a meeting which, poignantly, fell on what would have been her mother's birthday—Pavluk emphasized her and her mother's deep commitment to social justice and their awareness of the historical injustices faced by Native peoples. In an interview to discuss the scholarships, she spoke of her hope that they will be a tangible way to contribute to repairing the harm suffered by the Tribe and to honor her mother's warm heart and compassion. She explained, "My mother harbored a deep empathy for Native peoples, and despite her modest means, made contributions to their causes."

Rose Marie Pavluk spent her entire life in Pennsylvania. As the daughter of Italian immigrants, Rose was raised Catholic and did not attend college. However, she placed immense value on education and was a lifelong advocate for justice and equality. The 5'3" Rose worked in landscaping and despite her small stature, was a giant in extending a helping hand

to others, particularly women and girls.

Marina, who holds a master's degree in Industrial and Labor Relations from Cornell University and worked for the National Labor Relations Board for many years, has continued her mother's legacy of advocacy. As a member of the Quaker faith, whose "leadings" emphasize social justice and spiritual callings, she is a member of the Right Relationship with the Lenape People Working Group within her Birmingham Friends community in Southeastern Pennsylvania. This group acknowledges and addresses the historical injustices faced by Native peoples, including the violent removal of the Lenape and their subsequent genocide.

Driven by a profound sense of the injustice done to the Lenape people who once called her region home, Marina subscribed to the Delaware Indian News and through reading it she began to understand some of the challenges and concerns of present-day tribal members. She gifted subscriptions to the DIN to the other members of her working group. "Our group started with a

land acknowledgment, but realized there is a need to do something concrete beyond that to help heal and repair." Native Americans continue to have the lowest rate of college attendance of any single ethnicity in the United States, with the cost of attending playing a significant role.

Rose Pavluk passed away in December 2019 at the age of 89. Marina believes Rose would have been thrilled about these scholarships, embodying her lifelong commitment to encouraging and uplifting others. "She would have been jumping up and down with excitement," Marina reflected.

To apply for a Rose Pavluk Memorial Scholarship email rosepavlukscholarship@delawaretribe.org or call (918) 337-6590. Applications will be available for download on the tribe's website at delawaretribe.org or at the tribal offices located at 5100 Tuxedo Blvd., Bartlesville OK. ■

Major Lenape Reburial Ceremony Completed

On June 20, officials, staff and guests of the Stockbridge-Munsee Community, Delaware Tribe of Indians, and Delaware Nation welcomed home more than 100 Lenape ancestors and their burial items back to the earth. The reburial was the culmination of several years of work by each Nation's Tribal Historic Preservation Office to reclaim the ancestors through the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA).

The ancestors had been held in the collections of seven different museums, colleges or other institutions and nearly all of the ancestors had originated in the mid-Hudson Valley region. While the specific details on the ancestors and ceremonial proceedings are not disseminated for

protection purposes, we would simply like to share this most important news with community members that our beloved ancestors are now at rest.

Alongside Tribal Historic Preservation Staff from each Nation, the Stockbridge-Munsee delegation included elected leadership of Councilmembers Sara Putnam and Shawn Moede, and former Historic Preservation Committeeman Jeffery Vele Jr. The Delaware Tribe delegation included elected leadership of Councilmembers Lindsey Harris and Rusty Creed Brown.

We offer many heartfelt thanks to community members, museum staff, and the many unseen hands of all of those who participated or facilitated this most deeply significant

occasion. As always, we offer profound respect and love to our ancestors for all they have taught us and will continue to in our life's journeys. Anushiik. ■



Veterans Committee Report

Kenny Brown, Chairman

The Lenape Veterans Color Guard was called to duty for our brother Homer Scott's Memorial and burial. Homer was very active in our Tribe's Veterans activities and he is greatly missed.

The Veterans Committee is looking forward to Delaware Days in September, where we will honor two brothers, Mike and Farrell Burks.

The Lenape Veterans Color Guard was honored to present the Colors for the Tribal Finance Consortium this past March. We met people of many different tribes and received a lot of compliments.

Our Color Guard has been invited to present Colors for the OSU Pow wow in Stillwater, OK on October 25 at the Payne County Expo Center.

The Lenape Gourd Dance Society has been invited by our Arapaho StarHawk Society brothers to

attend their Gourd Dance September 13–15. Our Lenape Gourd Dance Society was formed and blessed under the Arapaho StarHawks and the StarHawk leader Stanley Sleeper, with Don and Betty Wilson additionally responsible for our formation. The invitation is a great honor, and I hope we can make a good appearance.

A personal note, I have been asked to be Head Man Dancer for the Broken Arrow Intertribal Veterans Pow Wow October 12! I hope to see you there!

Family & Children Services Welcomes Shelby Artherton-Kesler as New Outreach Coordinator

Shelby Artherton-Kesler

On May 1, 2024, I took on a new position of Family & Children Services Outreach Coordinator. I am super excited to see what the future has in store and the great things to come. I am a Delaware tribal member and a mother of a 1 year old little boy. We are from the Bartlesville area and are of the Falleaf bloodline. I am eager to connect with our community and share all the great services and resources we have to offer.



Family & Children Services has a couple of upcoming events to share with our community. Our Transitional Housing and DV Advocates will be hosting an ongoing Clothing Closet to help those in need for job interviews and/or themselves and their children. Our DV team and Transitional Housing have been working hard and making life changes for the better for our clients. Our ICW and Child Support departments are always working hard and helping serve our community.

In the upcoming months we will be attending a couple events and trainings to bring more knowledge and understanding to our services and community. We will be reaching out to our community at pride in September, Health Fair in October, CommUNITY Fest in October along with a few others. Again, we will also be opening a clothing closet to our DV clients and Transitional Housing clients then open it up to the community to anyone in need. We are also putting together a PET vaccine clinic that will be

held before the end of September for both Bartlesville area and Kansas area.

The Family & Children Services Department has made the move back to our newly renovated building in Caney, Kansas. We are excited to be here and start reaching out to the surrounding communities with our services and resources. You can find us at 601 High Street Caney, KS 67333 and reach us by calling (918) 337-6510.

Remember, you are never alone and there is always help when you are ready.

Crisis Hotline: (918) 331-7349

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Tribal Domicile Attends Agent Summit in Las Vegas, Nevada

Allan Barnes

He' "Hello", Good "kishi pax-hàkwèke "afternoon. The Tribal Domicile hopes by now our readers understand the significant role we play within the Tribe and for that matter the nationwide recognition we have established for the Tribe within our industry. That is why we were delighted to have Chief KillsCrow and Treasurer Rusty Creed Brown attend the 13th annual Agent Summit this past April 15-18 in Las Vegas, Nevada. Their support was invaluable, and as always, demonstrated the Tribe's endorsement of our efforts. Unlike the many events our tribe attends, we stand out as a native American business operating uniquely in this industry.

As a revenue generating force for the Tribe we are proud to contribute to the Tribe to assist with projects that our Chief and Tribal Council have called upon the Tribal Domicile to support. This relates to many services that benefit our tribal members. Our Cultural Preservation Department and the Veterans Memorial have been previously mentioned but in addition, the domicile has supported the annual General Council meeting, the Delaware Tribe Outdoor and Indoor Pow Wows and tribal improvements whenever called upon. These social events are important to our tribal members to advance and sustain our native culture. Most recently we were privileged to provide \$25,000 to disaster relief for those tribal members who suffered damage from the severe weather and tornadoes widespread in our region in recent weeks.

So, we are excited to soon invite you to our newly remodeled



offices in Caney, Kansas. It has been enjoyable spending the winter months at the Bartlesville headquarters to reacquaint ourselves with the many department directors and their programs here on this campus and of course lunch with the Title VI Elder Nutrition Program. Our next scheduled conference will be the F&I Reinsurance and Product conference in November that we have attended for many years and in fact was originated by our Tribal Support Services teammates. Also, because of our prominence in this industry we are occasionally invited to related meetings and seminars.

We enjoy providing you these updates and the happenings within the Tribal Domicile. As always, go to **tribaldomicile.com** and or **delawaretribe.org** where Teton Trade Cloth by Lenape can be found.

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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. This is part 2.

DELAWARE—HONORING THE PAST AND PREPARING FOR THE FUTURE

STORY BY LYDIA L. WYCKOFF AND CURTIS ZUNIGHA

Three more of the faces were carved on the posts at each side of the house, and two smaller faces were carved on the door posts at each end. The number of carvings totaled the sacred number of twelve.

In October, participants in the annual twelve-night ceremony would set up camps outside the building and prepare for the event. The ceremony stressed humility of spirit and conduct, gratitude for spiritual benevolence toward the Lenape people, and divine guidance for the tribe's welfare. On the first night, one of the attendants would call "temikekw" or "everyone come in," and the people would enter for worship. Men and women did not sit together but sat with their maternal clan (tukwsit or "wolf," pele or "turkey," and pukuwango or "turtle"). A bow and drill were used to light the ceremonial fires. The leader gave speeches, dictated the ceremonial order, and prayed for the welfare of the people. Then he would shake the turtle-shell rattle and sing a song that a tutelary being, usually an animal or bird, had taught him in a vision. Most boys, by the time they reached fifteen, had gone alone into the woods to seek such a vision. The songs they acquired were messages of life and mortality. After the vision

songs had been sung, the leader and the others would dance around the fires. Drummers would follow, carrying wooden drumsticks bearing the Mesingw face and beating upon a flat deer hide drum.

Other ceremonial rites during the twelve nights included fervent prayer while holding one of the twelve prayer sticks; a cedar burning for spiritual purification; and a hunt to kill deer for the sacred feast. Attendants would paint the faces of men and women and then paint the Mesingw. Wampum beads were exchanged as gifts and as payment for aid and assistance provided during the ceremony. Wampum was made out of clam shell and had been important since the Delaware lived on the east coast, before the European Americans arrived. On the morning after the twelfth night, the final songs and prayers were offered, and the participants would file out the east door and give the prayer call twelve times; then everyone was dismissed. Camps were then broken, and families returned to their homes filled with spiritual enlightenment.

The allotment era of United States Federal Indian Policy at the turn of the century was the beginning of the end of the Big House ceremony. With allotment of tribal lands to individuals, the abolition of tribal governments, and Oklahoma's scramble towards statehood, there was no more secret sacred ground on which to conduct the Big House ceremony. Also, children could no longer be sent on vision quests, which many European Americans considered cruel; instead, they were increasingly sent away to boarding schools to live and learn the white Christian way. With no more young people join-

ing the Big House, the meetings became smaller, and finally the visionaries became too old to sing and dance. The Big House ceremony ended in 1924.

Since the demise of the Big House religion, the Delaware people have maintained a political and legal identity in order to file claims against the United States government for treaty violations. The traditional Delaware cooperated with ethno-historians, such as M.A. Harrington and Clark Field, to preserve the memory of the Big House religion. Many traditionalists turned to the Native American Church, whose sacramental use of peyote provided a uniquely "Indian" form of religious worship. To this day, Delaware remains a part of the Cherokee Nation, possessing Cherokee citizenship rights and conducting their tribal affairs within the confines of both Delaware and Cherokee Law.

The tribe's language was almost lost due to the deaths of many elders. Efforts by non-Indian linguists and ethnohistorians revived Delaware interest in their language and led to the development of a Delaware language program. Now, weekly language classes are held at the Delaware Tribal Center in Bartlesville, Oklahoma. It was the Delaware Munsee dialect that was spoken in the 1992 film version of *The Last of the Mohicans*. A social dance group is also incorporating Delaware language songs into their repertoire.

Although the elders say the Big House ceremony will never return as they knew it, the ceremony, along with the language, remains the symbol of that which is uniquely Delaware. The Delaware Tribal Seal includes a drawing of the Mesingw face, the fire drill and prayer sticks from the

Big House ceremony, and clan symbols. Thus, the Big House at Copan gradually fell into ruin, but the memory and the power of the ceremonies once held there have served to unite the Delaware. Perhaps it was the sacredness of this ceremony or the power of the great Mesingw faces themselves that brought two groups of people together in Tulsa, at the Philbrook Museum of Art, in autumn of 1993. These two groups were the Delaware Tribe and the Friends of Native American Art.

In 1990, Dr. Lydia L. Wyckoff became the new curator of Native American art at the Philbrook Museum. While installing the museum's permanent collection of Native American materials in the newly remodeled museum, she found that one of the museum's largest acquisitions of Native American art had been donated by Roberta Campbell Lawson, granddaughter of Delaware leader Charles Journeycake. She also found three doorposts and the great center post from the Big House at Copan. She decided not to exhibit them because of the fragile condition of the doorposts and because of the sacredness of the powerful faces on the center post. Later, she found out how the posts had been removed from the Big House that had collapsed into ruin.

Fifteen years after the last Big House ceremony was held, Clark Field—a collector of Native American art and later honorary curator at the Philbrook Museum—heard that the remains of the Big House were going to be burnt and the land plowed. Clark Field went to Copan and found that very little remained of the Big House except for the great center post, which rose above the rubble. From hard burr oak, the great Mesingw faces gazed to the east

and to the west. These two center-post faces were the last to leave the Big House. With the assistance of Joe Bartles, a member of the Delaware Tribal Council, the center post was removed to the Philbrook Museum for safe keeping in the autumn of 1940.

In 1949, the doorposts and some ceremonial items, already porous from a powder post beetle infestation, were offered for sale to the Philbrook by Mary Witcher. There are no records as to how these posts, fire drill, drumsticks, prayer sticks, and rattles from the Big House came into her possession. Her niece, Elizabeth Raney, recalled she had been upset when, sometime between 1930 and 1935, she had heard that the Big House was being used for firewood. Perhaps she had learned of this and had acquired these things from some of her Delaware family relatives—the Ketchums.

Shortly after the reinstallation of the Philbrook Museum's permanent collection, Wyckoff was contacted by co-author Curtis Zunigha. Zunigha was researching the tribe's religious history because of a personal interest in his own Delaware heritage. This brought him to the Philbrook Museum of Art, for he had heard that some of the objects from the Big House were there. "After reading and hearing so much about the Big House religion being the focal point of Delaware cultural identity, I just had to see and touch these remaining objects," he explained. Although the objects from the Big House were stored in the dark vault of the museum, Zunigha immediately sensed their spiritual power. Decades of dormancy could not diminish the decades of religious ritual that these objects had been a part of. "Perhaps it is my Lenape ancestry which allows me

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to so naturally connect with these objects," Zunigha said. He did not see lifeless remnants of the past, but the spirit of his people awakening from a lengthy respite, telling him the power was still there to draw from. He had seen the Delaware culture slowly eroding after the old ceremonies had stopped, and he now felt an obligation to tell his people that the spirit still lives. He hoped that seeing these objects could inspire a sense of renewal among the new generation of Delaware whom he felt were "desperate to hold on to any Indian way."

Curtis Zunigha is the executive director of the American Indian Heritage Center, an urban Indian center in Tulsa. Part of the mission of the Heritage Center is to assist in cultural preservation. Zunigha applied for a federal grant from the Administration for Native Americans to work towards his dream: giving his people an opportunity to see and understand the importance of the objects from the Big House. He received the grant, and within a year, Zunigha and Delaware Assistant Chief Michael Pace, began working with Dr. Wyckoff to develop a Big House exhibit.

By this time, Wyckoff had begun to establish a multifaceted

outreach program at the Philbrook. This program consisted of a Native American internship and Native American scholarships at the museum school. The internship was specifically designed to train tribal members to work in tribal museums and to allow for annual exhibits and tribal events for tribes that do not have their own museums. All of this required money. Coincidentally, a group of museum patrons expressed an interest in learning more about the Native American collection. These individuals formed the backbone of Philbrook's outreach program. Although this group had managed to raise the funds necessary for the Oto-Missouri exhibit of the preceding year, it soon became clear that an exhibit of the objects from the Big House was going to be very costly. First of all, the doorposts had to be conserved before they could be exhibited. Secondly, as everyone had agreed, this was going to be an exhibit by the Delaware, not about the Delaware. Curtis Zunigha felt that a video of interviews with tribal elders who remembered the Big House ceremony should be included. Lastly, Michael Pace and members of the Delaware Cultural Preservation Committee wanted an exhibit that would in some way recreate the

Big House itself. Dr. Wyckoff was concerned that if contemporary material was not also included, visitors might fail to realize the importance of the Delaware today. After various meetings, everyone decided to request additional funding from the State Arts Council of Oklahoma. Fortunately, the request was favorably received.

Although Dr. Wyckoff was the official curator of the exhibition, her role was really one of coordinator. A timetable was established, allowing for conservation, preparation and the printing of text and labels. All text was written by members of the Delaware Tribe and reviewed by the Tribal Council. Each object from the Big House was labeled with a quotation from a tribal member who remembered the Big House ceremony. The gallery space was divided into two sections.

Beadwork, pipes, silverwork, paintings and photographs were displayed in the first section, along with informational texts and a video about the Big House religion made by Curtis Zunigha. In the second area, under a dark cloth that forms the walls and the roof angle of the Big House, the objects from the last Big House were displayed. At last, the exhibit was completed.

On November 13, 1993, history

was made with the formal inauguration of the Delaware Big House religion exhibit. The Delaware Tribe held its annual General Council meeting in Bartlesville and dealt with contemporary issues such as tribal elections, budgetary matters, and the current political relations with the Cherokee. After the meeting and a great feast, a delegation of tribal members boarded a charter bus and traveled south to Tulsa. Upon arrival, the group assembled in the Williams Conference Room of the Philbrook Museum. Members of the Friends of Native American Art rented the room and provided coffee and dessert. Some of them stood hesitantly at the back of the room as Curtis Zunigha began to articulate his vision of the exhibit and its spiritual significance.

There were many people to thank and remember during the initial presentation, in particular, the mention of tribal elders who had either died or were too infirm to attend the opening. "We honor them and commit them to our memory as we open this educational cultural exhibit," said Zunigha. Of note was the recognition of historian/linguist James Rementer of Dewey, Oklahoma, who came in the early sixties to study Delaware culture. Rementer, who was adopted by a Delaware family and made his

home among the Delaware people, has become one of the nation's leading experts on the tribe. His vast resources and knowledge provided much of the historical accuracy of the exhibit.

There were many moving moments when the crowd entered the exhibit. Faces lit up as tribal members recognized objects and photos, invoking memorable stories from parents and grandparents about the Big House. Tribal singers made a drum like the one used in the old ceremony and sang one of the hunting songs originally sung during the dispatch of the hunting party. The song was learned by listening to old recordings from over fifty years ago. Tears streamed down the cheeks of many tribal elders, and a sense of awe filled the crowd as the culture of a people came to life in a setting reminiscent of the ancient Big House.

As dusk settled on the Italianate gardens and terraces of the Philbrook Museum, tribal members and members of the Friends of Native American Art gathered outside to be smoked with cedar. In this ritual, cedar is burned in an iron pot, and tribal leaders use an eagle wing to fan the participants with purifying cedar smoke. The dim light from the burning cedar softens the contrast between the setting and the event. ■

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, Ok-

lahoma in the Tribal Wellness Center.

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Phone: (918) 337-6590 ext.

Steve.

Emergency phone (760) 401-2056 cell

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





Graduation
STOLES



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!

NO DEADLINE TO SUBMIT BUT ALLOW TIME FOR MAILING OF THE STOLE
EMAIL INFO TO: EBROWN@DELAWARETRIBE.ORG
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 ■



Environmental Department Champions Sustainable Practices at Tribal Headquarters

Tristen Tucker, Director, Environmental Program

In a concerted effort to foster environmental consciousness and sustainability, the Environmental Department at the tribal headquarters has embarked on a comprehensive mission to create a more environmentally friendly environment. Through a series of innovative programs and initiatives, the department is spearheading efforts to protect the natural world while engaging and empowering the local community through educating.

At the heart of the department's endeavors lies the Recycling Program, a flagship initiative aimed at reducing waste and promoting responsible resource management. With dedicated recycling bins strategically placed throughout the headquarters, employees and visitors are encouraged to actively participate in recycling efforts, diverting tons of waste from landfills and contributing to a more sustainable future.

"I have always been taught to shoot for the stars," emphasizes Director Tristen Tucker. "With that being said, my long-term goal for the department is to create a completely waste-free community. Though that may sound far-fetched, I believe that it can become a reality. However, I can't do it by myself. I need the help of the entire community to accomplish this amazing feat."

Complementing the Recycling Program are the department's Pollinator Gardens, vibrant sanctuaries teeming with native plants and flowers designed to attract and support local pollinators. These gardens not only beautify the landscape but also play a crucial role in supporting biodiversity and ecosystem health.

"Our Pollinator Gardens serve as vital habitats for bees, butterflies, and other pollinators," explains Tristen. "Despite the common misconception that bugs are bad, insects serve a very important role when it comes to pollination. Pollinators contribute to the production of around 3/4 of the world's food crops. Now imagine a world with 75% less food crops. Frightening, isn't it?"



Initial pollinator planting of the Veteran's Memorial garden. 6/12/2024 (Note- the plants pictured are all native to the area. There are tags that mark the plants with common and scientific name. There will be plants blooming at all times of the year)

In addition to hands-on initiatives, the Environmental Department is actively engaged in community outreach events aimed at educating and inspiring community members and the public to embrace sustainable practices. From field trips to tour the recycling center to community cleanups, these events provide valuable opportunities for learning, collaboration, and community building.



Group picture of the participants that took part in the community cleanup event. Note- Special thanks to LeOnte Mayhew (Cherokee) for gathering the most trash and all who participated



11 bags of trash and debris that were collected during the cleanup event. Note- Special thanks to Sonny Fixico (Creek) for collecting a rusted 55-gallon barrel

"People only care about what they know about. If someone isn't knowledgeable about the environment and its importance, then they typically won't protect it. The following quote by Baba Dioum is what I base my department from" says Tristen. "In the end, we will conserve only what we love; we will love only what we understand, and we will understand only what we are taught."

As the Environmental Department continues to expand its efforts, the ripple effects of their work are felt far beyond the tribal headquarters. By championing sustainable practices, nurturing biodiversity, and engaging the com-

munity, they are paving the way for a brighter, more sustainable future for all.



Macroinvertebrate sampling in a small creek in Sand Springs in collaboration with Blue Thumb. 2/17/2024.



Learning to use a flow meter to measure discharge during a training hosted by Eastern Shawnee Tribe and USGS. 6/5/2024

"If anyone has any questions, comments, suggestions, and/or concerns please don't hesitate to reach out," concludes Director Tristen. My contact information is as follows:

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Lenape Reserve: A Cultural Hub

Amanda Scott, Lenape Reserve Director

Lenape Reserve serves as an inclusive environment for indigenous artists and people to revitalize and sustain their culture. Owned and operated by the Delaware Tribe of Indians, this unique establishment offers a variety of jewelry, art, apparel, health and beauty products, and crafting supplies crafted by Native American artisans both local and nationwide.

Teton Canvas Shoes Sale!



One of the standout features at Lenape Reserve is their collection of canvas shoes. Let's explore two remarkable options:

1. Teton Trade Cloth Canvas Shoes:

- Designed by Tokeya Waci U Richardson, Tom Haukaas, and Garrett Etsitty exclusively for Teton Trade Cloth, these slip-on canvas shoes are the epitome of high fashion. They feature sturdy low-profile uppers, padded collars, elastic side accents, and signature rubber waffle outsoles.
- Available in three colors and whole sizes, these slip-ons are versatile and stylish. You can wear them with any hing, anywhere! They ship in an environmentally friendly, reusable canvas backpack screen printed with the Teton logo.

2. Teton Canvas Shoes:

- Designed by Cole Redhorse Jacobson, these canvas shoes are another fantastic option. Crafted with care, they offer comfort and style for everyday wear. Whether you're strolling through the city or exploring the great outdoors, Teton Canvas Shoes have you covered.

Newly Remodeled Store

Lenape Reserve recently underwent an exciting transformation! The store has been remodeled to enhance the shopping experience for visitors. Expect a fresh layout, improved displays, and an inviting atmosphere that celebrates indigenous art and culture.

Store Closure Dates For Pow wows & Events

If you're planning a visit, take note of the following store closure dates:

- July 19–20
- July 26–27
- September 26–October 5
- October 26
- November 1–2

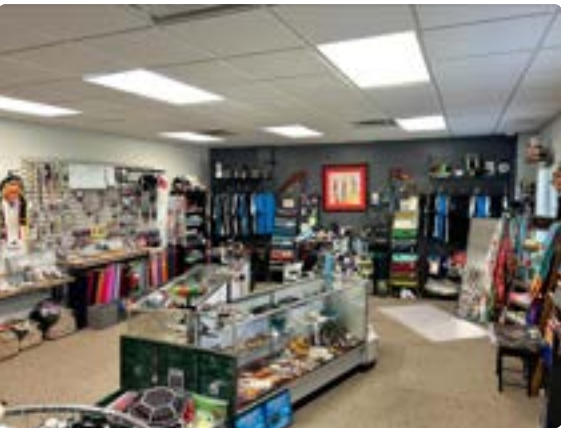
During these dates, Lenape Reserve will be closed so plan your visit accordingly. Whether you're looking for unique gifts, authentic Native American products, or simply want to immerse yourself in indigenous culture, Lenape Reserve is a must-visit destination. Remember to check their store hours and location details on their website. Happy exploring! Learn more at lenapereserve.com

Our hours have changed due to staff shortage, sorry for any inconvenience. Our customers are very important to us and we value each and everyone of you!!!

Store hours starting June 14, 2024

- Sunday—Closed
- Monday—Closed
- Tuesday—11:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M.
- Wednesday—11:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M.
- Thursday—11:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M.
- Friday—11:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M.
- Saturday—11:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.

Hours are subject to change, awaiting new hire/hires. ■



Delaware Tribe Cultural Education Department Hosts Successful Tulip Purse Class

Jeremy Johnson, Cultural Education Director

The Delaware Tribe Cultural Education Department recently hosted a Tulip Purse Class on June 7 and 8, attracting 15 enthusiastic participants eager to learn and preserve this beautiful craft. The class was a vibrant celebration of cultural heritage, where participants delved into the intricate art of creating tulip purses, a traditional Delaware craft.

Under the expert guidance of our skilled instructor, Jenifer Pechonick, attendees were introduced to the history and techniques of tulip purse making. Over the two-day workshop, participants not only learned the practical skills needed to create these beautiful items but also gained a deeper understanding of their cultural significance. The workshop fostered a sense of community and pride as attendees of all ages and backgrounds came together to connect with their heritage.



Upcoming Cultural Programs at Paterson Great Falls National Park

The Delaware Tribe Cultural Education Department is excited to announce two upcoming cultural programs at Paterson Great Falls National Park. These programs, set to take place in July and November, promise to offer enriching experiences that high-



light Lenape heritage, traditions, and culture.

July Program: This summer, visitors can look forward to engaging presentations which include Lenape history, dress, and demonstrations of Delaware dance and customs. The program aims to provide a hands-on experience, allowing participants to immerse themselves in the rich cultural tapestry of the Delaware Tribe.

November Program: As the year winds down, our November program will offer a unique opportunity to learn about Delaware history and traditions through cultural performances and educational activities which will be presented to multiple groups of 4th grade students from Paterson Public Schools over the course of three days. This program is designed to deepen the public's appreciation and understanding of Delaware heritage during a reflective time of the year.

Upcoming Ribbonwork Class

In addition to these cultural programs, the Delaware Tribe Cultural Education Department is



planning an exciting ribbonwork class. The date for this class is yet to be determined, but it promises to be an invaluable opportunity for participants to learn the traditional art of ribbonwork, a decorative technique that holds significant cultural importance for the Delaware people. Stay tuned for further announcements regarding the specifics of this upcoming class.

We are thrilled to offer these educational and cultural opportunities to our community and invite everyone to join us in cele-

brating and preserving the rich heritage of the Delaware Tribe. For more information on our programs and events, please visit our website or contact the Delaware Tribe Cultural Education Department.

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Follow us on social media for the latest updates on our programs and events! ■



A Message From American Woolen Company President Jacob Long

Jacob Long

Restoring American Prosperity, One Mill At A Time.

My name is Jacob Harrison Long and I am President of American Woolen Company. If you are not familiar with the name, the American Woolen Company is a Stafford Springs, Connecticut based designer and manufacturer of fine worsted and luxurious woolen cloth. The Company makes everything from 7-ounce feather light cloth for lightweight shirting to 34 ounce bullet proof chunky fabric for pea-coats and blankets. Our clients include apparel retailers Ralph Lauren and Men's Wearhouse, outerwear apparel brands Stormy Kromer and Origin USA, the US Army, the US Navy, and Teton Trade Cloth.

Last year, the Delaware Tribal Council voted to take a 30% ownership stake in American Woolen with the goal to leverage the Tribe's current ownership in Teton Trade Cloth by Lenape and to extend the Tribe further into textile and apparel manufacturing. But that is just the beginning. Not only did the Tribe invest in one of

America's last operating wool textile manufacturers, but the Tribe invested in an organization that is restoring American prosperity through craft manufacturing.

Throughout the early and middle part of the 20th century, America's manufacturing industry flourished. Across the nation, local manufacturers provided the commerce fuel that powered local and regional communities and built America's middle class. Basic consumer products were not only made locally, but more importantly, these products were consumed locally. Locally designed and manufactured consumer durable and non-durable goods, including food, beverage, furniture, textiles, apparel, footwear and accessories supported regional economies and preserved community traditions. Mill towns celebrated their mills. Producers and consumers not only dined together, but they prospered together.

Starting in 1979, domestic manufacturing lost its relevance. Not only were do-

mestic manufacturing jobs lost, but manufacturing as a percentage of American nominal GDP collapsed. Although the nominal increase in service sector jobs more than made up for the decrease in manufacturing sector jobs, the decline in American manufacturing over the last 40 years resulted in a loss of community identity and local traditions. When mill towns lost the mills, the towns struggled. While American manufacturers closed facilities and moved production offshore, America's mass market retailers built larger and larger stores turning a nation of producers into a nation of consumers. Globalization hollowed out America's middle class and replaced well-earned apprenticeships and skills sets with gigs and short-term contracts. American prosperity suffered.

American Woolen believes that there is a better way forward. The key to restoring American prosperity is leveraging a region's social and physical assets and restoring consumer good's craft manufacturing to the nation's towns and communities. More than manufacturing consumer products, it is restoring a community's tradi-

tions and identities through regional manufacturing initiatives.

Over the last nine months, the American Woolen team has built a southern New England based industrial cluster that specializes in the design and manufacture of fine textiles, apparel and accessories for America's premium apparel and lifestyle brands. American Woolen acts as the nucleus of an industrial cluster that generates positive industrial and social synergies and supports positive regional economic performance. The goal is to extend this industrial cluster model to other industries and other regions with the hope to encourage entrepreneurial activity and restore American prosperity.

More than an investment in a Connecticut based wool mill, the Delaware Tribe invested in the return of American craft manufacturing and American prosperity, one mill at a time. ■

A Message From Teton Trade Cloth by Lenape CEO

Leslie Jerden

Leslie Jerden, CEO, Teton Trade Cloth by Lenape

I am happy to announce that our business has a brick and mortar store front! Located in the Johnstone-Sare Building at 160 SW Frank Phillips Blvd. Bartlesville, OK. 74006. Our store is centrally located in the downtown area and had a well-attended grand opening on the evening of June 7. Shopping hours are Tuesdays through Saturdays from 11 A.M.-7 P.M.

Bartlesville is the headquarters for the Delaware Tribe of Indians. Delaware Chief Journeycake's daughter Nannie was the wife of Jake Bartles, after whom Bartlesville is named. Journeycake's granddaughter's allotment is Bartlesville's Central Business District. How fitting that Lenape would find their way back too, and front and center, today in Bartlesville's Business District.

You can find all Teton Trade Cloth by Lenape cotton fabrics, wool 10-Band Broadcloth, printed stain ribbon, and more in-store. Lenape Reserve is still featuring Teton fabrics at the Tribal Complex as well as all of their other unique hand-made items

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Upcoming Events

Tribal Council Meeting Schedule

4th Wednesday of each month at 6:00 P.M. Meetings at Tribal Complex at 5100 Tuxedo Blvd in Forsythe Hall.

July 24
August 28
September 25
October 23

Committee Meeting Schedule

Elders Committee

Fourth Tuesday of each month. Meetings held at 1:00 P.M. at Delaware Tribal Complex at 5100 Tuxedo Blvd.

July 23
August 27
September 24
October 22

Cultural Preservation

First Tuesday of each month. Meetings held at 5:30 P.M. at 5110 Tuxedo Blvd. in the FCS conference room.

July 2
August 6
September 3
October 1

Veterans Committee

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

July 23
August 27
September 24
October 22

Others

War Mothers

2nd Monday of every month at 6:00 P.M. in FCS Conference Room.

July 8
August 12
September 9
October 14

Prevention Support Services

Talking Circle Every Wednesday except Tribal Council meeting night (4th Wed.) at Forsythe Hall from 6 P.M.–8 P.M. ■

Spotlight on 2024 Delaware Tribal Princess Marian Johnson

Marian recently graduated from Noble High School as valedictorian with a 4.75 weighted GPA. Marian played softball, performed in marching and concert bands, was active with FCCLA Community outreach programming, and became a member of the National Honors Society. Marian has now been accepted to the University of Oklahoma to start her higher education journey! She will start in the Fall of 2024. As the Delaware Tribal Princess, Marian was able to accomplish all of this while remaining active in her community, in traditional Native culture, and uphold to her duties during her reign. We are all so incredibly proud of current 2023-2024 Delaware Tribal Princess Marian Johnson. Marian's work ethic has propelled her to a wonderful start to what we are confident will be a successful future in whatever she determines to do! Delaware Tribal Princess



I am a proud Lenape woman. welawsitam ok papuwe, have a good life and be carefree. Everyone should be proud and may whatever lies ahead, be filled with desire, knowledge, confidence, and integrity. We will succeed to look back and see we made a difference.—Marian Johnson

Young women of Delaware Tribe of Indians descent, YOU

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- Additional qualifications are required to be considered.

These and the application can be found on the Delaware Tribe

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Happy Summer from Lenape Early Learning Center!

Emily Harker, Family Services Coordinator, Lenape Early Learning Center

These past few months have been busy, and we are always looking forward to new and exciting ways to aid in the development of our children. In May we had our clothing swap event at our center. This allows families to donate gently used children's clothing that we clean and sort and allow the families to "shop" for their children. Children grow so quickly, and clothing can become so expensive. This is a great opportunity to help our families out financially in an already difficult financial time. We also celebrated Mother's Day by inviting mothers and other motherly figures to the center to plant flowers in hand-crafted pots to take home. We also allowed families to take home a pack of seeds (vegetables and flowers) to plant at home and encourage these important habits for a healthy life. Another event this month included dental kits and education. Every child went home with several toothbrushes and toothpaste as well as dental education for the caregivers. Dental health is an incredibly important aspect of health and development and should be considered a priority for all children.



We are also excited to announce our new LELC Center Director, Mollie Jones! She has been here since the beginning of LELC taking over the childcare building on the tribal complex in June 2021 and has shown her heart and dedication to the children and their families. We are excited to see what the future holds for our center. Mollie was able to attend the Delaware Pow Wow to pass out gift bags donated from LELC for all the Tiny Tot dancers on Friday, May 24 at the opening ceremonies. This opportunity for LELC to be involved in tribal activities is one of our main focuses. We look forward to events like these in the future.

As we move through summer, we will be celebrating Father's Day by having a Fun in the Sun event at the center. All fathers and fatherly figures can come out and enjoy outdoor games, crafts, and ice cream sundaes. We will also be having parent-teacher conferences. These conferences are an important opportunity to discuss children's strengths and needs with their teachers as they pertain to their development.

Lenape Early Learning Center is growing, and we look forward to what the future holds for us. Thank you for all your support. The children and their families are in a better place because of it!



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 for consideration.

Thank you for helping to improve something for our children! ■



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Youth Interview with Marian Johnson

What are the most meaningful Delaware practices to you?

Many cultures practices and my experience emphasize the importance of preserving traditions and passing them down through generations. For myself, this includes storytelling, traditional ceremonies, language preservation, and teaching about the history and values of the community. I believe these types of practices have been the most meaningful for me.

What advice do you have for our young Delaware members?

The advice might center around staying connected to their heritage while also pursuing their personal dreams and goals. Encouraging them to learn about their culture, participate in community events, and seek out mentors within the community can be very beneficial. Additionally, reminding them to value education and strive for excellence in all their endeavors is important. ■

What are your goals for Lenape youth going forward?

My goals for Lenape youth are quite simple: maintaining a strong cultural identity, providing educational opportunities, and encouraging leadership skills will help keep our heritage strong and ongoing. This will ensure that young people have access to resources that help them succeed both within their community and in the broader world is crucial.



Elder Interview with Beverly Chafin

What are some of your fondest memories from your childhood?


Some of my favorite memories as a child was visiting family, aunts uncles and cousins that lived here, in Dewey, Copan, and Bartlesville. We lived in Tulsa, so back in the 1950s that seemed like a long trip. Maybe because cars were so different and Highway 75 was narrow, just 2 lanes. I remember playing outside with cousins that we didn't see often but we always had fun. (This was a time we knew how to play games and bicycle riding. TV was not on, only a few hours daily, no internet or video games....WOW ! We had to communicate and interact) Always had lots of good food.... Probably baloney or ? But it was fun!!

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

I value our tribal history because it is unique to us. I like to see the traditional clothing, and learn how we used different ways of adding shells, beads, hides, to make the original clothing. We have an awesome history from several eastern states, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Ohio which I have had opportunity to learn about and be in those areas where our forefathers lived.

What advice would you like to give our youth?

My advice to our youth is to learn from our forefathers, learn from the wisdom they had and share it. We have to keep our history alive , if every generation doesn't pass on all that our forefathers did, whether it was good or maybe not good, we will not be remembered as the Lenape, grandfather of the native peoples. This is a great honor. ■



An Update From the Title VI Department

The Delaware Tribe of Indians Title VI Elder Nutrition Program proudly served 3907 meals to Elders this quarter, including 687 for Delaware Elders and 3136 for Elders of other tribes. Through the months of March, April, and May of 2024 we have had an Elders Easter party, Elders Appreciation Day, The Delaware Pow Wow, and an Elvis impersonator visit the Elders. In the upcoming months of June, July, and August of 2024 we have plans for an indoor farmers market, a Health Fair booth at a separate group's health fair, and new trips for the Elders to enjoy. The staff is as follows: Trudy Kerby, Title VI Program Director; Archie Elvington, Assistant Director; Christy Rogers, Site Worker; and Kim Osborn, Site Worker. ■





*Aurora Skye Clute
Walden Grove High School*



*(Left)
Hunter Cameron
University of Arkansas at
Little Rock

Jenifer Cameron
University of
Central Arkansas*



*(Right)
Riley Glasscock
Collinsville High
School*

Congratulations to Our 2024 Graduates!



*Abby Humphrey
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*Kailynn Scullawl
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Obituaries

Kathryn Elaine Buffalo Vardeman Rinehart Alexander



**August 29, 1939 –
March 23, 2024**

Kathryn Elaine Buffalo Vardeman Rinehart Alexander, age 84, of Gilmer, passed away on Saturday, March 23, 2024, at UT Health Tyler. Kathy was born on August 29, 1939 in Poseyville, Indiana to the late Henry George Rinehart and Ruth Anna Vardeman Rinehart.

She was a proud member of the Delaware Tribe of Indians.

She married her beloved husband of 61 years, Lynn Paul Alexander, on April 26, 1958, at the First Christian Church of Gladewater. They met as freshmen at Stephen F. Austin State College, were married the following year and after Lynn joined the United States Army began a 22-year adventure moving all over the United States and even had a 2-year posting in Japan.

She completed her bachelor's degree at the University of South Carolina and when Lynn retired and they moved back to East Texas, she began her nearly 20-year career as a Middle School Math Teacher in Nacogdoches, Woden and Trinity, Texas. While in Nacogdoches, she completed her Master's Degree at Stephen F. Austin University and was also the Nacogdoches High School

Golf Coach for both the Boys and Girls Teams for 9 years. Once she retired from teaching, they moved back to Gilmer to be closer to their children and grandchildren. Kathy and Lynn traveled extensively throughout the years, for recreation and to visit their daughter and son-in-law serving overseas in the military. Kathy enjoyed golf, was a seamstress and loved to cross-stitch and crochet. Many family members and friends have handmade gifts that grace their homes and will always be a reminder of her. She was a member of Lake Country Symphonic Band where she played saxophone. But her greatest joy in life was spending time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her parents, her husband, her grandson, Paul Alexander and an infant son, Terry Lynn Alexander.

She is survived by her daughter, Sherry Whiteside (Lee) of St. Simons Island, GA.; sons, Terry Alexander (Betsy) of Bullard, TX, Tim Alexander (Kate) of Big Sandy, TX; sister, LaCrecia Medlin (Terry) of Gladewater, TX; five grandchildren, Laura Khurana, Jessica Adams, Katie Kazee, Todd Alexander, Breanna Alexander; and 12 great-grandchildren, Hanna, Haley, Natalie, Evangeline, Julie, Emah, Peyton, Hayden, Ivy, Jayden, Hope and Archer.

Visitation was Thursday, March 27th at Croley Funeral Home in Gilmer, 305 West Harrison St., from 6:00-8:00 P.M. A service to celebrate Kathy's life was held at the same location, starting at 11:00 A.M. on Thursday, March 28 with Pastor Mike Kessler officiating. ■



Ricky Lynn Barnes



**August 19, 1947 –
June 5, 2024**

Ricky (Rick) Lynn Barnes (age 76) of Ochelata passed away peacefully on June 5, 2024. He was preceded in death by his father Howard L. Barnes, and daughter Miranda Barnes. Rick is survived by his mother Betty Barnes, one son Adam Barnes, brothers Lindsay (Carolyn), and Sydney (Marla) Barnes. Rick is also survived by six nieces and nephews Brittney Palomino (Devin), Jordan Barnes (Paulina), Amanda and Bailey Barnes, Chase Stevens, and Megan Morgan. He has eight surviving great nieces and nephews, Jaxon, Milena, and Ashton Barnes, Jovie Coleman, Rexie Palomino, Andrew and Bentley Aguilera, and Terry Wilhem III.

Rick was born August 19, 1947 in Bartlesville, and raised in Ochelata. He is a 1965 graduate of Ochelata High School. After graduation, he attended college two years at Northeastern A & M (Miami). Rick was selected to serve two years in the U.S. Army and was inducted in July 1967. After completing basic and advanced infantry training at Fort Polk (Leesville, LA), Rick was sent to South Vietnam in December, 1967, and was assigned to Company C, 2nd Battalion, 4th Infantry Division. He was based in

the central highlands near Pleiku, South Vietnam. During his tour of duty, Rick was awarded the Combat Infantryman Badge as a mark of distinction for sustained contact against an enemy in ground action, and an Army Commendation Medal for distinguishing himself as machine gunner for meritorious achievement, service, or heroism. Rick also received two campaign service medals. After fulfilling his one year of service in Vietnam, Rick completed his service to the Army at Fort Carson (Colorado) where he received an honorable discharge in July 1969. After his discharge, Rick enrolled in the fall semester at Northeastern State College (later University) at Tahlequah. After graduating from Northeastern State in 1972, Rick began a 35-year career with Ford Motor Company where he retired in 2007 as a zone manager.

After retiring in 2007, Rick moved back to Ochelata where he remained until his death. During his time in Ochelata, Rick turned his attention to civic duty and served 10 years on the Ochelata town council. He also became engaged in the Delaware tribal affairs. He was elected in 2018 as a tribal judge and later became an appellate judge for the Delaware tribe. He also represented the Delaware tribe on the board of the Grand Gateway Foundation which provides aid in meeting the fundamental needs and improving the life for all citizens in northeast Oklahoma. In April 2023, Rick was recognized by the 15th Annual AARP Oklahoma Native American Elder Honors Program for his achievement, impact, and service.

Rick was a devoted father to Miranda and Adam and he was very active in their lives. He served his country well when he was called upon. He was proud of his Delaware Indian heritage. He

bled Ford blue and he was a diehard Dallas Cowboy fan. He was a supporter of the Caney Valley athletic teams. He had a good work ethic and was respectful of others. May his soul rest in eternal peace.

A Celebration of Life was held at 10 A.M., July 12 at Ochelata United Methodist Church. 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. ■



William Preston (Bill) Bollich



**July 22, 1948 –
April 26, 2024**

William Preston (Bill) Bollich was born to Shasta Lucinda Hauburson (of Claremore, OK) and Harrison Bollich (of Mamou, LA) on July 22, 1948 in the small town of Jennings, Louisiana where he went to school from 1st through 8th grades. When he started the 9th grade, his family moved to nearby Iota, Louisiana school district in Southwest Louisiana. He attended high school (where he met his future wife, Linda). The small school had 12 grades (no preschool or kindergarten) and it was a one hour

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school bus ride each way to and from his home.

The people who lived in his little community on Bayou Nezpique were mostly relatives and were all very poor Cajun people who truly live odd the land. There, Bill enjoyed an interesting life as a boy.

For Bill as a teenager, living on the bayou was a unique paradise in which to live. The bayou was a free swimming pool for all the neighborhood kids. He had the freedom to go out in his pirogue and fish or run nets for whatever the family was hungry. For fish meals, this could be blue catfish, spotted catfish, bass, white perch, bream, buffalo fish, gar, spoonbill, carp, etc. for absolutely superb meals. To get a little spending money for clothes and shoes, Bill trapped raccoons, mink, etc. for the fur market. The bayou was a very special place for beautiful flowers and Bill would pick them for his mother. Flowers floating on top of the swamp and growing on land; flower types that most people have never seen.

Bill graduated from high school in Iota in 1966. He was the first person in his family to attend college and get his degree. He was one of only two people in his class to be awarded a full 4-year Air Force ROTC scholarship at the University of Southwestern Louisiana (USL) in Lafayette (now known as University of Louisiana at Lafayette). He graduated from USL in 1971. He majored in psychology (and later, while in the Air Force, got his Masters in Psychology, along with numerous military-specific training certifications). Bill and Linda were married on June 1, 1969 and at the time of his death they had been married for 54 years.

For his first assignment in the military, Bill was a personnel officer at Little Rock Air Force Base in Arkansas. There, he cross-

trained into Titan II missiles, where he was a missile combat crew commander.

Bill's 2nd military assignment was as missile operations officer at Headquarters 8th Air Force at Barksdale Air Force Base. Following this assignment, he cross-trained into Minuteman missile maintenance and went to Ellsworth Air Force Base in South Dakota, where he was a Maintenance Supervisor who supervised hundreds of missile maintenance workers. His last assignment was at Headquarters AFOTEC (Air Force Operational Test and Evaluation Center) at Kirkland Air Force Base in Albuquerque, New Mexico, where they oversaw the operational testing of new billion-dollar weapon systems before the Air Force actually bought them.

Bill then retired from the Air Force as a Lieutenant Colonel in 1992. He and his wife, Linda, retired to Bossier City, LA, where Linda taught school for 18 years before she too retired.

Bill had 3 brothers, Richard (Dick) Bollich (deceased), Michael (Bull) Bollich (deceased) and Steven (Eboo) Bollich who still lives near Jennings, LA.

Bill was a fun loving guy always quick to put a smile on your face, mostly because he always had a smile on his face. He was truly one of the "good guys". ■

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 or to the Tribal Offices.

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

Paul Carpenter



April 13, 1942 –
April 17, 2024

Paul Carpenter, 82, of Shawnee, Oklahoma passed away Wednesday, April 17, 2024 in Tecumseh, Oklahoma.

He was born April 13, 1942 to Ross Carpenter, Sr. and Nedith Marie (Gibson) Carpenter in White Oak, Oklahoma.

Paul grew up around the White Oak area. He attended Chilocco Indian School in Ponca City, Oklahoma where he graduated high school.

After high school Paul proudly served his country for seven years in the Army National Guard.

Paul worked at Ball Pipe & Supply as a welder.

He was a proud member of the Cherokee Nation Tribe. Paul loved his Sooner Football and softball.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Ross Carpenter, Jr., Anthony Carpenter, Johnny Carpenter and Ronnie Carpenter; grandson, Jeffery Lee Frye; and nephew, Brian Carpenter.

Survivors include his daughters, Cynthia Carpenter of Shawnee, OK and Jackie Denny Carpenter of Shawnee, OK and Laverne Carpenter-Stone of Tulsa, OK; granddaughter, Whitney Carpenter; grandson, Aaron Tiger; great-grandchildren, Gracie, Kort Lynn, Maelynn, Zachariah and Lillie; brother, Meredith Carpenter; and other extended family and friends.

Graveside Service was held 1:00 P.M., Monday, April 22, 2024 at Lewis Shawnee Cemetery, Chelsea, Oklahoma officiating under the direction of Cooper Funeral Home of Tecumseh. ■



Leonard R. Haff



January 30, 1940 –
November 5, 2023

Leonard Ray Haff, treasured father, grandfather, and esteemed mathematician, died November 5, 2023.

Len was born 83 years ago, to John "Book" Haff and Olive Haff, in rural Ketchum, OK. Delivered by a veterinarian, it was told he was born "40 years old" and quite sick. Len's parents enlisted the care of medicine woman, "Lil Creek," to nurse him back to health, using Delaware medicine. He recovered and grew into a healthy child, later joined by siblings Sadie, Lou and Stan.

Growing up, Len didn't care much for school. He did enjoy playing football and doing acrobatics during high school pep rallies. Although he grew up surrounded by a loving family, he experienced racism and classism in his community. Awareness of these dynamics impacted him throughout his life, as he suffered "no fools" and knew his worth. Lucid and intuitive, as a child, he

once spied a newspaper headline with the word "Korea." At that moment, he knew he would visit Korea one day.

Adventurous and driven, Len joined the Marines at the age of 17, which brought him to the bluffs of La Jolla, CA, for training. The Marines funded his attendance at college, where he discovered and developed his love of math, as well as his future wife, Joanne. After receiving a PhD in mathematics from Oregon State University, he returned to La Jolla to begin a decades-long career as a math professor at UC San Diego.

During his time as a professor, Len mentored thousands of students, profoundly impacting many of them. He was instrumental in helping countless students successfully complete their PhDs in math and was often the highest rated professor. During this period, he developed a love for game theory, statistics and the game of "Go," the oldest documented game in the world. He learned how to play Go with his son, Daniel, and this hobby led him to visit Korea, many times, to play Go in rural villages and Buddhist monasteries.

Len's original math theorems were published in journals across the world. In the last several years of his life, he re-visited an old math problem he never solved, and made headway. As a result, at the age of 82, he was published again. Shortly after this, he invented a game incorporating the Lenape language, and taught it to his youngest grandson, Matteo Lowry.

A proud member of the Delaware Tribe of Indians, Len never forgot where he came from, and would tell colorful stories of his childhood throughout the years. Len's children, Andrew, John, Rebecca, Daniel, Ben and grandchildren, Maddie, Lauren, Atreganson and Matteo Chagamem treasure

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his memory. His wife, Joanne, who lovingly took care of him, lives on.

Len wanted a small private ceremony, and his requests were honored. His ashes were scattered on an ocean bluff, in Kumeyaay land, La Jolla, Ca. Country music, Indian songs and testimonies of his descendants blessed that place, as the rain sank his rich ashes, deep in the earth. ■



Calvin Reedy



**November 15, 1956 –
November 19, 2023**

The memorial service celebrating and honoring the life of Calvin D. Reedy, 67, of Enid and his sister Donna Nelson, 74, of Kansas, was held at 12:00 P.M. Saturday May 25, 2024, at the City of Caldwell Community Building. A graveside service followed in the Caldwell City Cemetery. Complete cremation care is under the direction of Brown-Cummings, A Life Celebration Home.

He was born to John Calvin and Ilene Vernabelle (Woods) Reedy November 15, 1956, in Caldwell, KS. And passed from this life November 19, 2023, in Enid.

He was raised and educated in Caldwell on the banks of the Chikaskia River. He graduated with the class of 1974 from Caldwell High School. He entered directly into the workforce in the oil service industry. In 1976 he moved to Enid where he contin-

ued in the oil industry and then became an electrician.

In 1990 he moved to Wichita where he worked as a master electrician as a high voltage expert with Phillips Southern Electric until his retirement in 2006.

He was an avid outdoorsman and enjoyed camping, fishing, bowling, and playing the guitar, he was an artist, and was known as the jet ski master. He was a citizen of both the Cherokee Nation and the Delaware Tribe of Indians and a proud member of the church of the great outdoors.

He is survived by his children; Joy Meade of Andover, KS, Micheal Free Baker of Enid, Heather Kegin and husband Tatum of Douglas, OK, and Jesse Vanderpool and wife Candace of Colorado Springs, CO, fourteen grandchildren, Kylah, Beau, Dylan, Cole, Mikey, Olivia "Oliver", Nic, Tatum, Haley, Madison, Morgan, Emily, and Olivia; his long-time companion, Lori Reedy, two step children, Chelsea and Bailey; and his siblings; Gaylen, David, Dorothy and Donna.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two sisters, Diane and Dolores and his grandson Bentley Cooper Beasley.

Condolences and special memories may be shared with the family online at www.Brown-Cummings.com ■



Cloma Laurie (Sam) Shelton



**May 28, 1943 –
April 24, 2024**

Funeral services for Cloma Laurie (Sam) Shelton, 80, of Tulsa OK, were held Tuesday, April 30, 2024, at Johnson Funeral Chapel in Sperry, OK. Phil Johnson officiated, and burial was in Rest Haven Cemetery in Sperry, OK. Casket bearers were Thomas Fields, Kelly Fields, William Fields, Robert Fields, Jr., Robert Fields, and John Fields, Jr. Honorary Casket bearers were Troy Sam, Sandy Sam, David Sam, Rita Sam, Tammy Sam.

Cloma was born May 28, 1943, in Tulsa, OK, to Charley Sam and Martha (McNair) Sam. She passed away April 24, 2024, in Tulsa, OK.

Cloma attended and graduated from Sperry High School in 1961. She loved playing basketball and was an outstanding player for Sperry. After graduating from Sperry, Cloma later married and had seven children. She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. Cloma worked for and retired from Southwest United Industries, and also worked as a lead for Bama Pies in Tulsa. She enjoyed knitting, making various jewelry pieces, and traveling.

She is survived by her children, John L Fields, Robert E. Fields, Elizabeth Fields, William D. Fields, Thomas V. Fields, and

Kelly W. Fields; grandchildren, Robert Fields, Jr., Allison Fields, Lindsey Fields, Matthew Fields, Nick Fields, Gavin Fields, Regan Fields, Tony Warford, Alec Fields, Mark Fields, Kelsey Theerman, and Kaitlyn Dasasrana; ex-husband, John L. Fields, Sr.; and many other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her son, Vincent Douglas Fields; parents, Charley Sam, and Martha McNair; sister, Elizabeth Wade; brother, Bill Sam, and Charley Sam, Jr.; and ex-husband, Richard Shelton.

Arrangements and services were entrusted to Johnson Funeral Home, Sperry.

Online condolences to the family can be made at johnsonsperry.com. ■



Sherri Lynn Siegel



**January 29, 1957 –
March 19, 2024**

Sherri Lynn Siegel went to be with her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on Tuesday, March 19, 2024, after a long illness. Sherri was born on January 29, 1957, to Jerry and Celia Ella (Boomer-shine) Siegel, in Coffeyville, KS. She graduated from Neosho High School in 1975 and attended Vatterott College in Joplin, MO. She worked for many years at Walmart, Scholastic, and most recently, Freeman Health Systems.

Sherri loved spending time with her nieces and nephews, making their birthdays and holidays special with gifts and goodie bags. She enjoyed puzzles, reading, and music, she was especially fond of the Beach Boys. She made friends everywhere she went. Sherri loved her family and the Lord. She is survived by her father Jerry Seigel, her sisters Carla (Pat) McKinney of Granby, Missouri, and Missy (Chris) Myers of Seneca, Missouri and her brother Kenny (Kim) Seigel of Neosho, Missouri, along with her thirteen nieces and nephews. She is preceded in death by her mother Ceila Ella Seigel, who passed away on Tuesday, March 12, 2024. Sherri will be greatly missed by her family and all who knew her.

A joint graveside service to honor and celebrate both Sherri and her mother Ella's lives was held at 1:00 P.M. on March 22, 2024, at Neosho IOOF Cemetery. A visitation took place from 5:30 to 7:00 P.M. on Thursday, March 21, 2024, at Clark Funeral Home in Neosho, Missouri. In lieu of flowers, the family requests contributions be made to Gentiva Hospice, 211 S. Wood St. Neosho, MO 64850.

Online condolences may be posted at www.clarkfuneral-homes.com

Services are under the direction of Clark Funeral Home, Neosho, MO. ■



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.

What's Available Online:

Stories Told in English: Some of the people who studied with the Lenape only wrote down the English versions of the stories. We have been adding these to the tribal website and there are now about fifty of them and they can be found here:

<https://delawaretribe.org/blog/2013/06/25/lenape-stories-2/>

Stories Told in Lenape: One of many Lenape stories that were told in Lenape is That is Money, told by Willie Longbone (1867 to 1946) to linguist Carl Vogelin in 1939. The original title was First Money, and it is copied from an old phonograph record. This little story was transcribed by Jim Rementer and reedited by linguist Ives Goddard. It should be noted that Willie spoke some English because he had been sent to Quapaw Mission School. The Lenape version of this story is found here:

<https://www.talk-lenape.org/stories?id=42>

That Is Money



A long time ago when I was a boy and also my older brother and I went to gather pecans. Then an old man came there. He had a long beard. We really did not know who he was. My older brother could not understand him.

He told me something that he wants to trade. He wanted to buy those pecans from us. Then I told my older brother, "OK, he wants these pecans from us." He told me, "All-right." He bought them from us. He gave me two pieces of money. And the older brother of mine was also given money. We gave him all the pecans we had. And then he left.

Then soon after that we went home. When I came to our house I told my grandmother, "Look at this." "Oh," she said to me, "that is good, that is money. You could buy the things with it."

I was glad. I said to her, "You keep it for me. Give it to me when we go to town."

Revived: Here are the Lenape Word-a-Day calendars for June and July. 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 JUNE 2024 WORDS						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Kichi Nipën Real Summer				BONUS He has eleven fireflies. Tíshín ja kwéts sasapnáts wéshíshé.		muskeets bug, insect
muskeetsáts bugs, insects	úche fly	úcheypók flies	sátsaw horsetly	sátsahuk horsetflies	népénts gnat	máshákwéts water strider
punkwéts mosquito	punkwétsáts mosquitoes	shákwéts grasshopper	shákwétsáts grasshoppers	sátsókáts tick	sátsókáts ticks	máshákwéts centipede
améts bee	amétsáts bees	pátsátsáts sweet bee	sátsókáts bumble bee	sátsókátsáts bumble bees	shúts bumbling bee	shútsáts bumbling wasp
wéshíshéts firefly	shútsátsáts cricket	shútsátsátsáts crickets	shútsáts ant	shútsátsáts ants	sasapnáts firefly	sasapnátsáts fireflies
BONUS Kíshúts ná muskeets. The bug walked stealthily.				To hear the words on this calendar page go to this address: www.talk-lenape.org		

LENAPE JULY 2024 WORDS						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
shútsáts mulberry	shútsátsáts mulberry	sátsawáts black haw	máshákwéts paw-paw	máshákwétsáts paw-paws	wéshíshéts grape	máshákwétsáts berries
shútsáts apple	shútsátsáts apples	pátsáts peach	pátsátsáts peaches	sátsókáts plum	sátsókátsáts plums	shútsáts hawthorn
shútsátsáts pear	shútsátsátsáts orange	shútsátsátsáts oranges	shútsáts persimmon	shútsátsáts persimmons	shútsáts cherry	shútsátsáts cherries
shútsáts chestnut	shútsátsáts hickory nut	shútsátsáts hazel nut	shútsátsáts black walnut	shútsátsátsáts English walnut	shútsátsátsáts pecan	shútsátsátsáts pecan
shútsáts fruit or nut from a tree	shútsátsáts crabapple	shútsátsátsáts strawberry	shútsátsátsáts red haw	Lainipën Midsummer		



Tribal Member Carson Newton Competes at NJCAA National Golf Tournament

Carson Newton, a member of the Delaware Tribe from Seminole, Oklahoma, recently competed in the NJCAA National Golf Tournament at Twin Hills Golf and Country Club in Joplin, Missouri. He competed as an individual representing Seminole State College. During the four day tournament he shot 74, 72, 76 and 73 on the par 72 course. Carson finished 9th place and made All American. ■



Delaware Tribe of Indians Election Regulations

Approved by:
Tribal Council on June 26, 2024 &
Trust Board on June 27, 2024

Purpose

The purpose of these regulations is to conduct any called Delaware Tribe of Indians election pursuant to and in accordance with the Delaware Tribe of Indians Constitution.

Authority

The Delaware Tribal Council has the power to establish rules to regulate its own proceedings, to appoint subordinate committees, commissions, and boards in accordance with the Delaware Tribe of Indians Constitution¹.

Election Date

Elections shall be held every second year on the first Saturday of November pursuant to the Delaware Tribe of Indians Constitution.²

Eligibility

VOTER ELIGIBILITY

The right to vote is limited to persons who are:

Delaware Tribe members, eighteen (18) years or older, who are registered to vote, can vote in all elections³

Tribal Members voting shall be considered to be absentee voters, if they have requested an absentee ballot in the last 3 elections, they will continue to receive an absentee ballot.

All eligible voters that did not vote in person or by absentee ballot in the last election must vote in person or request an absentee ballot.

CANDIDATE ELIGIBILITY

The right to be a candidate is limited to persons who are:

A member of the Delaware Tribe of Indians who has reached their eighteenth birthday⁴ on or before the date of filing; and is an eligible voter.

If an otherwise eligible candidate has been removed from office for cause while serving in an elected position, he/she is ineligible to run for office for a period of five years from time of removal.

Candidate Filing Requirements

Each candidate shall file a Declaration of Candidacy. The Declaration of Candidacy shall include: Candidate's Full Name, Address, Phone Number, and e-mail address and Delaware registration number for enrollment verification.

The filing period shall be August 1st thru September 1st for regular elections. For special elections, the deadline shall be deter-

mined by either the Tribal Council, Trust Board or Court based on the circumstances.

Notice of Election

Public notice shall be given at least thirty (30) days and not more than forty-five (45) days prior to the date of election to designate the polling place(s) and times in accordance with the Delaware Tribe of Indians Constitution and the Delaware Trust Document⁵⁶.

Notice shall be given through the United States Postal Service to all members of the Delaware Tribe of Indians eligible to vote and public notice posted.

Election Board

The Chairperson of the Election Board shall be selected and approved by the Tribal Council and Trust Board.

The Election Board Chairperson shall select (4) election board members and present the name(s) to the Tribal Council and Trust Board for approval. They shall serve 1 term, or until successors are chosen

The Election Board shall elect from its membership by majority vote, a vice-chair, and a secretary.

If any Election Board member, for any reason, cannot perform their duties for the Election, the Election Board Chairperson may replace the member.

The Election Board shall perform the following certifications:

The Election Board Committee members shall arrive at the polling places at a time designated by the Election Board Chairperson on Election Day. They shall remain on the premises of the polling place until all ballots are counted, and the election results have been certified.

Determine that each person offering to vote is on the official voting list. The Enrollment Department will provide to the Election Committee a binder with a list of eligible tribal members of legal age registered voters.

To ensure that only one ballot is cast by each qualified voter and the qualified voter signs his/her name and current address on the official voting list.

The Election Board Committee will certify that all ballots received are signed and dated by the registered voters. Voters should provide full name including maiden name and any previous names that may have been used by the voter on the tribal registration list, date of birth and Delaware registration number. This information must be consistent with the Delaware Tribal Registration record.

To certify that all self-certification statements are signed by the registered voter.

To certify that no write-in candidates are allowed on the ballots.

The Election Board Committee will ensure that all ballots will be secured and locked up properly, including the absentee ballots collected from the post office, until the time they are being processed and counted.

The Election Board Committee shall count the ballots, or with approval of the majority of the Election Board Committee, agree to have an unbiased organization or electric counting organization, count the ballots.

The Election Board Committee shall make a certified election return and send it to the Bureau of Indian Affairs Miami Area Office and post a copy for the certified election return at the Delaware Tribal Center(s).

To preserve spoiled and/or mutilated ballots.

To secure all ballots and related material and to label it with the name of voting place and the date of the election for a period of not less than two (2) years immediately following the election.

No member of the Election Board shall leave the polling place during the voting hours and/or counting hours without the permission of the Election Board Chairperson.

Candidate Rights

Each candidate may name one person to act as a watcher at the voting place and counting place. The watcher is to be commissioned in writing by the candidate prior to the election date. The same watcher shall be allowed to watch the calling and recording of the result of the vote. The watcher shall receive no compensation for their services and shall have no further authority than to note or record any objections to the voting and counting procedures.

The watcher must register with the Election Board upon arrival at the voting place. The watcher must register with Election Board prior to the closing of the polls.

The watcher must remain on the premises of the voting place and counting place until the count is completed. The area where the counting takes place shall be locked before the count begins and no Election Board member or watcher shall leave or enter the premises until the count is complete.

Voting Place(s)

Voting place(s) shall be provided by public notice for tribal members choosing to vote in person or for those who opt to bring their ballots in rather than mail them.

Prior to the election, tribal voters are responsible to ensure the Delaware Tribe of Indians Enrollment Department has their current address.

Ballots

The Election Board shall issue the official ballots. A record shall be maintained of all ballots issued, including the name and address of the voter and date the ballot was issued.

Manner of Voting

Voting shall be by secret ballot. All member of the Delaware Tribe of Indians registered to vote may choose to vote in person at a designated polling place or by absentee ballot via the U.S. Mail.

In Person Voting

Any registered voter opting to vote in person, must appear at a prescribed voting place, announce to the Election Board his/her name and current address, provide a photo I.D. as proof of identification, sign the voter registration list, and place their marked ballot in the ballot box. Any person offering to vote who cannot read or write or who is physically impaired may be assisted, upon request, by a family member and two (2) members of the Election Board.

¹ Delaware Tribe of Indians Constitution (2022) Article V. Section M

² Delaware Tribe of Indians Constitution (2022) Article VI. Section 1

³ Delaware Tribe of Indians Constitution (2022) Article VI. Section 6

⁴ Delaware Tribe of Indians Constitution (2022) Article II

⁵ Delaware Tribe of Indians Constitution (2022) Article VI, Section 7

⁶ Trust Document of the Delaware Tribe of Indians (2013) Article IV, Section A.6

Election Regulations (continued)

Absentee Voting

Absentee ballots must be returned though the U.S. Postal Service to the Delaware Election Board’s P.O. Box no later than the close of business the day before the election.

Ballots must be marked and sealed in the inner envelope provided marked “ballot.” The “ballot” envelope must be placed in the self-addressed envelope provided with the self-certification information on the back.

All required information on the back of the self-addressed, self-certification envelope must be completed and accurate or the envelope will not be opened or counted.

Ballots containing votes for more candidates than there are seat vacancies, or illegible or mutilated shall be void and not counted.

Election Day

Election Board members shall arrive at the voting place at time designated by the Election Board Chairperson. They shall remain on duty throughout the day until all votes have been counted and certified.

Candidate watchers, once registered with the Election Board, will remain on duty throughout the day until all votes have been counted and certified.

Election Board members, candidate(s) watchers and security guard, if one is hired, will be locked in the counting room, or building once the count has begun. No other person shall be allowed in the counting room or building during the count.

All ballots from remote polling place(s) and/or U.S. Post Office shall be transported by the Election Board Chairperson, an Election Board member, and the security guard (if one is hired) or by the Chairperson’s designee(s).

All ballots cast shall be counted by either electronic tabulation, tallied by the Election Board or it’s designee. A certified return prepared by the Election Board and signed by the Election Board Chairperson, Election Board members and witnesses, (watchers, security guard) if any present. The tally shall be posted after the tally is complete at the Delaware Tribal Center, 5100 Tuxedo Blvd, Bartlesville, Oklahoma.

Counting Ballots

Unless electronically tabulated, mailed ballots will be opened, certified and counted first. The name of the voter on the self-certification envelope will be checked against the list of ballots mailed and ballots received. Ballot envelopes will be separated from the self-certification envelopes. Ballots will then be separated from the envelopes in preparation for counting. The self-certification envelopes shall be saved as a permanent record.

The Election Board Chairperson or designee shall call out the votes marked on each ballot, the other Election Board members or designee shall tally the votes separately and count must balance. After the mail-in votes have been counted, the walk-in votes shall be counted using the same procedure.

Campaigning

No person shall campaign within one hundred (100) feet of any voting place.

Winner — Chief

The candidate for chief receiving the highest number of votes shall be declared the winner. In the event of a tie, a run-off election shall be conducted within forty-five (45) days, between the two chief candidates receiving the most votes in the primary election. The winner of the run-off election shall be declared the Chief of the Delaware Tribe of Indians.

Winner — Assistant Chief

The candidate for assistant chief receiving the highest number of votes shall be declared the winner. In the event of a tie, a run-off election shall be conducted within forty-five (45) days, between the two assistant chief candidates receiving the most votes in the primary election. The winner of the run-off election shall be declared the Assistant Chief of the Delaware Tribe of Indians.

Winner — Tribal Council Members

Candidates for the Tribal Council receiving the highest number of votes shall be selected to serve on the Tribal Council. In the event of a tie vote, the candidates who tied will have a run-off election which shall be conducted within forty-five (45) days, between the two council candidates. The winner of the run-off election shall be declared a Tribal Council member.

Winner — Trust Board Chair

The candidate for Trust Board chair receiving the highest number of votes shall be declared the winner. In the event of a tie, a run-off election shall be conducted within forty-five (45) days, between the two Trust Board chair candidates receiving the most votes in the primary election. The winner of the run-off election shall be declared the Chairman of the Delaware Trust Board.

Winner — Trust Board Members

Candidates for the Trust Board receiving the highest number of votes shall be selected to serve on the Trust Board. In the event of a tie vote, the candidates who tied or their designee shall draw lots for the position within seventy-two (72) hours of the posting of the election results.

Winner — Chief Justice/Associate Tribal Judges

Chief Justice/Associate Judge candidates receiving the highest number of votes shall be selected to serve on the Tribal Court. In the event of a tie vote, the candidates who tied or their designee shall draw lots for the position within seventy-two (72) hours of the posting of the election results.

Run-off Election

In case of a tie for Chief, Assistant Chief, Tribal Council Member or Chairman of the Trust Board, a run-off election shall be held within forty-five (45) days of the primary election between the two candidates that received the most votes. Election procedures shall be the same, except only those persons who voted by mail in the primary election shall be allowed to vote by mail in the run-off election. In the event of a run-off election, those persons who voted in the primary election shall automatically receive a ballot by mail for the run-off election.

Recount

Any candidate for any office may ask for a recount. A fee of \$400.00 shall be charged to the candidate requesting the recount.

The time limit for requesting a recount shall be within seventy-two (72) hours of the closing of the polls. If more than one candidate for an office requests a recount, then they shall have the option to split the cost of the recount evenly or to pay \$400.00 for separate recounts.

Complaint Procedure

RIGHT TO A HEARING

A complainant shall be entitled to a hearing before the Delaware Tribal Court, if written request is filed within seventy-two (72) hours of the closing of the polls with the Delaware Election Board Chairperson.

DEFINITIONS

Complainant is defined as any enrolled member and registered voter in the Delaware Tribe of Indians whose rights may have been adversely affected by procedures used during any Delaware Tribe of Indians called election.

A complaint is defined as any dispute with the conduct and procedures of any Delaware Tribe of Indians called election or failure to act in accordance with the requirements of the Delaware Tribal Constitution, the Trust Document of the Delaware Tribe of Indians or Tribal Election Regulations.

Procedure Prior to the Hearing

The complaint must be presented in writing to the:

Delaware Election Board Chairperson
P.O. Box 1198
Bartlesville, Oklahoma, 74005

During normal working hours within seventy-two (72) hours of the close of the polls. The complaint must include specific reasons for the complaint and the action or relief sought and must include a certified check made out to the Delaware Tribe of Indians Court Clerk in the amount of \$25.00 for filing fee.

Within three (3) working days, the Election Board shall forward the complaint, along with the check, to the Delaware Tribal Court.

The Hearing

The hearing shall be held before the Delaware Tribal Court within twenty (20) days of the filing of the complaint.

The complaint shall be afforded a fair hearing providing the basic safeguards of due process, which shall include:

The opportunity to examine, before the hearing, all documents, records and regulations of the Election Board, which are relevant to the hearing. The complainant shall bear all costs of the copying of these documents. Any documents not made available upon the complainant’s request shall not be used by the Election Board to support their actions.

The Delaware Tribal Court may render a decision without proceeding with the hearing if the judges determine that the issue has been previously decided in an earlier proceeding.

If the complainant or the Election Board representative fails to appear at the scheduled hearing, the Delaware Tribal Court may make the determination to post-pone the hearing for a period not to exceed five (5) business days or the Court may make the determination that the party has waived his/her right to a hearing.

Election Regulations (continued)

Both the complainant and the Election Board shall be notified of such determination within ten (10) business days of the Court’s decisions.

At the hearing, the complainant must make a showing of entitlement to the relief sought. Once the complainant meets his/her burden by clear and convincing evidence, the Election Board bears the burden of justifying its actions or its failure to act against which the complaint is directed.

The hearing shall be conducted as directed by the Delaware Tribal Court. The Court may receive oral or documentary evidence pertinent to the facts and issues raised by the complainant.

Decision of the Delaware Tribal Court

The decision of the Delaware Tribal Court shall be based solely and exclusively on the facts presented at the hearing.

The Delaware Tribal Court shall prepare a full written decision within ten (10) business days after the hearing. A copy of the decision shall be sent to the complainant, the Election Board and the Tribal Council. Copies shall be maintained in the Election Board files.■

Election 2024

Declaration of Candidacy Form

Requirements: A candidate must be a member of the Delaware Tribe of Indians of legal voting age, a citizen of the United States and able to attend meetings held by the tribe. In addition, the candidate must be available for special meetings as required. With the submission of this candidate request form to the Election Board of the Delaware Tribe of Indians, I wish to be placed on the ballot for:

Check one:

Trust Board Chair

Trust Board Member

Tribal Council Member

Appellate Tribal Judge

Date:

Delaware Registration #:

Birth Date:

Full Name:

First

Middle

Last

Maiden

(& previously married name(s) if any)

Address:

City

State

Zip

Telephone #:

Email:

I hereby promise to support the Constitution and By-Laws of the Delaware Tribe of Indians and Delaware Trust Document, along with the best interest of all members of the Delaware Tribe. I also promise to attend every meeting of the Tribal Council unless I must be absent for good cause.

Signature:

The Candidate filing period is August 1 thru September 1, 2024. No exceptions.

All Candidate Declaration forms must be mailed to:

Delaware Election Board

P.O. Box 1198

Bartlesville, OK 74005

From the Enrollment Department

Skyler Brott, Enrollment Clerk

The Enrollment Department would like to ensure that our tribal members know how to access the programs and applications that the Delaware Tribe of Indians has to offer.

If you have been to the campus, you may have noticed multiple flyers posted as well as our digitized welcome sign. We also ask our tribal members to follow our Facebook page for current events and programs available.

In this article we would like to inform our tribal members of the benefits that may be found on the Delaware Tribe of Indians website. On the website you can access all the applications for programs that are available, as well as forms to update your information, apply for a replacement card, and find the enrollment application.

We wanted to breakdown how you can find these forms and applications in the hope that it will help our tribal members navigate the website.

Firstly, the website is **delawaretribe.org**. From here you will see the Services/Programs tabs.

This will drop down to a menu that will show Enrollment, Elder Services, Community Services, and Education Services.

Under the Enrollment tab is where you will find the forms to update your information, apply for a replacement card, and find out enrollment packet.

Under the Programs/Services tab you will also find ARPA Programs. Here you can find the applications for the programs that are available at this time. At this moment we have a few programs available for our tribal members. These programs include Potable Water, Scholarship, and Counseling.

If at any time you need help finding these applications or filling out the applications, we ask you to call or email the ladies below.

Hayden Ingram: Receptionist
Email: **hingram@delawaretribe.org**
Phone: (918) 337-6590

Skyler Brott: Enrollment Clerk
Email: **sbrott@delawaretribe.org**
Phone: (918) 337-6570

Emily Haney: Enrollment Director
Email: **ehaney@delawaretribe.org**
Phone: (918) 337-6583

2024 Delaware Tribe of Indians Election Board

Elaine Clinton—Chair
Sandy Tompkins—Member
Crystal Dombrovski—Member
Annette Ketchum—Member
Avis Ballard—Member

Delaware Recipes

Old Recipes: Corn Recipes

The first recipe begins in the narrative from in which Touching Leaves wrote it:

Tasēmēnana

This first recipe is called Tasēmēnana. In these modern times it is highly unlikely that any housewife and family would do this, but that’s the way I was taught to do. Sometimes we would make what we call Tasēmēnana. My Dad and Mother hitched up a wagon full of wood. I rode along with them to the cornfield. My Dad loaded the spades and shovels to dig a pit in the center of the field – 20 foot long and about 10 foot wide. Around this pit would be small stakes like miniature fence posts and a wire about six inches high strung around the pit attached to the pegs.

Then inside of this pit he would build a huge fire, and continually

add more wood until it was an inferno of red hot coals. While this fire was raging and burning down to coals, we gathered the corn in the wagon until the wagon box was brimming full. Then we drove back to the pit – there we husked the corn and silked it. My Mother had the job of silking as my Dad husked the corn for her. We cut off all the bad spots usually on the ends of the ears.

We waited until the wood burned down to coals and then we lined this corn around the huge pit with the ends leaning against the wire. It was my duty to turn this corn as it got brown and done because I was young and flexible, and I didn’t want my mother to stoop around doing that. I can recall sometimes my face felt leathery from the heat of the coals inside the pit. We would spend all day in the field as the corn needed turning from time to time, until it was golden brown all around the ears. That was one of the things that we kept up for about a week.

As the ears of corn got roasted

we put them in clean baskets to cool, then loaded them into the wagon and went home to shell the corn from the cob with knives. After it cools enough to handle you take a dull knife and get all the rows of corn off. And then you dry that until it rattles and you store it in cloth bags (we stored it in 50 lb. flour bags) where the air can circulate. You can hang it up, and all winter long it will keep. To use it you cook it with meat.

Melinkweahpon (Corn-In-The-Milk Bread)

Corn; when in the milk stage
Salt

Grate the corn off the cobs taking care not to cut any of the cob along with the milk and kernels. The best corn to use is Flour Corn or open-pollinated field corn. Grate enough to half fill a large cake pan, about 60 to 70 ears.

Add about two teaspoons of

salt and stir up well. Pour into a greased pan, and bake in the oven at 375° for about two hours or until golden brown.

Kahahpon (Dried Corn-In-The-Milk Bread)

After removing the Corn-in-the-milk Bread from the oven and letting it cool, crumble it into small chunks and put it out in the sun to dry. Cover with screening or netting to keep insects off. Bring in at night or if it rains. Two hot days should dry it. Or it can be dried in a very low oven. Dry it until it rattles.

In Touching Leaves’ manuscript she wrote of making this type of bread:

Every summer was pretty active in my home. When the corn got in the milky stage we always made what we call Kahahpon. You have to get the corn early in the morning and prepare it . You

take all the silks and the husk away, then scrape the corn on a homemade grater, and then bake it in a Dutch oven. We had so much that we baked some outside, and some in the house.

After it is thoroughly done, you crumble it up and put it on the roof of the home on a sheet or tablecloth. You also put mosquito netting on it so the flies wouldn’t touch it. Since my folks were such heavy farmers that went on for nearly a month.

All excerpts are recipes from the book Lenape Indian Cooking with Touching Leaves Woman.

Second edition prepared by Jim Rementer

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Delaware Stories: Did You Make a Garden?

told by Nora Thompson Dean
to Dr. Andrew Twaddle

When we were on our way here (to Columbia, Missouri, to the university where Nora gave some lectures) we crossed many little streams on the way and each time I crossed these old streams my memory went back to stories my dad told me. He said in 1867 as the Delaware's last removal from Kansas (where they had lived for over thirty years) he said they were on their journey to Indian Terri-

tory (now called Oklahoma) and he said they started to camp several times on their way down there.

It happened one time with my grandmother and her family when they found a little stream and they wanted to camp all night long there until the next day or so to rest their horses. So anyway a farmer ran out and said, “Go on, go on! We don't want you Indians here!”

So my grandmother said to one of the younger Delaware people who spoke English, “Ask this white man if he made a garden.” So this young man asked the farmer, “Did

you make a garden?” The farmer said, “Yes, yes, I did make a garden, but what is that to you?” So the old woman said, “Tell him he won't live to eat it.”

So the young man told him “Well, you won't live to eat it.” And sure enough some Delawares who came down later said that man had died. Someone used some kind of a medicine or power or something and it killed that man.

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Instructions For Voting in 2024 Election

On the first Saturday in November 2024 there will be an election for three (3) Tribal Council seats, Trust Board Chairman, three (3) Trust Board seats and two (2) Appellate Tribal Judge seats. You may vote in person at the official polling site or obtain an absentee ballot.

If you cannot vote in person, be sure to apply to get an absentee ballot for tribal elections. It's easy to do so; just fill out the form on this page and mail it in.

Tribal Members voting shall be considered to be absentee voters, if they have requested an absentee ballot in the last 3 elections, they will continue to receive an absentee ballot.

Enrollment went through a software conversion last year. It is your responsibility to ensure the Enrollment Department has your correct mailing address. Contact them now at **enrollment@delawaretribe.org** or visit the Online Portal.

Enrollment Portal: **https://delawarecommunityportal.powerappsportals.us**

PLEASE NOTE: We need one form per voter. You may copy this form if you need multiple copies. You may also find the form available for download on the tribe’s website **delawaretribe.org**. ■

2024 Delaware Election Bulletin

- Election Day is the first Saturday of November
- (3) Tribal Council seats, (1) Trust Board Chair, (3) Trust Board seats, and (2) Appellate Tribal Judge seats are up for election.
- All registered voters can choose either to vote in person or by a Absentee Ballot via the U.S. Mail
- All tribal members that voted in the last three consecutive elections will automatically receive an absentee ballot
- Tribal members not voting in the last three elections wanting to vote by Absentee Ballot will need to ensure their request for an Absentee Ballot is post marked by October 4, 2024
- There will be (1) polling location for those members wanting to cast your vote in person:

Location to be determined within 30 days but not more than 45 days prior to the election date
- Filing window for candidates to declare for a specific office is August 1 thru September 1, 2024. All candidate declaration forms must be submitted by U.S. Mail **ONLY** to Delaware Tribe Election Board, P.O. Box 1198 Bartlesville, OK 74005 and postmarked by September 1.
- All requests for Absentee Ballots must be received by October 4, 2024 to receive a ballot via US Mail. Request forms must be submitted by U.S. Mail **ONLY** to Delaware Tribe Election Board, P.O. Box 1198 Bartlesville, OK 74005
- Your tribal registration number appears with your name on the mailing label of this and all election correspondence.

Please take time to vote. Make your voice count! Encourage your friends, family and Delaware neighbors near and far to vote as well.

Wanishi,
Delaware 2024 Election Board ■

Absentee Ballot Request

Delaware Tribe of Indians

2024 Election

I hereby request an absentee ballot for the 2024 Delaware Tribal Council, Trust Board, and Judicial Elections

I understand it is my responsibility to update my address with the Enrollment Department to ensure my ballot will be delivered to the correct address.

Date: _____ Delaware Registration #: _____

Full Name: _____

FirstMiddleLastMaiden
(& previously married name(s) if any)

Address: _____

CityStateZip

Telephone #: _____ Email: _____

Signature: _____

Birth Date: _____

This form must be received at the Delaware Election Board Post Office Box by close of business on **October 4, 2024** to receive an Absentee Ballot. Only (1) ballot per request form. All request forms must be mailed to:

Delaware Tribe Election Board
P.O. Box 1198
Bartlesville, OK 74005

Attention

Notice to 2024 Candidates !!

The information sent to the Election Board will NOT automatically be forwarded to the *Delaware Indian News (DIN)* for publication. The *DIN* will provide free publication of candidate bio/article for all declared candidates in the October 2024 issue. Send your candidate information in the form of an article along with a photograph if desired. The articles must be publication ready as follows:

1. May be no longer than one (1) 8.5 x 11 inch page

2. Typed in 12 point font or larger

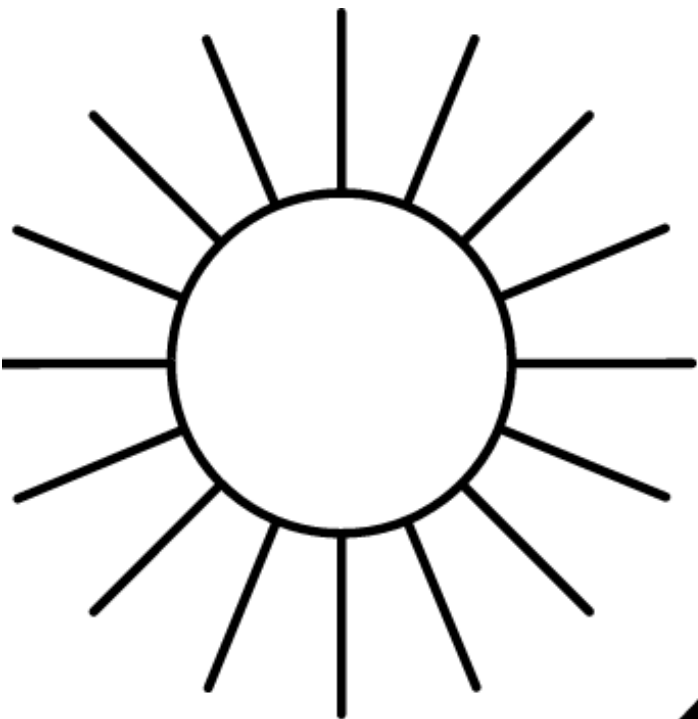
3. Must be submitted in Microsoft Word format

4. Publication-ready material must reach the DIN staff no later than 5 P.M. on September 15, 2024

Candidate may forward above material to *DIN* at either of the following:

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Bartlesville, OK 74006

Lenape Youth Fun Pages



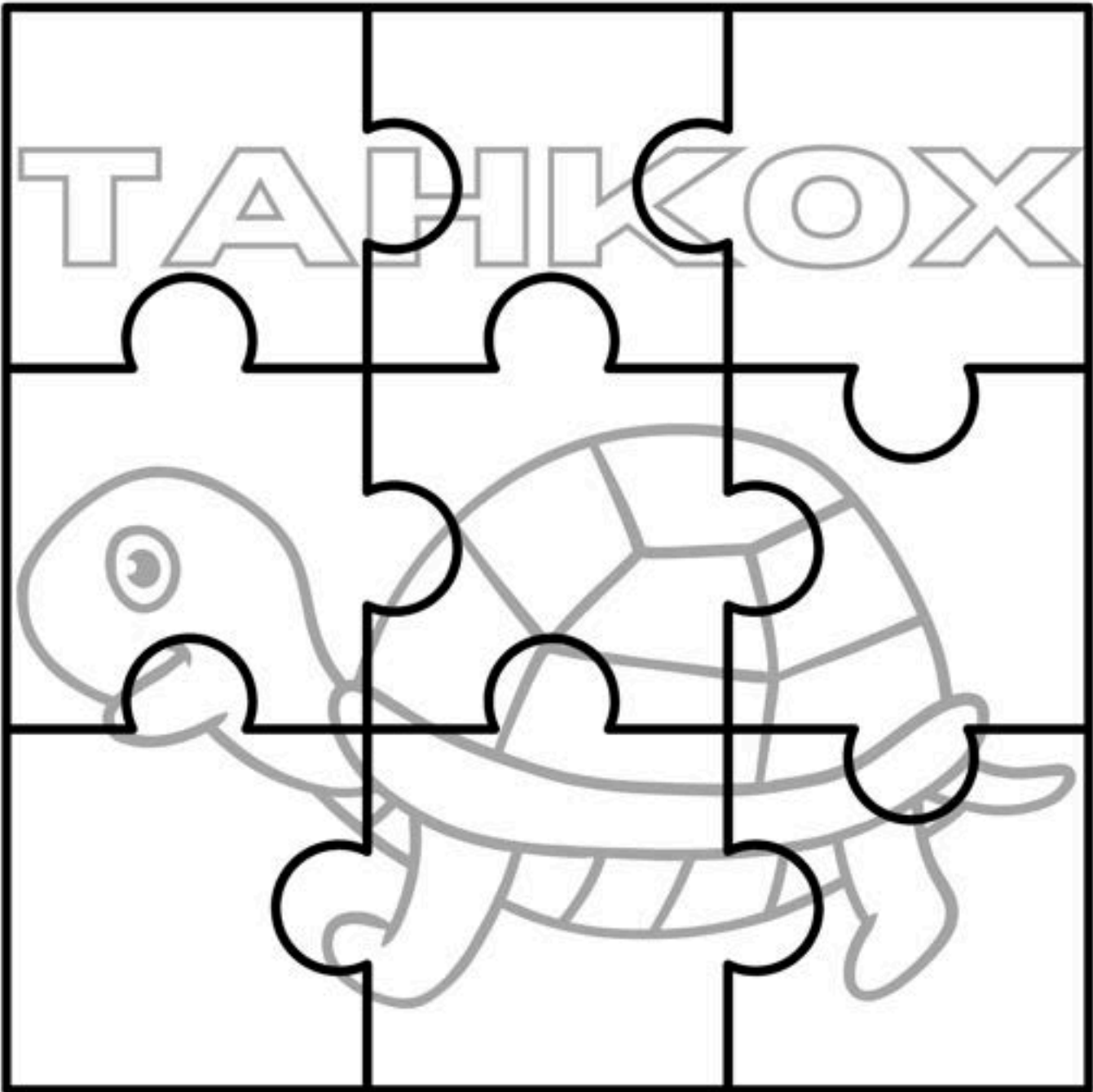
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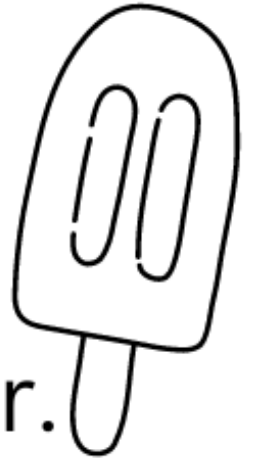
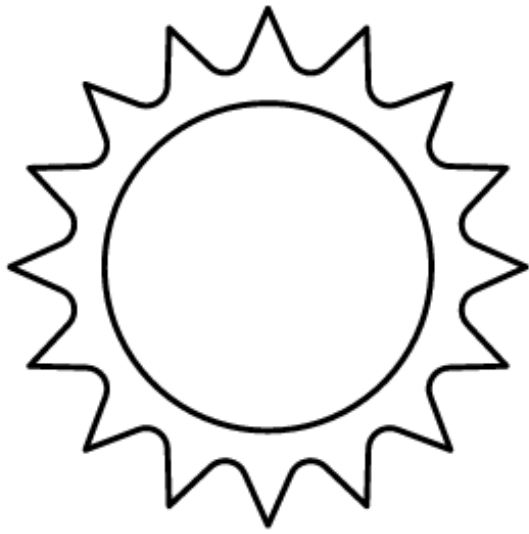


Coloring Puzzle Fun

Turtle - Tahkox

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





We are now experiencing summer.



Yukwe ta nipënëmi hëna.



Lindsey Harris: A Year of Dedication and Service to the Delaware Tribe

Celeste Amadon

The Delaware Indian News recently caught up with our newly (as of April 2024) and unanimously appointed Secretary of the Tribal Council Lindsey Harris as she concludes her first year of service on the Council. Our dedicated Council Secretary resides in Rogers County, Oklahoma, between Chelsea and Claremore, and has spent most of her life in this area. Harris has been a steadfast advocate for the Lenape people, committed to making a positive impact on our Tribe and its future. A devoted aunt to two beautiful Lenape nieces and one handsome Lenape nephew, Harris’s concern for local youth extends beyond her immediate family to the more than 500 Delaware, Native, and non-native youth across Northeast Oklahoma every year she serves in her day job. For the past nine years, she has served as the CEO of the Boys and Girls Club of Chelsea, which was founded with assistance from the Delaware Tribe of Indians Housing Authority, and is the first Native Boys and Girls Club in Oklahoma and the third in the United States.

A proud member of the Delaware Tribe, Harris grew up in Chelsea, Oklahoma, and completed her K-12 education at Chelsea High School. She earned a degree in Native American Studies with a minor in social services at Northeastern State University in Tahlequah.

Harris’ enthusiasm for her role on the Council is driven by a desire to make a lasting, positive impact on the Tribe and its people. She aims to help build a sustainable, sovereign nation for the next seven generations and beyond. Her mission is to focus on the Tribe’s positive direction and future, while honoring and respecting, but not dwelling on, the dark history of the Tribe’s painful past. In her first column for the DIN, she provides a closer look at some of the key initiatives she has championed over the past year. ■

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 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. ■

Reflections and Progress: A Message from Lindsey Harris, Tribal Council Secretary

Lindsey Harris, Tribal Council Secretary

Siyo nogvwetuksiyy, kawanokleno,

Wow! The first year of my council term has flown by! In my role on the Delaware Tribal Council I am happy to serve not only our Lenape people in Rogers County but also those in Washington County and in the Delaware diaspora—our Tribe has members across the nation.

What does your Tribal Council do for you? We work proactively to develop new programs and services and bring new funding and resources to the Tribe while responding to urgent and/or unforeseen circumstances. Here are some examples of the initiatives and incidents I have been involved in over this past year.

Working to secure additional federal, state, and private grant funding is an essential but time-consuming function of tribal leadership. This year the Delaware Tribe has partnered with Blue Whale Manufacturing, an American battery recycling company. Together, we have applied to be a subrecipient for a Department of Energy grant which would bring exciting and needed professional development and training opportunities to our Tribe. This Department of Energy grant initiative is set to create professional development and training opportunities in various fields, potentially increasing the workforce by up to 12 Delaware employees in roles such as plant managers, production

managers, maintenance managers, lab/quality control managers, manufacturing engineers, and engineering technicians.

Providing adequate subsidized housing for Tribal members continues to be a priority. As the Tribal Council liaison to the Delaware Tribe Housing Committee, I continue to attend the Committee’s monthly meetings and assisted with efforts to pass a resolution providing the funding needed to renovate 18 of our housing units in Rogers County. I also facilitated the cooperation between the Committee, TOM, and Tribal Council to replace The Lodges roofs quickly and efficiently for our tenants.

The Council assists our program directors in negotiating and executing partnerships with outside organizations. We are four months into an exciting new membership with Grand Gateway Economic Development Association that will provide our Elder Nutrition Program with additional training and support and better position it to assist our Elders on a variety of service vectors.

The Council assists our programs in developing and documenting new programs. Over my first term, I have worked with our Elder Nutrition Director on new policies and procedures for a new Caregiver program. This program will assist the many Delaware families in need of a caregiver or respite service.

And, there are the unforeseen circumstances that we respond to as they occur. Severe storms affected Delaware members in Barnsdall and Bartlesville in early May. Then, on May 25, severe storms hit Northern Washington County and caused tree and structural damage at our Pow-Wow grounds in Copan. Wanishi to everyone who assisted with the clean-up so that our traditional annual celebration of our culture could continue as scheduled — starting the very next day. I can’t think of a better example of a Tribe responding to the call together. Many hands made lighter work! However, sometimes, when it rains, it also pours. Also on May 25, Claremore, OK, was struck by a devastating EF3 tornado, damaging 700-800 homes. Over 75% of the Delaware Tribe’s 16 rental units in Claremore were affected. I’m proud that it isn’t only our thoughts that are with the 250 Delaware members in the Claremore area as they rebuild. I had the privilege of delivering disaster relief checks to Delaware victims and housing tenants affected by the May 25 tornado to assist them in rebuilding or replacing items they lost.

In closing, Wanishi to the Tribal Council for putting their trust in me and naming me Secretary of the Tribal Council at our April meeting. I will continue to honor, respect, support, and dedicate myself to our Tribe, employees, and our people.

Wanishi anke,
Lindsey Harris ■

Delaware Indian News Self-guided Movie and Book Club

Celeste Amadon

The Delaware Indian News warmly invites our readership community to join our self-guided movie and book club. Our recommendations focus on recently released or published movies, television series, and books that resonate with Indigenous experiences. Club selection postings include a list of discussion topics and links to articles to help guide conversations and engagement about our stories, Native portrayal in media, and the power of narrative in shaping understanding and awareness.

2024 Selection #2

Our second club selection is *Fancy Dance*. This powerful film garnered significant attention at the Sundance Film Festival. The heart-wrenching *Fancy Dance* features the talented Lily Gladstone. In 2023, the Native American Gladstone made history when she was nominated for an Oscar for her performance in *Killers of the Flower Moon*. Gladstone delivers yet another deeply moving performance demonstrating the resilience and strength of Indigenous women. Directed by a Native Director, Erica Tremblay, the story, written by Tremblay and Miciana Alise, follows Jax (Gladstone) on the Seneca-Cayuga Reservation as she cares for her niece Roki (Isabel Deroy-Olson) in the wake of her sister’s disappearance. The pair hit the road together in search of Roki's missing mother and unearth deep truths around the treatment of Indigenous women in a colonized world.

Streaming availability

Fancy Dance is available on Apple TV+.

Key questions for self-guided reflection

- The film highlights issues of missing and murdered Indigenous women (MMIW). How effectively does it bring awareness to this critical issue?
- How does *Fancy Dance* portray the intersection of personal grief and cultural resilience within Indigenous communities? - *Fancy Dance* includes significant Native American cultural practices and traditions. How does this contribute to the film’s overall impact?
- What are the broader implications of the film’s portrayal of contemporary Native American life for audiences both within and outside Indigenous communities? Will it tend to leave non-Native viewers feeling more or less positively about Native people?

Interesting Articles

The Globe and Mail: *Fancy Dance* with Lily Gladstone balances heartbreak, humour in story of a missing Indigenous woman (positive review)

<https://www.theglobeandmail.com/arts/film/article-fancy-dance-with-lily-gladstone-balances-heartbreak-humor-in-story-of/>

The Wall Street Journal: *Fancy Dance* Review: Lily Gladstone’s Disappearance Drama (negative review)

<https://www.wsj.com/arts-culture/film/fancy-dance-review-lily-gladstones-disappearance-drama-97d6ebfb> ■

2024 Selection #3

Reservation Dogs follows the adventures of four Indigenous teenagers—Bear, Elora, Cheese, and Willie Jack—as they navigate life in their rural Oklahoma community. The series begins with the group committing small-time crimes in an effort to save money to escape to California, but their plans are routinely thwarted by misadventures and personal dilemmas. The show offers a balance of humor and heartfelt moments, relationships between youth and Elders, and a nuanced portrayal of the challenges and joys of growing up Indigenous in modern America.

The show is not based on a book or previous movie but is a fresh and original creation by Sterlin Harjo, a Seminole and Muscogee filmmaker, and Taika Waititi, an Academy Award-winning director (*Thor: Ragnarok*, *Jojo Rabbit*) of Māori descent. Their collaboration brings a unique blend of cultural authenticity and creative storytelling to the series. Professional and amateur reviewers rave about it.

Streaming Availability

Originally an FX series, *Reservation Dogs* is now available on Hulu,

Key Questions for Self Reflection:

- How does *Reservation Dogs* balance humor and serious themes in its portrayal of Indigenous youth?
- The series features a predominantly Indigenous cast and crew. How does this influence its narrative style? Does the representation of community and family in *Reservation Dogs* resonate with your experiences?
- *Reservation Dogs* addresses contemporary issues facing Indigenous communities, such as poverty and systemic racism. How effectively does it handle these topics?
- What are the broader implications of the series' success? Would non-Native viewers come away with a better or worse impression of Native people?

Interesting Articles

Spoilers: do NOT read until you have watched the final season finale


The New York Times: ‘Reservation Dogs’ Was a Coming-of-All-Ages Masterpiece

<https://www.nytimes.com/2023/09/27/arts/television/reservation-dogs-finale.html>


The Atlantic: The Open Wounds of *Reservation Dogs*

The final season of FX’s ensemble comedy is a resonant coming-of-age-story for its teenaged and adult characters alike.

<https://www.theatlantic.com/culture/archive/2023/08/reservation-dogs-season-3-review/675178/> ■



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Delaware Pow Wow 2024—A Year We Won’t Soon Forget

The 2024 Delaware Pow Wow will always be remembered as the year high winds and possibly a small tornado hit the Pow Wow grounds. On Saturday night, campers were awakened around 1 AM by Washington County Sheriff’s Deputies alerting them of the coming severe storm and encouraging evacuation. While most families left quickly, others chose to ride it out in their cars and campers. Luckily there were no injuries. By dawn, the destruction was evident everywhere. Tents and canopies were blown down with some ending up in the hay meadow. Tree limbs were down everywhere including a large limb on top of the concession stand. But it didn’t take long for our people to come together, and chain saws, axes and the shouts of people working together to clear the debris could soon be heard. This is the meaning of community as we worked together as a Tribe to help our fellow campers and restore the grounds so the Pow Wow could continue.

Despite the weather, everyone enjoyed the Pow Wow weekend with dancing, singing, games and re-

uniting with family and friends. Allie Rodriguez Whiteturkey served as the 2024 Pow Wow Princess with Jason Bender serving as the Head Man Dancer, and Nico Ross as Head Lady Dancer. Thank you to the Lenape Early Learning Center for sponsoring the Tiny Totes Contest, the Jason Bender Family for sponsoring the Troy Little Axe Memorial Men’s Traditional Contest and 2023-24 Pow Wow Princess Maura Johnson, 2023-24 Tribal Princess Marian Johnson, and 2023-24 War Mother’s Princess Olivia Boyd for sponsoring the Junior Girls Lenape Style Dance Contest.

We would also like to thank the Delaware Tribe for the new bleachers and the many tribal members and friends who contributed their time as well as monetary donations to make the Pow Wow a success.

On behalf of the Delaware Pow Wow Committee, we hope everyone enjoyed this year’s Pow Wow and we look forward to seeing you Memorial Day Weekend in 2025. ■



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