



# DELAWARE INDIAN NEWS

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## From the Desk of Chief Brad KillsCrow

*Brad KillsCrow, Chief, Delaware Tribe of Indians*

Hè, kulamalsi hàch! We are finally getting to cooler temperatures, and we are about to begin our seasonal change from summer to winter. As the fall season begins it also serves as a transitional period between the vibrancy of summer and the stillness of winter. It's a time to prepare for the colder months ahead—whether it's by getting homes ready with winterizing tasks or by stocking up on cozy blankets and warming foods. This period of preparation can be seen as an opportunity to embrace change and readiness. We are preparing for our upcoming elections where the vote of the people will seat 3 vacant positions within the Tribal Council. It is very important to get out and vote this November and let your voice be heard. I'm excited to see the interest from within our Tribe for those that declared their candidacy for this upcoming election. I hope that each and every one of you will take a look at each candidate and make an informed decision for the future of our Tribe.

I went to New York City June 10–12 and had some key meetings with some important foreign embassy ambassadors, including the Consults of Australia, Finland and the Netherlands. The Dutch government, through the Netherlands Consulate General of New York, has launched a multi-year colonial propaganda campaign titled "Future 400." This initiative

claims to "celebrate" Dutch history and culture rooted in the 1624 settlement of New York. The Dutch have not consulted with the three federally recognized Lenape tribes, instead they have reached out to the fake tribes back east who are now speaking for us and acting as diplomats on our behalf. I had great meetings with all three nations in hopes for a government-to-government consultation in the future so that the original Lenape voices can be heard. I traveled back to New York from September 15–18 to have another meeting with the Dutch, hoping to right that wrong. Look to my article in the next issue for an update. From June 13–15 my travel took me west, as I was invited to give a speech at the United American Indian Involvement (UAI) 50th anniversary Gala in Temecula, CA. It was quite the honor to be able to represent the Delaware Tribe of Indians and bring the Tribe to the forefront of this national event. August 5–8, I attended the Lenape Symposium hosted by Ursinus College in Pennsylvania. I was in attendance with Jeremy Johnson, our Cultural Education Department Director, who was instrumental in putting together and delivering a great symposium. We were able to bring together a lot of our partnerships we have made and along with them came some new introductions to others to discuss our homelands, our history, and

where we are headed. Some very great news came out of the Symposium, but I am unable to announce it until all details have been finalized. Once I get the green light, I will be more than happy to make an announcement of this wonderful news!

Delaware Days was a huge success and I'm so thankful for our Cultural Preservation Committee! Even though the Cultural Preservation Committee falls under the Trust Board, I would like to acknowledge Levi Randoll for his commitment to keeping our culture alive and continuing the Delaware Days as we have all known it to be. Here at the Tribe, we have been busy as well with many events that have recently been taking place. We held the Back-to-School Bash 5K run/walk. Our Wellness Director, Cody Blackmon, worked hard on putting on a sanctioned 5K run, starting and finishing at our campus headquarters. Cody has also just recently received her CPR Instructor license and is currently working on her personal training certificate! This will be a huge asset to our tribal members and our employees. Next time you're on campus please take some time and go visit our wellness center! Cody is there with her friendly smile waiting to help anyone get into a more fit lifestyle.

The Lenape Early Learning Center hosted their annual graduation this past July and another class is on their way to kinder-

## Delaware Tribe of Indians

### 2024 General Council

**November 9, 2024**

**Forsythe Hall  
Delaware Community Center  
5100 Tuxedo Blvd  
Bartlesville, OK 74006**

**Doors Will Open at 11:00 A.M.**

**Lunch at Noon**

**Meeting Will Start at 1:30 P.M.**

**Enrollment Available**



## 2024 Tribal Election To Be Held Saturday, November 2, 2024

**Polling will be open from 8:00 A.M.  
to 2:00 P.M. at:**

**Delaware Tribal Community Center  
5100 Tuxedo Blvd  
Bartlesville, OK 74006  
Saturday, November 2, 2024**





## From the Desk of Chief Brad KillsCrow (cont.)

garten! I couldn't be more pleased with the staff and leadership at the Lenape Early Learning Center. Our Delaware children will have tools to take with them for a head start into the public school sector.

Our Title VI program took our Elders to Branson, MO for a day trip where they were able to watch a show, eat good food, and be among each other. Title VI Director Trudy Kerby and her staff

do an amazing job feeding and taking care of our Elders on a daily basis. If you haven't had lunch at Title VI, I encourage you to come eat with us. Come be a part of our lunch program and visit with our Elders!

We have been continuously working on revamping our outdated website. There is a lot of information that is being transported to the new website and

we're making sure that when we roll this out it works efficiently and effectively for everyone. Please be patient as we maneuver through this process.

I would like to remind everyone of the upcoming open house at the Delaware Tribe Ranch on October 12th in Sedan, KS. We are excited to showcase our herd, barns, equipment, and ranch house with all our members. Food

and drinks will be provided, and I encourage everyone to come out and meet our Ranch Board and Ranch Manager, and to see all the exciting things happening on our 4200-acre Ranch. You will leave overly impressed with the ranch and the operation we have established. Also, the Teton Trade Cloth by Lenape Fashion Show will take place October 26th here in Bartlesville, OK! Please come out and support Teton as they are continuously doing great things

for our Tribe. In closing, we must support one another and show love from our oldest to our youngest in our Tribe. If we plan to continue to be successful it is on ALL of us to work together for the betterment of the Delaware Tribe of Indians and our future generations. ■

## From The Desk of Assistant Chief Tonya Anna

*Tonya Anna, Assistant Chief, Delaware Tribe of Indians*

The first day of Autumn, or tahnkoku, was September 22, 2024, and as we all know this brings changing of the colors of the leaves. The process of this change brings fresh new growth come spring. Some people like change, and some would rather not have any, so they feel safe in their comfort zone. I look at change with our employees as a time to grow as individuals and to help their departments develop to their full potential. Witnessing a department thriving due to re-organization was a positive transformation in a couple of our departments. Each positive alteration, no matter how small, will help the Tribe thrive in the years to come.



The campus in Caney, KS has completed its renovation on the inside. Not only do we have a new courtroom but new offices for our Family and Children Services department too. The Domicile is still at this location with fresh new offices as well. Due to the damaging storms this past May/June, the outside is yet to be completed. There was damage to the roof, siding, and some windows. The parking lot was the first to be finished and we will publish pictures once the outside is finished. A new parking lot has also been developed to accommodate the clients and staff.

The Chamber of Commerce located here in Bartlesville has been a big asset to the Tribe. We have utilized the Chamber to put on our Business After Hours event, sent our female employees to the Women in Business meetings, and now we have our individual departments en-



rolled under the Tribe's membership. For community events you can go to <https://business.bartlesville.com/community-calendar> to see the events happening locally. Keep an eye out on our social media for announcements about all the ribbon-cutting events for these departments.

Serving on the Grand Gateway Board has brought a program to the doorstep of the Tribe. I am looking to kick off the Senior Companions program for our Elders to utilize at no cost to them. Once the Memorandum of Understanding is signed, we can begin announcing the benefits of this program. Keep an eye out for details on our website and public announcements.

Ohio Street construction started September 16, 2024, and is expected to be completed by April 2025. This expansion will extend from the west side of our campus to Madison Boulevard, so please use caution when traveling near this construction site. Once this is completed, we can begin development towards the north end of the campus.

Monday, October 14, 2024, is Indigenous People's Day, and I would like to challenge everyone to learn something

new about another Nation and teach others about the Lenape. Consider wearing red or orange on this day in support of MMIP (Missing and Murdered Indigenous People) and Every Child Matters. Bringing awareness will educate those who may have influence on others and may reach out to the Tribe to see how they can be of service.

November is Native American Month and can be celebrated in a variety of ways. You can celebrate the cultures and histories of your Native American ways and learn about other tribes and how they differ from our own. One can teach and share stories with others, not to mention cooking some traditional foods to share. If you are a parent or grandparent, then you may think of making a presentation to your students' class or another organization. You would be surprised by how little people know about the different tribes.

I would like to say Wanishi to all the Veterans for their bravery and sacrifices not just on Veterans Day but every day. Your strength does not go unnoticed for all that you have given to this country.

First day of winter or luwàn will be December 21, 2024. Check out our Facebook page and other social media for more information pertaining to events happening in December. Announcements will also be made during Tribal Council meetings that pertain to our membership.

We are still seeking volunteers to assist the Tribe in all capacities. I have received calls from several members who live at-large and locally. If you have ideas and want to become involved, please give me a call and discuss where we can best utilize you. Please call (918) 337-6531 or email [tanna@delawaretribe.org](mailto:tanna@delawaretribe.org).

"It's not about standing still and becoming safe. If anybody wants to keep creating, they have to be about change."—Miles Davis ■





## Candidate Statements—Candidates for Tribal Council

### Evelyn “Kay” Anderson



I'd like to introduce myself. My name is Evelyn “Kay” (Scott) Anderson I am the daughter of Evelyn Mae Jackson the granddaughter of Full bloods James Harold Jackson and Emma (Elkhair/Hill Webber) Jackson and a descendant of Chief Charlie Elkhair and Colonel Jackson. I have lived around the Bartlesville and Dewey area of Oklahoma most of my life. I am the mother of 4 children 2 step children 8 grandchildren and 23 great grandchildren.

I have had an active relationship with the tribe my whole life. I first worked for our tribe as an assistant secretary to Chief Henry Secondine during his administration. I have been a tribal judge and currently serve the tribe on the trust board for almost 6 years. I have been the vice chair of the veterans committee and currently serve as vice chair of the Elder committee and a member of the community services committee. I first joined the Delaware war mothers with my aunt Rosetta Coffey in the 1990's when she started it and continues to serve in that club today. I started work as the director of the Title 6 program for the Delaware tribe of Indians in 2000 and worked in that position even during the time the tribe lost Federal recognition and I cooked without pay and delivered food to our elders so they would have a healthy

meal to eat. While Title 6 director I started the veterans picture wall in Forsythe Hall as well, and continue that today.

Throughout my life I've attempted to have a close relationship with my tribe and the members of My Tribe and if elected I'd like to continue my lifelong effort to improve our Lenape people's lives both socially and economically. I believe as William Penn called us the “peaceful people” we need to work for our people both locally and at large to improve their place in the world. So to further this I'd like to work towards helping out people get along better and To help all tribe members by giving them a hand up but not a hand out. To do that I'd like to see our tribe develop a stewardship program so that tribe members all over could offer an internship within their businesses to help Lenape develop useful skills to take into the work world.

To help develop business on the lands we currently own in Kansas and help to bring more money into our tribe to improve our economic development.

I believe we need to work on our economic development to find more ways to bring money and work to our people.

If elected I hope to help develop more job opportunities for people here at our tribe but also out in the world as well I don't have all the answers but if elected I will put all my time and effort towards actively looking for ways to improve our tribe not so much for our present people but for the future and the generations to come.

Wanishi. ■

### Rusty Creed Brown



Hello, my fellow tribal citizens. My name is Rusty Creed Brown. I am seeking reelection to the Delaware Tribal Council, and I ask for your support and your vote this November.

I am from Catoosa, OK and currently live in Tulsa, OK. I am the grandson of Dorothy Wilson-Jackson from Delaware, OK and the son of Kenny and Vicky Brown. My sister is Hope Brown-Hosey, and the proud of uncle of Quay Hosey, a recent Council member and a newly minted occupational therapist.

I was elected four years ago and have served as the council's treasurer for all this time. During this time, we have updated our financial manual, streamlined the budget process, and set a tribal minimum wage.

I work at the National Indian Education Association. It is the largest and oldest Native education advocacy organization. I have been privileged to receive a quality education. It is important all our Native students have equitable education opportunities, including culture-based practices, for all students, in our schools.

Four years ago, when I ran for council, I wanted to start a tribal food pantry. I knew some of our people needed assistance with food. If I had needed to start it in a closet with one box of food given out once a month, I would have started there. However, as many of

you know, we were able to build a 3000 sq ft building with walk in freezer and refrigerator. At the end of July, we have served over 1500 tribal citizens and have over 830 households who have used the food pantry.

We are an agency partner with the Eastern Food Bank of OK. This partnership allows us to purchase food at a very reduced rate. In addition to monthly ordering, we can go “shopping” several times a week. All produce is free, dry products are \$0.16/pound, and frozen meat is \$0.19/pound. One shopping trip, in September, the food pantry was able to get 301 pounds of product for \$33.87.

I would like the opportunity to continue this work. At the complex, we have planted an orchard and berry patches. This produce will provide fresh fruit for the food pantry and our people. We are also building areas for a seed garden and other community gardens. I would like to create a committee to start looking past access to food and towards controlling our food ways.

There has been a lot of talk about constitutional reform. I support this reform. There are resources, organizations, and other tribes doing this. I would like to see this citizen, and community lead, rather than council lead. Our inherent sovereignty lies within our people. As a Native nation, we have the right to decide how we want to govern and how we want to be governed; this is a community decision, not a tribal council decision.

Feel free to contact me at [rcbrown@delawaretribe.org](mailto:rcbrown@delawaretribe.org). I appreciate your support. ■

### Crystal Thaxton Dombrowski



Hé, my fellow Lenape. I am Crystal Thaxton Dombrowski, Tribal Council candidate.

I grew up in Dewey, OK on the banks of Coon Creek on my great grandmother's allotment. I am a third generation Dewey High School graduate. I am the wife of Daniel and mother to Minnie and Isla. As an adult, I pursued my education at Rogers State University and University of Louisiana – Lafayette where I achieved my Associate of Nursing degree and Bachelor of Nursing degree. Throughout my life, I was fortunate to live our traditional values in our Lenape community. I found security, safety and grew my identity in our tribal culture.

My motivation to seek election comes from my desire to protect our inherent rights and cultural identity. By protecting our sovereignty, we are ensuring the wellbeing of our people. How do we do that? By choosing leaders who present a vision and plan.

Simply stated, my VISION is that the families, clan and communities of our 7th generation are intact, happy and thriving in a viable Lenape culture.

A vision written down with a date becomes a GOAL. I have short term goals, midterm goals and long term/ongoing goals. These goals were born of needs observed in our tribe. For instance, I have identified the need



## Candidate Statements—Candidates for Tribal Council (continued)

to obtain proper equipment to respond to medical events at our Powwow grounds. Over the years, I have responded to many medical events. Currently, we lack the supplies to provide any type of proper medical intervention. Delaware Days 2023, I responded to an elder in distress. I couldn't even take a set of vitals while waiting for the ambulance to arrive. This year at Powwow, it was my own brother that needed medical attention. My GOAL is to purchase a first responder kit with an AED. The PLAN is to work with the Powwow Committee to do so. This past year, the powwow grounds was hit by a tornadic thunderstorm. Whole Lenape families were terrified hiding under tables in their campsites with nowhere to go. This could have had a devastating outcome for our tribe. My midterm goal is to build a storm shelter for the campers. I have researched a plan for doing so.

Another identified need is increased and effective communication. My short-term goal is to create an open records act for our people. My plan is to first establish a policy. My long term/ongoing goals are to create a tribal economy and increase the numbers of our Lenape workforce. These goals are not without challenges. However, a PLAN backed with action makes dreams come true. My vision and goals are for the benefit of ALL Lenape. No matter where we live, we all come from Lenape families, clans and communities. I have lived a life of advocacy and service and it is my heart's desire to represent the Supreme Authority on our Tribal Council. I welcome questions and input. My email is [crydombro@gmail.com](mailto:crydombro@gmail.com) or find me on Facebook. With that, I humbly ask for your vote in November. Wanishi. ■

### Lindsey Nicole Harris



**H**è, kulamalsi hàch, ntëluwënsi Lindsey Nicole Harris, proud Lenape, and current Tribal Council member for the Delaware Tribe of Indians. I reside in Rogers County, Oklahoma, between Chelsea and Claremore. Loving daughter to Nicky Harris of Chelsea, OK; loving sister to three siblings, Errin Clocker of Broken Arrow, OK, Eric Harris, of Claremore, OK, and my late sister Angi Harris. I am a devoted aunt to two beautiful Lenape nieces and one handsome Lenape nephew. I would be remiss if I did not mention my grandmother, Billie James, a Ketchum, and proud Lenape woman. I completed my K-12 education at Chelsea High School. I earned a degree in Native American Studies with a minor in social services at Northeastern State University in Tahlequah.

I have served as the CEO of the Boys and Girls Club of Chelsea since 2015. The Boys & Girls Club of Chelsea was founded in 1994 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. In my capacity as CEO, I have spent the last 7 years serving as Oklahoma's representative on the National Native Advisory Committee. This committee advocates on a national level for native youth around America. In my role

as a committee member, I have spoken to the directors of Indian Health Services, Office of Juvenile and Justice Prevention, National Congress of American Indians, and the Department of Health and Human Services.

As your Tribal Council member, I will continue my work toward a sustainable future for our tribe. In the last 18 months, I have assisted with new economic development opportunities. One example is the part ownership investment in the American Woolen Mill. This opportunity will allow for a return on our investment and future gains within the next two years and beyond and will allow for Teton Trade Cloth by Lenape, LLC to work directly with them on creating American-made wool products. I have charted a new partnership with Blue Whale Manufacturing, an American battery recycling company, which will bring good-paying jobs to our Delaware people by guaranteeing that a percentage of their workforce WILL be Delaware.

I have spent my last 18 months being an active listener, and what I have heard is the need for better housing. I intend to spend the next four years, if elected as your council member, like I have been, working diligently to enhance our housing opportunities, increase our housing stock, and work hard to make our housing department sustainable well into the future.

Since our spring storms, I have been working on developing emergency response policies and procedures that will ensure when disaster strikes again, the Delaware Tribe will be prepared to answer the call, no matter what the disaster may be.

I have a plan to revise our tribe's constitution. For my plan to be successful, we must make sure we are fully transparent and that revisiting our constitution is not political in any way. In my plan,

the people will be responsible for rewriting our constitution. Other tribes have been successful in their constitutional revisions, and if we hold tightly to our integrity and truths of why, we will be successful too.

In closing, I make a steadfast promise to all Lenape people that I will be diligent. I will fight for you. I will lead with the highest of integrity and with a strict moral compass. I will hold our sovereignty tightly to my chest and will be a protector of it always. I will be an advocate for our elders, children, and veterans. I will work every day to assist our working-class families and make sure they have the same opportunities as other families. I will continue to work to break the cycle of historical trauma and generational poverty within our tribe. I will be a council member for you, the Delaware people. I humbly ask for your vote on November 2 to be your Tribal Councilor.

Wanishi,  
Lindsey ■



### Michelle Holley



**W**eli kishku tahkoken. Nkwelaha kulamalsi

Stated below are my experience and qualifications, as well as my intended objectives, if I am elected to serve as your Tribal Councilwoman.

**Experience and Qualifications**  
**Trust Board Chairman of our Delaware Tribe of Indians and Chair of the Community Services Committee (2019-Present):** In this role I have demonstrated my ability to lead our Trust Board through good stewardship of financial oversight and monitoring our trust funds to maintain asset protection, while assisting to providing critical services to our tribal members. I feel I have successfully fulfilled my fiduciary responsibilities during my service on the Trust Board by working with financial advisors and institutions.

**Tribal Council Delaware Tribe of Indians (2014-2016):** This role allowed me to demonstrate and gain further knowledge in the following areas:

**Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA)—Tribal Sovereignty (Self-Governance/Self-Determination):** Extensive knowledge of PL 93 638 contracts and Title 25 CFR, Tribal Historic Preservation Section 106 program, and DTI Long Term Transportation Plan (updated the roads inventory and plan resulting in \$35,000.00 awarded funding).

**Economic Development**—a member of the working group on the tribal council to develop and



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register Tahkox E2 as a tribally-owned, certified SBA 8(a) company.

Grant Writing/Compliance—Extensive knowledge of Federal and Private Sector Funding Opportunities, program implementation, development and compliance. I served on the Grant Steering Committee and actively participated in proposal development and compliance.

Government-to-Government

Relations—strengthened our relationships within Cherokee Nation, as well as developed relationships with local, state, federal and tribal leaders.

Lenapeowsi Foundation, Secretary (2009-Present): This role has allowed me to work personally with our Delaware youth throughout the years in cultural preservation efforts and events. I have organized and fundraised for

the annual Youth Christmas party since its inception.

**Objectives:** If YOU, elect me to serve as your Tribal Council-woman, I will work with the Tribal Council to pursue further development and expansion of, but not limited to the following:

Self- Determination efforts through PL 93 638 contracting Economic Development through grant funding and strategic partnerships

Communicate and meet in-person with tribal members, on a regular basis, to ensure that YOUR VOICES ARE HEARD.

Throughout my career, I have been honing my skills in tribal government and related fields. I ask for the opportunity to bring my experience and skills to the Tribal Council of the Delaware Tribe of Indians. I ask for your vote! Please feel free to contact

me with any questions or concerns.

Email: [lmichelle.holley@yahoo.com](mailto:lmichelle.holley@yahoo.com)

Cell: (918) 314-1025 ■

Candidate Statements—Candidates for Trust Board Chair

Farrell Burks



with the highest regard and will do my best to ensure that YOU, our Delaware people have a voice in YOUR future and will be open to hearing YOUR concerns. I can be contacted by email [farrellburks@hotmail.com](mailto:farrellburks@hotmail.com) or by cell (918) 440-6967.

I ask for YOUR VOTE! WAN-ISHI!! ■

Gretchen Williams

My name is Farrell Burks and I currently serve as the Trust Board Vice- Chairman. I have declared my candidacy for Chairman of the Trust Board. I hold the position of Chairman of the Trust Board

Candidate Statements—Candidates for Trust Board

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Bauxmont-Flynn

Candidate Statements—Candidates for Appellate Judge

Cameron Fraser



## The Elders Circle

Jana Roth

*kikayàk òkànkwèphatuwàk*



October 5 —Lenape Fall Family Fun Day  
 October 14 —Elders Trip to Ponca City  
 October 22—Elders Committee Meeting  
 November 2—Delaware Tribe of Indians **ELECTION DAY**  
 November 9—Delaware Tribe of Indians **GENERAL COUNCIL**  
 November 19—Elders Committee Meeting  
 December 2—Elders Trip to Skiatook  
 December 6 & 7—Traditional Lenape Basket Making Class  
 December 17—Elders Committee Meeting

### Upcoming Elder Committee Activities

**Lenape Fall Family Fun Day, Saturday, October 5, 2024**

The Elder Committee is excited to invite all Delaware tribal members and their families to our first Lenape Family Fun Day!

Our Fall Family Fun Day will be held on Saturday, October 5 from noon–6:00 P.M. at Forsythe Hall.

Join the fun and learn to play some traditional Native games including Jack Straws, Hand game, Dice game, Kokolesh, and Stickball.

It's free to all Delaware tribal members and their families!

Food and drinks will be provided.

Come out and play and you could win traditional Jack Straws and Kokolesh sets!



*Kokolesh Set and Jack Straws Set made by Steve Donnell.*

### Elders Trip to Ponca City, OK, Monday, October 14, 2024

Delaware Elders will travel to Ponca City on October 14 to visit Standing Bear Park, Museum & Education Center, and Sharp's Indian Store.

To join us, sign up at lunch in Forsythe Hall or email [delawareeldercouncil2023@gmail.com](mailto:delawareeldercouncil2023@gmail.com) by October 4. Space is limited.

### Traditional Lenape Basket Making Classes, Friday, December 6 and Saturday, December 7.

The Elder Committee, in collaboration with the Cultural Education Department, will offer two traditional Lenape basket-making classes with Canadian Delaware tribal member Theresa Johnson from Moravian Town, Canada.

The Delaware Tribe Cultural Education Department will post a sign-up form on Facebook. Space is limited.

### Elders Trip to Skiatook, OK, December 2, 2024

Delaware Elders will travel to Skiatook on December 2 to visit Supernaws Indian Supply.

Look for the sign-up sheet at lunch in Forsythe Hall in November or email [delawareeldercouncil2023@gmail.com](mailto:delawareeldercouncil2023@gmail.com) to join us. Space is limited.

## Delaware Elder News

### Traditional Medicine and Foraging



The Delaware Elders hosted a Traditional Medicine and Foraging class on July 6, 2024. Delaware Elder Steve Donnell taught how to identify and use several plants. He also demonstrated how to process and prepare various wild plants by cooking cattail flour pancakes, making corn nuts, and a sour dock salad. The Delaware Elder Committee has plans to offer another foraging class in Spring 2025.

### Elders Visit the Homelands

July 25–30 the Cultural Education Department accompanied several Delaware Elders to our traditional homelands in the Northeast. Jeremy Johnson, Dan Madden, and Brandi Marler assisted elders Bess Marler, Angela



*Pictured left to right: Beverly Hicks, Dan Madden, Angela Franke, Billie Jean Sheshey, Jeremy Johnson, Brandi Marler, and Bess Marler at Patterson Great Falls in New Jersey.*

Franke, Beverly Hicks, and Billie Jean Sheshey as they visited several significant Lenape sites. The group provided cultural education and community engagement as they visited Patterson Great Falls in New Jersey, the Delaware Water Gap in Pennsylvania, the Statue of Liberty, Ellis Island, and Wall Street in New York.

### Christmas Ornament Class



On September 30, 2024, Delaware artist Billie Jean Sheshey taught a Christmas ornament class to Delaware elders for some pre-holiday fun!

Hè Elder Delaware Tribal members, sign up to receive greeting cards and other fun surprises for birthdays and holidays. Mail or email the completed form (*found on the next page*) to [delawareeldercouncil2023@gmail.com](mailto:delawareeldercouncil2023@gmail.com)

### 2024 Elder Awards



*Left to Right: Jeremy Johnson, Billie Jean Sheshey, Jana Roth, Annette Ketchum, Mollie Martin, Kay Anderson, Steve Donnell, and front Beverly Hicks*

The Elder Committee proudly recognized Jeremy Johnson as the first recipient of the Elder Council Award on September 13, 2024. This award is given to Delaware tribal members who are not Elders but exhibit wisdom and leadership in advancing the Tribe and its people. Jeremy was selected for

his dedication and commitment to the Lenape people in re-establishing our presence in Lenapehoking.

Anita K. (Davis) Mathis was honored as the 2024 Elder of the Year at Delaware Days on September 28. Anita has served the Delaware Tribe and its people on several committees, including the Cultural Preservation Committee, where she previously served as Chair or Vice Chair for over 20 years. As our tribal Library and Archive Collection Manager, she is an exceptional employee assisting tribal members and the public with research.

Paula Pechonick was selected as an outstanding Elder as she was recognized as a 2024 AARP Oklahoma Native American Elder. As a Delaware tribal member, Paula has served our Tribe as Chief, as a member of the Tribal Council, as a Tribal Judge, and as a member of many committees for over 30 years. She also serves the community as an active member of the Bartlesville Indian Women's Club for over 35 years.

### Elder Committee Meetings

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

The Elder Committee meets monthly, the Tuesday before the Tribal Council meeting at 1:00 P.M. in the Family & Children's Services building, located at Tribal Headquarters, 5110 Tuxedo Blvd, Bartlesville, OK.

If you can't make it in person, please join us on Zoom! To attend the meeting by Zoom, email your request to [delawareeldercouncil2023@gmail.com](mailto:delawareeldercouncil2023@gmail.com) and you will receive instructions on how to connect.

### Contact Us

Senior (55+) Delaware tribal members can contact the Elder



# The Elders Circle (continued)

Committee by email at **delawa-  
reeldercouncil2023@gmail.com**

Elder 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 ■

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ALL Elder Delaware tribal  
members are invited to join us at  
our 2024 monthly meetings on  
Tuesday, October 22, November  
19, and December 17 at 1:00  
P.M.

Please send greetings cards to:

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

Delaware Tribal Member's Name:  
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Address:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State Zip Code

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

## The Delaware Tribe Orchard Takes Shape

James Spicer

The Delaware Tribe's orchard (planted in 2023/2024) was born out of the idea that fresh produce could be grown directly on-site and distributed through the Tribe's Food Pantry. Growing and sourcing produce on-site results in produce that has not been sprayed with harmful pesticides and retains higher nutrient levels, along with better flavor. The shorter supply chain also reduces the carbon footprint of the produce and builds in resiliency in the case of high food costs or shortages. It provides the community with an opportunity to know where some of their food comes from.

The orchard did great throughout the summer with no loss of any trees. This can be attributed to a few factors. The trees we planted were selected for hardiness and disease/pest resistance for the local climate. We chose hardy varieties of apples, pears and jujubes (a date-like fruit from mainland China). Unfortunately, trees such as peaches and plums are very hard to grow without spraying due to pest pressure and preference for these trees. An-

other contributing factor is irrigation; having the trees on an irrigation system helps them weather through our extreme summers.

Going into fall and winter, the trees will lose their leaves and go dormant until they wake up to flower next spring. At this time we will come out to perform pruning on the orchard to shape the trees for air flow, easier harvesting access, and optimum fruit yields.

We planted paw paws (*Asimina triloba*) under the cottonwood trees near the pond. The paw paw is the largest sized edible fruit native to North America. Its native range includes the whole eastern half of the modern day US (minus New England). It is a shade tolerant tree that requires the shade from larger trees around it, hence why we planted it under the cottonwoods.

Just east of the orchard are some berry rows that were put in at the same time as the orchard. These include blueberries, blackberries (thornless) and the native serviceberry. While the orchard trees will take 4-5 years to pro-

duce fruit, the berry rows will come into production much sooner. We can expect to be harvesting blackberries next May. I would love to know any other questions you may have about the orchard so please refer your questions to Dana Murrell at **dmurrell@delawaretribe.org** and she can forward them to me. ■



## Delaware Artisans Making Tribal Clothes

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

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

Yolanda Frenchman **yfrenchman@gmail.com**  
You may also private message her on Facebook.

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





# Trust Board Community Services and Education Committees

## Community Services Programs

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

Community Service Applications for the following programs are being accepted, while funding is available. Applicants must be an enrolled tribal member of the Delaware Tribe of Indians. As of FY2024, Only one (1) Community Service Application is allowed per tribal member, per calendar year, with the exception of Elder Prescription, which can be applied for monthly. Applications are considered on a case-by-case basis by the Community Services Committee.

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

**Elder Prescriptions:** Prescription medication assistance to Delaware Elders age 60 and over for Pharmacy and related costs. Elders may receive 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**, and Spring scholarship applications from **December 1 through February 15**.

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

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

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

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

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

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

For general donations, other than education, please make your check payable to the Delaware Tribe of Indians. Examples for the memo line could be Food Pantry; Lenape Early Learning Center; Title VI or just specify it as a general donation.

Donors are recognized at five levels:

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**ATTN: Trust Board Education Committee (For education donations)**

OR

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**5100 Tuxedo Blvd**  
**Bartlesville, OK 74006-2746**





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

Anita Mathis, Librarian & Archives Manager

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

### Delaware—Honoring The Past And Preparing For The Future

In this article there will be a brief History of our Lenape women

### SOME OF THE WAYS OF THE DELAWARE INDIAN WOMEN

The Lenape or Delaware Indians originally lived along the East Coast, occupying most of New Jersey, eastern Pennsylvania, and northern Delaware. The lands in the East were lost through deceit and aggression and the Lenape people began a gradual movement westward. Unlike the Cherokee who were moved westward in one sweep, the Lenape were settled and resettled: at various times living in Ohio, Indiana, Missouri, and finally for thirty-six years in Kansas. Pressure was again applied, and the Lenape were forced to move into Indian Territory, and the majority of the traditional people settled in

the area that is presently Washington County, Oklahoma.

The subject of this brief paper is the Lenape or Delaware Indian women and their place in Indian life, but before going into some of the specifics of daily life, the role of women in Lenape life was entirely different from that of the European cultures. The Lenape are matrilineal which means that everything descends from generation to generation through the female line. The children belong to the clan or group of the mother, and therefore, even if one was the son or daughter of a chief, they would not be a prince or princess as was the case with European royalty. The successor to the chieftaincy was the chief's sister's son, or the nearest male relative to the chief within the same clan. This gave the women a powerful voice in tribal matters, but despite this 'voice,' it was the tradition for women to not speak out at public gatherings such as councils. If a woman had a point to make, she would have a male relative, or her husband state her opinions for her.

Unlike the women in the cultures of many of the Europeans who came to these shores, the Lenape wife was never considered as the property of the husband. Women's roles among the

Lenape were clearly defined: the woman had full charge of the home, in fact, she was considered the owner of the house. The woman took care of the food preparation, and the man procured the game animals. The woman took care of planting and the garden, and the man cleared the land for the gardens.

The Delaware Indian women had a reason for most of the things they did. Even with cooking, we think that the person's mind when they are cooking has something to do with the health of the ones who eat the food. The cook must be in a good frame of mind during the food preparation, not angry, or ill, and have an inside prayer to the Creator that what she prepares will bring strength and happiness to the consumer of the food. Sewing likewise is not done when one is angry lest the wearer will feel unhappy when wearing it. They will feel the "makers" sensations.

Delaware women, especially when we cook outside such as when we camped out, we bend from our waist down to stir our pots. Usually, a white woman will stoop down on her knees to attend her cooking pot. That is one of the differences that I see. Then, too, we old traditional people have a habit of pointing with our lips.

Like you say, "Well, right over there," and we point that direction with our lips. But you don't point at people. And neither do you point at graves.

The children in a Lenape family were cared for by both parents, although some of the time the father was gone hunting or fishing as this was necessary for survival, it was not for sport as is usually the case these days. In the traditional families the children were spaced about three to four years apart, and the women usually nursed their children until they were about three years old.

In the Delaware tribe the women disciplined children in the old way. They didn't really use any whips or any paddles or anything. They were taken to the creek, and a basket put over their head and water thrown over that basket. The Lenape said that there is a grandfather spirit in this water that will correct all your bad habits, and this water will take away all these obstinate traits you might have. There is another way to correct children. You tell the child that, "Your conduct, your action, brings shame to me and all the people who are gone, you bring shame upon them."

The woman had the freedom to do as she pleased, and she might ask her husband if he wanted to

go to some certain place, but if he did not, she would just take the children and go, such as to town or to a dance, (most of our dances do not require a partner). Some women also had a special man friend, a non-relative called by the term usually reserved for a female friend, and he served the purpose of a confidant. It was to him she would go with questions or problems she could not discuss with her husband or male relatives.

This account shows just a few of the many facets of the life of a woman among the Lenape people. Most of the older ways have about disappeared among the younger generations as they grow up among the non-Indians, and learn many of their ways in the schools, all too often overlooking the ways of their ancestors. ■



## 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. We

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 we're connected with include OKDVA-Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs, Tulsa Vets Center for counseling, the OK Developmental Disabilities Council, OK DHS, and 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.

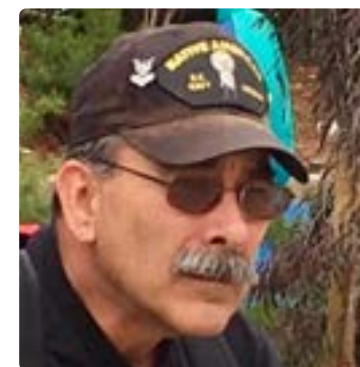
Email: [1lenapeila@gmail.com](mailto:1lenapeila@gmail.com)

Phone: (918) 337-6590 ext.

Steve.

Emergency phone (760) 401-2056 cell

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





### Delaware Recipes

#### Blackberry Dumplings

- 1 Quart Water
- 1 Cup Sugar
- ½ Gallon Blackberries

Dumplings

- 2 Cups Flour
- ¼ Cup Sugar
- ¼ Cup Shortening

Combine the water, berries, and 1 cup of sugar in a large pot.

Cook until berries are done, and if needed, add more water to the juice to thin it.

#### Dumplings

Mix the flour, sugar, and shortening until it is a bit thicker than biscuit dough.

On a floured board roll out four circles each being 12 inches in diameter and ¼ inch thick.

Cut these into ¾ inch wide strips and cut the strips into 3-inch-long pieces.

When the juice is boiling, add the dumplings, one at a time.

Boil slowly for about 15 minutes.

### Lenape Hominy

White Flour Corn -or- White Field Corn

Wood Ashes; about as much or as the amount of corn water to cover both

Mix the water and the ashes together, then pour the corn into the mixture. Cook until the corn begins to look a yellowish-orange color, about an hour or so. Stir from time to time.

Now wash the corn until all traces of the ashes are gone. At this point, the corn will look like common kernels, but of a yellowish-orange color.

*(Next step can be omitted if the hominy is wanted immediately)*

Put the washed corn into a cloth sack and hang it in the sun and wind. Stir it around occasionally until it is well dried, and rattles like dried beans. The corn this way will store indefinitely.

When ready to cook into hominy, pour the dried corn into water and bring to the boil. Boil about 10 mins.

Completely drain off the water.

Add new water and repeat the boiling and pouring off several times to remove the ashy taste.

Cook in the last water until tender. At this point add meat and cook it with the corn

### Corn and Pumpkin

- 1 Can of 100% pure pumpkin
- 1 Can of whole kernel corn
- ¾ Cup of sugar

Drain liquid off the canned corn.

Mix the three items together.

Adjust the amount of sugar to taste.

Boil slowly for about 5 minutes and serve.



This is an old Lenape recipe using modern ingredients. For an old-time taste, sweeten to taste with maple syrup instead of sugar. ■

### Check Out the Tribal Website

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

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





### Are you a Korean War Veteran

IF YOU'RE A KOREAN WAR VETERAN THAT SERVED IN KOREA IN 1950-53, THE SOUTH KOREAN GOVERNMENT WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE WITH THE AMBASSADOR FOR PEACE MEDAL PRESENTED BY THE EMISSARY OF THE SOUTH KOREAN GOVERNMENT.

PLEASE CONTACT AMERICAN LEGION ADJUTANT KIM VINCENT AT OFFICE (405)-282-2589 / CELL-619-807-8431

OR CONTACT STEVEN DONNELL, SERVICE OFFICER AT CELL- 760-401-2056

**\*\*\*UPDATE: Change in Criteria\*\*\***

Any veteran deceased or alive that served in Korea from 1950-55 in-country or in Naval operations supporting NATO are eligible for the award. Veterans or Family members may fill out the application with proof (DD214). Applications must be turned in to the Lenape Veterans Office by October 11. The Awardees will be notified of date and location of the awards ceremony. The next date will be November 2 in Tulsa. Please send all applications to:

Steven Donnell c/o Lenape Veterans Center  
Delaware Tribe of Indians  
5100 Tuxedo Blvd  
Bartlesville OK 74006 ■



# Who Was Albert Exendine?

Jeffrey P. Yoest, Westerville Historical Society

In the early 1900s, the Carlisle Indian Industrial School football teams won fame for its winning record, going 167-88-13 in the 25 years between 1893 and 1917, when the school folded. The underdogs successfully competed against the Ivy League powerhouse schools of the era, relying on speed and guile to combat the great size and rosters of their opponents. Carlisle was credited for developing the overhand spiral pass and the hand-off fake and other trick plays. In 1912, Carlisle faced the US Military Academy at West Point. Coach Pop Warner, in a pre-game address to his team, said “Your fathers and your grandfathers are the ones who fought their fathers. These men playing against you today are soldiers. They are the long knives. You are Indians. Tonight, we will know if you are warriors.” Led by Jim Thorpe, the Army was routed 27-6. Albert Exendine (Too-peaning) was a major player in Carlisle’s success.

Born in 1884 in Cherokee Indian Territory in Bartlesville, Oklahoma, his father was a Cherokee and his mother was a member

of the Delaware Nation. He entered the Carlisle Indian Industrial School in Pennsylvania in 1899 and played football from 1902–1907. He was captain of the team in 1906. As an end, Exendine dazzled spectators with his athleticism and was a two-time All-American at that position. In a game against Vanderbilt, an opposing player described him as “the fastest end I ever saw.” Pop Warner described him as “sheer brilliance” and was considered one of the best football minds ever. University of Oklahoma coach Bud Wilkinson said Exendine “knew more football than any man who ever set foot on Oklahoma soil. His mind was too far advanced in theories for most players to understand, and he knew offense better than any man who ever lived.” Knute Rockne, in the stands watching the game against Chicago in 1907, commented on Exendine and teammate William Gardener, calling them “as great a pair of ends as ever played together on a football team.” John Heisman (namesake of the Heisman Trophy) picked Exendine and Jim Thorpe as



members of his All-Time All-American Team. He was inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame in 1970.

In 1907, Warner put Jim Thorpe under the tutelage of Exendine for the Carlisle track team. Thorpe promptly broke all the track records previously set by Exendine. This would be the beginning of a long association between the two men, with “Ex” serving as Thorpe’s friend, counselor and mentor.

He had a very successful coaching career with impressive winning seasons, especially at Otterbein and Georgetown. Exendine’s Otterbein teams from 1909–1911 were 15-7-3, with three losses to Ohio State University. At Georgetown he coached from 1914 to 1921, and achieved a record of 55-21-3, winning con-

ference titles in 1915, 1917 and 1919. In 1916, his Georgetown team scored more points than any team in the country. He also coached at Washington State University, Occidental College, Northeastern State Teacher’s College (now Northeastern State University), and Oklahoma A&M (now Oklahoma State University). While practicing law in Oklahoma, Exendine volunteered to Coach an Anadarko high school track team in 1936. His team was unbeaten as they scored 300 points to the opposition’s 12.

While at Carlisle, he studied law at Dickinson University. Later in life, he practiced law in McAlester, Pawhuska, and Tulsa, serving the legal needs of Native Americans (so they would not get swindled), and he was a life-long activist for Indian issues and served with the Bureau of Indian Affairs. He was honored for his contributions to his people by being placed in the Oklahoma and Indian Halls of Fame and was named Indian of the Year in 1968 by the Council of American Indians. Albert Exendine dedicated his life to making life better for others.

Albert Exendine died in 1973 at the age of 88. He is buried in Memorial Park Cemetery in

Tulsa. Strangely, he lies in an unmarked grave. There is an effort underway to place a marker on his final resting place. For more information, or if you wish to contribute to the cause, please contact the Westerville Historical Society, P. O. Box 1063, Westerville, OH 43086. Westerville is the home of Otterbein University.

For an excellent account of the story of the Carlisle Indian teams, refer to Sally Jenkins’s book, *The Real All Americans*. ■



# An Update From the Delaware Tribe of Indians Title VI Program

Archie Elvington

Through the months of June, July, and August the Delaware Tribe Title VI Program has had some very fun events! In June we visited a health fair at another senior center where one of our Elders, Mrs. Peggy Jackson, won a

36-inch flatscreen TV. In July we celebrated the birthday of Title VI Director Trudy Kerby. And in August our Elders went to Branson, Missouri to see a show at the Clay Cooper Theater and ate at the Grand Country Buffet. Also,

those 3 months saw visits from local farmers who sold their crops at discounted prices for our Elders and those on WIC. We at the Delaware Tribe Title VI Program hope for many more travel activities for our Elders and look forward to our own health fair on October 9, our Elder Halloween Party October 31, a Picnic in the Park on September 20, Christmas shopping December 13, and an

Elder Christmas Party December 20.

The Title VI Program served a total of 4,006 meals to Elders this summer, including 885 to Delaware Elders and 3,127 to Elders of other tribes.

The Title VI staff are as follows: Trudy Kerby, Title VI Director/Caregiver Director who has worked 2 years with the program in the Delaware Tribe; Archie Elvington, Assistant Di-

rector/Assistant Caregiver Director of the Delaware Tribe Title VI Program for 2 years and has worked 13 years total in the Delaware Tribe Title VI Program; Kim Osborne, the Delaware Tribe Title VI site worker who has worked 2 years in the Delaware Tribe Title VI Program; and last but not least, Scott Ketcher, the new cook for the Delaware Tribe Title VI Program. ■



## Veterans Committee Report

*Kenny Brown, Chairman*

The Lenape Veterans thank Mike Burks, Farrell Burks, and John Rodriguez for representing us at the Mohican Veterans Powwow at Stockbridge Munsee Reservation in Wisconsin. Our warriors took with them the Delaware Tribe of Indians flag which was flown in the arena of our relatives all weekend.

Several of our relatives plan on attending Copan Delaware Pow Wow next year, I look forward to seeing them again.

General Council is November 9, 2024. I encourage not only all Delaware Veterans, but all tribal members to be in attendance, so our Tribe can do business. Opening General Council will be the Lenape Veterans Color Guard.

The First Americans Museum in Oklahoma City is creating a database featuring Oklahoma Military Veterans. This database is only accessible inside the FAM gallery, and it will allow visitors to the museum to see the faces of their relatives who have served our Nation.

I encourage all tribal veterans to record your military information. FAM will scan up to four documents and one portrait. If you don't already have a portrait, they can take one. This event is November 1 and 2, 2024 from 11:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. each day.

**Upcoming Pow Wows:** Broken Arrow Veterans Association Pow-Wow, October 12, 2024, Kenny Brown Headman; OSU Powwow, October 26, 2024, Lenape Veterans Color Guard on duty.

The Delaware War Mothers and Veterans Gourd Dance Society Gourd Dance will be held November 2, 2024, 2:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M. at Toby Mooreland Student Center in Copan. Army Veteran Mike Burks will serve as Head Gourd Dancer.

Veterans Day is Monday, November 11, 2024. May be parades and dances all weekend, Ayeeeee! ■

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

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

The Bartlesville Indian Women's Club invites all area Native American women to join us for an evening of learning our culture, foods, tribal rites, continued growth, and awareness of Indians. All our money making projects go to our college scholarships. We have Indian Taco dinners and Style Shows to help raise these funds!! Meeting other Indian women is fun and a sense of sisterhood is developed!

Our meetings are 6 P.M. the second Thursday of each month at 601 S. Shawnee, Bartlesville, OK, at the Neighborhood Connection Building. ■

### Delaware Indian News

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We invite contributions, but reserve the right to limit printing based upon available space. The deadline for articles, letters, ads and calendar of events is December 15, 2024 for the January 2025 issue. Submissions may be mailed, faxed or hand delivered to the tribal office or emailed to [din@delawaretribe.org](mailto:din@delawaretribe.org). Paid advertisements are available; for rates, please contact the editor.

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## Introducing the Delaware Tribe of Indians Portal for Tribal Members' Use

The portal provides you the opportunity to:

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



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

Actions you **\*cannot\*** complete through the portal:

- Any application that requires certified documents and/or notarized paperwork (i.e. new enrollment or new tribal ID card)

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

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

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**Caney Office:**  
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Caney, KS 67333  
(620) 879-2189

**Tribal Website:**  
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# Youth Interview with River Michael-Bread

What are the most meaningful Delaware practices to you?

The most impactful cultural practices taught to me were our social dances and what they represent because not only can I learn the songs and dances and practice them but I can take part in passing them on to the future generations to come.



What are your goals for Lenape youth going forward?

The more the youth are involved with cultural practices, the better. My goal would be to reach back to the old ways of teaching the youth traditional knowledge.

What advice do you have for our young Delaware members?

My advice for our Lenape youth is to try to speak your language as much as possible. Everything starts with language. No matter how many words you know or may not know, speak it as much as you can. ■

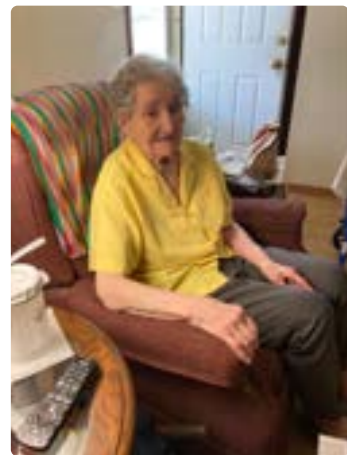
# Elder Interview with Betty Barnes

What are some of your fondest memories from your childhood?

I grew up in Ochelata. We lived with my grandfather, my mother’s father. Getting together with my cousins, who lived here also. We would go swimming at Double Creek. Making ice cream, going roller skating at the school and playing games with my cousins.

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

I feel it is important to hold on to our historical values , our language, our traditional clothing. Also reading about our history that was recorded by people like Weslauger. It is interesting how our people migrated from the east to Kansas through all those states to Kansas, to where we are now. It’s interesting history to me.



What advice would you like to give our youth?

Read about our people, have knowledge about that. If we don’t know our history , it can be lost. ■

# An Update From the Food Pantry

Sonny Fixico, Food Pantry Director

Hello all Lenape peoples! Sonny Fixico here with an update on the Delaware Tribe Food Pantry. Fall is here, so it’s time to start thinking about Thanksgiving and Christmas! Busy season is coming for the Food Pantry as we strive to help with holiday needs as much as possible.

We should have our box truck by the time this article comes out! I am super excited to have that piece of equipment to help us bring food in for our Lenape people! It will also save our backs, as we will be able to more freely use pallets to move our bulk food orders. I have also gotten consent from the Muscogee Creek Nation Food Distribution program to receive some of their push around shopping carts!

We served 974 kids this summer during our Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) for kids! That comes out to a total of 9,740 meals served to children in our community! We were able to take part in this program as part of our partnership with the Food Bank of Eastern Oklahoma.

Our ground beef is now coming from Rainey’s in Ramona, OK. Mike Rainey has offered us ground beef at a cheaper price than what we previously paid, and he also delivers the beef to us on a schedule at no extra cost to us.

Special thanks to Shana Robedeaux and the Food Pantry staff! And of course, our volunteers, including Angelia, Bob, and of course Tristen Tucker, for coming in clutch when we needed it! We really appreciate you guys here at the food pantry! Thanks to Mike Rainey out of Ramona as well! ■



## Greetings from Lenape Early Learning Center!

*Emily Harker, Lenape Early Learning Center Family Services Coordinator*

Our center has been busy at work, supporting children and their families as we continue to grow! We want to thank all those families who were able to attend their child’s parent-teacher conferences. These are great opportunities to sit down with your child’s teacher and learn about the wonderful things they are doing in the classroom, as well as find ways to support learning at home. This involvement in your child’s learning will only help their growth as they move into further education.

Another great thing happening here at LELC is our partnership with the Washington County Health Department. They came to our center in July and offered free hearing screenings to the children. This free service is a great tool for early detection to help support children in their learning journey. Community partnerships are also important to us at LELC, and we look forward to future partnerships with WCHD and others to help support our children and their families.

July was a time for change as our big kids graduated from our program and moved on to public schools. We are

always sad to see these kids we have had for years leave us, but we know they are on to bigger things and will be doing great things in the future! We also want to thank one of our parents, McKenzie Loffer, who was able to make ribbon skirts and vests for us to gift to our graduating kids to take a piece of the Delaware Tribe and LELC with them. They will always have a special place in our hearts; we hope this gift will do the same for them.

We have also welcomed Ms. Tammy Cunningham as a teacher at LELC. She is working on incorporating the Delaware culture into the classroom with lesson plans filled with Lenape language, cultural activities, and learning experiences. One activity she did was making frybread with the children. They loved the activity as well as eating their end project! Ms. Tammy also had help from Ms. Tori and Ms. Kiah. This was a great experience all around and we look forward to what Ms. Tammy will be able to teach our children, as they are our future! ■



## Introducing Child Care Subsidy Coordinator Victorie Spotted Bear

*Victorie Spotted Bear, Delaware Child Care Subsidy Coordinator*

Ha.weh! My name is Victorie Spotted Bear, my Osage Name is Wa-Ko^ Ki-He-Kah (Woman Chief). I come from the Grayhorse District of the Osage Nation. I have been married to my husband Cory Spotted Bear for 11 years and we have three beautiful children. Their names are Sage Sweetgrass, Bennett Freddie, and LaKota Walking Sky. I was the director of the Wah.Zha.Zhe Early Learning Center-Hominy for 4 years before I shifted my focus to having children. I initially came to work for the Lenape Early Learning Center with 15 years of experience in Early Childhood Education. I am currently the Delaware Child Care Subsidy Coordinator, and I have been

working on getting our Delaware Child Care Subsidy Program up and running. My education is in Early Childhood Education, and I plan to further my education in the near future. My main focus is to help the Lenape people and other tribal members within our service area.

I truly have a passion for Early Childhood Education. It is very important to me that families find the right provider for their needs. I look forward to working with families and providers. The Subsidy Program will be available to qualified applicants pending the approval process. In order for providers to become participants they must also be licensed through our program. We are cur-

rently accepting applications for relative providers and child care providers. I look forward to helping families and providers receive the high quality child care that they deserve. If you have any questions please reach out to me.

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# A Message From American Woolen Company President Jacob Long

Jacob Long

## The Return of Made In America at the Olympics.

Back in 2012, when news got out that the Ralph Lauren designed Team USA uniforms for the London Olympic games were Made in China, Americans were furious. It was no surprise that America was a net importer of clothing, but few understood just how much of America's textile and apparel industry had been offshored. In 1982, over 70% of the apparel consumed in America was made in America. Even in the 1980s, Americans were both apparel producers and apparel consumers. Over the next thirty years, misguided trade policy and opportunistic financial investors changed the dynamic. Global supply chains that crisscrossed the world were constructed to provide the American consumer with an endless supply of cheap and low quality apparel. Regionally crafted apparel that represented local cultures and geographies were replaced by everyday basics made from petrochemical textiles in sweatshops on the other side of the world. Mass market retailers did not think twice that commoditized sport coats, shirts, trousers and jackets traveled tens of thousands of miles to reach final consumers. Who needs traditions when you can save a few bucks. By 2012, over 96% of the apparel worn in America was manufactured offshore. But that was then.

The COVID pandemic was ruthless in claiming so many innocent lives and placing whole communities under some form of lockdown. Over a 12-month period, the nation witnessed scenes of angry consumers fighting for toilet paper and t-shirts. Mass media filled our lives with tales of empty store shelves. America's ever-resilient global supply chains fell apart in a matter of months, leaving the American consumer shirtless and without toilet paper. The nation was left vulnerable and helpless. And yet,

as Albert Einstein stated, "in the midst of every crisis, lies great opportunity." The COVID pandemic was the wake up call for America to reassert its domestic priorities. Over the last four years, Washington has appropriated billions to restart America's high tech manufacturing industry. Various political factions are jockeying to rebuild and support American small business. Reforming domestic trade policy is back on the national agenda. A new wave of local entrepreneurs are leaving their desk jobs to open workshops and restore American craft manufacturing. Farm to table restaurants, craft breweries, boot makers, local denim mills, and cut and sew factories are just a few of the new businesses taking root. Making things in America is becoming cool. This is now.

For the 2024 Summer Olympic Games, Ralph Lauren sourced the finest in Responsible Wool Standard (RWS) wool fiber from Oregon and Montana. The RWS label meant that the wool fiber came from ranches that not only practiced humane husbandry but grazed flocks to maximize soil biodiversity. The cloth was woven and finished at American Woolen's facilities. Every yard of fabric was inspected to guarantee the finest hand with no defects. The jackets were manufactured at Ferrara Manufacturing in Astoria, Queens. From start to finish, the jacket traveled a few thousand miles. More than a Navy sport coat, Ralph Lauren's Olympic uniform represented the finest in American pride and effort. When Americans set their minds on something, there is nothing that we cannot do. American Woolen and its team are now hard at work crafting the next batch of Team USA Uniforms for the 2026 Winter Olympic Games in Cortina, Italy. The future is looking good. ■







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# Delaware War Mother's & Veteran's Gourd Dance

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# November, 2nd 2024

## Crown Princess

2:30 pm

### Schedule:

- 2:00 pm - 8:00 pm
- Supper 5-6
- Concession Stand Available
- Silent auction
- Cake walk
- 50/50

Head Gourd Dancer:  
Mike Burks

Head Lady Dancer:  
Skye Seimeca

Head Singer:  
Robert Crowels

MC: Jimmie Johnson

AD: Tristen Tucker

2024-2025 War Mother's Princess:  
Lyndee Paige Revard

Toby Moreland Student  
Center in Copan, OK



**(Above) Delaware Tribe Historic Preservation**  
Bear Tompkins



## Obituaries

### Judy M. Hough Fautin



**September 28, 1952–  
June 14, 2024**

Judy M. Fautin, a beloved wife, mother, grandmother, and great grandmother, passed from this life June 14, 2024, in Las Vegas Nevada. Judy was born September 28, 1952, in Goldendale, Washington to Chester and Lillian (Holman) Hough. Judy was a member of the Delaware Tribe of Indians.

Judy will be remembered for her warm personality as a true people person who cherished every moment spent with friends and family.

Judy worked and retired from the Banking industry.

Judy's real love was for baking, cake decorating and entertaining friends and family.

Judy was famous for her secret recipe for chocolate chip cookies, holiday dinners for her family, which always included her cousins and friends as well as her children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren.

Judy's proudest accomplishment was her family, her children and her enduring marriage to the love of her life Dallas Fautin. They were united in marriage on February 25, 1972 and their union was a symbol of love and commitment that truly inspired all who knew them.

Judy is survived by her devoted husband Dallas, Her daughters Tara Fautin, Tawni (Aaron) Sangster, grandchildren Alyssa, Destinee, Mackenzie, Aidan and Jordan. Great grandchildren Stella, Alexzander and Axel. As well as her beloved dog Sammy who is a cherished part of the family.

Judy was preceded in death by her Parents, son Adley Fautin, siblings, brothers and sisters in law and her playful pup Lola. She touched the lives of many and will be deeply missed by all who knew her.

Services were held in West Jordan, Utah

Judy's legacy of love, kindness, and unwavering dedication to her family and friends will remain forever in our hearts. May she rest in peace knowing she was cherished by many. ■



### Kylene Pewenofkit



**September 23, 1979–  
September 3, 2024**

It is with deep sorrow that we announce the passing of Kylene Pewenofkit, a beloved mother, partner, and friend, on September 3, 2024. She was 44 years old.

Kylene Pewenofkit was born on September 23, 1979, in Lawton,

Oklahoma. She was a loving and devoted mother to her four children: Aidyn, Julianna, Yvette, and Ivy Chaddleson. Her life was a testament to her boundless love, strength, and dedication to her family.

She shared her life with her cherished partner, Kenny Chaddlesone, with whom she built a home filled with love, laughter, and countless memories. Together, they nurtured a close-knit family, and for Kylene this was the heart of her world. Her quiet nature was still one of kindness and warmth that touched everyone who was blessed to know her. Kylene was baptized in 2023 at her home church Galilee Baptist. She was ready to be welcomed to her heavenly home.

Kylene had a very close relationship with her mother, Juanita and grandmother, Gladys Yackeyonny. She was raised by two strong women who instilled in the importance of family. She had a deep passion for art, movies, and watching her children play video games. Her legacy will live on through the lives of her smart beautiful children.

She is survived by her life partner, Kenny Chaddleson, her four children Aidyn, Julianna, Yvette, and Ivy Chaddleson. Mother, Juanita Pewenofkit, Aunt Judith De La Rosa, Aunt Pamela Ortega. She also leaves behind many loving cousins, nieces, nephews, and very special life-long friends.

Kylene was preceded in death by her dad, Amos, brothers, Amos Jr and Leonard, Uncles, Jerome and Burnett, Grandmother, Gladys Yackeyonny. Kylene's life was a testament to strong love of family.

Visitation for Kylene was held from 1:00 P.M.–6:00 P.M. on Sunday, September 8, 2024 at the Smith Funeral Home Chapel.

A celebration of Kylene's life was held graveside at 10:30 A.M. on Monday, September 9, 2024, at the Memory Lane Cemetery in Anadarko, Oklahoma. ■



### Charles “Charlie” Bratcher Villanueva



**January 6, 1947–  
August 16, 2024**

Charles “Charlie” Bratcher Villanueva, affectionately known as “Butch” by family, 77, was born in Claremore, Oklahoma on January 6, 1947, to loving parents Mary Louise (Bratcher) and Marciano Villanueva. Charlie was home the evening of Friday, August 16th, packing away books and treasured keepsakes as he prepared to downsize for the next chapter in his life when he peacefully passed away.

Charlie grew up in Kansas City, Missouri, where he remained a resident throughout his life. He was proud to be older brother to Mac and Louise. He loved spending time with his family, especially on trips to visit cousins in Oklahoma and California, making memories and sharing lots of laughter.

Charlie graduated from Southwest High School in 1965, where

he lettered in football. He and his brother Mac enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1966, hoping for the chance to serve together. They were both stationed in Germany – Mac as a Medic and Charlie as a Clerk and a Demolitions Specialist. Charlie also played on the U.S. Army's football team while stationed in Hanau, Germany. After his service ended, he took a job at Stuart Hall Stationary in downtown Kansas City, where he worked for nearly 12 years before becoming a Letter Carrier for the United States Postal Service. There, he received special recognition for his service over his 30-year career.

Charlie's love of family continued throughout his life. He started his family in 1976, marrying Mary Lyn (Nussbeck) Villanueva. They were overjoyed to welcome Chuck, Melissa, and Lucas over the first decade of their life together. He was an engaged father and uncle to 18 nieces and nephews. Charlie volunteered as a coach for basketball and volleyball, often stepping up to coach the “b-team.” He believed that every kid deserved a chance to learn how to play and focused on teaching the fundamentals, which led to building confidence in the players and winning records.

After his retirement in 2011, Charlie fulfilled a lifelong dream and bought himself a Harley Davidson. Spending days riding around with friends and exploring on daytrips was well deserved fun. He also began volunteering at the Kansas City Indian Center, where he built strong relationships that were spiritually enriching to him. He loved to learn about his cultural heritage as an enrolled tribal member of the Lenape, Delaware Tribe of Indians. He learned to play the wooden flute and the art of beadwork. He could often be found listening to music by native



## Obituaries (continued)

artists, watching documentaries, and reading about the history and traditions of his tribal ancestors.

Charlie was kind, compassionate, generous, and loved by all who knew him. He loved rock n' roll, science fiction, and watching football. He would often say the time spent with his kids when they were young was the greatest joy of his life. This joy grew when he became a Papa to grandchildren Axel, Lorelei, Charlena, and Althea. He loved his children and grandchildren dearly and often told stories of them with a twinkle in his eye.

Charlie was preceded in death by his mother Mary Louise, father Marciano, and brother Mac. He is survived by his sister Louise Gardner, ex-wife Mary Lyn Villanueva, sons Chuck Villanueva and Lucas Villanueva (married to Maris), daughter Melissa Jass (married to Bryan), and grandchildren Axel, Lorelei, Charlena, and Althea.

In lieu of flowers, please consider sending a donation to honor Charlie's memory to the Delaware Tribe of Indians: <https://delawaretribe.org/home-page/make-a-donation/> or the Kansas City Indian Center: <https://kcin-diancenter.org/donate/> ■



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

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

### Marjorie Ruth Wheelock



April 9, 1928–  
May 19, 2024

Marjorie Ruth Wheelock, a well-known longtime Boulder resident, passed away peacefully at home on May 19th, 2024 with her daughter Eva by her side. She was 96 years young, a devoted wife, loving mother and grandmother, active church member, community activist, volunteer whom always raised her hand, and a devoted servant of God. Everyone knew her for abundant generosity, gentle kindness and a great sense of humor.

She was born in April 1928 on a farm near Delaware, OK, the daughter of Solomon and Eva Miller Newcomb. Known as Marge, her Native American name was "she who flies with birds". When she was a child, she dreamt of being a bird and flying high above the heads of her family. They would implore her "come down from there Margie!"

The year Marge was born marked the end of a period known in American history as the Roaring Twenties after the Wall Street Crash of 1929 ushered in a worldwide Great Depression. Beginning in the mid-1930s, a severe drought called The Dust Bowl ravaged the agricultural heartland of Oklahoma. Marge remembered walking hand in hand with her sis-

ter Lena as blowing dust turned day into night. Although it would take Oklahoma a long time to heal from the myriad scars that the Depression left behind, Marge never spoke badly about the experience and instead remembered her family, aunts, uncles and cousins with legendary stories and fondness.

She was a member of the Delaware tribe whom called themselves the Lenape "the original people". Long before Marge was born, the Lenape homeland was situated within what are today the states of New Jersey, Pennsylvania, New York, and Delaware. The term Delaware is not of indigenous origin, but actually derives from the title given to Sir Thomas West, the twelfth Lord de la Warr, who was appointed the English governor of Virginia in 1610.

By the eve of the American Revolution, most Delaware groups were living along the Ohio and Allegheny rivers. The pro-British Delaware groups were living in what is today the northwestern portion of Ohio, and pro-American Delaware groups were settled near the frontier city of Pittsburgh. Despite the mixed alliance, the Delaware were largely treated as defeated British allies at the close of the war and migrated west in order to escape American retaliation.

Delaware military action against the United States ultimately ended when the Americans defeated the intertribal confederacy that included Delaware, Shawnee, and other woodland Indian forces at the Battle of Fallen Timbers in 1795. Following the Civil War, white encroachment and railroad speculation increased, and the Delaware were pressured to cede their lands in Kansas and relocate to Indian Territory, now modern day Oklahoma where Marge was born in 1928.

Marjorie was educated at the Delaware school and later at-

tended Haskell Indian Nations University in Lawrence, KS, obtaining a business degree. She wore the number 26 on her basketball team jersey and won an award for short-hand transcription. She went to work as an Executive Assistant for the Phillips Petroleum Company in Bartlesville, OK, where she met her husband of forty-nine years, Dr. Charles (Charlie) E. Wheelock, after a chance substitution at the company bowling league.

Marge was very proud of her Lenape (Delaware) heritage and her Christian faith. She served on the Delaware Tribe of Indians Business Committee, and through the national Presbyterian Synod, put a lot of her love into many committees addressing Native American and Racial/Ethnic Ministry needs. She served on the Native American Educational Grants Committee, a group that evaluates grant proposals to assist Native Americans who desire to go into ministry and allocated funds for tutoring students at Dubuque Seminary and Charles Cook Theological School. She was the moderator of the Native American Consulting Committee and traveled internationally to help indigenous ministries around the world. "I have learned so much" she said with enthusiasm, "Native Americans are spiritual people, and participating in traditional ways gives you a connectedness to your past." An ordained Elder at First Presbyterian Church, she served in Christian Education and Congregational Life, taught Sunday school with the legendary Boulderite Suzi Plooster, and was a trained lay counselor. She was active in many church groups including the Mariners, Silver Threads, Over 80, and organized the Lunch Bunch. She was integral in the Quilt Project as part of the Sesquicentennial (150 year) celebration in Boulder. Marge was

a Fairview High School Band Mom, repairing and cleaning band uniforms and keeping kids out of trouble as a chaperone. She gave many talks to schools and community groups on her culture and amazing life. In her spare time, she served many years as an Election judge, danced with husband Charlie at the Promenaders, and acted as Volunteer Coordinator for Meals on Wheels.

Every day, Marjorie read the bible and Guideposts inspirations at her desk, especially dedicated to devotional study. She wrote Old and New Testament bible verses on various scraps of paper and tucked them everywhere in random places. She welcomed many guests including college friends and parents as they journeyed through Boulder. She opened her door to Jehovah's Witnesses, Buddhists and Mormon missionaries, serving them refreshments and gently sharing her faith. She made Christmas stockings for Jewish friends who were like family to her. She was an excellent cook and provided great meals for her family. Ironically, when she returned to work after her children were in high school, her husband Charlie assumed the role of cook very badly, which added to the family's humorous lore.

Marge loved colorful Colorado and the outdoors. The family spent many nights camping in Moraine Park. She somehow packed everything into the family station wagon and scrambled the best-tasting breakfast eggs on an old green Coleman stove. She and Charlie's favorite hikes were in the often overlooked Wild Basin and Ouzel Falls trail.

She was preceded in death by her parents Solomon and Eva, brothers Bud and Coke, sisters Lena and Barbara, and beloved husband Charlie. She is remembered fondly by her daughter Eva; three sons Chuck, Steve and John;




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Chuck’s wife Deb, and her two grandsons Henry and George. She also leaves behind a wake of friends and admirers at the Bramford, which served beautifully as her home and community for nearly thirty years. She will be greatly missed and forever remembered.

A service was held at Grace Commons Church in Boulder on Sunday June 9th, 2024 at 2:00 P.M. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to Tru Hospice Community Care <https://fundraise.givesmart.com/form/njCXCA?vid=15sefe>

Read the epic Boulder Weekly article on her life: <https://boulderweekly.com/news/so-the-story-goes/> ■



An Update From the Delaware Tribe Ranch LLC

The Delaware Tribe Ranch LLC introduced its Board of Directors in an article earlier in the year. The trio of dedicated individuals named below now have an email address for contacting the Board.

**Tanayia Hubler**—Chairperson of the Board  
**Dale Goode**—Board Member  
**Jim Perrier**—Board Member

Email: [delawareranch@delawaretribe.org](mailto:delawareranch@delawaretribe.org)

Purchased with federal funds allocated during the Covid pandemic, the Delaware Tribe Ranch has taken shape and is proudly announcing and cordially inviting you to its Ranch Open House on Saturday, October 12th from 2 P.M. to 6 P.M. Bring your own lawn chairs and join everyone for hamburgers and hot dogs and tours of the Ranch. ■



Tanayia Hubler



Jim Perrier



Dale Goode



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.

October 23  
November 20 (Changed to 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed. For The Holiday)  
December 18 (Changed to 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed. For The Holiday)  
January 22

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.

October 22  
November 19  
December 17  
January 21

Cultural Preservation

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

October 1  
November 5  
December 3  
January 7

Veterans Committee

Fourth Tuesday of every month at 6:00 P.M.

October 22  
November 19  
December 17  
January 21

Others

War Mothers

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

October 14  
November 11  
December 9  
January 13

Prevention Support Services

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

Delaware Tribe Ranch Open House

Sedan KS  
October 12 2-6 P.M.

Teton Trade Cloth by Lenape Fashion Show

Bartlesville OK  
October 26 ■







# 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 Constitution<sup>1</sup>.

## Election Date

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

## 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 elections.<sup>3</sup>

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 birthday<sup>4</sup> 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 Document<sup>56</sup>.

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 members 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.

<sup>1</sup> Delaware Tribe of Indians Constitution (2022) Article V. Section M  
<sup>2</sup> Delaware Tribe of Indians Constitution (2022) Article VI. Section 1  
<sup>3</sup> Delaware Tribe of Indians Constitution (2022) Article VI. Section 6  
<sup>4</sup> Delaware Tribe of Indians Constitution (2022) Article II

<sup>5</sup> Delaware Tribe of Indians Constitution (2022) Article VI, Section 7  
<sup>6</sup> 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. ■

DELAWARE TRIBE  
HOUSING  
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OPEN MEETINGS

Held 3rd Thursday each month  
6:00 pm

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COMMITTEE

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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

## 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](http://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](mailto:hingram@delawaretribe.org)  
Phone: (918) 337-6590

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

Emily Haney: Enrollment Director  
Email: [ehaney@delawaretribe.org](mailto:ehaney@delawaretribe.org)  
Phone: (918) 337-6583 ■

## 2024 Delaware Tribe of Indians Election Board

Elaine Clinton—Chair  
Sandy Tompkins—Member  
Beverly Chafin—Member  
Annette Ketchum—Member  
Avis Ballard—Member





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

### Instructions For Voting in 2024 Election

On November 2, 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 November 2, 2024

(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 received by October 4, 2024

There will be (1) polling location for those members wanting to cast your vote in person:

Saturday, November 2, 2024

8:00 A.M.–2:00 P.M.

Delaware Tribal Community Center

5100 Tuxedo Blvd

Bartlesville, OK 74006

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.

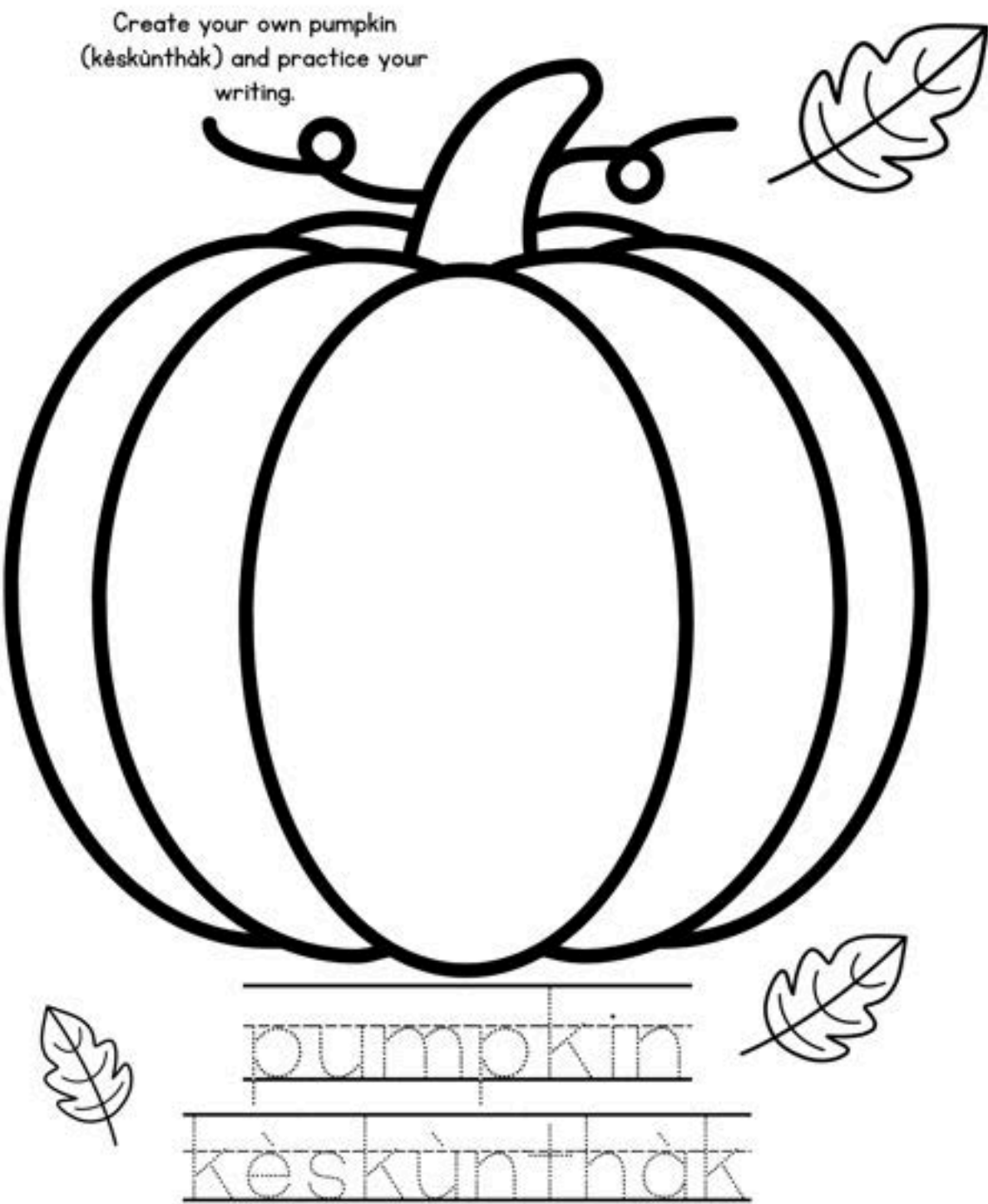
Please take time to vote. Make your voice count! Encourage your friends, family and Delaware neighbors near and far to vote as well.

Wanishi,

Delaware 2024 Election Board ■



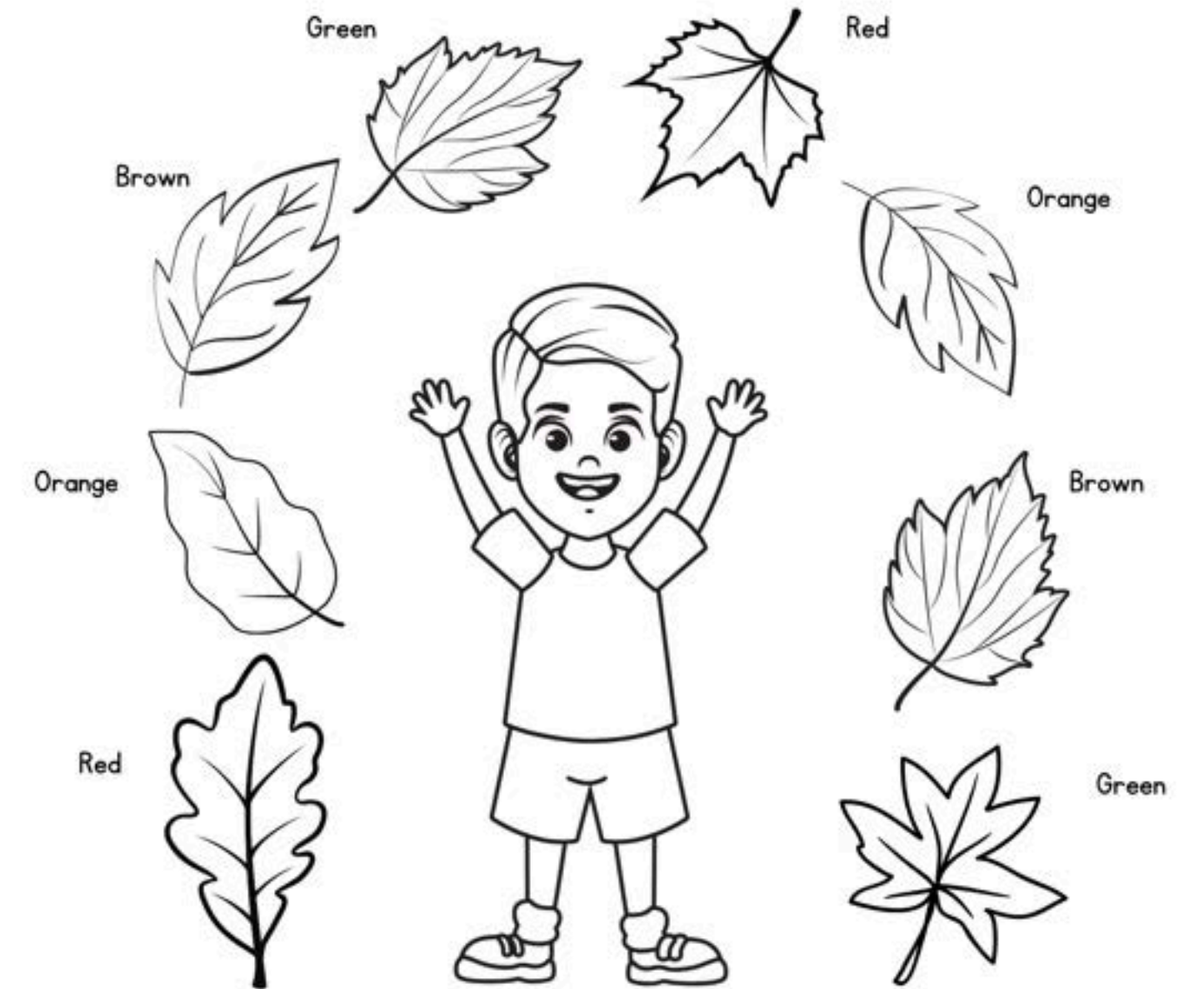
Lenape Youth Fun Pages





# Fall Day - tahkokëñëwi kishku

Color the picture below. Use the fall colors indicated for the leaves. Use colors of your choice to color the boy.



tahkokëñëwi kishku














































































## I SPY WINTER ~ LUWÀN



There are ten Winter icons. Count and colour each set of icons as you find them.  
Write the number in the box beside the icons you counted.



## Emily Vass Represents Delaware Tribe of Indians at Suicide Prevention Gathering in Minneapolis, MN

*Emily Vass*

*Please note that this article contains potentially activating and upsetting information on suicide. The purpose of this article is to elevate and amplify the conversations that will assist in educating our community on mental health support services for active-duty service members, veterans and their families. Please know that resources are available. Call or Text 988 for immediate assistance. Additional culturally supportive resources include being able to simply text the word "NATIVE" to 741741. Please consider reviewing the [www.wernative.org](http://www.wernative.org) website or connecting with the author of this article, Emily (Anna) Vass, MHR (850) 844-6798 or [emily.vass@improvinglivescounseling.com](mailto:emily.vass@improvinglivescounseling.com)*

In December 2023, Veteran Affairs released their suicide prevention annual report. Veteran Affairs continues to report that Native American and Alaska Native communities serve at an increase rate per capita compared to other ethnic communities. The report states that there was a 51.8% increase as an unadjusted rate. As a response to this, Veterans

Affairs and Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration (SAMHA) hosted a Gathering to Promote the Prevention of Suicide among Native American Service Members, Veterans and their Families. This conference was held in Minneapolis, Minnesota in August 2024. I was honored to be invited to this significant event to represent caregivers, family members, and Native American/Indigenous mental health professionals. This was a two-day event that brought in approximately 85 Native American and Alaska Native community members and Veteran Affairs employees to begin the conversation on how to develop and implement culturally relevant treatment options that will encourage engagement and utilization of mental health support services.

Over the two days' Gathering, the mornings were structured for key note speakers and panel participants, while the afternoons were reserved for the discussion of how to begin structuring and coordinating communication and resources as the VA asked our community how they can better support us. This was incredibly moving, as Matt Miller, Director of Veteran Affairs Office of Suicide

Prevention, specifically noted that this Gathering was about listening to the veterans, listening to the families and caregivers, and their lived experiences of the how the VA has not always gotten the things right. Director Miller respectfully and humbled addressed our veterans, our families, and our mental health support professionals. This was an incredibly moving moment for me to experience as a family member and caregiver to veterans. It was affirming as a mental health professional that 2025 will bring a command for multicultural competencies to support services.

There were so many wonderful and encouraging shares from the panel speakers about organizations that are standing by and ready to assist our Native Veterans. There are programs right here in Oklahoma and many organizations throughout the country who are ready to mentor other tribes as they begin to develop their own mental health support services. I am blessed and honored to share this information. It is my hope that the Lenape people will be encouraged and continue the conversations of advocacy as we work with the VA to build the

programs that will resonate with our spirit while honoring our culture.

This article is also my re-introduction to the community as I am preparing to be actively on the tribal campus and available to all our Lenape and Native American community. My name is Emily (Anna) Vass. I am the oldest grand-daughter of Barbara Wallace and great-niece to Richard Falleaf and Connie Falleaf. Within my family, every branch of service is represented as we have a very strong tradition of military service. In addition to being a grandchild, daughter, niece and cousin of service members and veterans, I have supported my husband while he served in the United States Navy. He served a total of 25 years, I supported him for 23 of those years. We met when I was an undergrad at OSU-Stillwater and he was stationed at Tinker. We have spent the last two years transitioning into his first retirement. I have a very powerful and unique perspective when all of my roles are combined. I firmly believe Creator has positioned me for this position of advocacy. It's the most credible explanation for how and why I was specifically selected and invited to be a part of

this small and distinct group of professionals.

Please as you see me at Elder lunches and community events, I encourage you to come and say hello. Stop and visit me at the Health Fair and learn more about how I can help connect you to Improving Lives Counseling and the events we will be hosting this fall and winter. I am excited about connecting with Family & Children Services, Veterans Services, and Elder Services to share about the Case Management and Mental Health Services that will be available at the tribal complex. ■



*Picture of Emily (Anna) Vass, MHR & Dr. Val Sierra in Minneapolis, MN*

## Volunteers Needed!

*Tonya Anna*

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

**Lenapeowski Foundation**—This 501(c)3 organization has been around since 2007 and has gone by the wayside. We would like to see someone get this group back up and running. Its mission was to preserve, sustain, and perpetuate Lenape language, culture, and society. When it was actively operating,

they could have up to 30 school-aged children attend weekly. They would have potluck and cultural activities in Forsythe Hall where all children were welcome regardless of tribal affiliation.

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





Happy  
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James D.  
Tipton

Wish You All The Best  
and Stay Golden

September 2nd, 1924



Here is a picture of Chief KillsCrow with one our newest tribal members. Kashlyn Willow-Rae Smith is 9 months old and stopped by headquarters for her tribal card and got to meet the Chief. She is seen here pictured with her mom, Kristine Smith. Kashlyn and Kristine are visiting from California.



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Caney, KS  
67333  
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620-879-2189

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918-331-7349



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