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## From the Garden

*Dana Murrell*

Jack Tatum and his dog Lucy came out to visit and to check on the plants while “our” Lucy, kitchen assistant, was watering the Elder Community Garden.

The tomatoes began forming the first week of May. They are looking good now that we don’t have to cover them for the cold. They should flourish now that the warm weather is coming.

Lettuce is starting to take after moving to the dirt from the hydroponics model that was set up in the dining hall. It has been a learning experience; however, radishes, cucumbers, and squash are all up.

The first crop of onions and radishes was ready the week of May

9th. There is still room for more. In July and August we can put out potatoes and onions.

In mid-May the ground was warm enough for gourds per the Elders’ suggestions. Their suggestions also include when to start certain seeds and paying attention to the weather.

Tobacco plants will be started via hydroponics as well and we have two different styles of plants to grow.

The blue corn is doing awesome and we should have lots of it! This will be just for seed this year.

The current residents of our garden include:

- Green beans
- Onions

- Blue corn
- Yellow Squash
- Cucumbers
- Radishes
- Tomatoes
- Lettuce (three different kinds)

On May 9th Lucy was happy to report that the salad for the Elders lunch that day contained lettuce, onions and radishes straight from the garden!

Keep your eyes on Facebook for current garden updates!■

## Ancient Seeds for Seed Bank

Last year, when our “culture camp” traveled to the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area, Larry Hilaire, wildlife biologist who oversees agricultural leasing within the recreation area’s Research and Resource Management Division, gave the Delaware Tribe a gift of many seeds for our seed bank. There will be nine out of each pack to start in the garden for “seed only” this year. A few are Delaware Blue Corn, Pigeon Beans and an old ancient corn that grows differently from others. It will be very exciting to watch them grow in our garden!■



Left, Jack and Lucy; center, radishes and tomatoes from the Garden; right, Lucy Young tends the garden.

## From the Desk of Council Member Benita Shea

The warmer weather is welcomed and I wish you a summer full of blessings.

The highlight of the last few months was my visit to Las Vegas for RES2016. The chance to visit with the entities within the Native American world was enlightening. They offered many different sessions to attend and learn from. It was a chance to feel like a part of something very big, and to see the possibilities of our own people was inspiring.

As part of my interest in strategic planning, my focus is economic development and preserving our culture. I joined the culture preservation group and look forward to learning and teaching our next generations. I am very excited to see what John Thomas, a Delaware Tribal member, brings back from the Dr. Herbert C. Kraft collection at Seton Hall located in New Jersey. Wanishi, John, for your effort in this opportunity.

I must say the first half of 2016 has been a busy time. With those opportunities come different issues. My response: "It is good to have decisions that need to be made because we see possible growth."

Due to the city approval to rezone the area on the north side of our campus, the hydroponics venture will continue. A proposal for a contract will be presented to the council in the very near future. We will review this with our attorney and comb through the details with an eagle eye.

The Lawrence group received council approval to apply for a planning grant. It is exciting to see what we can build in the Lawrence, KS area. The vision is a place to grow and provide heritage Native American plants.

I look forward to the Delaware Pow Wow to be held Memorial Day weekend. Prayers to the creator to have good weather so that all of us can enjoy good dancing and fellowship.

Wanishi!

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## Important Information from Chief Chet Brooks

**K**ulamalsi Hech? Wuli Kishku Nipan – How Are You This Good Summer Day?

On November 5, 2016 the Delaware Tribe of Indians will hold Tribal Elections. Three Tribal Council seats, Trust Board Chair, three Trust Board Member seats, and two Tribal Justice seats will be open for election. Also to be voted on is a Trust budget question to raise the Education budget from 25% to 30% and reduce the Community Service budget from 30% to 25%. All Tribal voters are encouraged to vote Yes on this Trust Budget Amendment. It has become necessary in order to continue scholarships at the current rate; Community Service expenditures have been less than budgeted any way.

Tribal Members, it makes me sad to consider that in our last two elections only about 8% of our adult voters have voted, while 30-40% of U.S. population

votes in national elections. Please support your Tribe and vote in this year's election. I remind all tribal members: if you voted in either the 2013 Trust Election or the 2014 Chief's Election you are registered to vote and will receive a ballot. If you did not vote in either of these elections, or have moved to a new address, you will have to fill out a "request for absentee ballot" in order to vote. A copy of this request is in this issue or can be downloaded from our tribal web site at [www.delawaretribe.org](http://www.delawaretribe.org). Candidates for office will find a filing form in this issue or online, and the filing period is from August 1–September 1. I am asking all Lenape to take the time to register and vote in our 2016 Tribal Election.

Wanishi!

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## Toward Tribal Self-Sufficiency

*Nate Young*

The past few months have been very important for our Tribes self-sufficiency. The Department of Interior has approved our application to place our Caney land into Trust status. At this time only few administrative requirements are to be completed. These administrative requirements will be completed in the next weeks. Once these requirements are met, Interior is prepared to take the land in Trust. Not since the Tribe was located in Kansas and forced to relocate to Oklahoma in 1866 have we had our own land held in Trust status. This taking of land in Trust will make our Tribe eligible for grants, services, and economic development projects that were never available to us in the past. This is truly a significant moment in the history of our Tribe.

Another important step in the Delaware quest for economic self-sufficiency has been the award of 8(a) status to our Tribe by the Small Business Administration of the U.S. Department of Commerce. The formation of our own com-

pany, Tahkox e2, allows us to compete in area of government contracting. This includes what is often referred to as sole source and indefinite delivery indefinite quantity contracts. Many tribes have developed their 8(a) status into very successful and very profitable businesses. Tahkox e2 has already completed two subcontracts and is working on some new contracts.

There are several other new economic development projects under review by the Tribe. Each of these projects may help our cause of economic self-sufficiency.

There is an old Chinese proverb that I find applicable to our Tribe concerning economic self-sufficiency: "A journey of a thousand miles must begin with one step."

The Delaware have started our journey toward economic self-sufficiency.

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Chief Brooks, Senator Lankford, and Nate Young at NCAI meeting, Washington, DC.

## From the Desk of Council Member Annette Ketchum

### What If?

It is my opinion that the question should be explored: What if Dee Ketchum had won the election in 2002? This question has crossed my mind many times. Chief Ketchum served the Delaware Tribe under two chiefs for ten years, with positions of economic development director and treasurer. He found the 80 acres and worked toward the purchase of this land, which is our present campus. The Tribal Council was in full agreement that this purchase was a good thing. He believed, during the time frame of 1996-97 after federal recognition had been restored, that a land purchase would jump-start the Tribe.

After his election as Chief in 1998, he immediately began negotiating to get the NIPER Building for a new tribal headquarters. In January 1999 the Tribe moved to Virginia Avenue—the Old Bureau of Mines Building that NIPER (Department of Energy) had occupied for many years. The City of Bartlesville was in possession of the building and the Tribe purchased it for \$1. From November 1998 to November 2002, I can unequivocally say, this was the Tribe's best four years ever. [The Tribe sold the building for \$600,000 in 2006.]

When Chief Ketchum left office, the Tribe had the present campus with the community center, including child care, the elder houses, the Wellness Center Building near ready to open, and the Child Care Administration Building under construction. There were 80–90 employees, most all of the grants we have today (including Elder Nutrition), plus many more. The 8(a) businesses were moving forward; and the Boeing contract, that was on schedule to increase revenue by \$1M per year, was operating. The Tribe had separated its government arm from its business arm, thus taking the politics out of business.

The headquarters building on Virginia Avenue was 45,000 square feet and there were three other buildings in the complex.

Two state agencies leased office space in the buildings, along with other leased offices. There was an income stream from these leases and the power plant generated the power for the tribe and the hospital building across the street. The Tribe shared ownership of the power plant with JP Hospital. [During his term as chief the Tribe was in federal courts before winning the lawsuit restoring Federal Recognition.]

What if Chief Ketchum had been re-elected? It is my contention that had Chief Ketchum won the 2002 election, the Tribe:

1. Would not have lost its federal recognition again in 2005. Would have negotiated with the Cherokee Nation to agree to not put land in trust in Washington County. The Tribe would have continued to share dual jurisdiction of the five counties of Washington, Nowata, Rogers, Craig and North Tulsa.
2. Additional businesses would have been developed; additional grants would have increased our indirect and space costs; additional buildings would have been built on the present campus, while all along enjoying an administrative building on Virginia Avenue with a Tribal Council meeting chamber of unique quality; our IHS clinic and diabetes clinic would have continued to provide health services exclusively for our citizens who preferred not to use the CNO clinics.
3. In addition to those buildings which were built on the campus (Social Services, enlarged kitchen and new Child Development Care Center), we would have additional independent-living homes, a gymnasium (which was in the planning stage), and most likely assisted living and nursing care living.

## From the Desk of Council Member Nate Young

Membership on the Delaware Tribal Council requires the ability to keep track of multiple tasks. It often reminds me of the juggler we see in a circus.

A Council member must keep track of our Tribe's financial condition, see that program funds are properly spent, be looking for new programs to provide services, and seek economic projects that will provide revenue to support our Tribe. Of course, this can only be accomplished with the help of our staff.

Our effort has two purposes. One, to provide as many services as possible, including cultural preservation, to our members. Second, to develop financial self-sufficiency that helps meet the needs of our members and allows our Tribe to be less reliant on government funding.

The Council understands our member's desire for assistance with their housing, health, and their basic needs. We also acknowledge that we must develop a revenue stream to support these needs.

Financial self-sufficiency is the cure for fulfilling the need for services.

We must admit that government grants and assistance from government agencies help provide services for our members. The problem is that we become too depen-

dent on the roller coaster ride of government funding for grants. The same can be said for the funding of government agencies.

How do we achieve self-sufficiency in order to increase services? Economic development.

We have learned that successful economic development requires patience and diligence. After being awarded 8(a) status by the Small Business Administration, which gives our Tribe preference in obtaining certain government contracts, we now have to market our businesses and simultaneously convince our future clients that we can perform the work required. The time required to secure a contract and a competitive market require us to be both patient and diligent.

However, the frustration is worth it. There is not a better goal than achieving our Tribe's financial self-sufficiency and to increase the services available to our members.

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4. Would have economic development in our former reservation in Kansas and various development from Washington County, Oklahoma, to Leavenworth County, Kansas, in the form of grant opportunities and tourism.

5. Would have expanded Delaware culture to include on-going classes in songs, dances, clothing, and, of course, our language. We would have a Culture Center.

6. Would have reworked the Constitution so as to merge the by-laws, clarify confusing sections and explain the purposes of various sections of our governing document.

These are the only items I will include, although I know Chief Ketchum had extensive plans for the Tribal Council to explore and ideas to enhance income. I could go on and imagine things, but these are what would have been. Even more would have happened if he had stayed in office for more than two terms. But, alas, the voters took him out! He made it look easy to guide a tribe with his leadership, insight, vision and selflessness.

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## Elder Activities at the Community Center

*Dana Murrell*

### Basket Weaving

Dora Patzkowski was asked to teach basket weaving for an activity to be offered to our elders. She agreed and as a bonus also recruited the woman who taught her. Kathryn Kelley, a Cherokee Treasure, was given the honor of Master Weaver by her tribe several years ago. Her Indian name is pronounced (EE-JAH-KGAH) which she proudly wears on a bracelet displayed in the Cherokee Syllabary. Our group of elders are lucky to have

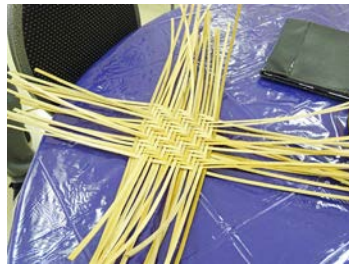
such a knowledgeable person to pass this skill to them.

The materials being used are commercial materials purchased at the Heritage Center in Tahlequah. The reed is soaked before weaving. If it's not, the reed will be too brittle and break. Many moons ago it was white oak that was used to make baskets. The women would go out in the woods to find the right type of trees and take a draw to shave the wood in strips to bring back the

materials for their baskets. Basket names weren't really around until after the last removal.

In the photos below, you see them making a flat reed square basket. It will take about three classes to finish them.

Basket weaving along with crocheting is one of the Elder Activities offered on Tuesdays from 1-3pm. ■



*Left to right: Kathryn Kelley (standing) and Betty Branson; weaving a patterned basket; Wanda Fox, Linda Prentice, Joanna Longley, and Mary Randall.*

## Looo Looo Looo to Lady Luck!

A group of our elders took their turn to call on Lady Luck during their casino trip to Buffalo Run in Miami on May 19th. ■



## Thank You to Lewis Ketchum (1914-2016)

*Mary Randall,  
Elder Nutrition Director*



On April 30th, we lost one of our most active elders, Lewis Ketchum. Every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, Lew would be at the Center early for our 10:30 AM Elder Chair exercises. Afterwards, he would go pick up his special friend, Martha Tate, who is blind, and they would come back to the Center for lunch. Lew was still driving, lived alone, and was very independent at 102 years of age.

Lewis was the father of two former Delaware Chiefs, Lewis B (L.B.) and Dee Ketchum, as well as L.B.'s little sister and Dee's big sister Patricia (Patty) K. Donnell. The Ketchum family suggested that in lieu of flowers a donation be made to the Delaware Tribe Elder Nutrition Program. I would like to take the opportunity on behalf of the Delaware Tribe and our Elder Nutrition Program to thank the Ketchum family for their generosity.

We all miss Lew Ketchum—a true gentleman. ■

## Culture Nights are Back!

Please help get this night of fellowship going. Your attendance and participation are what makes this a success or not. Hosted in the community room at Bartlesville Tribal Headquarters every second Tuesday of the month, this time of fellowship starts at 6pm and requires you to bring a covered dish to share. Perfect timing to make it in after work and enjoy a pot luck style dinner while learning a little culture. Mark your calendar and come join your people!



## Around the Pond

Chris Miller, Enrollment Department

Our campus' pond, located on the west side of Barbara Ave as you pull onto the property, is fast becoming the centerpiece of our landscape. Wildlife around the pond is abundant with our resident Canadian geese, mallard ducks, and most recently a grey swan frequenting the water. Many Canadian flocks have added us as a stop on their flight path so that during the autumn migration season they number in the hundreds.

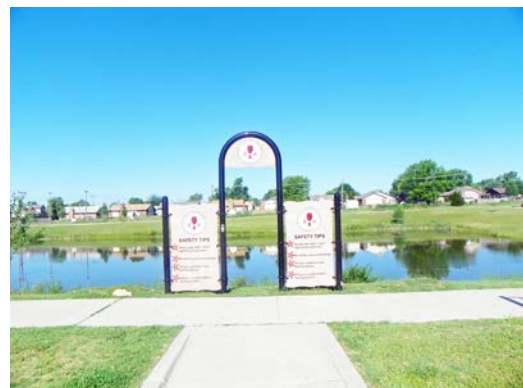
Last summer we had a fishery come in and stock the pond itself with fish. One thousand bluegill (a type of perch noted by a dark spot on the gill just under the

dorsal fin), seven hundred hybrid bluegill (a cross between a bluegill and a sunfish), five hundred channel catfish, two hundred largemouth bass, and 15 grass carp were deposited into the pond. We are still working towards establishing a significant and stable population, so fishing is not yet allowed, but you can often see staff members out feeding the fish.

The wildlife is not the only activity. You will find a walking track that is around 0.3 miles in length around the 1.88-acre pond. There are four picnic tables with cooking grills and two three-point workout stations.

The stations are a lower body cycle station, a pushup bar station with three rungs, a weighted overhead press station with wheelchair accessibility, a wobble board, weighted squat press, and hand cycle, all of these have boards showing how to use them properly.

We encourage you to take advantage of this small piece of nature near our headquarters complex. ■



Top, Chief Brooks and Dana Murrell feed the fish; bottom, looking west across the pond, signage on the path leading up the pond.

## Tribal Member Cece Biggoose Helps Support The Longest Walk 5, 2016

Dana Murrell

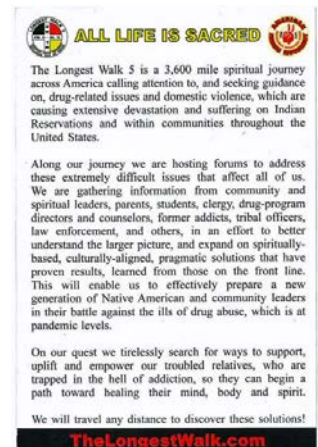
Cece Biggoose, Housing and Occupancy Specialist in the Delaware Tribe Housing Program, spent some time in late April at the Creek Community Center, welcoming the walkers participating in the "Longest Walk 5, 2016."

Cece participated in the original Longest Walk in the late 1970s. She was unable to go the entire length of the walk, but she did meet many lifelong friends and acquaintances. "I've been a member of AIM since I was 15

probably. My aunt Lilly Carson Morgan was an AIM chapter coordinator for Oklahoma. She was on the Trail of Broken Treaties and so, basically, I followed in the steps of my ancestors."

Cece, who is Delaware, Otoe-Iowa, and Oglala Lakota, received a certificate of appreciation signed by Dennis Banks for her volunteer efforts. Way to go Cece!

For more information, see <http://www.longestwalk.us/> ■



## Featured Delaware Elder Bonnie Thaxton

*Dana Murrell, Editorial Committee*

### Excerpts from an interview by William Welge of the Oklahoma Historical Society

**M**s. Bonnie Lee Thaxton is our featured Delaware elder for this quarter.

At 93 years of age she is still mighty feisty. She's seen a lot and is very passionate about her heritage. All the tribal staff enjoy seeing Bonnie on a daily basis, attending the elder lunches and Thursday bingo.

Bonnie, who is half Delaware, was born on July 6, 1923 to Minnie Wilson Thaxton (full blood Delaware) and O.D. Thaxton, who was a white farmer. She is the youngest of four children, two brothers and one sister, but that didn't stop her from having to work on the farm, they all did.

They lived NE of Dewey, Oklahoma and she attended Scudder school, a little one room country school that was north of their home, where Prairie Song is today. She graduated along with three others from Wayside, another country school, for a total class of six, in the 8th grade. She remembers her teacher's name was Miss Johnson. She said they had to walk about eight miles to catch the school bus back then to go to high school in Dewey and so she applied for government school and went to KS.

She began attending Haskell Institute in Lawrence, KS in 1938. Bonnie said they were told they couldn't speak their native tongue or they'd be sent home. Bonnie was age 9 when her grandmother passed away, but she remembers her Mom's mom, Mary Wilson, who was full-blood Delaware, always spoke the native language. That first year, she said, if she'd known the way home she'd have run off. She knew though that her mother would whip her and take her right back. So she hung in there and graduated in 1941.

She just visited Haskell last year and it is so different now than it was. Special Haskell memories include getting to go home on the first Thanksgiving she was there. She got called to the office, all the while she thought she was in trouble for slapping a girl that got smart with her, and there she found her mother. She was so happy to see her little ole mom. Turns out her cousin had brought her mother up there so they could take Bonnie home for Thanksgiving.

She worked in the dining room after school for a job and she also learned how to bead and

how to weave rugs. She wished now that she knew back then that she would have kids. She says she would have made things for them. She made fine rugs and the superintendent wanted to buy two of them. He paid \$20 for them. "Back then a dollar was a lot of money, so I thought I was rich! That was big bucks."

After graduation she came back and worked at Phillips for 11 months. She didn't like it so she quit, then went to work at different restaurants and really liked working at Murphy's. She also ended up working at Jane Phillips Hospital for 16 years doing bookwork. She really enjoyed seeing the people she met there and still does to this day.

She was married 22 years and lived in Nowata. Although it ended in divorce they had two wonderful children: a daughter, Karen Lee Cummings, and a son, Douglas Buck (Bucky). Her kids went to elementary and high school in Nowata. Her son then went to college in KS and afterward, Tahlequah, then he was in the Navy for four years. Her daughter went to college in Miami then Missouri.

After her divorce she took her



maiden name back. She moved to Bartlesville, and bought a house near the highway, across from Silver Lake Church, and lived there for 46 years.

She remembers her lady neighbors would say, don't let our husbands see you outside mowing. They didn't want to give them any ideas of them doing the same.

Sadly her daughter passed away two years ago at the age of 66, from breast cancer, leaving behind a husband and kids.

Bonnie's son Bucky has also fought cancer but is doing good. He was head dancer at three different pow wows in his days: the Delaware, in Miami, and Indian Summer. He is back to golfing and stuff that he likes to do. She says her daddy had cancer too. Back then though, they didn't have medicine for it like they do today.

The most important things to her has been her two children, whom she's always been very proud of and all in all she has eight grandchildren that unfortu-

nately she doesn't get to see very often.

Bonnie has traveled with a group down to Anadarko on a visit to the Delaware Nation where they showed them how to play Indian football. She also has good memories of playing Indian football when she was young.

She was named an Honoree for the 7th annual AARP Oklahoma Indian Elders in October 2015. Bonnie has participated in tribal activities for most of her life. For more than 30 years she has been active in the War Mothers, Cultural Preservation, and Elders Committees.

Bonnie says you just have to keep on keeping on. This old world is changing so much. When she hears all the stupid stuff on TV she just shuts it off.

She's very fond of being Delaware Indian. She thinks they are doing great and is very proud of them. She's happy they have the pow wows and is looking forward to one coming up and hopes it doesn't rain. ■

## Mark Your Calendars, Save the Date! Delaware Days 2016

**Friday and Saturday, Sept 23-24**

**D**elaware Days 2016 will be held at the Fall-Leaf Dance Grounds northeast of Copan, Oklahoma, on September 23rd and 24th. It will be the 24th Annual Delaware Days sponsored by the Delaware Culture Preservation Committee. The first Delaware Day was held in September 1993 and was attended by

more than 250 people! Since then it has become a much-anticipated tradition.

The events will begin on Friday evening with a potluck dinner at 6:30 and then a Stomp Dance with Social Dance songs. In the late afternoon on Saturday there will be presentations to two tribal members - the elder of the

year and the honored veteran. Look to our website for other possible Saturday activities as they are planned.

On Saturday at 5:30 there will be a potluck supper at which the Culture Committee will supply the meat. Everyone else should bring a dish to share for a great meal. Then there will be a Stomp Dance with Social Dance songs, and we will dance as long as everyone wants. Please come join the fun and fellowship! ■



## Delaware Indian Newspaper Volunteer Editorial Committee Update

Leslie Jerden

Our new volunteer Editorial Committee has pieced together our very first issue collaboratively with this edition of the *DIN*. All things volunteer take some time to come together. This committee started with four members: Greg Brown, Chris Miller, Leslie Jerden, and Dana Murrell. This issue has been seen to completion by Greg, Dana, and Leslie. Understandably, time is very valuable, as is committing that time to a voluntary effort. So far, we've lost no volunteers under any negative or unwilling circumstances. Instead, we simply fully understand the reality of the effort and yes, time, that it takes to make the *DIN* happen.

The current committee includes three members, and soon will have a fourth. Leslie Jerden is Chair/Editor. Leslie edits all articles submitted, serves as a spokesperson for the committee, and seeks articles and topics from tribal members. Greg Brown is Technical Editor. Greg formats all of the submitted articles to prepare them for print. Dana Murrell keeps deadlines on track, and seeks articles and topics from tribal members and the tribe's department managers.

New committee member Nathan Buck Young will begin his contributions with the next issue of the *DIN*. We are excited to see what he brings to the table with his extensive work history in Native art, documentaries on Native issues and culture, and experience in writing and producing.

We have two additional members to submit to the Tribal Council for approval. Once these are officially approved we will update you with their names. But ideally the committee would benefit from 6-8 volunteers. This

would lighten the work load tremendously on all volunteers. We believe that if you are a Delaware tribal member who resides out of state, or in a town or city far from Bartlesville and have had the desire to work in some way for the tribe... this is it! It would be very easy to contribute to the *DIN* via emails, and phone conferences to volunteer on the committee. If you have an interest in volunteering please contact me at [ljerden@delawaretribe.org](mailto:ljerden@delawaretribe.org).

Keep in mind, this is a volunteer committee, no one gets paid. We are in hopes that some will find room on their plates for contributing to such an effort where rewards are not measured monetarily.

In this issue you may find that you are missing the Council and Trust Board meeting minutes. The minutes have been posted to the web site. You will find them at [www.delawaretribe.org](http://www.delawaretribe.org). (You may also watch the full Tribal Council meetings via YouTube under DelawareTribe, or by clicking the Videos button on the web site.) This move was made to allow more space for community articles and updates.

Speaking of which, if you have news in your community you would like to announce we want to share it! To get your mind moving in the right direc-

tion, here are some topic ideas:

**Elders:** Share a memory from your youth that has a cultural tie in it. Tell us about a family tradition. Share a story about a fellow Native who inspired you.

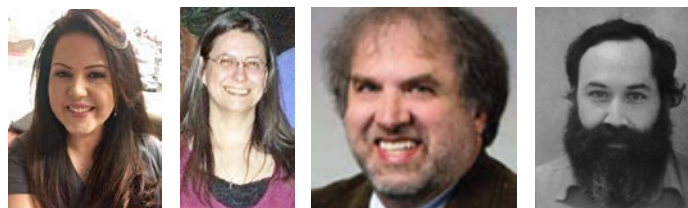
**Youth:** Tell us about your achievements or awards. Share your experience from a Native event, cultural camp, class, or school.

**Members:** If you own a business, tell us about it. Are you participating in cultural classes in your community and want more people to know about the class? Submit the info.

Consider submitting some of your favorite Pow-Wow recipes, a favorite photo in your regalia or Delaware t-shirt, a poem, an update on your heirloom seeds you've been growing, an article of thanks for a fellow Delaware who has helped you or inspired you. Don't forget to send your photos in when applicable. All articles that you wish to be considered for print in the *DIN* should be submitted to [din@delawaretribe.org](mailto:din@delawaretribe.org).

Please also feel free to drop us a note on your thoughts or ideas on the *DIN*. We are open to constructive criticism, and look forward to your input.

Yours in service,  
Leslie Jerden, Dana Murrell,  
Greg Brown, and Nathan Buck Young■



Committee members Leslie Jerden, Dana Murrell, Greg Brown, and Nathan Buck Young.

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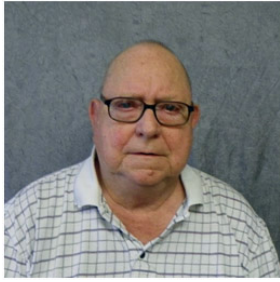
Have you visited our Tribe's web site recently? Additional material that we were unable to include in the *DIN* can often be found there.

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

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 [lfall-leaf@delawaretribe.org](mailto:lfall-leaf@delawaretribe.org). Remember that the Community Services Committee has a burial assistance program if you need help.■

## Obituaries



### Howard Franklin Armstrong

January 13, 1934–  
May 8, 2016

Howard Franklin Armstrong, 82, of Bartlesville, passed away peacefully at his home on Sunday, May 8, after battling cancer. Howard was born on January 13, 1934, to Clell and Mildred (Tatum) Armstrong in Nowata, Oklahoma, and was raised at Coody's Bluff east of Nowata. Mr. Armstrong entered the National Guard service in 1950 and was stationed in Japan during the Korean conflict. Upon his return he continued with the National Guard, 145th Infantry Division, for a total of 16 years. He married Muriel Fox on October 23, 1955, at Coffeyville, Kansas. They made their home in Nowata until they moved to Bartlesville in July, 1983.

He is survived by his wife, Muriel; a daughter – Sue Ellen and her husband Archie Long of Hamilton, Kansas, and a son – Howard F. Armstrong, Jr. and his wife Pam of Houston, Texas. He was also blessed with four grandchildren – Bradley Kyle Armstrong and wife Jennifer and their two sons, Alex and Chris, of Norman, OK; Michelle Nicole Armstrong of Orlando, FL; Matthew Ryan Armstrong of Clermont, FL; and Daniel Lee Long of Emporia, KS; as well as many beloved nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and four sisters – Sue

Dick, Rosalie Nichols, Georgiann Sutton and Garnett Epple.

Mr. Armstrong has been cremated. There are no plans for services at this time. ■



### Betty Louise Holley

March 7, 1934–  
May 21, 2016

Betty Louise Holley, 82, a Bartlesville resident, passed away on Saturday, May 21, 2016 at her home.

Betty Louise Green Feather was born on March 7, 1934 at Skiatook, Oklahoma.

She was married to John Ivan Holley.

Betty is survived by her children, Johnnie Duane and Cynthia Holley of Bartlesville, Lisa Lynn (Holley) Collier of Bartlesville and son-in-law, Barry K. Collier, Justin Lawayne and Michelle Holley, of Grove, Oklahoma and Michael J. Fortner, Arkansas City, Kansas. She is also survived by her grandchildren, Bryant Collier, Leah Shamblin, Michael and Amanda Holley, Cheyenne Holley, Aspen Holley, Joshua Holley, Levi Holley and Lily Holley and her great-grandchildren, Dakota Holley, Chayton Holley and Elijah Holley and a cousin, Rosie Raper of Coffeyville, Kansas. She was preceded in death by her mother Chyneth Hobson Greenfeather, husband John I. Holley and daughter, Connie Fortner.

No services are planned at this time.

Online condolences for the family may be left at [www.honoringmemories.com](http://www.honoringmemories.com).

Arrangements are under the direction of the Arnold Moore & Neekamp Funeral Home, 710 S. Dewey, Bartlesville. ■



### Lewis A. Ketchum

January 3, 1914–  
April 30, 2016

Lewis A. Ketchum, age 102 and longtime Bartlesville resident, passed away on Saturday, April 30, 2016, in Jane Phillips Medical Center.

Lewis Abraham Ketchum was born on January 3, 1914, in Woodward, Oklahoma. He was the son of Charles Christopher and Bertha (Scoval) Ketchum. His mother was visiting family in Woodward at his birth. The Ketchum family home was north of Dewey on the Delaware Indian allotment owned by his father. Lewis was a member of both the Delaware and Cherokee Tribes. He was the only son of his parents, with one sister, Mildred Ketchum Morrison, deceased, and two living sisters, Imogene Kay Ketchum Walling of Edmond, Oklahoma and Jane Ketchum Ethridge and her husband, Larry, of Tulsa, Oklahoma. Lewis' father died in 1968 and his mother died at age 102 in 1996.

He attended grade school at Wayside School, northeast of

Dewey, and then went through high school at Chilocco Indian School, north of Ponca City, Oklahoma. Lewis was an all-around good athlete. He enjoyed playing golf, baseball, basketball, etc.

Lewis was employed for 42 years at Reda Pump Company in the drafting department, going from washing windows to head of the department. He was married to Lillian Berry and Edith Harvey, both deceased. He also had a special friend, Martha Tate, of Bartlesville.

Lewis is survived by his son, Dee Ketchum and his wife, Annette, of Bartlesville; a daughter, Patricia Kay Ketchum Donnell, and her husband, Walter, of Copan, Oklahoma; and daughter-in-law, Betty, of Tulsa; grandchildren include Craig Ketchum, Kent Ketchum, Kevin Ketchum, Brian Ketchum, Steven Donnell, Sandy Donnell Tompkins, Doug Donnell, DeAnn Ketchum and Kala Ketchum. He is also survived by numerous great-grandchildren and great-great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one son, Lewis B. Ketchum.

Lewis was proud of his Delaware heritage and will be missed by all his friends at the Delaware Campus in Bartlesville.

Come and go visitation was held in the Arnold Moore & Neekamp Funeral Home, 710 S. Dewey Ave. Family was present to greet friends.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials in Lewis' name may be made to Delaware Tribe designated for Elder Nutrition Program.

Graveside services were held in the Dewey City Cemetery, 11am, Wednesday, May 4, 2016 with Michael Svitak officiating.

Arrangements were entrusted to the Arnold Moore & Neekamp Funeral Home. Online condolences may be left at [www.honoringmemories.com](http://www.honoringmemories.com).

See more at: <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/examiner-enterprise/obituary.aspx?n=lewis-abraham-ketchum&pid=179853401&fhid=8813#sthash.68t3T2DE.dpuf> ■



### Susie J. Walden

June 5, 1920–  
March 17, 2016

Susie was born June 5, 1920 to Edward and Mae Stout and passed away March 17, 2016. She received her education in Nowata Public Schools. She later moved to Tulsa, OK and married Jim Walden.

Susie is survived by three sons, Ronald Stout and wife Bea of Broken Arrow, OK; Steven Walden and wife Christy of New Orleans, LA; Kent Walden and wife Lela of Tulsa, OK; four grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, and four nieces and nephews.

Susie was preceded in death by her husband Jim, her parents, two sisters-Thelma Rainwater and Katie Porter of Nowata, OK, and one brother Eddie Stout Jr., of Claremore, OK.

Susie was a member of the Delaware Tribe of Indians and very proud of her heritage. She always attended the Delaware Powwow, and participated in the dancing. She was loved by many and will surely be missed. She was laid to rest at Floral Haven Memorial Gardens in Broken Arrow, OK. ■



## Historic Delaware Site Saved in Pennsylvania

*Susan Bachor*

A significant Delaware cultural and religious site was saved this spring. The site is in Plains Township, Pennsylvania alongside the North Branch of the Susquehanna River. As the local histories state, the area was originally occupied by a Delaware Chief named Jacob Plains. This occupation was just prior to the outbreak of the Revolutionary War. The village consisted of many individuals who lived and farmed along the River. Jacob died as a result of his house being burned. After the tragic death of Jacob, the other Delaware families relocated and the area was resettled by Europeans.

Since Jacob's ownership and occupation of the land the parcel finally came to be in possession of the O'Malia family. They have been farming this land for many generations. As what happens with many farmsteads the property was divided among sons. One of the sons recently sold their share of the property to a company who planned to use the fertile field as a topsoil pit. The soil would be removed using bulldozers to a depth up to 20 feet which would destroy any remaining evidence of the Jacob Plains Village. This of course caused the remaining part of the family, who still farms nearby, a

great amount of heartache. They warned the topsoil company of the potential presence for burials and other cultural remains but the company still planned on moving forward.

The Delaware Tribe was contacted in March regarding the concerns of the O'Malia Family. The Historic Preservation Office for the Delaware Tribe began their investigations and offered their support to the O'Malia Family. We reached out to all of our federal partners with a stake in this property including: Army Corps of Engineers, State Historic Preservation Office of Pennsylvania, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, and many more. We also reached out to our neighboring Federally Recognized Tribes who all pledged support. Much to our dismay we learned that we had no legal ability to halt the topsoil excavation because the site was on private property and the planned excavations did not fall under the jurisdiction of any of our federal partners.

Susan Bachor, Historic Preservation Representative for our eastern office, visited the Jacob Plains site in early May and attended a zoning meeting with the intention of presenting the

overwhelming evidence that this location was indeed culturally and religiously significant to the Delaware Tribe. Certified letters had also been sent out prior to the meeting addressing our concerns to the Plains Zoning Committee, Plains Commissioners, the company's lawyers, and the owner of the company. As a result of our significant lobbying efforts, the company offered to sell the land back to the O'Malia Family and the family has agreed to purchase the property. We are thankful that the O'Malia Family has now purchased the property and that we were able to help save this historic site.

We are currently working with the family to ensure the conservation of the parcel. The O'Malia Family is willing to place the entire property in a trust or within the hands of the Archaeological Conservancy. Either way, we are hopeful that the property and the historic significance of the Jacob Plains site will forever be preserved.

Susan Bachor  
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## The Last Removal

The Last Removal is a depiction of when the Delaware left KS in 1867-68. This painting, by Colorado artist Rosalee Mininger, is a reproduction of a 1930s original sketch from Delaware tribal member Jake Parks. The painting is displayed in the lobby of the Delaware Community Center.



*Photo courtesy Dana Murrell.*



*Original sketch. Photo courtesy Jim Rementer.*



*Jake Parks. Photo courtesy Jim Rementer.*

## Newly-remodeled Court Room in Caney



*Photos courtesy of Crystal St. John.*

## Did You Know?

In the 2012 movie *Crooked Arrows*, a film about a high-school lacrosse team, there is a scene where Tribal flags are brought out. The Delaware Tribe of Indians' flag shown in the movie scene was once flown at the Bartlesville campus. ■

## Tribal Operations Manager Report

Allan Barnes

Greetings to all of our readers and followers of the *Delaware Indian News*. I open in this manner because I have a favor to ask you. As we continue the ongoing search for grant funding opportunities, to benefit our individual departments, would you be willing to complete a Tribal survey? As I mentioned in our April edition, this is certainly a way you as a Tribal member can be a piece of the puzzle for our future. Don't be alarmed, a survey is not ready to be mailed at this time. However, if you would like to participate, pick up the phone and call our receptionist at 918-337-6590, so we can more efficiently determine who would respond. Grant writing is a process that requires the telling of our story and objective, in a narrative form backed by statistical information. That is where

survey information really helps. Wanishi!

I am proud to report the continued progress of several projects currently underway. The Committees involved have spent considerable time in developing and seeking funding to grow their programs. Even though Hydroponics, Climate Change, Cultural and Historic Preservation (including the Lenape language) and Tribal Enrollment all may seem quite different, they really do tie together in the future advancement of our Tribe. Now, not all have received the funding we have requested, but keep in mind we don't give up and will continue to move forward. We are busy! Sometimes, as we move forward, it can seem to be a slow moving process but our accomplishments have been many. Certainly, our department heads

play a key role in the interaction and success of administering the funds made available to them. Keep in mind, most grant funding is referred to as restricted: simply meaning that those monies afforded to that program are to be strictly accounted for, in the usage of that grant alone.

Around the Delaware campus, the Elder Nutrition program is naturally the most visible, simply because of our Daily Lunch Program and activities, including the Elder Exercise Program. Also, the Health Fair held in April was a great success which was grant funded. This new event was coordinated by our Director, Mary Randall, and supported by many volunteers. Please don't hesitate to call if you ever have questions.

Our Housing Department and Environmental Program are available to you as well.

As a service to our tribal membership, we are here to provide information as best we can. Our Enrollment Department is looking forward to its expanded space and more secure file keeping. They are at your service.

The Wellness Center is certainly a cooler environment to work out in than this summer heat.

Anita Mathis in our Cultural Resources Department is continually expanding the Tribal Archive and offers many items out of her Gift Shop which also includes online shopping.

Community Services, Education and other resource information is simply a phone call away. Also, our Department of Family & Children Services, headed by Curtis Zunigha, provides an all-important function that is vital to the welfare of our Indian families.

Finally, as a Tribe and individual families experience the loss of a loved one, we look to celebrate their lives and reconcile how we will carry on. Lewis (Lew) Ketchum, who to my knowledge was our oldest Tribal member, passed on April 30th. He was an inspiration to all. Many that exercised with him at our Elder exercise program were in awe of his energy. So it is in closing, that I want to remind ourselves how long we as a Tribe have endured and how important it is we continue to thrive as the Delaware Tribe of Indians. We are doing well!

Respectfully,

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## Delaware Child Development

[WWW.DELAWARECHILD.ORG](http://WWW.DELAWARECHILD.ORG)

Sherry Rackliff

We are so proud to announce the grand opening of our new nationally accredited three-star child care facility, Delaware Child Development Center, located at 5106 E Tuxedo Blvd. Bartlesville, Oklahoma! At Delaware Child Development Center we are serving over 40 families with their child care needs and plan to keep expanding to our licensed capacity of 60 children. Our new building's interior is complete and we are working adamantly to complete our three outdoor natural play spaces. Our vision here at Delaware Child Development is to provide a home-like environment while creating opportunities for chil-

dren to grow socially, emotionally, intellectually, and physically in a nurturing environment.

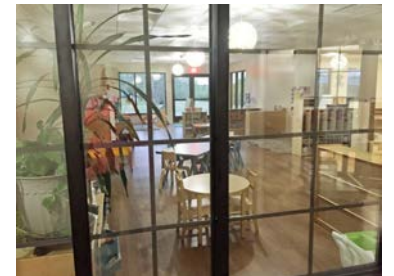
Delaware Child Development operates year round Monday-Friday 6:30 am to 6:00 pm providing early care and education for ages birth-5 years old. Our teachers are highly trained professionals. Our cook provides "home cooked" meals using fresh ingredients with the highest quality in mind. Family style dining is implemented in all classrooms on a daily basis.

Research shows that the early years of learning are the most valuable. Children learn through messy play, constructing their knowledge by touching, tasting,

smelling, watching, listening, thinking, and doing!

Our mission is to provide quality services through partnerships with families, providers and the community while nurturing the development of the whole child and supporting cultural and family values.

Sherry Rackliff  
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Delaware Child Development/  
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## Delaware Tribe Environmental Program

*Jimmie Johnson*

Good Day, I hope this finds everyone well. It's been an exciting few months in the Delaware Tribe Environmental Office. As was reported last fall, DTEP was forced to suspend our recycling efforts that had been in place since 2011 due to the lack of an end point vendor to transport our recycling. After meeting with our EPA Region 6 EPA GAP Project Officer in Dallas in April, we are beginning to breathe the new life into our Tribal Recycling Program. In late April DTEP purchased a 2015 Chevrolet Pickup to be used to haul our recycling materials to Tulsa for disposal. In May DTEP Procured and ordered two NRT-20 Recycling Trailers capable of hauling 20.2 cubic yards of recycling per trailer. Recycling sorting stations to be placed in each tribal building have also been purchased. Logistics for transportation to a recycling company in Tulsa have been worked out. So we will be prepared to restart our recycling program late this summer or early this fall.

In late April DTEP participated in Operation Clean House at the Washington County District #2 County Barn in Dewey

Oklahoma. This is the fifth year that I have been involved in this event and I look forward to it every year. Volunteers from the Delaware Tribe were Jimmie Johnson (Environmental Programs Director), Michael Taylor (Human Resources Manager), Jade Johnson, Maura Johnson, Levi Krebbs, and Trey Johnson. Household recycling items that were taken at the Dewey site included used motor oil, anti-freeze, car batteries, tires, and appliances.

The Delaware Tribe Environmental Program is also excited to announce a new staffing opportunity. Jimmie Johnson, who has been the Director since 2011, will soon be moving on to manage the Delaware Tribe's 8(a) company Tahkox e2 LLC. The Delaware Tribe will be soliciting resumes and applications for a "Director in Training" position to be filled in June.

Thank you

Jimmie Johnson  
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Repairs done on Sally Farley's house. Photo courtesy Dana Murrell.

## Operation Clean House

Two of the Delaware Tribal staff, Mike Taylor, Human Resources Manager, and Jimmie Johnson, Environmental Program Director, spent some well worked hours on their Saturday, April 23rd, volunteering for the Operation Clean House for Washington County. Levi Krebbs, son of Delaware Tribal Receptionist Angela Krebbs also donated some time as well as numerous other volunteers. ■



Left, Mike Taylor; right, Levi Krebbs and other volunteers. Photos courtesy of Jimmie Johnson.

## Delaware Tribe Housing Department Receives National Award

*Ron Scott*

The Delaware Tribe Housing Department sent four attendees to the Housing Data Systems (HDS) Annual Conference in Denver, Colorado to attend a meeting and workshop on March 30 and 31, 2016. The attendees from the Delaware Housing Department were Ron Scott, Housing Director, and DTHD Housing Specialists Cece Biggoose, Lindsey Harris and Laryssa Puryear (who all utilize the data system on a daily basis). During the training session, we were informed about some changes (nothing major) within our record tracking of all our participants, our housing accounts and work orders.

The HDS conference involved over 150 registered individuals from over 50 various Indian Housing programs nationwide. On the last day of the training, HDS presented award for "Kindness," "Loyalty," and "Courage." These awards were presented:

**Kindness:** Kodiak Island Housing Authority, Alaska

**Loyalty:** Kaw Tribal Housing Authority of Oklahoma, Delaware Tribe Housing Department of Oklahoma, Comanche Nation Housing of Oklahoma, and Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Housing Michigan

**Courage:** Muckleshoot Tribe, Washington

Our award read:

*The Delaware Tribe Housing was presented in recognition of your steadfast support since 1992. Your faith in HDS allows us to continue in developing tools for tribal housing nationwide. For this we are eternally grateful.*

As the Housing Director, I was taken by surprise, but I'd like to acknowledge all former and present Delaware Tribe of Indians housing employees since

1992 and beyond as well as the three ladies who attended and participated at the meeting with me in Denver. We accept this National Award on behalf of the Delaware Tribe of Indians.

The Housing crew from both Bartlesville and Chelsea recently assisted Ms. Sally Farley on her repairs. She in turn gave our work crews, headed by Walter Dye, Housing Inspector, with Mike Leaf, Alan Tatum, Jr., Rob Blalock from the Chelsea office and Dude Blalock from the Bartlesville office, a thank-you note which was deeply appreciated by each worker. The crews work daily without seeking any recognition, since they are only doing their job, but sometimes, out of the blue, something nice comes along.

Ron Scott  
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## Cultural Resources

Anita Mathis

**H**è, Tribal Members, Friends & Family

Donations of artifacts along with pictures and documents are still coming in. We appreciate the donation from Tribal member Erica Zunigha Magee of a nice display case for the Gift Shop. Forsythe Hall still has the doll collection from Ann Parks on display. This display will be changing soon to feature some of the Frank Speck collection we received back from the Seminoles in Florida. Donated items will be changed out every few months.

Stop by and check out all that is new and offered in the Library. We now have many books catalogued that are ready to read and research. Unfortunately we are still not set up to check out these books.

The Gift Shop has many new treasures. Check out our website at [www.delawaretribe.org](http://www.delawaretribe.org) for the online version. Or stop by and check us out. We are always adding new items. We now have available again the book *Talking Tombstones*.

As always, please bring in your pictures and documents, anything that pertains to the Delaware Tribe, to be copied and added to our archives to preserve and share with our future generations.

The Culture Resources Department includes Archives, Archival Research, Library, Museum, and Gift Shop.

Wanishi

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## Visit the Delaware Gift Shop

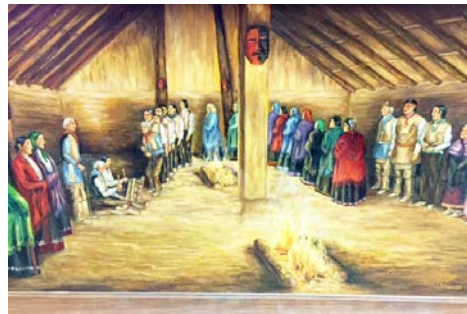
Leslie Jerden

**I**f you have yet to visit the Delaware Gift Shop you are missing out! There are two ways to visit, online or in person. To shop online visit the Delaware website at [www.delawaretribe.org](http://www.delawaretribe.org). On the right hand side of the home screen, select the red button "Gift Shop." From there you can fill up your online shopping cart with items like beadwork, books, jewelry, Lenape gear, and even license plates. Pay using your PayPal account and enjoy knowing your purchase goes to support the Cultural Resources

Department for the tribe. If you happen to live near Bartlesville, visit the Gift Shop in the Social Services building at Delaware Tribal Headquarters. Use the new service for free in-store pickup!

Another benefit of visiting the brick and mortar store is to see some of our donated artifacts on display. Within the small walls of the shop that Anita Mathis manages, you will find some real and tangible pieces of Lenape history. Over 5,000 photos of our ancestors have been

archived. The library consists of approximately 1,100 books. There are an estimated 300 artifacts archived and several on display. The archives also hold over 1,600 letters and newspaper articles dating back as far as the 1600s. More donations arrive on a regular basis as well as additional tribal members allowing Anita to archive and catalogue their personal pieces of history from Lenape culture. Stop in to purchase your Lenape pride gear or just take a look around and admire a bit of history. ■



Left, donated oil painting replica of the original print by Jake Parks, Delaware Tribal member. The original work is estimated to have been created in 1940 and depicts the Lenape Big House Ceremony. Center, donated pottery artifacts. Right, items for sale in the Gift Shop.

## Photos from the Archives



Quae Mae, Brown Sheshey.



Who is this? (White Oak folks?).

If you can identify the people in the photo on the right, please contact Anita Mathis.

The Tribal Archives contain hundreds of photos and documents from the Tribe's long history. Please consider contributing copies of items from your family's history. Items can be photocopied or photographed if you wish to keep the original, or can be donated if you prefer. ■

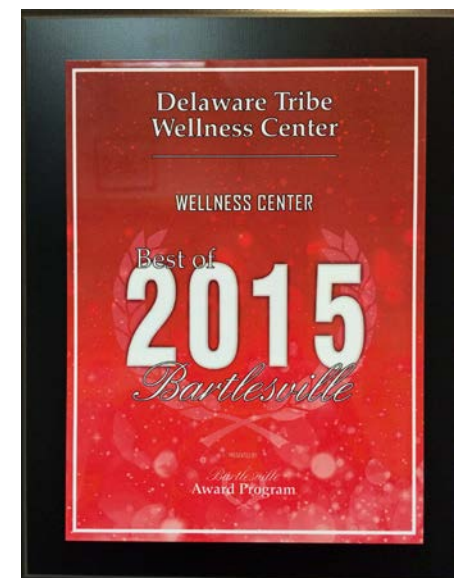
## Wellness Center

**W**ith the weather turning hotter, now is the time to start coming indoors to work out in the air conditioning. For all Delaware and Cherokee tribal members it's free to work out at the Wellness Center. We have three treadmills, a Stairstepper, and an exercise bike, plus free weights. We have locker rooms with showers for both men and women. Members of any tribe with their tribal membership cards are \$10 a month, and for any non-Indian the cost is \$20.

The Wellness Center is open from 8 AM to 8 PM Monday through Friday and 9 AM to 1 PM on Saturday.

For more information call the main number at 918-337-6590.

Please note that there is no medical staff on duty so use equipment at your own risk. ■



## Lenape Language Project Report

*Jim Rementer*

### What's New

The National Science Foundation DEL grant enabled us to continue making improvements to the Lenape Talking Dictionary. Our one-year grant was extended to two years, and it ran out at the end of August 2015. We have applied to NSF for another small grant but we have not yet heard any results. If we are funded it will start in June 2016.

We have also added a number of sound files for Lenape words which until recently have lacked sound files, and since February 2015 over 6,000 additional sound files have been added. The Lenape Talking Dictionary now has 16,500 word files, 1,800 Sentence files, and in the Stories section there are nearly 50 stories and songs.

### Newest Features

We have been working with our computer programmers and will be making improvements to the dictionary.

### Lenape Classes

In January 2015 we started having Lenape language classes on the second and fourth Mondays of every month. We have a new lesson plan each class. We have now had 24 classes.

### Project History

In 2002 the Lenape Language Preservation Project received a grant from the National Science Foundation to produce a dictionary database of Lenape. Much of the funding went to digitizing and preserving our existing audiotapes made in past years with native speakers of Lenape. The Dictionary was officially online in February 2006. The Talking Dictionary is a work in progress, and we continue to convert audiotapes of Lenape speakers to digital format, from which we extract the Lenape words. These are then entered into the Diction-

ary and become immediately available on the Internet. We should mention that the sound files are not all of studio quality. Most were recorded whenever and wherever possible—sitting in someone's living room, on the porch, etc. We always appreciate your comments about the Lenape Talking Dictionary. We will continue adding to the Grammar and Lessons sections so you can start learning how to construct sentences in Lenape.

Jim Rementer  
jimrem@aol.com ■



*Lenape Language class.*

## Honoring Jim Rementer

*Dana Murrell*

The Tribal Council voted unanimously on May 3rd to adopt Jim Rementer formally as an Honorary Member of the Delaware Tribe at the Lenape Center's fundraising dinner, held in his honor June 17th. He was honored for his years of service and dedication that he has exhibited to the Delaware people. It was recommended unanimously by the Cultural Preservation Committee.

Chief Brooks said, "James Thompson, father of Nora Dean, adopted Jim into their family in 'our traditional way' a long time ago, but no Tribal Council has done that and we should have a long time ago."

Jim has worked tirelessly on the Talking Dictionary ([www.talk-lenape.org](http://www.talk-lenape.org)), guiding the formation, updating and maintaining of it over the years. He has written grants for it and dedicated a great deal of time. He is always happy to educate someone who asks him a question regarding the Lenape and he is



easy to listen to. He has also put numerous Lenape articles of language and culture on the website for viewing. Please take some time to look at the work he has done for us. Other positions he has held with the tribe are NAG-PRA Director, in the Enrollment Department, and Cultural Preservation Committee secretary.

Jim, thank you, from all of the Delaware whose lives you have touched, listened to and taught. Wanishi.

Jim was given a Lenape name in 1965 by Nora Dean. His name is Mushhakwinunt meaning "He who appears like a clear sky."

Please look for a feature story about Jim Rementer in the next *Delaware Indian News*. ■



### Lenape Talking Dictionary

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**How to use**

Welcome to the Lenape Talking Dictionary - The official online dictionary of Lenape - the language of the Delaware Tribe. The website includes translations, usage examples, photos, and audio recordings of Lenape words, phrases, historical examples, and stories. Please read the How-To-Use Section for instructions on using the features. Select the red speaker icon and click it to hear audio files, and click on the word itself for more detailed information.

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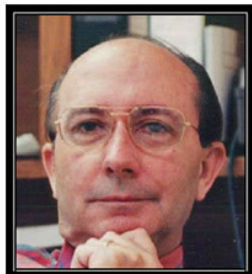
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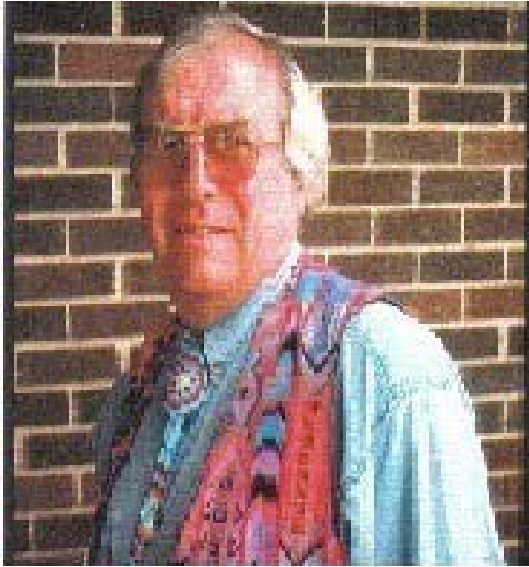
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**The Lenape Center**  
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 and the Lenape Language Program



Larry (Joe) Brooks **ELECT 2 ELDER COMBAT VETS** Homer Scott

**HOMER AND JOE HAVE 35 YEARS COMBINED EXPERIENCE AS ELECTED DELAWARE TRIBAL OFFICIALS. WE WILL NOT JOIN ANY POLITICAL FACTION AS THE TRIBAL COUNCIL NOW HAS. WE WILL ONLY VOTE AND ACT AS OUR HEARTS GUIDE US IN THE BEST INTEREST OF LENAPE PEOPLE NATIONWIDE. PLEASE REGISTER & VOTE IN THIS YEARS TRIBAL COUNCIL ELECTION. ELECT HOMER SCOTT & JOE BROOKS. WANISHI.**

**Paid For With The Personal Funds of Homer Scott, Joe Brooks and Lenape Friends**

## Preparation Continues for the Reburial of the Chambers Site

*Brice Obermeyer*

Archaeological investigations are set to take place this summer in preparation for the reburial of the Chambers Site collection. This very large collection comes from an 18th-century Delaware cemetery associated with the historic Delaware village of Kuskuskies in Western Pennsylvania. The cemetery is known archaeologically as the Chambers Site and at least 80 individual graves were identified

during the excavation of this site in the 1960s.

Last year we finalized the transfer of control of the collection from the Carnegie Museum and the State Museum of Pennsylvania to the three Delaware tribes (Delaware Tribe, Delaware Nation and Stockbridge Munsee). The entire collection was then moved to the curation facility at the Ohio History Connection in Columbus, OH and all the

remains and objects have been inventoried and reunited. Ohio History will hold the remains and objects for us until we are able to move forward with the reburial which is planned to take place in at Schoenbrunn Historic Village in eastern Ohio in October of this year. Funding from the National Park Service will be used to help support our travel to Ohio for the reburial. As a joint reburial, the funding will be split equally among the three tribes.

Schoenbrunn Historic Village is a reconstruction of the 18th-century Moravian Mission village of the same name that was originally established for the

Delaware while they lived in the Ohio country. As a historic Delaware site we are concerned that our planned reburial might impact existing cultural resources. Schoenbrunn Village is managed by the Ohio History Connection and they have conducted Ground Penetrating Radar (GPR) surveys at four potential reburial locations. Based on the results of these surveys, we have identified a preferred area for a reburial and an archaeological excavation is planned to take place at this location to further investigate for the presence of cultural resources at this location. Given the results of this excavation we will either

move forward with the reburial at this location or identify a new potential location. In either case, we are fairly confident that we will be able to move forward with the reburial in October.

Brice Obermeyer  
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## 1st Annual Health Fair

*Dana Murrell*

On Thursday April 21, 2016 from 10 A.M. to 2 P.M. Delaware Tribe of Indians Elder Nutrition Director Mary Randall coordinated and hosted our 1st Annual Health Fair event. It was funded by a grant from MIPPA (Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act), for which our Tribal Manager Allan Barnes did the groundwork.

Part D of Medicare, which relates to prescription drugs, was included. For example, there was a Part D specialist that was available to answer questions for the elders. When Open Enrollment for 2016 occurs between October 15 and December 7, we will now have someone as a resource for our elders to answer any questions they may have.

The Oklahoma Indian Council on Aging made us aware of the grant and emphasized that we should apply for it, so we did. This was something new for us and we are glad that they encouraged us to do so. Typically five or six tribes do a health fair together, but we were very happy with our turnout. Rebecca Kidwell at

the Will Rogers Health Center in Nowata made the suggestions for vendors to invite and Mary Randall followed up with the ones locally that we are aware of.

Here is the list of vendors and other attendees:

- Amedysis Home Health Care
- Tallgrass Estates
- Alzheimer's Association
- Kathy Wiley Hearing Aids
- Brookdale Senior Living
- Adams PARC
- Visiting Angels
- Comforting Hands Hospice
- AAA Grand Gateway
- Tulsa Veterans Center
- Will Rogers Clinic Nurses
- Cherokee Nation Dietitians
- Graves Menu Maker Foods
- Jeff Underwood, Field Representative for Senator James Lankford
- Delaware Tribe Housing Department
- Delaware Tribe Gift Shop
- Delaware Tribe Child & Family Support
- Delaware Tribe Enrollment Department

Thank you all for attending!

The highlights of the day included the attendance of Jeff Underwood, Senator James Lankford's representative, who was able to speak to elders regarding any questions that they had regarding Social Security, Veterans, etc. If he didn't have the answers, he provided the contact information of the people who could answer them. There were lots of door prizes and fried chicken for lunch. Lots of smiles and information shared. The Delaware Tribe has a great staff who all pulled together in a team effort to participate and help the Elder Nutrition Program's 1st Annual Health Fair become a success. Looking forward to seeing you next year! ■



*Above, left to right: Jeff Underwood addresses the crowd; Nancy, Sumpter Nate Young, Bonnie Jo Griffith, and Chief Brooks; Mary Maple and assistant. Right, top to bottom: Delaware Tribe Housing Department table, with Director Ron Scott; Elder Nutrition Director Mary Randall giving out blankets; Veterans Blanket winner Joanna Longley.*

## Department of Family & Children Services

*Curtis Zunigha*

The Department of Family & Children Services includes Child Support Services and the Indian Child Welfare Program. Curtis Zunigha serves as department director. Both offices are located in the Caney, Kansas administrative services building – 601 High Street, Caney, KS 67333. Telephone number: 620-879-2189.

### CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES

The Office of Child Support Services is funded by a grant from the US Dept of Health & Human Services/Administration for Children & Families/Office of Child Support Enforcement. The program assists applicants to obtain tribal court orders for child support payments. Our goal is to ensure both parents provide continuous financial support for their children. We promote functional co-parenting relationships to increase stable and self-sufficient families. We can locate non-custodial parents, establish paternity, transfer cases from other courts, modify and enforce court orders, and collect & disburse payments. Grandparents caring for children in the home may also be eligible to obtain child support.

The benefit of using our office is that paternity establishment ensures accurate tribal enrollment and inheritance rights. Tribal court jurisdiction allows more authority and flexibility in how cases are handled. And we use native cultural sensitivity in administering every case. We can refer applicants to other offices and agencies to meet the need for other social services. Our office does not provide any

legal services to applicants. Child Support Services can manage cases ordered in state courts or referred by state agencies.

The office staff is Curtis Zunigha (Delaware), Director ([czunigha@delawaretribe.org](mailto:czunigha@delawaretribe.org)); Arleata Snell (Assiniboine), Case Manager ([asnell@delawaretribe.org](mailto:asnell@delawaretribe.org)); and Crystal St John (Cherokee), Financial Specialist ([cstjohn@delawaretribe.org](mailto:cstjohn@delawaretribe.org)).

Our staff has recently attended several training conferences facilitated by State of Oklahoma and the Federal Office of Child Support Enforcement. Arleata Snell and Crystal St John recently graduated from the State of Oklahoma Office of Child Support Services Academy and can access the state database system for case management. We are also members of the Oklahoma and the National Tribal Child Support Associations.

The Delaware Tribe has entered into a Memorandum of Agreement with the State of Oklahoma and the State of Kansas. The agreement promises cooperative relations in administering child support services on behalf of any families that our respective programs may serve.

Contact the Office of Child Support Services to obtain an application or download one from the tribal website: <http://delawaretribe.org/wp-content/uploads/CSS-Application.pdf>

### INDIAN CHILD WELFARE

The ICW program provides assistance to children who are being displaced from their home or are experiencing abuse in the home or are being deprived of essential living conditions. The

goal is to keep families together and in a safe & stable home. In the case of children needing to be placed into foster homes, the goal is to keep siblings together and placed in Indian homes. Program funds can provide limited assistance in crisis situations. This program is NOT intended to provide poverty assistance grants; however there are circumstances in which severe poverty could lead to the potential neglect of children. Program services also include establishing eligibility for enrollment in tribal membership. All applicants will need to undergo an intake assessment.

ICW is funded by both federal and state grants. The Program Coordinator is Sasheen Reynolds (Delaware). Sasheen recently went to the National Indian Child Welfare Association Conference in Minnesota where she attended training workshops in program management skills. The F&CS Department is exploring the addition of a Title IV-E Foster Family component to the ICW program. We hope this will occur in 2017.

For more information or to obtain ICW services, please call phone number (620) 879-2189, ext 6 or email [sreynolds@delawaretribe.org](mailto:sreynolds@delawaretribe.org).

Curtis Zunigha  
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## Enrollment Department

*Leslie A. Fall-Leaf*

The Enrollment Department is very happy and excited to announce that our office will be undergoing a much-needed makeover this summer. Thanks to some extra funding obtained through the Federal Aid to Tribal Government Program, we are expanding our office space to include a vault room complete with fireproof filing cabinets where all of our membership records can be stored much more securely and safely. These renovations should begin very soon and if all goes as planned we should be able to remain in the office without too much inconvenience or any foreseen interruption in service during the construction. However, please bear with us if you come by and encounter any inconvenience. We hope to have it completed by the end of summer, so look for updates in your next issue of the *DIN!*

As always, please be aware that new enrollment and replace-

ment ID applications may be obtained by either downloading them from the tribal web page or calling and requesting them from our office. Remember that the most effective way to ensure prompt and timely service is to make sure all requested documentation is included with your applications. However, due to the high cost of postage and the volume of applications we receive, there is now a \$10.00 fee if you wish to have your documents returned to you through the mail. For security reasons we only send those documents via certified mail with a return receipt. If the fee is not received, we will keep your documents in the applicant's permanent folder. There is no charge if you pick the documents up in person.

Leslie A. Fall-Leaf  
Enrollment Director  
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## Donations for Education Scholarships Gratefully Accepted

We invite tribal members and others to contribute to a special fund for educational scholarships. Donors are recognized in five levels:

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

Send donations to

**Delaware Tribe of Indians  
Trust Board, Education Committee  
5100 Tuxedo Blvd  
Bartlesville, OK 74006-2746**





## Veterans Committee Report

*Kenny Brown*

**V**eterans, AH-TENN-SHUN! Our Tribal Veterans Committee has received eight M-1 Garand rifles from Tacomb Army Donation program. We can now form a full military honor guard along with our veterans color guard.

The M-1 Garands are surplus from WWII and the Korean War. They have been reconditioned to excellent condition, and a nomenclature manual came with each rifle.

We will be having M-1 rifle instruction and honor guard practices in the near future.

Your veterans committee thanks you for supporting our auctions and raffle. Proceeds will go to keep our uniforms looking strac, purchasing accessories for the rifles, and travel expenses, etc.

We are looking into purchasing a buffalo sculpture for our tribal complex entrance and we plan a War Mothers/Veterans float in the Bartlesville Veterans Parade this fall.

### Mark Your Calendar

August 20-21: Color Guard will open festivities at the Bixby Music Festival, 10:00 am each morning.

October 15: Wellbriety Powwow at Chouteau High School. Lenape Color Guard is on duty.

Next Veterans meeting is August 17.

Kenny Brown  
Chairman

Veterans Committee ■



## Veterans Auction

*Dana Murrell, Editorial Committee*

**O**n April 23, 2016, the Delaware Tribe Veterans Committee held an auction and lunch fundraiser at the Delaware Community Center. There was a choice of spaghetti or chili for lunch and the auction was held afterward. Lots of items were up for auction, but the crowd was thin due to lack of getting the word out.

That didn't stop Homer Scott and Kenny Brown. You had to be careful, if you lifted your hand for any reason, you may have just bid on an item! Everybody got a taste of good food, and there was lots of laughter and some people went home with some great stuff!

Another auction was held at the Delaware Pow wow in May.

If you wish to donate items

for a future auction, because they will be having one I'm sure, please contact Homer Scott at 918-332-8020 or Kenny Brown at 918-510-9555. They will be happy to arrange a pick up for you, or let you know when they are planning the next one.

For those who wish to help but are out of state, you can

send donations to the Delaware Tribe Veterans Committee c/o Kenny Brown or Homer Scott. Mail it to 5100 Tuxedo Blvd., Bartlesville, OK 74006. All donations are greatly appreciated. ■



## Elder Nutrition

*Mary Randall*

**O**ccasionally we are asked who can participate in our Elder Nutrition Program. The Elder Nutrition Program is funded by a grant that is part of the Older Americans Act: Title VI and is for Elder members (55 years or older) of a federally recognized Indian tribe, band, nation, or organized group or community, including any Alaska Native Village as defined in the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (894 Stat. 688). In addition to providing nutrition services to older Indians, a tribal organization may:

- Provide nutrition services to the spouses of older Indians;
- Provide nutrition services to non-elderly handicapped or disabled Indians who reside in housing facilities occupied primarily by the elderly, at which congregate nutrition services are provided;

- Offer a meal, on the same basis as meals are provided to older Indians, to individuals providing volunteer services during meal hours: and

- Provide a meal to individuals with disabilities who reside in a non-institutional household with and accompany person eligible for congregate meals under that part.

Any time the tribe applies for a grant, it must be approved by the Council which confirms that the Tribe will abide by the provisions of the grant. Our recent posting of the grant's conditions is not a change, but just clarifying participation so that we comply with the grant.

Mary Randall  
Elder Nutrition Director  
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## Learn the Lenape Language

### Food Terms

Katupwi hàch?	Are you hungry?
Mitsitàm.	Let's eat.
Katusëmwi hàch?	Are you thirsty?
E-è, kèpe hàch?	Yes, are you too?
Mili Kàpi.	Give me some coffee.
Shè yun.	Here it is.
Winkël yu ahpon.	This bread tastes good.
Nëwinkitàmén.	I like to eat it.

### Walking Terms

Ohëlëmuxwe	he walks a long way
Nëmësuxwe	I walk here and there
Wituxwe	he walks with someone
Kimuxwe	he walks quietly or he walks stealthily
Nishuxweyok	they walk together; they are engaged (to be married)

## Boys and Girls Club of Chelsea

*Lindsey Harris*

Greetings from the Boys and Girls Club of Chelsea. We are so happy to be giving you an update on the amazing progress we have going here at the club. We are so honored to have been asked to host the 2016 Boys and Girls Club of Americas Native Services Native Learning Event 2016. This event will be held at the Hard Rock Hotel and Casino in Catoosa, OK on May 18th and 19th.

This event features a very important all staff training for Boys and Girls Clubs in Indian Country. Staff from all over Native

Oklahoma as well as Kansas will be in attendance. There will also be key trainers from the Boys and Girls Clubs of America's national office as well as representatives from our current mentoring programs our clubs are running at a local level. This training will be a great way to showcase our Tribe and our native culture. Our club is in charge of the welcome/opening ceremonies as well as all cultural programming. While, at this time, they have not allotted much time to cultural infusion, we will make the most of each minute we have.

The Boys and Girls Club of Chelsea has one of the finest art programs of all the clubs in Indian Country and our art program will be participating in the creation of much of the training materials for the attendees. Our art program will also be giving each organization that is in attendance a piece of clay pottery that has been made right here at our club from our kids.

A little information about our club and its importance. Our club is home to 85 kids daily. We are an afterschool program oriented club. We run programs that enrich their education in the areas of science, technology, reading, and math. We also have several programs that bring awareness

to the importance of physical fitness and healthy eating habits. 70% of our youth are native. Of that 70%, 27% are members of the Delaware Tribe of Indians. Our school district as a whole is in approximately 73% of the free or reduced lunch level. The Boys and Girls Club of Chelsea has made it a top priority to ensure every kid coming through our doors get at least one healthy and nutritious snack/meal before being sent home. We have a great staff and as CEO, I could not be prouder of the hard work this staff puts in for very little pay day-after-day. Our staff for the first time in many years, if ever, is 100% native and 40% Delaware!!

We, at the Boys and Girls Club of Chelsea, encourage all our tribal members to come take a look at the newly renovated club and witness for yourself all the positive movements that are being led right here in small town Chelsea. We are still the only club located in Rogers County after all these years! Thank you to the Delaware Tribe of Indians and the Delaware Tribe Housing Department for all they do for our club.

BE GREAT!  
Wanishi,

Lindsey Harris,  
CEO ■



Left, (front from left – Lindsey Harris, CEO Boys and Girls Club of Chelsea; Bailey James, Program Coordinator; Cassidy Meeks, Program Coordinator; Shelly Davis, Program Director; Annette Ketchum, Secretary Delaware Tribe of Indians Tribal Council; Debra West, President Indian Women's Pocahontas Club; Keith Austin, Tribal Councilor Cherokee Nation; back from left – Ollie Starr, Chairwoman, Indian Women's Pocahontas Club; Robert Daugherty, Cultural/Language Director Cherokee Nation; Steven Hubbard, Program Director Boys and Girls Club of Chelsea; Dee Ketchum, Delaware Tribe of Indians former Chief. Right, Dee Ketchum, Annette Ketchum, Keith Austin. Annette signed the Lord's Prayer in Lenape. She also spoke regarding the culture of the Delaware Tribe as well as spoke about our current tribal activities.

## DELAWARE TRIBE OF INDIANS Culture Preservation Program, Trust Board QUESTIONNAIRE

The point of this Questionnaire is simply to find out who will participate in various venues (not if you approve them). There are no right or wrong answers. You may sign your name, e-mail or phone# if you want to be contacted for classes.

### Subjects:

I am interested in:

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Activities in dance and songs  | <input type="checkbox"/> Women's clothes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Demonstrations   | <input type="checkbox"/> Moccasin-making |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Demonstrations of various arts and cooking                               | <input type="checkbox"/> Ribbon work     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Panel discussions on various topics                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Beading         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lectures in culture, history, customs, government, social programs, etc. | <input type="checkbox"/> Finger weaving  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Language   | <input type="checkbox"/> Shawl-making    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hands-on construction of various arts and cooking                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Frybread        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Men's clothes  | <input type="checkbox"/> Grape dumplings |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____  |  |

I am able to Demonstrate, Discuss, Lecture, and/or Teach.  
Subject: \_\_\_\_\_

Attendance:

Days are best for me     Evenings are best     Weekends are best

My best days of the week are: \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_

My best evenings of the week are: \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_

Personal Information:

- Grade 4 thru Grade 8 in school  
 Grade 9 thru Age 18  
 Age 18-65  
 Age over 65

I live in (Name of Town) \_\_\_\_\_

- I am Delaware  
 I am a member of \_\_\_\_\_ Tribe.  
 I am non-Indian.  
 I have attended Delaware Culture Classes in the past.

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone#: \_\_\_\_\_

Return to: Delaware Tribe of Indians, Attn: Dana Murrell, 5100 Tuxedo Blvd., Bartlesville, OK 74006

## Housing Survey – Rent or Own a Home

The Delaware Tribe Housing Department (DTHD) is seeking input for housing accommodations from the readers of the *Delaware Indian News*.

(Select either one, rental **or** a home ownership)

If a family is seeking an affordable place to live, would they consider a rental of:

- Apartment  
 Single rental housing unit in an addition  
 Duplex housing unit in an addition  
 Triplex housing unit in an addition  
 Separate rental house in a neighborhood  
 Separate rental house outside the city limits

**OR**

a family seeking home ownership to reside in:

- An existing housing unit located in a housing addition  
 Assigned to a house you will pay off that was a former rental unit inside the city limits  
 An existing house to pay off that was a former rental unit outside the city limits

Please be aware:

Each housing program has policies regarding maintenance for rental and the responsibilities of the home buyer to maintain and pay for repairs.

Please submit this form with your name, address and tribal affiliation. DTHD will select one complete survey for a prize. The prize will be given to one of the first 50 to return their completed survey by August 15, 2016, to the **Delaware Tribe Housing Department at 5100 Tuxedo Blvd., Bartlesville, OK 74006.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Tribal affiliation \_\_\_\_\_

## To Contact Us

### Bartlesville Tribal Offices:

5100 Tuxedo Blvd  
 Bartlesville, OK 74006  
 918-337-6590

### Office Hours:

8:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. M-F

### Chelsea Housing Office:

6 Northview Dr., Chelsea, OK  
 918-789-2525

### Caney Office:

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

### Tribal Web Site:

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

### General Email:

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



## Community Services and Education

### Community Services Programs

If you have questions, please contact Angela Krebbs at 918-337-6590.

**Burial Program:** Burial assistance for Delaware tribal members. The family may apply for up to \$500. The funds may be applied to expenses that are most beneficial to the family (i.e., funeral services, meals, wake, grave marker etc.). Documentation must be provided, including death certificate.

**Dental Assistance:** Assistance for dental services up to \$250. Services may include tooth repair, dental fillings, dentures or emergency services. Routine dental exams or cleaning are not covered. Payment for services will be made to the vendor.

**Elder Optical Assistance:** Assistance for optical services to elders age 60 and over. Funds may be used for services, including glasses, physician's visits or related costs up to \$200 annually. Payment for services will be made to the vendor.

**Elder Prescription Medication Assistance:** Prescription medication assistance to Delaware elders age 60 and over for pharmacy and related costs. Elders may receive assistance not to exceed \$900 per calendar year. Elders may apply more than once per calendar year until \$900 is reached. Funds may be disbursed to vendors on a monthly basis not to exceed \$75 per month for long-term recurring medication. Elders must include a statement from the pharmacy showing the continuing service. This addresses Elders who have an ongoing monthly pharmacy bill and must renew application annually.

**Emergency and Emergency Travel Assistance:** Emergency assistance to Delaware tribal members. Funds are to be used for emergency situations. Assistance includes, but is not limited to, groceries or related assistance, or health transportation costs. Applicants must utilize all other community resources prior to application. Funds are allocated up to \$200 and will be disbursed as

determined by the Community Service Committee on a case-by-case basis.

**Medical and Hospital Equipment Assistance:** Assistance to pay medical bills, including but not limited to medical equipment (purchase or rental), home health care, pharmacy, etc. not to exceed \$200. Payment for services will be made to the vendor.

**Rental Assistance:** Assistance in emergency situations on a one-month, one-time, once-a-year basis. Amount of assistance that can be approved is limited up to \$200. Eviction notice and/or other documentation must be submitted with the application. Approval of application must be obtained prior to payment. The Tribal member's name must be on the rental/lease contract. Payment will be made to the landlord.

**Student Optical Assistance:** Assistance to students enrolled in grades K-12, college/universities, and vocational technology schools. Funds can be designated to pay for glasses, contacts, physician visits or related costs. Each request may not exceed \$200. Approval of application must be obtained prior to payment for services. One request per calendar year, not to exceed \$200. Payment for services will be made to the vendor.

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

*PLEASE NOTE: The Community Services Committee has adopted income guidelines for all assistance programs with the exception of Burial Assistance. ■*



### Education Committee Assistance/Programs

Take advantage of these programs; they are here for you! If you have any questions, please contact Angela Krebbs at 918-337-6590.

The Education Assistance programs provide financial aid to tribal members of all ages from Pre-School to college, and also Adult Vocational Technology training. Programs available to our members are listed below.

#### PROGRAMS

**Academic Achievement Award:** This \$100 award is available on a one-time basis to registered Delaware Tribal members who have graduated in the current fiscal/academic school year from high school, college, or Vo-Tech with a current 3.5 GPA (grade point average).

**Athletic Assistance:** This program is for registered Delaware Tribe of Indians students who need some type of assistance for students involved in school-sponsored athletic programs (such as baseball, football, basketball, track, cheerleader, etc.), for items required, but not provided by the school (such as shoes, baseball mitts, mouth pieces, etc.) Students may be reimbursed up to \$50 per application per fiscal year. Applications are approved on a case-by-case basis. Awards are based on the availability of funds.

**Drivers Education Assistance:** Can be used to help defray costs of driver's education classes through an accredited training facility. This program has a maximum of \$75 per applicant per fiscal year. The assistance will be made based on funding availability.

**Education Assistance:** This program is for students ages 6th thru 12th grade who are registered members of the Delaware Tribe of Indians who need some type of assistance while enrolled in school, such as graduation expenses, ACT exams, summer school, band, choir, etc. This program has a maximum payment of \$50.00 per applicant per fiscal year.

**School Supply Assistance:** Helps registered members of the Delaware Tribe of

Indians with the cost of purchasing the needed school supplies for children in grades Pre-K through 5th grade. School Supply Assistance applications may be submitted from July 1 to September 30 or until funds are exhausted. Application deadline is September 30 of every year. Assistance is available up to \$40 per child with receipt of purchase. Please submit separate receipts for each application. Acceptable receipts shall only include the school supplies purchased (no groceries or household items).

**Trust Fund Higher Education Scholarship:** Delaware Tribal members are eligible for up to \$2,400 in scholarship funding. Full-time students may apply for \$300 per semester for up to eight semesters. Semesters do not have to be consecutive. Part-time students will receive \$150 per semester up to 16 semesters. Applicants must submit all required documentation. Students must maintain a 2.7 GPA (grade point average) in the last semester attended (high school, college, etc.) Students must reapply at the end of each semester. 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.

Fall scholarship applications will be accepted from June 1 through July 31, spring from January 1 through February 28.

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

# Pictures from the 52nd Annual Delaware Powwow Held May 27-29, 2016



## Tribal Artist Designs 2016 Pow Wow T-Shirt

Delaware Tribe member Erica M.Z. Magee was recently certified by the Tribal Council as a Delaware Artist and recognized for her work in designing this year's t-shirt for the 52nd annual Delaware Pow Wow. Erica and her husband are owner/operator of The Parlour Hair & Ink in Sand Springs, OK. She is active in the Indian community serving as committee member of the Intertribal Indian Club of Tulsa and a participating parent with Lenapeowski. Erica dances in both cloth and buckskin styles and shakes shells at stomp dances. She designs and makes pow wow regalia for her family, and is teaching beadwork to ten-year old daughter Cayla. She descends from the Wilson family of Copan and is the daughter of former Chief Curtis Zunigha. ■



## Old Mystery Customs

*On May 1st there is an old custom of washing your face with the dew on that morning and it will keep you young looking. I knew some Delaware who did that too.*

--Jim Rementer

This isn't a Delaware custom. Does anybody know where this began?

If you know, let us know at [din@delawaretribe.org](mailto:din@delawaretribe.org). ■

## Tribal Cultural Center in Bartlesville

Brice Obermeyer

The Delaware Tribe is pleased to announce that we are continuing to work on the development of a Cultural Center to be located at the Tribal Headquarters in Bartlesville. Envisioned as a museum in the heart of a cultural center, we intend for this institution to eventually serve as the premier educational, curatorial and archival facility for all facets of Lenape history and culture as well as an architecturally inviting space for cultural events, language classes and intertribal gatherings.

With this goal in mind, our first step in this multi-year project was to meet with all five Lenape descended tribes about the potential direction for such a Cultural Center. Successfully awarded grant funds were used to support these invaluable consultations and we wish to formally thank the Delaware Tribe and Delaware Nation in Oklahoma and the Munsee Delaware Nation and the Delaware Nation at Moraviantown in Canada for hosting our visits. We would also like to extend our sincere gratitude to those tribal members in Oklahoma and Canada who took the time to meet with us during our on-site discussions. Beyond myself, our team that carried out these consultations included Tribal archivist Anita Mathis who prepared our presentations and was an integral part of the meetings with the Delaware Nation and the Delaware Tribe; and Child Support Services Director

Curtis Zunigha who was an essential part of each of the consultations and who was responsible for establishing and maintaining our connections with the Munsee Delaware Nation and the Delaware Nation at Moraviantown in Canada. I would like to personally acknowledge Anita and Curtis' for their guidance and support on these consultations. It is because of their participation that these consultations were so successful.

The direction and information we gained during our consultations has helped to identify many necessary concerns and potential solutions for the planned Cultural Center. The first and perhaps most significant concern was over the location of the center. Understandably each tribe and nation would like to have such a facility housed at their location. The solution to this concern that has received intertribal support is to develop a virtual cultural center that would live on-line and to which all tribes would have access. Here we could offer everything that we plan to offer in person such as language, history and culture classes, digital library and archive and virtual museum exhibits. The virtual cultural center could also serve as an on-line meeting space for each of the tribes to collaborate on shared museum related repatriation projects. We have added this virtual project to our scope of work as we move forward with the planning for a physi-

cal cultural center that would be housed with the Delaware Tribe in Bartlesville.

On March 15, 2016 the Delaware Tribe approved a resolution (2016-23) to adopt an investment plan for the increased revenue generated by our recent increase to our consultation fees in the DTHPO. The adopted plan commits 45% of this revenue toward the development and programming for the Cultural Center. Of this 27.5% will be set aside for construction, planning and programming, 7.5% for the Language and Culture Programs; 7.5% for a Museum Director position; and 2.5% will be set aside for scholarships to those tribal members pursuing degrees in anthropology, archaeology, history and closely related fields. With the budget in place, we will soon begin a search for a Museum Director who will take on the task of guiding the direction for the Cultural Center which will likely include temporarily housing it at the Community Center in Bartlesville while the planning for the construction of a new facility takes place. We would also like to encourage any potential student interested in pursuing degrees in anthropology, archaeology or history to contact the Scholarship Committee for information about scholarship funding for the fall.

Brice Obermeyer  
Director, Delaware Tribe  
Historic Preservation Office  
[bobermeyer@delawaretribe.org](mailto:bobermeyer@delawaretribe.org)

## Births

### Tatum Joseph Ford

Born May 10, 2016

Tatum Joseph Ford was born on 5/10/16 at 4:22 am. He weighed in at 8 lbs even, and was 21 inches long.

Parents are Taylor and Whitney Ford. Grandparents are Kevin Thomas, Kala Ketchum, and Steve and Dixie Ford. Great-grandparents include Annette and Dee Ketchum; Michael and Jeanette Gardner; James Thomas (deceased); Joseph Lauinger (deceased); Dee Lauinger; Claudia Colestock; Bernerd Colestock (deceased); and Darrel Ford. ■



## Learn the Lenape Language

### Garden Terms

Hakihakàn	a garden
Hakihakànink	in the garden
Ntákihakàn	my field; my garden
Xinghòkihe	he plants a large field
Ntápi hakihe	I just came from planting
Tèpikèn	it is ripe (a plant); it has grown to maturity



Crystal St John with Child Support Services and Sasheen Reynolds with Indian Child Welfare attend the booth at Sunfest in Bartlesville June 3-5. They were promoting their programs and giving away promotional items to the hundreds of public festival attendees.

## Pow-Wow -vs- Prison

*A poem by Tribal Member Heather Beasley*

Freedom to behind bars  
 Freedom that was once taken for granted  
 Bars that is having regrets of being  
 Songs of prayer that reach Heaven  
 Cries of wanting to go home go unheard  
 Being able to dance & sing freely  
 Now having to adjust to the BOP ways  
 Seeing & enjoying bright & beautiful colors of regalias  
 Being sick of the sight & wear of khakis  
 Eating fry bread, Indian tacos, meat pies & much more yummy foods  
 It's an amazing 3 day feast  
 Having to stomach slop that's given to us  
 Either eat or starve in this captivity  
 Fancy, traditional, grass, buckskin, cloth, shawl & jingle dancers  
 Correctional officers & inmates  
 Senior, Junior & Tiny tot categories  
 O.Gs, thugs, wanna-bes, addicts, career criminals, outlaws, the used &  
 many more of the forgotten  
 Grand Entry is the beginning of a glorious time  
 Getting "booked-in" is the beginning of the road to captivity  
 Honor dances, Two-step, Round dance, War & Gourd dances  
 Now seeing stripper & erotic dances  
 Vendors that sell beautiful Native items  
 Females that sell their soul for pills & commissary  
 Staying up late to Stomp Dance is fun  
 Having a "bed-time" for adults is crazy sad  
 Being able to roam freely  
 Controlled moves & being locked in  
 Fun & happy contests with prizes  
 Trying to "bling" the most, that ends up with debt & fights  
 Being oneself & spiritual that comes with peace  
 Having a front & trying to be someone your not comes with a full-time  
 job & headache  
 Spending time with family & friends that makes a precious memory  
 Being around a whole lot of convicts that drive you crazy  
 The sound of drums & singing that is a soothing sensation  
 Sounds of keys jingling, loud voice of C.Os & inmates make you cringe  
 It's a 49'er night, who had fun?  
 It's a fight, who won?  
 At the end of the third night, there's the feeling of not wanting to Pow-Wow to end  
 I ask God when will this captivity end?  
 Being in the arena, dancing, singing & praying releases your fears, regrets,  
 pain & anything else that's within you  
 Being incarcerated brings out a lot of fears, regrets, pain & stress  
 Giving money away for special dances to bless others  
 Scraping & struggling to get by can be hard at times

## Special Submission from Tribal Member

May 28, 2016

Hé,

My name is Heather Beasley and I am a tribal member. I'd like to submit a poem in the DIN. I would like to reach out to the youth and the people that is going through the similar things. I think that this subject needs to be talked about, have more awareness, have more outreach and not to be wiped under the rug. This subject is addiction. I would like to be involved and help to and for our people. I believe by speaking out it could prevent someone from going down this road, give encouragement to that addict that needs to turn their life around, and to the addicts and addicts' families that they're not the only ones. They need to know that there's others out there, there's support out there/ that family is worth fighting for. My poem, *Pow-Wow -vs- Prison* is enclosed. I really hope that you will consider publishing the poem in the DIN. Not for the benefit for myself but the benefit of changing someone else's life.

Wanishi,  
 Heather Beasley  
 Fort Worth, TX

Is there another Pow-Wow some where?  
 Has there been a new law that passed?

OH, the Pow-Wow wore me out  
 OH, how I need to get out

What a special & unique time  
 It's been one hard lesson

The Pow-Wow made some beautiful memories  
 Prison has made people suffer & hurt

OH, how I can't wait for another Pow-Wow  
 OH, how near is my release date?

The Pow-Wow is some where I enjoy to be  
 Prison is somewhere that I don't want to return to again

When is another?  
 When will this end?

How could I take all these wonderful things for granted?  
 Prison has taught me how to be grateful

The many Pow-Wows that I've missed  
 But many lessons learned

The end of the night will be my rest  
 The end of this road of captivity will be my new beginning

Dance, Dance, Dance for everything & everyone  
 Shout, Shout, Shout that I'm out

Remembering the wonderful colors of the regalias  
 Seeing the true colors of people

Even though it's Pow-Wow -vs- Prison there's things in common  
 The Great Creator was with me  
 I've had certain family members stand by me  
 OH, how I love you Mom & Grandma  
 OH, how so blessed that I am

## Election 2016 Declaration of Candidacy Form

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

**Check one:**  Tribal Council Member  Trust Board Chair  
 Trust Board Member  Tribal Judge

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Delaware Registration #: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 First Middle Last Maiden  
 (& previously married name(s) if any)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City State Zip

Telephone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

The Candidate filing period is August 1 thru September 1, 2016. No exceptions.

All Candidate Declaration forms must be mailed to:

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

## Attention Notice to 2016 Candidates !!

The information sent to the Election Board will NOT automatically be forwarded to the *Delaware Indian News (DIN)* for publication. The *DIN* will provide free publication of candidate bio/article for all declared candidates in the October 2016 issue. Send your candidate information in the form of an article along with a photograph if desired. The articles must be publication ready as follows:

1. May be no longer than one (1) 8.5 x 11 inch page
2. Typed in 12 point font or larger
3. Must be submitted in Microsoft Word or Rich Text format
4. Publication-ready material must reach the DIN staff no later than 5 P.M. on September 1, 2016

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

**din@delawaretribe.org** OR Delaware Indian News  
 5100 Tuxedo Blvd  
 Bartlesville, OK 74006

## Delaware Tribe of Indians Candidate "Voter/Membership List" Order Form

I hereby request a voter/membership list—on electronic media to be used in conjunction with the 2016 Delaware Elections,

Declared Candidate for (seat): \_\_\_\_\_

Delaware Registration #: \_\_\_\_\_

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 First Middle Last Maiden  
 (& previously married name(s) if any)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City State Zip

Telephone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Order media type (check all that apply)

paper list @ \$25.00 per

flash drive @ \$25.00 per

disk @ \$25.00 per

**MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO DELAWARE  
ELECTION BOARD**

\*\*\*\*\*IMPORTANT NOTICE TO CANDIDATE\*\*\*\*\*

Candidate agrees to keep confidential all personally identifiable information. Media/information is to be used only for the 2016 election/campaign cycle. Candidate agrees media/information is not to be resold or used for any other purpose

Candidate Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

All request forms must be mailed to:

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

## 2016 Delaware Tribe Election Board

Darrell Glenn – Chair  
 Robyn Sroufe  
 Sherri Patton  
 Cass Smith  
 Jenan Alderman – Pending member

### Contact Information:

Delaware Election Board  
 P.O. Box 1198  
 Bartlesville, OK 74005  
 Telephone #: 918-337-6590





## Delaware Tribe of Indians Election Regulations

**Approved by:  
Tribal Council & Trust Board**

**Date: June 2, 2014**

### 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 in the November 2013 election shall be considered to be absentee voters and will receive an absentee ballot in all subsequent elections unless they fail to vote in three (3) consecutive elections.

All eligible voters not voting in the November 2013 election will be required to request an Absentee ballot. Once requesting an absentee ballot, unless they fail to vote in three (3) consecutive elections, they will continue to receive 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<sup>4</sup> who have reached their eighteenth birthday on or before the date of filing; and is an eligible voter.

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 (if available) for publication and Delaware registration number for enrollment verification.

The filing period shall be August 1st thru September 1st for regular elections.<sup>5</sup> For special elections, the deadline shall be 60 days prior to the election.

### 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.<sup>6</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 election board members and present their name(s) to the Tribal Council and Trust Board for approval.

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:

To determine that each person offering to vote is on the official voting list.

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.

To certify that all ballots received are signed and dated by the registered voter. 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.

To keep ballots, including the ones from the Post Office, locked at all times except when the ballots are being counted.

To count the ballots cast and make a tally there of after the polls have closed.

To make a certified election return and send it to the Bureau of Indian Affairs Muskogee 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.

Election Board members shall arrive at the polling place 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, unless the Chairperson moves the Board to an alternate location.

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

All candidates in any Delaware Tribe of Indians election shall be afforded the right to purchase a list of electronic media. Said list, shall clearly show all registered voters, less "lost" Delaware. The list will include a designation indicating those members actually voting in the most recent election(s) (See Election Regulations – Voter Eligibility).

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

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

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

### Voting Place(s)

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

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

### Ballots

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

### Manner of Voting

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

### In Person Voting

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

<sup>1</sup> Delaware Tribe of Indians Constitution (2008) Article V. Section M

<sup>2</sup> Delaware Tribe of Indians Constitution (2008) Article VI. Section 1

<sup>3</sup> Delaware Tribe of Indians Constitution (2008) Article VI. Section 6

<sup>4</sup> Delaware Tribe of Indians Constitution (2008) Article II

<sup>5</sup> Delaware Tribe of Indians Constitution (2008) Article VI, Section 1

<sup>6</sup> Delaware Tribe of Indians Constitution (2008) Article VI, Section 6

### Absentee Voting

Absentee ballots must be returned through 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 its 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 elec-

tion 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 — 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 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, 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 or Tribal Election Regulations.

#### 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. 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. ■



# Hats Off to our 2016 Graduates!

## We are proud of you!!



### Meredith Franke

Meredith Franke graduated May 20, 2016, from Nowata High School. Earning the honor of Valedictorian, she carried a 4.35 GPA, completing honors classes and 18 concurrent college hours. Meredith will attend Oklahoma State University this fall majoring in accounting. She is the daughter of Steve and Angelia (Nunnallee) Franke and granddaughter of Bob and Marilee Nunnallee.



### Joseph Cushing

Graduating with a Washington State High School diploma and earning an AA from Green River College, Joseph Cushing will start attending Central Washington University in June for his goal for a BS in paramedicine.



### Tiana Tate' Luta Long

My name is Tiana Tate' Luta Long. I am 18 years old. I am a member of the Delaware tribe. I am the daughter of Luana (Biggoose) Murphy and step-father Jason Murphy. My dad is Terrence Long of the Navajo Nation from Grants, NM. My grandmother is Cecilia Runnels. My great grandmother was Jeanette Carson Mitchell and my great, great grandmother was Edith Parks, sister of Lucy P. Blalock and Ruthe Parks. I am Wolf clan.

I am graduating from Skiatook High School Senior 2016. I played on the varsity tennis team. I was on the Debate team and went to State for Speech and Dramatic Duet. I have been accepted to the Institute of American Indian Arts (IAIA) in Santa Fe, NM for the Fall 2016 class into the Bachelors of Fine Arts Program for Cinematic Arts & Technology.

I am attending The Native Youth Camp at the Delaware Water Gap in New Jersey for Delaware youth. It is a camp designed to empower Delaware youth, learn about our original homelands and instill Leadership skills.



### Devin Randall

Devin Randall, son of Charles Glen Randall and grandson of Charles E. Randall graduated from the University of Arkansas with a degree in Civil Engineering. He is still competing with the Razorback men's track & field team. Devin accepted a position with Tulsa, OK-based McClelland Consulting Engineers Inc. as a consulting civil engineer after the NCAA's.



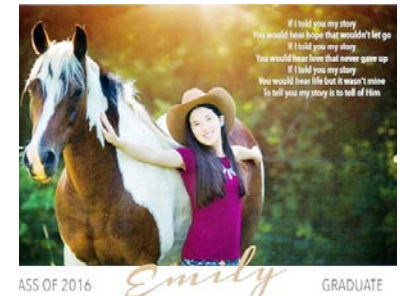
### Denton Trey Randall

This is Denton Trey Randall, son of Tribal member Charles Glen Randall and grandson of Charles E. Randall. He graduated with honors from Wesleyan Christian School on May 13, 2016. His future plans are to pursue a degree in Industrial Engineering while attending the University of Arkansas and be a "walk-on" in their track program. Denton throws the shot put and discus.



### Trey Christian Johnson

Delaware Tribal Member Trey Christian Johnson Graduated from Dewey High School on May 20th 2016. Trey is the 18 year old son of Jimmie and Jade Johnson of Dewey. Trey is the Paternal Grandson of Jack and Laura Maynor of Copan, and Gilbert and Mary Watters of Copan. Maternal Grandparents are Daryl and Joyce Edwards of Albion Oklahoma, and Ginger and Gerald Llewellyn of Cypress Texas. Trey plans to attend Haskell Indian Nations University to Major in Environmental Science.



### Emily Massimore

Emily Massimore graduated from Verdigris High School on May 13, 2016. She is the great-grandniece of Delaware Elder Bonnie Thaxton.



### Autumn Stewart

Autumn Elizabeth Stewart, 18, is the daughter of Delaware Trust Board Secretary Roger Stewart and Joann Stewart, both of Bartlesville OK. Autumn is a licensed hair stylist and graduate of both Bartlesville and Tri-County Tech. Autumn is an accomplished violinist and cellist. She is employed by Dink's BBQ and is also beginning her chosen profession at 9one8 Beauty Salon & Spa.