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## Chief Announces Nov 5 Tribal Election and Nov 12 General Council

**K**ula Malsi Hach Lenapeok? Kwuli Kishku Tahkoken!

How are you Delaware tribal members? – It is a good Fall day!

Election Season is upon us and I want to personally ask all adult Delaware tribal members to vote for the candidates of their choice in this important election. Offices to be elected are three Tribal Council Members, Trust Board Chair and three Trust Board Members, and two Associate Justices for Delaware Tribal Court. I want all Delaware voters to vote for the candidates of their choice and I respectfully ASK ALL ADULT DELAWARES TO SUPPORT THEIR TRIBE BY VOTING IN THIS IMPORTANT ELECTION. A Trust question will also be on the ballot to raise Education budget from 25 percent of Trust Budget to 30 percent and to reduce the Community Services budget from 30 percent to 25 percent of the total Trust Budget. This change is necessary to support continued scholarship funding and I respectfully request members vote yes on this question.

The Election poll will be open for walk-in voters in the Social Services Building on Barbara Street at Delaware Tribal Headquarters in Bartlesville, OK on Saturday, November 5. Please bless the future of your Tribe by casting your votes and electing the candidates of your choice.

Those Candidates elected will be sworn in at the Delaware General Council to be held one week later on Saturday, November 12 at the Delaware Community Center in Bartlesville, OK. Lunch will be served before General Council, which begins at 1:00 pm, and if we lack a Quorum of 100 voting members we will hold a regular Tribal Council Meeting so that the “State of the Tribe” address can be given and newly-elected Tribal Officials can be sworn in, as required by our Constitution and By-Laws.

**PLEASE VOTE BY ABSENTEE BALLOT OR IN PERSON ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5<sup>th</sup> AND I LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AT GENERAL COUNCIL SAT, NOVEMBER 12<sup>th</sup>.** ■

## Official List of Candidates

### Tribal Council Member

Larry Joe Brooks  
LuAnn Hainline  
Michelle Holley  
Annette Ann Ketchum  
Jenifer Pechonick  
Paula Kathleen Pechonick  
Charles Edward Randall  
Karla Michelle Vernon  
Nathan Harrison Young, IV

### Trust Board Chair

Mary Jolene Peterson

### Trust Board Member

Marilyn Cole  
Jeffrey Mack Hawkins  
Autumn Elizabeth Stewart  
Roger D. Stewart  
John Milford Thomas

### Tribal Judge

Bethany Sue Jackson  
Nathan Harrison Young, III

## Election Information

The Delaware Elders Committee and Election Board are co-hosting a Candidate Forum on Saturday, October 1, 2016 (see page 16).

Voting information is also on page 16.

Candidate statements begin on page 23.

See the Delaware Tribe’s web site at [www.delawaretribe.org](http://www.delawaretribe.org) for more information.

## SPECIAL NOTICE TO TRIBAL MEMBERS

Tribal Election Date: Saturday November 5, 2016  
General Council: Saturday November 12, 2016

OFFICIAL BALLOT  
Delaware Tribe of Indians  
GENERAL ELECTION  
Bartlesville, Oklahoma  
November 5, 2016

**S**  
This is your secret ballot.  
Do not sign or otherwise mutilate it.  
Place an X in the box by the candidate  
of your choice (6), like this [X]

**A**  
Tribal Council Member:  
Vote for three (3)

**M**  
Larry Joe Brooks   
**L**  
Lu Ann Hainline   
**H**  
Michelle Holley   
**A**  
Annette Anne Ketchum   
**J**  
Jenifer Jo Pechonick   
**P**  
Paula Kathleen Pechonick   
**C**  
Charles Edward Randall   
**K**  
Karla Michelle Vernon   
**N**  
Nathan Harrison Young IV

**E**  
Trust Board Chair:  
Vote for one (1)

Mary Jolene Peterson

**S**  
Trust Board Member:  
Vote for three (3)

**M**  
Marilyn S. Cole   
**J**  
Jeffrey Mack Hawkins   
**A**  
Autumn Elizabeth Stewart   
**R**  
Roger D. Stewart   
**J**  
John Milford Thomas

**M**  
Tribal Judge:  
Vote for two (2)

**B**  
Bethany Sue Jackson   
**N**  
Nathan Harrison Young III

**L**  
Proposed Change in Funding for  
Delaware Trust Board Budget:

**E**  
Due to an increase in requests for education  
scholarships, the Education Fund budget does  
not meet the needs. Community Services has  
a carry over balance at the end of each year.  
Proposal is to raise the Education Fund by 5%  
and decrease Community Services by 5%.

**A**  
ADOPT THE BUDGET CHANGE   
**D**  
DO NOT ADOPT THE BUDGET  
CHANGE

## From the Desk of Assistant Chief Bonnie Jo Griffith

A lot is happening here at the Tribe.

Economic opportunities are starting to materialize with Tahkox e2 getting off the ground and running. The Economic Development Committee has also been looking at several other opportunities. This is proving to be an interesting time for our Tribe and good things look to be happening.

The upcoming election proves to be very interesting. We have many offices to be filled. There are three Tribal Council seats to fill, the Trust Board Chairman seat, three Trust Board seats, two spots on our Tribal Court, and one Trust Board question. I hear several members will be vying for the Council seats. With all of the turmoil on the Council, I am hoping we elect three new faces. We so need cohesiveness on the Council and these last 14 months we've had little if any. I truly believe that every member of the Council wants what is best for our Tribe but we are pretty well split on how to accomplish that.

Some Council members seem to want to live in the "what ifs." We need to look forward and be progressive and not keep living

in the past. We can do that all day long and waste precious time that needs to be used to look to the future. There seems to be constant grumbling from a small minority that is not happy with this administration, was not happy with the Pechonick administration, was not happy with the Jerry Douglas administration, was not happy with the Joe Brooks administration, was not happy with the Dee Ketchum administration, was not happy with the Curtis Zunigha administration, etc. Am I the only one who sees a pattern here? If people are unhappy with how things are going, in my opinion, they need to bring positive changes to the table. They need to run for office. They need to look at the glass half full instead of half empty.

**My** first priority is the tribe's economy. I feel that to support everything our Tribe needs we have to have a good revenue stream. Without money we will be unable to grow. I fear that soon grants will begin to run out as well as the cell phone tower dollars. We have to have something to replace those streams. If you have any business ideas, please let me know. We are

in this together!! Some of the work that is being done has had to have Non-Disclosure Agreements signed. Not all Councilors agreed to sign them and in turn they have not been privy to information. This is just a normal process in doing business, acquiring businesses, and starting up businesses. As soon as possible we will share information with all of the Delaware Tribe. Keep checking our website, **delawaretribe.org**, and our Facebook page. Do not be lured to pages that are not represented by the Tribe. At least one Facebook page has the appearance of being supported by the tribe when in fact **it is not!** That site even uses the Tribe's seal. The Tribe's official (and only) page is simply titled "Delaware Tribe of Indians."

Our employees are another priority of mine. We have the best staff we could ask for. Lucy Young, part of our Elder Nutrition program, worked so hard through all of the terrible, hot, muggy days this summer to tend to the elder garden. She has provided fresh veggies to our lunch program. Lucy is what I call a very valued employee. By the way, she's also Delaware. We

just hired our new IT person, another Delaware. Carson Virden seems to be just what we were needing in an IT employee. I will highlight others on our staff in the next edition of the *DIN*.

There have been a few job opportunities open up that we have been able to move employees "up" to. This seems to be working well. My opinion is that if we can move employees up the ladder it not only is good for them but extremely good for the Tribe. Angela Krebbs moved from the reception area to Accounting, Jimmie Johnson has moved to the position heading up Tahkox e2, Mike Taylor has moved into the EPA job vacated by Jimmie, and Dana Murrell is now filling the position of HR Director. From what I hear out of the Personnel Committee, job openings are posted internally for a couple of weeks to see if we have staff that fit our needs to move into a better paying situation. I think the process is that if we don't fill the job from within, it is then posted in local papers and agencies. I read something the other day that stated, "A person who feels appreciated will always do more than is expected." I truly hope our employees know how much they are appreciated.



Before I close, I want to give a big shout out to Dempsey Gillman. This young Delaware represented well at the Little League World Series. He actually hit the first home run in the SW Regional. What a great athlete! His talents not only with the bat but also playing at the catcher's position have certainly been noticed by his Tribe. His team may not have won the Series but they sure have nothing to hang their heads about. Great job Dempsey!!

**DON'T FORGET TO VOTE ON NOVEMBER 5, 2016.** By the time you read this I will have started back with regular blogging and voicing MY opinion on those seeking office. Check out my blog at **mydelawarereviews.wordpress.com**

Bonnie Jo Griffith  
Assistant Chief  
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## From the Desk of Council Member Benita Shea

The kids are back in school with new beginnings and adventures in front of them. The thought of crisp air, light jackets, and warm sun is always a welcome feeling after a long hot summer.

I am proud of our economic development and feel we are heading in the right direction. While not all the details can be shared, rest assured that decisions are based on cost, risk, and analysis. Research and time is required to ensure we make well-informed decisions. I have

experienced that within our tribe, truths are embellished and assumptions are made. This causes great doubt and accusatory blame that is hurtful to our tribe as a whole. This doubt is raised with members of the tribe as well as those we attempt to do business with. I don't have a solution to the problem and truly wish I did. It saddens me to see such distrust and dislike for one another. Our history of failure certainly holds us back from progressing in a positive manner.

The hydroponics venture has

been put on hold. While I was hoping to get this one off the ground and running, I understand the need to put this one on the back burner.

There has been lots of chatter about the old Child Care center being revamped to a Museum. What a wonderful opportunity to house our own artifacts and history. There is push and pull over the area and what goes where. I personally don't quite understand all the motives behind the disagreements. It is a very nice area that we can share and

grow. The future plan is to have a stand-alone museum in the course of a couple of years. Planning for current and future needs for all should be taken into consideration.

The November election is approaching quickly. I encourage all of our members to vote! Especially in light of the recent petitions against Chief Brooks, Nate, and Bonnie Jo. One can dislike another for how they look, how they speak, what they say or who they associate with. It is not justification to charge another of wrongdoing. At the end of the day we have a constitution that

we should follow and should be understood! Get involved and don't let a few speak for the masses.

While tribal business can be difficult, I always look forward for a chance to share our culture. Delaware Days will be held September 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>. Please come join us and learn more of our dances and songs. We need you so that we are not forgotten.

Wanishi!  
Benita Shea  
Council Member  
Treasurer  
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## From the Desk of Nate Young

Good tribal government requires not only good leadership but good employees. The Delaware Tribe has been blessed with both.

We have just been informed our 2015 audit was a success. The audit found our records without any errors and was considered a “clean” audit. This audit will be used by many government agencies and future business clients as evidence of a good government record-keeping by our Accounting Department. Chief Financial Officer Jean Lewis, C.P.A., and her staff have done an excellent job. Tribal Treasurer Benita Shea should also be congratulated for her good work.

Tribal Manager Alan Barnes has done a good job in keeping our Tribe operating smoothly and our morale at a high level. Curtis Zunigha has Child Support up and running. Mary Randall has done an excellent job with our Title XI program with limited funding.

All of our employees should be congratulated for their good work.

Jimmy Johnson has our Small Business Administration 8(a) program off to a good start. Jimmy has spent many hours seeking new business opportunities for our Tribe. Without economic development we will never have the funds to support the programs needed for the education, health, and welfare of our Tribal members.

The creation of an Editorial Board under the leadership of Leslie Jerden has brought a new look to the *Delaware Indian News*. Leslie and her Board are putting in long hours as volunteers.

A final word. Remember we are a Tribe of over 10,000 members spread over the entire United States. The actions of the Tribal Council must be made with this in mind.

Nate Young  
Council Member  
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## Tribal Staff—New Faces, New Places

Dana Murrell

We’ve had lots of positive changes going on in our Tribal Staff. Existing staff members moving to new and exciting positions and we get brand new faces to greet each morning of the week.

Jimmie Johnson is making a move to full-time Tahkox e2 Manager, as he explains in his article this issue. His position as Environmental Program Director is being filled by Mike Taylor, who moved over from our HR Manager. Our new HR Manager will be Dana Murrell, who applied for the position when it opened internally. That lets us welcome our new Chief’s Assistant, Ronda Williams, to the Tribal team, and Candace Keahtigh is back as our Caney office fills the Child Support Services Financial Specialist position. Our new Receptionist Robbie Hedges is taking charge of the phones and front

desk as Angela Krebs has moved up to the new Housing Financial Clerk position. We also want to welcome Sasheen Reynolds back to the Bartlesville campus who will be attending to the Wellness Center and assisting with the Enrollment staff, now that their remodeling project is complete. Congratulations to each and every person.

Positive changes make for happy staff. Happy staff produce positive results and that trickles down to who’s most important, the Delaware Tribal Members. We wouldn’t have jobs if it weren’t for you and we appreciate the opportunity to help in any way that we are able. Wanishi, for allowing us to serve you. ■

*Far left, Chief Brooks speaks to the staff at tribal all-staff meeting; center, new IT Specialist Carson Virden is keeping busy; right, staff meeting.*

## From the Desk of Annette Ketchum

### THE SUPREME GOVERNING AUTHORITY SHALL REST WITH ALL DELAWARE TRIBE MEMBERS...

It is with no pleasure that I write to you to relate what has happened in our Tribe. Over a year and a half ago the rental property policy of the Housing Program was brought to the Tribal Council to be revised to allow a councilwoman a house without the proper waiting period. In the days before the meeting when the packets went out, I read the changes and disagreed with them. However, a resolution was placed on the agenda to vote to change the Housing Program Policy. I voiced my complaints/disagreement about the changes, but they were approved with my one no vote.

As time went by other councilwomen became aware of the misdeed and by March and April of 2016, a tribal member filed petitions against Asst. Chief Bonnie Griffith, Member Nate Young, and Chief Chester Brooks. The petitions were duly filed and made official by the signature of the Secretary of the Tribal Council. Around the first of July the petitions were returned, all with 100 signatures or more, the Enrollment Department Director verified they were all citizens of voting age of our Tribe, and I advised Chief Brooks to call for an election.

In Subsection F. Article III Initiative Process of the Bylaws of the Constitution it states, “A petition meeting the above rules and signed by one hundred (100) voting members shall require Chief to initiate an election within 45 days.” The petitions call for the three above mentioned Council members to be removed for dishonesty and abuse of authority, to name two reasons for recall. When Chief received this information, he refused to call for an election, stating he had not committed a crime. I explained in an open Council meeting on July 5, 2016, that I was only the messenger and that the citizens and the Constitution require

him to call for the election to vote for the wishes of the entire Delaware Tribe, not just the 100 who signed the petitions. It was to no avail.

Article VIII, Initiative Petitions, of the Constitution of the Delaware Tribe of Indians states: “The members of the Delaware Tribe reserve unto themselves the power to initiate and pass resolutions and ordinances, and to change or modify resolutions and ordinances enacted by the Tribal Council, according to rules and procedures set forth in the Bylaws.” And Article III, Rights of Members, Section 1, says, “The rights of the members of the Delaware Tribe to hold religious beliefs, speak and write freely, and the right of the members to assemble and petition their government, shall not be disturbed.” Article I, Supreme Authority, “The supreme governing authority shall rest with all Delaware Tribe member 18 years of age or older who are registered to vote.”

Clearly, the citizens of the Delaware Tribe of Indians have certain rights to petition their leaders and to recall those whom they are dissatisfied with. In my opinion, the only thing the Chief can do is call for the referendum election and let all the citizens of the Tribe cast their votes regarding the Initiative Petitions. However, the Delaware Court is now involved and it will be well past 45 days before this is resolved. The 45 days expired August 19. When the *DIN* goes to press in October there may be an update, but submission deadline for editorials is August 23.

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## Tahkox e2 Report

*Jimmie Johnson*



It's been an exciting few months for Tahkox e2. From attending RES Oklahoma in July to completing another subcontract, to starting our with through our acceptance in the nation's largest Group Purchasing Organization.

In August 2016 Tahkox e2 began work on a subcontract agreement with Delta Environmental Technical LLC, for the installation of Danger UXO (Unexploded Ordinance) signs on an active range in Hawaii.

Tahkox E2 contract was to measure out an approximate specified distance between signs, swept ground for UXO and if any UXO was present to change location and to install DANGER UXO signs around a former DOD (Department of Defense) training areas roadway. These signs will be instrumental in keeping the public informed on the dangers lurking off the trails and roads. Tahkox E2 Employee Carlton Finley is a 30-year Navy EOD veteran.

Also in August of 2016 Tahkox e2 was accepted into the nation's largest Group Purchasing Organization (GPO), Premiere/Alliant. This designation allows Tahkox e2 to compete aggressively in the federal procurement space. Tahkox e2 now has the capacity to bid on federal solicitations through a variety of sources. Tah-

kox e2 has placed bids on wide array of products for multiple federal government agencies from office supplies to food service products. Tahkox e2 is also developing capacity to provide durable, disposable medical supplies and medical equipment to a variety of customers.

Tahkox e2 also met with Phillips 66 Petroleum Company in Bartlesville in August 2016, to discuss potential opportunities within their small/minority business program. Tahkox e2 is now registered with Phillips 66 to be a supplier through our GPO.

In October 2016 Tahkox e2 Manager Jimmie Johnson will become a full-time Tahkox e2 employee based out of the Caney, Kansas office. Jimmie Johnson served the tribe as the Environmental Program Director from August 2011 to September 2016.

There are many exciting opportunities coming soon for Tahkox e2!!

Jimmie Johnson  
Manager, Tahkox e2  
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*Top left, signage installed by Tahkox e2 employee Carlton Finley; top right, Tahkox e2 Manager Jimmie Johnson with Joe Montgomery, Phillips 66 National Sales Representative.; bottom, Tahkox e2 employee Carlton Finley (in black) installing signs and working alongside employees of Delta Environmental Tech.*



## Enrolling New Members in Chelsea

The Enrollment Department recently hosted an "Enrollment Fair" in Chelsea to register members and print their new photo cards. A cookout was held also for our members and employees.

Thanks to all who participated. ■



## Cultural Preservation

*Homer Scott*

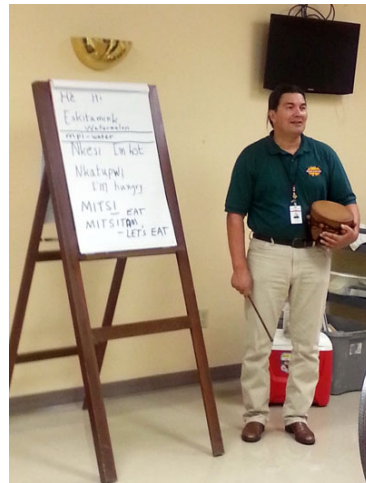
As the chairman of this committee I am proud to be a part of helping our Delaware People (members) in getting our Cultural Night pot luck dinner, songs and dances coming back into our culture. Our Delaware Cultural Nights are on the second Tuesday of each month. I'm proud to say there are more and more members getting involved in these. Our Delaware Cultural Night includes a pot luck dinner, social songs, and dances. We will soon be doing arts and crafts, such as making Delaware clothing and moccasins, plus learning to say everyday words (such as watermelon) in our Delaware language. So let's get more people involved.

Progress on the tribal stomp dance grounds have been put on hold until after Delaware Days. Plans include lighting and more groundwork soon. Keep looking for updates, we're on Indian time.

Delaware Days will be September 23 & 24 with a pot luck dinner both nights starting at

6-6:30 pm. The Cultural committee will furnish hotdogs and chili on Friday night and brisket and pork loin on Saturday night. We will also be honoring our special Veterans and Elders as we do each year. Our committee is both happy and honored to do this for our Lenape people. See you there.

Wanishi,  
Homer Scott ■



Top left, Curtis Zunigha takes a lead dance; top right, Jack Tatum leads the Bean Dance at Cultural Night in August. Photos courtesy Jim Rementer. Bottom, L-R: 1 Xavier Michael-Young; 2 Anna Pate Pechonick; 3 Riley Magee; 4 Cayla Magee; 5 Tahkoken Michael-Bread; 6 River Michael-Bread. Photo courtesy Anita Mathis.

Left, Curtis Zunigha made sure everyone knew how to say watermelon in Lenape. (That was the only way to get any.) Photo courtesy Jim Rementer.

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## Learn the Lenape Language

### Greetings:

If you see someone you know, you say:

Kulamàsi hàch? / How are you?

OR

Hè! Kulamàsi hàch? / Hi! How are you?

The person may reply:

Nulamàsi / I am fine

OR

Osòmi / Fine

When you are about to leave, you may say to that person:

Làpìch knewël / I'll see you again  
(again-will I-see-you)

Xu làpi knewël / I'll see you again  
(will again I-see-you)

### Things Used at Dances:

A drum / puhënikàn

He drums / puhënike (or) puhënéma

A rattle / shuhënikàn

Turtle rattle / tahkoxi shuhënikàn

### About Dances:

I dance / nkëntka

You dance / këntka

They dance together / witkeyòk

### Weather:

It is a good day / wëli kishku

It is a hot day / kshèlànte

There is a breeze / lèlëwàxën

It is cool / thapàn

It is cloudy / kùmhòkòt

## Judges Corner

*Charles Randall*

Here it is time to get out another edition of the *DIN*. As I look back over the past 6+ years since Don Mason and I were first appointed as judges in 2010, there have been major changes. At that time, the position was little more than a title and there were no Judges' meetings, budget, guidelines, or court room. We were just told if we were needed, the Chief Justice would let us know. I never met or heard from the then-Chief Justice. We Judges—Don Mason, Rick Barnes and I—began organizing the Court, setting up monthly meetings, getting Judges training and visiting other Tribal and State Courts. In 2012, Don was elected Chief Justice, I was elected, and Beverly Chafin was appointed Judge. During the 2014 election, Rick Barnes was reelected and Cameron (Cami) Fraser was

elected and assumed the position of Assistant Chief Justice. Cami is a Native Peoples Law Attorney in Traverse City, Michigan and Deputy Director of Michigan Indian Legal Services. She has been extremely helpful in getting our court organized.

Robbie Hedges, who now works for the Tribe, fills in part time as Court Clerk. Robbie has court experience working in a law office and is a past Chief of the Peoria Tribe. She has been a tremendous help keeping us on track and creating forms and procedures.

We now have a regular court room in Caney Kansas with Child Support Dockets scheduled for the first and third Wednesday of each month and Civil cases scheduled as needed. We are looking forward to expanding the services we provide

to our Delaware Tribal members in the future.

Our Court has been invited to join with the other four federally recognized tribes, with tribal court systems in Kansas, to form a tribal-state judicial forum. Currently, there are 12 others that have established tribal-state forums. The participants of these forums include federal, state, and tribal members who come together to raise the level of communication and work common issues such as education, enforcement, jurisdiction, and rules of recognition of tribal court judgements. We would like to work toward establishing a similar Tribal-State Court Forum for Oklahoma in the future.

Charles Randall  
Tribal Judge  
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## Boys and Girls Club

*Lindsey Harris*

**G**reetings from The Boys and Girls Club of Chelsea,

As CEO of the Boys and Girls Club of Chelsea, I was appointed to the Native Advisory Committee of the Native Services Unit of Boys and Girls Clubs of America. The purpose of this Professional Advisory Committee is to provide leadership and insight on Native history, traditions, values and culture that will help establish and refine Boys & Girls Clubs of America's systems and methods of service to assure the greatest benefit possible for our Native organizations. The key roles in this Professional Advisory Committee are to:

- Provide input to Native Services on training and professional development needs for Club professionals and volunteers of Clubs serving Native youth.
- Serve as faculty, trainers or speakers for Native training events.
- Share information on programming needs of Clubs.
- Provide input on issues facing Native Youth. Support

the identification of resources to further BGCA services to Native Youth that will support new and existing Native Clubs.

The term of this national appointment is two (2) years and it is a fourteen (14) member roster. I believe by serving on this committee I will not only be able to bring great visibility to the Boys and Girls Club of Chelsea, but I will be able to share with America's Native culture the importance of the history of the Delaware Indian and the values we as Delaware's uphold. I will also be able to share in the issues we, as a tribe and the children in our tribe, face each and every day. If you would like to learn more about the Native Advisory Committee and my role, please feel free to contact me at 918-352-8375 or stop in and visit me at the Boys and Girls Club in Chelsea.

Wanishi,  
Lindsey Harris  
CEO  
Boys and Girls Club of Chelsea  
918-352-8375 ■

## Elders News

**T**he Elders continue to enjoy their time together. This summer several trips have been taken to area casinos. There are always lots of laughs on these trips. Getting people out for an afternoon, whether it's at a casino, ice cream parlor, or some local historic site, is a goal of this great group of people. The pictures are of a recent trip taken by the Elders to Chelsea to drive through our housing divisions, then to Foyil to see the concrete totem pole, followed by a couple of hours at the Hard Rock Casino Catoosa, then back to Bartlesville with a stop at Braums. What a fun time we had. ■



## Housing Maintenance

*Dana Murrell, featuring Mike Marshall!*



*The tribal complex has a lot of light bulbs. Sometimes it seems that they all burn out at once. He doesn't even see me.*



*Amazing concentration, boggles the mind.*

## Delaware Indian Newspaper Volunteer Committee Update

### THE NEXT DEADLINE FOR ARTICLE SUBMISSIONS FOR THE DIN IS NOVEMBER 23

SUBMIT YOUR ARTICLE TO: [DIN@delawaretribe.org](mailto:DIN@delawaretribe.org)

The current committee is Greg Brown as Technical Editor. Greg formats all of the submitted articles to prepare them for print. Leslie Jerden as Chair/Editor. Leslie edits all articles submitted, serves as a spokesperson for the committee, and seeks articles and topics from tribal members. Dana Murrell as Member. Dana keeps deadlines on track, seeks articles and topics from tribal members and the tribe's department managers. Committee member Nathan Buck Young seeks articles and topics of interest for the *DIN*.

Welcome new committee member Leslie Fall-Leaf. Leslie is active in the Delaware community, works in the enrollment department, and holds a Master's Degree. She will assist the *DIN* with editing and sourcing.

We have officially formed a Junior Editorial Committee! This is a way we can tie in some focus and fun with our youth. See the Junior Committee articles for more information within this edition of the *DIN*.

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, as in the last, you may find that you are missing the council meeting minutes. The minutes have been moved to the website. You will find them at [delawaretribe.org](http://delawaretribe.org) You may also watch the full council meetings via YouTube under Delaware-Tribe. This move was made to allow more space for community articles and updates. If you do not have access to Internet and need the minutes printed please contact Tribal Headquarters in writing or by phone at: Delaware Tribe of Indians: 5100 Tuxedo Blvd. Bartlesville, OK. 74006. Ph. (918) 337-6590.

If you have news in your com-

munity you would like to announce we want to share it! To get your mind moving in the right direction 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,  
Nathan Buck Young, Leslie Fall-Leaf, Greg Brown ■

## Delaware Indian News

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## Back in the Old Days

### WAR DANCE IS GIVEN BY INDIANS

*The Dewey Globe*

9 September 1921

### SHAWNEES AND DELAWARES PERFORM OLD RITES IN FULL REGALIA

The Delawares and the Shawnees dug up the hatchet this week and went on the war path at Tom Halfmoon's place north of Dewey. The war path, however, extended no farther than Tom's grove of scrub oaks and the circle of beaten earth around the log fire which was lighted for the stomp dance.

Chief Little Jim of the Shawnees leading his band of dancers and aided by Tom Halfmoon and a number of other Delaware began the war dance 4 p.m., after a special barbecue feed. Some of the other Shawnee chiefs were Spy Buck, of Sperry, Oklahoma, and Jim Wire of Shawnee. In all more than 100 Indians were present but only the war dancers were in full regalia or the war path.

The small scrub oak grove surrounding the Halfmoon home and the "stomping grounds" was crowded with the automobiles of the hundreds of spectators.

The Shawnees arrived in Bartlesville early Monday morning in preparation for the two day dance. The dances were staged exclusively by the Delawares and Shawnees. The war dance began Tuesday at 4 o'clock and continued until 8 o'clock at night, a short time after the close of the war dance the stomp dance began, the latter continuing until the wee hours of the morning.

[Additional note: The cost of a subscription in 1921 to the Dewey Globe was \$2.00 per year.]

## Culture Nights are Going Strong!

*Dana Murrell*

We have really gotten this night of fellowship going! Everyone's attendance and participation is making this a successful event. It is hosted in the community room at Bartlesville Tribal Headquarters every second Tuesday of the month. Everyone gathers at 6 pm. The Cultural Preservation Committee has begun to purchase the meals and everyone brings something to go along with it. We have seen an increase in attendance from our young adults and of course our regulars make this a fun fellowship dinner while learning a little culture. As it grows, so will the activities, so mark your calendar and come join your people! ■

## Obituaries



### Juanita Ruth Davis

August 20, 1926–  
July 18, 2016

Juanita Ruth Davis, age 89, of Joplin, MO, passed away at 8:15 a.m. Monday July 18, 2016 at Spring River Christian Village following a two year illness. Juanita was born August 20, 1926 in Dewey, Oklahoma, where she spent most of her childhood. Juanita moved to Joplin during her high school years where she graduated from Joplin High School. She had lived in the Joplin-Carthage area since the 1940's. Juanita was employed as an administrative assistant with the Sperry-Vickers Corp. in Joplin for over 20 years, retiring in 1982. She was a former member of the Duenweg Baptist Church where she taught Sunday School for 23 years. She served on the boards of the Vicker's Credit Union and the Center Creek Golf Club in Sarcoxie, Mo.

Juanita R. Bullette and Jack D. Hutchison were married in Columbus, KS June 4, 1945. After the ceremony Jack pushed her down Main Street, Joplin in a wheel barrel the story goes. They were married until Jack's passing in July 1972. She always said Jack was the love of her life.

Juanita re-married to Bruce Davis in 1974, until Bruce's passing

in 1998.

Nita loved to paint and draw. She was a proud member of the Delaware Tribe. She often donated her paintings to the Pow Wow for raffle drawings. She loved to travel with her sister Patricia Moody (also anyone else she could get to go). Just jump in the car and go. Never using a map most times just circling until they arrived. From



Florida to Oklahoma to San Diego visiting relatives and old friends.

Juanita was preceded in death by her two husbands, her brother Louis (Lug) Bullette, and two sisters Patricia (Pat) Moody and Peggy Lacey. She is survived by a son, David Hutchison, Carthage, MO; a daughter, Jenna Gess and husband Gerald of Carthage, MO; a sister, Earlene Endicott and husband Lloyd, Wichita, KS; 12 grandchildren; and numerous great grandchildren. ■



### Roger 'Pops' W. Fitzjarrald

1928–  
June 20, 2016

Roger Fitzjarrald 88, passed away surrounded by his family Monday June 20th, 2016, at Bartlett Memorial Hospital in Ju-

neau, Alaska.

Roger was born in 1928 in Breckenridge Texas to Victor and Margaret Fitzjarrald. He spent his young life in Texas. He served in the US Army from 1952 to 1954 at Ft. Riley, Kansas. He was a member of the first graduating class at Oklahoma State University, with a Bachelor's degree in Agriculture. He married Bonnie, the love of his life on June 3rd, 1956 in Tulsa Oklahoma.

He and Bonnie completed their family while living in Poplar, Montana where Roger began his 38 years of Federal service in 1959. In 1967, the adventurous couple drove their 4 young children, two dogs and a tabby cat, to Juneau in a Chevy Suburban along with a 12 ft travel trailer, up the old Alaska Highway. 2,500 unpaved miles, 4 kids, 12 ft trailer plus pets ... just imagine!

Roger was proud to be a "nearly" lifelong Alaskan. He happily spent 49 of his years in Juneau where he completed his first career for the Bureau of Indian Affairs. After his retirement from the federal government, Roger stayed active as president and treasurer of the Juneau Chapter of NARFE (National Active and Retired Federal Employees). He went on to serve as president and treasurer for the NARFE State Federation for many years.

In the decades 1960 - 1980s, he worked a second job as a fisherman with his three sons on his fishing vessels, the *Norma*, the *Bonnie Lynne*, and the *Bonnie B*.

Upon retirement from the BIA, he worked his second career on the Alaska Marine Highway. In his 70's, he was a busy man, in his off hours he drove school buses until he was 81. It was then, that he officially retired from the work force.

In his later years, he went back to his roots as a cowboy by help-

ing with the Thunder Mountain 4H horse club. He and Bonnie could often be seen hanging around the corrals at Swampy Acres, watching their son and his family training with their horses. He even took riding lessons, though it was said, "He always rode like a cowboy!" Roger and Bonnie often accompanied the club to horse shows in Canada, Fairbanks and Palmer.

Roger was a lifelong learner who inspired all around him to be just as enthusiastic about each new hobby. He could do anything, fix anything, build anything that he put his mind to. He was an avid lover of trains, and the history of the American west. He loved the great outdoors where he hunted and fished as much as possible. Roger was a young 87 when he bagged his last bull moose!

Roger was an active member of the Chapel by the Lake for 49 years, where he served in leadership as Elder, sang in the choir, pounded thousands of nails in the new buildings and was a man of influence to the generations below him.

A dear friend spoke of him in this way. "I loved his voice (he had a wonderful tenor voice), his politeness, his helpful attitude, his dapper suits, his endearing humor and easy way. I loved that man's hair! He had great hair! He was a throwback to a much more genteel, civilized era and I was so happy to see him each week at church, all decked out and singing to beat the band. Lord what an amazing place this world would be if we had a few more Rogers around."

He is survived by Bonnie, his wife of 60 years, his children, Jeffrey and his wife Yvette of Prosser WA, Lauri Bryan and her husband Rick, of Halfway OR, Mark and his wife Ellie of North Douglas AK, Anita Fitzjarrald of Canyon City CO. Grandchildren, Kate and Tony Kanouse, Annie Fitzjarrald,

Bonnie Lou Fitzjarrald, Andrea and Matthew Shields, Christine and David Crisman, Stephanie and Nick Wiarda, Lane and Katie Fitzjarrald, Ashley Fitzjarrald, Amanda Fitzjarrald, Victor Patrick and Beth Fitzjarrald. Step Grandchildren Julie Beauvais and Tyler Baysinger. Great-grandchildren, Ava Marie, Elise, Emma, Ezekiel, and Aurora.

He is predeceased by his son Victor Lynn Fitzjarrald, His parents, and his sisters Dawn Hughes and Wanda Lee Maddox.

Memorial service was held at the Chapel by the Lake on Saturday July 2, 2016 at 1 PM.

Contributions in Roger's name can be made to: The Juneau-Douglas Shrine Club, PO Box 020865, Juneau AK 99802. All contributions will go toward Children's Medical needs. Or to the Chapel by the Lake. Attn: Trustees. ■



### Michael Joseph "Mickey Jo" Morrison

September 18, 1957–  
August 30, 2016

Michael J. "Mickey Jo" Morrison, age 58 and resident of Bartlesville, Oklahoma, passed away on Tuesday, August 30,



## Obituaries (cont'd)

2016. Michael Joseph Morrison was born in Bartlesville on September 18, 1957. He was the son of Loyd Washington Morrison and Patsy "Pat" Lou (Shipley) Morrison. He was raised and received his education in Dewey, Oklahoma, graduating from Dewey High School in 1975.

Michael grew up helping his dad at the Benson Lumber Company in Dewey. In 1978, he went to work for Phillips Petroleum Company in the Computing department. He then accepted a position with Blue Cross and Blue Shield in 1994, also working in their computing department. In 2011 Michael took early retirement.

Michael was a die-hard OSU fan. He always said, "I bleed orange." His favorite band was Grand Funk Railroad. Mash was his favorite TV show. Michael loved his children, grandchildren and his dog, Shooter. As a member of the Delaware tribe, he participated in and was a member of the Lenape Gourd Dance Society and the Southern Eagle Ridge Drum Group. He spent much of his time learning for himself and teaching his family about their Delaware heritage. Survivors include two daughters, Kristin Morrison and Cody Hatheway of Bartlesville, and Kari Morrison of Tonkawa, Oklahoma; and five grandchildren, Chase Morrison, Dylan and Jake Wilburn, Mekenzie Sawyer, and Trenton Hatheway.

Michael was preceded in death by his parents, Loyd and Pat Morrison; and his grandparents, Roy and Leona Shipley. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Delaware Pow Wow Committee, c/o Elaine Clinton, 401050 W. 600 Rd., Copan, OK 74022.

A Wake was held for Mickey on Monday, September 5, starting at 6:00 PM, in the Delaware Tribal Center, 5100 Tuxedo Blvd., Bartlesville. The funeral service

was celebrated at the Delaware Tribal Center on Tuesday, September 6, at 10:00 AM. Tony Killscrow was the officiant. Interment followed the service in the Dewey Delaware Cemetery.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Arnold Moore & Neekamp Funeral Home. Condolences may be left at [www.honoringmemories.com](http://www.honoringmemories.com). ■



### Charles E Perry (Chuck)

January 17, 1947–  
February 7, 2016

Chuck was born January 17, 1947 to Evelyn L. Perry (Everett) and Alvin E. Perry. His is one of 4 children. Two brothers and one sister. Richard L. Perry precedes in death of Charles. Robert Perry of Caney, KS. Patricia Hamil of Nowata OK. Both parents are deceased.

Chuck was a retired electrician. He met his wife of 36 years Lora D. Perry (Mullins) in 1980. They married November 25, 1980. They have lived in Nowata for the past 19 years. Chuck was very proud of his Delaware heritage. He taught his children & grandchildren to always hold their heads up high and be very proud of their heritage.

Chuck passed away in his home. He is survived by his wife Lora of their home. 4 children, two daughters & 2 sons. Robin Perry of Tulsa, OK. Jenna Perry of California, Wayne Perry of Nowata and Preston Perry also of Nowata. Fourteen grandchildren and two great granddaughters, one of whom precedes Charles in death. He has any beloved nieces and nephews.

Chuck will be dearly missed, and remembered by many, many of his family & friends. He was

the one everyone knew they could call and count on him to be there for everyone. Chuck's wife, children, and grandchildren were his pride and joy. Not only did he and Lora raise their own children, he also raised four of their grandchildren. He was a very special man with a very big heart. Chuck was always a fighter, never gave up on anything. Even at the end of his time. He was a true fighter. Three and a half years ago doctors told him he had at most six months to live. He fought very hard the past 3½ years to stay with his family. He went through a lot of very hard times, but not once did he ever think of giving up. One of his hospice nurses told Lora that he had had lots of people he had taken care of. But never one of them with as much of a will power to live as Chuck. He said that man is one heck of a fighter. He has never showed a sign of wanted to give up. The nurse said one day Chuck told him, I know I'm pretty sick, but I will get better. I have to, look at my wonderful wife and all those great grand kids. I want to

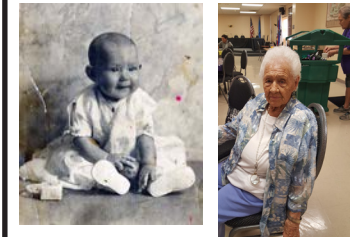
be around to take my great granddaughter's little hand and walk her to kindergarten. Chavelle was 1½ years old. She was her Pop Pop's world. Cheyenne (her mom) had her daughter special for her grandfather. She talked to her Nan (Lora) one day, and said I am going to get pregnant because I know Popa isn't going to be with us as long as we want. I want my child to know and have the honor of having my Popa in their life to know the love he has showed me.

He has taught me so much. Made me strong, showed me how to be a loving & caring person. My child has to be held in her Pop Pop's arms so it will know there is a very special person in our lives. He is not only my Popa, but my Dad, not many men would do what he has done. And 9 months later Cheyenne laid Chavelle in Chucks arms, smiled, and said, "Popa here is your great-granddaughter. Know she will know the true love of her Pop Pop." He is missed very much every day by his family. And friends as well. ■

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. ■

### Then and Now



Bonnie Thaxton.

### Contact Information Change Form

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

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Others Affected: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

To have a name changed on the tribal roll, send proper documentation, such as a legal document, stating the change (examples: marriage license, adoption papers, divorce papers, etc.). Be sure to include your previous name or names since that will be the way it is listed on the roll. Including Tribal Registration number is helpful, but not required. Please include others in your household who are affected by this contact info change, including children, so that their records can be updated.

Send completed form to:

**Delaware Tribe of Indians  
Enrollment Department  
5100 Tuxedo Blvd  
Bartlesville, OK 74006**

## Tribal Operations Manager Report

Allan Barnes

Hello Delaware Tribal Members, spouses, friends, and all of you reading our *Delaware Indian News*. In looking back at my last two articles to make sure I wasn't repeating myself, it dawned on me that this is our last paper for the year of 2016! So, with that in mind, my focus will be a brief review of this past year's challenges and accomplishments. First, I have to mention how surprised I am at how quickly this year has passed and how soon it will be time for General Council in November. My only political comment will be to encourage you to make your voice heard, vote, and participate. I look forward to seeing you or having the opportunity to meet you at that time. Of course, I would like to remind you that going into my second year as Tribal Manager, I have met many of you or have spoken with you, since I started as the Tribe's receptionist and mail clerk. Or, maybe when I was the Community Services and Education Committee Coordinator or the Indian Child Welfare Coordinator or the Elder Nutrition Director. So, what's my point? The Delaware Tribe of Indians supports Delaware Tribe and Native American hiring preference and internal promotions. So, opportunities exist within our Tribe and it is our hope to offer as many jobs as possible to our Delaware tribal people as we go into the New Year.

I mentioned some time ago that generating a revenue source for our Tribe is a priority. As we

try to make the best use of our assets, I will simply say at this time we now collect rent from the residence and agricultural property in Lawrence, Kansas. The Delaware Tribe of Indians Agricultural Heritage Planning Project is currently underway with the help of a professional consulting firm, which is paid for by a planning grant that was awarded to our Tribe. I know that is a little vague but I can tell you that one our Tribal members, Josh Fall-Leaf, Dean at Haskell University, is an involved member of this project and the intention is to create more jobs and revenue for our Tribe.

We also try to be very frugal and conscientious when it comes to saving our Tribe money. One way we accomplished this was obtaining the services of AmeriCorps with the National Civilian Community Corps, which was a team of young men and women who provided six weeks of free labor to our Housing Department in Chelsea, Bartlesville, and to the Lewis B. Ketchum Boys and Girls Club in Chelsea. You do the math: 10 Team members x 8 hrs per person x 30 days (6 weeks) x \$12.00/hr. Also, on a human note, these young people volunteered their free time to help with the Boys and Girls Club staff and participated in several weekend community events. Both the Tribe and AmeriCorps benefitted from this positive experience.

Finally, I must mention our Enrollment Department Enhancement Project and the

completion of a very important aspect and part of our Tribe's history and preservation. With additional funding provided by the Bureau of Indian Affairs, we were able to remodel our existing enrollment office and construct a dedicated file room for our tribal enrollment documents. It has turned out extremely well and is functional, safe, and secured. Not only are the rooms well done, but they are also very attractive. I'm sure our Director or Assistant would welcome you to visit their office, but I wouldn't expect to see the file room!

So, let me close with this: we are busy and continually looking for ways to improve ourselves. Many, many projects are currently underway by the different departments and committees for the betterment of our Tribe. Regular Department Head meetings are held and All-Staff meetings occur every 4 months to present new ideas and review existing programs and procedures. By the way, each Department will have their year-end reports available for you at our General Council on Saturday, November 12<sup>th</sup>. See you there... We are working for you!

Respectfully submitted  
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## Wellness Center

Dana Murrell

I've been working out at the Delaware Tribe's Wellness Center. I'm on day 39 of my 84-day exercise challenge. I write this, actually, on the back of my workout sheet in between reps.

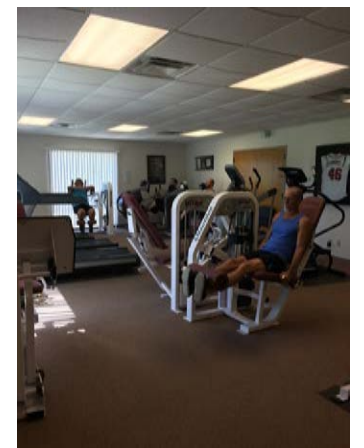
It's fascinating when you are able to surprise yourself. I've been an employee for just over a year and a half. Just three short months ago I decided, finally, to utilize the benefit and convenience of the Wellness Center. It's a great little place, I tell you!

There's treadmills, three of them. A climbing and cycling machine, an elliptical and stair stepper. You've got a variety of machines to choose from. Leg extension, leg press and a seated leg curl for your hammys. I see an ab machine, vertical chest and compound row for those back muscles. Most of the machines are Nautilus brand. There is also an Inspire FT1 system that gives you complete freedom of movement while you perform your weight resistance exercises. You have a number of free weights, access to TV if you choose, and when you're all done, access to showers and towels for your convenience.

Delaware and Cherokees can use the facility free of charge.

If you're of another native tribe \$10 a month and non-natives only pay \$20 a month. That's a great price that goes right back into the Wellness Center funding for up-keep. The hours of operation are M-F 8 am to 8 pm and 9 am to 1 pm on Saturday. For more information you can call the Tribe's main number 918-337-6590.

I really enjoy coming here and it got voted Best of Bartlesville in 2015 too! So if you haven't already, and you think you want to, or you've just not taken the time, whatever the case may be ... Come on down and get started, you may just surprise yourself. ■



Each month the Delaware Tribal Staff make sure to celebrate birthdays and work anniversaries. It's a nice break during the workday to just take a moment... for just a moment, because then it's right back to work. Photo courtesy Dana Murrell.

## Check Out the Tribal Web Site

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

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

## Veterans Report

*Kenny Brown, Chairman*

First Nations Warriors will finally be recognized on the National Mall in Washington, D.C.

As you know there are memorials honoring Anglo, Black, and Hispanic Veterans, an all-inclusive Women's Veteran Memorial, even a memorial honoring canine veterans. But not one recognizing Native American Veterans. We who have served in greater number per capita than any other ethnic group.

Congress has authorized the National Museum of The American Indian (NMAI) to create a memorial. Artists will enter ideas, a memorial that honors all native warriors from all tribes will be chosen. The memorial will probably be on the side of the museum where there is a water feature and trees and landscaping to provide an area of tranquility for prayer and meditation. Planned date for dedication is Veterans Day 2019.

Our own Wall of Honor has space for more Veteran pictures, if yours is not up there get a pic to the Delaware War Mothers or your Veterans Committee.

Your Lenape Veterans Color guard was on duty at Kihekah-Steh Pow-wow at Skiatook, at IICOT Pow-wow Tulsa and Bartlesville Indian Summer Pow-wow.

Your Veterans Committee honored David Finney, US Army, and Viet Nam Veteran on Delaware Days. He was draped with a Pendleton blanket appropriately named "Grateful Nation".



Top, photos courtesy Dana Murrell; bottom, IICOT, photos courtesy John Sumpter.

### Mark Your Calendar:

**Oct. 15, 2016** Your Color Guard will be on duty at the "Wellness Pow-wow" at Chouteau H.S. Come gourd dance with us.

**Nov. 11, 2016** Looking forward to Veterans Day! Attend a parade wherever you live.

**Nov. 12, 2016** Your Tribe's General Council, Mark your calendar, don't forget, and be there.

**Dec. 31, 2016** New Year's Eve "sobriety pow-wow." Tulsa Civic Center

### Order of the Day:

Support the "Wounded Veterans of Oklahoma" organization. Color Guard member Megan Lowry is on the Board of Directors.

### Next Veterans Mtg.:

**Wed, Oct. 26 at 1730 hrs**

The Committee voted to move the meetings to the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month to avoid conflict with the Trust Board meetings.

Kiheka-steh

Look to the website and Facebook to see pictures when they were at Indian Summer, Chouteau and the New Year's Eve "sobriety pow-wow." ■



Come out and help support the Delaware War Mothers on  
**Friday, October 7, 2016**

serving from

**5:00 – 7:00 pm**

at the

**Delaware Tribe Community Center**

**\$5** a bowl or select a sample kit and savor ALL the entries! Then vote on your top three choices to determine the winners for 2016!



Grape Dumplings will be available for purchase to compliment your chili selection!

## REUNION 2016

Invites Alumni & Friends to join us at the



The Tower Hotel  
3233 Northwest Expressway  
Oklahoma City OK



**Oct 28-29 & 30, 2016**

Hotel Reservation number: 405-842-6633.

Reunion room rate is \$69 with Breakfast bar.

### ACTIVITIES

**Friday evening: Reception starting at 6:00 p.m.**  
Gourd Dance, Recognition of Veterans

**Saturday morning: 10:00 a.m.**

Annual meeting for the Association. All alumni are invited to attend the annual Board meeting where reports includes past year activities and future plans. The National Alumni Office President, who is also a member of the Haskell Board of Regents, will report on Haskell activities.

**Saturday evening: Dinner starting at 6:00 p.m.**

The program will again feature Raffle drawings, Auctions, and Dance.  
Music by T-Bird Mobile Music of Norman, OK

**Sunday morning: Spiritual singing at 10:00 a.m.**

Reunion Coordinator: Richard Tilden

Email: [rtlawnee@cox.net](mailto:rtlawnee@cox.net)  
918-403-9605

## From the Garden

*Dana Murrell*

Boy it sure has been hot outside! Lucy has had her hands full, from watering and weeding and just plain tender loving care, helping our Elders Community Garden to produce goodies all summer long. We only had one mishap when somebody decided to “help themselves” to all of our tomatoes over the July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend. You know, they didn’t even pull one weed! However, goodness and kindness sprang into action, which the Elders were grateful for. The Brewer’s from Dewey donated some of their tomatoes and Councilwoman Holley donated a variety of goodies from her garden also.



*Bell peppers finally decided to make their appearance.*

If you look long enough you can always find that silver lining! Speaking of that, our bell peppers, which we didn’t think would do anything, came up unexpectedly and the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of August they got harvested, and they were delicious. The blue corn that was grown for seed looked and did great. Lucy harvested some early and hung the stocks up to dry and she left some on the stocks until ready to pick. The lettuce got to go to seed and the final picking of green beans happened mid-August as well. She is also happy to report that the third week of August another batch of hydroponics has been started in hopes to have fresh lettuce all winter long. We hope to have some pictures for you next issue. Until then, see you in the spring! ■



*Blue corn.*



*The kids from nearby Wilson Elementary school stopped to ask questions about the garden, one fine day. All photos courtesy Dana Murrell.*

## Rent or Buy?

*Ron Scott*

Since the beginning of the Tribal Homeownership Program, which began in the early 1970s, the Delaware Tribe of Indians Housing Authority (later Delaware Tribe Housing Department) has conveyed approximately 100 deeds to Native families. Today, more deeds will be conveyed as the payoff of remaining mortgages will occur very soon.

Does this mean we are coming to a conclusion in the era of home ownership for Native Americans? As the Director of Housing for the Delaware Tribe, I would like to pose a question to the next generation of people entering a housing need within the Tribe’s jurisdiction. Are you inclined to invest in your future through home ownership or do you prefer to rent? If you are renting a unit from the Delaware Housing Authority and enjoy where you are, would you con-

sider buying it and taking ownership?

Let me be upfront with you. If you have issues with maintaining a home in a proper and respectable manner, which requires your time and money, owning may not be for you. Until your payments are complete and you have received your deed, the home is still owned by the Delaware Housing Authority. We hope that homebuyers will maintain their homes and make payments on time. However, legal action can be taken for non-payments or the inability to maintain the property.

Please take the time to give the Housing Department your feedback on preference to home ownership or renting. If we find that there is interest, we are prepared for deep consideration to seek new home ownership and possibly new rental units.

Ron Scott  
Housing Director  
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## Delaware Elder Nutrition

*Mary Randall*

Welcome everyone to our Elder Nutrition and Elder Services program. Our Elder Nutrition program continues to grow and I hope you have an opportunity to join us for lunch and activities. When we lost Lew Ketchum at the end of April, we lost a faithful member of our exercise program. We are looking for more people to join our 10:30 am M-W-F chair exercise group.

We are continuing our basket weaving the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month from 1-3 pm. It’s amazing to see the baskets that are being made. Remember, we play bingo every Thursday right after lunch. Everyone enjoys the popcorn and trying to win a trip to the prize cart.

On September 21, 2016 we hosted an informational workshop on Medicare Part D prior to open enrollment, which begins October 15, 2016. We had Medicare Part D specialists from Grand Gateway Area Agency on Aging and representatives

from local pharmacies available to answer questions. Also, nurses from the Nowata Clinic provided blood pressure checks. Representatives from Oklahoma Indian Legal Services Inc. were here to assist in preparing Wills. This is a free service.

Your donations to our Elder Nutrition are greatly appreciated. It’s donations like those we’ve received from the Lewis Ketchum Memorial Fund and from T. Wayne Harris & Deb Borjas that allow us to sustain our programs.

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## Cultural Resources

Anita Mathis

**H**è, Tribal members, friends, and family.

The donations of artifacts along with pictures and documents are still coming in. Forsyth Hall still has the doll collection from Ann Parks on display. The display will be changing sometime this month. Some of the Speck collection will be put on display. These artifacts are from a set collected by in the late 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> centuries. We received these items back from the (Seminoles in Florida) Ah Tah-Thi-Ki Museum in Oct 2013. Donated items and 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 cataloged that are ready to read and research; unfortunately, at this time we are 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), at the bottom is a tab for the online gift shop. Or stop by and check us out, we are always adding new items. 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. To reach these programs, call us in the office (918-337-6595), on the cell (918-338-9919), or by e-mail at [amathis@delawaretribe.org](mailto:amathis@delawaretribe.org). Wanishi.

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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**

## Testimonial Dinner Honoring Jim Rementer

Tim Hudson

**A** testimonial dinner recently held honoring the achievements of Jim Rementer is being regarded as a big success.

"We had close to 50 people and raised about \$2,500," Rementer said following the event.

The fundraiser, which was held at the Delaware Tribe Community Center in June, was intended to recognize Rementer's remarkable career of over 50 years for working with the tribe.

"I'm used to working quietly in the background and it was quite surprising, I wasn't sure how to handle it," he said.

"It was kinda like getting an academy award."

The evening included a traditional Indian meal, guest presenters and a multi-media pre-

sentation of Rementer's work. All proceeds went to the Lenape Language Fund of the Delaware Tribe of Indians.

"The tribe also came up with some funds too," he said.

"We are working to upgrade the language website."

He says that the current website was writing "13 or 14 years ago."

"In computer terms that makes it archaic," he said.

"This will make it more compatible with new technology like cell phones."

He says that the tribe also added some funds following the event and that some of the money is going to be put away for "emergencies" and "anything not covered by our grant."

"Grant agencies can be pretty strict with how you spend their money," he said, adding that there is constant interest in the tribe and its history.

"Right now we have some visitors here from Germany" he said.

"They are very interested our language."

Donations may still be made by mailing a check made out to the Lenape Native American Foundation and mailed to Delaware Tribe of Indians, Attn: Jean Lewis, CFO, 5100 Tuxedo Blvd. Bartlesville, OK 74006. Ticket purchase or donation is considered tax-deductible under IRS regulations. ■

## Delaware Michael Pace Appearing in Film to Screen at Indiana Short Film Festival

ANDERSON, IN - A short film produced in Anderson to oppose the Mounds Lake Reservoir project has been selected to screen at the Indiana Short Film Festival (ISFF) which takes place in Danville, Indiana on October 7-9.

"White RiverStories," along with its sister short film series "White RiverScapes" were created by Emmy award-winning Anderson filmmaker Mark G. Dawson in opposition to the Mounds Lake Reservoir project. "White RiverStories" is an interview-based series of two short films which feature the reflections of Dan Valleskey, a river activist and President of Friends of the White River, and Michael Pace, Lenape (Delaware) Culture Bearer and great-great-great-grandson of Chief William Anderson (Kikthawenund). Dawson says of the films, "White

RiverStories' is my first venture into activist filmmaking. The plan of some in my community to destroy the White River by damming it to create a reservoir left me no choice but to act. It's my hope that 'White RiverStories' will make a difference in our fight to save our White River so that it, and its surrounding treasures can be enjoyed by future generations." Both of Dawson's river film series were self-funded and feature the award-winning Native American flute music of Andersontown Powwow regular Douglas Blue Feather. The ISFF is the only event solely dedicated to short films in the Central Indiana region, with three days of festivities in October. The film festival is in its sixth year and received almost 6,000 submissions for the 2016 festival. In 2014 it was voted the 4th best short film

festival in North America by Audience Awards. "White RiverStories" will screen as part of the ISFF "Hoosiers Screening 2" program at 4:00pm on Sunday, October 9th. All Sunday screenings are created by Indiana filmmakers and are offered free to the public in Danville's historic Royal Theater. Those unable to attend the festival can view "White RiverStories" and "White RiverScapes" on the Save the White River YouTube Channel.

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<http://bit.ly/2cg7mhp> ■

## Delaware War Mothers Announce New Princess

Tonya Anna

The Delaware War Mothers are proud to announce their new princess for 2016-2018... Minnie Dombrovski! Minnie is the daughter of Crystal and Daniel Dombrovski and is in the 7th grade at Will Rogers Junior High in Claremore. Minnie loves to read and listen to music. She is a straight A student, and is on the 7th-grade volleyball team and cross country team. In addition, she plays the trumpet in the band and swims for the Miller Swim Team. If you happen to see Minnie out and about, please congratulate her. The passing of the crown will take place at the Veterans Program luncheon which is planned to be held November 10, 2016.

It is always bittersweet to see our current princess pass the crown but it has been a joy to see these young ladies grow and succeed. We would like to thank Skye Scimica for representing the DWM for the last two years! It has been a pleasure working with Skye as she is a thoughtful, caring and an outgoing young lady. We are sure Skye will accomplish many great things in her future!



The Delaware War Mothers like to represent and recognize our veterans as often as possible. Whether it's participating in Grand Entry, having a recognition program or giving a gift of "Thank you for your service!" it never seems to be enough. Our membership is small but our dedication to our veterans is huge and ongoing. We would like to challenge all Delaware members to thank a veteran whenever possible. Whether it is with a hand-shake, a small token of appreciation, or a sack lunch, these fine men and women deserve more than what we could possibly give them.

### Sack Lunch

I put my carry-on in the luggage compartment & sat down in my assigned seat. It was going to be a long flight. 'I'm glad I have a good book to read. Perhaps I will get a short nap,' I thought

Just before take-off, a line of soldiers came down the aisle filled all the vacant seats, totally surrounding me. I decided to start a conversation.

"Where are you headed?" I asked the soldier seated nearest to me

"Petawawa." We'll be there for two weeks for special training and then we're being deployed to Afghanistan. After flying for about an hour, an announcement was made that sack lunches were available for five dollars. It would be several hours before we reached the east and I quickly decided a lunch would help pass the time...

As I reached for my wallet, I overheard a soldier ask his buddy if he planned to buy lunch. "No, that seems like a lot of money

for just a sack lunch. Probably wouldn't be worth five bucks. I'll wait till get to base. His friend agreed. I looked around at the other soldiers. None were buying lunch. I walked to the back of the plane and handed the flight attendant a \$50 bill. 'Take a lunch to all those soldiers.' She grabbed my arms and squeezed tightly. Her eyes wet with tears, she thanked me. 'My son was a soldier in Iraq; it's almost like you are doing it for him. Picking up ten sacks, she headed up the aisle to where the soldiers were seated. She stopped at my seat & asked, "Which do you like best—beef or chicken?" "Chicken," I replied, wondering why she asked. She turned and went to the front of plane, returning a minute later with a dinner plate from first class. 'This is your thanks.'

After we finished eating, I went again to the back of the plane, heading for the rest room. A man stopped me. 'I saw what you did. I want to be part of it. Here, take this.' He handed me twenty-five dollars. Soon after I returned to my seat, I saw the Flight Captain coming down the aisle, looking at the aisle numbers as he walked, I hoped he was not looking for me, but noticed he was looking at the numbers only on my side of the plane. When he got to my row he stopped, smiled, held out his hand and said, "I want to shake your hand." Quickly unfastening my seatbelt I stood and took the Captain's hand. With a booming voice he said, "I was a soldier & I was a military pilot. Once, someone bought me a lunch. It was an act of kindness I never forgot." I was embarrassed when applause was heard from all of the passengers.

Later I walked to the front of the plane so I could stretch my legs. A man who was seated about six rows in front of me reached out his hand, wanting to shake mine. He left another twenty-five dollars in my palm. When we landed I gathered my belongings and started to de-plane. Waiting just inside the airplane door was a man who stopped me, put something in my shirt pocket, turned, and walked away without saying a word. Another twenty-five dollars!

Upon entering the terminal, I saw the soldiers gathering for their trip to the base. I walked over to them and handed them seventy-five dollars. "It will take you some time to reach the base. It will be about time for a sandwich. God Bless You."

Ten young men left that flight feeling the love and respect of their fellow travelers. As I walked briskly to my car, I whispered a prayer for their safe return. These soldiers were giving their all for our country. I could only give them a couple of meals. It seemed so little...

A veteran is someone who, at one point in his life, wrote a blank check made payable to "The United States of America" for an amount of "up to & including my life." That is Honor, and there are way too many people in this country who no longer understand it.

"Sack Lunch" was reprinted from the magazine *Renewed & Ready, Adventist Living for Today*, where it appeared in that publication's July 2008 issue titled "An Unforgettable Flight," by Beverly Brass (as told by Denny Kukich). ■

## Photos from the Archives



Top to bottom: unknown (do you know who this is?); Quia Mae Brown Sheshey; Fall-Leaf family.

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. ■

## 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

**Are you or someone in your family having difficulty collecting child support payments? We have a program with dedicated professionals that can help!**

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 Candace Keahtigh (Cherokee), Financial Specialist ([ckeahtigh@delawaretribe.org](mailto:ckeahtigh@delawaretribe.org)).

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

**Do you know of a situation where Indian children are experiencing neglect or abuse in the home, by any family member, other resident or occupant?**

The ICW program provides assistance to children who are being displaced from their home, are experiencing abuse and neglect 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 or adoption, 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. We work closely with tribal and state authorities to protect our Indian children. All information is strictly confidential according to federal laws.

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

## Native Arts And Cultures Foundation Announces 2016 National Artist Fellowship Awardees

**VANCOUVER, Wash., July 20, 2016** – For the sixth year, the Native Arts and Cultures Foundation (NACF) has awarded its National Artist Fellowship to a new group of 16 artists in five categories selected from a national open call of American Indian, Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian artist applicants who were reviewed by a panel of art peers and professionals.

The awardees reside in 14 states: Alaska; California; Connecticut; Georgia; Hawai'i; Maine; Massachusetts; Minnesota; New Mexico; New York; Oklahoma; Oregon; Virginia and Washington.

“NACF fosters and supports the vision, creativity and innovation of Native artists in a number of disciplines that feature the ongoing vibrancy and range of artistic careers and accomplishments across the U.S.,” said NACF Director of Programs Francene Blythe, Diné/Sisseton-Wahpeton/Eastern Band Cherokee. “We are honored to award this year’s National Fellows. They, too, continually raise the visibility of Native arts and cultures to higher levels of achievement, excellence and endeavor.”

The NACF National Artist Fellowship includes a monetary award that provides additional support for Native artists to explore, develop and experiment with original and existing projects. Fellows also work with their com-

munities and share their culture in numerous ways. The National Artist Fellowships are made possible with support from the Ford Foundation, Second Sister Foundation and the generosity of arts patrons.

2016 National Artist Fellows:

#### Artistic Innovation

- Mark Keali'i Ho'omalulu, Native Hawaiian
- Erica Tremblay, Seneca-Cayuga Nation
- Literature
- Kelli Jo Ford, Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma
- Susan Power, Yanktonai Dakota

#### Music

- Tiokasin Ghosthorse, Mnicoujou/Itazipco Lakota
- Thea Hopkins, Aquinnah Wampanoag
- Laura Ortman, White Mountain Apache
- Aaron J. Salā, Native Hawaiian

#### Traditional Arts

- Theresa Secord, Penobscot Nation
- TJ Young, Sgwaayaans, Haida Nation

#### Visual Arts

- Luzene Hill, Eastern Band Cherokee
- Cannupa Hanska Luger, Mandan, Hidatsa, Arikara, Lakota

- Brenda Mallory, Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma
- Preston Singletary, Tlingit
- Visual Arts in Painting
- Bunky Echo-Hawk, Pawnee, Yakama
- Mateo Romero, Cochiti Pueblo

The Native Arts and Cultures Foundation's mission is to promote the revitalization, appreciation and perpetuation of American Indian, Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian arts and cultures through grant making, convening and advocacy. To date, NACF has supported 180 artists and organizations in more than 26 states and Native communities. To learn more about the National Artist Fellows and NACF's work—nurturing the passion and power of creative expression, visit: [www.nativeartsandcultures.org](http://www.nativeartsandcultures.org).

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FOUNDATION**

## Delaware Tribe to Hold Candidate Forum

The Delaware Elders Committee and Election Board are co-hosting a Candidate Forum on Saturday, October 1, 2016. Front doors will open at 12:30 pm with Forum starting promptly at 1:00 pm. The forum will be held at the Delaware Community Center Forsythe Hall, 5100 Tuxedo Blvd, Bartlesville. It will also be recorded and uploaded to YouTube for viewing. The League of Women Voters is moderating the Forum and also providing the timekeeper. The event will start with candidates for Tribal Council, followed by candidates for Trust Board Chair, then Trust Board seats, concluding with candidates for Associate Tribal Judge.

In 2016 the Delaware Tribe of Indians will elect 3 Council Members, 1 Trust Board Chair, 3 Trust Board Members, and 2 Associate Tribal Judges.

The 2016 election will be held November 5, 2016. Tribal members may vote in person at the Tribal Headquarters Community Center, 5100 Tuxedo Blvd. Polls will be open from 9:00 am until 1:00 pm. Members may also vote by absentee ballot. The General Council meeting will be held Saturday, November 12, 2016 at the Delaware Community Center. Doors will open at 10:30 am with lunch at Noon and the meeting and swearing in of elected officers at 1:00 pm.

For more information, contact the Delaware Election Board at 918-337-6590.

There are 9 candidates for Council, 1 candidate for Trust Board Chair, 5 candidates for Trust Board Seats, and 2 candidates for Associate Tribal Judge.

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## 2016 Delaware Election Bulletin

- Election Day is Saturday November 5, 2016
- (3) Tribal Council seats, (1) Trust Board Chair, (3) Trust Board seats, and (2) Associate Tribal Judge seats are up for election
- All registered voters can choose either to vote in person or by a Absentee Ballot via the U.S. Mail
- All tribal members that voted in 2013 or 2014 will automatically receive an Absentee Ballot
- Tribal members not voting in 2013 or 2014 wanting to vote by Absentee Ballot will need to ensure their request for an Absentee Ballot is post marked by October 1, 2016
- There will be one polling place(s) for those members wanting to cast your vote in person:
  - Delaware Tribal Community Center
  - 5100 Tuxedo Blvd
  - Bartlesville, OK 74006
  - Saturday, November 5, 2016
  - Hours: 9 am to 1 pm
- All requests for Absentee Ballots must be post marked by October 1, 2016 – to receive a Absentee Ballot via U.S. Mail

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

## Tribal Member Plays in Little League World Series

*Tim Hudson*

A Delaware Tribe of Indians 13-year-old who recently played in the Little League World Series says he hopes to go on to play College and then pro ball.

“Being on TV was really cool” 13-year-old Tribal member Dempsey Gillman says.

“It’s was all really good.”

A multi-sport athlete, Gillman was a part of the 2016 Southwest Region’s team. His mother, Missy Buck Gillman says that her son plays for the Tulsa County Little League team and tried out for the “superteam” that plays in the Little League World Series.

“They travelled to Waco for the Little League World Series” she said. Although the team failed to prevail against Colorado and Mississippi, Dempsey was chosen to go on to Florida to play with the Midwest All American Team.

“He had the first home run in the Southwest Region” she said adding that Dempsey had 24 homers in the summer .

“His grandfather played professional ball for the St. Louis Cardinals, and he is related to Jim Thorpe on his father’s side. He wants to model after him... I’m proud as heck of him and when he excelled I was even more proud.”

Dempsey says he does hope to follow in Thorpe’s footsteps.

“I want to play some college baseball and maybe make it to the pros” he said.

“I love working on ball and working the infields and taking lot of lessons from different instructors” he said.

Dempsey’s father Jimmy Gillman says that hard work plays a big part in his son’s success.

“You don’t just wake up being able to play at that level” he said.

“It takes a lot of practice and hard work.” ■



*Dempsey Gillman as seen on ESPN.*



## Lenape Language Project Report

*Jim Rementer*

### What's New

DEL (Documenting Endangered Languages) grants from the National Science Foundation have enabled us to continue making improvements to the Lenape Talking Dictionary. On June 27 we received an email telling us that we had been awarded another two years of funding. Since then, we have been busy getting things set up, having meetings, telephone conferences, answering questions, etc. There is much to do. In our request for funding we stated the need was to make additional improvements to better document the Lenape language through the database/website. Users of the website have asked for more of the traditional Lenape stories with sound files. A number of recordings of stories over the years will be added. In some cases, the recordings are not as clear as they could be and will require professional work to improve the sound quality. Linguist Ives Goddard has also given permission to add more of the stories that he recorded. Additional sound files of individual words will also be added, as well as historical examples.

The Lenape Talking Dictionary contains thousands of Lenape or Delaware Indian words. Over 75% of them contain sound files. It also has photographs, sample sentences, a section on grammar, basic lessons and stories. Under the previous grant words from lists created in the 1600s were added. There are very extensive lists from the 1700's, mostly the work of the Moravian missionaries such as dictionaries, hymnals, and word lists. Some of these have already been added. Words from the recently published *Delaware Indian Language of 1824*, edited by project director Re-

menter, which is specific to this dialect of Southern Unami and is like a 300-page grammar, will also be added to the dictionary.

The Lenape Talking Dictionary has been and will continue to be available online at no cost to anyone interested in many aspects of the Lenape or Delaware Indians. There have been frequent requests for translations of Lenape place names. A number of the old place names were reviewed and recorded with Lenape speakers, and some have been added to the Talking Dictionary. Funding will help guarantee the future availability and utility of these valuable resources, access to not only a dictionary of the Lenape language, but one where native speakers can be heard speaking the language. Since the death of the last fluent native speaker in 2002, the website is the only link connecting the Lenape people to their ancestral language.

In addition to the NSF grant, on April 2016 the Tribal Council voted to approve \$15,000 to pay for rewriting the LTD database/website. This was necessary because: 1. the computer language used to build the database was an older computer language and does not function well in more modern computers; 2. the program used to play the sound files did not work with tablets or cell phones; 3. there was a lack of other funding to do the rewrite/upgrade (we asked NSF for funding to create a new database but they said that is not something they fund); 4. as time goes on and there are more changes in the computer world we anticipate additional complications in our database if not updated now.

In January 2015 we started Lenape language classes on the second and fourth Mondays of

every month. We have an average attendance of 6 and we have a new lesson plan each class. We have now had 27 classes.

### Project History

In 1997 we received a one-year Language Planning Grant from the Administration for Native Americans (ANA). We extended that grant to two years and a questionnaire was sent out to all of the families enrolled with the Delaware tribe. It contained two pages of questions asking what would be most interest to the people. Following those suggestions and consulting with linguists and computer programmers, we first conceived of the possibility of having an online dictionary with sound files. 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 Lenape Talking Dictionary was possibly the first online dictionary of a Native American language that featured sound files. All of the funding for the project came from grants written by director Jim Rementer. No tribal funds were used for the project until this year when funds were approved to rewrite the language database/website. The Talking Dictionary is a work in progress, and we appreciate your comments about the Lenape Talking Dictionary. We will continue adding to the Grammar and Lessons sections so you can learn how to construct sentences in Lenape. ■

## Why is Enrollment is "Filing" in the Pool?

*Leslie Fall-Leaf*

Well we have done it! We have "filed" in the pool. The room adjoining the Enrollment Office which until recently housed a small therapy pool has been converted into a secure filing room to house membership records. These records, a folder for each and every one of us living and dead, number upwards of 13,000 files and up until now have been kept in the office itself both for security sake and out of necessity as we use the information in those files on a daily basis. As one may imagine a cache of that size takes up a lot floor space and the personal information in those files is such that we must make every effort

to guard it, so when the equipment relative to the nearly 20 year old therapy pool began to breakdown requiring costly repairs and replacements, the decision was made to convert that space into something that would better serve the needs of ALL of our members. Please watch the website and Facebook page for further updates as the renovation project, funded entirely by Federal Aid to Tribal Government money, continues into the office itself.

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*Top, Enrollment Clerk Chris Miller working on moving files into the new filing room. Bottom, construction in progress. Photos courtesy Leslie Fall-Leaf and Dana Murrell.*

## Environmental Program Report

*Jimmie Johnson*

**G**ood Day! The Delaware Tribe Environmental Program is excited to announce that we have resumed our Tribal Recycling Program. DTEP purchased 2 recycling trailers over the summer and has started utilizing them at our Bartlesville Headquarters. You will find them located in front of the Social Services Building and on the north side of the Community Center Building. The trailers are clearly labeled for sorting purposes and we ask that NO TRASH be placed in the trailers. In addition to the trailers we have purchased recycling sorting stations that have been placed inside the buildings at the Tribal Headquarters Complex. These bins are red, blue, and gray. They are clearly labeled for sorting purposes. Please feel free to use them at your convenience. DTEP will be utilizing the truck purchased earlier in the year to transport recycled materials to a facility in Tulsa.

Funding has been secured through the EPA to continue our work on the recycling program

and capacity building to enhance our environmental capabilities.

In addition to resuming the Tribal Recycling Program DTEP has a new Director. In October of 2016 we would like to welcome Michael Taylor as the new head of the Environmental Program. I am moving full time to the Tribal 8(a) business Tahkoxe2 LLC. So this is the last article that I will write on behalf of DTEP but will continue to serve my tribe in another capacity.

As always if there are any questions or concerns please feel free to contact the Delaware Tribe Environmental Program at 918-337-6590 or email at [jimmiejohnson@delawaretribe.org](mailto:jimmiejohnson@delawaretribe.org) or after October 1<sup>st</sup> [mtaylor@delawaretribe.org](mailto:mtaylor@delawaretribe.org)

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*Recycling Trailers being unloaded by Alert Wrecker Service on 8/3/2016 at the Headquarters in Bartlesville Oklahoma.*

## Delaware Tribe Memorial Garden

**I**n the January 2014 *DIN*, then-Chief Paula Pechonick announced that in May of 2013 the Tribe proposed to open a Memorial Garden by the pond. "The area is intended to be a beautiful place to reflect on our loved ones and ancestors."

In July 2014 the Elder Committee ordered the first bricks for the Memorial Garden. Since our initial brick order, we have added 8 new bricks for a total of 11 bricks, most of which families ordered for their loved ones. These include bricks for Alona Falleaf Mathis, Arthur Dean Randall, Bobby Lester Randall, Mary L. (Smith) Hatch, Ernest T. Bullette, Elder Committee 2014, William W. Baughman, Nathan L. Gibson, Robert R. "Bob" Ladd, James "Judge" Allen, and Robert Terry Harper. A sidewalk has been added around the pond and around the Memorial Garden which is in the shape of a turtle. The bricks frame the Memorial Garden. Benches have been added along with plants and trees to enhance the garden. Dana Murrell, Administrative Assistant to Chief Brooks, has spent many hours of her own time pulling weeds and cleaning

up the Memorial Garden, making it something of which we can be proud.

The bricks are 12 x 12 inches in size and pewter in color. Each brick can have up to 8 lines with up to 20 characters, punctuation and spaces for each line. The cost is \$60.00 per brick.

To order a Memorial Brick, send us a description of what you want on your brick and a check for \$60.00 payable to Delaware Tribe of Indians with Memorial Brick in the memo line. Mail check to:

Delaware Tribe of Indians  
Attn: Memorial Brick  
5100 Tuxedo Blvd.  
Bartlesville, OK 74006

A template for ordering a brick is available on the Delaware website.

**If you have any questions or need more information, you can contact Mary Randall, brick liaison at 918-337-6589 or email [mrandall@delawaretribe.org](mailto:mrandall@delawaretribe.org).** ■

### Delaware Elders Committee

#### Memorial Brick

Each brick **\$60.00**

12" X 12"

Up to 8 lines

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Make Check Payable to: Delaware Tribe of Indians with "Memorial Brick" on the memo line.

Check #: \_\_\_\_\_ Amt: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Mail Form and Check to: Delaware Tribe of Indians  
Attn: Memorial Brick  
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Bartlesville, OK 74006

## Delaware 2016 Election Board

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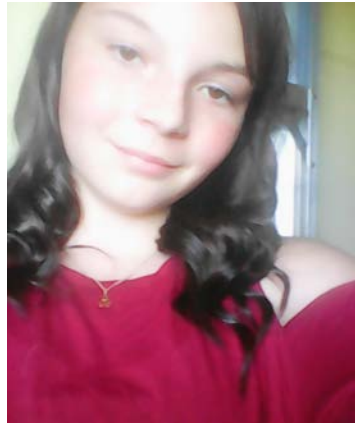
#### Contact Information:

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



## DIN Editorial Committee Junior Member

*Anna Pate, Jr. Member Editorial Committee*



At a Tribal Council meeting recently, Leslie Jerden (Editorial Committee Chair) spoke about the committee's work on the Tribe's newspaper and issued an invitation to be considered for the committee. After the meeting, I let Leslie know I was interested in being on the committee and that I wanted to participate. She was excited about the idea of a youth perspective and later she interviewed me so that she could present my name to the committee and then to the Council for approval. About a month or so later, at a Tribal Council meeting, the Council approved me as a junior member of the Committee. The Committee decided the Junior Editorial Committee should be kept separate. With the next issue, our junior member number may grow, but for this issue, I was the only junior member. Since I have

been on the Committee, Leslie and I have met several times (in person and over the phone). We brainstormed on ideas for potential members for the Junior Editorial Committee and the current events of Native Youth. If you are interested in learning more, participating or have a story idea, please contact me or any committee member. My contact information: email: [apate2.26@gmail.com](mailto:apate2.26@gmail.com), Phone number 918-440-1985. ■

## Audrey's Road to Recovery

*Anna Pate*

Audrey Gay, current Operation Eagle Princess and next year's Delaware Pow Wow Princess, has been through quite a bit this summer. In late July she had surgery because the bone at the base of the brain had naturally grown too long. It caused her to have horrible headaches and stomach aches. Although she did power through, it was hard. She was a cheerleader, basketball player, softball star, and she has a very busy community and social life being involved with her Native American Church and

her duties as Operation Eagle Princess as well as preparation for next year's pow wow. It's a wonder how she did it! She had several doctor appointments and MRIs leading up to her surgery. The sad thing is, she had to have her surgery on her birthday! She had a successful surgery and went home a few days later. A day or two after she got home, she started feeling bad. She was throwing up and was in a massive amount of pain. This continued for two more days, so her mom took her back to the

hospital. The doctor's thought she had meningitis and was sent to Tulsa to have a spinal tap. As people heard the news that she was thought to have meningitis, they were heartbroken, this girl had been through enough. It was a different type of meningitis though, caused by blood leaking into her brain. As she continues to recover, she has been attending school, but some days she can only attend half a day, some days, her mother keeps her home to rest. We continue to wish her a speedy and full recovery! For sure, this girl is a fighter to the end! ■

## Pow Wows from the Teen Perspective

*Anna Pate*

When you're a teenager or a tween, a lot of things change socially and mentally. Personally, I would love to go to a pow wow every weekend. I know people who want to do that and people who drift away. I was never pushed when I

was little; if I wanted to dance, that was my choice. Not all people want to dance. When I am at a pow wow or tribal social dance function it breaks my heart to go up to little kids and say, "Are you having fun?" and they respond, "not really."

As far as a teen's perspective, some of us love it, some people want to be somewhere else. So the only definite teen perspective is your own. ■

## Archaeological Excavations Finalized at Schoenbrunn Historic Village, OH

*Brice Obermeyer*

Archaeological investigations have been completed at Schoenbrunn Historic Village, OH in preparation for our reburial in October. The archaeological work did find the remains of over 3,000 years of periodic activity/occupation at our planned reburial location. Most of the artifacts were stone tools and lithic debitage, as well as historic objects, but the most striking feature of this area was the widespread presence of hearths and fire cracked rock. This feature of the location indicates that it was used extensively for some type of fire related activity such as cooking, processing stone tools or general warmth.

Beyond this unique quality, these types of sites are rather common for the region and we are glad that we will not be impacting a significant archaeological site in order to do the reburial. Given the results of this excavation we will move forward with the reburial at this location. It is

a very nice location in a clearing of maple trees just to the south of the reconstructed village on the site.

The reburial will be carried out jointly by a small delegation from the Delaware Tribe, the Delaware Nation, and the Stockbridge Munsee. The reburial will involve over 80 reinterments from four different 18<sup>th</sup> century Delaware cemeteries in Ohio and Pennsylvania. Funding from the National Park Service will be used to help partially support our travel to Ohio for the reburial. As a joint reburial, the funding will be split equally among the three tribes and will likely not cover all of our travel expenses so space is limited for the use of the Park Service and Tribal funding. We are currently working with the other two tribes to make the final preparations for the reinterment.

The burial ceremony will take place at Schoenbrunn Historic Village near New Philadelphia, OH on October 25th and all tribal members are welcome to attend; however, travel funding may not be available for all who wish to attend. Please contact Brice Obermeyer at [bobermeyer@delawaretribe.org](mailto:bobermeyer@delawaretribe.org) or 918 335-7026 if you would like to attend.

Brice Obermeyer  
Director Delaware Tribe Historic Preservation Office (DTHPO)  
918-335-7026  
[bobermeyer@delawaretribe.org](mailto:bobermeyer@delawaretribe.org) ■

## 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:

- |   |  |
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| <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 918-337-6597 or [akrebbs@delawaretribe.org](mailto:akrebbs@delawaretribe.org).

**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 allocat-

ed 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 School Scholarship:** Delaware Tribal members attending college are eligible to apply. Currently, full-time students may apply for \$400 per semester for up to eight semesters, and part-time students may apply for \$200 per semester up to 16 semesters. Semesters do not have to be consecutive. Applicants must submit all required documentation, including official transcripts and enrollment verification from the college or university. Students must maintain a 2.7 GPA (grade point average) in the last semester attended (high school, college, etc.) 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. ■

## Visitors from Germany

Jim Rementer

Once again we had a visit at tribal headquarters of friends from Germany. Robert Götzenberger along with his wife and daughter have been making a tour of the United States for two weeks and their final destination was to visit the Delawares once again. Robert himself has been here twice before and attended Delaware Days but this was the first time for his wife and daughter to visit the Delawares. Here is a write up about his visit in 2012:

**Delaware Days September 2012**—We had some visitors from Germany participating in our dances. One of our guests had attended Delaware Days in 2005 and he enjoyed it so much he decided to return and bring three friends with him. So we asked them to sing some German songs for us, and had a small cultural exchange of songs. Around midnight it was suggested that we finish off the leftovers from dinner, we asked the Germans if they would say a prayer for the

food, and I think this might have been the first time the Lord's Prayer was spoken in German in the Arena at Copan Pow-wow Grounds. The following is a letter from our one of our German guests;

*Dear Cultural Preservation Committee: I like to send you my big thanks for the warm welcome the Delaware people gave us Germans at the 2012 Delaware Days. My friends and me all agreed about having felt more than welcome and comfortable and we enjoyed such a great hospitality and time at your culture days. Thank you for sharing with us your precious culture and friendship. It was again a great experience for myself, as I was attending already in 2005, as well as for my friends who took part for the first time. We enjoyed the dances, songs, food and the visits with many people at the Dance ground.*

*I felt among your people something what I would describe as*

*the true and generous "Spirit of the Lenape". I hope to be able to return again in the future. All the best wishes to the Delaware Tribe of Indians and all their friends. Vielen Dank! Wanishita. Lápich Knewëluhëmo.*

Robert Götzenberger

On this present trip Robert and his family have been touring the United States for two weeks and drove approximately 5000 miles. They started from Chicago and headed west visiting other Indian people they knew as well as taking in the scenery. One of the people they visited was Dr. Grant Leneaux, a Delaware tribal member who lives in Reno, Nevada. Robert and Grant had formed a close bond because Grant is a retired professor of German language at the University of Nevada.

Robert and his wife Barbara and their daughter Elisa were hosted by Mike and Ella Pace here in Bartlesville and they were able to visit for three days before they had to return to Germany. (Robert's first visit to the tribe was in 2005.)

Robert and his family were invited to come to the elder lunch on Monday, August 22. Bonnie Thaxton who had met Robert on previous visits also insisted that they should be fed first because they were visitors from a great distance. Bonnie liked Robert's wife so much that she gave her the necklace that she was wearing.

After eating with the elders and getting a tour of the building they visited the tribal gift shop and met with Anita Mathis.

Later that same day Robert attended the language class. ■



Robert and family with Bonnie Thaxton (above) and visiting Anita Mathis at the Tribal Gift Shop (below).



Robert at Delaware language class. Photo courtesy Curtis Zunigha).



Robert in front of the tribal headquarters, 2005.



Robert visiting with Mike Pace where Mike works at Conner Prairie Museum near Indianapolis in 2012.

## Tribal Council Candidates, Statements



### Larry "Joe" Brooks

I, Larry "Joe" Brooks, do solemnly swear to uphold the constitution and bylaws of the Delaware Tribe of Indians. I was born on November 5, 1946 in Bartlesville Oklahoma. I am the son of the late Helen L. "Camp" Brooks, grandson of Mary "Sarcoxie" Camp and great-grandson of little John Sarcoxie (Roll number 119D). I was raised in Bartlesville and graduated from College High School in 1965. I was raised to be proud of my Delaware ancestry. I was drafted into the United States Army on August 17, 1966 and departed the United States Army on August 16, 1968 as Sgt E-5. I worked several jobs such as insurance sales, architectural design with Oklahoma Tire and supply and in the late 1970s became self-employed in the Native American smoke shop business. I retired from the Native American smoke shop business in 2008.

I have numerous years of experience with the Delaware Tribe of Indians, starting as a council member under the late Chief Henry Secondine and then the late Chief Lewis Ketchum. I also served under former Chief Dee Ketchum. In 2002 I was elected Chief of the Delaware Tribe of Indians and served three years as chief. On several occasions I was a council member and trust board member at the same time. I have also been the chairman of the economic development committee. I am currently the committee chair of community services and vice-chair of the education committee.

I am proud to be a member of the cultural preservation and veterans committee as well.

I am committed to serving all of the people of the Delaware Tribe of Indians, which includes local and out of state Delaware people. All voices matter and I will vote on issues as my heart and our Creator guides me on all tribal issues. I will not join any political cliques and will not take sides. I will leave personal issues outside of the Delaware Tribe of Indians.

I also support Homer Scott Jr. for Delaware Tribal council 100 percent. I believe that Homer has the same goals as my own. Homer has been a longtime friend and I know that he is trustworthy and has the mindset to help lead our tribe in the right direction. I know that Homer and I will act in the best interest of our tribe. It is important to know that even though I support Homer we will not always agree and promise to act as individuals.

The Delaware Tribe of Indians needs a tribal council that can act in the best interest of our tribe. I am an individual that can do that for our Delaware people. We need working council members that can agree to disagree and move on with the very important issues at hand. I urge all Delaware Tribal members to register and vote in the upcoming Delaware election. Wanishi for your vote. ■

### LuAnn Hainline

I am Luann Hainline and I want to go to work for you. The Delaware Tribe of Indians is my tribe and I am passionately proud of it.

I have always been active in the tribe, having worked for them at one time when I was younger. I now work for Kmart and have for 37 years. I am in charge of the shipping and receiving docks



which takes quite a bit of organization. Also, I am a member of the Delaware Powwow Committee. Though this powwow is not a tribally sponsored event, I work hard to incorporate our culture and ways into this annual event.

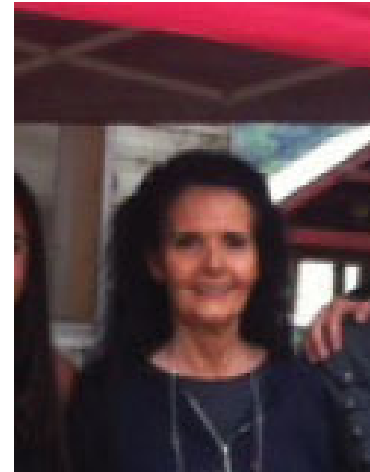
I have a deep seated history in the Delaware Tribe. My great-great-grandfather was John Sarcoxie. My great-grandfathers were Charlie Sarcoxie and Sam White-turkey. My grandmother was Leona Sarcoxie Shipley. My mother is JoAnn Markley. I was brought up and raised as a Delaware. The traditions of my tribe mean so very much to me and I hope to help carry on these traditions to our younger members. I have a son, Jake Coffey who has my only granddaughter, Dani Belle Coffey. I want to see her raised knowing our ways.

Having lived in Bartlesville all my life, I know the struggles we, as Delaware, have faced. We have lost our recognition twice and I feel that finally we are once again a solid tribe. The most current issue I feel we face is economic development. From what I have witnessed and questioned there seem to be some great things happening in our tribe. This is much needed as we work to provide for our elders and other members.

I have witnessed what appears to be a split in the current Council and want to become a part of uniting the Council. I think there is so much potential for our tribe,

but I feel that the incumbents are not necessarily working for the best interest of ALL of our members. My hope is that we get three new faces on the Council and start looking forward instead of holding up progress by being confrontational. I think the best thing for my tribe right now is UNITY.

I'm asking for your vote to help our tribe. Let's band together, work hard, pray together, laugh together and get our tribe in a great spot, culturally as well as financially. Together we can make this happen. ■



### Annette Ketchum

This has been an interesting four years in office, as I have served in two administrations, under two chiefs. It has been an experience that I can only hope has prepared me for the next four years for which I am asking you to support me, as you have supported me in the past.

The Delaware citizens were put through thirty years of on again, off again losing and gaining federal recognition. We have been through term after term of chiefs, through lawsuit after lawsuit of court cases. As a tribal government we must again have leadership. We must gain again the respect of others who are watching

us. As your councilwoman, I have tried to stand up for honestly and goodwill. I have tried to follow the Constitution and hold it up as the final authority.

The Delaware Tribe has not had a General Council meeting for about nine years. It is difficult for the Tribal Council to know what the General Council would like to have enacted when there is no vote of the people. The citizens do not come and give input. Granted, everyone is not going to agree on everything; however if reasonable straight forward issues are put on the floor, reasonable people will vote and the Tribal Council will be obliged to follow. I would like to see a 100-voter quorum in attendance at General Council in November.

For those who do not know me, I was born and raised on my grandmother's allotment. My grandmother delivered me into the world and she was in my life as long as she lived. She taught in the way those old Delaware grandmother's teach. I attended school in Dewey, OK; went on to college at OSU and KU; married, have two daughters, five grandchildren, two great-great grandchildren. My husband is Chief Dee Ketchum, who spent many years serving the Delaware. We both are presenters of the Delaware culture and have been involved in the Culture Preservation Program since the Trust Funds became available to fund this tribal program. That was 1989-90.

Many years of my life were spent raising our daughters and participating in their activities to instill a sense of worth in their lives. Raising children requires attention, training, discipline, and prayer. After they were in college, I began applying my knowledge from college classes to Interior Decorating. It was hard work, and I spent five years doing it before

## Tribal Council Candidates, Statements (cont'd)

we returned to Bartlesville from Texas. I began doing volunteer work at the Tribe, including *the Delaware Indian News*, which I worked with for over 20 years. I serve actively on the Culture Preservation Committee. I did not run for elected office until 2006 and won a seat on the Tribal Council. My second term in office is 2012 to present and hold the Office of Secretary.

In the Community, I am a member of the Bartlesville Indian Women's Club, serve on the board of the Bartlesville Area History Museum, worked for 25 years on Indian Summer committees, substitute teaching, and school programs to promote the Delaware Tribe. I am a member of First Baptist Church and love the Lord.

Since I enjoy good health, freedom from child rearing, live in Bartlesville, and do not have another full time job, I have adequate time to spend on service to our Tribe. I have my priorities straight and ask you to support me as your Councilwoman in 2016-2020. I will perform as best of my ability to uphold our Constitution, concentrate on the important matters, let the staff do its job, let the citizens of our Tribes have a voice, and make a future for this Delaware Tribe of Indians.

Thank you for your vote and God bless you, Annette 918-333-8865 or Annie to you young voters! ■



### Jenifer Pechonick

**H**e'! Kulamàlsi hàch? (Hi! How are you?) Ntëluwènsi (My name is) Jenifer Pechonick. I am the daughter of Paula and the late Joe Pechonick, and the successor to a long line of strong Delaware women who came before me...Violet Woody Martin, Minnie Willits, Josie Bullet Elkhair, Mary Brown, Jane Sarcouxie. I ask for your vote in the November 2016 General Election. I graduated from Southwestern Oklahoma State with my BA in Communications. I also have my AA in Early Childhood Development and began the online Master's Program at University of Colorado at Denver in Public Administration. I have worked in Human Relations, Public Relations, Oil and gas, Insurance and am a small business owner. As a self-employed consultant, my schedule is flexible to dedicate time to what I love, our Delaware People, our Lenape People.

I have served on the Tribal Council, Trust Board and a variety of committees. Though I have always been considered "active" in my Tribe, I served on three (3) Tribal Council Administrations over the years since 2002. My passion: the general welfare of our people and our Tribe. The State of the Tribe requires a number of priorities, each of utmost importance. My experience includes the

following areas, all crucial to the State of the Tribe:

1.) Federal Funding. Grants, government contracts, BIA monies, and;

2.) Tribal Sovereignty. To be sovereign, we must act sovereign. Treaty rights, state & federal agencies, diversified economic development, Federal law, and;

3.) Intertribal Relations. Conduct ourselves as to be recognized once again as the Grandfather tribe, Partner with other Tribes to better serve all Native Americans, Current issues Indian Country faces, Work with other Tribal leaders for Indian Country, and;

4.) Intratribal relations. Identify Tribal member needs - our youth, our veterans, our elders, and our leaders; Support our leaders, our scholars, and spiritual advisors. Our government must not forget over 80% of our Tribal population lives too far to attend Tribal meetings in person or utilize many Tribal programs. Our Tribal government has duty to maintain current programs (and bring back historic programs!) and find ways to engage those who live outside where the government stuck us in 1867, and;

5.) Culture. Our language, songs, dances, ceremonies, historian, traditional cloths, medicine, the voices of our ancestors, our cemeteries, and;

6.) Seven Generations. We must always evaluate the effects of our actions and inactions on our successors seven generations into the future, and;

7.) Tribal Operations. Maintain, oversee and grow current tribal operations. Hire Delaware People and treat employees right. Also, Tribal government must be able to depend that Tribal employees are in an environment in which they feel safe to seek help to resolve issues. Further, Tribal members have a right to be treated with

respect and find helpful positive employees when they come to the Tribe for assistance, and;

8.) Life after the 1866 Treaty and the 1867 Articles of Agreement. Our complicated but very real "relationship" and all that entails with the Cherokee Nation, our treaty rights as Cherokee citizens as well as our duty and right to maintain our unique and sovereign Tribe, and;

This year, make your voice heard. Support candidates like myself, Paula Pechonick and Annette Ketchum who value communication, honesty, accountability, are open to new ideas and eager to work together to solve tough issues that face us as a People, I know a way we can change the direction the Tribe is headed.

I humbly ask for your vote for me in the 2016 General Council. Together, we can turn our Tribe back on the good path and one day again be known as the Grandfather Tribe. Request your absentee ballot or verify your ballot us is among those which will be automatically sent. Mark your vote on your ballot and send it in before November 5<sup>th</sup>. I pray for our Election Board to strictly enforce the regulations as written to guard our elections and thus the results from fraud.

Wanishi! Jenifer Pechonick ■



### Paula Pechonick

**I**am Paula Pechonick. I ask for your vote for Tribal Council in the 2016 General Election of our People.

I was raised on my grandmother's allotment in Oklahoma and learned traditional ways from her. I have served the Tribe in nearly every capacity since I became involved in the government over 30 years ago. I started as a volunteer

at the headquarters and attended nearly every Tribal meeting. I believe it is important to learn about how the Tribal Council and Tribal government works by attending meetings and serving on committees if you are think you are interested in an elected position. Elected offices include: Tribal Council – 4 terms (serving as Chief for 1 term), Trust Board – 2 terms, Tribal Court Justice – 1 term; about three decades on Cultural Preservation Committee, Gift Shop, NAGPRA and Elder committees and over three decades with the Bartlesville Indian Women's Club also serving on the Bartlesville Women's Clubhouse Board.

I bring to the table experience, leadership, and I love our Delaware People. My primary passion is for the General Welfare of the Delaware Tribe of Indians.

My heart hurts to see the discord with the current administration and thus the General Welfare of our People. Focus on and the presence of the pettiness and deceit hurt the Tribe greatly and this carried into the last two years. The time wasted on these power plays and ego shows and lies and more lies for personal gain takes precious time away from authentic mission of the Tribal Council.





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## *Tribal Council Candidates, Statements (cont'd)*

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But I have some good news! This election offers the opportunity to bring back success and upward momentum to our Tribe. Vote for experience, leadership and the General Welfare in the 2016 General Election. Make your voice count!

Here's how:

Do not waste time! Make a point to remind your family members how important their vote is. You don't have to discuss "politics" or the latest negative talk or even fight but take a moment today to make sure your loved ones who may not read this, send in the request for the absentee ballot or verify they will receive theirs automatically.

Follow up with your loved ones to make sure they send back the ballot!

Please, take a moment to make this a priority and encourage your family and Delaware friends to do the same. I hear a lot of people who moved away or whose family moved away generations ago say they don't vote because they don't feel like they pay enough attention to what's going on. As an informed tribal member encourage them to vote!

Hold the Delaware Tribe of Indians 2016 Election Board accountable to stand firm on the existing, approved election rules which are reviewed prior to the election. Changes to the rules, either official or just simply omitted or not enforced, no matter for how right the reason sounds or how small the change and leaves fraud a way to destroy the integrity of the election process and the results. Follow every word of the election rules that have been set by the Tribal Council and the Election Board. To those who serve, please stand firm on the rules, a change that sounds so great proposed? Approve it! But make it effective after the current election.

One item not defined in the Election Regulations is that the Election Process needs TWO post office boxes. The returned completed ballots are not to be disturbed until Saturday, Nov 5. Historically, the ballots go to the same post office box with all other correspondence. This compromises the integrity of the process. The Tribe must acquire a unique PO Box for ballots only. \*\*\*Wanishi! Vote for Paula Pechonick, Tribal Council 2016■



**Charles Randall**

**K**ulamalsi Hech?

It has been a pleasure and privilege to have served as Delaware Tribal Judge. During this time, I have seen our Judicial System mature and become a crucial element of our Tribal Government. While there is still a lot of work in this area to get where we want to be, I believe we have the foundation and people in place to build a strong Judicial System to serve our Delaware people. My term as Judge is up for election in November and rather than run again for Judge, I feel I can better serve the Delaware people by running for one of the open Council positions. The Delaware Court Rules that we established prohibits a Tribal Judge from being a candidate or serving on the

Tribal Council, so I have resigned as Tribal Judge effective September 1, 2016 so that I can declare my candidacy for Tribal Council.

As candidate for Tribal Council, it is vital that we work together for what is best for the Delaware people. We have to become self-sufficient and not so dependent on government handouts. A lot of work has been accomplished in this area forming our totally owned company Tahkox e2. Our 8A certification by the Small Business Administration of the U.S. Department of Commerce opens many business opportunities for the Tribe and allows us to bid on government contracts which is already a reality. We have to become more aggressive in searching out new business opportunities and identifying and pursuing grants and funding for our Tribe.

In visiting other Tribes and Tribal Courts, I have discovered that there are a lot of services available we do not provide to our Delaware people that can be funded by grants. As we grow these services, we not only provide help for our people, but we open up new opportunities for employment as well.

I am the great-great-grandson of Eliza Welenuxkwe (Woo-le-noo-squay) Snead and John A. Randall. I met my wife of 54 years at Oklahoma State University. We have one son, Charles Glen, and his wife Tracy, with three grandsons, Charles Dalton, Devin Glen and Denton Trey. I bring to the Tribe 40+ years of management and business experience working with all areas of the corporate world designing and building systems to help people do their job more efficiently and increase production. This requires team building and communication which are essential elements we need to incorporate into the Tribe.

I ask for your vote in November and your support by being involved in Tribal activities and letting your voice be heard. It is through your involvement that we can move forward as a stronger Tribe.

Wanishi ■

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## *Trust Board Candidates, Statements*

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**Marilyn Cole**

**I**want to thank all tribal members who asked me to run for

tribal office. Thank you for your support. I will pledge to work for all tribal members in ensuring that our trust funds are wisely spent per Trust Document guidelines and that the funds will also be left as a legacy for the generations that will follow us. ■



**Mary Jo Peterson**

**G**reetings to my fellow Delawareans. My name is Mary Jo Peterson, and I am running for Trust Board Chair. I am currently serving on the Trust Board to fill

out the unexpired term of a former member, and would like to continue to serve our Tribe on the Trust Board. My qualifications are: CPA, with experience in auditing Tribal and governmental programs, former Tribal CFO, prior service on the Delaware Election Committee, and on the committee to restore our recognition (2009).

I am familiar with the Trust financial reports and investment statements. I am Delaware on my father's side, a descendant of Isaac Journeycake. Personal information: I am currently 63 years old,

married for 38 years with 2 grown married children and 2 granddaughters (children and grandchildren enrolled in the Delaware Tribe). My feelings on the Trust funds are that these funds should be permanently preserved for the benefit of future generations, with only the investment earnings being spent, and only for the purposes allowed as in the Trust Document. I ask for your vote, and hope that there will be a very large turnout in voters for our November 5, 2016 election. Thank you. ■

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## Trust Board Candidates, Statements (cont'd)

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### Autumn Stewart

He, Hello, I'm Autumn Stewart and I want to be your representative on the Delaware Trust Board.

I am a 2016 graduate of Bartlesville High School and also Tri County Tech where I attained a license in cosmetology. Presently I am working 2 jobs, Oinks BBQ and the Painted Horse, and yes, styling hair on the side. Working is my passion and I want to work for you, My People.

It is only fitting and proper that I run for Trust Board at this time.

I'm representing the younger generation, their thoughts and ideas will have a voice if I am elected in the governing process. I have no experience, however I'm a quick study, but more important I have patience and never act without a period of contemplation, just like our people did in the past.

So I'm asking for your vote in November. Give me that experience.

Wanishi and you'll be hearing from me, I promise. ■



### Roger Stewart

He lives his life to the beat of a different drummer, is sure of who he is and what he stands for. He is a free and forward thinker, innovator, and creator whose ideas and words inspire, polarize, spark imaginations, and powerfully connect. He is a rebel, an outcast, a David in a world of Goliaths that comes from the least likely of places and is very much moving toward others. He goes where others fear to go and dislikes conforming to the norm, whoever that

is. It's hard to fool him for he has such a clear perspective on the world and sees things for what they truly are.

He is fiercely aware of what's right and what's wrong, speaks his mind, and takes no prisoners.

He looks at life differently than others so some of his ideas are out there on the edge, the ragged edge. They have to be because he is open to the possibilities and realities that change the world. Some see him as a fish out of water, a troublemaker, an oddball. Others see him as gifted, profound, and uniquely brilliant. Many call him a true friend and a good neighbor. Others call him Joe Daddy. Still others say he is Autumn's dad, He is happy with that.. ..

He realizes how very, very important his job as Trust Board Secretary is and is asking for your vote in November. He promises that he will never let the turmoil that seems to prevail in politics these days affect his goal of delivering to "The People," a sound and healthy "Trust Document."

Wanishi Roger ■



### John Thomas

Hello Delaware Tribal Members. My name is John M. Thomas, (Ho-we-si-na-ko-thi – Looks Proud), descended from the Delaware and Shawnee tribes. I have always stood proud of my Delaware heritage: My father, Milford Thomas, was Delaware. Milford's parents were Nannie Secondine-Longbone & Job Thomas. Job Thomas's parents were Ke-ke-she-no (One Who Appears Complete) Thomas and Betsy Captain.

I have 5 daughters and 1 son, 21 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

I am a longtime Native American activist born to Jerline Chi-

solm and Milford Thomas in White Oak, Oklahoma in 1944. I served in the US Army 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne in 1962. I also served our Indian people as a prominent member of the American Indian Movement.

My interests are and always have been for the betterment of Indian people, especially my own. I am actively involved in cultural activities and ceremonies. In the past, I was active with the non-government organization within the United Nations, the International Indian Treaty Council. I was a part of the Wounded Knee occupation in 1973. I served as a diplomat at the 1979 Hostage Crisis in Iran. In Kentucky, 1988, our ancestor's remains were desecrated, I was active in the repatriations and following laws enacted in Kentucky, prior to NAGPRA formation. Most recently, I have made efforts in the returning of Delaware ancient artifacts and ancestral remains through travels into Ohio, Pennsylvania, and New Jersey.

I would like to continue serving our Indian people and, more specifically, the Delaware people. I humbly ask for your support in the upcoming Trust Board election. ■

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## Tribal Judge Candidates, Statements

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### Bethany Jackson

Hello, my name is Bethany Jackson and I am running for a tribal judge position in the Delaware Tribe's 2016 election. I am an Oklahoma native, as I was born and raised in the state and have lived here nearly my entire life. I received a Bachelors of Arts in English Education in 2012 from the University of Central Oklahoma; thereafter, I was a middle school reading teacher. Presently, I am a third year law student at

the University of Tulsa College of Law and anticipate receiving my Juris Doctor in December of 2016.

My primary passion within the Delaware Tribe is to utilize my legal background for the benefit of the tribe and its tribal members. As a law student, I have received an extensive legal education that has greatly developed my aptitude for critical thinking as well as analysis and decision-making skills. I believe my skill set will serve to benefit the Tribe and its mission to provide for the good and welfare

of its people. My legal education has helped me hone imperative lawyering skills including communication, client interviewing and counseling, fact-gathering, researching, writing, and collaboration. Additionally, I have worked in the public education system as a middle school reading teacher. Collectively, I believe my educational and professional experiences will allow me to better identify and address the needs and desires of the Tribe as well as to facilitate effective resolution as necessary.

Continually furthering my education is a personal accomplishment I find most rewarding, as I desire to always continue learning and expanding myself. I believe education fosters better understanding of other perspectives as well as stimulates personal development. Ultimately, I desire to work toward the common good of the tribe and its members by collaborating with the current council in pursuit of informed and effective decision-making. ■

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## Candidate Q&As

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Candidates were optionally given the opportunity to answer a series of questions about their candidacy, and to have those answers printed in the current *DIN*. The answers of those who chose to participate are given below.

### Larry Joe Brooks

**Q: What is your primary passion within the Delaware Tribe? (Ex. Cultural, veterans, youth, business development, grants, etc.)**

A: My primary passion within the Delaware Tribe is business development, cultural preservation, veterans services, youth participation and last but not least grants and federal funding. The reason I have listed grants and federal funding last is because the upcoming presidential election leaves these issues in limbo. I believe we need to be more self-sufficient with our own funding from economic development.

**Q: What expertise or work experience can you bring to the council table?**

A: I have twenty-seven years of experience on the tribal council and trust board. This includes three years as chief. I have served several terms as a tribal council member and as a trust board member. I also have twenty-four years of experience as owner and operator of several small businesses. During this time, I also did my own bookkeeping. I have an architectural drafting degree from Tulsa Technical college.

**Q: In what ways do you feel your particular expertise or experience can make a difference for the tribe?**

A: My experience can make a difference for the tribe because I am very knowledgeable of business feasibility studies and architecture and design. I am also very knowledgeable of our current con-

stitution and bylaws and Robert's Rules of Order.

**Q: What do you feel is working toward a positive direction within the current council's endeavors?**

A: I believe that the current council has some economic development possibilities with Tahkox e2.

**Q: What do you feel needs improvement within a current council endeavor?**

A: I believe that the current council needs to leave personal issues at home. It is important that our current council vote from their hearts for what is best for our tribe. Personal issues should not get in the way of the future of our tribe. It is important that when a vote is taken that our current council members move forward instead of being upset about the outcome of the vote. It is important that the oath of office be upheld. Our current constitution and bylaws should be followed at all times. If these things would take place within our entire tribal council an improvement would be seen.

**Q: What issue or project do you feel is of the utmost importance to the tribe at this time?**

A: I believe that economic development is the most important issue due to the unknown future of our federal funding or grants with the presidential election coming in the near future. I also believe that cultural preservation is very important because without preserving our culture our tribal identity will be lost.

**Q: Describe a way in which you would plan to pursue the issue of the most importance to you.**

A: I would plan to visit with several other tribes and see how these tribes have been successful with economic development. I

would also attend National Congress of American Indians and any other open meetings to discuss economic development.

**Q: What is a personal accomplishment you are the most proud of?**

A: I am very proud to be a Vietnam Veteran who survived the Vietnam war. I spent over four months in a burn unit for my injuries. This made me the person I am today. I am also very proud of getting our ancestral remains reinterred on Ellis Island on May 1, 2003. I am also very proud of taking a Native American business issue all the way to the United States Supreme Court in which my Brother and I prevailed and won the case at hand. Had this case been lost the effects could have been devastating for the future of many tribal businesses. ■

### Michelle Holley

**Q: What is your primary passion within the Delaware Tribe? (Ex. Cultural, veterans, youth, business development, grants, etc.)**

A: My primary passion is stability and growth for our Tribe. In order to attain this we need economic stimulus by way of both economic development and grant writing. Both elements go hand in hand to bring financial growth and stability to our Tribe.

**Q: What expertise or work experience can you bring to the council table?**

A: The expertise I bring to the Council spans a vast variety of experience in Tribal government from Self-Governance, Self-Determination, Federal Recognition and Tribal Sovereignty. I have developed strong government to government relations within both tribal, state and federal government. I have drafted legislation

and ordinances such as the Tribal Seal Protection Ordinance to protect our seal from fraudulent and unauthorized usage. I worked on developing our National Historic Preservation Act: Section 106 Program in the Development, Expansion and Implementation of the Program. I have extensive experience in Grant Writing and Compliance, with a broad focus on USDA Rural Development Block Grant, HUD Indian Community Rural Development Block Grant, BIA Aid to Tribal Government and BIA 638 contract funding. As well as Community Outreach, Strategic Planning, Program Development such as the development of expanding the Tribes Indian Child Welfare and Child Support Services (Title IV), into a full encompassing Youth and Family Services Program. (This is a current project).

**Q: In what ways do you feel your particular expertise or experience can make a difference for the tribe?**

A: My expertise as listed in the above response can make difference for our Tribe financial stability and growth to our Tribe and expand community service programs to better assist our Tribal member's needs. This will bring both prosperity for the tribe as a whole.

**Q: What do you feel is working toward a positive direction within the current council's endeavors?**

A: The Grant Steering Committee, which I am a member of and contributing writer (pro bono) has shown continued success in attaining funding. The most recent has been the award of \$247,000 though the BIA funding focused on Climate Change Adaptation.

**Q: What do you feel needs improvement within a current**

**council endeavor?**

A: The biggest improvement needed is to establish an Economic Development Board separate of the tribal government. This Board should not consist of tribal council members, or any other tribal official, which creates a gross conflict of interest. Business endeavors should be done above board with full disclosure of who the business partners are in each venture. Full transparency should be a top priority.

**Q: What issue or project do you feel is of the utmost importance to the tribe at this time?**

A: In my opinion as a current council member the biggest issue at the moment has been the blatant disregard of the Constitution of the Delaware Tribe of Indians, the By-Laws and our Code of Conduct and abuse of power by tribal officials. Each of us took an oath to uphold our Constitution and should be held to that.

**Q: Describe a way in which you would plan to pursue the issue of the most importance to you.**

A: The best way to address this issue and concern is through reform.

**Q: What is a personal accomplishment you are the most proud of?**

A: Though there have been many accomplishments during my service to the Tribe, in my opinion the biggest accomplishment has been developing and expanding the 106 funding and passing a resolution to protect those funds by allocating percentages to cultural preservation as it is intended to be.

### Annette Ketchum

**Q: What is your primary passion within the Delaware Tribe?**

A: My passion is Culture. I believe the language, songs, dances, clothing, foods, customs, Culture

## Candidate Q&As (cont'd)

Bearers and history is what determines we are Delaware. If we do not preserve these, we have no distinction from other races. This means we live in two worlds. We live in the White world, as all minority cultures do, and we preserve our culture for all other cultures to appreciate and remember how our histories intertwine. We need to stop referring to ourselves as "Native American". Either we refer to ourselves as Delaware or American Indian or in the future the term "Native American" will be what all peoples who have lived in the United States, say since independence from the British, will simply be--native Americans. We respect other races of people, but we do not let anyone forget this is the land of the American Indian.

**Q: What expertise or work experience can you bring to the Council table?**

A: I bring the unwritten history of our Tribe for the last 60-70 years. We can all read books, listen to others speak, but I have lived the Delaware life for a long time. I have studied the Bible and I know right from wrong. I want to be broad enough in my interests, in my knowledge and in my humility to bring sanity and honesty to the Council table.

**Q: In what ways do you feel your particular expertise or experience can make a difference for the Tribe?**

A: Elders can either be wise or just old people. I want to be wise; and if insanity and dishonesty are prevailing, it takes wisdom to see it and the law to change it.

**Q: What do you feel is working toward a positive direction within the current council's endeavors?**

A: I believe participating with the Working Group for Lawrence, KS, has merit. My hope is that the

Tribe will return to our old reservation in Kansas and have jurisdiction [which we do not have in Oklahoma because we are on the Cherokee Nation's jurisdiction]. Mediocrity will be our future in another tribe's jurisdiction.

**Q: What do you feel needs improvement within a current Council endeavor?**

A: We will have to offer leadership and direction to the Lawrence Working Group. It is a bad idea to put the land in perpetuity or a soil bank, or in any way lose control over it.

**Q: What issue or project do you feel is of the utmost importance to the tribe at this time?**

A: It is of utmost importance that the Tribe gets a strong business that makes income for the tribe. Of the five or six businesses that are prospective, I have the idea that there is very little likelihood of any of them being profitable to the Tribe any time soon.

**Q: Describe a way in which you would plan to pursue the issue of the most importance to you.**

A: First of all, I would build an Economic Development Group that is not made up of tribal council members or elected persons. I would completely separate the business operation from the government function. The document that outlines the economic development plan would be simple, but not simplicity; would not have a pre-determined imbedded plan for some person or persons to become the beneficiary of income generated; and the oversight of the Accounting Department would have the fiduciary responsibility.

**Q: What is a personal accomplishment you are the most proud of?**

A: I and my husband raised two daughters who are accountable citizens. They are able to fend for

themselves, to think, plan and reason. They are accountable to God, not me.

### Jenifer Pechonick

**Q: What is your primary passion within the Delaware Tribe? (Ex. Cultural, veterans, youth, business development, grants, etc.)**

A: My primary passion is for the general welfare of the Delaware Tribe of Indians and that of our people.

**Q: What expertise or work experience can you bring to the council table?**

A: I graduated from Southwestern Oklahoma State with my BA in Communications. I also have my AA in Early Childhood Development and began the online Master's Program at University of Colorado at Denver in Public Administration. I have worked in Human Relations, Public Relations, Oil and gas, Insurance and am a small business owner. As a self-employed consultant, my schedule is flexible to dedicate time to what I love, our Delaware People, our Lenape People. I have served on the Tribal Council, Trust Board and a variety of committees. Though I have always been considered "active" in my Tribe, I served on three Tribal Council Administrations over the years since 2002.

**Q: In what ways do you feel your particular expertise or experience can make a difference for the tribe?**

A: I have a keen ability to see the common ground when differences arise. I know I can help our Council move forward in areas everyone can agree needs attention.

**Q: What do you feel is working toward a positive direction within the current council's endeavors?**

A: I have not seen movement, positive or direction in the current endeavors. I have seen several Council members eyes opened to what is important for our Tribe. I know together we will work hard to move in a positive direction to benefit all Tribal people.

**Q: What do you feel needs improvement within a current council endeavor?**

A: The agenda of certain Council members needs to be refocused to what is best for general welfare of our Tribe and our people. All Tribal members are important, not just who is in the favor of current "leadership."

**Q: What issue or project do you feel is of the utmost importance to the tribe at this time?**

A: The upcoming election is of the utmost importance. This election offers the opportunity for our Tribe to enjoy success and upward momentum. Make your voice count!

**Q: Describe a way in which you would plan to pursue the issue of the most importance to you.**

A: Rather than complain, I decided to run for Council, and support Paula Pechonick and Annette Ketchum's candidacy. I talk to people about how important it is to vote and that apathy will do nothing but bring our Tribe to a worse condition.

**Q: What is a personal accomplishment you are the most proud of?**

A: To see my daughter be interested and active in our Tribe, culture and hear her thoughts about current events as her own individual makes me so very proud. ■

### Paula Pechonick

**Q: What is your primary passion within the Delaware Tribe? (Ex. Cultural, veterans, youth,**

**business development, grants, etc.)**

A: My primary passion is for the general welfare of the Delaware Tribe of Indians and that of our people.

**Q: What expertise or work experience can you bring to the council table?**

A: I have served the Tribe in nearly every capacity since I became involved in the government over 30 years ago. I started as a volunteer at the headquarters and attended nearly every Tribal meeting. I believe it is important to learn about how the Tribal Council and Tribal government works by attending meetings and serving on committees if you are think you are interested in an elected position. Elected offices include: Tribal Council – 4 terms (serving as Chief for 1 term), Trust Board – 2 terms, Tribal Court Justice – 1 term; about three decades on Cultural Preservation Committee, Gift Shop, NAGPRA, and Elder committees and over three decades with the Bartlesville Indian Women's Club also serving on the Bartlesville Women's Clubhouse Board. I bring to the table experience, leadership, and I love our Delaware People.

**Q: In what ways do you feel your particular expertise or experience can make a difference for the tribe?**

A: With my experience and leadership as a Council member I know how to bring our Tribe and people back together to move forward to benefit all Tribal members.

**Q: What do you feel is working toward a positive direction within the current council's endeavors?**

A: I do not see the current Tribal Council's endeavors moving in a positive direction. The discord

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## Candidate Q&As (cont'd)

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among the Council hurts the Tribe, our people and our future.

**Q: What do you feel needs improvement within a current council endeavor?**

A: Focus on and the presence of the pettiness and deceit hurt the Tribe greatly and this carried into the last two years. The time wasted on these power plays and ego shows and lies and more lies for personal gain takes precious time away from authentic mission of the Tribal Council. The communication breakdown of the Council amongst themselves leads to a lack of progress in economic development and all areas suffer and hurt the Tribe.

**Q: What issue or project do you feel is of the utmost importance to the tribe at this time?**

A: The upcoming election is of the utmost importance. This election offers the opportunity to bring back success and upward momentum to our Tribe. Vote for experience, leadership and the General Welfare in the 2016 General Election. Make your voice count!

**Q: Describe a way in which you would plan to pursue the issue of the most importance to you.**

A: I decided that I would run for Council, encourage Jenifer Pechonick to run, and support Annette Ketchum's candidacy. I remind our People to vote. I encourage people to watch the meetings on Youtube to see what has been happening the last two years. I make sure my family knows how important it is to vote.

**Q: What is a personal accomplishment you are the most proud of?**

A: As a Lenape, reflection of personal accomplishment is not something we typically spend much contemplation. However, I am most proud to be a part of sharing and teaching our culture

and how to make moccasins and clothes to future generations of our Tribe. It makes me proud to see those students in the arena in moccasins they made. We cannot lose our culture and our language and I work and spend my energy to see that it does happen anytime soon. ■

### Charles Randall

**Q: What is your primary passion within the Delaware Tribe?**

A: I feel strongly that the Tribe must become self-sufficient. In order to do this we have to build a strong Tribal Government and Judicial System to support business development and Tribal Services. This can be done by aggressively pursuing appropriate grants and preparing our people to take advantage of business and service opportunities.

**Q: What expertise or work experience can you bring to the council table?**

A: I bring 40+ years of developing systems to help people do their job more efficiently, managing project teams, team building, acting on advisory boards for our software vendors and training International teams on manufacturing systems. In my capacity as Delaware Tribal Judge I have gained an in depth knowledge of how our Tribal government works as well as the workings of our neighboring tribes.

**Q: In what ways do you feel your particular expertise or experience can make a difference for the tribe?**

A: I feel I can help in team building and problem resolution. We can achieve great things for our Tribe if we work together for the common good

**Q: What do you feel is working toward a positive direction within the current council's en-**

**deavors?**

A: The Council has made progress toward tribal sufficiency with 8(a) status by the Small Business Administration of the U.S. Department of Commerce and the formation of Tahkox e2.

**Q: What do you feel needs improvement within a current council endeavor?**

A: The Council is elected by the Tribal Members to run the business of the Tribe. Different ideas and opinions are positive input into making good decisions, but once a decision has been made by a majority of the Council, the decision should be honored and stop the infighting. Teamwork is important for advancing our Tribe.

**Q: What issue or project do you feel is of the utmost importance to the tribe at this time?**

A: The most important issue is pulling our Tribe together and working toward Tribal Self Sufficiency.

**Q: Describe a way in which you would plan to pursue the issue of the most importance to you.**

A: Promote teamwork and positive feedback. We are a great Tribe and we have to project that to ourselves and outside. As long as we are viewed as a group of Indians that can't get along, we are discouraging industry from looking to us for business opportunities.

**Q: What is a personal accomplishment you are the most proud of?**

A: My personal accomplishment that I am most proud has to be 54 years of marriage to my wife Mary. From a business standpoint I have been a manager for 40 plus years and have a reputation as the go to person to get jobs done within the corporation and our outside vendors.

### Nathan Young IV

**Q: What is your primary passion within the Delaware Tribe? (Ex. Cultural, veterans, youth, business development, grants, etc.)**

A: I am most passionate about our legacy as Lenape/Delaware people and protecting that legacy for future generations. I believe this starts with a strong tribal government which supports our tribal members in a meaningful way. To me ALL issues that affect our tribal members are of equal importance and our tribal leaders should work to strike a balance when dealing with these issues, from cultural preservation to economic development.

**Q: What expertise or work experience can you bring to the council table?**

A: For the over 10 years, I have been working in video and television production creating documentaries about American Indian cultural, health and social justice issues. I have had the opportunity to travel across much of Indian Country, visiting many tribes and reservations while creating documentaries about topics such as appropriate health care delivery, American Indian arts & crafts, infant mortality on reservations and violence against women in Indian Country. While doing this work I have become familiar with many different approaches tribes have employed to combat problems in their communities. As a member of the Delaware Tribal Council, I would consider and apply these approaches to problem solving to fit our unique circumstances as a tribe of over 10,000 people spread out across the entire United States. I have also grown up watching tribal governments operate my entire life. My grandfather, father and aunt have all served on the Delaware Tribal Council.

My great-great grandfather, John Young was a Delaware leader, and I am extremely proud of his life accomplishments and think of him as a model for my own behavior in life and especially as a Lenape/Delaware. My maternal grandfather was also the President of the Pawnee Nation Business Council for many years. I was very close to him and take great pride in his accomplishments and what I learned from him, which was that our community is of utmost importance in life, and that we should work to serve our people above all else.

**Q: In what ways do you feel your particular expertise or experience can make a difference for the tribe?**

A: Listening and applying critical thinking skills in each situation is the most valuable skill that I can offer as a member of the Delaware Tribal Council. In my experiences traveling across Indian Country for over 10 years I've had the opportunity to learn about and share different tribes' approaches to problems facing their communities. It is my belief that we can learn from the experiences of others and their endeavors, apply their lessons learned, and then apply those lessons to our unique community. We are one of the most diverse tribes in the United States, which I believe is a strength, but this strength also presents very unique challenges. I'm concerned with meeting the needs of our entire tribe and committed to making sure that the Delaware tribe is a positive force in the lives of all of our tribal members, no matter where they may find themselves.

**Q: What do you feel is working toward a positive direction within the current council's endeavors?**

A: I believe that any endeavor that seeks to serve the needs of our Delaware tribal members is posi-

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## *Candidate Q&As (cont'd)*

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tive. Endeavors such as our economic development efforts and our new cultural center should be applauded and supported. As Lenape/Delaware people we need to make sure that people know OUR story, OUR struggles and OUR successes. We need to make sure that our endeavors for the cultural center are supported so that people understand who we are as Lenape/Delaware people. Endeavors like the cultural center are key to telling our story. Our tribal members also need economic and educational opportunities. Economic development is an opportunity for our tribe to become self-sufficient. This is done by creating successful businesses that can employ our tribal members, build capacity for our tribe and thereby create even more opportunities for our future generations. As a Native American tribe we possess great freedom and the opportunity to do things in

business that non-tribal businesses cannot. We need to embrace this advantage. We also need to raise our educational support for students. We need to make certain when a Delaware tribal member goes to any school, college, trade school or graduate school that our tribe supports them in a meaningful way.

**Q: What do you feel needs improvement within a current council endeavor?**

A: I have regularly attended our tribal council meetings for the last 10 years, witnessing, unfortunately, some disheartening behavior. Audience members continually scold members of the tribal council when they disagree with a vote or action and I personally have heard unsavory language used to insult individuals in the most demeaning manner. Ultimately, behavior like this drives people away from participating in our community.

It also disrespects the struggles of our Lenape/Delaware ancestors. We need a more civil tone when conducting business and to practice more respect toward each other as Lenape/Delaware people. We need to take the personal out of the politics and work on making a positive impact on the lives of our 10,000 plus members.

**Q: What issue or project do you feel is of the utmost importance to the tribe at this time?**

A: There are so many issues that our tribe faces today that one issue cannot dominate our attention. I believe our Tribal Council members must seek to strike a balance when dealing with these issues and treat all items of importance with equal care and attention.

**Q: Describe a way in which you would plan to pursue the issue of the most importance to you.**

A: Concerning all issues I would communicate with fellow council

members. I would listen to the entire body of the Delaware people. And then apply critical problem solving approaches to each and every problem. It is my belief that we must have a strategic plan for every need of the tribe. We should ask ourselves, how are we going to improve our health, education, housing, cultural preservation and other issues? What steps can we take? We cannot use strategic planning for issues like economic development alone. I believe for all of the issues that we face we must develop a strategic plan, be committed to that plan and then follow it. As a council we should work together to identify the needs, concerns and obstacles that we face in providing educational assistance, for instance, then develop a strategic plan with goals and benchmarks and then follow that plan. The same would apply to assistance with health and hous-

ing needs, cultural preservation, etc. We should then hold ourselves accountable, with an eye toward the future and always striving to do better.

**Q: What is a personal accomplishment you are the most proud of?**

A: My greatest accomplishments are as a filmmaker and artist. I very feel fortunate and thankful to have been able to serve the greater American Indian community by creating work focused on American Indian cultural, health and social justice issues. I would like to apply what I have learned from these experiences to work together with the entire tribal council for a better future for all Delaware/Lenape people. ■

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## Illegal Tobacco Sales to Minors Double in Only Four Years

July 18, 2016

The Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (ODMHSAS) has announced the results of its annual inspection of tobacco outlets to measure compliance with laws restricting underage tobacco sales. This year's non-compliance rate of 14.1 percent is more than twice the 6.8 percent recorded only four years ago, which was the lowest ever for the state.

Oklahoma retail outlets such as convenience and grocery stores are monitored to ensure they follow all laws prohibiting the sale of tobacco products to minors. Each year, hundreds of random checks are completed across the state through the agency's part-

nership with the state Alcoholic Beverage Laws Enforcement (ABLE) Commission. States must maintain a non-compliance rate below 20 percent regarding sale of tobacco products to minors or risk losing federal funding for substance abuse prevention and treatment efforts.

ODMHSAS Commissioner Terri White said she is concerned that non-compliance is increasing and that some retailers seem unconcerned about illegally selling tobacco products to minors.

"Store owners who ignore compliance requirements are putting their own profits ahead of our children's health," she said. "Fortunately, the vast majority of re-

tailers are abiding by the law and aren't the ones putting tobacco into the hands of our youth. The fact that so many retailers didn't sell these products to minors suggests there is no excuse for the others to continue breaking the law."

The 2013 Oklahoma Youth Tobacco Survey notes that nine out of 10 smokers tried their first cigarette before age 18, and that 22.7 percent of Oklahoma high school students are current tobacco users.

Tobacco use prematurely kills thousands of Oklahomans every year, yet it remains a leading preventable cause of death. "The most effective way to stop future

problems caused by tobacco use is to prevent it from ever occurring in the first place," White added.

In addition to health risks faced by tobacco users, White said the potential loss of federal substance abuse treatment funding would seriously impact already limited addiction treatment services. "Significant budget cuts have severely limited the services we can provide," she said. "Already, only about 20 percent of those needing substance abuse services receive the help they need."

Community-based education is available to business owners and clerks regarding youth access to tobacco. Additional informa-

tion related to Synar compliance is available on the ODMHSAS website at [http://ok.gov/odmhsas/Prevention\\_/Prevention\\_Initiatives/Synar\\_Compliance/](http://ok.gov/odmhsas/Prevention_/Prevention_Initiatives/Synar_Compliance/).

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## Delaware Items in the Philbrook Museum

Nate Young IV

Delaware Indian News Editorial Committee member Nathan Buck Young met with Christina Burke, Curator of Native American and Non-Western Art at the Philbrook Museum of Art in Tulsa, Oklahoma to talk about a selection of Delaware items held in the collection.

**NY:** Wanishi Christina for taking the time to show and talk to me about some of the Delaware pieces that are a part of the Philbrook museum's collection for the Delaware Indian News.

**CB:** Happy to help out! Philbrook has a great collection of Native American art and it's a real resource for the community. I'm always happy to have visitors from various communities come to see what we have.

**NY:** So what do we have here to look at today?

**CB:** Most of the material that is labeled as Delaware that we have at the Philbrook is from the Roberta Campbell Lawson collection and she was a descendant

of Charles Journeycake. Some of these things were in their family for generations and then came to the Philbrook in 1947. But there are some other collections as well. Including some pieces acquired by Clark Field who was a Tulsa business man who collected an incredible amount of Native American art from all over the country and donated it to the Philbrook between the 1940's and 1960's. So we have a couple of different sources of Delaware material and it's everything from bandolier bags and moccasins to baskets to ceremonial objects, etc., so it's a wide range of materials.

**NY:** What is the general time frame of these materials?

**CB:** I think most of them are 19<sup>th</sup> century pieces, we really don't have a lot of contemporary works. And as I look through, 1870 seems to be the oldest piece up through the early 1900's. About 1930 it looks like.

**NY:** Can we look at a

bandolier bag from the collection? It would be great to look at the beadwork.

**CB:** Those are some of the oldest pieces, so 1870's, 1880's. I'm always happy to share the collection because I always learn something when people come in the back room to see what we have in storage. So this is one of the pieces I mentioned from the Roberta Campbell Lawson collection, which was donated to Philbrook in 1947.

**NY:** This is amazing, and I'm super happy to share this with our readership, as I think some of our members may take inspiration from pieces like this for their own tribal regalia. So the next item we have here is a pipe.

**CB:** So we acquired this piece in 1947, and although we do not know the exact date, it's certainly from the 19<sup>th</sup> century and maybe with some additional research perhaps from people in the Delaware community we can help narrow that date down. One of

the things that might help us in that is looking at the beads, with the color and the size of the beads and doing some research on when those beads were available to Native People in this area. On this pipe we've got several different colors of beads but also different sizes. So one of the distinctions that I noticed is that the translucent yellow beads are much smaller than the green, blue, pink and white beads that are next to them and one of the things that it says to me is that the artist was making decisions at every stage of the creative process not only about the color, but the size of beads, how many rows to wrap around the pipe stem. There are just an enormous number of decisions, aesthetic decisions that the artist made in the creation in this piece. Native American art not just at Philbrook but at museums in general you often get a real range, a real diversity of kinds of work. Everything from fine art paintings, prints and sculpture that were created specifically for exhibit and display, to pieces like this beaded pipe stem, which were originally made for use within a Native community, so a totally different context than a museum. But I think having this range of historical material that was made for Native use and fine art that was made for display or exhibit helps us think about what are our definitions of what art is in general and of Native art specifically and part of it has to do with the intention of the maker. But also, thinking about the aesthetics, the ideas about design, about beauty, about meaning, about symbolism that goes into the creation of a piece, whether it's a painting done in 2016 or something like this, this beaded pipe stem from the 19<sup>th</sup> century.

**NY:** Can you tell us about the pipe bowl?

**CB:** The bowl that goes with this piece is unusual too, and is also very beautiful. It's carved

out of a black stone, it might be steatite, I'm not sure, we'd have to ask a geologist. But it's also inlaid with lead and brass and so again the maker had all kinds of decisions and choices to make about what material they would use, the shape and the size of the bowl, how polished it is, what kind of metal to inlay and how it would all come together with the beaded pipe stem too. So it's a complete integrated piece the two together.

**NY:** Do you have time to show me a couple of more pieces?

**CB:** Sure.

**NY:** So, Christina, we were down stairs in the collections storage area and now we're upstairs at the second floor of the downtown Philbrook. Could you tell me something about this exhibition?

**CB:** The exhibition up here is called *Identity and Inspiration* and it's a look at Native art from our permanent collection and an exploration of how and why Artists are inspired to make what they are making. No matter what time period, what community they are from, what medium or material they are working in. So it highlights the diversity of our collection, things from the past and the present. We have everything from beaded moccasins and clothing to contemporary art; paintings, drawings, prints etc.,

**NY:** And so right now we are looking at a Delaware bowl that is part of this exhibition. Can you tell us more about it?

**CB:** It is, it's a carved bowl from a burl of wood, so a sort of gnarled root of wood. And that's all it is. It's very simple, it's one material, but it's incredibly beautiful. And one of the things that I love about it is that if you look at it from the back you'll see the rim that's carved around the outside of the piece. So again, it speaks to the decisions that the artist was making as this piece was created. It's not out of happenstance,



Bandolier bag, 1880. Accession number 1947.19.2.



Wooden pipe stem and bowl. Accession number 1947.19.153.a,b.



it's not just circumstance, there are decisions and choices made through out the creative process.

**NY:** Tell us about this brooch.

**CB:** So this brooch, I believe it's German silver and it's pierced so the technique is to cut out shapes from a solid disk of German silver. There are diamond shapes, there are triangles, there are heart shapes...it's just a beautiful piece. We have a date of about 1890, I'm not entirely sure on that date and again if someone from the community or researcher has more information that would be great. It actually came from a collection that originally was at the university of Tulsa but came to Philbrook in 1947 and so has been part of the collection since then. It's a rather large size, it's probably almost 5 inches or so, and again it's on display at Philbrook downtown so it gives our visitors a chance to get a sense of the size and hopefully encourage them to think about all the decisions the artist made in creating

this piece. And there are certainly contemporary versions of this that people use in ceremonies everyday in the 21<sup>st</sup> century so I think it's important to see these historical foundations if you will and think about how the continuums brings us up to today.

**NY:** Could you tell us about how the museum provides research opportunities and access to these collections for Delaware tribal members or members of any tribe?

**CB:** I think that's an important part of not only Philbrook's mission but the mission of any repository, whether it's a museum, archive, library...we are caretakers for the objects, or documents or the books or the photographs but the purpose is to have it available to community members, to family members to researchers and so if people are interested in this material all they have to do is contact me or come by or send a request through our website and we're

happy to set up an appointment and make these objects available for study. Two days a month we also have free days, so the second Saturday of every month is free for anyone and everyone at both locations and then the first Friday of every month we have an open house during the Brady Art Crawl here at the downtown location, so that's the first Friday of every month from 6 pm to 9 pm. The study center that is here at the Philbrook downtown has library and archival material all focused on Native American art and that's open to the public Wednesday, Thursday and Friday afternoons from 1pm to 5 pm as well.

**NY:** We appreciate your time Christina, Wanishi. ■



*Burl wood bowl, c. 1870. Accession number 1947.27.6.*



*Silver brooch, 1890. Accession number 1995.25.5.*

## Old Mystery Customs: May Day Dew Answer Submitted

**From July 2016 DIN**

*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?

**Answer from Mike Rendell**

**The benefits of a May Day dew facial**

**W**hat of May Day, the first day of May and the first day of summer? Traditionally this was always celebrated in Northern Europe as a chance to say farewell to winter, and an opportunity to have a celebratory

bonfire (in some parts of Ireland it is still known as Bonfire Night, whereas the English save that expression for 5th November, being Guy Fawkes Night).

It is also the subject of some lovely customs, many of which lasted longer where the Celtic traditions remained strong, rather than elsewhere. Take the charming custom of washing your face with May dew. The 1652 book by a Dr. Gerard Boate entitled *The Natural History of Ireland* says this of the custom:

"The English women, and gentlewomen of Ireland ... did use in the beginning of summer to gather good store of dew, to keep it by them al the year after for several good uses both of physick and otherwise, wherein by experience they have learnt it to be very available."

The collecting of dew would take weeks of preparation. In

April, May and into June the girls would get up before the dawn, go to the green fields (wheat was best) and harvest the dew – either with their bare hands, or more especially by spreading a sheet out over the moist grass, and then wringing it out and collecting it in a glass jar. This would be topped up every day, and for the whole year would sit in the sunlight by a suitable window. Every few days the concoction would be purified by carefully straining off the water so as to leave behind any sediment, dirt, or other impurities. And so, after nearly a year in which the freshest of fresh waters was imbued with sunbeams, it could be splashed on the face! Dr. Boate's book opined "The dew, thus thoroughly purified, looketh whitish, and keepeth good for a year or two after."

The distillation was at its most

powerful if applied before sunrise on 1st May, and in an age when we consider it beneficial to rub avocado extract into our hair, or spread unmentionable products over our skin to prevent wrinkles, who is to say that a spot of early morning dew water is not just as magical in its properties?

The practice gave rise to the riddle

*I washed my face in water  
That had neither rained nor run,  
And I dried it on a towel  
That was neither woven nor spun.*

The answer lay in the fact that having washed your face in dew you always allowed it to dry in the fresh air – you would hardly go to all that trouble and then wipe it off afterwards!

**From Jim Rementer**

**N**ote: I think what piqued my curiosity about the idea that that was a traditional Delaware Indian custom was the fact that it was done on 1 May and yet the Delawares a long time ago really didn't have a calendar that would have told them exactly when that day came...

So I started doing some research and discovered that that was a custom in Scotland and Ireland especially, and I guess in some parts of England. My guess is that this was something that the Delawares learned from the white settlers and adopted this as a custom. Interestingly, the belief is that it will keep you younger looking if you wash your face with dew and almost all of the elders I knew who did that did not look their age. ■



## Keep Oklahoma Beautiful: Operation Clean House Part of Successful Statewide Initiative

*Reprint of Examiner Enterprise article*

The numbers are in, and the hard work of Oklahomans — and many Bartlesville residents — has proven to pay off once again.

For the fourteenth consecutive year, Keep Oklahoma Beautiful took part in the nation's largest cleanup, sponsored by Keep America Beautiful. Volunteers from all over America participate in the Great American Cleanup, and each year Oklahomans do their part to keep the state beautiful. Since 2010, Oklahoma has had 100 percent county participation, and this year was no exception. From March 1 to May 31, more than 56,000 participants and volunteers fought dirty to keep Oklahoma clean.

Phillips 66 environmental team lead Tom Alexander oversees the Operation Clean House project in Bartlesville. Phillips 66 is the primary sponsor of OCH, which has been held annually since 1989 — this year's event was in April in conjunction with local Earth Day festivities.

Operation Clean House efforts brought in some incredible numbers, collecting 42,925 pounds of electronics, 15,056 pounds of household hazardous waste, 5,300 pounds of recyclables, 413 tires, and 1,638 pounds of batteries.

"It's neat to give back to the community like this," said Alexander. "I inherited this already successful program from my predecessor, and all I'm doing is just trying to keep the thing alive and well."

The total number of vehicles which came through the Bartlesville and Dewey sites were 916, which he says is "a sign of a good, healthy recycling event."

Several dozen volunteers helped out during the event, including 36 from Phillips 66, nine from Washington County District No. 2, five from Delaware Tribe, four from Downtown Lions Club, six students, and many other volunteers from ConocoPhillips, Zachry and more.

Dinks provided lunch for vol-

unteers, while Alexander said the Delaware Tribe has been a consistent contributor, particularly to the Dewey site.

"They have always been there with people, always provided lunch to the volunteers," he said.

After the hazardous household items are sorted and properly labeled, subcontractors come in and handle specific items, such as electronic waste or tire recycling.

Since 2002, the GAC in Oklahoma has collected 209,908,099 pounds of litter and debris. Just this year, Oklahoma communities cleared over 1,200 miles of roadways, shorelines and hiking trails. Nearly 20,000 pounds of hazardous waste and 10,796 tires were collected, helping to protect our environment as well as keep it clean.

The Great American Cleanup is far more than a cleanup effort, however. Communities across the state participate in beautification projects, planting gardens and restoring buildings.

This year, communities planted over 40,000 flowers, seedlings, shrubs, and trees and painted or renovated 42 buildings.

GAC events have the power to bring communities together, with over 650 groups teaming up this year. 4-H clubs, civic organizations, FFA programs, businesses, chambers and municipalities worked together with the unified goal of keeping Oklahoma clean. The collaboration is 100 percent statewide, and KOB has been recognized by Keep America Beautiful for our complete county participation.

Each year, KOB compiles the numbers from each participating group to come up with the "Big Number." The "Big Number" represents the money saved or costs avoided by state, county, and municipal governments as a result of the GAC — just in Oklahoma. This year's number was \$6,557,644, which is a big number indeed.

Chuck Ralls, a participant in Comanche's GAC event, un-

derstands the importance of this event.

"I was raised on the principle that you should always leave something cleaner or better than you found it," Ralls said. "In doing this, I honor my parents and grandparents while teaching my children to honor this same principle."

The mission of GAC is to better communities and the state, preserving our nation's, state's, and communities' natural beauty.

As Schaun Aker, a volunteer of Cherokee Main Street, said, "Oklahoma's true beauty shines from within. I cannot think of a better way to exemplify the effort small town Oklahoma strives to maintain than the preservation of our various communities. Volunteers of all ages standing shoulder to shoulder, linked by the past, which eventually preserves it for its future."

— EE Assistant Editor Kelsey Walker contributed to this report, provided by Keep Oklahoma Beautiful. ■

## Archives from the Past

### War Dance is Given by Indians

*The Dewey Globe*  
9 September 1921

### SHAWNEES AND DELAWARES PERFORM OLD RITES IN FULL REGALIA

The Delawares and the Shawnees dug up the hatchet this week and went on the war path at Tom Halfmoon's place north of Dewey. The war path, however, extended no farther than Tom's grove of scrub oaks and the circle of beaten earth around the log fire which was lighted for the stomp dance.

Chief Little Jim of the Shawnees leading his band of dancers and aided

by Tom Halfmoon and a number of other Delaware began the war dance 4 p.m., after a special barbecue feed. Some of the other Shawnee chiefs were Spy Buck, of Sperry, Oklahoma, and Jim Wire of Shawnee. In all more than 100 Indians were present but only the war dancers were in full regalia or the war path.

The small scrub oak grove surrounding the Halfmoon home and the "stomping grounds" was crowded with the automobiles of the hundreds of spectators.

The Shawnees arrived in Bartlesville early Monday morning in preparation for the two day dance. The dances were staged exclusively by the Delawares and Shawnees. The war dance began Tuesday at 4 o'clock and continued until 8 o'clock at night, a short time after the close of the war dance the stomp dance began, the latter continuing until the wee hours of

the morning.

[Additional note: The cost of a subscription in 1921 to the Dewey Globe was \$2.00 per year.]

### Not Re-Open Tribal Rolls Parker Says

**Imposters Fleecing Indians by Representing Themselves as Government Men.**  
4 Nov. 1915

Imposters are again making their way about eastern Oklahoma and representing to claimants or other people that the rolls of the Five Civilized Tribes have been re-opened for enrollment and that the government is sending out agents to aid in the enrollment.

Gabe E. Parker, superintendent of the Five Civilized Tribes, says that he is much concerned over the fact that many inquiries have reached him lately from persons located in different parts of the state from which it appears that there are individuals operating in the state who are representing that the rolls have been re-opened. These impostors are saying that they are hired agents of the government and are engaged in the work of enrolling persons who failed of enrollment under the Dawes commission.

The rolls of the tribes have been closed since March 4, 1907. and Mr. Parker wants it distinctly understood that they have not been re-opened and that any representation to the contrary is absolutely false.

Also any persons representing themselves to be in the government service engaged in such work are rank imposters and should be report-

ed to him or to the officers in various sections.

Every few years. the government officials are forced to take steps to keep alleged claimants from being defrauded. The operators usually go to a man and offer to get him on the rolls and require a deposit of \$10 to be paid as a retainer fee for some firm of attorneys. The man gets the ten and disappears.

Only a few months ago several alleged grafters were working right in the very shadow of the federal building here and negroes were coming in from all parts of the country and paying from one to ten dollars each.

Government officers got on the trail of the imposters and they left one night between suns.

*Submitted by Jim Rementer* ■

## Lenape Names of Birds and Animals

Jim Rementer

For details, photos, and links to sound files, see the “Language” section under “Culture and Language” on the Delaware Tribe web site (<http://www.delawaretribe.org>).

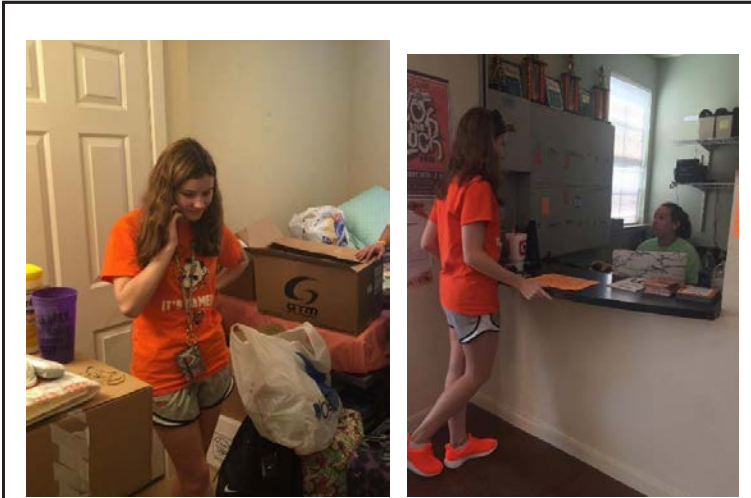
<b>Wild Birds</b>		<b>Animals</b>	
màxkalaníyat	red-tailed hawk (“One who has red tail feathers”)	ahtu(hw)	deer
aihàm	golden eagle	xinkwèlèpay	buck deer
òpalanie	bald eagle (“White tail feathers”)	nushètu	doe deer
sènihèle	sparrow hawk	anikwès	ground squirrel
kukhus	owl (any type)	chēmamès	rabbit
chululhuwe	screech owl	chinkwe	bobcat
ohuntàm	great horned owl	hmuweamèns	killer whale, orca (“cannibal fish”)
mòchipwis	vulture (or) buzzard (“One who eats nastily”)	kawiya	porcupine
èhanswikèt	pelican (“One who dips up”)	kwènèmuxkw	otter
kwikwinkëm	duck, (any type)	kwènishkwènayas –or- kwènshèkwènay	mountain lion (“long-tailed one”)
askàskontpat	mallard duck (“One who has a green head”)	mamalis	fawn deer
kikichimwis	wood duck	màxkw	bear
shèwanihèle	snipe	mehèmoxkchalhès	gopher
kwèskwtis	killdeer	mpiàxkw	whale (“water bear”)
amimi	passenger pPigeon (now extinct)	mpixàm	seal (“water animal”)
amimi (2)	rock pigeon (introduced from Europe in early 1600s)	munhake	woodchuck
mamèthakemu	mourning dove	mus	elk
kaxkhuwe	cuckoo (rain crow)	nahènèm	raccoon
laxawèlanias	scissor-tailed flycatcher /scissor tail (“One who has forked tail feathers”)	niànkwe	lynx
tiyas	blue jay	òkwès	fox
tànktiyas	tufted titmouse (“Little Blue Jay”)	òpinkw	opossum
hinutèt	wren (various types)	pàkākènèt	moose
tàskèmus	mockingbird	pèlenikw	flying squirrel
chiskukus	robin	pipisilunkòn	bat (“wrinkled wings”)
chihopèkèlis	eastern bluebird	pukwès	mouse
chichikènèmwikènhwis	eastern meadowlark (“One who flies like a turkey”)	sànkwe	weasel
wetèndeis	scarlet tanager (“One who is like fire”)	shkawk	skunk
hmukwinùnd	cardinal (red bird) (“One who looks bloody”)	sisilie	buffalo
wisawtayas	American goldfinch (wild canary) (“One who has a yellow breast”)	tèmakwe	beaver (“one who cuts wood”)
chèlilis	slate-colored junco (Snowbird)	tèmaskwès	muskrat (“one who cuts grass”)
kakiwalis	brown thrasher	tème	wolf
chikènèm	turkey	tèmetèt	coyote (“little wolf”)
muwihèle	prairie chicken	wininkwès	mink
pèphòkwe	ruffed grouse	wipunkwxanikw	gray squirrel
pupukwèsh	bobwhite (or) quail	wisawxanik	red squirrel (“yellow squirrel”)
wèkulis (or)	whip-poor-will	xanikw	squirrel
chèkwènilhwa		xaphùkwe	mole
pishkw	bighthawk (bullbat)	xinkòhpukwè	rat (“large mouse”)
lèmpèlis	ruby-throated hummingbird	xinkwchēmamès	jackrabbit (“large rabbit”)
chèlilhwès	kingfisher	<b>Domestic Animals</b>	
ulikwèn	yellow-shafted flicker (yellow hammer) (“Pretty Feathers”)	ahtuxàm	greyhound (“deer dog”)
papaxès	red-headed woodpecker	kwèkonxas	mule (“long ears”)
chichhàm	yellow-bellied sapsucker	kwèkonxatèt	donkey (“little long ears”)
tihtès	downy woodpecker	kwèshkwèsh	pig, hog
winkeòhkwèt	raven (“One who likes meat”)	mèkis	sheep
chèkènakw	blackbird (various)	chèchimakwsit mèkis	goat (“stinking sheep”)
<b>Domesticated Birds</b>		mpùlxèm	bulldog (“bull dog”)
òpsuwihèle	goose (a generic name) (“White Fowl”)	mwekane	dog
pèphako	pheasant	mwekanetèt	puppy
tipas	chicken	nehènaonkès -or- nehènayunkès	horse (“one who carries things on his back”)
sèsàptipas	guinea fowl (“Speckled Chicken”)	pushis	cat
wisawchulèns	canary (“yellow bird”)	wèshùmwis	cow (“the one with horns”)
		wèshùmwitèt	calf■

# Graduates getting there!

Some of the parents of our 2016 HS graduates were asked to share their college “getting there” photos. Here are the photos we received. Good Luck to you all and embrace this new chapter of life! (All while getting good grades, of course!)



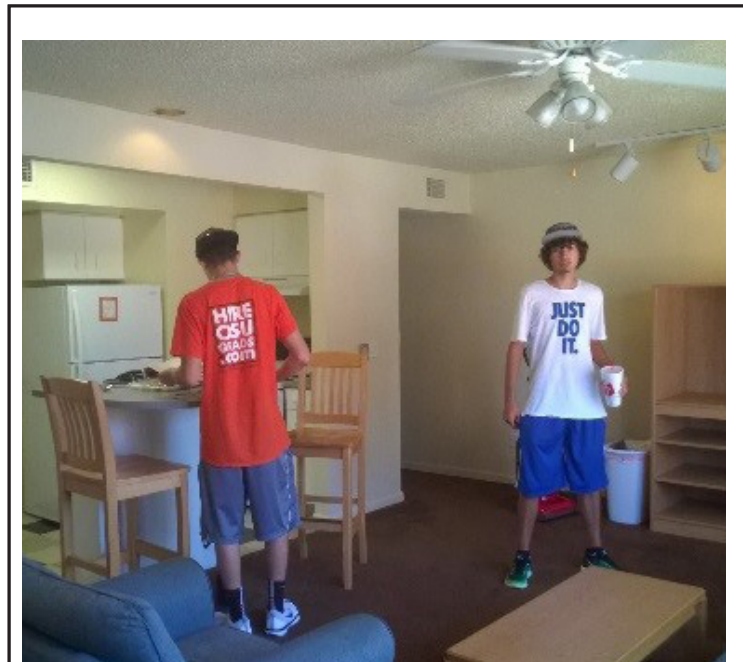
*Tiana Tate' Luta Long Photo courtesy Cece Biggoose*



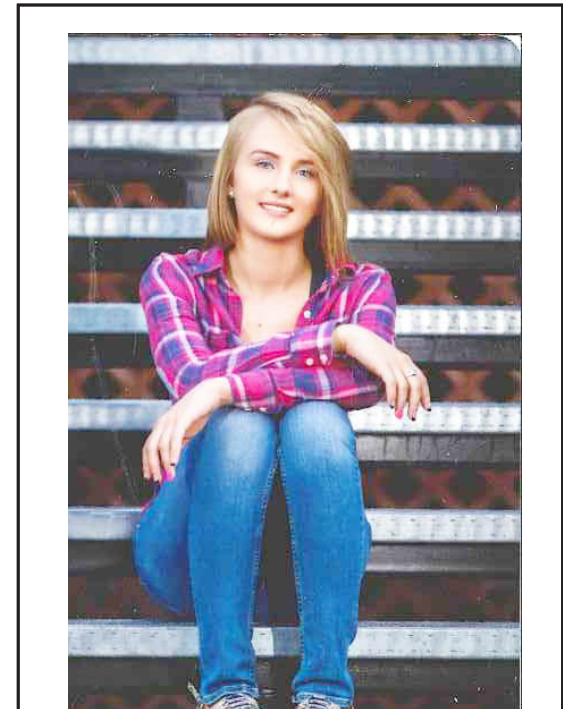
*Meridith Franke  
Photos courtesy Angelia Franke*



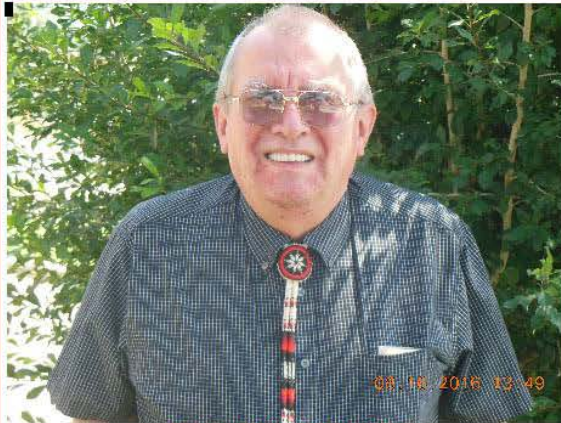
*Joseph Cushing  
Photos courtesy Kim Cushing*



*Levi Krebbs  
Photo courtesy Tribal Employee Angela Krebbs*



*Alexis Jordan Blosser graduated from Arvada Senior High School, Arvada, CO, in May 2016. She is the great granddaughter of Charles W, Childers and great great great granddaughter of Sally Journeycake. Alexis will be attend Fort Lewis College in Durango, CO starting in August of this year. She will be studying graphic design.*



**Larry "Joe" Brooks**

# ***ELECT LARRY"JOE" BROOKS DELAWARE TRIBAL COUNCIL***

**I swear to uphold the Constitution and By-Laws of the Delaware Tribe of Indians, unlike some of our current Council Members who are running for Tribal Council. I will not support any current Council Members who are up for re-election because they do not abide by our Constitution and By-Laws. I also will not support any candidate for Tribal Council from the former Chief's Administration because of many unconstitutional acts. For these reasons, please vote for **Larry"Joe"Brooks**.**

**I have 27 years experience in elected Delaware Tribal Offices. I also have 24 years experience as a owner and operator of several successful retail businesses including OuPonAhlung Smoke Shops I & II. I retired in 2008 and have plenty of time to work on the Delaware Tribal Council. My previous experience as Delaware Tribal Council Member, Delaware Chief and Trust Board Member will benefit the Delaware Tribal Council in many ways. The business experience as owner and operator will help guide the Tribe to much needed **Economic Development**. Our Tribe needs to be more self sufficient and quit depending on grants and Federal funding. I will work very hard to achieve economic development for the Delaware Tribe of Indians.**

**I will only vote and act as my heart and our Creator guides me in the best interests of the Lenape People Nationwide.**

**Please register & vote in this years Tribal Elections. Elect **Larry"Joe"Brooks & Homer Scott**. Wanishi**

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## **UNITY & COMMUNITY FOR ALL DELAWARE PEOPLE**

**VOTE**

**Paula Pechonick  
& Jenifer Pechonick**



• **Experience**

**PROVEN** • **Integrity** **YOU KNOW**

• **Leadership**

**RESTORE OUR TRIBE!**

