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Chief Brooks Announces \$2,435,000 Federal Settlement Received December 21, 2017

Happy New Year Lenape, Delaware Tribal Members and Friends:

It was a great Christmas surprise to learn from our accounting office that \$2.435 million of settlement funds were transferred to our account by the U.S. Treasury Dept. at mid-afternoon on December 21, 2017. These monies were originally to be paid out per capita, but by act of Congress reverted to Delaware Tribe nine years after the original intended tribal member recipients were either unfound or deceased. In 2002 the then-Delaware Tribal Council filed suit to recover these already long-overdue monies. From 2002 to 2015 five prior Tribal Councils tried to settle this out of court, and in December 2016 the current Tribal Council ramped up the settlement effort, which took one year.

My foremost Thanks for this \$2,435,000 settlement go to our unfound and deceased tribal members who did not receive their individual per capita, making the settlement possible. Additional thanks are due to our attorney, Tom Peckham, Nordhaus Law Firm, LLP, for his extended work over the years. Thanks are also due to five prior Tribal Councils and of course the current Tribal Council who achieved the settlement in 13 months. And in final thanks I say "MAY THE CREATOR BLESS THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, THE US DEPT OF JUSTICE, THE BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS AND THE US TREASURY FOR PAYING THEIR DECADES-OLD DEBT TO THE DELAWARE TRIBE OF INDIANS."

And "Now For the Rest of This Story." How do we spend these monies? As a former Trust Board Chairman (1995-98 and 2012-16) I favor, and hope a majority of the Tribal Council will favor, paying our attorney as we must, then placing half of the remaining money in the long-term investment management of our Trust Board. My reasons here are that this would place a larger amount of money in our hopefully perpetual Trust Board funds to be spent on Community Services, Education Scholarships, Elders, Veterans, Tribal Operations, and Reinvestment at the percentages approved by our adult voting membership. To this end I stand ready to call a special meeting of the Tribal Council and Trust Board in late January or February 2018. The special meeting will be open to all Delaware Tribal

Members, Tribal Attorneys and some Tribal Employees.

Tribal Members, Relatives and Friends, 2017 is now a banner and very successful year for our Tribe. I close by simply stating

"GOD BLESSED THE DELAWARE TRIBE OF INDIANS." ■



Moccasin-Making Class

The Cultural Preservation Committee sponsored a Moccasin-Making Class from November 7 through December 18 at the Tribal Community Center. Each Tuesday evening 15 tribal students were led by instructors (and tribal members) Erica Zunigha-Magee and Luana Murphy. ■



Official Results of Special Election for Amendment to Constitution

With 57.3% Yes and 42.7% No votes, this Amendment fails for lack of a 2/3 majority vote to amend our Constitution. If passed by 2/3 majority this amendment would have permitted Idaho and Kansas Delaware Blood Descendants of Delawares on the 1862 Kansas Delaware Census to join our Tribe upon payment of a per capita (so as not to diminish the services to our current tribal membership).

THE ADULT VOTING MEMBERSHIP OF OUR TRIBE SPOKE — AMENDMENT FAILS ■

DELAWARE TRIBE OF INDIANS
SPECIAL ELECTION
BARTLESVILLE, OKLAHOMA
18-Nov-17

CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGE	POLL PLACE	BY MAIL	TOTAL	PERCENTAGE
YES	20	298	318	57%
NO	21	216	237	43%
SPOILED BALLOTS	0	3	3	

CERTIFICATION

We the undersigned, hereby certify the above to be a true and accurate abstract of the votes cast for the Special Election shown herein for the Delaware Tribe of Indians on November 18, 2017. We also certify that said election was held in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Delaware Tribe of Indians.

Elaine Clinton
Election Committee

Shirley Johnson
Election Committee

Janice Anna
Election Committee

Shirley Johnson
League of Women Voters

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Cultural Resources Releases Survey About 2018 Programming

Happy New Year! The Delaware Tribe Cultural Resources Department is looking for YOUR help designing and planning activities and events for the upcoming year. Please fill out a short survey to let us know what kind of programming can best serve you. The form can be found online at

www.delawaretribe.org/crsurvey/

Completed surveys can be submitted online to czunigha@delawaretribe.org or mailed to the main tribal offices at 5100 Tuxedo Boulevard, Bartlesville, OK 74006. We look forward to your responses as we try to build our program's most engaging schedule yet for 2018. Wanishi! ■



Tribal Operations Manager Report

Allan Barnes

I begin this article wishing all of our Tribal Members, Family and Friends a Happy and Healthy New Year!

What do we expect for 2018? First off, I want to tell you that my focus will include continuing to tell the story of the Delaware Tribe of Indians—how we eventually came to settle in Bartlesville, OK and the historical journey from the East Coast states of Delaware, parts of New Jersey, and New York; then westward through the Northeastern states of Pennsylvania, Ohio, and Indiana; and from there Missouri, Kansas, and Oklahoma. Oh sure, you may know all of this, but I would like for more and more of our communities throughout the country to know about our Tribe. You can spread the word, and it is a fascinating and sometimes bitter tale.

On January 4, we will have that liberty to share with the Bartlesville Civitan Club. So, please enjoy the opportunity we offer, to learn about our heritage, culture and language. This newspaper and the tribal website at

www.delawaretribe.org are just starting places for information and available links.

At our December Tribal Council, I advised the council that our remodeling project to increase the office space in our Headquarters Community Center is now underway. We look forward to the sounds of construction in the coming weeks. Oh well, pardon our progress. I'm hopeful that by April, I will be able to invite you to come see our new look.

This time of year, all of our departments are revisiting their budgets and making future plans. Yes, many programs have different fiscal year ends but that is taken into consideration and our Chief Financial Officer assists our Directors. All of our departments have the best interests of our Tribal members in mind with plans in place to better our Tribe and, if possible, increase the services we provide.

Our Trust Board has increased their budget for 2018. Those committees and programs affected are Community Services, Education Assistance, Veterans

Committee, Cultural Preservation, Elders Committee, Reinvestment, and Tribal Operations.

With that being said, what does this mean to our tribal members? Effective January 1, the limit for Burial Assistance has increased from \$500 to \$750, Dental from \$250 to \$300, Elder Prescription from \$900 per calendar year to \$1,080 per calendar year, Emergency Assistance from \$200 to \$240, Medical from \$200 to \$240, and Rental from \$200 to \$240. Now while that may not seem like much, our average number of tribal members we assist in a given month is 15+.

Our Community Service & Education Assistance want to help as many Tribal members as possible and we do help a lot of our people. Also, please be advised the household income limit has increased, which is another example of having the best interests of our applicants in mind. To obtain an application, please go to our website or just give us a call. We are in the process of updating the existing applications. Also, for your information, HR Director Sheridan Pickering is our new Coordinator for Community Services and can be contacted by calling (918) 337-6590

as has been the case in the past.

That's not all... Education assistance from Pre-K's school supplies to our Trust Board Scholarship provides many families additional funding for all the expenses they incur raising a family. Don't forget, our Trust fund scholarship has an application deadline of January 31 for the Spring 2018 Semester, as do our Tribal Council scholarships.

So what else do we look forward to in 2018? I cannot be more proud of the dedication and commitment to you of our Tribal Directors and their department. During our meetings, we continually discuss providing the best service we can to our Tribal members. In the corporate world they call it Customer Service. This covers a lot of territory, with what we do.

One of our less visible Departments that deserves recognition is our Tribal Historic Preservation Office. At this time they currently cover 14 states in regard to our NAGPRA (Native American Grave Protection and Repatriation Act) program and accompanying duties that go along with that office. Their research and interactions with Federal agencies and museums protecting the

Delaware Tribe's interests often go unnoticed. As you can tell by my comments, I believe that our history is what holds our Tribe together and motivates us to protect and preserve our Culture and Language.

Right now, a majority of our activities since the October *DIN* have involved our Elders and their participation in events such as the Halloween Lunch with the Delaware Children's daycare, our Thanksgiving meal, and Christmas Party along with various field trips. Certainly a big thanks goes to our Elder Nutrition Department and Director.

The Housing Department is continually making ready and maintaining our Homes within our Housing program. I've mentioned our remodel project and will update you in our April issue. Right now, I'm heading down to our Gift Shop for some last minute Christmas shopping! I hope you and your family had a Merry Christmas and I wish you the very best for the New Year.

Come Visit us! Sincerely,

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Housing Department

Celena White

My name is Celena C. White. I am the new Housing Specialist for the Delaware Tribe of Indians. I reside in Pawhuska, OK with my three-year-old son, Pierce W. Primeaux. I am an enrolled member of the Delaware Tribe, Osage Nation, and Loyal Shawnee Tribe. I come to the Delaware tribe with nine years work experience with the Osage Nation under my belt. I am excited to be working for one of my other tribes. I will serve my Delaware people to the best of my ability.

I will serve as the point of contact for the Bartlesville Main Office and the Chelsea Satellite office. I will travel to Chelsea periodically. I will always be available to meet with our housing tenants by appointment. In the past month we have received eleven new housing applications.

Two new tenants have moved in, and there is one move-in scheduled for after the holidays.

On December 5 the drop box located at the Chelsea Office was removed. Notice of this change was hand delivered to all our housing tenants in Chelsea on December 4. We encourage the tenants in Chelsea and the surrounding areas to utilize the bank service provided for rent deposits at Lakeside Bank in Chelsea. Tenants can mail rent payments to: Delaware Tribe Housing Program, 5100 Tuxedo Blvd. Bartlesville, OK 74006. Rent payments will no longer be accepted at the satellite office in Chelsea.

We are currently in the process of updating the environmental portion of our requirements to ensure that we are in compliance with our funding agency. This is

a priority and has been treated as such in the past two weeks.

As soon as all the environmental information is complete I plan to return to the day-to-day activities. I will meet with all tenants who are due to recertify. I anticipate beginning the research portion of class development for our tenants. These classes would include, financial management, yard care, etc. Another big endeavor I would like to take on as soon as possible is restructuring our tenant filing system. This restructuring will also serve as a form of internal monitoring for our department, an action encouraged by our funding agency.

If you have any questions or concerns about any of the information above please do not hesitate to contact me. My number is (918) 337-6530.

Celena C. White
Housing Specialist
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cwhite@delawaretribe.org ■

From the Enrollment Department

Chris Miller

With 2018 starting we encourage you to update your mailing addresses with us. When you move please call the Enrollment Department at (918) 337-6583. Or email us at lfall-leaf@delawaretribe.org for Leslie or cmiller@delawaretribe.org for myself.

To those whom take care of the family's Lenape Heritage, we do appreciate you. You are great to have as a source of knowledge. Someone who knows where to look us up on the internet and what pages to print off. When the Pow-Wow and Delaware Days are. How to get to Bartlesville and whom to talk to when you get there and are willing to try to get your families involved.

We have both spoken with many of you over the years. Nearly 15% of you have said "My Great Grandparent/Grandparent/Parent died and we were going through their things and there was an Indian card with my name on it. Am I a member of

the tribe?" YES! Yes, if you have one, then yes you are a member. If you have one then yes, your children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren are eligible for Tribal Enrollment.

Do not wait to tell your family that they are Delaware. Tell them now. You all can sit down and learn our language on the Lenape Talking Dictionary website at www.talk-lenape.org.

On another note, we have a regalia set found locally that has gone missing from a young lady's wardrobe collection. A pink and purple fancy shawl dress is being held in the Enrollment Office. If you can further identify this set of regalia, please provide us in the Enrollment Department with a photo of the young lady wearing a combination of the pieces so that we may get this safely back in her hands.

Chris Miller
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Congratulations Chief Justice Nathan Young III

Due to the recent resignation of Chief Justice Don Mason, the Delaware Tribal Court requested the Tribal Council to appoint one of the Associate Justices as Chief Justice for the three-year balance of the Term. The Tribal Council appointed Nathan Young III at the December 19 Council meeting, and he was sworn in by Chief Brooks at the Friday December 22 Elder Nutrition Christmas Lunch.

Chief Justice Young is not a newcomer to the Delaware Tribe, having served four years on the Business Committee in the 1970s, four years on the Tribal Council (2012-2016), and serving as Associate Justice for the last 14 months.

The Delaware Tribe extends thanks to Don Mason for his five years service and wishes Nathan Young III great success as Chief Justice. This appointment of course leaves an open Associate Jus-

tice Seat for the next three years. Tribal members wishing to fill this empty Associate Justice Seat should express their interest and send their resume of qualifications to the Tribal Court or Tribal Council. ■



\$5,000 Delaware Tribe of Indians Scholarships Offered

Important: Due Date for Applications is January 31, 2018

The Delaware Tribe of Indians has budgeted for two \$5,000 scholarships to be awarded for the Spring Semester 2018. These scholarship will be given to two qualifying members of the Delaware Tribe of Indians. Applications will be processed and chosen by the Education Committee of the Delaware Tribe of Indians Trust Board. There are also smaller scholarships given by the Trust Board but this is actually from the Tribe. Eligible members

may apply and be awarded scholarships from both the Tribe and the Trust Board. Applicants may apply for this \$5,000 funding to attend a two year college, a four year college, post grad work, or a skilled trade school. Only two will be awarded, and applicants and awardees may re-apply for Fall 2018. This Council has worked hard to make this available to all interested tribal members. Please complete the application and return it by the due date. The application can be found online at:

<http://delawaretribe.org/scholarships/> ■

The Year in Review: Delaware Historic Preservation Office

Brice Obermeyer

The Historic Preservation Office is primarily responsible for all Historic Preservation and NAGPRA-related activities for the Delaware Tribe. Through such work, we are pleased to be able to provide support for the Language and Culture Program as well as the development of a new Cultural Center. We also continue to support the Tribal Museum and Library, Burial Assistance, and Cemetery Maintenance programs. Our main office is on the campus of Emporia State University and we have regional offices at the Delaware Tribe's headquarters in Oklahoma and Pennsylvania.

The bulk of our ongoing work is focused on the review of multiple types of federal undertakings as mandated by Section 106 of the Historic Preservation Act. Both our Emporia office and our eastern PA office spend much of their time reviewing potential impacts of these projects on cultural and historic Delaware sites in 14 different states.

Accomplishments

DTHPO Annual Meeting completed (October 16-17, 2017): Our department's first Annual Meeting was held last month. All members of our staff were able

to attend and we were joined by Chief Brooks, Tribal Council and Trust Board members, and several tribal members. Our main objective at the meeting was to establish a list of goals for the upcoming year as well as a timeline for meeting these goals. Such goals include but are not limited to 1) expanding our Areas of Interest to include all treaty ceded territories, 2) completing the repatriation of ancestral remains from the State Museum of PA, 3) applying for a NAGPRA grant and THPO grant and 4) developing a private contract CRM firm.

Ohio History Connection's Tribal Nations Conference (Oct. 31-Nov. 2, 2017): Chief Brooks, Joe Brooks and Brice Obermeyer were in attendance as was Larry Heady who was serving as both our staff and as an OHC consultant. The conference included discussions about this past year's projects and upcoming plans for historic preservation in the state of Ohio. On Nov. 1, our group as well as Nekole Aligood from the Delaware Nation, returned to Schoenbrunn to visit the reburial location as well as the Delaware cemetery at Goshen. This visit was one year and one week following our reburial at Schoenbrunn (Oct. 25) last

year. The reburial cemetery has been cared for well by Schoenbrunn and a well-built split rail fence encloses it.

Shifted claim to Culturally Unaffiliated for the remains at the University of Pennsylvania Museum: Drafting this claim will be included in our 2018 NAGPRA grant proposal.

Drafted a formal claim letter for the human remains at the Chicago Field Museum from Abbott Farm: Our claim letter was signed by all three Delaware Tribes and was submitted and received by the Field Museum. The Field Museum responded in a formal letter dated Sept. 19 that confirms our disposition request and that they will continue to work with us on our request. Continued consultation will be included in our 2018 NAGPRA grant proposal.

Finalizing articles on the Delaware Cultural Affiliation of the Abbott Farm National Historic Landmark for the fall edition of the *Bulletin of the Archaeological Society of New Jersey*: Our revisions are complete and submitted and we continue to look forward to the publication.

Reburial of ancestral human remains complete: On October 23, 2017 we completed the re-

burial of human remains from one individual from a Delaware site in either NJ or PA. The remains were interred at a property near Albany, NY that is owned by The Stockbridge Munsee.

Provided language for an agreement with Pennsbury Manor to establish a reburial cemetery: We continue to remain in communication about this agreement and reburial location. We facilitated communication with the State of Ohio as Pennsbury is interested in using the agreement we have with them for the reburial at Schoenbrunn.

Drafted a proposal for establishing a tribally funded instructor position at Emporia State University: I drafted a proposal to establish a tribally funded instructor position at ESU. However after conversations with the administration they did not see this position as bringing in any additional revenue and the possibility is on hold for now.

Sacred Sites Resolutions (still waiting): Larry Heady is drafting resolutions to designate our four reburial locations (two at Delaware Water Gap, one at Ellis Island, and one at Schoenbrunn) and Minisink Overlook at Delaware Water Gap as Sacred Sites. We are still waiting on the exact locations of the reburial sites at Delaware Water Gap. Once we

have this we will submit the resolutions for the Tribal Council's consideration. Designating a site as a Sacred Site gives it the same protection as a site on the National Register of Historic Places.

Identifying a location for the Eastern Historic Preservation Office (still looking): In an effort to increase the Delaware Tribe's visibility on the East Coast, Susan Bachor will be pursuing office space (hopefully free of charge) at East Stroudsburg University in PA. Both Susan and the Emporia office now have Tribal Flags and we plan to ask both institutions about the possibility of flying our Tribal Flags on campus.

Future Plans

- Continue to review Section 106 projects
- Begin planning for a NAGPRA Documentation/Consultation Grant proposal for FY 2018
- Sacred Sites Resolutions
- Revise/expand our areas of interest
- Identify a location for the Eastern Historic Preservation office
- Repatriate the ancestral remains at the State Museum of PA
- Identify a reburial location at Pennsbury Manor ■

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 ■



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Delaware Tribe Launches Family and Children Services Division

Aimee Turner

The Delaware Tribal Council has recently taken steps to reinforce its dedication to preserving and protecting the rights of families and children by creating the Delaware Family and Children Services Division (DFCS).

The newly-formed Division was created to provide one central unit of services, said Chief Chet Brooks. "The Tribal Council has always been committed to providing as many services as possible to protect our families. The decision to create a division allows us to provide all available services under one umbrella which in turn, will allow our staff to ensure each family receives comprehensive services."

According to the Chief, the Division includes such programs as Delaware Child Support Services, Indian Child Welfare, and the newly-funded Delaware Domestic Violence Prevention Office.

The Division is overseen by Aimee Turner, Director. Ms. Turner began her employment with the Delaware Tribe of Indians in October 2017, and comes to the Tribe with a vast amount of experience in children's and social programs. "In the short time she's been at the Tribe, Ms. Turner has already begun organizing the three existing programs in such a manner as to provide the most effective services for our tribal members," Chief Brooks said. "In addition, she is currently undertaking a review of available resources to provide additional services and we expect to make additions in the near future."

According to Turner, the Child Support Services program is in its infancy but already has more than 25 cases in which support is being enforced on behalf of tribal children. More than a dozen of those cases have been initiated

in the last few months as tribal members have become more aware of the service, she said.

In addition to child support services, the Division also houses the Indian Child Welfare program. There are more than 40 ongoing cases involving Delaware children throughout the United States and the Delaware Tribe is actively involved in each case.

"It is our responsibility under tribal and federal law, to provide input, guidance and counsel in matters concerning Delaware children who have entered the court system as deprived or children in need of care, regardless of where the child resides," Turner said. "We are working diligently to provide the necessary services these children need and our goal is to develop additional resources to ensure Delaware children have every opportunity to succeed regardless of their circumstances."

According to Turner, the Division will be evaluating available resources, including partnerships with other agencies, and implementing new techniques to provide holistic services to children who are impacted by physical and emotional abuse, drugs or alcohol, or other social impediments which affect today's families.

The third program under the Delaware Family and Children Services Division is the newly-funded and -developed Domestic Violence Prevention program. The Tribe was awarded a grant to develop and begin implementation of a comprehensive program to address the legal, emotional and social service needs of victims of domestic violence.

Funding for the program was awarded by the Department of Justice's Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) in October 2017. The funds were awarded to provide the Tribe

with financial resources to develop and implement a Domestic Violence Prevention Program which will respond to physical and sexual violence in a manner that promotes safety, emotional and physical well-being, and empowerment.

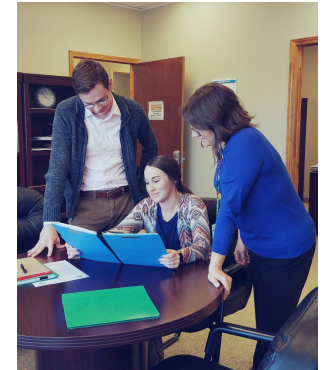
"We are pleased to be awarded the grant from OVW because we know domestic violence is prominent in today's society and it is our goal to help as many families as possible to end the cycle of abuse and move toward a path of safe and healthy lives," Turner said. "The program is currently in the development phase; however, we will begin offering services as soon as possible because we rec-

ognize time is of the essence for so many of these families."

In addition to creating a new division, the Delaware Tribe has added new personnel to the three programs. Joining Turner is Shelby Lacey, who is the finance specialist for the child support program, and Karry Tripp, a case specialist for the division. New positions are expected to be added in the coming months to ensure full staffing for effective and comprehensive services.

For more information regarding the Division or any of the offered programs and services, individuals should call (620) 879-2189 or the Delaware Tribal headquarters at (918) 337-6590.

Aimee Turner
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Family & Children Services team preparing for a new year of growth

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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**

Respectful Reburial of Delaware Ancestors

Susan Bachor, Delaware Tribe Historic Preservation Office

On October 23 the remains of a minimum of 2 people were returned and laid to rest in a cemetery protected and maintained by the Stockbridge Munsee. These individuals were held in collections for many years, which is typical, as the remains being held privately are not under the jurisdiction of NAGPRA. Luckily, the Delaware Tribe's ongoing presence in the East prompted the collectors to contact and ultimately work with the Tribe to return these ancestors.

The Kuna Collection was acquired over years by Dr. Samuel Kuna (deceased). Kuna both bought and actively hunted for Native American artifacts. Dr. Kuna's son, Dr. Robert Kuna, contacted the Tribe regarding repatriation about a year ago after trying to donate the collection to the New Jersey State Museum. The NJ State Museum could not house the collection due to space,

next he contacted Dr. Rich Veit of Monmouth University. Dr. Veit was willing to take the collection but refused to accept the human remains. The Historic Preservation Office arranged for the pick-up and re-burial of this individual.

Additional remains were given to the Delaware Tribe about a year ago by Mr. Robert O'Malia. We had helped the O'Malias save a portion of their original farm lands. This family had contacted us about a developer who was going to dig up a parcel of land that held not only the remnants of a fortified village but also at least two burial locations. Working with the family we were able to stop the development and restore the O'Malia family farm to its original size. Bob, a second-generation farmer of this land, had a small collection that he gathered while plowing his fields. John Thomas, Neal Cavallo, and I

went to re-visit the site after saving the parcel. During our visit Bob O'Malia invited us into his home to look at his collection. One of his carefully packaged boxes held three human molars. Bob willingly gave the remains to us for reburial.

The day of the burial, October 23, was a windy Fall day. Bonney Hartley, my son, and I met just outside the burial location which is very close to the Hudson River. We gathered the remains and the materials needed for reburial and proceeded to find a location that would be appropriate. Bonney lovingly prepared the remains while my son and I dug carefully to not disturb anyone else. Prayers and offerings were presented to the deceased and the remains were carefully reburied. Bonney noted that during the burial we were being watched by a hawk that later circled the area after the burial was completed. We took this as a good sign. After the burial we all sat, talked, and shared a light meal.

This reinterment was a success not just due to the physical act of returning ancestors to the earth but also because it is proof that an active presence by the Delaware

Tribe on the East Coast is affecting change. Individual collectors or the heirs of these collections now have reliable contacts in which they can trust. ■



Veterans Committee Proposes Veterans Memorial on Bartlesville Campus

The Veterans Committee is soliciting donations for a "Veterans Memorial" to be erected on the Bartlesville campus. Donations can be sent to:

Delaware Tribe of Indians
5100 Tuxedo Blvd
Bartlesville, OK 74006

Please make checks out to "Delaware Tribe/Veterans Committee" and put "Veterans Memorial Fund" on the memo line. ■

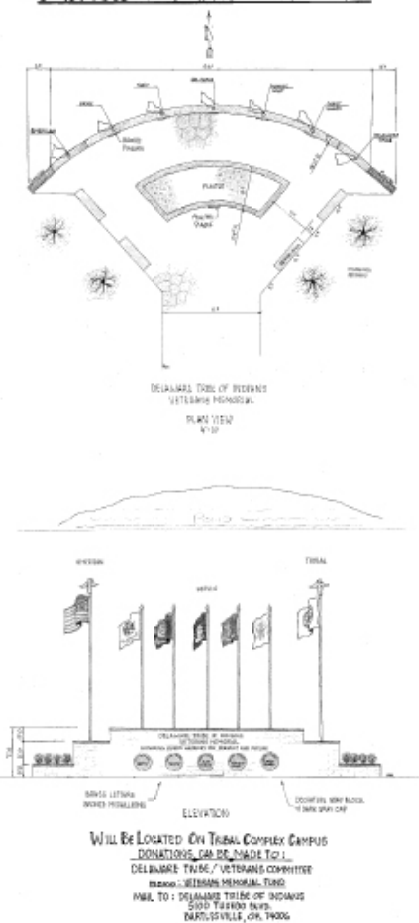
Culture Preservation Committee Seeks New Members

The Culture Preservation committee is looking for new members to join our committee. If you have ideas and would like to keep our culture alive, we want you!

We meet the first Monday of each month at 5:30 P.M. in the Community Center in Forsyth Hall. You may contact chair Homer Scott at 918-332-8020, or Anita Mathis at 918-337-6595. ■



DELAWARE TRIBE OF INDIANS VETERANS COMMITTEE PROPOSED VETERANS MEMORIAL



Obituaries

Wallace James “Wally” Brewer



**August 29, 1974 –
December 24, 2017**

Wallace James “Wally” Brewer, 43, of San Angelo went to be with the Lord on Sunday, December 24, 2017 in San Angelo, Texas. Wally was born August 29, 1974 in Oklahoma City, OK to Rodney Keith and Susan James Brewer. He grew up in Oklahoma and attended Kemper Military Academy in Bonneville, Missouri and Oklahoma City University. Wally married Candice Belle Upton on March 15, 2008.

He began his career in the oil and gas industry as a fifth-generation rancher. His background included taking part in the management of his family’s ranch and real estate in Oklahoma and Texas. He was a landman, mineral manager, and small oil and gas operator. Most recently Wally owned and operated Mr. T’s Deli in San Angelo, Texas.

Wally was a member of numerous professional organizations including the National Association of Royalty Owners (NARO), Texas Independent Producers and Royalty Owners (TIPRO), Pi Kappa Alpha, and a Past Master of Concho Lodge 1260 A.F.&A.M. Wally also served on the OK-NARO and NARO-TX Board of Directors as well as the NARO Foundation Board.

Wally loved spending time with his family and friends. His favorite hobby was to play golf at McAlester and San Angelo Country Clubs. He was an avid Oklahoma State fan, always rooting for the Pokes! He loved his 2 dogs, cat, and backyard chickens.

Wally was preceded in death by his Grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Wallace W. James and Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Brewer. He is survived by his wife, Candice Brewer, of San Angelo, TX; his Father and Mother, Keith and Susan Brewer, of Hartshorn, OK; his father and mother-in-law, W.H. “Bud” and Harriett Upton, of San Angelo, TX; and his sister-in-law, Margaret Upton, of San Angelo, TX. Wally is also survived by special friends Mr. and Mrs. Robert Housley; his exceptional Mr. T’s team: Seth Rameriz, Ronnie Cajas, Jeremy Ortega, Nelson Rivera, Stephanie Guerrero, Crystal Pelzel, and Whitney Poulson; numerous other family members and many close friends who were all very near and dear to his heart.

The family received friends for visitation from 5:00 P.M.–7:00 P.M., Tuesday, December 26, 2017 at Harper Funeral Home. The Funeral Service was at 3:00 P.M., Wednesday, December 27, 2017 at Harper Funeral Home, with Rev. Harold Watkins and Kirt Dauphin officiating. Interment was at Elmwood Cemetery in Hartshorn, OK on Saturday December 30, 2017. Honorary Pallbearers for the Service will be Jason Entzinger, Mark Jernigan, Paul Jost, Robert Chandler, James Blake Quillen, David Sikes, Jack Fleet, Scott Templeton, PJ Porter and Joe Thieman. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the Freedom Fel-

lowship Food Pantry Ministry or your favorite charity. ■

Dennet Duane Davis



**July 7, 1959 –
November 26, 2017**

Lifetime Bartlesville resident, Dennet Duane Davis was born July 7, 1959 to Conrad and Lenora (Hufferd) Davis. He passed away Sunday, November 26, 2017 in Bartlesville, Oklahoma at the age of 58 years. Dennet enjoyed attending pow wows, making jewelry, and hanging out with his friends. He is survived by his sister, Anita Mathis and her husband, Russ of Bartlesville; close cousins, Paula Pechonick of Bartlesville, Neil Reeve of Texas, and Annette Ketchum of Bartlesville; and a host of close friends. He is preceded in death by his parents, and one nephew, Jamie Lewis. A celebration of life service was held on December 10, 2017 at 1:00 at the Delaware Tribal Center, 5100 Tuxedo, Bartlesville. Cremation arrangements are under the care of Davis Family Funeral Home in Dewey, Oklahoma. Online condolences and remembrances may be shared with Dennet’s family at www.DavisFamilyFuneral-Home.com. ■

Virginia L. “Dunie” Morgan

**June 2, 1935 –
July 13, 2017**

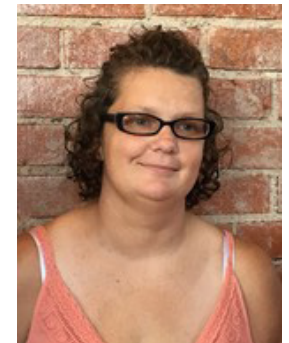
Virginia L. “Dunie” Morgan of Broken Arrow, OK, formerly of Commerce, OK, passed from this life on Thursday, July 13, 2017 in Broken Arrow, She was 82. Virginia was born June 2, 1935 in Alluwe, OK to Theodore “Bill” and Zelma (Maddox) Addington. She had lived in Broken Arrow for the past 7 years, moving from Commerce.

She was a homemaker and a member of the South BA Baptist Church in Broken Arrow. Virginia was preceded in death by her husband, John Morgan; a grandson, Bruce Morgan, Jr.; 2 great-granddaughters, Gracie Morgan and Rachel Wright; her parents; her brother, Gerald Addington; and her sister, Betty Sears. Survivors include 2 sons, Bruce Morgan and his wife Lana of Commerce, OK and William Morgan of Springfield, MO; her daughter, Sherri Clark and her husband David of Broken Arrow, OK; 14 grandchildren; and 32 great-grandchildren.

Services were held Monday, July 17, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. at Paul Thomas Funeral Home Chapel in Miami, OK with Rev. David McCord officiating. Interment followed in Nowata Cemetery in Nowata, OK.

Jason Butcher, Jim Genzler, Jimmy Clark, Kenny Clark, Joe Weaver, and Danny Davis served as pallbearers. Honorary pallbearers were John Tracy Wright, George Tracy Wright, Danny Boyd, Luke Lynch, and Harold Vanatta. Services have been placed in the care of Paul Thomas Funeral Home and Cremation Service of Miami, OK. ■

Lorie Jeanette Sellers



**September 3, 1983–
December 3, 2017**

Lorie Jeanette Sellers, 34, of Nowata, passed away Sunday, December 3, 2017 in Nowata County. She was born September 3, 1983 in Claremore, Oklahoma to Timmy and Glenna (Allen) Hash. She graduated from Nowata High School in 2002 and on May 2, 2003 she married David Sellers in Miami, Oklahoma. Lorie worked at the Nowata Indian Clinic as a medical records clerk. She enjoyed camping, hiking, watching her children play ball, and riding her bike. She was a very kind and giving person and had a loud contagious laugh. Lorie would help anyone in need and was quite a practical joker. She could be ornery and bossy at times. Above all Lorie loved her family. Her parents, husband, children, and other family held a special place in her heart. Lorie will be missed by all who knew her.

Lorie is survived by her parents, Timmy and Glenna Hash; father-in-law and mother-in-law, Mike and Cindy Sellers; her husband, David Sellers, of the home; two daughters, Breann Sellers and Nicole Sellers, both of Nowata, Oklahoma; siblings, David Bradshaw and wife Carrie of Nowata, Okla-

Obituaries (cont.)

homa, Daniel Curry of Manhattan, Kansas, Tara Rexwinkle and husband Gweedo of South Coffeyville, Oklahoma, Donna Roeder and husband Seth of Nowata, Oklahoma, Derick Bradshaw and wife Taneshia of Edmond, Oklahoma; special friends, Ashley Miller and Laci Harvey; and numerous nieces and nephews. Lorie is preceded in death by two siblings, Carla Shackelford and Michael Bradshaw.

Memorial services for Lorie Jeanette Sellers were held at 10:00 A.M., Saturday, December 9, 2017 at Benjamin Funeral Service Chapel with Pastor Jeff Wickham officiating.

Online condolences may be left at www.honoringmemories.com. Arrangements have been entrusted to Benjamin Funeral Service. ■

James Tecumseh Sumpter



January 22, 1976 –
November 8, 2017

James Tecumseh Sumpter (JT), age 41 and resident of Claremore, Oklahoma, passed away in Tulsa on November 8, 2017.

James Tecumseh Sumpter was born January 22, 1976. He was the son of Michael Scott Sumpter and Jamie Louann Emarthle.

Survivors include his father Michael Scott Sumpter, his brother Matthew Sumpter and his wife Kimberly, niece Emily also of Claremore, and several aunts, uncles, cousins.

JT was preceded in death by his mother.

Services were held November 17th followed by interment at the Busby Cemetery, Copan. ■



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

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

Cultural Resources Department

The Cultural Resources Department is located at 166 N. Barbara at the tribal headquarters campus in Bartlesville. The staff includes Curtis Zunigha—Director, Anita Mathis—Library/Archives & Gift Shop Manager, and Jim Rementer—Language Program Director. Additional details about the department can be found on the tribe's website: www.delawaretribe.org.

The department consists of:

Library—The tribal library consists of 1,160 titles of books, publications, discs and tapes (both audio and video). All items in the library are available to tribal members for reading and viewing IN-HOUSE ONLY in the department office by appointment with department staff. We currently do not offer check-out of library items.

Archives and Collections—Our department houses 135 artifacts, 1,573 documents, and 3,887 photos. Tribal members may view these items IN-HOUSE ONLY by appointment with department staff. The department provides computer stations for IN-HOUSE ONLY research with access to archival and historical information. The research must be made by appointment with department staff.

Museum—The Cultural Resources Department has been tasked by the Tribal Council to develop and establish a

TRIBAL MUSEUM on tribal property. A multi-year project could go from a small exhibit space in the current building to constructing a separate facility with state-of-the-art displays. The first phase of capacity-building begins in 2018.

Cultural Activities—The department staff serves on the Cultural Preservation Committee which includes tribal elected leaders and elders. CPC Activities during 2017 have included the monthly Second Tuesday Gathering featuring a potluck supper, social and stomp dancing, and language lessons. The Committee has also sponsored craft classes in leather purses and moccasins. The CPC also sponsors an annual stomp dance in mid-February. The biggest event of the year is the annual Delaware Days held on the last weekend of September. The two-day event features social dances, stomp dances, feasting, honoring of elders and veterans, games and storytelling.

History & Culture—The department maintains a considerable amount of historical data and institutional knowledge. It is shared and practiced at various tribal events and activities. Tribal representatives have also presented history and culture to non-tribal audiences across the country. Additional information can be found on the tribal website home page clicking on the Culture and Language button.

Language—The program has spent several years converting analog recordings to digital data now used on the language website www.talk-lenape.org. Word pages and lessons are presented at tribal events and cultural gatherings. Additional information can be found on the tribal website home page viewing the menu bar at the top and clicking on the Services/Programs drop-down menu tab, then click on Language Revitalization. Please read the accompanying Language Program article by Jim Rementer.

Gift Shop—The department operates a small gift shop with many items bearing the Seal of the Delaware Tribe of Indians. Some books and tapes are also available for sale. The Gift Shop also accepts items on consignment for sale **at the discretion of management**. Online sales are also available at www.delawaretribe.org viewing the home page and clicking on the Gift Shop button at the bottom of the page. ■



Family & Children Services Division

The Delaware Family & Children Services Division includes Child Support Services, the Indian Child Welfare Program, and newly-funded Delaware Domestic Violence Prevention Office. The Division is overseen by Aimee Turner, Director. Offices are located in the Caney, Kansas administrative services building at 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 and 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 Aimee Tuner, Director (aturner@delawaretribe.org), Shelby Lacey (Cherokee), Financial Specialist (slacey@delawaretribe.org), and Karry Tripp. Their phone number is (620) 879-2189 ext. 1.

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 and 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 on the Indian Child Welfare program or to obtain ICW services, please call phone number (620) 879-2189, ext 6 or email: tribe@delawaretribe.org. ■

Callers Representing More Than 50 Tribal Nations Reach Out To StrongHearts Native Helpline for Culturally-Based Support for Domestic Violence

First-of-its-kind national helpline provides support to Native survivors of domestic violence in tribal communities across the U.S.

AUSTIN, TEXAS (December 12, 2017) – In its first eight months of operations, the **StrongHearts Native Helpline** (1-844-7NATIVE) has taken calls from Native Americans affected by domestic violence representing 53 tribal nations across 38 states, demonstrating the widespread need for culturally-rooted resources to support tribal communities affected by intimate partner abuse.

Since March, the StrongHearts Native Helpline, the first, national crisis line for American Indian, Alaska Native and Native Hawaiians facing domestic violence and dating violence, has responded to the unique needs of Native victims of **abuse**, who historically have lacked access to supportive services. StrongHearts advocates are trained to navigate each caller's abuse situation with a deep understanding of tribal communities, culture and tradition.

"We are honored by those reaching out because we know Native people really do face unique barriers to safety and justice in their communities," said Lori Jump (Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians), StrongHearts Assistant Director. "In many cases, a victim of domestic violence may feel like there's nowhere left to turn to for help. Our goal is to provide a safe space for Native survivors, where they can reach out for help anonymously and safely."

The StrongHearts Native Helpline, a collaborative project of the **National Indigenous Women's Resource Center** and the **National Domestic Violence Hotline**, was created to respond to the epidemic of domestic violence and dating violence in tribal communities. According to a **recent study** by National Institute of Justice, more than one in two Native women and one in three Native men have experienced physical violence by intimate partners in their lifetime.

Through StrongHearts, trained advocates offer callers emotional support, assistance with safety planning, information

and education, and referrals to culturally specific resources. Callers after hours will have the option to connect with the National Domestic Violence Hotline or to call back on the next business day.

"Domestic violence is one of the biggest public safety issues in tribal communities, yet so many Native survivors aren't getting the culturally supportive services they so desperately need," said Caroline LaPorte (Little River Band of Ottawa Indians), StrongHearts Senior Native Affairs Policy Advisor. "Our advocates help fill the gap by listening to and responding to the complex needs of our callers, but the need for more resources is clear."

About StrongHearts Native Helpline

Created by and built to serve tribal communities across the United States, the StrongHearts Native Helpline, a project of the National Indigenous Women's Resource Center, the National Domestic Violence Hotline, and the Family Violence Prevention and Services Program, is a culturally-appropriate, anonymous, confidential and no-cost service dedicated to serving Native American survivors of domestic violence and dating violence, along with their concerned family members and friends. By dialing 1-844-7NATIVE (1-844-762-8483) Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. CST, callers can connect at no cost one-on-one with knowledgeable StrongHearts advocates who can provide lifesaving tools and immediate support to enable survivors to find safety and live lives free of abuse. Learn more about the StrongHearts Native Helpline at www.strongheartshelpline.org.

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media@strongheartshelpline.org ■

Community Services and Education

Education Committee Assistance/Programs

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

The Trust Board 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 December 1 through January 31.

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

Note that two \$5,000 scholarships are also offered through the Tribe; see the description on page 11. ■

Community Services Programs

If you have questions, please contact the Tribal Office at 918-337-6590.

Burial Program: Burial assistance for Delaware tribal members. The family may apply for up to \$750. 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 \$300. 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 \$1080 per calendar year. Elders may apply more than once per calendar year until \$1080 is reached. Funds may be disbursed to vendors on a monthly basis not to exceed \$75 per month for long-term recurring medication. Elders must include a statement from the pharmacy showing the continuing service. This addresses Elders who have an ongoing monthly pharmacy bill and must renew application annually.

Emergency and Emergency Travel Assistance: Emergency assistance to Delaware tribal members. Funds are to be used for emergency situations. Assistance includes, but is not limited to, groceries or related assistance, or health transportation costs. Applicants must utilize all other community resources prior to application. Funds are allocated up to \$240 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 \$240. 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. 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. ■

Lenape Language Project Report

Jim Rementer

What's New: The new and improved Lenape Talking Dictionary website went online on July 12, 2017. We had been working on the updated site for over a year at that time, and here is a view of the new opening page (*top right*):

The Lenape Talking Dictionary contains thousands of Lenape or Delaware Indian words, most of which have sound files. It also has photographs, sample sentences, a section on grammar, basic lessons, and 50 stories and songs. The new version uses the same address as before: www.talk-lenape.org. We needed to do the update because: (1) the computer language used to build the database which went online in 2005 was an older computer language and did not function well in more modern computers; (2) the program used to play the sound files did not work with some tablets or cell phones; (3) as time goes on and there are more changes in the computer world we anticipate additional malfunctions in our database if not updated now; and (4) the version that now appears on a cell phone is easily read without having to enlarge the image.

We have also been adding Lenape words from lists created as long ago as the 1600s. There are very extensive lists from the 1700s mostly the work of the Moravian missionaries such as dictionaries, hymnals, Biblical translations and word lists.

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 people. There have been requests for translations of Lenape place names. A number of the old place names were reviewed and recorded with Lenape speakers and have been added to the Lenape Talking Dictionary.

Some early images of tribal elders working with various people studying the language are shown on this page.

We are happy to make available the dictionary of the Lenape language—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 Lenape people to their ancestral language. The Talking Dictionary is a work in progress, and we appreciate your

comments and suggestions about the Lenape Talking Dictionary.

Jim Rementer
Director, Lenape Language Project
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Nora Dean and Lucy Blalock work with ethnologist Jay Miller on the Lenape names for colors using a color chart.



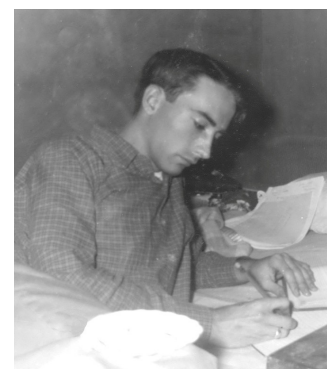
Linguistics student Carrie Briggs works with Nora Dean on stories.



Meeting with Lenape speakers at the home of Bessie and Willie Snake near Anadarko. Bessie Snake, Nora Dean, Jim Rementer, linguist Bruce Pearson, Willie Snake.



Nora Dean, linguist Bruce Pearson, Willie Snake, Lawrence Snake, and Bessie Snake



Jim Rementer working on language notes about 1965.

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We invite contributions, but reserve the right to limit printing based upon available space. The deadline for articles, letters, ads and calendar of events is March 10, 2018 for the April 2018 issue. Submissions may be mailed, faxed or hand delivered to the tribal office or emailed to din@delawaretribe.org. Paid advertisements are available; for rates, please contact the editor.

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Surprise Visit by Our Eldest Elder

Leslie Fall-Leaf

On Nov. 15 the Tribal headquarters was graced with a visit from a very special lady, Mrs. Ida England of Chelsea, Oklahoma, who was paying a visit to the Enrollment Office with her family to update their tribal cards. It was a surprise to everyone, especially a delighted Mrs. England, when we discovered that at 99½ she is in fact the Tribe's oldest living member. Granddaughter of John Redman Ketchum and sister of former Chief Jerry Douglas, Mrs. England grew up in the Winganon and Chelsea area and is very proud of her Delaware heritage. We were all honored to make her acquaintance and look forward to the celebration of her 100th birthday this coming September 8. ■



Elder Pumpkin Painting Contest, Elder Nutrition



Christmas Party, Elder Nutrition



Delaware Days at Falleaf Campground, Copan, OK

September 30, 2017—Delaware Days at Falleaf Campground, Copan, OK.



Titus Frenchman speaks as Evelyn Kay Anderson was honored as Elder of the Year. ■