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From the Office of Chief Chet Brooks

Chet Brooks, Chief

Wanishi wuli kishku kwiti sikan—I am thankful for this first day of spring.

2018 began with a trip to Washington, DC to present a Pendleton Blanket to retiring solicitor Barbara Coen. A photo of this event is on the right. Barbara Coen was the driving force that achieved our federal recognition twice, she spent 40% of her time over the last 24 years working on proving the Delaware Tribe's right to federal recognition. Upon returning to the Bartlesville Tribal Headquarters, one tribal member commented that it was a waste of our tribe's money for our former Chief and myself to have presented this gift. Lenape people, all of our buildings and approximately

\$700,000 per year were presented to the Delaware Tribe of Indians by the Federal Government and none of this would have been possible without federal recognition. Is approximately \$11,900,000 of federal assistance and all of our buildings worth one Pendleton Blanket? I think it is.

On March 15-16 Environmental Director Allan Barnes and myself attended a climate training workshop at the South Central Climate Science Center located in Norman, Oklahoma. This training workshop was one of the six workshops and presentations that our Tribe will complete in regard to fulfilling a climate change grant. The next workshop will be held in a few months at our facility here in Bartlesville and all tribal members will be invited to attend if possible.

The question still stands, what are we to do with the \$2,435,000 settlement received December 21? I still believe, as I stated in the January *DIN*, that half of this money should be under the management of the Trust Board so that tribal members can enjoy the services and benefits that the Trust Document provides. As promised in January, I called a special joint Council/Trust Board meeting recently. At the special meeting Assistant Chief Bonnie Jo Griffith and Council Members Benita Shea, Nathan Young IV, and Charles Randall voted to keep all the money after paying our attorney bills. Council Members Nicky Michael, Joe Brooks, and myself voted to place half of the money under the management of the Delaware Trust Board. Since

the Trust Document requires that Trust Judgements or Settlements can only be placed in management of the Trust Board by a simple majority vote of the Delaware Tribal Council or simple majority of the adult voting membership. The Trust Board Chairman, Mary Jo Peterson, has already filed an initiative petition because that was the Trust Board's only choice

in this matter. It is my understanding that this initiative petition is presented elsewhere in this *DIN* issue. Perhaps this question of what we do with this money is best in the hands of the Delaware People.

Wanishi,
Chet Brooks, Chief
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Tribal Council Members Meet with Washington Officials



Councilor Nathan Young IV and Assistant Chief Bonnie Jo Griffith meeting with Oklahoma Senator James Lankford in Washington DC in February.



(Left) Assistant Chief Bonnie Jo Griffith visited with Representative Markwayne Mullin on her recent trip to the nation's capital.



Councilor Nathan Young IV and Assistant Chief Bonnie Jo Griffith visited with Principal Deputy Assistant, Indian Affairs, John Tashuda from the Department of the Interior on their February trip to Washington DC.

From the Office of Assistant Chief Bonnie Jo Griffith

Bonnie Jo Griffith, Assistant Chief

Can you believe it's April already?? Wow!! Work here at the Tribe has gone on relentlessly.

The remodel of our new office area is almost complete. If you get a chance, stop by and take a look. This was much needed space as we turn our Social Services Building into a Culture Center. I hear there are posts being made on social media that we have new "luxury" offices. If you look, these are certainly not luxurious. The Council offices are housing two Councilors each so the square footage per person is nothing to write about ---- unless you are simply trying to stir a pot.

Nathan Young IV and I traveled to our nation's capital in February for the NCAI Executive Winter Session. Contrary to some totally false rumors that have been spread, this was an extremely successful trip for our Tribe. In addition to sessions at the conference we were able to make quite a number of successful calls on legislators, etc.

Judgment funds. This administration has accomplished something that no other administration has been successful in accomplishing. **WE OBTAINED OUR JUDGMENT FUNDS!!** \$2.4M to be exact. These funds are now in the process of being protected. We certainly want these monies secured for future generations. Previous administrations have taken money and

spent it, in my opinion, carelessly. I feel these new funds need to be protected with the only access by a referendum vote of the people. The majority of the Council is in agreement that these funds should be secured in their entirety so that in the case of another loss of federal recognition or an extended government shutdown this Tribe could continue to meet payroll, pay utilities, etc. Even then, it should only be by referendum vote that the funds get used.

Fee-To-Trust. While in DC in February, Nathan Young IV and I met with John Tahsuda, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of the Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs. This was an extremely important meeting as the PDAS showed sincere interest in our application and is on top of its progress. We were so fortunate to meet with him and Kyle Scherer, Counselor to the Assistant Secretary. Mr. Scherer happens to be our cousin, a member of the Munsee Delaware Tribe in Canada. We look forward to working with him in the future. The approval of this Fee-To-Trust application is extremely important to our tribe. The application is for our Caney property and is a non-gaming application. The FTT application has now been sent to the Department of Interior. Hopefully we will see the approval in a few months. When approved, it will be a godsend for our tribe.

Tribal Court. I recently drove to Caney and attended one of our court sessions. That system certainly seemed like a very viable entity for anyone having a legal issue that needs a court hearing. The judges certainly seem to "know their stuff."

Family and Children Services. Your Council recently approved our child support codes. Our Family and Children Services Department continues to do a great job for our Native youth. This department has dual offices located in our Caney, KS office and on our Bartlesville campus. Should you wish to see the services, etc. they offer simply go to www.delawaretribe.org. Then click on the SERVICES/PROGRAM tab. You will then find the services that this department is able to offer. Don't hesitate to call them should you need assistance.

As most of you are aware, Tribal elections are this year in November. There will be elections for: Chief, three council members, three Trust Board members and three judges.

I wish nothing but the best for our Tribe! If you can, please follow my blog at: www.mydelawareviews.com

For now just remember **WE ARE DELAWARE STRONG!!**

Bonnie Jo Griffith,
Assistant Chief
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The Settlement Agreement

Charles Randall, Tribal Council Member

There has recently been a lot of controversy surrounding the \$2,000,000+ judgment funds we received. It seems that any time money is involved, everyone wants to become involved. I would like to give a little history on this and explain why I believe it is important for the Tribe to protect these funds. These are my ideas and do not necessarily reflect the views of the Council or others.

When we received the judgment funds from Dockets 72 and 298 in the 1980s, our attorney Bruce Townsend recommended we reserve 10% to preserve the Delaware Culture and Tribe. At the time, there was again a lot of controversy, but the recommendation passed and the remaining 90% was distributed to the people.

Since we had lost our Federal Recognition, the Government could not release the reserved funds to the Delaware Tribe, a Tribe they said didn't exist. In order to get the funds released, in 1990 we established the Delaware Trust Board to administer these reserved funds. By definition the Delaware Trust Board was not a Tribal entity, but represented the Native Americans who received payment from Dockets 72 and 298, so the government was able to release the funds. The Trust Document was established to protect the reserved funds and define how they were to be used.

The settlement we have just

received after years of legal action is not part of the reserved funds, as that was taken off the top prior to judgement distribution to the "Native Americans" associated with the Dockets. I say "Native Americans" because the Federal Government did not at this time recognize that we were Delaware Indians. The Settlement represents the unclaimed distribution and increase in its value since the original distribution and has nothing to do with the reserved funds.

The Settlement Agreement states that the funds are to be received by the Delaware Tribe. The Trust Document was developed to protect the original 10% that was reserved and only protects the principal up to \$3,800,000, which it already exceeds. Reading the document, I do not believe that it adequately protects the additional funds and future growth. In my opinion, the funds should be placed in a PROTECTED Trust that assures maximum growth and benefit for the Delaware Tribe of Indians and the Lenape people for generations to come.

We can't make everyone happy as there are always some people who will disagree with you, but I will always do what I think is best for the Delaware Tribe of Indians and the Lenape citizens.

Charles Randall,
Secretary of the Tribal Council
crandall@delawaretribe.org ■

Announcement from the LIHEAP Program

The LIHEAP Program is officially close for the heating/winter session. Our cooling/summer session will start up in May. Tribal members are encouraged to contact us in event of emergencies. Send inquiries to Allan Barnes by phone at 918-337-6590 or by email at abarnes@delawaretribe.org. ■

From the Desk of Councilmember Nicky Michael

Nicky Michael, Tribal Council Member

Greetings tribal members. Kulamásihemo hech? I hope you are well! Nulhatenami, I am glad to be able to address you in this edition of the *DIN*. With sincere pleasure, I have enjoyed serving you these last four years and look forward to a lasting impact of the years I served. Monetarily, my contribution to the Tribe brought in millions from the 106 Tribal Historic Preservation fees that several of us championed in 2015-16 and the grants from chairing the Grant Steering Committee. Since my last article, I have been working on several additional programs and projects as well as following through with the previous grants for which we were awarded.

Personally, my last university teaching contract went from University of Wyoming as an Assistant Professor of American Indian Studies to Assistant Professor at Bemidji State University, 800 miles away in snow-covered Minnesota, where I work with a large number of Ojibway and Dakota/Lakota university students and tribes. My contracts are nine months at a time, while my home address is still in Dewey, Oklahoma. In the last four years, I have driven through more snow, ice, and blizzards over whiteout conditions of eight-thousand foot mountains, often risking my life as a single mother, to attend the Tribal Council meetings. This occurred more than I think should be required of a Tribal Council member. I do this out of love for our people and paid for all my travel out of my own pocket since 2015. However, if I had been at all able to ask for a weather-related excused absence, my children and family would have been so relieved. If the Tribe aspires to bring in professionals (and younger generations) of members into leadership, the inclusion and travel policies clearly need to

be addressed in the future. I was however, much relieved last year when the Tribal Council voted to reduce the twice-monthly meeting requirement to once a month. This went a long way towards my inclusion; however, I believe we have so much more to do to align our tribe with the direction of our members—to vote in members who know the local and very important economic and culture connections while also being able to bring in world-wide resources and services.

One important project that I have been honored to represent the Tribe relates to higher education—the Indiana University First Nations Leadership Advisory Committee. Indiana University is important to our history and our present for several reasons. These were lands our people once lived and resisted colonization. Some of our people joined Tecumseh on the White River, which the encampment existed very close to IU Bloomington campus. As such, IU has many Shawnee, Delaware, and Potawatomie remains, historical, culture and religious items. Seeking to address their significantly low enrollment numbers of Indigenous students as well as rebuilding a relationship with the historical tribes of Indiana, the university sought tribal and academic leaders to participate in their advisory committee. I was honored to accept and sit alongside Second Chief Ben Barnes, Dr. Kelli Mosteller, Citizen Potawatomie Nation, Chief Glenna Wallace, Eastern Shawnee, and the first Native American, Phillip Deloria to become an Indigenous Studies Professor at Harvard University. Last year, IU honored each of the committee members with welcoming gifts and accolades.

As to the actual accomplishments of the First Nations Leadership Advisory Committee, most

importantly the first things we noticed and recommended was to waive out-of-state tuition to historical tribal members. We also addressed self-identification as a problem, particularly in Indiana where many people claim to come from the Shawnee and Delaware to the detriment of our actual members. Last but not least, we need to see actual Indigenous people in an Indigenous Studies department. We are happy to see that the University has implemented these recommendations. Our next meeting will take place in a week. Unfortunately, none of my absences from Tribal Council due to attending these meetings have been excused by the Tribal Council members even though I notified the Tribal Council of why I would be absent.

For those tribal members seeking a more focused Indigenous Studies University, Bemidji State University has out-of-state tuition waivers for all Native American students and have an excellent support system that includes peer counseling, peer advising, and strong connections to the surrounding Tribes.

Much of my other work in addition to higher education programs revolves around Violence against Women and Children and Missing and Murdered Indigenous women. Regardless of my future on Tribal Council, I will continue to fight for the most vulnerable members as well as students. Late last year, I proposed to develop our emergency plan for tribal members who experience hurricanes and/or other adverse weather conditions, which passed unanimously. We have begun this process through our Climate Resiliency Planning grant. Chief Brooks, myself and our EPA Director facilitated and attended our first meetings with the Shawnee Tribe and Delaware Nation in Norman in mid-March.

The legal codes for our Tribal

Court in Child Welfare and Child Support were passed in February. While I was very excited to see this progress, I would have liked to have seen more inclusion and involvement of the legislators and Tribal Council members to develop those codes and hope to see more involvement in the future, which brings me to my final point in this address.

As the election year winds up, I would like to challenge our tribal members to consider carefully who you want representing you as an individual member and our Tribe as a whole. Do you want Tribal Council members who can bring in resources to our tribes? Even so, sometimes knowledgeable members also need to be open to working with others. For instance, when I was chairing the Grant Steering Committee, I ran into much opposition in asking the Cherokee Nation for a 638 Contract for our Tribal Courts. At the time, the Cherokee Nation had invited us to propose certain contracts for our future. These 638 Contracts are our Bureau of Indian Affairs “Trust” relationship services. In other words, these contracts are how the federal government carries out the treaty relationship for education, tribal government, and other services. For instance, in the last Administration for Native Americans (ANA) grant, I warned we needed a sustainability plan for the courts—we needed to follow through with the Cherokee Nation to request Courts. The Tribal Council did not move on this option due to what seemed to be fear in writing the Cherokee Nation. Sure enough, the grant was scored low for that very reason. By that time, however, I had already resigned. I also resigned myself to limiting what I could do given the lack of support for our efforts on the Grant Steering Committee and it went inactive with my resignation.

At our last Tribal Council meeting, members pleaded for more scholarships. We could be apply-

ing for a “Scholarship” 638 Contract from the Cherokee Nation. These are the services most all other Tribes have been providing for over twenty years. This invitation to apply for these services will not last forever—whether due to the Cherokee or federal budget cuts, we will face strong opposition to increasing our services but we should not be paralyzed. We had the opportunity and I believe we should have acted while that invitation was fresh. We know that this relationship is volatile and could be negated with any number of factors. I therefore feel strongly that we should apply in the next few months for courts, ICWA, and scholarships.

Other hot issues are the Section 106 monies from commercial building (usually cell towers but also include pipelines and railroads) on our former cultural and historic areas. While we did raise our fees and resultantly our total tribal income by much needed millions of dollars, we (along with all tribes) are encountering opposition from the FCC.

The 638 Contracts and THPO (Tribal Historic Preservation and 106 fees) were subjects and programs for which a number on our tribal council had a learning curve. While a learning curve is expected to a certain extent, I believe we need tribal leaders who can come on board and hit the ground running. So does that mean we should elect the same members who have learned from these last four years, or do we want new faces with additional knowledge and resources? Those are what our membership have the answers. Personally, I am particularly cautious of voting for popularity in the future. Listen and watch for how the proposed members represent and address each other as well as your needs.

If you should have and questions or concerns, please contact me at nickykaymichael@gmail.com or 918-766-6299.

All my love,
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Sovereign Trust

Nathan Young IV, Tribal Council Member

In December 2017 the Delaware Tribe of Indians settled what has been commonly referred to as the “Judgement Funds” lawsuit, bringing to a close a lawsuit which began decades ago. Our tribe received over 2 million dollars. I watched in my first year of service on the Tribal Council as the Treasurer and Assistant Chief took the lead and exerted steady pressure on our attorneys, the BIA, and the Department of the Interior to resolve this long-running case to our benefit. To-

day, confusion and misinformation has been circulating around social media and whispers concerning who has the “right” to this money have appeared. This is wrong and destructive and I truly believe that the Delaware membership have had their fill of this kind of behavior. It is truly disappointing to see that this has become a divisive topic and is now clearly politicized in an election year. It is my belief that our duty as tribal councilors is to follow the constitution and

protect the sovereignty of the Delaware Tribe so that we can provide meaningful services to our membership. Unfortunately we are still dealing with the effects of our tribal sovereignty being attacked multiple times. In one of these periods, before our federal recognition was re-established we had to actually sell our tribal headquarters to pay the attorney fees, literally leaving us without a tribal headquarters. As the Tribal Council, we should work so that situations like losing our federal recognition and tribal property never happen again. At a special council meeting in February the Tribal Council voted to

create a Sovereign Trust, placing the settlement money in a “lock box” trust account ONLY for situations that might endanger our federal recognition or some other extreme event, such as a damaging federal government shutdown. The idea and reasoning of using these “Judgement Funds” to create a Sovereign Trust is to keep this money in a protected trust account, one that has a very high bar to access, such as the situations mentioned above. This is actually a very common practice used by many other tribes. I voted to place this money into a Sovereign Trust, and believe I was doing what is best for the Delaware

Tribe of Indians, creating a safety net to protect our sovereignty. There is truly no legal question as to who has the right to these funds. It is crystal clear that they are the property of the Delaware Tribe of Indians. Those who voted for the Sovereign Trust are working to ensure the security of our tribe and not playing politics, because the Sovereign Trust is being created to protect the legacy of the Delaware Tribe for the generations to come.

Wanishi,
Nathan Young IV ■

Enrollment Department Your Assistance Needed!

The Enrollment Department would like to encourage you, the tribal members, to send us a list of all of your deceased family members.

With those deceased members, please give us as many names of family members that connect to them as you can think of. What has happened in the past is a Tribal Elder has helped those living members get enrolled, and had our department put their address down as the living member’s address.

Unfortunately, when the Elder passes away whether or not the Tribe was notified of their death. Getting these notices will take care of the 16% membership we do not have current addresses for.

You can send those via mail to Delaware Tribe of Indians c/o Enrollment Department, 5100 Tuxedo Blvd., Bartlesville, OK 74006 or via email to Chris Miller and Leslie Fall-Leaf at

cmiller@delawaretribe.org
lfall-leaf@delawaretribe.org ■

A Request from the Court

The members of the current Delaware Tribal Court would like to honor and show appreciation for the tribal members that have served on the Court. The current Court is working on the preparation of a plaque in roster format listing the names of all tribal members

that have served on the Court. Space would be reserved to add the name of future Judges.

For example, we are aware the Patsy Martin was the first Chief Judge. Her name would be on the plaque.

The Court would like the names of all that have served in

the past. It does not matter if the person was elected or appointed. Please forward any qualifying names that you know of to be placed on the plaque.

Contact Tribal Court Administrator Robbie Hedges at rhedges@delawaretribe.org to have a name be placed on the plaque. ■

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. ■

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News from the 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 and 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 will begin with a small exhibit space in the current building to ultimately constructing a separate facility with state-of-the-art displays. The first phase of capacity-building has begun. Meanwhile the CR Department is displaying exhibits at tribal headquarters, at the Bartlesville History Museum and the Cherokee Nation Health Clinic in Ochelata, OK.

Cultural Activities—The department staff serves on the Cultural Preservation Committee which includes tribal elected leaders and elders. CPC activities during 2018 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 sponsored the 4th annual stomp dance on February 17. 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 and 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. The shop will become a Pendleton Woolen Mill distributor beginning May 1, 2018. 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. ■



54th ANNUAL DELAWARE POW-WOW
May 25, 26 and 27, 2018
 Fred Fall-Leaf Memorial Campgrounds - 3 Miles east of Highway 75 on Road 600

Head Singer:	Tyler Crowels
Head Man Dancer:	Michael Gabbard
Head Lady Dancer:	Erica Zunigha Magee
Master of Ceremonies:	Brad Kills Crow & Neil Lawhead
Arena Directors:	Dude Blalock & Chris Soap
Host Gourd Dance Groups:	Lenape Gourd Dance Society & Osage Gourd Dancers
Host Northern Drum:	Red Land Singers
Color Guard:	Lenape Color Guard
Stomp Dance MC:	David Tyner



2018 Delaware Pow-Wow Princess
 Skye Scimeca



Schedule of Events

Gourd Dance
 Friday: 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
 Saturday & Sunday: 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Dance Contests
 Friday, Saturday & Sunday: 8:00 p.m. until close

Stomp Dance

Friday and Saturday nights following the Pow-Wow

ALL SPECIALS ON SATURDAY & SUNDAY AFTERNOONS FROM 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Bet Football Game – Men against Women – Saturday at 11:00 a.m. – area between the Markley Camp and Fred Fall-Leaf's Home

Delaware War Veterans Fundraiser Auction for Delaware Veteran's Memorial Saturday Morning @ 10:30a at The Brooks Camp

Delaware Women's Cloth Contest – Saturday Night – sponsored by Erica Magee

Sunday Morning Church Service – 10:00 a.m. at the arena

Winners announced and prize money paid out at the end of the Pow Wow on Sunday night.
 Winners must be present and in dance clothes to receive prize payout.

ANYONE SELLING MEAT PIES OR OTHER FOOD ITEMS WILL BE ASKED TO LEAVE

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 No chairs may be setup around the arena until Friday, May 25th at approximately 10:00 a.m.
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FOR ARTS & CRAFTS INFORMATION call Elaine Clinton – 918/914-9347
 For More Information call Lu Ann Hamline – 918/766-3894

Free Parking Free Admission

Did you know?

Did you know that one of our fellow tribal members has a display at the Smithsonian? That is right. Coach Gayle Hatch, the Men's Head Weightlifting Coach at the 2004 Summer Olympic Games in Athens, Greece, has shared his opening ceremony uniform with the Smithsonian. Next time you are there stop by and take a photo of yourself and send it to us at tribe@delawaretribe.org and we will be happy to post it on Facebook. ■

Contact Information Change Form

Name: _____

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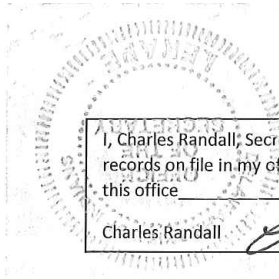
Telephone: _____ Email: _____

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**



I, Charles Randall, Secretary of the Delaware Tribe of Indians affix the tribal seal and my signature herein and certify that according to the records on file in my office, the attached copy Initiative 2018-01 to the Delaware Tribal Council is a true and correct copy as it was received by this office

Charles Randall

Date 3-13-2018

INITIATIVE 2018-01

Initiative Petition Demanding Referendum Vote by Delaware Registered Voters Concerning Trust Board Participation in Judgement Funds received from Federal Government December 21, 2017.

WHEREAS, the Delaware Tribal Council is authorized by Article V of the Constitution and Bylaws of the Delaware Tribe of Indians to represent and act in all matters that concern the general welfare of the Tribe; and,

WHEREAS, the Delaware Trust Board was formed in 1991 and directed to make a plan whereby judgment funds held in trust by the United States of America could be distributed by a plan which was developed and approved and,

WHEREAS, in 2002 The Delaware Tribal Council and Delaware Trust Board conjointly filed suit against the Federal Government to recover judgement funds still owing which had been mismanaged and unpaid by the Federal Government for many years and,

WHEREAS, the Delaware Tribe and Trust Board conjointly signed resolutions in January and October settling this suit filed in 2002 and

WHEREAS, the 2,435,000.00 dollar settlement was paid on December 21, 2017 and,

WHEREAS, the Delaware Tribal Council passed a motion 4 votes yes, 3 votes no on February 21, 2018 denying the Delaware Trust Board to administer 1/2 of these trust and judgment funds received,

WHEREAS, The Trust Document approved November 2, 2013 states "That any future judgement funds that may be received by the Delaware Tribe and placed with the Delaware Trust Board for governing by consent of the Delaware Tribal Council and or the Delaware people by referendum vote shall be administered by the Delaware Trust Board and",

NOW THEREFORE, by completing at least 100 registered voters signatures on this initiative petition a referendum vote of the Delaware registered voters will hereby be taken to direct the Tribal Council to turn over \$1,061,712.00 of the \$2,123,424.00 remaining after attorney fees settlement to the management of the Delaware Trust Board.

Date/Time Received 3-13-2018 8:15PM DATE/TIME OF EXPIRATION _____

Petitioner's Signature	Print Name	Residence Address	Phone	Voter ID
1. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
4. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Number of Signatures Required as verified by the Election Committee Chairperson _____

Signature of Petitioner Mary Jo Peterson

Signature of Petition Carrier _____

Signature of Secretary _____

Cut out this form and mail it to the following address:

OR

Download from the tribal website and send the completed form to:

Joe Brooks
1026 S Johnstone Ave Apt. 2
Bartlesville OK 74003



EVENT YOU SAY?

- Corporate Party
- Wedding
- Prom
- Graduation
- Reunion
- Concert
- Meeting

LET US MAKE IT TOP NOTCH!

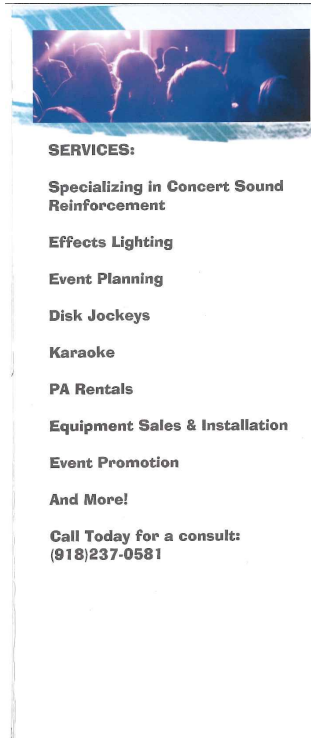
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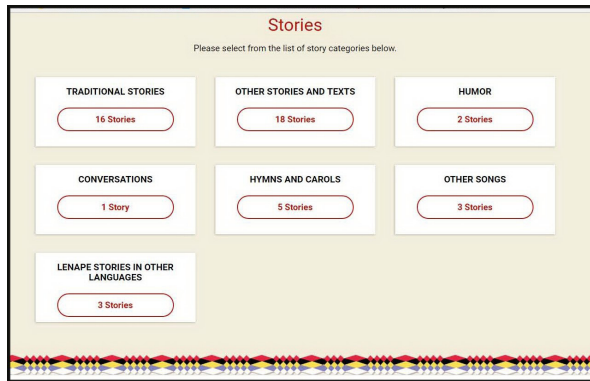
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Lenape Language Project Report

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, and here is a view of the new **Stories** page:



On the top of the home page click on the word Stories and you will be taken to a list of them. As in the image below you will see different categories of stories and songs. Click on the long red oval button to open the list of stories in the group of your choice.

The Lenape Talking Dictionary contains about 17,000 Lenape or Delaware words most of which contain sound files. It also has photographs, sample sentences, grammar, basic lessons, songs, and stories. The new version uses the same address as before: www.talk-lenape.org. We have also been adding Lenape lists with photos and links to the dictionary entries. While these are not true apps we might call them semi-apps. Here are some links:

<http://delawaretribe.org/wp-content/uploads/LENAPE-NAMES-AT-SEASHORE.pdf>

<http://delawaretribe.org/wp-content/uploads/LENAPE-NAMES-OF-MODERN-CLOTHING.pdf>

The one on clothing we had to limit to modern clothing because of the many changes in styles over the centuries. A future list will be about traditional clothing. Meanwhile if you are interested in the traditional clothes go here:

<http://delawaretribe.org/wp-content/uploads/aDelWomenClo.pdf>

<http://delawaretribe.org/wp-content/uploads/aDelManClothing.pdf>

Following is a sample of the new **Detailed Entry Information** page in the Lenape Talking Dictionary. If you click on the Lenape word you will be taken to another page with more detail and maybe a photo (as seen on the upper right):



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. ■

Delaware Tribe Summer Day-Camp For Tribal Youth Ages 13-18

Planned For June 25–29, 2018 From 8:30 A.M.–5:00 P.M. Daily

We have seats for up to ten youth to participate in the Delaware Tribe's first ever summer day-camp. Applicants must be registered members of the Delaware Tribe, between the ages of 13–18, and must participate all five days to receive camp materials and giveaways. Campers must arrange on their own to arrive by 8:30 A.M. at the Tribal Cultural Center in Bartlesville and will be dismissed to go home by 5:00 P.M. Dress will be summer casual. Mornings will focus on outdoor skills and activities at the tribal campus or other local outdoor

locations. Afternoon activities will be indoors at tribal headquarters. A healthy sack lunch and snacks will be served each day. Local transportation provided by tribal vehicle. Our emphasis will be on tradition, culture, learning, and FUN!

Outdoor activities may include: Make a camp fire, build a brush arbor, make an Indian football and play a game, learn social and stomp dancing, cook Indian recipes, archery, and swimming.

Indoor activities may include: Tribal history-culture-language lessons, archive and artifact

maintenance, environmental practices, life skills and personal responsibility.

There is **no cost** to the youth camper. The camp is sponsored by the Delaware Tribe Cultural Resources Department. Applicants must have parent or guardian approval and prove age and tribal membership.

For more information or for pre-enrollment contact:

Curtis Zunigha,
Director of Cultural Resources
Department
(918) 337-6541
czunigha@delawaretribe.org ■

Artists Wanted!

Delaware tribal members...are you an artist? Can you draw pencil & ink sketches of this quality? The Tribal Center has a portrait series of Delaware Tribe chairmen/chiefs during most of the 20th century (from George Bullette to Lewis B. Ketchum). The examples here are of Joe Bartles (1922-1951) and Bruce Townsend (1970-1978). We are seeking Delaware tribal members to submit a sample sketch of any "head shot" of a person to demonstrate the quality of their art work. If selected that artist may be commissioned to produce a six-part series of portraits from Chief Curtis Zunigha (1994-98) through current Chief Chet Brooks.

Please submit your pencil or ink sketch drawing to:

Delaware Tribe of Indians
Cultural Resources Department
5100 Tuxedo Blvd
Bartlesville, OK 74006

Or email to: czunigha@delawaretribe.org

To see these sketches in person you can come to the Wellness Center 170 N. Barbara in Bartlesville. ■



Kirk Honored For Artistic Contribution To Center

Reprinted from Bartlesville Examiner Enterprise 2/13/18

The South Coffeyville Native American Fellowship center (NAFI) for Cherokee Nation activities recently honored Mary Kirk of Coffeyville, Kan., for providing the symbol of the Cherokee Nation she painted on the floor at the entrance of the center.

Kirk, who is Cherokee and Delaware and a 25-year member of the Bartlesville Indian Women's Club, painted a Cherokee Medicine Wheel, with a camp fire and feathers, which is her own artistic design and colors. The painting is five feet in diameter and entitled, "Ancient Flame."

Bill Davis, president of NAFI, asked Kirk to provide this artistic work where hundreds of Cherokee and non-Cherokee citizens pass through this entrance every month for regularly scheduled business meetings, cultural activities and more.

Davis said, "Mary is a member of NAFI and volunteered her time and talent at no charge to the center. It's all about giving back."

He then added, "I am so pleased with her work. This center is for all the tribes around here and we have the Cherokee, Delaware and Shawnee tribal flags flying outside the center."

The NAFI center is a building built in 2004 through grants, financial help from the Cherokee Nation and from volunteers who helped with the construction.

Kirk is an artist who has studied and worked with acrylics, oil, textiles, jewelry-making, paper art and clothing design. She especially enjoys her five children, 21 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren. She has been a teacher of her heritage among the family and Indian organizations. The name of Kirk's art business is Pachis Pakay O.

Kirk painted an expansive mural surrounding the Bartlesville Indian Women's Club exhibit at the Dewey Hotel Museum Second Floor East Room. She has chaired the Bartlesville Indian Summer Youth Art Show for eight years. The show has grown from 40 entries to over 160.

As an active member of the Bartlesville Indian Women's Club, Kirk participates in all the fundraising, community work and style shows.

For information about times and dates of activities at the NAFI in South Coffeyville, call 1-918-255-4035.

— Annette Ketchum, BIWC publicity chairman ■



Lenape Stories

Patamaok Xinkwikaonink

From the Lenape Talking Dictionary

They Prayed in the Big House Church . . . Told by Nora Thompson Dean to Bruce Pearson and Jim Rementer in 1968. The story says the Delawares had stopped their annual meeting but some events that happened, probably in Indiana, caused them to revive it.

English:

Everyone was in a strange state of mind, and they sat up all night.

Lenape:

Wèmi awèn chipelintàm, opàni lèmatahpuwàk.

English:

The next morning it was cloudy, it began to thunder repeatedly and rain.

Lenape:

Opànke kùmhòkòt, alèmi pè-pèthakhòn òk sukèlan.

English:

Finally the ground trembled, they were all afraid. They began to

scream

Lenape:

Xantki kchùkhòkehèle, wishas'hatuwàk. Alèmi sèsalamuwàk

English:

and they fell down repeatedly and everything blew away, trees blew down.

Lenape:

kèkaihèleyok òk wèmi kèku alèmxèn, hitkuk amihèleyok.

English:

Finally it stopped raining and the world was still.

Lenape:

Pàxkèlan xantki òk kèlamixèn xkwithakamika.

English:

Those wise men said, "We have done wrong.

Lenape:

Nèk lèpweinuàk luweyok, "Nchanilìsìhèna.

English:

He is unhappy our father the Creator.

Lenape:

Mahtelintàm èt wa kuxèna Kishelèmükònk.

English:

We will pray each and every one of us."

Lenape:

Patamahènàch wèmi èntxiènk."

English:

One old man left, he went into the woods.

Lenape:

Kwèti hilusèsa tölèmskan, shinkèkink e.

English:

He was gone a long time. When he returned

Lenape:

Kwènake. Enta làpi pate,

English:

he looked pleased because he must have had a vision.

Lenape:

wèlèlìntàmuwinakwsu èli èt ma linkwehèle.

English:

The old man said, "I met a strange looking person

Lenape:

Luwe naka hilusèsa, "Nakiskao kànkaminakwsit awèn,

English:

he wore a bear skin. In his hand he held

Lenape:

ahku màxkwi xès. Kèlènèm

English:

a turtle rattle and he held his hand up

Lenape:

tahkoxi shuhènikàn òk àspintxke

English:

and said, 'Hoo! Hoo!'

Lenape:

luwe, 'Ho-o! Ho-o!'

English:

and that strange looking person began to sing.

Lenape:

òk alèmi asuu na chipinakwsit awèn.

English:

He must have been a Manetu (a spirit creature)."

Lenape:

Manètu èt mah nàn."

English:

When this had all happened, they began to make

Lenape:

Enta yu wèmi kishi lèk, alèmi manituwàk

English:

a long building and they made faces on the inside,

Lenape:

kwènèk wikèwam òk wèshkinko manituwak lamunkwe,

English:

Then every Autumn they prayed

Lenape:

Na èshi tahkokèn patamaok

English:

like they had done long ago when they lived in the east

Lenape:

alàshi lómwe èlaihòsihtit ènta wikhatihtit wèhèchiopànk

English:

inside of the Big House Church for twelve nights.

Lenape:

lamunkwe Xinkwikaonink tèlèn òk nisha piskèk. .

English:

Our departed ancestors said,

Lenape:

Luweyok kikayuyèmènaninkahke,

English:

"That is why there is the Big House Church, what happened at that time."

Lenape:

"Nal nè wènichixèn nè Xinkwikaon, èlèk niki lèkhikwi."

More Lenape Stories, along with accompanying audio files, can be found online at

talk-lenape.org/stories ■

Obituaries

Charles John (C.J.) Anderson



**November 22, 1936–
January 15, 2018**

Charles John (C.J.) Anderson, 81, of Welch, OK, passed from this life Monday, January 15, 2018 at Integris Miami hospital.

C.J. was born November 22, 1936 in rural Welch to Jesse and Mary (Baunhofer) Anderson. He was a graduate of Welch High School, Class of 1955. On August 20, 1958, he married Peggy Rhoades in Miami.

C.J. worked 29 years for B.F. Goodrich, beginning as a tire builder and retiring in warehousing. He then went to work for Welch Public Schools where he worked in maintenance and as a bus driver, retiring with over 20 years of service. He was a veteran of the United States National Guard, 45th Infantry Division, serving for 6 years. He was longtime member of the St. Ann Catholic Church in Welch.

He had many passions in life which included, collecting toy tractors, knives, and guns. He was very proud of these collections. He loved building projects and just tinkering. He enjoyed spending time with Peggy, and playing in the casinos. He was always busy attending his grandchildren's activities, which he loved to do as well.

C.J. is preceded in death by his parents, Jesse and Mary, and one infant son, Kelly.

He is survived by his wife, Peggy, of the home; four sons; Charles John (Chuck) Jr. and wife Samatha, Stephen and wife Tracy, all of Edmond, OK, Scott and wife Lea Ann, of Inola, OK, and Ronnie and wife Dana, of Prague, OK. He was Grandpa and Papa to twelve grandchildren: Caitlin, of Lakewood, WA, Charles John (Chase) III, Caden, Cierra, and Colby, of Edmond, OK, Zachary and Ashton, of Edmond, OK, Kylea, of Inola, OK and Alex, Ally, Addie, and Austin, of Prague, OK. He is also survived by one sister, Mary Ann Tullis of Welch, OK.

Visitation was from 6-7 P.M. Thursday, January 18, 2018 at the Thomas Funeral Home, Welch, with Rosary beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Mass of Christian Burial, celebrated by Rev. M.E. Cashen, was held at 10:00 a.m. Friday, January 19, 2018 at St. Ann Catholic Church, Welch, OK. Burial followed in Walker Cemetery, West of Welch, OK.

Serving as pallbearers were grandchildren, Alex, Chase, Caden, Colby, Caitlin, and Zachary Anderson. Honorary pallbearers were grandchildren Cierra, Ashton, Kylea, Ally, Addie, and Austin. ■

Patricia Gayle Chatterton

**September 17, 1948–
December 28, 2017**

Patricia Gayle (Polansky) Chatterton, most recently of Fort Worth, Texas, passed away Thursday evening, December 28, in the intensive care unit of Harris Methodist Hospital

Southwest following a long illness.

Gayle was born in Hollywood, CA, to Maj. Louis John Polansky (USAF, Ret.) and Irma Jean (Wilkins) Polansky on September 17, 1948. She met the love of her life, Richard Carl Chatterton, in Oklahoma City, OK and they were married on November 28, 1970 at Tinker Air Force Base, where Richard was a young Air Force officer. Through Richard's military service and career as an engineer, they made their home across the country, with stints in Oklahoma, New York, Maryland, Georgia (twice), California, and Texas (thrice) before settling in Fort Worth to be near Gayle's family. Along the way, she raised three sons. In recent years, her declining health robbed her of the opportunity to be the kind of Grandmother that she longed to be for her three young grandsons.

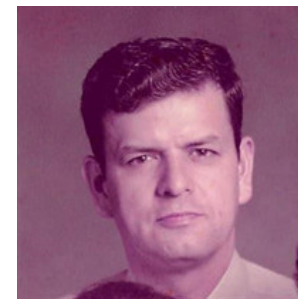
Gayle is remembered as a loving mother, a talented singer, artist, and crafter, a lover of hummingbirds, and connoisseur of hot tea. She was never afraid to be silly or to make new friends. She never met a stranger. Gayle was a proud member of the Delaware Tribe of Indians (through her mother Jean Polansky, and her grandfather Clay Wilkins of Oklahoma) and instilled that same pride in her sons. Gayle relished teaching children about Native American culture and heritage at schools in California, Georgia, and Texas.

She is survived by her husband Richard; sons Marcus (and wife Anna), Ryan, and Garrett; Grandsons Ian, Owen, and Ethan; and her brothers Michael Polansky (and wife Barbara) and Brian Polansky.

The family held a private

service on December 29th in Fort Worth. In lieu of flowers, friends and family are invited to make a contribution to the educational fund of the Delaware Tribe of Indians. <http://delawaretribe.org/home-page/make-a-donation/> Delaware Tribe of Indians, Trust Board, Education Committee 5100 Tuxedo Blvd Bartlesville, OK 74006-2746 ■

Paul David Creed Sr.



**August 10, 1940–
January 23, 2018**

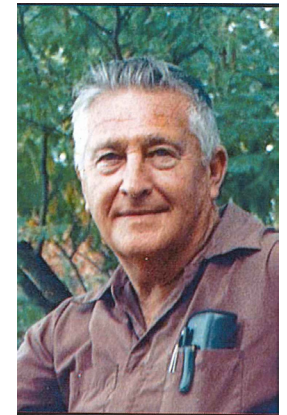
Paul was born on August 10, 1940 in Bartlesville Oklahoma. He was the 4th of 8 children to bless the lives of parents John Bailly Creed and Gertrude Longbone. Paul attended Westlake Elementary, Pitkin High School, and SOWELA Tech, Lake Charles Louisiana, and after his education was completed he began his career as a machinist.

On August 3, 1967, Paul married the love of his life, Mildred Whitaker. The two of them would spend the next 50 years filled with ups and downs, smiles and frowns, and lots of love. In 2002, Paul retired after serving 34 years in his industry, this retirement allowed him to spend time with his grandchildren. Paul was known as a man of few words, however he loved reading the bible, spending time

with his family, and imparting life long memories.

On January 23, 2018, Paul was called to heaven and passed away in Houston Texas, surrounded by his loving family. He is survived by his devoted wife Mildred, Son Paul Creed Jr. (Anna), Son Brian Creed, Grandsons Jakob, Kevin, and Michael Creed, and Brother Timothy Creed. Paul touched the lives of all who had the opportunity to meet him, he will be missed by all. At this time the Creed family would like to thank everyone for their thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. ■

A.K. Douglas



**March 3, 1926–
December 29, 2017**

A.K. Douglas passed away at his home on Saturday, December 29, 2017. He was 91.

Born March 3, 1926 in Winganon, Oklahoma to John A. and Bertha (Ketchum) Douglas, A.K. attended school, first in Winganon and later Talala, where he played basketball. He was drafted into the Army before he graduated high school and he spent 2 years defending his county. Following his honorable discharge, A.K. returned to Talala and finished his senior year, graduating with the class of 1947. He began working for

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his future father-in-law, delivering propane. Following his marriage to Novelena in 1950, the two purchased the business from her parents and they worked together for the next 42 years, retiring in 1992.

A.K. loved to fish, he taught his kids, and grandkids the art of catching their limit. His other hobbies included camping and square dancing. He also enjoyed watching basketball; ORU and TU were among his favorites. A.K. was a master at fixing just about anything. He could take something apart, clean it, and put it back together and it would work like new. Family was most important to his and he took great care of them. He liked watching his grandkids' sports or anything they were involved in. A.K. had a soft heart and often gave of his time and finances to those who were in need. This sometimes got him in trouble with his wife, who paid the bills.

Those family members that survive include his children Deborah Whisenhunt and husband Larry of Chelsea, Duane Douglas and wife Robbin of Claremore and David Douglas and wife Rhonda also of Chelsea; his grandsons Steven Whisenhunt, Landon Douglas, Logan Douglas and Geoff Adams; 11 great-grandchildren; his sisters Ida England and Dorothy Reavis.

A.K. was preceded in death by his parents, wife Novelena; grandsons Andrew Whisenhunt and Easton Whisenhunt; brothers Jerry Douglas and John R. Douglas; sister Quita Moore and brothers-in-law Robert Moore, Buck England, and Everett Reavis. ■

Paul Stephen Dunn



**March 13, 1953–
February 4, 2018**

Paul Stephen Dunn, age 64, passed away on February 4, 2018 surrounded by his loved ones. Paul was a long-time resident of Snelling, CA and a generous contributor to numerous charities in the community. He enjoyed riding his Harley, spending time with his children and grandchildren and was the life of the party. Paul is preceded in death by his parents Clover and Ruth Dunn, and his brother Clover "Sonny" Dunn. He is survived by his daughters Amanda Toste (Frank), Diana Ramirez (Nathan), Laura Toon (Larry); 6 grandchildren; brothers Larry, Gary, Glenn and Clover Jr.; and 9 nieces and nephews. A Celebration of Life was held on March 17, 2018 at 1:00 P.M. at Henderson Park in Snelling, CA. If you would like to share your photos and memories with his family, please email them topauldunnmemorial@gmail.com. ■



Ida Lucille England



**February 10, 1918–
January 26, 2018**

Ida was one of six children born to John Arnet and Bertha (Ketchum) Douglas. She was born on February 10, 1918 in Winganon. She passed away on January 26, 2018 in Wood Manor nursing home, Claremore, just days before her 100th birthday.

Ida was raised in the Winganon community where she attended school. She loved playing basketball. In fact during her time there, her team won more games than any other team in the area. It was also in Winganon that she first met Woodrow "Buck" England. They were attending a local pie supper. A short time later they would marry on March 15, 1938 in Delaware, Oklahoma. Buck and Ida lived most their lives on a farm south of Chelsea that is Buck's mother's Indian allotment. For the past twelve years Ida has lived with her daughter in Chelsea.

There were many activities that Ida enjoyed. While on the farm, she liked sewing and embroidery, tending to her flower and vegetable gardens and mowing the lawn. Her garden produced enough food

to last through the year. In her later years she enjoyed reading, working puzzles, shopping, and garage sales. However spending time with her family and grandchildren were her favorite times. The name of "Granny" and "Meme" always put a smile on her face.

Until her death she was the oldest Delaware Indian out of 11,000 tribal members.

Ida is survived by her grandchildren, Jenan Alderman, Dennis England and wife Pauletta, and Bob England, all of Chelsea, and Linda Phillips and husband Sam, of Owasso; 12 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren, and 8 great-great-grandchildren. Sister Dortha Reavis of Savannah, Missouri, as well as a host of extended family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband Woodrow "Buck" England in 2011, and infant grandson, Dennis Woodrow England; siblings, Juanita Moore, John R. Douglas, A.K. Douglas, and Jerry Douglas. ■

Leslie Anne Gates-Hadley



**April 16, 1969–
May 13, 2017**

Funeral services for Mrs. Leslie Anne Gates-Hadley, age 48 of Louisville were held Tuesday, May 16, 2017 at 2 P.M. at the

Clayton Baptist Church in Clayton. Rev. Bill Brown and Rev. Nathan Ziglar officiated and burial followed in the Clayton Cemetery with Kent Funeral Home of Clayton directing. Leslie died Saturday, May 13 at her home after a courageous battle with cancer.

Born April 16, 1969 in Ponca City, OK. Leslie is the daughter of Beth Reno Douglas and the late Carl Raymond Douglas. Leslie had lived in Barbour County since 1998 coming from Oklahoma. She attended the Clayton Baptist Church. She worked for the Louisville Pecan Company for 12 years. Leslie was an accomplished artist and exhibited numerous pieces in juried art shows in New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Alabama. She had an on-line studio, "Gourd Gate Studio", where she exhibited numerous paintings, some commissioned pieces, and her gourd artwork. Leslie was a member of the Rudd Art Center in Ozark, AL. Leslie was preceded in death by her husband, Jonathan Paul "J.P." Hadley and her father.

Survivors include her mother, Beth Douglas, Louisville; a brother and sister in law, Carl Brent and Bety Douglas, Garnet Valley, PA.; a nephew, William Douglas and niece, Christie Douglas; four aunts, Linda and Charles Winton, Ketchum OK., Regina Trahan, Ketchum, OK., Rebecca and Rex Hillman, Bartlesville, OK., and Rhonda and Homer Hinson, Louisville, AL.; numerous cousins.

Asked to serve as pallbearers were: Mike Abercrombie, George Currie, Harold Currie, Homer Henson, Phillip Henson, and Allen Meadows. ■



Obituaries (cont.)

Tony R. Miller



**June 13, 1961–
February 23, 2018**

Tony Miller, the son of Herman Theodore (Chief) Miller Jr. and Anna Luella (Lue) Miller, was born June 13, 1961 in Nowata. He passed from this earth on February 23, 2018 at Kaiser Rehabilitation Center of Tulsa, having never met a being he couldn't befriend. His jokes and laughter would bring a smile to your face even in the roughest of days.

He leaves behind a wife Kathleen of 19 months and their dogs of the home; brothers Herman Miller III of Nowata, OK, Charles & Cindy of Nowata, OK; sister Sharon A. & Roger Laughlin of Goodman, MO; "Neph-pukes" Herman Miller IV, Chris Miller, Gene Miller, Teddy Miller, Roger Laughlin, Adam Miller and Brandon Laughlin; nieces Shelly Carley, Brandy Dailey, Lori Miller and Jessica Laughlin; 19 great nephews and nieces; 2 Aunts; 2 Uncles; and a multitude of cousins.

Tony was preceded in death by his Great Grandmother Minnie Parker Secondine-Payton whom is on the baseroll, Grandmother Bertie Secondine Miller, Father "Chief" Miller and Mother Luella Miller. Maternal

Grandparents, Rev. Walter H. Parret and Deila Glenna Sisco Parret, nephew Curtly Brian Miller and great niece McKenzy Pearl Carley. ■

Joyce Westenhaver



**November 19, 1932–
December 19, 2017**

Joyce Imogene (Moore) Westenhaver was born November 19, 1932 to Juanita (Douglas) and Robert Shirley Moore. Though born in Winganon, Oklahoma, she and her three younger brothers were raised in Chelsea, OK. After graduating from Chelsea High School, Joyce married her high school sweetheart, Darrell Westenhaver, on May 19, 1951. For the first few years of their marriage the young couple moved around while Darrell served in the Air Force. They then settled in Northglenn, Colorado and raised their two children, Charlotte and Roger. In 1982 Joyce and Darrell returned to their hometown of Chelsea and built a house of their own design on several acres of family-owned land.

Throughout her life, Joyce worked in the insurance business. She began her long career working for Fraley Insurance in Chelsea in the 1950s. After re-

turning home, she resumed working for Fraley's until she retired in her early 80s. Joyce spent the remaining years of her life taking care of the home she and her husband built together.

One memory of Joyce shared by many people is seeing her on her riding lawnmower multiple days a week maintaining her yard. Joyce was an avid reader and could rarely be found without a stack of books close by. She loved to crochet, embroider, and always enjoyed a good card game with family and friends. Joyce loved her large, extended family and will be missed by all who knew her.

Joyce was preceded in death by her parents; husband; three brothers, John, Donald, and Lester; sister-in-law, Wilma; and son-in-law, Mark. She is survived by her two children; three grandchildren, Victoria, Michelle, and Matthew; sisters-in-law, Edna Mae and Raelene; daughter-in-law, Jennifer; and numerous other family members and friends. ■



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 lfall-leaf@delawaretribe.org. Remember that the Community Services Committee has a burial assistance program if you need help. ■

Message from the Boys and Girls Club of Chelsea

Lindsey Harris, CEO

Greetings from the Boys and Girls Club of Chelsea. We are so happy to be giving you an update on the amazing progress we have going here at the club. Our club offers a variety of programming to the youth in Chelsea and surrounding communities. I will explain a little more about those programs below. We also offer a full service gymnasium with six basketball goals. We have sports equipment and offer athletic programs as well.

Our club focuses on youth development. We run programs that enrich their education in the areas of science, technology, reading, math and culture. Our programs ensure that each child is given a fair and equal opportunity to learn in an environment that is bully, drug and stress free. We run programs like SMART Leaders, Project Learn, Triple Play Healthy Habits, and SMART Girls. Our two newest programs Are T.R.A.I.L. (Together Raising Awareness for Indian Life) which is a diabetes prevention program aimed toward our youth and the MSPI (Methamphetamine and Suicide Prevention Initiative) grant. We also have several programs that bring awareness to the importance of physical fitness and healthy eating habits. We enrich cultural programming into each program we run. We have a great staff and as CEO, I could not be prouder of the hard work this staff puts in for very little pay day-after-day. They deserve a large pat on the back if you see

one of them around town!

I have continued my service on the Native Advisory Committee (NAC). Through this fourteen member committee, I was chosen to represent Oklahoma on the Tribal Relations subcommittee and the culture committee. These committees bring awareness and best practices to all Boys and Girls Club's in Indian Country and across America. I am honored to be able to represent our great state and our great Tribe on this journey.

We at the Boys and Girls Club of Chelsea encourage our tribal and community members to come take a look at the newly renovated club and witness for yourself all the positive movements that are being led right here in small town Chelsea. We are still the only club located in Rogers County after all these years! Thank you to the Delaware Tribe of Indians, Delaware Tribe Housing Department, Cherokee Nation, Indian Women's Pocahontas Club, and all our other supporters in and around our community for all they do for our club and our kids. We exist, to make a positive impact, because of you!

We are actively looking for elders to come be storytellers or teach/mentor a program. Please call 918-789-3232 if you would like to participate.

BE GREAT!
Lindsey Harris
CEO ■

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. ■

Veterans Committee Report

Kenny Brown, Chairman

Warriors of the Grandfather Tribe, thank you for your service! Exciting things are happening in our tribe concerning veterans. Spread the word to other vets, and if you aren't involved I urge you to come join us. We need more veterans of the more recent campaigns to take part.

The architect and structural engineer are putting finishing details on our Veterans Memorial specs and drawings. The memorial fund is growing. If you are a vet or a family member of a vet, I hope you honor our warriors by helping fund the memorial.

The second annual Veterans/War Mothers Chili Cook-off is history; with the War Mothers victory, we are tied. Congratulations to our Delaware War Mothers, the vets will tweak our receipts and regain our lead next year, lol!

Other events that happened prior to the April *DIN* printing: March 30 the Color Guard was invited to a dinner hosted by TU President Clancy at the historic Skelly Mansion in Tulsa, the following day was the TU student veterans powwow. The Lenape Gourd Society and Lenape Veterans Color Guard were honored to be part of the head staff.

As powwow season approaches some

dates the Color Guard will be on duty are:

April 7, TCC Red Fork Powwow on West campus; May 25-27 Delaware powwow at Copan; June 23 Peoria Powwow at Miami; August 11 IICOT Powwow (Sat. night) at Mabee Center.

Looking forward to our auction at our Delaware Powwow, it will be held on Sat. morning at 10:30 at the Brooks camp. All proceeds go to the veteran's memorial fund, we expect to have some great auction items. Come support the Veterans Committee.

The Veterans Committee is gathering information on other Oklahoma Veteran organizations to associate with to help care for and support all who have served our country.

The next Veterans Committee meeting is April 24 at 6:00; the Delaware Mothers plan to be there. We plan on 2 or 3 joint meetings each year to plan events and fund raisers.

ORDER OF THE DAY:

If you are not involved with your Veterans Committee, we need you! If you are a young lady who has had a member or your family serve in the Armed Forces, join the Delaware War Mothers, they need you!

See you at Copan! Wanishi! ■

Delaware Indian News

The *Delaware Indian News* is the official publication of the Delaware Tribe of Indians. It is published quarterly by the Delaware Tribe of Indians and is mailed free to members. Subscriptions to non-tribal members are available at \$20 per year. To order a subscription, contact (918) 337-6590 or din@delawaretribe.org.

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 June 10, 2018 for the July 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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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. ■

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. ■



***I WANT YOU TO VOTE IN DELAWARE ELECTION
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2018***

750 voted in 2014 Chief Election, 629 in 2016 Council Election and only 550 voted in 2017 Special Election. If you have voted in any one of the last 3 elections you are registered to vote. Have not voted or moved recently, you need to request absentee ballot to REGISTER AND VOTE.

***Chet Brooks is running
for second term as Chief.
I respectfully ask for
your vote November 3rd,
I will list achievements of
past 4 years in July DIN.
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