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Chief Announces Election Date Saturday, November 3, 2018 and General Council Meeting on Saturday November 10, 2018

Kula Malsi hach LenapeOk, How are my Delaware tribal members and friends.

We are in the busiest season of this year with the Delaware Tribal Election scheduled for November 3. Seats up for election include: Chief, three (3) Tribal Council seats, three (3) Trust Board seats, and three (3) Tribal Justice seats. I plead with all adult voting tribal members to request your absentee ballot and vote for the candidate of your choice in this election. Four years ago over 1,100 absentee ballots went out and only an approximate 750 tribal members voted, in 2016 only 650 tribal members voted, and in 2017 special election only 550 tribal members voted. You tribal mem-

bers will recall that several years ago election rules were organized in such a way that any voter who had voted in any one of the last three elections would automatically receive a ballot and that of course any registered tribal member could walk in and vote. Since only 750 of the original 1100 ballots that went out in 2014 voted that caused a large drop in the number of absentee ballots that will be received this year. Therefore, I plead with anybody that received a ballot and did not vote in any of these elections for the four years to please send in your request for an absentee ballot and support your tribe in voting for your candidate of choice for each of these tribal offices. For those who walk in and vote, the polls will

be open at the Community Center from 9 A.M. until 1 P.M.

The following Saturday, November 10. General Council will be held in Forsythe Hall at the Delaware Community Center, beginning with lunch at 1 P.M. and the swearing-in of newly elected officials will be the first item of business. Please attend, visit with your relatives, and conduct the business of the tribe appropriately.

Chet Brooks
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Official Ballot

DELAWARE TRIBE OF INDIANS
GENERAL ELECTION
Bartlesville, OK
Saturday, November 3, 2018

THIS IS YOUR SECRET BALLOT
DO NOT SIGN OR OTHERWISE MUTILATE
DO NOT ERASE
TO VOTE USE PEN OR PENCIL

COMPLETE ARROW ← —

CHIEF - FOR A TERM OF 4 YEARS
VOTE FOR (1) ONLY

Chester "Chet" L. Brooks ← —

Paula K. Pechonick ← —

John M. Thomas ← —

TRIBAL COUNCIL - FOR A TERM OF FOUR YEARS
VOTE FOR THREE (3)

Brad Kills Crow ← —

Bonnie Jo Griffith ← —

Jeremy Johnson ← —

Nicky Kay Michael ← —

Homer Scott ← —

Roger Stewart ← —

TRUST BOARD - FOR A TERM OF FOUR YEARS
VOTE FOR (2)

Larry Joe Brooks ← —

Homer Scott ← —

ASSOCIATE TRIBAL JUDGE - FOR A TERM OF 4 YEARS
VOTE FOR (2) ONLY

Cameron Ann Fraser ← —

Linda Kills Crow ← —

CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGE PER RESOLUTION 2018-15

ANY DULY ELECTED TRIBAL COUNCIL MEMBER SHALL NOT
HOLD ANY OTHER ELECTED POSITION WITHIN THE
DELAWARE TRIBE OF INDIANS

YES ← —

NO ← —

List of Candidates for Election

Chief

Chet Brooks
Paula Pechonick
John Thomas

Trust Board

Joe Brooks
Homer Scott, Jr.

Tribal Council

Bonnie Jo Griffith
Jeremy Johnson
Brad Kills Crow
Nicky Kay Michael, PhD
Homer Scott, Jr.
Roger Stewart

Tribal Judge

Cameron Fraser
Linda Kills Crow



SPECIAL NOTICE TO TRIBAL MEMBERS

Tribal election Date: Saturday November 3, 2018

General Council: Saturday November 10, 2018

2018 Delaware Tribe Election Board

Elaine Clinton — Chair
Tonya Anna
Leslie Donnell
Bonita McGrew

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From the Office of the Assistant Chief Bonnie Jo Griffith

Bonnie Jo Griffith, Assistant Chief

My how time flies. It's been almost four years since I stepped into service of our Delaware Tribe of Indians. This has been an awesome, fast-moving term. I am so proud of the accomplishments of this administration and so proud to be a part of it. It seems some Councilors want to spend their time out working on a national level but most of us here are on the ground working every day for our Delaware Tribe of Indians, not just in Bartlesville but nationwide. We work on everyday problems that affect our tribal members.

I recently wrote legislation that will appear on the ballot as a referendum vote in November. This vote is to prohibit dually-elected tribal positions. Most everyone I have spoken with has said basically the same thing, "What, the same person can hold two elected positions in our tribe?" Yes, they actually can. This vote is to change our constitution to disallow any tribal member, who meets the other required eligibility requirements, from holding any other elected position in our tribe. Recently one Trust Board

member stated that the Tribal Council and the Trust Board were checks and balances for us. Think about that. If we end up with four of the same members sitting on both boards there are NO checks and balances. I have spent time researching other tribes, cities, counties, states, and federal government policies and I have found none that will allow any of their elected officials to also hold a seat on another board in their government. Some actually don't allow an elected official in their government office to hold any other elected office, even if it's not in their entity. This election has the possibility of the same four individuals running for Chief/Council, if elected, to serve on both boards. I have trouble understanding the reasoning behind having these dual roles.

Our constitution strictly prohibits anyone elected to our Judiciary from holding another elected position in our Tribe. It does not address the Council. The constitution was written in 1982—there was not a Trust Board in 1982. By prohibiting

the judges from also being on the Council, it also worked in reverse. Those were the only two elected positions at that time, Council and Judge.

I am asking you to help me keep the Council separate from the Trust Board. I firmly believe we need the Trust Board but my fear is if four or more individuals sit on both boards the Trust Board could be completely removed. There was an attempt to do this a few years ago. At that time, I sat on the Trust Board. We worked hard to pass the new trust document and save the Trust Board. With a yes vote on this referendum, we can again assure that our Trust Board is safe. Vote YES on the referendum on November 3.

As always, I wish nothing but the best for our Tribe! Please subscribe to and follow my blog at: www.mydelawareviews.com

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

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

Benita Shea, Tribal Council Member

I wanted to share that I will not be running for re-election. The work we have done the last four years is notable and I hold our journey near and dear to my heart. My work schedule requires a lot of my time and I felt I could not give as much of myself to tribal affairs as I would have liked to. However, I do plan on staying connected to the tribe and continuing being a committee member for cultural preservation. I urge all tribal members to get to know the candidates for this election and to take an active role in voting.

I will be posting on my Facebook page, titled "Delaware Tribe of Indians Views by Benita Shea Council Member," at the following link <https://www.facebook.com/delawaretribecouncil2016/>.

It seems that in most elections, it's not who you are voting for but who you are voting against. No "one" person is going to agree or approach situations 100% like every person in our tribe. It is just not possible. The goal is to have a cohesive council who will respect one another and agree to disagree. We have had a council the last two years that has worked well together and I feel blessed to be a part of it. I can assure you that those on the council are proud of our heritage and want only the best for our people. It is not an easy place to be, and unfortunately not everyone sees

the work behind the scenes to make the tough decisions that are needed.

We have Trust Board members running for Council seats, and I totally disagree that an elected official should be allowed on both. This creates a conflict of interest and puts too much control in a selected few. We could end up without a trust board if this is allowed. The future ramification could be a disaster. I feel the interest in Trust Board members running for Council occurred when the tribe received the settlement funds from the government and the council ruled to not let the Trust Board manage the funds. Instead of the two entities working together they have worked against each other and unfortunately created a division. The council has placed the money in interest bearing accounts and working on a long-term solution to protect the funds for continued growth. In the end I think both want the same result: securing our future as a tribe.

Best Wishes to the candidates on the November 2018 election!

Benita Shea
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From the Desk of Tribal Council Member Charles Randall

Charles Randall, Tribal Council Member

November is a very important election for the Delaware Tribe. I would encourage each eligible Tribal member to do their homework and get to know the candidates for this election and cast your vote. There will be an option on the ballot this time to consider an amendment to the Constitution to restrict elected officials from being on both the Council and the Trust Board. To me, serving on both simultaneously is a conflict of interest and definitely not in the best interest of the Tribe. I believe we need the two to be independent of each other and I encourage you to vote for the amendment.

Last April, after we received our settlement from the government, I put together the following document as a starting point to work with the Trust Board to protect and grow our funds. I was not successful in getting cooperation from the Trust Board to work on this.

Delaware Tribe of Indians Trust Fund (DTITF)

Have our attorney write a Trust that will protect the Trust Balance regardless of how large it gets. Any funds added to the Trust would become part of the protected Trust Balance and only be accessible as described under an Emergency Clause.

Any investment changes would require a 2/3 vote of the Council and a 2/3 vote of the Trust Board.

The first of each year, any increase in the Trust Fund in excess of the Trust Balance up to a Maximum Amount (amount to be determined) would be distributed with the same distribution as the current Trust Board document. Any funds in excess to the set amount plus the Reinvestment amount would be added to the Trust and become part of the protected Trust Balance. Any change in the distribution breakout could be recommended by the Council, Trust Board or by petition. Any options submitted would be on the next election ballot including the option for the distribution to remain the same. Any change in the Maximum Amount to be distributed would require a 2/3 vote of the Council, a 2/3 vote of the Trust Board and a 2/3 vote of the voting membership in the next election.

Emergency Clause

In the event of an emergency, a specified amount (to be determined) could be withdrawn from the protected Trust Balance (no more than once a year) by a 2/3 vote of the Council and a 2/3 vote of the Trust Board. An emergency requiring any additional withdrawal would require not only a 2/3 vote of the Council and a 2/3 vote of the Trust Board, but also a 2/3 vote of the voting membership.

Additional Conditions/Comments

As we develop business enterprises, I would like to see a percentage of the profits from these enterprises added to the protected Trust Balance.

At some time when everyone is comfortable with the DTITF, I would like to see the Trust Board Trust Fund rolled into the DTITF. This would require a vote of the people.

The Trust Board and the Council need to start working together rather than acting like two separate bodies.

In my opinion, the Trust Board Trust Document does not adequately protect our money for future generations or provide for future growth. Just making a change, as has been suggested, to the amount the principle can be reduced to does not provide adequate protection. By combining the responsibilities and authority of the Council and the Trust Board would provide protection that future administrations do not abuse the funds.

The above are my personal thoughts and not necessarily the opinion of others. I encourage you to consider the above and I would solicit your ideas as well. Feel free to contact me if you would like to discuss this or any other topic.

Wanishi,
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HONEST LEADERSHIP: THE LENAPE WAY

PAULA PECHONICK: 30+ Years of Leadership Experience

As Chief, I moved forward with grants and programs that brought more jobs, services and hope to our people.

Now is the time to create a modern tribe supported by our traditional ways.

We can do it!



ELECT PAULA PECHONICK CHIEF – Again!

Skye Elizabeth Scimeca Named 2018-19 Delaware Powwow Princess

Skye Elizabeth Scimeca is the daughter of the late Sarah Johnson Scimeca and Bill and Becky Scimeca.

She has one sister, Anna Rose, and one brother, Beau Michael. Her grandparents are Jack and Laura Watters Maynor of Copan and Tom and Toni Scimeca of Caney, KS. Her great-grandparents are the late Gilbert and Mary Skye Watters, great-great-grandparents are the late Elizabeth Longbone Skye West and Lester Skye. Skye's great-great-great-grandparents were the late Willie Longbone and Anna Wilson Longbone.

Skye is 15 years old and attends Caney Valley High School in Caney, KS, where she is currently a sophomore and very active on the High School Golf team, High School choir, and the Caney 4H club, where she has been showing swine for the last five years.

Skye has danced since she started walking; she dances Buckskin and cloth. She participates with the Operation Eagle Dance team and has served as the head little girl for OIS, OE, and Rally in the Valley. She has also served as the Delaware War Mothers Princess. In her free time she enjoys spending time with her family and reading. Skye is excited about this year of representing the Delaware Powwow. ■



From the Desk of the Enrollment Director

Chris Miller, Enrollment Director

My fellow Tribal Members: When I was hired to be the Receptionist here at the Tribe, one of Chief Pechonick's extra demands on my time was to use the internet to search for and find anyone who had passed away over the years. The members known as "Lost Delaware" at that time made up 40.15% of our total membership. Currently that number is at 15.9%, but we still need addresses (or to be notified someone has passed away) for over 1,700 people.

As I hope to be training a new Clerk within the next couple of weeks, I would like to ask for your help. If you would please take a moment and write

down the names of your family members who have passed away over the years and send them to me along with their date of death. Email me at cmiller@delawaretribe.org or call me at (918) 337-6583. I would greatly appreciate it.

You can mail those to Delaware Tribe of Indians, Enrollment Department; 5100 Tuxedo Blvd; Bartlesville, OK 74006 if you desire.

Wanishí,
Chris Miller
Enrollment Director
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Enrollment Department FAQs

The Enrollment Department Staff answer a wide range of questions asked by our members, from "How's the weather in Oklahoma?" to "How do I research my heritage if I'm not sure what tribe they were?" For so many of our members Chris Miller and the new enrollment clerk are the familiar voices of the Tribe on the other end of the line. Although we are occasionally surprised by a particularly unusual question, some seem to come up so often they have developed this Enrollment FAQ list to spread knowledge about this specialty.

Who is eligible to enroll?

Any individual who can trace and document their ancestry in a direct line back to one of the 1105 Delaware whose names and blood quantum are recorded on the Delaware Verified Base Roll (2001). The Verified Base Roll, officially approved by Tribal Council and submitted to the Bureau of Indian Affairs was developed based upon a 1904 Delaware Per Capita Roll taken in Dewey, Indian Territory, pursuant to the April 21, 1904 Act of Congress (33 Stat 222) also referred to as the 1906 Secretarial Roll denoting its approval by the Secretary of Interior on April 20th, 1906.

No other rolls may be used to claim eligibility for enrollment as mandated by the Delaware Constitution as well as the Enrollment Act. There are **No exceptions** to this rule and it is not at the discretion of the Enrollment Staff!

Do my children and grandchildren still qualify?

YES! There is **no age limit** for enrollment and there is **no minimum blood degree** required! Eligible applicants may apply at any age however until the age of 18 a parent or guardian must sign their application for them.

The Enrollment Department Staff recognizes the stage of life factors that contribute to the tendencies of grandparents to be the ones to handle enrollment and family record keeping. This is a welcome and respected trend but we still must have the legal parent or guardian's consent and signature if the child is under 18.

There is no required minimum blood degree!

Blood Degree or Blood Quantum is a figure which denotes what percent of Native blood we carry. This figure is reduced by half each generation and can quickly become what may seem to some as too low. **ITS NOT!** Our members boast blood quantum ranging from 4/4 to 1/2048 or (100% to 0.0005%)

Acceptable documentation is usually defined as an official certified copy of a birth or death certificate which lists the name of the applicant's parent(s) thereby establishing a direct line back to the Base Roll ancestor (**PHOTOCOPIES ARE NOT ACCEPTED**). ■

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 ■



From the Cultural Resources Department

Curtis Zunigha, Director

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 & video). All items in the library are available to tribal members for reading & viewing IN-HOUSE ONLY in the department office by appoint-

ment with department staff. We currently do not offer check-out of library items.

Archives & 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.

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 & stomp dancing, and language lessons. 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 & storytelling.

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

site home page clicking on the Culture & Language button.

Language—Since 2005 the program has been 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. We just received a grant from the MICA Group/ Cultural Resources Fund for a special project we've titled "Speaking Across Generations". If you are experienced as a beginner or partial speaker please contact us and let us know if you're interested in a project to

video-record lessons in conversational Lenape.

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 became a Pendleton Woolen Mill distributor beginning May 20, 2018. Our current inventory has blankets and accessories. 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.

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Notice To Tribal Members

The Cultural Resources Department-Language Revitalization Program has received a grant from the MICA Group-Cultural Resources Fund for a language preservation project. We have entitled the project "*Speaking Across Generations*." We will teach beginner-level conversational Lenape to selected participants. We will then video-record the conversations to be posted on the Lenape Talking Dictionary (www.talk-lenape.org) on the Lessons tab.

We are seeking applicants for this project. You must be a tribal member, demonstrate an ability to learn and speak Lenape, and attend classes and recording sessions at the Delaware Indian Center in Bartlesville. The project will begin November 1, 2018 and is projected for completion by June 1, 2019.

We are seeking up to eight participants between the ages of 12-70. Those selected for the project and successfully complete their service will receive a cash honorarium or an Apple iPad.

For more information contact Curtis Zunigha, Cultural Resources Director at (918) 337-6541 or email czunigha@delawaretribe.org ■

Seeking Tribal Artists For Commission

The Cultural Resources Department is seeking Delaware Tribal members who are artists or individuals certified by the Tribe as artists. We wish to accept applications for commissioned artwork for the newly remodeled tribal headquarters building and cultural center building.

Applicant should send all contact information and show examples of their current artwork in any style of media. The commissioned works will present Delaware/Lenape culture, history, and community for permanent display at tribal facilities. Apply between September 1 and November 1, 2018.

For more information contact:

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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. ■

Now Accepting Applications For Youth Leadership Oklahoma

OKLAHOMA CITY, OK - Leadership Oklahoma, a statewide leadership program, is now accepting applications for its 2019 Youth Leadership Oklahoma (YLOK) class. The application deadline is Wednesday, December 5, 2018 by 5 p.m. Applicants must be high school juniors or home-schooled equivalent with at least a 3.25 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

Youth Leadership Oklahoma accepts 50 class members each year. The program includes a weeklong journey across the state with purpose to introduce high school students between their junior and senior years to state leaders, issues, resources and cultural treasures of Oklahoma. The program dates for YLOK Class 19 will be June 2 - June 7, 2019.

Criteria for selection includes demonstrated leadership ability in activities such as student council, athletics and service clubs in their schools and communities as well as an exhibited commitment to community service and extra-curricular activities. Participants are also considered on the basis of geographic, racial and cultural diversity.

Applications may be downloaded at www.leadershipoklahoma.com or requested by calling the LOK office at 405-848-0001. Completed applications must be received in the Leadership Oklahoma office, located at 5500 N. Western, Suite 142, Oklahoma City, OK 73118, no later than 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, December 5, 2018.

About Youth Leadership Oklahoma

In 2001 Leadership Oklahoma conducted extensive research to create a model youth program unlike any other in the country. It was important that the program be designed to be educational and inspiring and to instill in our young leaders a hope, pride and responsibility for Oklahoma's future. The result was YLOK and a weeklong journey each summer across the state that introduces high school students between their junior and senior years to the leaders, issues, resources and cultural treasures of Oklahoma. To date, more than 800 students from over 260 schools have participated in the program. Many of our graduates have shared that YLOK was a life-changing experience.

About Leadership Oklahoma

Leadership Oklahoma (LOK) is a statewide leadership program established in 1986. The mission of LOK is to create, inspire and support a dynamic network of leaders

whose increased awareness and commitment to service will energize Oklahomans to shape Oklahoma's future.

LOK selects, challenges, develops and educates Oklahoma citizens who have demonstrated an interest in local and/or statewide issues. The program is designed to be a series of issue-oriented forums and experiences, which are based on the belief that knowledge is a key element and prime motivator of leadership.

Leadership Oklahoma is open to all interested Oklahoma residents and does not discriminate on the basis of age, sex, race, religion or national origin. Participants are selected based on ability, demonstrated leadership, interest in their community and insight for effective leadership.

The CEO of Leadership Oklahoma is Marion Paden. The organization is located at 5500 N. Western Ave., Suite 142, OKC, OK 73118. For more information about LOK or YLOK contact 405-848-0001 or lok@leadershipoklahoma.com.

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The Department of Family & Children Services Has Moved!

The Department of Family & Children Services is now located at 5100 Tuxedo Blvd. Suite C Bartlesville, OK 74006. Our new phone number is 918-337-6510.



From the Desk of the Environmental Program

Jimmie Johnson, Environmental Program Director

After a two-year absence working in economic development for the tribe, I have returned to my original post as the Environmental Program Director. I look forward to returning to the work I started while serving as Environmental Director from 2011 to 2016. As of the date of this article I have only been back in the position for a little over two weeks but I am jumping in with both feet. I intend to continue our recycling efforts which include a drop off station on the north end of the parking lot at the

Bartlesville Headquarters campus, as well as indoor stations located in the Community Center, Wellness Center, and Social Services Building. Speaking of the Wellness Center, the Environmental Office is now located in the Wellness Center in the north hallway next to the enrollment office. I also plan on picking up the torch left by Allan Barnes and Mike Taylor in developing a Tribal Air Quality program with a focus on indoor air quality that can result in valuable information for our tribal members. I

will also be revisiting an energy efficiency program which could potentially provide tribal members with an energy auditing service to utilize to save money on energy costs. As always feel free to contact me with any questions or comments related to the Environmental Program.

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Candidate Statements--Candidates for Tribal Chief

Chet Brooks



Chet Brooks seeks second term as Chief.

Hello Delaware Tribal voters. I am seeking a second term as your Chief and will start with my family lineage. My mother was Helen Camp Brooks, grandmother Mary Sarcoxie Camp, great-grandfather Little John Sarcoxie, second great-grandfather Tamundawa (killed on buffalo hunt before our people left Kansas), third great-grandfather John Anderson Sarcoxie (born 1784-killed 1876 at Silver Lake Baptist church, Bartlesville Indian Territory). My fourth great-grandfather Kik-tha-we-nund aka William Anderson, fifth great-grandmother Helena Killbuck Anderson (Gelelemend's sister) sixth great-grandfather John Killbuck, seventh great-grandfather Netawatwees (deceased October 31, 1776 at a treaty conference at Fort Pitt). My eighth great-grandfather Nutimus, ninth great-grandfather Tamanend (dubbed America's patron saint by George Washington's army on May Day after the bitter winter at Valley Forge). I am honored to be a descendant of these ancestors and so should all of our tribe be because we are all related to them.

I have 28.83 years appointed and elected service with the Delaware Tribe. Appointed housing commissioner nine years. All other years elected: three years Trust Board member, seven years Trust

Board chairman, two years Tribal Council, four years Assistant Chief, 3.83 years Chief. No other candidate or Chief has more years of service.

I am proud to say our best accomplishment of the last 3.83 years has been the repatriation and re-interment of 81 of our ancestors remains at Schoenbrunn Village, Ohio and two at Ellis Island, New Jersey.

We regained our SBA 8A certification of Tahkox E2 and we had not had an SBA 8A since 2003.

Monetarily, our tribe had an audited net worth of \$13,883,530 September 30, 2014 (not counting trust fund balances), \$13,939,410 September 30, 2015, \$15,969,675 September 30, 2016, and \$16,460,550 September 30, 2017, when you add the \$2,123,424 Federal settlement received in December 2017, our estimated tribal net worth is at least \$18,583,974 currently. My estimate is that as of September 30, 2018 our tribe's net worth is \$19,084,974 (not counting trust fund balances). Lenape People, that is a gain in net worth of \$5,201,444 in four years.

I am also proud that we have given our two eldest tribal members Pendleton blankets to honor them and that we have provided \$5000 scholarships to four students, something no prior council has done.

Please exercise your voting privilege and elect tribal council members, trust board members, tribal justices, and a chief who will get done more than we have achieved in the last four years. I respectfully ask for your vote to continue as your chief.

Wanishi and may the Creator bless the Delaware Tribe of Indians. ■



Paula Pechonick



For more than 30 years, I've served the Delaware Tribe of Indians in nearly every capacity, including having the honor of being the first woman Chief in our history. My experience also includes terms as a Judge, a Council Woman, Trust Board Member, a Cultural Preservation leader, and volunteer work wherever I could contribute. I love our tribe, and I have a passion for helping us move forward as a modern, progressive nation while staying rooted in Lenape traditional values.

During my tenure as Chief, I led the development of a wide range of grants and programs that provided more jobs, services, and hope to our people. I increased the number of Delaware employees to approximately 60% of the workforce.

I worked hard to build a good relationship with Cherokee Nation leadership. By improving negotiations, I provided positive connections that added hundreds of thousands of dollars to our budget. These funds provided added services to our people. I will enhance our financial status and will always be aware of resources that may have been missed in the past.

I also pledge to work with the new Tribal Council and to form strong coalitions for achievement. A tribe is many things: a sovereign nation, a business entity, and a family. As we build our future, I will take the responsibility of leading our employees and citi-

zens in ways that will bring new accomplishments and pride to our tribe and our individual families.

I was born and raised traditionally on my grandmother's allotment, and have always been grateful that my family's background stressed our responsibility to our people. Our lineage includes strong women role models like Grandmothers Jane Sarcoxie, Mary Brown, Josie Bullett Elkhair, Minnie Willits and Violet Woody Martin. Our loving, large web of relatives provided me a with life time of guidance in positive leadership.

My goals as Chief are many, but they all focus on the same initiative: forging a better, stronger future for ourselves and our descendants. It is our responsibility to build a great tribe that will not only meet today's challenges, but teach our younger generations how to build success. I humbly ask for your vote as Tribal Chief; I promise to dedicate myself to your service.

Wanishi!

Paula Pechonick

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John M. Thomas



Hello Delaware Tribal Members. My name is John M. Thomas, (Ho-we-si-na-ko-thi – Looks Proud), descended from the Delaware and Shawnee tribes.

I have always stood proud of my Delaware heritage: My father, Milford Thomas, was Delaware. Milford's parents were Nannie Secondine-Longbone and Job Thomas. Job Thomas's parents were Ke-ke-she-no (One Who Appears Complete) Thomas and Betsy Captain. I have 5 daughters and 1 son, 21 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

I am a longtime Native American activist born to Jerline Chisolm and Milford Thomas in White Oak, Oklahoma in 1944. I served in the US Army 101st and 82nd Airborne in 1962. I also served our Indian people as a prominent member of the American Indian Movement. My interests are and always have been for the betterment of Indian people, especially my own.

I am actively involved in cultural activities and ceremonies. In the past, I was active with the non-government organization within the United Nations, the International Indian Treaty Council. I was a part of the Wounded Knee occupation in 1973. I served as a diplomat at the 1979 Hostage Crisis in Iran. In Kentucky, 1988, our ancestor's remains were desecrated; I was active in the repatriations and following laws enacted in Kentucky, prior to NAGPRA formation.

Remembering the ancestors: the ways they taught us, the ways they lived, and where we come from. I want to remember our ancestors as our tribe moves forward. Thank you. ■



Candidate Statements--Candidates for Tribal Council

Bonnie Jo Griffith

I am asking for your support in the November 3, 2018 election for Tribal Council. This election is crucial to keep the momentum going on all of the accomplishments we have done and have in the process. I am truly honored to have served as Assistant Chief during this administration and feel that we have done more for this tribe than has been done in many, many years. Other than Chief Brooks, I am the only councilmember who is in the office virtually every day working for the Delaware. I presently serve on the Cultural Preservation Committee, the Education Committee, the Elders Committee and the Community Services Committee of the Trust Board as well as the USDA's Central Regional Tribal Conservation Advisory Council. I previously served on the Land Management Committee of the Tribe as well as the Board of Directors of the Bartlesville Big Brothers Big Sisters, the Caney Valley Board of Education and the local American Cancer Society's Relay for Life organization. I am a graduate of Leadership Bartlesville XII and retired after almost 30 years with ABB.

This administration faced major hardships when we were first sworn into office. Among them, the drain being put on our tribe by the Delaware Facilities Management Solution LLC (an entity being run by then Chief Paula Pechonick's son's companion, who in turn hired her son). Due to this, as soon I was sworn in, I wrote legislation addressing nepotism by the elected officials. This legislation passed and I am happy to report that there has been NO nepotism by elected officials during this administration.

A lot of hard work has gone into creating a very good rapport with the Department of Interior working to get our Caney, Kansas

property into trust status. When successful, this will be a major accomplishment for the tribe in being able to qualify for many more grants and services than we do at this time.

Additionally, the dictatorial atmosphere of the Chief being able to demand someone be fired has stopped. We now have put the hiring and firing of employees back in the hands of our HR Department and our Tribal Manager, as it rightly should be. I understand one candidate for Chief has already expressed that "when elected" he will fire employees that he disagrees with on political issues. For anyone as Chief or Councilmember to say that is totally out of line. No elected official should have that power. We have an excellent HR person as well as Tribal Manager.

The Tribe is also now in the process of soon having a valid and respected Delaware Cultural Center. The remodel of our spaces is nearly complete and we are now more able to assist our citizens as well as have much needed space for our departments. Another project I have spoken about with several tribal members is coming up with funds to build an outdoor kitchen (cook shack) so traditional cooking and meals would be available to our tribal members. The Tribal Council at this point is the most cohesive council we have had in quite some time. Working together as one unit, but not always agreeing, we are accomplishing many, many things for our tribe. We have instituted college scholarships as well as have helped the Trust Board fund their small scholarships. We have strengthened our Family and Children Services Department. This council has additionally placed much more emphasis on our tribal courts and has supported their work. This is an arm of our tribal government that deserves much respect. Dur-

ing this administration we have sponsored events for our youth (which wasn't done in previous administrations), through a week-long Youth Cultural Camp, a yearly youth fishing tournament and several other youth activities. I plan to set up a tutoring program for any Delaware youth that needs help during the school year. Also, our Title VI Elders' Nutrition Program has grown exponentially. This program is now able to offer some elder assistance. Another accomplishment that this Council has achieved is getting our judgment funds released to the Tribe after being held by the federal government for many, many years. No other council has been able to achieve that goal and I worked hard as part of the team acquiring those funds. I feel we need council members who attend meetings more than half the time and are on the ground running to work for our tribal citizens. As well as this article, you can find more of my views on my blog, www.mydelawareviews.com. Subscribe to it and be notified when a new blog is published.

AGAIN, I AM ASKING FOR YOUR SUPPORT IN MY BID FOR RE-ELECTION, AS WELL AS YOUR SUPPORT FOR CHIEF CHESTER BROOKS. HELP US KEEP THE MOMENTUM GOING. WE ARE DELAWARE STRONG! ■



Jeremy Johnson



Hé! I hope this message finds you well. I am Jeremy Johnson and I was raised in Copan, Oklahoma. From a very young age, my mother, Laura Maynor (Watters), and my grandmother, Mary Watters (Skye) instilled in me a deep sense of pride in my Lenape heritage. I am the great grandson of Elizabeth Longbone, the great, great grandson of Anna Wilson, and the great, great, great grandson of Lottie Curlyhead. We are of the Tükwsiták (Wolf Clan).

I attended school K-12 at Copan Schools where I graduated as Salutatorian in 1996. After graduation, I attended The University of Oklahoma where I received a B.S. in Language Arts Education in 2001 and a M.Ed. in Education Administration in 2002. I have been a teacher for 15 years in various communities throughout central Oklahoma.

I have been married for 14 years to Anpetu Luta Win (Red Day Woman) Johnson. Red Day is from the Pükwánkuchik (Turtle Clan), and we work to instill Lenape culture and values in our two children, Marian and Jennings Johnson.

Throughout my life, I have participated in various ceremonies and cultural events with not only our Delaware people, but many tribes in Oklahoma and South Dakota. I have been active within Indigenous communities for most of my life. I have participated in ceremonies, stomp dance, various powwows, the Delaware Language Program, Delaware drum group, and many other activities.

In my three years of participating in the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues in New York, I have learned the importance of connecting and working with Indigenous communities throughout the world and establishing alliances in our efforts to advance and advocate for Indigenous issues and rights.

I want to do my part to help our tribal members receive services and programs that they desperately need. I want to see our cultural programs thrive and expand. I want to see our tribe grow and succeed in new and different ways in the coming years while still maintaining, reclaiming and building on our culture and traditions.

If elected to Tribal Council, a few areas I would like to focus on are:

- Developing a focused vision and goals for the tribe
- Social media presence and information dissemination across all platforms and avenues
- Establishing international representation through United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (UNPFII)
- Fully implementing ICWA
- Exploring and pursuing varied economic development opportunities
- Maintaining and expanding cultural programs, elder care services, and educational assistance for Lenape youth through federal and private grant acquisition and implementation

I would like the opportunity to work for a better, more stable future for our tribal members. I would appreciate your support by voting for me by absentee ballot or in person on November 3rd. Wanishi! ■



Brad Kills Crow



As the governing body of the Delaware Tribe, the Tribal Council has the responsibility to provide leadership in maintaining our tribal culture and values, providing services to tribal members, and ensuring a viable future through economic development. As elected representatives, the Tribal Council must be guided by the will of the people. Council members must listen with open minds and make transparent and informed decisions based on the good of the majority of tribal members whether they reside in Oklahoma or across the country.

After a great deal of thought and prayer, I have decided that it is time for me to step up and offer my candidacy for a seat on the Tribal Council. While I am still a young man with much to learn, I feel both my private and work life experiences have prepared me with the skills, knowledge and temperament to serve as a voice for my Lenape people. I want to bring new ideas, renewed energy and instill pride into our Tribe.

I am a member of the Lenape and Lakota Tribes and my parents are Anthony and Linda Weaver Kills Crow. On my Lenape side I am a descendent of Mary Elizabeth Randall Journeycake Weaver. My great-grandparents were Basil Weaver and Jessie Thomas. On my Lakota side I am a descendent of Chief Kills Crow Indian and Big Belly.

I was raised in Pawhuska, Okla-

homa and attended Bacone College on a basketball scholarship. I joined the US Navy in 1996 and served in the Persian Gulf on the aircraft carrier USS Independence CV-62. I worked in law enforcement from 2002 until 2011 which included the Kaw Tribal Police and the Ponca City Police Departments. I am a graduate of the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center—BIA Police Academy.

I have been employed by the Tonkawa Tribe of Oklahoma for the past seven years as Director of their Indian Community Development Block Grant (ICDBG) program.

During that time, the Tonkawa Tribe received ICDBG federal grant funds for economic development projects including the construction of a truck stop, convenience store, RV park, and motel. Other ICDBG projects I oversaw included housing rehabilitation, mold removal and emergency construction of a new sewer/lagoon system. Through these projects we brought ongoing revenue to the Tribe, provided jobs for tribal members and made a positive impact on the health of tribal members and the community.

Ponca City, Oklahoma is where I currently reside with my wife Whitney and our sons Kobe and Devon. Our oldest son Kyler is a junior majoring in electrical engineering at Oklahoma State University.

In my spare time, I coach boys' basketball and participate in pow wows and Native American ceremonies. It has been my honor to serve as the Master of Ceremonies (MC) for the annual Delaware Pow Wow in Copan, Oklahoma for the past twelve years.

I believe all of the Tribal Council candidates support economic development, education, cultural preservation, health care, and especially issues affecting our youth, elders and veterans. However, I believe we should not solely rely

on federal and state funding for programs and services but establish public/private partnerships with the business community and collaborate with other tribal governments on projects that are mutual beneficial.

For those Delawares living outside of northeastern Oklahoma, I want to explore ways we can better serve you. For example looking at ways we can provide assistance in connecting tribal members with federal, state and tribal services that are available to all Native Americans.

I am asking for your support and pledge to do my best to be a fair, independent and honest leader for our people. ■



Nicky Kay Michael, PhD



Weli kishku. It has been my honor to serve the Delaware Tribe for the last four years. I have been humbled and excited to see the progress we have made from 2014-2018. Much of the increase in our revenues and total assets was due to my initiative. This results from the fact that I have worked for and with tribal governments around the United States and world for over twenty-five years and thus I am knowledgeable about how to tap into important programming. I hope to continue to serve the Delaware people

with my education and resources. In this article, I am not just going to tell you my plans; I am instead going to tell you in concrete terms, what I did during my term for you to make an informed decision about me as a candidate. While I do not like to use "I" so much, it is important for you as a voter to understand what this individual Tribal Council member pushed through to support our Lenape'ok, particularly women, children, students, families, vulnerable citizens and the ancestors.

The following highlights a few of the projects for which I led the charge and benefited our people:

Tribal Historic Preservation, Section 106 fees; increased the total consultation by an average of a \$1-2 million each year for a total of \$6 million.

I initiated and fought to increase consultation and associated fees, assisted with the education of the Tribal Council, and then wrote the resolution increasing our fees. While I was against using the funding for anything aside from Historic, Culture, and language preservation, the program nonetheless enhanced the Elders Nutrition Program, fully funded the Courts, as well as numerous other projects. We would certainly not have seen the growth and ability to serve our members had we not come to some agreement.

Chaired the Grant Steering Committee and assisted in writing 2015-16; successful awards include: Violence Against Women Grant, Climate Change, National Science Foundation Lenape Talking Dictionary enhancement, and Indian Community Development Block Grant.

Governmental Duties:

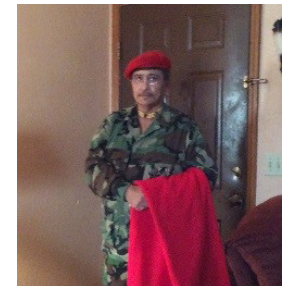
Resolutions and motions include (but not limited to): Indian Child Welfare, Courts, and Emergency Mitigation and Management, Pipeline opposition on or near tribal populations, and

Attended University of Indi-

ana First Nations Leadership and negotiated for tuition waivers for Lenape, Shawnee and Potawatomi students. IU is also hosting a student visit for which I am coordinating with the DTI staff. ■



Roger Stewart



Greetings, My name is Roger Stewart, Member and former Secretary of the Delaware Tribe of Indians Trust Board and I want to represent you at the Tribal Council table this November. I want to speak for those that, in the past, have had no voice. Like you, I was almost sure we had in place effective representation that would govern in a manner that brought honor and integrity back to our people, back to our nation. Instead we found that those we elected council members had their own agendas and were more interested in attaining the perks they felt they were entitled to rather than legislate. They even decided that they would do the job of the Delaware Trust Board and decide how to spend a couple of million dollars. Who acts like this? Where does the arrogance come from? One person, drunk with power, decided that she should dictate policy so she gathered together a voting bloc, a majority of like-minded individuals who used their votes to pass measures they felt were significant but in reality benefited the tribe little if any at all. I've never before seen Robert's Rules of Order, the book, used like a sword to silence their opposition.

These individuals seemed to feel and one even said that they knew what was best for the tribe and if one didn't like it, then one should vote differently next time. Who talks like that? Certainly not someone you would want to reelect. One individual (the same) accessed confidential informa-

tion which she had no business with then proceeded to use it as leverage against me in an attempt to discredit a sitting Trust Board member. This was clearly a violation of the Delaware Tribe's Code of Conduct which all of the elected officials must sign. I wonder if the Asst. Chief knows this Code

applies to her also.

With me there are no secrets, no personal agendas. Just a desire to do the business of the people that benefits the people. Nothing is more important than that. There will never be anything more important than "the people." We must always remember this and

never again must our voices be silenced when or if a Tribal Councilor turns renegade, turns off the mic, then hides the podium and tries to circumvent the "Constitution." We must strive for and maintain clarity in doing "The People's" business and do so in a manner that brings honesty and

integrity back to the "Council" and maybe also the title "Grandfather." I am Roger Stewart and I would like your vote in November to be your next Tribal Councilor. I remain "at your service"...
Wanishi

Roger ■

Candidate Statements--Candidates for Tribal Council and Trust Board

Homer Scott



My name is Homer E. Scott, Jr. the son of Homer Scott,

Sr. and Evelyn Mae Jackson-Scott-Thomas. My Delaware Indian name is Moc-Co-Le-Tut which means Little Hammer. This name was given to me by my Uncle Mut who was a full-blood Delaware. I was raised on a farm from 1971-1974 during the Vietnam Era. I was a Tribal Judge for four years during the 1980s. I am currently on the Delaware Trust Board, I am the current Chairman of the Delaware Cultural Preservation Committee, Elders Committee Vice-Chairman and I am also on

the Veterans' Committee and Education Committee. I have been involved with our Tribe for many years. I am also one of the original Delaware Color Guard and Delaware Gourd Clan.

I am running for Delaware Tribal Council as well as asking for re-election to the Delaware Trust Board. I am running for Tribal Council because I am interested in improving our Tribe's Economic Development programs. I also believe it is very important for us to get more people involved in our Tribal affairs and Delaware Cul-

ture. It is also very important to me that we get the younger generations more involved in our Tribe.

If I were to be elected to the Delaware Tribal Council I would like for our Tribal Members to know what the Council Members are voting for when it comes to Tribal affairs or business. I would like to hear our Tribal Members opinions when it comes to making decisions for our Tribe. I believe it is important to keep our Delaware Tribal Council and our Trust Board separate. It is important to me that we help our Delaware

Elders with Health care such as Home Health Care, errand and other needs.

I am urging all Delaware Tribal Members to get involved and vote in the upcoming election. I am willing and ready to help our Delaware People. I am asking for you to vote for me so that I can work hard for our people. I believe that I can help our Tribe in many ways. I am asking that you vote for Homer Scott for Delaware Tribal Council and Trust Board.

Wanishi,

Homer E. Scott, Jr. ■

Candidate Statements--Candidates for Trust Board

Joe Brooks

To all Delaware Tribal members. I am seeking re-election to the Delaware Trust Board because I can help our Tribe in numerous ways. I have many years of experience and wish to continue my service for the Delaware people.

Five of the six current Trust Board members have expressed their wish for me to continue serving as Treasurer of The Delaware Trust Board. I wish to discuss some issues within our Tribe. First and foremost, I do not agree that serving on the Tribal Council and Trust Board at the same time is a conflict of interest. Four of our current Tribal Council members

have voted in a block to put this question on the 2018 ballot which in my opinion is very wrong. There have been numerous people since 1991 which have served on Trust Board and Tribal Council at the same time. This question was voted on by the Tribal Council and put on the ballot aimed directly at myself by a vote of four yes. I do not feel this was in the best interest of our Tribal members because our constitution does not state that an individual can't serve on both bodies. It is important that we follow our constitution when making choices for our Tribe. There are four of our current Tribal Council members who can't follow our current constitution, so my question is, why should we change our

constitution to suit these four individuals? The only reason this constitutional change was placed on the ballot is because the four Tribal Council members were upset that the other Tribal Council members wanted the \$2,435,000.00 Trust money that was received in December 2017 to be split equally between the Delaware Trust Board and the Delaware Tribal Council. The money was received due to a joint lawsuit that involved the Tribal Council and The Trust Board. Some of the current Council Members say, "this money is not Trust Money." This money is most certainly Trust money that was returned to the United States Treasury due to Delaware Tribal members that are deceased or have

no current address. The money did derive from docket 72 and 298. I also agree that the money earned from interest after it was received back from United States Treasury was not Trust money. Therefore, it was a joint lawsuit which should have been split equally between the Tribal Council and The Trust Board. If you read the Trust document you will see that the interest from the money is to be used by the Trust Board for Education, Community Services, Cultural Preservation, Veterans Committee, Elders Committee, Reinvestment Committee and Tribal Operations.

I will continue to voice my opinion as always from my heart in the best interest of the Delaware

People worldwide. When voting on decision for our Tribe I will vote from my heart to do what is best for the Delaware people.

I urge each Delaware member to vote NO on the Constitutional change and to vote in the upcoming election. I ask you sincerely to re-elect me to The Delaware Trust Board so that I can continue to serve my Delaware People.

Sincerely,

Larry "Joe" Brooks ■

Candidate Statements--Candidates for Tribal Court Judge

Cameron (Cami) Fraser



He' fellow Delaware members, family and friends! I am the daughter of Gail (Prendergast) and Robin Fraser, granddaughter of Virginia (Hough) and Francis Prendergast, and the great-granddaughter of Flora Randall and Miles Hough. I am a proud member of the Delaware Tribe and I want to continue to serve as your Associate Judge. I have the three qualities that are needed to succeed in that role: a desire to serve my tribal community, legal experience working in Indian Country, and a commitment to building

strong tribal governments and communities.

Legal Experience

I have served on the Delaware Tribal Court for the past four years and I have 18 years of legal experience as an attorney working on behalf of tribes and native peoples. My experience includes working as an attorney in an Indian legal aid program, as a tribal prosecutor, and as a tribal attorney. If you select me again to serve as your Associate Judge, my legal experience will be a tremendous benefit for the Tribe. Now more than ever, it is important to have licensed attorneys on the Bench. My legal training and experience will assist me in arriving at just and legally sound solutions to the cases before me.

Since earning my law degree from the University of Michigan in 2000, I have developed tribal codes for an Alaskan Native non-profit, contributed to a tribal law codification project in Washington, and served as a tribal attorney and prosecutor. Since 2007, I have

served as an Indian legal aid attorney, providing free legal services to low income Native Americans and tribes in Michigan.

Commitment to Justice and Strong Tribal Government

In addition to having legal experience, I am committed to developing a just, responsible tribal government, which works for the benefit of all tribal members and our families. An active, independent Tribal Court is an important part of an accountable tribal government. As a tribal court judge, I will treat all people with respect and will devise creative solutions with an eye towards restoring balance. I will give everyone my full attention and make sure that no one leaves the court feeling like they did not have an opportunity to be heard. I will strive for outcomes that address more than just legal questions. I am asking for your vote to enable me to continue to serve our community.

Wanishi! ■

Linda Kills Crow

For the past forty years, my career has focused on improving the lives of children and families through education and family support services. I began as an elementary teacher then moved into higher education as the Director of the Native American Education Program at the University of Colorado, Denver. In 1978 I returned home to Oklahoma and became the first Director of the Head Start program for the Osage Nation, and in 1990, established the Tribe's first Child Care program. In 1995 I was honored to be recognized by the National Indian Head Start Directors Association as the Indian Child Care Advocate of the Year. Shortly thereafter, I moved to Washington, DC for a year and worked on a contract for the Administration for Child, Youth and Families. In 1998, I became the Director of the National Tribal Child Care Technical Assistance Center which provided support to the approximately 260 Tribes

funded by the federal government to operate child care programs. I retired in 2016 and currently reside in Ponca City, Oklahoma.

In the early 1980s when the Delaware Tribe first began discussing the creation of a tribal court, I was asked to assist in researching tribal court systems. I served as a judge for a short time before being asked to assume an open position on the Tribal Council. Now that I am retired, I would like an opportunity to use my skills and knowledge to serve the Delaware people.

Since the cases that come before the Tribal Court deal with Child Support Enforcement (ICE) and Indian Child Welfare (ICW), I feel I have the background to make fair and impartial decisions that are in the best interest of the children and families involved. I would appreciate your support for the position of Tribal Judge for the Delaware Tribe of Oklahoma. ■

From the Delaware Talking Dictionary: The Delaware Man Visits The Thunder Beings

Once a man wanted to go and visit with the thunder beings. He told the men all over the village, "I wish you would all help me, I want to cut some wood. I want to heat this boulder." Everyone came there, and there were many of them who cut wood, and finally they had a lot of wood. Then they began to heat the big rock. When it got very hot, they threw it into the big river. Then when the steam arose the man jumped into it. He went to where the thunder beings live.

Oh, they all "made over" the man. That one told him,

"I am glad because you came here where we live, and soon we will eat." Finally when it got to be evening the thunder beings began to gather some bones. The bones were dry, and white, and old. They used them when they made soup. He said that the soup looked good.

The one old being told the man, "You people might hear us sometimes." Soon after the old being said that he heard them, but when those young thunder beings make a noise it is loud and they are heard when it is going to rain. After the man had visited the thun-

der beings for several days, he told them, "Now I will be going home."

Then when a little cloud floated by near where he was standing he jumped onto it. Then the man went home and he notified everyone and they held a council. He said, "Here is what the thunder beings told us." Everyone was surprised when the man told the story.

—Nora Thompson Dean

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This administration has accomplished more in the past almost four years than any other Council:

- Received our 8A/SBA certification
- Successfully negotiated and received our judgment funds held by the US government
- Helped many, many Delaware citizens receive their Cobell funds
- Have made significant connections in Washington DC
- In the process of creating a Cultural Center
- Given much needed support to the tribe's Judicial Branch
- Created a much stronger Family and Children's Services department
- Eliminated nepotism
- Managed to sever ties with the gaming organization
- Brought the Domicile directly to the tribe bringing much needed dollars
- Have funded at least six \$5,000 scholarships for our youth



These accomplishments, my friends, were not easy tasks. This has all been done through hard work and dedication to the Delaware Tribe of Indians. The time has come to continue this hard work. The Delaware Tribe of Indians is on an upward path. Let's keep it going!!! I need your vote and support on November 3. Together we can continue to make this tribe stronger than ever before. Check out my blog at mydelawareviews.com and email me at bgriffith@delawaretribe.org or give me a call at 918-331-3805.

WE ARE DELAWARE STRONG!!
RE-ELECT BONNIE JO GRIFFITH TO THE
DELAWARE TRIBE OF INDIANS TRIBAL COUNCIL!!

Vote Brad Kills Crow

Delaware Tribal Council

Brad will:

- Listen to the views of all tribal members
- Make informed decisions
- Be transparent in his actions
- Promote the culture and values of the Lenape people
- And follow the Delaware Constitution and Bylaws

From the Delaware Talking Dictionary: Na Awènhake Luwe

The Indian Said . . . Translated by Nora Thompson Dean in 1963.
Just for fun when she heard this Indian joke, Nora translated it into Lenape.

English:

When he saw what is called waterskiing

Lenape:

Enta nemèn nê “waterski” èluwèntasik

English:

the Indian (of a tribe not known to the Lenape) said,

Lenape:

na awènhake luwe,

English:

“What is the reason that boat is running?”

Lenape:

“Kèku hàch wènci nê muxul alèmhèle?”

English:

And the other Indian said,

Lenape:

Ok na làpi awènhake luwe,

English:

“The man with the rope is chasing it.”

[Unfortunately the recorder was turned off before Nora said the last word, tùkòpink.]

Lenape:

“Alèmskaolao ta na lènu (tùkòpink).”

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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. ■

From the Delaware Talking Dictionary: Wàni Lënape Elixsit

The Language of the Delawares ... Told by James C. Webber (1877-1950) to anthropologist Frank Speck in 1928. It is copied from an old phonograph record which is in the Library of the American Philosophical Society. It is probably the earliest recording of the Lenape language. This talk was re-edited by linguist Ives Goddard. Where there are skips on the record we use *** to indicate that a word or part of a word is missing.

English:

Fellow tribesmen, that I say a few words

Lenape:

Nitape, kexaptun kèku ntèluwen.

English:

For I know that, at the present time to which our granted existence has come,

Lenape:

èli nuwatun mèchi yukwe she petelëmukwenkw

English:

it is more than ever difficult.

Lenape:

ahi hwëska ahot.

English:

More and more, every day and every year, it proceeds to be lost

Lenape:

ahaluwi kikishkwike òk kikahtinke alèmi taonkèn

English:

the Delaware language and songs,

Lenape:

wàni Lënape elixsit ok tòsuwakana,

English:

as well as their (old ways? [meaning not clear]) and all their practices.

Lenape:

nal ta ne (ònkuwakàn?) òk wèmi èlachòsit.

English:

Here now where I have been traveling around in the East

Lenape:

yukwe yu she [ènta] (ni) ayahpamskaa, wehënchiòpànk

English:

by the seashore, is where long ago our departed ancestors used to make their homes,

Lenape:

shòhpiye, lòmèwe ehèlaikèhtit (?) kikayëmènaninka,

English:

precious men now deceased,

Lenape:

ahpashèki lènunka,

English:

who exercised authority over the Delawares at that time.

Lenape:

sakimatamaòhtit nike lèkhikwi yuli Lënapeyo.

English:

*** Pemenent and many older men.

Lenape:

*** Pemènènt òk xaheli khikuwi lènunka.

English:

One of those old men was named

Lenape:

Na *** naka kwèti hilusèsa luwènsu

English:

he was named Kwehkwilunt, and

Lenape:

luwènsu Kwèhkwilunt, òk

English:

in addition my late grandfather, when he was made chief,

Lenape:

nahèlii naka nèmuxumsa, ènta pèchi sakimawhenk,

English:

he was named Weoxelinkot.

Lenape:

luwènsu Weòxelinkòt.

English:

Now at present when I too assist in

Lenape:

Mèchi yukwe she ènta nèpe wihichi

English:

the council over in the West where we now make our homes.

Lenape:

achimulsia yukwe ni she pe maikeyànk wèntahkwì ehèliwsikak.

English:

*** thanks; I am glad when I am yet again able to remember

Lenape:

*** wanèshi; nulelèntam ènta iapchi kàski mèshatàma

English:

how I might explain their customary practice

Lenape:

ntèli a weitahkènutàmèn ehèlachòsit

English:

and show how Delaware songs are customarily sung.

Lenape:

òk wèntamasin ehèlasuwink Lënapei asuwakàna.

English:

Where I additionally gave my brothers, the Whiteman, all that now

Lenape:

Enta anhùkwì li milak nimahtèsàk Weòpsit, yukwe she wèmi

English:

*** this state which is called Pennsylvania;

Lenape:

*** yuni khikhakàn ehèluwènsink Pennsylvania;

English:

and all these rivers: Delaware River, (and) Hudson River,

Lenape:

òk wèmi yul she sipuwa: Lënapei Sipu, Hudson River,

English:

as it is called by the White people, and in addition

Lenape:

ehèluwèntànk wàni shèwanakw; òk naheli

English:

Siskuwahènèk, which our brother the Whiteman calls Susquehanna;

Lenape:

Siskuwahènèk, wàni kimahtèsèna weòpsit ehèluwèntànk Susquehanna;

English:

right up to New York, it is called Hupokàn (hupokàn means-'pipe' i.e. Hoboken).

Lenape:

pèchi ika wèli New York ènta hànk w Hupokan

English:

a town is called (that). thanks; that's all for now.

Lenape:

luwensik utènay. *** wanèshi; lahapa nàni txi.

This story, and many more, can be found online alongside audio recordings at <http://talk-lenape.org/stories>.

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Lenape Language Project Report

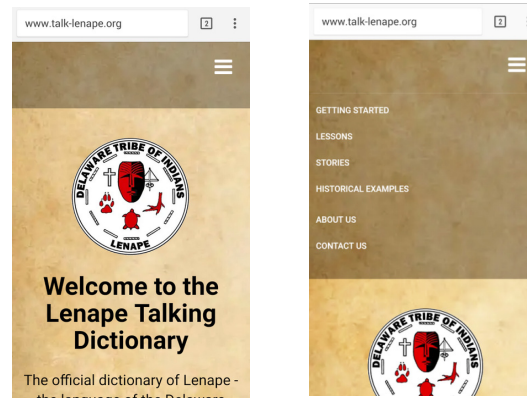
Jim Rementer

What's New: The new and improved Lenape Talking Dictionary website went online in July 2017. We had been working on the updated site for over a year. The latest addition is a section on prayers in Lenape. On the top of the home page click on the word Stories and you will be taken to a list of them. We have three prayers entered so far. One of the buttons is for Prayers and when you open it you will see this:



For those who use the Talking Dictionary on a cell phone you might wonder how to get to the Stories page. Here is the opening screen as seen on a phone. Note the

three white bars in the upper right corner. Click on that and you will be taken to a new screen showing other features available in the dictionary—the second image below:



The Lenape Talking Dictionary contains about 17,500 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 on the main tribal website and these have photos and links to the dictionary entries so you can hear the word said. They are in categories like Birds, Animals, Houses, Fish, etc. Go to the address below and look for files that begin Lenape Names. While these are not true apps we might call them semi-apps. Here is the link:

<http://delawaretribe.org/blog/2013/06/26/language/>

The Lenape Talking Dictionary has been and will continue to be available online at no cost to tribal members and anyone interested in many aspects of the language and stories of the Lenape or Delaware people. ■

From the Indian Child Welfare Department

Recently the codes for Guardianship, Adoption, and Grandparent Visitation Rights were passed. In the next few months there will be a Juvenile Code to be passed as well. This has been a great year for the Indian Child Welfare Program. The ICW program is now actively working over 25 cases in a number of states.

However, the program is more than just working cases that are before judges in state courts, or even our own court. The program can assist in finding services for families to prevent their children from being removed by state or tribal authorities. Families may need assistance with budgeting, parenting, proper nutrition, assistance to deal with drugs and

alcohol, help to deal with domestic abuse, mental health assistance, job training, educational needs, and more.

We as Indian people deal with and have dealt with trauma for centuries. The effects of this trauma are sometimes reflected in those issues above, whether using drugs and alcohol to escape or numb the issue, being violent, because that is all that is known, or suffering from depression or anxiety. Our people deal with individual trauma, that is the trauma that the individual themselves have experienced. We also deal with familial or community trauma. Finally, we deal with historical trauma, the trauma from the effects of violence, forced removal from

homelands, boarding school educations, laws preventing us from practicing our ceremonies, etc. Scientists now know that through our DNA there are memory markers that are passed down to us from our ancestors. Although we may not have experienced directly certain things, through our DNA we indirectly know of and experience historical events. To that degree, many of our people have posttraumatic stress disorder (PTSD).

While this explains why things have happened, it does not provide us with an excuse. Instead, it provides us with a mission, to change things for the better. Because our childhood was violent, does not mean we should treat our children to violence. Just

because there was alcohol and drugs used by our family to self-medicate does not mean we have to use. We need to be the generation of change. One person at a time, one family at a time. The ICW program can help with that.

It is important to keep in mind that asking for help is never a sign of weakness, but rather, the sign of the wisdom our ancestors passed down to us. No one can do it all or should deal with it all. That is why we historically have been communal people. So, when one needs assistance others are there to help. This is exactly what our ICW program is, that helping hand that we all need at some time. ■



Delaware Tribe Housing Department

The Delaware Tribe Housing Department in Chelsea, Oklahoma is currently looking for applicants to apply for their housing program. Delaware's are encouraged to apply, but all other tribal members will be considered. Delaware Tribe Housing Department is a fair housing opportunity provider as long as all other requirements are met. ■

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 (ktripp@delawaretribe.org). 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. ■

\$5,000 Delaware Tribe of Indians Scholarships Offered

The Delaware Tribe of Indians has budgeted for two \$5,000 scholarships to be awarded for the Spring Semester 2019. 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 col-

lege, a four year college, post grad work, or a skilled trade school. Only two will be awarded. 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.

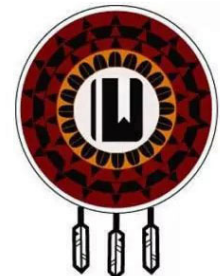
**SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS
DUE January 31, 2019**

Remember that Spring scholarship applications are due by January 31, 2019. No exceptions. Scholarship form available at <http://www.delawaretribe.org/scholarships>. ■

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:

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Trust Board, Education Committee
5100 Tuxedo Blvd
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Youth Camp Held June 25-29

The Delaware Tribe's Cultural Resources Department held a Youth Culture Camp June 25-29. With the name Nipeni Maehelan (Delaware for Summer Gathering), eight tribal youth ages 13-18 experienced fun activities and increased their knowledge of Delaware history, culture, language, and traditions. The tribal youth: Hailey Griffith, Cayla Magee, Riley Magee, Xavier Michael-Yong, Kaiden Murphy, Anna Pate, Ben Plemmons, and Cora Randall.

Each morning began with a traditional blessing ceremony and team-building skills. They participated in traditional crafts workshops making medicine bags and an Indian football stuffed with deer hair. Outdoor activities included archery, tomahawk throw, and an outing at Osage Hills State Park.

Afternoons focused on tribal history lessons, a Lenape language workshop, learning about historic preservation and maintenance of tribal artifacts. They also participated in tribal social and stomp dances. Each day they learned life skills and personal responsibility. Breakfast and lunch was served daily along with healthy snacks and drinks. The group also had lunch with tribal elders on Friday.

The highlight of the week was a field trip to the Philbrook Museum of Art in Tulsa to learn about the Delaware Big House Ceremony and see artifacts and sacred objects in the museum's collection.

As the camp closed with a blessing ceremony, the atmosphere was filled with good spirit, new friendships, and tribal pride. The camp staff included tribal employees Curtis Zunigha, Anita Mathis, and Jim Rementer with assistance from Justin Bolen, Joe Exendine, Brice Obermeyer, Karry and Charles Tripp, and Ronda Williams. Special thanks to Margaret Ann Bird, Christina Burke at the Philbrook Museum and Tulsa Police Detective (retired) Jim Whiteshirt. ■



Obituaries

Bobby “Bob” Gene Barnes



November 27, 1938 –
March 17, 2018

Bobby “Bob” Gene Barnes, 79, passed away Tuesday, March 13, 2018 at Journey Home Bartlesville, Oklahoma. He was born November 27, 1938 in Claremore, Oklahoma to William Edward Sr. and Marguerite Moore Barnes. A native of Nowata, Bob attained a bachelor’s degree in education which he utilized at Alluwe Public School for many years until retiring in 2002. Bob held multiple positions that included bus driver, physical education, mathematics teacher, athletic coach, and ending with principal.

Creating joy and caring for other, Bob was forever a family man. Anyone who had known Bob knew that he loved being able to put a smile on everyone’s face.

Bob is preceded in death by his parents William and Marguerite Barnes; Two brothers, Jim and Danny Barnes; one son, Troy Barnes; two granddaughters, Jolene “Nicki” and Jody.

Bob is survived by his four children; Tina Inman and her husband Jerry, Toby Barnes and his wife Mechelle, Bobbette Riddle and her husband Russell, Curtis Barnes and his wife Tascia.

Bob will also be fondly remembered by his thirteen grandchildren; Jamie and her husband

Stephen, Jessica, Lacey, Colby and his wife Desiree, Nathaniel, Atosha, Kelby, Keith and his wife Adrienne, Joby and his wife Casey, Brittany and her husband Kyle, Paige, Calena, and Augustus “Gus.” In addition to Bob’s legacy, he will be forever remembered by so many friends and will be missed by everyone who knew him.

Funeral services for Bobby “Bob” Gene Barnes, were held at 10:00 AM, Saturday, March 17, 2018 at the Hillside Christian Church with Pastor Van Longbons officiating. Interment followed at McMains Cemetery in Childers, Oklahoma. Family received friends on Friday, March 16, 2018 from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM at Benjamin Funeral Home in Nowata, Oklahoma.

Online condolences may be left at www.Honoring-memories.com. Those who so desire may make memorials to Journey Home in Bartlesville, Oklahoma. Arrangements were entrusted to Benjamin Funeral Service. ■



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. ■

Billy Dean Burns

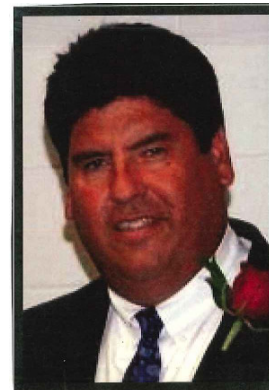


February 7, 1942 –
August 26, 2018

Billy Dean Burns was born to Jack Burns and Nancy Falleaf on February 7, 1942. He passed from this life August 26 of 2018 peacefully at home to begin his journey to eternity. Billy was a lifetime resident of Copan and Tulsa, Oklahoma. He is an elder of the Delaware Tribe. He was employed at the Mental Health Association of Oklahoma, Billy enjoyed his job there, he loved the people he worked closely with and all the many residents who live there. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him as he always had an easy smile, a kind heart, a soft touch, and a great sense of humor. His favorite time of the year was pow-wow time as he enjoyed the gathering of family. Billy leaves behind a host of loved ones, his children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, sisters, brothers, wife, and friends, all that dearly love him. Billy was a beautiful person and a beautiful soul. Memorial service was held at 11:00 A.M. Friday, September 7, 2018 at God’s Shining Light Church, 9897 East 11th Street, Tulsa. Pastor Dixie Pebworth officiated. ■



David Marshall Dillingham



March 2, 1962 –
April 24, 2018

David Dillingham, son of John LeRoy and Mary Lou (Marshall) Dillingham, great great grandson of John Young (Kos-Kihe-Hic-Cum-Un), great grandson of Nathan H. Young, died in Houston Texas on Tuesday April 24, 2018. David was born in Kansas City, MO March 2, 1962.

In Charlotte, NC David was given the Donna Goodenow Memorial Award for outstanding athlete in football, basketball, and golf. David was an Eagle Scout and member of Order of the Arrow. The family moved to Tulsa in 1978. He played football and basketball for Jenks High School and was an All-State center on Jenks 1979 Football State Champions. At Jenks, he received the Challenger Award, for the athlete who exemplifies the Character and Discipline of Jesus Christ on and off the field. He was awarded a full scholarship to Oklahoma University and was a starting right tackle for two years for the Sooners. As an adult he loved all sports and was an avid golfer and member of the Club of Eagle Point.

David married Lesley McAfee December 30, 1980. They had two children John William and Taylor Ann.

David was employed by Citgo Petroleum for over 30 years in marketing management positions. He is survived by his wife and children, parents, sister Jeri Ann Saliba (Michael), brothers John Michael (Michelle) and Bryan Burrus (Candace), uncle David A. Dillingham, and several nieces and nephews. ■



Linda M. (Parret) Pfaender



September 3, 1941 –
June 23, 2018

A funeral Mass was held for Linda M. (Parret) Pfaender, 76, of North Bend, at 10:30 a.m., Saturday, July 7, at Holy Redeemer Catholic Church, 2250 16th St. in North Bend, with Father Jim Graham presiding. A recitation of the rosary preceded the Mass beginning at 10 a.m. A reception followed the service in the parish hall. A private interment was held at Sunset Memorial Park Cemetery at a later date.

Linda was born Sept. 3, 1941 in Nowata, Okla., to Charles and Verna Parret. She passed away June 23, 2018 in Coos Bay. Linda was of Native American descent and proud of her heritage. In 1950, Linda and her family moved to Camas Valley. She graduated from Camas High School, Class of 1959 and went on to beautician school. She and Dean met at a dance in Sutherlin summer 1959 and after U.S. Coast Guard boot camp Dean was stationed at the Life Boat Station in Charles-

Obituaries (cont.)

ton. They were married October 1961 and raised two children. During their first eight years they traveled extensively while Dean served in the U.S. Coast Guard. They returned to Oregon in 1968 and resided in both Central Point and North Bend. Linda worked for Coos County Mental Health and later for Bay Eye Clinic as a certified ophthalmologist assistant until her retirement. She loved to travel and enjoyed Italy most of all. Her hobbies were cooking, gardening and her pets. She always enjoyed seeing her grandchildren and was proud of all their accomplishments.

Linda is survived by her husband, Dean Pfaender; daughter, Delinda A. Guantz and her husband, Doug and their children, Emalie, McKenzie, Katie and Caleb; son, Daren R. Pfaender of North Bend; his daughters, Ashlee Perkins and husband, James, and Andrea Lewis and husband, Will; brother, John Parret of Camas Valley; and many other nieces, nephews and friends. Linda was preceded in death by her parents, Charles and Verna Parret; and two infant brothers. Arrangements are under the care of North Bend Chapel, 541-756-0440. In lieu of flowers the family suggests memorial contributions be made in Linda's honor to the American Cancer Society. Friends and family are encouraged to sign the online guestbook at www.coos-bayareafunerals.com and www.theworldlink.com. ■

From the StrongHearts Native Helpline: How to Spot the Red Flags of Abuse

Exploring a new relationship is an exciting time where it might seem like every moment you are learning something new about your partner's culture, family and beliefs.

While you and your partner might be having fun getting to know each other, it's important to watch for certain behaviors when dating someone new. In the beginning of a relationship, it's not always easy to tell if your partner might become abusive.

It can also be hard to spot the early warning signs of abuse because every relationship is different. The one thing most abusive relationships have in common is that the abusive partner will do anything to gain power and control over their partner.

Here are some early "red flags" to look for—but know that these behaviors can appear in a relationship at any time.

Does your partner:

- Move too fast into the relationship or pressure you to commit?
- Shower you with compliments or seem "too good to be true"?
- Constantly ask where you are all the time or frequently call or text you throughout the day?
- Follow you around or show up at your home, school or work without telling you in advance?
- Pressure you to have sex before you're ready?
- Act extremely jealous or possessive of you?
- Make jokes about your culture or put you down for being Native?
- Lose their temper with you or yell at you in private but stay calm around others?
- Insist that you "make more time for them" by spending less time with your family or friends?



- Encourage you to quit school or work, or to stop participating in activities and hobbies?
- Insist on driving you everywhere or check your car mileage when you return?
- Blame their former partners for abuse in previous relationships (for example, "My ex was crazy" or "It wasn't that bad"?)

Someone who acts in these ways may try to blame their partner for their own abusive behavior. No matter the reason a person chooses to abuse, it is never their partner's fault.

What You Can Do

If you experience one or more of these "red flags," please call the StrongHearts Native Helpline at 1-844-7NATIVE (1-844-762-8483), Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. CST. Knowledgeable advocates can connect with you one-on-one and help you figure out your options. Advocates

are trained with an understanding of intimate partner violence, including spiritual or cultural abuse. Our advocates can provide support and validation, safety planning and access to resources in your community. For more information, visit www.strongheartshelpline.org.

Mallory Black is the Communications Manager for the StrongHearts Native Helpline, a confidential and anonymous helpline for Native Americans affected by domestic violence. If you or a loved one is in an abusive relationship, support is available at 1-844-7NATIVE (1-844-762-8483), open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. CST. Advocates offer peer-to-peer support and referrals to culturally-appropriate resources for domestic violence. After hours calls may choose to connect with the National Domestic Violence Hotline, and all calls remain anonymous and confidential. ■

New Item at Tribal Gift Shop

Songs of the Lenape or Delaware Indians (Lenapei Asuwakana, Social Dance Songs)

For some time people have been asking when the Songs of the Lenape might be available on CDs. That time has arrived. These are the Songs of the Lenape or Delaware Indians, Lenapei Asuwakana, Social Dance Songs. They were originally made available

on cassette tapes in 1979 through Touching Leaves Indian Crafts but few people still have ways to play cassettes.

The recordings have been given to the tribe to make available on CDs and are now available in that format. The CD contains 10 songs including a sample of one recorded in 1928. They are in a case that has information on the dances and how they are done.

They are available through the tribal gift shop at the special introductory price of \$15 plus shipping. ■

Fall Trust Fund Scholarship Awardees Announced

Allan Barnes

Congratulations to our 2018 Fall Trust Fund Scholarship Awardees! For many years our Education Committee has provided assistance to our college enrolled students by our Delaware Tribe of Indians Trust Board. We have provided these Awards to eligible applicants from all over the United States from Washington to Florida. This fall semester, sixty-four scholarships were approved for a total of \$25,000! Many of these scholarships were awarded to beginning Freshmen and we look forward to their continued participation. We also want to acknowledge the many students who have enjoyed our support from the start of their college experience to graduation. The following is a list of our Fall recipients:

Martha Benoit
Erica P. Randall
Lindsey D. Randall
Kaci Jo Templeton
Joseph D. Cushing
Austin Metzner
Meredith K. Franke
John P. Franke
Jaelyn Carter
Lauren Nicole Roberts
Ethan Patrick Fiddler

Derek Templeton
Austin Ablia
Kelby Jo Deenihan
Keegan Deenihan
Kameron Alderman
Haley Marie Cowan
Lauren Spencer Holly

July Meeting Total \$7,000.00

Tyler Joe Hallam
Catherine Bronson
Ashlyn Garrett
Luke Eustis
Mary Haff
Chris Hinkle
Michele Shell
Kyle Nading
Jaden Adams
Mckenna Adams
Braylon Daniels
Catherine Monck
Kendal Hale
Russell Matthews
Madison Adams
Ashlee Morgan
Austin Headlee
Elizabeth Kennedy
Logan Seigel
Hallie Creed

Hallie Patton
Jessica Ogden
Alexander Abney-King
Jessica Hollen
Anna Lou McClure
Logan Armstrong
Dustin Nading
Wyatt Sanders
Dalton Sanders
Emily Messimore
Andrew Veatch
Sarah Irwin
Emily Taylor
Mackenzie Willy
Justin Brown
Matthew Grabowski
Ashton Anderson
Sean Magdaleno
Hannah Granger

August Meeting Total \$15,400.00

Cade Brown
Noah DeMoss
Natalie Chang
Laura Abrishamkar
Andrew Grabowski
Tyler Rosen
Carolina Wasinger

September Meeting Total \$2,600.00

Total \$25,000.00 ■

From the Delaware Talking Dictionary: A-Le-Pah-Qua (The Woman With The Two Plants)

When the Delaware Indians lived near the Eastern Tide Water, there lived with them a woman, whose name was A-le-pah-qua. This woman was much different from other women, having a strong and independent nature, but handsome and stately, and a very bright and searching eye, and had the interest of the Delawares much at heart. Her influence was felt not only among the Delawares, but among neighboring tribes, and by everyone who came in contact with her. Sachems, Chiefs and Warriors, Medicine Men and all loved her and sought to win her favor in any way they could. She took advantage of her influence over men to control the destiny of her people the best she could, and sent warriors and chiefs on difficult tasks, but always keeping one purpose in view-

-the welfare of her tribe. Many wondered as to how she exercised such influence over others and especially over strong men, but were not able to find out, until finally, when she was getting quite old, she revealed the secret of her success to her daughter, with instructions that she should hand it down only to her daughter, and that each generation thereafter should have the benefit of this knowledge as long as a daughter was born therein. Finally, one who was not discreet as A-le-pah-qua was, revealed the secret, and this is what she said: A-le-pah-qua had a vision when she was a girl, in which the Manitou brought her two plants, one with a beautiful flower, the other with a fragrant leaf and root, and took a small lock of her hair and bound these plants together and handing them to her said: "I

give you a great gift. Whenever you call on me, with two plants like this, naming one yourself and the other any man you will, I will bring him to you and make him do whatever you bid him, and will answer the prayers of your children and your children's children, whenever they call on me for help in the same manner, and will bind to you, or to them, the affections of the person as strongly as you bind the two plants together, and whenever you wish to sever that influence, all you have to do is to separate the plants, casting one to the east and the other to the west, and call on me to make the parties forget, and they will."

Sometimes A-le-pah-qua would see or hear of a person whom she wanted to bring under her influence; so she would immediately get the two plants and bind them

securely together with her hair, naming one the man she wanted and the other herself. She would carry these plants somewhere on her person, and probably in a day or two, the man would come and want to see her. Perhaps he would send some woman to her, saying that he desired to talk with her, and often the man would confess that he was much in love with her. After the man had made two or three efforts to see her, she would finally grant him audience, and would ask him what he wanted. The man would usually be embarrassed and would tell her that he thought a great deal of her and was ready to serve her in any way he could. Then she would say to him, "I will give you a chance to prove that what you say is true. I would like to see you do this"--then she would tell him what she wanted him to do, and the man would always do the best he could to please her and try to carry out her wishes, not knowing himself why he took

pleasure in doing so. Even when she was very old and until she died A-le-pah-qua always had a host of friends and lovers, and after her, her daughters and grand-daughters had much influence over men when they cared to exercise it.

Finally there was a man who succeeded in learning what plants she had used, and with them he would appeal to the Manitou for the affection of women. Many women loved him, and he married several. He would take one for a wife and after a little while would send her away and take another. Finally a certain woman very earnestly called on the Manitou to punish this man, as he was making bad use of the secret entrusted to him; so after that no woman would have anything to do with him, and he finally died, when quite an old man, with no friends nor kindred around him.

Stories collected by Richard Adams ■

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 exciting things happening here at the club. I would like to take this opportunity first and foremost to let all our Delaware people know the history behind our only Delaware Boys and Girls Club. The Boys and Girls Club of Chelsea was founded in early 1994 through a cooperative effort between concerned community leaders of the Town of Chelsea, the Housing Authority of the Delaware Tribe of Indians and Boys and Girls Clubs of America. The club first opened its doors to the Chelsea area youth on June 9, 1994, operating out of the Longfellow Intermediate School gymnasium. This is of the utmost significance in that the Boys and Girls Club of Chelsea, a Native club through the Delaware Tribe, was the first Native club chartered in the State of Oklahoma. I believe the Boys and Girls Club of Chelsea was the second chartered club in America and is the longest in existence.

Our club is home to 480 registered members. Our annual community youth outreach around our area is over 400 youth. Of these figures, almost 56% of the youth we serve are Native from the following tribes; Delaware, Cherokee, Creek, Peoria, Wyandotte, Shawnee, Choctaw, and Chickasaw. Our club, in the last few months of 2018, increased our new memberships by 50!

Our club offers a variety of programming to the youth in Chelsea and surrounding communities. We offer our Native youth with exclusive program opportunities in Diabetes Prevention and Methamphetamine and Suicide Prevention. These programs are run on a 12 month

basis and are made possible by the collaborations between the Boys and Girls Club of Chelsea and Indian Health Services (IHS) and Native American Indian Congress (NAIC). We offer cultural programming and just this year created a large community garden that housed over 60 tomato plants, beans, cucumbers, squash, corn, peppers, and gourds. These programs are an integral part of our culture and we are always looking for new ways to enrich our native youth in culture. We are host to at least one dance per year at our facility in Chelsea. 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.

Our club offers a variety of programming to all youth in Chelsea and surrounding communities. Our club focuses on youth development, education and mentoring. 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 Power Hour, SMART Leaders, Project Learn, Triple Play Healthy Habits, and SMART Girls. These programs ensure our youth are given the utmost knowledge in making good, healthy life choices as they grow. These programs and the many other programs we run are made possible by the Delaware Tribe and our other partners.

I was just selected to my second term to serve on the National Native Advisory Committee (NAC). Through this fourteen (14) member committee, I was chosen to represent Oklahoma on the Tribal Relations subcommittee and the culture com-

mittee. 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 Delaware Tribe on this journey.

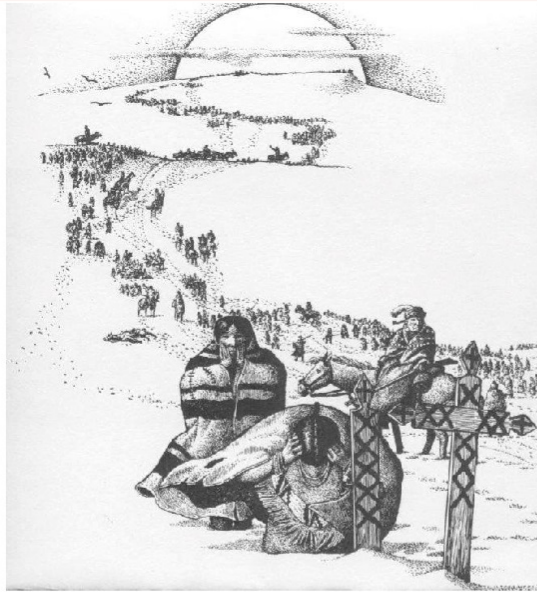
We, at the Boys and Girls Club of Chelsea, encourage our tribal members to come take a look at the newly renovated club and witness for yourself all the positive movements that are being led right here in small town Chelsea. We are still the only club located in Rogers County after all these years, Oklahoma's first and America's second! 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!

GREAT FUTURES START HERE!

Lindsey Harris
CEO ■





YEAR	TRIBE NET WORTH	
2014	\$ AUDITED	13,883,530
2015	\$ AUDITED	13,939,410
2016	\$ AUDITED	15,969,675
2017	\$ AUDITED	16,460,550
2018	\$ UNAUDITED	19,282,850
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1. Repatriated 83 Ancestors from museums and back to the ground. 2. Got back SBA 8-A status, lost since 2004 and increased Tribal Net Worth \$5,399,320 - all net worth figures do not include \$4,300,000 managed by the Delaware Trust Board. 3. Received \$2,435,000 settlement from Federal Government, owed our Tribe for over 20 years. 4. Increased Hist. Preservation 106 Consultation Revenue from \$280,000/Year to \$1,361,000/Year. 5. Have implemented 2 \$5,000 scholarships per semester for college students. 6. Have started to Honor our Oldest Living Elders with a Pendelton Blanket and will continue this practice.

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