



# DELAWARE INDIAN NEWS

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## Three Historic Moments Conclude in Caney Property Placed in Trust

Chet Brooks, Chief

**K**ula Malsi Hach (How are you this great summer day). We have delayed this edition of the Delaware Indian News for almost two months in order to publish great news. On July 4, 1866, Head Chief John Connor and my third great grandfather, Assistant Chief John Anderson Sarcoxie and Assistant Chief Charles Journeycake, signed our last treaty with the United States of America which promised us a reservation in Indian Territory three times. Four months later, a delegation headed by John Anderson Sarcoxie, (about 82 years of age at the time) traveled to Indian Territory and picked out a 10 x 30 mile (192,000 acre) reservation, which we never received. As we all know, this breached treaty promise resulted in the Delaware Tribe, itself, having no Indian Country to practice our culture, laws and privileges on for over 153 years.

On June 6, 2019, at the Sovereignty Symposium in Oklahoma City, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs John Tahsuda (Kiowa tribal member) delivered his authorization to place our Caney, Kansas property

in trust. This will result in the land being Indian Country under the authority of the Delaware Tribe of Indians. 153 years, one month and 12 days after our treaty, on August 16, 2019 Eastern Oklahoma Regional Director of the BIA Eddie Streeter and Miami Agency Superintendent Rhonda Loftin signed the Caney property into trust. The diligence and hard work of these three BIA officials, their staffs and the work of the current and past tribal councils and Delaware employees have made this possible and we extend sincere thanks to all mentioned.

The fact that this Caney property is now in trust and (Indian Country) under our tribes jurisdiction, opens up numerous opportunities for economic development and future tribal growth. As a matter of fact we are purchasing seven and a half acres nearby for future growth. Lenape people it is time for us to celebrate this accomplishment, please join your tribe by attending Delaware Days at the Copan Delaware Pow-wow grounds, September 27 and 28, 2019.

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## Treaty with The Delawares July 4, 1866

Articles of agreement between the United States and the chiefs and councillors of the Delaware Indians, on behalf of said tribe, made at the Delaware Agency, Kansas, on the fourth day of July, eighteen hundred and sixty-six.

Whereas Congress has by law made it the duty of the President of the United States to provide by treaty for the removal of the Indian tribes from the State of Kansas; and whereas the Delaware Indians have expressed a wish to remove from their present reservation in said State to the Indian country, located between the States of Kansas and Texas; and whereas the United States have, by treaties negotiated with the Choctaws and Chickasaws, with the Creeks, and with the Seminoles, Indian tribes residing in said Indian country, acquired the right to locate other Indian tribes within the limits of the same; and whereas the Missouri River Railroad Company, a corporation existing in the State of Kansas by the laws thereof, - and which company has built a railroad connecting with the Pacific Railroad, from near the mouth of the Kaw River to Leavenworth, in aid of which road the Delawares, by treaty in eighteen hundred and sixty-four, agreed to dispose of their lands, - has expressed a desire to purchase the present Delaware Indian reservation in the said State, in a body, at a fair price:

That the said chiefs and councillors, on behalf of the Delaware Indians, and the said commissioners, on behalf of the United States, and the said chiefs and councillors, on behalf of the Delawares, have hereunto set their hands and seals this fourth day of July, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-six.

Thos. Murphy, [SEAL.] Superintendent.  
John G. Pratt, [SEAL.] Agent.  
W. H. Watson, [SEAL.] Special Commissioner.  
John Connor, his x mark, [SEAL.] Head Chief.  
Captain Sarcoxie, his x mark, [SEAL.] Assistant Chief.  
Charles Journeycake, [SEAL.] Assistant Chief.  
James Ketch[ujm, [SEAL.]  
James Connor, his x mark, [SEAL.]  
Andrew Miller, his x mark, [SEAL.]  
John Sarcoxie, his x mark, [SEAL.]

### Councillors.

Isaac Johnycake, United States interpreter.

### In presence of-

Henry S. Bulkley.  
Edward S. Menager.  
Louis A. Menager.



**Special Notice To  
Tribal Members**  
**General Council Meeting**  
**November 16, 2019**  
**Lunch served at Noon**  
**Meeting 1 P.M.**  
**5100 Tuxedo Blvd**  
**Bartlesville, OK 74006**





## From the Desk of Jeremy Johnson

*Jeremy Johnson, Tribal Council Member*

**H**è Lënapeyok, nulhatenami! These past few months have been very eventful, and many good things have happened for our Lenape people.

After almost 153 years, we have land in trust! I, as well as most Council members and a few other people who have worked hard for this day, was able to attend a meeting in Oklahoma City on June 6th where we met with The Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs, John Tahsuda during the 32nd Annual Sovereignty Symposium. At the meeting, Mr. Tahsuda signed a document that places our Caney property into trust.

The signing was witnessed by many people including Emma Nicholson, Baroness Nicholson of Winterbourne, who is a member of the House of Lords in Great Britain. This historic moment will be commemorated with a painting by DG Smalling, a Choctaw artist, and, upon completion, will be displayed in our Tribal Headquarters.

This moment means a lot for our tribe. It is the first step in establishing our true sovereignty and our ability to operate nation to nation with not only the United States government, but international governments as

well. We have a lot of work to do, but this is an amazing first step. I would like to thank all of the people who worked diligently over the past years to see this through!

There are also a few things I would like to update our members on. The first is that I have been working on developing criteria and applications for our Delaware Tribal Princess. I should have all information and applications ready to go by August and, hopefully, we will be able to crown a new Tribal Princess this fall. I will keep people updated on my progress and look forward to hearing your ideas.

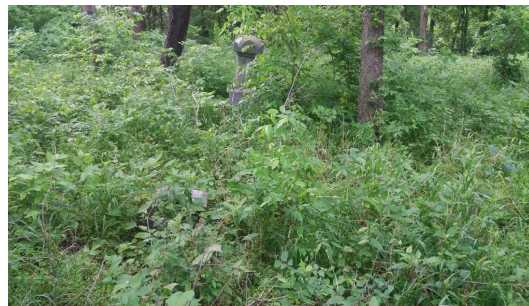
Secondly, I have discussed with a few tribal members the idea of creating an endowment for our tribal scholarships using a portion of our 106 monies. The idea being that if we could create the endowment, those monies will always be there for our future generations and their educational needs. I would like to hear more opinions from tribal citizens about this proposition.

Lastly, I want to thank Mitch Antle, County Commissioner for District 1, for his work in reclaiming and cleaning up the Lenno Cemetery. On May 7th, the county took an inmate crew to the cemetery and cleared all

the overgrown areas as well as cleaned up around all the headstones. The cemetery looks fantastic now and I am truly grateful for the work put in by the crew and Mr. Antle.

I hope everyone is well and that the recent weather events have not negatively impacted a lot of our citizens. As always, take care of yourselves and each other, and feel free to contact me with any ideas or concerns. Lápich knewë!

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Chet Brooks  
Chief

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Charles Randall  
Assistant Chief

### MEMBER REQUEST TO UPDATE INFORMATION

Please complete with information currently on file in the Enrollment Office.

Last Name		First Name		Middle Initial
Other Name(s) – indicate maiden		Date of Birth	Phone #	
Address	City	State	Zip	
Email		Roll #		

Other Member(s) Affected by Change(s):

Name	Date of Birth

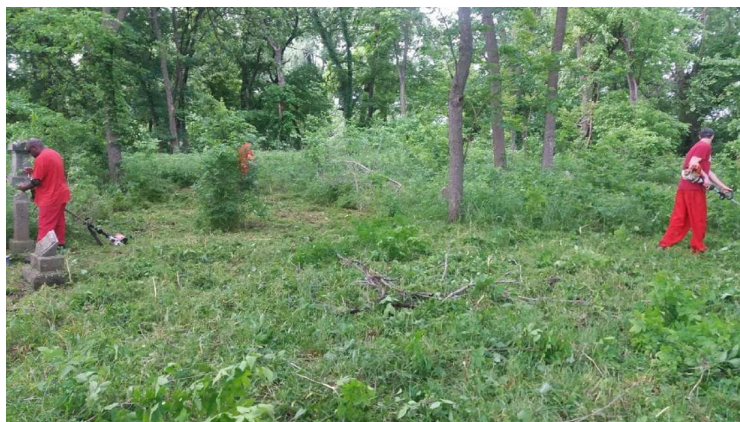
Only complete boxes for which you are requesting a change.

Name		
Phone #		
Address		
City	State	Zip
Email		

Requests for name changes, must include Marriage License, Divorce Decree, or Adoption Order.

Member Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_





## 2020 Census

The Census Act of 1790 was signed into law by President George Washington, Vice President John Adams and Speaker of the House Frederick Muhlenberg requiring a census to be taken every 10 years. The first was taken in 1790.

Why is this important to you?

- Every 10 years the results of the census are used to reapportion the House of Representatives, determining how many seats each state gets.
- After each census, state and local officials use the result to redraw the boundaries of their congressional and state legislative, adapting to population shifts.
- Census data determines how more than \$675 billion are spent each year, supporting your state, county and community's vital programs.
- Communities rely on census statistics to plan for a variety of resident needs including new roads, schools, and emergency services.
- Businesses use census data to determine where to open places to shop.
- Census data is used to qualify for grants and other services.

The 2020 census is recorded based on where each person resides on April 1, 2020. In order to get the full benefit from the 2020 census, it is very

important that every person is counted and the way the information is entered is important. The entries for each address can be in any order, but for a residence to be counted as a Native American residence, the first person listed must be Native American. To be sure our Tribe gets credit, the tribal affiliation must be listed as Delaware Tribe. Otherwise, you don't know which Delaware group will get the credit. This is important when filing for grants and other services.

Your information is protected by law. Employees take an oath for life to safeguard your information. If they break that oath they can be fined up to \$250,000 and jailed up to 5 years. By law, your information is confidential. Your answers cannot be used against you by any government agency or court. Your confidentiality and privacy is protected by not identifying individuals in any data, publishing only statistics and verifying that any data product released meets confidentiality standards.

Beginning in 2020, all residences will receive the 2020 Census questionnaire. Census Day is April 1, 2020. Public response can be by online, phone or mail. Census takers will visit households that haven't responded. Accurate data is important to you, your community and your tribe.

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## United States Flag

By the time you read this, Memorial Day will be long past, but as I write this on May 27, I can't help but think about all of our Delaware soldiers who have died serving our country. They died so that we could have the freedom we have today. Because we have that freedom, everyone is entitled to their own feelings and belief, but it bothers me that we have officers of the Tribe who refuse to recite the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. One refuses to come into the Dining Hall during lunch until after the Pledge, and one who leaves the Council Table during the Pledge rather than participate. While I do not like a lot of the politics and as Native Americans, we have endured countless broken treaties,

forced removals and poor treatment, the United States flag is still the only flag I want to see fly over our country.

To me, refusing to repeat the Pledge of Allegiance is a slap in the face of our Delaware Veterans and Service Members who fought to keep the flag flying over our country and a stab in the heart of families who have had members die serving their country.

While I am not a veteran, I am proud of my part in working with the pictures of our Delaware Veterans and Service Members and displaying them on the walls of Forsythe Hall. We currently have 178 pictures on the wall and would like to honor the rest of our Delaware Warriors with their

picture on the wall. If you have a family member you would like to have on the wall, get a picture (actual picture or .jpg) to me with their Rank & Name, Branch of Service, Years Served and War Era and I will format it and see that it gets put up. The original picture will be returned to you.

To all our Fallen Soldiers, I salute you and thank you for your Ultimate Sacrifice and to all Veterans and current members of our Armed Services, I salute you and thank you for your Service.

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## From the Desk of Assistant Chief Charles Randall

June 06, 2019 is a day that will be long be remembered by the Delaware Tribe. On that day, Chief Chester Brooks, Council members, Tribal Members, Foreign Dignitaries, and friends were present in Oklahoma City to witness the signing of the official trust document for our property in Caney Kansas by John Tahsuda III, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs. This is the first time in over 160 years, since we were removed from our reservation in Kansas, that we have had Indian land that we could call our own. We are no longer a landless tribe.

When you hear about an Indian Tribe getting land in trust, the first thought that comes to mind is that they are going to build a Casino. This land will not be used for a Casino but will provide economic and social op-

portunities for our Tribe and the surrounding community that we have never had before.

It has been a long process to get the land in trust with several administrations and a lot of people working to get it accomplished. The application was filed in 2013 with various amendments and corrections. A special thanks go out to Deputy Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs Tahsuda, our Congressmen, Tyler Fish a fellow Oklahoman and Kyle Scherer a Canadian Delaware with the Office of Indian Affairs, and everyone who has worked so hard for this.

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## Enrollment Department Update

Our file updates are in full swing, so remember you may receive a letter from us asking for documents and/or information to insure all files meet tribal and federal requirements. Please feel free to call, email or stop by our office if you have any questions or would like additional information.

All forms should be on the website under Enrollment, or you can visit the Enrollment page directly at [delawaretribe.org/home-page/enrollment/](http://delawaretribe.org/home-page/enrollment/). Please be sure to let us know, if your name, address, or any contact information changes.

Remember, if you live local to campus and like to fish, come in and see us for a fishing permit for the pond. Be sure to bring your tribal ID along with a current Oklahoma or Cherokee Nation fishing license. We will ask you to read and sign a waiver then issue you a permit.

If a family member passes away, please notify the Enrollment Department with a copy of the

death certificate and/or the obituary in order for the member to be removed from the mailing list. Obituaries and photos, if provided, will be printed in the *Delaware Indian News (DIN)* to honor their memory.

We are here to answer any questions you may have regarding enrollment and assist you in any way we can. Please do not hesitate to contact us via email at [enrollment@delawaretribe.org](mailto:enrollment@delawaretribe.org) or individually using the contact information below.

Angela Jeffers  
Enrollment Director  
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## Update From the Tribal Court

The Delaware Tribal Court began as a Grievance Committee that resolved internal disputes related to the governance of the Tribe. With the adoption of the Delaware Tribal Constitution in 1984, the Grievance Committee transitioned to the status of Tribal Court. While continuing to function as a Grievance Committee, the new Court also assumed responsibility for hearing and resolving issues related to the Articles in the Tribal Constitution. With the 2006 MOU with Cherokee Nation, the Tribal Court gained limited jurisdiction

over certain civil cases related to Delaware tribal members residing within the Cherokee Nation. These cases include civil matters such as child support, family services, and Indian Child Welfare. Delaware tribal members residing outside of Cherokee Nation jurisdiction should contact the Court regarding available services for their location. With the Tribe's property in Kansas gaining trust status, the Court now will soon have both civil and criminal jurisdiction over that land.

There are currently five judges on the Delaware Tribal Court: Rick Barnes, Chief Justice; Cameron Fraser, Bethany Green, Linda Kills Crow and Shelli Harris Ketchum. These judges are elected during the general tribal election and serve four year staggered terms. For more information regarding the Tribal Court see the Delaware Tribal website at [delawaretribe.org](http://delawaretribe.org). For information regarding court services or filing of a case to be heard in Tribal Court, contact Robbie Hedges, Court Administrator/Clerk, at 918-337-6571 or [rhedges@delawaretribe.org](mailto:rhedges@delawaretribe.org). ■

## 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 Forsythe Hall. You may contact chair Homer Scott at (918) 332-8020, or Anita Mathis at (918) 337-6595. ■

## Tribal Member Dorothy Francis (Wilson) Jackson Turns 99

Dorothy (Dot) Jackson was born on July 15, 1920 on the family allotment Southeast of Delaware, Oklahoma. Dorothy's father was Anderson Wilson her mother was Lillie Parker Wilson, her grandparents Adam Wilson, Amanda Bascomb Wilson, George Parker, and Mary Bigfield ( some times Bigknife) Parker came to Indian Territory from our Kansas Reservation.

Dorothy, perhaps our Tribes oldest full blood, lives in Catoosa, Ok. near her son Kenneth (Kenny) Brown and daughter-in-law Vicky Baker Brown.

Dorothy graduated from Delaware High School

then went to Haskell Indian Institute in Lawrence, Kansas.

After graduating from Haskell she was employed with the US Interior Department in Washington, D. C. With the outbreak of WWII the Department was relocated to Chicago, Ill.

After a couple of years there she requested and received a transfer to Pawhuska, ok.

In 1947 she went to work for the Flint Steel Corp. as drafting room secretary/ clerk.

Dorothy retired from Flint in 1983 as secretary to a vice-president of the Corporation.

Dorothy's older sister was Ethel Quay (Wilson) Martin and her brother was Titus Wilson.

Dorothy was married to Cecil Jackson (deceased). They belonged to Tulsa Archery Association, along with Kendall and Bessie Sorethumb, and Archery World Champion, Joe Thorton (Cherokee). They completed with other archery clubs in the four state area.

Dorothy has won many ribbons in state and county fairs for her art work and needle work.

Dorothy Francis Wilson Jackson is very proud of her Lenape heritage and the Delaware Tribe of Indians. ■

## DIN Subscription Form

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## Check Out the Tribal Web Site

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

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





## Community Services and Education

### Community Services Programs

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

As of January, the Delaware Tribe Community Services which is also funded by Delaware Tribe Trust Board has made some revisions to their existing programs including the suspension of some. It is the intention of the Community Services Committee to assist all eligible Tribal members who are in financial need, if funding is available.

It is the hope of the Commu-

nity Services Committee that additional funding can be made available so some of the programs can be restored. If you have a question on whether or not to submit an application, please contact our Tribal Office at (918) 337-6590

The Community Service programs and benefits available as of the March 2019 meeting are

**Burial Program:** \$750.00 : 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.

**Elder Prescriptions:** Prescription medication assistance to Delaware elders age 60 and over for pharmacy and related costs. Elders may receive assistance not to exceed \$75.00 per calendar year. Elders may apply more than once per calendar year until \$75 is reached. Funds may be disbursed to vendors not to exceed \$75.

**Medical Assistance:** Assistance to pay medical bills, including but not limited to medical equipment (purchase or rental), home health care, pharmacy, etc. not to exceed \$120. Payment for services will be made to the vendor or Tribal member if paid receipt is provided.

**Emergency & 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 \$25 and will be disbursed as determined by the Community Service Committee on a case-by-case basis.

Further updates on the availability of these programs and any additional programs that are reinstated will be posted on our Tribal website [Delawaretribe.org](http://Delawaretribe.org) and Facebook. As previously mentioned, you are welcome to call our Tribal office. ■

### 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 Delaware Tribe Trust Board provides funding to the Education Assistance Committee to benefit Tribal members for the purpose of furthering their education. Since January of this year some Education assistance programs have been

suspended until further notice due to availability of funding.

These programs are: School supply assistance K-5, Education assistance 6-12, Athletic assistance, Academic Achievement, Drivers Education and Vo-Tech assistance.

**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 at-

tended (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.delawaretribe.org](http://www.delawaretribe.org). Just go the Services/Programs tab, and then scroll down to Educational Assistance. ■

### From the Department of Family & Children Services

Recently our Family & Children Services program received its first ever Victims of Crime Act grant from the Department of Justice through the Oklahoma District Attorneys Council. With this funding the division will now have the much needed funds to provide a Transitional Housing program. Delaware Tribe will be one of only two tribes in the state to receive this much needed funding for transitional housing.

According to the Oklahoma Bureau of Investigation's 2017 Uniform Crime Report, domestic abuse in Oklahoma was up 2.5%

from previous years with 24,543 offenses. Washington County is no exception. In 2017, members of our community fell victim to assault, rape, sex crime, and murder. Assault and battery topped out the list at 254 offenses.<sup>1</sup> Even one is too many. In December 2018 our community suffered another setback in the closing of Family Crisis & Counseling Services. Their program ran the only local domestic violence shelter. They were the contact point for local law enforcement, the District court, and vulnerable individuals seeking assistance in filing orders of

protection and/or needing shelter from violent situations.

The Delaware Tribe very quickly found itself trying to fill the gap that left our community members stranded. We have partnered with Ray of Hope – Child Advocacy Center, Youth & Family services of Washington County, Domestic Violence Intervention Services (DVIS), and Legal Aid of Oklahoma to provide victims of crimes with the resources they need. We also work the Native Alliance Against Violence and are a members of the Six Nations Domestic Violence Alliance.

In the relatively short amount of time our program has been operating, we have served many members of our community from all racial and economic backgrounds. In February alone, our program assisted 21 individuals and families. Delaware Tribe Family & Children Services has also provided transitional housing services, under the definition of the VOCA grant, to six victims and their families with an ever-increasing need. The services provided included rent subsidy, relocation expenses, transportation expenses, and utility assistance.

Our programs continue to expand, filling the growing needs

of the tribe and the community at large. Every day we seek to assist the vulnerable and the needy, please continue to grow with us. If you feel like you or someone you know may benefit from any of our services feel free to reach out to us.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://osbi.ok.gov/publications/crime-statistics>; 2017 Uniform Crime Report



## Delaware Days Set For September 27-28, 2019

The Cultural Preservation Committee has set September 27-28 as **DELAWARE DAYS**. It is an opportunity to have a community and cultural fellowship and meet tribal leaders.

The evening programs will take place at the Fred Fall-Leaf Memorial Campgrounds at Copan (site of the annual powwow). Friday September 27 will begin with a potluck supper at 6 P.M. The Cultural Preservation Committee will provide ice tea, coffee, water and all dishes & uten-

sils. Tribal members and visitors are requested to bring a covered dish of food, salad or dessert.

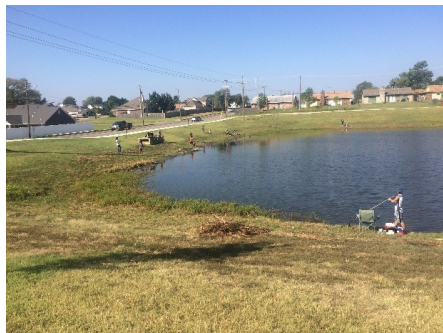
On Saturday September 28 another potluck supper will begin at 6 P.M. and the Cultural Preservation Committee will also provide a main dish of smoked meats.

Then the Elders Committee will honor the Elder of the Year—Betty Notah and the Veterans Committee will honor the Veterans of the Year—Tom Scott & Jim Baker.

At dusk each evening there will be a cultural activity

with Lenape social dance songs and stomp dancing. Bring your drums, rattles, and leg shakers. Also bring your lawn chairs, shawls, and jackets.

The Cultural Preservation Committee invites all Delaware Tribal members and their families & guests to come share the spirit at the annual DELAWARE DAYS September 27-28, 2019. Wanishi! ■



### Powwow Photos



*Quay Hosey, Minnie Dombrowski, Hailey Griffith during gourd dances*



*Quay Hosey gourd dancing with Grandfather Kenny Brown*



*Grand Entry with Visiting Royalty*



*Kenny Brown*





**Native American Health**

*Native American Health will have a short meeting about your healthcare and the benefits that you are not receiving. Then we will eat a small snack. Call for times. Most of the cost is paid by the Federal Government*

**Phone: 405-365-5959 \* 405-585-8018 \* 405-487-7011**



*Female and Male dancers at the William and Mary Powwow*



*Native jewelry for sale at a vendor's table at the William and Mary Powwow*

## Powwow at the College of William and Mary

*C.M. Wasinger*

It's well-known that the college experience brings about a host of adventures that provide students with the opportunity to develop their values and pursue their academic interests; all of which culminates in personal growth. Since attending college, one of my favorite adventures has been working on the executive board for the American Indian Student Association (AISA) at the College of William and Mary and seeing the impact and ability of ASIA's presence on campus, particularly in regards to the Association's annual Powwow.

On a Sunday morning in early April, I and other members of AISA at William and Mary in Virginia set up for our Powwow. Each year, for the past five years, a handful of students have worked to put on the College's annual Powwow which brings about 300 people in attendance, including many vendors, performers, community members, classmates, and faculty.

Coordinating such a well-attended event had its inherent challenges; particularly the more logistical aspects of setting up the venue, inviting performers, and coordinat-

ing with vendors—in addition to working through the various rules and paperwork. The event's success, however, proved highly rewarding and worthwhile for AISA and our community.

The Powwow provided a great opportunity for community members to celebrate and engage with Native culture in a supportive environment. Margarita O., AISA president, mentioned that an aspect of the annual William and Mary Powwow that she enjoys most is "having local dancers and community members celebrating culture while also having [William and Mary] students there." Throughout the day, many campus community members came by to shop with vendors, watch performances, and enjoy delicious Native food on a cool and sunny afternoon in our small southern Virginia town. Additionally, it provided an excellent opportunity for members of the William and Mary community to enjoy an experience and simultaneously support the Native community. President Rowe of William and Mary also stopped by and spoke a few words regarding the value of sharing cultural experiences on our campus.

The encouragement AISA received for the Powwow was important; and, a nice contrast to an old tradition of utilizing educational communities to diffuse individual political and cultural practices and thought. The environment on many college campuses can harmfully disintegrate distinct aspects of character as students adapt to their campus cultures; irrelevant of their cultural background. Thus, hosting a Powwow and interacting with our community members in such a uniquely positive way does credit to the learning atmosphere created at the College of William and Mary, which I am privileged to attend. As a Delaware tribal member, I hope to see William and Mary, and every college campus, work diligently in the future to foster the growth of positive learning environment that encourages students to engage and learn from dissimilarity and welcome new opportunities while never losing sight of their core values and pursuits. ■

*Photos courtesy of Christian Busch (above)*



## Lenape Language Report

*Jim Rementer*

**What's New:** The new and improved **Lenape Talking Dictionary** website has been online now for two years. We have worked to update the site for over a year thanks to funding from the tribe.

**Stories and Lessons**—We have been updating the **Stories and Lessons** sections and now have included twelve lessons with Lesson 12 being a prayer format. These lessons have sound files also. Here is the link to the Lessons section: <http://talk-lenape.org/lessons>.



**New Stories**—A new story was added—The Girl and the Boy—Told by Lillie Hoag Whitehorn (1902–1994) in

1977. Lillie was a member of the Delaware Tribe of Western Oklahoma (now The Delaware Nation), and she was also half Caddo. Go here to listen: <http://talk-lenape.org/stories?id=113>. Here is Lillie Whitehorn who told the story. Also shown are Nora Dean, Jim Rementer, and linguist Bruce Pearson.



**The Dogs and Wolves Fear Each Other . . .** As mentioned in the last issue of the Delaware Indian News this story was told by Nora Thompson Dean in 1982. It tells about when dogs and wolves were friends and also how dogs came to live with the Lenape. Go here to listen: <http://talk-lenape.org/stories?id=112>.

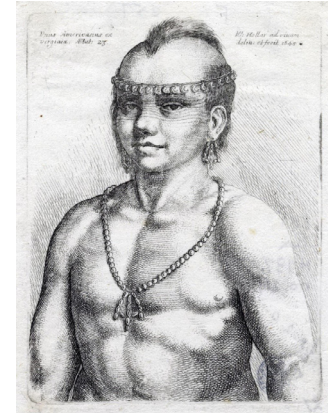
On the main Delaware tribal website there are word lists and these have photos and links to the dictionary so you can hear the words pronounced. They are in categories like Birds, Animals, etc. Go to the address below and look for files that begin Lenape Names.

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

In this same section we added the Lenape names of various tribes and groups. There are no images in this list.

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

In the Lenape History part of the Culture and Language section on the tribal website we have added a list showing early images of the Lenape. These date from the 1600s up until 1900. Here is a Lenape man who was given the name Jacques and this was drawn in 1645:



This is in the History section since it has no language sound files, and you can find it here:

<http://delawaretribe.org/wp-content/uploads/EARLY-IMAGES-OF-LENAPE-PEOPLE-2.pdf> ■

## Cultural Resources Department

The Cultural Resources Department is located in the Delaware Tribe Cultural Center at 166 N. Barbara on the tribal headquarters campus in Bartlesville. The staff includes Curtis Zunigha—Department 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](http://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 appointment with department staff. We currently do not offer check-out of library items. However the Library has been moved to Room 108 of the Cultural Center.

**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 2019 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. The 2019 event will be held September 27–28.

**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 website 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](http://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. We received a grant from the MICA Group/ Cultural Resources Fund for a special project we've titled "Speaking Across Generations." Project team members are writing and learning short beginner-level conversations. Then the team members video-record their conversations to post on the tribal website. The video lessons are expected to premiere in late August.

**Gift Shop**—The department operates a small gift shop with many items bearing the Seal of the Delaware Tribe of Indians. Some books and compact disc recordings of Lenape language and music are also available for sale. The Gift Shop also accepts items on consignment for sale **at the discretion of management**. The shop is a Pendleton Woolen Mill distributor and our current inventory has blankets and accessories. Online sales are also available by going to the tribal website homepage and clicking on the Gift Shop button at the bottom of the page. ■



## 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 20<sup>th</sup>, 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). ■

## \$5,000 Delaware Tribe of Indians Scholarships Offered

The Delaware Tribe of Indians have awarded their two \$5,000 Tribal Council scholarships for the Fall Semester of 2019. These scholarships are given to two qualifying Delaware Tribal members, enrolled in the current semester at a verifiable College, University of Higher learning, or Certifiable Trade school to obtain an Associates, Bachelors, or Masters Degree. Those members working toward their doctorate will also be considered. Applications are processed and chosen by the Education committee of the Delaware Tribe’s Trust Board. The Trust Board also provides a \$400 scholarship and students may apply for both the Trust Board and Tribal Council scholarships. Requirements for applying are stated on each application. The Tribal council scholarship is the more competitive of the two.

The two awardees for the Fall semes-

ter of 2019 are Trinity Woods of Saginaw TX and Elizabeth Kennedy of Conway AR. Congratulations! As mentioned, this scholarship is very competitive and from the many qualified and impressive applicants, Trinity and Elizabeth received the highest scores.

The Tribal council has worked diligently to make this award available and all tribal students are encouraged to apply for either or both scholarships.

**SPRING 2020 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS ARE ACCEPTED FROM DECEMBER 1ST TO JANUARY 31ST 2020.**

Applications are available at <http://www.delawaretribe.org/scholarships>

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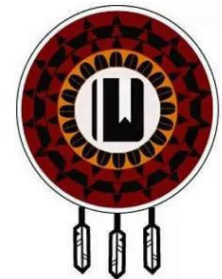
## Donations for Education Scholarships Gratefully Accepted

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

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

Send donations to

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



## Delaware Indian News

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We invite contributions, but reserve the right to limit printing based upon available space. The deadline for articles, letters, ads and calendar of events is November 15, 2019 for the December 2019 issue. Submissions may be mailed, faxed or hand delivered to the tribal office or emailed to [din@delawaretribe.org](mailto:din@delawaretribe.org). Paid advertisements are available; for rates, please contact the editor.

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## Obituaries

### James William Allen II



**August 6, 1948 –  
July 19, 2019**

A memorial service celebrating and remembering the life of James William Allen II was held at 10:00 A.M., Thursday, July 25, 2019 in the chapel at DeLozier Funeral Service. James passed away on Friday, July 19, 2019, surrounded by his family. He was 70.

Born in Tulsa, OK on August 6, 1948 to James W. and Pearl (Wyrick) Allen, James was raised and educated in the Chelsea area and graduated from Chelsea High School with the Class of 1966. Following graduation James enlisted in the United States Army and faithfully served his country until receiving his honorable discharge. Returning to the states, he continued his education attending Claremore Junior College, Bacone College, and NSU. On December 3, 1972 James married Ruth Byrd in Chelsea. This union was gifted with one daughter, Kelee. James provided for his family working in the construction industry his entire life.

A man that was referred to by his family as very private; James had a great sense of humor and a love for his family. He was very talented as an artist. Cats were his favorite thing to draw or paint. However, James painted the murals on the walls at the public swimming pool in Chelsea, as

well as the ones on the Rt. 66 Flea Market.

Having a multitude of past times, James enjoyed any type of music, movies (especially those that were scary), and tinkering with old cars he would purchase and then sell. Trips to Estes Park Colorado were considered his destination of choice. Holidays were special, but perhaps Halloween would be considered his favorite. James would show up at the party in a monster mask and a Santa suit. At Christmas he could be counted on to play the role of the Grinch, it was one of his favorite movies.

James' legacy will live on not only in the lives of his family but all those that knew him. James is survived by his daughter, Kelee Trude and her significant other Steven Hefley, grandchildren, Hayden and Hannah Trude, and sister, Debbie Wyrick-Watenpaugh. James was preceded in death by his parents, brother, Michael Allen, sisters, Nancy, and Candy Allen. ■

### Terry Dean Barnes



**August 26, 1955 –  
July 20, 2019**

Terry Dean Barnes, 63, passed away and was reunited with his beloved parents on Saturday, July 20, 2019, at 3:07 P.M. Terry passed peacefully, surrounded by family and friends.

Terry was born on August 26, 1955, in Bartlesville. He attended 1st grade in Ochelata, then completed his education in Bartles-

ville. Terry spent as little time as possible in the classroom, acquiring most of his education from nature, neighbors' garages and workshops, and the newspaper, which he enjoyed reading every evening with his dad.

Terry was an entrepreneur and a hard-working self-made man. For most of his adult life he was self-employed in the tree service business. Terry proudly trained his sons in the business as they became old enough to climb trees, operate saws and chop firewood. Terry was also an animal lover, which included bringing home an assortment of babies rescued from trees for his mother to feed until they were old enough to be returned to the wild.

Terry is remembered for loving his family and for generously helping anyone in need who crossed his path. He never met a stranger. Terry spent most of his time in the woods with his boys or riding around town on his Harley.

Terry is survived by five sons, Torrey Barnes, Cody Barnes and Jace Barnes of Bartlesville, Zachary Barnes and Jesse Barnes of Tulsa and one daughter, Dustie Barnes of Santa Fe, TX and a grandson, Parker Cummings also of Santa Fe, TX; two step-children, Shawna Shambles and Cole Shambles; two sisters, Karen Wilson (Bobby) of Nowata and Carole Henry (Clarence) of Bartlesville; and one brother, Allan Barnes (Karen) of Bartlesville. Terry was preceded in death by his parents, Ray and Dena Barnes, and by grandson, Ryan Deshane Barnes.

A celebration of life gathering was held at the Delaware Tribe Community Center, 5100 Tuxedo Blvd., Bartlesville, OK, on Saturday, August 3, 2019, at 5 P.M.

A memorial fund is being established and details will be forthcoming. ■

### Dorothy Irene Gage



**November 17, 1937 –  
February 24, 2019**

Dorothy Irene Gage, age 81, of Colbert, OK, passed away at Beacon Hill Nursing Facility, Denison, TX, on Sunday, February 24, 2019. Dorothy was born on November 17, 1937 in Nowata, OK to C.H. DeMoss & Ernestine Hall DeMoss. She married Dale Gage on July 27, 1963 in Durant, OK. Dale preceded her in death on May 5, 2009. Dorothy attended and graduated from Borger High School. She was a member of Coleman Avenue Church of Christ, Colbert.

Dorothy worked at various jobs in the Denison area, Hugh Chestnut Insurance, John Manville Plant and Denison Independent School District. She loved being in the workplace and had an impact on many people. She was a friend to everyone. She had a love for horses and also enjoyed traveling.

She leaves to cherish her memories, her son; Randy Myers & wife Tammy of Colbert, OK, sister; Nancy Taylor & Merle of Durant, OK, step-son, Ricky Gage of Muskogee, OK, step-daughter; Tammy Stone & husband Ed of San Antonio, TX, sister-in-laws; Linda Sandridge of Idaho Falls, Idaho & Betty Wolfenbarger of Irving, TX, grandchildren; Sonny Myers of Colbert, OK, Jamie Damcott of New York, Summer Swistak of Holiday, TX, MaKen-

zie Williams of San Antonio, TX, Chance Myers of New York, Colton Myers of New York, Dash Myers of Colbert, OK, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, other family & many friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband; Dale Gage, her parents, C.H. & Ernestine DeMoss, son; Ricky Myers, her brother; Rodney DeMoss and sister-in-law; Barbara DeMoss.

A memorial service was held on Thursday, February 28, 2019, 6:00 P.M. at American Funeral Service Chapel, Colbert, OK. Officiating will be her nephew, Reverend Mark DeMoss. Dorothy was cremated per her wishes.

Arrangements are under the direction of American Funeral Service, Colbert, OK. You may sign the guest book at [www.american-funeralservice-fh.com](http://www.american-funeralservice-fh.com). ■



### Betty Lou Hoffman



**March 21, 1936 –  
March 25, 2019**

Betty Lou Hoffman was born in Nowata, Oklahoma on March 21, 1936 to Herbert and Thelma Tennent. Betty passed away on March 25, 2019.

She graduated from Nowata High School and went on to Draughns Business School. After school, she worked for OtasCo, Sun Oil and Green Bay Packag-



## Obituaries (cont.)

ing. Betty loved spending time with her family and her friends. She enjoyed staying busy and being outside. Betty loved to travel, especially to the beach. Betty and her late husband, Walter, played in several bowling leagues. They also enjoyed playing card games and dice with their family.

Betty is survived by her daughter, Debbie Fowler, granddaughter, Jessica Lienert (Michael), and two great grandchildren.

Funeral Services were scheduled at 3:00 P.M. on Wednesday, March 27, 2019 at Green Hill Funeral Home Chapel. There was no visitation scheduled. Betty's final resting place is in Green Hill Memorial Gardens.

The family has entrusted services to Green Hill Funeral Home, 400 E. Teel Rd. Sapulpa 918-224-2312 [www.greenhillok.com](http://www.greenhillok.com)



### Randy Ray Myers



**March 1, 1957 –  
March 28, 2019**

Randy Ray Myers, age 62, of Colbert, OK, passed away, surrounded by his loving family, on Thursday, March 28, 2019 at Texoma Medical Center, Denison, TX. Randy was born on March 1, 1957 in Borger, Texas to Truell Myers & Dorothy DeMoss Myers. Randy married Tammy Fullen on September 4, 1984 in Borger, TX. Officiating was the Justice of the Peace, who was his grandmother, Nadean Spinks.

Randy attended grade school in Denison, then went to Colbert High School, where he graduated in 1976. After graduation he went to work for the Katy Railroad and then in 1989 he worked for the Union Pacific, which was located in St. Louis, MO and Omaha, NE. He was employed there until 2007. Randy was a very friendly, enjoyable person to be around. He will be greatly missed.

He is survived by his wife; Tammy Myers of Colbert, OK, his son; Sonny Myers of Colbert, OK, grandson; Dash Myers of Colbert, OK, step-brother; Ricky Gage of Muskogee, OK, step-sister; Tammy Stone of San Antonio, TX, aunt; Nancy Taylor and husband Merle of Durant, OK, mother-in-law; Norma Fullen of Colbert, OK, brother-in-law; Tim Fullen & wife Amy of Colbert, OK, sister-in-law; Teresa Khoury of Denison, TX, numerous nieces, nephews, cousin, other relatives and a host of fiends.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Dorothy Gage in 2019, his step-father; Dale Gage, his father; Truell Myers, brother; Ricky Myers, grandparents; Nadean & Aubrey Spinks, C.H. & Ernestine DeMoss, brother-in-law; Steve Khoury and his father-in-law; Robert Fullen.

A funeral service was held on Monday, April 1, 2019, 11:00 A.M. at First Baptist Church, Colbert, OK. Officiating was his nephew, Pastor Eli Fullen. Interment was at Garden of Memory Cemetery, Colbert, OK. Family & friends visitation was Sunday, March 30, 2019, 6-8 P.M. at American Funeral Service, Colbert, OK.

Pallbearers were Bud Jackson, Ronnie Weger, Tim Fullen, Mike Washer, Monte Cooper & Joey Potts. ■



### Fred David Secondine



**April 14, 1947 –  
August 8, 2019**

Fred David Secondine 72, passed away August 8, 2019 at Jane Phillips Medical Center in Nowata, OK.

Fred was born April 14, 1947 in Nowata, Oklahoma to Henry Anderson and Mae Mary (Tate) Secondine. He was one of six children. Fred attended Delaware Public Schools where he graduated with the class of 1965. After graduating Fred decided to further his education by attending Eastern Oklahoma State College. Fred married the love of his life Jo Harrison on May 29, 1976 in Nowata, OK.

Fred was employed by Schlumberger before retiring, when he wasn't at work, he was doing the chores, working cattle, baling hay, mowing the yard or feeding the livestock. He didn't care as long as he was at home. Fred always said, "If he never left the farm, he would be happy!" He was a hard worker and wasn't afraid of getting his hands dirty. There wasn't a job to big or to small that Fred couldn't handle. He was an eBay shopper; you never knew what was going to be on the porch step. Sometimes, the UPS truck would run more than the regular mail.

Fred was a dedicated husband, father and grandpa, who adored his family and loved spending time with them. He took great care of his family and loved them

all unconditionally.

Fred is preceded in death by his parents; siblings, Donald Secondine and Earl Secondine.

Survivors include wife Jo of the home; children: Elizabeth Whitteberry and husband Bob of Colleyville, TX, Amy Sharp of Keller, TX, Todd Kern of Delaware, OK, Robyn Secondine of Bartlesville, OK; siblings, Glenn Secondine and wife Joyce, Roger Secondine and wife Annette, Patricia Harrell, David Secondine; grandchildren, Jordan Whitteberry, Clay Whitteberry, Zack Whitteberry, Kadence Sharp, Cannon Sharp, Emory Sharp, Easton Sharp, Garrison Sharp, Carter Secondine, Liberty Peatling and Raegan Peatling.

Funeral services were held 2:00 P.M. Tuesday at First Christian Church in Nowata, OK. Visitation was held 8:00-5:00 Saturday August 17, 2019, then 12:00-5:00 Sunday, August 18, 2019, and Monday August 19, 2019 at 5:00-7:00.

With Ben Killion officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Benjamin Funeral Service. Online condolences may be left at [www.honoringmemories.com](http://www.honoringmemories.com) or on our Benjamin Facebook page. ■



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

Please also pass along any birth or death announcements to the Enrollment Office at [enrollment@delawaretribe.org](mailto:enrollment@delawaretribe.org). The Community Services Committee has a burial assistance program if you need help. ■

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### Update From the LIHEAP Program

Effective September 15 2019 the LIHEAP Cooling Assistance session has closed. The LIHEAP Heating session will open October 15, 2019. For further information or to prevent a disconnection please contact the Delaware Tribe of Indians LIHEAP program at (918) 337-6590. ■



## Tribal Youth Learn Lenape Culture At Nipeni Maehelan (Summer Gathering)

The Delaware Tribe Cultural Resources Department held the Youth Culture Camp June 24-28 on the tribal campus. We had nine tribal youth (six male, three female). They are Anna Pechonick Pate, Ben Plemmons, Cayla Magee, Chase Mark, Collin Davis, Morgan Messimore, Riley Magee, Tahkoken Michael-Bread, and Xavier Michael-Young.

Indoor activities included team-building exercises, ceremony, teachings on values, language lessons, a tribal history lesson presented by Chief Chet Brooks, learning and practicing social songs and dances, and a week-long craft class making leather carrying pouches.

Our field trips included Woolaroc Museum to see various collections including old Big House objects and Osage Hills State Park for boating & swimming. We also took a trip to the Busby Cemetery in Copan for traditional teachings on Delaware funeral and burial customs.

The department staff is Curtis Zunigha (Director), Anita Mathis (Librarian/Archivist) and Jim Rementer (Language Program Director). Tribal members assisting were Erica Magee, Levi Randall, Annette Ketchum, Paula Pechonick, and John Sumpter. Our tribal youth all had a great experience and lots of fun. The event was a success and we appreciate the support of the Tribal Council and all administrative departments. ■



*Anna Pechonick Pate*



*Ben Plemmons*



*Cayla Magee*



*Chase Mark*



*Collin Davis*



*Morgan Messimore*



*Chief with group*



*Riley Magee*



*Tahkoken Michael-Bread*



*Xavier Michael-Young*



*Swimming at OHSP*



*Picninc lunch Osage Hills SP*



*Stomp dance exhibition*



*Delaware Big House exhibit (left)*

*Teachings of elder women (right)*

