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From the Desk of Chief Chet Brooks

Chet Brooks, Chief

Weli Newiyal! As we come into 2020 let me make these comments about our accomplishments last year. The primary accomplishment of course was having our Caney Kansas land put into Trust making the first "Indian Country" lands for our tribe in the last 153 years. We have also purchased seven and a half acres contiguous to this trust land and we will begin the process of placing this in trust also.

All of the departments of the tribe continued to function in a good way last year including Elder Nutrition, Family

and Children Services, Cultural Preservation Department, Tribal Registration, Environmental Program, Wellness Center, Housing Program, IT, Accounting and Tahkox e2 sba Enterprise. We are pleased to also commend our Domicile for beginning to show a profit once again.

The tribe will shortly be working on strategic planning to answer the question "What do we want to accomplish in the next 3-5 years." In that regard, we plan to have about three or four town hall meetings to get tribal members input on the strategic planning. The first of these town hall meetings will be at 2 P.M. Saturday, March 14, 2020 at the

Dewey Oklahoma fairgrounds this town hall meeting will be followed by a stomp dance you see published on this page. Please come and voice your opinions or ask question at the town hall meeting and join and participate in the stomp dance to follow.

I personally hope for a great year for our tribe and wish all of our tribal members the best year ever.

Chet Brooks
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Delaware Tribe Receives \$47,269.00 Tribal Heritage Grant From U.S. National Park Service

The Delaware Tribe of Indians, a federally-recognized Indian tribe headquartered in Bartlesville (Washington County), OK has received a grant from the U.S. National Park Service in the amount of \$47,269.00. The Tribal Heritage Grant Program as administered by the National Park Service, Department of the Interior, will fund a two-year project to document, index, and catalog archival materials in the tribe's collections. Examples of materials are photographs, maps, historic documents, artifacts, and

recordings. The Tribal Heritage Grant will support three jobs in the Cultural Resources Department.

The tribe, also known as Lenape in their traditional language, originated in the Pennsylvania/New Jersey area before European contact in the early 16th Century. Their diaspora included displacement from original homelands and forced removal to the Indian Territory (now Oklahoma) in 1867. Throughout that time much of their culture and language fell out of practice due to forced as-

similation into white society.

The Delaware Tribe has partnered for more than twenty years with the NPS. They provided traditional place names and historical interpretation to landmarks and waterways in parks established in their original homelands. This partnership has also supported the tribe's efforts to repatriate human remains and funerary objects held in museums and archaeological collections.

There has been renewed interest in customs and traditions by a younger generation of tribal

Saturday, March 14 • Chili Dinner 6 p.m. • Dance 7 p.m.

2020 DELAWARE SPRING STOMP DANCE

Facilitated by The Delaware Tribe Culture Committee

- Free Chili and Bean Dinner
- Concession Stand
- Live Auction
- 50/50 Drawing
- Cake Walk

Vendors are welcome. Setup time is 4 p.m.

All Tribes welcome. Please bring your lawn chairs and feel free to donate to the Cake Walk or Auction.

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members. The new grant will recruit and train these members to carry on traditional practices held sacred by the tribe such as funerals, burials, and cemetery maintenance. The Delaware Tribe is committed to administering the Tribal Heritage Grant Project to successful completion. ■



From the Desk of Tribal Council Member Brad Kills Crow

Brad Kills Crow, Tribal Council Member

Long before I decided to run for the Tribal Council I heard tribal members complain about our child care program - it did not serve Delaware children, it was too expensive. So when I was elected to the Council I started asking questions but the answers I got were either vague or never provided. This was because the Council had no real oversight of the program and the child care staff were not tribal employees.

Events this summer led the Council to begin looking into the situation and here is what we learned. First, the Tribe receives federal funds for two programs serving children and families, Child Care and Early Head Start. The Tribe has been funded for Child Care since 1997 but when the Tribe lost federal recognition, our funds were moved to the Cherokee Nation. The Cherokee Nation

in turn contracted with the Washington County Child Care Foundation to manage the child care program for the Delaware Tribe. In 2017, the Foundation received funds for an Early Head Start program on behalf of the Tribe. However, the Foundation gave program oversight responsibilities and funding to the Foundation's Governing Board rather than to the Council. As the grantee, the Delaware Tribe is responsible for program governance including legal and financial oversight of the program. Thus our program was not in compliance with federal regulations.

Second, we learned that only about 30% of the children enrolled in the two programs are Indian with only about 10% being Delaware Tribal members. Since the federal funds for these programs are targeted primarily to serve Indian children, these figures were very troubling.

The good news is that the Tribal Council is moving forward to correct this situation. First, the Council and tribal administrative staff have received and continue to receive training and technical assistance from the federal Office of Head Start to bring our program back into compliance and our Early Head Start funds have been redirected back

to the Tribe. Second, new enrollment policies have been put in place to ensure that eligible Delaware/Indian children are given preference in enrollment. We are also working on new income guidelines for Delaware families and services for school age children. Third, we are in discussion with Cherokee Nation to get our child care funds back under the Delaware Tribe. We anticipate this happening in early 2020.

The child care services and early childhood education programs provided by the staff at the Delaware Child Development Centers in Bartlesville, Claremore and the new center in Sperry, are some of the best in our state and something we should all be proud of. If you are in need of child care, your child is under the age five, and live near one of our centers, I would encourage you request an application or pay them a visit. As a Council Member, my focus will continue to be on ensuring that these programs meet federal regulation, funds are used wisely, and most importantly, the needs of the Delaware Tribe and our children and families are being met. ■

\$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 As-

sociates, 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 semester 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> ■

Lenape Language Report

Jim Rementer

What's New: The improved **Lenape Talking Dictionary** has been online now for over two years. We had worked updating the site for over a year with funding from the tribe. In September I submitted a grant application to National Science Foundation for funding to continue our improvements to the Lenape Talking Dictionary. Now we wait to hear.

New Entries: Since May of this year we have added about 900 more words and sentence sound files to the Dictionary. Most of these are from recordings made with Lucy Blalock by David Oestreicher. Some are fairly complex like, "The leaves are beginning to turn red and yellow because it is autumn."

Revived: I was asked about the Lenape Word-a-Day calendars like I used to make when Lucy Blalock was teaching classes. The program I used then doesn't work with Windows 10 so I found another way to make them. They take time as the words cannot be over a certain length and must be placed in each box separately. There are sound files for each of these in the Lenape Dictionary at www.talk-lenape.org. ■

Lenape December 2019							Words
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
1 kun ice/snow	2 nushhükön icicle	3 tupän it's frosty	4 kunu snow on it	5 shëlét sled	6 kshiwine snows hard	7 nushhükwe he iceskates	
8 ntakohchi I'm cold	9 ntaosi I warm by a fire	10 nänkahchi I shiver	11 chëllis snow-bird Junco	12 pimëwakän sweat lodge	13 mpimëwe I had a sweatbath	14 pimëwe he had a sweatbath	
15 chëkët jacket	16 alukwëpi hat	17 pitaöksën overshoe	18 shakhükwän coat	19 ahshikàna socks	20 chipahko shoes	21 luwän winter	
22 lailuwän midwinter	23 Kichiluwän December	24 luwänàxën north wind	25 Mäli Këleshmësh Merry Christmas	26 miltin- hltükw Christmas tree	27 thapän cool weather	28 chakahtën it's frozen	
29 shöxahhtën slippery ice	30 mëxate deep snow	31 kpätën it is frozen shut	Listen to the Lenape words at www.talk-lenape.org				

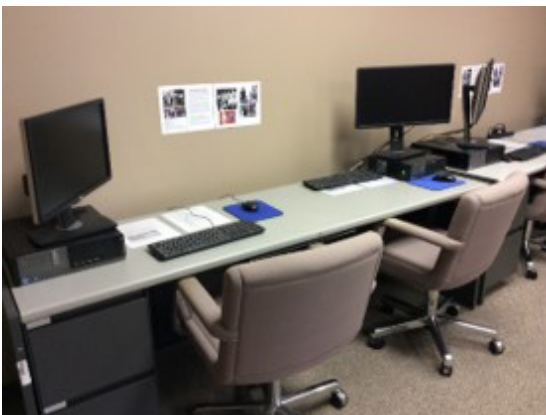
LENAPE January 2020							WORDS
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
Listen to the Lenape words at www.talk-lenape.org			Well New Year Happy New Year	wëski kahtën a new year	mpi water	ti tea	
käpi coffee	kunapu ice water	mënihi give me a drink	mëniha give him a drink	xami feed me	xamikw you people feed me	xäm feed him	
këku what / something	këku häch? what?	awën person	awën häch? who is it?	nta I go	kta you go	ë he/she goes	
utënik nta I go to town	sipu creek	sipunk ë he goes to the creek	wichëm help him	wichëmi help me	wichëmikw help me you people	häch/hëch a question	
Kamink nta I went to Bartlesville	Käpink e She went to Coffeyville	kwinkalei I like you	ktaholei I love you	luwän winter	Läpich knewël See you again		

Cultural Resources Department Annual Report For The General Council Meeting Saturday November 16, 2019

Curtis Zunigha, Director

The Cultural Resources Department is located in the Cultural Center at 166 N. Barbara on the tribal headquarters campus in Bartlesville. The staff includes Curtis Zunigha-Director, Anita Mathis-Library/Archives & Gift Shop, and Jim Rementer – Language Program. 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** by appointment 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 trib-

al 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; a class on making Corn Husk Dolls on February 13; a Stomp Dance on March 23 in Dewey, and a craft class making ribbon skirts and vests on April 23. 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. Our most notable event for 2019 was the Youth Culture Camp *Nipeni Maehelan* which was held June 24-28. Nine tribal youth participated in activities learning about teamwork, leadership, tribal history, culture, language, crafts, and traditional songs & dances.. They also had fun with outdoor activities such as swimming and boating,

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. 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 are completing a grant project video-taping tribal members in conversational Lenape language and the lessons will be posted on the tribe's website by the end of 2019.

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 is a Pendleton Woolen Mill distributor and 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.

Curtis Zunigha
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This year the Oklahoma Tribal Child Support Association honored Delaware Tribe by inviting us to be the Highlighted Tribe for their 3rd annual training.



Curtis Zunigha, Erica Zunigha-Magee, Joe Exendine, Nicky Kay Michael, Jeremy and Red Day Johnson, and honor guards Kenny Brown and Tom Scott were in attendance to present the opening ceremony. FCS is to be proud of being highlighted in this way, and especially grateful for the support of the Tribal Council and Tribal members who made it possible.

Wanishi! ■



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. ■

Grants Family and Children Services is Working Under in 2020 (All grants must be applied for annually except where specified)

F&CS currently operates under 947 funding stream with 5 employees.

Health and Human Services – Administration for Children and Families

- Office of Child Support Enforcement - \$493,619.00
- Child Welfare
- Child Welfare Social Services - \$8,243.00
- Providing Safe and Stable Families - \$13,396.00
- Family Violence Prevention Services Act - \$45,830.00

Oklahoma Department of Human Services

- Providing Safe and Stable Families – Award amount unknown at this time

Tribal Funds

- Child Welfare - \$40,000

Department of Justice

- Office on Violence Against Women (3 yr) – \$424,845.00
- Office of Victims of Crime (3 yr) – \$672,192

Oklahoma District Attorneys Council

- Victims of Crime Act - \$172,181 ■

DIN Subscription Form

Don't miss any of the latest news about the Delaware Tribe of Indians. Order the *Delaware Indian News*, the Tribe's official publication. Enrolled tribal members with current addresses on file receive the *Delaware Indian News* free. For non-tribal members or others, the annual subscription is only \$20 per year (four issues).

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Community Services and Education

Community Services Programs

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

The Community Services committee has reinstated programs previously suspended and revised or kept the same, dollar amount of benefits that were previously reduced. Based on the anticipated availability of funding, applications for the following programs are being accepted.

Burial Program: \$750.00 Burial assistance for Delaware

Tribal members. The family may apply for the funds to be used for expenses that are most beneficial to the family (i.e., funeral services, family meals, wake, grave markers, etc.) Documentation required to establish membership and proof of death.

Elder Prescriptions: Prescription medication assistance to Delaware Elders age 60 and over for Pharmacy and related costs. Elders may receive assistance up to \$75.00 per month not to exceed \$900.00 per calendar year. Funds may be disbursed to

vendors or reimburse applicants with proper documents and receipts.

Medical Assistance: Assistance to pay medical bills, including but not limited to out of pocket medical expenses, medical equipment (purchase or rental), Home health care, pharmacy, etc. not to exceed \$240.00 Payment for services will be made to provider or Tribal member if paid receipts are included with other required documentation.

Emergency Assistance & Emergency Travel Assistance: Emergency assistance to Delaware Tribal members.

Funds are to be used for emergency situations as requested by Tribal member. Applicants must utilize other community resources if available. Emergency Assistance up to \$240.00 and Emergency Transportation up to \$200.00 Funds will be determined and disbursed by the Community Service committee on a case-by-case basis.

Rental Assistance: Available up to \$240 based on same criteria as emergency application and determined on a case-by-case basis.

Dental Assistance: Reinstated to \$300. Provides assistance for

dental services including tooth repair, fillings, dentures or emergency services. Income verification required.

Elder Optical: Provides assistance for optical services to Delaware Elders age 60 and over. Funds may be used for services, including glasses, exams or related costs.

Student Optical: Provides assistance to students enrolled in grades K-12, colleges or universities or vocational technical schools. Based on age of applicant, proof of enrollment may be required. ■

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 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. Scholar-

ships 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. Just go the Services/Programs tab, and then scroll down to Educational Assistance. ■



Chief Brooks
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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 _____

Six Nations Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women Awareness Event

Saturday, January 25th, 2020
10 A.M. - 2 P.M.

Osage Casino - Ponca City

#MMIW – Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women
4 out of 5 of our Native women are affected by violence today.

The U.S. Department of Justice found that Native women face murder rates that are more than 10 times the national average. ■

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Tribal Domicile Staff Attends Agent Summit

Allan Barnes, Domicile Commissioner

Chief Chet Brooks and the Delaware Tribe of Indians, Tribal Domicile staff recently attended the Agent Summit on May 20th and 21st in Las Vegas, NV. The Tribal Domicile of the Delaware Tribe of Indians is a domestic domicile for Reinsurers for the Automobile industry, owned by Vehicle dealers, agents and other specialized producers, such as rent-to-own stores. A domestic domicile eliminates the need of opening a U.S. investment account as a foreign company and provides a domestic alternative to offshore formations.

Acting as a regulatory body, The Tribal Domicile provides for the formation of companies through the appointment of approved Insurance Managers. These Managers were also in attendance at the Agent summit and meetings were scheduled between them and domicile representatives throughout both days. They were very appreciative of the Chief's presence and showing the Tribe's support for this very important governmental branch of the Delaware Tribe. Those representing the Domicile were the Domicile Commissioner, Tribal Support Staff and Legal Counsel who addressed the technical questions in this exceptionally specialized business.

For more information regarding the Tribal Domicile, please go to delawaretribe.org website and over to Tribal Government. ■



A Visitor from Germany

Once again the Delaware Tribe welcomed a visitor from Germany. This time the visitor was named Martina Rommel and she is from Stuttgart, Germany, where she is a music librarian. Like those from Germany who have come here before her she has a great interest in Indian people and culture. During her three week stay in Oklahoma she visited a number of tribes and attended their events, as well as visiting tribal headquarters and museums throughout the state. She spent about a week here in Delaware Indian Tribe's area.



Martina visits with tribal elder, Bonnie Thaxton, at tribal headquarters

On the first weekend that she was in this area she attended both days of Delaware Days at the Fallleaf powwow grounds on September 27 and 28.



Here Martina is checking out the Buffalo statue in front of tribal headquarters

While in the area she also visited a number of things of interest such as the Delaware Tribal Library, the Bartlesville History Museum, Wolaroc Museum, the Price Tower, and even one day a quick trip to Sedan, Kansas, to check out the Yellow Brick Road. Martina then left for two days to go visit tribes in the northeast corner of Oklahoma and met a number of people and took many photographs.

Before leaving this part of the state she returned to Washington County and she attended the Indian Summer event which was held on the streets of Dewey on October 4 and 5..



Martina and the Head Man Dancer, Blue River Haase, at Indian Summer

After leaving this area she headed south and checked out some tribal museums and functions in the southern part of the state before heading west to visit with the Delaware Nation at Anadarko and also attend the Kiowa Black Leggings Society event. ■



Expert on Delaware Indian Culture Leads Educational Program at ESU

By Brian Myszkowski



Curtis Zunigha has held numerous positions with the Delaware Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma, including tribal councilman, election board chairman, housing authority director and Chief of the tribe. Currently, Zunigha works as a cultural director, helping to preserve the traditions, languages and practices of his people



Curtis Zunigha, cultural director of the Delaware Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma, presents a lecture on the history and culture of Native people in the area at East Stroudsburg University on Tuesday, Nov. 18.

While some may think of Native American heritage as a relic of the past, one man has sought to show the world that the rich history, traditions and language of his people are part of a living, breathing culture that continues to this very day and beyond.

Curtis Zunigha has spent his life, both personal and profes-

sional, steeped in the culture of his people, the Delaware Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma.

Zunigha is a noted expert on the culture, language and traditions of the Delaware/Lenape people. Over the years, he has served as a tribal councilman, election board chairman, housing authority director, and from 1994 to 1998, as the Chief of the Delaware Tribe of Indians.

To this day, he serves as cultural director for the tribe, and often leads presentations on Native culture as a public speaker, workshop facilitator, panel moderator and master of ceremonies at cultural events.

On Tuesday evening, Zunigha headed a two-hour presentation at East Stroudsburg University's Beers Lecture Hall as part of Native American Heritage Month. Students, faculty and community members packed the facility to the point where it quickly became a standing-room only event.

"Curtis's presentation did draw a wonderful crowd," Susan Bachor of the Eastern Tribal Historic Preservation Office at ESU said. "I never expected such a mix of community, administration, staff, and students! This event has already started new conversations with community

members. Curtis and I spent at least another 30 minutes after the presentation speaking with citizens and artifact collectors."

Being in this region served as something of a return home to Zunigha, whose people have a long-standing history with the land.

"This is an area of our principal origins as a people," Zunigha said. "Lenape is the name of who we are as a people. There is archaeological and historical evidence that dates back almost 10,000 years of our occupancy in this area."

Lenape translates as "the original people of the land," Zunigha said.

Emerging from darkness

Zunigha said that the Delaware people originally occupied the lands from Manhattan to Wilmington, Delaware, and from eastern Pennsylvania to New Jersey.

During his presentation, Zunigha took a dive into the history of Delaware people, from their lives before contact with European colonists to the diaspora that forced them from their original homeland, Lenapehoking, and then the numerous forced migrations that took them across the Midwest. An unfortunate hallmark of the history is rooted in the traumatic impact that these events had upon the Delaware culture, including the forceful suppression of their language, history and practices.

That separation from their homeland and culture marked dark times, Zunigha said.

"When our ways were changed after colonial contact, and we were more or less forced to adopt a lifestyle that mirrored colonial ways, we lost a lot of that," Zunigha. "It's not all gone, but we lost a lot of that. Dispossession of land, dispossession of culture and language, dispossession of sovereignty. It's been a long path to reclaim that, and I am part of

that movement in representing the Delaware Tribe."

Suppression of Native American culture included sending young members of the tribes to government-run schools that discouraged traditional practices and language.

"There's been a long-standing effort to deny claims of continuous existence," Zunigha said. "If you deny that and you don't teach it anymore and it keeps getting pushed into the past, there is no present, and you remove a lot of white guilt for taking over lands of these original people."

But despite these tragedies and cruel efforts to destroy their legacy, Zunigha and his people have strived to maintain the culture, language and traditional practices that define them.

"It's empowering to me to learn about our culture, our language and our history, because it helps me connect," Zunigha said. "I grew up in the 50s and 60s when we were still part of this whole, 'It's in the past, you've got to give up on those ways.'"

To this end, Zunigha, as a cultural director, has led numerous efforts to help his tribe maintain their language through lessons emphasizing core elements of Delaware culture. Videos feature Zunigha and his family holding common conversations, such as a discussion on the upcoming pow wow, slowly and clearly, completely in their native tongue in an effort to keep the language alive.

For the youth of the tribe, Zunigha takes them on trips to pow wows and other gatherings, along with museum visits where they are able to handle tribal artifacts. They learn to craft traditional clothing and embellish it with tribal symbols and patterns. They practice dances that have been part of their traditions for countless years. All of this helps to pass the living culture on to the next generation, preserving it

for years to come.

"We've even had an exchange with the National Park Service at the Delaware Water Gap," Zunigha said. "For a couple years, we had a camp of Delaware kids coming from Oklahoma all the way out here, and they spent a week or two to get connected to the land, the waters, which, to us, still have a still living, still vibrant, still dynamic spirit."

Preserving the past for the future

During Tuesday's presentation, Zunigha exhibited numerous photographs of his tribe and family members partaking in traditional practices and excursions. He showed images of tribal clothing, sacred objects and instruments, explaining their creation and meaning for the crowd, showcasing that while his people and their culture have a rich past, they are still here in the present, and they look forward to a future where they still carry their culture.

In the spirit of preserving and promoting the culture of his people, Zunigha, along with other members of the tribe, have long sought to educate their people and establish partnerships to protect sacred sites, burial grounds and other important landmarks in their homelands. Laws like the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act offer protection for culturally significant areas such as these.

But in order to locate, certify and protect these sites, the tribes need experts to verify the claims.

"So, the tribes need people who have the knowledge, who can do the research," Zunigha said. "Because we are not firmly established as a tribal entity back in Pennsylvania, we set up an adjunct presence."

Zunigha and the Delaware connected with Bachor and pro-

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Obituaries

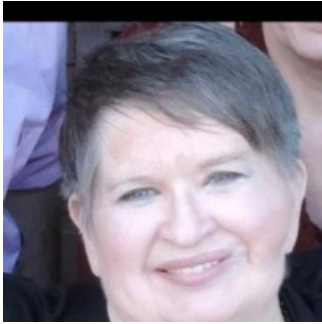
James Thomas Anglin

July 7, 1946 –
September 16, 2019

Born July 7, 1946 and passed away September 16, 2019



Linda Sue Thaxton Boggs



November 12, 1943 –
August 3, 2019

Linda Sue Thaxton Boggs passed away on Saturday, August 3, 2019 after an illness and hospitalization in Tulsa at the age of 75. She was the eldest of five children born to Benjamin Stokes and Charlotte Roberta (Hale) Thaxton. Linda was the family historian. She spent most of the past fifteen years compiling thousands of pages of historical information, weaving the threads of family members dating back to the thirteenth century.

In 1962, Linda graduated from Dewey High School, Dewey, Oklahoma. She worked at Popkess Drug Store until she married her high school sweetheart, Manning Alden Boggs, on November 5, 1962. Manning joined the U.S. Air Force and they began a life of making their home in several states, as far away as Guam, and

ended in retirement in Houston, Texas. Their marriage ended in 1992.

Their union was blessed with three daughters, Brigitte Boggs of Grove, Oklahoma, Shannon Champion and husband Robert of Lago Vista, Texas, and Cassandra Boggs of Coffeyville, Kansas.

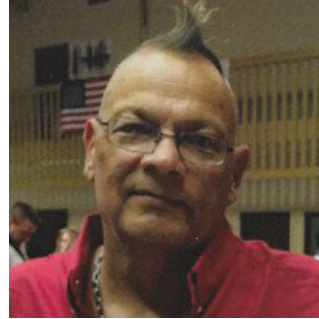
Anyone who knew Linda was sure the center of her world was her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. They are Chance Boggs, wife Raschelle and daughters, DJ and Brooklyn, of Corpus Christi Texas, Chelsea Proffitt, husband, Dakota and son, Jett, of Lago Vista, Texas, Jared Boggs, wife Shaylan, daughter Addison and son Benjamin, of Orange, Texas and Joshua Boggs of Chelsea.

Linda is survived by her mother Charlotte Thaxton, brother Ben Thaxton of Dewey, Oklahoma, sister Nancy Messimore and husband Johnny of Claremore, Oklahoma, sister Lori Hager and husband Stephen of Claremore, Oklahoma, and brother Todd Thaxton and wife Dana of Chelsea, Oklahoma, along with numerous nieces, nephews and their children. She was preceded in death by her father and ex-husband.

When asked what Linda's lifelong occupation was, her daughters were quick to answer "Warrior!" They later settled on a more acceptable answer of "Mom and homemaker." Being a very private person, Linda asked that no services be held. Her family gathered today for lunch and to celebrate Linda's life with funny stories and lots of laughter. Linda was greatly loved and will be, even more so, greatly missed. ■



Kenneth Clayton Burnett, Jr.



April 25, 1952 –
December 26, 2019

Kenneth Clayton Burnett, Jr., 67, of Bartlesville, Oklahoma, died Thursday, December 26, 2019. Kenneth was born April 25, 1952 to parents Kenneth Clayton Sr. and Genevieve (Wilson) Burnett in Bartlesville, Oklahoma. He graduated from Dewey High School. He worked as a welder for Hill Steel in Bartlesville for many years. He was a very excellent welder and craftsman. He enjoyed making metal artwork and bbq pits and smokers and was very good at it! Kenneth loved hunting, fishing, camping, and cooking out with friends and family. He was preceded in death by his parents; siblings Clyde Burnett, Frank Burnett and Joy Burnett and wife Marta Burnett. Kenneth is survived by sons Kenneth Burnett III and wife Rachale and Steve Burnett and wife Tonya; grandchildren Brynna Burnett, Noelle Burnett, Cooper Burnett and Clayton Burnett; nieces Cheri, Angela, Wahnee, Kelly; stepsons Jeff, Brent and Brad and many great nieces and nephews. Private family services were held at a later date. ■

Betty Jean Elleman

October 7, 1922 –
January 2, 2020

Betty Jean Elleman, 97, of Bartlesville, Oklahoma, died Thursday, January 2, 2020. A memorial service was held on Saturday, January 18, 2020 at 1 P.M. at Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witness in Bartlesville, Oklahoma. ■

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 enrollment@delawaretribe.org. The Community Services Committee has a burial assistance program if you need help. ■

Patricia Denise Hamil



April 4, 1954 –
December 30, 2019

Patricia Denise Hamil, 65, of Nowata, Oklahoma, died Monday, December 30, 2019. She was born April 4, 1954, in Coffeyville, Kansas, to par-

ents Alvin Edward and Evelyn Lena (Everett) Perry. Patricia was a homemaker for her entire life. She loved her family and her grandchildren! She was preceded in death by her parents; brothers Richard Lee Perry, Robert Raymond Perry and Charles Edward Perry; son Douglas Wayne Hamil and nephew Terry Lee Royer. Patricia is survived by her children Alvin Edward Perry, Evelyn Shipp and Patricia Beaver; grandchildren Machel Dawn Shipp, Terry John Leaton Shipp, Ashley Thomas, Shelby Thomas, Andrea Fay Hamil, Tyler Hamil, Anthony Swan, Christian Swan and Tierra McKisson; great grandchildren Hayden Michael Silk and Dentin Alan Livingston and a host of nieces and nephews and friends. A memorial service was held on Thursday, January 9, 2020 at 2 P.M. at Stumpff Nowata Funeral Home Chapel. ■



Robert Charles "Bob" Phillips

May 8, 1946 –
August 22, 2019

Robert Charles "Bob" Phillips is survived by son and daughter-in-law, Kenny and Adrienne Phillips; daughter, Mary Phillips; daughter and son-in-law, Marcy Phillips and William Howell; sister, Jane Van Dorn; and six grandchildren. He was preceded by his parents, Ed and Mary Ruth Ellen Phillips; and brothers, Edward Phillips and Joe Phillips. He was a member of the Delaware Tribe. He retired from the State of Oklahoma. Bob was an avid sportsman who enjoyed Oklahoma history and college football. In lieu of flowers, do-

Obituaries (cont.)

nations may be made to: Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation Foundation, P.O. Box 43465, OKC, OK 73152. Funeral services were held at 10 A.M. Monday, Aug. 26, 2019, at the John M. Ireland Funeral Home and Chapel, 120 S. Broadway, Moore, OK. Interment followed at 2 P.M. at the Dewey Cemetery, Dewey, OK. Services are under the direction of John M. Ireland Funeral Home and Chapel, Moore, OK. ■



Brian “Big” Jefferson Williams



January 7, 1975 –
September 5, 2019

Brian “Big” Jefferson Williams, 44, of Bartlesville, passed away on Thursday, September 5, 2019. Brian was born in Bartlesville on January 7, 1975 to Michael and Deborah (Shipley) Williams.

He graduated from Nowata High School in 1993. Brian was currently employed at Jones Brown Law, Tulsa, OK as a Website Content and Social Media Coordinator. Brian moved to Lubbock, Texas in 2000 to attend Texas Tech University. While in Lubbock he worked as an on-the-air radio personal-

ity until moving back to Oklahoma in 2014. Brian had a love for music and taught himself to play the guitar. He also enjoyed bowling and golfing. Brian had a fun, outgoing personality in which people gravitated to him. He always had a great sense of humor and a smile on his face. Brian was a genuine and caring person and was always first to offer his friends and family advice if needed. He had a special place in his heart for each and every one of his friends and family members. Brian will be missed by all who knew him.

Preceding Brian in death are grandparents Wolf and Shirley Shipley, Tom and Violet Williams and great Grandma Mamie Harrison

Survivors include parents Michael and Deborah (Shipley) Williams of Nowata, OK; one brother, Kevin Williams and Nikki Hope of Oologah, Oklahoma; two nephews TaKoda “Kody” Williams, currently attending school in Claremore, OK; and Ethan Williams currently stationed with the US Army in Fort Drum, NY; best buds Jamie Booterbaugh of Lubbock, TX; and Michael Hough and his family, Andra and children, JJ, Layla and Henry; and many other relatives and a host of friends and loved ones.

Memorial services were held 2:00 P.M., Thursday, September 12, 2019 at the Cornerstone Church, Nowata, OK, and are under the direction of Benjamin Funeral Service of Nowata, OK. Online condolences may be left at www.honoringmemories.com.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests donations be made in Brian’s honor to the Journey Home, 900 NE Washington Boulevard, Bartlesville, OK 74006, or to the charity of your choice. ■

Cheryl Wilson



December 18, 1962 –
January 2, 2020

Cheryl passed away peacefully at home at the age of 57, on 1/2/2020. She was born in Oklahoma City to Bobby Gene Wilson and Virrela R. (LaMar) Hamilton. Cheryl attended primary and secondary schools in Tulsa, OK.

A employee of Cherokee Casino (now Hard Rock) in Catoosa until a back injury rendered her disabled.

She was an out going person, who enjoyed getting out and doing things in life until her injury. As her health began to fail she kept the love of God in her life.

Cheryl had a great love of animals, if she was able to, she would have had an animal farm.

Cheryl is survived by Kelly Ray Pruitt, of the home, who was devoted to Cheryl during her failing health. Her two pets Kaylea and Carl. A dear and close friend Stephanie Johns of Claremore..

She was preceded in death by her parents and Grandparents Erle and Daisy LaMar whom she loved dearly.

She will be missed.

Cheryl Wilson passed from this life on January 2, 2020 in Tulsa, Oklahoma, at the age of 57. ■

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ceeded to engage with East Stroudsburg University to provide office space in exchange for educational and cultural programming for the students.

“Her work is significant, and we have, in the past, found areas where there are indeed Indian burial grounds, village sites and sacred lands that are still of cultural significance,” Zunigha said.

Last year, the Delaware Tribe moved their Eastern Tribal Historic Preservation Office to the ESU campus, where it could serve as a home base of education and exploration in the homeland of the Delaware.

“This is our homeland, and we want to be welcomed back, not just as the visiting Indian once a year in a college classroom,” Zunigha said. “We have a story to tell, and we want to connect with the lands and the waters and the greatness of places like Pennsylvania, because it’s in our DNA, it’s who we are.”

Zunigha wrapped up Tuesday’s presentation by inviting the crowd to join him in the Bean Dance, where a line of people – like a bean vine – danced their way up the aisle of

Beers Hall and around the audience. Students, faculty and staff joined in the chain, stretching through the room in the trance of a rhythmic gourd rattle, hypnotic vocalizations and a celebration of culture.

According to Zunigha, educating the masses about tribal histories and cultures is integral to keeping those things alive and well, a mission of absolute necessity for the survival of the Delaware Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma and many others.

It is a noble mission to honor the works and the wonders of the spirits of the land, the mountains, the waters, and Kishelēmukònk, the Creator of All Things.

“I do it so that a younger generation of people, including my own grandchildren, learn about who they are culturally, and have pride in that, not shame, and want to revive that and build ourselves back up,” Zunigha said. “That’s my job. The more I learn, the more I become empowered, and I want to share that. That’s part of my work, and it’s beyond just my job. It’s a calling.” ■

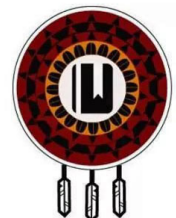
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We invite tribal members and others to contribute to a special fund for educational scholarships. Donors are recognized in five levels:

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LIFE SAVING GIFT | SERVPRO OF SOUTH TULSA COUNTY DONATES AED TO DELAWARE TRIBE OF INDIANS

June 18, 2019



Delaware Tribe of Indians staff is singing the praises of SERVPRO of South Tulsa County, Edmond, and Stillwater/Guthrie after SERVPRO's recent donation of an Automated External Defibrillator's (AED) to the tribe.

"Everybody is glad to have it and knows where it's at and how to work it" say Delaware Tribal Manager Joe Exendine, "There is a sense of security and gratitude for having it in here."

SERVPRO of South Tulsa County Emergency Preparedness Specialist Brady Deaton says that SERVPRO is happy to help

not only after a disaster happens but to help towards preventing them.

"Servpro is in the business of helping people after a disaster has occurred so when we have the opportunity to help someone prevent a disaster ahead of time then that is even better, especially when that disaster is the loss of a human life" he said.

Tribe Title VI Nutrition Director Ronda Williams says that the AED helps with the safety of the Tribe's elders.

"Our elders are 55 and up with our oldest being 95, when we have 75 to 85 of them in a room together you never know what could happen" she says. "This AED is going to really help us to create a safer environment."

Exendine says that the device will be housed in the main dining area "where our elders meet consistently"

"As many elders as we service we have increased odds that we will need to use it. We feed 80 to 100 elders daily, and the likelihood that we could need it is higher in this area" he said.

The donation is the fifth in Servpro's continuing series of Automated External Defibrilla-

tor's (AED) presented to Oklahoma Schools and organizations. The donation to the Delaware, which is the first going toward a Native American Tribe, follows similar donations to Mounds, Wetumka, Community Care College in Tulsa, and Jennings schools.

"Partnering with the Delaware tribe has also given us a chance to learn about their rich heritage and culture. We look forward to working with them for many years to come" Deaton said.

"We are just really happy to work with the Tribe" said SERVPRO of South Tulsa County Emergency Preparedness Specialist Lacey Davis. "We like to take every opportunity to get in and help an organization create a safer environment."

An AED is a portable electronic device that automatically diagnoses the life-threatening cardiac arrhythmias which lead to sudden cardiac arrest. Often confused with a heart attack, sudden cardiac arrest is a serious condition that in some cases may be fatal.

The AED device treats conditions through defibrillation, which allows the heart to rees-

tablish an effective rhythm. More importantly AEDs are designed to be used by a layperson through simple audio and visual commands and is taught in many first aid, certified first responder, and basic life support level cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) classes.

Exendine says that tribal members are already learning how to use the AED.

"We have a dozen people trained in every corner of the tribe so to speak" he said. "And we are talking about putting one in each of the other two buildings. We are a service organization and we are here to provide services to the tribal members."

While SERVPRO is primarily known as a Disaster Restoration Company, they endeavor to spend a lot of time with schools and businesses that can't afford to have the necessary equipment to assist in an emergency.

Currently SERVPRO of South Tulsa plans to give away one AED per quarter. They have franchises in South Tulsa, Stillwater/Guthrie, and Edmond, and surrounding communities.

Schools interested in being considered for a donation or in-

terested in a no cost emergency plan should contact Lacey Davis at lacey@servprosouthtulsa.com or by calling (918) 437-2095.

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Services include support and advocacy for survivors of domestic violence and their friends and family. Our advocates connect survivors to their local certified center for shelter, Tribal support groups, outreach and ongoing advocacy. ■

Are You Asking the Right Questions About Domestic Violence?

In the past, you might have found yourself wondering, “Why do they stay in an abusive relationship?” But have you actually ever asked yourself, “Why do they hurt them?”

There are countless reasons why someone might stay with an abusive partner. It might be hard to understand by someone looking from outside of the relationship, but it is our job as a community to realize that people in violent relationships often face complicated dilemmas that prevent them from leaving.

Native American/Alaska Native women experience violence at higher levels than other ethnicities. The chances are high that one of your friends or relatives has been a victim of abuse. In fact, more than 84% of Native women have experienced some type of abuse in their lifetime including; emotional abuse, physical violence, or stalking.

As a community we should recognize that the wrong questions, like “Why doesn’t she just leave?,” means that we are blaming the victim for the violence occurring against them.

Leaving an abuser can be very difficult and challenging endeavor. Every situation and pattern of abuse is different, but these are some common reasons that make leaving difficult.

Excerpt from the Institute of Family Studies:

- Distorted thoughts
- Damaged self-worth

- Fear
- Wanting to help partner change
- Children
- Family expectations
- Financial constraints
- Isolation

It’s up to us as Delaware people to support our relatives experiencing violence. We should not wonder why she stays, but why he abuses her. Domestic violence is not traditional to our culture, and we must all work towards supporting survivors of abuse. If you or a loved one is experiencing domestic violence, contact the Delaware Tribe of Indians Family & Children Services 5100 Tuxedo Blvd, Suite C, Bartlesville, OK 74006; Phone: 918-337-6510; Crisis Line: 918-331-7349.

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