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## From the Desk of Chief Chet Brooks

*Chet Brooks, Chief*

**K**ulamasli Huch Lenape, Wanishi nulamalsi. This will serve as formal notice of the November 7, 2020 Tribal Council, Trust Board Chair, Trust Board member, and Judicial Constitutional amendment election. I plead with absentee Delaware members who live in other states to please turn in your request for an absentee ballot especially, if you haven't voted in one of the last three elections or if you have had an address change in the last five years. Requests for absentee ballot will only be accepted if they are postmarked by October 15, 2020. The

walk-in voters can vote from 9 A.M. until 1 P.M. at the community center. Social distancing and masks will be required for walk-in voters. I strongly ask all Delaware's to participate in this election.

The newly elected council and trust members will be sworn in at General Council meeting beginning at 2 P.M. November 14, 2020. The meeting will be held at the Delaware Community Center and due to the coronavirus there will be no lunch served before general council. Social distancing and masks will be required for entry.

Our tribe's progress this year has been impeded by the coronavirus. I

am proud that only one of our tribal employees tested positive for the virus and has now recovered. I am also proud that our Title VI program has continued to hand out approximately 120 lunches per day for the last six months and that our accounting staff has continued to make it possible for us to pay our bills and other employees of the tribe who have done their duties as best they can under these circumstances. In July I said that our people historically have survived worse situations than coronavirus and I remain confident that we will survive this virus also. Lapich knewel. ■

## From the Desk of Tribal Councilmember Jeremy Johnson

*Jeremy Johnson, Councilmember*

**H**é, Lenapeók! These past few months have been very trying for our people with the pandemic and loss of jobs across our nation. I hope that this issue finds you and your families well. If you have not applied for COVID-19 relief funds and are eligible to do so, I urge you to download the application from the tribe's website and submit it.

This coming month is very important to our tribe because we are choosing new people to help lead us into the future and shore up areas where we may be lacking.

I urge you to read and ask questions of all of the candidates for all positions that are open this election. This is also a good time to remind our Lenape citizens that General Council will be the week after our elections with a location to be determined. We our trying to find a place large enough that we may observe all COVID-19 protocols for social distancing. Hopefully that will be decided and announced by the time this article reaches publication.

Speaking of General Council, I want to remind everyone that it only takes 100

citizens to reach a quorum in order to forego the agenda and conduct business as a TRIBE rather than just a council. It has been quite a while since that was achieved, and I would love to see our citizens exercise their power at General Council.

Lastly, I want to wish the best of luck to all current candidates running for office. I look forward to working with whomever our citizens elect to these positions.

In the meantime, I wish you all the best and hope everyone stays well. Lapich Knewel! ■



### OFFICIAL BALLOT

DELAWARE TRIBE OF INDIANS  
GENERAL ELECTION  
Bartlesville, OK  
Saturday, November 7, 2020

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

COMPLETE ARROW ← —

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

Larry "Joe" Brooks	←	—
Rusty Creed Brown	←	—
Crystal Thaxton-Dombrowski	←	—
Hannah Nicole Eppler	←	—
Bonnie Jo Griffith	←	—
Bobby Warren Jeffers	←	—
Charles Randall	←	—
Homer Scott, Jr.	←	—

TRUST BOARD CHAIRMAN - FOR A TERM OF FOUR YEARS  
VOTE FOR (1)

Lisa "Michelle" Holley	←	—
David Lloyd George	←	—

TRUST BOARD - FOR A TERM OF FOUR YEARS  
VOTE FOR (3)

Anbeta "Red Day" Johnson	←	—
Gregory Levi Randall	←	—
Bonita Artherton Shea	←	—
Roger D. Stewart	←	—
Sherri Sam Chouteau	←	—
Bonita McGrew	←	—

CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGE TO ARTICLE XII - TRIBAL JUDICIARY.  
(SEE ENCLOSED SHEET WITH PROPOSED CHANGES.)

YES ← —

NO ← —

**The Polls for the Election on November 7th, for walk-in voting will be open 9 A.M. – 1 P.M. at the Delaware Community Center.**

**General Council will be held on November 14th at 2 P.M. in the Delaware Community Center.**

## Proposed Constitutional Change To Article XII - Tribal Judiciary

### Section 1. Judicial Power Vested

The judicial power of the Delaware Tribe shall be vested in a tribal court system. The tribal court system shall be composed of a court of general jurisdiction (hereinafter referred to as the "Tribal Court"), an appellate court (hereinafter referred to as the "Tribal Appellate Court"), and such lower courts as the Tribal Appellate Court may establish.

### Section 2. Jurisdiction

The judicial power shall extend to all cases arising under this Constitution, ordinances, regulations, and/or judicial decisions of the Delaware Tribe and shall be exercised to the fullest extent consistent with self-determination and the sovereign powers of the Tribe.

### Section 3. Qualifications

(a)Member of the Delaware Tribe. Any member of Delaware Tribe may serve as a Tribal Judge provided he/she is twenty-five (25) years of age or older, is not a member of the Tribal Council or running for a seat on the Tribal Council, and has not been convicted of a felony under Tribal, or State law within the seven (7) year period immediately preceding the date of the election, or, in the event of a vacancy, his/her appointment.

(b)Non-Delaware Member Qualifications. A non-member of the Delaware Tribe may be appointed to or elected to serve as a Tribal judge if such individual possesses a Law degree, is a member of a federally recognized tribe, and has not been convicted of any crime involving dishonesty, moral turpitude, nor been convicted of a felony

under Federal, Tribal or State law within the seven (7) year period immediately preceding the date of the election, or, in the event of a vacancy under Article X, Section 4(a), his/her appointment.

### Section 4. Composition of the Tribal Court System

(a)Tribal Court. The Tribal Court shall be a court of general jurisdiction and shall consist of one (1) chief judge and one (1) associate judge. Judges of the Tribal Court shall be elected by the registered voters. The current tribal judges, as of adoption of these amendments, shall determine staggered terms from amongst themselves and new terms shall be set at either two year or four years. Each term thereafter shall be set as set forth below.

(b)Court of Appeals. The Tribal Court of Appeals shall consist of three (3) judges. At least one (1) of the three (3) judges shall be an elder (age 55 years or older) in the Delaware Tribe, and at least one (1) of the three (3) judges shall be an attorney licensed to practice before the courts of a state in the United States. Judges of the Court of Appeals shall be elected by the registered voters. The current tribal judges, as of adoption of these amendments, shall determine staggered terms from amongst themselves and new terms shall be set at either two years or four years. Each term thereafter shall be as set forth below.

### Section 5. Term of Office

(a)Except as provided for in Section 4, the term of office for all Tribal Judges shall be six (6) years.

(b)Tribal Judges will continue in office until a successor is sworn in.

(c)There shall be no prohibition against continuous service.

### Section 6. Removal of a Tribal Judge

The Tribal Judiciary may remove any judge by an affirmative vote of a majority of all other members of the Judiciary for:

(a)Unethical conduct, as defined by the American Bar Association Code of Judicial Conduct;

(b)Physical or mental disability which prevents the performance of judicial duties;

(c)Persistent failure to perform duties;

(d)Gross misconduct that is clearly prejudicial to the administration of justice;

or

(e)Ineligibility, under Section 3 of this Article, to serve as a member of the Tribal Judiciary.

### Section 7. Vacancies in the Tribal Judiciary

Any vacancy in the Tribal Judiciary shall be filled by the Tribal Council.

### Section 8. Judicial Independence

The Tribal Judiciary shall be independent from the legislative and executive functions of the tribal government and no person exercising powers of the legislative or executive functions of government shall exercise powers properly belonging to the judicial branch of government.

### Section 9. Practice and Procedure

The Tribal Judiciary shall by general rules establish, modify, amend, or simplify the practice and procedure in all courts of the Delaware Tribe.

## My Heroes

*Charles Randall, Assistant Chief*

During this crisis of COVID-19, while the Delaware Complex is shut down to protect our Delaware family and our employees, there are heroes who are working to make sure the Tribe continues to function and provide its critical services. These heroes are going above and beyond the call of duty for you.

Our Title VI Elder Nutrition crew, Ronda Williams, Archie Elvington, Rick Hunt, Fanetta White and Justin Bolen, continue to work

five days a week to deliver curbside more than 100 meals a day to our Elders. That's around 2,500 meals a month to be sure our Elders have a good meal. This is at the risk of contracting COVID-19.

Our Accounting Department, Angela Rapp and Gina Parks, work each day to take care of the Tribal business, grant requirements are met and our bills are paid to keep our Tribe operating.

Allan Banes, a man of many hats, takes care of our Commu-

nity and Educational Services, is the manager of our Tahkox e2 sba Enterprise, and Insurance Commissioner for our Tribal Domicile which is a critical part of our revenue stream. Allan is helping the Tribal Members get the COVID assistance they need to get through this pandemic. He is providing assistance to our students to help them have the supplies they need and be prepared for remote classes.

I take my hat off to all the other employees who are working to help us get through this pandemic.

We recently lost two very special heroes.

Karen Ketcher was the Self

Governance Director for the Cherokee Nation. She was a good friend of the Delaware Tribe and was instrumental in helping build the relationship we have with the Cherokee Nation today. She died of complications related to COVID-19. The Chief and I were in a meeting with her in Tahlequah a few days before her death and we feel her loss which is tragic and way too soon.

David McCullough was our Tribal Attorney. He died August 27 after a brief battle with acute Leukemia. He was nationally recognized for his legal expertise and had been selected by Chambers and Partners

USA as a leading lawyer for Native American Law since 2010. David provided guidance to our Tribe in all legal matters. He was instrumental in helping get the Caney property placed in trust, resulting in land being under the authority of the Delaware Tribe for the first time in over 150 years. David had just completed a year plus arbitration in favor of the Delaware Tribe concerning the Tribal Domicile. There are no words to describe how much he will be missed.

Charles Randall  
Assistant Chief of the Delaware Tribe ■

## Candidate Statements--Candidates for Tribal Council

### Larry "Joe" Brooks



Hello fellow Delaware people. I want to start by saying that I hope everyone is doing well and staying healthy. I am eager and excited for the upcoming election. I am looking to continue as a Delaware Tribal Council member. I have many years of experience and continue to be very involved with many different roles in our tribe. I have served the tribe since 1978 in various roles. Some of those roles include Chief, Council member, Trust Board Member and have served on many committees. I am currently the treasurer of the Delaware Tribe of Indians. I am proud of the time I have spent serving the Delaware people. I want to continue to serve the people of the Delaware Tribe of Indians. Below I will highlight some issues that are very important to me.

- It is important that Tribal Council members see the importance of helping tribal members that live outside of the local service area.
- It is important that we provide more housing for our Delaware Tribal Members.
- It is important that we focus on providing more educational assistance to students.
- Always follow constitution and by-laws of The Delaware Tribe of Indians.
- Be transparent with tribal members about what is happening within our tribe.
- It is important that Tribal

Council members vote from their heart when making decisions for Delaware people.

- Cultural preservation is something that is very important. This should be a priority within our tribe.
- Elder services are extremely important. Our elders should be a high priority.

Please vote Larry "Joe" Brooks for Delaware Tribal Council. I am highly recommending Homer Scott for Tribal Council. He is currently the Chairman of The Delaware Cultural Preservation Committee. In closing, I will say Thank You for your support over the years. I am asking for your support once again.

Wanishi,

Larry "Joe" Brooks ■

### Rusty Creed Brown



Hello my fellow tribal citizens. My name is Rusty Creed Brown, and I am running for Tribal Council. I am asking for your support and your vote this November.

I am from Catoosa, OK and live in Tulsa, OK. I am the grandson of Dorothy Wilson-Jackson from Delaware, OK, and the son of Kenny and Vicky Brown from Catoosa, OK. My sister is Hope Brown-Hosey, and I am the proud uncle of Miss Native American NSU – Quay Hosey.

Education has always been an important part of my life. While I

attended the University of Alaska Anchorage, and the University of Tulsa; I recognize college is not for everyone. We need to encourage our students to look at all educational opportunities, including technical and trade schools.

I have served our tribe as a judge and a Trust Board member. I have worked for a two of tribal nations – the Osage Nation and the Sac and Fox Nation. At the Osage Nation, I was the Natural Resource Specialist, and the Director of the Child Support Department. Under my leadership, we completed the start-up grant and become a fully funded, functioning child support agency; further exercising the Nation's sovereignty, and providing an essential service.

During my time at the Sac and Fox Nation, I served as the Policy Analyst and the Tribal Administrator. I prepared written comments, oral and written testimony, and assisted in the update of the Code of Laws. I also oversaw all of the Nation's departments and directors.

I spent nine years as the Village Outreach Liaison for ConocoPhillips. This allowed me to work with many Alaskan Inupiat villages. I worked on issues ranging from food security, subsistence hunting, education, and traditional knowledge.

Currently, I work for the National Indian Education Association where I work with communities on Native education issues. I have helped tribal communities understand the Every Student Succeeds Act, and its tribal consultation provisions. I also manage a grant where NIEA is developing curriculum to educate students on Native American Veterans.

As a sovereign nation, we have the right and responsibility to provide for our citizens. Below are some of the issues I would like to focus on:

- Creation of a tribal food bank
- Re-establishing tribal housing authority
- Continued court modernization
- Opposing organizations claiming Lenape culture and heritage
- Economic development outside the Cherokee Nation reservation
- Exercising our sovereignty to the fullest

Thank you for reading my bio. I ask for your support and vote.

Please contact me at [rusty-creedbrown@gmail.com](mailto:rusty-creedbrown@gmail.com) ■

### Hannah Eppler



Hannah Eppler, Great Granddaughter of Delaware Mary Elizabeth Elkhair and Cherokee\Wyandotte Thomas Wilson Brown, for Tribal Council.

- Graduated 2012 at Caney Valley
- Associate's Sociology Degree
- Honest Family Values

My Grandmother, Reta Lankford, taught lessons of Faith, Accountability, and Kindness to all good living things. She organized yearly family reunions of her 12 brothers and sisters, their photo-albums and their stories instilled in me an unmovable pride in my heritage and love for my extended family. Lately, the families I have spoken with have had troubling stories... some of the issues I have experienced firsthand.

Delaware Tribal Members deserve professionalism and the sincerest service the Delaware Tribe can give. Adherence to the Delaware Constitution and Tribal Council Code of Ethics needs to be respected. Proper procedure must be forefront. Feedback from the community is important to ensure a healthy productive tribe. I firmly believe it paramount to safeguard and enforce our Constitution to protect our Tribal sovereignty and Tribal Members Rights through practices of Integrity, Transparency, and Co-operation. As one United Tribe, one Family, we are Strong.

Every elected official needs to be held accountable by the constituents served, **you**, at the voting booth. I urge all Delaware members to vote or mail in your absentee vote. The Delaware Tribe has and continues to accomplish many good things for our people and is worth your time and attention. I humbly ask for your Vote for Tribal Council this November 7th and will serve our people to the very best of my ability.

Wear your masks Cousins, Stay Healthy and Safe...

Wanishi,

Hannah Eppler

Proud Pùkuwànkuchik

**"Leadership is about submission to duty, not elevation to power."**

—Gordon Tootoosis ■



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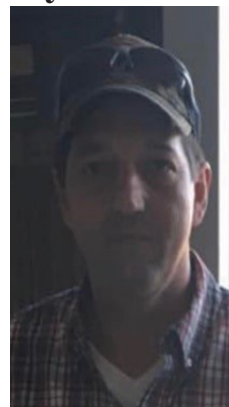
### Bonnie Jo Griffith

I have chosen to once again run for a seat on the Delaware Tribal Council. Your vote in November is critical for our Tribe. The last two years tribal citizens have been kept in the dark about things happening in the tribe. As a member of this Tribe you have a right to know what is going on. Too much time and money has been spent on things that could have been handled in a short period of time. ALL VOTES SHOULD BE PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE. I make a pledge that when elected I will post every poll vote at [www.mydelawareviews.com](http://www.mydelawareviews.com) if the Tribe does not publish it. That web address is the blog that I have maintained for over six years informing tribal members of happenings in the Tribe. I invite all of you to visit the blog and see what has been happening in our tribe for the last two years. I should not have to write this blog but in the absence of transparency I feel it is the only way the citizenry is getting any information about the decisions being made by the tribe. The Council should be sharing the information I have shared, not me. Now, let's talk accomplishments. I worked hard for four years as Assistant Chief on major issues of the Delaware. One of those was spending hours emailing and calling the attorney that was working to get the release of judgment funds held by the government for decades. That hard work paid off – I was the one who received the call that we were receiving those funds in the amount of \$2.4M. Ad-

ditionally, I spent many hours in touch and in DC working with the BIA to get our Caney, KS property placed in trust. Fee-to-Trust is one of the most important things a tribe can accomplish. That hard work paid off – I was the one who received the call even though I wasn't on the Council. I worked to ensure a good relationship with the BIA. From what I have heard, NO ONE has had any conversations with them since the land trust documents were signed. I will also push to have a thorough audit performed. Our Accounting Department is staffed by very loyal, hard-working employees but I feel some things have transpired without their knowledge. We lost the contract CPA due to a disagreement with Joe Exendine. All of us, as tribal citizens, need to know where this tribe stands financially. The only constitutional change made in the last twelve years to our Delaware Tribe of Indians Constitution is legislation that I wrote, 2018-15. One major thing I will attempt when elected will be getting CDIB cards direct through the Delaware Tribe and them stating "Delaware Tribe." A few years back, in a meeting with the Cherokee Nation, we were told by a leader in that tribe that we could get our own cards. I have reached out to some leaders in the Cherokee Nation and have been told they could investigate that possibility if the Delaware asks. Additionally, I will work with the Cherokee Nation to attempt to get out own Delaware Tribal car tags. At the present time we have what is basically a vanity plate through the Cherokee. A Supreme Court decision, in 1993 I believe, stated that all federally recognized tribes could have their own tribal car tags. Since our headquarters is in the fourteen-county jurisdiction of the Cherokee there may be some obstacles, but I am certainly willing to work to see what we can

accomplish. Employee morale is once again extremely low. The sitting Council has allowed employees to be terminated simply by citing employees are "at-will". I find this outrageous. The state of Oklahoma may be an at-will state but our tribe certainly does not have to be. This is an injustice to all our hardworking employees. We need to show our employees that this tribe has integrity, not just in dealings with other tribes and businesses, but also with those that keep our tribe running daily. Also, I pledge to fight to have Forsythe Hall be a place where Delaware can meet, socialize, and learn, without oversight from others. This would be at no charge to any Delaware using it. Up until the closure due to COVID, tribal members were only allowed to use the room with a "watchdog" there to make sure we as grown Delaware citizens, cleaned it up to their satisfaction. The Delaware or Delaware group using the hall has been required to pay the "watchdog". I feel the need to have someone on the Council who will stand up to an out of control manager is of the utmost importance. I refuse to "drink the koolaid." I want to be a Delaware standing up for the Delaware!! I know we are DELAWARE STRONG!! Again, please visit my blog [www.mydelawareviews.com](http://www.mydelawareviews.com) to keep up on other things I hope to accomplish when elected. ■

### Bobby Jeffers



Bobby Jeffers, son of Donnie Jeffers and Leona (Howard) Jones. Great Grandson of Geneva Parker and Truman Howard.

- Graduated Copan High School 1990
- owned mechanic shop for 20 years
- worked at Washington County Dist. 3 for ten years.

Married to Angela (Phelps) Jeffers for 20 years and am the father of five, Cody, Garrett, Devin, Lauren and Aaron Jeffers.

I believe in strengthening tribal families. We, as a tribe, have been blessed with numerous resources, programs, services and talented individuals within our Tribe. These gifts need to be handled with sound planning, organization and policy development. The members of our Tribe are our greatest resources that we as a Tribe have. We need to take care of ALL of our people and tend to do the gifts we've been given to do so. Learning, practicing and living our culture is empowering.

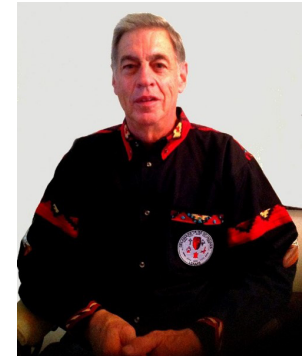
I stand for treating all people with dignity and respect no matter what position they hold, what family they come from, or what circumstances they may find themselves in. I stand for modernizing our Constitution and updating policies. I stand for networking and building positive relations with other tribes. I stand for services that benefit all members. I stand for our elderly and getting our youth involved. I stand for backing our judicial system and enforcing laws and sentences. I stand for balanced and efficient budget management and oversight. I stand for native jobs. I stand for our tribal enrollment and it's accuracy. I stand for protection of our sacred sites and cemeteries. I stand for our Lenape language and cultural preservation.

Together, I believe, our tribe can

build a cultural infrastructure to last many, many generations.

I humbly ask for you to stand with me by voting for me, Bobby Jeffers, for Tribal Council ■

### Charles Randall



### Kulamalsi Hech?

I have had the pleasure of serving six years as Delaware Tribal Judge and the last four years on the Tribal Council. During my time as a Tribal Judge, we were able to restore our Judicial System to an active crucial element of our Tribal Government. The last four years as a member of the Tribal Council I was honored to serve as Council Secretary for two years and as Assistant Tribal Chief for two years. During this time we successfully concluded getting the Caney Kansas property signed into Trust. This is the first time in 153 years our tribe has had land under the authority of the Delaware Tribe of Indians. This opens up numerous opportunities for economic development and future tribal growth. We were able to settle a decades old lawsuit and recover judgement funds of \$2,435,000.00. We successfully arbitrated the ownership of the Tribal Domicile, a major source of income for the Tribe.

As a candidate for Tribal Council, it is critical that we have a Council that works together for what is best for the Delaware people. We have come a long way toward becoming self-sufficient, but

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we have a long way to go. We have to be more aggressive in searching out new business opportunities and identifying and pursuing grants and funding for our Tribe. This will help provide employment opportunities and services for our Tribal members. There are a lot of services available that we do not currently provide, but as we expand our revenue sources we will be able to provide more and better services to our Delaware people.

The future of our Tribe rests with our young people. We have to get them involved with the Tribe, retain our language and culture, and provide educational and employment opportunities for them.

I bring 40+ years of management and business experience developing systems to help people do their job more efficiently and increase productivity. This requires team building and communication which are essential elements we need to incorporate into the Tribe.

I am the great-great-grandson of Eliza Welenukwe (Woolenoo-squay) Snead and John A. Randall. I met my wife of 58 years at Oklahoma State University. We have one son, Charles Glen, and his wife Tracy, three grandsons, Charles Dalton and wife Carrie, Devin Glen and wife Hayley, and Denton Trey a student at Arkansas University. We are anxiously awaiting the arrival of our first great-grandson in September.

I ask for your vote in November and your support by being involved in Tribal activities and letting your voice be heard. Through your involvement we can move forward as a stronger Tribe.

Wanishi,  
Charles Randall  
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[crandall@delawaretribe.org](mailto:crandall@delawaretribe.org) ■

### Homer Scott Jr.



I am excited to be running for Delaware Tribal Council. I have been actively involved with the Delaware Tribe for over 30 years. I enjoy being involved with The Delaware Tribe of Indians. I believe I can make a difference in our tribe if elected.

I was in the United States Navy from 1971-1974. I am a member of The Delaware Color Guard and Delaware Gourd Clan. I am currently the Chairman for The Delaware Cultural Preservation Committee.

I am dedicated to working for the Delaware People. I feel it is important to provide more elder housing. I believe that health care services should be readily available for our tribal members. I will work together with other Tribal Council members to make sure that we address the important issues. I think that it is important that we provide services for our youth and students. It is important that our youth have resources to be successful.

If elected I believe that is important to be transparent with all tribal members. I believe it is important to follow the Delaware constitution and by-laws. Our tribal members should be aware of changes within our tribe. I think it is important to focus on economic development within our tribe. It is important to me that our tribe continue to grow in a way that will benefit the Delaware people

I think that is it very important

that we get more tribal members involved in our cultural preservation. It is important that we provide resources and education to our youth and all who want to be involved. Our Delaware ways need to be taught so that our traditions can be carried on.

I support Larry "Joe" Brooks for Delaware Tribal Council. I believe that we can work together with other Tribal Council members to make positive change for The Delaware Tribe of Indians.

I am asking for your vote in the upcoming election. I am dedicated to making changes for Delaware people. I can make a difference within our tribe if elected. Please vote Homer Scott Jr. For Delaware Tribal Council 2020. Wanishi, Homer Scott Jr. ■

### Crystal Thaxton-Dombrovski



I, Crystal Thaxton-Dombrovski, enthusiastically declare my candidacy for Tribal Council of our beloved Delaware Tribe. I live in Claremore with my wonderfully supportive husband, Daniel and our 2 daughters, Minnie and Isla. My mother and father are Carolyn L. Thaxton (Lenape) and Brick Wall (Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma). I was raised by my grandparents Dempsey and Ila Mae Thaxton, in the house where my Grandpa Dempsey was born in 1919, on my great grandmother Minnie Wilson Thaxton's original allotment where she lived and raised her family with Otis on the banks of Coon Creek. My Grand-

pa on my dad's side was Jesse Wall (full blood Choctaw), married to my grandma Wanda. I have 1 sister Sarah, 2 brothers, Paul and WC and a handful of beautiful nieces. We are blessed to have my Aunt Bonnie with us still. Being raised in Dewey, I was active in the community my tribe created. We worked together, worshipped together, celebrated together and mourned together when necessary. I attended my first Delaware Powwow when I was only 4 months old. I received my Lenape name from Leonard Thompson at a young age. I consider being Lenape not only a gift, but a gift from the Creator.

I moved from Dewey in 1995 and spent most of my working career at Claremore Indian Hospital. In 2015, I attended Rogers State University on an IHS scholarship and graduated with an Associate's Degree in Nursing. I went on to attend the University of Louisiana - Lafayette where I received my Bachelor's Degree in Nursing. I still work at the Claremore Indian Hospital on the Medical Surgical floor.

I have exercised leadership ability by serving in elected positions in different aspects of my life: President of my nursing class at RSU, Senator of the Health Sciences Department to the RSU Student Government Association. In my church, I held offices such as Secretary, Treasurer and served on the Pastor Search Committee. I currently serve as an officer within our Tribe as Trust Board Secretary and on the board of Lenapeowsi, a non-profit program that promotes culture and beneficence to native children in the Bartlesville and surrounding area. It is my desire to be a resource to our tribe and bring my leadership skills to the Council table.

I have a vision to elevate our tribe to the respected Grandfather status we once held and use

our voice on a community, state and national level. I believe we should recognize our sister tribes and form a strong front regarding our rights as Native people. The Delaware Tribal citizens are the Supreme Governing Authority of the Delaware Tribe meaning each Delaware Citizen has a vested interest in all aspects of the tribe. It is the right of each citizen to be informed of current tribal events and events within Native America and how they affect us. Each of the 7 elected officials of the Tribal council have the responsibility of being held accountable and transparent. Transparency is important to me. If elected I am allowing myself to be held to a higher standard. Being open and vulnerable could make a person nervous but not when there is nothing to hide and your heart is set only for the betterment of the tribe. I challenge each citizen voting in this election to join me and vote with vision. Wanishi

Please follow my Facebook page, Crystal Thaxton-Dombrovski for Tribal Council. There you will find further information regarding my platform/plans and you will have the opportunity to communicate concerns and questions. Or email me at [cldombro@yahoo.com](mailto:cldombro@yahoo.com). Wanishi ■





## Candidate Statements--Candidates for Trust Board

### Red Day Johnson



**H**è! My name is Red Day Johnson. I would love to be more active and represent our Lenape people within the Trust Board. Mâkke Kishku Xkwe (- Lenape). Anpetu Luta Wi (- Lakota)

My family have always been proud of their Lenape heritage and worked to better all people. My father is John Thomas. His father is Milford Thomas. His father is Job Thomas, mother was Nannie Secondine. Our family calls White Oak our home. This is my Lenape line.

It is important to know where you come from. It is important to continue this on to the next generation. It is important to educate those around us on issues that affect us. This is what I want to do if elected to Trust Board. I want to understand and share this understanding with the People.

I have a background that has lead me to the Trust Board. My first job at 14 years old was with the Delaware Tribe. My professional career has given me experience to better understand how to make our Trust Board better. I have spent the last 13 years interpreting statutes with daily practices. I have been bonded with my current job non-stop for those 13 years. I have held a financial position my entire profession.

Culturally, I am an active àna! I was raised within my Lenape, Shawnee, & Lakota ways. I know no other way to be. It is important

that my children carry on our language, ceremonies, social ways, and culture.

Let us always remember our culture in our decisions. Let us always think Lenape before we act. Let us be good relatives. Please consider me when you cast your votes this November. Wanishi.

Lënapeyok, kwishimao ni-kanixichik. (Lenape people, they choose the leaders.) ■

### Bonita McGrew



**I** am running for Delaware Trust Board to continue the efforts I am presently working toward as I am now a member of that board. Your vote would be appreciated to allow me to continue protecting the trust funds of the Tribe. I am honored to be a part of the Trust Board at this time.

I am the granddaughter of Minnie Thaxton and daughter of Francis Hudson. Bonnie Lee Thaxton is my aunt. The Thaxton family has always been proud of our Delaware heritage. We are a proud family and love the Delaware Tribe. My family members have served this Tribe for many years in various capacities. I hope to continue my family's efforts.

The trust funds are vital to our Tribe as they provide funding for education, community services, veterans, elders, cultural preservation, and other important issues. These services are supported solely by the Delaware Trust Board.

Please vote in this important election. When elected I promise to do my part in protecting our judgment funds. Wanishi ■

### Gregory Levi Randoll

### Sherri Sam-Chouteau



**M**y name is Sherri Sam-Chouteau. I am running for a Delaware Trust Board seat. I humbly ask for your consideration during the election this year.

My family has a history of serving with the Delaware tribe. I looked up to my uncles Harold "Bruce" and Martin Thomas as when they served. My own mother, Cordelia Nan Thomas, was a strong believer in helping all of our Native people. I have a large family that come from the White Oak area.

I have not pow-wow danced or shaken shells since I was a young girl yet, I'm no stranger to any of this. I come from a very traditional family. Its time for our generation to teach our children our ways. It is time for me to be one of the older ones in our family to be the example.

I don't know a lot but I try. I want to be a VOICE for our elders. I want to be a VOICE for our youth. Our elders need some-

one to advocate for them and their needs. Our youth need more activities for them to get involved in Lenape ways.

The Trust Board will offer the outlet to be their voice. The programs and committees are just the place to be their voice!

I begin to ask questions at the Tribal Council meetings. I was surprised by how unclear things are for the Delaware citizens. I can ask those hard questions. I can speak up when I feel things are not for the best interest of the citizens. Wanishi for your consideration! ■

### Benita Shea



**I** hope all are staying safe and healthy during this troubling time. I am asking for your vote in this November 2020 election for a seat on the Delaware Tribe of Indian Trust Board. I previously had the privilege to sit on the council from 2014 to 2018 as Treasurer for our tribe. This experience will greatly benefit the oversight in making decisions for the tribe's money we hold and assist our members with. I realize the violent stock market makes this position a tough one where the decisions are even tougher to make.

Per the Trust Document the Trust Board is responsible for the designation of funds to the following programs

1. Community Service 25%
2. Education 30%
3. Cultural Preservation 10%
4. Elders 5%
5. Veterans 5%
6. Tribal Operations 15%

7. Reinvestment 10%

I am a resident of Bartlesville, Oklahoma and work as a project manager for a Human Resource Outsourcing Company for 18 years. I am an active committee member of the Cultural Committee. This committee organizes the annual stomp dance, Delaware Days and the monthly culture night. Amid the pandemic we have had to regretfully put these events on hold.

I thank you in advance for your consideration. No matter who you vote for, please vote.

Wanishi ■

### Roger Stewart



**G**reetings, I am Roger Stewart, Vice Chairman of the Delaware Tribe of Indians Trust Board and I'm running for re-election to this post. So much has happened to our people these past four years that holding on to what we have becomes imperative. To do this we need someone who is experienced and willing to do that which is necessary to ensure a healthy Trust Document. I am asking for your vote to maintain and improve on the wealth and the success of our people, of our nation.

Wanishi for your trust and support. ■

## Candidate Statements--Candidates for Trust Board Chair

### David Lloyd George



George. I am the eldest grandson of Charley and Nora Tiblow. I graduated McLain High School in 1970. I served in the USAF from '72 to '76 with an honorable discharge.

I am a proud great-grandparent. I am proud of Lenni-Lenape heritage. The Delaware Tribe has helped me with a few things and for that I am grateful.

Therefore, I am glad to avail myself and lend my best ability to further a more Positive Future for our People and for Our Future Generations.

Our Children are going to need all the help we can give them. Pride in our shared Heritage is the upmost importance. I envision and hope that we can develop lucrative enterprises and prosper to leave a solid Foundation for each and every one of them. That is my wish. Thank you for your consideration. Respectfully and Sincerely, David L. George. ■

### Lisa "Michelle" Wilson Holley



Greetings My Fellow Delaware/Lenape Relatives. My name is David Lloyd

George. I am the eldest grandson of Charley and Nora Tiblow. I graduated McLain High School in 1970. I served in the USAF from '72 to '76 with an honorable discharge.

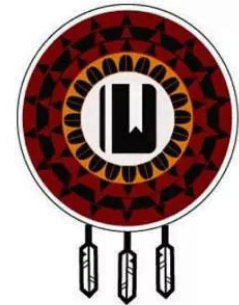
### Donations for Education Scholarships Gratefully Accepted

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



### Centenarians of Oklahoma Honor William Wood

CENTENARIANS OF OKLAHOMA is proud to welcome WILLIAM WOOD of Vinita, Oklahoma to the Centenarian Hall of Fame on the occasion of his 100th Birthday Celebration. William is the oldest member of the Delaware Tribe. He is a World War II, Veteran Army Air Corp Pilot, flying 62 missions in a B-52. He was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, two air medals and four campaign ribbons. He was honored by the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma as being one of seven WWII members of the Warrior Flight; and given the Cherokee Medal of

Patriotism in recognition of his military service. He is a member of the Methodist Church, American Legion, Odd Fellows, Veterans of Foreign Wars and is a 32nd degree Mason (for 40 years)

If you know an Oklahoma resident, 100 years of age or older, who you would like to have honored (at no cost) with a biography, an award certificate and a golden okie pin, contact Gloria 918-510-0150 ([centenariansok.com](http://centenariansok.com)). Facebook: Centenarians of Oklahoma. ■



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# Elect

Delaware Tribe of Indians

Tribal Council

## Rusty Creed Brown

- Rusty believes honesty and being upfront
- Rusty is reliable—he reads and responds to every email, text, or message
- Rusty believes in transparency
- Rusty believes family and culture are important
- Rusty supports creating a housing authority
- Rusty would like to explore creating a tribal food bank
- Rusty supports evaluating possibilities outside of Cherokee Jurisdiction
- Rusty supports continued court modernization
- Rusty strongly opposes non-recognized organizations claiming Lenape culture.

rustycreedbrown@gmail.com - 918.519.6063



## Bonnie Jo Griffith for Tribal Council

**I promise to be open and transparent even when others are not.**  
**I promise to work on our constitution to make significant change.**  
**I promise your phone calls and emails to me will be answered.**  
**I will work to protect our tribal citizens from abusive employees.**  
**I will work to return Forsythe Hall to the citizens of the Delaware Tribe.**  
**I will work to restore a good working atmosphere for all employees.**  
**I will work to get the COVID funds spent before the end of the year.**  
**I will work for you, the citizens of our great Tribe.**  
**I will work to see if there is any way for our Tribe to issue our own CDIB cards.**  
**I will work to see if there is any way we can issue Delaware tribal tags in Oklahoma.**  
**I will again form a professional working relationship with the Department of Interior.**  
**Check out my blog [www.mydelawareviews.com](http://www.mydelawareviews.com) for happenings in the tribe and reasons to vote Bonnie Jo Griffith in November.**

**VOTE FOR BONNIE JO GRIFFITH FOR DELAWARE TRIBAL COUNCIL**

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 918-331-3805  
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## Instructions for Voting in November 2020 Election!

On November 7, 2020 there will be an election for three Tribal Council seats, Trust Board Chairman, three Trust Board seats and two Associate Tribal Judge seats. You may vote in person at the official polling site or obtain an absentee ballot.

If you cannot vote in person, be sure to apply to get an absentee ballot for tribal elections. It's easy to do so; just fill out the form below and mail it in.

If you voted in the November 2014, 2016, or 2018 elections, you are already on the list and do not need to re-register. Likewise, once you have registered for an absentee ballot you will remain on the list until you fail to vote in three consecutive elections, after which you will need to re-register.

PLEASE NOTE: We need one form per voter. You may copy this form if you need multiple copies, or look for a downloadable form on the Enrollment page of the tribal web site. ■

## 2020 Delaware Election Bulletin

- Election Day is Saturday November 7, 2020
- (3) Tribal Council seats, (1) Trust Board Chair, (3) Trust Board seats, and (2) Associate Tribal Judge seats are up for election.
- All registered voters can choose either to vote in person or by a Absentee Ballot via the U.S. Mail
- All tribal members that voted in 2014, 2016, or 2018 will automatically receive an Absentee Ballot
- Tribal members not voting in 2014, 2016, or 2018 wanting to vote by Absentee Ballot will need to ensure their request for an Absentee Ballot is post marked by October 16, 2020
- There will be one polling place(s) for those members wanting to cast your vote in person:

Delaware Tribal Community Center  
5100 Tuxedo Blvd  
Bartlesville, OK 74006  
Saturday, November 7, 2020  
Hours: 9 A.M. to 1 P.M.

- Filing window for candidates to declare for a specific office is August 1 thru September 1, 2020
- All requests for Absentee Ballots must be post marked by October 16, 2020 to receive a Absentee Ballot via U.S. Mail
- Your tribal registration number appears with your name on the mailing label of this and all election correspondence.

Please take time to vote. Make your voice count! Encourage your friends, family and Delaware neighbors near and far to vote as well.

Wanishi,  
Delaware 2020 Election Board ■

## Absentee Ballot Request Delaware Tribe of Indians November 7, 2020 Election

**I hereby request an absentee ballot for the 2020 Delaware Tribal Council and Judicial Elections**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Delaware Registration #: \_\_\_\_\_

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
First Middle Last Maiden  
( & previously married name(s) if any)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City State Zip

Telephone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_

This form must be received at the Delaware Election Board Post Office Box by close of business on **October 16, 2020** to receive an Absentee Ballot. Only (1) ballot per request form. All request forms must be mailed to:

**Delaware Tribe Election Board  
P.O. Box 1198  
Bartlesville, OK 74005**



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Enrollment Department  
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Bartlesville, OK 74006

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Fax: 918-337-6540



### 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 \_\_\_\_\_

## 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. The following education assistance programs have been reinstated contingent upon 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. Appli-

cants must submit all required documentation, including official transcripts and enrollment verification from the college or university. Students must maintain a 2.7 GPA (grade point average) in the last semester attended (high school, college, etc.) Students must reapply at the end of each semester. Award is made directly to student to insure that it does not interfere with their financial aid package from the institution. Scholarships will not be awarded for the summer semester. Scholarships are subject to funding availability.

Fall scholarship applications will be accepted from June 1 through July 31, spring from December 1 through January 31.

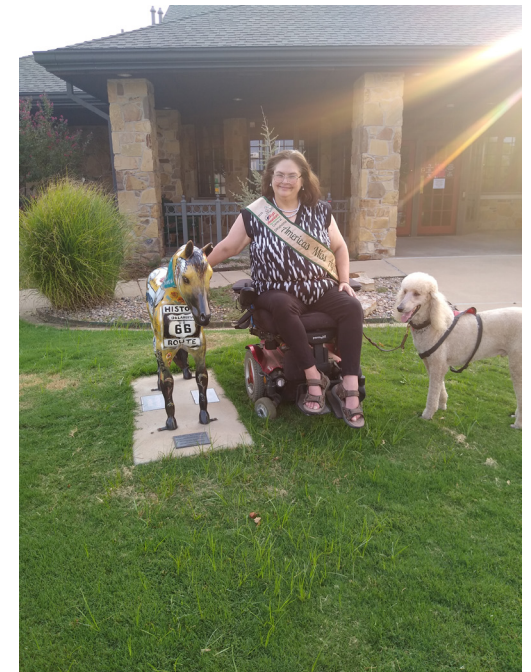
You can download the applications directly from our web site [www.delawaretribe.org](http://www.delawaretribe.org). Just go the Services/Programs tab, and then scroll down to Educational Assistance. ■

### Elizabeth Reeve, Central Oklahoma Elegant America's Miss Agribusiness

Elizabeth Reeve, a Delaware tribal citizen, earned the title of Central Oklahoma Elegant America's Miss Agribusiness through her advocacy in agriculture, commerce, and disabilities. Her platform is about agrabilities, which encourages those who have disabilities to consider work they can do in the field of agriculture. Agrability first received its USDA federal funding in 1991 with recommendations by the Farm Bill of 1990 is consumer-driven, providing education, assistance and support to farmers and ranchers who happen to have disabilities. Many individuals who happen to have disabilities overcome the barriers to continue to work in agriculture and agribusiness (the inter-exchange between the agriculture and business). Agrabilities offers hope for those who have disabilities.

America's Miss Agribusiness is a pageant system focusing on serving the community, growing the future, and beauty through action. Many of the titleholders come from farm and ranch families. There are several scholarship opportunities. The first responsibility of a Titleholder is to promote the Agribusiness industry by learning as much as possible about agriculture, agribusiness, and the possibilities within the field. The second is community service, especially when it comes to feeding those who are hungry. The third responsibility is to promote America's Miss Agribusiness and help others join in who love Agriculture and Agribusiness. To learn more about our pageant please visit <https://www.americasmisagribusiness.com/>

To support Elizabeth Reeve, Central Oklahoma Elegant America's Miss Agribusiness, you can follow her on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/2020centraloklahomaelegantamericasmisagribusiness/> ■





## Stories Of Our Past—The Remarkable History Of The Delaware Tribe

*Anita Mathis, Librarian & Archives Manager*

Here in the Archives we have many wonderful pictures, documents, and objects of our Ancestors—from the past to the present. In this article we are going to read about Charles Journeycake.

### Journeycake, Charles (1817 1894)

A Baptist minister and Chief of the Delaware Indians, Charles Journeycake (Ne-sha-pa-na-cumin), who was of Delaware descent, was born on December 16, 1817. His parents, Sally Williams and Delaware Chief Solomon Journeycake, lived on Ohio's Upper Sandusky River, where Charles and his siblings were born.

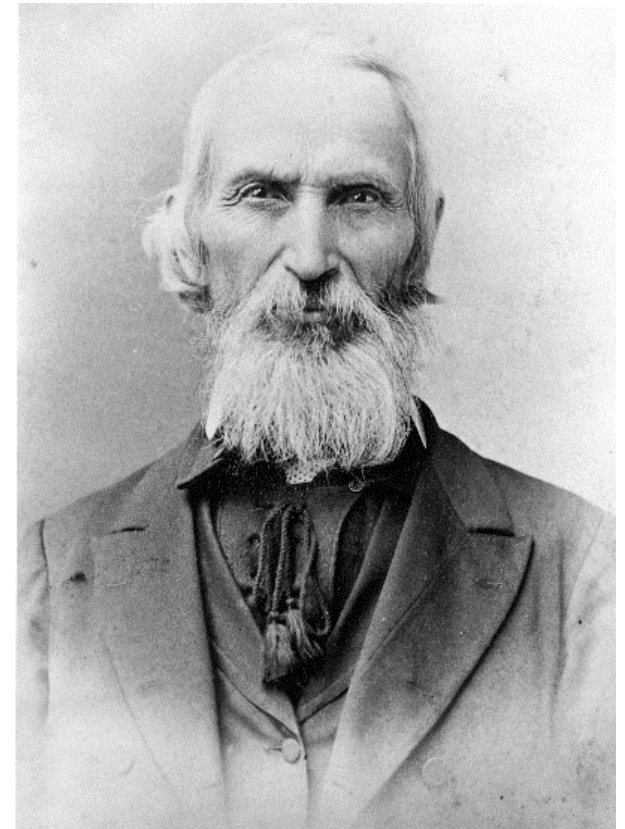
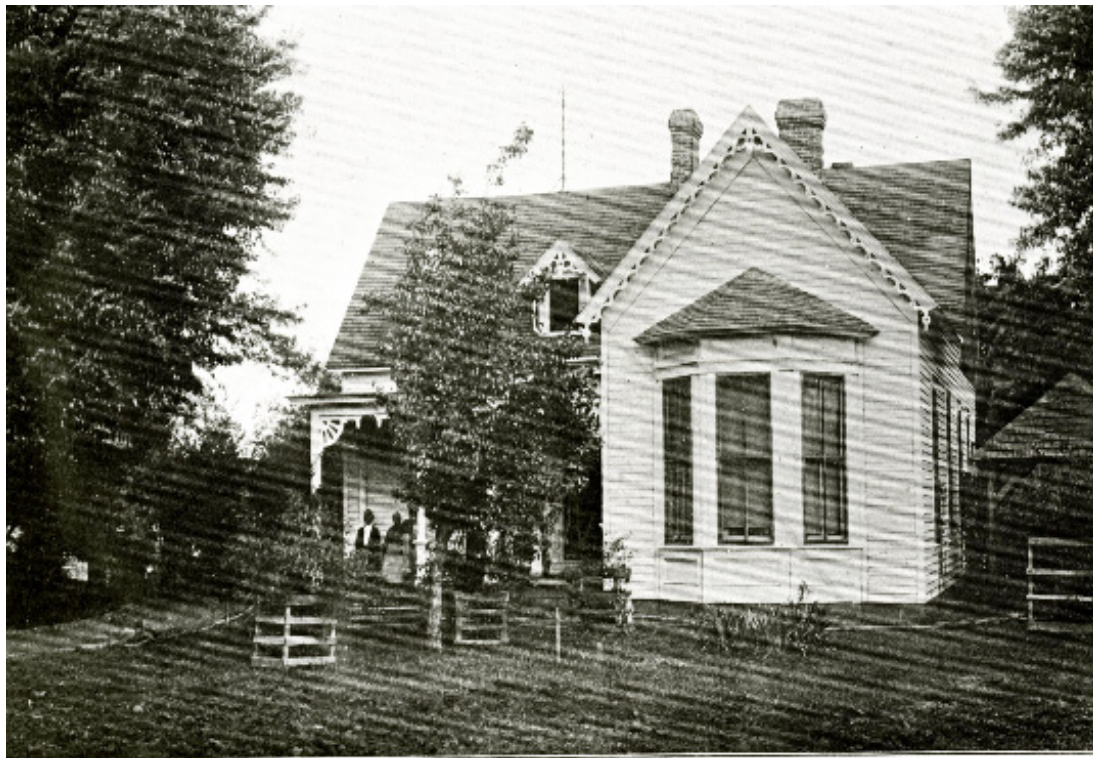
In 1828 Journeycake trekked from the Sandusky River settlement to the Delaware's treaty-designated home in northeastern Kansas. After unbelievable hardships the Delaware reached their new reservation in spring 1829. Baptized in 1833, Journeycake soon began preaching and became an ordained Baptist minister in 1872. Rising quickly as a tribal leader, he participated in all treaties pivotal to his people's welfare.

On May 6, 1854, Journeycake signed a treaty ceding all Delaware territorial claims west of Missouri, with the exception of a small Kansas reserve. Of those who endorsed the agreement only he and James Ketchum were literate and wrote their names. Journeycake, chosen Wolf Clan chief in 1855, did not approve the 1860 allotment treaty, but he did sign an amended treaty on September 2, 1861. As an assistant chief he supported the July 4, 1866,

treaty removing the Delaware from Kansas to Indian Territory.

Embittered and powerless, Journeycake had watched as whites raided the Delaware's Kansas farms and fields. Many Delaware died defending their property. Promised compensation in the 1866 treaty, it was years after removal before Journeycake was able to obtain remuneration for those losses. So in 1867 under his leadership the Delaware settled in Indian Territory on land purchased from the Cherokee Nation. That land being present day Washington & Nowata Counties

In later life Journeycake was unofficially recognized as the Delaware's principal chief. An accomplished intellectual, he maintained a large library at his home near Alluwe in present Nowata County, Oklahoma, and contributed time and money to Bacone College at Muskogee. Advocating the Delaware's legal rights and economic interests, he represented his tribe in Washington, D.C., on twenty-four occasions between 1854 and 1894. After the death of his wife, Jane Sosha Journeycake, in 1893, he took little interest in things except hunting and his Delaware Baptist Church, located near his home along Lightning Creek. He died on January 3, 1894, and is buried at Nowata. His original grave near Alluwe was relocated as a result of the Oolagah dam and reservoir. ■





## Obituaries

### Billie Lee Dodge

May 25, 1919 –  
July 18, 2020

Billie Lee Dodge passed from this life on July 18, 2020 in Tulsa, Oklahoma at the age of 101. She was born on May 25, 1919 in Nowata, Oklahoma to Charles Honeywell Dodge and Cora Ann Dodge (nee Keys).

Billie Graduated from Nowata High School and the Oklahoma College for Women in Chickasaw. She taught one year in Sapulpa and then taught girl's physical education at Wilson Junior High in Tulsa for 36 years, retiring in 1980. She was an outstanding golfer all of her life, winning a tournament when she was 16 and continuing to win or place highly in many tournaments in Oklahoma and the region.

After retirement, Billie was active with traveling abroad, playing golf and being in a bowling league. She was a prominent golfer in the area and was active with the Oklahoma Women's State Golf Association, Mohawk and Page Belcher Women's' Golf Associations. Billie was also a proud member of the Delaware tribe.

She was preceded in death by her parents; close friend, Doris Sutterfield; sisters, Iris Henton, Virginia Johnson and Joan Simpson; brothers, Ford Dodge, Vance Dodge, Chubb Dodge, Russell Dodge and Victor Dodge; nieces, Betty Jones and Daphne Burkhart; great friends, Monte Campbell, Shirley Green, and Cathy McNerney; her dog, Tinker; and her cat, 4-Socks.

Billie is survived by her nieces, Ann Hyden of California, Lyn Hermann of Texas, Annette Simpson of Texas, Suzann Adams and Sandra Craven; nephews, Wm. Dodge Simpson of Oklahoma, Russell Dodge, Jr. and Skip Dodge; great niece, Crystal Garcia

and great-great niece Kurstin Garcia; great friends, Mary Peterson, Billie Payne and Gina Sparks; and numerous other family members and friends.

Billie was an independent spirit to the end. She lived on her own and enjoyed her cigarettes and a "milk punch" every night. She was loved by many and will be missed by all.

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation in Billie's memory to the

Nowata County Historical Society Museum  
PO Box 87  
Nowata, OK 74048 ■



### William David McCullough, Jr.



January 6, 1953 –  
August 17, 2020

William David McCullough Jr. was called home to his Savior Jesus Christ, on Thursday, August 27, 2020 after a short but valiant battle with acute Leukemia. He spent 67 years in this life and made the most of them. He was a Christian who loved his family, his friends, his work, his country and baseball. He was a storehouse of baseball trivia, and often someone would say something like, "Remember that time when Yogi Berra..." and David would already anticipate the question and know the answer including where he was attending, watching or listening to that par-

ticular game, who he was there with and sometimes even what the weather was like. He was also a season ticket holder for OU football and the Thunder. David was extremely patriotic. He was a lifetime learner who loved American history and politics- and LOVED finding people who wanted to chat about them. One of the many things those who know him best will always remember is his extreme generosity to his family and friends, to his church and often to strangers. There are no words to adequately express how much he will be missed. His life impacted many people, but none more than his family. He believed in being involved which is why most Saturday nights he had hamburgers at his folks' house and why he attended every activity any of his kids or grandkids ever participated in.

David started his career as a journalist who later, as an attorney, became a champion for freedom of information and First Amendment issues. After graduating with a B.A. in Journalism from the University of Oklahoma in 1977, he became a general assignment reporter for The Duncan Banner. He was named sports editor of the Pauls Valley Daily Democrat in 1978, and a year later was hired as manager editor of the Guthrie Daily Leader. In his two years as editor, he became known for his unwavering pursuit of government controversies as well as mentoring journalists who went on to distinguished careers.

In 1989, he started working as an attorney on behalf of news organizations for the Oklahoma Press Association and then became a founding member of Freedom of Information Oklahoma (FOI Oklahoma). He served as a board member for FOI Oklahoma, elected as president in 1993 and then was named as an advisory board member. He also was the

author of the Oklahoma Open Government Guide as part of the 50-State Open Government Guide published by the Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press.

He was honored with the Oklahoma SPJ First Amendment Award in 1996 and then FOI Oklahoma's Marian Opala First Amendment Award in 2017. Beyond those honors he will be remembered for the countless number of hours he did pro bono work in representing journalists, journalism organizations and others on FOI, First Amendment and other legal issues.

David served as the Chief Counsel and Attorney General for the Wyandotte Nation Tribe over the past 28 years. Among other accomplishments during this time, he successfully adjudicated two landmark land-into-trust cases on behalf of the tribe, which have since been referred to by numerous tribes and attorneys across the United States. He served as a trusted advisor to former Chief, Leaford Bearskin, and present Chief, Billy Friend, and travelled across the United States with both, representing the nation in all matters. David's legal representation has played a major part in the success of the Wyandotte Nation and helped in establishing programs to better serve the tribal citizenship. This year, David was chosen by tribal leadership to be the "Wyandotte Nation Person of the Year" and was to be honored at the annual meeting in September.

David worked with the Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma for more than 35 years. He worked with so many different leadership administrations that over the years, he was the continuity for the Tribe. When the Tribe went through change he was there to guide and advise. He was truly a blessing to the Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma. Many Ioways over the years have looked at David as an advisor, mentor, and

friend. His contributions to the Tribe will be felt for generations. Chairman Edgar Kent said, "David will be greatly missed as we carry on some of the major projects in progress. We wish him well in the next step in his journey as we carry on as best we can from his example."

David spoke at a church camp just a month ago about how much he has loved the journey that brought him to the Lord, that brought him his wife, his daughters and his grandkids. He said he loved it all. He was a good friend, a good husband, a good dad, a good grandpa, and good brother and a good son. We are so very grieved at the thought of not seeing him day to day, but his values, his faith, optimism, generosity, patriotism, and love for life have been left with us and are a blessing and joy we share and carry always.

Preceded in death by grandson Simeon McIntyre. He is survived by his parents, Billy and Mona; his wife of 38 years, Debra Jo; his four daughters, Cathryn (Robert), Jayme (Mike), Jo Caryn (Barney), and Cayla (Derek); his grandkids, Esther, Mikey, Canon BryLee, Adi Jo, William, Emerson and Rory; and his younger brothers and sisters, Jerry, Richard, Dayna, DeAnne, Jon, Stephen, and Stephanie. In lieu of flowers, please consider honoring David's legacy by making a donation to FOI Oklahoma. A special page has been established in David's honor at [www.foioklahoma.org/donate](http://www.foioklahoma.org/donate) ■





## Lenape Language Report

*Jim Rementer, Lenape Language Project Director*

**What's New:** Our grant application to National Science Foundation for funding to continue improvements to the Lenape Talking Dictionary was funded and it started on June 1, 2020. It is for a year and a half. More information on the grant was in the Delaware Indian News on p 8 of the July 2020 issue.

**Working Together:** Over the years the two groups of Delawares in Oklahoma have cooperated on sharing their knowledge of the language not only with each other but also with linguists who worked on the language. The two groups spoke the same dialect with very minor differences.

**What's Newest:** Words and sentences continue to be added to the dictionary. David Oestreicher has shared another recording session that he did with Lucy Blalock and words and sentences from these are being added to the dictionary.

**Lenape Beadwork:** This is a two panel list about Lenape beadwork. It is posted on the tribal website at this address: <http://delawaretribe.org/wp-content/uploads/Lenape-Beadwork.pdf>

The main purpose of this list is to present images of various types of beadwork, and since many styles of beadwork had no special Lenape names no names are given. Included with this list are portions of a paper by a Delaware tribal member, Denise Neil-Binion, who made a study of early beadwork. It includes not only the type of beadwork done with trade beads brought to this country by the Europeans but also decoration done with native materials available to the Lenape.

As with other lists this one will begin with some of the earliest known beads made and used by the Lenape and those are wampum beads. We're fairly certain that there were other types of beads made from seeds but to the best of our knowledge these did not survive the damp Eastern Woodland soil. The same is true of things made of wood, leather, and quills and they also were not preserved well in the acidic soil.

The eighteenth century Delawares developed new decorative techniques using beads which were trade items. These often replaced quillwork and other ornamentation. The beadwork found on skirts and leggings of the Delaware is considered typical of the Woodlands as a whole although each tribe developed their own patterns. The application in geometric and floral designs was an eighteenth century development. The technique appears to be well developed by at least the mid-1700s for the Delaware.

**Revived:** I was asked about the Lenape Word-a-Day calendars like I made when Lucy Blalock was teaching classes. The list is also posted on the Tribal website. There are sound files for each of these words in the Lenape Talking Dictionary. Here is the one for September with more names for bugs and also commands or requests:

Jim Rementer, director  
Lenape Language Project ■

LENAPE September 2020 WORDS						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Kichi Tahkokëñ	amëwe	tùkómëwe	mëxelkatas	tëhtànkankës	pasalankës	cicada / locust
Real Autumn	bee	bumblebee	centipede	wasp		
xalahputis	èlikwës	èlikwsäk	sëstaw	hupëxkw	xaihu	hikënanës
spider	ant	ants	horsefly	worm	louse	nit
ahowtu it's too expensive	apuwawtu it's not expensive	nuchkwe it is useless	ikalia go away	ikaliakw you all go away	chitkwësi shut up	ikali machi go home
këlamahpi behave	lëmatahpi sit down	wëntaxa come here	nuwi come here (to child)	nipay stand up	amwi stand up (if lying)	tëmike go in / come in
kawi go to sleep	tukihëla wake up	aläpsi hurry up	wichëmi help me	Go to the the Lenape Talking Dictionary to hear these words. <a href="http://www.talk-lenape.org">www.talk-lenape.org</a> by Jim Rementer		

LENAPE October 2020 WORDS						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Pukwsit Kishux Broken Month <a href="http://www.talk-lenape.org">www.talk-lenape.org</a>		In this list some Lenape names for buildings are written on two lines due to the length of the Lenape name.		wikëwam house	hökësiikaon bark house	mësakwiikaon log house
ahsënikaon rock house	mäxkähsën -ikaon brick house	wikhatuw -ikaon apartment	sikaxkw -ikaon frame house	ahkanshikaon mansion	hëmsikaon tent	alëwikhaon porch
pitaikaon two story house	wëhshümwis -ikaon cow barn	mwekane -ikaon doghouse	tipasikaon chicken house	nehënaonkës -ikaon horse barn	kwëshkwësh -ikaon hog house	amëweikaon beehive
xalahputis -ikaon cobweb	pushisikaon house for a cat	asësiikaon barn	chulënsikaon bird house	èlikwsikaon anthill	hakikaon dirt house / cellar	taxànikaon wooden house
pikchëliikaon movie theater	shkulikaon school house	palsëwiikaon hospital	kpahutuw -ikaon prison	patamwe -ikaon church	Xinkwiikaon Big House church	käpiikaon coffee house



*A visit to the Western Delawares in 1970s to work on the language.  
From the left: Bessie Snake, Nora Dean, Jim Rementer, linguist Bruce Pearson, Willie Snake, and Chief Lawrence Snake*

## Delaware Tribe Gift Shop Udate

**DELAWARE TRIBE GIFT SHOP**



**CULTURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT**  
166 N. BARBARA ST., BARTLESVILLE, OK  
HOURS: M-F 9AM-5PM  
918-337-6590 WWW.DELAWARETRIBE.ORG

Our Gift Shop now has satin jackets with the tribal seal and a quilted liner. They come in red or black and are available in sizes Large, X-Large and 2-XL. Other sizes are available by special order. All gift shop items can be purchased online at [www.delawaretribe.org/shop/](http://www.delawaretribe.org/shop/). Major credit cards accepted and your purchase can be picked up or mailed. You may shop in person however you must first make an appointment to enter the building due to COVID-19 protocols set by the Tribal Council. Just call Anita Mathis at 918-337-6595 or 918-338-9919. Wanishi ■



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. ■

## 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) ■



## To Contact Us

### Bartlesville Tribal Offices:

5100 Tuxedo Blvd  
Bartlesville, OK 74006  
918-337-6590

### Office Hours:

8:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. M-F

### Chelsea Housing Office:

6 Northview Dr.  
Chelsea, OK  
918-789-2525

### Caney Office:

601 High Street, Caney, KS  
67333  
620-879-2189

### Tribal Web Site:

[www.delawaretribe.org](http://www.delawaretribe.org)

### General Email:

[tribe@delawaretribe.org](mailto:tribe@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. ■





**DID YOU KNOW the Tribe  
operates a 24 hour crisis line?  
(918) 331-7349**

**Emergency Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault services are available**

**7 days a week, 365 days a year by calling (918) 331-7349**

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. ■



FCS has been awarded an Office for Victims of Crime grant. We are happy to announce a future position for a contracted counselor. The candidate will be onsite to see victims and their families of Domestic Violence. Qualified candidates for the position of counselor please inquire to Lori Rose @ lrose@delawaretribe.org

**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.

Source: Rosay, André B., “Violence Against American Indian and Alaska Native Women and Men,” *NIJ Journal* 277 (2016): 38-45, available at <http://nij.gov/journals/277/Pages/violence-againstamerican-indians-alaska-natives.aspx>.

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**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**

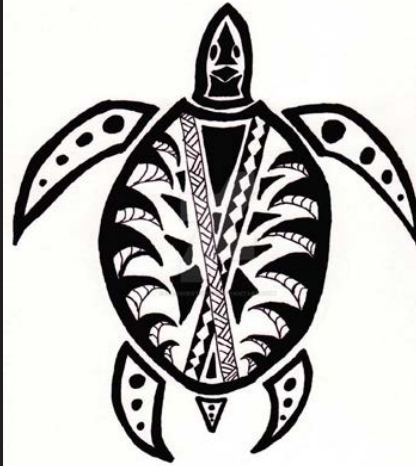
- Child Welfare - \$40,000

**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 ■



***Please Vote for Larry “Joe” Brooks & Homer Scott Jr. for  
Delaware Tribal Council***

***Please vote for two Vietnam Veterans that have a passion for the Delaware Tribe of Indians. We will uphold the constitution of the United States of America. We will make sure that the constitution and bylaws of the Delaware Tribe are followed. We urge all tribal members to register to vote in the upcoming election. Make your voice be heard. We bring experience and commitment that will benefit the tribal people. Homer Scott has over 39 years of experience. Homer is currently the chairman of the Cultural Preservation Committee. Larry “Joe” Brooks has over 40 years' experience with The Delaware Tribe. He is currently treasurer of the Tribal Council. Both men are passionate about making positive changes within our tribe. Some changes that are important to them include economic development and additional housing services. It is important that we expand benefits to members that live outside of the local service area. All tribal members should have a voice. Elect two individuals that will help your voice be heard.***

***Wanishi,***

***Larry “Joe” Brooks & Homer Scott Jr.***

***Add paid for by friends and family of Joe and Homer***