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## From the Desk of Chief Chet Brooks

*Chet Brooks, Chief*

Happy summer, Delaware Tribal members and friends. We are pleased to report that we have survived a year and four months of the Coronavirus pandemic. Positive cases of coronavirus are now less than one quarter of what they were a year ago and to my knowledge three or four of our tribal employees suffered COVID-19 and have now recovered and we've only heard of three or four tribal members who have been infected. On the other hand, we have all been affected by this pandemic in one way or another for instance the price of food has inflated along with other products and relatives or friends who were sick with the virus.

While we still advise exercising caution, the tribe is now fully open to regular business and our elder nutrition program continues to provide to-go lunches five days per week. We are most happy to announce that all of

our tribal members who fill out the application for COVID-19 emergency relief will receive a \$1,500 check within 30 days of our receipt of your application, which must be received by mail before Friday October 31, 2021. In addition if you are a parent who has children between the ages of 0-5 you can apply for childcare assistance of a one-time payment in the amount of \$3,000 per child. Both applications are in this edition of the Delaware Indian News and can also be found on the website [delawaretribe.org](http://delawaretribe.org) to print out.

The Delaware Pow-wow was held Memorial Day weekend and attendance was beyond our expectations. Since the Delta Variant of Coronavirus continues to raise the positive rolling daily average, I pray that this rapid rate of increase stops and that all members use all precautions necessary to avoid the spread of this virus. ■

## Lenape Early Learning Center Opens

The Lenape Early Learning Center (LELC), formerly the Delaware Child Development Center, opened on June 7 at the Tribal Complex in Bartlesville under the management of the Delaware Tribe. The Center offers Early Head Start and childcare programs for children from six weeks through five years of age. The facility is currently licensed by the State of Oklahoma for the care for 35 children but has space to serve up to 70.

The Center opened with 15 infants, toddlers, and preschoolers in three classrooms. There is a waiting list for families wanting to get their children into the center and additional classrooms will be opened as soon as certified teachers and support staff can be hired. Delaware tribal members and members of other federally recognized Tribes will receive preference in enrollment however LELC welcomes all children to the program.

Monica Fisher, Delaware tribal member from Nowata, is the Director of LELC. Monica is a graduate of Oklahoma Wesleyan University, holds a Certificate of Mastery in Early Care and Education and has her Oklahoma Child Care Directors Certification. She was formerly an Early Childhood Education Instructor at Tri-County Tech and Community Cares College in Tulsa.

For information regarding enrollment or job openings at LELC contact Monica at [mfisher@delaware-tribe.org](mailto:mfisher@delaware-tribe.org). ■



## INSTRUCTIONS FOR RETURNING APPLICATIONS/SURVEYS/FORMS INCLUDED IN THIS ISSUE

Please cut out all pages of forms you intend to submit. The Delaware Princess Application has one (1) page, the COVID-19 Relief Application has three (3) pages, the COVID-19 Childcare Credit Application has two (2) pages, and the Tribal Member Needs Assessment has four (4) pages. Fill out each form as specified and mail to:

Delaware Tribe of Indians  
5100 Tuxedo Blvd.  
Bartlesville OK 74006

The COVID-19 Relief Application and COVID-19 Childcare Credit Application are also available on [delawaretribe.org](http://delawaretribe.org) to be printed and mailed from your home computer. ■

## 2021-22 DELAWARE TRIBAL PRINCESS APPLICATION

DEADLINE IS September 1, 2021

Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION IN BLUE OR BLACK INK

Name: Address:

School & Grade/Class:

Age: Date of Birth:

Delaware Roll Number

Home Phone:

Cell Phone:

Mother's Name: Tribe:

Father's name: Tribe:

Have you held other Princess titles? If yes, please list.

Do you have Lenape regalia or the ability to acquire one?

Do you have a platform (issue facing youth or Indigenous peoples)?

Are you willing to be an advocate in public for the platform?

What is your favorite aspect of Lenape culture or history?

Do you have memory pertaining to the Lenape culture? If yes, please share?

Are you willing to learn and attend classes provided by the Delaware Culture Preservation Committee, if called upon with advanced notice?

### Application Check List

- Completed Delaware Tribal Princess Application
- One (1) page maximum biography
- One (1) self-portrait
- Two (2) reference letters
- Copy of Delaware Enrollment Card

Submit applications in-person, by mail, or email by September 1, 2021.

Mail to:

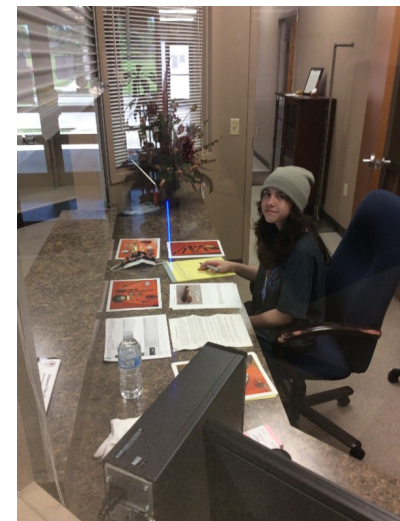
Delaware Tribal Princess Application  
Anita Mathis  
5100 Tuxedo Blvd.  
Bartlesville, OK 74006

Email completed applications to [amathis@delawaretribe.org](mailto:amathis@delawaretribe.org) Fa 918-337-6535

Please contact Anita Mathis (918)-337-6595 office, or cell (918)-338-9919 with any questions.

## The Delaware Tribe Cultural Center Has a New Summer Intern

Tribal member Morgan Messimore is a 2021 Summer Intern at the Delaware Tribe Cultural Center. She is assisting the staff in curating artifacts for the Museum History Room and cataloging historic documents for the Archives. Morgan, 17, a Senior at Verdigris HS is from Claremore, OK. ■



## Lenape Language Report

*Jim Rementer*

**What's New:** National Science Foundation funded our grant application to continue making improvements to the Lenape Talking Dictionary. It was funded and started on June 1, 2020 for a year and a half.



**Working on Language Preservation:** The photo is of Lucy Parks Blalock and Edward Leonard Thompson, the last two fluent speakers of the Lenape language. Unfortunately we do not have the date of this photo. I have been adding new sound files by Lucy to the Lenape Talking Dictionary, and in some cases replacing some files with her better quality ones.

When we were first funded for work on language preservation we would attend language conferences. Here is a picture from one we attended in 1999 at Miami, Oklahoma which was put on by the Miami tribe. In this photo Jan Brown who was on the language committee was telling of our language preservation efforts.

**What's Newest:** Words and sentences continue to be added to the dictionary. We have been working with recording sessions made with Lucy Blalock. The words and sentences from these are being added to the dictionary. We have also been adding lists to

the language section of the tribal website. They are found here:

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

Two new lists have been added. One is the Lenape names for types of Metals:

<http://delawaretribe.org/wp-content/uploads/Lenape-Names-of-Metals.pdf>

The latest one is Lenape names for various occupations.

<http://delawaretribe.org/wp-content/uploads/Lenape-Names-of-Occupations.pdf>



**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.



## 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 tell the story of James Henry Thompson. Born October 20, 1867 . Full Blood Delaware.

James Henry Thompson who once sheltered famous area outlaws and then later helped to arrest them,

A full blooded Delaware Indian, Thompson was born near Lawrence, Kansas, on Oct. 20. 1867 and came to the Indian Territory when he was one-year-old.

His parents died while he was young and he went to live with an aunt and uncle, Kwetendet and Charlie Barnett on the “Folks” of the Caney River.

Thompson attended school at the “Quapaw Mission”, a government school located near Miami, where he learned the “3-R’s” and the English language.

The first English words he learned were “Make Fire.”

During his teens he was a jockey, and rode at famous tracks in neighboring states.

Thompson knew many famous outlaws during the early days of Oklahoma, such as the Dalton Boys, Belle Starr, Cherokee Bill and Kate Bender. They often stopped by his home for a visit and shelter. He also had the dubious honor of dancing with Belle Starr.

Several years later he was deputized by a U.S. marshal and rode in the posses to apprehend these same people. As a deputy marshal, he had to go to Fort Smith to attend the trials of many lawbreakers and he personally witnessed many hangings.

His Delaware name is “Ohellemmitakwsi” which means “The One Who Can Hear from Afar” in translation.

Thompson married Miss Sarah Wilson, daughter of Billy and Louise Wilson, both full-blood Delaware Indians, June 10, 1901. His wife’s uncle was John Wilson who established the Peyote Church among the Delaware Indians.

After their marriage, they established their home near Glenoak on the banks of the Hogshooter Creek where Thompson engaged in hunting and farming.

Three children were born to this family and they include Lenora Thompson, now residing in Dewey; Edward Thompson, Denver, Colo., and Jesse Thompson who died at the age of sixteen.

Thompson had one grandchild, Miss Louise Dean, daughter of Charley and Lenora Dean of Dewey, and one adopted grandson, James Rementer who studied the Delaware language under the tutorship of the Dewey pioneer.

Mr. and Mrs. Thompson lived on their homestead until her death, and then he made his home with his daughter, Nora, at Dewey.

Thompson claims he has never used alcohol or tobacco except in a peace pipe with a neighboring tribe of Indians when they were at odds with the Delawares.

Thompson attended the Ghingwikaun, a Delaware tribal church, but was later baptized into the Catholic Church.

His advice and thoughts on his birthday are:

“Ndite kettemmaksitshik auwennik kiluna elli mata kninellatemuwennen lenellegheokaiyttna ak hokkaiyenna. Kishelimmukong knihellalkuna, shukwwemmi auwen kwutshi a wullangunsu ghan-sennanike.”

Which means when translated, “I believe that we are all pitiful beings, for we own neither our lives nor our bodies. These are the Creator’s. Even so, we should try to do good among our fellow men.”

James passed away On a Tuesday May 19, 1964 age 96. ■



(From left) James Thompson, John Falleaf and Renben Wilson



## Delaware Tribe of Indians COVID-19 Emergency Relief Aid Application

The Delaware Tribe of Indians received funds from the CARES Act. The funds are authorized as a General Welfare Exclusion (GWE) program and were adopted via motion by the Tribal Council on June 19, 2021. Payments to support qualified tribal members that need COVID-19 Emergency Relief Aid and have been directly impacted by COVID-19 are not taxable to the tribal member.

\$1,500 will be given to all tribal members that demonstrate a need for emergency assistance.

**This application must be completed for each enrolled tribal member and must be fully completed to be accepted. Payments will be processed approximately 30 days after verification of an approved application. Applications must be received by the Tribe on or before Friday, October 31, 2021.**

**SUBMIT APPLICATION BY MAIL ONLY TO:**

**DELAWARE TRIBE OF INDIANS  
CARES ACT  
5100 TUXEDO BLVD  
BARTLESVILLE OK, 74006**

Applicant Personal and Contact Information			
<b>Applicant Full Name</b>			
<b>Date of Birth</b>		<b>Delaware Tribal Registration Number</b>	
<b>Full Address (Street, City, Zip)</b>			
<b>Phone Number</b>		<b>Email Address</b>	

**If applicant is a minor, name of legal guardian/parent applying on their behalf**

Application Checklist		
<input type="checkbox"/> Copy of tribal enrollment card	<input type="checkbox"/> Required Statement of Need (See Below)	<input type="checkbox"/> If applying on behalf of a minor, copy of the birth certificate

GWE COVID-19 Emergency Assistance		
<b>Please select all assistance that is needed (check all that apply).</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> Food	<input type="checkbox"/> School Aged (K-12) Distance Learning Equipment and Supplies	<input type="checkbox"/> Propane
<input type="checkbox"/> Cleaning Supplies	<input type="checkbox"/> School Aged (K-12) Educational Materials, Software, or Subscription	<input type="checkbox"/> Natural Gas
<input type="checkbox"/> Home Sanitizing	<input type="checkbox"/> College Student Distance Learning Equipment and Supplies	<input type="checkbox"/> Wood Pellets
<input type="checkbox"/> Water	<input type="checkbox"/> College Students - Unexpected COVID-19 related expenses	<input type="checkbox"/> Firewood
<input type="checkbox"/> Medication	<input type="checkbox"/> Elder Access to technology, internet and equipment	<input type="checkbox"/> Rent/Mortgage
<input type="checkbox"/> Child Care	<input type="checkbox"/> Online Training and Retraining Courses (enhanced employment opportunities)	<input type="checkbox"/> Grocery Shopping Assistance
<input type="checkbox"/> Adult/Elder Care	<input type="checkbox"/> Internet/WiFi	<input type="checkbox"/> PPE
<input type="checkbox"/> Funeral/Burial Assistance	<input type="checkbox"/> Utility Assistance (Water, Electricity, Cellphone, Propane, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/> Economic Assistance Due to Loss in Job, Reduction in Hours, or Furlough
<b>REQUIRED: Please describe how COVID-19 has impacted you during the pandemic.</b>		

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**Authorized Use of Funds and Certification**

Use of funds must be consistent with expenditures related directly in response to the current COVID-19 pandemic, prevention of COVID-19 spread, and compliance with tribal, state, and local public health orders to mitigate the spread of the virus.

By signing below, I hereby certify that I have met the requirements for the COVID-19 Emergency Relief Aid and that the information submitted on this Application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I am also giving authorization to the Delaware Indian Tribe to: (1) update my or the minor in my custody-and-care’s Tribal enrollment file using the information submitted in the “Applicant Personal and Contact Information” section; and (2) verify my, or the minor in my custody-and-care’s tribal enrollment.

**If application is on behalf of a minor:** I certify that I am the parent/legal guardian to receive the COVID-19 Emergency Relief Aid payment on behalf of the minor child. By signing this document, I agree that I am responsible for collecting the payment and the funds will go towards the minor for the benefit of preparing, preventing, and recovering from COVID-19. I agree that I will be responsible for paying the funds back in the event it is found that the minor did not receive the emergency support payment.

*I agree that I may be called upon to prove that I did not use this COVID-19 Emergency Relief Aid for unallowable expenses.*

<b>Printed Name:</b>	
<b>Signature:</b>	<b>Date:</b>

**For Official Use Only**

Date received by the Tribe:	
Tribal enrollment verified? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Date Verified:
Birth certificate for minor applicants <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Application approved? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
If not approved, reasoning:	
Check #:	Date check mailed:

## 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. ■

LENAPE JULY 2021 WORDS						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>Lainipën Mid-Summer</b>				1 skikw blade of grass	2 skiko grass (plural)	3 shàskkàt grass wet with dew
4 wèlàskàt good grass	5 winkimakwsko sweet grass	6 kwènàskwe tall grass	7 xuàsko dead grass	8 tèmàskwe he cuts grass	9 shawàske wilted grass	10 xawskwee it is grassy
11 tèmàskwe he cuts grass	12 tèmàskhikàn hoe for cutting grass	13 mòkèl hammer	14 tèmahikàn axe	15 kshikàn knife	16 pkwitehikàn chisel	17 mèkus nail used to build
18 tèmàsksalu a file	19 kohòkàn mortar to pound corn in	20 kwènusènèk pestle	21 kwipèlènay hoe	22 chikhikàn broom	23 chikhikàna brooms	24 kèlahikàn trap
25 kèlahikàna traps	26 pukwèsi kèlahikàn mousetrap	27 payaxkhikàn rifle	28 tèthakètik pistol	29 kitshikàn large knife	30 sahkehikàn ladder; stairs	31 putachikàn whistle



Chet Brooks  
Chief

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Enrollment Department  
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Bartlesville, OK 74006

[www.delawaretribe.org](http://www.delawaretribe.org)  
918-337-6570 or 918-337-6583  
Email: [enrollment@delawaretribe.org](mailto:enrollment@delawaretribe.org)  
Fax: 918-337-6540



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 \_\_\_\_\_

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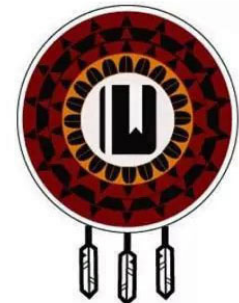
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**Donations for Education Scholarships Gratefully Accepted**

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

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

Delaware Tribe of Indians  
Trust Board, Education Committee  
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**Check Out the Tribal Web Site**

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

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





## Delaware Tribe Gift Shop Update

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 ■



## DELAWARE TRIBE GIFT SHOP



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166 N. BARBARA ST., BARTLESVILLE, OK  
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918-337-6590 [WWW.DELAWARETRIBE.ORG](http://WWW.DELAWARETRIBE.ORG)

## Obituaries

### Mary May Brown Ragan

January 4, 1939 –  
May 12, 2021

Mary May Brown Ragan, 82, went to her heavenly home on May 12, 2021, and was surrounded by 4 of her children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. Mary was born January 4, 1939, to Thomas Brown and May Elkhair Brown, and had 6 brothers and 6 sisters.

Mary's grandparents were Jesse Elkhair, and Josie Bullette Elkhair, and George Brown and May Starkey Brown.

Mary grew up in Copan, and attended Copan school.

Mary married Bob Shelton and had Bobby, Angie, Kathy, and Belinda.

Mary married Micheal Ragan and had Danny Ragan.

Mary had moved to Texas.

Mary had a talent for drawing, painting, crocheting, poetry, writing, crafts.

Mary's surviving children are Bobby Shelton, Angie Shelton, Kathy Shelton Busse, and Danny Ragan, 4 grandchildren, and several great grandchildren.

Surviving siblings are Katherine Conklin, Tom Brown, Donald Brown, David Brown, Charles Brown, and Reta Lankford. Numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins, and friends.

Mary ♡ Greatly loved, Greatly missed.

Private ceremony at future date. ■



### Terrence George Parks



November 28, 1947 –  
June 4, 2021

Terrence George "Terry" Parks, 73, of California, MD passed away on June 4, 2021 at Calvert Health Medical Center. Born November 28, 1947 in San Diego, CA, he was the son of the late Clarence George Parks and Peggy Marie (White) Parks. Terry graduated from Fremont High School, Sunnyvale, CA in 1966 and from San Jose State University, San Jose, CA in 1974. Terry is a member of the Lenape Tribe, also known as the Delaware Tribe of Indians in Bartlesville, OK. His Lenape name is Nishakexen, Two Paths.

In 1966 Terry was recruited and signed with the Mets as a left-handed pitcher. He was a "Bonus Baby". In 1967 he received a gold watch for being the MVP. In 1968 he was traded to the Oakland A's where he played until he started having difficulty with his pitching arm due to a previous injury. 1969 was the last year Terry played professional baseball, but he continued with sports. He was a bull dogger in the Rodeo with his horse Shad. Terry owned a boarding stable until 1973 and then became a Finance Manager in the Auto Industry. He returned to Oklahoma in 1983 to help his parents. Terry met Andrea in 1987 and they were wed on March 29, 1988 in Las Vegas, NV. In 1993 Terry had a

career change. He began working as the Director of Education for the Osage Nation. In 1997 Terry's only son, Terrence George Dakota Parks, his pride and joy, was born. In 1998 Terry went to work for the Federal Government as the Division Chief of Self Determination for the Bureau of Indian Affairs. He retired from his position on December 31, 2020. For twenty two years Terry fought for the rights of the American Indian. He and his family moved to Calvert County from Albuquerque, NM in July 2005. Terry was a very devoted and loving father and husband. He loved playing baseball with his son and was his son's little league coach from 2004-2014. The family loved going to pro baseball games and watching them on TV. He also enjoyed golfing.

Terry is survived by his wife, Andrea Lea Parks; his son, Terrence George Parks of California, MD; and his sister, Valerie Kay Parkspearson-Thiel of Redding, CA. He was preceded in death by his siblings, Vernon S. Oughton, Deborah Clare Hilwauhker and Jonathan Lance Parks. Terry was deeply loved and will be greatly missed. ■



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. ■

### 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.

**Trust Fund Higher Education School Scholarship:** Delaware Tribal members attending college are eligible to apply. Currently, full-time students may apply for \$600 per semester for up to eight semesters, and part-time students may apply for \$300 per semester up to 16 semesters. Semesters do not have to be consecutive. Applicants must submit all required documentation, including official transcripts and enrollment verification from the college or university. Students must maintain a 2.7 GPA (grade point average) in the last semester

attended (high school, college, etc.) Students must reapply at the end of each semester. Award is made directly to student to insure that it does not interfere with their financial aid package from the institution. Scholarships will not be awarded for the summer semester. Scholarships are subject to funding availability.

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

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

### To Contact Us

**Bartlesville Tribal Offices:**  
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918-337-6590

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8:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. M-F

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

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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)



## COVID-19 Tribal Member Needs Assessment

The purpose of this COVID-19 Tribal Member Needs Assessment survey is to gain a better understanding of the priorities of the community. This survey will guide tribal leadership in both seeking possible projects to prepare, prevent, and recover from COVID-19 and seek out grant funding that aligns with the needs of the people. The survey can assist in telling our story to possible funders.

This survey is anonymous. No personally identifying information is provided. The survey takes approximately five (5) minutes to complete.

### Demographic Information

1. **What is your age?**
  - Under 18
  - 18-29
  - 30-45
  - 46-60
  - 61 or wiser
2. **Are you an enrolled member of the Tribe?**
  - Yes
  - No
3. **Do you live within the tribe's service area/counties (Craig, Rogers, Nowata, Tulsa, or Washington Counties)?**
  - Yes
  - No
4. **If you live outside the tribe's service area, how many miles do you live from Bartlesville?**
  - 1-50
  - 51-200
  - 201-500
  - I live out of state.

### COVID-19 Health and Safety

1. **In the last year, how many times have you been tested for COVID-19?**
  - 0
  - 1
  - 2
  - 3 or more
2. **In the last year, have you or someone in your household tested positive for COVID-19?**
  - Yes
  - No

3. **If you or someone in your household contracted COVID-19, would you be able to successfully and safely quarantine away from others?**
  - Yes
  - No
4. **Have you received a COVID vaccination?**
  - Yes
  - No, I plan on getting it as soon as I can
  - No, I have reservations about the vaccine and do not plan on obtaining the vaccine
  - I plan on getting the vaccine after more research is conducted
5. **What do you need during the pandemic to feel safe and to take care of yourself and your family? Select all that apply.**
  - We are okay, nothing
  - Informational updates
  - COVID-19 testing
  - Cleaning supplies & antibacterial supplies
  - Vaccine
  - Job security
  - PPE
  - Support or relief from bills
  - Cultural ceremonies
  - Food/grocery support
  - Medicines
  - Childcare

Other:

6. **During the last year of the pandemic, what has been your biggest challenge? Select all that apply.**
- Lacking supplies (sanitary, cleaning, etc.)
  - Food access due to lack of income
  - Receiving mental health care
  - Paying Bills (rent/mortgage, vehicle payment, utility, etc.)
  - Access to COVID-19 testing
  - Receiving medical care
  - Lack of childcare
  - Reduction in income
  - Food access due to limited supplies in grocery stores
  - Having reliable access to water/sewer
  - Supporting children with online classes/home schooling
  - Isolation
  - Impacted by COVID-19 (tested positive, death in family)
  - Receiving information

Other:

## Housing & Family Priorities

1. **How many people reside in your household?**
  - 1
  - 2-4
  - 5-7
  - 8 or more
2. **Are you in need of stable housing?**
  - Yes
  - No
3. **In the last year, have you had one or more family members who were displaced by a college or university and had to move home unexpectedly?**
  - Yes
  - No
4. **If you have a child in school, do you have any concerns about the last school year?**
  - No, I am satisfied with the education offerings this past year.
  - Yes, I feel my child is behind.

5. **If you answered yes, are there education support programs the tribe could offer to your student?**
6. **Does your family have enough food/access to food?**
  - Yes
  - No
7. **Do you or students living in your household need assistance with access to reliable internet?**
  - Yes
  - No
8. **Does anyone in your household have a chronic health condition?**
  - Yes
  - No
9. **Do you need assistance with child care?**
  - Yes
  - No
10. **Do you need assistance with transportation?**
  - Yes
  - No

## Economic Needs

1. **What is your annual household income?**
  - Less than \$10,000
  - \$10,001 - \$25,000
  - \$26,001 - \$50,000
  - \$50,001 - \$75,000
  - \$75,001 or more
2. **Including yourself, how many people depend on this income?**
  - 1
  - 2
  - 3
  - 4
  - 5
  - 6
  - 7 or more

3. **In the last year, has COVID-19 (March 2020 or later) impacted your household income?**

- Do not work or retired
- Experienced unemployment due to COVID-19
- Experienced a reduction in work hours due to COVID-19
- Experienced a reduction in pay due to COVID-19
- No change – business as usual

Other:

4. **Does your family have enough money to cover more than one month of bills (water, electricity, phone, rent/mortgage)?**

- Yes
- No

5. **Do you feel there are any barriers to finding employment where you live?**

- No
- Lack of available jobs
- Lack of childcare
- Lack of transportation
- Family responsibilities
- Shift scheduling conflicts
- Criminal record
- Substance abuse
- Disability/health condition (including mental health)
- Lack of stable housing

## Tribal Program Priorities During the Pandemic

1. **Please rank the following, with 1 being the highest priority during the pandemic to 10 being the lowest.**

- Public Health (more COVID-19 testing, vaccine distribution, medical support)
- Providing mental health support
- Protecting language and culture
- Reopening schools and keeping them open safely
- Support for students (tutoring, “catching up”, etc.)
- Continuing to support online classes
- Tribal infrastructure: repairing roads
- Tribal Infrastructure: water and sewer
- Crime prevention
- Homes to live within service area
  - Economic support to tribal members that have experienced job loss or job reduction

Other:

2. **Please rank the following possible construction projects, with 1 being the highest priority to tribal members and 6 being the lowest priority.**

- Providing reliable internet to households
- Improving the safety of roads
- Building new government facilities
- Providing housing for tribal members within the service area
- Building new health care facilities
- Building new public safety facilities (fire department, EMT stations, court house, police department, jail)

3. **Please rank the following education programs, with 1 being the highest priority to tribal members and 5 being the lowest priority.**

- College/higher education
- Tutoring support for K-12
- After school education programs
- GED testing support
- Addiction recovery education

4. **Please rank the following potential cultural education programs, with 1 being the highest priority to tribal members and 3 being the lowest priority.**
- Online language and cultural education programs
  - Online history and oral traditions
  - Creating an online library of culturally-relevant books
5. **Please rank the following financial priorities, with 1 being the highest priority to tribal members and 4 being the lowest priority.**
- Economic diversification
  - Saving for long-term financial reserves
  - Addressing a growing population
  - Providing job opportunities to tribal members
6. **Please rank the following current tribal programs offered:**
- Head Start
  - Schools
  - Community College
  - Parks
  - Public Works
  - Indian Health Service
  - Tribal TANF
  - Substance abuse rehabilitation
  - Mental health support
  - Child support program
  - Tribal Police
  - Boys & Girls Club
  - Tribal Courts/Legal
7. **Please rank how easy it is for you to access tribal program services (1 impossible to 10 very easy)**
- 1    2    3    4    5    6    7    8    9    10
8. **How do you access up to date information from the Tribe?**
- Delaware Tribe of Indians News
  - Facebook
  - Phone Call
  - Email
  - Website
  - Word of mouth
  - Tribal employees

9. **Are there other priorities of tribal members missing from this survey?**

Comments:

## Tribal Employee Needs

1. **Are you an employee of the tribe or one of the tribe's enterprises?** (If you answer yes, please respond to the following questions below)
- Yes
  - No
2. **How can the tribe support you as an employee during the pandemic? Check all that apply.**
- I'm okay, nothing.
  - Informational Updates
  - COVID-19 Testing
  - PPE (masks, cleaning supplies, work dividers)
  - Provide training
  - Job Security
  - Provide childcare
  - Upgrade technology to allow remote work
  - Cultural Ceremonies
  - Flexible work schedules (work remote)
  - Mental Health Support
  - Vaccine support
- Other:
3. **What are your greatest challenges to doing your job effectively?**
- Comments:
4. **Which type of employee benefits matter most to you?**
- Health insurance
  - Vacation/PTO/Sick Leave
  - Prefer higher pay
  - Training
  - Transportation assistance
  - Ability to work remote
- Other:



## Delaware Tribe of Indians COVID-19 Childcare Credit Program Application

The Delaware Tribe of Indians received funds from the CARES Act. The funds are authorized as a General Welfare Exclusion (GWE) program and were adopted via motion by the Tribal Council on June 19, 2021. The COVID-19 pandemic has brought to light the lack of safe, reliable, and affordable childcare options for the citizens of Delaware. In many cases it caused a closure of facilities and at-home childcare providers. This plagued long waitlists for those that stayed open, ballooned costs, and safety concerns. Therefore, Tribal Council has made a Childcare Credit Program available to qualified tribal members in the amount of \$3,000 per child that was between the ages of 0-5 years old as of March 27, 2020.

**This application must be fully completed to be accepted. The program will be administered on a first-come, first-serve basis until funding is available. Payments will be processed approximately 30 days after verification of an approved application. Applications must be received by the Tribe on or before Friday, October 31, 2021.**

**SUBMIT APPLICATION BY MAIL ONLY TO:**

**DELAWARE TRIBE OF INDIANS  
CARES ACT  
5100 TUXEDO BLVD  
BARTLESVILLE OK, 74006**

Applicant Personal and Contact Information			
<b>Applicant Full Name</b>			
<b>Date of Birth</b>		<b>Delaware Tribal Registration Number</b>	
<b>Full Address (Street, City, Zip)</b>			
<b>Phone Number</b>		<b>Email Address</b>	

Child Information	
<b>Name of Child</b>	<b>Date of Birth</b> <i>Must have been between the ages of 0-5 years old as of March 27, 2020. Child may be six years old as of application date.</i>

Application Checklist	
<input type="checkbox"/> Copy of tribal enrollment card of the parent	<input type="checkbox"/> Copy of the birth certificate for each child or legal documentation that affirms the applicant is the legal guardian.

**Authorized Use of Funds and Certification**

Use of funds must be consistent with expenditures related directly in response to the current COVID-19 pandemic, prevention of COVID-19 spread, childcare and education support, and compliance with tribal, state, and local public health orders to mitigate the spread of the virus.

By signing below, I hereby certify that I have met the requirements for the COVID-19 Childcare Credit Program and that the information submitted on this Application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I certify that I am the parent/legal guardian to receive the payment on behalf of the minor child. By signing this document, I agree that I am responsible for collecting the payment and the funds will go towards the minor. I agree that I will be responsible for paying the funds back in the event it is found that I am not the parent/legal guardian.

*I agree that I may be called upon to prove that I did not use this COVID-19 Childcare Credit Program for unallowable expenses.*

<b>Printed Name:</b>	
<b>Signature:</b>	<b>Date:</b>

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Date received by the Tribe:	
Tribal enrollment verified? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Date Verified:
Birth certificate for minor applicants <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Application approved? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
If not approved, reasoning:	
Check #:	Date check mailed: