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Delaware Tribe Of Indians Proposed Constitutional Amendment Resolution 2022-47



The Delaware Tribal Council passed Resolution 2022-47 on 7/16/22 that proposes a constitutional amendment and requests that the amendment be placed on the ballot as the following special question for vote.

Amendment:

“Shall Article VI, Sections 3 and 4 of the Delaware Tribe of Indians Constitution and Bylaws be amended as follows:

In Section 3 strike “, an Assistant Chief,” and insert “a”

In Section 4 after “Chief,” insert “Assistant Chief”

Article VI

Section 3. The Tribal Council, after being installed in office, shall elect by majority vote from among its members, ~~an Assistant Chief,~~ a Secretary and Treasurer.

Section 4. Candidates seeking election to the position of Chief, **Assistant Chief**, Tribal Council, or Tribal Court, shall file with the Tribal Office in accordance to Title 4 of the Delaware Tribal Statutes.

As Amended will read:

Article VI

Section 3. The Tribal Council, after being installed in office, shall elect by majority vote from among its members a Secretary and Treasurer.

Section 4. Candidates seeking election to the position of Chief, Assistant Chief, Tribal Council, or Tribal Court, shall file with the Tribal Office in accordance to Title 4 of the Delaware Tribal Statutes.

ANNOUNCEMENT: 2022 GENERAL COUNCIL TO BE HELD NOVEMBER 12, 2022



Forsythe Hall
Delaware Community Center
Bartlesville, OK 74006

Doors will open at 11:00 A.M.
Lunch at noon
Meeting will start at 1:30 P.M.

Enrollment available



From the Desk of Chief Brad KillsCrow

Brad KillsCrow, Chief

The Delaware Tribal Council is excited to announce that in July we signed a purchase agreement with Jack and Elaine Fall Leaf Clinton for the Delaware Powwow Grounds. For the past 57 years, the Fall Leaf family has been hosting our annual tribal pow wow on their property located just east of Copan. In acquiring these 40 acres, the Tribe is ensuring that our annual celebration will continue for generations to come.

This land is also an important part of our tribal history. Under the terms of the 1877 Dawes Act, Indian reservations were surveyed, and lands held in common by the Tribes were allotted in smaller parcels to individual tribal members. George Fall Leaf, Elaine's great uncle, was allotted this parcel of land and several other tribal members also received allotments in the area along County Road 600, which is also known as Indian Road. There are also old tribal cemeteries in the area and the Delaware Big House, where traditional ceremonies were held up until the 1920s, was located a few miles west of this property on land that is now under Copan Lake.

The current Powwow committee will continue to oversee the planning and implementation of the Powwow as we work together during this time of transition. The Clintons have agreed to continue to live on the property and maintain the grounds for the next several months which will give us time to plan our next steps. Over the years, our Powwow has been a success due to the hard work of the Fall Leaf family, the committee members and the financial support of our community. It is the

goal of the Council that the Powwow continues to be self-sustaining and to operate with only minimal oversight from the Council.

On another note, tribal elections will be held on November 5. I am encouraging you to vote in person at the tribal complex or by absentee ballot. Please read the articles in this month's Delaware Indian News regarding the specifics of the election, the candidates and how to vote absentee. Our annual General Council meeting will be held on Saturday, November 12 at 1:30 P.M. and include the swearing in of our newly elected tribal officials. Please plan to attend in person if possible or view the meeting remotely through our tribal Facebook site. ■



OFFICIAL BALLOT

DELAWARE TRIBE OF INDIANS
GENERAL ELECTION
Bartlesville, OK
Saturday, November 5, 2022

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

COMPLETE ARROW ← —

CHIEF - FOR A TERM OF FOUR YEARS

VOTE FOR ONE (1)

Brad Patrick Kills Crow ← —

TRIBAL COUNCIL - FOR A TERM OF FOUR YEARS

VOTE FOR THREE (3)

Tonya Dee Anna ← —

Bonnie Jo Griffith ← —

Lisa "Michelle" Holley ← —

Alyssa Quay Hosey ← —

Bruce W. Martin ← —

Christopher Charles Miller ← —

Paula Kathleen Pechonick ← —

Gregory Levi Randoll ← —

TRUST BOARD - FOR A TERM OF FOUR YEARS

VOTE FOR ONE (1)

Evelyn Kay Anderson ← —

ASSOCIATE JUDGE - FOR A TERM OF FOUR YEARS

VOTE FOR ONE (1)

OPEN - NO CANDIDATES

CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGE TO ARTICLE VI, SECTION 3 AND 4 - ASSISTANT CHIEF.
(SEE ENCLOSED SHEET WITH PROPOSED CHANGES.)

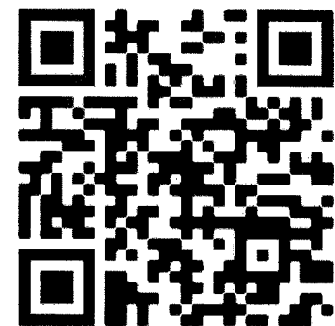
YES ← —

NO ← —

Lenape Talk is Live!

Lenape Talk, the Delaware Tribe's new digital communication app, launched live to the Delaware Tribal membership on May 27 at the Delaware Powwow. Tribal staff members and a representative from Korbyt, the company responsible for developing the app, attended the powwow for two nights managing a booth that allowed tribal members to sign up right then and there. Staff who worked the booth were Executive Assistant to the Chief Dana Murrell, Enrollment Director Emily Brown, Environmental Department Director Denny Fisher, LELC Director Monica Fisher, IT Technician Ian McAllister, and Philip Gerstenfeld from Korbyt. About twenty people were signed up during the event and tribal members are consistently scanning the QR code to get to our google form, the first step in the process.

The feedback the Tribe has received has been positive. We will now be working on how to focus the posts to ensure the most beneficial information to each audience. Whether that be a general audience or one more suited for the content provided our team will be working hard to bring the communications you want to see. The Tribe is happy to be providing this experience to its tribal members near and far. As always we appreciate knowing what makes you happy and what keeps you informed. So if there is a need to be expressed or suggestion that you want to send to the tribe, try using Lenape Talk. Scan the QR code below to get started! ■



2022 Delaware Election Bulletin

- Election Day is Saturday November 5, 2022
- The Chief Seat, (3) Tribal Council seats, (3) Trust Board seats, and (1) Associate Tribal Judge seat are up for election.
- There will also be a Special Question on the ballot.
- 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 2016, 2018, or 2020 will automatically receive an Absentee Ballot
- Tribal members not voting in 2016, 2018, or 2020 wanting to vote by Absentee Ballot will need to ensure their request for an Absentee Ballot is post marked by October 17, 2022
- 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 5, 2022

- Filing window for candidates to declare for a specific office is August 1 thru September 1, 2022. All candidate declaration forms must be submitted by U.S. Mail ONLY to Delaware Tribe Election Board, P.O. Box 1198 Bartlesville, OK 74005 and post marked by September 1.
- All requests for Absentee Ballots must be post marked by October 17, 2022 to receive a Absentee Ballot via U.S. Mail. Request forms must be submitted by U.S. Mail ONLY to Delaware Tribe Election Board, P.O. Box 1198 Bartlesville, OK 74005.
- 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 2022 Election Board ■

Instructions for Voting in November 2022 Election!

On November 5, 2022 there will be an election for Chief, (3) Tribal Council seats, (3) Trust Board seats, and (1) Associate Tribal Judge seat. There will also be a special question pertaining to a proposed Constitutional Amendment. 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 (on page 20) and mail it in.

If you voted in the November 2016, 2018, or 2020 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. ■

Absentee Ballot Request Delaware Tribe of Indians November 5, 2022 Election

I hereby request an absentee ballot for the 2022 Delaware Tribal Council, Trust Board, 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 17, 2022** 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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We invite contributions, but reserve the right to limit printing based upon available space. The deadline for articles, letters, ads and calendar of events is December 15, 2022 for the January 2023 issue. Submissions may be mailed, faxed or hand delivered to the tribal office or emailed to din@delawaretribe.org. Paid advertisements are available; for rates, please contact the editor.

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From The Desk of Assistant Chief Tonya Anna

Tonya Anna, Assistant Chief

This past quarter has been busy and began with a trip to Tulsa for an all-day summit entitled “Breaking the Silence”. The subject of Indian boarding schools was never brought up in native history during my education. In fact, my own Father attended one yet it was never talked about in our own home. To sit and listen to survivors talk about their terrible encounters made me feel miserable for anyone who had to experience such trauma. Decades later, intergenerational trauma is still felt by the descendants of those survivors. Kristin Morrison and I would like to collaborate on a movie night for adults (and one for children too) in hopes of bringing this intergenerational trauma to light. Watch out for future announcements via the Tribe’s social media. In the meantime, you can go to boardingschoolhealing.org/truthcommission and read up on this vital subject.

On July 19, 2022 a state wide meeting was held to discuss McGirt funding. \$62,000,000 will be distributed among the tribes for public safety. Changes resulting from the McGirt ruling created a shortage in police and investigative personnel. This funding was intended to improve facilities and recruit more employees. The smaller tribes, such as ourselves, who do not have a detention facility, or police, spoke up and suggested we get funding to help people avoid getting into the system. Among the suggestions were counseling, rehab, and/or mentoring programs. Hopefully there will be an update in the next edition on their final ruling.

United Indian Nations of Oklahoma Candidate Forum “Respecting Tribal Sovereignty” was held on August 30, 2022 in Tulsa. 18 candidates were allowed 15 minutes to speak and answer questions.

Most topics included gaming; House Bill 1775; how state and tribal leaders need to work together; and the need for better communication, transparency, and respect; just to name a few. Oklahoma is number one with the most young native voters in proportion to the total electorate, at approximately 14%. With that in mind I encourage all native voters to get out and vote this year; we could have a big impact on the results! If you would like to have the opportunity to hear and question some of the candidates they will be at the First Americans Museum in Oklahoma City on October 27, 2022 at 6 P.M. A couple of websites you may want to check out as well are voteyourvaluesok.com and oknativeimpact.com. David Wilson from Rock the Native Vote suggested taking a fellow native with you to vote, businesses could give paid time off to vote, and most importantly, don’t forget to register to vote! The quote of the day, in my opinion, after all was said and done was “Winds of change are coming!” We need you to be a part of that change. Register, vote, and encourage other natives to vote! ■



Oklahoma Indian Council on Aging

Allan Barnes, Vice-Chair

The Oklahoma Indian Council on Aging (OICOA) has been in existence for many years. Our Delaware Tribe of Indians, Title VI Elder Nutrition Program became a member in 2014 and has been active ever since. The OICOA has a long history and was instrumental in enacting the Title VI program. As a widely recognized organization and member of the National Indian Council on Aging, the OICOA includes many of the 39 Tribes in Oklahoma. They have resumed their usual in-person meetings, held on a quarterly basis with the annual election of officers in October. Those results will be reported in the next issue of the DIN. Many attending members are Directors of their Title VI program or Department Heads who not only handle elder nutrition but also provide other assistance, such as caregiver and respite care. Non-voting members such as AARP’s Assistant Director of Community Outreach, Long-Term Care and Hospice representatives, NICOA and others also attend. The OICOA has brought together tribes from across the state to network and stay on top of current events that affect our Elder Native American population. The Delaware Tribe is proud to be a member. For more information contact Allan Barnes at abarnes@delawaretribe.org ■



A Message From the Boys & Girls Club of Chelsea

Lindsey Harris, CEO, Boys & Girls Club of Chelsea

He’ fellow Delaware members, This is Lindsey Harris with the Boys & Girls Club of Chelsea here with an update of all the great things happening around Chelsea and the surrounding communities. We are in our 28th year as a Boys & Girls Club and don’t forget, we are the first Native Club in the great state of Oklahoma!

We are continuing to bounce back post COVID and I fear we will see ripple effects of the pandemic for many years to come with our youth. Our club is curbing some of these effects by including more behavioral and mental health programs and by partnering with local mental health offices to get these young people the assistance they need. Because of this, we are seeing an increase in the overall social-emotional health of our club members. It will be a long road, but it is a road the Boys & Girls Club of Chelsea is willing to keep trucking down.

During COVID, our club was able to expand our Delaware footprint into the City of Vinita. We opened our 2nd unit, known as, the Boys & Girls Club of Chelsea—Vinita Unit. We have increased our average daily attendance to just under 100 kids! We are excited to let everyone know we have Delaware staff in both the Chelsea and Vinita units!

I will begin wrapping up, as I could go on for quite a while. Thank you for the continuing support of the Delaware Tribe of Indians and the Delaware Housing Department. May our creator continue to bless our Delaware people. Until next time, my friends.

Wanishi,
Lindsey Harris
CEO
Boys & Girls Club of Chelsea ■



From the Delaware Tribe Housing Program

*Cecilia Biggoose, Director,
Delaware Tribe Housing Program*

He' Weli Kishku (Hi! It's a good day)

I would like to acknowledge the entire hard working **TEAM of DTHP**: Lead Maintenance, Jeff (Dude) Blalock; Jaime Hutto, Bartlesville Maintenance Tech; Nathan McCann, Chelsea Maintenance Tech; Levi Paris, Maintenance Assistant; and Stacy Link, Housing Specialist. Our newest DTHP team member is Devon Witt. Nulelntam eli paan! (We are glad you came!)

My name is Devon Witt and I am the new housing specialist for the Tribe. I am 24 years old, married, and have 2 children. I grew up in the Bartlesville/Dewey area and graduated from Dewey High School. In college I pursued a Bachelor's Degree in Marketing

with a minor in Accounting. I graduated from Oklahoma State University in late 2020. I have an extensive background in customer service and hospitality. Being new to this job and the culture of the Tribe has taught me so much. Some of the biggest things that stand out to me are how the Tribe strives to take care of its members and how they treat their employees. Almost every conversation and plans for expansion/new programs always starts with "How will this better our community or teach our culture to others?" This is important to me because it shows that the Tribe is committed to making goals that are not just beneficial to tribal operations but all of our members as a whole and the communities we live in. After working for several corporations,

I have learned there is a big difference between what a company says about their work culture vs how they actually treat their employees. The moment I interviewed for the housing specialist position, I could clearly tell that the employees who work for the Tribe matter to management. In a working world obsessed with the mentality of squeezing every last bit of productivity out of their employees until they quit or get fired, I can finally breathe a sigh of relief knowing I am employed by someone that truly cares about my life both in the office and at home. I have much to learn in this new role as I assist people from all different types of backgrounds and situations find safe, affordable homes to help get re-stabilized or be put in a better position to succeed. I am beyond excited to serve the Delaware Tribe and help make our communities grow!

Moving forward, I will administer the Housing Program for the Delaware Tribe of Indians in the most equitable and efficient manner as possible. This job requires a tremendous amount of responsibility for various program grants and the proper expenditure of grant dollars. The following are several of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) grants awarded to Housing, though not all are listed.

The Emergency Rental Assistance Program grant expires on 9/30/22. This grant assisted Tribal members with rent, utilities, deposits, and temporary living arrangements. McKenzie Loffer and Stacy Link successfully administered the entire grant award. McKenzie Loffer recently accepted a new position as Marketing Director for the Tribe.

Lead Maintenance, Jeff Blalock has overseen the ICD-BG American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) grant and contract activities. DTHP replaced up to 100

HVAC units in the low rent housing complexes and rehabilitated 5 housing units that were in dire need of repairs. The start date for the ARPA grant was 1/16/2022 and it ended on 9/30/22.

The Homeowners Assistance Fund (HAF) American Rescue Plan (ARP) grant award will be used to assist homeowners once that plan has been approved by the US Treasury. This grant will be used to provide mortgage assistance for 20 homeowners, payment assistance for 50 homeowners for utilities and internet service, insurance for 5 homeowners, and will help prevent 5 foreclosures within a 24-month time period. Stacy and Devon will process applications for the HAF participants once we get the approval. Stacy and Devon are currently accepting Housing applications. Wanishi (Thank you) ■

New Classes and Opportunities Offered in Cultural Education

Jeremy Johnson, Cultural Education Director

The Delaware Tribe Cultural Education Department has been working diligently over the last few months to provide new cultural and language programming for our Tribal members. There are a lot of new and exciting classes and activities in the works!

In July and August, the Cultural Education Department sponsored the first Delaware Day Dress class which was held with five students and was taught by Tribal citizen Luanna Strike-Axe Murphy. Students were taught how to measure out, cut, and sew all the necessary pieces to complete a traditional Day Dress and apron. Three students, Sarah Boyd, Susan Cade, and Sandy Boyce, completed the class and

their dresses. Future classes will be held soon, and students will be selected from our waitlist of people who signed up and were unable to attend due to the limited class size.

A Kid's Beading Class took place on September 16th with beading kits, pizza, and soda provided for ten Delaware families who signed up. Be on the lookout for more of these classes in the near future!

Working with the University of Oklahoma and native linguists, we are beginning the work of building new language lessons and grammar guides for our Lenape language. We will be utilizing these new resources to present language classes and to train new speakers and teachers to

help carry on our unique Algonquian language. If this is something you are interested in, feel free to reach out to me at jeremy-johnson@delawaretribe.org.

Make sure to check the tribal Facebook page for weekly language posts! Past posts have included common greetings, conversational words, months, food items, and mini language lessons with links to our Lenape Talking Dictionary to hear the words and lessons presented.

I'm excited to be presenting new opportunities to engage and experience our Lenape culture and I hope to see a lot of new faces joining in. If you've ever wanted to know more about our culture, language, and traditions, now is the time to step up and get involved. ■



Sarah Boyd



Luanna Strike-Axe Murphy



Sandy Boyce (left)



Susan Cade



Traditional Delaware Day Dress (right)

The Delaware Title VI Elder Nutrition Program Welcomes New Director Trudy Kerby

The Delaware Tribe wants to introduce our new Title VI Director, Trudy Kerby. Trudy began working with the tribe in August and comes to us from the Osage Nation Title VI program. We are excited to have her on board. Also, our long-time kitchen staffer Archie is now the Assistant Director of Title VI. Archie was promoted in August and has been working with the tribe for many, many years. Look for his article in this issue too. Please join us in congratulating Kelly, as she is back from her honeymoon, and we welcome the newest member our kitchen staff, Kim, to the team.

In the month of August, we served 1,352 dine-in and 1,054 carry-out lunches and we will now have the salad bar available every day!

Come join us on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays for chair exercises, on Tuesdays for cards, and on Thursdays everyone's favorite, Bingo!

Things to look forward to in the future include planning field trips for the elders and taking suggestions for other activities.

Look to the Delaware Tribe of Indians website for the current month's menu (subject to change) and activity calendar to be posted at www.delaware-tribe.org. ■

Hello From Title VI Assistant Director Archie Elvington

Archie Elvington, Assistant Director Title VI

I started with the Delaware Tribe of Indians as their Elder Services Nutritional Cook on May 9, 2011. In my time as an employee I have not only been able to witness but also be involved in the growth of the program. This year started with me gaining new chapters I never thought I would have and when a situation called for me to step up I chose so, to add not only to my growth, but possible greater growth for Title VI. Words cannot express my gratitude for the opportunity they have provided for me in my time of personal growth. I am so grateful for the Delaware Tribe, my friends and family who supported me, and most importantly the Elders with whom I have been able to build a connection through our years with the tribe.

Wanishi. ■



The Delaware Tribe of Indians Food Pantry Opens

Construction on the brand-new Delaware Tribe of Indians Food Pantry began in October of last year and it's amazing to see so much hard work come to fruition. Executive Assistant Dana Murrell enjoyed posting construction pictures on social media so that tribal members could follow the progress of their Food Pantry.

Food security is a problem many communities face, however, about 25% of our Native families go hungry and suffer from food insecurity. And it isn't just "poor" families going hungry. Many of the households facing food insecurity do not qualify for federal nutrition programs. It is so wonderful the Delaware Tribe

is able to create this program and help our people.

A food pantry has been a dream for many folks, and everyone who had a hand in it is excited, we finally were able to make it happen.

Creating healthy, safe spaces are important aspects of governing a nation—sovereignty is an act.

"I am proud to be part of this act of sovereignty the Delaware Tribe has taken to feed our people. Now is the time to take control of our nation's food sovereignty," said Councilman Rusty Creed Brown.

As of September 8th, 275 households have been enrolled. Every household has been in at

least once since the grand opening on July 26th.

Food Pantry Director Zechariah Rice told the DIN: "I'd say we serve anywhere from 150-200 households each week. And this is the number of households that range in size from one to up to five or six Delaware tribal members per household."

Hours of operation are Tuesday-Friday 4 P.M.–8 P.M. Saturday 10 A.M.–2 P.M. and closed Sunday and Monday. Sign up by sending an email to zrice@delawaretribe.org ■



Update From the Cultural Preservation Committee

Levi Randall, Chair

Delaware Tribes Pima'wakan. The Delaware Tribe now has a sweat lodge for our Tribal members use and will soon be holding these sweats regularly for our people. There has long been a need of a way for our folks to come together to both pray and heal, and these have generally been done outside the scope of our own Tribe and our members have held them at their own homes and property for years.

We now have a small fenced and gated area for privacy. It's easily accessible and we will be posting dates and times for those who might be interested. The initial idea for our sweat was with the call coming from Tribal member and Veteran Sarah Boyd. Wanishi to Tristen Tucker and William Boyd for their sweat equity in 100 degree heat to cut willows and dig post holes in the hardened clay.

There is an old story of Old Man Charlie Elkhair (Kwolkula-poox-way), telling of how he and some little boys were put into a cave on that Kaw River in Kansas at our old Kansas reserve. For three days those boys suffered and prayed. When the men went after them and pulled them out of that small cave, they found him alive and his brother deceased. He was put there to seek his power, his vision and songs. This was the way of our people for thousands of years.

Charlie Elkhair was pulled out of that cave, almost gone himself. He looked up into the sky and he saw a black cloud above him, with red lightning coming down. He came to the realization that he'd be a doctor, a sweat doc-

tor, to help heal the people. He grew to understand these traditional ways: the roots, flowers and barks to heal people. He'd pray over them and sweat with them, and did so with nothing expected in return. Charlie Elkhair went on to be the main leader of our Xing'wikaon ceremonies. People knew him to be a Bighouse leader, healer, peyote roadman, and a sweat doctor. He was always for his Lenape people. This was my grandmother's grandfather, she wrote about him often.

We know how important those ways have been for thousands of years, how important it was then for Charlie Elkhair, and we recognize how important this is even today. Our people need this healing and we have a great place to finally do this. We are bringing back these older ways to our people. We no longer just wish to speak on it, and not follow through. It takes a lot to run sweats: hauling water, chopping and splitting wood, cooking food for afterwards, and to help maintain our lodge area. We will be needing help and our people to step up and contribute.

It takes a lot of work but we know that we'll get it all in order. We want those who will come with like minds and good intentions, respectful and hard working. This is what it means to be Lenape, to be part of this Tribal community. Good things are happening in our Nation. Let's help keep this momentum going.

Wanishi,
Levi Randall, Chair
Cultural Preservation Committee ■

Youth Interview with Cayla Magee

Dana Murrell

What cultural practices or experiences taught to you are most meaningful?

The most meaningful practices to me are our social and stomp dances and learning how to make our traditional clothing!

What are your biggest goals for Lenape Youth going forward?

My biggest goal is for all youth to know and be involved in our cultural practices and language.

What is your advice to our young Delaware members?

My advice to Delaware youth is to stay involved in all cultural practices. Keep going whether you want to or not because as you get older you understand how important it is. ■



Elder Interview with Anita Mathis

Tonya Anna

Anita Mathis has been employed with the Tribe for 13 years. She currently works in the Cultural building as our Librarian and Archivist. If you have any pictures or documents of your family and would like them scanned for our archives you may contact Anita at amathis@delawaretribe.org or call (918) 337-6595

What are some of your fondest memories from your childhood?

Christmas at Grandmothers house: her gifts to us grandchildren were usually things she made for us, moccasins, ribbon shirts, beaded items. And Dinner was always ham and turkey with dried corn with pork, along with other traditional foods. Another was going to the dances with grandmother. As I grew she was always making me new regalia. I always love the colors and patterns she made my dresses of.



What part of our culture or traditions do you hold important?

Keeping our culture alive and documented and our language and the stories our great elders use to tell us preserved. With this being said, my name is Anita Davis Mathis, my grandmother was Anna Anderson Davis, I

have worked here at the Delaware Tribe going on 13 years as the Tribe's Archivist. I have cataloged several hundred documents, newspaper clippings, letters, and much more. There are several hundred photos which includes at least 92 tin types. We also have a research library with over a thousand books, many that are Delaware related. You may come to the Cultural Education Building where my office is located and sit at a computer and see all that has been put into the Archives, with new items added daily. You may add your family pictures and documents by bringing them in where I will scan them and add them to the archives where your children, grandchildren, and future generations can see their family, learn their history and see photos of long ago family members.

What advice would you give to our youth?

First stay in school and never stop learning, be yourself, love yourself, stay true to yourself. Keep one foot in front of the other and stay on YOUR path. Be proud of your heritage, stay connected. ■

Lenape Language Report

Jim Rementer, Director,

Lenape Language Project

Notice: At this time there are no new lists to report because much of the time has been spent working on the Delaware Indian calendar for 2023. An effort is made to use new images in these calendars—ones that have not been used in previous calendars. See below for links to the existing lists.

What's New: This photo shows Dee Ketchum and Leonard Thompson discussing Lenape language preservation in the video **Wordpath #43 - Eastern Delaware**, made in 1997. The complete video is now available on YouTube at this address; <https://youtu.be/F-See1li09A>. Many other Wordpath videos can be found on YouTube and they cover many other Indian languages spoken in Oklahoma.



What's New: This photo shows Janifer Brown and Michael Pace, both members of the Lenape Language Committee, discussing Lenape language preservation in the video **Wordpath #43 - Eastern Delaware**, made in 1997. The complete video is now available on YouTube at this address; <https://youtu.be/F-See1li09A>. Many other Wordpath videos can be found on YouTube and they cover other Indian languages spoken in Oklahoma.



Lenape Stories and Lists: In the Lenape Talking Dictionary (www.talk-lenape.org) under the heading Stories there are 61 texts in Lenape and English to listen to and read the transcriptions. On the Tribal website there are 53 lists of Lenape names for things with photos and links back to the sound files in the Dictionary at <https://delawaretribe.org/blog/2013/06/26/language/>. There are also Lenape stories which were only written down in English and they are found here: <https://delawaretribe.org/blog/2013/06/25/lenape-stories-2/>. There are 35 stories in this section.

Revived: Here are the Lenape Word-a-Day calendars for October and November. The October one is words beginning with O- and November is words beginning with N- (but two words start with another letter – can you find them?). The downloadable calendar is also posted on the Tribal website with a calendar for that month, and they will continue to be posted at the beginning of each month. There are sound files for each of these words which can be found in the Lenape Talking Dictionary at <https://www.talk-lenape.org/>. ■

LENAPE OCTOBER 2022 WORDS						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Pukwsit Kishux - Broken Moon						òk ¹
						and
òkwës ²	òkwsàk ³	opinkw ⁴	opinkòk ⁵	opalanie ⁶	ope ⁷	òpsu ⁸
fox	foxes	opossum	opossums	bald eagle	it is white	he is white
opàn ⁹	opàntpe ¹⁰	opinkwe ¹¹	opanshapi ¹²	opakw ¹³	òlèmhòn ¹⁴	ònàkwim ¹⁵
morning	he is white headed	he has a white face	white bead	white tree	dipper	acorn
òhtas ¹⁶	òhtasàk ¹⁷	òhtasu ¹⁸	òhchu ¹⁹	ohèlèm ²⁰	ohèlèmapu ²¹	òpikaon ²²
doll	dolls	she has a doll	mountain	far away	he is far away	a white house
òtaès ²³	òtaèsàk ²⁴	òtaèyu ²⁵	òtaès'he ²⁶	òhsamxèh ²⁷	ohuntàm ²⁸	òsòmi ²⁹
flower	flowers	it is blooming	she picks flowers	it is a high wind	great horned owl	oh yes !
ònkum ³⁰	ònkumi ³¹	You can listen to these words and also stories and watch videos at www.talk-lenape.org				
shake hands with him	shake hands with me					

LENAPE NOVEMBER 2022 WORDS						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Wini Kishux		na ¹	nàn ²	nē ³	nèn ⁴	ni ⁵
		that (AN)	that one (AN)	that (IN)	that one (IN)	I, me
First Snow Month						
newa ⁶	nisha ⁷	nulsi ⁸	nahènèm ⁹	nahi ¹⁰	nalahi ¹¹	nalai ¹²
four	two	I am good looking	raccoon	downriver	upriver	calmly
nitis ¹³	nichus ¹⁴	nipay ¹⁵	nipu ¹⁶	nipaikw ¹⁷	nipali ¹⁸	nipalinèn ¹⁹
my friend (man talks of man)	my friend (woman of woman)	stand up	he stands up	you all stand up	stand me up	stand us up
nèmitsi ²⁰	nèmitsich ²¹	nima ²²	mitsèwakàn ²³	nuli mitsi ²⁴	nusamipwi ²⁵	nutike ²⁶
I eat	I will eat	I took a lunch	food	I ate well	I ate too much	I stayed at home
nulinakwsi ²⁷	nulimakwsi ²⁸	nulinao ²⁹	nuliteha ³⁰	To listen to these words being pronounced go to: www.talk-lenape.org		
I look good	I smell good	I admire him/her	I am good hearted			

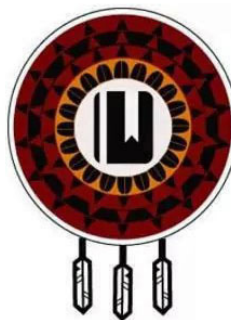
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Community Services Programs

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. Tribal members are only allowed to apply for two applications per fiscal year. Applications are considered on a case-by-case basis.

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. Funds may be disbursed to ven-

dors 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 \$300.00. Payment for services will be made to provider or Tribal member if paid receipts are included with other required documentation.

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member. Applicants must utilize other community resources if available. Emergency Assistance up to \$400.00 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 or Mortgage Assistance: Available up to \$400.00 based on same criteria as emergency application and determined on a case-by-case basis.

Dental Assistance: Reinstated to \$300.00. Provides assistance for dental services including tooth repair, fillings, dentures or emergency services. Income verification required.

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Fall scholarship applications will be accepted from June 1 through July 31, Spring from December 1 through February 15.

You can download the applications directly from our web site www.delawaretribe.org. Just go the Services/

Programs tab, and then scroll down to Educational Assistance.

As a reminder there are still applications available for Driver's Education, Extracurricular Activities, and Education Assistance. Education Assistance Applications are accepted for children Pre-K through 12th grade. Fully completed applications receive a Walmart gift card for \$50. These one-time applications may be found online at <https://delawaretribe.org/services-and-programs/educational-assistance>. Please mail your completed applications to the tribal offices at 5100 Tuxedo Blvd., Bartlesville, OK 74006 ■



An Inside Look at the Newest Additions to Our Tribal Campus

Matt Littleton, Cardinal Building Solutions

The Delaware Tribe of Indians' Campus is starting to look different under the direction and leadership of Chief KillsCrow and there is more to come. In creating a strategic plan for construction projects, Chief KillsCrow has provided guidance and insight to meet the needs of the Tribe and Tribal employees. While most of the renovations and upgrades have been minimal, they have all been with the focus for the future of the campus and the Delaware Tribe.

Projects completed this year have been addressing the needs for the buildings on campus. We have been creating a standard look across the campus, which is not only aesthetically pleasing, but also has taken care of some areas of concern with the existing buildings. By repairing everything from minor roof leaks, windows, and damaged exterior systems all the projects have brought a level of uniformity to the buildings on campus. The first completed project was to repair damaged Exterior Insulation Finishing Systems (EIFS) and paint the Family & Children's Services building. The project was completed in approximately ten days and gave the building a great look that should last many years to come. To address the minor roof leaks on the main administration building there was an evaluation done and proposals accepted to replace the roof of the main building. The contractor worked alongside the tribal staff to ensure the utmost safety and to disrupt daily operations as little as possible. This new roof system comes with a 50-year warranty and again continues to bring the buildings together. Along with this project Chief KillsCrow and the Tribal Council determined it best to do a touch up to the EIFS as well as paint, replace all the wood windows with a more efficient glass system. This project also consisted of interior paint of the interior building, including Forsythe Hall. In addition, in an effort to ensure the safety of the community and the campus, a large cluster of trees at the interior of the property was removed. This opened the area up for the safety of the community and will allow for development of the area over the next few years.



As these projects are coming to an end, we have designed and solicited additional projects on campus. The six elder duplexes are coming along and are scheduled to be completed by the end of the year. These highly efficient homes feature two bedrooms and one bath with a roll-in shower. All homes have spray foam insulation in the attic space and heavily-insulated walls to ensure the utmost efficiencies for the future tenants. All homes will have a storm shelter in the single-car garage. To update the existing elder housing, there was a solicitation for the current elder housing to get new privacy fencing. This added security is a great touch to the elder houses here on campus.

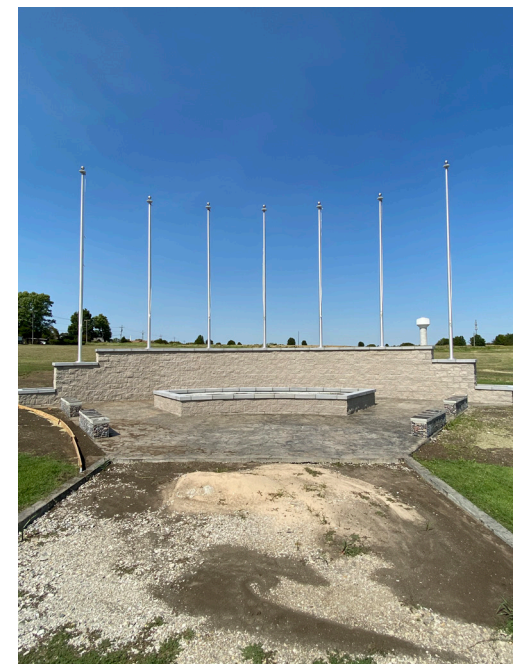
Projects slated to start in the next few months will include a roof replacement for the Lenape Early Learning Center and new floors, restroom renovation, and employee kitchen in the main building. To draw attention to the property and provide a place for information to be shared, there is a design we have completed working alongside a Lenape artist for a large pylon sign at the main entrance. This sign will have a Lenape design and is equipped with a message board for the latest news and events for the Tribe.

A key item the team has been working on is a master plan for the complete 78 acres of the property in Bartlesville. This master plan must go through a process with the City of Bartlesville in the form of a Planned Unit Development (PUD) Amendment which will allow for future development on the property. The last time this took place was in 2011 and the plan only allowed for the development of less than 20 acres of the property. The 2011 PUD with the City limited the construction to a small portion of the property, which the Tribe is very close to surpassing the allowed square footage built for the property per the 2011 PUD. The PUD is still in the early stages, but the design team has presented the first phase of the application to the City of Bartlesville and will present the plan to the community for their input and buy-in.

The master plan includes a gymnasium, cultural center, offices, housing, and an expansion to the Lenape Early Learning Center. The roads and infrastructure are also included in the PUD Amendment to accommodate the additional housing and buildings on the property. All roads will be maintained by the City of Bartlesville and meet all requirements and standards for emergency access.

Working alongside the Scotts at the Ranch in Sedan, we are developing a plan for barns and housing on the property for the cattle operation. Recently we have visited local cattle operations to find the best design to accommodate the cattle operation. The cattle operation is in full swing with land development taking place and the barns will be close behind starting construction this fall.

Under the direction of Chief KillsCrow the growth and development of the tribe is continuing to bring the tribal community together. From design to construction, Chief is bringing in top-tier design teams and construction managers. While many of the changes might disrupt some of the daily operations from time to time, it will be well worthwhile because there are some great things happening with the Delaware Tribe. ■



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Tonya Anna



Hello, my fellow Tribal members, it is with deep humility that I thank Tribal Council for giving me the opportunity and honor of serving our tribe for the past year as Council Member and Assistant Chief. To hold a position is nothing to take lightly, especially when you have 10,000+ members counting on you to do what's best for the tribe. My parents, Ezra (Choctaw) and Barbara (Delaware) Anna, taught me to care for others and the rewards of hard work and patience. I thank them for being good role models and being part of what got me to where I am today. My Lenape lineage is the Falleaf family from my mother's side and we are from the turtle clan. I was born and raised in Ohio where I received my education and graduated with an Associates in Business Administration. My biggest support of twenty-two years is Doug Dean. Not sure where I would be without him or my children. Heather is my oldest and lives in Ohio. My son, Ben, also lives in Ohio with his wife Ashley and kids, Adrianna and Marshall.

In my fifty-five years I have held various positions working as a typesetter, receptionist, telemarketer, chicken plant worker and graphic layout artist during and after high school. One of the

longest held position was for 13 years manufacturing shape and flat wire where I held the positions of tandem mill machine operator, annealing operator, and quality assurance. After moving to Oklahoma in 2005, I became employed by Tri County Tech (TCT) where I held the positions of Administrative Assistant and Assessment Specialist for 15 years. TCT gave me the opportunity for various types of training. Not only professional development but leadership training was always an ongoing goal along with community service. While employed in assessment I was a member of the Oklahoma Association of Testing Personnel and was voted in at the state level as president-elect and president. Outside of work I joined the Delaware War Mothers to help reorganize and held the position of president until October 2021 when I became part of Tribal Council. I was also a member of the Bartlesville Indian Women's Club from 2005-2015 and participated in some exceptional fundraising activities with a great group of women.

In September of 2021 I received a phone call from a fellow tribal member asking me to apply for Tribal Council for the vacant seat that was available. Out of curiosity I asked this member "Why me?" and the reply was "Because you are honest, and I know you will do the right thing by the people." I thought about it for several days and talked about it with my family then decided if I wanted to see a change within the tribe that I needed to get involved. So here we are a year later. The tribe has made great strides with the purchase of the ranch and powwow grounds, building additional

housing and a sweat lodge with plans to build more facilities in the future. I have a list of items that I would like to check off as each are accomplished and ask that you give me that opportunity over the next four years. Through life and work experiences I feel qualified to continue to reside on one of the seats of Tribal Council. I will continue to listen to all members and employees so we can work together to make our tribe stronger and better. A lot of decisions are made every day, some good and some bad but we live, and we learn. The main thing is to keep going and correct us along the way if need be. The tribe can't operate without it's members and I would like to see more involvement whether it's applying for a position or sitting on a committee. You can contact me at tanna@delawaretribe.org or call 918-337-6590 if you have any ideas or want to become involved with the tribe. The next generation will carry on what we fail to accomplish so let's all be a good role model for our youth in hopes that they accomplish more than what we have for them. So come November, I ask for your vote to continue to be part of Tribal Council and continue to serve you the best way I know.

Wanishi,
Tonya Anna ■



Bonnie Jo Griffith

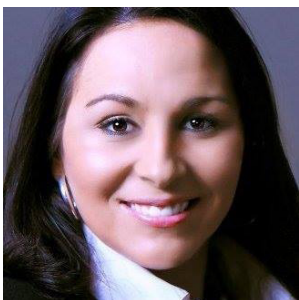
I would certainly be honored to represent you as a member of the Delaware Tribal Council. Having served four years as the Assistant Chief, I am aware of the ins and outs of tribal government. Additionally, I have the knowledge that is needed to push for fee-to-trust land. I was one of the key members of a team that was successful in our endeavor to get the Caney, Kansas property placed in trust status. This is the first land of the Delaware Tribe of Indians to receive that status. The knowledge gained from that hard work will enable me to immediately begin work on getting the 4,200 ranch in Kansas in fee-to-trust. Additionally, I would push for the added land in Caney to receive trust status as well as the Lawrence, Kansas property. I still have connections at the Department of Interior and would not hesitate to set up meetings to help with the process. Also, I worked as an integral part of the team to finally, after years, get our judgment funds released to the Tribe. The ability to accomplish this in a professional manner is something I will always be proud of. Do I want to be Chief of our Tribe? Absolutely NOT! Chief KillsCrow is doing a great job in leading the Delaware. Congratulations to Chief for going unopposed in the upcoming election and retaining his seat for a full four-year term. Do I want to be the Assistant Chief? Absolutely NOT! Assistant Chief Tonya Anna is showing the tribe her great skills in this capacity. My hope is to receive your support, and vote, to allow me to represent you on the Delaware Tribal Council. I believe that with my business knowledge and

previous four-year term as Assistant Chief I will be an asset to our Tribe. In addition to my serving for four years as Assistant Chief, I have also served on the Delaware Trust Board, the Elders Committee, the Cultural Preservation Committee, the Land Management Committee, the Education Committee, and the Community Services Committee. As Assistant Chief I also served on the Indian Nations Conservation Alliance, Midwest Division. I feel we need to seriously look at what will happen financially once the ARPA funds expire in 2026. The Council needs to work on a solid five-year plan to address these concerns that several tribal members have asked me about. As our employee count continues to grow, we need to ensure those jobs will be funded in years to come. It is also my opinion that the Kansas ranch will not be able to show a profit for several years. We need to seriously look at economic endeavors that will have a positive impact financially, sooner rather than later. I have heard that funds from the Domicile are being used to pay the Council. My wish is that funds to help our Tribal Elders and low-income members at least match that amount. The only funds coming directly from the Tribe at the present time are Housing and Title VI Elder Nutrition and those are grant driven. Granted, we have received a substantial amount of funds through the American Rescue Plan Act and the Trust Board which is funded by our trust funds. My expectation is that the Trust Board

Candidate Statements--Candidates for Tribal Council

funding may take a hit for 2023 due to the volatile stock market. Another thing, decisions are made with no input by, or knowledge of, our members. If elected my phone number (918-331-3805) and email will always be accessible to our Tribal members. Anytime I don't answer a call, I promise to return your calls or emails within 24 hours. Additionally, we have Tribal Council members who rarely, if ever, show up except to attend Council meetings. To me that is unacceptable. I hope that those of you going to the polls, or voting absentee, will be making your selections based on the knowledge of the candidates' ability and qualifications to help our Tribe. I promise to be in the building every day, unless out of the office on tribal business. I will never shy away from any members questions or concerns. If I don't know the answer, I will find the answer or direct the matter to the proper person on our staff. The seats on the Tribal Council should be based on knowledge of and will-power to work to get our Tribe in an even better position than we are now. **I HAVE BOTH THE KNOWLEDGE AND WILL-POWER.** Again, I am asking for your support and vote for a seat on the Delaware Tribal Council. Wanishi. **FYI – WE ARE DELAWARE STRONG!** ■

Michelle Holley



Weli kishku tahkoken. Nk-welaha kulamalsi. (Greet-

ings tribal members! I hope each of you are in good health and spirits as we move into the autumn season.)

Experience and Qualifications

Trust Board Chairman of our Delaware Tribe of Indians and Chair of the Community Services Committee (2019-Present) In this role I have demonstrated my ability to lead our Trust Board through good stewardship of financial oversight and monitoring our trust funds to maintain asset protection, while assisting to providing critical services to our tribal members.

Osage Nation Energy Services, Vice President (2020-2022) This role I managed a tribally owned environmental company where I utilize my extensive knowledge of the Small Business Administration (SBA) 8(a) program. Through strategic planning and partnership development we were able to obtain multi-year, multi-million dollar government contract awards.

Tribal Council Delaware Tribe of Indians (2014-2016) This role allowed me to demonstrate and gaining further knowledge in the following areas:

Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA)- Tribal Sovereignty (Self- Governance/ Self- Determination)- Extensive knowledge of PL 93 638 contracts and Title 25 CFR, Tribal Historic Preservation Section 106 program, and DTI Long Term Transportation Plan (updated the roads inventory and plan resulting in \$35,000.00 awarded funding).

Economic Development- a member of the board to develop and register Tahkox E2 as a tribally owned, certified SBA 8(a) company.

Grant Writing/Compliance- Extensive knowledge of Federal and Private Sector Funding Opportu-

nities, program implementation, development and compliance. I served on the Grant Steering Committee and actively participated in proposal development and compliance.

Government to Government Relations- strengthened our relationships within Cherokee Nation, as well as developed relationships with local, state, federal and tribal leadership.

Lenapeowski Foundation, Secretary (2009-Present) This role has allowed me to work personally with our tribal youth throughout the years in cultural preservation efforts and events. I have organized and fundraised for the annual Youth Christmas party since its inception.

Objectives

- Self- Determination efforts through of PL 93 638 contracting
- SBA 8(a) government contracting awards through strategic planning and partnership development
- Economic Development through grant funding and strategic partnerships
- Continue to nurture healthy government to government relationships
- Communicate and meet in-person with tribal members, on a regular basis, to ensure that **YOUR VOICES ARE HEARD**

I ask for your vote!

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns
Email: lmichelle.holley@yahoo.com Phone (918)314-1025 ■

Quay Hosey



Hè. Ntèluwènsi Chitanilunkò-nèxkwe òk ènta Shèwànahkwì luwèsia ntèluwèsi Quay Hosey. Ni ta Lenape, Tùkwsit ni, òk ahanhùkwì nuhèma luwènsu Lèpwèxkwe, Dorothy Jackson.

Hello. My name is Strong Wings Woman and my Christian name is Quay Hosey. I am Lenape, Wolf Clan from my late great grandmother Wise Woman, Dorothy Jackson. I am the granddaughter of Kenny and Vicky Brown, the daughter of Max and Hope Hosey, and the niece of Rusty Creed Brown.

I have had the honor of serving on the Tribal Council since July, 2022. With this being said, I'm happy to announce I am now running for a full term and requesting your support and vote this November.

At a young age, it was stressed upon me how important an education is. Whether it comes from schooling or our elders, and I have spent the years of my young life ensuring I become as educated as possible from both.

I have attained three separate degrees throughout my college career. I graduated with honors, was a recipient of the American Indian Merit Award, a 2020 Outstanding Senior recipient, and the founder of the Native American Student Association on the Broken Arrow campus of Northeastern State

University.

I was appointed the 2019-2021 Miss Native American NSU title. With the title, I had the privilege of traveling to different Indigenous communities, schools, camps, events, and powwows to represent our Tribe, the college, and speak on several platforms. The two I spoke on the most were Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Education in Foster Care for Indigenous Youth. These issues are important to me. Currently, I am working towards obtaining a Master of Science in Occupational Therapy.

Education taught by our Tribal elders has been very influential for me. The importance of that shared knowledge and guidance is essential in preserving our culture and growing as a sovereign nation. I believe our youth have the responsibility to be ready to advocate, address concerns, and receive that guidance in order to maintain our people's progress and move us forward.

As a young Tribal Council member, I have a bright mind with a fresh viewpoint, while also having one influenced by those before me. I am strong-minded, resilient and tenacious. With those personal characteristics, my educational experiences, and my love for our People and Tribe I would be honored to have a responsibility in providing for our citizens.

Below are some of the issues and ideas I would like to focus on:

- Battling the inequities our Tribe is facing by expanding our connections amongst other sovereign nations.
- Continue to substantiate our ability to self-govern, not under Cherokee Nation.
- Development of a healthcare clinic open to Indigenous people.

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- Expansion of services provided by the Delaware Tribe Ranch, such as Hippotherapy (Equine-assisted therapy).
- Creation of new programs for education – scholarship funding and tutoring assistance for grade school, college, technical and trade school students.

Thank you for taking the time to read and consider. I ask for your support and vote.

Please contact me at ahosey@delawaretribe.org ■

Bruce Martin

I am the son of Lewis and Patsy Martin, and grand son of Edward and Elizabeth Miller. I am the adopted son of Ron and Bernadine Eastman, of the Crow Nation, of the Whistling Water Clan, Crow Agency Montana. Today, I live in Quapaw, OK. With my wife Lee Ann (Blalock), of 33 years, and have two stepchildren, and six grand children.

I grew up in a family that was active in our Delaware culture as well as very involved with the Native American Community as a whole. I understand how our culture fosters the health and security of our Delaware families. Together we can grow our Tribe by economic development, educational, environmental programs. I have served the Delaware Tribe by sitting on a committee to update the tribe's policies and procedures and job descriptions. I understand the importance of following our Code of Ethics, Constitution and that, honor, respect and dignity should be central tenants to a strong, proud Tribal Council and for its Delaware Tribal Members.

I have served on the Board of Directors, and as the Youth Activities Director, Assistant Executive

Director, and Interim Executive Director at the Pelathe Community Resource Center, "Lawrence's Indian Center". As the Director of the Lawrence Indian Center, I have the experience of dealing with Non-Profit agencies, writing grants and budgets and writing reports for state and Federal funding. I have also served as the Executive Director of the Heart of America Indian Center in Kansas City Missouri for a short time.

For 10 years I served as the Co-Director and founder of the New Dawn Native Dancers, an American Indian Youth Dance group in Lawrence, Kansas. I also was in the Operation Eagle Dance group when it started. I enjoy going to pow-wows and have served on the Delaware, Peoria, Ottawa pow-wow committees, and have served as head staff for a variety of different pow-wows. I have spent the majority of my professional career encouraging Native American Youth. Our young people are talented and have fresh ideas on making our tribe all that it can be. It is important that we listen to them, just as it is important that they listen to their elders to learn from their experiences and knowledge.

My work with Haskell Indian Nations University Upward Bound Program, as well as travels throughout Indian Country for Indian Education and Cultural programs, have given me the opportunity to build relationships with other tribal leaders.

I would like to represent the Delaware Tribe, in a positive manner as your newest Tribal Council Member.

Wanishi for your consideration for a Vote for me. ■

Christopher Charles Miller

Paula Pechonick



He' kulamalsi häch? Hi, How are you? I am Paula Pechonick and I want to officially declare my candidacy for Delaware Tribal Council. I want to tell you about myself. I was born on my grandmother's allotment north of Dewey, Oklahoma. I graduated from Dewey High School. I moved with my husband and family to Kansas for his job and attended commercial art school. I returned to the area for the Delaware Pow-Wow (fun fact: I have never missed one!) as well as other tribal and family functions. In the early eighties, I moved back to the area to be closer to my parents in their senior years and actively involved with the Tribe.

Since then I have attended it more tribal meetings than I could count.

I have served on many tribal council and trust board committees. I have served under three administrations on the tribal council and Trust Board and under the next two administrations as a tribal judge in our court. I was Chief of the Delaware Tribe from 2010 to 2014.

I've raised my children as well as my grandchildren and great grandchildren to be proud to be

Delaware. I have represented our Tribe throughout many states at various events and programs - educating the public about our tribe. I learned to make moccasins and traditional Delaware clothes from my grandmother and have been invited to display my efforts in multiple museums.

I decided to run for Tribal Council after seeing the current administration and their progress. I've been excited to learn about the current endeavors of our Tribe.

I appreciate the hard work of the current council. The current council has initiatives, ideas, and has made much progress, I know that they would benefit from another experienced voice among them.

I humbly ask for your vote in the upcoming election for Delaware Tribal Council. Wanishi! ■

Gregory Levi Randoll

Take a First Look at the New Delaware Tribe of Indians Sweat Lodge!



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 ■

Candidate Statements--Candidates for Trust Board

Evelyn Kay Anderson



Hello to all Delaware Tribal Members.

My name is Evelyn Kay (Scott) Anderson. My mother was Evelyn Mae Jackson a full blood Delaware

and my father Homer Edward Scott Sr. Growing up I attended Wayside and Havana schools in Kansas. We were the only Indians in that school back then.

I got to go to my first pow wow when I was 13. Listening to the drums and the way they danced was so fun. We had been to stomp dances before out at my grandparent's place but not a pow wow. This was out at the Fall Leaf pow wow grounds back when they first started.

I want the children to learn their culture and their language and respect for their elders. I enjoy being on the Trust Board because I can be a part of that in an important role.

I enjoy watching the committees take care of business and help their fellow Delawares. I want to help any tribal member in need. I would be happy to listen to them and seek help where ever it is needed.

I remember when my grandparents, aunts and uncles and my mom was speaking Delaware around the table but they couldn't speak it outside of the house. As a very young toddler, I kept getting in trouble because I'd climb on the table and get into the sugar (shukël) and butter (putël) because I knew what it meant.

I would like to see more unity in the tribe to see everyone get along and learn more about their culture.

I don't like squabbling and everyone should just learn to get along together. That is the only way I believe we as a tribe can move forward.

I believe that we need to try to help each other out because maybe someone isn't able, physically or mentally. I used to work without pay because we lost our federal recognition. I wanted to make sure that the elders got their food because they couldn't even cook a meal. We as a tribe ought to be able to help each other. I am not better than anyone else I just believe we should all be treated as equals. Years ago we were known as "Peaceful People". I want it to remain that way.

I feel strongly about recognizing the military. In 2000 I started collecting photos of our military people and honorees (spouses). My son John Tucker created the frames that they are presently in and Susan Cade made the photos all the same size and added the names. The Randalls upgraded the photos and added the Delaware Tribal Seal and what branch they served in. This project is continuing to expand as time has gone on and we are looking for more room to hang additional pictures. Because I want all our Veterans to be remembered by all. ■

Stories of Our Past—The Remarkable History of The Delaware Tribe of Indians

Anita Mathis, Librarian & Archives Director

Here in the Archives we have many wonderful pictures, documents, and objects of our Ancestors from the past to the present.

In this article I have taken inserts from different documents throughout our archives. Some are about our old ways, some are funny, and some are something to think about. Hope you enjoy. Please come check out what all we have to offer to our Tribal members. Wanishi

Some of the Ways of the Delaware Indian Women

The Lenape or Delaware Indians originally lived along the East Coast, occupying most of New Jersey, eastern Pennsylvania, and northern Delaware. The lands in the East were lost through deceit and aggression and the Lenape people began a gradual movement westward. Unlike the Cherokee who were moved westward in one sweep, the Lenape were settled and resettled; at various times living in Ohio, Indiana, Missouri, and finally for thirty-six years in Kansas. Pressure was again applied and the Lenape were forced to move into Indian Territory, and the majority of the traditional people settled in the area that is presently Washington County, Oklahoma.

The subject of this brief paper is the Lenape or Delaware Indian women and their place in Indian life, but before going into some of the specifics of daily life, it should be pointed out that the role of women in Lenape life was entirely different from that of the European cultures. The Lenape are matrilineal which means that everything descends down from generation to generation through the female line. The children belong to the clan or group of the mother, and therefore, even if one was the

son or daughter of a chief, they would not be a prince or princess as was the case with European royalty. The successor to the chieftaincy was the chief's sister's son, or the nearest male relative to the chief within the same clan. This gave the women a powerful voice in tribal matters, but in spite of this 'voice,' it was the tradition for women to not speak out at public gatherings such as councils. If a woman had a point to make she would have a male relative or her husband state her opinions for her.

Unlike the women in the cultures of many of the Europeans who came to these shores, the Lenape wife was never considered as the property of the husband. Women's roles among the Lenape were clearly defined: the woman had full charge of the home, in fact, she was considered the owner of the house. The woman took care of the food preparation and the man procured the game animals. The woman took care of planting and the garden and the man cleared the land for the gardens.

The Delaware Indian women had a reason for most of the things they did. Even with cooking, we think that the person's mind when they are cooking has something to do with the health of the ones who eat the food. The cook must be in a good frame of mind during the food preparation, not angry, or ill, and have an inside prayer to the Creator that what she prepares will bring strength and happiness to the consumer of the food. Sewing likewise is not done when one is angry lest the wearer will feel unhappy when wearing it. They will feel the "makers" sensations.

Delaware women, especially when we cook outside such as when we camp out, we bend from our waist down to stir our pots. Usually a white woman will stoop down on her knees to attend her cooking pot. That is one of the differences that I see. Then, too, we old traditional people have a habit of pointing with our lips. Like you say, "Well, right over there," and we point that direction

with our lips. But you don't point at people. And neither do you point at graves.

The children in a Lenape family were cared for by both parents, although some of the time the father was gone hunting or fishing as this was necessary for survival, it was not for sport as is usually the case these days. In the traditional families the children were spaced about three to four years apart, and the women usually nursed their children until they were about three years old.

In the Delaware tribe the women disciplined children in the old way. They didn't really use any whips or any paddles or anything. They were taken to the creek, and a basket put over their head and water thrown over that basket. The Lenape said that there is a grandfather spirit in this water that will correct all your bad habits, and this water will take away all these obstinate traits you might have. There is another way to correct children. You tell the child that, "Your conduct, your action, brings shame to me and all the people who are gone, you bring shame upon them."

The woman had the freedom to do as she pleased, and she might ask her husband if he wanted to go to some certain place, but if he did not she would just take the children and go, such as to town or to a dance, (most of our dances do not require a partner). Some women also had a special man friend, a non-relative called by the term usually reserved for a female friend, and he served the purpose of a confidant. It was to him she would go with questions or problems she could not discuss with her husband or male relatives.

This account shows just a few of the many facets of the life of a woman among the Lenape people. Most of the older ways have about disappeared among the younger generations as they grow up among the non-Indians, and learn many of their ways in the schools, all too often overlooking the ways of their ancestors. ■

Obituaries

Bailey Ryan Brown



**January 3, 1992 –
July 1, 2022**

Bailey Ryan Brown was born in Fort Worth, TX on January 3, 1992. She passed away in her sleep after a lifetime of medical struggles on July 1, 2022 in Hurst, TX at 30 years old. Bailey lived in TX, CO, ID, and NY. She traveled to the UK, Whistler's Olympic Village, Hollywood, Disney World, Seattle, Boise, Branson, Oklahoma, and to visit many friends and family across the U.S. She always found her way back to Texas, the only place that felt like home. She was a Delaware Tribe of Indians citizen and a Cherokee.

Bailey was the family memory keeper, the one who paid attention to every birthday, anniversary, and important life event for her entire circle. She always found a way to celebrate, smile, and enjoy time with those she loved. Even though her Grandma Mary passed away when Bailey was five she had a lifelong influence on Bailey's life and Bailey missed her every day.

Bailey loved anything pink, collected sunflowers, and regularly attended local Creeper and Prophecy concerts. Her favorite memories included seeing Barney and Shania Twain in concert, attending TCCRA dirt bike races with her aunt and uncle, Traildust birthday parties, singing, and late-night chats with her friends. Her friends describe her as loving, kind, caring, sweet, fun, and above all a great friend who changed their lives by being there for them.

Bailey was preceded in death by her beloved Grandma and best friend Mary Joseph Gross of Plano, TX and her grandparents Harold and Lois Joseph of Coffeyville, KS.

Bailey is survived by her sister Mary Gross of Midlothian, TX; Dad Bryan Gross of Hurst, TX; Mom Heather Brown Bacon of Euless, TX; Aunt Cindy Gross of Issaquah, WA; Fiancé Paul Ford of Lipan, TX; Step-brother DeAndre Gjerde of Caldwell, ID; Lifelong Friend Brittney Beall of Euless, TX; Grandpa Richard Brown of Hurst, TX; Grandma Kris Getz of Arlington, TX; Caretaker Leticia Clark of TX; many, many friends, cousins, and family—born and chosen.

Please sing a song to Bailey or plant a sunflower to celebrate her life.

Donate in Bailey's memory to her Grandma Mary's favorite charity—**St Jude Children's Hospital** ■



Sally R. Farley



**January 10, 1938 –
August 24, 2022**

On Wednesday, August 24, 2022, Sally R. Farley, loving life companion, mom, and granny, peacefully passed away at the age of 84.

Sally was born on January 10, 1938 in Vinita, Oklahoma to Rich-

ard and Olena Fowler. She was their only child. Sally graduated from Bartlesville College High School in 1956. She attended Oklahoma State University from 1957-59, and was always proud to say she was a sister of the Alpha Chi Omega Sorority.

Many in Bartlesville knew Sally as the Director of Operation Eagle, the Indian education program, at Tri County Technology Center from 1974-2000.

She was an inspiration of how to make friends and collaborate with peers. In 1999, Sally became the first woman in the history of the Delaware Tribe of Indians to be appointed by the Delaware Tribal Council to the position of Assistant Chief. Sally served on the Tribal Council in the 1990s and 2000s. She also served as a Tribal Judge in early 2000s. She enjoyed traveling to the annual National Congress of American Indians conferences and making friends with other tribal leaders from across the country.

We will miss the laughter Sally/Mom/Granny/Miss Sally brought into our lives. She had a big smile and one-of-kind laugh. She told jokes and made friends easily. Sally had friends from all walks of life. She had an impressive vocabulary from being a voracious reader. At Halloween, she dressed as a witch and scared Trick-or-Treaters brave enough to approach the door. She had a passion for Indian education, and did big and little things to help Tri County Tech students achieve their dreams.

Sally is survived by her companion Denny Blair of Bartlesville, her sons Phillip of Fredericksburg, VA and Jason with wife Betsy of Humble, TX, her 11 grandkids, Zachary and Peter of Chesapeake, VA, Emma, Elizabeth and Allison of Williamsburg, VA, Bryan of Stillwater, Alex of Yukon, Erica of Edmond, Stephen Jr of Winter

Park, FL., Abigail of Lafayette, LA and Anna of Hammond, LA, and one great grandson, Beau of Yukon. Her son Stephen of Sawyer preceded her in death in October 2021.

Family and friends will host a Celebration of Life on October 15 at 4 to 6 P.M. at the Delaware of Tribe of Indians Community Center in Bartlesville. In lieu of flowers, consider donating to the The Journey Home in Bartlesville. ■



Carl E. Fleming



**October 3, 1962 –
July 29, 2022**

Carl E Fleming Jr. age 59 passed away at his home in Ochelata July the 29th at 3:30 A.M.

Carl was born October 3rd 1962 in Borger, Texas to Carl E. Fleming (deceased) and Jane (Rogers) Fleming.

At an early age he moved with his parents to Bartlesville and later to Dewey. He graduated from Dewey high school in 1981.

Carl worked for National Zinc for several years, and the last 18 years with Whirlpool Corporation in Tulsa.

He is survived by his wife Mary Taylor, three daughters, Brittany Fleming, Tehya Keen and Jakaya

Watts. He is also survived by his mother Jane Fleming of Bartlesville and three sisters, Rhonda of the home, Sandra (Larry) Ele of Dewey and Vickie (Randy) Moore of Ochelata. Also five grandchildren, lots of cousins, nieces and nephews.

Memorial Service was held Monday, August 15, 2022 at 10 A.M. Stumpff Funeral home in Bartlesville with Reverend Edwina Kidd of Penecostal Tabernacle Church, officiating.

Carl was an organ donor and cremation was under the direction of Stumpff Funeral Home.

He was proud to be a member of both the Cherokee Nation and the Delaware Tribe of Indians. ■



Curtis Bradley Hough



**July 21, 1965 –
August 30, 2021**

Curtis Bradley Hough, 56, of West Tawakoni, passed away Aug. 30, 2021 at Hunt Regional Medical Center in Greenville, Texas.

A funeral service was held Monday, Sept. 6, 2021 at 2 P.M. at the chapel of Coker-Mathews Funeral Home, with Rev. Jim Sherwin officiating. Chief Hough took his final ride on Tawakoni Engine 84 with emergency apparatuses and personnel of Hunt County following in procession. Burial followed

Obituaries (cont.)

Tuesday, at 9 A.M. at the Dallas/Ft. Worth National Cemetery. Visitation will be at 1 P.M. Monday, until service time.

Curtis was born July 21, 1965 in Houston, Missouri to Willis "Jim" Jennings and Mildred Louise (Wilson) Hough. He married Shannon Disch on June 6, 2014 in Branson, Missouri.

Curtis grew up on a dairy farm in Missouri, where he learned the value of hard work and commitment. He could often be found driving the back roads, hunting, or fishing with his best friends Scott Allen and Danny Murr.

Curtis enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1983, where he served as a recovery vehicle specialist, taking responsibility for the safe recovery of all battalion vehicles. Curtis attributed his duty assignments in Korea, Germany, Egypt, El Salvador, Panama, California, Virginia, Arkansas, Missouri, Kentucky and Texas to developing his core values of loyalty, duty, respect, selfless service, honor, integrity, and personal courage. He was a proud veteran, and a member of the American Legion and AM-VETS.

Following his time in the military, Curtis began a career in retail management. He earned his Bachelor of Arts in Management, with a minor in marketing from American Public University in Charles Town, West Virginia, and his Masters in Business Administration from Southwestern College in Winfield, Kansas.

Curtis loved researching his family ancestry, spending time fishing out on the lake, and reading. He could be found doing what he enjoyed most in his final years, driving a wrecker with his dear friend Jason Henderson and serving Hunt County as Assistant Fire Chief at the Tawakoni Fire Department.

Curtis is survived by his wife, Shannon Hough; siblings, Orville

Larry Griffith and wife, Mary of Metamora, IL, Darlene J. Hough Justice of Marysville, Washington, Carol Janet Craig and husband, Gary of Las Vegas, Nevada, Beverly Sue Hicks of Ava, Missouri; honorary mother, Rachel Murr Nesbit of Mountain Grove, Missouri, surviving honorary siblings, Christopher Burkett of West Tawakoni, Texas, Scott Allen of Graff, Missouri, C. Junior McGuire of Madison, Kansas; son, John Hough of Missouri; grandchildren, Logan, Olivia, Natalie, Lance, and Nadene Hough all of Missouri; uncle, Eugene Wilson of Enola, Arkansas; and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

In lieu of flowers, we ask that donations be made to the Tawakoni Volunteer Fire Department in memory of Curtis. ■



Nancy Elaine (Falleaf) Vaden



**March 7, 1967 –
August 21, 2022**

Nancy Elaine (Falleaf) Vaden passed away on August 21, 2022, at the age of 55. She was born to Douglas W. Falleaf and Patsy Marlene Harris on March 7, 1967, in Caney, Kansas.

She graduated from Caney Valley High School and then became an assistant front end manager at Homeland in downtown Bartlesville, Oklahoma. She married Bobby Joe Vaden on November 20, 1992, they were married for

30 years. She loved going fishing, doing crossword puzzles, and taking care of her family.

She is preceded in death by her mother, Patsy Harris; father, Douglas Falleaf; step-dad, Otis Sanders; and brother, Steve Falleaf. She is survived by her husband, Bobby Vaden; son, Derek Vaden; brother, Mark Falleaf and wife Vicky; sisters, Teresa Thompson, Stacie Richey and husband Bill, Mandi Hawthorne and husband Kenneth; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A memorial service was held Friday September 2 from 11:00 AM at Hopestone Cancer Support Center. In lieu of flowers, please make contributions to Hopestone Cancer Support Center. ■



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

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

From the Enrollment Department

Emily Brown, Enrollment Director

In our efforts to maintain accurate records, the Enrollment Department is requesting that you email Emily with your update information requests at enrollment@delawaretribe.org. You can also find the member update information form on our website at <https://delawaretribe.org/home-page/enrollment/>. ■

Jackie (Jack) Williams



**November 13, 1941 –
August 21, 2022**

Jackie (Jack) Williams, 80, of Bartlesville, OK passed away on August 21, 2022. Jack was born on November 13, 1941, to Roscoe and Ellen Williams (Barnes) at the Claremore Indian Hospital. He lived in the Bartlesville area for most of his life and also lived in Dewey with his cousins Annette Ketchum and Paula Pechonick. Jack graduated from Dewey High School in 1959, where he was known as a fun-loving class clown. Jack told the story being a small kid who would escape fights, but as a bigger kid and adult, he never turned down a fight. After high school he trained as an electrician and became a proud member of the IBEW, Local 584. In 1968 he was drafted into the Navy and served two years in the Vietnam War as a proud Sea-Bee, the Navy Construction Battalion, a brotherhood that he valued.

Jack enjoyed spending time at the lake fishing, watching football—both college and the pros (Go Sooners!). He enjoyed watching horse racing, winning games of chance, and roadtripping. Jack also loved telling stories to his friends and family. He was known for his sense of humor and tall tales. He is survived by his partner and companion, Alison Treat, his three daughters: Sharal Dietzel of Bartlesville, Dana Williams of Glenpool, OK, and Shaunda Williams Bittner of Claremore, OK; his grandchildren: Stephanie Hop-pock of Dewey, Tyler Haase of Carl Junction, MO, Audra Bittner of Mobile, AL, and Philip Wingfield II of Caney, OK; his great-grandchildren: Tyren Ricks and Mitchell Downing Jr, of Dewey, OK and Anastasha Bittner of Mobile, AL. He is preceded in death by his parents and his wife Sue Moody Williams.

A graveside service was held on August 31st at 2 P.M. at the Ramona Cemetery. ■



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Two Years In, Data Reveals Drastic Impact of COVID-19 on Native American Communities

U.S. Life Expectancy Decline for Second Year Hits Native American Community the Hardest

Celeste Amadon

Delaware Tribal leaders are discussing additional ways to address the community's health concerns given the tremendously disturbing data in a recent report from the National Center for Health Statistics. Average life expectancy among Native Americans and Alaska Natives showed a cumulative decline of more than six and a half years since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, bringing the figure down to a tragic 65. To put this into context, *The New York Times* noted that 65 is on a dismal par with life expectancy for all Americans in 1944, essentially erasing decades of progress, and quoted Noreen Goldman, Professor of Demography and Public Affairs at the Princeton School of Public and International Affairs, to explain that life expectancy in Indigenous populations is now "lower than that of every country in the Americas except Haiti, which is astounding."

Chief Brad KillsCrow urges Tribal members to get the newly approved COVID vaccine booster that specifically addresses the Omicron variant. Native Americans and Alaska Natives have been particularly vulnerable to the COVID virus given health problems associated with poverty and resultant poor access to healthcare. "The Native American population did well in vaccination efforts this far, and we need to maintain our vigilance and do everything we can as individuals to protect ourselves and each other from a disease that is so dangerous to our community. That means getting recommended boosters and taking advantage of programs the Tribe offers to help with conditions that make you more susceptible to severe COVID."

While deaths associated with COVID are responsible for most of the decline in life expectancy, that doesn't tell the whole story. There has been a rise in drug overdoses, and deaths from heart disease, chronic liver disease and cirrhosis—conditions often associated with alcoholism—increased as well. Native Americans also have the highest incidence of diabetes of any ethnic group in the United States, and many are overweight or obese, putting them at greater risk of serious illness and/or death from COVID.

Shelby Lacey, Director of the Delaware Office of Family and Child Affairs isn't surprised that the pandemic was particularly devastating to Native Americans' physical and mental health. "The long period of isolation and being inside was devastating to people

whose culture includes nature, being outside, and extended family and community. It was also evocative of our historical past trauma." Her office can refer members to alcohol and substance abuse recovery programs. She reminds her department's clients to prioritize participating in Tribal cultural events (advertised on the Tribe's social media and website under "Events") and reconnecting with neighbors, friends, and co-workers as part of the process of re-establishing a healthy life as the worst of the pandemic appears to be winding down. Studies show that belonging and community participation increase quality of life and overall health.

The Delaware Tribe is hard at work to ensure the health and well-being of its members. The Tribe offers several programs with a proven track record of helping members combat health challenges. Cody Blackmon, the Tribe's Director of Wellness, urges interested readers to investigate the meal plans and diet and exercise programs available to Tribal members. She also has pamphlets that explain ways to mitigate the risk of developing diabetes and provide strategies to manage the condition. Blackmon emphasizes Tribal members who think they might have diabetes should not avoid investigating that possibility, because "the most important fact about diabetes is to get diagnosed." Left untreated, diabetes can result in high blood sugar levels that may damage body organs and tissue, possibly leading to nerve damage, kidney damage, heart attacks, peripheral vascular disease, and other complications. "Education and knowledge are the key to minimizing the chances of developing complications with having diabetes," Blackmon explains. The Tribe's Elder's Nutrition and Health program can provide supplies for diabetes management, including testing meter strips, insulin needles, glucometers, and an initial 14 days of recommended nutritional supplements. Other programs that help with diabetes and weight management include the Tribe's recently launched Food Pantry, which currently offers fresh fruits and vegetables in addition to frozen and canned produce. Look for a feature in the next issue of the Delaware Indian News on the Tribe's new multipurpose gymnasium, which will offer indoor sports, group fitness classes, and a walking course as well as gym equipment. Lastly, since overall wellness requires attention to mental health, this year Tribal leadership launched the Tribe's Mental Health Matters! Program, which provides funds for a minimum of eight sessions with licensed counselors. ■



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Shelby Lacey Leads Family & Children Services Into a New Era

Strengthening the community through service to members in need

Celeste Amadon

To hear Shelby Lacey's warm and reassuring voice—even over the telephone—is to immediately feel less alone. The Director of the Delaware Tribe's newly-reorganized Office of Family & Children Services wants members of the Tribe experiencing difficulty to know that they don't have to face their problems by themselves. She and her staff understand that it can be frightening or embarrassing to seek assistance about sensitive matters such as domestic violence or concerns about a child in the community. However, she hopes that Tribal members considering coming in to confer with her office will be reassured by the department's positive mission and approach, by the expertise of the professional staff in dealing with some of life's hardest and most personal situations, and by the strict confidentiality in which client's situations and confidences are kept.

Shelby has led the Tribe's Office of Family & Children Services since its reorganization in June. She joined the department as a Child Support Financial Specialist in 2017 after her graduation from Oklahoma State with a Bachelor's Degree in Finance and has witnessed its transformation from three people to a full-service organization with a staff of 16. The turning point for the department came in 2018, when the Tribe was awarded a grant to provide services for those experiencing domestic violence. Shel-

by, a member of the Cherokee Nation married to a member of the Osage Tribe, is familiar with the breadth of needs of families in Native American communities. She says it's been gratifying to see all the successes and the great work of the experienced advocates and case workers who joined the department over the last five years. "Tribal members may not realize how many different ways our team of advocates and caseworkers can help where there is a need," she explained. "We are a major community resource. Even if we can't directly help with our services, we keep a list of community resources on hand that we can provide tribal and community members at any time."

The department's mission is to strengthen the community, and to serve that goal, it operates three programs: the Indian Child Welfare Program, the Child Support Services Program, and a Domestic Violence

program. The Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) requires that if there is removal or out-of-home placement for Delaware Tribal Children (enrolled or eligible for enrollment), State's must notify our Indian Child Welfare Department to stay in compliance with ICWA. The department hopes to help every child be reunified with their family, and where that is not possible, to find placement with a Delaware Tribal Member. A major hitch: the department must rely on the state to comply with ICWA. Notification of a case involving a Delaware child can come as late as two years into it. Shelby shared that "we would like to hear from Tribal members of the community when there is even a potential problem, and ideally at the earliest opportunity for positive intervention."

Shelby thinks that more Tribal members would feel comfortable seeking the department's help if they understood that the department takes an empathetic,

holistic approach. "If there's failure by a non-custodial parent to pay child support, we ask for the reason behind it. If, for example, it's alcoholism, then we work with our courts to get that parent into treatment. Then to connect them to resources that help them gain employment. We don't just help file the legal paperwork to compel payment where it isn't possible. We work to help the entire family system and to solve the root cause, not focus on the symptom."

After a decline in domestic violence cases during the height of the COVID pandemic, when for nearly a year many Tribal and community members were afraid to venture out, or to jeopardize their living arrangements, the Domestic Violence (DV) team has helped over 100 DV clients in each of the last two years. The department helps their DV clients file protection orders, find safe transitional lodging, and obtain utility assistance and other resources. The DV team is currently moving to the Tribe's Caney headquarters to provide even greater assurances to DV clients that their situations will be held in complete confidence and they can meet with the office in safety. Shelby knows that it can be particularly intimidating for Tribal members to come forward about DV because the Tribal community is so close. For example, there may be fear that information will get out to other Tribal members who work for



the Tribe. Shelby reiterated "our office is under federal and tribal confidentiality laws. More than that our team of professionals has an abundance of experience with this issue. Some of our advocates have been helping people make the brave decision to exit the terrible cycle of DV for 20 years. If you are experiencing Domestic Violence or know someone in the community who is, the Delaware Tribe is here to help."

Shelby is committed to seeing the Tribe's Office of Family & Children Services be ever more effective at serving the community. Looking forward, it is the department's goal to hear from Tribal Members and Staff on what is needed within our community to strengthen the Delaware Tribe of Indians. If you would like to contact the Director, her email is slacey@delawaretribe.org. ■



Congratulations To Our October 2022 Featured Artists Dianna Ingle, Haley VanDorn, and John Tucker!

Dianne Ingle

I am a Delaware Tribal Member and I live in Utah. I do several mediums of artwork including stained glass, silversmithing, and wirewrapping jewelry. I have included several pictures of my artwork. My jewelry is mostly southwestern- inspired. I am a U.S. Air Force Veteran and a retired Air Force Nurse. We have traveled throughout the United States and Europe, the Middle East and the Pacific with the U.S. Air Force. I am a descendant of Charles Journeycake. Here are a few pictures of my work. Wanishi, Dianne Ingle



Collection of Silver Cuff Bracelets



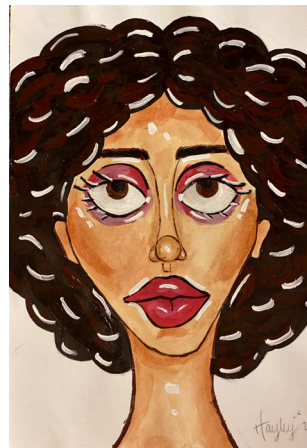
Stained Glass and Rock



Collection of Silver Pendants

Haley VanDorn

My name is Hayley VanDorn, and I am a Junior at Deer Creek High School in Edmond, OK. I am a member of the Delaware Tribe, and my family noticed in the recent newsletter that you are featuring artists in upcoming newsletters. I am an aspiring artist and have been featured in the OKC Festival of the Arts Youth Art Show for the past 2 years. I hope to go to college and major in artistic design. I would love the opportunity to be featured in a future Delaware newsletter. I have attached some of my work. I work primarily with acrylics and watercolors.



John Tucker

My name is John Tucker, eldest son of Evelyn Kay Scott Anderson and eldest grandson of the late Evelyn M. Jackson Thomas, full-blood Lenape.

I have always been fascinated with feathers. They were the focus in a large part of my drawings and paintings when I was younger.

10 years ago, I began carving wood feathers to be used as canvases for a new interest: Wood Burning. The burnings are of a variety of images relating to Native America in some way, whether it be nature, spiritual, patriotic, etc.

I have always been partial to color in my art, so adding thread-work to the feather quill not only adds color, but also enhances the work by using an appropriate color scheme in relation to the image. Each piece is unique with no duplications.

Some of my work can be found at the Lenape Reserve at 166 N. Barbara St., Bartlesville, OK. 74006.

