Celebrating Our Honored Elders

On behalf of the Delaware Tribe Elders Committee, it was a great honor to present Dorothy Jackson with a Pendleton blanket. One of the tribe’s oldest full blood Delaware, Dorothy celebrated her 100th birthday this past July. Mrs. Brown has accomplished much in her lifetime.

Dorothy Francis (Wilson) Jackson, was born July 15, 1920 on her family allotment southeast of Delaware, Oklahoma. Dorothy’s father and mother were Anderson Wilson and Lillie (Parker) Wilson. Her paternal grandparents were Adam Wilson and Amanda (Bascomb) Wilson and her maternal grandparents were George Parker and Mary (Bigfield or Bigknife) Parker. Dorothy’s family moved to Indian Territory from the Kansas reservation. Dorothy’s siblings were Ethel Quay (Wilson) Martin and Titus Wilson.

Dorothy graduated from Delaware High School and continued her education at the Haskell Indian Institute in Lawrence, Kansas. After graduating from Haskell, she was employed with the U.S. Interior department in Washington, D.C. At the outbreak of World War II, the department was relocated to Chicago, IL. Dorothy then transferred with her job to Pawhuska, Oklahoma.

In 1947 Dorothy went to work for the Flint Steel Corporation, as a drafting room secretary/clerk. Dorothy retired from Flint in 1983 as secretary to one of the vice presidents of Flint.

We commend Dorothy for her life well lived and all that she has accomplished. Here is a BIG THANK YOU (WANISHI) from all of us, the Delaware Tribe.

On behalf of the Delaware Tribe Elders Committee, member Joe Brooks attend the 100th birthday celebration for William Wood on August 8, 2020, and was honored to present Mr. Woods with a Pendleton blanket. One of the tribe’s oldest members, William Wood was a World War II fighter pilot veteran, who flew nineteen combat missions.

November 2020 Election Results

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CERTIFICATION

We the undersigned, hereby certify the above to be a true and accurate abstract of the votes cast for the Special Election shown herein for the Delaware Tribe of Indians on November 07, 2020. We also certify that said election was held in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Delaware Tribe of Indians.

* Election Committee

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From the Desk of Assistant Chief Brad KillsCrow

*Brad KillsCrow, Assistant Chief*

Although we have had to navigate much of this year with the COVID-19 virus at our doorsteps, I am thankful that we, as a Tribe, have taken the threat seriously and worked diligently together to limit the number of positive cases among our tribal employees and in our community. After months of precautionary measures, most of us are ready for a return to normalcy. However, we must continue to be vigilant and do what is necessary to protect ourselves and our people from the virus, especially our elders and children. We must also do what we can to reach out to those who have been impacted either physically, emotionally and economically by this disease.

Since being elected Assistant Chief in November, I have made several trips to the tribal complex in Bartlesville to meet with employees trying to get a grasp on the issues being faced by our programs and administrative staff. We have been without a Tribal Manager since mid-October but that position should be filled by the first of the year. There are currently several other tribal job openings especially in the child care, family services and social services programs. The Tribe maintains a policy of tribal preference in hiring yet I have been dismayed to find that few of the applicants for these positions are tribal members. I am not sure why this is the case but I am looking into ways we can better reach tribal members when jobs become available. I would like to hear your ideas regarding the recruitment of Delaware applicants. Please contact me by email at bkillscrow@delawaretribe.org.

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**Scholarships Gratefully Accepted**

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

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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 March 15, 2021 for the April 2021 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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The mission of the DIN is to serve, empower and inform the Lenape people, while adhering to the policy of unbiased reporting in an ethical and professional manner.

Editorial Board:
Joe Brown, Gregory Brown, Charla Mann

Technical Editor: Joe Brown (din@delawaretribe.org)
What’s New: Our grant application to National Science Foundation for funding to continue improvements to the Lenape Talking Dictionary was funded and it started on June 1, 2020. It is for a year and a half.

Early Recordings: James C. Webber, more commonly known as Charlie, worked with anthropologist Frank Speck at the University of Pennsylvania in 1928. He talked about the culture and language and his recordings might be the earliest of Lenape. Some of his clothing items and things around him seem to not be Lenape but props from the museum for this photo. Go here to listen: https://www.talk-lenape.org/stories?id=46

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

Lenape Talking Dictionary: Detail Page

We have noticed that some users of the Lenape Talking Dictionary are not aware of additional information about each word that is found in a section called the Detail Page. That page can be seen by simply clicking on either the English or the Lenape word entry in the dictionary. That will take you to the Detail Page where you will sometimes find images of what the word stands for. You will also find sample sentence(s) and historical examples. Here is what you will find if you click on the word for Canoe:

Delaware Man’s Beaded Buckskin Hunting Coat about 1850

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

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

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

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

Revised: I was asked about the Lenape Word-a-Day calendars like I made when Lucy Blalock was teaching classes. The list is also posted on the Tribal website. There are sound files for each of these words in the Lenape Talking Dictionary. Here are the ones for January and February 2021:
Notice for Tenants in Tribal Housing Regarding the CDC Eviction Suspension

November 2020

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has temporarily stopped evictions to prevent the further spread of COVID-19 from September 4, 2020 through December 31, 2020.

How do I know if I am protected by the CDC Order that temporarily suspends evictions?

To be eligible, you must meet all seven certifications:

1. You are unable to pay your full rent due to a decrease in household income or extraordinary medical expenses.
2. You are making your best efforts to make timely partial payments that are as close to the full payment as circumstances allow.
3. You have made your best efforts to get all available government assistance.
4. You meet one of the following conditions: (1) you expect to make less than $99,000 in 2020 (or $198,000 if filing jointly); or (2) you were not required to report any income to the IRS; or (3) you received a CARES Act stimulus check.
5. If you were evicted, you would likely become homeless, or move into a homeless shelter, or move into new housing shared by other people who will live in close quarters.
6. You understand that you are responsible for paying unpaid rent, you may be charged fees for unpaid rent, and you must continue to comply with the terms of your lease.
7. You understand that when the CDC Order expires on December 31, 2020, you may be subject to eviction if you have unpaid rent or unpaid fees.

If I meet all seven certifications above, what can I do to be protected from being evicted for non-payment of rent?

➤ If you meet all of the certifications above then you must provide a signed copy of the CDC’s Declaration to the owner of the residential property where you live (i.e. your landlord). In certain circumstances, such as individuals filing a joint tax return, it may be appropriate for one adult member of the household to provide an executed declaration on behalf of other adult residents on the lease, rental agreement, or housing contract at issue.

➤ Keep a copy of your signed Declaration(s) for your records, including the date and time it was sent or delivered to your landlord.

Please keep in mind:

➤ If you are able to pay your rent or make partial rent payments, you still need to do so.

➤ You are still required to follow all the other terms of your lease and rules of the place where you live. Tenants can still be evicted for criminal acts, other acts, or lease violations.

➤ You should reach out to your landlord as soon as possible!
   o Be candid about your situation. If you’re impacted by COVID-19 or other difficulties, share how your income has been affected.
   o Consider mentioning any resources and assistance options you’ve found.
   o Explain how your family would be impacted by a loss of housing.
   o Ask about payment arrangements and document any email and text conversations, phone calls, or in person meetings.

➤ Other protections may be available to you if your state, local, territorial, or tribal authority has imposed a longer or more stringent suspension on evictions that provide the same or greater level of public-health protection than the requirements listed in the CDC Order.

Additional Resources:

➤ Tenants are also encouraged to reach out to a HUD-Approved Counseling Agency at www.hud.gov/counseling to develop an action plan for paying any outstanding rent and fees.

This flyer was developed by the Office of Public and Indian Housing (PIH) in the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to help you understand what the CDC Order means for HUD-assisted tenants who are renters in a Native American Program. If you are a renter, please contact your landlord, Tribe or Tribally Designated Housing Entity (TDHE) for more information about this flyer or the CDC Order. For more information on the CDC Order that was published in the Federal Register on September 4, 2020 and avoiding evictions for non-payment of rent, visit https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2020-09-04/pdf/2020-19654.pdf.
Stories Of Our Past—The Remarkable History Of The Delaware Tribe

Anita Mathis, Librarian & Archives Manager

Here in the Archives we have many wonderful pictures, documents, and objects of our Ancestors—-from the past to the present. In this article we are going to read about Folk Tales told by elders of the past. As this is a time for giving, here is a little gift for you with the greetings of the season. This is a short Lenape (Delaware Indian) story.

The Man Who Went To Visit the Thunder Beings

Once a man wanted to go and visit with the Thunder Beings. He told the men all over the village, “I wish you would all help me, I want to cut some wood. I want to heat this boulder.” Everyone came there, and there were many of them who cut wood, and finally they had a lot of wood. Then they began to heat the boulder. When it got very hot, they threw it into the big river. Then when the steam ascended the man jumped into it. He went to where the Thunder Beings live.

Oh, everyone was very friendly to the man. That one told him, “I am glad because you came here where we live, and soon we will eat.” Finally when it got to be evening, the Thunder Beings began to gather some bones. The bones were dry, and white, and old. They used them when they made soup. He said that the soup looked good. The one old Being told the man, “You people might hear us sometimes.” Soon after the old Being said that he heard them, but when those young Thunder Beings make a noise it is loud and they are heard when it is going to rain. After the man had visited the Thunder Beings for several days, he told them, “Now I will be going home.” Then when a little cloud floated by near where he was standing he jumped onto it. Then the man went home.

From the Cultural Resources Department

The Cultural Resources Department is located in the Cultural Center at 166 N. Barbara on the tribal headquarters campus in Bartlesville. The staff includes Curtis Zunigha-Director, Anita Mathis-Library/Archives & Gift Shop, and Jim Rementer—Language Program. Additional details about the department can be found on the tribe’s website: www.delawaretribe.org. The department consists of:

Library – The tribal library consists of 1,280 titles of books, publications, discs and tapes (both audio & video). All items in the library are available to tribal members for reading & viewing IN-HOUSE ONLY by appointment with department staff. We currently do not offer check-out of library items.

Archives & Collections – Our department houses 135 artifacts, 1,573 documents, and 3,887 photos. Tribal members may view these items IN-HOUSE ONLY by appointment with department staff. The department provides computer stations for IN-HOUSE ONLY research with access to archival and historical information.

Cultural Activities – During December 2019 – March 2020, the department staff supported the Cultural Preservation Committee with the monthly 2nd Tuesday supper/social. Each time we welcomed approximately 35 tribal members, family, and friends to Forsythe Hall for a potluck meal, arts & crafts, and songs & dances.

Unfortunately, because of the Coronavirus/Covid-19 pandemic, we have been closed to the general public since March 18. This ended the 2nd Tuesday, Delaware Pow Wow, and Delaware Days activities. We reopened August 24 to employees-only and worked to clean and disinfect the Cultural Center for a safe environment. Then on October 1 we had to shut down again. We have re-opened on November 1 to visitors and gift shop customers on an appointment-basis only. The staff works each day during normal business hours. We follow Tribal Council-approved protocols regarding safety procedures to mitigate the impact of the Coronavirus pandemic.

History & Culture – The department maintains a considerable amount of historical data and institutional knowledge. It is shared and practiced at various tribal events & activities. Tribal representatives have also presented history & culture to non-tribal audiences across the country. Additional information can be found on the tribal website home page clicking on the Culture & Language button.

Language – Since 2005 the program has been converting analog recordings to digital data now used on the language website www.talk-lenape.org. Word pages and lessons are presented at tribal events and cultural gatherings. Additional information can be found on the tribal website home page viewing the menu bar at the top and clicking on the Services/Programs drop-down menu tab, then click on Language Revitalization. A language program report is separately available.

Museum – A tribal museum/history room is under construction with plans for opening on March 1, 2021. The theme is “A Walk Through Time”.

Gift Shop – The department operates a small gift shop with many items bearing the Seal of the Delaware Tribe of Indians. Some books and tapes are also available for sale. The Gift Shop also accepts items on consignment for sale at the discretion of management. The shop is a Pendleton Woolen Mill distributor and our current inventory has blankets and accessories. Online sales are also available by visiting www.delawaretribe.org and clicking on the Gift Shop button at the bottom of the page.
Media Release From The Delaware Tribe Veterans Committee For Publication In The Delaware Indian News

The Delaware Tribe was represented by the Lenape Veterans Color Guard at the First Annual Oklahoma Veteran Alliance Awards Banquet on October 22, 2020 in Broken Arrow, OK. The event recognized many organizations and individuals who help bring awareness and advocacy to the issue of suicide prevention among veterans in our country.

From the Delaware Archives: The Fox and the Rabbit

Told by Nora Thompson Dean

One time a fox lived near a creek. He would always work, and every spring he would make garden, different things; beans, lettuce and corn. Every morning he would go hoe. One morning he saw that everything had been bitten off. He thought, “Someone must like to steal,” and then he went home.

He sharpened some little sticks, he went and drove them into the garden [with the sharpened ends sticking up.] The next morning he went to the garden. There was blood everywhere, and rabbit hairs scattered here and there. The fox said, “See there, now I know who that thief is.”

Then he went to visit the rabbit. He knocked on the door. He heard the rabbit when he said, “Come in! Come in!” The rabbit was lying down. The fox went and sat down. He told the rabbit “Are you sick?”

The rabbit said, “Oh no, I am just resting.” The fox said, “OK, well, let’s smoke.” The rabbit said, “OK, that’s it.” Then he picked up his pipe.

The rabbit had difficulty getting up. When the fox saw the rabbit he must have had a bloody behind. He immediately said, “See there! You are the one who is stealing from my garden.” The rabbit said, “Not me, not me!”

Finally the fox quickly got mad, they almost fought. He said, “You are the biggest liar! You are shameful!” The fox was so angry and so he went home. It has long been known that the rabbit likes to lie.
Delaware Tribe Family & Children Services

Despite a global pandemic and Tribal offices being closed, we are diligently serving the community. Through direct services, events, training, and grant writing we continue striving to support stable and healthy families.

A Few of our Key Services Provided

Child Welfare (Tribal Member Exclusive Benefit) Part of our mission to promote safe and stable families includes helping secure the items needed to keep families together, or to make sure they are in position to re-unite. We can provide parents items such as diapers, car seats, beds, and even carbon monoxide detectors. We will also provide support for at-risk families through services to allow children, when appropriate, to remain safely with their families.

Child Support Services (Available to Everyone) Our child support program is on a smaller scale than state-based child support programs. This enables us to have the ability to ensure families are thoroughly supported with any bilateral needs met. Some of the services we can offer are establishing legal fatherhood through paternity testing, locating, establishing court orders, modification of court orders, and collection and distribution of child support payments.

Domestic Violence Services (Available to Everyone) We provide direct services to include emergency shelter, transitional housing, transportation, clothing, food, advocacy in obtaining a protective order, and providing a court accompaniment.

Bringing Awareness

In honor of the month of April as National Child Abuse Prevention Month, the Delaware Tribe of Indians and the Delaware Tribe Family & Children Services department encouraged all individuals and organizations to play a role in making our community a better place for children and families. 250 blue pinwheels (the symbol for National Child Abuse Prevention) were placed near the entrance of our Bartlesville campus as a visual reminder of our commitment. Focusing on ways to connect with families is the best thing each of us can do to strengthen families and prevent child abuse and neglect.

Delaware Family & Children Services is Awarded $899,999

United States Attorney, Trent Shores, presented our staff member Aimee Turner, along with other Oklahoma Tribes and agencies with grants from the Justice Department’s “New Federal-Tribal Partnerships to Combat Domestic Violence in Oklahoma and Other States.” In the Tulsa press release on August 26th the Department of Justice wrote “The city of Tulsa, whose work the Office of Violence Against Women (OVW) is proud to support again this year, recently reported that its grant funding has been critical to addressing high-risk domestic violence cases, fostering coordination among prosecutors and law enforcement on evidence collection, and connecting victims to advocates who can help them navigate the justice process and obtain services to help them rebuild their lives. Recognizing that ending domestic violence in Oklahoma requires partnerships among federal, tribal, and local justice agencies, OVW is pleased to invest in collaboration strategies that put safety in reach for victims in cities and on reservations throughout the state.”

Specific Grants to Oklahoma Tribes:

- $407,000 grant to Absentee Shawnee Tribe to update tribal codes, policies, and procedures in preparation for exercising special domestic violence criminal jurisdiction under the Violence Against Women Act.
- Over 3 million under OVW’s Tribal Governments Program is slated to go to four tribes in Oklahoma- Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma, Pawnee Nation, Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma, and the Delaware Tribe of Indians to support coordinated community responses to violence against women

Other awards that will be issued to organizations and government agencies in Oklahoma include:

- $597,894 to the Native Alliance Against Violence in Norman
- $243,619 to the Oklahoma Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault
- $2,019,340 in formula funds that support law enforcement, prosecutors, victim services providers, and courts in working collaboratively to respond to domestic and sexual violence.

Collaboration Success

The Outreach Collaboration Event was a success! The Delaware Tribe Family & Children Services department joined Dayspring Community Services, Inc. of Oklahoma in October for Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Staff handed out goodie bags containing free domestic violence information and resources, including additional agency resources, to 85 cars at the tribal complex in Bartlesville. A special thanks goes to Elizabeth Shaddid, a college student attending University of Central Oklahoma, for donating her time in creating our flyers! Her generosity helped us reach over 300 more people online with our resources.

Spread the Word

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“We rise by lifting others”
Obituaries

Christopher
“Paul” Alexander
March 29, 1984 – June 18, 2020

Services for Christopher “Paul” Alexander, 36, of Bullard will be held on Monday, June 22, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. in the Stewart Family Funeral Home, 7525 Old Jacksonville Hwy in Tyler.

Paul was preceded in death by his wife, Jennifer Alexander; his sister, Amber, wife Jessica, and their son Jayden of Tyler; his sister, Kaitlin, and her fiancé, Sean of Colorado; his grandmother, Kathy Alexander of Gilmer; as well as many relatives and friends.

Visitation was scheduled for 5:00 to 7:00 P.M. on Sunday, June 21, 2020 at Stewart Family Funeral Home, 7525 Old Jacksonville Hwy in Tyler.

Samuel Leo
Armstrong
August 9, 1939 – September 19, 2020

Samuel Leo Armstrong, 81, of Grove, Oklahoma and former Nowata resident, passed away Saturday afternoon, September 19, 2020 at Mercy Hospital, Joplin, Missouri.

Sam was born August 9, 1939 at Nowata, Oklahoma to Leo Bennett “Bennie” Armstrong and Grace Evelyn (Head) Armstrong. He grew up in Nowata and was a graduate of Nowata High School. After graduation, Sam enlisted in the United States Air Force, serving most of his four years at Little Rock Air Force Base in Jacksonville, Arkansas. He was Honorably Discharged from active duty but remained in the Air Force Reserve until 1966. Sam married Shirley Evatt at Jacksonville on July 21, 1961. The couple moved to Nowata and Sam began work as an accountant for Cities Service. The Armstrong’s moved to the Tulsa area and in between working and coaching Little League baseball, Sam finished his Bachelor’s degree at the University of Tulsa. In 1977, the family moved to Mustang, Oklahoma and in 1982, Cities Service became Occidental Petroleum from which Sam would retire in 1994. Upon retirement, Sam and Shirley moved to Claremore and later, to Grove.

He was a member of the Armstrong Community Church and loved the outdoors. Sam loved hunting, fishing, and coaching his boys when they were young.

Survivors include his wife, Shirley of the home; sons, Lee Armstrong and his wife, Deanne of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma and Bob Armstrong and his wife, Diane of Rome Georgia; one brother, Bob Armstrong and his wife, Dee of Nowata; six grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; other relatives and many friends. Sam was preceded in death in his parents, Bennie and Grace Armstrong.

Graveside services will be 10 a.m., Thursday, September 24, 2020 at Relocated Cemetery, south of Nowata, with Rev. Randy Dyer officiating. Service and interment are under the direction of Benjamin Funeral Service of Nowata. Graveside military rites will be accorded Mr. Armstrong courtesy of Grove Veterans Ritual Team.

Visitation occurred on Wednesday, 9 A.M. – 8 P.M. with family receiving guest from 7-8 P.M. To leave an online condolence, visit www.honoringmemories.com.

Sheila Joan
Boulanger
- April 13, 2020

Sheila Joan Boulanger, 72, of Pawhuska, Oklahoma, died Monday, April 13, 2020. Private family services will be held at a later date at the Boulanger Cemetery.

Dianna Lynn
Hansen
August 21, 1954 – October 17, 2020

Dianna Lynn Hansen, age 66 of Coffeyville, Kansas passed away Saturday, October 17, 2020 at her home in Coffeyville, Kansas.

Cremation has taken place under the direction of the Webb & Rodrick Chapel in Independence, Kansas. Friends can leave online condolences at www.webbrodrickchapel.com.

Dianna was born August 21, 1954 in Coffeyville, Kansas. She grew up in Coffeyville, Kansas and attended schools in Coffeyville. In 1971 Dianna married Ralph Brundige and the couple made their home in Coffeyville, Kansas. To this union they had two children Angie and Jenny.

On May 3, 1982 Dianna married Michael Hansen in Coffeyville, Kansas where the couple made their home. They had one son, Clinton, and a stepson was brought into the marriage, Mikael Jr. She worked at the Super 8 was a homemaker and a member of the Cherokee Nation and Delaware Indian Tribe.

Survivors include her husband Michael Hansen of Coffeyville, Kansas; two daughters Angie (Kent) Brown of Independence, Jenny (Elden) Smith of Coffeyville; two sons Michael L. Hansen Jr. and Clinton (Tina) Hansen both of Coffeyville; four siblings Roy, Dennis, Beverly and Deborah; several nieces and nephews, 9 grandchildren and 2 ½ great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Jennie Catherine, father, Delbert Enloe and four siblings, Kenny, Ronnie, Steve, Tina.

Edward Warren
Hutton IV
- March 30, 2018

Mitchell Leon
Jackson
December 20, 1941 – March 8, 2020

Mitchell Leon Jackson departed this life on March
Obituaries (cont.)

Kenneth Ray Pugh

July 20, 1945 – September 27, 2020

K enneth (Kenny) Ray Pugh, passed away Sunday, September 27, 2020, at the Journey Home.

He was born on July 20, 1945, near Oglesby, Oklahoma to William Henry and Mary (Johnson) Pugh. He attended Oglesby schools through 8th grade and graduated in 1964 from Caney Valley High School in Ramona.

He married Sharon (Evans) Pugh on August 19, 1977, in Dewey, Oklahoma and became a second father to her 4 children. They made their home in Oglesby.

Kenneth worked most of his life delivering, pouring and finishing concrete. In his younger years he drove his Barracuda in competitive drag races. He enjoyed working on his farm, gardening, and hunting. He was an avid horsemanship and enjoyed riding, breaking and breeding quarter horses but was also known to hop on a Shetland pony named Snowball to tire him out so he would ride nicely for the kids. He will best be remembered as an animated storyteller with an infectious laugh. However, his most favorite pastime was spending time with his grandchildren.

He is survived by his wife, Sharon Pugh, of the home; daughters, Pamela (and Warren) Peck of Copan, OK., Shari (and Randy) Anderson of Oglesby, OK and Jennifer (and Jeff) Fennstomaker of Bartlesville, OK; one son, Kevin (and Jeanne) Rodgers of Madill, OK; one brother, HC Pugh of Oglesby, OK; 16 grandchildren and many great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

A graveside memorial service was held Saturday, October 3, 2020, at 10A.M. at the Oglesby Cemetery. Services have been entrusted to Stumpff Funeral Home and Crematory.

Bobbie Jean Schertz

June 30, 1951 – April 26, 2020

Bobbie Jean Schertz, 68, of Lowpoint, IL, passed away at 8:53 am on Sunday, April 26, 2020 at OSF St. Francis Medical Center in Peoria, IL. She was born on June 30, 1951 in Albuquerque, New Mexico to Willis “Jim” Jennings and Mildred Louise (Wilson) Hough.

She married Reldon Wade Schertz on August 13, 1983 in Metamora, IL.

Surviving are her husband Reldon of Lowpoint; children Robyn Michelle (Thomas) Aeschleman of Washburn, Larry Scott Hoover of Eureka, Jacob Wade (Stephanie) Schertz and Jamie Elizabeth Schertz both of Lowpoint; grandchildren Samantha (Richard) McCoy of Columbia, MO, Dallas (Tahara) Parmenter of East Stroudsburg, PA, Aidan and Zander Aeschleman of Washburn, and Cheyenne and Chloe Courtway and Abigail and Jace Schertz all of Lowpoint; great-grandchildren Keira McCoy and Brentley and Remmie Parmenter; and siblings Orville Larry Griffith of Germantown Hills, Carol Janet (Gary) Craig of Las Vegas, Nevada, Beverly Sue Hicks of Springfield, MO, and Curtis Bradley (Shannon) Hough of West Tawakoni, TX.

Bobbie was a woman of Christian faith. She delighted in her role as a wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. She loved spending time with her family. She was a phenomenal cook. She enjoyed reading, playing softball, and traveling. She spent the majority of her career at a nursing home where, over a 25 year period, she worked her way up from dishwasher to Dietary Manager. She was kind to everyone she encountered and she had a wonderful sense of humor.

Cremation rites have been accorded. In lieu of flowers, we ask that donations be made to IMALIVE, an organization that focuses on suicide prevention and crisis assistance through their website at www.imalive.org. Online condolences at www.masonfuneralhomes.com.

Tommy Joe Scott

April 16, 1941 – September 14, 2020

Tommy Scott was born in Coody Bluff in Nowata County on Wednesday, April 16, 1941, one of three children to Arthur and Georgia (Armstrong) Scott. He passed from this life on Monday, September 14, 2020 at the age of 79.

Tommy grew up in the Nowata area and attended schools in both Armstrong and Nowata, graduating from Nowata High School in 1959. He met and started dating the love of his life, Pauline Foster in 1957 and they married a few years later.

He met the Lord and was saved in 1960, working at various jobs until the Lord called him to preach in 1964. His first preaching responsibility was at a rescue mission called World Missions of Tulsa. After that, he and Pauline served as Pastor for seven different churches in Oklahoma and Kansas over the next fifty years. They also spent a few years traveling and ministering in many states and places he never thought he would have the opportunity to preach in. Tommy was currently serving as the Pastor of Armstrong Community Church in Nowata, Oklahoma.

Tommy and Pauline are the proud parents of five sons, 2 daughters, 20 grandchildren as well as 20 great-grandchildren. His greatest sorrow and chal-
challenged was when his beloved wife, Pauline, passed away on July 18, 2017.

Tommy knew so many people in and around Oklahoma and will be missed by countless friends he made through his many years of ministry. He leaves a strong legacy behind in his children who continue to carry on the work of the Lord.

Tommy is survived by:

Sons, Bryan Scott and his wife, Elizabeth of Meeker
Phillip Scott and his wife, Saro of Eudora, Kansas
Michael Scott and his wife, Cindi of Sand Springs
Tim Scott and his wife, Misty of Topeka, Kansas

Mark Scott of Broken Arrow
Daughters, Tommie “Ann” Scott of Broken Arrow
Debi Scott Griffy and her husband, Todd of Broken Arrow 20
Grandchildren and 20 Great Grandchildren

He was preceded in death by:

His parents and brother Wiley
wife, Elizabeth of Neosho, Missouri
Two daughters – Toni Pagan and Katherine Barrett
Grandchildren – Alexis Seigel, Zain Seigel, Bralyne Seigel, Michael Pagan
One Great-Granddaughter - Aylah Pagan
Two brothers – Gary Seigel and Terry Seigel
One sister – Tonya Simmons
She was preceded in death by her parents.
No service has been planned.
Cremation is under the direction of the Bath-Forbes-Hoffman Funeral Home of Chetopa.

June 22, 1943 - March 14, 2020

Bill was born on June 22, 1943 in Claremore to William Lee Sears Sr and June (Bratcher) Sears. He grew up and attended school in Bartlesville, graduating from College High School in Bartlesville. Bill was known for his beam
ning smile; he even won a smiling contest in the 8th grade and was a runner-up when he was 15. After high school he entered the United States Army in 1965 and served during Vietnam. He was honorably discharged in 1967 and attended auto repair school in Kansas City. He and Brenda Kay Littlefield were married on July 29, 1965 and they lived in Talala where they raised their family. Bill worked in the auto industry, owning Custom Chrome in Tulsa for several years. He retired in 2006. He loved cars, fishing, hunting and spending time with his family.

He is survived by his 2 daughters, Dana Green and husband Steve of Pryor and Keri Sears and companion Neil Simpson of Talala; 5 grandchildren, Lyndsey, Tara, Cody, Kimber and Bailey; 9 great grandchildren; 2 brothers, Wayne Sears of Bartlesville and Ray “Punkin” Sears and wife Marie of Wellung; 2 sisters, Bess Marler and husband Virgil of Bartlesville and Carol Smasal and husband Jerry of Copan; former wife, Brenda Webb and close special friend Kate Thompson. He was preceded in death by his parents and brother Wiley Sears.

Lareeca A. “Reeca” Seigel

December 15, 1959 – April 19, 2020

Lareeca A. “Reeca” Seigel, 60, of Chetopa, passed away at 6:59 p.m., Sunday, April 19, 2020, at her home.

Lareeca Ann Seigel was born on December 15, 1959, to Frank L. and Wanda “Sunny” (Noel) Seigel in Parsons. As a young girl, she moved with her mother and siblings to California, where she grew up and attended schools. She earned an Associate’s of Arts degree in Graphic Arts.

Reeca worked at ACME Foundry, was a truck driver for several years and also owned a photography business. At one time, she was a member of a Faith Baptist Church. She enjoyed riding motorcycles, photography and gardening, especially growing flowers.

Survivors include:

One son – Joshua Seigel and his wife, Blaire, of Neosho, Missouri
Two daughters – Toni Pagan and Katherine Barrett
Grandchildren – Alexis Seigel, Zain Seigel, Bralyne Seigel, Michael Pagan
One Great-Granddaughter - Aylah Pagan
Two brothers – Gary Seigel and Terry Seigel
One sister – Tonya Simmons
She was preceded in death by her parents.
No service has been planned.
Cremation is under the direction of the Bath-Forbes-Hoffman Funeral Home of Chetopa.

Nathan Wyatt Stewart

November 19, 1988 – July 14, 2018

Nathan Wyatt Stewart departed this life on Saturday, July 14, 2018, at the age of 29. Arrangements are entrusted to the care of Mobley-Groesbeck Funeral Service of Sand Springs.

A memorial service to celebrate Nathan’s life will be held 6 p.m., Friday, July 20, 2018, at Mobley-Groesbeck Funeral Service Chapel with Pastor Perry Cox officiating.

The son of Jerry Lynn Stewart and Debra Gayle (Smith) Stewart was born November 19, 1988, in at Hillcrest Hospital in Tulsa. Nathan played baseball for Charles Page High
**Community Services and Education**

**Community Services Programs**

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

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

**Burial Program:** $750.00 Burial assistance for Delaware Tribal members. The family may apply for the funds to be used for expenses that are most beneficial to the family (i.e., funeral services, family meals, wake, grave markers, etc.). Documentation required to establish membership and proof of death.

**Elder Prescriptions:** Prescription medication assistance to Delaware Elders age 60 and over for Pharmacy and related costs. Elders may receive assistance up to $75.00 per month not to exceed $900.00 per calendar year. Funds may be disbursed to vendors or reimburse applicants with proper documents and receipts.

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

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

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

**Dental Assistance:** Reinstated to $300. Provides assistance for dental services including tooth repair, fillings, dentures or emergency services. Income verification required.

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

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

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**Education Committee Assistance/Programs**

Take advantage of these programs; they are here for you! If you have any questions, please contact the Tribal Office at 918-337-6590.

The Delaware Tribe Trust Board provides funding to the Education Assistance Committee to benefit Tribal members for the purpose of furthering their education. The following education assistance programs have been reinstated contingent upon availability of funding.

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

**Trust Fund Higher Education Scholarship:** Delaware Tribal members attending college are eligible to apply. Currently, full-time students may apply for $600 per semester for up to eight semesters, and part-time students may apply for $300 per semester up to 16 semesters. Semesters do not have to be consecutive. Applicants must submit all required documentation, including official transcripts and enrollment verification from the college or university. Students must maintain a 2.7 GPA (grade point average) in the last semester attended (high school, college, etc.). Students must reapply at the end of each semester. Award is made directly to student to insure that it does not interfere with their financial aid package from the institution. Scholarships will not be awarded for the summer semester. Scholarships are subject to funding availability.

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

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

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**Obituaries (cont.)**

**Rachelle Danielle Stewart**

June 26, 1991 – October 1, 2020

Survived by 2 children Nevaeh and Leon Andrade, parents, Chigger Stewart (Kimberly) and Tanya Martinez (Lafayette), 5 brothers Brandon Stewart, Shonie Stewart (Sabra), Jerod Stewart (Miranda), Jeff Freeman (Nicki), Jeremy Norman (Celia), and 2 sisters Danielle Shafer (Jeremiah), Jessie Taylor (Dillion), grandparents John & Debbie Umipeg and Ruth Sullivan, and many nieces, nephews, aunts & uncles.


**Amy Renee Thornton**

September 15, 1975 – July 12, 2020

Survived by 2 children Nevaeh and Leon Andrade, parents, Chigger Stewart (Kimberly) and Tanya Martinez (Lafayette), 5 brothers Brandon Stewart, Shonie Stewart (Sabra), Jerod Stewart (Miranda), Jeff Freeman (Nicki), Jeremy Norman (Celia), and 2 sisters Danielle Shafer (Jeremiah), Jessie Taylor (Dillion), grandparents John & Debbie Umipeg and Ruth Sullivan, and many nieces, nephews, aunts & uncles.


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.
Delaware Tribe Gift Shop Udate

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

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 ■

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Culture Preservation Committee Seeks New Members

The Culture Preservation committee is looking for new members to join our committee. If you have ideas and would like to keep our culture alive, we want you! We meet the first Monday of each month at 5:30 P.M. in the Community Center in Forsythe Hall. You may contact chair Homer Scott at (918) 332-8020, or Anita Mathis at (918) 337-6595. ■