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## From the Desk of Chief Brad KillsCrow

*Brad KillsCrow, Chief, Delaware Tribe of Indians*

Hè, kulamalsi hàch  
As spring arrives, so does the season of violent storms. There is a particular kind of stillness that settles over Oklahoma just before a major storm. The air grows heavy, the sky turns an unsettling shade of green, and within minutes, what began as a cloudy afternoon can become a life-or-death situation. For tribal members living here in Oklahoma, that transformation is as familiar as the wide-open plains themselves. Oklahoma sits at the heart of Tornado Alley, a broad swath of the central United States where cold, dry air sweeping down from Canada collides with warm, moist air flowing north from the Gulf of Mexico. That collision is most volatile in spring when the atmosphere is primed for severe thunderstorms, large hail, and tornadoes that cause major devastation to life and property. Awareness is the foundation of safety. Stay alert for storm watches and warnings that are issued by your county. Identify your safe shelter now, before a storm arrives: an interior room on the lowest floor, away from windows is the best option if you do not have access to a dedicated storm shelter. Keep a battery powered radio and phone within reach if possible. Sign up for local emergency alerts through your county's notification system. Have a go-bag ready with essentials: water, medications, important documents, phone charger etc. Technology has

dramatically improved forecasters' ability to track dangerous storms, but no warning system replaces personal preparedness! Meteorologists can tell you a storm is coming; only you can decide whether you are ready for it.

Construction has continued on campus for our new cultural center and gymnasium. Both projects will be completed by the end of 2026. We are excited and look forward to the new opportunities these projects will bring to our community. We respectfully ask for members to please stay out of the fenced-off construction sites for safety and liability reasons. Once we get further along in the construction process, we will have some days marked off for tribal members to come and get a closer look while the construction process continues.

In the beginning of February I was able to make a trip to our homelands of Manhattan, New York. I was able to secure a meeting with Mayor Zohran Mamdani to briefly discuss the history of Manhattan and had a deeper conversation about opportunities for the Lenape people in Manhattan. Mayor Mamdani was very interested in the Lenape and wanted to continue the dialogue to make a place for us in our homelands. I also met with the Consulate General of Sweden to discuss the possibility of repatriating sacred Lenape artifacts from Sweden back to the Delaware Tribe of Indians. Many have asked, "How did Lenape artifacts make their way to Sweden in the first place?" The answer

is that there was a Swedish colony called New Sweden in the 1600s on our land (now modern day Delaware, Pennsylvania, and New Jersey). At some point some officials of the colony, including the Governor of New Sweden, collected items from our ancestors and took them back to Sweden. These artifacts are some of the earliest items (1600s) that have been preserved and remain in Swedish museums. It is our hope and goal to bring these items back to the Lenape people where they rightfully belong.

We are in the final stages of completing our new tribal website. I appreciate everyone who has a hand in developing and adding content for our new website. It took many hours to gather information and collaboration with all departments to make a user-friendly website that we all can navigate easily.

I would like to remind everyone of our 61st Annual Pow Wow celebration that will take place Memorial Day weekend (May 22-24) at the Fall-Leaf Family Memorial Campgrounds in Copan, OK. The Pow Wow committee will be posting dates for camp cleanup and other important information pertaining to this year's Pow Wow. I hope you consider making the trip and come and celebrate with us this year! ■

## New Opportunities for Youth and Young Adults

*Brynna Burnett*

Young Lenape Leaders is relaunching this summer for high school and college age youth. We are looking to the future needs of our tribe while setting our youth up for success. There will be opportunities for academic and professional development and activities to develop skills, discover passions, and build community. We want to prepare a generation of tribal leaders who are passionate about our community and ready to take on the future.

We will be kicking off in early June with a campus gathering. This will be an opportunity for Young Lenape to get together as a community and find out about the events they can be involved in. Details about the kickoff will be

released through email and Facebook as we get closer, but in the meantime, make sure to drop by our booth during Pow Wow to say hello and sign up for our email list.

If you are excited about the future of Young Lenape Leaders, we are looking for volunteers. Volunteer opportunities may include planning and organizing events, running information booths, teaching classes, or just being present at events to support our youth. There will be a volunteer meeting towards the end of April to begin creating the summer schedule. Interested volunteers should reach out to Tonya Anna [tanna@delawaretribe.org](mailto:tanna@delawaretribe.org) for more information. ■



## From The Desk of Assistant Chief Tonya Anna

*Tonya Anna, Assistant Chief, Delaware Tribe of Indians*

Spring has arrived, and in Lenape, this season is called Mèchi yukwe sikòn. March is known for wild onion dinners, so I hope you enjoyed plenty of them. The 61st Annual Delaware Pow Wow is coming up next month, and I wanted to share some history about this event. I came across the information below while going through some old paperwork.

### The Delaware Indian Pow-Wow: The Early Days

It is interesting to look back to the early days of the Delaware Indian Pow-Wow which was co-founded in 1965 by Numerous Falleaf and Don Wilson. [see - newspaper clipping for third Pow-Wow, date 31 May 1967].

The first Delaware Indian Pow-Wow held by Numerous and Don was held on June 4th and 5th,

1965, on the George Falleaf farm. This is the same place that the present-day dance is held. It was a two-day dance. [see - announcement in newspaper dated 3 June 1965].

The head man dancer was George "Woojee" Watchetaker, and the head woman dancer was Nora Thompson Dean. There was a write-up about the dance in The Ponca City News. [see - newspaper clipping from Ponca City News dated June 7, 1965.]

The first Princess for the Delaware Pow-Wow founded by Numerous and Don was Connie Lynn Anderson, and this was at the sixth pow-wow in 1970. [see - clipping from Bartlesville newspaper dated June 5, 1970].

*Note that the reporter got his facts wrong in stating that this was the "first: Delaware Pow-Wow in 35 years" as can be seen from the following paragraphs.*

Both founders had long family

traditions of sponsoring or singing at Delaware dances. Numerous' father, John Falleaf, held many Stomp Dances at his son George's place, and these continued until John's death in 1963. These were the older traditional Stomp Dances in which the Lead Dances were intermixed throughout the night with songs for the women, and social dances for men and women, such as Go-Get-'Em Dance, Bean Dance, Coon Dance, Cherokee Dance, etc.

Don's grandfather, William Wilson, was a noted singer at many Delaware dances. Don's uncle, Reuben Wilson, was also a singer at various dances, and Don's aunt, Loyce Brown, was one of the founders of the Lenape Indian Club which held Delaware Pow-Wows from 1954 through 1964. [see - Lenape Indian Club Pow-Wow program, 11 Sept. 1954; newspaper clipping dated 14 June 1954 "Delaware Tribal



*Numerous Falleaf (left) and Don Wilson (right)*

Princess"; newspaper clipping dated 23 June 1960 "Lenape Club Pow-Wow"; and program "2nd Annual Delaware Indian Pow-Wow - June 11, 1955" which has illustrations drawn by Glenn McCartlin.]

In 1970, Don Wilson also formed the Intertribal Indian Club of Bartlesville, through which he and his wife Betty sponsored indoor dances which were held in Dewey in the fall, winter, and spring.

If you have never been to the Delaware Pow Wow, consider visiting Copan, OK during Memorial Day weekend. It is a

chance to experience the traditions our ancestors began and that we continue today.

Our Senior Companion program is still looking for volunteers—seniors helping seniors. This program is for those over 55 to assist others in their area who may need help. Volunteers receive a small tax-free stipend for helping with

everyday chores or simply visiting for a few hours. You will also receive mileage reimbursement, gain a sense of purpose, and make new friends. For more information, call Jenny Allen at (918) 244-5907 or Tonya Anna, Assistant Chief, at (918) 337-6531. If you are taking care of an elderly person and need some assistance, please reach out to see how Senior Companion can help you.

"There are so many seniors that have no one. Just going and seeing them makes them feel good. It's the best feeling in the world."

Wanishi,

Tonya Anna, Assistant Chief ■

## How Lenape Center's Work in the Ancestral Territory of New York Supports Lenape Culture and Benefits the Delaware Tribe of Indians Community.

*Joe Baker*

Lenape Center is a 501c3 non-profit established in 2009 to continue Lenape presence in our ancestral land through art, culture and community programming with a primary focus on New York. As a Vietnam era veteran, institutional Indian arts leader, and a founder and executive director of Lenape Center, I've been fighting for our Lenape people my entire adult life. I'm particularly proud to have reclaimed for our Tribe the legacy of our homeland through my Lenape Center leadership.

A few of the highlights of our work from the past 15 years:

In 2014 Lenape Center presented the world premiere of the Purchase

of Manhattan Concert Opera by Brent Michael Davids, Stockbridge Munsee community member and celebrated composer, in the sanctuary of the Marble Collegiate Church, the descendant church of the Dutch West India Company. The New York Times favorably reviewed the 52 minute opera which retold New York's founding from a Lenape perspective challenging dominate historical narratives.

In 2015 Lenape Center consulted with Laura Owens to include a Lenape welcome in both Unami and Munsee dialects for a permanent public art installation at LaGuardia airport.

In 2016 Lenape Center contributed a chapter on Lenape Culture in, "Religious Voices on Sustain-

able Development," published by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Development.

In 2017 -2019 Lenape Center consulted with BSKS architects on the renovation of Tammany Hall in Union Square, NYC, winning numerous international awards. The architecture celebrated Lenape culture with a steel and glass dome rising from the top of the building in the shape of a turtle.

In 2019 The Lenape Seed Rematriation Project was launched in partnership with Hudson Valley Farm Hub, Kingston, NY, in what would become a multi-year seed rematriation collaboration, focusing on ancestral Lenape seed varieties including Sehsapsing/ Delaware Blue corn. The seeds for this

project were seeds that had been put away in a seed bank by Nora Thompson Dean. The first planting we had enough seeds to produce approximately 25 plants. The yield from the last crop in 2024 totaled over 1700 pounds of seeds. The Seed Repatriation project has been paused as Lenape Center explores other sites and partnerships.

In 2020 Lenape Center worked with the Metropolitan Museum of Art on developing public facing content recognizing Lenape for the first time ever given the museum's location on Lenape ancestral land. This action for an institution signaled a significant shift in New York City cultural sector.

In 2022 Lenape Center partnered with the Brooklyn Public Library to

produce the first ever Lenape curated exhibition in New York at the Greenpoint Branch Library in Brooklyn. The exhibit featured historic and contemporary bandolier bags, a turkey feather cape, seed based artworks, and a rooftop teaching garden with indigenous fruit trees.

In 2022 Lenape Center established Nichusak, a Native women-led working group to focus on the issues surrounding the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Peoples crises in Lenapehoking.

Lenape Center participated in the Normandy Chair for Peace Conference at Mohonk Mountain House with Pace University School of Law. The outcome of this meeting

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## The Elders Circle

Jana Roth

**M**èchi sikòn (It is already spring), and the 61st Annual Delaware Pow Wow will soon be here! We hope to see all our friends and relatives at the Pow Wow on Memorial Day Weekend.

The Elder Committee welcomes John Wheelock as our newly elected Sergeant-at-Arms. John is a member of the Miller family of Nowata and is a graduate of OSU. He was active in the Cultural Preservation Committee in the past. We look forward to working with him to continue building a strong Lenape elder community.

The Elder Committee is proud to sponsor Steve Donnell's 3rd Annual Foraging Class. This year, the class will be divided into two days. One day of foraging and one day of making medicine from the plants foraged. The classes will be held on Saturday, April 11, and Sunday, April 12. Email the Elder Committee at [delawareeldercouncil2023@gmail.com](mailto:delawareeldercouncil2023@gmail.com) to register.

The Elder Committee will offer Part 2 of the Beginners Sewing Class to those who completed Part 1. The class is free and open to all Delaware Tribal members, aged 12 and up; however, minors must be accompanied by an adult. If you're interested in taking the class but missed Part 1, email the Elder Committee at [delawareeldercouncil2023@gmail.com](mailto:delawareeldercouncil2023@gmail.com) to register.

As we continue our Family Game Nights, we are making some changes:

First, the evening has been renamed the Community Gathering and Potluck to encourage the Bartlesville Community to join us as we celebrate our Lenape culture with games, fellowship, food, and fun! We're also changing the dates to the first Friday of

the month. And finally, we're changing buildings; we will meet in Building #5110 (the former Family & Children's Services building). The Elder Committee's Community Gathering and Potluck is free, and everyone is welcome. We hope to see you, your family, and friends on Friday, April 3rd at 6:00 P.M.

Our monthly Elder Committee Meetings are held in the evenings at 5:30 P.M. Please join us and look for information on upcoming activity dates and times by following the Elder Facebook page (email [delawareeldercouncil2023@gmail.com](mailto:delawareeldercouncil2023@gmail.com)) or look for our flyers posted around Tribal headquarters. Let's continue to build a strong Lenape elder community!

### Elder Committee Activities

#### Friday, April 3 – Community Gathering and Potluck

6:00–10:00 P.M. in Building #5110 (the former Family & Children's Services building.) Come and play some Lenape games and meet new people or enjoy old friends. Everyone is welcome; however, minors must be accompanied by an adult. Please bring a dish, drinks, or snacks to share for the potluck.

#### Saturday, April 11 - Part 1 Foraging

#### Sunday, April 12 - Part 2 Medicine-Making

Email [delawareeldercouncil2023@gmail.com](mailto:delawareeldercouncil2023@gmail.com) to register.

#### Wednesday, April 15—Elder trip to the Cherokee Nation Anna Mitchell Cultural and Welcome Center in Vinita.

To ride with the elders from Bartlesville, please sign up in Forsythe Hall by April 3. Space is limited.

#### Monday, April 27—Elder Committee Meeting

5:30 P.M. in Building #5110 (the former Family & Children's Services building).

#### Friday, May 1—Community Gathering and Potluck

6:00–10:00 P.M. in Building #5110 (the former Family & Children's Services building.) Come play some Lenape games, meet new people, or enjoy old friends. Everyone is welcome, however, minors must be accompanied by an adult. Please bring a dish, drinks, or snacks to share for the potluck.

#### 61st Annual Delaware Pow Wow—Friday, May 22, Saturday, May 23, Sunday, May 24 at the Fall-Leaf Family Memorial Campgrounds.

#### TBA – Sewing for Beginners Part 2

The class is free and open to all tribal members aged 12 and up. Minors must be accompanied by an adult. In this class, we will practice and add to the skills learned in Part 1. This class will teach the skills you need before signing up for our regalia classes. Email [delawareeldercouncil2023@gmail.com](mailto:delawareeldercouncil2023@gmail.com) to sign up for this class.

If you know an Elder Delaware Tribal member who would enjoy receiving greeting cards for birthdays and holidays, please complete and mail or email the following form to [delawareeldercouncil2023@gmail.com](mailto:delawareeldercouncil2023@gmail.com)

To continue receiving greeting cards, please update your information by emailing Beverly Hicks at [delawareeldercouncil2023@gmail.com](mailto:delawareeldercouncil2023@gmail.com) or call or text Mollie Martin at (918) 440-5468.

### Elder Committee Meetings

If you are a senior citizen (55+) and a member of the Delaware Tribe of Indians, we invite you to join our monthly meetings at Tribal Headquarters or virtually.

The Elder Committee meets monthly at 5:30 P.M., the Monday before the Tribal Council meeting in Building #5110 (the former Family & Children's Services), located at Tribal Headquarters, 5100 Tuxedo Blvd, Bartlesville, OK.

If you can't make it in person, please join us virtually! To attend the meeting virtually, email your request to Beverly Hicks at [delawareeldercouncil2023@gmail.com](mailto:delawareeldercouncil2023@gmail.com) and you will receive instructions on how to connect.

### Contact Us

Senior (55+) Delaware tribal members can contact the Elder Committee by email at [delawareeldercouncil2023@gmail.com](mailto:delawareeldercouncil2023@gmail.com)

Follow us on Facebook at [dtieldercommittee](https://www.facebook.com/dtieldercommittee).

### Elder Council Officers:

**Chair**—Beverly Hicks  
**Vice Chair**—Jana Roth  
**Secretary**—Angelia Franke  
**Treasurer**—Mollie Martin  
**Sergeant-at-Arms**—John Wheelock  
**Tribal Liaison**—Annette Ketchum  
**Elder-at-Large** Billie Jean Sheshey ■

#### Please send greetings cards to:

Delaware Tribal Member's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Delaware Tribe Enrollment Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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 Bartlesville, OK 74006

## Trust Board Community Services and Education Committees

### Community Services Programs

If you have questions, please contact the Tribal Office at (918) 337-6510.

Community Service Applications for the following programs are being accepted, while funding is available. Applicants must be an enrolled tribal member of the Delaware Tribe of Indians. As of FY2024, Only one (1) Community Service Application is allowed per tribal member, per calendar year, with the exception of Elder Prescription, which can be applied for monthly, and Burial Assistance.

**Burial Program:** Assistance up to \$750.00 for the 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.) Payment will be made as designated by the immediate family.

**Emergency Assistance:** Emergency assistance to Delaware tribal members. Funds are to be used for emergency situations. Funds

are allocated up to \$400 and will be disbursed as determined by the Community Service Committee on a case-by-case basis. This includes medical and emergency travel.

**Elders Program, Prescription Medication Assistance:** Prescription medication assistance to Delaware elders age 55 and over for pharmacy and related cost. Funds may be disbursed to vendors or to Elders on a monthly basis not to exceed \$75 per month.

**Rental or Mortgage Assistance:** Provides emergency

rental/mortgage assistance to Delaware Tribal Members on a one time basis per year. The amount of assistance that can be approved is limited to \$400. Approval of application must be obtained prior to service payment. Payments are made to the vendor or provider of services. Eviction notice, lease agreement or mortgage statement must be submitted with the application. The Tribal Member's name must be on the rental/lease contract or mortgage statement.

**Dental Assistance:** Provides assistance for dental services up to \$300. Services may include

tooth repair, dental fillings, dentures. Routine dental exams and cleaning are not covered. Payment will be made to the vendor and not the tribal member, unless for reimbursement.

**Optical Assistance:** Provides assistance for optical services to Delaware Tribal Members. Funds may be used for services, including glasses, physician's visit or related costs. Funds are allocated up to \$200 and will be disbursed as determined by the Community Service Committee on a case-by-case basis. ■

### 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) 337-6510.

**Trust Fund Higher Education School Scholarship:** Delaware Tribal Members are eligible for up to \$3,200.00 in scholarship funding. Full-time students may apply for \$400 per semester for up to eight semesters. Semesters do not have to be consecutive. Part-time students will receive \$200 per semester up to 16 semesters.

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

**Driver's Education:** This assistance may be used to help defray the cost of attending Driver's Education classes through an accredited training facility for up to \$200.

**Extra-Curricular Activity:** This assistance is for students involved in school

sponsored extra-curricular programs (for items required but not provided by the school). Students may be reimbursed up to \$100.

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



### Donations for Education Scholarships and to the Tribe Gratefully Accepted

We invite tribal members and others to contribute to a special fund for educational scholarships as well as donations to the Tribe's various programs.

For Educational or scholarship donations make your check payable to the Delaware Tribe Trust Board on the memo line write education assistance or scholarship fund

For general donations, other than education, please make your check payable to the Delaware Tribe of Indians. Examples for the memo line could be Food Pantry; Lenape Early Learning Center; Title VI or just specify it as a general donation.

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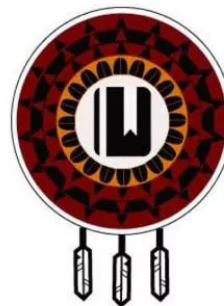
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## Stories Of Our Past—The Remarkable History Of The Delaware Tribe Of Indians

Anita Mathis, Librarian & Archives Manager

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

### DELAWARE— HONORING THE PAST AND PREPARING FOR THE FUTURE

In this article there will be a brief History of Southeast Missouri

#### HISTORY OF SOD (Shawnee Osage Delaware):

When the settlement of Missouri began there was a tribe between the Osages and the Mississippi River. The Osage lived among the Ozarks. They were divided into two bands, the Little Osages and the Great Osages, the latter of whom had permanent encampment on the Osage River. They were of the same stock as Sioux and were generally hostile to the area. Physically they were a fine race and were the most distinguished people among the red men of all this region. The term Osage is of French origin and is said to be a translation of Algonquin term, Assinjigun, or Bone Indians.

In the year 1787 the Spanish government, to protect the establishments against the hostile incursions of these Indians a band of 1,200 Shawnese and 600 Delawares to remove from the Miami country in Ohio to Upper Louisiana, which station the Indians were not slow to accept. The French to whom they always had a strong attachment, had been moved out of Ohio, and some of the traders had sought refuge in the country beyond the Mississippi. These the Indians were hard to follow. They were placed under the direction of Little Osages and were distributed along the frontier from Missouri to Arkansas. They lived in villages, some of a half dozen families, others of a

much larger number. One, known French as Le Grand Village Sauvage (the big Indian village was situated not far from the present town of Uniontown of Perry County, and contained at one time as many as 500 inhabitants. This was a Shawnese village, and a sister of the chief, Tecumseh, resided here. She was a famous beauty known able for her intelligence, and while on a visit to some other tribe near New Madrid, was wooed and won by a Frenchman Francois Maisonville. They were married according to the Indian custom. At about this time Tecumseh visited Upper Louisiana to induce the various tribes to join in the war against the whites and hearing of the marriage of his sister, became greatly upset and forced her to return to her old home. She remained four months, but before the end of the year returned to her husband. They lived happily together for many years and reared a family of five or six children.

There were two or three small villages of both Delawares and Shawnese in the northern portion of Cape Girardeau County. There was also a village of Shawnese on Castor River, in Stoddard County, at what is known as Shawnese ford, while the Delawares had a small encampment near the site of Bloomfield. Chilliticaux, Chilledoux, with a small band of Delawares, was located in Dunklin County, close to where Kennett now is.

The Delawares and Shawnese were known to the French as Lenaps- and Chawanous. They were ever the close friends of the French, and, with rare exceptions, were never known to molest American settlers. They lived in small, square huts, made of sod and without chimneys. They possessed large droves of ponies and were fond of horse racing. In the fall of the year, they used to meet in large numbers at what was called Price's old on Little Saline Creek, in Perry

County, and have races, which continued several days, and not infrequently did the Americans join them.

The women were more handsome and better formed than the females of other tribes. They cultivated small patches of corn, and other vegetables, and were civilized to a degree greater than other tribes in the West. The men, however, spent the greater portion of their time in hunting and trapping. They did their trading at Ste. Genevieve and New Madrid. There in winter consisted of furs, bear and deer-skins, in summer honey and bear's oil, which they cased in deer skins, dressed and tied at the openings with raw hide.

The men dressed in deer skins, wearing leggings, a breech cloth and hunting shirt, and in cold weather a blanket; in summer, a sort of red blouse trimmed with white and blue beads. Their feet were incased in moccasins. The women were very fond of decoration and wore an abundance of brilliant feathers and silver trinkets.

The Shawnese had two great yearly feasts: the first in the Spring when sowing, which was called "Le feu nou (the new fire); the second occurred when the corn changed color, "Fete du petit ble" (the feast of small wheat).

Of the crimes committed on the frontiers of Upper Louisiana, very few can be charged upon the Shawnese or Delawares, the of them having been perpetrated by bands of renegade Creeks and Chickasaws, who occasionally made raids into the county. On one occasion a Shawnee, named Little George, who lived at the Big Village, in Perry County, killed the wife of Andrew Burns, a farmer living three miles north of Jackson. Mr s. Burns and a young lady were sitting together under a tree the house, when the Indian stealthily approached from behind and catching Mrs. Burns by the hair, dragged her a short distance away, and stabbed her with a butcher knife. News of the murder spread like wildfire, and intense excitement prevailed throughout the settlement. A militia company went out from Jackson to the Big Village and took two or three of the leading braves as hostages for the surrender of the murderer. He had made his escape, but this act of the settlers put the Indians in pursuit, and in a few days, they returned from the swamp country with a human head, which they asserted was that of Little George. It was accepted as such, and was placed upon a pole in Jackson, where it remained for several months. It was supposed the mur-

der was planned by a white man, and that the murderer was bribed to commit the deed. This occurred only a short time before the removal of the tribe. After the transfer of Upper Louisiana to the United States, the Shawnese and Delawares had claim to a grant from the Spanish authorities, to satisfy where the Federal Government gave them a tract fifty miles square on the Kansas River. To this grant a portion of these tribes removed, while the remainder emigrated to Arkansas. The removal from Cape Girardeau and Ste. Genevieve Counties took place in 1824, but those Indians living in what are now Stoddard and Dunklin Counties lingered some ten years longer.

*More from this book and many, many other stories may be found at the Tribal Archives on the Bartlesville campus. Stop in a take a look! ■*

## Delaware Recipes

### Sulus See'-Kon

Saute 2 or 3 pounds of ground beef in a stew pan until all the red has turned. It is preferable that this be chile-ground or coarsely ground beef or small chunks. In earlier days this was usually buffalo or venison.

After the meat has all cooked to a brown stirring frequently, pour in water to cover the meat well, to about an inch over it. Salt and pepper it then let it cook slowly for about 20 minutes while you

make some little flour and water finger dumplings by putting about ¾ to 1 cup of flour in a small bowl and dripping cold water in this and mix with a fork making little lumps of dough. Drop these little dumplings in the boiling beef with your fingers breaking them up smaller if necessary. Stir the little dumplings into the beef and cook slowly for about 8 to 10 minutes until the little finger dumplings are done. Stir frequently to keep from

sticking. If a more gravy-like soup is desired pour in a little flour-and-water thin paste to thicken the broth.

Serve this with some hot Indian fry bread and a salad, and finish the menu with a dessert of wild grape dumplings or berry cobbler, and you will see a circle of happy Indians and/or pale-faces around your table. ■



## Delaware Indian News Media Kit

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To order, please contact  
The administrative assistant to Chief KillsCrow at  
[din@delawaretribe.org](mailto:din@delawaretribe.org) or at 918-337-6590.

The Bartlesville Indian Women's Club invites all area Native American women to join us for an evening of learning our culture, foods, tribal rites, continued growth, and awareness of Indians. All our money making projects go to our college scholarships. We have Indian Taco dinners and Style Shows to help raise these funds!! Meeting other Indian women is fun and a sense of sisterhood is developed!

Our meetings are 6 P.M. the second Thursday of each month at 601 S. Shawnee, Bartlesville, OK, at the Neighborhood Connection Building.

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## Introducing the Delaware Tribe of Indians Portal for Tribal Members' Use

The portal provides you the opportunity to:

- Submit a request to update your information  
*\*Please note name change/info updates will require you to upload supporting documentation & State ID/Driver License*
- Update your household members
- Update family relationships
- Add emergency contact information
- Add your income
- Print applications for programs that are available



To get started on your portal please visit the following link:  
<https://delawarecommunityportal.powerappsportals.us>

Actions you **\*cannot\*** complete through the portal:

- Any application that requires certified documents and/or notarized paperwork (i.e. new enrollment or new tribal ID card)

**\*\*You will be required to use your tribal ID number (contact enrollment if you do not have this number)\*\***

If you have any issues with login/process or questions, please email [enrollment@delawaretribe.org](mailto:enrollment@delawaretribe.org) ■

## Tribal Owned Businesses

**Sheshey Ceramics**  
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## Upcoming Events

### Tribal Council Meeting Schedule

Fourth Wednesday of each month at 6:00 P.M. Meetings at Tribal Complex at 5100 Tuxedo Blvd in Forsythe Hall.

April 22  
May 27  
June 24  
July 22

### Committee Meeting Schedule

#### Elders Committee

Fourth Tuesday of each month. Meetings held at 5:30 P.M. at Delaware Tribal Complex at 5100 Tuxedo Blvd.

April 20  
June 22

#### Cultural Preservation

First Tuesday of each month. Meetings held at 5:30 P.M. at 5110 Tuxedo Blvd. in the FCS conference room.

April 7  
May 5  
June 2  
July 7

#### Veterans Committee

Fourth Tuesday of every month at 6:00 P.M.

April 29

May 12  
June 23  
July 28

### Tribal Court Docket Dates

Except for April, they are all set for the third Tuesday of the month at 10:00 A.M., and are subject to change due to conflicting schedules or weather.

April 21  
May 19  
June 16  
July 21

### Others

#### War Mothers

Fourth Tuesday of every month at 6:00 P.M. in FCS Conference Room.

April 28  
May 26  
June 23  
July 28

### Prevention Support Services

**Tuesdays - 12 Step Course**  
6:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.  
Dinner Served

**Wednesdays - Talking Circle**  
7:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.  
Snacks Served ■

## Prevention Services Expands Weekly Programming to Support Community Wellness

The Delaware Tribe of Indians Prevention Services program continues to offer culturally grounded opportunities for connection, healing, and personal growth through its weekly programming. These gatherings are designed to support individuals and families on their wellness journeys while strengthening community ties.

Each Tuesday evening, Prevention Services hosts the Medicine Wheel 12-Step Course, a 15-week program held from 6:00 to 8:00 P.M. Rooted in traditional teachings, this course blends the principles of the 12-step model with the holistic perspective of the medicine wheel. Dinner is provided, creating a welcoming space for participants to come together, share a meal, and engage in meaningful learning and reflection.

On Wednesdays, community members are invited to participate in a Talking Circle from 7:00 to 8:00 P.M. This space offers an opportunity for open dialogue, support, and shared experience in a respectful and culturally centered environment. Plans are underway to expand access by offering both in-person gatherings and a Zoom option, ensuring that more individuals can stay connected regardless of location.

Through these consistent weekly offerings, Prevention Services remains committed to promoting healing, resilience, and community well-being across the Delaware Tribe and all of Indian country. ■

## Local Resources You Should Know About

### Free Ancestral Seeds

It is time to get your gardens ready, and one seed company offers free seeds to individuals of Lenape descent. Truelove Seeds is a farm-based seed company offering culturally important and open pollinated vegetable, herb, and flower seeds. Their website is [trueloveseeds.com](http://trueloveseeds.com).

From their website:

At Truelove Seeds, honoring the origins of a cultivated seed variety, especially one that was stolen or has become inaccessible to its original community, is important to us. We aim to do our part in rematriating Indigenous seed varieties that have come into our care by returning them to their original tribal communities, farmers, growers, and individuals, free of charge.

Truelove Seeds farms on land in Lenapehoking, the traditional territories of the Lenni-Lenape peoples, near present day Philadelphia. We send many Lenape seed varieties to Lenape groups and individuals each year. We grow and save these varieties at our farm to sustain their livelihood, bolster genetically diverse populations, and breathe life into heirlooms that have become threatened under colonialism. The seeds are making their way home, and it is our duty to usher them there.

If you are Lenape, please reach out so we can rematriate these seeds to you free of charge: [info@trueloveseeds.com](mailto:info@trueloveseeds.com).

TrueLove Seeds offers three types of beans, two types of corn, and tobacco which is reserved for Lenape people and not advertised publicly.

### Tulsa Area Resources

Burning Cedar Sovereign Wellness is a 100% Native women-led and community-driven nonprofit dedicated to restoring wellness through Indigenous ways of knowing. They address the root causes of health inequities and cultural loss by reconnecting indigenous people with the ancestral knowledge, values, and practices that have always sustained them. They are located at 1162 E 49th St, Tulsa Oklahoma 74105 and have a variety of events throughout the year so if you are in the Tulsa area and looking for resources and fellowship, follow them on Facebook and look at their calendar of events. Some events are re-occurring. For example, the first Saturday of every month is Brunch & Bead, and there is a "Market Medicine" monthly cooking workshop every 3rd Sunday from 3–5 P.M. ■

# Petition to Dissolve the Delaware Tribe of Indians

## Trust Board

Annette Ketchum

Greetings to all Delaware Tribe citizens: In follow-up to the articles about the Delaware Trust Board in the January DIN, this news article is to inform you that the Delaware Elder Council is now circulating a Petition to dissolve the Trust Board. As was stated last month, the Trust Board is no longer needed by the Tribe because federal recognition gives the Delaware Tribal Council full governing and administrating authority and has since 2009.

This Petition to dissolve the Trust Board is a much needed action. Since the Delaware citizens voted to establish the Trust Board in 1990 after years of deliberation with the Bureau of Indian Affairs (12 years), the Elder Committee is proud to step up and ask you to sign the Petition for dissolution. The Petition is the initiative process required for citizens to legislate. After 100 signatures are ratified, a proposition shall be placed on the November election ballot and it will be a Yes or No vote by you to dissolve the Trust Board.

After the election is over and the Petition passes, the Tribal Council will ratify policies and procedures for the oversight and distribution of Trust

Funds for the many programs that you have used over 30 years. The Tribal Council and Chief, our duly elected leaders of the Tribe, have oversight obligations and the Delaware Tribe Accounting Office will execute the process by which funding is made.

Included is a copy of the Petition. If you have any questions about where you can sign the petition, if you want to pick up a copy for your family to sign, or you have other questions or comments of support, please call or text an officer of the Delaware Elders Committee: Chairman Beverly Hicks, (918) 876-2147, Secretary Angelia Franke, (918) 273-8907; Treasurer Mollie Martin, (918) 440-5468, or Liaison to the Tribal Council Annette Ketchum, (918) 440-8865. They will be happy to talk to you, answer questions, and arrange for you and your family to sign the Petition.

Thank you for exercising your privileges as a voter. ■

## Sample Petition

PETITION ~ Filed with and Signed by Bethen Williams 4/29/2026  
Trust Board Secretary Date

**BY THE ELDER COMMITTEE OF DELAWARE TRIBE OF INDIANS**  
 Prepared for the Purpose of Calling for A Vote to Dissolve the Delaware Trust Board

The Tribe lost its federal recognition in 1979 through 2009. For 30 years the only way the Bureau would allow the Tribe to access its Trust Funds was to write the Trust Document and to elect a Trust Board. Federal recognition was restored in 2009 and since Tribal Council is the legal head of all governmental duties. However, since the Citizens of the Tribe voted to establish the Trust Board, they must also vote to dissolve it. The Board no longer performs functions which cannot be performed by the Delaware Accounting Department and the Delaware Tribal Council. The Citizens of the Tribe apparently have little interest in serving on the Board, nor have they for several years. Presently, only two of seven seats on the Board are elected, the rest are appointed. The Tribal CFO and accounting department make the distributions of funds for the Programs in the Distribution Plan and keep records of all transactions. The Bureau of Indian Affairs recognizes the Delaware Chief as the Delaware Tribal leader and communicates with him/her. The Trust Board has no authority to represent the Tribe in any federal business; therefore, it is in the Tribe's best interest to dissolve the Trust Board.

This Petition meets the initiative process required for citizens to legislate. Citizens' Signatures below will affirm agreement to dissolve the Trust Board.

Delaware Elder Committee: Beverly Hicks, Chair; Angelia Franke, Secretary; Mollie Martin, Treasurer; Annette Ketchum, Liaison; and Billie Sheshey, At-Large Representative.

NOTE: PLEASE PRINT YOUR FULL LEGAL NAME, YOUR ADDRESS, AS IT APPEARS ON THE ROLLS (EVEN IF YOU HAVE MOVED), AND SIGN.

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## From the Enrollment Department

Skylar Brott, Enrollment Clerk

The Enrollment Department would like to ensure that our tribal members know how to access the programs and applications that the Delaware Tribe of Indians has to offer.

If you have been to the campus, you may have noticed multiple flyers posted as well as our digitized welcome sign. We also ask our tribal members to follow our Facebook page for current events and programs available.

In this article we would like to inform our tribal members of the benefits that may be found on the Delaware Tribe of Indians website. On the website you can access all the applications for programs that are available, as well as forms to update your information, apply for a replacement card, and find the enrollment application.

We wanted to breakdown how you can find these forms and applications in the hope that it will help our tribal members navigate the website.

Firstly, the website is [delawaretribe.org](http://delawaretribe.org). From here you will see the Services/Programs tabs.

This will drop down to a menu that will show Enrollment, Elder Services, Community Services, and Education Services.

Under the Enrollment tab is where you will find the forms to update your information, apply for a replacement card, and find out enrollment packet.

Under the Programs/Services tab you will also find ARPA Programs. Here you can find the applications for the programs that are available at this time. At this moment we have a few programs available for our tribal members. These programs include Potable Water, Schol-

arship, and Counseling.

If at any time you need help finding these applications or filling out the applications, we ask you to call or email the ladies below.

Hayden Ingram: Receptionist  
 Email: [hingram@delawaretribe.org](mailto:hingram@delawaretribe.org)  
 Phone: (918) 337-6590

Skylar Brott: Enrollment Clerk  
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Emily Haney: Enrollment Director  
 Email: [ehaney@delawaretribe.org](mailto:ehaney@delawaretribe.org)  
 Phone: (918) 337-6583 ■

## From the Cultural Education Department

*Alicia Rezendes*

It has been a busy month for the Cultural Education Department. In January we hosted a Quillwork Class led by Talon Silverhorn. The purpose of this class was to teach Tribal members the art of quillwork, so that they may continue and teach future classes to our Tribal members. Student's learned the history and use of quillwork on bags, pouches, moccasins and knife sheaths. They also learned how quills were traditionally dyed using plants found in our environment, and how to do three different quill stitches. It was a successful class and we look forward to bringing quillwork to our community in the future.

In February we hosted a Valentine Beaded Earring Class, taught by Gianna Barone. She taught the class how to create a pair of flat stitch beaded earrings around a heart shaped cab.

On March 6th, a Women's Tulip Purse Class was taught by Alicia Rezendes. Students learned a brief history of the Tulip Purse, how to cut and stitch panels and lining, and various ways to decorate them.



In addition to classes, our Cultural Education Director, Jeremy Johnson, has been hard at work in our homelands, ensuring our Lenape citizens have the appropriate representation within museums that feature our history and culture. Recently he and Tribal members Quay Hosey and Katlynn Hanks, worked with Penn Museum in the curation of their new exhibit, "North American Native Gallery: Rooted in Resilience, Resisting Erasure."

Below, is an excerpt from an article in Indian Country Today, highlighting this visit:

*As Written in ICT*  
*Charles Fox*  
*Special to ICT*

"The Penn Museum at the University of Pennsylvania has tried to distance itself from the past practices of museums with the new exhibit, which opened Nov. 22, 2025. It coincides with the upcoming 250th birthday of the United States in July as all Philadelphia museums and cultural institutions are gearing up for the expected influx of visitors for this year's celebration.

The museum, a Philadelphia archaeology and anthropology institution founded in 1887, has been ahead of other museums with its recent practices. While other museums have pulled exhibits and closed galleries to comply with a change in regulations under the federal Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act, known as NAGPRA, the Penn Museum has taken a different approach.

For the current exhibit, the museum tapped the eight Native consulting curators from different tribes to create a gallery that emphasizes the Native people and cultures that have thrived across the United States despite a historic agenda to erase their culture and language.

In addition to Johnson and Aguilar, the other consulting curators are RaeLyn Butler, secretary of culture and humanities, Muscogee (Creek) Nation; Beau Carroll, lead archaeologist, Tribal Historic Preservation Office, Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians; Christopher Lewis, cultural specialist, Zuni Pueblo; Mary Weahkee, archaeologist, Santa Clara Pueblo; Dr. Nadia Sethi Alutiiq, art historian and museum consultant, Homer, Alaska; Darlene See, cultural heritage director, Huna Indian Association, Tribal House Management Kaach.adi Clan Tlingit.

The curators were able to shape the exhibit by helping determine its focus, what display items were appropriate, and ensure that Native people were depicted in the present day.

The exhibit hopes to "tell the past while ushering in the future," Jill DiSanto, the museum's public relations director, told ICT.

It marked a first for Johnson.

"Most of the work with museums in the past has been extractive of our cultural knowledge, or at worst, simply exploitative of our knowledge and our items," Johnson said. "This is the first we collaborated on ... to really get our story out there. Not just the historical presence, the pre-contact that is usually focused on in exhibits, but to really use the items here to tell the story of the people and to show that we are a living, thriving community still to this day." ■



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was reported to the United Nations and Stockholm + 50 gathering.

*Lenapehoking: An Anthology*, Edited by Joe Baker, Joel Whitney and Hadrien Coumans and was published by the Brooklyn Public



Library and Lenape Center. This collection of historical essays, interviews, poems and paintings by leading Lenape and other Native scholars, writers, poets, linguist, composers and artist were first published in December 2022. It is now in its fourth edition and is currently being translated into Dutch to be distributed in the Netherlands in 2026 to various museums and cultural organizations.

In February 2023 Lenape Center partnered with Google Arts and Culture to create a virtual Lenapehoking exhibition and stories providing global access to Lenape curated content.

In the Spring of 2023 Lenape Center curated an exhibition at the Morgan Library and Museum honoring the artistic and cultural contributions of Tribal member Nora Thompson Dean. This is the first time in the history of the Morgan Library that a Native person was exhibited. Lenape blue corn and three varieties of Lenape beans

were planted in the formal gardens at the museums to be visible during the run of this exhibit. The demonstration garden at the Morgan drew large attendance and interest among urban New Yorkers.

Lenape Center collaborated with many organizations and artists to produce works that are more inclusive of Lenape including consultation with Mary Kathryn Nagle on the play *Manahatta* (Yale Repertory Theatre and Public Theater), Melissa McGill on a public art installation *Constellation* at Bannerman's Island, The People's Ball, Brooklyn Public Library, Maya Lin, *Ghost Forrest*, a public art installation in Madison Square Park, Broadway productions including *Moulin Rouge* and *Hell's Kitchen*

Lenape Center has partnered with Teachers College, Columbia University for the development of a PK-12 Lenape curriculum for public schools in New York City. The curriculum has been tested with over 541 teachers in public workshops and is continuing development with the goal of City of New York, Education Department approval in 2026. Lenape curriculum will be included for the first time ever in the New York State Department of Education upcoming teach-

ers resource guide 2026. Previous publications have included the Haudenosaunee Confederacy and Shinnecock Nation, leaving out the Lenape.

Lenape Center is co-commissioner for Mohican/Munsee-Lenape composer Brent Michael David's "Making America: Requiem for America: Singing for the Invisible People." The piece will premiere at Barbican, BBC Symphony Orchestra, London and air over BBC Radio 3, May 17, 2026. This searing large-scale work confronts hard truths about America's founding and was first conceived 20 years ago. Lenape Center is tremendously proud to be associated with this groundbreaking new work.

In November 2024 "Never Broken: Visualizing Lenape Histories" opens at the Michner Museum of Art, Doylestown Pennsylvania, featuring contemporary Lenape artists in dialogue with historic pottery and beadwork.

On November 14, 2024 Gracie Mansion, Joe Baker makes welcoming remarks at New York City's first Native American Heritage month kick off with Mayor Eric Adams.

Lenape Center convenes a meet-

ing with the Tribal leadership of the three federally recognized Tribes: Delaware Tribe of Indians, Delaware Nation, and Stockbridge Munsee Community in New York City to meet with the Dutch Consulate to respond to their future 400 project and to challenge their work with the Ramapo and Nanticoke groups. As a result of this meeting, the Consul General has agreed to work only with the federally recognized tribes going forward and to work toward the formation of a Truth Commission to lead to a formal apology by the King and Queen of the Netherlands.

Madison Square Park Conservancy & NYC Parks: Rose B. Simpson's "Seed" project - Two eight-foot sentinel figures sited at Inwood Hill Park in consultation with Lenape Center

Lenape Center at NYC's Roosevelt Island: Participation in the first Miyawaki Method pocket forest planting on Indigenous stewardship and ecological repair

Lenape Center has partnered with the New York City Parks department to return beach plums along the coastal waterways of the Hudson River in Inwood Hill Park in addition to providing training for the park rangers in Lenape history. Lenape Center is currently exploring restoration of a Lenape Cherry tree orchard documented by the Dutch in 1637 in the Wall Street area of lower Manhattan.

Lenape Center presents at Lincoln Center during the Nona Hendryx "Dream Machine Experience" with a musical performance of its band, Yellow Trees, and the premiere of a short film honoring Ace Berry, Delaware Tribe of Indians and member of the National



Rodeo Hall of Fame.

Lenape Center provides the welcome at the opening of the Perlman Performing Arts Center, New York City, in a contemporary performance of dance and music.

On October 23, 2024-August 10, 2025 Smithsonian Triennial, Cooper Hewitt, "Welcome to Territory" The Installation Featured: Three suspended turkey-feather capes, Lenape botanical wallpaper motifs, asserting Lenape presence and stewardship within national design discourse

On May 30, 2025 Park Avenue Armory, "Lenapehoking: An Evening with Brent Michael Davids": Chamber music and storytelling program marking 400 years since Dutch colonization began featuring the world premiere of "Ode to Joe" composition ■

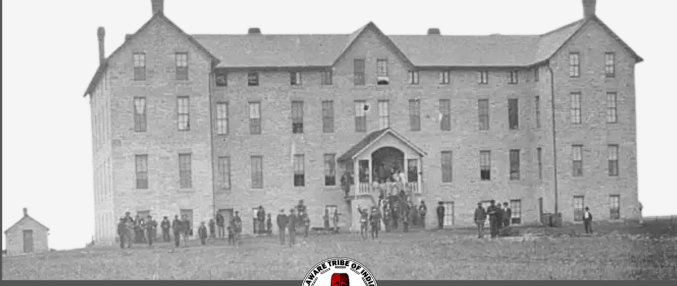




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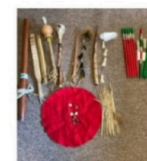


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### Game Night



Delaware Elder Committee invites everyone to attend Game Night and Potluck It will be the last Friday of each month, except May, through November. They will be held at the 5110 building in Bartlesville (former FCS) starting at 6 pm Beginning in January. Come and have lots of fun and laughter while building community. Drinks will be provided.





## Lenape Wellness & Fitness Center

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## Employment Opportunities

### Administrative Assistant

**Department:** LATCF Admin

**Employment Status:** Full time, Exempt

**Location:** Bartlesville, OK

**Immediate Supervisor:** Tribal Operations Manager

#### General Description:

The Delaware Tribe of Indians is seeking a reliable and detail-oriented Full-Time Administrative Assistant to provide filing, scanning, and general administrative support for LATCF Admin. This position is responsible for organizing, maintaining, and digitizing documents, as well as assisting with basic administrative tasks to support daily departmental operations. The Administrative Assistant may be assigned additional administrative duties as needed to support departmental and organizational needs while ensuring accuracy confidentiality, and compliance with Tribal policies.

#### Qualifications:

- Minimum requirement of a High-School Diploma or GED
- Previous experience in an office, clerical, or administrative support role preferred
- Strong organizational skills with attention to detail
- Ability to maintain confidentiality and handle sensitive information appropriately
- Basic computer skills and proficiency in Microsoft Office (Word, Excel)
- Experience with filing systems, scanning, and document management preferred
- Ability to work independently and follow instructions
- Dependable, punctual, and able to manage time effectively
- Ability to work collaboratively with multiple departments
- Respectful of Tribal policies, procedures, and workplace standards

#### Duties and Responsibilities:

- File, organize, and maintain physical records for assigned departments
- Scan documents and ensure accurate electronic filing and proper naming conventions
- Assist with organizing and purging records in accordance with records retention policies
- Maintain orderly and accessible filing systems, both paper and electronic
- Retrieve and distribute files to staff as requested
- Perform general administrative and clerical duties, including copying, data entry, and document preparation
- Assist with administrative support tasks as assigned

- Maintain confidentiality of all Tribal, employee, and client records
- Support special projects and departmental initiatives as requested
- Report any filing discrepancies or issues to the supervisor
- Perform additional duties as assigned to support departmental and organizational needs

#### Indian Preference Policy

In accordance with the Indian Preference Act of 1934, (Title 25, USC, Section 47), Indian Preference will be observed in hiring.

#### TO APPLY

Fill out application with resume attached and turn in to the Human Resources Department by walk-in, email, or regular mail. Contact Human Resources at [jobs@delawaretribe.org](mailto:jobs@delawaretribe.org) or use the address below.

Human Resources Department  
5100 Tuxedo Blvd.  
Bartlesville, OK 74006

### Mobile Domestic Violence Victims Advocate

**Department:** Family & Children Services

**Employment Status:** Regular

**Class:** Full-Time

**Location:** Mobile in assigned service area / Caney, KS / Bartlesville, OK

**Immediate Supervisor:** Victim Advocate Coordinator

#### General Description

The primary role of the Domestic Violence Victims' Advocate is to support and assist victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, harassment, teen dating violence, and human trafficking in the community remove client barriers to safety and self-sufficiency. The Domestic Violence Victims' Advocate will develop partnerships with court personnel, shelters, and community agencies to coordinate, collaborate and leverage resources and services to clients. All services will be client-centered and provided with the best interest of the client. The Domestic Violence Victim Advocates will work closely with the Transitional Housing Advocates. Assigned service area will be Chautauqua, Elk, and Montgomery OR Wilson, Neosho, and Labette Counties in Kansas. Company vehicle will be provided for work travel.

#### Minimum Qualifications:

- A Bachelor's Degree in Social Sciences with a minimum of three years of experience OR 5+ years of experience working in the fields of domestic violence advocacy, crisis intervention, application of victim protective orders, and navigation of court systems.
- Must have a demonstrated problem-solving approach to concerns and challenges.
- Must possess strong written and oral communication skills and must be able to demonstrate good interpersonal skills.
- Knowledge of family violence dynamics, trauma informed advocacy services, environmental stressors, safety planning, risk assessments, local community resources, and federal and state laws pertaining to domestic abuse, Family law and the Victim Rights Bill.
- Knowledge of family systems, cultural and ethnic diversity, client engagement and community resources. Experience in assessment and intervention desired.
- The ideal candidate would be extremely organized, detail-oriented and passionate about helping survivors of domestic violence.
- Position requires occasional in state and out of state travel. Must have dependable transportation. Must possess and provide verification of valid driver's license; and must maintain and provide verification of current automobile insurance. A clear motor vehicle driving record is required to operate tribal GSA vehicles.
- Requires a high level of personal integrity and ethics.
- Abides by the Delaware Tribe of Indians policy on confidentiality and always respects the integrity and confidentiality of the clients.
- Must display proficiency in Microsoft Office programs and overall general computer skills. Excellent and effective written and oral skills are essential, along with strong organizational skills.
- Must be able to work individually or as a team.
- Must be able to pass a criminal background check.

#### Job Responsibilities

- Supports Domestic Violence Victim clients with admission into the program through intake, in identifying and obtaining resources for basic needs, ongoing client advocacy, goal-setting assistance, crisis advocacy, obtaining victim protection order, assists with navigation of legal process, attends and participates at partner meetings and community engagement events, and safety planning.
- Communicate with community partners and court personnel to create strong service collaborations.
- Answers calls on the 24-hour crisis line during week-long rotating shifts.

## *Employment Opportunities (continued)*

- Return telephone and email communications promptly.
- Collaborate with Transitional Housing Advocates to assist their clients in finding safe housing, self-sufficiency, and coordinate follow-up services for program participants.
- Collaborates with Outreach Coordinator to seek out and provide educational outreach activities to inform the community about the dynamics of domestic violence and increase awareness of the services offered at FCS.
- Provide services in a manner that supports best practices, client centered, and trauma informed.
- Maintain professional competency in Domestic Violence Victims' Services through appropriate professional training, attendance at workshops, and conferences in addition to consultation with other professionals in the Domestic Violence Victims' Services field. Attend training activities provided by federal and state program sources.
- Abides by the Delaware Tribe of Indians policy on confidentiality and always respects the integrity and confidentiality of the clients.
- Other duties as assigned by the Director or Advocate Coordinator.

### Indian Preference Policy

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### Teacher Assistant

**Department:** Child Development  
**Employment Status:** Regular  
**Bartlesville, OK**  
**Immediate Supervisor:** LELC Director General

### Description

The Assistant Teacher supports the Early Head Start classroom by helping to create a caring and safe environment for young children and assisting in activities to improve the overall care and quality of education. S/he must be able to communicate, listen and work well with others in a team environment. Assisting the staff in implementing a quality educational program and in developing positive relationships with the children and their parents, the Assistant Teacher observes and documents children's interest and progress, and relays that information back to parents and staff. Assistant Teachers are responsible for implementing developmentally appropriate activities based on children's interests and needs under the direction of the EHS Teacher and the LELC Director.

### Required Qualifications

- Minimum requirement of a High-School Diploma/GED
- Must obtain a minimum of a CDA within 18 months of hire
- Minimum of 20 hours training required annually
- Must have completed COVID-19 vaccination or willing to complete vaccination series within 45 days of hire.
- Meet and maintain all state and licensing requirements, accreditation criteria, and LELC policies
- Have no felony convictions or misdemeanor convictions for offenses relating to children or violence, and satisfactorily complete the required background check and drug testing
- Requires a high level of personal integrity and ethics
- Requires a high level of problem solving, organization skills, and must be a self-starter
- Requires good interpersonal, communication, and teamwork skills
- Requires a high level of confidentiality and flexibility.
- Ability to pass a criminal background check and drug screening
- Ability to actively engage children in play, which will require sitting, standing, bending, and minimal lifting of at least 40 pounds.
- Ability to actively engage children outdoors in various weather conditions

### Duties and Responsibilities

- Assists with the implementation of developmentally appropriate curriculum focusing on meeting the needs of the individual child, and of small and large groups of children.
- Actively engage in activities; manage cleanliness, order, and availability of classroom materials.
- Maintain frequent communications with parents through informal discussions and progress reports via Life Cubby.
- Assists Teachers with developmental summaries of children based on observation and interaction.
- Substitutes in the classroom as needed to ensure continuity of care for young children.
- Serves as a role model for best practice in the classroom through behavior modeling
- Maintains a safe classroom through adherence to EHS, OKDHS, NAEYC, QRS, CACFP, Caring for Our Children, and other safety standards.
- Maintains adherence to state and Head Start Performance standards for "teacher-to-child" ratios for their age group.
- Maintain personal professional development plan and Professional Development Ladder (PDL) to ensure continuous quality improvement as well as meeting OKDHS and EHS standards.
- Maintain client, employee, and agency confidentiality
- Represent the Tribe and LELC in a positive way to promote unity and be a positive role model for families, co-workers, and children
- Be willing to gain more knowledge, experience, and training in the field of Early Childhood Development by attending virtual and in person trainings
- Other duties as assigned by the LELC Director.

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## Obituaries

### Darrell Lee Barker



September 2, 1951 –  
February 2, 2026

Darrell Lee Barker was born on September 2, 1951 in Santa Monica, California, to Norman S. Barker and Patricia Ruth (Swenson) Barker. His great-grandfather Jack Curtis Barker was on the general council of the Delaware tribe which met on April 27, 1904. \* His grandparents Herbert and Marie Barker were active members of the Delaware tribe in Oklahoma during the 1970s and 1980s. After serving in the U.S. Marine Reserves, Darrell became an award-winning salesman. During his life, he sold everything from business forms and trash trucks to plumbing supplies and manufactured homes. His last job was with Washington Home Center in Shelton, Washington, where he was the leading salesman.

Darrell loved hiking and wood-working. He was not religious, but was very proud of his native heritage.

Darrell died on February 2, 2026, a week after entering the hospital, from sudden aggressive liver cancer. He was 74 years old. Darrell's second wife Suzan died in 2019. He is survived by his children from his first marriage, son Matthew, daughter Brandy, seven grandchildren, and by his brothers Dan and Tom. ■



### R H Ives Goddard III



June 12, 1941 –  
August 6, 2025

R H Ives Goddard III (June 12, 1941-August 6, 2025) passed away peacefully in his sleep on the evening of August 6, 2025 in Washington, DC after a courageous battle with pancreatic cancer. He was born in Providence, RI.

Ives attended the Moses Brown School in Providence, RI and St. Mark's School in Southborough, MA. In 1963 Ives earned his BA in Linguistics and the Classics from Harvard University. In 1969 he received his PhD from Harvard.

Following a 3-year junior fellowship in the Society of Fellows, Ives became a junior professor at Harvard. In 1965 Ives moved to Washington, DC where he spent the rest of his career at the Smithsonian Museum working as a linguist. Ives was a renowned linguist, a leading expert on Algonquian languages. Ives was a renowned linguist, a leading expert on Algonquian languages. He wrote his dissertation, *Delaware Verbal Morphology: A Descriptive and Comparative Study*, on Unami (Delaware/Lenape) morphology and published extensively on the Unami community's linguistic diversity.

In 1963 Ives branched out beyond linguistics into various other fields, among them ethnology, history, natural history, modern map-making, literary art and literary theory. Over the years Ives was extraordinarily generous with research materials and with advice and expertise, both to colleagues and to students. He mentored a small but steady stream of students and volunteer collaborators during his decades at the Smithsonian.

A celebration of the life of R.H.Ives Goddard III was held on November 1, 2025 at 1 P.M. at Swan Point Cemetery in Providence, RI. Burial followed at the family mausoleum. ■



### Brandon David Maker



May 29, 1991 –  
January 1, 2026

Brandon David Maker or as he believed his full name was at age three, Brandon "Uncle David" Maker was born on May 29, 1991 in Tulsa, Oklahoma. He left this earth January 1, 2026. He resided in Bartlesville Oklahoma, and was living with his favorite mother. He was her only and "favorite" son.

Brandon's school years found him in Verdigris, TN, Collinsville,

and finally Bartlesville. He got his GED while working and living in Indiana. His life experiences also took him to New York, Florida, Montana, and Nebraska.

Brandon went on to obtain his CDL and trained to drive trucks and eventually became his own operator and ran his own business.

When he wasn't driving he was tucked away somewhere behind a screen with his gaming community and especially his circle of friends whom he enjoyed games, movies and chatting deep into the morning hours with. These were his people who will all deeply miss his presence, quirkiness and laughter. As well as his friends he kept in touch with and his family.

Brandon is preceded in death by his grandmothers, Jean Maker of Hominy and Beverly Love of Claremore. His uncles Jay Mark Bullbear and David Maker of Hominy and his mean ole aunt Enza Gering of Skiatook.

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

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

Brandon is survived by his mother, Dana Murrell and his stepfather Steve Murrell of Bartlesville, his father Barry George and his grandfather Terry Love of Claremore, his aunt Shiela and numerous cousins on both his mother's and father's sides.

A gathering and dinner was held in Brandon's honor to say fare thee well on February 7, 2026 at one pm at the Delaware Tribe of Indians, Forsythe Hall located at 5100 Tuxedo Blvd., Bartlesville OK 74006

The family requests any floral arrangements should be pet friendly or alternatively donations can be made in Brandon David Maker's name to Washington County SPCA or Youth and Family Services. ■



### Delaware Artisans Making Tribal Clothes

We have two Delaware tribal members who are available to provide Delaware regalia for our members. If interested, please reach out to either of them for pricing.

Erica Magee: (918) 902-7750 [erica.magee33@gmail.com](mailto:erica.magee33@gmail.com)

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Yolanda Frenchman [yfrenchman@gmail.com](mailto:yfrenchman@gmail.com)

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Photos of their work can be found on our Facebook page ■

# Lenape Youth Fun Pages



## We Want To Hear From You!

If you'd like to be featured on the Delaware Tribe of Indians' Facebook page, cut out this page, fill in your answers, and send it to:

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OR

Scan your answers and send an email to [DIN@delawaretribe.org](mailto:DIN@delawaretribe.org)

## Have Suggestions for the Lenape Youth Fun Pages? Let Us Know!

Do you want to share ideas for the Lenape Youth Pages? Submit your ideas to [din@delawaretribe.org](mailto:din@delawaretribe.org) for consideration.

Thank you for helping to improve something for our children!





## Lenape Language Report

*Jim Rementer, Director, Lenape Language Project*

**Lenape Talking Dictionary**—There are 550 new sound files of Lenape words and sentences said by Lucy Blalock which have been added to the dictionary recently.



*Drawing: Drawing by Herbert Kraft showing Delawares using nets and bolos to catch ducks.*

**Lenape Calendar for 2026:** The downloadable Delaware calendar for 2026 and a word-a-day calendar posted each month are on the tribal website. These are free downloads.

**Lenape Stories**—There are many stories that can be found on our tribal website. In addition to those in both

Lenape and English, we have, at the present time, 56 stories that had only been written in English. They can be found by going to the following link:

<https://delawaretribe.org/blog/2013/06/25/lenape-stories-2/>

### Story:

In the early 1950s a college student came to Oklahoma to study among both groups of Delaware Indians. The information that he collected was later used to produce material for his college degree. Among other things, besides historical facts and culture, he collected some of the language stories, and below is one that he was told.

### Why the Raccoon Has Marks on His Face

*Told by Nora Thompson Dean To W. W. Newcomb*

**T**his is a story about the little raccoons and what they said caused them to have little marks on their eyes.

They said that the other creatures told their father to go and borrow some firewood from the Lenape camps around. So this raccoon then went to the camps to get

some firewood sticks. They were already aflame and blackened by the fire and burned on part of the stick.

And they said this father raccoon fell down with these in his hand and his face fell across these charred sticks. And that's why now he has little marks to show his shame trying to steal something from the campers.

That is the thing to tell the younger generation to not steal anything because that mark will be upon you. ■



## Celebrating 100 Years: Bonnie (Bronson) Horton Marks a Century of Strength, Service, and Community

**T**his year, longtime Midwest City resident Bonnie (Bronson) Horton, a member of The Delaware Tribe, celebrates an extraordinary milestone—her 100th birthday. Born April 17, 1926, in the small town of Avant, Oklahoma, daughter of James Albert Bronson and granddaughter of Julia Hamilton Bronson. Bonnie grew up in both Avant and Meeker, where she developed the strong work ethic and resilience that would define her life.

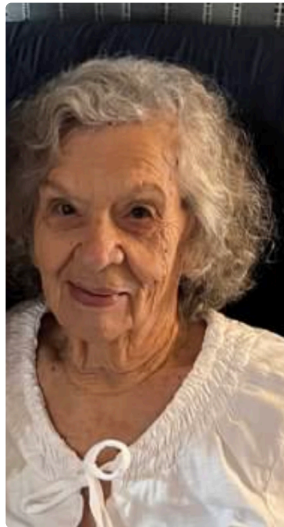
Bonnie married John Horton, and together they raised three children—David, Patricia, and Debbie. Family has always been at the heart of Bonnie's life, and her dedication to her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren remains one of her proudest legacies.

Bonnie is also part of an iconic chapter of American history. During World War II, she served as a Rosie the Riveter at Douglas Aircraft Company (later becoming Tinker Air Force Base), joining the thousands of women who stepped into critical industrial roles to support the war effort. She worked as a riveter on the C-47 "Skytrain", U. S. Army cargo aircraft which was nicknamed ("Gooney

Bird"). In the 1950's Mrs. Horton also worked at Tinker Field in Engine Storage.

Mrs. Horton was known by her family and friends for her beautiful hand-quilted quilts that were sought after and cherished by all who received them.

As Bonnie Horton turns 100, her life stands as a testament to courage, service, and the strength of community. Her family, friends, and all who know her celebrate not just her many years, but the remarkable way she has lived them. ■



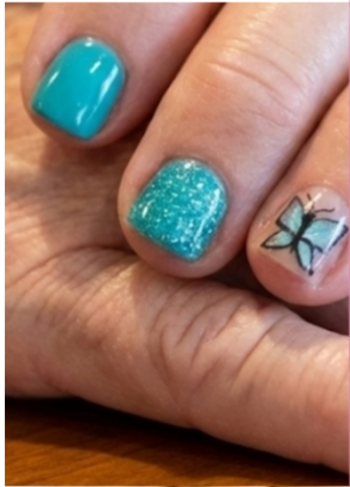
## Volunteers Needed!

*Tonya Anna*

**W**e are always looking for volunteers to assist the tribe. If there is something specific, you would like to assist with just let us know. Otherwise, we have these to choose from and if they spark an interest or you have ideas you would like to pass along email [tanna@delawaretribe.org](mailto:tanna@delawaretribe.org) or call (918) 337-6531.

**Lenapeowski Foundation**—This 501(c)3 organization has been around since 2007 and has

gone by the wayside. We would like to see someone get this group back up and running. Its mission was to preserve, sustain, and perpetuate Lenape language, culture, and society. When it was actively operating, they could have up to 30 school-aged children attend weekly. They would have potluck and cultural activities in Forsythe Hall where all children were welcome regardless of tribal affiliation. ■



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