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From the Desk of Chief Brad KillsCrow

Brad KillsCrow, Chief, Delaware Tribe of Indians

Hè, kulamalsi hàch.

As we transition into the summer and the days get aggressively hotter, please check in on your family and elders to ensure they stay cool and hydrated. The Delaware Tribe will continue to host a cooling station in Forsythe Hall Monday - Friday from 1:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M. if you know of anyone needing to get out of the heat, please stop by and cool off!

The 61st Annual Delaware Powwow was held this past Memorial Day weekend at Fall-Leaf Family Memorial Campgrounds. I'd like to thank the Powwow Committee for all the planning and fundraising that goes on each year and the numerous meetings held that happen in the background. I also want to thank the Delaware Tribe's Maintenance Department; including Justin Reith, Chase Aldridge, Johnathan Chaney, Donnie Mundy and the Groundskeeper Jason Murphy; for all their hard work over the past year keeping the powwow grounds in good shape for all of us to enjoy. The Tribal Council has been committed to the upkeep and maintenance of the property. Over the past year the Tribal Council laid new sod in the dance arena and have cut down many dead trees throughout the powwow grounds, with many more scheduled to come down. We had electrical work done when we purchased the new sound system this year and there is more electrical work planned to keep up with the improvements. We will continue to keep the grounds a priority as we all have a special interest in that original allotment. I also want to acknowledge the Cultural Preservation Committee Chair, Levi Randall, for the exhibition of the bean dance! This is a way to share with our visitors some of our Lenape social dances. I want to recognize River Michael-Bread in leading the Bean Dance for everyone to enjoy! The Powwow was a great success, and many reunions, celebrations and prayers were held in a safe family environment.

I attended the Lenape Symposium from April 16-20 along with our Cultural Education Department, consisting of Jeremy Johnson and Gianna Goodtraveler; Historic Preservation Director Martina Thomas; and our two cooks, Sherry Chouteau and Luana Strike-Axe Murphy. The Symposium was held at Ursinus College in Collegeville, Pennsylvania. It is very important that we send



delegates to these Symposiums as we continue to have a voice in the homelands.

On June 12 we held our "top out ceremony" for our new Lenape Cultural building. The ceremony marked an exciting milestone as we signed the final steel beam, which is the final piece of steel placed on top of the new building. It has been exciting seeing this constructed each day on our campus. This new building will hold our cultural items, and we will be able to tell our own story through art, exhibits, lectures, and significant cultural pieces for all our members and community to see firsthand.

On June 15th Councilwoman Kay Anderson and I traveled to Washington D.C. to attend the second installation of the 1778 Treaty at the Smithsonian Institute's National Museum of the American Indian (NMAI). This exhibition recounts the history of treaty-making between American Indian nations and the United States. The exhibit features the first treaty between the Lenape and the United States on display. Delaware Nation President Michael McLane and I gave our remarks and opened the exhibit. After the opening Councilwoman Anderson and I were taken on a tour by museum staff of the archives of the Lenape collection at the NMAI. We were able to view items such as moccasins, dance bells, bow and arrows, aprons, shoulder bags, a cradle board, baskets, women's headboards, clubs, knives, and many more items. I asked if we could repatriate these items and she told me absolutely! It will be good

Instructions For Voting in 2026 Tribal Elections

On the first Saturday in November 2026 there will be an election for Chief, Assistant Chief, two (2) Tribal Council seats, three (3) Trust Board seats, one (1) Associate Judge seat, and one (1) Appellate Tribal Judge seat. You may vote in person at the official polling site or obtain an absentee ballot.

If you cannot vote in person, be sure to apply to get an absentee ballot for tribal elections. It's easy to do so, just fill out the form on page 19 and mail it in.

Tribal Members voting shall be considered to be absentee voters, if they have requested an absentee ballot in the last 3 elections, they will continue to receive an absentee ballot.

It is your responsibility to ensure the Enrollment Department has your correct mailing address. Contact them now at enrollment@delawaretribe.org

PLEASE NOTE: We need one form per voter. You may copy this form if you need multiple copies. ■

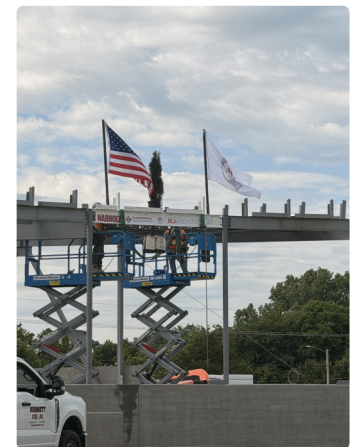
to bring these items back to the Tribe and our Lenape community.

The Gymnasium is in full construction mode as well. We are excited to bring a space not only for overall wellness but also a place for our youth to gather. It is very important to me that our youth have a place within our tribe. I firmly believe this is the pivotal point to involve our youth more than we ever have.

In closing, I appreciate those who have chosen to be a positive light within our community. Our ancestors did not endure all they had for us to be here arguing and fussing with each other. Let's all try to be positive and be reminded we all have a place within our tribe and we all are Lenape!

Wanishi

Brad KillsCrow ■



From The Desk of Assistant Chief Tonya Anna

Tonya Anna, Assistant Chief, Delaware Tribe of Indians

Do you have a memory or desire to pass along something to the future generations? Summer makes me think of the time I got to spend with my Grandparents, Richard and Lera Falleaf, at his original allotment in Copan. The memories of them growing a garden, having a compost pile and getting to enjoy the fruits of their labor. Watching grandma prepare produce for supper and giving extras to the neighbors was a life lesson. Here we are almost 50 years later, and my Grandparents have passed on but the memories remain. Now I am a grandparent enjoying my granddaughter on the same soil that we call home. As some would say “We have come full circle.” My Grandfather wanted to leave his descendants a place they could always call home. He fulfilled one of his life goals and now I am following in his footsteps hoping to do the same for my descendants. Please take a moment to ponder on what you can pass on to future generations. Life is short and we need to take the time to enjoy life, make memories, pass on traditions and spend as much time as you can with loved ones. Time marches on whether we are here or not.

In April Mr. Trickey, who is the superintendent at the Miami Agency Bureau of Indian Affairs, visited our campus in April. He wanted to come and tour our campus and see if we needed assistance with anything and how he may possibly be able to help us. During his visit with the Chief and me he extended an invitation to meet him and some of his staff at their facility in Muskogee. Our trip in May was full of information about some opportunities we may

want to investigate. They also learned about the Delaware Tribe of Indians history and our vision for the future.

The 61st Delaware Powwow had another successful Turtle Race with 36 competitors. This year each participant received a turtle shaped popper fidget key chain. The most creative name goes to “Shellerella”. For those who never attended the Turtle Race, each participant must name their turtle. Let me tell you, these kids can come up with some very creative names. One of the most memorable names was Big Booty Judy who raced a couple years ago. This year’s winning turtles were Obama, Kleanzy and Starburst. Congratulations to all the winners in each heat: Rocky, Red Riot, Stewie, and Shell. Wanishi to all the people who helped make this happen. Heather Beasley for providing the prizes for the top three winners. Circle maker & Judges: Andrew Vass, Aiden Taylor, Nathan Cosar and JC Anna. Race Caller, Alyssa Vass.



It was exciting to have Brynna Burnett volunteer to try and get the Young Lenape Leaders underway so we can have more activity among our youth. She was at the football game and turtle race to collect names of our young Lenape community. Each person who signed up will receive a tribal T-shirt just for taking the initiative to find out what she has planned. Some of her ideas not only include learning about our Tribe but to try new things and build community. I also understand she has some educational ideas for those who are interested in higher education. If you or someone in your household is interested in talking to Brynna, please contact her at Brynna.burnett@gmail.com or call (918) 332-0233.

Extreme heat is upon us and contributes to the highest annual number of deaths among all weather-related disasters. Stay hydrated, check on family and neighbors, find AC, wear light clothing, watch for heat illness, and NEVER leave people or pets in a closed car. When temperatures get too high the Tribe has been known to open Forsythe Hall as a cooling station. Keep an eye out on social media in the event you need some place to go to stay cool for a while. ■

Proposed Constitutional Change For 2026 Ballot

Strike all of Article X—Recall/Removal from Office which currently reads:

ARTICLE X—Recall / Removal from Office

Section 1. If any elected member of the Delaware Tribal government is convicted of a felony or crime which involves dishonesty, his office shall be considered forfeited upon 2/3 vote of the Tribal Council by resolution, or by 2/3 of votes cast by eligible voting membership.

Section 2. Any member of the Delaware Tribal Council not in attendance of two consecutive, unexcused absences, at the regularly scheduled Council meetings, shall forfeit his office.

Replace Article X with:

ARTICLE X—Recall and Removal

The Tribal Council or members of the Delaware Tribe shall have the right to recall and remove any elected Tribal official if the elected official is convicted of a felony or any crime which involves dishonesty, malfeasance or misconduct, or if the Tribal official commits an act or fails to act which results in a violation of the oath of office. The right of recall shall be exercised subject to the following procedures:

A. Section 1. A recall shall be initiated by a member of the Delaware Tribe submitting a petition to the Council Secretary pursuant to Article III - Initiative Process of the Bylaws of the bylaws, or by a 2/3 vote of a resolution of the Tribal Council; provided, however, the timeframe for any special election for recall shall be conducted in accordance with this Article;

Section 2. Upon receipt of the petition and the Council Secretary's written verification or upon receipt of such resolution of the Tribal Council, it shall be the duty of the Chief to call for a recall election to be held within sixty (60) days. The elected official shall be put on administrative leave, all duties shall be suspended, and any pay or stipends suspended, pending the result of the recall election;

Section 3. Upon being compelled to call and set a special election for recall, the Election Committee shall conduct said recall election following procedures set forth in the Election Ordinance regarding regular elections in all manners so as not to deny the right of all eligible voters of the Delaware Tribe the right to vote;

Section 4. Recall from office shall require a majority of votes cast. Upon certification of the votes, a recalled elected official's office shall be deemed vacant and shall be filled according to Article VII - Vacancy;

B. Any member of the Delaware Tribal Council not in attendance of two consecutive, unexcused absences, at the regularly scheduled Council meetings, shall forfeit his or her office ■

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. 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.

Donors are recognized at five levels:

Brass Level	up to \$100
Silver Level	\$100-500
Gold Level	\$500-1,000
Wampum Level	\$1,000-5,000
Wampum Belt Level	above \$5,000

Send donations to

Delaware Tribe of Indians
ATTN: Trust Board Education Committee (For education donations)

OR

ATTN: Donations (For all other donations)
5100 Tuxedo Blvd
Bartlesville, OK 74006-2746 ■



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 Indiana's Prophetstown Lives Once More!

Indiana's Prophetstown Lives Once More!

One hundred and eight-five years ago, the Delaware along Indiana's White River were playing their favorite role—that of peace-maker. Delegations traveled up and down the Wabash River, carrying messages between the Shawnee brothers, Tecumseh and Tenskawatawa, allied Woodland Nations and General William Henry Harrison at Vincennes. The Delaware were desperately trying to prevent a war between the United States and tribes gathered at Prophetstown, where Native Americans were making one last daring stand to protect their families and precious homelands from further European settlement a war they knew was not winnable.

Delaware did not prevail. In Tecumseh's absence, Gen. Harrison led an army of 1,200 against The Prophet and 600 Winnebago, Potawatomi, Kickapoo, Ottawa, Miami, Wea, Piankasha, Ojibwa, Wyandotte and Sac & Fox warriors. Sheer numbers prevailed and the United States won The Battle of Tippecanoe on November 7, 1811. Dozens of Native Americans were killed, and Prophetstown was burned to the ground. As a result of Tippecanoe,

Harrison was able to force Indian Tribes to give up their lands and thousands were moved west of the Mississippi in caravans of death and cultural destruction. The Woodland homelands were lost and by 1820, the Delaware, who had played a neutral role, were also forced to move to Missouri and Kansas.

In 1994, Woodland Tribes gathered at Minnetrista Cultural Center in Muncie, Indiana to discuss building a new Prophetstown on its original location. The State of Indiana proposed developing the new, 3000-acre Prophetstown State Park, and offered Woodland Tribes the opportunity to take the lead in developing a Great Lakes Native American Cultural Complex. After thought, one of the elders present said, "Prophetstown was a place of great sadness for our ancestors, who lost their lives there and were routed from their burning homes, homelands. But this new Prophetstown will give us an opportunity to win a greater victory, one which will help us preserve our traditions and share with thousands of visitors, the rich heritage of Great Lakes Native Americans."

It was the unanimous vote of the Minnetrista Council for Great Lakes Native American Studies, to cooperate with the project. The organization's name was changed to The Prophetstown Council for Preservation of Great Lakes Native American Studies, to better reflect the group's new role, and with many thanks offered to Minnetrista Cultural Center, a new era of cultural preservation and public education was born.

Much has happened in the past three years, and the Delaware Tribe has joined others to make the vision of Prophetstown become a reality. Dozens of trips have been made between Okla-

homa and Indiana. The tribe has provided traditional teachers and craftspeople for annual workshops. The Delaware Drum and singers have made countless presentations at Conner Prairie, Muncie, Fort Wayne and Lafayette. Tribal members were provided non-invasive archaeology training during a National Park Service sponsored field school at Prophetstown in 1996. And in the fall of 1997, Chief Curtis Zunigha and tribal member Donald Secondine were asked to participate in the filming of "Tecumseh and the Dream of Confederacy," a one-hour documentary about Prophetstown, produced by the Arts SC Entertainment Channel and the History Channel.

Nick Clark, executive director of the Museums At Prophetstown, said that the big challenge will be raising the \$25 million needed to fund building of a 65,000 sq. ft. Center, a replica of the Prophetstown Central Village and a Middle Woodland Village of 1000 AD. "Prophetstown Council Tribes have been very supportive in providing planning and technical assistance. They have written resolutions of support for the project. Now, it will be up to Prophetstown staff and governance to go explore every fundraising opportunity to provide this national center for Woodland Indian People."

Clark said that the campaign will begin in Greater Lafayette and Tippecanoe County, Indiana where a goal of \$2.5 million has been set. We'll begin our campaign on February 6, 1998 and conclude in July of 1998. We'll leverage the \$2.5 million raised locally, with gifts from state and national corporations, foundations and individuals. The time is certainly right to honor Native American Culture in the only state

named to honor Indian People.

In April of 1996, the Indiana General Assembly passed Senate Concurrent Resolution #38, which formally designated The Woodland Native American Cultural Center the official state museum of Native American Culture. In addition, the legislature expended \$600,000 to purchase the 300-acre site and then leased it to the Museums at Prophetstown for 99 years at no cost. The 1997 General Assembly awarded a Build Indiana Grant of \$375,000 to the project in September of 1997. Funds from that grant were used to construct a replica of a log council house, which was used for the Arts and Entertainment film and will be located permanently in the Prophetstown Living History Village. Indiana Governor Frank O'Bannon has sited the Prophetstown development as one of the largest public/private/Native American partnerships in history.

Construction on Phase One will begin in June of 1998 and will be completed in June of 2000. "With Phase One funds, we'll be able to build the 20,000 sq. ft. Eagle Wing Center, which has an orientation theater, 6,000 sq. ft. of exhibits, three education suites, and a full-service restaurant. We'll also build roads, parking lots, and put utilities underground. The 220-acre Prophetstown Prairie will be planted in native grasses and wildflowers, and the Prophetstown Living History Village will be finished. We will certainly have a very fine stand-alone museum facility, and we can then begin construction of the Cultural Center and Middle Woodland Living History Village," said Clark.

"From the hearts of this generation to the hands of the next, we must pass our heritage on," said Dennis Dunn, president of the Museums at Prophetstown. There

are four members of the Prophetstown Council for Preservation of Great Lakes Native American Culture on Prophetstown's board of directors, and the Council meets twice each year to review plans and provide input. "I have promised our Native American partners, that we non-Native Americans are here simply to make their vision become a reality. As long as I am president, that will be our only duty. Prophetstown must be re-built, and it must honor the thousands of years Native Americans have lived along the Wabash and in the Great Lakes," said Dunn. ■

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

You may also private message her on Facebook.

Yolanda Frenchman yfrenchman@gmail.com

You may also private message her on Facebook. ■

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. Meetings will begin again in September following a break from June-August. ■



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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.

July 22
August 26
September 23
October 28

Committee Meeting Schedule

Elders Committee

Third Monday of each month. Meetings held at 5:30 P.M. at Delaware Tribal Complex at 5100 Tuxedo

July 20
August 17
September 21
October 19

Cultural Preservation

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

July 7
August 4
September 1
October 6

Veterans Committee

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

July 28
August 25
September 22
October 27

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.

July 21
August 18
September 15
October 20

Others

War Mothers

Fourth Tuesday of every month at 7:00 P.M. in FCS Conference Room.

No July Meeting
August 25
September 22
October 27

Prevention Support Services

**Wellbriety Prevention Wheel
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.

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.

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. ■

Dissolving Trust Board and Transitioning to Tribal Council

Annette Ketchum, Elder Committee Liaison

He', Kulimalsi hutch,
I want to give Lenape citizens an update on the progress on the dissolution of Trust Board and the initiative petition by the Elder Committee. We continually get signatures on the petition and there's a great deal of interest in the initiative, as well as agreement with it among all ages.

Our expectation is an affirmative vote in the November 2026 Delaware election. Now, I need to advise you of our expectations for a smooth continuation plan by the Delaware Tribal Council. The Delaware Elder Committee is not elected by the citizens so we have no further authority after advancing the initiative. We cannot say with authority what happens after the election determines the voters' wishes. However, we believe you, as voters, are interested in the end plan if the dissolution is affirmative.

The trust fund's distributions will remain as they have been. The accounting department distribution process will remain the same. There are three steps that must happen in November. The Tribal attorney will review the final Tribal Council approval.

The Chief and Tribal Council are prepared as the governing body to take responsibility for the Tribal Trust Funds.

The responsibilities of the Tribal Council and Delaware Accounting Department will begin immediately following an affirmative vote to dissolve the Trust Board. There will be applications in the queue for Community Services and requests for the needs of Trust Fund Programs to be funded. No long delays are foreseen, as the Delaware Accounting Department has been doing the job of distributing Trust Funds to Community Services and Trust Programs for many years. The accounting department Chief Financial Officer oversees all tribal accounting.

A new written document of policies will be in effect that are similar to the Trust Document which the Trust Funds have been governed by for many years. They are going into effect by Tribal Council resolution.

This smooth transition plan is relatively simple after dissolving the Trust Board. It is an exciting time for our Tribe. We will move forward as a federally recognized tribe without a Trust Board. No tribe has a trust board of the likes which we have had since 1990.

Thank you, most sincerely, for reading and if you have questions or want a petition to sign, please call or text me at (918) 440-8865; Beverly Hicks at (918) 876-2147; Billie Jean Sheshey at (936) 648-3777; or John Wheelock at 918-880-8708. ■



Foods Eaten by The Lenape Indians

Fishing provided much of the food eaten by the Lenape. Some lakes and rivers had fish all year. Other fish such as herring, shad, salmon, and sturgeon spent the cold months in the ocean and returned to the rivers during the spring to lay their eggs. Each year, thousands of shad swam more than three hundred miles from the Atlantic Ocean into the Delaware, Raritan, Passaic, and Hudson Rivers, to lay their eggs. The Indians used weirs or fence like traps and long nets to catch these fish. Some fish were easy to catch, but sturgeon were harder to land because they grew more than six feet long and weighed as much as two hundred pounds or more. Harpoons made out of deer antlers were sometimes used to spear large fish. Fresh fish were cooked over a fire. The women also wrapped fish in clay and baked them in hot ashes. The clay acted like an oven. When the fish was ready to eat, the clay was broken away and all the skin and scales came off with it. When the Lenape caught more fish than they could eat, they dried them in the sun, or smoked them over a wood fire. This preserved the fish so that they could be stored and eaten at a later time. Fish eggs or roe were a special treat.

Today there are other ways to prepare fish other than over an open fire, cooked in clay or smoked. Most favorite, in my opinion, deep fried fish is always tasty, but the following recipe gives a new light on how to prepare fish.

Fish Soup Recipe (as taken from Dinner Then Dessert website)

- 3 tablespoons unsalted butter
- 1 yellow onion, diced
- 1 leek, trimmed and diced
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 carrot, diced
- 4 russet potatoes, peeled and diced
- 1 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1 teaspoon dried thyme
- 1/4 teaspoon coarse ground black pepper
- 2 cups fish stock, we like Better than Bouillon
- 8 ounces clam juice
- 2 pounds cod, cut into 2" chunks

- 1 cup frozen green peas
- 1/4 cup parsley, chopped
- 1/2 cup heavy cream

Instructions

- To a large heavy bottomed pot add the butter on medium heat.
- Add in onion, leeks, garlic, celery and carrots and stir.
- Cook for 4-5 minutes or until onions are translucent.
- Add in salt, thyme and black pepper and stir well.
- Add fish stock and clam juice.
- Cover and bring to a simmer for 15-18 minutes until potatoes are tender.
- Add in cod, peas and parsley and simmer for 5 minutes until fish is cooked through.
- Add in heavy cream, stir well and cook for 1 minute before serving.
- Garnish with additional parsley if desired. ■

Employment Opportunities

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 vehi-

- cles.
- 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.
- 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

In accordance with the Indian Preference Act of 1934, (Title 25, USC, Section 47), Indian Preference will be ob-

served 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 or use the address below.

Human Resources Department
5100 Tuxedo Blvd.
Bartlesville, OK 74006

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

The Elders Circle

Jana Roth

The Elder Committee encourages our fellow elders to join us in our monthly meetings and activities. If you're a member of the Delaware Tribe of Indians and you're 55+, we need your voice. Elder activities are an excellent way to build new friendships and learn about Lenape culture. We have a variety of activities and trips planned, and we welcome you to join us!

The Elder Committee will offer Beginners Sewing Part 2 to those who completed the Beginning Sewing Class Part 1; however, if you already have some basic sewing knowledge but want to "brush up" on your sewing skills, you are welcome to join us. 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, email the Elder Committee at elders@delawaretribe.org to register.

JOIN US AT OUR NEXT COMMUNITY GATHERING!

Our next Community Gathering and Potluck will be held on Friday, August 7.

This monthly event is FREE, and you don't need to be a tribal member to attend; EVERYONE

is welcome! Please join us as we celebrate Lenape culture with games, fellowship, food, and fun!

On August 7, we'll be watching a family-friendly movie and serving popcorn. The Community Gathering and Potluck is held on the first Friday of the month in Building #5110 (the former Family & Children's Services building).

We hope to see you, your family, and friends on Friday, April 7th at 6:00 P.M.

This fall, the elders will be taking a trip to explore the history of our former reservation in Kansas. We will be visiting the Grinter Place, the Wyandotte County Historical Museum, Shawnee Indian Mission, and more! Space is limited so if you're interested in attending, email the Elder Committee at elders@delawaretribe.org.

The Elder Committee will offer a moccasin-making class in September. Elders interested in learning to make traditional Lenape moccasins, contact elders@delawaretribe.org.

The Elders are planning a big trip in 2027! The elders are currently fundraising to attend the launch of the USNS Lenni Lenape. The ship will be the first naval vessel to carry the name of the Lenni Lenape tribe, honoring the first tribe to sign a treaty with the United States in 1778. In October 2025, the Hon. Susan Cade,

Elder of the Delaware Tribe of Indians, the Hon. Deborah Dotson, Committee Member of the Delaware Nation, and the Hon. Shannon Holsey, President of the Stockbridge-Munsee Community, served as the ship's keel authenticators. Please support the Delaware Tribe of Indians Elders and Veterans as we raise funds to attend the launch of the vessel, expected to be completed in 2027.

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

Elder Committee Activities

Monday, July 20—Elder Committee Meeting

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

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 elders@delawaretribe.org to sign up for this class.

Friday, August 7—Community Gathering and Potluck

6:00 – 10:00 PM in Building #5110 (the former Family & Children's Services building.) It's a family-friendly movie night! Everyone is welcome; however, minors must be accompanied by an adult. Please bring a dish, drinks, or snacks to share for the potluck.

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 form on page 22 to elders@delawaretribe.org

To continue receiving greeting cards, please update your information by emailing Beverly Hicks at elders@delawaretribe.org 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 PM, 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 elders@delawaretribe.org and you will receive instructions on how to connect.

Contact Us

Senior (55+) Delaware tribal members can contact the Elder Committee by email at elders@delawaretribe.org

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

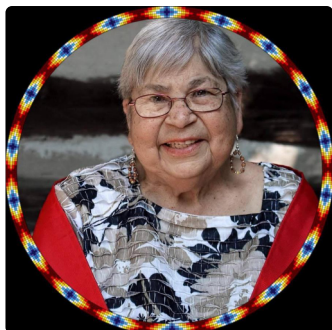
Elder Council Officers:

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Tribal Liaison—Annette Ketchum
Elder-at-Large—Billie Jean Sheshey ■



Obituaries

Carolyn Sue Chaino Ahkeahbo



**March 15, 1941 –
March 18, 2026**

Carolyn Sue (Miller) Chaino Ahkeahbo was Born on March 15th, 1941 to Fredrick Miller and Ruby (Sharp) Miller in Bartlesville, Oklahoma.

Carolyn Graduated with the class of 1959 of College High in Bartlesville, Oklahoma. From then on out she continued her life travels, she began work at Phillips 66 in September of 1962 and retired in 1999 after 37 years of service. She Attended Tulsa Jr. College for a few years.

Her hobbies included playing bunko and beating everyone, Loved watching her show "Survivor". Carolyn was an avid swimmer and a certified scuba diver, having dived in the Bahamas, Jamaica, Hawaii and Australia. In her elderly years she enjoyed going to Water Aerobics at the Owasso YMCA. She toured all throughout Europe visiting many countries.

She was a big Charlie Brown fan, OU Softball Fan and OU fan in general. Carolyn really loved to travel with her daughter Cottalene and her grand boys all across Indian country to powwows. Where she loved to watch them sing and dance.

She is Survived by her Daughter Cottalene Chaino Ahkeahbo and her three sons GoodWarrior Deer(Aka Mah'Hi'Vists Deer),

Grant Deer (Nekoosa,Wi), and RJ Deer of Tulsa, Ok. A Son Tommy (Tuffy) Chaino Ahkeahbo Jr. and granddaughters Amber Chavez (Ben Chavez) and Alicia Chaino Ahkeahbo from Cushing OK and Delaynna Quiñones of BuckEye Arizona. Daughter Tammy White (Claremore) and granddaughters Jaimie, Stephanie and Becky White along with her grandson Brett White. Carolyn is also survived by 14 Great Grand Children and numerous adopted Children and Grand Children, nieces and Nephews. Along with her two sisters Sandra Blevins of Owasso, OK, and Marilyn Okeefe of El Paso TX.

Her funerary procession began on Sunday March 22nd with a viewing/wake service 2-8 P.M. at the Hayhurst Funeral Home, 1660 S Elm Place Broken Arrow, Ok 74012. Viewing and visiting with the family from 2-6 P.M. then from 6-8 P.M. Native Church singing and sharing of memories.

Monday March 23, 2026 Funeral services at 11 A.M. Hayhurst Funeral Home with procession to Memorial Park Cemetery, 4200 Nowata Rd Bartlesville, OK 74006

Charles White, II officiated the services. ■



Rebecca Sue Pecore



**April 23, 1952 –
April 15, 2026**

Rebecca Sue Pecore, affectionately known as Becky, passed away peacefully on April 15, 2026, in her hometown of Bartlesville, Oklahoma. Born on April 23, 1952 to Sylvester and Gloria D. (Ketchum) Scullawl, Becky's life was a tapestry of love, dedication, and spirited charm, leaving an indelible mark on the hearts of her family and community.

Becky's early years were spent attending Bartlesville Schools and Copan High School, after which she answered the call of duty by joining the U.S. Air Force. This chapter of service demonstrated her deep commitment and strength, qualities she carried proudly throughout her life. In the mid-1980s, she delighted many

with her baked goods at the Owl Shoppe in Shawnee, but perhaps her most cherished role was that of a skilled homemaker, a role she embraced with the care and devotion of a true matriarch.

A woman of spunky spirit and traditional values, Becky was often likened to "Betty Crocker" not just for her culinary prowess but also for her loving and caring nature. She married her husband, David E. Pecore, on June 30, 1975, and together they shared 28 years of marriage filled with mutual support and affection until his passing in 2003. Her enduring faith found expression in her long-time membership at St. Benedict's Catholic Church, where she devoted herself until her husband's death. Her nurturing heart extended beyond her immediate family as she provided late-life care for her husband's grandmother, a testament to her dedication to service and love.

Becky's joys were found in the daily support of her husband on their farm, supporting her family with her cooking and sewing, spending time with her beloved grandchildren, playing card games such as Nertz, Solitaire, and Uno, and singing-activities that brought warmth and laughter into her home. Her family remembers her not only for her talents and hospitality but for the loving, caring, yet feisty, presence she always was.

Survivors include her children: Linda Doane and husband David of Bartlesville, Oklahoma; Venus Hoffner of Royersford, Pennsylvania; David Pecore and wife Stevie of Chelsea, Oklahoma; and Jacob Pecore of Claremore, Oklahoma; siblings: Sylvester "Butch" Scullawl and wife Tammy of Ochelata, Oklahoma; Rita Buoy and husband David of Meeker, Oklahoma; Tonya Solomon and husband Dwight of Mineral Wells, Texas; Merry Rodriguez and husband Ray of Macomb, Oklahoma;

and Terry Thomason and husband Darren of Ochelata, Oklahoma; grandchildren: Dakota Yott and wife Katie of Shawnee, Oklahoma; Wyatt Yott of Bartlesville; Jason Hoffner and wife Elizabeth of Virginia Beach, Virginia; Ian Hoffner of Royersford, Pennsylvania; Emily Hoffner of Sellersville, Pennsylvania; John Hoffner of Royersford, Pennsylvania; Patience Cooper and Payton Cooper of Shawnee, Oklahoma; Odin Sanders of Shawnee; Braden Brinlee, Calliegh Pecore, Jace Pecore, Talon Pecore, Kaydo Pecore, Lily Pecore, and grandson Boogie, all of Chelsea, Oklahoma; great-grandchildren: Nova Yott, Arrow Yott, Arlow Yott, and eagerly awaited the arrival of great-grandson Logan Blaize Cooper.

Becky was predeceased by her beloved parents, Sylvester and Gloria (Ketchum) Scullawl; her husband David E. Pecore; daughters Sherrie Pecore and Lissia Pecore; her infant son; brother Scott Scullawl; and grandsons Dalton Yott and Donald Cooper.

The family invites all who loved Becky to honor her memory at Walker Funeral & Cremation Service in Shawnee, Oklahoma. Viewing will be held on April 21, 2026, from 8:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m., with a visitation with the family present from 5:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. The funeral service followed the next day, April 22, at 11:00 A.M. in the chapel at Walker Funeral & Cremation Service. Following the ceremony, Becky will be laid to rest next to her husband David at Calvary Cemetery in Shawnee.

Memorial donations in Becky's memory may be made to the Knights of Columbus, Council 1018 c/o St. Benedict Catholic Church, 632 N. Kickapoo, Shawnee, OK 74801, or St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105 ■

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. ■

Sights From Recent Elders Committee Events



Community Gathering and Potluck, April 2026.



Elder trip to the Cherokee Nation Anna Mitchell Cultural and Welcome Center in Vinita.





Brady Sisney

Congratulations to Our
2026 Graduates!



Andrew Kirkwood



Emily Vass



Alyssa Vass



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- Protective orders
- Safety planning
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Caney, KS
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Phone:
620-879-2189

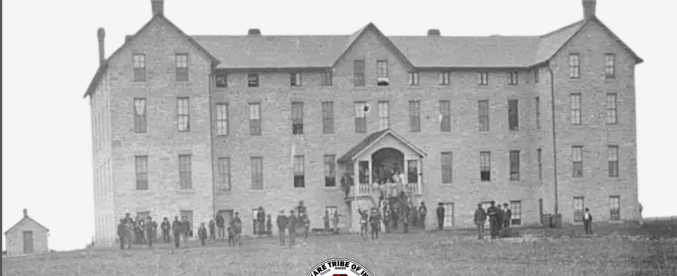
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Want more information?
Enrollment Coordinator
Lynsey Stumpff
918.214.7644
lstumpff@delawaretribe.org



SCAN HERE



ROSE PAVLUK
MEMORIAL
SCHOLARSHIP
FALL 2026

Funded by the family of Rose Pavluk, this program is intended to provide economic relief for Delaware Tribal Members obtaining higher education.



HOW TO APPLY

- Applications are due September 15, 2026
- Must be an enrolled Delaware Tribal citizen
- Scan the QR code below for application!



SCAN ME

FIND OUT MORE

This program is to provide financial assistance for Delaware Tribal members who are enrolled in higher education, ensuring access to adequate funding to support their post-secondary education including trade or technical school, two year or community college or four-year college.

This Program is meant to provide Delaware Tribal members with financial support for affording College/University costs.

Two eligible full-time applicants will receive \$1,500 in scholarship funding, and two part-time applicants will receive \$500 in scholarship funding annually. (Two of each in Spring and in the Fall)

Questions or Need Assistance?

rosepavlukscholarship@delawaretribe.org



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Cody Blackmon
Wellness Director/Red Cross Instructor
918-337-6586
cblackmon@gmail.com



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Employment Opportunities (continued)

- 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 con-

- tinuity 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.

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 or use the address below.

Human Resources Department
5100 Tuxedo Blvd.
Bartlesville, OK 74006 ■

Obituaries (continued)

Patsy Ann Sheshey Wentworth



January 26, 1952 –
May 18, 2026

Patsy Ann Sheshey Wentworth, age 74, passed away peacefully surrounded by the love of her family and faith in her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Born on January 26, 1952, in Sweetwater, Patsy was the daughter of William Warren Sheshey Jr. and Patsy Sue Martin Sheshey. She attended Brownwood High School in Brownwood and graduated with the Class of 1971. In 1975, she married Robert Wentworth.

In 2024, Patsy fulfilled a meaningful spiritual goal by receiving her certificate as an ordained minister. She was deeply devoted to her Christian faith and loved her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Through life's hardships and darkest times, she always leaned on her faith for strength and guidance. Above all else, she loved her children dearly and did her very best to protect and care for them. Patsy was also proud of her Native American heritage and citizenship

in both the Delaware Tribe of Indians and the Cherokee Nation. She was preceded in death by her father, William Warren Sheshey Jr., in 1957; her mother, Patsy Sue Martin Sheshey, in 2010; and her daughter, Peggy Sue Wentworth, in 2023.

Patsy is survived by her son, Bobbie Lee Wentworth; her sisters, Annis Gayle Sheshey and Billie Jean Sheshey; and her beloved grandsons.

In her younger years, Patsy enjoyed writing poetry and expressing herself through art. Her creativity and caring spirit touched many lives.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Mental Health Foundation of Texas.

The family of Patsy Ann Sheshey Wentworth wishes to extend heartfelt thanks to the doctors, nurses, ICU staff, and chaplains at Hendrick Medical Center for their compassionate care and support.

May she rest in eternal peace. ■



Lenape Youth Fun Pages

Dot to Dot

Follow the numbers to connect each dot.



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:

Delaware Tribe of Indians
5100 Tuxedo Blvd.
Bartlesville OK 74006

OR

Scan your answers and send an email to DIN@delawaretribe.org

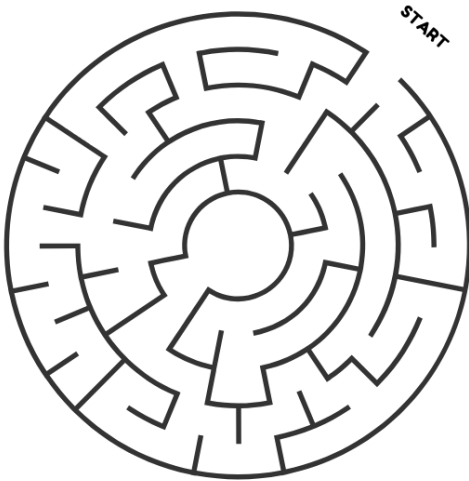
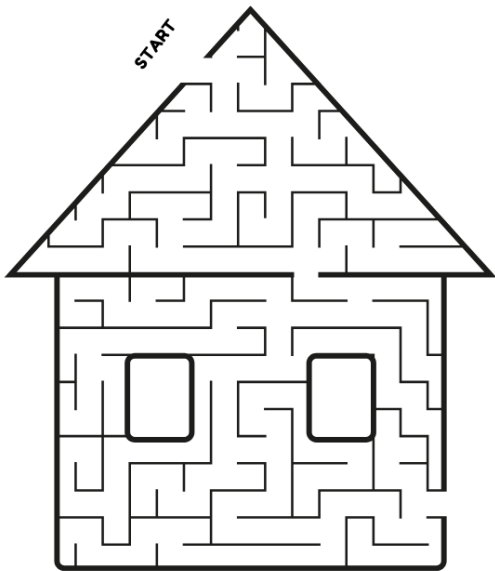
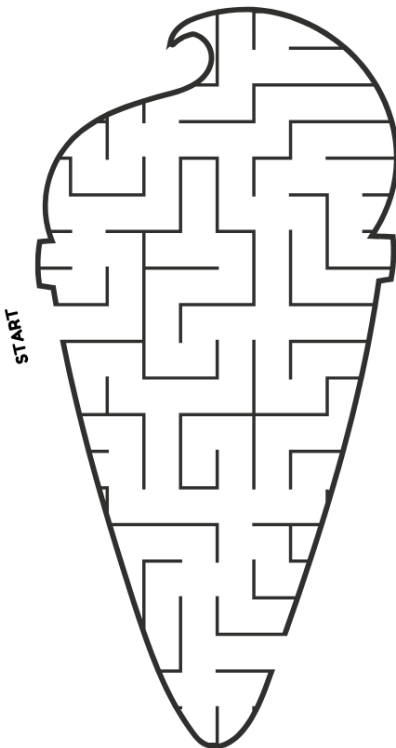
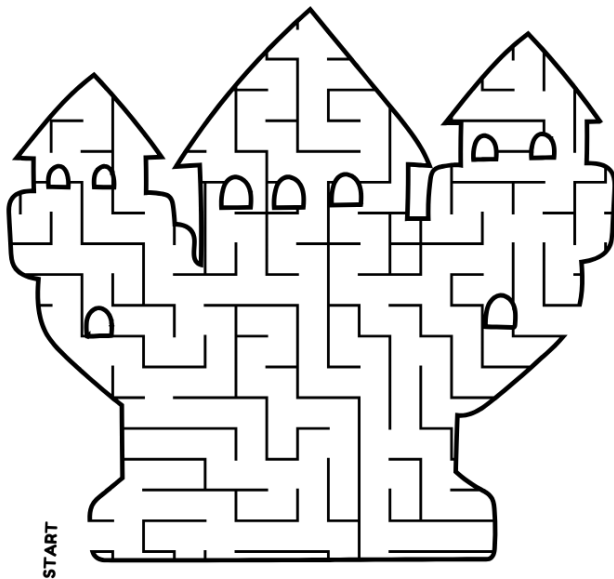
Have Suggestions for the Lenape Youth Fun Pages? Let Us Know!

Do you want to share ideas for the Lenape Youth Pages? Submit your ideas to din@delawaretribe.org for consideration.

Thank you for helping to improve something for our children!

Maze Madness

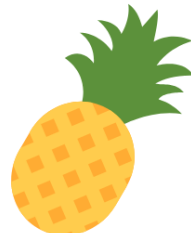
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- SUMMER BEACH SUNSCREEN SWEAT
- SUN SANDCASTLE POOL WATERPLAY
- HOT SWIMMERS WATERMELON HEAT

2026 Delaware Election Bulletin

- Election Day is the first Saturday of November
- (1) Chief, (1) Assistant Chief, (2) Tribal Council seats, (3) Trust Board seats, (1) Associate Judge, and (1) Appellate Tribal Judge seat are up for election.
- All registered voters can choose either to vote in person or by a Absentee Ballot via the U.S. Mail
- All tribal members that voted in the last three consecutive elections will automatically receive an absentee ballot
- Tribal members not voting in the last three elections wanting to vote by Absentee Ballot will need to ensure their request for an Absentee Ballot is post marked by October 14, 2026
- There will be (1) polling location for those members wanting to cast your vote in person:

Location to be determined within 30 days but not more than 45 days prior to the election date

- Filing window for candidates to declare for a specific office is August 1 thru September 1, 2026. All candidate declaration forms must be submitted by U.S. Mail **ONLY** to Delaware Tribe Election Board, P.O. Box 1198 Bartlesville, OK 74005 and post-marked by September 1.
- All requests for Absentee Ballots must be received by October 14, 2026 to receive a ballot via US Mail. Request forms must be submitted by U.S. Mail **ONLY** to Delaware Tribe Election Board, P.O. Box 1198 Bartlesville, OK 74005
- Your tribal registration number appears with your name on the mailing label of this and all election correspondence.
Please take time to vote. Make your voice count! Encourage your friends, family and Delaware neighbors near and far to vote as well.

Wanishi,
Delaware 2026 Election Board ■



Crystal Dombrovski—Chair
Sandy Tompkins—Member
Beverly Chafin—Member
Annette Ketchum—Member
Avis Ballard—Member

election@delawaretribe.org

Absentee Ballot Request
Delaware Tribe of Indians
2026 Election

I hereby request an absentee ballot for the 2026 Delaware Tribal Council, Trust Board, and Judicial Elections

I understand it is my responsibility to update my address with the Enrollment Department to ensure my ballot will be delivered to the correct address.

Date: _____ Delaware Registration #: _____

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

Address: _____
City State Zip

Telephone #: _____ Email: _____

Signature: _____

Birth Date: _____

This form must be received at the Delaware Election Board Post Office Box by close of business on **October 14**, 2026 to receive an Absentee Ballot. Only (1) ballot per request form. All request forms must be mailed to:

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

Attention
Notice to 2026 Candidates !!

The information sent to the Election Board will NOT automatically be forwarded to the *Delaware Indian News (DIN)* for publication. The *DIN* will provide free publication of candidate bio/article for all declared candidates in the October 2026 issue. Send your candidate information in the form of an article along with a photograph if desired. The articles must be publication ready as follows:

1. May be no longer than one (1) 8.5 x 11 inch page
2. Typed in 12 point font or larger
3. Must be submitted in Microsoft Word format
4. Publication-ready material must reach the DIN staff no later than 5 P.M. Central Time on September 15, 2026

Candidate may forward above material to *DIN* at either of the following:

din@delawaretribe.org OR Delaware Indian News
5100 Tuxedo Blvd
Bartlesville, OK 74006

Delaware Tribe of Indians Election Regulations

Purpose

The purpose of these regulations is to conduct any called Delaware Tribe of Indians election pursuant to and in accordance with the Delaware Tribe of Indians Constitution.

Authority

The Delaware Tribal Council has the power to establish rules to regulate its own proceedings, to appoint subordinate committees, commissions, and boards in accordance with the Delaware Tribe of Indians Constitution¹.

Election Date

Elections shall be held every second year on the first Saturday of November pursuant to the Delaware Tribe of Indians Constitution.²

Eligibility

VOTER ELIGIBILITY

The right to vote is limited to persons who are:

Delaware Tribe members, eighteen (18) years or older, who are registered to vote, can vote in all elections³

Tribal Members voting shall be considered to be absentee voters, if they have requested an absentee ballot in the last 3 elections, they will continue to receive an absentee ballot.

All eligible voters that did not vote in person or by absentee ballot in the last election must vote in person or request an absentee ballot.

CANDIDATE ELIGIBILITY

The right to be a candidate is limited to persons who are:

A member of the Delaware Tribe of Indians who has reached their eighteenth birthday⁴ on or before the date of filing; and is an eligible voter.

If an otherwise eligible candidate has been removed from office for cause while serving in an elected position, he/she is ineligible to run for office for a period of five years from time of removal.

Candidate Filing Requirements

Each candidate shall file a Declaration of Candidacy. The Declaration of Candidacy shall include: Candidate’s Full Name, Address, Phone Number, and e-mail address and Delaware registration number for enrollment verification.

The filing period shall be August 1st thru September 1st for regular elections. For special elections, the deadline shall be determined by either the Tribal Council, Trust Board or Court based on the circumstances.

Notice of Election

Public notice shall be given at least thirty (30) days and not more

than forty-five (45) days prior to the date of election to designate the polling place(s) and times in accordance with the Delaware Tribe of Indians Constitution and the Delaware Trust Document⁵⁶.

Notice shall be given through the United States Postal Service to all members of the Delaware Tribe of Indians eligible to vote and public notice posted.

Election Board

The Chairperson of the Election Board shall be selected and approved by the Tribal Council and Trust Board.

The Election Board Chairperson shall select (4) election board members and present the name(s) to the Tribal Council and Trust Board for approval. They shall serve 1 term, or until successors are chosen

The Election Board shall elect from its membership by majority vote, a vice-chair, and a secretary.

If any Election Board member, for any reason, cannot perform their duties for the Election, the Election Board Chairperson may replace the member.

The Election Board shall perform the following certifications:

The Election Board Committee members shall arrive at the polling places at a time designated by the Election Board Chairperson on Election Day. They shall remain on the premises of the polling place until all ballots are counted, and the election results have been certified.

Determine that each person offering to vote is on the official voting list. The Enrollment Department will provide to the Election Committee a binder with a list of eligible tribal members of legal age registered voters.

To ensure that only one ballot is cast by each qualified voter and the qualified voter signs his/her name and current address on the official voting list.

The Election Board Committee will certify that all ballots received are signed and dated by the registered voters. Voters should provide full name including maiden name and any previous names that may have been used by the voter on the tribal registration list, date of birth and Delaware registration number. This information must be consistent with the Delaware Tribal Registration record.

To certify that all self-certification statements are signed by the registered voter.

To certify that no write-in candidates are allowed on the ballots.

The Election Board Committee will ensure that all ballots will be secured and locked up properly, including the absentee ballots collected from the post office, until the time they are being processed and counted.

The Election Board Committee shall count the ballots, or with approval of the majority of the Election Board Committee, agree to have an unbiased organization or electric counting organization, count the ballots.

The Election Board Committee shall make a certified election return and send it to the Bureau of Indian Affairs Miami Area Office and post a copy for the certified election return at the Delaware Tribal Center(s).

To preserve spoiled and/or mutilated ballots.

To secure all ballots and related material and to label it with the name of voting place and the date of the election for a period of not less than two (2) years immediately following the election.

No member of the Election Board shall leave the polling place during the voting hours and/or counting hours without the permission of the Election Board Chairperson.

Candidate Rights

Each candidate may name one person to act as a watcher at the voting place and counting place. The watcher is to be commissioned in writing by the candidate prior to the election date. The same watcher shall be allowed to watch the calling and recording of the result of the vote. The watcher shall receive no compensation for their services and shall have no further authority than to note or record any objections to the voting and counting procedures.

The watcher must register with the Election Board upon arrival at the voting place. The watcher must register with Election Board prior to the closing of the polls.

The watcher must remain on the premises of the voting place and counting place until the count is completed. The area where the counting takes place shall be locked before the count begins and no Election Board member or watcher shall leave or enter the premises until the count is complete.

Voting Place(s)

Voting place(s) shall be provided by public notice for tribal members choosing to vote in person or for those who opt to bring their ballots in rather than mail them.

Prior to the election, tribal voters are responsible to ensure the Delaware Tribe of Indians Enrollment Department has their current address.

Ballots

The Election Board shall issue the official ballots. A record shall be maintained of all ballots issued, including the name and address of the voter and date the ballot was issued.

Manner of Voting

Voting shall be by secret ballot. All member of the Delaware Tribe of Indians registered to vote may choose to vote in person at a designated polling place or by absentee ballot via the U.S. Mail.

In Person Voting

Any registered voter opting to vote in person, must appear at a prescribed voting place, announce to the Election Board his/her name and current address, provide a photo I.D. as proof of identification, sign the voter registration list, and place their marked ballot in the ballot box. Any person offering to vote who cannot read or write or who is physically impaired may be assisted, upon request, by a family member and two (2) members of the Election Board.

¹ Delaware Tribe of Indians Constitution (2022) Article V. Section M

² Delaware Tribe of Indians Constitution (2022) Article VI. Section 1

³ Delaware Tribe of Indians Constitution (2022) Article VI. Section 6

⁴ Delaware Tribe of Indians Constitution (2022) Article II

⁵ Delaware Tribe of Indians Constitution (2022) Article VI, Section 7

⁶ Trust Document of the Delaware Tribe of Indians (2013) Article IV, Section A.6

Absentee Voting

Absentee ballots must be returned though the U.S. Postal Service to the Delaware Election Board’s P.O. Box no later than the close of business the day before the election.

Ballots must be marked and sealed in the inner envelope provided marked “ballot.” The “ballot” envelope must be placed in the self-addressed envelope provided with the self-certification information on the back.

All required information on the back of the self-addressed, self-certification envelope must be completed and accurate or the envelope will not be opened or counted.

Ballots containing votes for more candidates than there are seat vacancies, or illegible or mutilated shall be void and not counted.

Election Day

Election Board members shall arrive at the voting place at time designated by the Election Board Chairperson. They shall remain on duty throughout the day until all votes have been counted and certified.

Candidate watchers, once registered with the Election Board, will remain on duty throughout the day until all votes have been counted and certified.

Election Board members, candidate(s) watchers and security guard, if one is hired, or approved counters from the Election Board, will be locked in the counting room, or building once the count has begun. No other person shall be allowed in the counting room or building during the count.

All ballots from remote polling place(s) and/or U.S. Post Office shall be transported by the Election Board Chairperson, an Election Board member, and the security guard (if one is hired) or by the Chairperson’s designee(s).

All ballots cast shall be counted by either electronic tabulation, tallied by the Election Board or it’s designee. A certified return prepared by the Election Board and signed by the Election Board Chairperson, Election Board members and witnesses, (watchers, security guard) if any present. The tally shall be posted after the tally is complete at the Delaware Tribal Center, 5100 Tuxedo Blvd, Bartlesville, Oklahoma.

Counting Ballots

Unless electronically tabulated, mailed ballots will be opened, certified and counted first. The name of the voter on the self-certification envelope will be checked against the list of ballots mailed and ballots received. Ballot envelopes will be separated from the self-certification envelopes. Ballots will then be separated from the envelopes in preparation for counting. The self-certification envelopes shall be saved as a permanent record.

The Election Board Chairperson or designee shall call out the votes marked on each ballot, the other Election Board members or designee shall tally the votes separately and count must balance. After the mail-in votes have been counted, the walk-in votes shall be counted using the same procedure.

Campaigning

No person shall campaign within one hundred (100) feet of any voting place.

Winner — Chief

The candidate for chief receiving the highest number of votes shall be declared the winner. In the event of a tie, a run-off election shall be conducted within forty-five (45) days, between the two chief candidates receiving the most votes in the primary election. The winner of the run-off election shall be declared the Chief of the Delaware Tribe of Indians.

Winner — Assistant Chief

The candidate for assistant chief receiving the highest number of votes shall be declared the winner. In the event of a tie, a run-off election shall be conducted within forty-five (45) days, between the two assistant chief candidates receiving the most votes in the primary election. The winner of the run-off election shall be declared the Assistant Chief of the Delaware Tribe of Indians.

Winner — Tribal Council Members

Candidates for the Tribal Council receiving the highest number of votes shall be selected to serve on the Tribal Council. In the event of a tie vote, the candidates who tied will have a run-off election which shall be conducted within forty-five (45) days, between the two council candidates. The winner of the run-off election shall be declared a Tribal Council member.

Winner — Trust Board Chair

The candidate for Trust Board chair receiving the highest number of votes shall be declared the winner. In the event of a tie, a run-off election shall be conducted within forty-five (45) days, between the two Trust Board chair candidates receiving the most votes in the primary election. The winner of the run-off election shall be declared the Chairman of the Delaware Trust Board.

Winner — Trust Board Members

Candidates for the Trust Board receiving the highest number of votes shall be selected to serve on the Trust Board. In the event of a tie vote, the candidates who tied or their designee shall draw lots for the position within seventy-two (72) hours of the posting of the election results.

Winner — Chief Justice/Associate Tribal Judges

Chief Justice/Associate Judge candidates receiving the highest number of votes shall be selected to serve on the Tribal Court. In the event of a tie vote, the candidates who tied or their designee shall draw lots for the position within seventy-two (72) hours of the posting of the election results.

Run-off Election

In case of a tie for Chief, Assistant Chief, Tribal Council Member or Chairman of the Trust Board, a run-off election shall be held within forty-five (45) days of the primary election between the two candidates that received the most votes. Election procedures shall be the same, except only those persons who voted by mail in the primary election shall be allowed to vote by mail in the run-off election. In the event of a run-off election, those persons who voted in the primary election shall automatically receive a ballot by mail for the run-off election.

Recount

Any candidate for any office may ask for a recount. A fee of \$400.00 shall be charged to the candidate requesting the recount. The time limit for requesting a recount shall be within seventy-two (72) hours of the closing of the polls. If more than one candidate for an office requests a recount, then they shall have the

option to split the cost of the recount evenly or to pay \$400.00 for separate recounts.

Complaint Procedure

RIGHT TO A HEARING

A complainant shall be entitled to a hearing before the Delaware Tribal Court, if written request is filed within seventy-two (72) hours of the closing of the polls with the Delaware Election Board Chairperson.

DEFINITIONS

Complainant is defined as any enrolled member and registered voter in the Delaware Tribe of Indians whose rights may have been adversely affected by procedures used during any Delaware Tribe of Indians called election.

A complaint is defined as any dispute with the conduct and procedures of any Delaware Tribe of Indians called election or failure to act in accordance with the requirements of the Delaware Tribal Constitution, the Trust Document of the Delaware Tribe of Indians or Tribal Election Regulations.

Procedure Prior to the Hearing

The complaint must be presented in writing to the:

Delaware Election Board Chairperson
P.O. Box 1198
Bartlesville, Oklahoma, 74005

During normal working hours within seventy-two (72) hours of the close of the polls. The complaint must include specific reasons for the complaint and the action or relief sought and must include a certified check made out to the Delaware Tribe of Indians Court Clerk in the amount of \$25.00 for filing fee.

Within three (3) working days, the Election Board shall forward the complaint, along with the check, to the Delaware Tribal Court.

The Hearing

The hearing shall be held before the Delaware Tribal Court within twenty (20) days of the filing of the complaint.

The complaint shall be afforded a fair hearing providing the basic safeguards of due process, which shall include:

The opportunity to examine, before the hearing, all documents, records and regulations of the Election Board, which are relevant to the hearing. The complainant shall bear all costs of the copying of these documents. Any documents not made available upon the complainant’s request shall not be used by the Election Board to support their actions.

The Delaware Tribal Court may render a decision without proceeding with the hearing if the judges determine that the issue has been previously decided in an earlier proceeding.

If the complainant or the Election Board representative fails to appear at the scheduled hearing, the Delaware Tribal Court may make the determination to post-pone the hearing for a period not to exceed five (5) business days or the Court may make the determination that the party has waived his/her right to a hearing. Both the complainant and the Election Board shall be notified of such determination within ten (10) business days of the Court’s decisions.

At the hearing, the complainant must make a showing of entitlement to the relief sought. Once the complainant meets his/her

burden by clear and convincing evidence, the Election Board bears the burden of justifying its actions or its failure to act against which the complaint is directed.

The hearing shall be conducted as directed by the Delaware Tribal Court. The Court may receive oral or documentary evidence pertinent to the facts and issues raised by the complainant.

Decision of the Delaware Tribal Court

The decision of the Delaware Tribal Court shall be based solely and exclusively on the facts presented at the hearing.

The Delaware Tribal Court shall prepare a full written decision within ten (10) business days after the hearing. A copy of the decision shall be sent to the complainant, the Election Board and the Tribal Council. Copies shall be maintained in the Election Board files.■

Elders Committee Greeting Card Form

Please send greetings cards to:

Delaware Tribal Member’s Name: _____

Delaware Tribe Enrollment Number: _____

Address: _____

Street	City	State	Zip Code
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Date of Birth: _____

Return to:
Beverly Hicks
C/O Delaware Tribe of Indians
5100 Tuxedo Blvd
Bartlesville, OK 74006

Election 2026

Declaration of Candidacy Form

Requirements: A candidate must be a member of the Delaware Tribe of Indians of legal voting age, a citizen of the United States and able to attend meetings held by the tribe. In addition, the candidate must be available for special meetings as required. With the submission of this candidate request form to the Election Board of the Delaware Tribe of Indians, I wish to be placed on the ballot for:

Check one:	_____ Chief	_____ Assistant Chief
	_____ Tribal Council Member	_____ Trust Board Member
	_____ Associate Tribal Judge	_____ Appellate Tribal Judge

Date: _____ Delaware Registration #: _____

Birth Date: _____

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

Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone #: _____ Email: _____

I hereby promise to support the Constitution and By-Laws of the Delaware Tribe of Indians and Delaware Trust Document, along with the best interest of all members of the Delaware Tribe. I also promise to attend every meeting of the Tribal Council unless I must be absent for good cause.

Signature: _____

The Candidate filing period is August 1 thru September 1, 2026. No exceptions.

All Candidate Declaration forms must be mailed to:

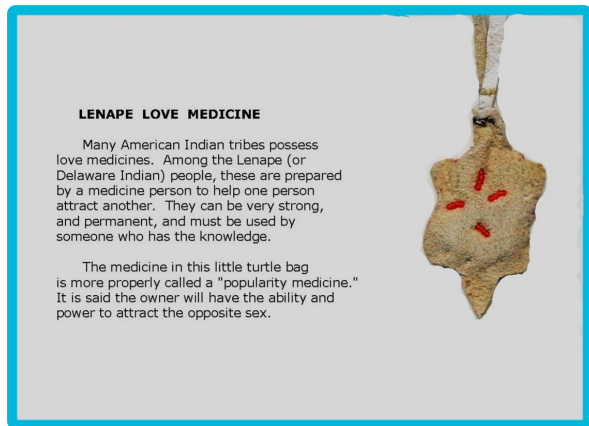
Delaware Election Board
P.O. Box 1198
Bartlesville, OK 74005

Lenape Language Report

Jim Rementer, Director, Lenape Language Project

Lenape Talking Dictionary—There are over 600 new Lenape words and sentence sound files added to the dictionary recently.

Fun Item:



A Delaware woman was invited to take part in a craft show but she didn't have much ready to sell so she made up a number of these and they sold well.

Lenape Calendar for 2025: The downloadable Delaware calendar for 2026 is available on the tribal website. <https://delawaretribe.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/01/Delaware-Calendar-2026.pdf>

There is also a word-a-day posted on the website each month.

Lenape Stories— At the present time we have 56 stories that had only been written in English. They can be found by going to the tribal website.

These stories can be found on the tribal website by going to the Culture and Lenape section and once there scroll down to find the photo of this fine gentleman and click there to open a list of the Lenape stories.

A Lenape Story:

THREE BOYS ON A VISION QUEST

There were once three Lenape boys who were sent on a vision quest. A Manitu came to them and asked what they would like to be when they grew up.

One boy said that he would like to be a hunter. Another

said he would like to be a warrior. The last one said he wanted all the women to like him.

When they grew up, that came to pass. The one boy was a fine hunter. The other was a good warrior. But the third one, who wanted all the women to like him, was killed by a bunch of women at a gathering who ganged him and tore him to pieces because each one wanted him. He should only have asked for one woman to like him. There are two morals to this story: One is to not be greedy when you ask for something, and the other is to not ask to be more than you can be.

From Warren 'Judge' Longbone, as told to him by his Grandmother, Minnie Fouts ■

LENAPE JULY 2026 WORDS						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Lainipën Midsummer			1 tehim strawberry	2 pakim cranberry	3 òkhatim mulberry	4 mhuwinkwës blackberry
5 sipuwas plum	6 mahchikpi pawpaw	7 ximin persimmon	8 ekokolës raspberry	9 wisahkim grape(s)	10 mina blueberries	11 chikëlèt cocoa chocolate
12 Fruit new to America ---->	13 apëlìsh apple	14 hàkhàkòpëlìsh pear	15 pilkësh peach	16 wisaòpëlìsh orange	17 panshpèkw cantaloupe	18 èskitamink watermelon
19 Native Veggies ----->	20 xàskwim corn; maize	21 puhwèm white flour corn	22 sèhsapsink blue flour corn	23 hopënis potato	24 malàxkwsita beans	25 shukëlìpën sweet potato
26 kèskùnthàk pumpkin	27 tekëneipën Indian potato (Apios)	28 hakialaipën Indian potato Sunchokes	29 kanësa Lamb's Quarters (plant)	30 pitukën edible milkweed	31 pèphòksink popcorn	compiled by Jim Rementer

Rhea Lana's of Bartlesville

A Children's
Consignment Event

July 23 - 27

bartlesville.rhealana.com
Washington Park Mall

Want to Shop Earlier, see website.

Sell your gently-used children's items at Rhea Lana's!

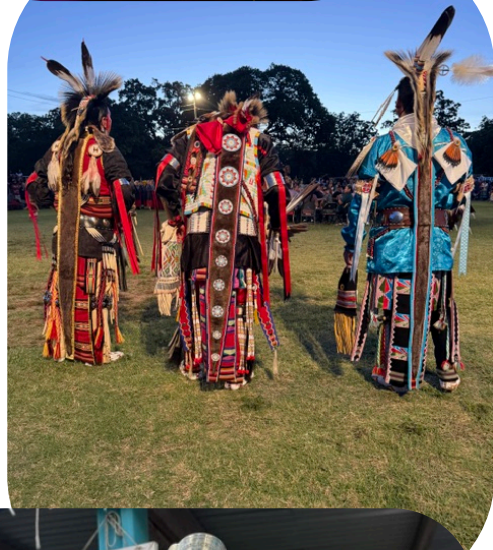
- Easy tagging system, including voice entry
- Earn 60-75% of sales
- Items are guaranteed
- Watch sales LIVE through our app
- Check ready on pick up day
- Consignors shop early

Consign

Come experience the Rhea Lana's difference!
Find name brand children's clothes, shoes,
baby gear, toys, and much more
at 60-90% off retail prices!

Shop

Reduce. Reuse. Rhea Lana's.



2026 Delaware Powwow Pictures

Photos Courtesy of Taylor Ford

