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Delaware Tribe Agricultural Heritage Planning Project

In July 2013 the Delaware Tribe purchased 90 acres of land north of Lawrence, Kansas. The purpose of this purchase by the previous Council was to re-establish our presence in our ancestral lands in northeast Kansas and to build a casino in the Lawrence area. It soon became apparent that it would not be possible for various reasons to build a casino in this location and the land has been leased back to the previous owner.

There is a great deal of interest in the land due to its location and its prime farmland soils. In July 2016, we teamed up with key stakeholders in Douglas County including Haskell Indian Nations University, the University of Kansas, K-State, the City of Lawrence, Douglas County, the Lawrence Kansas Chamber, Lawrence Public Schools, USDA, and Douglas County Conservation Department to develop a plan for

the future of the property. This project is funded by a \$67,775 Target Grant from the Douglas County Natural and Cultural Heritage Grant Program at no cost to the Tribe and brings together an impressive team of professionals to develop a vision for the future of the property.

SKW (Shafer, Kline and Warren), experts in community planning including planners, landscape architects, and engineers, were contracted to participate in the project. In addition to previous planning, a design workshop was conducted March 1, 2017 in Lawrence, KS to produce two visions for the use of the land. By the time you read this, Town Hall meetings will have been held in Lawrence, Kansas and Bartlesville to present the visions and get feedback. From this, a formal site master plan will be finalized and a business plan for the project will be developed.

While this does not obligate the Tribe for future use of the land, it will provide a clear picture of what is possible. I reiterate that this is at no cost to the Tribe, but indicates our concern for working with the community and making the best utilization of our assets.

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53rd ANNUAL DELAWARE POW-WOW May 26, 27 and 28, 2017

Fred Fall-Leaf Memorial Campgrounds
3 Miles East of Highway 75 on Road 600

<u>Head Singer:</u>	Junior Flores
<u>Head Man Dancer:</u>	Simon Washee
<u>Head Lady Dancer:</u>	Nicole Ponkilla
<u>Master of Ceremonies:</u>	Brad Kills Crow & Neil Lawhead
<u>Arena Directors:</u>	Dude Blalock & Chris Soap
<u>Host Gourd Dance Groups:</u>	Lenape Gourd Dance Society & Osage Gourd Dancers
<u>Host Northern Drum:</u>	Red Land Singers
<u>Color Guard:</u>	Lenape Color Guard
<u>Stomp Dance MC:</u>	David Tyner

2017 Delaware Pow-Wow Princess

Audrey Gay

Schedule of Events

Gourd Dance

Friday: 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Saturday & Sunday: 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Dance Contests

Friday, Saturday & Sunday: 8:00 p.m. til close

Stomp Dance

Friday and Saturday nights following the pow-wow

ALL SPECIALS ON SATURDAY & SUNDAY AFTERNOONS FROM 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Bet Football Game – Men against Women – Saturday at 11:00 a.m. – area between the Markley Camp and Fred Fall-Leaf's Home

Sunday Morning Church Service – 10:00 a.m. at the arena

Winners announced and prize money paid out at the end of the Pow Wow on Sunday night. Winners must be present and in dance clothes to receive prize payout.

ANYONE SELLING MEAT PIES OR OTHER FOOD ITEMS WILL BE ASKED TO LEAVE

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No chairs may be setup around the arena until Friday, May 26th at approximately 10:00 a.m.

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For More Information call Lu Ann Hainline – 918/766-3894

Free Admission

From the Desk of Council Secretary Charles Randall

This past four and a half months have gone by so fast it doesn't seem possible. We now have a Council that works together for the good of the Tribe. We don't always agree, and that is a good thing, but we work together to come up with what is best for the Tribe. We make mistakes, but we correct and learn from those mistakes.

There are exciting things happening in the Tribe. One of our main goals was to work toward making the Tribe self-sufficient and we have been working hard to make that happen. We are organizing our economic endeavors so that they are independent of the political world. This will help attract outside opportunities that would otherwise not

be available due to fear of how future political changes would affect business and partnerships.

The development of a Delaware Economic Development Council (DEDC) with experts to research and bring in new business opportunities, and with Tahkox e2 moving forward, as well as other opportunities that I am not able to discuss at this time, makes the future for the Tribe look bright. I know, you have heard this before, but I think you will be seeing some good things happen soon and we will keep you informed as quickly as we can.

On another topic, I would like to discuss social media. Facebook and other Social Media are fantastic tools for staying in

touch and disseminating news. I have to admit that I very seldom look at Facebook, but I have been aware of false statements and postings that essentially hurt the Tribe. These postings are from individuals that want to make themselves look good at the cost of the Tribe and Council, or individuals that are disgruntled and want to hurt others. I only ask that when you see these postings that you think about the real reason behind them and that you seek the truth.

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From the Desk of Benita Shea

Council Member Benita Shea

I am writing this article from the Mirage in Las Vegas. It is my last night attending RES2017. After this week of learning and hearing of activities with other Native American tribes, it is a time of reflection on the past and the future of our tribe.

The first and foremost thought that is always on my mind is economic development and what we can do to make our tribe self-sustainable. There is so much that I would like to see us accomplish so that we may offer our members a hand up to be successful in retaining our culture, education and community services offered to our members. It takes money to do those things and to make money it takes money. Due diligence is a must to ensure the

right approach is made on any endeavor we wish to pursue. I am very excited about establishing an Economic Board and feel this is a must. I heard many times over the past week and fully agree that the Tribal Council and economics must be separated. We must operate as a business and not social decisions to be successful.

With the current political administration in Washington there is uneasiness and concern of what might come. We may not be able to rely on 8a, Section 106, or grants in the future. That concern must instill heightened government awareness. The national news coverage in Standing Rock was a significant demonstration of how Native Americans can

stand together as one to support a common belief. Will this be the first of what may come to us as a nation? I hope not but feel we need to be prepared to take a stand for what might lie ahead.

On a lighter note, I would like to commend the Culture Preservation committee for the recent tulip purse class led by Levi Randall and the 3rd Annual Stomp dance held at the Dewey Fairgrounds. This is something I truly enjoy and love seeing others partake in our culture and building relationships along the way.

Pray for peace, love and the ability to empathize with those you do not understand.

Keep On Keeping On.

Benita Shea
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From the Desk of Nathan Young IV

As elected leaders of the Delaware Tribe of Indians, we are charged by our Constitution to represent and act in all matters that concern the general welfare of the tribe. This includes economic development. It is important that our tribal businesses succeed so that our tribe will remain vital and relevant for generations to come.

On that front, I am pleased to report that this March the Delaware Tribal Council appointed two tribal members to the new Delaware Enterprise Development Commission. I have high expectations for the work that these very capable and motivated board members will accomplish on behalf of our tribal members, and would like to thank them for their service to our tribe.

Tribal Councilors are also responsible for cultivating, promoting and encouraging the culture and crafts of the LENNI LENAPE. On this front, I'm pleased to report that we have recently begun the remodeling

and renovation on our community center, the place where we meet to share food, culture, and work together. After this remodel of the community center we will begin work on a new Delaware Tribe Cultural Center and Museum. One day, tribal members and non-members will travel from far and wide to our cultural center to learn more about the heritage and history of the Delaware Tribe, remembering our struggles and triumphs.

As a Delaware Tribal Council member, my greatest concern is always to strike an equal balance when working on business and serving our culture. We do not have to make a choice between one or the other. We can be successful in both, creating a brighter future for those Delaware who have yet to come.

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Grant Steering Committee

Council Member Nicky K. Michael

Since last year in January, when I was appointed to chair the Grant Steering Committee, the staff and committee have moved mountains. This is due to the incredible efforts of all involved: Jean Lewis, Allan Barnes, Nathan Young IV, and Mary Jo Peterson. Previous members included Michelle Holley in much of 2016. None of this would be possible without the leadership of Chief Brooks.

One of the mandates we heard in 2014 was the need for grant funding. Indeed, this is how many tribal nations operate. In that regard, we have obtained a number of grant awards. Here are some of the highlights:

Climate Adaptation Planning Grant: \$249,000

National Science Foundation, Lenape Talking Dictionary: \$29,000

Institute of Library and Museums: \$7,000

Child Support: \$280,000

Housing and Urban Development, Delaware Child Care Head Start: \$2.3 million

Indian Health Services, Lewis B. Ketchum Boys and Girls Club: \$150,000 (meth prevention)

Other: Aid To Tribal Government (638), Enrollment (638), Low Income Heating and Air Assistance, Weatherization

We have also applied to several Department of Justice Violence Against Women grants and are working diligently to develop our courts, Indian Child Welfare, and drug abuse prevention. We continue to aim for private or foundation funding to supplement or even displace and offset reliance on federal grants. We see private funding particularly

important for the Lenape Culture Center.

Essentially, we serve as a sounding board, support, and final call for any possible submissions. We also encourage and attempt to make as many opportunities for training as possible. Thank you so much, wanishita, to the staff who wrote and were involved in any way: Robbie Hedges, Ronda Williams, Curtis Zunigha, Lindsey Harris, Jim Rementer, Brice Obermeyer, Anita Mathis, Allan Barnes, Jean Lewis, and of course Chief Brooks for navigating the rough and challenging waters of deadlines, reports, and communication.

We meet every Friday at 1 for a briefing and update as well as planning for the future.

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Tribal Homelands Workgroup to Develop Strategies for Increasing Tribal Representation in the Eastern Region

Brice Obermeyer

The Tribal Homelands Workgroup is comprised of representatives from tribes whose homelands are within the Forest Service's Eastern Region which comprises states such as Missouri, Indiana, Ohio and Pennsylvania among others. A similarity that many of our tribes face is that we are often removed from our tribal homelands. On May 9-11, the Tribal Homelands Workgroup will convene at Grey Towers National Historic Site in Pennsylvania to discuss the issue of maintaining a tribal presence in these homelands given this shared removal experience. Our greatest challenge in maintaining a presence is that there are non-federally recognized groups, some of which now have state recognition as a tribe, who claim to share a Delaware or other federally recognized

tribe's heritage. As such the Workgroup will meet to discuss the impact of non-federally recognized groups in the Eastern Region and will draft a position statement on non-federally recognized groups for the Forest Service and other agencies to use in their management and training strategies. The Workgroup will also develop strategies to increase tribal representation in the Eastern Region and produce a media release that will be shared with local media outlets, schools and museums to raise awareness about the federally recognized tribes with homelands in the Eastern Region.

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Tribal Operations Manager Report

Allan Barnes

Hello Delaware Tribal Members, family and friends. Spring is here and as is the case, so is the inevitable, Change! During the course of just these past few months our Tribal Headquarters, Chelsea, and Caney have all experienced some change. Whether it be our looks or staff, our efforts remain the same, moving the Tribe forward to preserve what we have accomplished for our future generations.

With that being said, let me inform you of our Spring Semester of 2017 Trust Fund Higher Education Scholarship award amounts. 41 full-time scholarships in the amount of \$400 and

6 part-time scholarships in the amount of \$200 were awarded for a total amount of \$17,600. This is certainly a benefit to our young Tribal members in an attempt to further their education. It is also a tribute to our Trust Board for demonstrating their commitment to our Tribe. Something you may or may not know, the vast majority of these scholarship awardees are from all over the United States, from West Coast to East Coast.

Scholarships are not the only benefits and assistance provided by our Trust Board. Our Education Assistance and Community Service Committees do offer provide a number assistance programs. If you have the internet and a printer, those applications

can be obtained by going to our website, or simply by calling our office in Bartlesville for that information.

Speaking of new looks, our Community Center has a new roof. We did not go back with a conventional metal roof because of the disruption in services we provide and our daily operations. Plus, as a benefit, we are enjoying are the tremendous savings in the actual cost and increased energy efficiency. Come visit us! We are continually moving forward with our Tribe's best interests in mind.

Sincerely
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From the Desk of Assistant Chief Bonnie Jo Griffith

What a great time to be Delaware!! Lots of exciting things are happening around our tribe.

Budgets are being formulated with new ideas in mind. Right now the plan is to remodel the old child care area into offices. We hope to move Housing and EPA into the Community Center Building. This would allow us to utilize the entire Social Services Building for a Delaware Culture Center. To this Council it just seems to make sense to separate the business offices from the culture area. By doing this, the cultural building could be open possibly on some weekends and/or evenings without any intrusion into the business side of the tribe.

As far as culture, we are hop-

ing to host a day camp for our youth this summer (still in the VERY early stages of planning). We could provide crafts, history, stories, dancing, etc. As I stated it's fairly early in the planning but we are hoping to work out some plans very soon. Additionally, we plan to update the computers for that center and purchase new display cases and other necessary items for a top notch facility.

The new roof is on the Community Center. Hopefully the years of leaking will finally end. No remodel of the center could happen until this problem was addressed. The roof has been patched many times without good results so the only solution we felt was to put a whole new

roof on it. The new roof is different than the previous but comes with a 20-year guarantee. We may consider painting the building so as to be more esthetically pleasing.

We have put together a new Delaware Enterprise Development Commission consisting of non-elected officials. Two of the members are Delaware tribal members, Brandy Ford and Michael Stevens. After visiting with these two we all feel they are certainly capable of giving us great direction as to economic opportunities. We are still looking for a third member of this Commission.

Chief Brooks, Councilors Nathan Young IV and Joe Brooks, and I attended the Mid-Winter

NCAI held in Washington, DC in February. Along with the many speakers we heard from at the conference, we were able to meet with the staffs of Senator Jim Inhofe and Representative Tom Cole. We also met directly with Senator James Lankford and Congressman Jim Bridenstine and their staffs. I came away from the trip feeling we were heard. It was a really good moment when Nathan and I were visiting directly with Senator Lankford and he pulled out a book that was just given to him, the Oklahoma Red Book. The Senator flipped directly to a page that referenced our tribe and he knew our story. I'm working with his Tulsa staff now to hopefully have him come join our el-

ders' lunch one day in April.

I hope each of you will continue to pray with me for our tribe. I ask God to help guide me and the Council in doing what is best for the Delaware Tribe of Indians. Your council has nothing but good hopes, plans, and intentions for you as a member and our tribe as a whole. HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

Check out my blog at:

mydelawarereviews.com

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Approved 2017 Budget Will Support an Expansion in Our Repatriation Efforts

Brice Obermeyer

The Delaware Tribe is pleased to announce that we have an approved budget that will enable us to greatly expand our repatriation efforts and will now focus on three major fronts. The first will be to continue working with museums on the cultural affiliation of the ancestral remains from the Abbott Farm National Historic Landmark. This landmark is a collection of sites in what is today Trenton, NJ that served as an important gathering place for Lenape people in the lower Delaware Valley for approximately 5,000 years. While the environmental productivity of the landmark drew people to the area, it also served as an important ceremonial site where several cemeteries were also established. Because of the landmark's sig-

nificance it has been the focus of periodic but sometimes intensive archaeological excavation over the past century and many of the remains from this site are now in some of the largest museums in the nation. Most of these museums that hold Abbott Farm remains have identified them as culturally unidentifiable because of the antiquity of the remains. However, we believe that these remains are Lenape ancestors and we have provided the museums with evidence that demonstrates a Lenape or Delaware cultural affiliation for these cemeteries. Our approved budget will allow us to continue working with these museums as they reassess their determination on a grave by grave basis in order to culturally affiliate the remains as Delaware. To

date, we know the location for the remains of approximately 150 graves from Abbott Farm. Once the affiliation of these graves is complete, we will begin the repatriation process. Our plan is to rebury the remains, once repatriated, at Pennsbury Manor near Philadelphia which is very near the landmark.

The second front is to reinitiate the repatriation process for the culturally affiliated remains at the State Museum of Pennsylvania. Most of these graves were recovered from historic or late woodland cemeteries and represent approximately 60 graves. Since the cultural affiliation of these remains have already been established, we anticipate that the repatriation process will proceed much more quickly than the Ab-

bott Farm collections. However, there are also culturally unaffiliated remains at the State Museum of Pennsylvania presumably because of the antiquity of these remains. As such we will also work with the museum on culturally affiliating their older collections based on our cultural affiliation evidence. Once repatriated, we also plan to rebury at Pennsbury Manor.

Because locating a secure location for a reburial location is often one of our most difficult challenges, our third front is identify a location in either New Jersey or Pennsylvania that we can continue to use as a reburial location. To this end, we are developing a Memorandum of Understanding with the Forest Service to use a location under their management

that we can use as a reburial location. The Forest Service is the only federal agency with the authority to accept remains that were not recovered from within their jurisdiction and as a federal agency their properties are federal lands and NAGPRA provides much greater protection for graves located on federal lands. With the successful implementation of this agreement it will open the door to a more permanent reburial location in states such as Indiana, Ohio and Pennsylvania.

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Veterans Report

Kenny Brown, Chairman

The Veterans Committee was contacted by the family of Bruce Thomas requesting a military presence for Bruce's service on February 8, 2017. Bruce Thomas, retired U.S. Army, was buried in the family cemetery at Whiteoak, OK. Four color guard members were able to be present—Homer Scott, Curtis Zunigha, David Inda, and Kenny Brown.

At the February Veterans meeting, the committee voted to start a fund for a tribal veterans' memorial to honor Lenape Warriors. We invited other tribal committees and tribal members to take pictures of Veteran Memorials that you see elsewhere and present ideas to our committee.

At the Copan Delaware Powwow the Veterans Committee is going to have an auction on Saturday morning at 10:00 at Joe Brooks's camp. Proceeds will go to our memorial fund.

P.S. we do accept all donations for the memorial. The location on campus will be discussed with the tribe.

Honor Guard-Color Guard News

March 4th The Lenape Veterans Color Guard pulled duty at Red Fork Powwow, TCC west campus.

Any veteran wanting to be part of the Lenape Honor Guard contact John Sumpter or Kenny Brown. You must be willing to commit time to learn military funeral protocol.

Any veteran wanting to be part of the Lenape Color Guard, contact John or Kenny. Veterans Committee provides uniforms for members.

Notice Veterans

Per Trust Board request, Veterans Committee will meet monthly. The chairman has created a Facebook group page for "Lenape Veterans Committee" and a group page for "Lenape Veterans Color Guard". Check pages for veteran activities and events.

Order of the Day

Gourd Dancers and Color Guard, loosen up and work out the kinks for Copan! ■

Environmental Program Report

Greetings from the Environmental Program! It has been an exciting six months for me as I learn my role in the program and how I can better serve the Delaware Tribe of Indians. I attended a forty-hour Hazardous Waste Operations and Emergency Response (HAZWOPER) training held by the Inter-Tribal Environmental Council (ITEC). This training gave me the knowledge of operations and emergency response for any hazardous waste spills that may happen on Tribal lands. Also, it gave me the tools to be able to work with local, state, and federal government in a proficient and effective manner.

I would also like to remind everyone of the recycling trailers located just behind the Delaware Tribe Community Center, where we accept plastic bottles, aluminum cans, paper, and cardboard for recycling.

The Delaware Tribe Environmental Program will be participating in Operation Clean House on April 22, 2017. Operation Clean House is an annual county-wide recycling event for hazardous household waste disposal and recycling. The Delaware Tribe of Indians helps sponsor this event alongside Phillips 66, Washington County, the City of Bartlesville, Osage Nation, and many others. Together, we're providing a safer, healthier environment in the place we all call home.

Wanishi.

Michael A. Taylor

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To request permission, please contact the Tribal Office at:

5100 Tuxedo Blvd
Bartlesville, OK 74006
918-337-6590

Department of Family & Children Services

Curtis Zunigha

The Department of Family & Children Services includes Child Support Services and the Indian Child Welfare Program. Curtis Zunigha serves as department director. Both offices are located in the Caney, Kansas administrative services building at 601 High Street, Caney, KS 67333 (telephone number: 620-879-2189).

Child Support Services

Are you or someone in your family having difficulty collecting child support payments? We have a program with dedicated professionals that can help.

The Office of Child Support Services is funded by a grant from the U.S. Dept of Health & Human Services/Administration for Children & Families/Office of Child Support Enforcement.

The program assists applicants to obtain tribal court orders for child support payments. Our goal is to ensure both parents provide continuous financial support for their children. We promote functional co-parenting relationships to increase stable and self-sufficient families. We can locate non-custodial parents, establish paternity, transfer cases from other courts, modify and enforce court orders, and collect and disburse payments. Grandparents caring for children in the home may also be eligible to obtain child support.

The benefit of using our office is that paternity establishment ensures accurate tribal enrollment and inheritance rights. Tribal court jurisdiction allows more authority and flexibility in how cases are handled. And we use native cultural sensitivity in

administering every case. We can refer applicants to other offices and agencies to meet the need for other social services. Our office does not provide any legal services to applicants. Child Support Services can manage cases ordered in state courts or referred by state agencies.

The office staff is Curtis Zunigha (Delaware), Director (czunigha@delawaretribe.org) and Arleata Snell (Assiniboine), Case Manager (asnell@delawaretribe.org).

The Delaware Tribe has entered into a Memorandum of Agreement with the State of Oklahoma and the State of Kansas. The agreement promises cooperative relations in administering child support services on behalf of any families that our respective programs may serve.

Contact the Office of Child

Support Services to obtain an application or download one from the tribal website:

<http://delawaretribe.org/wp-content/uploads/CSS-Application.pdf>

Indian Child Welfare

Do you know of a situation where Indian children are experiencing neglect or abuse in the home, by any family member, other resident or occupant?

The ICW program provides assistance to children who are being displaced from their home, are experiencing abuse and neglect in the home, or are being deprived of essential living conditions. The goal is to keep families together and in a safe & stable home. In the case of children needing to be placed into foster homes or adoption, the goal is to keep siblings together and placed in Indian homes. Program funds can provide limited assistance in crisis situations. This program is

NOT intended to provide poverty assistance grants; however there are circumstances in which severe poverty could lead to the potential neglect of children. Program services also include establishing eligibility for enrollment in tribal membership. All applicants will need to undergo an intake assessment.

ICW is funded by both federal and state grants. We work closely with tribal and state authorities to protect our Indian children. All information is strictly confidential according to federal laws.

The ICW Program Coordinator is Ashlyn Newcomb (Cherokee). For more information or to obtain ICW services, please call phone number (620) 879-2189, ext 6 or email: anewcomb@delawaretribe.org.

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Delaware Veterans Pictures

Years ago, the Delaware War Mothers established a WALL OF HONOR to recognize our Delaware Veterans. With the consent and support of the Delaware Veterans and Elders Committees, I replaced the rails and added Plaques to accommodate three rows of pictures on the wall (actually three walls) and reworked the pictures to remove scratches and flaws. Service information and the seals for their service unit and the Delaware tribe have been added to the picture for uniformity. Susan Cade printed the pictures and we currently have 133 pictures on the wall.

We are proud of our men and women who have and are serving our country and would like to

honor those for which we do not currently have pictures. If you or your relatives have served, we would like to add those picture and information. If you would email the service information with an attached picture to cran-dall@delawaretribe.org I will

see that it is added to the wall.

If you do not have email or a copy of the picture that can be attached, you can bring the picture and information by the Delaware Center and give it to the receptionist, or mail it to:

Delaware Tribe of Indians
Attn: Veterans Pictures
5100 Tuxedo Blvd.
Bartlesville, OK 74006

We will return the picture after we have scanned it.

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Delaware Water Gap Native Youth Camp

July 15th – 28th, 2017

QUALIFICATIONS & EXPECTATIONS

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Lenape Language Project Report

Jim Rementer

What's New

The DEL grants from the National Science Foundation enable us to continue making improvements to the Lenape Talking Dictionary. In June we received an email telling us that we had been awarded another two-year grant. We have been busy with meetings, telephone conferences, answering questions, etc. In our request for funding we stated the need for making additional improvements to better document the Lenape language. Users of the website have asked for more of the traditional Lenape stories with sound files. There are a number of recordings of stories made over the years that will be added. In some cases the recordings are not as clear as they could be and will require professional work to improve the sound quality. Linguist Ives Goddard has also given permission to add more of the stories that he recorded to the Lenape Talking Dictionary. Additional sound files of individual words are being added.

Independent of the grant we are rewriting the LTD database/website. Some of the reasons for needing to do that were: 1. The computer language used to build the database was an older computer language and does not

function well in more modern computers. 2. The program used to play the sound files did not work with tablets or cell phones. 3. As time goes on and there are more changes in the computer world we anticipate additional malfunctions in our database if not updated now. Here is a sample of what the look up page will look like (*see right*):

Project History

In 1997 we received a one-year Language Planning Grant from the Administration for Native Americans (ANA). We extended that grant to two years and a questionnaire was sent out to all of the families enrolled with the Delaware tribe. It contained two pages of questions asking what would be of most interest to the people. Following those suggestions and consulting with linguists and computer programmers was when we first conceived of the possibility of having an online dictionary with sound files. In 2002 the Lenape Language Preservation Project received a grant from the National Science Foundation to produce a dictionary database of Lenape. Much of the funding went to digitizing and preserving our existing audiotapes made in

past years with native speakers of Lenape. The **Dictionary** was officially online in February 2006. The Lenape Talking Dictionary was possibly the first online dictionary of a Native American language that featured sound files. All of the funding for the project came from grants written by director Jim Rementer. No tribal funds were used for the project until this year when funds were approved to rewrite the language database/website.

The Lenape Talking Dictionary contains thousands of Lenape or Delaware Indian words most of which contain sound files. It also has photographs, sample sentences, a section on grammar, basic lessons and stories. Under the previous grant words from lists created in the 1600s were added. There are very extensive lists from the 1700s mostly the work of the Moravian missionaries such as dictionaries, hymnals, Biblical translations and word lists. Some of these have already been added. Words from the recently published *Delaware Indian Language of 1824*, edited by project director Rementer and which is specific to this dialect of Southern Unami and which is like a 300-page grammar of the Lenape, are also being added to the dictionary.

The Lenape Talking Dictionary has been and will continue to be available online at no cost

to anyone interested in many aspects of the Lenape or Delaware Indian people. There have been frequent requests for translations of Lenape place names. A number of the old place names were reviewed and recorded with Lenape speakers and some have been added to the Lenape Talking Dictionary. Funding will help guarantee the future availability and utility of these valuable resources – access to not only a dictionary of the Lenape language, but one where native speakers can be heard speaking

the language. Since the death of the last fluent native speaker in 2002, the website is the only link connecting Lenape people to their ancestral language. The Talking Dictionary is a work in progress, and we appreciate your comments about the Lenape Talking Dictionary. We will continue adding to the Grammar and Lessons sections so you can learn how to construct sentences in Lenape.

Jim Rementer
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The screenshot shows the Lenape Talking Dictionary website interface. At the top, there are navigation links: GETTING STARTED, BROWSE THE DICTIONARY, LESSONS, STORIES, ABOUT US, NEWS, and CONTACT US. Below this is a search bar with the text "LENAPE TALKING DICTIONARY" and "By English WORD or PHRASE". There are two search buttons: "SEARCH" and "SEARCH". Below the search bar, there is a section titled "Search Results of 'Bird' English to Lenape". This section is divided into two columns. The left column, titled "English: bird | Lenape: chulëns", lists "Other Possible Word Results" including: "English: bird | Lenape: chulëns", "English: cardinal (bird) | Lenape: hmukwimint", "English: American Goldfinch (Spinus tristis), Wild Canary | Lenape: wisawtayyas", "English: bald eagle | Lenape: opalanie", "English: Golden Eagle | Lenape: aihām", "English: a quill (such as on a porcupine or bird) | Lenape: kawē", "English: a red bird | Lenape: maksit chulëns", "English: beak or bill of a bird | Lenape: wëlkōn", "English: bill of a bird; beak of a bird (cp-wëlkōn) | Lenape: wëkwëlkw", and "English: bird | Lenape: chulëns". The right column, titled "Sentence Results", lists several sentences in English and Lenape, such as "English: I have a bird. | Lenape: Nuhala chulëns." and "English: I hear a bird singing. | Lenape: Mpëntao chulëns pe asuwit." Below the sentence results is a section titled "Story Results" which lists several stories in English and Lenape, such as "English: 30. It was said long ago by the elders that when a person hears a little bird named a wren soon someone will visit us, it was said by the old Delawares. | Lenape: 30. Luwën hunt tömëwë yuki kikayäk ënta awën pën-taote na chulëntët hinutët ëluwënët xuntü xu awën kikakukuna, luwën hänkwa yuki xuwë Lënapeyunkahke." and "English: Oh, blackbird! | Lenape: Chëkënakwi, waha!" and "English: Oh, blackbird! | Lenape: Chëkënakwi, waha!" and "English: Perhaps that Little Bird will return, because he wants to see | Lenape: Konat xi na Tänkchulëns xu häsh xü pe ëli kahta neyöt." and "English: Perhaps that Little Bird will return, because he wants to see | Lenape: Konat xi na Tänkchulëns xu häsh xü pe ëli kahta neyöt." Below the story results is a section titled "More word results >>". At the bottom of the page, there is a footer with the text "This material is based on work supported by the National Science Foundation under Grant Numbers 0214022 & 1064036" and "© Lenape Talking Dictionary 2016".

Check Out the Tribal Web Site

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

Go to:

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Did You Know?: Gifts of Food from American Indians

Jim Rementer, Culture Preservation Committee

Many of the foods we eat today were either developed by or use ingredients made possible by the agricultural or culinary skill of the native people of the Americas. When we have Thanksgiving Dinner some of the items on the table which were developed or gathered by the Indians are potatoes, corn, green beans, cranberries, sweet potatoes, pumpkins, and pecans. The turkey itself is a bird native to the Americas.

Other foods developed, grown, or gathered by the American Indians are avocados, peanuts, pineapples, tomatoes, peppers, sunflowers, and squashes. It would be difficult to say which was the greatest single food gift to the world, corn or potatoes, as both are now so widely grown throughout the world.

Corn (Maize): began to be developed in Mexico about 7,000 years ago from a grass-like plant called Teosinte. Once corn had become such a productive food crop, it began to be passed from tribe to tribe until it spread throughout North America. It arrived in the southwest about 2,300 years ago and the east coast about 1,000 years ago.

Potatoes: native to South America, but had not yet reached the tribes of North America at the time the first Europeans arrived. In place of the potato many tribes raised or gathered various tubers. One of these was the tuber of a variety of sunflower. It is sometimes found today in grocery stores under the name Jerusalem artichoke (although these tubers had nothing to do with Jerusalem nor were they artichokes) or as some people call them, Sun-chokes. One of the other primary tubers eaten by many tribes is the tuber of a plant called *Apios*

americana, sometimes known as Groundnut.

Beans: known in Europe and other countries, but the explorers found many new types of beans which had been developed by the American Indians. Most of the most common beans (*Phaseolus* spp.) eaten today came from the Americas. We know these as kidney beans, lima beans, navy beans, pinto beans, string beans, and many more types. Runner bean vines were an important segment of the "three sisters" cultivation along with corn and squash.

Sweet Potatoes: another gift from the Indian farmers. The name is misleading as they are not potatoes, but they are a type of Morning Glory which forms a tuber.

Pumpkins and Squash: related plants, raised in North America for thousands of years. Unfortunately, many people do not realize what a delicious and wholesome food pumpkins are.

Sunflowers: developed by the Indians of North America. Sunflowers have become one of the main oil-bearing plants raised today, and now every grocery store carries sunflower oil for cooking purposes. They are also sold roasted as a snack food.

Chili Peppers: grown in parts of North America, and soon after they were discovered by the explorers they were spread to many other parts of the world.

Chocolate: one of the most popular foods developed in the Americas. Scientists have determined that it has been in use by Native Americans for at least 4,000 years. The word chocolate itself probably comes from the Aztec name for the chocolate drink, *xocolatl*. Evidence of chocolate has even been found

north of Mexico in Pueblo Bonito in Chaco Canyon. The discovery, dated to between A.D. 1000 and 1125, indicates trade was underway between the Chaco Canyon residents and cacao growers in Mexico and Central America.

Vanilla: comes from orchids of the genus *Vanilla*. While the major species of vanilla orchids are now grown around the world, they originally came from Mesoamerica, including parts of modern day Mexico and Guatemala. The vanilla orchid is a vine-like plant that grows up trees. The vine can grow up to 30 feet long. Vanilla is the only edible fruit of the orchid family, the largest family of flowering plants in the world.

Turkeys: there is evidence that several groups of Indian people began to domesticate turkeys as early as 800 B.C. That was in south-central Mexico, and again in what is now the southwestern U.S. at about 200 B.C. In addition to raising or hunting turkeys to eat, their feathers were used in rituals and ceremonies. The feathers were also used to make robes or blankets. These feather robes were made throughout the southeastern part of North America and extended along the east coast as far north as the Lenape or Delaware Indians in New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

Most Indian people of North America had no domesticated animals which they raised for food, so they hunted various animals and fowls, as well as catching fish. These provided the major part of the required fat and animal protein for their diet. In many parts of the country the cultivation of corn, beans, and squash, plus the collecting of wild plants, provided the balance

of the foods needed for good health.

Other Foods

Most tribes also depended on wild plants for their food. Some of these plants were given strange names by the Europeans, such as Pigweed (*Amaranthus*), Duck potato (*Sagittaria*), American Water lotus (*Nelumbo lutea*), and Milkweed (*Asclepias syriaca*). Other common foods collected from the wild were Blackberries, Blueberries, Strawberries, Raspberries, Cranberries, Grapes, Paw-Paws, Persimmons, Acorns, Wild Rice, and the sap from Maple trees to make Maple syrup. One of the more recent grains added to popular use is Quinoa, which originated in the Andean region of Peru, Bolivia, Ecuador and Colombia, and was domesticated 3,000 to 4,000 years ago for human consumption.

Indian cooking was quite varied and differed from one part of North America to another. Differences in climate and region would determine how foods would grow in any one area. Foods eaten in one area were often as different from foods in another area as are Chinese and French cooking. The people near the Great Lakes ate Wild Rice, Venison, Fish, Corn,

Berries, and various wild plant foods. The people who lived along the seacoasts usually depended heavily on fish, oysters, clams, and other things from the sea.

Most American Indian tribes freely shared their bounty of foods with the Europeans. Among many tribes one of the main teachings was not to be stingy with food as you would displease the Creator and then you too would be out of food. Many of the early Colonists were not farmers and were unfamiliar with these new plants and at first made no attempt to learn how to grow the native plants. Instead, when they ran short of food they had to keep asking the Indians to give away more and more of their own food stored away for the winter.

We should be thankful that the American Indians were such good farmers and were able to develop many of the delicious foods we eat today. And also that they were willing to share the foods with the rest of the world.

For more information, a longer version of this article, along with other interesting aspects of Lenape life, can be found on the tribal web site (www.delaware-tribe.org) under "Culture and Language." ■



Lenape Indians Preparing Sturgeon They Caught. Drawing by John Kraft.

From the Desk of the Enrollment Director

Chris Miller

The Enrollment Department has gone through a bunch of changes in the past year. Leslie Fall-Leaf and I are proud to announce that the renovation portion is complete. With new carpet and the walls repainted, our office is something we are now quite proud of, having had our wishes completed. The funds for this major renovation came from a gift of end-of-year monies delegated to us from the United States Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs. This grant started at \$124,338. As of March 15, 2017, we currently have \$20,000 left to spend on our department.

Every other year we go through a Fuel Tax Audit. This requires that we have an updated address for our tribal members living in Oklahoma, and brings in \$30,000 to \$50,000 per quarter—much needed funds for tribal operations. To maximize these funds, we need to have up-to-date addresses for all tribal members living in Oklahoma.

The more people we document living in Oklahoma, the more money the Tribe gets. This money is used for the benefit of all tribal members and the tribe as a whole. Plus having an updated address means that we can more easily communicate with tribal members, get them their tribal newspaper and other benefits, and allow them to vote in tribal elections if they wish to do so.

Which leads me to my personal hope, an accurate and complete tribal membership list. If you are reading this and you live out of state, by all means update your information as well. If you know the contact information for others in your family, again please send us updates. Having everyone’s actual contact information will help all of us tremendously.

Finally, we would like to ask for each of you to document your family members that have passed away since January 1968. We would really appreciate if you take the time to write down

a list and mail it to us.

Currently we have 1,879 “Lost Delawares,” tribal members for whom we do not have current mailing addresses. This is 17.1% of the total tribal membership. When I started working here on May 31, 2011, there were 4,800 tribal members whom were considered Lost Delaware at that time (and 90 of those were over the age of 100 and we were able to find obituaries or proof that they had passed). So we are making substantial progress.

I know if we ask for this information, we are may get a bunch of duplicates—that is totally fine. We will be happy to do the work of creating the list, we just need the information. A full, or close to full, list would be wonderful to have.

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Chris Miller
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Contact Information Change Form

Name: _____

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City: _____

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To have a name changed on the tribal roll, send proper documentation, such as a legal document, stating the change (examples: marriage license, adoption papers, divorce papers, etc.). Be sure to include your previous name or names since that will be the way it is listed on the roll. Including Tribal Registration number is helpful, but not required. Please include others in your household who are affected by this contact info change, including children, so that their records can be updated.

Send completed form to:

**Delaware Tribe of Indians
Enrollment Department
5100 Tuxedo Blvd
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DTCSS does not provide an attorney or other social services. We can refer applicants to existing resources to assist in supporting children and families. We bring native cultural sensitivity and values to our services. Our goal is to promote functional co-parenting relationships that provide financial support, family stability, and positive child development.

Applications are available online at www.delawaretribe.org and at Delaware Tribe offices in Bartlesville and Chelsea, Oklahoma and at the DTCSS office in Caney, Kansas.

The Delaware Tribe Child Support Program Case Specialist will be available for assistance with child support applications, and any other child support concerns on Thursdays from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm at the Bartlesville office located at 5100 Tuxedo Blvd, Bartlesville OK, (918) 337-6590.

For more information contact:
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Obituaries

Marilyn Sue Aaroe



**September 20, 1941 –
January 17, 2017**

Marilyn Sue Aaroe was born on Sept. 20, 1941 in Seattle, Washington to Howard and Helen Broadbent-Love. Marilyn was raised in El Dorado, Kansas. She received her education in El Dorado, Kansas as well. She then moved from El Dorado and married her previous husband, Murrel Aaroe. They made their home in Wichita, Kansas, raising their family there. Marilyn worked as a nanny to numerous children after raising her own children. Marilyn was also very active in working in the deaf ministry and touched many lives through using this ministry for Jesus Christ. Marilyn was very proud and active member of the Delaware Tribe of Indians and passed this heritage to her children. Marilyn moved to Bartlesville, Oklahoma in 1994 where she made her home until her death. Marilyn is survived by five children, four daughters, and one son, Richard Douglas Aaroe and wife, Brenda of Bartlesville, Oklahoma, Teri Jo Aaroe, of Bartlesville, Oklahoma,

Robin Cleaveland and her husband Kirk, of Towanda, Kansas, Sherry (Aaroe). She is survived by seven grandchildren, Amanda

Porter Bell and her husband Erik, of Sand Springs, Oklahoma, Jennifer Anderson, of Brooklyn Park, Minnesota, Calvin Duncan and his wife, of Stanway, Washington, Anthony Duncan and his wife, of Stanway, Washington, Phillip Geis, of Wichita, Kansas, Janella Little, of Towanda, Kansas and Adria Little, of Towanda, Kansas, six great grandsons and two great granddaughters. She is survived by two sisters, Dianna Britting, of McPherson, Kansas, and Suzie Kiddoo, of Wichita, Kansas and a host of nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, Howard and Helen Broadbent-Love, of Benson, Arizona and one daughter, Terry Little, of Towanda, Kansas. ■



Albert Eugene Black



**January 28, 1938 –
October 2, 2016**

Albert Eugene "Gene" Black, 78 years, of Bryan, started his journey early Sunday, October 2, 2016 in his home with his family by his side. Gene was born January 28, 1938 in Claremore, Oklahoma, son of the late Albert and Myrtle (Falleaf) Black. Gene was raised as a child in Copan, Oklahoma. He was a 1956 graduate of Haskell Institute in Lawrence, Kansas, where he played

on the State Runner-up basketball team. Gene served in the United States Army during the Vietnam Era. He married Ruth A. Kitson on July 15, 1956 in Topeka, Kansas, and she survives. Gene worked as a pipeline welder and superintendent for Maajic, the former Brust Pipeline and Swetnam, for 50 years, until his retirement in 1992 due to a disability. He was a lifetime member of the Bryan Eagles Aerie 2233 and Oklahoma Chapter for Haskell. In his free time, Gene enjoyed fishing, hunting, and participating in cultural Native American Heritage events. Gene was a proud enrolled tribal member of the Delaware Lenape Tribe of Oklahoma. Gene was an avid sports fan, following the Michigan Wolverines, Oklahoma Sooners, and the Green Bay Packers. He treasured the time he spent with his family, especially his grandchildren.

Surviving is his wife, Ruth of Bryan, Ohio; four children, Kenneth Black of Portland, Oregon, Donald (Linda) Black of St. Louis, Missouri, Jeanne (Darren) Black Chappuies of Madison, Wisconsin, and Daniel Black of Defiance, Ohio; four grandchildren, Elliott, Angela, Desmond, and Jessen Black, and one sister, Verna Artherton of Bartlesville, Oklahoma; along with many family members. Gene was preceded in death by his parents, and one brother, Douglas Falleaf. ■

If one of your relatives or close friends has passed, please send us an obituary. We will run it in the next issue. 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 lfalleaf@delawaretribe.org. The Community Services Committee has a burial assistance program if you need help. ■

Wesley Delos Creed



**January 19, 1936 –
December 30, 2016**

Wesley Delos Creed, was born in Pawnee, OK on January 19, 1936 to John and Gertrude (Longbone) Creed. Wesley had 8 brothers and 2 sisters, an older brother, Lawrence and an older sister, Yleta, as well as 6 younger brothers and one younger sister, Paul David (married to Mildred), Perry, Jehue, Tim (married to Kathy), Joe, Albert, Gary, and Mary Elizabeth. The family lived in Bartlesville, Oklahoma; Nashville, Tennessee; Lake Charles, Louisiana; West Lake, Louisiana; and Pitkin, Louisiana. As a child, Wes was responsible for hoeing and tending to the garden, he once grew a watermelon so big that his brothers and himself could not carry it, so they put it in a little wagon to get it home. He was additionally responsible for gathering wood for the stove. He went hunting and fishing with his brothers and helped his mother pick wild berries for pies that she would bake for the family. Wes attended Haskell Indian High School and graduated in 1954. Being very athletic, he participated in both football and track. In one of Wesley's years as the quarterback, Haskell had an undefeated football season. During one of

those games, having never scored a touchdown, he changed the play the coach called two consecutive times in order to achieve that goal. The next play the coach sent the message that if he changed the play again he would be benched. Against his desire, Wes complied with the coach's orders. During this time, he was classmate and friend to the Mills brothers, Walt and Billy. Billy went on to win the 10,000-meter race in the 1964 Olympics, in Japan. Wes also met Pauline Bellcourt and they married in 1955. When courting, Pauline went down to meet Wes's parents. While there, they rode around on his scooter. Pauline recalls the scooter did not have enough power and she ended up pushing Wes up the Lake Charles's bridge before she got to ride down the other side. After marrying Pauline, he started working at Frost Paint and Oil Corporation, and they had daughters Leslie (Susie) and Deborah as well as a son, Wesley. Then in 1964, they moved to Moab, Utah and he started working for Rockwell at the Green River Airbase and gained top security clearance which he took very seriously. As a member of the Moab Utah Jaycees, Wes was instrumental in restructuring and organizing this local chapter and was presented with an award for his service to the club. In 1968, they moved to Costa Mesa, California where he worked for Celsco Industries. While in Costa Mesa they had a son Daniel. In 1974, they moved to Fort Walton Beach, Florida, where he worked at Eglin Air Force Base. While in Florida, Wes and Pauline adopted their grandson Steven whom they raised as their own. Then in 1976, they moved for a two-year stint to Israel where he worked with the Israeli Defense Forces. After returning to their home in Florida, for a number of years, they moved to Tucson, Arizona in 1981. After

Obituaries (continued)

30 years of marriage, Wes and Pauline parted ways in 1985, with the older children already out of the home, Steven stayed with Pauline and Danny after a while joined Wes, who had moved to Birmingham, Alabama. While in Birmingham, he met and married Violet Enslin for a brief period of time before they also parted ways in 1988. After moving to Arab, Alabama, with his son Danny, he began to coach the City of Arab's first soccer team in which they placed 3rd in state, their first year as a team. While coaching his son Danny and the team, he met Donna Bailey (Richard Bailey's mother, also a team member). Wes and Donna married in 1989 and continued to make their home in Arab. Wes and Donna shared their home with their beloved dog, Abby. Wes worked for Hughes Aircraft as well as Raytheon in Huntsville, Alabama before branching out as a private contractor. As a private contractor, he had the opportunity to work for Boeing, and in Alaska at Fort Greely for a number of years. While working there he got to experience the Northern Lights, -60 below weather, while traveling through the state. One of his favorite spots was Delta Junction because it had more things to do than Fort Greely, which was a very remote military installation. After Alaska, Wes stuck close to home and worked on various contracts. Throughout Wes's extensive career he has been an electrical engineer on various projects that include planes, rockets, missile guidance systems and even space bound vehicles. He loved what he did, as it also provided opportunities to travel extensively to places around the Mediterranean and the United States. Wes tried to bring his family on most trips but if he wasn't able to bring his family along, he took a lot of pictures. To hear his children retell the story, they would have a hard time stay-

ing awake through the long slide shows when he returned home. Wesley was really into stock car and drag racing. The boxes full of trophies tell how good he was and how much he enjoyed it. All of his children have stories of going to the races. Over the years, Wesley put in enough time here and there to obtain his Bachelors Degree in the field of Engineering. In 2010, after 21 years of marriage, Donna lost a multi-year battle to cancer; Wes was well acquainted with the disease as he had battled cancer as well and gone into remission multiple times since 1995. Wes was left exhausted after using every possible resource to fight and care for Donna's health. It was unknowingly, during this time, that Wes's cancer once again reared its ugly head and came back from remission. Leaving Alabama behind, Wes moved to Ogema, Minnesota with his daughter Leslie; traveling and spending time with family and friends while getting to know his grandchildren and great grandchildren. Unfortunately, along with other contributing ailments, the cancer metastasized beyond the original form and after much effort, Wes went to be with our Lord on December 30, 2016. He will be missed and remembered by his remaining family and friends as an adventurous, brilliant, loving father, grandfather, great grandfather, animal lover and mentor to many.

Wesley was preceded in death by his wife, Donna; parents, John and Gertrude; sisters, Yleta and Mary Elizabeth; brothers, Perry, Jehue, Joe, Albert and Gary; grandchild, Benjamin Creed; great grandchild Macie Fain.

Wesley is survived by his siblings Lawrence Creed, Paul David Creed (married to Mildred) and Timothy Creed (married to Kathy); his children Leslie Susan Fain, Wesley Duane Creed, Morning Star Bellcourt (Debo-

rah Ann), Daniel Allen Creed and Stephan Lee Creed; his stepchildren Dana Jacobs (Bailey) (married to Adam), Richard Bailey; his grandchildren Jesse Fain (married to Ann (Sii)), Rachel Yost (Fain) (married to Jeremy), Erin Fain, Bruce Fain, Louis Fain, Jade Fain, Layla Butcher, Amy Butcher, Seth Smith (engaged to Nikki McIntosh), Donna Rotella (engaged to Mitchell Wentz), John Rotella (engaged to Amanda Kleespie), Thomas Covington, Charles Creed, Alexander Creed, Dannielle Creed, Elijah Creed, Isaac Salazar, Draven Creed, Delos Creed; his step-grandchildren Chelsea Bailey, Brison Bailey; his great grandchildren Jsii Fain, Madelynn Fain, Gwenyth Fain, November Carter, Gabriel Fain, Arden Rock, Jedidiah Fain, Silas Fain, Danielle Fain, Ian Fain, Amara Fain, Nathaniel Fain, Aaralyn Fain, Daneaya Yost, Alonzo Yost, Daunte Yost, Cali Yost, Gaven Creed, Cammylee Creed, Kyah McIntosh-Smith, Kayden Bergh, and Serenity Rotella. ■



Jerry Lee Douglas



**September 10, 1939 –
December 31, 2016**

Jerry Lee Douglas, known by his family and friends as Chief, passed away on December 31, 2016 at the age of 77.

The son of John Arnet and Bertha Ketchum Douglas was born

at home in Winganon on September 10, 1939. He was raised in the Chelsea area and graduated from Chelsea High School in 1958. Jerry married his high school sweetheart Lura Ruth Powell on May 9, 1959. Their son, J. Shane Douglas, was born in 1968. Jerry honorably served his country in the United States Air Force. The next several years Jerry spent working for Southwestern Computing services as a computer programmer. He returned to Chelsea and helped to care for his mother in her final years. It was then that he became involved in the Delaware Indian tribal affairs. He began serving on many boards for the Delaware tribe, such as the housing authority, the Boys and Girls Club of Chelsea, the Tribal Council, and the Delaware Trust Board. The role progressed into serving as the assistant chief, and ultimately, he was elected Chief of the Delaware Tribe. Under his administration the Delaware Tribe regained their federal recognition.

In his spare time, Jerry enjoyed watching sports. His favorite teams included the Oklahoma City Thunder, St. Louis Cardinals, Dallas Cowboys, and the Oklahoma Sooners. When he was younger, he also enjoyed coaching youth basketball. However, his true passion was spending time with his family.

He is preceded in death by his parents, John and Bertha; brother, John Redman Douglas, and sister, Juanita Rose Moore.

Survivors include his son, J. Shane Douglas and wife Victoria; grandsons, Johnathan Redman and Jeremy Quin Douglas, all of Winganon; sisters, Ida England of Chelsea, and Dortha Arline Reavis of Savannah, Missouri; brother, A.K. Douglas of Chelsea; sister-in-law, Olga Douglas of Claremore; nieces and nephews, Dennis and Pauletta England of Tulsa, Bob England of Chelsea, Jenan

Alderman of Chelsea, Linda Phillips and husband Sam of Owasso, Joyce Westenhaver of Chelsea, Donald Moore of Claremore, Don Douglas and wife Margaret of Oklahoma City, Karen Hinkle and husband Mike of Claremore, Patsy Schmidt of Savannah, Missouri, Doug Reavis and wife Randi of Savannah, Missouri, David Douglas and wife Rhonda of Chelsea, Duane Douglas and wife Robbin of Claremore, Debbie Whisenhunt of Chelsea, close friend Carol Wall of Tulsa, forever friend Lura Douglas Barber and husband Larry of Tulsa, and many cousins and extended family. ■



Mary Lou Haff Kimberlin



**August 31, 1930 –
January 16, 2017**

Mary Lou "Aunt Lou" Haff Kimberlin of Jay, OK was born Aug 31, 1930 in Vinita, OK. Born the youngest of ten Mary's father was (Jake) Eber Hylas Haff, son of Cyrus P. and Mary Haff. Cyrus in turn was the son of Isaac Israel Haff of Ohio who proudly traced his ancestry to the Delaware Chief William Anderson. Mary's mother, Stella Gertrude Clements-Greenfeather was not Native but was adopted by her Shawnee father.

Mary Lou followed her musician brothers to various cities and worked in the offices of the Biltmore in Oklahoma City and

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McMahan's in Bakersfield, CA. She loved to dance, sing, and play piano and was said to be vocally close to Patsy Cline who she was often mistaken for. She also loved to shop, dress nice, and lived to travel the United States. Having resided in Bakersfield, CA, Kansas City, KS, St. Louis, MO, Dallas, TX (Grapevine Lake), and Muskogee, OK she still always loved to go back to Vinita where she had been young.

Mary Lou was very proud of her heritage. People often told her she was beautiful and she never failed to meet the compliment with "Well I am a Delaware Indian! That's how come!"

Mary Lou was blessed to find love three times. Her first marriage was to Jack Cline and they lived near Wichita, KS. Her second husband was Howard Virgil Elder, her contact at Shangri-La who often visited back home in Kansas. Her last marriage was to John Scott Kimberlin of Gillette, WY. All three husbands preceded her in death.

After several illnesses this vibrant lady finally lost her battle with Stage IV breast cancer on Jan. 16, 2017 at the age of 86.

Besides her husbands, she is preceded in death by her parents; a sister, Katherine Chapin of San Francisco; brothers Mabron Haff of Vinita, OK, Gene Haff of Oklahoma City, OK, Theodore (Ted) Haff a member of the Arizona Country Music Hall of Fame inducted Wills Bros Band, Merle Lindsey of Scottsdale, AZ, Lloyd M. Haff of Redwood, CA, and William (Bill) Herman Haff of Sand Springs, OK. She is survived by one brother, Jake Haff Jr of Los Angeles, CA and Phoenix and Payson, AZ; and three sons Howard Elder, Terry L. (T.D.) Elder, and Randy L. Kimberlin all of Vinita, OK; as well as many

grandchildren, in-laws, nieces, nephews, and cousins.

All of her family members and loved ones would like to give special thanks to her Arizona family, the Delaware Tribe of Indians, the Mays and Yost families, and the office and medical staff of her numerous healthcare providers. Interment was conducted by Luginbuel Funeral Home on Jan 18, 2017 at Ketchum Cemetery, Ketchum OK ■.



Marvin F. Miller



**July 29, 1939 –
February 19, 2017**

Marvin F. Miller, 77, died peacefully on Sunday morning, February 19, 2017 in Lafayette, Louisiana at the Carpenter House of St. Joseph Hospice.

Marvin was born July 29, 1939 in Silver Lake, Oklahoma. He graduated from College High School in Bartlesville, Oklahoma in 1957. He served in the United States Marine Corps from 1957-1963. In 1974 he began a 40-year career at Land Coast Insulation, Inc, retiring in 2014.

Marvin was an incredible man and was well respected by all who knew him. He was a devoted family man who loved his family dearly. In addition to being dedicated to his family he also loved hunting, fishing, photography,

gardening and traveling. He was a member of the Delaware Tribe of Indians and was extremely proud of his heritage.

Marvin is survived by his wife of 48 years, Edolia Romero Miller; four children, Brad Miller, Dustin Miller and wife Melody, Ty Miller and wife Tonia, and Casha Miller Guidry and husband Derek; six grandchildren, Mishael Miller, Devin Landry, Eleyse Miller, Gabrielle Miller, Makena Miller, and Whitney Guidry; two great-grandchildren, Liam Miller and Kevin Miller; three sisters, Marilyn O'Keefe, Carolyn Chaino Ahkeahbo and Sandra Blevins and husband Junior. He is preceded in death by his grandparents Duncan and Dolly Buoy Miller; parents. Fred and Ruby Miller; and brother, William Duncan Miller.

A private memorial service for the immediate family will be held at a later date.

Donations may be made to St. Joseph Hospice of Lafayette or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

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John Jocko Parks

**July 13, 1969 –
February 15, 2017**

On February 15, 2017 we lost our family member and friend John Jocko Parks. He was born John Larry Souza, July 13, 1969. He is survived by his son Cody Mahler, his stepfather Joseph Hilwaulker, his sister Jacquie Parks, his aunt Valerie Parks and his cousin Rickey Parks. There was a

private funeral in Oklahoma at the Delaware Indian Burial Grounds with his family, where he was laid to rest next to his mother, Debbie Hilwaulker, and his grandparents, Clarence and Peggy Parks. Jocko was loved by so many. He was compassionate toward all those close to him. He enjoyed being with friends and was always there to help his friends in need. God bless you Jocko. Until we meet again. ■



Blake Ashley Sisk



**October 5, 1990 –
February 1, 2017**

Blake Ashley Sisk, 26, of Sperry, Okla., passed away Feb. 1, 2017. She was born to Robert and Margaret (Shannon) Sisk on Oct. 5, 1990 in Claremore, Okla.

Blake was a proud member of the Osage Nation and Shawnee/Delaware Nations and danced every year in her Osage In-Lon-Schka dances. She grew up in Sperry, Okla., where she was very close with her Sisk, Tiblow, and Shannon families. She attended high school in Skiatook, Okla., before moving to California with her family and graduating from Westminster High School, where she was a standout Track and Field athlete. She won a Track and Field scholarship to Golden West College where she high jumped, long

jumped, and was a heptathlete.

Along with her athletic abilities, Blake was very beautiful. Spotted at a young age, she became a model for some of Indian Country's top Native designers. Appearing in national ad campaigns, runway shows, makeup campaigns and television appearances.

She is survived by her mother and father, her brother Stephen Sisk and his wife Coree of Owasso, Okla.; her maternal grandfather George Shannon and wife Elnora of Skiatook; her paternal grandmother Mary Tiblow Sisk of Sperry, Okla.; many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, relatives and friends. She was preceded in death by her maternal grandmother Mary Agnes Wagoshe Shannon, who she will rest next to; and paternal grandfather Steve Sisk.

She was from the Zon-Zo-Li'n District and she was named by the late Ed Red Eagle Sr. at the Morrell Family Native American Church in Hominy. Her Osage name was Clay-En-Toin, Looking at the Eagle.

She laid in state at the Johnson's Funeral Home in Sperry, Okla., for her Shawnee/Delaware relatives Feb. 3-5. On the morning of Feb. 6, she was moved to Wakon Iron Chapel in Pawhuska, Okla., for her Osage relatives. A rosary will be held on Feb. 6 at 7 p.m. at the Chapel. Native American Church Service was held on Feb. 7 at 8 a.m. with Dr. Steven Pratt officiating. A Catholic Church Service was held at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church at 10 a.m. with Father Sean Donovan officiating. Burial was held at the Pawhuska City Cemetery with a traditional Osage meal to follow at Wakon Iron Hall in Pawhuska. ■

Obituaries (continued)

Harold Bruce Thomas



**January 24, 1941 –
February 5, 2017**

Harold Bruce Thomas passed away Sunday February 5, 2017 at his home in White Oak, OK. He was born on January 25, 1941 the son of Milford Thomas and Jerline (Chisholm) Thomas in Tulsa, OK. Harold was raised at White Oak, OK. and graduated from Chilocco Indian School. After graduating high school he joined the U S Marines and then transferred after two years of service in the U S Army. Harold served four tours of service in Vietnam before retiring from the army and moving back to White Oak. He was a believer by faith and practiced his Shawnee Tribal Customs. He was member of the White Oak school board, Delaware Housing Authority and had owned a couple of smoke shops.

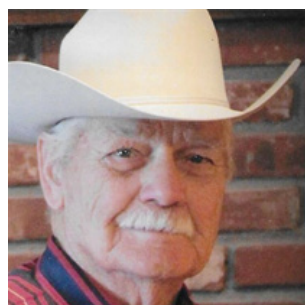
He was preceded in death by his mother and father. Survivors include: 2 children, Charles Thomas, Claremore, OK and Mary McCampbell and husband Thomas of Conroe, TX; two grandchildren, Autumn Rose Thomas of Midwest City, OK, Maya Xel McCampbell of Conroe, TX; two brothers, John Thomas of Bartlesville, OK and Chiefy Tiger of Sperry OK.; three sisters, Buggy Kid of Skiatook, OK, Cindy Tiger of Tulsa, OK and Karen Tiger of Bixby,

OK; numerous nieces and nephews; and a host of friends.

Visitation was held Tuesday evening at the family home in White Oak, OK. Services were Wednesday February 8, 2017 at 10:00 am Thomas Family Cemetery, White Oak, Ok. With John Thomas and Eric Wenman officiating. Services entrusted to Luginbuel Funeral Home. Online condolences may be submitted to www.honoringmemories.com. ■



Gilbert Ray Watters



**January 31, 1933 –
January 31, 2017**

Gilbert Ray Watters, 84, of Copan, Oklahoma, passed away at his home on January 31, 2017. Gilbert was born in Ochelata, Oklahoma on January 31, 1933 to Ira and Della Watters. He was raised near Dewey, Oklahoma by Jim and Laura King. Gilbert attended Dewey High School until joining the United States Air Force where he completed his education. Gilbert was married to Mary Louise Skye on March 24, 1952; they were married over 64 years. After serving in the Air Force, Gilbert worked a number of years in the oilfields of West Texas before joining the Bartlesville Fire Department. During his time with the Department he competed in rode-

os and ranched in his spare time. After retiring, Gilbert devoted his time to family and ranching. Gilbert is survived by his wife, Mary, his children, Jim Watters and Laura Maynor, his grandchildren, Jennifer Revard, Jeremy Johnson, Jimmie Johnson,

and Katharine Maynor, his ten great-grandchildren, Chase and Lyndee Revard, Marian and Jennings Johnson, Trey, Grant and Maura Johnson, and Skye, Anna, and Beau Scimeca as well as numerous family and friends. Gilbert is preceded in death by

his nine brothers and sisters, Sam, Henry, Clyde, Earl, Ora, Ida, Elnora, Eva and Joy, and his granddaughter, Sarah Elizabeth Scimeca. Gilbert was the roughest, toughest, meanest, sumbitch you ever met... and a great man. ■



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Community Services and Education

Community Services Programs

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

Burial Program: Burial assistance for Delaware tribal members. The family may apply for up to \$500. The funds may be applied to expenses that are most beneficial to the family (i.e., funeral services, meals, wake, grave marker etc.). Documentation must be provided, including death certificate.

Dental Assistance: Assistance for dental services up to \$250. Services may include tooth repair, dental fillings, dentures or emergency services. Routine dental exams or cleaning are not covered. Payment for services will be made to the vendor.

Elder Optical Assistance: Assistance for optical services to elders age 60 and over. Funds may be used for services, including glasses, physician's visits or related costs up to \$200 annually. Payment for services will be made to the vendor.

Elder Prescription Medication Assistance: Prescription medication assistance to Delaware elders age 60 and over for pharmacy and related costs. Elders may receive assistance not to exceed \$900 per calendar year. Elders may apply more than once per calendar year until \$900 is reached. Funds may be disbursed to vendors on a monthly basis not to exceed \$75 per month for long-term recurring medication. Elders must include a statement from the pharmacy showing the continuing service. This addresses Elders who have an ongoing monthly pharmacy bill and must renew application annually.

Emergency and Emergency Travel Assistance: Emergency assistance to Delaware tribal members. Funds are to be used for emergency situations. Assistance includes, but is not limited to, groceries or related assistance, or health transportation costs. Applicants must utilize all other community resources prior to application. Funds are allocated up to \$200 and will be disbursed as

determined by the Community Service Committee on a case-by-case basis.

Medical and Hospital Equipment Assistance: Assistance to pay medical bills, including but not limited to medical equipment (purchase or rental), home health care, pharmacy, etc. not to exceed \$200. Payment for services will be made to the vendor.

Rental Assistance: Assistance in emergency situations on a one-month, one-time, once-a-year basis. Amount of assistance that can be approved is limited up to \$200. Eviction notice and/or other documentation must be submitted with the application. Approval of application must be obtained prior to payment. The Tribal member's name must be on the rental/lease contract. Payment will be made to the landlord.

Student Optical Assistance: Assistance to students enrolled in grades K-12, college/universities, and vocational technology schools. Funds can be designated to pay for glasses, contacts, physician visits or related costs. Each request may not exceed \$200. Approval of application must be obtained prior to payment for services. One request per calendar year, not to exceed \$200. Payment for services will be made to the vendor.

You can download the applications directly from our web site at www.delawaretribe.org. Just go to the Services/Programs tab, and then scroll down to Community Services.

PLEASE NOTE: The Community Services Committee has adopted income guidelines for all assistance programs with the exception of Burial Assistance. ■



Education Committee Assistance/Programs

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

The Education Assistance programs provide financial aid to tribal members of all ages from Pre-School to college, and also Adult Vocational Technology training. Programs available to our members are listed below.

PROGRAMS

Academic Achievement Award: This \$100 award is available on a one-time basis to registered Delaware Tribal members who have graduated in the current fiscal/academic school year from high school, college, or Vo-Tech with a current 3.5 GPA (grade point average).

Athletic Assistance: This program is for registered Delaware Tribe of Indians students who need some type of assistance for students involved in school-sponsored athletic programs (such as baseball, football, basketball, track, cheerleader, etc.), for items required, but not provided by the school (such as shoes, baseball mitts, mouth pieces, etc.) Students may be reimbursed up to \$50 per application per fiscal year. Applications are approved on a case-by-case basis. Awards are based on the availability of funds.

Drivers Education Assistance: Can be used to help defray costs of driver's education classes through an accredited training facility. This program has a maximum of \$75 per applicant per fiscal year. The assistance will be made based on funding availability.

Education Assistance: This program is for students ages 6th thru 12th grade who are registered members of the Delaware Tribe of Indians who need some type of assistance while enrolled in school, such as graduation expenses, ACT exams, summer school, band, choir, etc. This program has a maximum payment of \$50.00 per applicant per fiscal year.

School Supply Assistance: Helps registered members of the Delaware Tribe of

Indians with the cost of purchasing the needed school supplies for children in grades Pre-K through 5th grade. School Supply Assistance applications may be submitted from July 1 to September 30 or until funds are exhausted. Application deadline is September 30 of every year. Assistance is available up to \$40 per child with receipt of purchase. Please submit separate receipts for each application. Acceptable receipts shall only include the school supplies purchased (no groceries or household items).

Trust Fund Higher Education School Scholarship: Delaware Tribal members attending college are eligible to apply. Currently, full-time students may apply for \$400 per semester for up to eight semesters, and part-time students may apply for \$200 per semester up to 16 semesters. Semesters do not have to be consecutive. Applicants must submit all required documentation, including official transcripts and enrollment verification from the college or university. Students must maintain a 2.7 GPA (grade point average) in the last semester attended (high school, college, etc.) Students must reapply at the end of each semester. Award is made directly to student to insure that it does not interfere with their financial aid package from the institution. Scholarships will not be awarded for the summer semester. Scholarships are subject to funding availability.

Fall scholarship applications will be accepted from June 1 through July 31, spring from January 1 through February 28.

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

News from Cultural Resources

(Archives, Archival Research, Library, Artifacts, and Gift Shop)

Anita Mathis

He Tribal Members, Friends, and Family

Can you tell if it is spring or winter?

Winter has been calm this year, along with things in the Cultural Resources Department. We are still adding photos and documents to the archives daily as well as adding new items to the gift shop. As we get ready for the gift shop at the 53rd annual powwow in May, we would appreciate any volunteers that might like to work for a couple hours. If anyone is interested in helping out, let me know. Wanishi.

Please check our website and watch the gift shop site. We are adding new items to the inventory, hopefully something for everyone... If you have any requests or ideas for something you would like to have in the gift shop, you may contact Anita

Mathis at 918-337-6595 or amathis@delawaretribe.org.

Stop by and check out all that is new and offered in the Cultural Resources, Library, Archives, & Gift shop. There are books in the Library for your reading and research, with new books being added. Two computers to do research and see what has been added to our data base.

As always please bring in your pictures and documents or anything that pertains to the Delaware Tribe of Indians to be copied and added to our archives and or the museum, to preserve and share with our future generations.

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Did You Know?

Lenape Fact: February 2 was Groundhog Day. The groundhog that they have named Punxsutawney Phil is named after a town in western Pennsylvania near Pittsburgh that was once occupied by the Delawares after they had to leave their original homeland. The name of the town, Punxsutawney, is a Lenape name and you can hear it by going here:

<http://talk-lenape.org/detail.php?id=14172>

The name of the town literally means "mosquito town." It puts together the Lenape word for the mosquito

<http://talk-lenape.org/detail.php?id=8971>

and the word for town

<http://talk-lenape.org/detail.php?id=10431> ■

Don't Forget!

53rd Annual Delaware Powwow
May 26-28, 2017

For more details, see flyer on page 1.

Visit the Delaware Gift Shop

Leslie Jerden

If you have yet to visit the Delaware Gift Shop you are missing out! There are two ways to visit, online or in person. To shop online visit the Delaware website at www.delawaretribe.org. On the right hand side of the home screen, select the red button "Gift Shop." From there you can fill up your online shopping cart with items like beadwork, books, jewelry, Lenape gear, and even license plates. Pay using your PayPal account and enjoy knowing your purchase goes to support the Cultural Resources

Department for the tribe. If you happen to live near Bartlesville, visit the Gift Shop in the Social Services building at Delaware Tribal Headquarters. Use the new service for free in-store pickup!

Another benefit of visiting the brick and mortar store is to see some of our donated artifacts on display. Within the small walls of the shop that Anita Mathis manages, you will find some real and tangible pieces of Lenape history. Over 5,000 photos of our ancestors have been

archived. The library consists of approximately 1,100 books. There are an estimated 300 artifacts archived and several on display. The archives also hold over 1,600 letters and newspaper articles dating back as far as the 1600s. More donations arrive on a regular basis as well as additional tribal members allowing Anita to archive and catalogue their personal pieces of history from Lenape culture. Stop in to purchase your Lenape pride gear or just take a look around and admire a bit of history. ■



Left, donated oil painting replica of the original print by Jake Parks, Delaware Tribal member. The original work is estimated to have been created in 1940 and depicts the Lenape Big House Ceremony. Center, donated pottery artifacts. Right, items for sale in the Gift Shop.

Photos from the Archives



Left to right: Something for our tribe to live by?; Blast from the past: Lewis Ketchum and Lenard Thompson; Jack Tatum

The Tribal Archives contain hundreds of photos and documents from the Tribe's long history. Please consider contributing copies of items from your family's history.. Items can be photocopied or photographed if you wish to keep the original, or can be donated if you prefer. ■