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From the Desk of Chief Brad KillsCrow

Brad KillsCrow, Chief, Delaware Tribe of Indians

Hè, kulamalsi hàch!

The cold winter months are fading into a flourishing spring-time, especially here at the Tribal Campus.

Many of you have gardens to cultivate; the dormant plants re-
viving and hibernating animals awakening. Springtime is a beautiful time, but is also busy with preparation for harvests and the summer months. Our Environmental Program Director Tristen Tucker has gathered a group ready to commit to a community garden, just one of the many food sovereignty projects coming together for the benefit of the food pantry and our people. You will soon see a seed garden, and we secured some grant funding that will pay for Geodesic Domes for planting crops.

Cultural Education Director Jeremy Johnson made the trip to Gnadenuhuten, Ohio for their Day of Remembrance ceremony commemorating the anniversary of the Gnadenuhuten Massacre. I was unable to make the trip this year, but I am happy Jeremy was

able to attend on behalf of the Delaware Tribe.

I attended the 2025 Agent Summit in Las Vegas that the Domicile has been going to each year. They work hard to network with others to continue building their portfolio of reinsurance clients. This year we had a Teton Trade Cloth by Lenape table and CEO Leslie Jerden donated some fine door prizes for us to give away.

We were happy to announce a Cedar Tree Foundation Scholarship this year. Having taken months to come to fruition we thank the foundation for their generosity.

Construction meetings are happening as the Gym and Cultural Center building designs are coming together. We have a great group that has been collaborating to make these places for our tribal members to gather, play and learn. The Tribe can be proud of these facilities for years to come!

The Delaware Tribe Ranch Board has been looking for and hired a new Ranch Manager, and we would like to welcome Shaun

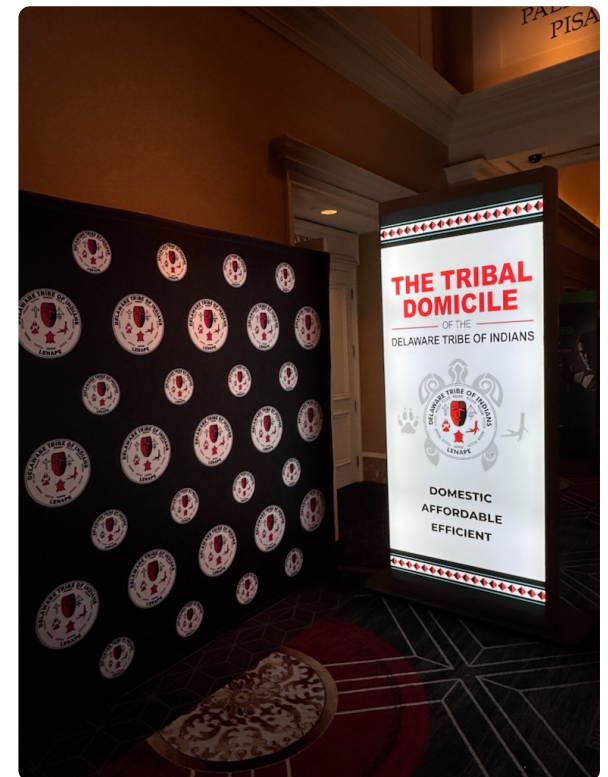
Scott to the team! Stay tuned for upcoming things at the Ranch.

Updates to the house at the Pow Wow grounds are finished and the Pow Wow committee has been hard at work. They had a public meeting on March 8th so everyone could find anything out about this year's Pow Wow. The dates for this year are May 23, 24, & 25 at the Fall-Leaf Family Memorial Campgrounds.

Lastly, several of our departments that are funded through grants have secured additional awards to continue their missions of building better programs for our tribal members.

There is a lot going on at the Delaware Tribe and I look forward to providing more updates in the next DIN. I am proud of everyone who works so that the Tribe can thrive. All of those who help the Tribe, from our employees, to the generous individuals who donate for scholarships and programs, to the volunteers, all play an essential role. Thank you all!

Wanishi
Chief Brad KillsCrow ■



From The Desk of Assistant Chief Tonya Anna

Tonya Anna, Assistant Chief, Delaware Tribe of Indians

The Delaware Pow Wow is just around the corner and it got me to thinking about how fortunate we all are. Thinking back as a child I recall breakfast being made over an open fire and how wonderful the wood smelled while it was burning. Playing in the dirt with my cousin Tom when we were about 4 or 5. The year Aunt Alona asked me to wear her regalia when I was a young teen. How proud I was to have her take me to her tent and describe each piece, and how happy she was when I accepted the offer. Just a couple years ago I passed down my regalia to my great niece because the timing was right. Sit down and visit with some of your Lenape relatives and see what you learn from them. Our ancestors left us a history to be proud of so take the time to learn it and teach it to the descendants. What better way then to visit our Archivist, Anita Mathis. Research your own family history or present her with some of your own to add to our archives. Featured here are the original moccasins of my grandfather Richard Falleaf Sr. Luckily our family still has these in our possession. So if you have a piece of regalia from a family member you are very blessed. If you do

not, then learn how to make a piece of regalia for a loved one that can be passed down generation to generation. You'll be glad you took the time to do so because it makes your heart feel good. When you are dancing in the arena this year pray for your family, Tribal Leadership, membership, and yourself.



A Ribbon Cutting for the Title VI Program was held in partnership with the Bartlesville Chamber of Commerce on February 4, 2025. This special event was an opportunity to celebrate our Title VI Program and all it has to offer. It was wonderful to see and visit with our new friends from the Chamber. Several of them stuck around and ate lunch with the Elders and we enjoyed each other's fellowship. I heard so many good

things about the food and atmosphere in Forsythe Hall. Thank you, Title VI, for everything that you do for our Elders.



I am constantly seeking volunteers to help the Tribe. One way is to read to our Lenape Early Learning Center kids. They love visitors and are so friendly! Thanks to our teachers who work with dedication every day. They are even learning Lenape in order to teach these precious babies our language. It's amazing to hear how these kids are taking it home to their parents. During the week of Dr. Seuss, I had the opportunity to go read to them. It only took about 50 minutes, and I was able to go to several classrooms. By the end of the reading sessions I had to chuckle. Some of them are so full of questions, while others may be shy. But when it comes to

reading, they are all for it. So, to see if you can volunteer, get a hold of our LELC department at (918) 337-6590 and ask for Mollie Jones. I do not recommend reading during Dr. Seuss week because I have never been so tongue tied in all my life, but it was so much fun!

The Pow Wow house remodel has been completed, so here are a few photos of the inside. Some people have asked about the description of the home; it is a three-bedroom, two-bathroom home with an attached garage.

If you attend the 60th Annual Delaware Pow Wow this year you're going to find a restructured concession stand. At the MC stand we'll also have a little makeover to complement the concession stand. It is exciting to see a the Pow Wow grounds get a facelift and we hope you like it just as much. You'll see that we kept the same design.

While working on a few ideas for the Delaware Indian News, I

thought, what better way to advertise our own tribal membership businesses than in the DIN? We are asking all Delaware business owners to submit information on your business so we can begin a new section, creating a directory of Delaware businesses. Whether it's in Bartlesville or somewhere far away, please send in your information to tanna@delawaretribe.org or leave your information via phone call (918) 337-6531.

Wanishi,
Tonya Anna, Assistant Chief ■



Volunteers Needed!

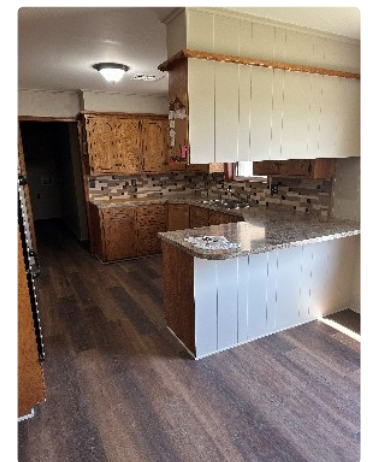
Tonya Anna

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

Lenapeowsi Foundation—This 501(c)3 organization has been around since 2007 and has gone by the wayside. We would like to see someone get this group back up and running. Its mission was to preserve, sustain, and perpetuate Lenape language, cul-

ture, and society. When it was actively operating, they could have up to 30 school-aged children attend weekly. They would have potluck and cultural activities in Forsythe Hall where all children were welcome regardless of tribal affiliation.

Young Lenape Leaders—A motion was made in November 2021 to establish this group. They met a few times but could not get participation from our younger membership. This group may need an event to spark some interest for the younger members to get involved so any help would be greatly appreciated. ■



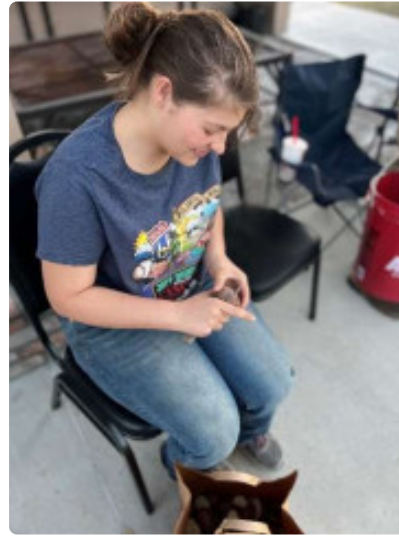
Hakihèneyo – Delaware Tribe Garden Club

Alyssa Emert

Gardening is more than just planting flowers or growing vegetables. It's a fulfilling hobby that connects people with nature, boosts well-being, and allows our tribal members to connect with their heritage. Hakihèneyo translates into "they plant" or "they make a garden." This club is dedicated to promoting community engagement and empowering members through meaningful activity, and strives to preserve and celebrate the Lenape culture while advancing food sovereignty. By providing educational opportunities and hands-on experience, this club aims to cultivate a thriving garden that supports the Lenape people, strengthens community bonds, and preserves our culture for future generations through the incorporation of tribal history, language, and traditional practices.

Started by Environmental Program Director Tristen Tucker, this club will also aim to improve environmental quality through the adoption of sustainable gardening practices that will contribute to cleaner air, conservation of water, and reduction in waste. The club has a designated spot on campus where they have already begun to break soil, and are planning which crops to grow for the well-being and sustainability of other tribal operations. They have already been instructed on how to prepare potatoes and will be planting on St. Patrick's Day.

Joining Hakihèneyo can transform your gardening hobby into a lifelong passion, provide you with a wealth of knowledge, and allow you to contribute to your tribal community in meaningful ways. Grab your shovels and contact Tristen Tucker at (918) 332-6260 to become a part of your Tribe's history!



Maura Lee Johnson Crowned 2024-25 Delaware Tribal Princess

On December 28, 2024, Maura Lee Johnson was crowned the 2024-2025 Delaware Tribal Princess. When asked why she decided to apply, Maura explained that the strong Lenape women in her life, including her cousin Marian Johnson, inspired her. Maura is pursuing her education at Haskell Indian Nations University while also playing collegiate softball. While balancing her studies, Maura has started making connections at recent events and dances. She looks forward to deepening her engagement with her community and culture during her reign and is off to a great start. Maura wants to remind our youth to be authentically and uniquely YOU: "Don't conform to others; being 'normal' is boring."

We are incredibly proud of Maura and can't wait to see what the future has in store for her! If there are any events you would like the princess to participate in, please reach out to the committee at ahosey@delawaretribe.org.



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.

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



The Elders Circle

Jana Roth

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Elder Committee Activities

April 1, 8, 15, 29

May 6, 13

1 – 4 P.M. Building #5110 (the former FCS building).

Beading Classes

Learn how to bead using various techniques. Registered Elder Delaware tribal members will receive free beading supplies. All elders 55+ are welcome, however, non-tribal members must provide their own supplies. For more information or to register, email delawareeldercouncil2023@gmail.com.

June 27, and July 25

6 – 10 P.M. Main Building.

Family Game Nights are FREE and EVERYONE is welcome so bring the whole family!

If you can, please bring a covered dish or something to share as we build community, learn, and play traditional games together.

June (*Date and time to be determined*).

Foraging and Backyard Medicine

Learn to identify common medicinal and edible plants that grow in your yard or neighborhood. Elder Steve Donnell will teach this FREE class on how to identify, collect and prepare plants for use as medicine. The class will conclude with a cooking demonstration. For more information or to register, email the delawareeldercouncil2023@gmail.com.

July (*Date and time to be determined*).

Cultural “Show and Tell” Presentation with Annette Ketchum

Annette Ketchum will explain elements of our traditional men and women’s clothing. This activity is FREE and all are welcome. To register, email delawareeldercouncil2023@gmail.com.

*Beading class is open to ALL ELDERS 55+. Supplies are free to Elder Delaware tribal members; all others must provide their own supplies. For more information, email delawareeldercouncil2023@gmail.com.

Note: The Delaware Tribe of Indians Trust Fund supplies the monies for the Elders Committee program. Funding is regulated by the Trust Document and administered by the Trust Board.

As stated in the Trust Document, Article III, Section D, Number 8, “Only registered members of the Delaware Tribe of Indians, as provided in the Delaware Tribal Constitution, are eligible to receive services and programs presented in this [Program] plan.” However, “FREE” classes and activities that do not use Trust Funds are open to non-tribal participants.

Sign-up sheets and announcements will be posted to the DTI Elders Facebook page or you can email delawareeldercouncil2023@gmail.com to register for classes and activities. For the latest information, JOIN US at our monthly Elders Committee Meetings!

All classes and activities are held at the Delaware Tribal Complex, 5100 Tuxedo Blvd., Bartlesville, OK 74006.

Lessons from the Elders

What is sovereignty and why is it important?

As one of over 570 federally recognized tribes, the Delaware Tribe of Indians is a Tribal Nation. Tribal Nations are not racial groups but political entities with the authority to self-govern to preserve culture, maintain economic development, and make decisions on how best to serve their own tribal citizens. Our tribal sovereignty is not based on race but on our political status recognized in the treaties made between sovereign governments.

As sovereign nations, each tribe determines the requirements for citizenship. As a member of the Delaware Tribe of Indians, your tribal citizenship is determined by your ancestry; however, the political status of The Delaware Tribe of Indians is NOT determined by race.

The political status of tribal nations is inherent, predating the formation of the United States government. Before 1776, European governments entered into legally binding agreements (or treaties) with the formally recognized tribal nations on this continent. These treaties were not based on race but on the recognized political status of each tribe. The United States Constitution later recognized and acknowledged the tribal status of “Indian” nations.

The first written treaty between the United States and an Indian Nation was the 1778 treaty with the Lenape (referred to by the Europeans as the “Delaware Indians”). This treaty created an alliance between the Lenape and the newly formed United States during the American Revolutionary War. It also established a precedent for the United States, where the Delaware Tribe was acknowledged as a sovereign nation.

It is important that as Lenape people, we remember that our “Tribal sovereignty is not a relic of the past – it is a living, legal, and political reality.” (nativenewsonline.net). We, as members of The Delaware Tribe of Indians, must continue to protect our sovereignty for future generations. — *by Jana Roth*

Hè,

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

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 on Zoom.

The Elder Committee meets monthly at 1:00 PM, the Tuesday before the Tribal Council meeting in the former Family & Children’s

Services (Building #5110), located at Tribal Headquarters, 5100 Tuxedo Blvd, Bartlesville, OK 74006.

If you can’t make it in person, please join us on Zoom! To attend the meeting by Zoom, email your request to delawareeldercouncil2023@gmail.com and you will receive instructions on how to connect.

Contact Us

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

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

Elder Council Officers:

Chair—Beverly Hicks

Vice Chair—Jana Roth

Secretary—Angelia Franke

Treasurer—Mollie Martin

Sergeant-at-Arms—Steve Donnell

Tribal Liaison—Annette Ketchum

Elder-at-Large—Billie Jean Sheshey ■

Please send greetings cards to:

Delaware Tribal Member’s Name: _____

Address: _____

Street City State Zip Code

Date of Birth: _____

Return to:

Beverly Hicks

C/O Delaware Tribe of Indians

5100 Tuxedo Blvd

Bartlesville, OK 74006

Trust Board Community Services and Education Committees

Community Services Programs

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

Community Service Applications for the following programs are being accepted, while funding is available. Applicants must be an enrolled tribal member of the Delaware Tribe of Indians. As of FY2024, Only one (1) Community Service Application is allowed per tribal member, per calendar year, with the exception of Elder Prescription, which can be applied for monthly. Applications are considered on a case-by-case basis by the Community Services Committee.

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.) Documentation required to establish membership and proof of death. Application must be submitted within one year from date of death.

Elder Prescriptions: Prescription medication assistance to Delaware Elders age 60 and over for Pharmacy and related costs. Elders may receive assis-

tance up to \$75.00 per month. Funds may be disbursed to vendors or reimburse applicants with proper documents and receipts.

Medical Assistance: Assistance up to \$300 for medical bills, including but not limited to out of pocket medical expenses, medical equipment (purchase or rental), Home health care, pharmacy, etc. Payment for services will be made to provider or Tribal member if paid receipts are included with other required documentation.

Emergency Assistance & Emergency Travel Assistance: Provides emergency assistance up to \$400 or emergency travel

assistance up to \$200. Funds are to be used for emergency situations as requested by Tribal member. Applicants must utilize other community resources if available.

Rental or Mortgage Assistance: Assistance up to \$400.00. Eviction notice and/or other documentation must be submitted with the application. Tribal member's name must be on the rental lease contract or mortgage bill.

Dental Assistance: Assistance up to \$300.00. Provides assistance for dental services including tooth repair, fillings, dentures or emergency services. Routine dental exams and cleanings are not covered.

Optical Assistance: Assistance up to \$200 for optical services to Delaware Tribal Members. Funds may be used for services, including glasses, exams or related. ■



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 attending college, for a degree, 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.). 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. Please mail or hand in your completed applications to the tribal offices at 5100 Tuxedo Blvd., Bartlesville, OK 74006

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:

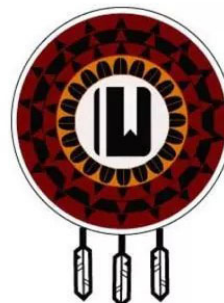
Brass Level	up to \$100
Silver Level	\$100-500
Gold Level	\$500-1,000
Wampum Level	\$1,000-5,000
Wampum Belt Level	above \$5,000

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

Excerpt from:

The Delaware Big House

By H.L. McCracken

FOR A MATTER of some 45 years, the hobby in which I have been most interested has been Indian lore; and the study of it has been leading me into some fascinating bypaths. One of these led me into a rudimentary study of the Delaware Indian language. One memorable thing I learned about these people is we are too prone to call savages; and this thing taught me much about the real meaning of reverence and of worship.

When a Delaware brave, with bow and arrow, killed a deer or turkey or other game, he made a religious rite of his thanksgiving. Without leaving the position from which he had made the fortunate shot, he would lay his bow on the ground, lift both hands high over his head in worship, and exclaim, "Singuape, hock in hatta!" He was crying in adoration, "O Great Spirit, Thou hast laid him low!"

Is it not heartening to reflect that this so-called barbarian, in a moment of triumph, had grace of heart to praise God for enabling him to achieve? In his day he was wiser than we--he instinctively attributed all his skill to Him Who is truly the Source of Everything.

At the time of white settlement on the East Coast, the Lenape or Delaware Indians formed the most important confederacy of the Algonquin-speaking tribe. They occupied a large area in Delaware, Eastern Pennsylvania, New Jersey and southern New York. Their great chief, Tamenend, from whom the Tammany Society takes its name, made the first Delaware Treaty with William Penn in 1682.

In the 1700's the Delawares started their movement westward because of encroachment of advancing whites, with the hope of preserving their way of life. By 1751 they had formed settlements in eastern Ohio where they remained until forced into Indiana in about 1770. In 1789 they moved to Missouri and later Arkansas. By the year 1835 most of

the tribe had been gathered on a reservation on the Kaw River in Kansas; they migrated in 1867 to Indian Territory, now Oklahoma, mainly Washington, Nowata and Craig counties.

Throughout all the recorded history of the Delawares, great emphasis is placed upon their religion and particularly their annual ceremony in the "Big House" where they gathered for revival of their spiritual life and to pay homage to a higher being. It has been said that the Delaware Big House ceremony, of all the Indian beliefs, was the nearest approach to Christianity. It stressed humility of spirit and conduct, dependence upon the benevolence of spirit forces and gratitude for blessings, they bestow, supplication for the continuance of blessings, the exemplariness of "clean", sincere behavior toward man and spirit, altruism, consideration for the aged and afflicted, the injunction against violence and war, the value of concentrated spiritual unity in worship, the assumed dignity and barbaric grandeur rites. In particular, the

Big House ceremony endeavored to insure and promote human health and welfare, regardless of tribe or race. The Delawares' un-failing belief and faith in a higher spiritual force and their continued devotion, culminating in the annual Big House ceremony, no doubt sustained them throughout their many years of suffering and hardship in their forced moves westward. In their last move, which was to Indian Territory, one of their first tribal acts was to erect a place of worship, the Big House. ■

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



Veterans Open Service Center

Steven Donnell

The Lenape Veterans Committee has opened a new Veterans Service Center in the Lenape Wellness Center. The Center will be run by tribal member Steven Donnell, Navy Veteran and American Legion Service Officer. We will perform VA claims filing through the American Legion. We

will provide services for all veterans, tribal and non-tribal alike. We will have emergency services for veterans in distress and their families. The Center is connected to several programs and groups within the state of Oklahoma, ranging from financial and housing, to women's and men's counseling and sobriety, along with intimate partners violence services.

Organizations we're connected with include OKDVA-Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs, Tulsa Vets Center for counseling, the OK Developmental Disabilities Council, OK DHS, and Delaware Prevention Support Services (sobriety service).

The Center will be open on Tuesdays from 10-5. The Center is located at the Tribal Complex at 170 Barbara St. Bartlesville, Ok-

lahoma in the Tribal Wellness Center.

Email: 1lenapeila@gmail.com

Phone: (918) 337-6590 ext.

Steve.

Emergency phone (760) 401-2056 cell

Please come by and check out the Center and visit. Wanishi ■



AmeriCorps Senior Companion Program Now Available in Washington

Tonya Anna

The Delaware Tribe of Indians is proud to announce our partnership with Grand Gateway Economic Development Association (GGEDA) and the Senior Companion Program. AmeriCorps Seniors received a grant of \$540,000 from AmeriCorps, the federal agency for national service and volunteerism. The program has served Craig, Ottawa, and Rogers counties since 1986. Since then, the SCP has added Mayes, Delaware, Nowata and Washington County.

The program is about seniors helping seniors. It is a volunteer program for seniors over 55 years of age to assist seniors in their area that may need help. Seniors may need assistance with

running errands or delivering bills. Others may just need someone to visit them due to loneliness or isolation. Other seniors may need someone to stay with them for short periods of time so that their caregiver(s) can run errands or go to the doctor.

Volunteers receive many benefits including tax-free stipend, mileage reimbursement, better health, a sense of purpose, and new friends. Volunteers typically focus on delivering groceries and assisting with meal preparation, completing simple chores, companionship, and respite time for family caregivers. As one of the volunteers stated, "There are so many seniors that have no one. Just to go and see them makes them

feel good. It's the best feeling in the world."

How can someone get involved with the program? Currently volunteers are being sought for Washington county. When the volunteers have been recruited, the program will begin to take applications for those in need of a volunteer. For more information about volunteering, call Jenny Allen at 918-244-5907 or Tonya Anna, Assistant Chief at 918-337-6531. Brochures about the program are also available at the Delaware Tribe of Indians Title VI office. You may also visit AmeriCorps.gov/Seniors. ■

Veterans Committee Report

Kenny Brown, Chairman

As winter comes to an end, and thoughts of Copan come to the forefront, I pray families are making plans for a wonderful Homecoming Pow Wow!

Some of the activities at the Veterans and Auxiliaries were involved in include the 1st Annual Veterans Day Ceremony at the Delaware Veterans Memorial. The Lenape Veterans Color Guard led the Grand Entry for the Oklahoma State University Native Students Powwow. And the Delaware War Mothers – Veterans Gourd Dance was a great time of fellowship.

I certainly appreciated the support when I was honored to be Head Man at the Broken Arrow Intertribal Veterans Pow-Wow. May the 2025 Pow Wow season be safe and successful for all.

Veterans and Veteran spouses, the Delaware Veterans Committee is here to help. The Committee may be able to give aid, depending on the circumstance. The request is to be brought before the Commit-

tee with proof of honorable service. The Committee will evaluate the request to make a decision.

To get started contact Committee Chair Kenny Brown at kennybrown27@yahoo.com.

The Veterans Committee meets on the fourth Tuesday each month at 6:00 P.M. on the Bartlesville Campus in the FCS building.

Mission Statement of the Delaware Tribe of Indians Veterans Committee

Our goal is to be a place of service, support, and camaraderie to all Veterans of the U.S. Military. To be of service to families of Veterans as the lay their loved one to rest. To safeguard and promote the spirit of the Lenape Warrior. ■

An Update From the Delaware Tribe of Indians Title VI Program

Archie Elvington

The Delaware Tribe of Indians Title VI Program served a total of 3620 Elder meals in the last three months, with 882 of them going to Delaware Elders. Through the months of December, January, and February we put on some very fun events, such as the Elder Christmas Party in December, where Elders played Dirty Santa (which is a gift exchange game), and we held a Valentine's Sock Hop for the Elders in February. We're planning a St. Patrick's Day celebration in March, an Easter play day in April, and in May we will celebrate the 14 years Ti-

tle VI Assistant Director Archie Elvington has worked with the Delaware Tribe of Indians. The Title VI staff is comprised of Title VI Director Trudy Kerby, Assistant Director Archie Elvington, Kitchen Staff Worker Kim Osborne, and Title VI Meal Cook Scott Ketcher. ■



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! ■

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

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



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We invite contributions, but reserve the right to limit printing based upon available space. The deadline for articles, letters, ads and calendar of events is June 15, 2025 for the July 2025 issue. Submissions may be mailed, faxed or hand delivered to the tribal office or emailed to din@delawaretribe.org. Paid advertisements are available; for rates, please contact the editor.

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

The portal provides you the opportunity to:

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



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

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

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

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

If you have any issues with login/process or questions, please email enrollment@delawaretribe.org ■

To Contact Us

Bartlesville Tribal Offices:
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Bartlesville, OK 74006
(918) 337-6590

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8:00 A.M.–5:00 P.M. M-F

Caney Office:
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Caney, KS 67333
(620) 879-2189

Tribal Website:
www.delawaretribe.org

General Email:
tribe@delawaretribe.org



Upcoming Events

Tribal Council Meeting Schedule

4th Wednesday of each month at 6:00 P.M. Meetings at Tribal Complex at 5100 Tuxedo Blvd in Forsythe Hall.

April 23
May 28
June 25
July 23

Committee Meeting Schedule

Elders Committee

Fourth Tuesday of each month. Meetings held at 1:00 P.M. at Delaware Tribal Complex at 5100 Tuxedo Blvd.

April 22
May 20
June 24
July 22

Cultural Preservation

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

May 6
June 3
July 1

Veterans Committee

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

April 22
May 20
June 24
July 22

Housing Committee

All meetings held from 6:00 - 8:00 P.M. at either the Chelsea Boys & Girls Club or Tribal Council Chambers at the Main Tribal Campus

At Chelsea Boys & Girls Club:

May 15
July 17

At Main Campus—Tribal Council Chambers:

April 17
June 12

Tribal Court Docket Dates

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

April 22
May 20
June 17
July 15

Others

War Mothers

1st Monday of every month at 6:00 P.M. in FCS Conference Room.

April 7
May 5
June 2
July 7

War Mothers' Gourd Dance

November 1, 2025
2 P.M – 8 P.M. at Copan Student Center

Prevention Support Services

Talking Circle Every Wednesday except Tribal Council meeting night (4th Wed.) at Forsythe Hall from 6 P.M.–8 P.M.

Spring Gathering

April 5, 2025

In collaboration with the Environmental Department: Operation Clean House

April 12, 2025

Phillips 66 Parking Lot West of the railroad tracks on Adams Blvd.

OR

Washington County District 2 Barn
399000 W. 1500 Rd.
Dewey OK

Delaware Tribe of Indians Housing Committee 2025 Monthly Meeting Schedule 6:00 pm—8:00 pm	
Chelsea Boys & Girls Club	Main Campus-TC Chambers
January 16	February 20
March 20	April 17
May 15	June 19 June 12
July 17	August 21
September 18	October 16
November 20	December 18
Please come share your concerns, ideas, and meet the committee.	
Committee Members Farrell Burks, 918-440-6967, fburks@delawaretribe.org Mickey Canavan, 918-886-3132, mcanavan@delawaretribe.org Sherri Sam-Chouteau, 918-766-3695, sschouteau@delawaretribe.org Martina Thomas, 918-883-0004, mthomas@delawaretribe.org John Tucker, 918-805-1024, jlt.bville@gmail.com <small>Updated 3.17.25</small>	

2025 Delaware Tribe Holidays

January	1	New Year's Day (Wednesday)
January	20	Martin Luther King Jr. Day
February	17	Presidents' Day
April	18	Good Friday
May	26	Memorial Day
June	19	Juneteenth (Thursday)
July	4	Independence Day (Friday)
September	1	Labor Day
October	13	Indigenous Peoples Day
November	11	Veterans Day (Tuesday)
November	27-28	Thanksgiving (Thursday-Friday)
December	24-26	Christmas (Wednesday-Friday) ■

Obituaries



SERVICES:

- Sexual Assault advocacy
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- Protective orders
- Safety planning
- Domestic violence education
- Referral services
- Court preparation support
- Temporary housing assistance
- Child welfare
- Child support services

LOCATIONS:

601 High St
Caney, KS
67333
Phone:
620-879-2189

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918-331-7349

Bobby Lee Keen



**September 18, 1958 –
September 16, 2024**

Bobby Lee Keen, 65, passed away on September 16, 2024. Born to Theodore and Luceille Keen in Nowata, Oklahoma. He graduated from El Dorado High School in 1976. Following high school, Bobby began his college education at Butler County Community College before transferring to Emporia State University. It was during his senior year at Emporia State that he married his high school sweetheart, Pammie Albright, and earned his Bachelor's degree in Secondary Education.

After graduation, Bobby and Pammie returned to El Dorado, where Bobby began working at Graves Drug Store. Soon after, he took a position with the 13th Judicial District as a court services officer. Through dedication and hard work over a 36-year career, he rose to become Chief Court Services Officer, a role he truly enjoyed and held until his passing.

In his free time, Bobby was a devoted family man to his wife, two daughters, three grandchildren, and numerous adopted kids and grandkids. His favorite job was being BobBob. He loved attending his kid's events, spending

time fishing, and relaxing at the movies. Known for his laid-back nature, Bobby was also known for being ornery and a good-humored jokester who could always bring a smile to those around him.

Bobby was preceded in death by his parents, Luceille and Marion Stewart, as well as his brothers Danny Ray Keen, James Edward Stewart, and John David Stewart. He is survived by his loving wife, Pammie Keen; his daughters, Jamie Blew (Kevin) and Amanda Keen; his brother, Harold Stewart; his sister, Donna Booth (Randy); and his cherished grandchildren, Emma, Clayton, and Kinley Blew. He also leaves behind numerous nieces, nephews, and friends who will miss him dearly. ■

DELAWARE TRIBE OF INDIANS
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Spring GATHERING

**SPECIAL GUEST:
EASTER BUNNY**

SATURDAY | **APRIL 5** | AT 12:00PM
2025

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Bartlesville, OK 74006

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- COTTON CANDY
- CORNHOLE
- NATIVE ART MARKET
- STOMP DANCE

For more info, please contact the enrollment dept.
at enrollment@delawaretribe.org or 918-337-6590

Stomp Dance

Saturday, April 5, 2025
Delaware Tribe of Indians
5100 Tuxedo BLVD.
Bartlesville, OK. 74006

Dinner 6:00 pm



Stomp Dance @ Dusk

Concession - 50/50 Raffle
For more information contact
918.337.6590

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To order, please contact
The administrative assistant to Chief KillsCrow at
din@delawaretribe.org or at 918-337-6590.

Talking Circle

EVERY WEDNESDAY

Forsythe Hall
6-8pm
5100 Tuxedo Blvd.
Bartlesville, Ok. 74006
Contact Sherri Sam-Chouteau
918-766-3695 or
sschouteau@delawaretribe.org

Coffee to be served starting at 5:30 pm

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Want to inquire
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Step 1. Scan QR code
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Want more information?
Enrollment Coordinator
Lynsey Stumpff
918.214.7644
lstumpff@delawaretribe.org

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Monday-Friday
Hours- 8am-5pm

Delaware & Cherokee- Free
Other tribal- \$10 a month
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Or Daily Fee- \$2

No children under the age of 12
allowed on the equipment.
No running or playing in gym.

Contact for more information
Wellness Director
Cody Blackmon
Phone: 918-337-6586
Email: cblackmon@delawaretribe.org
5100 Tuxedo Blvd.
Bartlesville, Oklahoma 74006



LENAPE RESERVE – AMANDA SCOTT

Lenape Reserve is a Native American gift shop, boutique and Indian supply store. Visit us at:

- Lenapereserve.com
- 166 N. Barbara Street, Bartlesville, OK 74006
- Contact Amanda Scott at ascott@delawaretribe.org

or call her directly at 918-337-6532 or text her at 918-907-0706

Make sure to watch out for Amanda and her pop-up shop at various events throughout Oklahoma!



Lenape Reserve: A Local Hidden Gem According To The Bartlesville Chamber Of Commerce

Amanda Scott

Lenape Reserve is a cultural gift and supply shop located at 166 N Barbara Ave, Bartlesville, OK 74006. Owned and operated by the Delaware Tribe of Indians, the shop offers a diverse selection of Native American jewelry, art, apparel, and health & beauty products crafted by indigenous artisans both locally and nationwide.

In addition to these items, Lenape Reserve provides Indigenous Supply products and offers in-house artist guidance for those seeking materials for regalia needs.

Lenape Reserve Announces Temporary Closures for Upcoming Events

Lenape Reserve will be closed on the following dates in 2025:

April 11 and 12: The store will be closed for a event.

August 29 to September 5: The store will be closed.

We will reopen on September 8.

These closures are in addition to the store's regular operating hours, Monday through Friday from 10:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. at this time.

The store remains closed on Saturdays and Sundays.

Customers are encouraged to plan their visits accordingly and can explore Lenape Reserve's offerings online at <https://lenapereserve.com>. For further inquiries, contact the store at +1 (918) 337-6532.

Lenape Reserve appreciates the community's understanding and looks forward to welcoming customers during regular business hours.

Despite these temporary closures, Lenape Reserve remains committed to providing customers with high-quality Native American jewelry, art, apparel, health & beauty products, and Indigenous Supply materials for regalia needs.

Exciting Offerings at Lenape Reserve:

- **Holiday Basket Giveaways**—Celebrate the season with special holiday giveaways, where lucky customers can receive beautifully curated baskets filled with unique cultural items.

- **Layaway Available**—Shop at your own pace with our convenient layaway program, making it easier to purchase meaningful and handcrafted items.

- **Always Something New**—Every time you visit Lenape Reserve, you'll discover fresh and exciting items, as the store continuously updates its collection with new handcrafted goods from Indigenous artisans.

Customers can also browse online at <https://lenapereserve.com> or call (918) 337-6532 or text (918) 907-0706 for more information.

Whether you're looking for unique gifts, regalia supplies, or a connection to Native culture, Lenape Reserve offers something special for everyone. ■

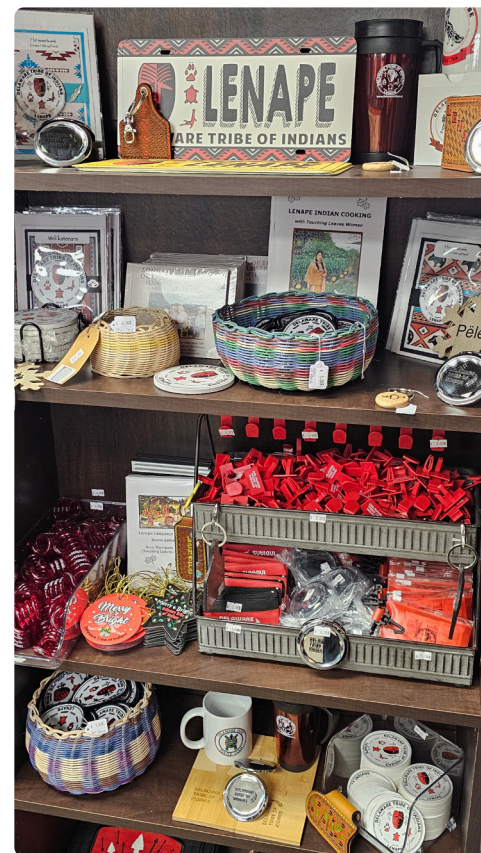
Hours of Operation
LENAPE RESERVE

166 BARBARA ST. N.
BARTLESVILLE, OK 74006

Monday ~ 10:00a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Tuesday ~ 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday ~ 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Thursday ~ 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Friday ~ 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Hours Are Subject To
Change With The Seasons
And Events!

Please Call 918-337-6532 EXT. 191
For Any Questions..



Member Submission: Dreams of Our Ancestors

Dianne Ingle

Dreams of Our Ancestors

Oh, great spirit awake in me
the rhythm of the dance inside of me.
Let the drums move me;
Let our ancestors speak to me.

- They will tell of a great legacy;
of a time of joy and plenty.
A time when eagles soared high in the sky,
and animals roamed as far as the eye could see.

- A time of peace and dignity.
Oh, great spirit let me be
as brave and courageous as I can be.
Help me to find the joy and beauty in this life,
just like our ancestors did, amid the strife.
Their courage and their strength astounds me,
their boundless spirit, inspires me.
I can feel their memories deep inside of me,
and I know their courage is a part of me.

- Live your life to the fullest,
be the best that you can be.
The future is as bright as it can be,
because of the dreams of our ancestors
- that paved the way for thee. ■



From the Enrollment Department

Skyler Brott, Enrollment Clerk

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

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

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

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

Firstly, the website is delawaretribe.org. From here you will see the Services/Programs tabs.

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

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

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

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

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

Skyler Brott: Enrollment Clerk
Email: sbrott@delawaretribe.org
Phone: (918) 337-6570

Emily Haney: Enrollment Director
Email: ehaney@delawaretribe.org
Phone: (918) 337-6583 ■

Family Honors Tradition with Four Generations at Dance Shirt Workshop "Sew Camp"

Four generations of the Ketchum, Pechonick, and Watt families gathered on January 11-12 at the tribal campus for a special cultural workshop affectionately deemed "Ket-Chu-Wat Sew Camp" learning to make Lenape boy's dance shirts and leggings. Children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren of Annette Ketchum and Chief Paula Pechonick came together to honor their heritage, completing eight beautifully crafted shirts in just two days. Family members traveled from across the country—including California, Nevada, Arizona, Texas, Colorado, Kansas, and Florida—to participate. Their efforts showcase a deep respect for our tribal traditions and a shared

commitment to passing down cultural knowledge to future generations. ■



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Donations will be accepted on site.

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- Compact fluorescent bulbs
- Household cleaners and toxins
- Yard-care products
- Pesticides
- Herbicides
- Acids
- Caustics
- Paint thinners
- Paper shredding

- Household flammable liquids
- Smoke alarms
- Oil-based paints (*no latex paint*)
- Oil-based aerosol and hobby paints
- Pharmaceuticals
- Electronics (cell phones, computers, TVs, VCRs, microwaves, rechargeable batteries, most electronic devices)

Washington County

District 2: (2 Miles East on 9th St. off Highway 75)

- Used motor oil (*Max. 5 gal. container*)
- Antifreeze
- Automotive batteries
- Car/pickup tires (*limit 8, NO Dealers*)
- Appliances - e.g. washers, dryers, dishwashers, refrigerators (*with Freon-free certification*)

MATERIALS WHICH CANNOT BE ACCEPTED:



- Ammunition
- Biohazardous waste (*Sharps & needles*)
- Commercially generated waste
- Dioxins
- **Explosives**

- Household batteries (*Alkaline, 9-volt, D, C, AA, AAA*)
- Latex paints
- Pressurized gas cylinders (*BBQ tanks & home oxygen supplies*)
- Radioactive waste

- Shock-sensitive materials
- Unknowns
- Trash
- Water-reactive chemicals

Together, we're providing a safer, healthier environment in the place we all call home.



SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR SPONSORS:

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Obituaries

Michael Lee Bond



**November 7, 1960 –
February 1, 2020**

Michael Lee Bond born November 7, 1960 went to his heavenly home February 1, 2020. Michael was preceded in death by his parents Malcolm L. (Chiefy) Bond, Eleanor Jean Newton Bond and sister Terry Ann Bond. Survived by sisters Elaine (Dinky) Carmichael and husband Joseph (Mike) Carmichael of Cypress and Bonnie Bartee and husband Danny Bartee of Houston, Tx. Niece Shanna Caffey, nephews Joey Carmichael and wife Rachel and Rian Roberts and wife Heather; great-nephews Caleb Caffey, Ethan Carmichael, Hunter Roberts, Bryce Roberts, and Austin Roberts; great-niece Grace Carmichael.

Michael graduated from Channelview High School 1980, worked at father's Magnolia Bug Salvage business, worked O'Reilly Jones Rd. Michael loved traveling with sister Terry to Gatlinburg, Pigeon Forge, Tennessee; traveled to New York City and east coast; enjoyed national battlefields; Canada and Rocky Mtns.

Family would like to give special thanks to nurses and doctors on 6th and 7th floor St. Luke's Hospital, Bertner, for exceptional care and compassion bestowed Michael. From North Cypress Hospital Dr. Phann, Dr. Patel in ICU and special thanks to Dr. Fadi-M Almaddine. ■

Terry Ann Bond



**September 1, 1952 –
March 2, 2018**

Baby's breath, Terry Ann Bond born September 1, 1952, was called to her heavenly home on March 2, 2018. Terry was preceded in death by her parents Malcolm L. (Chiefy) Bond and Eleanor Jean Newton Bond. Survived by sisters Elaine (Dinky) Carmichael and husband Joseph (Mike) Carmichael of Cypress and Bonnie Roberts and fiancé Danny Bartee of Houston, Texas.; loving brother, companion and caregiver Michael L. Bond of Houston, TX. Niece Shanna Caffey, nephews Joey Carmichael and Rian Roberts; great-nephews Caleb Caffey, Ethan Carmichael, Hunter Roberts, Bryce Roberts and Austin Roberts; great-niece Grace Carmichael.

Terry graduated from Channelview High School 1971, worked at: Pedon Industries, Brown & Root, and Mervyns for 22 years. Terry loved to travel especially to Gatlinburg and Pigeon Forge, Tennessee and later to New York City and the east coast. Terry also was avid quilter and loved going to any retreat.

Family would like to give special thanks for the long time care and compassion to Dr. Sanjay Kunapuli, Dr. Zehra Kapadia, Dr. Lucas Duvall, Dr. Anupam Sidu, Dr. David English and Dr. Ghayyath Sultan, along with the nursing staff on 7th floor and Observation and Emergency Room staff at

Methodist Willowbrook Hospital. God bless each of you for such wonderful care for our loved one!



Elaine "Dinky" Carmichael



**August 29, 1949 –
April 4, 2024**

An obituary is a notice of death telling the story of a person's life — it's an oxymoron. Rather than share the events that made up the last 74 years, I'll share with you the love that came from the life of Elaine "Dinky" Carmichael. Dinky manifested her love for others into actions. From baking to quilting, preparing a family feast, painting, or capturing everyday moments in photos — she had a servant's heart.

She lived her life following the example set by Jesus. In a crowd of people, she saw the faces of individuals and the opportunity to testify to the gospel of God's grace. She considered every person a gift from God.

In 1971, Dinky married Joseph M. "Mike" Carmichael, Sr. Over the next five years, they welcomed their two children — Shanna and Joey. In her time on this earth, she smiled when reminiscing about Shanna's days playing baseball, Joey's time on the soccer field, and every time Mike returned home from his two weeks away at

USMC summer camp. More recently, her three grandchildren, Caleb, Grace, and Ethan, brought her immense joy. The planner of our family, she tracked every soccer match and showed up cheering as loud as she could for both Grace and Ethan. At night, she stayed up late to talk to Caleb as he worked the night shift. These hours that she invested on the phone and at the field formed memories we'll cherish forever. Although she had only three biological grandchildren — Dinky was "Nanny" to many; In particular, her new loves, as Liam and Branch.

Each morning, you'd likely find Dinky sitting quietly in the living room, drinking her coffee and smiling as she watched family photos flip across the screen of her digital photo frame. She filled our home with music and enjoyed her quiet time reading the gospel or thinking about how to plan the next big adventure.

As long as forever, my love will be true.

For as long as I live, I'll love only you.

When Christ died on the cross, he transformed love into action, and Grace was born. His grace set the standard for how we should live. While on this earth, Dinky transformed her love for others into actions by preparing meals, delivering cookies, picking out fabrics for a quilt, collecting recipes, and creating a 12-month plan for making Christmas gifts. She loved deeply and laughed often.

To see her was to know her.

To know her was to love her. ■



Emma Jane White



**November 24, 1933 -
February 12, 2025**

Emma Jane Lucas (White) 91 passed away Febuary 12, 2025. She was born November 24, 1933, in Dewey Oklahoma at the home of Jane Huff to Alice Jane Lucas (Pickett). Emma Jane grew up in a loving home surrounded by family with Grandparents Joseph and Emma Lucas, Delaware and Osage Heritage. Living in Bartlesville, Oklahoma, she graduated from College High School, meeting her future husband at the skating rink, Roger G White. On their first date she had one of her girlfriends in the backseat. She was worried, he was older and a world traveler, after all he toured Korea twice.

Together our parents sewed a life of faith, love and family. Like Emma Jane's (EJ) love of sewing you could see each stitch she sewed become a form of art and love for her family building a larger story.

The successful businesses our parents owned through their life were not what defined them, but rather their family. Their life of faith is one you could see. Walking hand and hand everywhere they went to sitting on the same side of the table while eating out. A true love story with 69 years of marriage.

Dad's ability to build anything led him to his passion to build and design experimental airplanes.

Obituaries (continued)

Both lifetime members of EAA (Experimental Aircraft Association EAA 41&41B) during their life they volunteered countless hours and decades during the EAA fly-in at Oshkosh Wisconsin. They were in the Honda Gold Wing Club and enjoyed traveling across the country. Winter vacations snow skiing in Colorado were always a great family tradition. EJ was an avid bowler, bowling with the same close friends for almost 30 years. She spoke highly of them and their trips to tournaments. Her pies were legendary bringing bids over \$100.00 at church and EAA chapter 10 auctions.

She had many titles in her life with the most important ones being Mom and Grandma. The constant caregiver to all led to a life filled with love and grace towards others. She truly left an impact on her family and will be missed.

Emma Jane is survived by three children; Jolene Schmidt and husband Glen of Wyandotte, OK., Jane Daugherty of Blue Eye, MO., and Mark White and wife Margo of Lee's Summit, MO., Roger and Emma Jane were blessed with four grandchildren; Gabriel (Courtney) Schmidt, Bethany Schmidt, Cassandra Daugherty, and Makenzie Wittmaier (Josh), and nine great-grandchildren; George, Rosa, Emmalin, Titus, Grace, Luke, (Schmidt) Ellie, Walker, Willow, (Wittmaier) and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband Roger G White, Parents, and Brother Alfred Joseph Pickett of Bartlesville, OK. She was the last surviving member of her family's generation having had many aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Services were held on Saturday February 22, 2025 in Bartlesville, Oklahoma time will be pending. Emma Jane will be laid to rest in

Silver Lake Cemetery the same day.

To those who managed to keep up with our parents 15 plus moves in their lives, come and help us celebrate a life well lived.

Oh, and about all the moving I'm not sure why, but no matter where we lived Mom had a gift making us kids feel safe and loved in our new home the first night.

Both our parents truly left their fingerprint on the hearts of those they met and loved.

We have hope and faith in Christ until we meet again.

Special thank you to Grandwood Assisted Living for giving our parents the quality of life in their later years.

In lieu of flowers family request donations to:

Grandwood Assisted Living Center
2001 Sunrise Blvd
Grove Ok
74344
Activities Director

Good Shepherd Hospice
1120 NEO LP
Grove Ok
74344 ■



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. ■

IN THE TRIBAL COURT OF THE DELAWARE TRIBE OF INDIANS
601 HIGH STREET
CANEY, KANSAS 67333

DELAWARE TRIBE OF INDIANS
TRIBAL COURT

FEB 25 2025

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Case No. *AMC-2025-001*

IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION OF)
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M. H. WOODS)
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a minor Indian child.)

ORDER AND NOTICE OF HEARING TO DECLARE CHILD ELIGIBLE FOR ADOPTION WITHOUT CONSENT OF NATURAL MOTHER AND NATURAL FATHER AND FOR FINAL HEARING ON PETITION FOR ADOPTION

The Tribal Court of the Delaware Tribe of Indians to:

DALLAS ROY GENE WOODS

You are notified that Petitioners, Amy Sue Barnes and Daniel Ray Barnes, have filed a *Petition for Adoption and Application to Adjudicate Child Eligible for Adoption Without Consent of the Natural Mother and Natural Father* before the above named Court, praying that Petitioners be allowed to adopt the minor child named in the caption hereof without your consent.

Take notice that the *Petition for Adoption and Application to Adjudicate Child Eligible for Adoption Without Consent of the Natural Mother and Natural Father* is on file with the Clerk of this Court; that a copy of the *Petition and Application* is attached hereto, and that, among other things, it is alleged in the *Application* that:

- a. Pursuant to Section 120(c)(2) of the Adoption Code of the Delaware Nation, that for a period of twelve (12) consecutive months immediately preceding the filing of the *Petition for Adoption*, Dallas Roy Gene Woods wholly failed, refused, or neglected to provide and contribute to the support of the minor child within his available means through the contribution of financial support, physical necessities, or by performing labor or other services for and at the request of the Petitioners, as Co-Guardians for the child

and, therefore, that your consent to the adoption is not necessary, and that Petitioners, Amy Sue Barnes and Daniel Ray Barnes, are proper parties to adopt the minor child, *M. H. Woods*.

A hearing on the *Application to Adjudicate Child Eligible for Adoption Without Consent of the Natural Mother and Natural Father* is set for 10:00 o'clock A.M., on the 22nd day of April, 2025, in the courtroom of the undersigned judge at the Tribal Court of the Delaware Tribe of Indians, 601 High Street, Caney, State of Kansas, before the Honorable Charles Tripp.

Furthermore, a best interests and final hearing on the *Petition for Adoption* is set for 10:00 o'clock A.M., on the *20th* day of *May*, 2025, in the courtroom of the undersigned judge at the Tribal Court of the Delaware Tribe of Indians, 601 High Street, Caney, State of Kansas, before the Honorable Charles Tripp.

YOU ARE, THEREFORE, NOTIFIED THAT THE COURT WILL HEAR EVIDENCE IN SUPPORT OF AND IN OPPOSITION TO THE GRANTING OF THE APPLICATION AND PETITION FOR ADOPTION AT THE TIME AND PLACE ABOVE SHOWN WHERE YOU WILL HAVE THE RIGHT TO BE PRESENT AND AN OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD AT SAID TIME AND PLACE, INCLUDING THE RIGHT TO OBJECT TO THE ADOPTION OF YOUR CHILD. YOUR FAILURE TO APPEAR AT THESE HEARINGS SHALL CONSTITUTE A DENIAL OF YOUR INTEREST IN YOUR CHILD, WHICH DENIAL MAY RESULT, WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE OF THESE PROCEEDINGS OR ANY SUBSEQUENT PROCEEDINGS, IN YOUR CHILD'S ADOPTION WITHOUT YOUR CONSENT, THEREBY ULTIMATELY TERMINATING YOUR RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAWS OF THE DELAWARE TRIBAL COURT.

Dated this *20th* day of *February*, 2025.

Charles H. Tripp
JUDGE OF THE TRIBAL COURT

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Lenape Language Report

Jim Rementer, Director, Lenape Language Project

Notice: The Delaware Indian calendar for 2025 is now available on the tribal website <https://delawaretribe.org/>. You can download your copy and print all the pages at once or print one month at a time as needed. For a wall calendar we suggest using 8.5 x 14 inch (legal size) paper.

Delaware Dances:



Curtis Zunigha leads a Bean Dance for Delawares of all ages.

What's Available Online:

Stories Told in English: Some of the stories were only written in English but they were told by Lenape people. Some were written by people who studied with the Lenape and they only wrote down the English versions of the stories. We have been adding these to the tribal website and there are now about fifty-five of them and they can be found here:

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

What's Old: Sometimes it's a small world. On several of our trips back to the old Lenape homeland Lucy Blalock went with us. On one trip on our way back to Oklahoma we

stopped by the Pennsylvania state museum in Harrisburg. We wanted to see what they might have in their collection that had come from Oklahoma.

They only had a few things but one of the things they pulled out of storage had a card with it and it said that it was a belt made by a Delaware girl named Lucy Parks. When she heard that Lucy just hollered out and said, "Well that's me!" She was so happy to see that bead work she had done as a girl and here she is holding it:

What's New: A number of words and sentences continue to be added to the Lenape Talking Dictionary. Work on the dictionary itself continues and a few things have been added and others have been corrected. One of the main things done at this time is to add Lenape stories or news items that were written only in English. You can find these by going to the tribal website and scroll down a bit until you see Culture and Language and click on that and more links will pop-up. Look for the one with Mike Pace's picture on it and click on that and you will see about 55 stories have been added.

Bird Songs: Have you ever been walking in the woods and you heard a bird singing and you wondered what kind of bird it is? The Talking Dictionary might help. Open the dictionary and on the main page look for the place to enter a term in English. When you find that just type in His Song and you will be taken to a number of entries that will play the songs of different birds. There are 14 different ones so far to listen to. For example here is the song of a Quail: <https://www.talk-lenape.org/detail?id=18151>

Revived: The Lenape Word-a-Day calendars for 2025 are downloadable calendars also posted on the Tribal website with a calendar for that month. They will continue to be posted at the beginning of each month. There are sound files for each of these words and they are in the Lenape Talking Dictionary:

<https://www.talk-lenape.org/> ■



Birth Announcement: Mileena Jolene Edwards

We'd like to proudly announce the arrival of Mileena Jolene Edwards at 3:05 P.M. on March 13, 2025. Daughter of Justice and Tracey Edwards of Montgomery, Texas, she measured in at 6lbs 12oz and 20" long. ■



Birth Announcement: Saige Elizabeth Neal

Brian and Kristin Neal are happy to announce the birth of their daughter Saige Elizabeth Neal born March 5, 2025. She weighed 7 lbs and measured 18 inches long. Amara and Kenny love being big siblings. ■



Lenape Youth Fun Pages



All About Me

My Hobbies

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Fun Facts About Me

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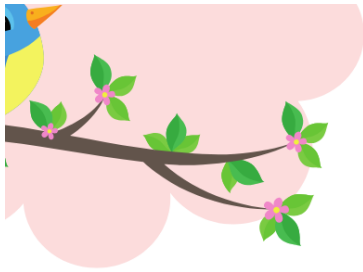
We Want To Hear From You!

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



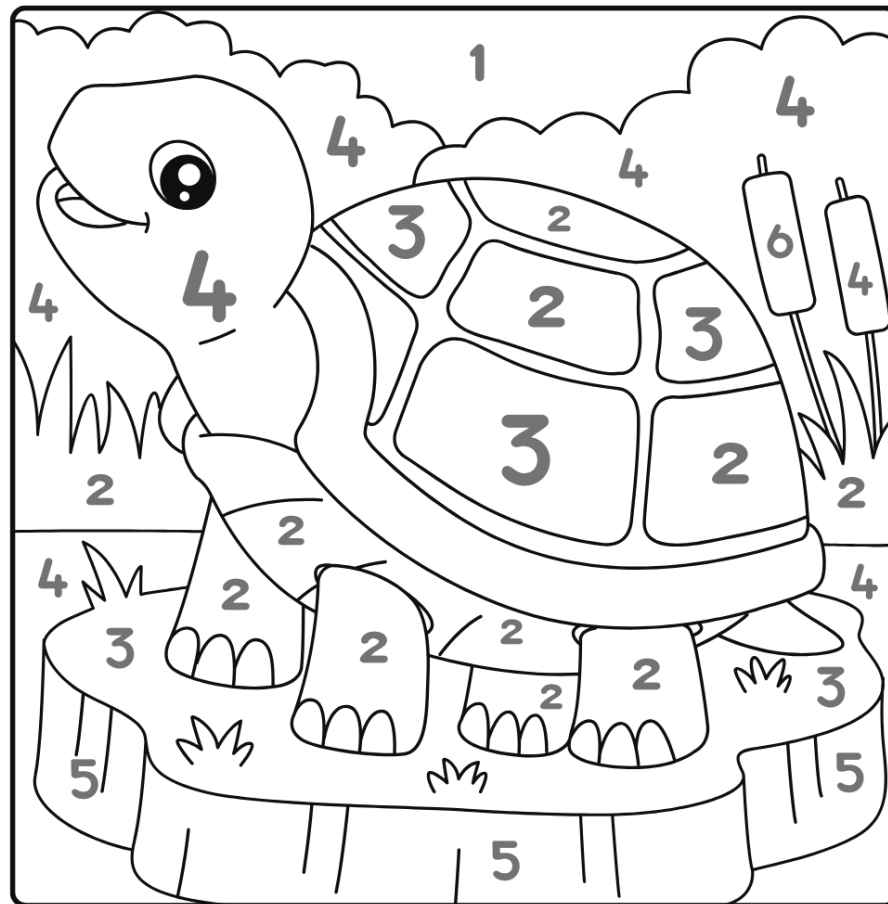
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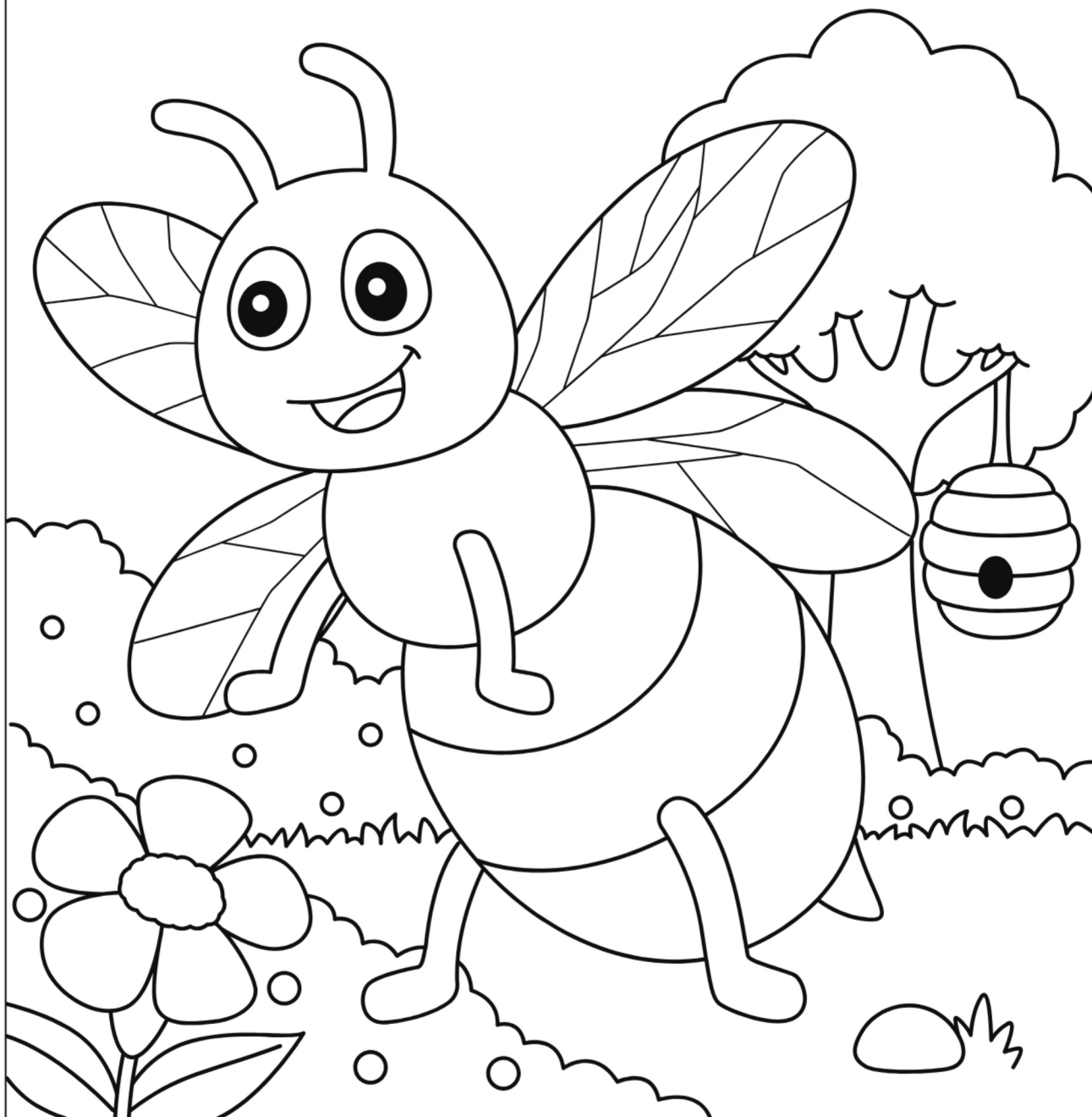
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- 3 NAXËNU
- 4 NEWA
- 5 PALENÀXK
- 6 KWËTASH



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Celebrating Tribal Member Mildred Jackson Pregler's 100th Birthday!

We are thrilled to celebrate the 100th birthday of Mildred Jackson Pregler! She was born on December 8, 1924, in Sand Springs, Oklahoma, and is a proud descendant of Mary E. Journeycake Armstrong, a daughter of Charles Journeycake. Her mother, Mary Elizabeth Anderson Jackson, and her grandmother, Katy Alice Armstrong Anderson, have played a significant role in shaping her remarkable story.

She came from a family of three brothers (Raymond, Hershel and Charles) and four sisters (Linda, Betty, Fern and Patsy). She recalls Sunday dinners at Aunt Carrie Overlees' house.

The children never ate with the adults. They were served first and sent out to play "Annie Over." In this game, the children used a homemade leather ball that they would throw over the top of the house while shouting "Annie Over!" Those on the other side would then try to catch it before it hit the ground.

She shares stories of cooking potatoes, drinking the cooking water, and then reheating the potatoes to drink the water again for the next meal. This was one of the hardships the family endured during the tough times of the depression. As a young girl, it was her job to get up first and

start the fire in the old potbelly stove so the family could wake up to a warm house.

She attended the Childers Elementary school. Mrs. Terrell was her favorite teacher. One day, Mildred wanted to take a short-cut home from school and crawled under a barbed wire fence, unaware of a very large bull housed there. That changed however, as he charged at her. She said, I 'ran like the dickens' and narrowly escaped slipping under the fence on the other side of the pasture. She completed her schooling at Childers High School. While attending high school, she played on the girls' basketball team and became salutatorian of her graduating class in 1943. Her friend, Melva Fry was the valedictorian that year.

Mildred wasted no time after her father (Millard Dewey Jackson) dropped her off in Tulsa. She rented a room in a boarding house on Elgin Street for ten dollars a month and started working at the McDonald Douglas airplane factory to contribute to the war effort. She would hop on a bus that took the workers to the plant, where her job involved sitting inside the wing of the plane and holding the 'bucking bar' while someone outside the wing would tighten the rivets. She was a true "Rosie the Riveter"! After the war, she

began working at the Brown Duncan Department store in downtown Tulsa.

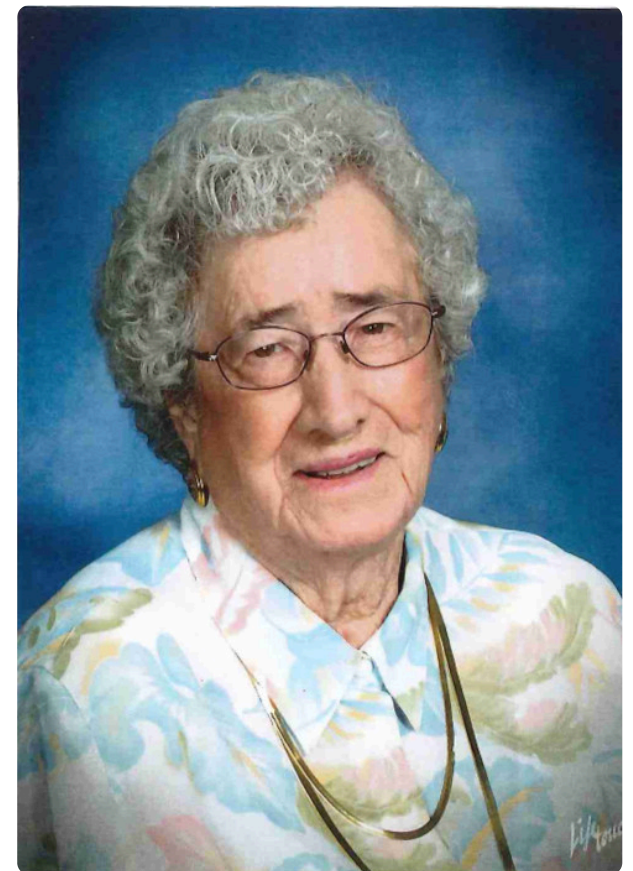
On Saturday nights, Mildred used to attend country music dances in uptown Tulsa. It was there that she met Preston Pregler, whom she married in 1950. The couple later moved to a farm in Bixby, where they raised four children: Phillip, Paula, Perry, and Pattie. Although farm work was tough, Mildred was always up to the challenge. She butchered chickens, milked cows, fed the pigs, bailed the hay, weeded gardens and operated their tractor in the fields. "If a job had to do with farming then I've done it", she exclaims.

In 1966, the family moved to another farm in Kane, Illinois. She was a nurses-aide from 1971 until her retirement in 1989 at St. Joseph's located in Alton, Ill. Mrs. Pregler lived independently until she was 97 years old. She currently resides at Jerseyville Manor in Jerseyville, Illinois.



(Above) Mildred Jackson among elementary students of Mrs. Terrell in 1933

(Below) Childers School Class of 1944
Mildred Jackson
Back row, fourth from left



Mildred Jackson Pregler

60th Annual Delaware Pow Wow

May 23, 24 & 25, 2025

Fred Fall-Leaf Memorial Campgrounds
3 Miles East of Highway 75 on Road 600, Copan, OK 74022

<u>Head Singer:</u>	Ryan Goodfox
<u>Head Man Dancer:</u>	Spencer Donnell
<u>Head Lady Dancer:</u>	Shaunda Brooks
<u>Master of Ceremonies:</u>	Neil Lawhead & Marty Thurman
<u>Arena Directors:</u>	Chris Soap, Mike Gabbard & Jackson Ross
<u>Host Gourd Dance Group:</u>	Lenape Gourd Dance Society Osage Gourd Clan
<u>Host Northern Drum:</u>	Red Land Singers
<u>Color Guard:</u>	Lenape Color Guard

2025 Delaware Pow Wow Princess

O’Kihi Kills Crow

2025 Delaware Pow Wow Honorees

Jack & Elaine Clinton

Schedule of Events

Gourd Dance

Friday: 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Saturday & Sunday: 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Jr. Contests Friday night, Sr. Women contests Saturday night & Sr. Men Sunday night

Stomp Dance

Friday and Saturday nights following the Pow-Wow

ALL SPECIALS ON SATURDAY & SUNDAY AFTERNOONS FROM 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

NO EXCEPTIONS

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

Sunday Afternoon Turtle Races – 2:00 p.m. – West end of Football field

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

NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR ACCIDENTS OR THEFT!

No chairs may be setup around the arena until Friday, May 23rd at approximately 10:00 a.m.

AN ANNOUNCEMENT WILL BE MADE WHEN IT IS TIME

FOR ARTS & CRAFTS INFORMATION or for more information on the dance,
call Elaine Clinton – 918/914-9347

Free Parking

Free Admission