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DELAWARE NATION NEWS

SPECIAL ELECTION For Treasurer Vacancy

On January 13th, a special election for the Treasurer vacancy will be conducted in accordance with the Election Ordinance of Delaware Nation. **Polls will be open on January 13th at the Delaware Nation Security Office from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.** Eligible voters will receive an absentee ballot in the mail in order to exercise their right to vote. Absentee Ballots will be picked up at the postal office by an Election Committee official on Friday, January 12 no later than 5:00 pm.

All candidates were asked to submit information to Public Relation's office by December 5 at 5:00 pm. Information provided can be found on page three (3) for eligible candidates.

This announcement was approved by the Delaware Nation Election Committee on 12/06/2023

SPECIAL GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA SATURDAY, JANUARY 13, 2023 Courtroom 10:00 AM

- Call to Order & Welcome - President Deborah Dotson
- Prayer - Terry Williams, Committee Person
- June 17, 2023 General Council Minutes - Ann Brower, Secretary
- Citizenship Application Approvals - Billie Anderson/Kelly Flow
- Adjournment - President Deborah Dotson



SPOTLIGHT



Public Relations

Delaware Nation has a new Public Relation Officer, Anissa Howell.

Anissa completed her Bachelor of Arts degree in Public Relations at Southeastern Oklahoma State University and has over 10 years of experience in this field. She is excited to serve the Delaware Nation, tribal members and community.

Please share any news for future papers with her at ahowell@delawarenation-nsn.gov.

TRIBAL CHRISTMAS EVENT

WELCOME ABOARD THE POLAR EXPRESS!



CHICKASHA, OK - Tribal citizens gathered Saturday, December 4, 2023, to celebrate the holiday season with food, prizes and gifts. The theme was "Welcome Aboard the Polar Express"! The decorated venue provided a festive setting for Tribal citizens and guests who attended this event.

The Christmas dinner started at 11:00 AM (CST) with a warm prayer by Terry Williams, Committee Person. Guests were treated to a traditional holiday meal prepared by Swadley's Bar-B-Q consisting of turkey, ham, dressing, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, and dessert.

Delaware Nation Princess Taniah Owens, her mother and Delaware Nation staff served meals to elders in attendance. The respect and honor showed toward our elders was greatly appreciated.

After the meal, the children gathered around Santa Claus next to the Christmas tree to tell him what they wanted for Christmas. Delaware Nation staff served as Santa's helpers as he gave each child a present.

The adults enjoyed visiting with those around them, eating the delicious food, seeing what the children received and participating in the raffle.

Wanishi to the hard-working Delaware Nation staff that made this event happen, to Santa Claus, and the citizens of this great Nation!



Meli Kēlēshmēsh!

Government & Business

CANDIDATES FOR TREASURER



Treasurer Candidate: Sharon Alpheatone

I am from the Thomas & Keechi family of Binger, OK. My grandmother was the late Josie Thomas Keechi and my grandfather was the late, older and first Charley Keechi. I am of Delaware and Caddo descent, which I am very proud of. My Mother was the late Louise Sellers Keechi and my father was the late Robert Keechi of Binger, OK. I am 69 years old, until April.

I have worked in Realty under Terry Bruner, Atty. at BIA Southern Plains Area Office in Land Titles & Records Department and traveled for work to all OK agencies for all tribes in Oklahoma & Kansas. I set up their files, land titles, all leases, all housing property with tribal homes, assigned each their own number and copied for storage on hard copies and microfilm. I also checked acreages and land owners as well. I have also worked for the Kiowa Tribe and Wichita office in 1970's. I have worked with WCD Enterprises in business development.

I have worked on three (3) Delaware Nation Committee Boards: Election, Enrollment and Lenape Entertainment, LLC as treasurer, acting secretary and chairman. I have also been the AOA Sr. Citizen's Director for Delaware Nation in the early 2000's.

I have been a critical care nurse in Lawton Comanche Memorial Hospital in ICU, CCU, ER, PCCU and nurse in the heart unit. I have worked at Anadarko ER and Grady Memorial Hospital in ER, ICU and the surgery floor. I have worked at Indian Health Services (IHS) in Lawton IHS hospital, Clinton IHS hospital, Anadarko IHS clinic, Carnegie IHS clinic and El Reno IHS clinic plus a home health agency in this area and most of Oklahoma. I have also done private duty nursing all over Oklahoma. I have had the privilege of working in many places for my Native American People which I am thankful for all I have been allowed to do in this lifetime.

I am running for the office of treasurer of Delaware Nation. I am very proud of my heritage and kin folks. I pledge to do my best for the good of all Delaware members. I am asking for your vote in this upcoming election.

I have 8 years of college. Four (4) years of college at USAO in political science, sociology and business management. Two (2) years at Oklahoma City Community College (OCCC) in the RN program and two (2) years at Platt College for RN BSN.

I also have 5 years in Vo-Tech for medical records, typing 3 & 4, bookkeeping 3 & 4, LPN, EMT, Phlebotomy and IV care and medicine. I also have a Real Estate Course from Barnes Realtor & Real Estate of Oklahoma City, OK.

I would appreciate your vote! I will do my best for you and our tribe as always. Thank you so much for your valuable time. Whether I win or not, your vote will be appreciated by those of us running. So, vote absentee ballot or get out and vote in person!

Wanishi!



Treasurer Candidate: Trinity Goombi

Hè! Weli Kishku Delaware Nation Citizens, My name is Trinity Goombi and I am running for the office of Treasurer. I am from the Jack Harry and Alipahkeynah descendency line, as well as, the French family of our Nation. I am the great granddaughter of Blanche Reynolds French, the granddaughter of Edgar and Shirley French, and the daughter of Suzanne French and Douglas Goombi.

I am honored to come from a family full of multi-generational tribal leaders. Because of my upbringing, I am culturally connected and have knowledge about our tribal governance structures. I was raised in the Anadarko community which instilled in me the passion for my people. My tribal leadership journey began in 2010 when I was given the immense honor of being selected as the Delaware Nation Tribal Princess. Soon after, my work history began at our Goal River Casino, Anadarko Oklahoma, and the tribal complex where I worked for the Gaming Commission for 5 years.

I have substantial experience with fiduciary duties that include budget management, payroll responsibilities and financial auditing. I currently work in writing and securing grant funding for tribal organizations that serve our communities. I have also served on our tribal leadership boards for the last 9 years including the Election Committee and currently serving on the Citizenship Committee.

I possess a Bachelor's Degree from the University of Oklahoma in Public Health and Native American Studies. I am currently a graduate student at the University of Oklahoma College of Law in the Indigenous Peoples Law program.

I am also on the leadership board for our Lenni Lenapexkweyok women's collective group that represents all Lenape communities. Throughout my life, I have served in numerous elected leadership roles for tribal and non-tribal organizations. I have attended many Lenape events and community gatherings in these capacities. I am a fierce advocate for our people and given the opportunity, I promise that I will represent our great Nation with honor and pride.

Initiatives that I promise to support are:

- Creating more opportunities for our tribal youth
- Making our elders the highest priority
- Opportunities for more diverse economic development
- Placing Lenape culture at the forefront of our future

Wanishi for your consideration !



Treasurer Candidate: Billie Kionute

Hello Delaware Nation Citizens, I am currently running for the position of Treasurer. Although enrolled Delaware, I do have Caddo descent as well. I am the daughter of the late Lyman Kionute, Sr., and the late Thelma Toho-Murrow Kionute. My Delaware lineage comes from my late grandmother Christine Shemayne Toho-Murrow (original allottee), late great grandmother Min-din, late great-grandmother Ne-ack-ta-ling (Dirty Face) and late great-great-grandfather Joe Harry.

I have 30+ years in the finance/accounting fields working in various positions in the federal government and private sector. Of those years, I have 15+ years' experience in the federal government as Business Office Manager, Accounts Receivable Supervisor and Accounts Receivable Technician. I also have an Associate Degree in Business Administration from Haskell Indian Nations University. I am well versed in the finance field and believe I would be the best fit for this position.

I have served on the Enrollment Committee, attend General Council meetings and have observed Executive Committee meetings. My family has always been involved within the Nation/Tribe's events and are huge supporters of our traditional customs.

I truly believe our nation's Executive Committee needs to be more transparent regarding our finances and any other business activities with the nation's citizens.

I would appreciate your support and vote in the upcoming election to fill the Treasurer's position on January 13, 2024.

Wanishi!



Treasurer Candidate: Phyllis Pack

Hello, I am running as a candidate for the position of Treasurer for Delaware Nation of Oklahoma.

Several of my family members (Keechi) have served in leadership roles involving tribal affairs and/or employees of the Delaware Nation for nearly 50 years.

With the unexpected vacancy of the Treasurer, it would be an honor and a privilege to step forward and become instrumental in assisting Delaware Nation in maintaining their leadership status in Oklahoma.

My background/qualifications are as follows:

1. Worked for a local Accounting Firm in Anadarko
2. Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration with a Minor in Sociology (4/1989)
3. Department of Interior-Bureau of Indian Affairs:
 - Clerical for Principal - Riverside Indian School (4 mos. in 1989)
 - Clerical - Branch of Natural Resources (12/1989-10/1994)
 - Branch of Contracts (1994-2004)
 - * Contract Specialist Commercial Contracts
 - * Acquisitions and Purchasing
 - * Contract Officer level 4
 - * Anadarko Regional Credit Card Coordinator
 - Branch of Self-Determination PL 93-638 (2/2004-11/2016)
 - * Awarding Official for Anadarko Agency Tribes
 - * Prepared, Awarded and Monitored Federal Tribal 638 Program Contracts in accordance with the terms and conditions.
 - * Performed yearly Financial Audits of each contracted program.
 - * Assisted tribes in resolving non-compliance issues for 638 programs.

A vote for me would be a vote for integrity, transparency and accountability.

Your vote would be greatly appreciated!!



Treasurer Candidate: Anne Pemberton

My name is Anne Marie Watkins-Pemberton, I am the daughter of Jim and Marvin Parton Watkins, the granddaughter of Stella Ellis-Parton, Annie Possum, and Hal Sut Taw. I am running for the office of Treasurer, and I would appreciate your support.

I attended school in Anadarko and graduated in 1976, I raised my family in Anadarko and love my hometown. I graduated from Cameron University with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Human Ecology and Minor in Sociology.

I currently work for Apex, Inc. (we provide residential and vocational services to adults with disabilities.) I have been employed at Apex, Inc., for 25 years, the last 5 years as Executive Director. I prepare our annual budget, and ensure our agency stays within that budget, attends pertinent training, schedule training, hire and fire.

I have been active with our Nation as I served on the election committee for two terms. I participate in any classes that pertain to anything culturally, I am a tribal elder and I know the importance of preserving our language and heritage.

I appreciate the opportunity to run for office of Treasurer and hope to be able to serve the members of our Nation in an honest and caring manner. If I am elected as your Treasurer, I will work diligently with the other members of the Executive Committee to continue to further our nation.

I appreciate your support and wish you all a wonderful holiday season.

Wanishi!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE TO DELAWARE NATION!

Delaware Nation would like to thank Barbara Nixon for her service as Treasurer from October 2019 to September 2023. As the treasurer for the Nation, she performed her duties with the utmost integrity and ensured that Delaware Nation's financial policies were followed.

Barbara's relevant skills, experiences and ideas were evident as she worked with everyone here at the Nation. She voiced her opinions on decisions facing the Nation and voted based on what she felt was best for the Nation.

Thank you, Barbara, for your leadership and support!





Treasurer Candidate:
Lawrence Snake

My name is Lawrence Frank Snake. My parents are Lawrence and Dorothy Snake. My grand parents are Frank and Bessie Snake. My great-grand parents are Tennessee (Dunkshe) and Sam Hunter.

I have applied for the unexpired treasurer position and I am asking for your vote. I have been a Committee-member, Treasurer and the President of the Delaware Nation.

During my tenure as President, the Executive Committee and I, had an arduous task in getting our government to stable ground. We worked very hard to grow the Nation.

When I was elected President, the Nation had three (3) programs, eight (8) outstanding grants that went back several years and debts over \$250,000.00. The staff, and the Executive Committee(s), worked tirelessly to close out the grants, to expand our programs and to payoff the debt.

We worked hard to create a bedrock foundation from which to build. We did not grow and prosper without guidance, knowledge and help from other tribal nations. I would like to see the Delaware Nation continue to shine by helping other tribal nations as we have continued growth.

Again, I am Lawrence Snake and I am asking for your vote.

Wanishi!



Treasurer Candidate: Randall Williams

He, kulamalsi hech, I am Randall Kye Williams, a candidate for the Nations Executive Committee position of Treasurer. I come from an honored family of servitude, from the armed forces, U.S. government, tribal government, as well as cultural and spiritual leaders such as Tennessee Thomas, and her brother Willard Thomas, Willie and Bessie (Hunter) Snake and Kye and Gladys (Snake) Yackeyonny.

I have a passion and I am committed to finding steps towards growth for our Nation and stay engaged with current tribal leaders on concerns I see facing our great Nation. I am eager to help our Tribe transform with the growing technology while also keeping on top of environmental and cultural issues.

I am currently enlisted in the Oklahoma National Guard (8 years), currently employed with the Department of Defense as part of a defense contract with responsibility of providing the safety and security of employees and multi million dollar equipment. I understand federal contracts and obligations in regards to fiscal responsibility. In 2019 through 2020 I sustained independent automotive shops with Federal funds through the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) throughout the Caddo & Comanche Counties in Oklahoma for the Kiowa, Comanche and Apache Tribal Communities to create new work avenues for our native people.

If fortunate to be elected as your Tribal Treasurer, I will work diligently to get up to speed with the great work created by the former Treasurer. I look forward to working as a collective Executive Committee Member, striving for excellence. As an avid hunter, I will work on matters regarding WCD lands and protection of our native hunting rights. Other advocacies is to pursue relationships with our clan tribes in Bartlesville and Canada. It is important to me that we as a Nation stand united to combat the non-federally recognized groups presenting as Lenape people.

I plan to contribute by helping the current council seek new ideas to engage and have participation from tribal members outside of Oklahoma. As a military child of an Army Officer, we moved a lot and frequently felt left out with activities "back home". The priority goal is to place tribal members and the tribe first; to ensure transparency as this is paramount in healing existing fractions within the tribe.

Wanishi for your consideration.
No endorsement by the United States Army nor Oklahoma National Guard is implied

OKLAHOMA TRIBAL LEADERS ATTEND THE WHITE HOUSE TRIBAL NATIONS SUMMIT IN WASHINGTON D.C. (DEC. 6-7, 2023)



Pictured above is the Oklahoma Tribal leaders who attended the White House Tribal Nation Summit



WASHINGTON D.C.- Tribal leadership were invited to attend the annual Tribal Nation Summit held on December 6-7, 2023.

President Joe Biden's address spoke about the amazing progress that has been made over the past 3 years and the 45 billion dollar investments made in Indian Country.

When he became President,

he promised that his administration would prioritize and respect Tribal Sovereignty and Self-Determination.

He acknowledged that Indigenous communities have lived too long in the shadows of the failed policies of the past. That is why he is committed to work with Tribal leaders to write a new and better chapter in America history for Indian Nations. Honoring the solemn promise the United States made to Tribal Nations to fulfill our federal trust and treaty obligations and to work together to rebuild tribal economies and institutions. To make this new era of Self-Determination a reality.

At the end of his address, he signed an executive order to reform the federal funding system for tribes, cutting the red tape so that Tribal leadership can deliver for their communities faster and better.

President Biden stated that it is hard work to heal the wrongs of the past and change the course to move forward, but the steps taken today are key steps into the new era of Tribal Sovereignty and Self-Determination.

A new era grounded in dignity and respect that recognizes a Tribal Nation's fundamental right to govern and grow on their own terms.

That is what this summit is all about.

SPECIAL DIABETES HEALTH FAIR

ANADARKO,OK.-Community Health Representative (CHR), Ambrea Marshall hosted a Special Diabetes Health Fair on November 16, 2023.

The 72 attendees were encouraged to participate in the 1-mile "Rock your Mocs" fun walk. Indian Health Services provided flu shots, COVID boosters, blood pressure checks, blood sugar checks and diabetes awareness information for those interested.

If you should ever need any form of assistance or questions concerning diabetes, please don't hesitate to get in touch with Ambrea Marshall at (405) 247-2448 ext. 1118 or email amarshall@delawarenation-nsn.gov.



The "Rock Your Mocs" health walk gave Tribal employees and those in attendance the opportunity to unit and celebrate tribal individuality by wearing moccasins on the walk and commemorating National Native American Heritage Month!

Six Natural Ways To Prevent Diabetes Before It Starts

Prediabetes is the period before diabetes is diagnosed. At this stage, blood sugar levels are high but not high enough to be diagnosed as diabetes.

Measures that can be taken to reduce the risk of diabetes progressing are:

1. **Cut sugar and refined carbohydrates** from your diet (i.e., white bread, potatoes, many breakfast cereals). Eating foods high in refined carbohydrates and sugar increases blood sugar and insulin levels, which may lead to diabetes over time. Instead, include complex carbohydrates such as vegetables, oatmeal and whole grains.
2. **Quit Smoking** if you are a current tobacco user. Smoking can contribute to insulin resistance, which can lead to type 2 diabetes. Quitting has been shown to reduce this risk of type 2 diabetes over time.
3. **Watch your portions.** Avoiding large portion sizes can help reduce insulin and blood sugar levels and decrease the risk of diabetes. Eating too much food at one time has been shown to cause higher blood sugar and insulin levels in people at risk of diabetes.
4. **Aim for 30.** Try to be intentionally active by taking a walk, dancing, lifting weights or swimming for 30 minutes, five days a week. If you get no or very little physical activity - and you sit during most of your day - it's time to get moving.
5. **Drink water.** Drinking water instead of other beverages may help control blood sugar and insulin levels, thereby reducing the risk of diabetes. Sticking with water most of the time helps you avoid beverages that are high in sugar, preservatives and other unneeded ingredients.
6. **Eat fiber.** Getting plenty of fiber is beneficial for gut health and weight management. Consuming a good fiber source at each meal can help prevent spikes in blood sugar and insulin levels, which may help reduce your risk of developing diabetes.

Walking to Lose Weight

Every step counts! Remember to take brisk walks to overall improve your health and fitness. Walking not only burns calories but lowers your risk of heart disease, improves muscle tone and maintains fitness.

Schedule walks in a daily planner and start small (i.e., walking for 10 minutes, then advancing your time and distance).

A brisk walk of 30 minutes will burn 150-200 calories. Be careful not to use your daily exercise as justification to eat more food.

Be patient, weight that you lose slowly is easier to keep off!

Make walking fun by inviting friends, family members or your dog to go with you.

Walk in different places, if possible, to change your view.

Take Charge



of
Tomorrow

Lehigh and Delaware Nation Announce Partnership

The agreement will aid in Indigenous research opportunities and establish a Historic Preservation Office on campus. Lehigh is situated on Delaware Nation's ancestral lands.

In recognition of the Indigenous people who originally inhabited what is today South Bethlehem, Lehigh University signed a historical Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on Oct. 13, 2023 with Delaware Nation, a sovereign, federally recognized nation of Lenape people.

The document signals an ongoing, reciprocal partnership with one of the Lenape tribal nations whose homelands Lehigh now sits on. The agreement has also enabled Delaware Nation to relocate an extension of their Historic Preservation Office on Lehigh's campus, which will facilitate the tribal nation's work in the region and improve education about their history locally and beyond.

"Any time you can establish a formal relationship with a tribal nation, it's a big deal," said Sean M. Daley, a faculty member with the College of Health who directs the Institute for Indigenous Studies (IIS), which helped facilitate the partnership.

"When you look at the way indigenous people and tribal nations are treated, they are left out of everything," he said, explaining that Native Americans have not been included in most major health and educational studies. "any time an academic institution can bring them into the fold and work with them, it's a good thing."

The Historic Preservation Office, located in the IIS at 524 Brodhead Ave., will give faculty, staff and students the opportunity to engage with people of Delaware Nation, Daley said. He also hopes the MOU will encourage Delaware Nation students to not only come to Lehigh to study, but to start a connection with their ancestral lands.

Katelyn Lucas, an adjunct instructor of English at Lehigh, is Delaware Nation's Historic Preservation Officer and will maintain the new office.

Delaware Nation is headquartered in Anadarko, Oklahoma. The Lehigh office will serve as an extension operating space for the nation's existing Historic Preservation Office staff, stationed in the Lenape homeland region.

The Historic Preservation Office's mission is to protect and preserve Lenape history, culture, homelands, sacred sites and cultural resources for future generations.

The MOU was signed in the lobby of the Alumni Memorial building by President Joseph J. Helble '82, Provost Nathan Urban and President of Delaware Nation Deborah Dotson. College of Health Dean Beth Dolan also attended the signing.

Article provided by Lehigh University



President Deborah Dotson signing the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)



President of Delaware Nation Deborah Dotson and Lehigh President Joseph J. Helble '82 exchange gifts during the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding between Delaware Nation and Lehigh.



From left: College of Health Dean Beth Dolan, President of Delaware Nation Deborah Dotson, President Joseph J. Helble '82 and Provost Nathan Urban after exchanging gifts.



Lehigh is a premier residential research university, ranked in the top tier of national research universities each year. Lehigh offers a distinct academic environment of undergraduate and graduate students from across the globe.

"Addressing the oral tradition of Native Americans, (Kiowa novelist) N. Scott Momaday explained that words are intrinsically powerful: 'Words are spoken with great care, and they are heard. They matter, and they must not be taken for granted; they must be taken seriously, and they must be remembered....'" Helble said. "Today is a major step toward such remembrance, and Lehigh University is proud to play a part in it."

Dotson, who is the first elected female president of her nation, thanked Lehigh for working with Delaware Nation and allowing an extension of the Historic Preservation Office to be on campus.

"It's very important to us to have a presence in Pennsylvania so that we can teach students about our history and they can learn from us," Dotson said.

The Lenape are indigenous to eastern Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware, and parts of New York, Connecticut and Maryland. Delaware Nation is one of multiple federally recognized Lenape tribal nations that exist today.

The Lenape were historically removed from their homelands as a result of settler colonialism, which is why their tribal government and a majority of their citizens are now located outside of their homelands, Katelyn Lucas explained.

Despite a long history of broken treaties and dispossession, these federally recognized Lenape tribal nations have maintained their sovereignty and ongoing relationships to their homelands, Lucas said. These nations work at the federal government-to-government level with the United States for the management and protection of their homelands.

Events leading up to the MOU signing included a meeting between Delaware Nation and Pennsylvania representatives, and the announcement of an Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) grant awarded to the Pennsylvania Tourism Office to engage with tribal communities relocated from Pennsylvania. The IIS will lead the project.

Sean Daley and his research partner and spouse, Christine Mokosky Daley, established the IIS at Lehigh's College of Health in the fall of 2020. The IIS focuses on improving the health and educational attainment of Native people in the Americas. It employs a "holistic health approach" that aligns with the definition of health often used by Indigenous peoples themselves.

Tribal Christmas Event Pictures Continued



ANNUAL BIGFOOT STORY TELLING EVENT



Bigfoot making friends at the 2023 Bigfoot event!

ANADARKO,OK--Delaware Nation Cultural Preservation Department held the Annual Bigfoot Storytelling Event on Friday, October 20, 2023, at Randlett Park. The weather for the outside event was great and Bigfoot believers arrived with smiles and good cheer!

Special guest speakers this year were Brian Terrell with Cryptid Field Investigators and Laura Smith, Nite Callers Bigfoot Radio Host.

This annual event is open to the community and each year the

number of attendees increase. Attendees were able to walk around and enjoy the numerous activities available.

Delaware Nation staff, as well as, other native and government organizations, provided informational and activity booths. Inflatable activities were enjoyed by children of all ages. Refreshments were provided by local food vendors and crafting vendors sold T-shirts, jewelry, and Bigfoot items.

A good time was had by all!



Guest speaker, Lauren Smith, Nite Callers Bigfoot Radio host



Guest speaker, Brian Terrell, with Cryptid Field Investigator



Sonnie Allen & Evelyn Kionute, Delaware Nation Cultural Preservation staff, hosted this event.



Delaware Nation Princess, Taniah Owens



Don't forget to utilize our Lenape Fitness Center located inside the AOA building. Hours are from 8-4 PM

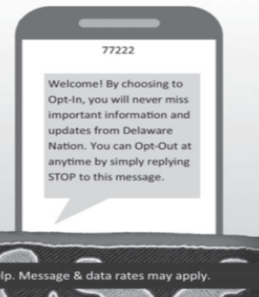
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OFFICE CLOSURES

Delaware Nation offices will be closed:

Holiday Closure

December 22 - 31, 2023

New Year's Day

January 1, 2024

Below is a list of phone numbers in case of emergencies (calls forwarded to cell phone)

Social Services: 405-247-2448 ext.1151 or 405-933-3540

Housing: 405-480-2220

Voc Rehab OKC: 405-632-3749

Voc Rehab Anadarko: 405-247-5873

CHR: 405-247-2448 ext.1118



"Our Children's Garden" Me-Mun-See Hah-Kee Hah-Kun Hosts Family Night



ANADARKO,OK - "Our Children's Garden" Me Mun-See Hah-Kee Hah-Kun hosted a family night event from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. (CT) on November 3, 2023.

With November being Native American Recognition month, parents and children were invited to celebrate in cultural events. Each child

received a Native American designed blanket. Wanishi for the hard-working staff and to the awesome parents of these wonderful children!



DELAWARE NATION COURT




P.O. Box 825 / Anadarko, Oklahoma 73005

405-247-8459 / Fax 405-247-1188



View upcoming court dockets at: delawarenation-nsn.gov

Elders Birthdays Age 60 & Over



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

1-Oct Gregory Francis Graves

5-Oct Roberta Faye Raffety

6-Oct Bruce Edward Gonzales

9-Oct Lydia Dianne Kopepassah

11-Oct Jimmy Lynn May

12-Oct Jennifer Lynn Keechi

13-Oct Darlene Marie Grace

15-Oct Lloyd Gregory Snake

15-Oct Sue A. Hawpe

17-Oct Willamae Rosalind Wetselline

18-Oct Judy Ann Beaver

21-Oct Mary Melva Cothron

21-Oct Cindy Smith Horacek-Bates

21-Oct Bobby Dean Keechi

24-Oct Lisa Dian Schuch

25-Oct Russell James Obe

26-Oct Vicky Marcelle McDaniel

27-Oct Stephan E. Dyer

29-Oct Vicki Diane Haddon

29-Oct Billie Rose Harry

30-Oct Sandra Kaye Mushaney

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1-Nov Lyle Marlene Ramsey

2-Nov Gwendolyn Kay Subia

5-Nov Sheryl Lynn Perez

10-Nov Walter Francis Mulhearn

11-Nov William Henry McIntire

12-Nov Evelyn Kay Peck

15-Nov Michael Joyce Hunter

16-Nov Carol Frances McEldowney

18-Nov Paul Anthony Delaware

19-Nov Jeffrey Kent Ramsey

20-Nov Barton Randall Cartwright

22-Nov Linda Lee McLane

23-Nov Nekole Demill Alligood

23-Nov Christopher Don Chebahtah

25-Nov Frank Gerard Osborne, Jr.

25-Nov Paul Allen Hunter

26-Nov Cindy Sue Kelly

26-Nov Meredith Ann Stanton

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1-Dec Bruce Ross Lawrence

1-Dec Gail Charlene Pruner

1-Dec Leo Frank Keechi, Jr.

2-Dec James Alonzo Schuldt

2-Dec Tami Lynn Eekiwaudah

4-Dec Mary Beth Thomason

8-Dec Meredith Elizabeth Austin

10-Dec Wanda Jo Oliver

14-Dec Esther Janette Smith

14-Dec Susan Lopez

15-Dec Joseph John Walker

15-Dec Vivian L. Flint

15-Dec Anita Ann Osborne

16-Dec Vicki Tyler

17-Dec Rachel Marie Moore

18-Dec Carol Ann Jared

19-Dec Troy Dennis Dryer

20-Dec Mary Leonita Smit

26-Dec Frank Edwin Wilson

27-Dec Robert Dale Taylor

28-Dec Randy Bryan Janes

29-Dec Shellie Denise Been

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To request the Administration on Aging menu please call (405) 247-2448 ext 1116.

SOOTHING A SORE THROAT

As the days grow shorter and colder, you or other family members may develop a sore, scratchy throat. Many things can trigger a sore throat. If it is a mild sore throat and a runny nose, some congestion, then it's probably a typical cold. But severe pain plus symptoms like a high fever and a loss of interest in eating or drinking may be more serious.

For mild conditions associated with a sore throat, trying the following recommendation may help bring comfort till the mild symptoms disappear:

- Warm liquids can help. Try hot tea with lemon or gargling with warm salt water.
- Keep your throat moist with lozenges or hard candies. Do not give these to young kids.
- Ice chips or popsicles may help numb the pain.
- Painkillers like acetaminophen or ibuprofen can reduce throat pain. Read the label to make sure products are safe for children. Never give aspirin to kids.
- Keep the air in the bedroom moist with a clean humidifier or vaporizer.
- Avoid smoking or inhaling second-hand smoke. Smoke can irritate the throat.



Halloween 2023

ANADARKO, OK- Every spooky, goolish Halloween season the Delaware Nation employees decorate and ready the tribal complex to pass out treats to the children of local daycare centers, Riverside Indian School, and community members. This year the children dressed to spook and delight with their amazing costumes and precious smiles. Laughs and squeals filled the offices as children Tricked and Treated their way through the halls and buildings of the complex.



Impressive costumes were worn and seen by all



Kids strolling in style for the trick or treat fun



Patiently waiting for their turn to trick or treat

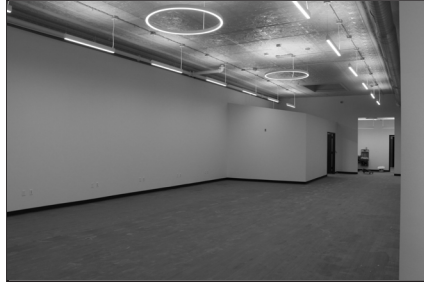
CONSTRUCTION PHASE NEARING COMPLETION ON HISTORIC PRESERVATION BUILDING

ANADARKO, OK - Delaware Nation applied and received an ICDGB ARPA Grant in the amount of \$990,000.00 on January 19, 2022. These funds have assisted with the renovation process of 105 West Broadway, which will become Delaware Nation's new museum, library, gift shop and offices upstairs for our Historic Preservation staff.

Conveniently, 105 West Broadway in Anadarko, OK is located adjacent to Delaware Nation's Cultural Preservation's Building at 103 West Broadway making it easy to provide access from one location to the other.

The construction phase is almost complete and will provide ample room for Delaware Nation's history and artifacts for all to enjoy. Carissa Speck, Historic Preservation Office Director, has been planning and organizing how to make the museum interactive to create an engaging learning experience for visitors.

All Tribal citizens will be able to enjoy this community space for years to come. Once the project is completed and set up, a grand opening will be planned and announced.



TAX COMMISSION NOTICE

Dear Tribal Citizen,

As leaders of Delaware Nation, the Executive Committee and I acknowledge and take responsibility to find appropriate solutions concerning the welfare of our Nation and its Citizens. We have met several times over the past five (5) days since learning of the Tribal tag issue publicized in news reports and on social media sites. We immediately consulted with our legal council and have considered every option available before making a decision on how to proceed.

We have been in contact with the Governor's office and the Attorney General's office discussing a resolution. We realize that this issue is not going to be resolved quickly. During this process, it is imperative that we protect the sovereignty of our Nation. As we work through this, we do not want to leave our Citizens who live outside of our jurisdictional area vulnerable to repercussions that might impact them during the holiday season.

Therefore, we have decided to offer assistance to all Tribal Citizens living outside of our tribal jurisdictional area the opportunity to change their tribal tag to an Oklahoma State tag until this matter can be resolved. Delaware Nation will reimburse up to One Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$150.00) per vehicle for Tribal Citizens who wish to make this change. Your tribal tag must be current before making this change. The Tax Commission Assistance Program will be placed on our website for this purpose. This assistance will be offered until January 31, 2024.

Should a Tribal citizen living outside our tribal jurisdiction choose not to change their tribal tag, the Nation will not be responsible for any ticket or impound fees or be able to assist with any legal costs they may incur.

Enclosed you will find a Memo from the Department of Public Safety, please note the last paragraph which states "may include a misdemeanor citation and/or impoundment of the vehicle." Also, enclosed is the Oklahoma Department of Transportation's Tribal Jurisdictional Areas in Oklahoma Map.

If you have any questions or need clarification please do not hesitate to contact the Tribal office.

Respectfully,

Deborah Dotson, President
Delaware Nation

TRIBAL LEADER MEETING REGARDING NCAI & STATE RECOGNIZED TRIBES



National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) is one of the oldest organization that advocates for Indian Country. Unfortunately, this organization has allowed state-recognized tribes voting rights the same as federally-recognized tribes. NCAI's embrace of state-recognized tribes undermines federally-recognized tribes' rights, histories and cultures. On December 5, 2023, Tribal leaders of federally-recognized tribes (pictured above) met at the Eastern Bank Cherokee location in Washington D.C. to discuss this issue and what steps need to be taken in the future.

Delaware Nation Guest Wi-Fi

In 2022 Delaware Nation received a grant from the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) for a Tribal Broadband Connectivity Program (TBCP) project. One of the approved activities for these funds was the development and installation of Public Wi-Fi hubs at Delaware Nation anchor institutions in an effort to provide tribal and community members with access to high speed internet. Delaware Nation now has operational guest wi-fi services available at several location with more locations to be added in the future. The Delaware Nation Tribal Complex North of Anadarko, Delaware Nation Cultural Preservation offices (103 W Broadway Anadarko, OK) and Delaware Nation Housing (904 W. Petree Road, Anadarko, OK). Signs at each of our Wi-Fi hub locations will be posted with information on how to connect to our public Wi-Fi.

DELAWARE NATION TAX COMMISSION							
MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS							
1% EXCISE TAX ON FACTORY DELIVERED PRICE OF ALL BRAND NEW VEHICLES							
	MSRP PRICE:						
MORE THAN BUT LESS THAN	\$0.00	\$2,500.00	\$5,000.00	\$7,500.00	\$10,000.00	\$12,500.00	\$15,000.00
	\$2,499.99	\$4,999.99	\$7,499.99	\$9,999.99	\$12,499.99	\$14,999.99	OR MORE
2024	\$27.00	\$40.00	\$61.00	\$96.00	\$122.00	\$149.00	\$202.00
2023	\$27.00	\$36.00	\$53.00	\$83.00	\$106.00	\$130.00	\$165.00
2022	\$27.00	\$31.00	\$46.00	\$72.00	\$92.00	\$112.00	\$143.00
2021	\$27.00	\$27.00	\$40.00	\$62.00	\$79.00	\$96.00	\$124.00
2020	\$27.00	\$27.00	\$33.00	\$53.00	\$67.00	\$82.00	\$107.00
2019	\$27.00	\$27.00	\$28.00	\$45.00	\$57.00	\$69.00	\$91.00
2018	\$27.00	\$27.00	\$27.00	\$37.00	\$47.00	\$57.00	\$77.00
2017	\$27.00	\$27.00	\$27.00	\$31.00	\$39.00	\$47.00	\$65.00
2016	\$27.00	\$27.00	\$27.00	\$27.00	\$31.00	\$37.00	\$55.00
2015	\$27.00	\$27.00	\$27.00	\$27.00	\$27.00	\$27.00	\$43.00
2014	\$27.00	\$27.00	\$27.00	\$27.00	\$27.00	\$27.00	\$34.00
OVER 12	\$27.00	\$27.00	\$27.00	\$27.00	\$27.00	\$27.00	\$27.00
Renewal Rate when 2nd - 4th Yr.	MSRP is over \$15,000		\$87.00				
5th - 7th Yr.	Flat Renewal Rate of --		\$77.00				
8th Yr. and over	(Current Motor Vehicle Registration Rates in effect)						
Duplicate Reg.	\$10.00	Personalized Tag					
Duplicate Title	\$10.00	Transfer Personal Tag					
Lost/Stolen Tag	\$10.00	Farm Tag					
Lost/Stolen Decal	\$5.00	Motor Tag					
		\$27.00					
		Active Military					
		1/2 REGISTRATON					
		Mobil Homes					
		1/2 REGISTRATON					
		Travel Trailers					
		1/2 REGISTRATON					
		Veteran Tag					
		1/2 REGISTRATON					
		Handicap Tag					
		1/2 REGISTRATON					
		Commercial Tag					
		1/2 REGISTRATON					
Transfer Title	\$10.00	Mail Fee for New Tag					
Lien Entry	\$10.00	\$5.95					
Notary Fee	\$5.00	(Tribal member)					
RTMnd Check Fee	\$35.00						
As of April 1, 2010 the penalty for late fees after the 30 day grace period will be \$1.00 per day.							

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New 2024 Rates
Just a reminder! You must have at least a 3 to 6 month insurance policy in place to register or renew a vehicle.

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DELAWARE NATION INDUSTRIES / DELAWARE NATION INVESTMENTS

ANNUAL DELAWARE NATION ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (DNEDA) AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

ANADARKO, OK - On November 7, 2023, Delaware Nation Economic Development Authority, LLC Board, Delaware Nation Industries Board Members, Delaware Nation Investment Board Members, DNI Senior Management and the Delaware Nation Executive Committee held their annual meeting at the Delaware Nation Tribal Headquarters in Anadarko, OK. This annual meeting provides a forum for each board to be brought up to date on important issues that pertain to the Nation as a whole. It also provides each board the opportunity to discuss important developments and issues that could impact the business' performance and the Nation's well being.

Topics discussed during this meeting included:

- Communication
- Community Support/Legal Strategy
- Reappointment Process
- DNI's Strengths & Weaknesses

A few of 2023 Accomplishments included:

January 2023- DNI Emerging Technologies, LLC, a subsidiary of Delaware Nation Investments, was awarded a prime contractor role under an Air Force maintenance, operations, and surveillance support contract at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base (WPAFB) in Ohio.

May 2023- DNI Emerging Technologies, a subsidiary of Delaware Nation Investments, is excited to announce they have been awarded a prime contractor role under a United States Transportation Command

(USTRANSCOM) Commercial Operations Integrated System (COINS) at the Scott Air Force Base in Illinois.

Aug. 2023- Unami, LLC, a subsidiary of DNI, was awarded a prime contractor role providing on-site cybersecurity support services to maintain an Authority

September 2023- DNI Emerging Technologies, a subsidiary of Delaware Nation Investments, announces they have been awarded a prime contractor role under the Air Force's Lifecycle Management Center (AFLCMC) Unique Information Technology Support (IT) for the Mobility Directorate contract.



Attending the meeting (left to right top row): Michael McLane; Victoria De La Rosa-Feliciano; Richard Jennings; and Derek Marino. (left to right bottom row) Dr. Michele Hockersmith; Steven Koprince; Deborah Dotson; Frank Keechi; Shane Dulaney; Ann Brower and Terry Williams.



Pictured above (left to right): Dr. Michele Hockersmith, member, Derek Marino, Secretary/Treasurer, Frank Keechi, Chairman, and Richard Jennings, member. Not pictured is Clark Southard, Vice Chairman, who was unable to attend due to illness.



Delaware Nation Investment Board (left to right): Steven Koprince, member; Derek Marino, Secretary/Treasurer; Frank Keechi, Vice Chairman; and Shane Dulaney, member. Not pictured is Clark Southard, Chairman who was unable to attend due to illness.



Chief Tamanend Statue Dedication



Left to right: Joel Randell, sculptor, and Paula Brown, CEO Delaware Nation Investments.

ANADARKO, OK - On Tuesday, November 7, 2023 Delaware Nation Industries and Delaware Nation Investments' Senior management invited the Delaware Nation Executive Committee, Delaware Nation Economic Development Authority Board members, DNI Board members, Anadarko Community leaders, Tribal leaders, and local tribal citizens to participate in the unveiling of the Tamanend bust placed at the National Hall of Fame for Famous American Indians. This outdoor statuary garden features busts of Native Americans from various tribes to honor their contributions and place in American history.

Jerry Kennedy, CEO, welcomed everyone to the event and asked Jason Pruner, CEO of Indigenous Technologies and Creative IT Solutions, to say the opening prayer.

Jerry Kennedy read a tribute about Chief Tamanend to all in

attendance. He told about a trip to Washington D.C.'s Capital Rotunda where above the eight framed historical paintings (four scenes from the American Revolution exploration and colonization of America), he noticed a small scene betraying the treaty of Shackamaxon between William Penn and Chief Tamanend. This made him realize the impact that Tamanend, had on American history. Tamanend embodied selflessness, humility, integrity, Native pride, entrepreneurship, servanthood as a leader. These are the same core values we strive for at our company.

The sculptor, Joel Randell, was commissioned by DNI to create the Tamanend bust. Mr. Randell shared what an honor it was to be asked to portray Tamanend and how he tried to depict the intensity of a leader in his facial expression. In preparing for this task, he researched and studied other artistic works of Tamanend. He enjoyed working on this project and working with DNI and Delaware Nation.

Tribute to Chief Tamanend

Chief Tamanend or Tammany, the "Affable One" (c.1628-1698), was a chief of one of the clans that made up the Lenni-Lenape nation in the Delaware Valley when Philadelphia was established. Tamanend is best known as a lover of peace and friendship who was prominent in establishing peaceful relations among the Native American Tribes and the English settlers who established Pennsylvania. William Penn, the Quaker leader, led the English colonists. Tamanend, along with the leaders of the Lenni-Lenape nation, met with William Penn and the leaders of the Pennsylvania colony under a large elm tree at Shackamaxon in the early 1680's. At Shackamaxon, Tamanend announced that the Lenni-Lenape and the English colonists would "live in peace as long as the waters run in the rivers and creeks and as long as the stars and moon endure." Tamanend and William Penn then signed the Treaty of Shackamaxon in 1683, memorializing the ideas of serving one another.

Tamanend's words have been memorialized on the statue of Tamanend that stands in Philadelphia today. The statue of Tamanend is located at the intersection of Front and Market Streets in Philadelphia. Another statue of Tamanend, an 1817 wooden sculpture by William Luke, was the figurehead of the USS Delaware warship. The ship burned during the American Civil War, but the figurehead was rescued and was displayed in the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland, where it was eventually bronzed.

In the film "Gangs of New York", a statue of an American Indian identified as Tamanend is shown outside Tammany Hall in New York City. It is believed that Tamanend died in 1698. Over the next century, many folk legends surrounded Chief Tamanend and his fame. Some of the legends assumed mythical proportions among the people of Philadelphia, who began to call him "King Tammany," "Saint Tammany," "The Patron Saint of America," and "The Grandfather of the United States of America."

The people of Philadelphia also organized a Tammany society and an annual Tammany festival on May 1st. These traditions soon spread across America. The reason for Tammany's popular status can be attributed to the need that patriotic colonists had to express a distinct "American" identity in place of their former European nationalities. Chief Tamanend, or Tammany, provided the principles of the new nation where leaders served the citizens, sparking a new ideal in the world. Tamanend, an American Indian, provided an apt symbol for patriotic Americas to which they would identify. Because of Philadelphia's significance during the founding of the United States of America, Tamanend soon became a national symbol throughout most of the newly formed country. Tamanend served as first true servant leader of North America.

