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## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

**Deborah Dotson**  
President

**Victoria De La Rosa-  
Feliciano**  
Vice President

**Ann Brower**  
Secretary

**Phyllis Pack**  
Treasurer

**Terry Williams**  
Committee Person

**Michael McLane**  
Committee Person

This publication has  
been approved by the  
Executive Committee  
during a duly called  
meeting held on  
**MARCH 12, 2024,**  
by a vote of:

**6 yes  
0 no  
0 abstain**

The Delaware Nation  
Newspaper will be printed  
on a Quarterly basis.



## DELAWARE NATION NEWS

# Official Tally of January 13, 2024 Treasurer Election

On January 13th, a special election for the Treasurer vacancy was conducted in accordance with the Election Ordinance of Delaware Nation. The Results of the election for the office of Treasurer are tallied as follows:

Treasurer Candidates			
Sharon Ahpeahtone Live-0 Absentee-4 TOTAL=4	Anne Pemberton Live-11 Absentee-26 TOTAL=37	Trinity Goombi Live-7 Absentee-13 TOTAL=20	Lawrence Snake Live-2 Absentee-13 TOTAL=15
Billie Kionute Live-11 Absentee-11 TOTAL=22	Phyllis Pack Live-5 Absentee-35 TOTAL=40	Randall Williams Live-3 Absentee-8 TOTAL=12	

This announcement was approved by the Delaware Nation Election Committee on 01/13/2024. Wanishi for participating in this election and congratulations to the newly elected Treasurer!

## SPOTLIGHT



On February 23, 2024 Ambrea Marshall, Delaware Nation CHR Director, received the Comanche Nation Chairman Award of Excellence presented by Mark Woommavovah, Chairman of the Comanche Nation. Way to Go Ambrea!

## Newly-Elected Treasurer Sworn In



Delaware Nation Election Committee Members Dana Saucedo, Sonnie Allen, Chairperson Brittani Williams, Phyllis Pack, Michelle Kelly-Woodard, Leandra Eckiwaudah



Todd Wright, Tassie Wright, Tanley Wright, Avery Beam, Juana Glasgow, Swayde Born, Phyllis Pack, Addison Artman, Delores Washburn, Kieran Artman, Clint Pack, Tanea Artman

Anadarko, OK - January 30, 2024 - Phyllis Pack was joined by a host of friends and relatives to celebrate this momentous occasion which most would say is out of the "norm" for Phyllis. When Phyllis heard of the vacant position she said "something just told me to throw my hat in the ring." Phyllis hopes to bring her experience from years of performing yearly audits for the Bureau of Indian Affairs to her tribe by helping them stay on track with continued financial success.

Phyllis stated "I felt like this was my opportunity to give back to my tribe by utilizing my experience obtained while working for the Bureau." She is excited about how far the tribe has come and is looking forward to seeing how much further they will go. "I remember when we offered \$50 at the holidays to our members and now we offer so much more. To get to be involved with your tribe from all areas is so exciting!"



The Newly-Elected Treasurer Phyllis Pack was officially sworn in January 30, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. at the Delaware Nation Courtroom by Election Committee Chairman Brittani Williams



Mayor Holt Presents Key to OKC to President Dotson

Oklahoma City, OK - January 24, 2024 Mayor Holt presented President Dotson with the key to OKC and President Dotson, Executive Committee members: Victoria De La Rosa-Feliciano, Ann Brower, Terry Williams; D.G. Smalling and Kelly Matthews presented Mayor Holt with artwork to be displayed in the Oklahoma City University School of Law dean's office. The artwork was created by D.G. Smalling a Choctaw artist and is inspired by a map titled "A Grove of Tall Pines" donated to the Delaware Nation by Bart and Cathy Cartwright.



President Dotson with Mayor Holt



D.G. Smalling, President Dotson, Mayor Holt



Kelly Matthews, D.G. Smalling, Victoria De La Rosa-Feliciano, President Dotson, Mayor Holt, Ann Brower, Terry Williams

"Our Children's Garden" Me-Mun-See Hah-Kee Hah-Kun News

January 2024 - In the month of January we had 5 employees enroll and start college to further their education in early childhood education. We certified our newest employee Desiree B. in CPR. Our children celebrated and learned lessons on New Years Day, and also on Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. We had a total of 8 staff attend a childcare training over sensory processing needs presented by the Chickasaw Nation in OKC. Our staff have been working with quality coach Lisa Earls with Great Plains Resource and Referral. Ms. Lisa is helping guide our staff through the pyramid module trainings ages birth-5 which is designed to support the social-emotional development of young children. We would like to welcome back master teacher Brittney Foster.

February 2024- We started off February with an employee lunch to show our appreciation to the staff.

Newly appointed Director Jennifer Adams. collaborated and partnered with Delaware Nation Cultural Preservation to implement the education of the Lenape language to our children. We will have a Valentine's coloring page in Lenape for the children and Cultural Preservation is also providing Valentine's goodies for the children's Valentine's parties. We have also partnered with Anissa Howell. in Public Relations to come out February 13th and do Valentine's pictures with a back drop and props for the children and their families. We have began planning our first family night of 2024, it will be held in March and will be over reading awareness. Director Jennifer Adams and LPN Christy Harris held CPR class and trained 12 Comanche Nation childcare employees. They will be hosting another CPR class for the Comanche Nation in March.

We would like to welcome our new receptionist Jerica Hester. and our two new co-teachers Faith Herrera and Haley Melton. All staff will have the opportunity to attend a childcare training presented by the Chickasaw Nation in OKC on 2/24/24 over building steam throughout the day.

March 2024- We will be hosting family night March 15th, 2024 from 5:30p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Our topic will be over reading awareness and we will have special reading guests to read to the children. The children will receive a new book and dinner will be provided. We are currently planning our Easter parties and Easter egg hunts for the children that will be held at the end of March. The children will begin getting the planters boxes ready so their classes can plant in the spring.

Our Children's Garden Hosts Valentine's Party

Love was in the air and fun was had by all! The children enjoyed pizza, candy, games provided by Delaware Nation Cultural Preservation and Valentine's from all their friends.

### Our Children's Garden

Me-Mun-See Hah-Kee-Hah-Kun "Our Children's Garden" is a Delaware Nation Operated Early Childhood Learning Center

DELAWARE NATION TAX COMMISSION							
MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS							
1% EXCISE TAX ON FACTORY DELIVERED PRICE OF ALL BRAND NEW VEHICLES							
MSRP PRICE:							
MORE THAN	\$0.00	\$2,500.00	\$5,000.00	\$7,500.00	\$10,000.00	\$12,500.00	\$15,000.00
BUT LESS THAN	\$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	\$35.00	\$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 Flat Renewal Rate of -- \$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	\$22.00			
Duplicate Title	\$10.00		Transfer Personal Tag	\$10.00			
Lost/Stolen Tag	\$10.00		Farm Tag	\$27.00			
Lost/Stolen Decal	\$5.00		Mtrcle Tag	\$27.00			
			Active Military	1/2 REGISTRATON			
			Mobil Homes	1/2 REGISTRATON			
			Travel Trailers	1/2 REGISTRATON			
Transfer Title	\$10.00		Veteran Tag	1/2 REGISTRATION			
Lien Entry	\$10.00		Handicap Tag	1/2 REGISTRATION			
			Commercial Tag	1/2 REGISTRATION			
Notary Fee	\$0.00	(Tribal member)					
Rtrnd Check Fee	\$35.00		Mail Fee for New Tag	\$5.95			
As of April 1, 2010 the penalty for late fees after the 30 day grace period will be \$1.00 per day.							

## TAX COMMISSION NOTICE

### 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.

**DELAWARE NATION TAX COMMISSION MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS**

**1% EXCISE TAX ON FACTORY DELIVERED PRICE OF ALL BRAND NEW VEHICLES**



NTIA Broadband Telemedicine.com Membership

- This grant funded program provides Delaware Nation households a 36-month membership with Telemedicine.com
- The Telemedicine.com membership allows healthcare providers to connect with patients from a distance, eliminating the need for in-person visits for a variety of illnesses and conditions
- The Telemedicine.com membership covers all members of your household, including non-native family members
- The Telemedicine.com membership also provides a health kit to assist with your virtual visits
- The health kit includes a Wi-Fi enabled tablet device, Wi-Fi enabled Medical Device Gateway, blue-tooth enabled weight scale, blood pressure arm monitor, pulse oximeter, glucometer, thermometer, and for households with children, a digital otoscope (to examine ears). The kit will be provided with a custom storage case to minimize damage to devices.
- The Delaware Nation website offers a recorded webinar with more information on this program, please visit: <https://www.delawarenation-nsn.gov/telemedicine-informational-webinar-presentaiton-is-now-available-to-view/>
- To sign up for the Telemedicine.com membership, please email the Grants Coordinator, Ivy Smith, at [ismith@delawarenation-nsn.gov](mailto:ismith@delawarenation-nsn.gov) and indicate you are a Delaware Nation enrolled citizen and would like to sign up for the Telemedicine program.



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Head to toe coverage...literally! See the conditions that we treat below that put us head and shoulders above other similar benefit offerings. Primary Care Telemedicine

Abdominal Pain/Cramps Abscess Acid Reflux Allergies Animal/Insect Bites Arthritis Asthma Backache Blood Pressure Issues Bronchitis Bowel/Digestive Issues Cellulitis Cold	Constipation Cough/Croup COVID-19 Diarrhea Dizziness Eye Infection/Irritation Fever Flu Gas Gout Headache/Migraine Herpes Joint Pain/Swelling	Laryngitis Pink Eye Poison Ivy/Oak Rash/Skin Injury Respiratory Infection Sinusitis Sore Throat Sprains & Strains STDs Strep Tonsillitis Vaginal/Menstrual Issues Yeast Infection And More!
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Licensed Therapists and Counselors available anytime, anywhere. Talk to us for issues such as:

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Below is a list of Frequently Asked Questions. Do you have a question that is not answered here? If so please contact us. [Mail@telemedicine.com](mailto:Mail@telemedicine.com)

1. Is there a minimum number of months I need to sign up for in order to start Telemedicine.com service? No, Delaware Nation has covered all costs associated for a 12-month period.
2. I signed up but I don't have my confirmation email yet. Receiving a confirmation email can take up to 30-45 minutes. Please check your junk mail folder to ensure you received it. The confirmation email will say "New Benefit Announcement" in the subject line. If you still haven't received an email confirmation, please call us at (888) 676-0332 or email us at [mail@telemedicine.com](mailto:mail@telemedicine.com)
3. What conditions can I get treatment for? We treat most non-emergency medical conditions, as well as mental health. See the full list of conditions above.
4. Is there a CoPay? No, the monthly subscription fee paid by Delaware Nation covers all costs to visit with a doctor online.
5. Can I use my insurance? We do not take insurance, however, there are no hidden fees. Your monthly subscription paid by Delaware Nation allows you to see a doctor 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days per year.
6. I want to see a mental health therapist. Will I get a different therapist each time I request a mental health consultation? The way our program works is that we treat episodic issues. You would most likely not get the same therapist each time as we have a multitude of providers.
7. Will my online doctor be able to order an x-ray? We are not able to order imaging. If you obtain imaging, our doctors may be able to review it.
8. Are there any medications that my online doctor can't prescribe? We are not able to prescribe any controlled substances. See the controlled substance list here: [https://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/schedules/orangebook/c\\_cs\\_alpha.pdf](https://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/schedules/orangebook/c_cs_alpha.pdf)
9. Can my online doctor treat my infant? The minimum age to use our service is two (2).
10. Can my dependent child attending college in another state still be on my account? Yes. You can keep your dependent children on your family plan until they reach the age of 26. However, when your child turns 18, they must manage their own account and will be prompted to do so. Please note that if your account (the primary account) is canceled, theirs will terminate as well.
11. How do I cancel my membership? Please send an email to [mail@telemedicine.com](mailto:mail@telemedicine.com). Please include the email address you signed up with and your name along with your desire to cancel. Upon receiving the cancellation email, Telemedicine.com will cancel your membership.
12. Still Need Help? Please call us at (888) 676-0332 for support 24/7 or email us at [mail@telemedicine.com](mailto:mail@telemedicine.com)

# THAT HEART'S NOT GOING TO START ITSELF

DON'T BE AFRAID. GIVE CPR. SAVE A LIFE.

More than **350,000** out-of-hospital cardiac arrests occur each year in the United States.

During cardiac arrest, immediate CPR can **DOUBLE OR TRIPLE** a person's chance of survival.

But currently, bystanders only perform CPR **46%** of the time.

In a nationwide online survey, respondents commented on why they did not perform CPR on someone in cardiac arrest despite having the opportunity to do so:

**31%** Afraid of legal ramifications

**24%** CPR is too complicated

**16%** I have not been trained to perform CPR

**28%** Afraid I might hurt the person

**18%** I did not feel confident performing the steps

**14%** I did not want to give rescue breaths

Source: 2016 Hands-Only CPR Research Tracking Study, American Heart Association, Published April 4, 2017

With hands-only CPR, it takes just **2 STEPS TO SAVE A LIFE:**

**1.** Call 9-1-1

**2.** Push hard & fast

Learn more at [heart.org/cpr](https://heart.org/cpr)

# SAVE the DATE

DNI STAKEHOLDER MEETING  
Virtual Zoom Meeting

**April 20th, 2024 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM<sup>CDT</sup>**

If you would like to attend, please email your name and Delaware Nation Roll Number to [meetings@dnishines.com](mailto:meetings@dnishines.com) by April 12th, 2024.

Once your information is verified, you will receive an email with the zoom information and the access code.



Meet the Delaware Nation Housing Staff



Summer Dutton  
Housing Director



Billie Hensley  
Housing Specialist



Taylor Kopepassah  
Housing Intake Clerk



Roger Birch Force  
Account Foreman/  
Inspector



Jace Gonzales  
Force Account  
Laborer II



Jerald Walker  
Force Account  
Laborer I

Housing News & Updates

The housing department has been busy attending trainings, making home improvements and helping people achieve their dreams.

Housing recently attended the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) summit. Some of the topics that were talked about:

- Homebuyers: Single Family Housing Direct Loans
- Homeowners: Home Repair Loans and Grants.

These are programs available to apply for on the USDA website.

The housing department also attended the Southern Plains Indian Housing Association (SPIHA) training where they discussed different topics such as property maintenance, conflict management, time management and more. We were able to collaborate with other Native American Housing entities from all around the state. We look forward to many more SPIHA trainings to learn how to serve the nation better.



Tree removed by the  
City of Anadarko

Housing would like to thank the City of Anadarko for helping with the removal of a large tree that one of our tenants had in their yard. We appreciate all their help and look forward to working with them in the future.

The housing laborer and the housing foreman have recently been working with tenants to help repair things around their homes, they have recently fixed one of our tenants' window awning was fixed on their home.

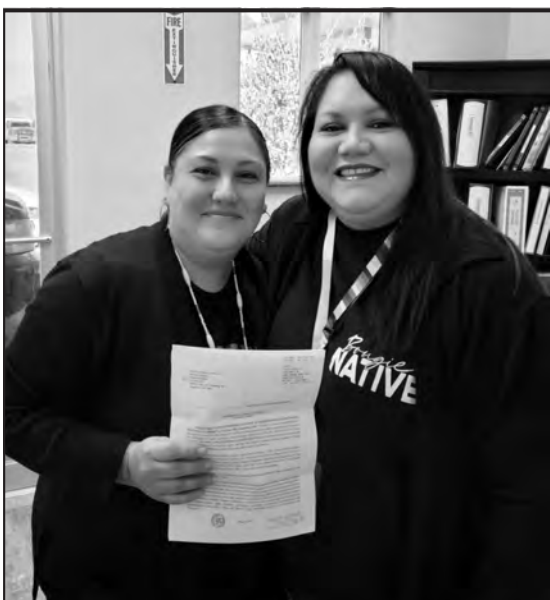


Tribal Members Assisted since May 2023:

- Tribal Rental Assistance Program assisted 23 members for a total of \$20,042.
- General Welfare Utility Assistance for Renters Program assisted 114 members for a total of \$24,823.57.
- Heating/ Air Unit Repair or Replacement Assistance assisted 19 members for a total of \$67,906.71.
- Natural Disaster Assistance assisted 14 members for a total of \$42,000.

Conveyance

It was an exciting day for Melanie Quiver who officially became a homeowner on 02/08/2024. She would like to thank the Delaware Nation Housing staff and the Delaware Nation for their help in attaining her dream of being a homeowner. Melanie stated "Summer Dutton is doing a great job and we are so thankful for all the legwork she has done to complete the conveyance," Congratulations Melanie on being our newest homeowner!



Summer Dutton, Delaware Nation Housing Director  
with Melanie Quiver, new homeowner



Housing Keeping Tips:

As we are entering the Spring Season, just a friendly reminder to change your air conditioner filter on schedule. Below are benefits of changing the filters regularly.

1. **Health Benefits:** This is the main reason for changing out the air filter. If you do not replace your filter regularly, then you are breathing in dust particles, dander and mites that may reside on the filter. I know that this is a disgusting topic but it is a harsh reality. If you suffer from allergies or not, replacing your air filters is beneficial for your own health and wellness.
2. **Utility Bill:** When properly replaced, it will save up to 35% on your cooling bill. The A.C. system cannot run efficiently if it is dirty. If your filter is dirty the air flow will be lower and strained, which will make your system work harder than it needs to and take a longer period of time to cool your home. This leads to a more expensive utility bill and a shorter life span for the system.
3. **Damage to the A.C. system:** Running an A.C. system with a dirty filter, or no filter, can cause serious damage to the unit. While this may sound like the "landlord's problem", you may want to look at your lease to see if you are responsible for "NEGLECT" of your system. Here is a common lease clause to look for: Keep all air conditioning filters clean and free from dirt; neglect of filter change can damage system and tenant may be responsible for damages.

We sometimes take filters for granted, but a cheap air filter could make you a happier and healthier person (or family).




# Education & Entertainment



President Dotson, Nicole Moan, DG Smalling

## Operation Lady Justice Series

A collaboration between Choctaw Artist D.G. Smalling and OKC Artist Nicole Moan called Operation Lady Justice is on display at the Delaware Nation Complex Administration Building and the Cultural Preservation Building, honoring Murdered & Missing Indigenous Women (MMIW) is now on display. Nicole Moan known for her incredible ceramic work created each piece based off of D.G. Smalling paintings. They hope to bring more awareness to MMIW in the Anadarko and Delaware Nation area.



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EXT. 1118 & 1181  
or  
Email: [CHR@delawarenation-nsn.gov](mailto:CHR@delawarenation-nsn.gov)

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### Breaking The Cycle

### Misuse and Abuse Of Opioids General Welfare Program

\*OPIOID ADDICTION IS VERY SERIOUS AND CAN HAPPEN TO ANYONE. OVERDOSE DEATHS DUE TO OPIOID USE HAVE BEEN ON THE RISE AMONG NATIVE AMERICANS SINCE 2000. TEENS AND YOUNG ADULTS (BETWEEN 16 AND 30) HAVE THE HIGHEST RISK OF OPIOID MISUSE!

This program is here to provide support to reduce the opioid crisis in our community.

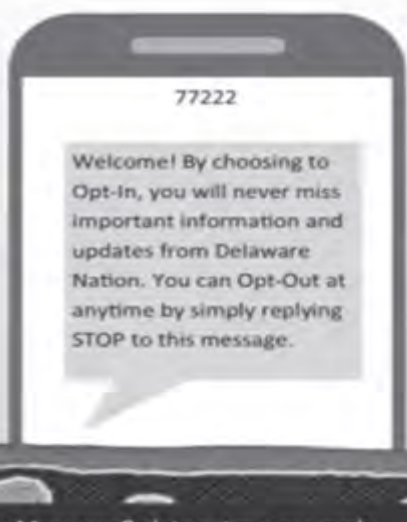
Email or visit <https://www.delawarenation-nsn.gov/community-health-representative/>

## Always Stay Connected!

Text keyword **LENAPE**

To 77222 and stay connected for important information!

4 Messages per month. Reply STOP to cancel. HELP for help. Message & data rates may apply.



77222

Welcome! By choosing to Opt-In, you will never miss important information and updates from Delaware Nation. You can Opt-Out at anytime by simply replying STOP to this message.

## Tips for Staying Healthy this Spring


The warmer weather and bright skies in spring can bring about a great amount of excitement after the winter months. The changing of the seasons is also an excellent time to adopt new healthy habits or take control of any existing health problems triggered during this time. Here are a few tips to make this season much more healthy and enjoyable:

**Remove Allergy Triggers:** Spring time is synonymous with plants being in full bloom, which also means that you can expect there to be more outdoor and indoor allergy triggers such as pollen and dust mites. You can control allergy symptoms by regularly washing linens and blankets, avoiding outdoor time when the pollen count is high, and taking time to talk to your doctor about any remedies that can alleviate your symptoms.

**Start a New Workout Routine:** Warmer weather and bright skies in spring means that conditions are perfect for getting outdoors. This is a great time to add variety into your exercise routine with activities such as hiking and running. Make sure to consult with your doctor before beginning any new exercise regimen.

**Protect Your Skin:** As you spend more and more time outdoors, it is important to take precaution to protect your skin by wearing sunblock. The Skin Cancer Foundation recommends that you choose a sunblock with an SPF higher than 30, and that has UVA-blocking ingredients such as zinc oxide, titanium dioxide, avobenzone, ecamsule, and oxybenzone.

**Introduce Superfoods into Your Diet:** Springtime means that new vegetables and fruits are in season. Think about incorporating super foods such as walnuts, blueberries, asparagus and strawberries to make your diet both healthy and exciting.



Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program

### Delaware Nation LIHEAP Program

Delaware Nation's LIHEAP Program will accept applications for cooling assistance starting 03/15/2024. The application, along with guidelines, can be found on the Delaware Nation website, requested by mail, fax, email or in person in the Social Services Office at the Delaware Nation Complex.

For all questions, please call (405)247-2448.

## 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](https://delawarenation-nsn.gov)



Elders Birthdays Age 60 & Over



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 5 Jan - Cheryle Lane Stephenson
- 5 Jan - Charlene Ranae French
- 7 Jan - Ronnie Carl Smith
- 10 Jan - James David Sargent
- 13 Jan - Phyllis Darlene Hayes
- 14 Jan - Carl Dean Moore
- 16 Jan - Vicki Lynne Luper
- 16 Jan - Frieda Arlene Herring
- 17 Jan - Orlan Parton Holder
- 17 Jan - Larry Dennis Burkhardt
- 17 Jan - Clifford Gene Peacock
- 18 Jan - Cheryl Ann Jarvis
- 18 Jan - Anne Marie Pemberton
- 20 Jan - Jacalyn Kathleen St. Andrie
- 23 Jan - Jay Dee Parton
- 24 Jan - Daniel James Holder
- 24 Jan - Dana Jo Elley
- 24 Jan - Blain Leon Brown
- 24 Jan - Donna Enel Watkins
- 25 Jan - Teresa Ann Ahdunko
- 28 Jan - Robin Daniel Harry
- 29 Jan - Margaret Ann Brower
- 30 Jan - Nancy Jane Jarnagin
- 30 Jan - Sharon Kay West
- 30 Jan - Leslie Elvin Walker
- 31 Jan - Michael Joseph Pruner



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 11 Feb - Rebecca Ann Knowles
- 13 Feb - David Rodney Osborne
- 15 Feb - Garrell Duane Moore
- 15 Feb - Wendell Ross Beaver
- 15 Feb - Deborah Denise Dotson
- 17 Feb - Donald Mark McDaniel
- 18 Feb - Phyllis Kay Pack
- 21 Feb - Stephanie Marie Keller
- 23 Feb - Darek Richard Marino
- 23 Feb - George Harold Tissot
- 24 Feb - Harold Lee Schaedler Jr.
- 24 Feb - Terri Lynne Richmond
- 25 Feb - Sondra Kay Sorrels
- 26 Feb - Debra Louise Ahdunko
- 27 Feb - Mary Elizabeth Glory



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Mar - Bruce Allen Thomas
- 2 Mar - Frank Beaver Pruner
- 4 Mar - Pamela Kay Harris
- 5 Mar - Susan Lynn Marino
- 8 Mar - Karen Doris Barber
- 9 Mar - Mary Elizabeth Riley
- 12 Mar - Lawrence Stanley Thomas
- 14 Mar - Monty Terrill Payne
- 14 Mar - Deborah Anne Hart
- 19 Mar - Vicki Diane Burke
- 20 Mar - Janice Lynn Maddox
- 21 Mar - Renee Marie Prutch
- 23 Mar - Jodie Lu Bounting
- 23 Mar - Barry Loyd Walker
- 24 Mar - Steven Scott Stephenson Sr.
- 24 Mar - Mitchell Allen Holder
- 26 Mar - Karen Clay Clawson
- 26 Mar - Christine Lee Heermans
- 31 Mar - Carole Lee



Wëli katënami!

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 1-Feb Julie Ann Murphy
- 1-Feb Frank Lewis Ahdunko
- 3-Feb Leila Sue Fowlks
- 3-Feb Marsha Maxine Max
- 4-Feb Donald Mark Richards
- 5-Feb Joe David Taylor
- 5-Feb Daniel Gaylord Knowles
- 5-Feb Judith Ann Nicholson
- 6-Feb Kathleen Carole Darby
- 7-Feb David Charles Pruner
- 8-Feb Gerald Wayne Strunk



Whether it's personal or professional, we want to celebrate what's new in your life!

Tribal Members - submit your updates to [ahowell@delawarenation-nsn.gov](mailto:ahowell@delawarenation-nsn.gov)

MOVING?



Change Your Address

ONLINE

<https://www.delawarenation-nsn.gov/>

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

Lenape Animal Words

- anikwës (ground squirrel)
- chēmamës (rabbit)
- chinkwe (bobcat)
- kawiya (porcupine)
- kwënëmuxkw (otter)
- kwënishkwënyas (mountain lion)
- mamalis (fawn deer)
- màxkw (bear)
- mehëmoxkchalhès (gopher)
- munhake (woodchuck)
- mus (elk)
- nahënëm (raccoon)
- niànkwe (linx)
- òkwës (fox)
- òpinkw (opossum)
- pàkakènèt (moose)
- pëlenikw (flying squirrel)
- pipisilunkòn (bat)
- pukwès (mouse)
- sànkwe (weasel)
- shkakw (skunk)
- sisilie (buffalo)
- tëmakwe (beaver)

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Department News & Services

SOUTHERN PLAINS CHILD PROTECTION TEAM PROGRAM LEADERS PRESENTING AT THE NATIONAL INDIAN CHILD WELFARE CONFERENCE IN APRIL

Seattle, WA - Our Shared Legacy: Southern Plains Tribal Consortium Authentic Engagement with Children and Youth, has been chosen to be included on the agenda for the 42nd Annual Protecting our Children Conference, on April 7-10, 2024, in Seattle, Washington. The group was selected as one of 3 tribal sites and 4 state agency sites across the Nation through the Quality Improvement Center for Engaging Children and Youth. The tribal social services and child welfare program leaders joined together as the Southern Plains Consortium. The program leaders are from Apache Tribe, Caddo Nation, Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes, Comanche Nation, Delaware Nation,

Ft. Sill Apache Tribe, Kiowa Tribe, and Wichita and Affiliated Tribes. The overarching goal of the program model is to bring systemic changes in how children and youth are authentically engaged through cultural and relational connections, and intentional practices and policy implementation. The consortium has completed workforce training, coaching, and beginning a systems assessment. Engagement with tribal and state courts is being planned in the future. Congratulations to Delaware Nation, Family & Social Services Director, Sylvia Pitner for being chosen to present at this event!



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Grants News

BROADBAND INTERNET SUBSIDY

NTIA Broadband Internet Subsidy Assistance

This program offers a subsidy payment to qualified households that currently have home internet service. Eligible households must meet the 100% Median Income Limits below and provide their check stubs or other income statements to verify income meets requirements. The most recent home internet bill must be in the Delaware Nation Tribal Citizen's name. If you are the non-Delaware Nation enrolled parent or guardian of a Delaware Nation enrolled minor child, you must fill out and submit the notarized Affidavit Regarding Minor Child Document with your other support documents. Applications and documentation can be submitted by email to: [ismith@delawarenation-nsn.gov](mailto:ismith@delawarenation-nsn.gov) or mailed to: Delaware Nation Grants Coordinator, PO Box 825, Anadarko, OK 73005



Broadband Laptop Program

This grant funded program provides Delaware Nation citizens ages 10 years and older a free Lenovo laptop with Microsoft Office Software and an over the ear stereo headset to utilize them for educational and/or employment purposes. This program still has devices available for Delaware Nation enrolled citizens age 10 years and older that have not already received a laptop from this program. To apply, please fill out the Broadband Laptop Application, being sure to mark the self-certification and provide your signature. Submit your completed application, with a copy of your Delaware Nation enrollment card or enrollment letter. If two or more eligible Delaware Nation adult citizens use the same mailing address, each citizen will need to include the completed and signed Self-Certification of Separate Household with their submission. If you are the parent or guardian of a Delaware Nation enrolled minor child age 10 to 17 years, you will need to include the completed and signed Self-Certification for Minor Child Applications and documentation can be submitted by email to: [broadband@delawarenation-nsn.gov](mailto:broadband@delawarenation-nsn.gov) or mailed to: Delaware Nation Grants Coordinator, PO Box 825, Anadarko, OK 73005

Social Services News



On February 20, 2024, The Delaware Nation Social Services Department posted the new 2024 General Welfare Food Stipend application approved by the Executive Committee. This one-time assistance to tribal citizens 18 years of age or older, provides a \$300 General Welfare Food Stipend. This assistance is available to adult tribal citizens nationwide. You can find this application on the Delaware Nation website under the General Welfare Programs tab.



The Delaware Nation's LIHEAP Program provides heating and cooling payment assistance to eligible tribal citizens though out the year. The funding is broken into 3 funding categories: **Heating** (when funding is awarded-March 14, 2024), **Cooling** (March 15, 2024-September 30, 2024) and **Crisis** (year-round, special criteria must be met). This program has a service area of 6 counties in southwest Oklahoma. This year, the program exhausted all heating funding in January 2024. The LIHEAP application process will reopen for cooling on March 15, 2024. Please see the LIHEAP program application for details on eligibility or call the Social Services Department @ (405) 247-2448.



April 2024 marks the start of the Child Abuse Prevention month. On Delaware Nation's Facebook page, Delaware Nation ICW announced a tribal citizen t-shirt quote competition from February 20, 2024 to March 1, 2024. The winner received a \$50 gift card and a t-shirt with their quote. The t-shirts are worn by the Delaware Nation staff every Friday in April in support of Child Abuse Prevention month. In addition to the contest, the Delaware Nation ICW Department is asking tribal citizens and their families to join us in a Facebook campaign to show your support. We ask families to wear blue on Fridays and post a picture wearing blue to the Delaware Nation Facebook page by tagging The Delaware Nation Lenni Lenape and using the hashtag #childabuseprevention. As always, we appreciate all the support!



**Attention 2024 Graduates!** Delaware Nation Graduation stoles are now available. The application to apply and receive a graduation stole is available on the Delaware Nation website. Stoles are available to those graduating from High School or college. Please submit pictures with you wearing your stole, name, and future plans to: [ahowell@delawarenation-nsn.gov](mailto:ahowell@delawarenation-nsn.gov)



Delaware Nation Environmental Programs (DNEP) News

Starting in January, we have attended bi-weekly meetings via Zoom with FEMA for Hazard Mitigation Planning. This planning will help minimize the impact of disasters that affect Delaware Nation by identifying risks and vulnerabilities. Once risks are identified, Delaware Nation will develop long-term strategies to mitigate effects. Tribal Citizen engagement is needed in the third quarter. Please check back for more details. DNEP also attends each quarterly meeting for the Local Emergency Planning Committee of Caddo County to discuss community issues, events, and trainings. DNEP’s Performance Partnership Grant (PPG) is in full swing with environmental planning for outreach events, recycling, dump site assessment planning and training, and water monitoring. Quarterly meetings were attended for Tribal Environmental Coalition of Oklahoma. Here we meet with other Oklahoma tribes and discuss upcoming trainings, projects, collaborations, and environmental issues in Indian Country. Outreach for our youth is very important to DNEP. We are honored to be a primary partner with the Reach Out program for East Elementary and Mission Elementary Schools in Anadarko, Oklahoma. Here we provide outdoor classrooms and presentations to 2nd-5th grade students. We collaborate with our tribal partners in the area as well as our federal partners such as Fish and Wildlife, Natural Resources Conservation Services, and Bureau of Indian Affairs. This will be our second year as a Reach Out partner. If you would like more information on environmental activities for your kiddos, please contact us. Be sure to keep a look out on our social media pages for updates regarding future events such as the E-waste event in collaboration with the City of Anadarko and the Spring Shred Event. Both will take place in April.

Water pollution is a rising global crisis. Here’s what you need to know:

The world's freshwater sources receive contaminants from a wide range of sectors, threatening human and wildlife health. From big pieces of garbage to invisible chemicals, a wide range of pollutants ends up in our planet's lakes, rivers, streams, groundwater, and eventually the oceans. Water pollution—along with drought, inefficiency, and an exploding population—has contributed to a freshwater crisis, threatening the sources we rely on for drinking water and other critical needs. Research has revealed that one pollutant in particular is more common in our tap water than anyone had previously thought: PFAS, short for poly and perfluoroalkyl substances. PFAS is used to make everyday items resistant to moisture, heat, and stains; some of these chemicals have such long half-lives that they are known as "the forever chemical." Safeguarding water supplies is important because even though nearly 70 percent of the world is covered by water, only 2.5 percent of it is fresh. And just one percent of freshwater is easily accessible, with much of it trapped in remote glaciers and snowfields.

Administration on Aging (AOA) News

Valentine’s Day was super sweet this year, Delaware Nation’s AOA put together a Valentine’s Masquerade Party, our elders were served by a special group of volunteers from DNI and DNEDA. Paula Brown - CEO of Delaware Nation Investments, Jerry Kennedy - CEO of Delaware Nation Industries, Brittany Kessler - Program Manager / Executive Assistant, Clark Southard – Vice Chairman of the Board for Delaware Nation Industries, Richard Jennings - Chairman of the Board for Delaware Nation Industries! They graciously served spaghetti with meatballs, salad and garlic bread, and handed out dessert. There was a selection of cookies, fruit, cheesecake and cupcakes. The DNI volunteers did a remarkable job on clean up. A big "Thank You" to all the volunteers for helping make this years event a success! After the meal was over we played lovers bingo, where the elders participated in providing some of the prizes that were won.



Brittany Kessler, Richard Jennings, Jerry Kennedy, Paula Brown, Clark Southard

Every elder left with a sweet little valentine provided by DNI. This year we also crowned a Valentine’s King & Queen. Delaware Nations 2024 Valentine’s King is Ralph Subia and Delaware Nations 2024 Queen is Viola Prentiss. Also, Delaware Nation’s CHR’s Ambrea Marshall was in attendance during this event hosting a Heart Healthy Health Walk for anyone who wanted to participate.



Delaware Nation 2024 Valentine's King & Queen Ralph Subia & Viola Prentiss



President Dotson and Tribal Administrator Janice Maddox



Water Waste discharge shared via Oklahoma Energy Today

Water pollution causes

Water pollution can come from a variety of sources. Pollution can enter water directly, through both legal and illegal discharges from factories, for example, or imperfect water treatment plants. Spills and leaks from oil pipelines or hydraulic fracturing (fracking) operations can degrade water supplies. Wind, storms, and littering—especially of plastic waste—can also send debris into waterways. Thanks largely to decades of regulation and legal action against big polluters, the main cause of U.S. water quality problems is now "non-point source pollution," when pollutants are carried across or through the ground by rain or melted snow. Such runoff can contain fertilizers, pesticides, and herbicides from farms and homes; oil and toxic chemicals from roads and industry; sediment; bacteria from livestock; pet waste; and other pollutants. Water pollution can result in human health problems, poisoned wildlife, and long-term ecosystem damage. When agricultural and industrial runoff floods waterways with excess nutrients such as nitrogen and phosphorus, these nutrients often fuel algae blooms that then create dead zones, or low-oxygen areas where fish and other aquatic life can no longer thrive.

Freshwater Pollution Solutions

There have been setbacks, however. Regulation of pollutants is subject to changing political winds, as has been the case in the United States with the loosening of environmental protections that prevented landowners from polluting the country’s waterways. Anyone can help protect watersheds by disposing of motor oil, paints, and other toxic products properly, keeping them off pavement and out of the drain. Be careful about what you flush or pour down the sink, as it may find its way into the water. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency recommends using phosphate-free detergents and washing your car at a commercial car wash, which is required to properly dispose of wastewater. Green roofs and rain gardens can be another way for people in built environments to help restore some of the natural filtering that forests and plants usually provide.

Nunez, Christina. “Freshwater 101: Pollution.” *Environment, National Geographic*, 3 May 2021, [www.nationalgeographic.com/environment/article/freshwater-pollution](http://www.nationalgeographic.com/environment/article/freshwater-pollution).

For any questions or concerns regarding Air or Water Quality Pollution Information, Environmental General Assistance, or Recycling drop-offs in the Anadarko area, please contact the Delaware Nation Environmental Programs: 405-247-2448 Jaclyn McCasland- Environmental Director/ General Assistance Alec Marshall- Water Quality Coordinator David Komalty- Air Quality Coordinator







Michelle Kelly-Woodard and Sydney Samaniego

Delaware Nation Cultural Preservation Hosts Native Womens Leather Belt Making Class

In March Cultural Preservation hosted a Native Womens Leather Belt Making Class instructed by Michelle Kelly-Woodard. 10 spots were available and filled up fast! This class was funded by Delaware Nation National Endowment for the Arts Grant. All supplies were provided through the grant and took place over the course of two weeks. Participants learned about Delaware and other Native American cultures and made a leather belt of their choosing.



President Dotson, Secretary Ann Brower, Mayor Kelley McGlothlin

International Women's Day Event a Success

Anadarko, OK - March 8, 2024 many gathered to honor, celebrate and educate for the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women (MMIW) of Oklahoma and nationwide. Each participant received a laminated copy of their finger print cards provided by the OSBI. Heart health information and blood pressure checks were provided by Indian Health Services (IHS). Substance abuse and mental health education was provided by the Consortium Against Substance Abuse. A women's health walk was conducted to honor and celebrate all the MMIW. After the walk and refreshments, Mayor Kelley McGlothlin presented a proclamation declaring March 8th International Women's Day for Anadarko, OK.

Airalessa Bell



Upon graduation, my aspirations revolve around pursuing a career as a BCBA. However, this was not always my intended path. My name is Airalessa Bell, coming from Midwest City, Oklahoma, and a graduate of Langston University with a major in Behavioral Sciences. Initially, I envisioned a future as a physical therapist due to my passion for aiding others.

During my senior year of college, my life took a significant turn when I became a mother, and my son was diagnosed with autism. This pivotal moment shifted my focus towards understanding and supporting individuals with special needs, inspired by the challenges and learning experiences that came with motherhood. The professors at Langston University played a crucial role in shaping my perspective on education and instilled in me a desire to inspire others, just as they had inspired me.

Currently pursuing my master's degree at Arizona State University and set to graduate in May, I have come to recognize that patience is a fundamental quality when working with individuals with special needs.

Understanding their unique needs and desires, as they are no different from any other child in this world. Despite the challenges of working with children with special needs – including setbacks, meltdowns, and obstacles – it is essential to approach each situation with empathy and sensitivity.

One significant experience that underscored the importance of patience and understanding was working with my first client, who exhibited aggressive self-injurious behavior and tantrums at home. By implementing strategies to reduce these behaviors and enhance his communication skills, such as breaking down tasks into manageable steps through task analysis and providing necessary breaks, I witnessed the positive impact of modified interventions. This experience confirmed my commitment to supporting individuals and families in navigating the complexities of caring for individuals with special needs, as they too have hopes, dreams, and aspirations for their loved ones.

**LenapeHOKING Project:**  
Bringing Lenape Tribal Youth Back to Ancestral Lands

Delaware Nation is looking for youth, ages 14-24, to join our Youth Advisory Group! This group will be working to revitalize the Lenape culture. The program will include meetings once a month, monthly stipends, and also a chance to learn and participate in historical preservation. This is the initial run that will set up the the fellowship to come in the homelands.

Applications will be available on the Delaware Nation website soon. Keep a look out on Delaware Nation's Facebook page as well!

For any further questions please contact:  
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smiller@delawarenation-nsn.gov  
Carissa Speck (405) 247-2448 ext. 1403  
cspeck@delawarenation-nsn.gov

Las Vegas, NV - Ashley Samayoa (the great- great-granddaughter of Bessie Snake) participated in the 2024 Vegas Shoot known as the largest and most prestigious indoor archery tournament in the world. The shoot is a three-day competition. There was a record attendance of 4,491 archers from 70 worldwide countries and 50 US states.

**ASHLEY SAMAYOA**

Because Ashley is 18 years old, she competed in the Adult Recurve Flights Division. Ashley scored a 724 and placed third in division 10. This was the first time Ashley completed in the Vegas Shoot. We are all so very proud of her accomplishments, dedication and continued commitment to strive in the craft of archery. Her first instructor was a Shoshone archer name Bill Eddy from Big Pine Ca. Story submitted by Sharon Zepeda, grandmother of Ashley Samayoa.

**The following tribal citizens are asked to contact, Per Capita Specialist, Haley Williams at (405)247-2448 x1113**

Maylynn Mosley	Shalain Lauer
Skyland Wade	Conor McGeady
Ryan Bolin	Jason Emery
Benjamin Bolin	Sara Graves
Sophia Hernandez	Brittany Moore
Kristofer Zablackas	Dylan Driver
Thomas Heermans	Jonathan Behling
Christopher Gomez	Leo Keechi Jr.
Kathryn Arkeketa-Beckett	Rachel Moore
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Daniel Holder II	Eric King
Brandon French	Drew Kopepassah
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## DNI AWARDED #1 IN THE SMALL BUSINESS CATEGORY BY TOP WORKPLACES FOR THE 2<sup>ND</sup> YEAR RUNNING.



Employees attended **The Oklahoman’s Top Workplaces ceremony** where DNI was awarded #1 top small business workplace in Oklahoma based on the feedback provided by our team.



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- 2 Invite your connections to “like” or “follow” our pages.
- 3 Utilize “native social media notification” features.
- 4 “Like”, “share”, and leave comments with your personalized thoughts.



### Unami HWH JV, a DNI Company, Wins US Army Military Working Dog Kennel Contract

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma (December 13, 2023) – Delaware Nation Industries (DNI) is proud to announce that Team Unami HWH JV was awarded a prime contractor role on the US Army Military Working Dog Kennel contract in Fort Sam Houston, JBSA, Texas.

Unami will work with their partner, Harrison Walker & Harper (HWH), to build a new Military Working Dog Kennel facility for the US Army. Unami is proud to be a part of the US Army’s mission to deploy, fight and win our nation’s wars by providing ready, prompt and sustained land dominance by Army forces across the full spectrum of conflict as part of the joint force.

Unami has experienced substantial growth over the past few years and is repeatedly recognized as a small business success story. “We are very excited to continue supporting the US Army,” said Jerry Kennedy, CEO. “We know that our company culture of selflessness, humility, integrity, native pride, entrepreneurship, and servanthood (SHINES) will prove our dedication to serving our customer. ”

**ABOUT UNAMI:** Unami is an SBA 8(a) certified HUBZone subsidiary of DNI with relevant strengths and experience providing construction, security, lighting, IT, and other professional services of the highest quality. Unami provides state-of-the-art critical site infrastructure protection, security system design and integration, and access control technologies for both government and commercial clients.

**ABOUT DELAWARE NATION INDUSTRIES:** DNI is wholly owned by the Delaware Nation, North America’s oldest Indigenous Nation. DNI operates with a Shared Services Business Model with the corporate reach-back and proven management that allows them to leverage best practices across each contract.

**Contact:** For more information, please contact the Marketing and Communications Department, at [MarCom@DNIshines.com](mailto:MarCom@DNIshines.com)