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DELAWARE NATION NEWS

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This publication has been approved by the Executive Committee during a duly called meeting held on **JUNE 25, 2024** by a vote of:

6 yes
0 no
0 abstain

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



2024 GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING

WHERE: Grady County Fairgrounds Event Center in Chickasha, OK
WHEN: Saturday, July 13, 2024
TIME: 11:00 A.M.



Attendees will receive a free t-shirt!

AGENDA

- Welcome
- Prayer
- Lunch (11:30-12:30)
- Outgoing/Incoming Princess Presentation
- Veteran Recognition
- Memorial Video
- Approval of January 13, 2024 General Council Minutes
- Citizenship Applications, if any
- Self-Governance History Video
- Financial Report
- Tribal Historic Preservation Officer (THPO) Report-Katelyn Lucas
- Fraud Policy Discussion
- Public Comments
- Adjournment

EVENT BOOTHS

- CHR Health Check
- Delaware Nation Industries & Investments
- Lenape Entertainment
- Lenape Shirt Company
- Security - Narcan Information

VIRTUAL ATTENDANCE INSTRUCTIONS:

18 years and older Tribal citizens may join virtually by RSVP emailing ahowell@delawarenation-nsn.gov before or on Friday, July 12, 2024 by 5:00 p.m. (CST). A GoToMeeting link will be provided to join the meeting. Virtual attendees MUST provide their full name, enrollment number & zip code to receive the GoToMeeting link.

Lunch provided by:



- Chopped Brisket
- Sliced Brisket
- Baked Beans
- Potato Salad
- Texas Toast
- Cobblers
- Tea - Sweet and Unsweet

Application for Department of Interior 105(l) Program

Section 105(l) of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (ISDEAA) provides funding for Tribes and Tribal Organizations that carry out Federal functions under the self-determination contract and self-governance compact. This program's funding is considered mandatory funding which will allow Delaware Nation to renew these leases year after year.

Delaware Nation has been working on two facility cost agreements for several months and has hopes of signing the leases in June 2024. The amount of the lease is based on fair market rental or cost elements. Delaware Nation appreciates the assistance of Bryan Shade, Delaware Nation attorney, who has taken the lead in this effort. The Delaware Nation staff who have also participated in this effort include Kyle Dover, CPA; Kandess Botone, Facilities Director; Josh Farley, IT Director; Janice Maddox, Tribal Administrator and the Executive Committee members.

2024 Delaware Nation Cultural Dance

June 15, 2024 the Delaware Nation Cultural Preservation Department held our 2024 Delaware Nation Cultural Dance at Oklahoma Street Gym in Anadarko, OK. Delaware Nation Tribal citizen and Emcee Leonard Kionute kept the crowd entertained as the Hasinai Association drum and Jimmy Reeder kept everyone dancing.

A traditional meal was served by our supper cooks, Mary Rose Hamilton and Glenda Lopez. Our concession stand was provided by the family of Tribal citizen Gabe Sadongei. All proceeds went to help with travel expenses for Gabe's upcoming trip for an Internship in Canada.

After our supper break, The Cultural Preservation had a special recognition for our 2023-2024 Delaware Nation Tribal Princess, Ms. Taniah Owings. She was presented a silver comb on behalf of the Cultural Preservation department. The Kionute family also gifted her a beautiful silver brooch as well as a gift for the Princesses mother and sisters for all the help and support they have given the Princess during her reign.

Attention Tribal Citizens:
The following tribal citizens need to contact, Per Capita Specialist, Haley Williams at (405)247-2448 x1113.

- Nekole D. Alligood
- Kristofer R. Zablackas
- Sonya M. Smith
- Kerry L. Holton
- Derek A. Wilson
- Karen D. Barber
- Jamie A. Rogers
- RL R. Rainier
- Joshua R. Stephens
- Natasha E. Pennington
- Drew M. Kopepassah
- Jonathon B. Phillips
- Elizabeth M. Beyea
- Shannon L. Keechi
- Carolyn K. Stanford
- Audrey C. Hutchens
- Jake A. Cooley
- Magen R. McDowell
- Randy B. Janes
- Laura K. McEldowney
- Ivan B. Phillips
- Ziara R. Harney
- Karina E. Hamilton
- Sophia G. Hernandez

We are so proud of this young woman and her accomplishments during her reign. She has been an honorable ambassador for the Delaware Nation and her family.

Taniah has represented herself, her family, her community and her tribe with the utmost respect and dedication during her reign. We pray that she continues to be blessed in all that she chooses to do.

After the Special Recognition we continued with social dances and more fun. We ended the night with a Stirrup dance contest, in which we had 4 couples enter. The winners were Christian Soto and Ashton Smith.

We appreciate our arts and crafts vendors and everyone that came out to help support our dance and share in a good time of fellowship with one another, may you all be blessed. Wanishi to all of those that helped make this dance possible Cultural Preservation staff, Events Coordinator, Evelyn Kionute and Events Assistant Sydney Samaniego, our Public Relations, Anissa Howell for filming and photography, our Maintenance staff for helping move and set up and our IT for setting up our PA system, without each of you this dance wouldn't have been possible. We hope to see it grow every year. Wanishi.



Beaded Earrings and Necklace Classes May 14 & 15 (and May 29), 2024

This class consisted of participants learning how to make a seed bead earring and necklace set. Instructor was William M. Tosee, Sr.

Each participant was provided their choice of colors on seed beads, with usually a five-color combination, one color being a primary or "background" color for a lack of a better description, the rest of the color combinations; with either each color separated with a silver bead in between each color or some chose to place the color combination in a gradient formation then separated each section with silver beads. Some participants were able to finish a five-strand necklace and some finished with a three-strand necklace, depending on their own pace of work and design. Resulting with an always impressive but unique layout of beads from each individual participant. It is always so rewarding to see how every individual person can come up with a totally different design, with the supply of beads that were provided. Simply beautiful, this contemporary style compliments, any type of clothing style to modern-day casual fashion to the Native American-look to either traditional regalia to modern contemporary blouse and ribbon skirt attire.

(This class was scheduled for May 14 & 15, but needed one more class session (May 29) to allow all class participants to finish their earring and necklace set, and to complete the class and leave with a beautiful finished set.)

DNCP Event partially funded by the National Endowment for the Arts Grant.



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 and indicate you are a Delaware Nation enrolled citizen and would like to sign up for the Telemedicine program.



Free Access to Doctors Online 24 hours a day!

Access to primary care physicians 24/7/365 for you and your immediate family. This service is FREE to you, courtesy of Delaware Nation for 12 months. This service allows you and your family to see a doctor via your smartphone, tablet, laptop, etc., in the privacy of your own home or anywhere you have cellular or internet access! [Telemedicine.com/DN](https://www.delawarenation-nsn.gov/telemedicine.com/DN)

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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Mental & Behavioral Health

Licensed Therapists and Counselors available anytime, anywhere. Talk to us for issues such as:

ADHD Addictions Anger Management Anxiety Bipolar Disorders Bullying Career/Job-Related Stresses Child and Adolescent Issues	Depression Divorce Eating Disorders General Life Coaching Grief and Loss Life Changes Nutrition Counseling Panic Disorders	Parenting Issues Postpartum Depression Relationship and Marriage Issues Self-Image Stress Substance Abuse Trauma and PTSD And More!
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Tips for Staying Mentally & Physically Healthy this Summer

Mental health and physical health are largely connected, so by taking care of your body, you're also taking care of your mind. Here are five things to remember this summer to help you take care of your body and mind.

1. Get your rest

Routines may vary with summer events but aim to get seven to nine hours of sleep a night. Keep your room cool and shades pulled to help make your sleep more comfortable.

2. Move your body

Added heat (even if it's dry heat!) can make exercise uncomfortable in the summer months. Try getting some exercise in the morning hours before the sun is at its peak. Or break up your day and go for shorter walk breaks throughout your day.

3. Connect with others

Plan something fun with family or friends. It doesn't need to be expensive, but being social and around others will help keep any negative thoughts from ruminating. If you aren't feeling like being in a crowded space (street fair, farmers' market, amusement park), try to call at least one person to stay connected.

4. Stay hydrated

Aim to drink more than the standard eight glasses a day. And get creative: put some frozen berries in your water or even some mint leaves and lime slices. Opt for snacks with high-water content such as watermelon, cantaloupe, tomatoes, and cucumbers.

5. Wear sunscreen

Look for at least an SPF 30 and wear it all the time! Even if you are just running errands or going for a "short walk," ultraviolet exposure increases somewhere between four and 10 percent for every 1,000 feet above sea level. So at an altitude of 9,000 feet (about equal to Georgetown), UV radiation can be nearly 50 percent more intense than at sea level.

Use these tips to help take care of yourself this summer and stay safe and healthy all season long!

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

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
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.dea.gov/diversion/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. 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

Government & Business

The Delaware Nation Housing has been busy this quarter and we have plans that will continue to keep us busy! We are striving to add to the homeowner population and have many programs available to reach this goal! All program information and applications can be found on our website: www.delawarenation-nsn.gov under the Housing Department tab.



We are excited to announce a new General Welfare Homeowner Assistance Fund (HAF) Program. This is a one-time application per household where we assist tribal citizens who own their home with mortgage payments and utility payments. Applications are on the Delaware Nation website.

We are currently accepting applications for the Emergency Repair Program. With our Emergency Repair Program, the housing foreman and the housing laborers were able to replace a water heater for an elder. Housing has also worked with Delaware Nation homeowners by teaching them how to make necessary repairs to maintain their homes.

The Housing Department has recently attended the SPONAP(Southern Plains Office of Native Americans Programs) Admission and Occupancy training where they discussed the overview of NAHASDA (Native American Housing Assistance and Self Determination Act of 1996) , application process, wait list management, calculating adjusted gross income and lease agreements.

We also attended the Southern Plains Indian Housing Association (SPIHA) training where we discussed and learned policies and procedures as well as safety tips on how to protect yourself from intruders and fires.

The Delaware Nation Housing Department currently owns 10 homes and is in the process of buying additional homes. If you would like to apply for these homes and be placed on the waiting list, please call, email or stop by the housing office to get an application. If there are any questions you can contact the housing office at (405)-480-2220

DELAWARE NATION BEGINS THE COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY (CEDs) PROCESS

Delaware Nation has begun working on a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy to develop a road map that will guide Delaware Nation (DN) in determining where to allocate resources and identify economic development priorities over a period of 5 years. This fact-based strategic economic development action plan will increase the Nation's long-term economic sustainability and competitiveness.

Delaware Nation's Executive Committee and the Steering Committee will work collaboratively with Martyna Triggs, Vice President for Capacity Group USA, during this project.

The members of the Steering Committee are:
 Jerry Kennedy, DNIndustries CEO/President
 Paula Brown, DNInvestments CEO/President
 Christina Wright, DNI Strategic Research Analyst
 Admiral Watts, Director of the OKC Area Indian Health Service
 Janice Maddox, DN Tribal Administrator
 Sonnie Allen, DN Cultural Preservation Director
 Jackie McCasland, DN Environmental Programs Director
 Ivy Smith, DN Grant Coordinator
 Carissa Speck, DN Historic Preservation Director
 Summer Dutton, DN Housing Director
 Sylvia Pitner, DN Social Services Director
 Rachel Allen, DN Vocational Rehabilitation Director

This project will be ongoing with a final presentation date of April 2025.

In order to gain important insight of our Tribal citizens, a CEDs webpage will be added to our Delaware Nation website (www.delawarenation-nsn.gov) in July. Tribal citizens can be kept updated on the progress of this venture and also provide their input by filling out an online survey that will be available soon.

We encourage all Tribal citizens 18 years of age and older to complete the survey. The more information received will allow the plan to be more comprehensive.



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	MSRP is over \$15,000						
2nd - 4th Yr.	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 REGISTRATON			
Lien Entry	\$10.00	Handicap Tag		1/2 REGISTRATON			
		Commercial Tag		1/2 REGISTRATON			
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



Education & Entertainment

Delaware Nation Curriculum Development

Delaware Nation Historical Preservation, Education and Cultural Preservation departments are currently working hand in hand with curriculum developers sponsored by the First American's Museum, to develop Delaware Nation owned and produced curriculum.

The First American's Museum has received a grant to help Tribal Nations develop authentic curriculum told in their words and not out of a diluted history book. This curriculum will be available to public and private school teachers on a portal created by the First American's Museum. Delaware Nation citizens will also have access to the curriculum to learn on their own or teach to their children.

The curriculum developers assigned by the First American Museum are veteran educators and curriculum developers who will pave the way for the Delaware Nation to continue to develop lesson plans for a wide range of topics regarding Delaware Nation history, culture, government and self-determination.

The first lesson will be on the Treaty of Fort Pitt of 1778. This treaty was the first ever to be signed between the Lenape people and the United States. This significant treaty is also the first to ever be signed by any Native American Tribe.

The ultimate goal of this project is to create age appropriate lesson plans for anyone to use. Each topic will be given great consideration and respect. The Executive Committee will approve all lesson plans before they are disseminated and Delaware Nation will place licensing restrictions as seen fit. The Delaware Nation is excited for this journey and the knowledge it will bring to tribal citizens everywhere.

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/>

Contact: 405-247-2448
EXT. 1118 & 1181
or
Email: CHR@delawarenation-nsn.gov

LOCK BOXES
ENVIRONMENTAL FRIENDLY MEDICINE DISPOSABLE PACKS
Naloxone NARCAN
House hold financial assistance

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.

Our Children's Garden

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

In the month of April 2024 Our Children's Garden LLC. teamed up with the Delaware Nation Cultural Preservation Department & Director Sonnie Allen to begin an Elder Story Time program. Each week, April - June, a different elder came to the childcare center and read a Lenape inspired book to the groups of children.

April showers bring May flowers and during the month of May each classroom began planting fruits, vegetables, and flowers while learning about each seed and how it grew. We planted watermelons, strawberries, tomatoes, basil, carrots, and various flowers. The children are learning what water and sun do to their plants and watching them grow each day.

We are planning our water safety family night in the month of June, it will be held June 28th, 2024 from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at Iscani Community Pool & Aquatic Center in Anadarko, OK. Each enrolled child will receive a Coast Guard approved life jacket, dinner, drinks and of course swimming for those who would like to participate!

We would like to welcome Master Teacher of the Bear Cubs three-year-old classroom Lacianna Spray-Hunter and recognize Tammy McGowen for her one year anniversary and Rhiannon Edmonds her two year anniversary. Congratulations!

LIHEAP
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



Elders Birthdays Age 60 & Over

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

1-April Russell Aaron Pruner
 1-April Ricky Gene Hawpe
 3-April Carolyn Sue Roles Crabb
 4-April Juanita Joan Pewenofkit
 5-April John Frederick Sargent
 6-April Eugena Sue Stone
 7-April Sharon Dianne Cooley
 7-April Faye Hinkle Griffith
 8-April Linda Sue Poolaw
 9-April Jackson McLane III
 9-April Mary Rose Cadiz
 10-April Gary Don Keechi
 10-April Donald Ernest Gonzales
 14-April Donna Lee Longhorn
 15-April Tina Louise Hendricks
 15-April Sharon Ruth Ahpeahstone
 15-April Joe Mike Exendine
 17-April Brian Deen Osborne
 17-April Molly Ann Lopez
 18-April Charles Scott Burkhardt
 18-April Vincent Michael McCarthy
 19-April Robert Bruce Brawley Jr.
 20-April Michael Philip Fleder
 22-April Susan Diane Reynolds
 22-April Loretta Vera Linn
 24-April Helen Elizabeth Holton
 24-April Linda Joyce Kopfinger
 25-April Elijah James Jackson
 26-April Lynn Ellen Collins
 28-April Charles Emory Van Deman



MAY BIRTHDAYS

4-May James Michael Watkins
 4-May Lisa Diane Blanchard
 5-May Lawrence Frank Snake
 6-May Gregory Joe Janes
 6-May Kimberly Ann Logan
 11-May Michael Allen Beaver
 11-May Donald Ray Harry
 12-May Robert Gene Shipley
 12-May David Ray Hibbert
 13-May Towana Lorraine Johnson
 15-May Michelle Annette Correll
 16-May Lowanda Gayle Abraham
 17-May Jerry Don Taylor
 18-May Patricia Ann Schoenmaker
 23-May Denny Ray Parton
 24-May Alfred Richard Molina
 25-May Scott Harris Fleder
 26-May Barbara Ann Nixon
 27-May Bret Michael Marino
 27-May Gene Keechi
 28-May Carl Robert Kopfinger Jr.
 29-May Andrea Jeanne Pruner
 30-May Ronnie Joe Phillips
 30-May Judith Ann Bennett
 31-May Gary Wayne Harry



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

4-June Stephani Lynn Green
 5-June Dolores Ann Washburn
 5-June Jon Al Lopez
 7-June Carolyn Sue Wigglesworth
 8-June Victor Mark Halfmoon
 8-June Linda Dianne Nordyke
 8-June Clinton Wayne Cobb Jr.
 9-June Sandra Dale Carter
 10-June Anita Louise Berru
 11-June Elaine Frances Sullivan
 13-June Michael James Kopfinger Sr.
 16-June David Randall Pruner
 18-June Ronald Mark Pruner
 18-June Donna Eugenia Rainier
 19-June Robin Melinda Garrison
 20-June Shirley Ann Ramirez
 21-June Jesse Leon Luper Jr.
 21-June James Lopez
 23-June Robert Charles Beaver Sr.
 23-June Paula June Harms
 24-June Jonathan Wayne Moore
 26-June William Robert Gonzales
 26-June Troy Smith
 28-June Steven Ray Janes
 28-June Sharon Larue Sebert

Wëli katënami!



Lenape Fruit Words

C Q B R P F L Y B W H K C S B
 V A J C L L B Q Q J A J N I I
 M Y N P H D P L L P T W F L X
 M I K H A S I W È T S L U È M
 B E R H I Y È L K A B X P H E
 T S M H K E Ì K W M R A A C P
 Z I O B I S V U L S X S K S B
 S N C O H K P J E I N R I I X
 N V N I H I T J I T P M M G S
 D G C I S A A B J X G Q I W Q
 E B U T L Z U U G B S O A T E
 A T T K U I H W U Q E A G V B
 J I S F R D H L D T B Q C V B
 U R J C I D M H L P Z P K J I
 N K F H X L V K Z F Y C H U L

pakim (cranberry)

apëlìsh (apple)

wisahkim (grape)

pilkësh (peach)

chèlis (cherry)

sipuwas (plum)

Find the word in the puzzle. Words can go in any direction. Words can share letters as they cross over each other.

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

Department News & Services

Human Resources

Delaware Nation is thrilled to welcome the following new employees to our Delaware Nation team. We believe they will do great things and be an asset to their departments.



Name: Jason Mendoza
Title: Laborer
Department: Facilities
Date of Hire: April 12, 2024



Name: Tiffany Botone
Title: Receptionist/Office Assistant
Department: Administration
Date of Hire: May 20, 2024



Name: Eli Jared
Title: Summer Intern
Department: Facilities
Date of Hire: May 28, 2024



Name: Joshua Swift
Title: Laborer
Department: Facilities
Date of Hire: June 4, 2024



Name: Lacianna Spray-Hunter
Title: Teacher
Department: Early Childhood
Date of Hire: June 10, 2024



Name: Matthew Nelson
Title: Summer Intern
Department: Facilities
Date of Hire: June 17, 2024

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Lenapehoking Youth Program

On November 27, 2023, Delaware Nation entered into a MOU with Stockbridge-Munsee Community to implement the National Fish and Wildlife Lenapehoking Grant. The purpose of this grant is to develop a Homeland's Fellowship in the Delaware River Valley. In the first phase of this grant, all three federally recognized Lenape Tribes will collaborative plan how to bring Lenape Tribal youth back to the Lenape ancestral lands.

Delaware staff, Jaelyn McCasland, EPA Director; Skylar Miller, EPA staff and Youth Coordinator; and Carissa Speck, Historic Preservation Director, are working with a small group of Delaware youth to fulfil the requirements in this first phase of the grant.

The first meeting of the Lenapehoking Youth Program was held on Thursday, May 30th. The following youth were in attendance: Serenitee McCasland, Ra'Kaya Givens, Brayden Lemos, Jaeden Spray-Hunter, Kayleigh Combs, Iliana Hernandez and Saniya Miller. All attendees had watched the movie, *The Water Gap*, prior to this meeting so a discussion could take place. Some of the activities seen in this movie that the participants thought were interesting and liked were archery, kayaking, soil testing, basket weaving, pottery and exploring the grounds where the ancestors had walked. Another discussion was held on the local plants in the area and how they were used (i.e., covering human scent when hunting, healing, etc.).

Since many did not know a lot about our history, they were introduced to our origin story and the Mesingw. Each participant will receive a copy of the Orange and Green Books. Each participant was encouraged to contact the Enrollment Department to retrieve their family tree to learn more about their lineage.

The Youth Program will be traveling to the Delaware Water Gap this July to connect with the other youth participants from the Stockbridge-Munsee Community and the Delaware Tribe of Indians to share culture and stories, interact with the homelands, forage for traditional plants and medicine, kayak and view Lenape artifacts. They are very excited to be traveling to Lenapehoking for the first time.



Native American Bone and Glass Bead Necklace Class, Part 1 & Part 2 April 9 and 16, 2024

Participants learned to make a bone and glass bead necklace (more of a "contemporary" three-row necklace). Instructor: William M. Tosee, Sr.

Participants were provided jewelry wire, jump rings, split rings, lobster clasps, bone beads and their choice of Czech 8mm glass bead colors from 2 to 5 color combination. Instructor Tosee had a pictures of examples of how a necklace of this design can be strung. The finished product being a three strand necklace approximately 26 inches in length, some were adjusted to individual preferred length. The participants were very involved and finished with the provided amount of time for this particular class. It is always a great feeling for all involved when everyone enjoys working and visiting, sharing ideas and stories. The participants each had their own personal layout of their necklaces and displayed their uniqueness in their own finished necklace, all being beautiful!

DNCP Event partially funded by the National Endowment for the Arts Grant.

Seton Hall NAGPRA Meeting

On April 30, representatives from the Delaware Tribe of Indians Historic Preservation Department, Delaware Nation's THPO Katelyn Lucas, and myself visited Seton Hall University Museum of Anthropology and Archaeology in South Orange, New Jersey to look through their collections of artifacts and determine which might be associated with burials. Their collection was massive, and very impressive. There were artifacts that were very well preserved and rare. These artifacts came from sites excavated by Herbert Kraft, who spent his career researching Lenape people and culture. These sites range from New Jersey, Pennsylvania and New York. Based on this, we can consider these Lenape artifacts. Unfortunately, Seton Hall does have ancestors stored and we will be beginning NAGPRA consultation with them for the ancestors, and ongoing consultation for the artifacts. The collection was so great that we only had time to look through a portion of the artifacts, and we were there for 7 hours.

Jeremy Johnson and Martina Thomas, both Delaware Tribe of Indian citizens and representatives, visited the ancestors that were stored to place tobacco with them and to pray over them. It was a very long and exhaustive day, but the work needed to be done. We were glad to have been able to do this in person and now we know just how extensive this collection is and we are aware that repatriating everything from Seton Hall will takes years. This is just the beginning.

Another thing to add, is that Seton Hall has a very unique and another rare artifact named the Jennings Petroglyph. This is on display in their library. There is very little information but we do believe that it is likely Lenape and it may predate the woodland period. It was originally located on the New Jersey side of the Delaware River across from Dingmans Ferry in Pike County, Pennsylvania. The petroglyph was unearthed by Rudyard Jennings in 1965. It was donated to Seton Hall with the intention of protecting it from flooding caused by the proposed Tocks Island dam on the Delaware River site where the petroglyph was previously located. Ultimately, the dam was never built.



Delaware Nation Environmental Programs (DNEP) News

Garden update: On April 9, 2024, Langston University and OSU extension office came to help DNEP install plasticulture and irrigation in the garden. Delaware Nation is an OSU extension partner and plan to host some beginning farmer classes.

On April 21 and 22nd, Delaware Nation employees came to help plant 176 transplants of various fruits and veggies. Lenape Gardens acquired 5 bee hives of a hybrid species, Carniolan and Italian. Bees were sourced locally. If you would like to volunteer your time or would like to harvest fresh vegetables, please contact Delaware Nation Environmental Programs, Voc-Rehabilitation, or CHR. We are needing volunteers to help tend the garden, harvest, and create vegetable baskets for elders. Students in need of community service are extremely encouraged to volunteer. If you are an elder in need of fresh vegetables or would like to help in the garden, please contact Jaclyn McCasland, 405-247-2448x1173.

April 22, 2024-May 3, 2024, Delaware Nation Environmental Programs provided a roll-off for tribal citizen use for spring cleaning projects.

April 10, 2024, Delaware Nation Environmental Programs hosted a community Shred event. This event is open to the public and allows for a safe way to clean out old files and dispose of confidential information properly. The shredded paper is then recycled.

April 8-12, 2024, Delaware Nation Environmental Programs collected E-waste. This service allows for proper disposal of electronics and recycling of metals. Recycling the e-waste components helps with reducing the need for mining new materials and decreases what goes into the landfill.

April 16-17, 2024, Delaware Nation Environmental Program staff attended the Region 6, Regional Tribal Operation Committee meeting in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Tribes and Pueblos from New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas, and Louisiana meet to discuss important environmental topics in Indian Country. Environmental Director, Jaclyn McCasland, gave the report out for National Tribal Water Council. Each of the 10 regions across the United States selects a representative. McCasland served two years as the NTWC representative. A new representative will be selected this year. On the second day of the meeting, RTOC meets with EPA representatives and other agencies to address concerns and highlight successes.

April 17-19, 2024, Delaware Nation Environmental Program staff attended the Tribal Summit. The Summit showcases environmental topics that tribes and pueblos may face such as PFAS pollution, renewable energy, air quality, water quality, pesticides, solid waste, brownfields, superfunds, Underground storage tanks, and Emergency Response.



Delaware Nation is updating our Hazard Mitigation Plan!

Natural disasters can have severe impacts on our people, property, and economy. This includes extreme weather events like flooding, tornadoes, and wildfires.

The Hazard Mitigation Plan will help us answer:

- What natural disasters and extreme weather events have happened here in the past?
- What natural disasters and extreme weather events could we expect to see in the future?
- Which are likely to have the worst impacts?
- How can we protect our community?

Public survey available now at www.delawarenation-nsn.gov!

Delaware Nation members and employees will be asked to fill out a quick survey!

If you have any questions, please contact Emergency Manager, Jaclyn McCasland at jmccasland@delawarenation-nsn.gov or 405-247-2448 ext. 1173.

Delaware Nation Environmental Programs is updating the Delaware Nation Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP). This plan helps the Nation identify hazards, concerns, and action items needed to be prepared for disasters. On May 18, 2024, DNEP director and assistant attended the Open Hearts, Open Streets event in Anadarko, Oklahoma and spoke with community members about water quality, disaster preparedness, and the HMP update. A survey was available for input on the importance of HMP, concerns of the community in regards to disasters, and ideas/comments for preparedness. If you are interested in taking the survey, please go to Delaware Nation webpage under environmental tab.



Administration on Aging (AOA) News

Father's Day

June 14, 2024 - AOA went fishing to celebrate Father's Day 2024 at Shannon Springs Park in Chickasha, OK. All who attended enjoyed a day in the park with a picnic lunch, lots of laughs and fishing! All who attended received a gift.

Mother's Day

May 10, 2024 - A Breakfast at Tiffany's Mother's Day Event was hosted to celebrate all mom's. Mother's were adorned with a necklace, tiara and sunglasses to enjoy their brunch style lunch in style. All who attended received a gift.

Youth Spotlight



GABRIEL SADONGEI

My name is Gabriel Sadongei, born and raised in Anadarko, OK. For the past year or so, I have been conducting research on animal behavior. Through this research I have gained tools and knowledge for the years to come. I am currently conducting an experiment on our lab population of African cichlid fish. I have been accepted to present this work at the annual meeting of the Animal Behavior Society in London, Ontario, Canada funded by a Charles H. Turner Award. This species (*Astatotilapia burtoni*) is a model system in neuroscience because of their dramatic socially mediated phenotypic plasticity.

Males change color, size, and fertility status in direct response to neuroendocrine changes following social wins. These wins occur in contests over territory centered on bowers. I designed a choice experiment focused on defensibility (entry size relative to male body size) of these bowers. I am presenting this work at the 2024 Animal Behavior Society meeting. I am also the lab manager for the Social Ethology Lab at Fort Lewis College and vice president of the Psychology Club. My senior research will focus on the development of variation in individual relatedness and quality/experience of interpersonal and intrafamilial relationships. I am hoping to pursue a PhD/PsyD in Clinical Psychology.



BREANNA FRENCH

Hello, my name is Bre French, and I am thrilled to announce my upcoming graduation from the University of Central Oklahoma this Spring. I will be receiving a Bachelor of Science degree with a major in Exercise Fitness Management. Following graduation, I'm set to begin the Master of Athletic Training program in July, with aspirations of becoming an Athletic Trainer for a professional sports team. I'm very optimistic about the future, and I'm extremely grateful for Delaware Nation's support throughout my entire educational journey!



HECTOR CARILLOCAMP

Hector is a first generation graduate who has worked hard to pave a new path within his family! He has received a Bachelor of Science from Southwestern Oklahoma State University in the Art of Exercise Science. He plans to find a career and enjoy the blessings of life. He gives all Glory To God for all his accomplishments!



EMMA HENSEN

I just wanted to take a minute to thank you and the Delaware Nation for all of the help I've received. I would not have been able to graduate with my Master's in social work without your help.

I am also incredibly grateful to come from a people with such beautiful culture and knowledge. Growing up in Utah I didn't connect much and didn't realize the importance of my heritage. A few years ago some changes took place and I genuinely started feeling lots of protection and encouragement from ancestors. With the changes and newfound hope, all I wanted was to give back to and serve people similar to me.

So thank you, for helping me continue my journey and helping me get to where I am now. At the end of May I will begin working at Sacred Circle HealthCare in the behavioral health department as a behavioral health therapist. Sacred Circle serves Indigenous members as well and refugees and other folks. I'm very excited about this opportunity.

Again, thank you for everything. I'm hoping to make a trip out to Oklahoma with my mom and Grandma.



ISABELLA FELICIANO

Isabella is the daughter of Juan & Victoria Feliciano and a 2024 graduate of Anadarko High School. Her family is incredibly proud of her and can't wait to see where her next adventure takes her!



MILTON NEAL

Milton is a graduate from WestMoore High School. He is a free spirited person and loves helping his elders when they call on him. He really enjoys outdoor adventures such as camping, fishing, building camp fires and hanging out with family and friends. He has always kept his faith, he has never given up and remains strong. He plans to obtain his CDL license in the future. He is a very proud to be a member of the Delaware Nation!



GREYSEN ALLEN

Greysen is the son of Casey & Sonnie (Keechi) Allen and is a 6th Grade student at Binger-Oney Elementary School in Binger, Oklahoma. He has had Perfect Attendance for three consecutive years, has outstanding grades, character and leadership. Greysen is an all-around exemplary student!

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April 29, 2024

RE: Greysen Allen

To Whom It May Concern,

It is with great pleasure that I inform the Delaware Nation of the Perfect Attendance of your member Greysen Allen. Greysen is a 6th Grade student at Binger-Oney Elementary School in Binger, Oklahoma. He has had Perfect Attendance for three consecutive years. I would also like to mention his outstanding grades, character and leadership. Greysen is an all-around exemplary student! I hope that you will consider this letter for special recognition for your annual report.

Sincerely,
Tanae Rodriguez
 Tanae Rodriguez
 Principal

MAR 5, 1975 - MAR 15, 2024

IN MEMORIAM



JASON PRUNER

Jason Roylee Pruner was born on March 5, 1975, to James Henry Pruner and Leveta June (Miller) Pruner. He passed away on March 15, 2024.

He was raised east of Chickasha, Oklahoma, where he attended school. After graduating from Amber-Pocasset High School in 1993, he went on to further his education at Rose State College and Mid-America Christian University in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, where he studied Business and Criminal Justice. Jason was a proud member of The Delaware Nation and a direct descendant of Black Beaver. He used his skills and love of his tribe throughout his career and served as the Chief Executive Director at Creative IT Solutions as well as Indigenous Technologies.

Jason's love of his family was a defining characteristic in his life. He adored his wife, Cassandra (Cassie) Kay Freed, whom he married on August 15, 1995. Jason and Cassie had two children, James Wyatt and Kaylee Morgan. In his spare time, he enjoyed dressing up as Santa Claus and surprising the children of friends in their homes at Christmas. He loved going camping and kayaking with his family as well as Geocaching. He also enjoyed attending NASCAR races with friends and was a die-hard Kansas City Chiefs fan. Jason also was an avid Sooner fan and loved going to the University of Oklahoma football games. Football season would not be complete if he did not attend the OU - TX showdown, which always made for a fun trip across the Red River with his close friends. Jason was a joy to be around and loved playing pranks and jokes on friends. To say that he was a people person would be an understatement!

Jason was preceded in death by his parents, James Henry Pruner and Leveta Pruner. He leaves behind his wife, Cassie Pruner; son James Pruner and wife Laura of Chickasha, Oklahoma; daughter Kaylee of Chickasha, Oklahoma; and son Ronnie Madison of Chickasha, Oklahoma; brothers Steve Harris and wife Sharon of Blanchard, Oklahoma; Tony Harris and wife Darla of Chickasha, Oklahoma; sister Judy Kennedy and husband Jerry of Blanchard, Oklahoma; three nieces, several aunts, uncles, cousins, as well as countless friends.

One of Jason's favorite scriptures was Romans 8:31: "What, then, shall we say in response to this? If God is for us, who can be against us?" Jason was loved by many, and he will be truly missed.

