



Quarterly Tribal Newsletter - January 2024

Annual Meeting Summary

KANSAS DELAWARE TRIBE
2023 ANNUAL MEETING SUMMARY
WYANDOTTE COUNTY MUSEUM
JUNE 10, 2023

REGISTRATION

(40) Kansas Delaware Tribal Members
(17) Non-Members/Guests

SMOKING CEREMONY

SUPPORT THE TRIBE by purchasing merchandise for sale: Payment methods included Cash, CC, PayPal, CashApp or Venmo.

BUSINESS MEETING

Chief Graff introduced the 2022-2023

Tribal Council Officers:

Carolyn Rowe, Assistant Chief
Susan Webb, Secretary
Stacy Graff, Treasurer

Tribal Council Members:

Brenton Zeigler
LaNora Lowe-Ung
Rebecca Barton

WINTER COUNT

(Please notify LaNora Lowe-Ung of a family member who has walked on).
Flora Jane (Miles) Wilson - 1927 - 2022
Arthur Edward Coker, Jr. - 1945 - 2022
Beryl L. Coyle - 1930 - 2022
Connie Ritter - 1936 - 2023

SCHOLARSHIP AWARD Hannah Deister

HONORED VETERAN 2023 Steven R. Bauswell, Jr.

HONORED ELDER 2023 Sharon S. Schmidt

Carolyn Rowe was honored for her devotion to the tribe as liaison to the Delaware Tribe.

NEW BUSINESS

Voting Results

(3) Tribal Council Positions elected

Rebecca Barton 99 Votes - 29.64%

Brenton Zeigler 83 Votes - 24.85%

Lee Jarrell 65 Votes - 19.46%

Heather Johnson 47 Votes - 14.07%

Michaela Zeigler 40 Votes - 11.98 %

(334) Votes Tallied and (3) Abstentions

Chief Graff swears in Newly Elected Tribal Council Members

STATE OF THE TRIBE REPORT

[See State of the Tribe Report below]

LUNCH & SUPPORT THE TRIBE

DRAW 50/50 and CAKE WALK WINNERS

ADJOURN BUSINESS MEETING 12:00 p.m.

CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

Sharing of tribal members at their tables regarding their Kansas Delaware Ancestry/Lineage. Who informed them of their lineage and when.

Moccasin Workshop (9 Members-Summer '22) Moccasins from elk hide were displayed.

Language - A Lenape/English match-up Quiz w/attached Vowel Sounds was distributed. A Women's Shawl display and brief tradition was presented.

The 2023 Annual Meeting closed.

Next Annual Meeting: June 8, 2024

Location: George Meyn Building

Address: 126th & State Avenue Bonner Springs, KS 66012

Pin for Google Maps: 39.10682770728036, -94.8640036078449



Notes from Chief Graff

STATE OF THE TRIBE REPORT

The Tribal Council has been working since June 2023 to finalize our goals for the Kansas Delaware Tribe. We were pleased with our turnout and input from members for our June meeting. Newly elected Council members for 2023-2024 are: Rebecca Barton, Lee Jarrell, and Brenton Zeigler.

The Tribal Council has formed 3 Committees: Communications, Membership, and Culture. The committees will be chaired by Rebecca Barton, LaNora Lowe-Ung, and Lee Jarrell respectively.

Much discussion has been had during council meetings to define the three committees, objectives, and organization needed.

Please contact one of the chairpersons if you are interested in serving your tribe through one of the committees. Additionally, the tribe is also seeking support in the following areas:

- Committee volunteers and support
- Website management
- Merchandise management

AWARD IN TRUST

We are working through our attorney, William D. Mize, to collaborate with the Delaware Tribe of Indians, Bartlesville, to recover our Award-in-Trust funds being held by the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA). Chief KillsCrow is working with their attorney to expedite the process of presenting a resolution to Congress for distribution. We also are attempting to persuade Representative Sharice Davids to work with us on presenting this resolution.

We will:

Promote our attempt to become a land-based tribe with the Grinter Chapel property, and stress its historical significance both physically and through our tribal heritage

Prioritize in our Award resolution the need and tribal agreement with our 2022 vote for tribal disbursement (rather than individual disbursement) to benefit ALL tribal members (not just those involved in the 1974-1980 settlement) through use of funds for:

- Administration fees for tribal activities
- Recovering and preserving our culture (list projects we would be involved with)
- Maintenance costs for any headquarters we might obtain (Grinter Chapel) and its ties to the community
- Any other project ideas we could use to promote our need for the funds as a tribe rather than as individuals

GRINTER CHAPEL

No new steps to be addressed in receiving the donation from the Director of Administrative Services for the Great Plains Conference of the United Methodist Church. The Wyandotte County Planning Commission required the Conference to do some parking lot repairs, driveway entrance, etc. in order to bring the property up to code to be donated. Mr. Brewer advised me he will notify us as soon as the necessary improvements are made.



Chicken dinner in whose house?

In 1950 the historic Grinter House in Kansas City was put up for sale and scheduled for possible demolition. It was saved by Harry and Bernice Hanson who purchased the property and started a "family style" chicken restaurant in the house.



When I was a child in Perry, Kansas, my family would occasionally drive to Kansas City on a Sunday to have dinner at the Grinter House restaurant. One time we were met by my uncle, Don Grinter, who was an airline pilot for TWA. When a waitress came to our table, Don asked "Why is this restaurant not called the Hanson House? Why would you call it a goofy name like Grinter?"



Soon Bernice Hanson appeared at the table and informed Don that the Grinter House was a significant historical site in the area. In the mid 1800's the two Grinter brothers, Moses and James, were the first Europeans to settle in the territory. They married Kansas Delaware Indian sisters, Annie and Rosanna Marshall. The brothers operated a ferry across the Kansas river and ran a trading post for the Kansas Delaware and built a chapel. The Grinter house was built by Moses and Annie in 1857.

Bernice kept after Don, until he held up his hands to surrender and said, "Okay, you win. Grinter is a good name for your restaurant." He then apologized to Bernice. He said he was somewhat familiar with Grinter family history and had been teasing her a little. He introduced himself. "I'm Don Grinter, a great grandson of Rosanna. Thank you for setting me straight about the history of the house," he said. "Now can we have some of that famous Hanson chicken I've heard people raving about?"

- story written and shared by Jim Grinter

Committees & Goals

Tribal Council Election Results were tallied and announced at the 2023 Annual Meeting. Chief Graff swore in the new council members during the annual meeting.

Following the annual meeting, the Tribal Council has formed three key committees focused on advancing the Kansas Delaware Tribe of Indians.

- **Culture | Chair: [Lee Jarrell](#)**

The Culture Committee of the Kansas Delaware Tribe of Indians exists to celebrate the Lenape history, language, and ceremonial traditions for future generations by:

- Promoting, protecting, and preserving these traditions through increasing their visibility within the tribe and for the general public
- Establishing activities by the Culture Committee chair and members that promote our goal.

- **Communication | Chair: [Rebecca Barton](#)**

The Communication Committee of the Kansas Delaware Tribe of Indians exists to help create a sense of community among tribal members and to motivate engagement throughout the tribe by:

- Sharing important tribal events, business, and news through multiple channels (which may include email, social media, website, and/or postal mail)
- Maintaining multiple channels of communication to inform tribal members as well as promote awareness and knowledge of the Kansas Delaware Tribe of Indians
- Establishing activities by the Communication Committee chair and members that promote our goal.

- **Membership | Chair: [LaNora Lowe-Ung](#)**

The Membership Committee of the Kansas Delaware Tribe of Indians exists to preserve the integrity of up-to-date certified rolls of tribal members by:

- Working to increase membership through member participation for updating current contact and roll information for family members
- Verifying files for accuracy on tribal documentation
- Documenting current membership through monthly reports to the Kansas Delaware Tribal Council
- Establishing a process for the Membership Committee Chair and members that promote our goal

If you are interested in getting involved with any of the committees or other tribal initiatives, please reach out to any of the Tribal Council members.

Let's Talk Lenape - Language Lesson

English: Is it snowing?
Lenape: **Wine hàch?**
Pronunciation: **Wee-nay hutch?**



LET'S TALK LENAPE!
Alënixsitàm!
(ah-luh-nee-SEE-tum)

DECEMBER (real Winter)
kichi luwàn
(kee-chee) (LOO-wun)

PEACE/FRIENDSHIP
Wëlànkuntëwakàn
(wuh-lun-goon-duh-WAH-kun)

WINTER
luwàn
(LOO-wun)

MERRY CHRISTMAS!
Mèli Këlëshmësh!
(meh-lee) (kuh-LUSH-mush)

HOLIDAY (pleasant time)
winki le
(wing-gee) (LAY)

HAPPY NEW YEAR!
Wëli Newiyal !
(wuh-lee) (NAY-wee-all)



Wanishi for your time & interest. Visit www.talk-lenape.org
Lapich knewël

Let's Speak Lenape!



Days of the Week:

Sunday - Sàntèke - (sun-DECK-ay)
Monday - Mantèke - (mahn-DECK-ay)
Tuesday - Tustèke - (too-STUCK-ay)
Wednesday - Lelai - (lay-LAH-ee)
Thursday - Tàstèke - (tuss-STUCK-ay)
Friday - Pèlaitèke - (puh-lah-ee-TECK-ay)
Saturday - Satètèke - (sah-tuh-TECK-ay)

If you would like to receive the monthly Lenape Language Lesson, which also includes an audio file to hear the spoken lenape language, Please email Susan Webb at sweb7031@gmail.com and request to be added to the Language Lesson distribution list. *Wanishi.*

Lenape Language



Check out the new Lenape Store!

You don't need to wait until the annual meeting to show your Kansas Delaware support and pride. Check out the new **Kansas Delaware Tribe Store**.

Explore the current selection of t-shirts, posters, flags, and more!

Watch for new items coming soon.

Click Here to Shop Now!

2023 Delaware Powwow



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