Wellness Center Soon to Open

The Quapaw Tribe is working to build a Wellness Center between the O-Gah-Pah Learning Center and the new Title VI building. The center is expected to provide a safe and fun location where Tribal Members and the local community can use a weight room and cardio equipment. Along with an exercise room with medicine balls, resistance bands and room for classes such as Zumba, a locker room, reception area and computer station. The exercise room will also serve as a hardened safe-room for public use.

Construction for the first phase of the Wellness Center is scheduled to be complete in late August to early September. There will be placed in days to come.

Traditional clans of the Quapaw Tribe can be found in the floor of the new portion of the casino, they are outlines filled burnished steel. Cherokee Artists Bill Glass Sr. and Demos Glass are currently crafting more detailed stained glass versions which are now filled with Quapaw pottery.

Charles Banks Wilson Laid to Rest

On May 7, 2013 The Quapaw Tribe mourned the loss of and paid its respects to Charles Banks Wilson as the Oklahoma artist was laid to rest in Miami, Okla. “He was a true treasure, a great man, and his art will preserve Native American culture forever,” said Quapaw Chairman John L. Berrey. Wilson died Thursday, May 2 in Rogers, Ark., at the age of 94.

He was a painter, printmaker, teacher, lecturer, historian, and magazine and book illustrator. Wilson’s work has been shown in over 200 exhibitions in the United States and across the globe. Permanent collections of Wilson’s work are housed in some of the most renowned museums and art galleries in the world including New York’s Metropolitan Museum, Washington’s Library of Congress, the Corcoran Gallery, the Oklahoma State University Gallery and many more.

The Quapaw Tribe is once again lending a helping hand to our neighbors, this time here in the state of Oklahoma. Recently, devastating storms and a deadly tornado tore through Oklahoma. In the spirit of generosity the Quapaw Tribe Fire and EMS, Marshalls and Downstream Casino donated time and items.

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The Tribal Marshalls deployed our Mobile Command Center, two ATVs (all-terrain vehicles) and night vision devices along with Investigator Matt Redden, Deputy Marshal Jesse Krewson, Deputy Marshal Bradd McMinn, Deputy Marshal John Millard, Deputy Marshal Rodney Kingfisher and Deputy Marshal Cody Norman from Wednesday May 22, to Wednesday, May 29.

Quapaw Tribe Sends Aid

On Monday May 20 the Quapaw Tribe deployed our team of four to Professional Emergency Management Services (PEMS) in Moore, OK where they worked around the clock for 48 hours. The Quapaw Tribe is once again lending a helping hand to our neighbors, this time here in the state of Oklahoma. Recently, devastating storms and a deadly tornado tore through Oklahoma.

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Chairman's Corner

QUAPAW TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA  
ANNUAL ELECTION  
JULY 27, 2013  
NOTICE OF CANDIDACY

Vice-Chairman  
Thomas Matthews / Unopposed

Member  
T.C. Bear  
Denise Wray  
Marilyn Rogers  
Pud Quizapaw  
Jillie Plant  
Betty M. Gaedke  
Larry Mercer  
Virgil L. Henry  
Carol Green  
Lloyd Buffalo

In accordance with the election and/or voting ordinance adopted on the January 21, 2014 General Council, Page 6, Section 3.3, status:

"No later than three (3) business days following the close of the filing period, the Election Board Secretary shall cause to be posted at the Tribal Complex a complete list of all candidates along with their respective office of candidacy."

I, Lori Shaffer, Secretary of the Quapaw Tribal Election Board, certify that the above named individuals have met the requirements to have their names placed on the official ballot as a candidate for office of the Quapaw Tribal Business Committee.

Lori Shaffer, Secretary  
Quapaw Tribal Election Board

QUAPAW TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA  
ANNUAL ELECTION NOTICE

The Quapaw Tribe Annual Election will be held on Saturday, July 27, 2013 at the Quapaw Tribal Complex, Quapaw, Oklahoma. The polling place shall be open from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on the day of the vote. All registered voters who have met the voting eligibility requirements specified by the Tribal Election Ordinance will be eligible to vote. A valid Registration Card and a picture I.D. must be in each registered voter’s possession in order to obtain a ballot.

All qualified members of the Quapaw Tribe who desire his or her name to be placed on the ballot as a candidate for Office must file a “Declaration of Candidacy” in person with the Election Board Secretary or a designated representative at the Quapaw Tribal Administrative Office located at 5881 S. 680 Rd., Quapaw, Oklahoma. No person shall be a candidate for more than one office at any one time. All such filings of Declaration of Candidacy must be filed no sooner than April 18, 2013, and no later than May 20, 2013. No later than three business days following the close of the filing period, the Election Board Secretary shall cause to be posted at the Tribal Complex a complete list of all candidates along with their respective office of candidacy.

A filing fee of fifty dollars ($50.00) shall be assessed to each candidate for any Election Office, payable to the Quapaw Tribe by certified check, cashiers check, or money order. These fees shall be used for election purposes. The filing fee shall be paid on the same date the prospective candidate submits his or her Declaration of Candidacy. Said filing fee is non-refundable.

Absentee Ballot request forms must be obtained from the enrollment office at the Quapaw Tribal Administration Office in Quapaw, Oklahoma. Upon the hand written, e-mail or facsimile (FAX), request of a qualified voter for an absentee ballot, the Election Board Secretary and/or enrollment office shall give or mail to said qualified voter and Absentee Ballot Packet. In order to be counted, all absentee ballots must be received by close of business on the last working day before the voting day. No hand carried absentee ballots will be accepted on the day of the election. NO EXCEPTIONS WILL BE MADE.

POSITIONS TO BE FILLED

Vice Chairman (two-year term)
Committee Member (two-year term)
Committee Member (two-year term)
Ha-way O-Gah-Pah people!

My name is Betty Beard Gaedtke. I am ¼ blood Quapaw from the Buffalo family. I am the daughter of Betty Brock Beard, the Grand Daughter of Nora Buffalo Brock (Pureblood Quapaw), the Great Grand Daughter of Joseph Buffalo and Sini Brown Buffalo, and the Great Great Grand Daugh-
ter of Buffalo Calf. My greatest joy in life is my son Chuck, my husband Steve and being part of the Quapaw Tribe.

It is my great honor to an-
nounce that I am running for a Member’s chair on the Quapaw Tribal Business Committee. I have attended the Quapaw Pow-wow and General Council all of my life and have attended Business Committee meetings regularly for the past 5 years af-
ter retiring from 37 years in the work force. I have had the privi-
lege and honor of sitting on the Social Services Committee for over 4 years and I have been involved with the Children’s Christmas Party Committee for the past 4 years as well. I have been a part of the tremendous growth of the Educational benefits for our Quapaw children and want to see it grow even more. The education of Quapaw children is very important to me. I am also an advocate for awareness of violence against women.

I have watched our Tribe make tremendous strides over the years and would like to see continued growth and hope to strengthen employment oppor-
tunities for our people by way of diverse businesses owned and their families. They also maintain existing houses and the emergency, short term trail-
ers we established a couple of years ago. Our business committee has continued to work together to strengthen our commit-
tment to the tribal members by providing additional fund-
ing for a variety of services as well as increases in health care and veterans benefits.

One only has to look at the community of Quapaw to see the improvements we have made together with the resi-
dents of Quapaw, many of whom are tribal mem-
bers. The Business Committee made a commit-
tment to clean up years of neglect in a major area of the town of Quapaw. Instead of abandoned houses and rat
infested trash, the area has been cleaned up and is ready for new housing and other uses.

With our EMS and Marshal Services we are able to pro-
vide many services to our tribal members. With strong tribal support, our Fire and EMS ser-
vice have won the community backing for expanded coverage of EMS services throughout a large portion of Ottawa County. We have worked together to build a new convenience store and rebuilt the old O-Gah-Pah convenience store. Both have had strong sales growth since their openings in 2012.

I believe one of our greatest ac-
complishments is the work we are doing for our young tribal members. Our two learning centers, which provide excel-
 lent care and learning facilities for our children, are something of which we can all be proud.

For our older youth, our soon to
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Postal Service and now have the time required to be even more involved to help our Tribe move forward and continue its success. I find it important to reach out to ALL Quapaw people near and far and have the desire to be a voice for those that do not live in the immediate area. I also believe that every Quapaw has the right to be recognized as a member of our Tribe regardless of blood quantum, and we should all rec-
ognize that since there are no living Pureblood Quapaw’s left, it is essential that we recognize each and every one of us so that we don’t perish as a Tribe. I believe this is for the future of our children, grand children and generations to come.

I humbly ask for your support and your vote in the upcoming election. My promise to you is to work for each and every one of you with honesty, transpar-
ency, and compassion.

Gun-Ney-Gay! Betty (Fats) Gaedtke

Greetings,

My name is Justin Plott, and I would appreciate your support of my candidacy for QTBC Member. I am the son of Anna Quapaw and the grand-
son of the late Ed Quapaw. I graduated from Miami H.S. in 1996. I served 6 years ac-
tive duty in the U.S. Navy. With the exception of those 6 years, I have resided in the Miami area my entire life. I have been married to my wife Priscilla, whom I met while in the Navy, for 9 years. We have two girls, Kayla age 8, and Kenzie age 7.

I graduated from Missouri Southern in 2009 with my Bachelor’s degree in nursing. I am currently the Nurse Su-
pervisor at Northeastern Tribal Health System in Miami. I am serving as an appointed mem-
ber of the Quapaw Casino Authority, previously known as the Quapaw Gaming Cor-
rporation, for 5 plus years.

If elected, I would like every-
one to know that I do not have an agenda. I have no desire to use this position to improve my financial status. I will ask questions, attempt to promote dialogue and always do what I feel is in the best interest of the Tribe. I will always vote my conscience and voice my opin-
ion, even if it is unpopular. I vow to: be honest, work hard, promote fiscal responsibility, promote continued economic growth, improve customer service, be accessible for Tribal Member’s to voice their input, be open minded, and to be transparent in all aspects of Tribal Government.

Thank You,
Justin R. Plott
My name is Debbie Wray. I am announcing my candidacy for the Member position on the Quapaw Tribal Business Committee, in the upcoming tribal elections. This decision was made with consultation with family, friends, and supporters. I firmly believe that the timing is right for new leadership. This important role is crucial for the continuity of progress, growth and defense of our sovereignty. In order to continue on a forward path, we must have leadership that possesses the skills, knowledge, and business sense to ensure our path to self-sufficiency is maintained. Anything less is a step backward!

I am aware of the great responsibility involved in being a Member of the Quapaw Tribal Business Committee and I am willing to dedicate my time to representing our people. I can assure you that if elected as Member, I will strive for the best for all tribal members. I believe in honesty, fairness, integrity, and transparency, as the tribal membership deserves.

I have great ideas for the Quapaw Tribe, and with your support we can accomplish improvement on these goals: Education, Health Care, Housing, Jobs, and Economic Growth. We must follow through with promises to our people; I will stand for our people, our children and especially our elders.

I have worked in several capacities during the course of my employment with the Quapaw Tribe. I believe that I have a lot of good qualities and strengths. I am not afraid to speak out for struggling tribal members. I will bring these skills to the Quapaw Tribal Business Committee and together we can work effectively for the good of all tribal members.

My beliefs are traditional. I value our language, culture, and heritage; and I will strive to preserve these ways. I was taught by my elders to treat others the way you want to be treated with respect for all. I was always told that you lead by example. My passion is evident in my service on committees and boards within the Tribe and community.

A campaign message is a promise. Although you will hear a lot of promises in the coming weeks, you need to look around to see that promises become reality. Imagine what we can accomplish together as we move forward in a positive social and economic climate.

To move forward we need to stay on course; on a proven path. Now is not the time to change course into the unknown or fall asleep at the wheel. I have the drive, determination and experience to steer us in the right direction; on a proven path.

You may have other concerns, that I am not aware of, but if elected I will listen to all and represent an unbiased view.

Your consideration in voting for me as Member, of the Quapaw Tribal Business Committee is greatly appreciated. With your support and commitment to vote, we can accomplish many things.

Respectfully, Debbie Wray

T.C. Bear

Larry Mercer
Candidate for Business Committee Member

• Great Grandfather: Benjamin Cousatte
• Native Peoria, Miami
• Business Minor, Accounting Degree MSSU
• Retired from Goodrich (37 years)

• Emergency/Financial Assistance Committee
• Committed to the future of the Quapaw People
• Contact me by email: creepingturtle@aol.com
• Cell phone 205-292-4770

I would consider it an honor to be your voice on the Business Committee

Hello fellow Quapaw Tribal Members my name is Pud Quapaw and I am running for Business Committee Member.

My dad was the late Edward Quapaw, my paternal Grandparents were the late Jess and Martha Quapaw and I am descended from Solomon Quapaw, Keno Reno Mohawk Sigdah Track and Grandma Slagle.

When I was growing up my dad took me to all the business meetings they didn’t have an office back then they was held at Tony McKibben and Odestine McWatters. I watched how he cared for the Quapaw People. I learned from my father because he cared so much about the Quapaw Tribe and people I feel just as strong about our Tribe and members as he did.

I want to try to help the Quapaw People get better jobs within our Tribal Businesses than Non-Quapaws. I would also like to push for more general assistance for our people instead of donating our money to groups and places that don’t benefit us.

I’m a proud Quapaw Tribal Member and I would appreciate your vote for Pud Quapaw as Business Committee Member, Thank you

Pud Quapaw

CAROL GREEN

1. Carol Green have been a business owner, educator, and have experience working for tribes and the federal government. As a good neighbor, I am active within my community and am concerned with the important issues facing the Quapaw Tribe. I believe in open communication, making information available to the people, and a brighter future for the Quapaw Nation.

“The future is within OUR grasp!”

Vote Green for Quapaw Committee Member
My fellow Tribal Members,

Greetings, I am announcing that I am a candidate for the position of member of the Quapaw Tribal Business Committee.

Both myself and my wife are enrolled members of the Quapaw Tribe. I have five grown children, two daughters and three sons, also two sons who are deceased. Being one of the few remaining Tribal members who are one-half or more of Quapaw blood, I am very proud of this distinction.

For my education I graduated Valedictorian of my high school class in Galena, Kansas. After attending the former Joplin Junior College I transferred to Northeastern Oklahoma A & M College and obtained an AA degree in Industrial Education.

I have had the privilege of serving in the elected positions of Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary Treasurer of the Quapaw Tribal Business Committee. Served as Chairman of the Northeastern Tribal Health System Board, as well as member representing the Quapaw Tribe. Served in the position of Secretary of the Claremore Indian Hospital Board as representative of the Quapaw Tribe. Served on the Downstream Development Authority as Secretary through the design, construction and opening of Downstream Casino Resort.

Served as the first Business Manager of the Quapaw Tribe. In addition served the Eastern Shawnee Tribe as Business Manager; Vice-Chairman, Secretary Treasurer of the Quapaw Tribal Business Committee. Served in the position of Secretary of the Claremore Indian Hospital Board as representative of the Quapaw Tribe. Served on the Downstream Development Authority as Secretary through the design, construction and opening of Downstream Casino Resort.

As the time when rumors abound about candidates, feel free to contact myself if you are told anything about me. My phone number is 918-540-1240, if I am not home leave a message and I will contact you.

Your consideration and vote is appreciated.

Wishing each of you the best in the future.

Regards,
Lloyd Buffalo

My fellow Quapaw Tribal members,

I am proud to accept another term to serve as the Vice-Chairman of the Quapaw Tribal Business Committee. It has been great honor to serve our tribe on the Business Committee. The last few years, we have seen the tribe make many great steps forward, and I look forward to this momentum into the future.

I am looking forward to the completion of the housing along with the new Wellness Center that we are building. It is going to be located between our Learning Center and the Tribal Museum and will be another wonderful benefit for our tribe to enjoy.

I have enjoyed the opportunity to serve the Quapaw people, and keep our tribe moving forward into the future.

Thank you,
Thomas Mathews

Quapaw Pottery

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Ann Early and Leslie Walker of the Arkansas Archeological Survey provided the tribe with this write up related to the pottery.

“All the objects that are catalogued 2011-502 are from the Thibault Collection that was previously owned by the Museum of Discovery in Little Rock, but was transferred to the Arkansas Archeological Survey via deaccession in 2011.

There are no human remains associated with any of these artifacts in any repositories here in Arkansas or anywhere else. The Museum of Discover- ery did embark on an inventory of the Thibault collection for NAGPRA purposes, but that process was not completed.

The Thibault collection comes originally from Mr. J.K. Thibault who dug up many pottery ves- sels on his property east of Little Rock airport. This collection took place in the 1870s.

Future efforts to aid our fellow Oklahomans in need are being planned. In the words of Downstream employee and Quapaw Tribal Member John Rodgers, “It does not take the bravest person to be a hero. You could be standing next to a one right now and not even know it. Of- ten it is in catastrophes, terror- ist acts, and things of that na- ture where most true heroes are formed. If you witnessed the Joplin tornado or most re- cently the tornado that touched down in Moore, you probably saw people who had just dug themselves out from under something, searching through rubble for more survivors. Even scraped, battered, and bruised, it is normally our first instinct to think of others before our- selves and in these moments, there are no barriers that sepa- rate the rich from the poor, the gay from the straight, the white from the black, only ties that bind. So what was once a city becomes a true community”. 
Robert Weaver Wins Regional Impact Award

Robert Weaver of the Quapaw Tribe and president of RWI Benefits, LLC, was among one of the award recipients at the National Indian Health Board’s (NIHB) 29th Annual Consumer Health Conference Award Gala held in Denver, Colorado. This award gala was also held as a Conference Award Gala held in Denver, Colorado.

Weaver was honored at the conference for his dedication and determination to be a leader in improving the health systems for Indian Country. “I am a fighting warrior for our healthcare,” Weaver stated. “To be among one of the recipients of this award was a true honor.” Weaver’s top priority and focus is to make healthcare affordable for Tribes.

The Annual Consumer Conference celebrated 40 years of advocacy for Tribes, American Indians and Alaskan natives. The Area/Regional Impact award was delivered to individuals and/or organizations for their care to advancing health for American Indian and Alaskan Natives.

Yawna Allen Inducted into National American Indian Hall of Fame

Quapaw Tribal Member Yawna Daye Allen of Phoenix, AZ was inducted into the American Indian Athletic Hall of Fame on March 16th. Allen has attended the Integrity Education Centre in Scottsdale, AZ, the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville, AR, Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, OK and Liberty University in Lynchburg, VA. Allen is an accomplished champion in the sport of tennis.

Her achievements include:
- Ranked #46, United States Tennis Association (USTA) National Girls’ 18 Singles and ranked #6 USTA National Girls 16 Doubles
- Ranked #1 in USTA South-west Section Girls 18 Singles & Women’s Open Singles, 2004
- International Tennis Federation Junior Ranking for Singles #1348 & Doubles #1141
- Big 12 Conference: Player of the Week, 2006
- Played USTA Regional Mixed Doubles Finals to qualify for US Open Professional:
  - #1005, WTA Singles Career High Ranking
  - #546, WTA Doubles Career High Ranking
  - Champion, $ 10 K Doubles - Los Mochis, Mexico 2009
  - Champion, $ 10 K Doubles - St. Joseph, Missouri 2011
  - Finalist, $10 K Doubles - Mazatlan, Mexico 2010 & Coatzacoalcos, Mexico 2011

In recognition of these outstanding achievement the Quapaw Tribal Business Committee sent Jim Greenfeather, Everett Bandy and Carolyn Nott as representatives to the induction. Allen was given an O-Gah-Pah Pendleton blanket and an eagle feather.

The American Indian Athletic Hall of Fame is housed on the campus of Haskell Indian Nations University in Lawrence, KS. You may contact them by emailing info@aiahof.com or by mail at 1827 E. Saint Charles Ave. Phoenix, AZ 85043.

Wellness Center

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Charles Banks

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The Quapaw Tribe has a long history of honoring veterans. We are thankful to our own tribal, the local community and all those who have answered the call to service. The Quapaw Tribe recently donated $4,000 to the Northeast Oklahoma Memorial Veterans Cemetery in Commerce, Oklahoma.

This veterans organization is raising funds to establish a cemetery which will have plots available for veterans and spouses free of charge.

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Crafty Seniors Teach Children

On Thursday, March 21, 2013 the Crafty Seniors group taught a class to children in the learning center.

During spring break the learning center experiences a higher than normal volume of children as many local parents who have children in school experience a need for child care during work hours. The Crafty Seniors found this to be an opportunity to interact with local youth and taught them how to make key chains and bracelets.

For more information about the Crafty Seniors, visit the Title VI tab on the tribal website, or call 918-674-2257. For more information regarding the O-Gah-Pah Learning Center visit the Childcare tab of the tribal website or call 918-674-0010.

New Mobile Command Center

The Quapaw Tribal Marshals recently purchased a Mobile Command Center using grant money from the Department of Justice. This will serve as an excellent tool for the tribe and has already been used during the Quapaw Tribe’s response to the extreme weather events in Shawnee, OK.

Mobile Command Centers serve as communication hubs, on site locations for meetings and planning sites operating bases for tactical operations. Especially during extreme weather and hazardous events the advantages of having a controlled location that can be deployed on site are great. The Command Center houses a conference room which can be used to brief, de-brief and plan operations.

Operations that involve multiple jurisdictions occur frequently for the Quapaw Tribal Marshals. Response to emergencies and threats in this region as well as day to day work with other local forces necessitate a need for a center that is capable of communicating across multiple avenues such as multiple radio frequencies, cellular and Voice over IP address satellite calls.

The Command Center is also able to video record its surroundings in detail. This allows not only for more efficient monitoring of the local area but provides documentation of the event that can be used in a number of ways.

The Quapaw Tribe is the first law enforcement agency in the region to be equipped with this technology in the region both among tribes and municipal/county forces. The Command Center will be at this year’s powwow for those wishing to see it in person.

Quapaw Tribe AT&T Wireless Discount!

You could be saving 15% on qualifying AT&T services.*

As a part of QUAPAW TRIBE, the AT&T Sponsorship Program can help you manage your wireless life. We have business agreements with hundreds of government agencies, including federal, state and local entities, so we’re able to offer their employees and their citizens substantial savings or their wireless service.

• Plus, you can get all the benefits of being an AT&T customer.
  • Best coverage worldwide and more phones that work in more countries.
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How to sign up?

Current AT&T customer of Quapaw Tribe

• If you have a Quapaw Tribe business email address go to: www.wireless.att.com/quapawtribe
• If you DO NOT have a Quapaw Tribe business email address, take this flyer to a AT&T store (www.att.com/find-a-store) and please go to AT&T company store first, show your National Citizenship ID Card to sales rep.

Mention Discount Code: 3053700

New AT&T customer of Quapaw Tribe

• Sign up online at http://www.att.com/wireless/quapawtribe. If you have a Quapaw Tribe business email address
• Bring this flyer to AT&T store (www.att.com/find-a-store) with National Citizenship ID Card, if you don’t have a email address, or just want to go to store to get 1- on-1 sales service

Mention Discount Code: 3583760

New Dare Officer at Quapaw Schools

The Quapaw Tribe has recently placed tribal member John Millard as a Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) Officer in the Quapaw School System through a Department of Justice grant which has paid to hire the D.A.R.E. Officer for 3 years, pay for training, a vehicle, uniforms and course materials/awards.

Millard has fully completed his D.A.R.E. training and is present in the Quapaw Schools on a day to day basis where he presents material related to the dangers of drug use and helps to maintain a positive drug free environment. Recently, his first class of students finished their D.A.R.E. course which included an essay writing contest. Millard and Quapaw Elementary hosted a graduation for them where the students were recognized for their achievements and essay contest winners were able to read their submissions.
While we don't know precisely where all of the pots were excavated, Mr. Thibault owned a large plantation where the Quapaw Tribe are in the process of purchasing 160 acres of land. Therefore, some, if not all of these pottery vessels were dug up on or in the immediate vicinity of the new Tribal holdings in central Arkansas.

Mr. Thibault loaned and gave some his collection to Edward Palmer of the Smithsonian Institution in 1883. At the Smithsonian, the pots were studied and some of the pottery vessels were copied in plaster casts. The collection and the site were mentioned in Cyrus Thomas's "Report on Mound Explorations 1890-91" in the 12th Annual Report of the Bureau of Ethnology, a very important publication that was intended to show once and for all that the many mounds in the eastern US were made by ancestors of historic American Indians, and not by peoples or cultures from elsewhere in the world.

The Thibault loans were eventually returned from the Smithsonian Institution to the family, and descendants of J.K. Thibault transferred most of the collection to the McArthur Park Museum, later known as the Museum of Discovery. The pottery pieces age from an estimated 1000 A.D. to 1700 A.D. and are truly spectacular to behold. If able, take a moment to come see a piece of our history and maybe think about all the time that has passed from when our ancestors were living in Arkansas to the world we live in now and everything our people have gone through between now and then.

Development in Native America

On April 29 to May 1 Downstream hosted the Development in Native America (D.N.A.) conference. The D.N.A. conference is an annual conference in its second year that explores development process in the gaming industry, from early planning phases to fully realized ventures and their operations. This year the conference used the Match-E-Be-Nash-She-Wish Band of Pottawatomi Indians' Gun Lake Casino in Michigan as a case study to explore the best methods for development and re-funding gaming and other projects in Indian Country.

Below is the actual budget for the tribe for the fiscal year of 2012. Besides it is the projected budget for the fiscal year of 2014.

Any questions related to these budgets may be directed Chief Financial Officer Eric Bohn or Tribal Administrator Donna Mercer by calling 918-542-1853 or emailing ebohn@quapawtribe.com.
The BIA does not know when you move and is unable to keep track of individuals who have not updated their information. If you or someone you know appears on the list below please contact the BIA Agency Office in Miami to update your contact information by calling 918-542-3396 or PO Box 391, Miami OK, 74354.

ATKINSON, DONA L
Baker, Jeffrey G
Baker, Susan E
Bear, Bobby L
Bear, Cathy J
Bear, Danny Lee
Bear, Jimmy D
Bear, Thomas Morgan Jr
Beaty, Flora Bluejacket
Black, Billie June Lankford
Blair, Sheldon W
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Bradford Sr., Daniel M
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Bright, Paul E
Broome, Leo
Brown, Alvin Edward
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Camp, Randy D
Case, Rhea M
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Closson, Christopher
Conn, David
Conner, Sampson Edward
Conner, William Joseph
Cooper, Jennifer A
Coss, Terry L
Crawfish Etux, Thomas
Crawfish Gilmore, Alice
Crawfish Tuthill, Alice Marie
Creighton, Cheryla (Spicer)
Crow, Cathy L
Cruz, Kelley Jo Burns
Davis, David B
Dean, Blanche (Whitetree)
Deaton, Robert E
Derome, Charles E
Dick, Gary D
Dorsch, Dawn M
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Ingram, Daymond L
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Kessinger, Melissa S
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June 2013
Annual Quapaw Memorial Dinner

On May 18, the Quapaw Tribe held the Annual Memorial Dinner in honor of all those who have passed on.

The dinner is held in traditional Quapaw fashion beginning with ceremonial washing of everyone's hands and blessing of everyone present with cedar smoke and an eagle wing. Other Quapaw traditions such as how the food is cooked, set out and how the meal is conducted, are also observed.

Quapaw elders Ranny McWatters and Russ Garber washed and dried hands while Chairman John Berrey fanned and smoked the participants. Debbie Wray was head cook and was helped by Linda Davis, Rhonda Weaver, Everett Bandy and Jennifer Lunsford.

This year a special effort was paid to teaching several young ladies including Sheridan Wilson, Emma Eppler, Katie Wray and Arissa Tyner-Davis about how and why certain ways are followed.
Education Update

Mollie Drapeau Excelling Academically

Mollie Drapeau, daughter of Amy Panther Kvistad and Edward Kvistad, represented Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College at the Phi Theta Kappa international convention in San Jose, California, April 4-6, 2013.

Mollie has been a member of NEO’s Phi Theta Kappa chapter since 2011 and currently holds a 3.8 grade point average, majoring in business administration. She won the Phi Theta Kappa Oklahoma/Arkansas Region 2013 Distinguished Chapter Member Award, recognizing her volunteer service for the NEO chapter’s philanthropic work. Mollie is also a member of the Oklahoma/Arkansas Region of the Phi Theta Kappa Alumni. Ms. Drapeau will graduate from Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College in May, 2013, with an Associate Degree in business administration. She will attend Pittsburg State University in the fall of 2013 majoring in business management.

Mollie was nominated for the Dean’s Honor Roll and two President’s Honor Roll designations.

Mollie has earned numerous awards and scholarships from both NEO and from Pittsburg State University including:
- Presidential Scholarship
- Phi Theta Kappa Alumni Scholarship, Pittsburg State
- Diversity Award, Pittsburgh State
- Academic Achievement Award, Pittsburgh State
- Transfer Leadership Scholarship, Pittsburgh State
- Ruby Oldham Loewen Scholarship, Pittsburg State
- Certificate of Achievement in Business, Pittsburgh State

Mollie was named to Who’s Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges in 2012 and 2013. At NEO, she received two Dean’s Honor Roll and two President’s Honor Roll designations.

She received distinction as one of the Top Ten Freshmen for Academic Leadership at NEO in 2012.

While at the convention in California, Mollie enjoyed meeting PTK members from all over the world. Some chapters were well-established and others were re-building. Mollie’s only regret was not doing more to help NEO’s chapter win awards at the convention. As hard as she has worked for NEO, she feels she could have done more.

There were fun times at the convention. Mollie caught an autographed tennis ball thrown to the crowd by tennis phenomenon Billie Jean King. Students were welcomed with music, dancing, fellowship, and a sense of international comradeship even though chapter representatives were in competition for international awards.

“I never thought nerds could be so much fun until I went to the international convention,” Mollie observed. “I have a great deal of pride in my accomplishments and I know I have just begun.”

Proudly presenting her heritage and legacy, Mollie Drapeau will carry the Quapaw Tribal Flag in the Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College graduation ceremony processional on Thursday, May 9, 2013.

Don’t Be Afraid to Go After What You Want

Jim Greenfeather earned a Certificate of Achievement in Keyboarding and a Certificate of Achievement indicating his successful completion of the Introduction to Computers class from Northeast Technology Center, Afton Campus. But he earned more than certificates. As Henry Doherty, American businessman and utilities expert who formed the holding company Cities Service Company in 1910 that became CITGO in 1965, said, “Get over the idea that only children should spend their time in study. Be a student so long as you still have something to learn, and this will mean all your life.” Jim Greenfeather is a lifelong student.

Jim, a two-finger typist, took the keyboarding class to become more familiar with the computer keyboard and prepare himself for the computer class. He thanks his instructor for her patience, as he continued to type with only two fingers. “I was typing faster and with fewer errors than most of the people in the class, except for my wife, and I was using only two fingers. The instructor kept trying to get all ten of my fingers going at the same time, but couldn’t really argue with the success I was having with only two,” Jim quipped.

Jim is 72 years old, a 1961 graduate of Chilocco Indian School in Chilocco, Oklahoma. Many know Jim as a master craftsman and many own a beautiful feather carved from buffalo bone or a dice bowl or other Greenfeather work of art. When Jim learned his current position with the Quapaw Tribe housing maintenance department would soon require him to have computer skills, Jim decided to go to school. Jim and his wife, JoAnn, took the classes together. The classes met once a week at night on the Afton campus. “I got to where I like to go,” said Jim. “I was the old man with the younger people and didn’t think I’d fit in, but I guess I did. The teacher made me feel I could do it. In the computer class, the first thing I learned was how to turn it on. That’s how much I knew when I started. Now I can save information on a flash drive, move things around on the screen, type a business letter with tabs and headings and footings and spell check, and I can do not forget to apply for summer higher education funding! The deadline for application is July 31st, 2013. You may download the application from the Quapaw Tribal Website, www.quapawtribe.com.
Congratulations to the winning authors of the 2013 Quapaw Tribe of Oklahoma Native Youth Writing Contest. Each of the winners received $100.00, a Quapaw lapel pin, and two Department of Higher Education pens. The winning entries will be on display at the Quapaw Library. Through their writing, they have honored their heritage with award-winning words that will forever be a part of the Native American story. Congratulations.

High School Fictional Prose
Winning Entry
Author…Moriah Cousatte

The Trail of Tears

I am a member of the Ugahxpa Tribe, meaning Quapaw in the "white people's" language. My name is Akecheta, which means "fighter." I am a tall man with dark skin. I don't want to brag, but I am very muscular. I have long black hair that I always keep braided back and, according to my mother, I have the biggest brown eyes she's ever seen. I will tell the story of my journey out of my homeland.

"Akecheta! Akecheta!" I heard my father's voice. "Get up or else we'll be late!"

"I know it is hunting season, but must we get up so early?"

"I'm doing great. But you're not getting a kiss until you wash up."

His frame, and she was all mine. "My love. How are you?" I bent down to kiss her soft cheek.

She had golden brown eyes, beautiful dark skin, a petite frame, and she was the most beautiful girl in the tribe. She had flowing, waist-length black hair that fell around her face. She had golden brown eyes, beautiful dark skin, a petite frame, and she was all mine. "My love. How are you?" I bent down to kiss her soft cheek.

"I'm doing great. But you're not getting a kiss until you wash up." "But…this is a manly smell," I teased, flexing my arms. "No resistance will be tolerated. You will be shot if you rest too long or try to sneak away."

Then we heard a knock.

"All Quapaw Indians are to pack up all they can carry and leave behind."

"Stay in here with me, Aiyana. I'll keep you safe." My mother said as he kissed her forehead.

"Hello, Akecheta..."

I recognized the voice before I saw her. "Aiyana!" Her name meant "eternal blossom," and she was the most beautiful girl in the tribe. She had flowing, waist-length black hair that fell around her face. She had golden brown eyes, beautiful dark skin, a petite frame, and she was all mine. "My love. How are you?" I bent down to kiss her soft cheek.

"I'm doing great. But you're not getting a kiss until you wash up." "But...this is a manly smell," I teased, flexing my arms. "No resistance will be tolerated. You will be shot if you rest too long or try to sneak away."

"You sharing some of that deer meat with me?"

"Hania. Come eat with us, boy." My mother invited him in.

Hania, Spirit Warrior, has been my best friend since we could both talk. He was slightly less muscular than I was with a light skin tone and brown eyes. He likes to eat. We laughed and danced and had our fun. We just didn't know what would happen the next morning. "Akecheta! Up! Get up!" I heard Aiyana's frantic voice.

"Aiyana? What's wrong?"

"It's white people..."

The white men had pretty much left us alone, coming to trade on occasions, but never without warning.

"Stay in here with me, Aiyana. I'll keep you safe." My parents awoke from our noise. "What's wrong, Aiyana?" my mother asked. Aiyana told her and my father what was going on. "Oh, Ahuska, I'm so scared."

Migisi hugged my father, whose name, Ahuska, meant "wings."
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Ashley Spencer

Ashley Spencer received a Bachelor of Liberal Arts degree in Applied Behavior Science for Early Childhood Education and Intervention from the University of Kansas on May 13, 2012. A scholarship softball athlete at KU, Ashley is currently a graduate assistant softball coach for the Tabor College Bluejays in Hillsboro, Kansas. She was accepted to the Tabor College School of Adult and Graduate Studies in Wichita, Kansas, in the fall of 2012, and is studying for a Master of Business Administration degree.

Ashley thanks her family members and friends for helping her reach her goals. “The Quapaw Tribal Educational Program has graciously helped me and I am very thankful for its support.”

Joshua Ray

On May 12, 2012, Joshua Ray received a Bachelor of Science in Golf Course Management from the University of Wisconsin-Stout. While going to school, Joshua interned as an assistant golf professional at the Tumbledown Trails Golf Course in Verona, Wisconsin. Joshua recently relocated to Tennessee. Currently employed by Nike Golf, he plans to play in the Vinny Pro-Celebrity Invitational, Vince Gill’s tournament, and in the Wounded Warriors Project Tournament. Ultimately, Joshua’s goals are to become a certified golf professional and to own and manage his own golf course.

“The Quapaw Tribe and Pam Leptich in the Education Office have both been instrumental to my higher education. I am so grateful for the opportunity they have given me.”

Jordan Adams

Jordan Adams, pictured below with his wife, Keeley, graduated in May 2013 from Pittsburg State University with a bachelor’s degree in history. A member of the Phi Alpha Theta History Honor Society, Jordan plans to continue his studies.

“Jordan is the son of Jim and Brenda Adams. He has two brothers: Jimi and Justice, and one sister: Jurnee. He was married in June 2012 to his longtime sweetheart, Keeley Hail. After completing future studies, Jordan plans to teach at the college level.

“The Quapaw Tribe is doing a fantastic job supporting its graduates.”

Alvin West

Alvin West, grandson of Antoine John Panther, received his professional welder certification from the Tulsa Welding School on January 25, 2013. From Alvin, “I am thankful to be Quapaw. Here’s to you, Grandpa. We get out of life as much as we put in it. My heart is in all I do for you, Grandpa.”

Bobby Brooks

Bobby Brooks graduated from Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College in May, 2013, with an associate degree in liberal arts. “To say I’m graduating is a great feeling and an honor. I owe part of my achievements to the tribe and the rest to the support of family and friends. With the tribal education fund, I managed to achieve success without the distraction of financial concerns. And I will continue my journey in education, thanks to the Quapaw Tribe.”

Moriah Cousatte

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“Hania, my darling, are you all right?” Meskhenet, Hania’s girl, yelled as she ran into the makeshift tent full of our wounded warriors. She had the same petite frame and long black hair as Aiyana, but was lighter skinned. She was shorter than Aiyana and had oddly colored off-blue eyes.

“He’s fine,” I said, trying to calm her. Hania spoke up, “Honey, I’m fine. I just have a slight limp now. Come here. No need to worry, my dear.”

After a while, Hania asked to talk to me alone. I supported Hania as we walked outside where the girls couldn’t hear us.

“So, Hania, what is wrong?” I asked.

“I was just thinking, Akecheta. If we die tomorrow, what do we have to say for our lives? I’ve never lived my life to the fullest. I want to get married,” Hania explained.

The next day we were both at different tasks in our “herded” tribe. I was talking to Aiyana’s father and Hania was talking to Meskhenet’s father. We were getting married…we hoped.

Four months and two weeks into our journey, the white men came on stallions and told us we were nearing our allotment. We asked to stop because Hania and I were both getting married. They spit on us, but eventually agreed.

It was agreed the newlyweds could ride the extra horses our tribe had brought for the journey. As I was shielding Aiyana from the cold weather that had changed to hard snow long ago, I heard someone calling my name.

“Akecheta! Akecheta! Come help me! Please!”

I stopped the horse and jumped down, steadying Aiyana so she wouldn’t fall. As I ran toward the voice, I saw my frail, old grandmother lying in the knee deep snow. I stumbled to her and lifted her out of the snow. “Grandmother, what happened? Are you okay?”

“Honey, I think it’s my time to see the spirits. This journey is unbearable. I need to leave now.”

My mother and father rushed over.

“It’s not my home,” I said, hugging her back. “But there’s nothing I can do now.” I had no choice in the matter of things.

Luckily, a week later, the white men said we were to stop and settle. More and more of our tribe’s infants and elders were dying due to lack of food, the shrill weather, and diseases. I just wasn’t sure how much farther we could go.

A year later, little baby Tiponi, “Child of Importance,” was born to Aiyana and me. He is my pride and joy and I love him dearly. This journey of pain, of tear, of death, taught me something in the end…stick together. Had our tribe not stuck together as a family, who knows where we would be now? I would not be staring at my beautiful wife and bouncing the brown eyed baby boy snuggling in my arms, that’s for sure. Stay fearless and strong.”
Business Committee Meeting Minutes

Quapaw Tribe Business Committee
Community Building
Regular Meeting
December 15, 2012

CALL TO ORDER: 9:04 a.m.
INVOCATION: John Berrey
ROLL CALL: John Berrey, Chairman Present
Thomas Mathews, Vice Chairman Present
Tamara Smiley-Reeves, Sec./Treas. Present
Marilyn Rogers, Member Present
T.C. Bear, Member Present
Florence Mathews, Member Present (arrived at 9:09)
Ranny McWatters, Member Present

DECLARATION OF QUORUM: Announced by QTBC Chairman, John Berrey

READING, CORRECTION AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the November 17, 2012 QTBC meeting and phone polls were presented for approval. Motion by QTBC Member T.C. Bear to approve the minutes of the November 17, 2012 QTBC meeting as presented as well as the phone polls attached to the minutes. Seconded by QTBC Member Ranny McWatters. VOTE: JB, yes; TM, yes; TSR, yes; MR, yes; TB, yes; FM, absent; RM, yes; (6 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, 1 absent) Motion carries.

TREASURER’S REPORT: The Treasurer’s Report for the period ending November 30, 2012 was submitted to the QTBC in accordance with standard accounting procedures. Motion by QTBC Member Marilyn Rogers to accept and file the Treasurer’s Report for the period ending November 30, 2012. Seconded by QTBC Member Ranny McWatters. VOTE: JB, yes; TM, yes; TSR, yes; MR, yes; TB, yes; FM, absent; RM, yes; (6 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, 1 absent) Motion carries.

GUESTS:
Tribal Member, Mollie Drapeau, was present to request assistance to attend the Phi Theta Kappa conference in San Jose, California in April, 2013. The BC requested she coordinate with the Tribal Administrator to come up with the total cost of travel to the conference and then the BC would vote on it via electronic poll.

PROGRAM REPORTS: Written Program Reports were submitted in the QTBC packets for approval. Motion by QTBC Member Florence Mathews to approve the Program Reports as submitted. Seconded by QTBC Member Marilyn Rogers. VOTE: JB, yes; TM, yes; TSR, yes; MR, yes; TB, yes; FM, yes; RM, yes; (7 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, 0 absent) Motion carries.

SUB- COMMITTEES:
Housing Committee Chairperson, Brenda Murray, presented an oral report. Chairman Berrey asked about repairs to the emergency trailers. The Housing Department is still working on one of the trailers that a tribal member destroyed while he was living there. In addition to vandalizing the trailer, he stole the mattresses from the beds. There was discussion regarding whether or not charges are being filed against the individual. Legal Counsel will work with the Tribal Court to file charges against the individual for destruction of tribal property and theft.

Children’s Christmas Party Chairperson, Betty Gaedtke, presented an oral report. The party had such a great turnout that the Committee is going to consider using the Pavilion at Downstream next year to better accommodate all the attendees. Each child received a gift card and a photo with Santa. They became a little backlogged on printing out the photos at the party but they are working diligently to ensure parents get their children’s photos. Drawings took place at the party as well. They gave away 14 bicycles, 20 toys, 2 televisions and 2 Xbox 360s. Approximately 325 children attended the party this year. 1,055 invitations were mailed out to tribal children. There is an ongoing effort to get members to keep their mailing addresses updated to ensure they receive all correspondence. QTBC Member Florence Mathews read a letter she received from tribal member, Theresa Daylight. She offered suggestions to improve the party next year.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:
Last month there was a donation request from the Northeast Oklahoma Veterans Memorial Cemetery. The BC asked tribal member, Henry Ellick, for assistance gathering more information about the project. Tribal member, Barbara Collier, was present to answer questions about the cemetery. She was initially contacted for the donation and participates with this group. Motion by QTBC Vice Chairman Thomas Mathews to approve the donation to the Northeast Oklahoma Veterans Memorial Cemetery in the amount of $2,500. Seconded by QTBC Member T.C. Bear. VOTE: JB, yes; TM, yes; TSR, yes; MR, yes; TB, yes; FM, yes; RM, yes; (7 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, 0 absent)

NEW BUSINESS:
Job Description - Tribal Administrator, Donna Mercer, presented a job description for a new position, Records Director. She explained the description and the need for the position. An electronic poll will be conducted after additional information is provided to the BC.

Donation Request - Public Relations Director, Everett Bandy, presented a request for funding for a hand game to be held on February 1, 2013. He is requesting $1,350. Motion by QTBC Member T.C. Bear to approve the donation in the amount of $1,350 to fund the hand game on February 1, 2013. Seconded by QTBC Member Ranny McWatters. VOTE: JB, yes; TM, yes; TSR, yes; MR, yes; TB, yes; FM, yes; RM, yes; (7 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, 0 absent) Motion carries.

Bids/Quotes - Tribal Administrator, Donna Mercer, presented a quote in the amount of $21,000 from Empire Electric Company to install underground lines on the property being developed in Quapaw. Motion by QTBC Member Marilyn Rogers to approve the quote from Empire Electric Company in the amount of $21,000 to install underground electric lines. Seconded by QTBC Member T.C. Bear. VOTE: JB, yes; TM, yes; TSR, yes; MR, yes; TB, yes; FM, yes; RM, yes; (7 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, 0 absent) Motion carries.

CLOSED SESSION:
Closed - 10:05 a.m. Return to Open - 10:51 a.m.

Tribal member request for assistance - No action at this time.

Employment issue at Quapaw Casino - No action taken by the BC. The BC asked tribal member, Theresa Daylight, for assistance gathering more information with this group. Motion by QTBC Member T.C. Bear, VOTE: JB, yes; TM, yes; TSR, yes; MR, yes; TB, yes; FM, yes; RM, yes; (7 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, 0 absent) Motion carries.

Minutes Prepared In Accordance with Robert’s Rules of Order [RONR (10th ed.), pg 451, 1. 25028
By: ISI Tamara Smiley-Reeves
Quapaw Tribe Business Committee
Community Building
Regular Meeting
January 19, 2013

CALL TO ORDER: 9:00 a.m.
INVOCATION: Ranny McWatters
ROLL CALL: John Berrey, Chairman Present
Thomas Mathews, Vice-Chairman Present
Tamara Smiley-Reeves, Sec./Treas. Present (Via Phone)
Marilyn Rogers, Member Present
T.C. Bear, Member Present
Florence Marie Mathews, Member Present
Ranny McWatters, Member Present

DECLARATION OF QUORUM: Announced by QTBC Chairman John Berrey.

READING, CORRECTION AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the December 15, 2012 QTBC meeting were presented for approval. Motion by QTBC Member Florence Mathews to approve the minutes of the December 15, 2012 QTBC meeting presented. Seconded T.C. Bear. Vote: JB, yes; TM, yes; TSR, yes; MR, yes; TB, yes; FMM, yes; RM, yes; (7 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, 0 absent) Motion carries.

TREASURERS REPORT: The Treasurer’s Report for the period ending December 31, 2012 was submitted to the QTBC in accordance with standard accounting procedures. Motion by QTBC Member Marilyn Rogers to accept and file the Treasurer’s Report for the period ending December 31, 2012. Seconded by QTBC Member Florence Mathews. VOTE: JB, yes; TM, yes; TSR, yes; MR, yes; TB, yes; FMM, yes; RM, yes; (7 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, 0 absent) Motion carries.

GUEST(S): Sydney Colombe presented an oral request for sponsorship from the QTBC for the Nike N7 Sport Summit. The Sport Summit provides education to tribes and individuals that would like to introduce sports into their daily lives. Motion by QTBC Member Florence Mathews to donate $2,500 to the breakfast plan for the Sports Summit. Seconded by QTBC Member T.C. Bear. VOTE: JB, yes; TM, yes; TSR, yes; MR, yes; TB, yes; FMM, yes; RM, yes; (7 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, 0 absent) Motion carries.

PROGRAM REPORTS: Written Program Reports were submitted in the QTBC packets for approval. Motion by QTBC Member Florence Mathews to approve the Program Reports as submitted. Seconded by QTBC Vice Chairman Thomas Mathews. VOTE: JB, yes; TM, yes; TSR, yes; MR, yes; TB, yes; FMM, yes; RM, yes; (7 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, 0 absent) Motion carries.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

There was discussion regarding the Cobell Settlement Checks. It was stated that the second round of payments are believed to be mailed in the months of June, July, and August, but tribal members that are eligible to receive a check have not, need to contact the Indian Trust Settlement Claims Administrator. The tribe has nothing to do with the checks that are printed.

Inter Tribal Council – QTBC Member T.C. Bear presented an oral report. Documentation of the meeting was handed to all BC members regarding the annual Chief’s meeting with BIA. They discussed the relationship with Peliwan and how to set up their routes.

All Tribes Educational Counsel – QTBC Member Florence Mathews will bring more information to the QTBC regarding their fundraiser. Housing Committee: Chairperson Brenda Murray, presented an oral report. Voting on new applications for emergency housing tenants are being reviewed. More information about applications will be posted in the upcoming news letter. The trailer that received extensive damage has been reviewed. More information about applications will be posted in the upcoming news letter. The trailer that received extensive damage has been reviewed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Emergency Fund Committee- Josh Sauter requested approval to be a part of the Emergency Funding Committee. Motion by QTBC Sec./Treas. Tamara Smiley-Reeves to accept his request to be on the Emergency Funding Committee. Seconded by QTBC Member Florence Mathews. VOTE: JB, yes; TM, yes; TSR, yes; MR, yes; TC, yes; FMM, yes; RM, yes; (7 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, 0 absent) Motion carries. Barbara Schapp Fund: There are still 3 students who have not paid back anything on the grant they received from the tribe. QTBC Member Florence Marie stated this might be an issue that needs to be brought to the attention of the General Council. Further investigation and processes to get them to pay it back will be done before the issue is directed to General Council. Job Description: Tribal Records Director. QTBC Sec./Treas. Tamara Smiley advises that the position should be stated as Tribal Records Supervisor. Bids-Quotes- None

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The QTBC members announced that the Community Building Room is now complete and ready for use.

Closed Session: Closed Session: 9:43 am Return to Open Session: 10:19 am
Topic(s) – The Quapaw Tribal Business Committee referred a tribal member to Emergency Funding Committee for requested assistance. No action has been taken on the tribal member’s insurance request...

Benediction: Marilyn Rogers
Adjournment: 10:22 am

/s/ Tamara Smiley-Reeves
Teresa Smiley-Reeves, Sec./Treas. Minutes Prepared In Accordance with Robert’s Rules of Order
[Ronor (10th Ed.) PG 451, 1. 25-28

By: /s/ Hanan Al-Qahtani
Quapaw Tribal Business Committee Clerk
CERTIFICATION
Approved by the Quapaw Tribal Business Committee on February 19, 2013 with a vote reflecting 7 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, 0 absent. Quapaw Tribe Business Committee Community Building
Regular Meeting
February 16, 2013

CALL TO ORDER: 9:07 a.m.
INVOCATION: Ranny McWatters
ROLL CALL: John Berrey, Chairman Present
Thomas Mathews, Vice Chairman Present
Tamara Smiley-Reeves, Sec./Treas. Present
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DECLARATION OF QUORUM: Announced by QTBC Chairman John Berrey.

READING, CORRECTION AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the January 19, 2013 QTBC meeting were presented for approval. Motion by QTBC Member Florence Mathews to approve the minutes of the January 19, 2013 QTBC meeting presented. Seconded by Marilyn Rogers. VOTE: JB, yes; TM, yes; TSR, yes; MR, yes; TB, yes; FM, yes; RM, yes; (7 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, 0 absent) Motion Carries.

TREASURERS REPORT: The Treasurer’s Report for the period ending January 31, 2013 was submitted to the QTBC in accordance with the standard accounting procedures. Motion by QTBC Member Marilyn Rogers to accept and file the Treasurer’s Report for the period ending January 31, 2013. Seconded by QTBC Member Ranny McWatters. VOTE: JB, yes; TM, yes; TSR, yes; MR, yes; TB, yes; FM, yes; RM, yes; (7 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, 0 absent) Motion Carries.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

All Tribes Education Counsel (ATEC) - QTBC Member Florence Mathews mentioned that ATEC will be serving wild onions and eggs on April 19, 2013. Also, that the Spring Fling was to be held sometime in March and with confirmation from Everett Bandy, Public Relations, it was determined that the Spring Fling will be March 9, 2013.

Election Notice: Callie Darr spoke briefly on the upcoming election dates.
April 18th through May 20th will serve as the first and last day of filing for the opening positions on the QTBC. July 27, 2013 will be the election day for all opening positions.

Housing Committee: Chairperson, Brenda Murray, presented an oral report. There are four people currently residing in the emergency housing. She informed the QTBC that tribal members could apply for a $180 loan to help pay for housing and refinancing. QTBC Sec./Treas. Tamara Smiley-Reeves added that these forms are available at Arvest Bank if anyone is interested. Everett Bandy, Public Relations, was asked to inform others in an upcoming newsletter about new housing and to get applications in for reviewing for the new housing.

QTBC Member Florence Mathews spoke of what the Quapaw Tribal Higher Education Program and Social Services have accomplished and what they have been able to help tribal members. Also, that a paralegal would be coming in on February 21, 2013 to help tribal members write up their wills.

Cemetery: QTBC Member Florence Mathews discussed the road by the Quapaw cemetery and the condition it is in. Tribal Administrator, Donna Mercer, will check with Tom Steeble about getting it fixed.

Community Building: QTBC Member Florence Mathews talked about the possibility of getting a new dishwasher in the kitchen at the Quapaw Tribal Community Building. Tribal Administrator, Donna Mercer will also be looking in to getting a new one.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:
NIGA Resolution – Motion by QTBC Member Florence Mathews to accept the NIGA Resolution as presented. Seconded by Tamara Smiley-Reeves. Vote: JB, yes; TM, yes; TSR, yes; MR, yes; TC, yes; FM, yes; RM, yes; (7 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, 0 absent.) Motion Carries.

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more information would need to be provided before the BC could come up with a decision. Josh Schertz, coach of the Welch Little League, was able to get the QTBC the information they requested regarding Native American players as well as Quapaw Tribal members. Motion by QTBC Member Florence Mathews to donate towards the construction of a new Welch Little League Field in the amount of $500. Seconded by QTBC Marilyn Rogers. Vote: JB, yes; TM, yes; TSR, yes; MR, yes; TB, yes; FM, yes; RM, yes; (7 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, 0 absent). Motion Carries.

NEO Little League: QTBC Member Florence Mathews asked that more information be presented at the next QTBC Meeting in April before a decision is made.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

CLOSED SESSION: 9:53 am RETURN TO OPEN SESSION: 11:35 am

Topic(s):
1. Tribal member housing situation
2. Tribal member employment issue
3. Possible ICW case
4. Tribal member insurance plan

The BC concurs with the recommendation by provider.

BENEDICATION: Florence Mathews

ADJOURNMENT: 11:45 am

/s/ Tamara Smiley-Reeves

Tamara Smiley-Reeves Sec./Treas.

Minutes Prepared In Accordance with Robert's Rules of Order

[Rule (10th Ed.) PG 451, 1. 25-28

By: /s/ Hanan Al-Qahtani

Quapaw Tribal Business Committee Clerk

CERTIFICATION

Approved by the Quapaw Tribal Business Committee

On April 20, 2013 with a vote reflecting
7 Yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, 0 absent

Quapaw Tribe Business Committee

Community Building

Regular Meeting

April 20, 2013

CALL TO ORDER: 9:03 a.m.

INVOCACTION: Everett Bandy

ROLL CALL: John Berrey, Chairman Present

Thomas Mathews, Vice-Chairman Present

Tamara Smiley-Reeves, Sec./Treas. Present

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T.C. Bear, Member Present

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DECLARATION OF QUORUM: Announced by QTBC Chairman John Berrey.

READING, CORRECTION AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the March 16, 2013 QTBC meeting and phone polls were presented for approval. Motion by QTBC Vice Chairman Thomas Mathews to approve the minutes of the March 16, 2013 QTBC meeting as well as the phone polls attached to the minutes. Seconded by QTBC Member T.C. Bear. Vote: JB, yes; TM, yes; TSR, yes; MR, yes; TB, yes; FM, yes; RM, yes; (7 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, 0 absent). Motion carries.

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GUEST(S): Carol Green and Yawna Allen came to personally thank the Quapaw Tribe for presenting a gift to Yawna for her induction into the American Indian Athletic Hall of Fame. There were six inductees that were recognized, one being Yawna of the Quapaw tribe, the other 5 being from various other tribes. PROGRAM REPORTS: Written Program Reports were submitted in the QTBC packets for approval. Motion by QTBC Member Florence Mathews to approve the Program Reports as submitted. Seconded by QTBC Member Marilyn Rogers. VOTE: JB, yes; TM, yes; TSR, yes; MR, yes; TB, yes; FM, yes; RM, yes; (7 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, 0 absent) Motion carries.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

Pow-wow – The QTBC asked that Mike Shawnee appear at the next meeting and discuss the upcoming Quapaw Pow-wow. Chairman John Berrey will be presenting 450 lbs of meat for rations to give to the Pow-wow Committee.

All Tribes Educational Consortium – QTBC Member Florence Mathews spoke briefly on the great turnout ATEC had for their wild onions and eggs fundraising dinner.

Housing Committee: Chairperson, Brenda Murray, presented an oral report. She stated that all emergency housing trailers are full at this time. Emergency Funding Assistance – The EFA committee advised the QTBC that currently they are within their budget and have a current amount of $29,000 remaining in the budget, but expects the need for emergency assistance will pick up in the months of May and June.

Tribal Insurance: Rob Weaver presented an oral report to advise the QTBC that the Quapaw Tribe received 1 of the 5 grants given for self governance within a tribe. Mr. Weaver and the tribal insurance staff is constantly looking for needs that need to be met and finding ways to expand our insurance plans and services to all tribal members.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

AWE Literacy Station – Library Director, Patricia Billings, asked for approval to purchase a Literacy Station for the library in the amount of $3,173.00 Motion by QTBC Member Marilyn Rogers to approve the purchase of the AWE Literacy Station in the amount of $3,173.00. Seconded by QTBC Member Florence Mathews. Vote: JB, yes; TM, yes; TSR, yes; MR, yes; TB, yes; FM, yes; RM, yes; (7 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, 0 absent). Motion carries.

Tractor and Dixie Chopper – Maintenance director, Dale Lauter, asked the QTBC to approve of the purchase of a new tractor and a Dixie Chopper lawnmower that is within the maintenance budget. Motion by QTBC Member T.C. Bear to approve the purchase of the tractor and lawnmower. Seconded by Ranny McWatters. Vote: JB, yes; TM, yes; TSR, yes; MR, yes; TB, yes; FM, yes; RM, yes; (7 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, 0 absent). Motion carries.

Bids-Quotes- None

Donation Requests – Operation Eagle – No Action

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Closed Session: 9:40 am Return to Open Session: 10:22 am

Topic(s) –

Tribal Insurance Care Plan – The QTBC concurs with the recommendations by RWI.

Assistance for Tribal Member - Tribal Administrator, Donna Mercer, will help assist the Quapaw Tribal Member on Monday.

Benediction: Chairman, John Berrey

Adjournment: 10:23 am

/s/ Tamara Smiley-Reeves

Tamara Smiley-Reeves Sec./Treas.

Minutes Prepared In Accordance with Robert's Rules of Order

CERTIFICATION

Approved by the Quapaw Tribal Business Committee

On May 18, 2013 with a vote reflecting
7 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, 0 absent
Elder Easter Dinner

On March 28, the Quapaw Tribe Title VI hosted an Elder’s Easter Dinner. Fun and good food was enjoyed by all in attendance as the Elders enjoyed a special Easter egg hunt, a best bonnet contest and door prizes. For more information about the Title VI, the Crafty Seniors or the Caregiver program visit the Quapaw Tribal Website at www.quapawtribe.com and view the Title VI page under departments, or call Rhonda Weaver at 918-674-2257.

Upcoming Events

- June 13th, 2:30 pm, Tribal Court, 5681 S 630 Rd
- June 15th, 9:00 am, Business Committee Meeting, 5681 S 630 Rd
- July 3rd, 9:00-11:30 am, Tribal Health Fair, 5681 S 630 Rd
- July 4th
  - General Council, 8:00 Breakfast, 9:00 am Meeting Start Downstream Pavilion
  - 141st Annual Quapaw Tribal Powwow, Quapaw Night, Calling song at 8pm, Stomp Dance after powwow
- July 5th, 141st Annual Quapaw Tribal Powwow
  - Gourd Dance at 6 pm, Grand Entry at 8 pm, Stomp Dance after powwow
- July 6th, 141st Annual Quapaw Tribal Powwow
  - Turkey Dance at 10 am, Gourd Dance at 6 pm, Grand Entry at 8 pm, Stomp Dance after powwow
- July 7th, 141st Annual Quapaw Tribal Powwow
  - Gourd Dance at 6 pm, Grand Entry at 8 pm
- July 20th, 9:00 am, Business Committee Meeting, 5681 S 630 Rd
- July 27th, 9:00-5:00, Annual Election, 5681 S 630 Rd

You may also sign up for automatic notification of events by text message or email by clicking on "Notify Me" on the calendar page of the website.

Original Allottee Information Wanted

Haway Quapaw Tribal Members,

The Quapaw Tribal Cultural Committee continues to work on an exhibit to honor the original allottees of the Quapaw Tribe. The exhibit will consist of two banners that will be permanently displayed at the museum. One banner will display the FINAL allottee roll certified by the Secretary of the Department of Interior, Office of Indian Affairs and the other will display pictures of the allottees. Two sections of the banner featuring allottee pictures will be completed and on display at the museum during the annual powwow. We need assistance from tribal members to acquire copies of other allottee pictures for additional sections of the banner. The allottee roll has been posted on the tribe’s website and is also on display at the tribal museum.

If you would like to donate a picture of a friend or relative listed on the roll, please contact the Museum Receptionist. You will be furnished a gift deed form for you to complete, sign and submit along with your picture. You may contact the museum at:

Karen Hildreth, Museum Receptionist
Quapaw Tribal Museum
905 Whitebird Road
Quapaw, OK. 74363
918-674-2619
khildreth@quapawtribe.com

The Cultural Committee requests that Quapaw Tribal Members please help with this worthy project to honor our Elders.

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Quapaw Tribal Cultural Committee
The Section 184 Indian Home Loan Guarantee Program is a home mortgage specifically designed for American Indian and Alaska Native families, Alaska Villages, Tribes, or Tribally Designated Housing Entities. Section 184 loans can be used, both on and off native lands, for new construction, rehabilitation, purchase of an existing home, or refinance. Because of the unique status of Indian lands being held in Trust, Native American homeowner has historically been an underserved market. Working with an expanding network of private sector and tribal partners, the Section 184 Program endeavors to increase access to capital for Native Americans and provide private funding opportunities for tribal housing agencies with the Section 184 Program. To help increase Native access to financing, the Office of Loan Guarantee within HUD's Office of Native American Programs, guarantees the Section 184 home mortgage loans made to Native Borrowers. By guaranteeing these loans 100%, we encourage Lenders to serve the Native Communities. This increases the marketability and value of the Native assets and strengthens the financial standing of Native Communities. Section 184 is synonymous with home ownership in Indian Country. As of 2010, the Section 184 program has guaranteed over 12,000 loans (almost $2 billion dollars in guaranteed funds) to individuals, Tribes, and TDHEs. Some of the benefits of the program include a low down payment of 1.25%-2.25%, a typically lower monthly mortgage, no credit score requirement, no income limit and no monthly mortgage insurance premium. You may find more information on the Department of Housing and Urban Development’s website at hud.gov, use the search bar to search for section 184 Indian Home Loan. You may also contact Wells Fargo or your loan officer; be sure to ask if they are a qualified section 184 lender.

Powwow Princess Applicants Sought

The Quapaw Tribal Princess is crowned every year at the Annual Quapaw Tribe Powwow. The PowWow princess is selected by the PowWow Princess Committee on the basis of the application. To be selected for Powwow Princess the individual must submit their application no later than Friday, June 21, 2013. If mailed, the application MUST be postmarked by June 21, 2013. Late or illegible entries will NOT be considered. Applicants must be at least 12 years of age.

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Don’t Be Afraid to Go After What You Want"
141st Annual Quapaw Powwow

Head Staff

Head Singer: Arlen Goodfox
Head Man: John Arkoketa
Head Lady: Delaine Alley
M.C.: Steve Kinder
A.D.: Walter Dye & Dennis Little Axe
Stomp Dance: Troy Little Axe Sr.
Northern Drum: TBA

July 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th
Beaver Springs Park, 5681 S. 630 Rd.
Quapaw, Ok.

Contact Info:

General questions:
Mike Stinson,
918-724-810 or
michaelstinson@live.com

All program book questions,
Anna McKibben,
Emmymag6baby@biv.com

All vendors:
Jennifer Landford,
918-325-516 or
sharpiegirl@yahoo.com

Schedule

Thursday, July 4th
Quapaw night, any family requesting a special must be done on this night.
Calling songs at 7:30 pm.
Stomp dance to follow
Special Quapaw only Contest:
Quapaw dress & men’s straight

Friday, July 5th
Turkery Dance at 10 am
Teen Boys
Stomp dance to follow

Saturday, July 6th
All Men Categories
All Women Categories
Stomp dance to follow

Sunday, July 7th
All Men Categories
All Women Categories

No drugs, weapons, alcohol, house animals or fireworks permitted.
Not responsible for accidents, loss or injury.
Any information on this flyer is subject to change without notice.
All committee decisions final, any reserve request $500.