Chairman Berrey Receives Men of Distinction Award

Although John Berrey's work with the Quapaw Tribe of Oklahoma has always been done for the betterment of his tribe, the scope of his accomplishments has affected an entire region. Berrey, who is chairman of the Quapaw Tribe and chairman of the Downstream Development Authority, spearheaded the construction and continuing operation of Downstream Casino Resort. Downstream, which to date represents more than $1 billion in investments in the local economy, employs more than 1,100 from around the region and provides a destination resort that attracts tourists from all over the nation. Berrey also oversaw a relief effort for victims of the 2011 tornado that ultimately exceeded $400,000, and began a charitable campaign to support area food banks that has donated more than 100,000 cans of food to feed the hungry.

“I have been so fortunate to have such great people working with me, and together we have done so much,” Berrey said. “I am very proud of our response to people in need, from our work after the Joplin tornado to our regular commitment to local food banks. We try every day to make the world a better place.”

His work has made the world

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Quapaw Scientist Invents Sleep-Aid, Inspires Students

A Quapaw Tribal member is an industry-leading scientist for Procter and Gamble. Dr. Allyn M. Kaufmann was a key scientist in helping develop the new technology for ZzzQuill, a new sleep-aid in the Nyquil/Dayquil lines. Dr. Kaufmann is a Senior Scientist for the Procter and Gamble Company and works on research and development. For over five years, Kaufmann has been with Procter and Gamble. In his role with the company, he is responsible for delivering analytical and stable solutions for new personal healthcare consumer products. He’s an integral part of the teams that deliver technology for all new Vicks products in North America. “It is deeply satisfying to know that you and your team are focused 100 percent on improving someone else’s life through the technology you develop,” he said. He continued saying that it is very rewarding to see his products on the shelf. “I can go to nearly every store in America and pick a handful of products that I have touched.”

Another part of his career is recruiting Native students. Kaufmann travels the US recruiting American Indian students in the field of science. He doesn’t just stop at student recruiting, Kaufmann is also an inspiration to students, encouraging them to succeed. He emphasizes the importance of becoming active in professional organizations and being involved. “People want to help you. There’s an enormous community of Native American scientists out there who want to help you succeed.” He believes involvement in groups such as AIS-ES (American Indian Science and Engineering Society) and SACNAS (Society for Advancement of Chicanos and Native Americans in Science) is invaluable when it comes to making connections and finding the right job. He continued, “Talking opens up so many opportunities. Talking to people is the key.”

During a recent visit to Red Cloud

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Pictured, left, are Dr. Allyn M. Kaufmann with his mother Carolyn Nott. Above, Kaufmann at work in the lab.
Chairman’s Corner

Haway O-Gah-Pah,

I hope that all is well with every-one and that y’all are prepared for the winter. We have had a great summer and a beautiful fall with great colors and much needed rain. I pray that Wah-Kon-Dah looks down on all Quapaws with love and strength and I also pray that anyone who is suffering or needing something, that our cre- ator will heal their ills and provide for their needs. It just amazes me how much we have grown and I am so grateful for the hard work that our many committee mem- bers put into their work. Every-where you look around Quapaw you see the effects of the growth of the Quapaw Tribe.

This is the season of many Native American Church (NAC) Fall Meetings and those prayers and offerings are so important to so many people in our community. Historically the Quapaw have been very instrumental to the NAC movement. We had as many as 10 churches in our area and many of our ancestors helped developed what we is the type of NAC that is resurging across Oklahoma. Chiefs Peter Clabber, John Quapaw and Victor Griffin truly supported and helped build the NAC into a pow- erful religious movement that continues today. It’s so important that the things that make us who we are, continue and support the needs of our people.

I also want to direct you to www.quapawtribalbancetry.com. This won- derful site is another example of how we continue to support the things that make us who we are. I want to thank Rise Proctor and her son Billy Proctor for all their hard work protecting and celebrating our history and language, Gun-Ney-Gay to them. From our beautiful Pow-Wow and the great job that the people that put the event together to the Cultural Committee, there are so many Quapaw people that spend many hours to support, celebrate and continue the things that make us Quapaw. I am so blessed to help and be a part of this tribe!

With winter approaching I pray that we all make it to spring and have a safe and healthy winter. Thank you so much for the support of all our employees, volunteers and elected officials in our collective effort to serve the great members of our wonderful tribe as we celebrate another Year of the Quapaw.

Gun-Ney-Gay

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better for his tribe, as well. Since his first year as a member of the Tribal Business Committee, Berrey’s efforts have helped grow tribal enroll- ment, increase tribal lands, and expand tribal services such as senior housing, day care, education support and emergency services.

Berrey, who is a member of both the Quapaw Tribe and the Osage Na- tion, grew up with strong ties to his ancestral heritage. His paternal grandmother was an original allottee on the Osage Reservation, and his paternal great-grandmother was an original allottee on the Quapaw Re- serve.

Aside from his Quapaw and Downstream business, Berrey also owns and operates his family’s ranch. He is the fourth generation to take over operations at the ranch, which includes the original allotment on the Osage Reservation given to his grandmother.

“I have had the great fortune to be part of Indian Country my entire life,” Berrey said. “My grandmother greatly influenced me. She ensured that I had a strong foundation rooted in our native culture and religion. Qua- papaw and Osage culture and religion continue to be important to both my personal and professional life.”

Berrey graduated from the University of Arkansas in 1991 with a bache-lor’s degree in journalism. After college he worked for Hilti Corp., a glob- al manufacturer of tools and products for the construction and building industries, and later for Archer Daniels Midland Inc. in the company’s livestock feed ingredients producer, ADM Nutrient Alliance.

Lance Beshore, vice president of public affairs and governmental rela- tions at Leggett & Platt Inc., pointed to Berrey’s work with the Quapaw tribe and the tribe’s subsequent growth as key indicators of his success.

“(Berry’s work) has expanded its economic development activities, in- creased tribal employment opportunities and expanded the social serv- ices it provides to its members,” Beshore said.

“In fact,” he said, “Berrey’s work benefits the entire region.”

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From the tribal offices & businesses...

Tribe Receives HUD Grant

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development awarded more than $9.5 million to a dozen Indian tribes for Indian Community Development Block Grants (ICDBG). TheAbsentee Shawnee Tribe, Cherokee Nation, Chickasaw Nation, Citizen Potawatomi Nation, Comanche Nation Housing Authority, Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma, Kaw Nation, Muscogee (Creek) Nation, Ottawa Tribe of Oklahoma, Quapaw Trib eatera of Oklahoma and Wyandotte Nation received $800,000. The Tonkawa Tribe got

Court System Explained by Jack Brill

The Quapaw Tribal Court is now just over three years old. During that time, we have watched it grow and progress into the useful mechanism it is today. Quapaw Tribal Court is not simply a place where Indians can now be prosecuted for tickets or other infractions, but rather it is a place of equity, a forum for legal disputes. And perhaps most importantly is an overt example of Self-Governance at its finest. The Court has a judge, a prosecutor, a public defender and a Court clerk. In addition, the Tribe has adopted its own laws, both criminal and civil. The Quapaw Marshal Service works closely with the Court and our prosecutor to insure that not only are $799,990.

"These funds help Native American communities create sustainable, community-driven solutions to the challenges they face," HUD Secretary Shaun Donovan said in a news release. "They are investments in the future that improve, preserve and expand the supply of decent, affordable housing, as well as expand economic opportunities for some of the most vulnerable fellow citizens." ICDBG monies will dispense $53.6 million this year. This award will fund the cost of Phase II of the Wellness Center.

Environmental Office Cleanup Planned

The Quapaw Tribe Environmental Office (QTEO) and Quapaw Services Authority (OSA) will soon commence the first ever tribal-lead cleanup of a Superfund site in the nation at the "Catholic 40" site located just northwest of the Tribal complex. The Catholic 40 site is a culturally and historically significant site to the Quapaw Tribe as it contains evidence of important events in the history of the Quapaw Tribe of Oklahoma. Several historical structures have been identified along the eastern portion of the site, and were associated with the Catholic church and school that provided education opportunities to Quapaw Tribe of Oklahoma, surrounding tribes, and the community. The church was established on the property in 1893 and the associated school house was constructed in 1894. The school had both resident and day students and dormitories were constructed to house the resident students. Funding was discontinued and the school was closed in 1927. Mining began at the site in 1936 and mine waste may exist over remnants of the historic buildings and other features associated with the church and school. Due to the sensitive historic and cultural nature of the Catholic 40 site, the Tribe is best suited to protect cultural and historical features at the site during remediation, and mitigate the potential for accidental damage or removal of any structures or associated items which may help the Quapaw Tribe come to a better understanding of their history.

The QTEO and QSA ask that citizens of the community be cognizant of additional trucks on the road due to excavation and hauling of chat from the Catholic 40 site to the repository. The haul route for trucks to the Catholic 40 site include: exiting repository onto E 57 Road, traveling west to County Road 137, north on County Road 137 to E 50 Road, west on E 50 road to HWY 69A, west on HWY 69A to S 560 Road, north on S 560 Road merging onto S 565 Road to E 40 Road, east on E 40 Road to repository. The haul route for trucks to the Catholic 40 site from the repository include: exiting repository onto E 40 road traveling east to HWY 69, south on HWY 69 to HWY 69A to S 620 Road, east on S 620 Road to E 57 Road, south on E 57 Road to east on E 57 Road to entrance of Catholic 40 site.

News from the Library

Quapaw Tribal Library is pleased to announce that they have received a $141,569.00 Institute of Museum and Library Service (IMLS) Library Enhancement Grant to help increase access to digital materials, update and boost the material’s capacity of the library, and to provide child-

hood literacy materials and programs. The Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) announced grants for 63 library projects totaling $14,670,662. The projects were selected from more than 285 applications requesting a total of $37,977,530 and were awarded through three IMLS programs: the Native American Library Services Enhancement program, the Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian Program, and the National Leadership Grants for Libraries program. The Native American Library Services Enhancement grants are competitive grants to federally recognized tribes to expand services for learning, access to information, and partnership. The Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian Program grants fund projects designed to address the education and training needs of library professionals. National Leadership Grants for Libraries support projects that improve professional practice beyond the grantee institution. About the Institute of Museum and Library Services The Institute of Museum and Library Services is the primary source of federal support for the nation’s 123,000 libraries and 17,500 museums. Our mission is to inspire libraries and museums to advance innovation, lifelong learning, and cultural and civic engagement. Our grant making, policy development, and research help libraries and museums deliver valuable services that make it possible for communities and individuals to thrive. The Quapaw Tribal Library celebrates the resilience of all tribal members, as well as the diversity of the community, and strives to See LIBRARY, page 8
Memorials

Ramona Sue Maute

In Loving Memory of Ramona Sue Maute, born March 19, 1943, died July 9, 2013. Funeral services were held Monday, July 15 at Derfelt’s Baxter Chapel. The funeral was officiated by Pastor Wayne Wall. Pallbearers were John Jackson, Tim Reeves, Clint Pannell, Benjamin Reeves, Dustin Richardson, and Terry Carey. Instead of flowers, the family wanted memorial donations to the Joplin Humane Society. Maute is buried at the Green Lawn Cemetery near Columbus, Kansas.

Earl Dean Rogers

Born July 17, 1951, Earl Dean Rogers, 61, of Welch, OK, lost his battle with Leukemia on May 9, 2013 at his home, with his family by his side. Earl was a one of a kind man; proud dad and PaPa. He was a collector of classic cars that he won many trophies for. He worked for Commerce Schools for 40 years.

Survivors include his wife, Business Committee member Marilyn Rogers of the home. He is also survived by his children and grandchildren: Jason, Amy, Logan and Lauren Rogers of Berryhill, Oklahoma; TeeJay, Tiffany, and Simmone Rogers of Welch, Oklahoma; Jean Ann, Greg, Myka, and Caiden Blalock of Miami, Oklahoma; two brothers and stepsister: Mike Rogers of California, Dennis Rogers of Commerce, Oklahoma, and Ellen Rogers of Springfield, Missouri.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Ray E. and Beula Rogers, and one brother, Marvin Rogers.

Visitation was held May 12 at the Paul Thomas Funeral Home in Welch, Oklahoma. Services were held May 13, 2013 at the Paul Thomas Funeral Home in Welch. Pastor Larry Perry, longtime friend, officiated.

Pallbearers were Kenny Leggett, Bobby Arms, Denzel Arms, Melvin Morgan, V.O. Morgan, and Jim Cossairt. The honorary pallbearer was

Shallenburger Wins Baseball Award

Tommy Shallenburger, Quapaw tribal member, participated in the Kansas State Cal Ripken 12U Baseball Tournament held in Parsons, Kansas from July 11-15th, 2013. Tommy and his teammates from Columbus, Kansas made it all the way to the state championship game before losing to Parsons in the final game. Along with the team earning the 1st runner up in the state tournament, Tommy earned an individual award called the AHHP award. This award is presented to one player in the tournament that demonstrates outstanding attitude, hustle, more hustle and play. By making it to the state championship game the team earned a spot in the Midwest Regional Tournament that was held in Burlington, Colorado from July 25-29th. Tommy played centerfield and also pitched for his team during both tournaments.

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Indian School, Kaufmann told students about the importance of learning from strong role models, including teachers, coaches, and mentors. He also stressed the value of discovering your passions and making smart choices in life. Kaufmann shared some of his personal struggles as a high school student and undergraduate at the University of Kansas (KU). He said his teachers and mentors in his program at KU connected him with some of his first experiences in a laboratory, which ultimately led him to a doctoral program in 2004 in pharmaceutical chemistry. The Quapaw Tribe’s Education Director, Krista Pierce expressed her enthusiasm at having such an outstanding tribal member as an example for other Quapaw Tribal members who are attending or plan to attend college. Pierce stated, “Allyn Kaufmann is not only an outstanding scientist; his dedication and ensuing successes set a wonderful example for other Quapaw Tribal members who are attending or plan to attend college.” Pierce also believes his inspiring story goes to the heart of what the Quapaw Tribe of Oklahoma’s Department of Higher Education strives to impress upon students the tribe helps: giving back has a ripple effect. She added, “When you give back in one area of your life, it positively impacts the other areas of your life—family, tribe, local community, and global community. Life is an echo. What you send out comes back.” Kaufman is the son of tribal member, Carolyn Nott. He is the grandson of Charles and Charlene Button.

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Miracle Reunion Two Years After Joplin Tornado

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On June 7, for the first time since being cut from wreckage by the devastating E5 tornado in Joplin May 22, 2011, cousins Mason Lillard, 12, and Lage Grigsby, 16, met their rescuers at the Quapaw Tribe Fire/EMS Station. Mason and Lage went with their grandparents, Rodney and Sharon Lillard, to Home Depot in Joplin. While their grandfather went into the store, Lage and Mason remained waiting for the sirens to go off. Mason’s mom, Sammy Freeman, and Shane Moore.

From left, Corey Reeves, Corey Humble, Torey Eckert, Lage Grigsby, Ryan McCann, Mason Lillard, Sammy Freeman and Shane Moore.

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Tribe Makes Parade a Success

The O-Gah-Pah Learning Center’s float received first place in the City of Quapaw’s Hay Days Parade on October 12. The tribe’s maintenance department built a float that looked like a football goal on one end with a scoreboard on the other. The Quapaw Marshals, School Resource Officer, and Fire and Rescue Department with the ambulance and fire truck helped contribute to the parade’s success. Mallori Shawnee, Quapaw Tribal Princess also rode in the parade. Thanks to the tribe, children left the parade with pockets full of candy and smiles on their faces.

**Tribe Makes Parade a Success**

he has told many times since that day. “We prayed,” he said. He said he first knew how bad it was when he saw his grandpa’s tools fly out of the toolbox in the back of the truck. “I saw glass breaking and everything. I got sucked out of the truck, and I saw somebody, it was a girl, but I did not know who it was, and I blacked out,” he continued.

“While we were in the floorboard I felt somebody touch my shoulder. I saw two angels, one by me and one by him,” Mason said, who, with her blond curls and contagious smile, looks quite angelic herself. Mason said the angels calmed her. “I knew that God was with us, and He would protect us, and I wasn’t scared if He would take us. I knew we’d be okay.”

The tornado threw Rodney’s truck from the center of the parking lot into the store. The Quapaw responders found Mason impaled by an inch-wide iron rod, pinned to the seat inside the truck...
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track. The rod entered her shoul-
der, punched through her lower
lung, exited out her flank and
into the truck’s seat.

Mason is proud that, despite her
massive injuries, she yelled really
loud so her grandfather, who was
uninjured, could find her in all of
the wreckage. She said, “When
he found me, he asked, ‘Are you
hurt?’ I said, ‘Papa my ribs are
broke’.” Mason showed the now-
healed hole that left a deep scar
in her shoulder, and said she has
had 11 surgeries with one more
to go. She has scoliosis as a result
of her injuries, and she missed
some school at first, but is caught
up and entering seventh-grade at
Pershing Middle School in
Springfield this fall. “I guess I’m
called the ‘feel good story,’” Ma-
son said, giggling.

Without phone service and the
chaos and confusion that en-
sued, it took hours for Jessica to
locate her son and family mem-
bers at the hospital. Sharon was
in the ER having three-inch splin-
tered pieces of wood and glass
removed from her back. Mason was
recovering from surgery, but no
one knew where Lage was.

Finally, after a six-hour surgery,
the surgeons brought Jessica
one of Lage’s shoes as a way to
identify him. Lage had about
one-fourth of his brain removed,
but, remarkably, he has no ma-
jor damage after a year of reha-
bilitiation. Doctors initially pre-
dicted he would never be able
to walk or talk again. During
the rescue, he was found by the
Quapaw workers with a deep cut
that ran almost from the front of
his skull to the base of his neck
with brain matter exposed. Lage
removed his ball cap to show the
scar that runs through his hair.
He has very little use of his right
arm from his injuries and wears a
brace on his leg.

Mason and Lage had not seen
their rescuers since that day in
May. Lage has no memory after
he blacked out, but Mason re-
members. “They saved us, and
that’s why we’re alive,” Mason
said. They were very happy to
see their rescuers.

Asked what it felt like to see the
cousins again, Quapaw Tribe Fire
Chief Jeff Reeves said, “It’s that
satisfaction. I think it closes the
loop, and makes it all come full
circle.”

Jessica said it was nice to be able
to ask the rescuers questions
about that day and learn a little
bit more.

“The one in the Red Sox shirt,”
Mason said pointing to Corey
Reeves, Quapaw Fire/EMS rescu-
er, “he was the one that cut the
bar.”

“I’m amazed. The first time we saw
them I honestly didn’t know if they
were going to make it,” one of the
Quapaw Tribe Fire/EMS rescuers,
Shane Moore, said.

They said when they first tried
to get Mason out, the equipment,
or jaws, they used twisted the angle
iron causing too much pain for her,
so they had to use a sawzall to cut
the bar at both ends to free her.

“It was sticking 20 feet in the air, it
was sticking through the awning,
through the truck through her into
the floor,” Moore said.

He estimates it took them 15 min-
utes to get to the truck and around
45 minutes to get Mason free.

Nothing much slows down the
cousins. Lage has been riding four-
wheelers and a specially made bike
he can steer with one hand. Lage
said his mom has been a little pro-
tective because she made him wear
a helmet on the four-wheeler. He’s
looking forward to getting his driv-
er’s license and has his permit.

“I can play Xbox with one hand,”
Lage said.

“We’ve not seen or talked to them
since,” Chief Reeves said. “We had
so many bad things that went on
that day, and you get something
like this, it doesn’t take it all away—
but it makes it feel better. They are
both miracles.”

Fire/EMS Department
Continues to Grow, Enrich the Community

The Quapaw Tribe’s Fire/EMS Department’s name could easily be changed
to the Hero Department. If you read the article about the miracle rescue
they performed during the Joplin tornado, you could easily see why. Av-
eraging 260 calls per month, they are on standby 24 hours a day, seven
days a week. They serve not only Quapaw tribal members, but all of Ot-
tawa County and four-state area residents, including the Will Rogers turn-
pike during emergencies.

The department stays abreast of all of the latest trends, grants, and pro-
grams to keep them at the top. The Ottawa County Millage tax earned
$165,000 enabling them to purchase a new ambulance. Another ambu-
ランスance was provided by the IHS/TransAm program that disburses surplus
equipment to tribes. They also continually seek the latest training in
search and rescue, burn training, and all areas related to their expertise.

The department recently received an Assistance to Firefighters grant. The
grant will be used to purchase equipment upgrades. With grant funds,
the tribe will purchase rescue tools that can be used to extract people
from vehicles; they will also purchase thermal imaging cameras and pres-
sure ventilation fans. “No other fire department that I know of in the four-
state area has any of the equipment we’re purchasing,” said Fire Chief
Jeff Reeves. “We are the leading department in the area.

“We’re the only ones who have the latest ‘jaws of life.’” Because the tribe
has the best and latest equipment, they are often called on to perform
rescue missions in area wrecks, even on the turnpike.

Each month, free services are given by the Fire/EMT Department. Blood
pressure, EKG, and blood sugar levels can be tested monthly at the Title
VI elder meal program. Also given monthly are CPR and first aid trainings.

All of the tribe’s daycare and Title VI employees have been trained by the
Fire/EMS Department in CPR and first aid.

Another class taught is Firefighter I, which is a basic firefighting class; this
class is given annually. They also provide EMT classes free for tribal mem-
bers. If this class was taken at the local vo-tech school, it would cost ap-
proximately $1,500. To sign up for any of the trainings or to learn more
about what is taught, call (918) 675-4200.
From November 2012 to July 2013, U.S. Army Specialist and tribal member Jason Zampert was stationed in Afghanistan as a medic. During his time in Afghanistan, he ran a clinic that supported the troops, as well as the medical needs of the locals in the area. He also went out in the field multiple times with a Special Forces team. He was recommended for commendation due to his outstanding performance during his tour of duty. Because of his outstanding performance, he ended up being awarded two commendations instead of one. One of his commendations reads, “…for exceptionally meritorious service in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. His dedication to duty during combat operations in Afghanistan contributed to the overwhelming success of the command’s mission. His actions are in keeping with the finest traditions of military service and reflect great credit upon himself.” Specialist Zampert is currently serving at Fort Stewart, Georgia. He is approximately 3.5 years into his four-year enlistment. A member of the Crawfish clan, Zampert is the son of Teresa Daylight, grandson of the late Louis Daylight, and great grandson of the late Jesse Daylight.

On October 10, Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College (NEO) in Miami honored the reigning Miss Indian Oklahoma, Robynn Rulo with a reception. Rulo, a member of the Osage Tribe, is also of Quapaw and Delaware descent. Prior to winning the Miss Indian Oklahoma title, Rulo was the reigning Miss Indian NEO, a title of the American Indian Center for Excellence (AICE) and the Native American Student Association (NASA) at NEO. AICE sponsored Rulo’s entry fee for the Miss Indian Oklahoma pageant which is run by the Oklahoma Federation of Indian Women (OFIW). Other Indian royalty were invited to the reception. Quapaw Tribal Princess Mallori Shawnee represented the tribe at the event. Other organizations represented by the princesses were the Pawnee Tribal Princess, the Jr. Muscogee (Creek) Nation Princess, and the Delaware Powwow Princess. President of NEO, Dr. Jeff Hale, who also attended, gave Rulo a plaque commemorating the night. Also present were Beverly Harjo, OFIW president and Claudia LittleAxe, NEO’s AICE Director. The evening closed with remarks from Rulo. She stated, “It has been an honor to represent the State of Oklahoma. I want to thank everyone who has been so kind to me. I’ve truly enjoyed my time as Miss Indian Oklahoma.” Photos from the event can be seen on page 13.

Benefit Hand Game for Supernaw at Tribal Office

Six-year-old Koshimi Nikazhi Warren Supernaw was recently diagnosed with leukemia. Koshimi recently took his first chemotherapy treatment. He will have to undergo various types of treatments over the next six years. A hand game fundraiser was hosted on October 18th, initiated by tribal member/employee Brandon Everett Bandy, to help the family defray costs associated with Koshimi’s medical care. Almost $800 was raised, thanks to the generosity of attendee’s raffle item contributions and monetary donations; Downstream Casino donated four gourmet cakes. To make a donation for the family, interested parties may contact Brandon Everett Bandy during business hours at the Quapaw Tribal Office at (918) 542-1853.

Koshimi is a descendent of the last hereditary leader of the Quapaw Tribe, Tall Chief, and the great-great-grandson of Grandma Maude Supernaw. He is the great grandson of Charles Supernaw, the grandson of Brandy Supernaw, and the son of Nikazhi Supernaw, all Quapaw tribal members.
ensure that all people feel welcome in the Library. We strive to meet the needs and expectations of every Library patron. With the funding from this grant The Quapaw Tribal Library will strive to transform the Library into a first-rate information center, making it accessible and welcoming to the area tribal members and the community at large, as well as to tribal members living far from home. Building on a recent project to update the general collection and offer e-resources, the library will add materials in a variety of formats for its diverse community, implementing a childhood literacy program to instill the love of reading in young people, offer cultural workshops to enhance the knowledge of Quapaw culture and traditions, and expand library hours to meet the growing demand for information services.

The library is actively working with the local school district to provide relevant materials to support the reading needs of the students. As a direct result, patronage to the library has increased dramatically over the last few years, and we anticipate that it will continue to increase. In addition, the library also has extended hours of operation. The new hours are:

Monday 8:00 – 5:00 pm.
Tuesday 8:00 – 8:00 pm.
Wednesday 8:00 – 8:00 pm
Thursday 8:00 – 5:00 pm
Friday 8:00 – 4:00 pm

If you haven’t been to your library lately, we encourage you to come check us out.

Zampert Graduates

Jeremy Zampert graduated September 28 with an Associate of Science in Electrical Engineering from Ecotech Institute in Aurora, Colorado. During his time at the institute, he maintained a grade point average of 3.87. Ecotech Institute focuses on renewable energy and energy efficiency, providing alternative solutions of green energy to support the environmental needs of the country, and prepares students for green jobs.

The son of Teresa Daylight, Zampert is also the grandson of the late Louis Daylight, and great grandson of the late Jesse Daylight.

Mason McWatters Memorial Scholarships at NEO, now Arkansas

For parents, the loss of a child is the worst thing that could happen. After losing their son Mason in a tragic car accident, Business Committee member, Ranny McWatters and his wife, Kathy chose to celebrate his life and ensure his memory will live on. Because Mason was an avid golfer and loved all sports, Ranny and Kathy decided to host a memorial golf tournament in Mason’s honor.

After an overwhelming turnout and enormous amount of support at the tournament, they decided to do something productive with the proceeds; they also wanted to give back to Quapaw tribal students with similar interests as their son, in environmental science. That’s when they decided to create the Mason McWatters Memorial Scholarship at Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College in 2010.

Now, the Mason McWatters Memorial Golf Tournament is held annually at Eagle Creek Golf Course. Because the tournament has continually grown each year, the McWatterses decide to expand the scholarship. The logical choice was the University of Arkansas (U of A) where Quapaw tribal students receive out-of-state fee waivers. U of A is the closest major university to Quapaw. Quapaw Tribal students who continue their four-year degree at the U of A can now apply for the Mason McWatters Memorial Scholarship, too.

At both schools, the scholarship is awarded to students who are Quapaw tribal members. If no Quapaws apply, the preference is given to Native students. Non-Native American qualified students will be granted subsequent consideration. Criteria for the award is that the student must be good academic standing, hold at least a 2.5 grade point average, majoring in environmental science or related course of study. The memory of Mason McWatters will continue to live on as scholarships in his memory are awarded each year to Native students. In addition to his parents Ranny and Kathy McWatters, Mason is survived by his two sons, Ace and Aidan McWatters and a sister, Macy (McWatters) Langley.

Clark Receives Teacher of Promise Award

Pittsburg State University (PSU)
Senior Miranda (Martin) Clark received the Teacher of Promise Award for the fall semester. Clark, a senior PSU, is currently a student-teacher at Baxter Springs (Kansas) Public Schools. She will graduate in December with a degree in Elementary Education.

The Teacher of Promise awards are given in conjunction with the Kansas Teacher of the Year activities in the fall and the Kansas Exemplary Educators Conference in the spring. Colleges of Education across Kansas are asked to send outstanding teacher candidates to participate in these events. Faculty nominate and select one elementary education major and one secondary education major per semester as their representatives. As part of the award, Clark gets to meet with the Kansas Teacher of the Year and attend a conference at the end of November. Her picture will also be featured on a billboard representing Pittsburg State University. Clark is the daughter of Business Committee Secretary/Treasurer Tamara Smiley-Reeves.

Gone but not Forgotten
Mason McWatters
October 16, 1976 – December 10, 2005

Teen's Christmas Party Scheduled

The teen Christmas party will be Saturday, December 14 from 11:30 am to 2:00 pm at the Quapaw Tribe Community Building. The party is for enrolled tribal members ages 13 to 18. Lunch will be provided. Gifts will be given at the end of the party. For more information, please call the tribal office at 1-888-O-GAH-PAH (1-888-642-4724). Tribal member Donna Jimerson is chairperson of the Teen Christmas party committee.
The USS Quapaw was authorized by an Act of Congress on December 17, 1941. By May of 1943, it was launched. In 1944, it was commissioned, and World War II troops fought aboard the "Mighty Q" as its crew lovingly referred to it. Shortly after WWII, it was decommissioned but re-commissioned in 1950. Following its re-commissioning, Mighty Q was on the seas from 1950-1985. In 2007, a Naval plaque was dedicated in honor of the USS Quapaw. In December 2011, the ship sank but was soon refloated in February 2012. In late 2012, the Navy decided to salvage the ship and dismantled it. That's when the Quapaw Tribe came in. Ken Kuhn and Shirley Kuhn of the USS Quapaw Association contacted the tribe about the breakdown. By the time the tribe was able to contact the Navy, the anchor was the only piece of the great ship that was left. The tribe gladly took the anchor as a memento of the ship that proudly bore their name. Led and organized by the Cultural Committee, the tribe hosted a reception honoring veterans on November 7. During the reception, the tribe unveiled the anchor of the battleship that proudly shared the tribe's name. Approximately 50 veterans from the USS Quapaw attended the dedication. The event was also attended by several Quapaw and other veterans from the area. The tribe hosted all veterans and had a series of special events for them. The day began with the dedication of the anchor. Next, veterans were treated to lunch and a tour of tribal facilities and the powwow grounds. The day ended with a traditional dinner, dancing, cake and cookies. A wife of a USS Quapaw veteran, Freda Stinson said, "Everyone from your tribe has been so kind to us. We feel like royalty."
Quapaw Services Authority Continues to Benefit Tribe, Hire Members

The Quapaw Services Authority (QSA) was created in June 2012 to take care of Quapaw Tribal construction projects, allowing the tribe to manage projects and remove the charges of general contractors. Since its inception, they have managed over $3 million in projects for the tribe with almost $3 million more projects in the works. QSA allows the tribe to hire its own members and utilize local vendors; this saves the tribe approximately 90% of fees that would have been used for a general contractor. The savings allow the tribe to make upgrades to construction projects. For example, the new Wellness Center received over $400,000 in upgrades due to the construction savings.

QSA’s latest project is for the Catholic 40 remediation. For more information about the Catholic 40 project, see the article Tribe Oversees Catholic 40 Cleanup. QSA recently hosted a job fair to hire tribal members for the remediation project. Just as with all the projects QSA oversees, hiring preference is given to Quapaw tribal members.

Education Department Started with a Zero Budget,Prosper Today

In 1975, the Business Committee decided to establish an education committee. The Quapaw Tribe’s Education Department started with no money in its budget with Russ Garber appointed as the tribe’s “Education Committee-man” on January 26, 1975. Garber stated, “I was a one-man team with no money to help any students. I hated it in the beginning because we had to turn away a lot of students who needed help.” As time went on, Garber worked to establish guidelines for the committee that would be fair to everyone.

Prior to the formation of the education committee, Garber was instrumental in helping the tribe establish ties to his alma mater. After graduating from the University of Arkansas as an outstanding fullback on the Razorback football team in the Spring of 1971 and a brief stint playing for the Houston Oilers, Garber moved home after sustaining injuries. Having grown up in Riverton, Kansas all his life, he had always been active in the tribe and was ready to be involved again. Shortly after moving home, Garber was elected to the Business Committee. During his time at the University of Arkansas, Garber became acquainted with Dr. David Baird, a professor of anthropology at the U of A. Being very interested in the Quapaw Tribe, Dr. Baird accompanied Garber for visits to the tribe. Garber and Dr. Baird saw the need to help tribal students, because the tribe was constantly turning students away since no funds were available to provide education assistance. Coach Frank Broyles, along with Dr. Baird, helped the tribe establish a scholarship program for Quapaw tribal members. After negotiations and some creativity on the university’s part, Carrie Vee Wilson was the first Quapaw tribal member to receive a scholarship for Quapaw tribal members where she attended technically on a football scholarship.

The program is now referred to as the Waiver of Non-Resident Tuition for Native Americans and is offered not only to Quapaw tribal members but is extended to other tribes who formerly lived in Arkansas before their forced removal. Those tribes are the Caddo, Cherokee, Chickasaw, Choctaw, Creek, Delaware, Kickapoo, Osage, Shawnee, Tunica, and many more.

Shoal Creek Wastewater Authority Helping the Local Environment

An unique partnership between SE Kansas and the Quapaw Tribe is is helping to Develop a modern water treatment system. The recently formed Shoal Creek Basin Regional Waste Water Authority took the next step toward developing a modern water treatment system for Southeast Kansas by hiring an engineering team to undertake preliminary studies. And a recent bus tour with media guests brought the project some well deserved public attention. “People will gratitate toward areas that are really on top of the environment and trying to do good things. And it will allow small industry and people to build homes in this area,” Chairman John Berrey told KSN-TV and KODE-TV in September.

Galena, Kan. Mayor Dale Oglesby, a partner in the project, was quoted in the Topeka Capital-Journal saying he had run into difficulties in attracting companies during his 20 years of service because businesses didn’t want to be liable for cleaning and upgrades that the current lagoon system might need in the future. Developing a modern system now would alleviate that problem and give the communities a new asset to offer, he said.

The Authority is a novel partnership known as an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement, the first of its kind in Kansas, involving an Indian tribe from one state and local and city governments from another state looking to bring significant public infrastructure improvements to an area badly in need of economic development. The partnership consists of the Quapaw Tribe of Oklahoma and the Cherokee County (Kan.) Commission, and city governments of Galena, Baxter Springs and Riverton. The Tribe's Downstream Casino, a Resort spans property in three states — Oklahoma, Kansas and Missouri — and has been active in other community building activities.

The Authority recently contracted engineers from three firms to share responsibilities in producing a study to outline various options, possible phases to the development process, as well as the potential funding sources. Timeline for the preliminary engineering study is 120 days.

The engineering project team includes Tri-State Engineering, TranSystems, and the Menen Group. Tri-State Engineering, represented by Clayton Cristy, will be in charge of project management, providing local input, and developing and evaluating sewer collection alternatives. TranSystems, represented by Shawn Turner, will also provide project management and local input, and will focus on developing and evaluating sewer collection alternatives. Mr. Turner lives within the project area and has extensive experience with projects in the area. The Menen Group, represented by Chris Milligan, will be providing technical expertise in wastewater treatment planning and design, ultimately developing the treatment system alternatives. The goal of Shoal Creek Basin Regional Waste Water Authority is to establish a modern, efficient waste water treatment system which, unlike the lagoon systems currently serving southeast Cherokee County’s communities, will have the capability to remove dissolved metals and industrial chemicals. This will provide much better overall water treatment and, it is hoped, make the area more attractive for economic development.

“Economic growth for the whole region is what Downstream Casino is all about,” Chairman Berrey said. “Another very important aspect of this waste water plan is cleaning up the Spring River. We will improve our economic viability and quality of life for the region by closing the Spring River.” Cherokee County Commissioner Richard Hilderbrand said: "We have talked for years about the county’s need for mechanical waste water treatment, but it always seemed like an unattainable goal. Now, with this new partnership we are feeling like it is not only possible but it’s really going to happen. It will make us far more competitive in recruiting business and industry to the region."
Dedicated Employees = Successful Halloween Party

The O-Gah-Pah Learning Center (OLC) headed up another exciting Halloween party for area children. Hours of preparation went into the party. OLC staff and other tribal departments planned and prepared for the party weeks ahead of time. Hours were spent buying candy, putting up decorations and trying to make the party as fun as possible for the kids. The Maintenance Department made sure the hay ride was ready and scary!

Finally, the hard work paid off and the party took place. The party was attended by approximately 300 people with over 100 children in costumes. Thanks to the tribe’s generosity, parents and children both enjoyed free hot dogs, chili, drinks and desserts. Employee volunteers manned the game stations where loads of candy were given away. In the interest of fairness, children were divided by age, and drawings were held. Three prizes were given to each agegroup newborn to age 12.

At last, the party was over. Children left happy and full of hot dogs and candy. Exhausted, all of the volunteers stayed to clean up the building. Another Halloween party is in the works, and everyone looks forward to next year’s party.
Wellness Center has “Soft Opening”

The first phase of the Wellness Center is complete and it is now open for tribal members and employees to come exercise and test the new equipment. Referred to as the “soft opening,” a grand opening will be scheduled soon when it will be open to the public. Check the tribe’s website, www.quapawtribe.com, frequently for the date of the grand opening. The center has the latest equipment from treadmills and elliptical machines to leg presses, biceps and curls. Each machine has a range of weight difficulties for a light or strenuous workout. Televisions are available for those who need to break up the monotony of their workout. There is also a room for Zumba, Yoga, and other floor exercises. The floor exercise room will be open after the grand opening.

So far, two tribal members have been hired. Sherrie Nida is the Director. Robert Whitebird, III is the Fitness Coordinator. They are excited to be open and are more than helpful with patrons explaining equipment and workout routines. The Wellness Center is located on Whitebird Street in Quapaw north of (behind) the O-Gah-Pah Learning Center.

Children’s Christmas Party Coming Soon

A Christmas party for enrolled tribal members ages 12 and under is scheduled for December 8 from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm. The party will be held at the Downstream Pavilion this year. There will be games for all ages. Parents can take pictures of their child with Santa. Cookies and punch will be served. A parent must accompany the child and be present with the child to receive their gift at the end of the party. No invitation is needed to attend. For more information, please call Anna McKibben at (918) 542-1853. Betty Gaedtke is chairperson of this year’s party. She can be reached at (918) 533-1346. Thank you and have a Merry Christmas!

ATTENTION!

Higher Education Students: Please do not forget to apply for funding for the Spring 2014 semester. The deadline to apply is February 28, 2014. Download the application from the tribal website: www.quapawtribe.com. Click on Departments, Education, Students. The link can be found in the Students section.
MS-ISAC Launches K-12 Poster Contest

The Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center (MS-ISAC) is once again conducting a national K-12 Computer Safety Contest to encourage young people to use the Internet safely and securely and to craft messages and images that will best resonate with their peers across the country.

The importance of spreading the message about safe online behavior has never been more important. The majority of our youth are online, and the risks for cyber bullying, identify theft and other serious incidents among children is increasing.

The contest is open to all public, private or home-schooled students in kindergarten through twelfth grade. Each state, local, tribal, and territorial (SLTT) government is invited to conduct a poster contest for students within their state and submit its top winners to the MS-ISAC by March 3, 2014 for entry into the MS-ISAC National Poster Contest.

Posters will be judged on the following criteria: creativity, originality, poster concept and adherence to technical specifications. Any entry that infringes upon copyright or contains any trademark images or links for brands such as Disney Characters, Dell, Google, Twitter, Facebook, etc. will not be judged. Conducting a contest is easy and fun:

- Review the criteria found online at the MS-ISAC website at: http://msisac.cisecurity.org/awareness/poster2014/index.cfm
- Invite students to develop their artwork
- Select the top winners according to the criteria
- Submit those winners to the MS-ISAC by March 3, 2014.

Winning entries of the National Contest will be included in the MS-ISAC 2015 Calendar, which is distributed to every state in the country as part of the MS-ISAC Cyber Security Awareness Toolkit. Entries received may also be used in other national, regional and state cyber and computer security awareness campaigns. Last year’s contest included more than 2,000 student entries.

The MS-ISAC encourages you to participate in this national effort. For only a minimal investment of time, you can help to reinforce the importance about online safety, and create positive messages that can help children across the country.

If your SLTT government is participating in this contest, please let us know by emailing contest@msisac.org.

For more information about the contest, please visit msisac.cisecurity.org or email contest@msisac.org.

Save the date!

Elder’s Title VI Christmas Banquet
December 18, 2013
12:00 pm
Quapaw Tribe Elder’s Center
509 Whitebird Street
Quapaw, OK 74363

For more information:
Rhonda Weaver
Title VI Director
(918) 674-2257
Rhonda Weaver, Title VI Director, and her staff continually have activities for tribal elders. At press time, Weaver was busy planning the Elder’s Thanksgiving Dinner. Prior to that, a special meal was prepared for veterans who attended the anchor dedication; the special meal was prepared in addition to the normal daily lunch meal. A special elder’s Halloween party took place a week before that. Title VI staff are also responsible for the tribe’s Caregiver program. The upcoming Caregiver Conference will be held December 6. See the flyer below for more information.

Title VI Department Keeps Elders Busy

You are Cordially Invited to Attend:

Caregiver Christmas Conference

December 6th, 2013
10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

First Christian Church
2424 North Main
Miami, OK

Respite Care will be available free of charge

Please R.S.V.P. by November 26th to

Doreen Murray 1-800-616-9161
Cathy Collins (918) 392-5900

This event is FREE and open to professional caregivers, family caregivers, and their loved ones.

Reservations ARE required.

Sponsored By:

Grand Gateway AAA
Oklahoma Healthy Aging Initiative
Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma
Cattaraugus Indian Reservation
Wyandotte Nation of Oklahoma
Ozarka Tribe of Oklahoma
Good Shepherd Hospice
Alzheimer’s Association
Senior Companion Volunteers Program
OCHL Hospice
Meet the Newest BC Member

Betty Gaedtke

Elected for the first time to the Quapaw Tribal Business Committee in July 2013, Betty Gaedtke has always had ties to the Quapaw area, especially the tribe. Until she was eight, she lived in Arkansas. After turning eight, her family moved to Olathe, Kansas where her dad started the original Olathe Cleaners. However, every weekend, they would “load the family into the old, white station wagon and head to Oklahoma,” Gaedtke recalls fondly. “Sunday evenings, we’d load back up and head home.”

Some of Gaedtke’s fondest memories of growing up are of Quapaw powwows. There were always lots of cousins nearby and the camp was crowded with playmates. She remembers being especially fond of cousin Brenda Murray’s mother and father referring to them as her second parents. Throughout her entire life, she has only missed two Quapaw powwows. From early adulthood, she wanted to be involved with the tribe. But because of her busy work schedule with the USPS, she didn’t know how; she worked every Saturday. Her leave requests for Quapaw Powwow were turned in a year ahead of time to ensure she didn’t miss it. After acquiring seniority with the USPS, her schedule got easier, and her weekends were free. Just as she did in her childhood, she started traveling to Quapaw on weekends, particularly on weekends of Business Committee meetings. Over the years, she’d gotten acquainted with Flossie Mathews, JR Mathews, and Lenny Skye. They inspired her because of their deep tribal involvement and commitment.

One day, she expressed her desire to be more involved with the tribe to Flossie Mathews who encouraged and mentored her to become more involved. Mathews began giving her things to read regarding tribal government and how it’s run. She encouraged her to run for BC because of her hard work ethic and love for her people. When Flossie announced her retirement, she encouraged Betty to run for Business Committee member; Betty listened. “Now that I’ve been elected, I’m like a sponge. I’m continually learning and growing. I’m out of my comfort zone, and I love it,” Gaedtke said, “I’m still evolving and so thankful to have a chance to do something good for the people I love.” She wants tribal members to know she’s dedicated “150 percent with a heart for the people.”

Since joining the BC team, Betty has learned that the tribe is very prosperous. The casinos are not the only profit-making business the tribe has. She wants the people to know how far the tribe has come and loves the future possibilities for the tribe. “We are here for our people.”

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ANNOUNCEMENT!
Beginning with the Spring 2014 newsletter, the minutes will no longer be printed in the newsletter, due to the high cost of printing. Minutes may still be viewed online at www.quapawtribe.com. If you do not have internet access, you may also receive a copy of the minutes by calling Anna McKibben at the tribal office at (918) 542-1853. At your request, she will copy the minutes you wish to see for you. You may either pick up the minutes at the tribal office or they will be mailed to you at no charge.

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years, and he is doing an excellent job.
I have tried to do the best of my ability to serve all of you, but due
to my health, I did not "throw my hat in the ring." My brother,
"June", is the reason I was on the council to begin with. I can still
hear him say, "Flossie, you need to run for council and serve our people." Finally after hearing that for so long, I said, "OK June, I'll
run, but I won't be elected. Then will you shut up?" "Yes" he said.
For eighteen years I have tried as President Kennedy said, and I
will paraphrase, "Ask not what my tribe can do for me, but ask what
I can do for my tribe!"

Although she retired from the BC, Flossie Mathews remains active on the Cultural
Committee. Mathews, third from right, at the USS Quapaw Anchor Dedication.

Quapaw Tribe Business Committee
Community Building
Regular Meeting
May 18, 2013
CALL TO ORDER: 9:00 a.m.
INVOCATION: Thomas Mathews
ROLL CALL: John Berrey, Chairman Present
Thomas Mathews, Vice-Chairman 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 APPORVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the
April 20, 2013 QTBC meeting and phone polls were presented for approval. Motion by QTBC Member Florence Mathews to approve the minutes of the April 20, 2013 QTBC meeting as well as the phone polls attached to the minutes. Seconded by QTBC Vice Chairman, Thomas 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.

TREASURER’S REPORT: The Treasurer’s Report for the period ending
April 31, 2013 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 April 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.

GUEST(S): None

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 with the exception that all reports are checked for redundancy when program reports are 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 – Mike Shawnee spoke of the upcoming 4th of July pow-wow and asked that the Business Committee increase the budget from last year of $83,000 to $90,000. Tribal Administrator, Donna Mercer, added that a few things were being done and provided for the pow-wow including: golf carts, porta potties have been reserved, the tribal crowds are ordered along with the shawls, water will be provided from Downstream Casino and dumpsters are being paid for. Motion by QTBC Sec./Treas. Tamara Smiley-Reeves to approve the increase of the budget as requested. 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.

Emergency Funding Assistance – The EFA advised the BC that not a lot of requests had been made for emergency funding in the month of April, but they expect the need for assistance to increase in the coming months.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

LEGAL CASES: Steve Ward updated the BC on the current Goodeagle case. The hearing for this case will be held on June 4, 2013 in front of a new judge that Steve Ward believes will be asset to get the case moving along. He also stated that Governor Fallin canceled all tobacco compacts. Governor Fallin is interested in increasing the sales tax on tobacco. He also spoke about the Cobell case and advised tribal members that if they still have yet to receive their check they should call the help line and find out what the issue is. All individuals who held IIM accounts for certain time periods were required to accept the Cobell settlement of $1,000 for the IIM accounting settlement. Over 1,000 Tribal members opted out of the asset management class in Cobell, and are participating in the Goodeagle and Bear litigation. The individuals who did not opt out of the asset management class, and who had IIM accounts for the required time periods, should receive around $2,000, give or take, based on the amount of land they own. The individuals who are participating in the Goodeagle and Bear cases will seek damages for asset mismanagement in those cases. A tribal member made a suggestion of holding a question and answer session with Steve Ward and possibly someone from the Office of the Special Trustee to get the facts and status of the Cobell case. The suggestion was noted and taken under consideration.

Honor Walk – Tribal Member, Virgie Henry, will be conducting an Honor Walk in the name of our tribal ancestors. The walk will be held on Saturday, June 1, 2013 at 9:00 am. The walk will begin at the Quapaw High School and end at the Tribal Complex. All participants are encouraged to wear native attire and veterans are welcome to help with the color guard. Water and lunch will be provided and accommodations will be made for the elderly and disabled.

Quapaw Tribe Business Committee
Community Building
Regular Meeting
May 18, 2013
CALL TO ORDER: 9:00 a.m.
INVOCATION: Thomas Mathews
ROLL CALL: John Berrey, Chairman Present
Thomas Mathews, Vice-Chairman 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 APPORVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the
April 20, 2013 QTBC meeting and phone polls were presented for approval. Motion by QTBC Member Florence Mathews to approve the minutes of the April 20, 2013 QTBC meeting as well as the phone polls attached to the minutes. Seconded by QTBC Vice Chairman, Thomas 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.

TREASURER’S REPORT: The Treasurer’s Report for the period ending
April 31, 2013 was submitted to the QTBC in accordance with standard
Bids-Quotes- None

Donation Requests – None

Resolutions –
1. Family Violence Prevention 051813A Motion by QTBC Secretary/Treasurer, Tamara Smiley-Reeves to adopt the resolution. 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.

2. Sales Tax Increase 051813B Motion by QTBC Member Florence Mathews to adopt the resolution and to levy a tax of five percent. Seconded by QTBC 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: 9:34 am Return to Open Session: 10:43 am

Subject(s) –
1. Tribal member’s question regarding health insurance and RWI is going to continue to work the tribal member on this issue.

2. The BC concurs with RWI’s recommendations on individual claims.

Benediction: Minnie Francis
Adjournment: 10:45 am
/s/Tamara Smiley-Reeves

Tamaras Smiley-Reeves, Sec./Treas.

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By: /s/ Hanan Al-Qahtani
Quapaw Tribal Business Committee Clerk
CERTIFICATION
Approved by the Quapaw Tribal Business Committee on June15, 2013 with a vote reflecting 7 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, 0 absent.

Quapaw Tribe Business Committee Community Building
Regular Meeting
June 15, 2013
CALL TO ORDER: 9:00 a.m.

INVOCATION: Florence Mathews
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 Marie Mathews, Member Present
Ranny McWatters, Member Present

DECLARATION OF QUORUM: Announced by QTBC Chairman John Berrey.

READING, CORRECTION AND APPROPAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the May 18, 2013 QTBC meeting and phone polls were presented for approval. Motion by QTBC Member Florence Mathews to approve the minutes, with corrections, of the May 18, 2013 QTBC meeting as well as the phone polls attached to the minutes. 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.

TREASURER’S REPORT: The Treasurer’s Report for the period ending May 31, 2013 was submitted to the QTBC in accordance with standard accounting procedures. Motion by QTBC Member, Florence Mathews to accept and file the Treasurer’s Report for the period ending May 31, 2013. Seconded by QTBC Vice Chairman, Thomas 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.

GUEST(S):
Honor Walk – Virgin Henry updated everyone on the current status of the Honor Walk that was cancelled the following weekend due to bad weather. The new date will be June 22, 2013. Everyone is invited and they are still encouraging our tribal elders and veterans to come and participate in the walk. There was a brief discussion on where the walk will end, due to the short amount of time to find a new location.

PROGRAM REPORTS: Written Program Reports were submitted in the QTBC packets for approval. In addition to approving the program reports, Florence Mathews asked that we make it a habit to have the program directors be present for the meeting to answer any questions or concerns the tribe or Business Committee may have. Chairman, John Berrey suggested the possibility of having half the directors make an appearance and the other half come to the next meeting and so on. The suggestion was taken under consideration. Florence Mathews also read a few program reports aloud to give insight on how some programs were doing and the services that are provided through these programs.

Title VI – QTBC Member, Florence Mathews spoke of the grant provided to Title VI to provide meals on wheels to senior citizens and the fact that the grant wasn’t written to include those who weren’t tribal members. QTBC Sec./Treas., Tamara Smiley Reeves stated that of the 75 plus meals that are delivered it was determined that only a small amount were actual tribal members. Tamara also included that a survey was being done to determine who is able to qualify for meals on wheels and who will no longer be able to fail in that category, due to reasons stated on the survey.

Administrator Report - QTBC Member, Florence Mathews asked that Tribal Administrator, Donna Mercer, do a report regarding our new tribal employees.

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:
All Tribes Education Counsel (ATEC) – QTBC Member, Florence Mathews mentioned that the All Tribes Education Counsel will be hosting a taco dinner in the month of October and will provide a date when one is decided on. She spoke of the possibility of having a garage sale to help raise money as a fundraiser. Florence Mathews also mentioned that Ar-dina Moore was never paid for a banner provided by her from last year. Tribal Administrator, Donna Mercer, replied that she would get in touch with her and pay her for her services.

Cemetery – QTBC Member, Florence Mathews spoke briefly on work done that centered by her and other members of the Cemetery Committee. They were able to spend $200 to decorate the graves with flowers. Florence Mathews asked that Tribal Administrator, Donna Mercer, look into the budget for the cemetery committee and find out what the money is intended for.

Roads – QTBC Member, Florence Mathews reminded the other members of the Business Committee that Tom Steele has asked to meet with the BC to set a priority list for roads that need repaired.

Emergency Funding Assistance (EFA) – QTBC Member, Florence Mathews told the BC and tribal members in attendance of a lady that was provided a stove, through the EFA, who was unable to afford one at the time, but is now able to return it. Discussion took place about where the stove will go and it was ultimately decided to have the Business Committee buy it from the EFA and place it in the pottery classroom at Picher, OK. Pow-wow – QTBC Member, Florence Mathews stated that a budget sheet be provided from the pow-wow committee in addition to what the prize money was for the pow-wow. Jim Greenfeather stated he believed that top prize money for contest this year ranged somewhere around $3000, but asked that the BC find out for sure. Florence Mathews also wanted to make it known that tribal members do not have to pay a vendor fee to set up at this year’s pow-wow.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:
FEMA Trailers – QTBC Sec./Treas. Tamara Smiley Reeves stated that there would be 20 new FEMA trailers coming in, however there is no exact date.

Bids-Quotes- None

Donation Requests –
1. Technology Students Association (TSA) - After reading the donation request to help send Bryar Chandler to Orlando, FL for TSA, Florence Mathews asked that information regarding the amount given to previously be provided to the Business Committee before a decision be made through a phone poll.

Resolutions –
1. Grand Gateway Economic Development Administration – Motion by QTBC Sec./Treas. Tamara Smiley to adopt the resolution as written. 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.

QTBC Chairman, John Berrey talked about Saracen Solutions, a company that was made with the pairing of the tribe and a company called Detonics. This decision was made to help our standings with law enforcement and to make money outside of casinos. The main focus now is the selling of tourist items.

Chairman John Berrey spoke about the cleaning up of the Quapaw
cemetery and the renewal of the remediation contract with EPA. Chairman Berrey also talked about the Quapaw Tribe now being a multi-state tribe and the closing of the 150.5 acre land purchase in Arkansas. The location of this land has yet to be disclosed, but when it does Chairman Berrey encouraged tribal members to take a trip to Arkansas and view the land. He also added that the pottery on display at the Downstream Casino and Resort, was founded on that land years ago before it was purchased by the tribe.

Closed Session: 10:04 am Return to Open Session: 11:25 am

Topics:
1. Tribal member insurance - The BC concurs with the recommendations made by RMI.
2. The tribal member requested that his appeal be rescheduled for a later date. Tamara will work with him to reschedule.
3. Request for assistance for a tribal member. The request was directed to the Emergency Donations Committee.
4. Housing Committee - The BC concurs with the decisions made by the Housing Committee.

Printed Program Reports were submitted in the minutes of the May 18, 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).

Adjournment: 11:10 am

Benediction: J.R. Mathews
Quapaw Pee Wee Football – Justin Crouch approached the BC and requested funding for the Quapaw Pee Wee Football team. He requested $2325.70 for the cost of jerseys, helmets, and pants. He had already purchased a few helmets, but didn’t have enough in his budget for the rest. Motion by QTBC Member, Betty Gaedtke, to donate the amount requested for the Quapaw Pee Wee Football Team.

Seconded by QTBC Member, TC Bear. Vote: JB, yes; TM, yes; TSR, yes; MR, yes; TB, yes; BG, yes; RM, yes; (7 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, 0 absent). Motion carries.

QTBC Member, Betty Gaedtke. Vote: JB, yes; TM, yes; TSR, yes; MR, yes; TB, yes; BG, yes; RM, yes; (7 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, 0 absent). Motion carries.

Intertribal Buffalo Council Resolution 081713 B - Motion by QTBC Member, Marilyn Rogers to adopt the resolution as written. Seconded by QTBC Member, Betty Gaedtke. Vote: JB, yes; TM, yes; TSR, yes; MR, yes; TB, yes; BG, yes; RM, yes; (7 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, 0 absent). Motion carries.}

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Top, left, BC members Ranny McWatters and TC Bear present Freda Stinson, wife of USS Quapaw veteran, who helped arrange for veterans to attend the event, with a Quapaw clan Pendleton; top, right, USS Quapaw veterans pictured with BC and Cultural Committee members; above, right, the beautiful cake and cookies served after the dedication; above, right, after the unveiling of the anchor and plaque; above, right, guests enjoying the view from Ranny McWatters’ bluff above Spring River; above, left, Cultural Committee members Jean Ann Lambert and Sue Valliere serve cake; left, USS Quapaw veteran Al Anderson shares about his time on the ship.