Goodeagle Crowned

DENVER, CO - Quapaw Tribal Member, Thomasina Goodeagle was crowned the 2017 Denver March Powwow Princess on Sunday, March 26 at the annual Denver March Powwow. Goodeagle represents the Quapaw Tribe, Osage Nation, Pawnee Nation, Sac & Fox Tribe of Kansas and the Osceola First Nations of Saskatchewan, Canada.

She is the 15 year old daughter of Thomas Goodeagle and the late Yvette Goodeagle. Her paternal grandparents are Dolores Goodeagle of Pawhuska and Donald Goodeagle of Walters. Her great-grandmother is the late Mary Osage Green (full-blood Osage). Her maternal grandmother is Della Ewack of Osceola First Nations Saskatchewan, Canada. Her great-grandparents are the late Rose and Joe Ewack.

Goodeagle is an 8th grade student at Riverside Indian School and is active in sports.

Every year, the Denver March Powwow selects a young lady to be their ambassador. They look for one who will make special appearances and travel all over Indian country to represent the Denver March Powwow.

Congratulations, Thomasina!

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Department, and Public Relations Director are proud members of the Native American Journalists Association.

Shawnee Exceling at Softball, Going to Nationals

CLAREMORE, OK - Toni Shawnee has been nominated to participate in the 2017 Sparkler All Star Showcase game in Colorado this month. The nominations are made by past, present, and other softball coaches. These coaches recognized Shawnee’s talent and selected her to play in the Triple Crown Softball game. The game will be coached by top NAIA and junior college coaches. There will be numerous NCAA coaches from all over the nation in the stands who will be recruiting for their future rosters.

This is a wonderful opportunity and great experience. She is extremely excited and honored for this wonderful opportunity.

“We are ecstatic,” her mother Gina Shawnee said. “Toni is being recognized for her hard work and dedication.”

Along with the game, there will be a week-long tournament for Nationals.

Toni is the daughter of tribal member Tony Shawnee and wife Gina and granddaughter of Charles and Doris Shawnee. She is a descendant of the Stafford and Shapp families.

Want to hear more about the candidates running for a position on the Business Committee? See Pages 6 and 7. Information from candidates is printed EXACTLY as it was submitted to the tribe. NO CHANGES ARE MADE.
I pray that you are all ready for summer and General Council. I am so excited about the future for the Quapaw Tribe and all the great things that are happening. This is the best time of year. Things are in motion for a great Pow Wow, and the Pow Wow Committee is getting ready. Please take a look around, and come see us if it has been awhile.

It is so amazing—I am so proud to have been a part of our great nation growth. Every department and every employee works every day to support the awesome members of our Tribal family. It is such a pleasure to work with them all, and we have been doing so many wonderful things. Our processing plant is exciting and near completion, our casinos are doing great, and our other businesses and programs are doing great, as well. One of the biggest responsibilities I have had has been with the three major lawsuits in the Court of Federal Claims. Because we are under several orders, here is a slightly updated update originally in the last newsletter. Update on Quapaw Court of Claims Litigation. There are two pending cases—Goodeagle v. United States, No. 13-2143; Bear v. United States, No. 12-531. Quapaw Tribe of Oklahoma (G. Gah Fuh) v. United States, No. 12-592L (Fed. Cl.). The breach-of-trust litigation being sponsored by the Quapaw Tribe on behalf of its members in the United States Court of Federal Claims is continuing to move forward. However, due to the complex nature of the issues, and also due to the recent change in administration in Washington, the progress has been slow.

The trial in these cases began in Miami, Oklahoma, on September 9, and was scheduled to continue in Washington, D.C., on October 11. On October 10, the parties reached a tentative agreement, in principle, regarding a possible settlement of the claims. Based on that agreement in principle, the Court, on October 11, delayed the continuation of the trial, so that the parties could have adequate time to negotiate and attempt to reach a final settlement. Since October, the parties have been meeting periodically and conferring by telephone, and have been working diligently and cooperatively on addressing components of the proposed settlement. The Court has been conducting frequent status conferences at which the parties have been reporting about the progress of the discussions.

The parties informed the Court at the last status hearing that they believe they are advancing their good-faith settlement discussions in as timely, meaningful, and constructive a manner as they can. As the parties advised the Court, the potential claims of individual Quapaw have been a time-consuming issue in the discussions. The parties have agreed on some milestones to help conclude the discussions. The Court has scheduled the next status conference for May 11.

The parties and legal counsel are subject to a strict confidentiality order with respect to the settlement discussions, and cannot disclose any of the details at this point in time. However, the Tribe's legal team will provide further updates as it is possible. If a settlement is reached, tribal members will receive notice and will have an opportunity to comment.

Please visit the Quapaw Tribe whenever you can see where we are headed and join us in the greatest moment!

Gun Nwy-Gay
John L. Berrey
Chairman
Quapaw Tribal Business Committee

Eppler Places in Oklahoma Law Day Contest

OKLAHOMA CITY, OK - Tribal member Emma Eppler of Miami recently won first place in the Oklahoma statewide Law Day art and writing contests sponsored by the Oklahoma Bar Association. Eppler placed first in fifth-grade writing for her handwritten essay about constitutional rights. She was recognized during a ceremony at the Oklahoma State Capitol where they received their awards from Oklahoma Supreme Court Chief Justice Douglas Combs. More than 900 students in grades pre-kindergarten through 12th entered this year’s Law Day Contest, themed “The 14th Amendment: Transforming American Democracy.”

“This year’s theme gave students an opportunity to explore one of our most important amendments since the Bill of Rights,” said OBA President Linda Thomas. “The 14th Amendment is our most cited amendment and has been instrumental in defining and protecting civil rights. The students really demonstrated their understanding through their entries.”

Law Day, a nationwide event designated by President Dwight D. Eisenhower in 1958, is celebrated annually with events on or around May 1 to raise public awareness of American law. The idea for Law Day was conceived by the late Hicks Epton, a Wewoka attorney and Oklahoma Bar Association past president. Also, to celebrate Law Day, the annual Ask A Lawyer TV show aired April 27, where state winners were featured at the end of the program. The 17,600-member Oklahoma Bar Association, headquartered in Oklahoma City, was created by the Oklahoma Supreme Court to advance the administration of justice and to foster and maintain learning, integrity, competence, public service and high standards of conduct among Oklahoma’s legal community.

Emma is the daughter of tribal member Anna McKibben, granddaughter of the late Jesse and Lorenza McKibben. She is also the great-granddaughter of the late Anna Quapaw McKibben and great-great granddaughter of the late Solomon Quapaw.

Ethan Quapaw

Parents Keith Quapaw and Cola Tsoodle of Norman, OK are proud to announce the birth of their son Ethan Duke Quapaw. He was born in January.

Ethan is the grandson of tribal member Gerald “Pud” Quapaw, grandson of the late Edward Quapaw, great-grandson of the late Jesse Quapaw, and great-great-grandson of Solomon Quapaw.

Elder’s Trip Coming Up

The Elder’s Planning Committee has finalized plans for an elder’s trip. Enrolled tribal members ages 65 and over will be traveling to Washington, D.C. on September 23-28, 2017. Attendees must be able to travel, sit, stand and walk for long periods of time. A doctor’s release is required to go. A refundable $50 deposit is required to reserve your space. Due to space limitations, wheelchairs and electric scooters cannot be brought along. Luggage is limited to one large suitcase and one carry-on bag.

If you are enrolled and 65 or older, be watching your mailbox for registration packets. For more information, contact Debbie Wray at (918) 542-1853. The deadline to return deposit and paperwork returned to the tribe is July 28, 2017.

Preschool Graduates

Miami, OK - Aidyn Harry, left, and Mia Al-Qahtani, graduates from preschool at Leonard Learning Center in Miami, OK. Aidyn is the son of tribal member Hali-Ma Al-Qahtani. Mia is the daughter of Stacia Forbis, tribal member.

Haway Ogaphah

Quapaw Tribal Business Committee Chairman

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A Note from BC Chairman John L. Berrey

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Quapaw Tribal Business Committee

Oklahoma Chief Justice Douglas Combs presents tribute to Emma Eppler of Miami recently won first place in the Oklahoma statewide Law Day art and writing contests sponsored by the Oklahoma Bar Association.
Barbara Grace Dardenne Brand of Quapaw, OK went to be with the Lord on April 28, 2017 at Higher Call Nursing Facility in Qua- paw, OK where she had resided for several months.

Barbara Grace was born March 31, 1927 at the family home at Five Mile, OK. She was the daughter of Frederick Abraham and Beulah Bloomer Dardenne.

Barbara graduated from Riverton High School, Riverton, KS. She was proud to be a member of the Quapaw Tribe of Oklahoma and was a member of the First Christian Church of Baxter Springs, KS.


Barbara retired after many years of employment with Spencer Chemical/ Gulf Chemical Jayhawk Plant near Riverton, KS.

Barbara’s great love was painting and drawing, and her works of art will be lasting memories to her family. She also enjoyed quilting and handwork. Most of all, she loved sitting around the kitchen table and visiting with her family.

Barbara was preceded in death by her parents; her sisters, Lois Marie Dardenne Daugherty and Marjorie Lee Dardenne Ramirez, her brother Fred Edward Dardenne, and two granddaughters, Troy McClendon Tills and Drew Dardenne Tills.

Barbara is survived by her son Dr. Fred W. Tills and wife Ann of Five Mile, OK, granddaughter Dr. Drew E. Tills Tomlin and husband Derek of Conway, AR. Also surviving are Bill Daugherty and wife Karen of Five Mile, OK, Lisa Daughtery Sanderson and husband Jonathan, and Jonathan Sanderson, Jr. and Nicole Sanderson of Provo, UT, Dixie Ramey of Five Mile, OK, Curt Ramey and wife Beth of Old Saybrook, CT, Sean Ramey of Napa Valley, CA and Gerald Ramey of Berkley, CA. Carolyn Hodge and husband Gary of Miami, OK, Brian Hodge and wife Bridgette of Jenks, OK. Also special niece Teri Jo Loeffler Flanagan and husband Col. Michael Flanagan of Huntsville, AL, and their son Patrick Flanagan.

Graveside services were held May 3, 2017 at Lowell Cemetery in Lowell, KS. Arrangements were under the direction of Derfelt’s Baxter Chapel, Baxter Springs, KS. Online condolences may be expressed at www.derfeltfuneralhomes.com.

The 7th Annual Dhegiha Gathering is August 3-4 at the Downstream Casino, Quapaw, OK where we will hold our 22nd annual Dhegiha Gathering Celebration. Beginning at 7 a.m., breakfast will be served. The meeting will be held on March 11, until his death January 19, 1991.

Shirley was born June 2, 1927 in Miami, Okla. to Wilkie and Jesse (Brown) Racer. She attended the Assembly of God Church in Miami. She was a member of the Quapaw Tribe. She had lived in Miami all of her life and was a graduate of Miami High School.

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Shirley married Virgil Baker in 1965. She survives of the home. Additional survivors include three sons, Warren Harkins and wife Carolene of McAl- ester, Okla., Cade J. Harkins and wife Lynda of Dawson, Texas and Kim Carrigan and wife Linda of Miami, Okla., two stepsons, David Baker and wife Kathy and of Virgil “Dee” Baker and wife Pattie of Miami, Okla., 11 grandchildren, 20 great grandchildren and two great-great grandchildren.

Services will be at 11 a.m., Tuesday Aug. 9, 2017 at Paul Thomas Funeral Home Chapel in Miami, Okla. Rev. Geoff Buffallo will officiate. Interment will be in Glen Abbey Memorial Gardens in Miami. David Harkins, Stephen Harkins, Jason Harkins, Justin Harkins, Jeff Harkins, Brent Harkins and Kacey Carrigan will serve as pallbearers. The family will receive friends from 10-11 a.m. prior to the service at the funeral home. Memorial services have been suggested to First Assembly of God or your favorite charity in Shirley’s memory. Services have been placed in the care of Paul Thomas Funeral Home and Cremation Service of Miami, Okla.

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Villon. Beginning at 7 a.m., breakfast will be served. The meeting will begin at 9:30 a.m. July 22 is the Quapaw Tribal election.

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Above, Bonnie Hogan with the meal all received from Jake White Crow.

**Hogan Recalls 1984 Quapaw Pow-Wow**

QUAPAW, OK - Friend of the Quapaw Tribe Bonnie Hogan, age 90, stopped by the tribal office recently to reminisce about past Quapaw Powows. She was very happy to speak about one particular year that stood out in her mind—1984.

Hogan, who was a close friend of tribal member Mary Bear, was flattered, proud and nervous when Bear asked her to sing the Lord’s Prayer for the opening of the annual celebration. When the first day of pow wow arrived, she sang while young women performed Indian sign language. After she finished singing, Jake White Crow, Jr. presented her with a medal. She says it was one of the greatest honors of her life. She still has the metal and cherishes it dearly.

**Cultural Committee Hosts Classes**

The Cultural Committee is hosting a series of traditional classes. Throughout late summer and early fall, other classes that are going to be taught include fry bread making and table setup for funerals and memorial feasts. The first class was fry bread making and table setup for funerals and memorial feasts. To sign up for a class, contact Karen Hildreth at (918) 360-8619 or e-mail him at nichols@bacone.edu.

During the convention, AMERIND will announce the winners of its student poster contest aimed at helping to energize the audience. The enrolled member of the Three Affiliated Tribes (Hidatsa) of North Dakota travels across North America to inspire, heal and motivate Native America’s youth.

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**PUBLIUS OF SANTA ANA, NM –** The most enlightening and comprehensive event focused on protecting Tribal communities, Tribal businesses, and Tribal governmental entities comes to Nashville, Tennessee June 27-28 for the third consecutive year. AMERIND Risk will host its annual conference and tradeshow with the National American Indian Housing Council (NAIHC), promoting proactive, preventative safety measures for homeowners and Tribal businesses. AMERIND and the NAIHC are excited to build on the success of last year’s event in Honolulu, Hawaii. More than 700 attendees from across Indian Country are expected to attend the 2017 AMERIND Risk / NAIHC Conference & Tradeshow at the Music City Center (Convention Center) in downtown Nashville. The organizations are delivering a tremendous economic impact to Indian communities by joining forces to offer more variety for attendees via dynamic training, education, and phenomenal networking opportunities with hundreds of Tribal leaders and housing professionals. A little known fact about NAHIC actually played a pivotal role in the formation of AMERIND Risk in 1986. NAHIC worked closely with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to conceive the idea of a public risk-pool concept to self-insure Tribal governmental entities. “Thirty years later, we’re still working together to expand and improve housing and infrastructure in Tribal communities,” said Derek Valdo (Acoma Pueblo), AMERIND Risk CEO.

Naturaly, the organizations share similar values and missions. “It think that’s what’s unique about our partnership—we’re committed, we’re focused, and all of our experiences are rooted in Tribal communities,” Valdo said. AMERIND Risk sessions will cover topics such as claims, human resources, workplace safety, housing development, and everything else Tribal housing officials will need to grow and maintain their Tribal government affiliations.”

NAIHC will update attendees on its latest advocacy efforts with Congress and the new Administration, and connect tribal housing professionals to Tribal housing officials. “The National American Indian Housing Council is looking forward to another great Annual Convention with our partners at AMERIND Risk,” stated NAHIC Board Chairwoman Sami Jo Durfumur. “Our convention attendance continues to grow, which only allows us to provide more content and training options for our members. We really hope Indian Housing professionals are able to take advantage of all the networking opportunities that the annual convention provides.”

The meeting additionally gives both organizations’ members/owners the opportunity to participate in AMERIND and NAHIC’s respective business meetings. “Part of being a member is being able to cast a vote and hear directly from the leadership of both organizations,” Valdo pointed out.

To register or learn more about the 2017 AMERIND Risk / NAIHC Conference & Tradeshow, visit amerindrisk.org/event/amerind-risk-naihc-conference-tradeshow. Registered attendees will receive hotel information in their confirmation email.

**About AMERIND Risk**

AMERIND Risk was founded more than 30 years ago by more than 400 Tribes who united and pooled their resources to create AMERIND Risk to keep Indian money within Indian Country. AMERIND Risk provides property, liability and workers’ compensation insurance for Tribes, Tribal government and Tribal businesses, as well as individual property coverage and employee benefits. It is the only 100% Tribally owned and operated insurance provider committed to Indian Country. To learn more about Tribes Protecting Tribes or for an insurance quote, go to AMERINDRisk.org.

**About the Nation American Indian Housing Council**

The NAIHC is the only national organization representing the housing interests of Native people who reside in Indian communities, Alaska Native villages, and on native Hawaiian homelands. The NAIHC is composed of 271 members representing 463 tribes and housing organizations. NAIHC promotes and supports Native housing efforts to expand and improve housing and infrastructure in Tribal communities, Tribal insurance, and the Tribal housing industry comes to Nashville, Tennessee, June 27-28 for the third consecutive year, AMERIND Risk will host its annual conference and tradeshow with the National American Indian Housing Council (NAIHC), promoting proactive, preventative safety measures for homeowners and Tribal businesses. AMERIND and the NAIHC are excited to build on the success of last year’s event in Honolulu, Hawaii. More than 700 attendees from across Indian Country are expected to attend the 2017 AMERIND Risk / NAIHC Conference & Tradeshow at the Music City Center (Convention Center) in downtown Nashville. The organizations are delivering a tremendous economic impact to Indian communities by joining forces to offer more variety for attendees via dynamic training, education, and phenomenal networking opportunities with hundreds of Tribal leaders and housing professionals. A little known fact about NAHIC actually played a pivotal role in the formation of AMERIND Risk in 1986. NAHIC worked closely with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to conceive the idea of a public risk-pool concept to self-insure Tribal governmental entities. “Thirty years later, we’re still working together to expand and improve housing and infrastructure in Tribal communities,” said Derek Valdo (Acoma Pueblo), AMERIND Risk CEO.

**NAIHC Convention & Tradeshow**

**Showcase Protecting Tribal Communities and Housing**

**Oklahoma Native All State Games**

MUSKOGEE, OK - The Board of Directors for the Oklahoma Native All State Association announced the 2017 Annual Oklahoma All State Games to be held June 16 and 17 at Bacone College in Muskogee, Oklahoma.

Senior high school American Indian boy and girl athletes in softball, baseball, and basketball will compete. Participants from Oklahoma public schools will be identified and selected to represent their respective high school and compete in this important gathering of sport competition and recognition. The two day activities will culminate with a closing ceremony and an award banquet featuring a keynote speaker from Oklahoma athletics.

The following participating schools will have athletes compete in softball, baseball, and basketball games. “This is our way of encouraging our American Indian student athletes to continue their dream of furthering their athletic positions and giving them recognition for their accomplishments in athleticism and academics. Tribal governments, Oklahoma public schools, parents, Bacone staff, and coaches have all been more than supportive and we are very appreciative for the benefit of our Oklahoma public school American Indian students” said Dwight Pickering, chair of the association’s board of directors. All association planning committee members, coaches, and tribal officials are looking forward to a successful event and energy in making this opportunity unique for all athletes and spectators. “We look forward to seeing you all again come and enjoy the competitions, recognition, and fellowship at Bacone College, a historic college for Native people,” Pickering continued.

For ticket information, programs, and donations, please call Josh Nichols, committee member, at 918-360-8619 or e-mail him at nichols@bacone.edu at Bacone College.
Deputy Director position in Washington DC

The National American Indian Housing Council (NAIHC) is seeking to fill the full-time position of Deputy Director. This position serves the non-profit as a senior level leader on organizational operations and reports directly to the Executive Director. The position directs all aspects of the organization’s administrative services and operations in support of NAIHC.

The position supervises administrative personnel and coordinates departmental administrative personnel for general clerical, financial, and administrative support activities; assures that good customer service is provided from support staff through proper training and mentoring; works closely with the Executive Director and other members of the organization’s senior leadership to improve the delivery of services; and advises members of the Executive staff on work-flows of internal operations.

This position also includes, but is not limited to the following duties:

- Responding to customer concerns in a timely manner and providing professional assistance.
- Hiring and coordinating the selection process and timeline.
- Assisting with the coordination of day-to-day processes for NAIHC T/TA programs.
- Developing and attending various conferences.
- Providing support in the areas of grant writing, program compliance, statistical analysis, project/program development, technical assistance, and facilitation.
- Drafting position drafts all correspondence to students who complete all requirements for PIHM and coordinates with other NAIHC staff, to provide back-up assistance to other Program Assistant positions.
- Reviewing invoices for accuracy and required documentation of products and services delivered.
- Maintaining records of students at NAIHC events.
- Assisting with the reconciliation of tuition fees, membership payments, credit cards and other payments; maintaining financial records; and preparing quarterly reports by gathering statistical information.
- Assisting in fulfillment of program reporting requirements.
- Providing printed promotional materials related to programs, products and services for distribution; coordinating travel; providing instructors with materials including registration lists; assisting with reconciliation of tuition fees, membership payments, credit cards and other payments; reviewing expense reports; and providing support by field staff and consultant invoices for accuracy and required documentation of products and services delivered.
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Minimum qualifications include:

- Bachelor’s degree in accounting, business or related field.
- Minimum of 7-10 years of progressively responsible experience in non-profits, including experience in non-profit finance, internal controls, policy, human resource management, program development, and event planning.
- Must possess excellent supervisory and planning skills; strong written and oral communication skills.

Candidates should send their resume and cover letter to careers@naihc.net. Please place “Deputy Director” in the subject line. For more information on NAIHC visit www.naihc.net. Position will be open until filled.

Program Assistant position in Washington DC

The National American Indian Housing Council (NAIHC) is seeking to fill the full-time position of Program Assistant. This Program Assistant position will focus on NAIHC’s training and technical assistance activities (T/TA) and general office administration.

The position coordinates day-to-day processes for NAIHC T/TA programs. This includes collecting, maintaining and organizing all program database records and files including student attendance, examinations, certificates and scholarship applications; updating NAIHC website with timely, accurate information; and ensuring that all program records are current. It also includes analyses of program reports by gathering statistical information in fulfillment of program reporting requirements. This position is also responsible for providing printed promotional materials related to programs, products and services for distribution; coordinating travel; providing instructors with materials including registration lists; assisting with reconciliation of tuition fees, membership payments, credit cards and other payments; reviewing expense reports; and provides support to field staff and consultant invoices for accuracy and required documentation of products and services delivered.

The position also drafts RIIF’s for presenters and coordinators and coordinates the selection process and timeline.

General office duties will also include logging and distributing incoming mail and preparing mailings; participating in staff meetings, retreats, strategic planning sessions, and organizational meetings; and procuring resources and supplies to meet NAIHC office needs. The position will also cross train with other NAIHC staff, to provide back-up assistance to other Program Assistant positions.

Candidate skills required include:

- Bachelor’s degree in business, social services or related field.
- Minimum of 5 years of progressively responsible experience in non-profits, including experience in grant program support; strong knowledge of computer systems, possess excellent customer service skills; strong written and oral communication skills.

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Thanks from Betty Gaedtke

I would like to take a moment to thank all of you that have supported me over the last four years as a Member on the Business Committee. It has been a pleasure to serve you and it has been an honor to be part of a great team and a part of the great strides we have made moving the Tribe forward over the last four years. My true love is the culture of our Tribe so I will continue to be involved with our culture and continuing with pottery lessons. Our pottery lessons have been somewhat limited because we have been using the Museum building for lessons and using our kiln at Picher. I am happy to announce that the BC graciously approved renovating the old facilities building at the tribal complex and turning it into a pottery studio. We will have our own permanent home for pottery lessons and will have the kiln, tools, space, etc. that we need all in one place. It will allow us to give better lessons and have lessons available to more people including adults, not just the children. I wholeheartedly believe that we must hold on to our culture and teaching Quapaw pottery is my way of furthering that. I am humbled for the honor of serving you over the last four years and look forward to seeing you all again.

Gun ney-gay, Betty Gaedtke

Above from left, Chris Roper, GSA, Lillie Shapp, BC Member Ranny McWat- ters, Buddy Shapp, and BC Chairman John Berrey.
My name is Geoff Buffalo and I am announcing my candidacy for the Office of the Quapaw Tribal Business Committee. I love our Quapaw people! Most of my adult life has been spent in the service and care of others. I currently serve as Pastor of Cardin Baptist Church in Miami, OK. In the past my wife, Kim, and I have served in churches in Kansas and Missouri. I am an alumnus of Central Bible College in Springfield, MO. For 10-12 years I had the privilege of serving those at the end of their lives with their families as a Hospice Chaplain in Northeast Oklahoma, having worked at Heaven and Earth Hospice in Miami as well as Good Shepherd Hospice in Grove. It has been my great privilege in those same years, and still yet today, to help care for many of our Quapaw families at their times of loss and deepest grief. That is what I feel has been my gift and strength given by the Lord through my adult life and wouldn’t trade those experiences for anything. They have shaped and molded me to be who I am today. It has been an honor to serve others and try and make a difference. I’m praying for the same opportunity to be able to serve our people on a broader level. Being on the Committee is a position of servanthood, and we have great servants not only now but have had such in the past as well. All I ask is just your consideration for the opportunity to serve. I have had the privilege in the past of serving on our Tribe’s Election Committee, and currently serve on the Grievance Committee. My father, Lloyd Buffalo, has in the past modeled for me, as well as others, what it means to be a servant to our people. That is all that I’m asking your consideration to be. A servant for the Quapaw people. I so appreciate the strides our current Committee has made in taking care of our Elders and our Children. The quality of life we are able to provide is something that is near to my heart. The Quapaw Tribe has such a bright future! The reason that is so is because of those serving in leadership now, and those who have served us in the past and laid the groundwork for where we are as a people today. Running for office is something I’m excited about! I’m thankful for a supportive family as well. I have been married to my wife Kim for 30 years this July, and we have two grown daughters. Emily is 23 and lives in Africa and Kenzie is 21 and lives here in Miami. It would certainly be a great honor to be able to serve our Quapaw people on the Business Committee. Your vote will be greatly appreciated and not taken for granted. Regardless of who you vote for, please exercise your right as a Tribal member and vote! Thank you

VOTE FOR T.C. BEAR

If you, like many of us who follow our national political environment it is easy to see why we are turned off by the national political process. Neither side has a good word to say about the other party. The news media is so negative that we have to turn them off just to hear some good news. Well I am happy to say that all of us who have been elected to serve on the Quapaw Tribe’s Business Committee are friends who care about each other and our Tribal Members and respect each other’s opinions. That’s why, as a member of the Quapaw Tribe’s Business Committee, I am seeking your support for reelection this July 22. I am very proud of what we have accomplished as members of the BC and wish to continue to serve you and our Tribe for another term again this year. Working together, we have strived to serve all of our Tribal members in a manner that brings honor to our Tribe. Your continued support means a lot to me personally and I seek your help again this election season. We have accomplished a lot during these past two years. I would be amiss if I didn’t give a lot of that credit to the leadership of Chairman John Berrey. We continue to look for business opportunities for the Tribe that will help us both financially while providing decent jobs for our Tribal Members and their family members. It is important to expand the source of revenue to our Tribe to ensure our Tribe’s continued financial stability. If reelected I pledge to you that as a member of our Business Committee, I will continue to serve the Tribe and all its members. We have to realize that our Tribal members are scattered across the nation and some even in far away countries. I believe it is up to the members of the BC to serve the interests of all and I will do so at the best of my ability. I respectfully request your support and vote on July 22.

Thank You,
T.C. Bear

Ivy Henson

18-year-old Ivy Henson graduated from Quapaw High School in May. I am enrolled at NEO. I have four brothers (one who is deceased) and two sisters. I have overcome a lot, but nothing in life comes easy. We all have to work every single day for what we want. My future goal is to graduate from college in Criminal Psychology to help kids like me get to where they want and CAN be. To encourage them that they are better than the struggle and that every situation is temporary.

DAYLIGHT IS HERE FOR O-GAH-PAH!

VOTE CAROL DAYLIGHT GREEN

MEMBER QUAPAW BUSINESS COMMITTEE

CAROL GREEN STANDS FOR:

- TRADITION AND CULTURE
- INTEGRITY / HONESTY
- TRIBAL FINANCIAL TRANSPARENCY
- HIGHER EDUCATION / JOB TRAINING / DAY LABOR
- ACCOUNTABILITY TO TRIBAL MEMBERS
- AVAILABILITY OF TRIBAL RESOURCES

How do you feel about what you see in Tribal government?

B.C. Incumbent Marilyn Rogers

Ha-Way O-Gah-Pah Tribe,

My name is Marilyn Rogers. It has been a pleasure to be your voice for the last two years, and I’m asking you to support me in my bid for reelection on July 22, 2017.

Over the last two years, I’m proud to say I’ve been part of several positive accomplishments for the tribe. I worked on the Quapaw Park project plan and design, Quapaw Cattle Company bull sales, and a housing project for the near future. Serving on a planning committee, I helped plan a trip for elders to take this fall to Washington, D.C. Currently, I am the Chairman of the Quapaw Casino Authority and oversee the day-to-day operations of the Quapaw Casino; I’m also a member of the Downtown Development Authority. It is exciting to see what is coming in the future for the tribe. The meat processing plant will be completed soon; I can’t wait to see its success.

All of the business the tribe participates in keeps the Business Committee extremely busy. We have come so far in the last few years. I’m so grateful to have been a part of the tribe’s growth. I always look ahead for new opportunities for the tribe to grow. There are many opportunities for us to continue prospering.

I want to see the tribe build more housing and increase social services.

I’m the mother of three children and five grandchildren. Living on a farm in Welch, OK, I raise cattle, mini horses, and mini cows. I’ve been in the farming business all my life.

Please get out and vote. Your voice matters. I am honored to serve you and look forward to serving you another two years.

Gun-Ney-Gey

Marilyn Rogers

Himona Supernaw

Himona Laine Supernaw was born at 2:17 pm on March 31, 2017 at St. Joseph Regional Medical Center in Oklahoma City. She weighed 7lbs. 12oz. and measured 21½ inches long.

Her proud parents are Casie Renee and William “Son” Supernaw IV. She has two older brothers, Noahasha age 4 ½ and Tashka 3. She is the granddaughter of William “Kugee” Supernaw III and Phyllis Warrington of Skiatook, Barbara Jefferson Lester of Okmulgee, and the late La-Creda Weller Daugomah of Binger.
Business Committee Candidates’ Forum

Vote for Pud Quapaw for B.C. Member

Haway fellow members of the Quapaw of the Quapaw General Council, My name is Gerald “Pud” Quapaw, and I am asking for you to vote for me to serve as a member of the Quapaw Tribal Business Committee. In return for your vote, I promise to be your voice to the Quapaw Business Committee.

To you members from the Quapaw area, I ask for your vote. To those of you who are away, I want to introduce myself. I lived in the Quapaw area most of my life, attending Quapaw Schools and completing training in the Northeast Five Tribes Council Indian Action Team. I have used what I learned at Indian Action Team to earn a living in construction, carpentry, and maintenance.

I have been involved with Quapaw Tribal business for many years with my father, the late Ed Quapaw. He served many years on the Quapaw Business Committee and many more years—served at the same time—as the Chairman of the Quapaw PowWow Committee. Our entire family helped, learned, and attended Quapaw General Council and Business Committee meetings.

Working with the PowWow Committee, I learned to take care of the powwow grounds with little to no money. The grounds will always be important to me, and I continue to serve on the Grounds Committee to maintain and improve Beaver Springs Park.

I learned traditional Quapaw ways with the rest of my Quapaw family by helping Aunt Maude Smith, Aunt Cecilie Ellic, Uncle Jim Quapaw, and Uncle Eddie Quapaw. They helped many families with Quapaw burial and memorial dinners. We learned many of the family ways within the traditional ceremonies.

Last year, I decided to run for Business Committee member after talking to tribal members who were having problems. Many of these problems were in the area of personnel practices in which policies did not appear to be applied in a fair and consistent manner across the board. Contracting practices were also questioned for by some by some of the same reasons. It has been my observation through continuing discussions with tribal members and community members that these issues apparently have not been addressed and resolved. So, I have, once again, decided to run for office with the determination to see that these concerns are addressed and corrected with more transparency in the process.

If elected, I promise to be your voice to the Business Committee. What I bring to the table is honesty, institutional memory, knowledge of Quapaw traditions, I will work for fair and equal treatment of tribal members under tribal law and policies. I thank you for your consideration whichever candidate you choose to support, please vote.

Oklahoma Tribal Gaming Regulators Association (OTGRA) was established by me in 2008. In 2011, I graduated from Missouri Southern State University’s Paramedic Program. Throughout my career in the Fire Department, Emergency Medical Services, and my education, I feel I have developed a unique set of skills that will enable me to help our tribe continue to grow and be the best it can be.

I hope to be able to bring to the Quapaw Tribe Business Committee a helpful and beneficial outlook for the betterment of our great tribe, and all our tribal members of today and the future. I hope to proudly serve you, your family, and the rest of the Quapaw Tribe for the next two years on the Quapaw Tribe Business Committee.
Alayah Johnson-Jennings

Alayah Johnson-Jennings graduated from Marshall College Prep in Dulluth, Minnesota with highest honors. She will be attending Dartmouth College in the fall. While in high school, Alayah participated in a broad range of activities such as executive student council president, National Honor Society, National Art Honor Society, tennis captain, basketball, track, and much more. She plans to study environmental health with a focus on how tribal communities are affected by pollution and how they can become healthier. Alayah would also like to thank everyone who participated in taking surveys for her senior project.

Alexandra “Aly” Morton

Aly Morton graduated May 11th, 2017, from NEO A&M College where she received her Associate Degree of Nursing. Aly also took part in NEO’s pinning ceremony, which was held on May 11th. Once Aly enrolled at NEO, it didn’t take long for her decide that nursing was in her future. After being accepted into the nursing program, Aly worked diligently to maintain good grades. She also remained dedicated throughout semesters of early morning drives for clinicals while exploring which area of nursing was for her. In the end, it was the NICU that she loved, but she always encouraged her in her academic and career endeavors. She is grateful for their help and support. Before graduation, Aly was offered and accepted a position in the NICU that she loved, but she plans to attend OU in the fall and pursue a career in pharmacy. Aly’s career goal is to teach children, ages four and younger, in a childcare setting and, eventually, own a childcare center or become a teacher’s aide.

Sara Buffalo

Sara Buffalo has earned a Bachelor of Human Science in Human Development and Family Science with an option in Child and Family Services and emphasis in Early Childhood Education from Oklahoma State University in Stillwater. While she was at OSU, Buffalo received several scholarships including the Oklahoma State University Academic Scholarship, Oklahoma State University Transfer Student Academic Scholarship, and the Seneca Black Elk Mathews Scholarship. She also maintained a perfect 4.0 on the Dean’s Honor Roll. She was also active in Human Development and Family Science Club, Early Childhood Education Club, Ameri- can Sign Language Club, Native American Student Association and a member of the student alumni association.

Garrett Cousatte

Tribal member Garrett Cousatte graduated from Pryor (OK) High School in May. Garrett is the son of Gary and Jamie Cousatte of Pryor and Melissa Cousatte of Jonesboro, AR. His grandparents are Larry and Kathy Cousatte of Pryor and Joyce and the late Rev. Tommy Tims of Jonesboro, AR. He was on the wrestling team for three years and a member of Leadership. He’s also a member of the Westside Free Will Baptist Church in Pryor and active with the youth group. He enjoys hunting and fishing with family.

Paige Lewis

Tribal member Paige Lewis of Skiatook graduated from Northeastern State University in Tahlequah, OK with a B.S. in Education, specializing in Secondary Mathematics Education with a minor in Psychology. She previously received an Associate of Liberal Arts in Pre-education from Tulsa Community College. A favorite quote of Paige’s relating to her educational endeavors is by Nelson Mandela, “Education is the most powerful weapon we can use to change the world.”

Lida Supernaw

Lida A. Supernaw, an Osage and Quapaw tribal member from Briscoe, TX, graduated from Northeastern State University in May. She received a degree in Classical Studies with three minors: Classical Languages, History, and War & Society. Supernaw is currently employed at the National Gallery of Art in Washington, DC. She will be attending Georgetown University in Washington, DC this fall as a Post-Baccalaureate student in Classics, continuing her studies in Latin and Classical Greek. Supernaw is planning to continue studying Classics at the graduate level.

Mollie Drapeau

In May 2017, Mollie Drapeau earned her Master of Business Administration from Pittsburg State University. A favorite quote of Mollie’s is “We’re all stories in the end, just make it a good one!” - Dr. WHO “I will further my education with a second master degree, Master of Science in Human Resource Development.”

J.P. Barker

John Paul Barker recently graduated with his Bachelor of Education in Aerospace Administration and Operations. With his concentration on profession- al pilot, he received his commercial pilot’s rating. While at Stillwater, he was an active member of OSU’s Flying Aggies team and was a ground crew member for a jet team at the Reno Air Races. JP is the son of Martha and Terry Barker of Tulsa, OK and the grandson of Ardina and Jim Moore of Miami, OK and Joe and Jewel Barker, formerly of Commerce, OK. He is a graduate of Jenks High School.