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An Update from Chairman John Berrey

Quapaw Chairman Berrey One of Two Recipients of NIGA 2016 Wendell Chino Humanitarian Award

In early March, the National In- dian Gaming Association an- nounced the 2016 award re- cipients for the Wendell Chino Humanitarian Award. Chairman Jose "Moke" Simon III of Middle- town Rancheria, CA and Chairman John Berrey of Quapaw Tribe, OK, Chairman Simon III and Chairman Berrey will receive their awards at the annual Wendell Chino Hu- manitarian Awards Banquet on Tuesday, March 15th at the Phoe- nix Convention Center during the Indian Gaming Tradeshow & Con- vention event.

The Wendell Chino Humanitarian Awards Banquet is the Nation- al Indian Gaming Association’s most prestigious event, honoring the legacy of longtime President Wendell Chino of the Mescalero Apache Nation. President Wend- ell Chino spent his life protect- ing tribal sovereignty and ad- vancing Indian self-governance. At this banquet, the National In- dian Gaming Association will cel- ebrate President Wendell Chino and honor individuals whose ac- tions have improved the lives of citizens in Indian country.

"This year we are pleased to be awarding two individuals with the Wendell Chino Humanitar- ian Award," said Chairman Ernie Stevens. "The work that both Chairman Simon III and Chairman Berrey do are a true testament to their leadership in Indian Coun- try."

Chairman Jose "Moke" Simon III
Chairman Simon III’s responsi- bilities include leading and repre- senting the Middletown Rancheria of Pomo Indians of California in all major decisions directly in- volving all entities of the Tribe, which include but are not limited to overseeing all Tribal Govern- ment Operations.

As Chairman, he oversaw all as- pects of construction of a new 15,000 square foot gaming facil- ity. During his recent time off as Chairman, he worked in the main- tenance department of the Twin Pine Casino & Hotel. On behalf of the Tribe, Mr. Simon also negoti- ated with the State of California and acquired the gaming compact for the Middletown Rancheria. He helped negotiate $47.5 million to build and construct the new Twin Pine Casino & Hotel gaming facil- ity, which was completed in 2009. Chairman Simon’s leadership was instrumental to an entire community affected by what is now known as The Valley Fire -- one of the most destructive fires in California history, which burned 76,067 acres in Septem- ber of 2015. The fire burned right through the small town. Under his leadership, the Tribe provided temporary housing for members and employees in the Twin Pine Hotel and the Red Cross used the Special Evacuation Center as an Evacuation Center, providing 260 beds for community members displaced by the fire. The tribe communicated vital information to the community through the casino operations to inform them of changing information on a dai- ly basis. Under the Leadership of the Middletown Rancheria, this community came together and both Indian and non-Indian alike were assured of their safety and well-being in a time of crisis. It is in the extension of this type of goodwill that Indian Gaming prides itself on and it is a clear ex- ample of tribal gaming extending beyond our own communities. We applaud Chairman Simon and the Middletown Rancheria for their humanity, support, and understanding.

Mr. Simon brings to the Tribe a substantial amount of knowledge and passion. An avid sports fan and former professional football player with the NFL Indianapolis Colts, AFL Arizona Rattlers, WFL Barcelona Dragons in Spain and Scottish Claymores in Scotland as World Champions, he also attend- ed Butte College and Texas A&M. He volunteered at the local high school as the defensive coach for the varsity football team. Mr. Simon lives on the reservation with his wife and son and recently became a grandfather.

Chairman John Berrey

During Chairman John Berrey’s tenure on the Business Commit- tee, the Quapaw Tribe has expe- rience exponential growth. The Tribe has expanded its social services programs, senior hous- ing, daycare, education support, wellness center, library, Title 6, environmental development, fa- milies, 5 Fire/EMS stations, tribal marshal service, tribal courts, 638

ORAL HISTORY PROJECT 2016

The Quapaw Tribal Library is partnering with StoryCorps, an in- dependent funded 501(c)3 organization, to create an archive of person- al accounts, stories and memories of people within our community— told in their own voices.

StoryCorps is one of the largest oral history projects of its kind. Since 2003, StoryCorps has collected and archived more than 60,000 inter- views from more than 300,000 participants. Each conversation is recorded on a free 100-minute share, and preserved at the American Folk- life Center at the Library of Congress.

We want YOU to be a part of this wonderful opportunity! Call today or come by the Library to make an appointment for your interview. We will work around your schedule to accommodate you.

(918) 674-2454

Millions listen to weekly broadcasts on NPR’s Morning Edition, which highlights some of the interviews. Perhaps your story will be chosen to be highlighted on this program.

Help us preserve these memories for future generations.

Contact Pattie Billings @ the library (918) 674-2454

We are looking for first-hand accounts, memories and stories of people of all ages in the community, in order to create a lasting legacy.

Everyone has a story to tell.

StoryCorps interviews are designed to record conversations between people who are part of one another’s lives, so we do ask that you bring a partner. If you do not have a partner, come with an idea of a story that you would like to tell. A Facilitator will be on-site to help you share your story and ask questions. Each interview takes approximately 40 minutes.

All participants will receive a copy of the recording, and with your permission, interviews will be archived at the Quapaw Tribal Library as well as the American Folklife Center at the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C.

StoryCorps interviews are intended to be uncensored conversations. However, you are welcome to bring something short to read to incorporate into your conversation.

All participants will need to sign a consent form and recording agreement on the day of the interview.

We all have stories to tell, stories we have lived from the inside out. All voices matter! Let your story be heard, and preserved for generations to come.

Your VOICES MATTER!
In Memory of Charles Shapp

Charles Lewis Shapp age 53 of Des Moines, Iowa passed away February 1, 2016 at Mercy Hospital in Des Moines, Iowa. Charles was born on July 11, 1962 in Clarence, Iowa. He was preceded in death by his mother, Nancy Shapp and his step-father, James Washington. He is survived by his long time companion Gladys Weese of the home; five stepbrothers, Phretho Madison, Sr., and his wife Sharon, Albert Madison and his wife Birlie, Randle Beeberbrow and Robert Madison, Sr., one brother, James Washington, Jr., two sisters, Nina Burrows of the home, Oaklahoma and Angela Yost of Miami, Oklahoma, his fa-

torite aunt Sharon Blalock of Quapaw, Oklahoma and his uncle Bob Shapp and his wife, Iris of Middle-

burg, Florida. Also surviving are two step-grandchildren, Kayla, Phraitho, Jr. and Kassandra, three step-great-

grandchildren, Adline, Joshua, Jr. and Allison and other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were February 5, 2016 at the Quapaw Tribal Building, Quapaw, Oklahoma. Native Ameri-

can Rites were given by Dennis Jennings, Interim Tribal Smith Shapp Cemetery, in Quapaw. Pall-

bearers were Justin Burrow, Bucky Washington, Daniel Washington, Bobby Washington, Richard Shapp, Jr. and Tucker Taber.

In Memory of D. LeAnn Pennington

D. LeAnn Pennington, age 48 of Joplin, Missouri, passed away March 7, 2016. LeAnn was born on June 28, 1967 in Miami, Oklahoma. LeAnn was a resident of Joplin, Missouri at the time of her passing. She was preceded in death by her parents, and five stepchildren.

She is survived by three sons, Robert Pennington of Granby, Missouri, Brian Pennington of Genoa Ridge, Joplin, Missouri; two daughters, Rashawnda Pennington of Joplin, Missouri, and Cheyenne Hughs of Carthage, Missouri. Also surviving are four sis-

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TEDx, from 1

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Brittany Hodak is the co-founder of Per Diems Against Poverty. Hodak, who appeared on Shark Tank with her business partner for ZinePak, is worth sharing.”

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- Stadtler and the Quapaw Elderberry Cemetery and the new Quapaw Tribal Cemetery.

- To enable the tribe to continue their work, many resolutions are available online or at the higher education office. For more information, contact higher education director Krista Porse at 918.542.1913, ext. 2011.

- The speaker lineup included:

- Wes Craiglow (AICP), Deputy Director of Planning and Development at the Tribe.

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Minutes, from 3

NGIA, from 2

Tribal Businesses Growing,
Expansions Coming Soon

NGA is a wholly-owned entity of the Qua- paw Tribe of Oklahoma. QSA was started in June of 2012 and has been performing construction and managing construction projects for the Quapaw Tribe since its inception. In the summer of 2013, QSA started branding the company and re- working land belonging to a deceased tribal member and the family’s wishes to allow access to tribal property for environmental remediation; regarding tribe’s funding for independent property; and for purchase until June 3, 2016. The shirts will be available for purchase until June 3, 2016. The shirts have the pictured design on the front. The back has a band and two small white t-shirts for purchase until June 3, 2016. Shirts are $10 for 4, $20 for 5+ shirts. Shirts are pre- shrunk 100% cotton.

New Shirts, PowWow Fundraiser

Quapaw Service Authority is a wholly-owned entity of the Qua- paw Tribe of Oklahoma. QSA was started in June of 2012 and has been performing construction and managing construction projects for the Quapaw Tribe since its inception. In the summer of 2013, QSA started branding the company and re- working for individual property owners. Since then, QSA has been able to do multiple remedial cleanup projects around the Tar Creek area. Some QSA-managed projects currently underway include: Distal 7 North Remediation, Beacon Creek North Remediation, Distal 10 Remediation (Preconstruction Phase), Distal 12 Remediation, Unregulated Tier 1 (Building 3) (Preconstruction), CMT Project Repository Operation, and Catholic Office 4. Our remedial projects continue the Quapaw seabuild, i.e., new offices uptime for QUA, QUA, Realty & Environmental, water hazards, and building and driving range building at the Eagle Creek Golf Course, coffee roasting facility, meat processing facility—preconstruction phase, VIP remodel at Downstream Casino Resort, and creation of the Route 66 Park in downtown Quapaw. Quapaw is growing every day and currently has a total of 32 employees—13 of whom are Quapaw Tribal members. Quapaw Casino Company (QCC) is also a wholly-owned entity of the Quapaw Tribe of Oklahoma. QCC was started in 2014 and received its first license from the Oklahoma Corporation from Spur Ranch in April, 2014. In the fall of 2014, QCC received another 120 pairs of Angus cattle from Spur Ranch.

By January of 2015, QCC became the primary beef supplier for Downstream Casino Resort and Quapaw Casino. QCC also started selling beef-related products such as beef jerky, beef sticks, summer sausage, and smoked dog bones at the Downstream Q-Store and Quapaw C-Store. The QCC also supplies beef products for Quapaw Senior Day Care homes and our Title 6 Program. QCC currently sells beef and buffalo to other tribes and market products throughout Oklahoma. Currently, QCC has three employees. Later this year, QCC looks for- ward to adding new maintenance and processing facility and opening a QCC store to sell beef and buffalo meat to the public. They are proud to raise homesteaded grass-fed beef, and all products are from treated Angus beef that has a wonderful flavor.
Morgan S. Wells, a tribal member from Manhattan Beach, California will receive her master’s degree in May from the University of Arkansas. Dawna Weaver keeps the elder participants of the Tribe, Oklahoma Work Together on Another Tar Creek Cleanup Project Tribe, DEQ, and EPA have been working together to monitor the effects of remediation and the material and the property being reclaimed. There are a lot of properties that cannot be used for anything, and once they are reclaimed and remediated, they actually have a use again. It’s good for the landowner times that cannot be used for anything, and once they are reclaimed and remediated, they actually have a use again. It’s good for the landowner.

Main Will Graduate from U of A

In May, tribal member Dalton Main of Rogers, Arkansas will receive his B.S. from the University of Arkansas. “It’s really neat because there is momentum behind the projects now,” said Chris Roper of QSA. “Everything had stalled out on the cleanup for a little while and now things have broken loose again. We’ve got some good momentum going, getting the properties cleaned up.”

Zach Paden, Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) project manager, said the current project – removing some 400 piles of old mining waste a mile east of Quapaw – is covered by an Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) grant. Materials have been hauled to a repository north of Commerce near Cardin, Paden said. They’re hopeful this phase of the cleanup project will be completed by the end of the year.

“There are a few satellite piles in the area that we would like to get cleaned up while we are doing this project,” Paden said. “We’re submitting an application for that, as well, to the EPA, so while we are in the area with heavy equipment we can get that picked up as well.”

Roper said the tribe is working on seven properties near Quapaw and another north of North Miami that covers about 100 acres. “We have moved over 100,000 tons off that one,” he said. “It’s a huge project.”

Roper said some of the property is privately-owned and some is tribally-owned.

Continuing, Roper said the tribe also does projects on unrestricted properties, which are privately-owned and non-tribal. They are also overseen by the DEQ to ensure work is done with best practice methods. Work on restricted property or tribally-owned is managed by the EPA. “We do work with both entities and we help manage and we perform a lot of work on those properties,” Roper said.

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CHR Holds Health Screening Day, Receives Grant for Giveaway Items

Community Health Representative and tribal member Jami Rodgers organized a health screening for the public in March. At the screening, people could have their blood pressure and blood sugar checked, and oxygen saturation levels done. Rodgers holds screenings like this monthly, allowing free health checks to those who want to know more about their health or to monitor any changes. To increase participation and make it convenient for older clients, health screenings are held usually before lunch at the Titie B building.

Rodgers’ program also received a Health & Wellness grant in the amount of $15,000. The money will be used to buy participation awards (“Freebies”) to hand out at the monthly health screenings for the next eight months. The grant was awarded by the Oklahoma Area Tribal Epidemiology Center in Edmond, Oklahoma. Kim Morris, grant writer and CHS Community Health Representative, will be attending the Oklahoma Area Tribal Epidemiology Center’s Tribal Public Health Conference in Shawnee in April. While attending the conference, Rodgers will receive a semi-load of items for giveaway during her health screens and fairs. Items include: fitness kits, first-aid kits, strength kits, pedicure, lunch bags, w/portion container and drink cups, wellness kits, etc.

For more information and to find out when the next screening will be, you can contact Jami Rodgers, CHR at 918.238.3151, extension 1007. You can also check on the tribe’s website at www.quapawtribe.com.

Tribal Employees Donate to Breast Cancer Fund

Employees of the Quapaw Tribe of Oklahoma are working to fight breast cancer. Every October during Breast Cancer Awareness month, employees raise funds to battle breast cancer. Headed by a Breast Cancer Awareness Committee, employees can participate in activities to donate to the worthwhile cause.

After several fundraisers and contests amongst employees, over $4,000 was raised last October. Each year, the committee determines where to donate proceeds. Past donations have gone to a tribal employee or employee’s spouse who was battling breast cancer, Jami Rodgers, Breast Cancer Awareness Committee Chair, said there were no employees or their spouses or local tribal members battling breast cancer that they were aware of. This year, the committee decided to donate to Freeman Helping Friends Mamogram Fund with hopes of reaching more Native American women battling the disease.

“We hope this will enable more Native American women with or without insurance in this area to have the privilege of receiving a mammogram and allowing cosmetic prosthesis to be purchased. The only stipulation on the funds we donated is that the recipient has to be Native American,” Rodgers said.

The Helping Friends Mamogram Fund provides mammogram screenings and screening education for women with limited financial resources. Assistance includes screening mammograms, diagnostic mammograms, ultrasound, breast biopsies, and some post-surgical products, such as wigs or bras, for breast cancer patients who are uninsured or underinsured.

Friday, committee members presented a check for $4,111.19 to the Helping Friends Mamogram Fund Members. The employees of the Quapaw Tribe Breast Cancer Awareness Committee are Jami Rodgers, Carol Beavers, Feathers Mahurin, Sherry Nida, Hanan Matthews, and Tiffany Rogers. Employee participation is almost always 100 percent.

“We are raising awareness and want to help others,” said committee member Carol Beavers.

Wendy Chrisenbery, supervisor of the Freeman Health System Wes and Gene Houser Women’s Pavilion, said money received from the Quapaw Tribe will help pay for any of the services provided by Helping Friends Mamogram Fund for qualified Native American applicants. Anyone who would like to apply for assistance can contact Chrisenbery at (417) 335-4285. Applications are available at the Marquee of the Women’s Pavilion.

Chrisenbery said, “I’d like to thank the employees of the Quapaw Tribe for their generous gift to the Freeman Helping Friend’s Mamogram Fund. There are many women in our community who would not be able to have breast health services without your contributions.”

One of the largest barriers in the everyday lives of our children is related to bullying. Bullying can cause a shift toward being alone more than interacting with others. One way to prevent bullying is to understand what bullying is and how it can be prevented.

Bullying is defined as the willful and repeated harm to another person. Bullying usually begins in the elementary grades, peaks in middle school, and continues onto high school. Three in 10 young American women nationwide are affected by bullying either as a bully, a victim, or both. (Brequet, 2007) According to the Oklahoma State Department of Public Education 2013-14 Statewide Annual Incident Report, there were 457 reported incidents of bullying, which resulted in physical injury among kindergarten through 12th grade, 6,958 reported incidents of bullying were reported without physical injury. The purpose of this article is to shed some light on bullying through discussing the types of bullying, giving tips for kids, and by showing some warning signs for parents.

Types of Bullying

There are 4 common types of bullying. These types consist of the following:

1. Physical bullying involves repeated hitting, kicking, tipping, blocking, pushing, and touching in unwanted and inappropriate ways.
2. Verbal bullying involves ongoing name-calling, threatening, and making disrespectful comments about someone else’s background such as religion, ethnicity, disability, sexual orientation, etc.
3. Relational bullying involves deliberately preventing someone from socializing functionally and draining energy to affect their grades. If you or someone you know is being bullied, help is available at school and in the community.

In conclusion, there have been significant changes taken by the State of Oklahoma and our local schools in bullying prevention. In May 2013, the Oklahoma State Department of Education School Safety and Bullying Prevention Act. Under this act, each public school must establish a school safe zone task force to develop anti-bullying prevention and intervention activities. Quapaw Public Schools refer those affected by bullying to the Career and Technical Education Office (CTE) at 918-540-1511. Roger’s Drive, and Grand Lake Mental Health. Will Rogers Middle School and Commerce refers kids to ROCMND, Dassyspring, and Grand Lake Mental Health.

For more information and to find out when the next screening will be, please contact Steve Owens, IASA Program Manager at 918-542-4232.

References
Minimum eligibility requirements include:

1. Property must be located within the boundaries of the nine tribes of the Inter-tribal Council, Inc. of Northeast Oklahoma in Ottawa and Delaware Counties, Oklahoma.
2. You must be a member of a federally recognized Indian tribe, band or group.
3. The home must be Indian owned and occupied.
4. HUD homes must be paid in full before services can be provided.

Documentation of tribal affiliation and home ownership or long-term lease (5 years minimum) will be required with the application for services. Mobile homes must be tied down, skidded and wheels removed prior to service.

Please note that applying for service does not guarantee you will receive service. Service depends on the availability of funding.

Please contact Erik Somers, Construction Inspector, at 918-399-5186 or erik.somers@ihs.gov for more information. You may also call our office at 918-542-6414, or stop by our office located in the Inter-Tribal Council, Inc. Administrative Offices at 21 N. Eight Tribes Trail, Miami, Oklahoma.

Women, Teen, & Junior Categories: Cloth, Buckskin, Jingle, & Fancy Shawl

Little Soldier Singers

WATER AND SEWER ASSISTANCE

The Indian Health Service, Miami Office of Environmental Health and Engineering, offers programs to install water and sewer facilities to qualified Indian Homeowners. Funding and construction of sanitation facilities, such as wells, water service lines, septic tanks and drain fields, wastewater lagoons and sewer service lines, are available.

Administrative Offices at 21 N. Eight Tribes Trail, Miami, Oklahoma.

Accepting Applications

For Fall 2016

Deadline for applications is June 1, 2016

For more information, visit Haskell Indian Nations University website at www.haskell.edu.

You guessed it! We are doing another Guess Who? Do you know who this handsome little Quapaw is? If you do, you could win a 2016 Quapaw PowWow t-shirt. To try to make the competition fair, you can only call starting on May 2 at 9:00 a.m. central time until May 6 at 2:00 p.m. central time. Call (918) 533-6055 to guess. You can leave a voicemail if there is no answer. The first caller with the correct answer will receive the free shirt. If you have any questions, please call Anna McKibben at the tribal office at (918) 542-1833, ext. 0227.

Tribal Library Receives Grant: Your Voice Matters

The Quapaw Tribal Library is partnering with StoryCorps, an independent-ly funded 501c3 organization, to create an archive of personal accounts, stories and memories of people within our community—told in their own voices.

StoryCorps is one of the largest oral history projects of its kind. Since 2003, StoryCorps has collected and archived more than 60,000 interviews from more than 100,000 participants. Each conversation is recorded on a free CD to share, and is preserved at the American Folklife Center at the Library of Congress.

We want YOU to be a part of this wonderful opportunity! Call today or come by the library to make an appointment for your interview. We will work around your schedule to accommodate you. To participate and to learn more, contact Patte Billings at (918) 674-2454.
Above is Chairman John Berrey with Terrynce Giveswater, tribal member and Coach Barry Switzer. Giveswater attended the annual Quapaw and Jack Barrett Native American Scouting Combine. The combine hosts high school senior native football players and gives them a chance to play college football and improve their football playing skills. Several college coaches come and scout native talent for their teams. Giveswater has several college offers and will decide where to attend college and play football soon.

Tribal Members Dance and Exhibit for UA-Ft. Smith

Pictured above are participants at a culture day at the University of Arkansas-Fort Smith, front row, l-r, Ardana Moore, Cydney Daylight, Emma Eppler, Beth Walters, Walters' son, Quapaw Tribal Princess Lakyn Buffalo, Kickapoo Rice, Russ Gardner, Daylight son, Blevins Daylight, Skylar Daylight; back row, l-r, Debbie Griffin, Stacy Holcomb holding Skidi Eppler, Eddie Eppler, Jordan Buffalo, Gavin McCarty, Cydney Daylight, Everett Bandy (behind Cydney), Kichelle Hink, Kassy Shaylor, Karen Miller, Jean Ann Lambert, Flossie Mathews, Clayton Daylight holding his daughter, Larry Daylight, Corinna Byrd, and Kim Daylight. Below left and bottom right are jewelry for sale and information about the tribal museum. Below right is a display about tribal history. Bottom left is elder Flossie Mathews playing Indian dice with young tribal members, Emma Eppler and Skidi Eppler.

Pictured below clockwise are highlights from the annual Easter egg hunt sponsored by the Buffalo and Griffin families. As you can see from the photos, everyone had a blast!