Former Tribal Princess Meets First Lady

The 2014-2015 Quapaw Tribal Princess Alayah Johnson-Jennings attended the first-ever Tribal Youth Conference hosted by the White House in Washington, DC in July. The eleventh grader was selected to attend the event and meet First Lady Michelle Obama. 

During the Gathering of Nations powwow in April, a youth conference focusing on Generation Indigenous (Gen-I) was held. Gen-I is a White House initiative that focuses on creating equal opportunities for Native youth. At the conference, tribal youth were introduced Gen-I and were informed about the White House hosting its first tribal youth event and how to apply. Johnson-Jennings applied and was accepted. The application consisted of writing a proposal about something to start in the tribal community, answering an essay question, and responding to the application questions. In May, she was invited to attend the conference. Shortly after she returned to her home from Quapaw powwow, she was on a plane going to DC. Her arrival to DC was followed by a whirlwind of activities. Following her hotel check-in, she went straight to the National Museum of American Indian (NMAI). At the museum, tribal flags on display. Johnson-Jennings said, “The Quapaw flag was the first I saw.” After the NMAI visit, Johnson-Jennings attended a pre-conference reception at the Rayburn House, the location of the House of Representatives. There, she visited with representatives from across the US from Oklahoma, California, Minnesota, Oregon, and Alaska, to name a few.

When she arrived early the next morning, there was a long line of attendees waiting to go through security. She was surprised to be standing in line next to an Ottawa Tribal member from Seneca, Missouri who knew exactly where Quapaw was! During breakfast, she was excited to see a large line of reporters with cameras waiting for the conference to start.

First Place for D.A.R.E. Car
Quapaw students Lokii Blunk and Baylee Sweeten won an art contest that was held to design a D.A.R.E. They created portions of the artwork on the Quapaw Tribal D.A.R.E car and won a trip to Oklahoma City where the state D.A.R.E conference and D.A.R.E. car show was held. D.A.R.E, Drug Abuse Resistance Education is a national drug prevention program. According to tribal marshal John Millard, Quapaw School Resource and D.A.R.E. Officer, this is the third year the tribe has placed in the contest and the second year to win it. The second year, the D.A.R.E. car got second place.

Blunk and Sweeten are pictured at right with the car. Below left is the front of the car. Below center is D.A.R.E mascot Daren the Lion. Below right is tribal member Officer Millard with the D.A.R.E. car.
An Update from Chairman John Berrey

Haway Ogahpah,

I pray and hope that y’all are well and have had a fantastic summer. The General Council was so much fun, and I had a great time at the Pow Wow. Mike and Melany and crew do such an amazing job. We saw so many familiar faces, and I always love meeting Quapaw Tribal members that I have not met and seeing smiles of folks I haven’t seen in a year. I just can’t believe it is already fall! We have had a very busy summer growing and starting to burst out at the seams. The new facility in Quapaw has turned out to be an amazing structure, and we are taking over Main Street in Quapaw; and, it feels so good! My gosh it is so wonderful how well the Quapaw Tribe is moving ahead taking care of so many needs and building a base that will endure over time.

We are such a blessed Tribe; we have great members that are so involved and the best employees on earth. All of these things are the answer to so many Quapaw prayers. I am so blessed to have my wonderful job. I love the opportunity and wake up everyday and thank Wakonda for this amazing blessing.

Our work at Quapaw Services is really becoming a major revenue builder for the Tribe. The EPA work will take us several years to complete, and it is great work that is benefiting the Quapaw Tribe and the residents of Ottawa County. We have managed the construction of our huge warehouse that will include space for Quapaw Services Authority, Quapaw Cattle Company, a Food Pantry, Environmental offices and Reality Offices. Quapaw Casino is really doing much better; it’s exciting to see it come alive again. Downstream Casino Resort just closed on a fiscal year that was our best since 2012! We are negotiating a refinancing that will decrease our interest rate and allow us to amortize much of our principle reducing our debt substantially over the next few years. Our Tribal Insurance has been such a Godsend, and we have improved the lives of so many people with great medical, vision, dental and life coverage. The work being done on a daily basis from our Marshal Service, Fire, Tribal team and everyone else on the Quapaw Tribal team is incredible. We are all blessed to have so many fine people involved in our daily care.

Every year we lose so many fine people, and this year was one of those. I am so sad to see so many fine people we have loved go on to the other side. We pray one day we will walk with them again. However, we are very blessed to have new Quapaw babies arriving often. We are growing. The future is looking bright for the Quapaw Tribe.

I wish y’all a very blessed fall. I hope to see you, hug you, and shake your hand again soon.

John L Berrey
Chairman
Quapaw Tribal Business Committee

Quapaw Tribal Dance Contest Winners

Winners’ names can be found on page eight. A complete list of all dance contest winners is also located on page eight.
Grace Goodeagle, 78, has been a pioneer of the Native American community for decades, standing up for Native American rights wherever she’s lived.

She was born in Miami, Oklahoma on June 21, 1937, into a musical family and attended First Presbyterian Church in Miami where she began her journey of faith. Her older brother, Paul Jr., was the church organist. Grace and Paul would play piano and organ duets together. Goodeagle is full-blood—1/4 Quapaw and 1/4 Potawotami.

Goodeagle’s grandmother, Grace, for whom she was named, went to Carlisle, Pennsylvania when she was a young woman. Her grandmother had to learn English and was trained if she were to use her native language or practice any native ways.

“We had to learn how to speak English and do all of these various things,” Goodeagle said. “For my grandparents, English was a second language that was only two generations ago. It’s been a difficult adjustment, but formal English and education can be kind of a double edged sword. On one side, yes we do need to learn all of these various things, but on the other side, we should not lose our identity in the process.”

Goodeagle has been a member of the Oklahoma County Genealogical Society (OGCS) for approximately five years. She gave a presentation in May on the exodus of native peoples to Indian Territory in the 1800s and those who came to reside in Oklahoma County. Goodeagle conducted her research through family stories and personal history.

“With being out and about in the community, I’ve picked up information along the way,” Goodeagle said. “After I graduated from high school here in 1955, my Aunt Clara lived in Denver, my dad’s sister. I decided I wanted to move to Colorado. I lived with my aunt that summer and started school at Colorado A&M at that time. Now it’s called Colorado State University. I went as a music major for music education.”

She later decided music education was something she did not want to pursue and went back to Denver. Her older brother lived in San Francisco, and she went there in her early twenties and lived there for thirteen years.

“I got involved with various things there in San Francisco,” Goodeagle said. “Church has always been important to me. I went to San Francisco State and started working for law firms. I did that for many years, and then I moved to Denver. It was the 1970s, and they offered me two services, so I could go into a firm on a part-time basis and help them with different things. For the most part, I was involved with corporate law. It was very interesting and a good field to be in.”

After Goodeagle left California and returned to Colorado, she got a job in natural resources with WR Grayson company and its subsidiary company Gulf Oil Corporation.

“It was through Gulf Oil where I worked in the land department,” Goodeagle said. “My manager at the time got me involved with a speaker’s bureau, so I was part of Gulf Oil’s Speaker’s Bureau in the 70s. I lived there in Denver; working and one of my coworkers at Gulf got me involved with one of the television stations there.”

Goodeagle said she started working at an independent television station called KASV called “Catch 22.” It was a public affairs type segment where you had different communities that did programs once a month, “Goodeagle said. “I was a guest to start with. My friend contacted the program and suggested that I do a program on Native American history.”

The television station then contacted Goodeagle and asked if she would do the Native American programs on the segment. “Once a month, I had a program on Native Americans which was good because I was not only the producer, I was the moderator,” Goodeagle said. “I had, in the Denver area, a lot of people coming down from the North, the Sioux. There were a number of tribes in Colorado, so there was quite a bit of diversity to draw. It worked out very well.”

She was asked to do a radio show called KLZ-AM where she could invite guests from her TV show on the radio show. “It was good experience,” Goodeagle said. “I was also going to school. I went to Colorado Women’s College which no longer exists. It’s now a part of Denver University. It was in the late 70s. I was going to school, and I was in business law.”

Goodeagle had colleagues who knew the senator from Colorado and recommended her for a job.

“My coworkers said he’s getting his Washington staff together, why don’t you put your resume and put our names down because we know him,” Goodeagle said. “I put in a resume and was contacted. I talked with the senator William Armstrong. He had just won his first term as US Senator in Colorado. They offered me a job, and I accepted. Then, I was on my way to Washington.”

She moved to Washington, DC in May of 1979. While she was there, she worked in Senator Armstrong’s office.

“I worked in the Senator’s office and relying on my resume background, as far as media,” Goodeagle said. “This is how I got the job as press aide. He already had the press secretary, but there were two others who were also there. Whenever the Senator had a public appearance anywhere, if he spoke or gave a news conference, we did the ground work. We knew the tunnels and back stairways on how to get around on Capitol Hill. We could go anywhere, and we did.”

Grace made trips to New York City and traveled along the East Coast. She

Goodeagle Spends Life Standing for Native American Rights

by Kimberly W. Barker, Miami News-Record

Stacia Joy Griffin-Hunter was born May 18, 1960 in Medford, Oregon to Jackie and Sid Griffin. She was called home to Heaven by her Lord Jesus on Sunday morning September 20, 2015; those special loved ones greeting her who was named after Tonia Stacia Speegle Jeffries and Beatrice Joy Griffin; great grandparents Leta and Leon Hicks, Alan Moses and Emma Wy-att Arkeeta Mose. One uncle, Raymond Griffin; cousins William Griffin, II (Billy) and Sheryl Sue Yo-ast; Great Aunt Vernie Washbusch and Great Uncle Charles Hicks.

She leaves her loving husband James Hunter-Porterville, California; her son James Anthony Strong (Jazz) -Santa Cruz, California; parents Jackie and Sid Griffin-Boise, Idaho; sisters Lisa Kaye Whitney-Boise, Idaho; Marcia Lynne Johnson-Clavis, Cali- fornia; Aunt Susie and Uncle Billy Yoast-Lawton, Oklahoma; William and Ines Griffin-Catoosa, Oklahoma; Aunt Debbie Griffin-Miami, Oklahoma; cousins Linda Yoast and Suzanne McKee-Lawton, Oklahoma; Albert Griffin- chouteau, Oklahoma; Elizabeth Griffin and Nathaniel Griffin-Tulsa, Oklahoma; Sydney Griffin and Samuel Griffin-Chouteau, Oklahoma; Oli- ver Washbusch-Denver, Texas; Leon Washbusch-Merced, California; Mitch- ell McKee, Samuel Mcke, and Jonathan McKee-Lawton, Oklahoma; Har- rison McKee-U.S. Marines; and Linda Buca-Boise, Idaho.

Her great-grandfather, Victor William Griffin, was the last chief of the Quapaw Tribe of Oklahoma. Her great-great-grandfather was George Arkeeta-chief of the Otoe Tribe of Oklahoma. Her Indian heritage was Quapaw, Kiowa, and Otse. Stacia joy went to school in Weaverville (California), Alturas (California), and Porterville (California). She was employed as a teller and cashier for several years. She was very smart. She played the piano beautifully and had a lively singing voice.

Her most joyous occasions were the birth of her son and pride and joy (Jazz) and the marriage to her best friend Jimmy Hunter. We will miss her but have good memories. We, her family, take comfort in knowing she was a strong Christian, and we will see her again. Services were provided by the Whitehurst-Peter-Loyd Chapel. A Native American ceremony was given at burial at the Tule River Reservation. There was also a memorial dinner at the Tule River gymnasium.

To sign Stacia’s online register book, log on to www.whitehurstfuneral. com. For additional information, contact Whitehurst-Peters-Loyd Funeral and Cremation Service, 195 North Hockett Street, Porterville, California 93256 or (559) 784-6485.

In Memory of ...

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Quapaw Language Classes

Time: 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM, Tuesday evenings through November Time Details: Beginning class starts at 6:00 PM Advanced class starts at 7:00 PM

Location: Quapaw Tribal Museum
Address: 905 Whitemb
Quapaw, OK 74363

Language classes are taught by Ardena Moore and are open to everyone ages 12 and above. For more information, contact Karen Hills (918) 674-2619. For more information, go to www.quapawtribe.com.
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called it “The Mysterious East.” She served as a press aide for three years before going to a law firm in Washington, DC.

“We were there when the attempt on President (Ronald) Reagan was made at the hotel,” Goodeagle said. “We got word in the office when Jim Brady had been (shot) and that devastated us. They said the president was taken to the hospital. It was quite a traumatic period of time for us to go through because we all felt like a family.”

She had been part of a prestigious law firm for approximately five years while living in Washington Goodeagle was appointed to the National Ad-

visory Council on Indian Education by President Reagan.

“After I left the Senator’s office, I worked for a law firm not realizing when I went with them that it was Fred, Frank, Harris, Shriver, & Kampelman,” Goodeagle said. “One of their senior partners was very prominent in In-

dian law. They had an Indian law section there with the firm. The firm was very supportive of me.”

Goodeagle served on the council for two years. She had written a report for the president explaining the state of education across the nation with Indian tribes. She traveled all over the country to see how the education system for Native Americans could be improved.

“We were trying to keep up with what was happening with legislation in the state and how it affected Indian tribes but trying to be a liaison, too. Tribes were trying to do something,” Goodeagle said.

Goodeagle has been given numerous awards for her work in the Native American community. She was appointed by Governor Keating to the Oklahoma Indian Affairs Commission. Goodeagle has been given the fol-

lowing awards for her work with Native Americans: distinguished Service Award of American Indian Society of Washington, DC, Oklahoma AARP Indian Elder Honor award; she is mentioned in the “World Who’s Who of Women.” She was also given recognition by the Colorado Springs Indian Center.

Goodeagle is an AARP-OK Volunteer Specialist and Car Fit examiner. She is also a committee member of the Quapaw Tribe Enrollment, a member of the LEAD Agency and the Ottawa County Genealogical Society and ac-

tive in many more groups around Oklahoma. “It’s a matter of wherever I’ve been if I can offer something,” Goodeagle said.

The mission of the Arkansas Hunger Relief Alliance is to reduce hunger through a unified effort to provide hunger relief, education and advocacy. It is the lead part-

Quapaws Making Presence Known in Arkansas Homeland

On September 12, the Fort Smith National Historic Site commemorated the 150th anniversary of the 1865 Council. The event consisted of a sym-

posium, cultural exhibits and demonstrations, and interpretive programs. The tribes that participated in the event were: Cherokee Nation, Chick-

asaw Nation, United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians, Muscogee (Creek) Nation, and Quapaw Tribe.

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First Lady, from page 1
She added, “We were also given letters that President Obama had written for us to read as we began our day.”
Native youth attended from across the US from Alaska to Oklahoma and even as far as New Zealand. “It was just amazing to see how many youth are working to make a change in their communities and these aren’t the only ones!”
The White House Chief of Staff for the First Lady gave the opening remarks. Presentations were also given by the Secretary of the US Department of the Interior, the Attorney General, the Chairman of the Navajo Nation Tribe, the Secretary of the US Health and Human Services, the Director of the White House Domestic Policy Council, former NASA Astronaut Dr. John Harrington, the Secretary of the US Department of Housing and Urban Development, the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, the General Manager of Nike N7, and Miss Indian World. The keynote was presented by First Lady Michelle Obama. “Her words were encouraging us, as Native youth, to keep making the changes we want to see in the world. She reassured us that everyone who attended the conference believed in us, and that the President and the First Lady especially ‘had our backs.’ After Michelle Obama’s speech, I had the privilege to meet her and shake her hand. She spoke to me saying, ‘Hello sweetie. How are you?’”
“This conference was amazing. I am so thankful I had the chance to attend and thankful that the Quapaw Tribe helped me,” Johnson-Jennings said. She said she also had the opportunity to learn about the issues other youth are tackling in Indian Country such as suicide, study groups, and language programs. “I look to give back to the Quapaw community with a health project soon.”

Tribal Members on Billboard
Sisters Spring Chalakee, 13 and Seneca Starr, 11 were featured on a billboard for the Creek Nationa Festi val. Both girls are very active in tribal functions and dance almost every weekend at powwows. As seen above, they also stomp dance. Additionally, Spring recently won the Jr.Miss NASA princess contest at her school in Muskogee, Oklahoma.

Tribal Environmental Department Featured at Tar Creek Conference
The Tar Creek Conference was held in September at Miami, Oklahoma’s famous Coleman Theater. One of the cleanup projects highlighted was the tribe’s first ever partner- ship between the Quapaw Tribe and the EPA to clean up mining waste on the Catholic 40. Former Business Committee Chairman Grace Goodale knows well the effects mining has had on tribal lands. “We as children played in Tar Creek. We thought nothing of it then. But, in later years it was polluted,” she said. Goodale’s mother went to the Catholic school at the Catholic 40 that is now deemed unreclaimable by the government. “My family did not realize the impact of what the mining would do to the earth. Once they brought all the chat and stuff to the surface and there were tons of it.”
Mountains of chat are being taken care of by the tribe in an unprecedent-ed agreement with the Environmental Protection Agency. “We negotiated a cooperative agreement with the tribe where they could do the work on their own property. This is important because this is the first cooperative agreement in the nation awarded to a tribe where they actually perform the superfund work on their own property,” EPA envi- ronmental scientist Rafael Casanova said. Catholic 40 is one of several sites the tribe has successfully remediated, removing close to 108,000 tons of mining waste.
“We’re currently doing some soil amendments on that site to see if what we’re doing is sequestering it, stabilizing some of these contaminations of concern in the soil and it’s not leaching off into surface water, groundwa- ters,” said Quapaw Assistant Environmental Director Craig Kreman. The Quapaw tribe hopes all the progress they’ve been making with the EPA to clean up all these chat piles will help to inspire other tribes to do the same.
“There’s some tribes out west, especially out west, a lot of uranium min- ing that tribes are dealing with out west that are interested in doing something similar,” Kreman continued. The Catholic 40 site is still an ongoing project. And, the EPA and tribe will monitor the soil for the next four years.

Summaries of BC Meeting Minutes
The following summaries are from monthly Business Committee meet- ings in the months of May through August, 2015. If you would like to re- ceive copies of the full meeting minutes, contact Anna McKibben at (918) 533-6055 or email her at amckibben@quapawtribe.com.

May, 2015
Meeting was called to order. Invocation, roll call, and statement of members were done. Minutes from April were approved; treasurer’s report and program reports were also approved. Oral program reports given were from enrollment, tax commission, court, family services, marshals, tags, social services, and downstream. Subcommittee reports were from the po wwow and grounds committees. Although a request was made by Jim Gilmore to be placed on the agenda for New Business, he did not attend the meeting; discussion followed about his outstanding fuel bill. Closed session topics: request for assistance with volunteers; CFO loan and pay-back agreement; and concur with recommendations by RWI. Meeting adjourned, and an invocation was given.

June, 2015
Meeting was called to order. Invocation, roll call, and statement of members were done. Minutes from April were approved; treasurer’s report and program reports were also approved. Oral program reports given were from public relations, substance abuse prevention, community health, child care development, grants, higher education, records, and human resources. Guest Jim Gilmore, tribal member discussed outstanding fuel bill, payment plan, and other topics. Unfinished business was approving a resolution approving changes to the tribe’s SORNA program. Closed ses- sion topics: increase in tribal sales tax from five to seven percent; concur with recommendations by RWI; assistance to tribal member with medical needs; civil action for housing; and emergency housing assistance. Meeting adjourned, and an invocation was given.

July, 2015
Meeting was called to order. Invocation, roll call, and statement of members were done. Minutes from April were approved; treasurer’s report and program reports were also approved. Oral program reports given were from realty, housing, tribal gaming, facilities, Quapaw Casino, utilities, en- rollment, and IT. Guest Jessika Lassiter, tribal member will be attending the Oklahoma School of Science and Mathematics and requested assis- tance for the costs of the parent association; the budget will be examined before a determination is made. Closed session topics: concur with recom- mendations by RWI; request from tribal member for financial assistance; housing policies and procedures; civil case involving tribal member; and personnel issues. Meeting adjourned, and an invocation was given.

August, 2015
Meeting was called to order. Invocation, roll call, and statement of members were done. Minutes from April were approved; treasurer’s report and program reports were also approved. Oral program reports given were from the John Berry Fitness Center, Quapaw Services Authority, Fire/EMS, IT, Library, Title 6, and Counseling Services. In unfinished business, subcommittee reappointments will be done in September. Closed ses- sion topics: concur with recommendations from RWI and Indian Child Welfare cases. Meeting adjourned, and an invocation was given.

Meet one of the oldest Quapaw Tribal members from the Conner family. See Tribal Elder on page nine.
Buffalo Pens Book

Early October was exciting for the Buffalo family as they launched tribal member Geoff Ballard’s new book, *Heaven and Earth: A Chaplain’s Memoir.* The book is a compilation of stories of spirituality in patients and families along the path of hospice care. He incorporates his personal journey of salva- tion, and how God kept open- ing doors to various avenues of ministry up to hospice.

Geoff’s passion has always fo- cused on the area of ‘commu- nicipating’ the gospel to people in unique ways—as all people are unique and understand concepts differently. The fam- ily hopes this book blesses all who read it.

How do I get a copy? There are several ways: 1. Visit their website: www.buffaloalpamemorial.net 2. Cash or check purchases can be made at The Community Med Spa located on the 2nd floor of the GYM, (2123 N. Main St, Miami) 3. Or visit Cardinal Bapti st Church where Geoff is pastor, (9525 S. Hwy 137, Miami) also for cash or check purchase. Book signing announce- ments will be coming soon. The cost of the book is $10.95 tax included ($9.95 tax-exempt). To order, please call (417) 459-2212 or 918-544-6945 for questions.

Downstream Food Bank
Benefits Autism Center

(Aug 28) Downstream Casino Resort and the Quapaw Tribe is tying its semi-annual food bank donations to a fund-rais- ing campaign for the Bill & Virginia Leffen Center for Autism. For every dol- lar donated to the Autism Center, Downstream will donate a pound of food—high-quality beef, or canned goods—to one of its regular food bank part- ners in the Tri-State Region. “The Leffen Center is an important program and re- source in our communities, and we wanted to raise awareness and do what we could to help raise more money for the Center,” Quapaw Chair- man John Berrey said. “Since our Food Bank Program was already enjoy- ing a steady increase, we thought that we might leverage that to help treat children with Autism. We are hoping for a strong, positive response.”

In the process, Downstream and the Tribe have added several schools to their list of food donors, including: Quapaw Schools (Oklahoma), College Heights Christian School (Joplin, Mo.), and Carthage Schools (Missouri) have been added to the list of recipients that already included Ottawa Country Nutrition Coalition, the Southeast Kansas Food Shop & Pantry, Panhandle Area Action Council, Crosslines Ministries, and the Northwest Arkansas Food Bank. Downstream donates about 40 tons of canned food per year to the re- gional food banks and pantries, through two deliveries a year, usually in June and November. A special delivery of beef from the Quapaw Cat- tle Company, separate from those regular deliveries, is planned for next week.

Bill & Virginia Leffen Center for Autism, developed in consultation with the Cleveland Clinic Autism Consulting Group, opened in fall 2007 with a preschool program. Since then, the center has expanded services to include children through the age of 21 and families. Individuals with autism spec- trum disorders often need targeted therapy to help build life skills neces- sary for transition into mainstream classrooms and a more independent future. Bill & Virginia Leffen Center for Autism provides education-based, developmental programming that caters to the needs of children, adoles- cents, and young adults with autism spectrum disorders. Call (417) 347- 7850 for further information about Bill & Virginia Leffen Center for Autism services or for information on current fees. To donate, please call (417) 347-6658, or go to: freemansal.com/givetoleff encenterforaut- ism.

Tribal Graduate Members from Texas Tech

Tribal member Ellen Eno graduated from Texas Tech University in August. Listed on the Degree list, she is a charter member of Women in Business at Texas Tech University. She is very proud of her heritage. Successful native women are role models to her like her predecessors. Eno wants to inspire native women to continue their education, and be strong independent women.

Her mother, Jamie Mathis Eno says Ellen is an inspiration. “Of course, as her mother, I am excited that she has earned her education, and so blessed that she had help from the tribe.”

The family would like to thank the tribe for the education fund to help with Ellen’s education; Ellen is very grateful for the support from the tribe. The funding she received was used for books, supplies, and payment for classes.
The Arkansas Post National Memorial is located 100 miles southeast of Little Rock, Arkansas and 140 southwest of Memphis, Tennessee. Originally the site of the Quapaw village of Osotouy, the Post was established in 1686 by Henri de Tonti as the first semi-permanent French settlement in the lower Mississippi River Valley. Now, as part of the National Park Service, the Post serves as home to many natural ecosystems, as well as an educational experience for many cultures and an abundance of history. In an effort to educate Quapaw Tribal youth about tribal history, culture, and nature, the Post is hosting a summer program from June 6, 2016 through July 1, 2016. The program will consist of six Quapaw Tribal youth between the ages of 15 and 18, and one chaperone, who is also a Quapaw Tribal member. Please go to WWW.QUAPAWTRIBE.COM for the application packets and more details. APPLICATION DEADLINE FOR THE 2016 PROGRAM IS JANUARY 8, 2016. For more information, contact Krista Pierce, Higher Education Director, at (918) 542-1853.

Environmental Department Doing More Land Cleanups

The Quapaw Tribe is wrapping up Remedial Action Activities at the Beaver Creek North (Chat Pile 060) site under the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Superfund Cleanup Program through a cooperative agreement. The tribe is leading and managing the cleanup of the Beaver Creek North (Chat Pile 060) site, which is located within the Tar Creek Superfund Site in Northeast Oklahoma. This site is northeast of Quapaw, Oklahoma. Approximately 47,600 tons of source material has been hauled off the site to either a chat processor or repository. Sampling of transition zone soil in the vicinity of Chat Pile 060 to evaluate metal (lead, cadmium, and zinc) concentrations and determine whether soil will require a remedy.

Tribal Members Participate in Fair

Each year, n4a accepts nominations from members for the n4a Excellence in Leadership Award. In July during the n4a Conference General Session, two AAA leaders and one Title VI leader were honored with this prestigious award. Congratulations to the 2015 awardees: Rhonda Weaver, Quapaw Tribe Title VI Director; Guy Dutra-Silviera, Pike’s Peak AAA, Colorado Springs; and Kay Hind, SOWEGA Council on Aging, Albany, Georgia. The three winners represent a combined 90 years of service excellence in the aging network. Rhonda Weaver is only the third Title VI Director to receive this great honor.

Weaver Wins Award

At left are CEO Sandy Markwood and N4A Excellence in Leadership Awardee, Rhonda Weaver, Quapaw Tribe Title VI Director.
Dance Contest Winners from the 143rd Quapaw Pow Wow

Quapaw Only Contest

Men's Straight
First Place Vernon Tossie
Second Place William Tossie
Third Place Everett Bandy
Fourth Place Gary Wheeler

Women's Cloth
First Place Pauline Tossie
Second Place Jessie Bohay
Third Place Dava Daylight
Fourth Place Jessica Tossie

Boy's Straight
First Place Phillip Tsosie
Second Place Tahnahke Burtrum
Third Place Sonny Proctor

Girl's Cloth
First Place Kassity Shafer
Second Place Mashte LittleCook
Third Place Nizhoni Tossie

All Contests

Jr. Boy's Straight
First Place Sonny Proctor, Quapaw/Osage/Kiowa
Second Place Tahnahke Burtrum, Quapaw/Osage
Third Place William Hamilton, Osage/Shawnee

Jr. Boy's Grass
First Place Patrick Rice, Quapaw/Sac and Fox

Jr. Boy's Fancy
First Place Lashara Wildcat, Osage/Pawnee/Comanche
Second Place Solomon Tiger, Quapaw/Shawnee
Third Place Payton Rice, Quapaw/Sac and Fox

Jr. Boy's Jingle Dance
First Place Eli Crowe, Comanche
Second Place Blake Hipp, Osage/Pawnee
Third Place Tate Wisdom, Quapaw/Osage/Delaware

Senior Men's Straight
First Place JoNeda Sage, Comanche
Second Place Claudia Spicer, Otoe
Third Place Donie Pewo, Kiowa/Apache/Comanche

Senior Men's Fancy
First Place Jamie Jon Whiteshirt, Osage/Pawnee
Second Place Bryan Whitehairs, Osage/Pawnee
Third Place Tahnahke Burtrum, Quapaw/Shawnee
Senior Men's Grass
First Place Dwayne Ybarrola, Arapaho
Second Place Jared Liston, Shawnee
Third Place Freddy Gipp, Apache/Comanche

Jr. Girl's Straight
First Place Kaliynn Belcher, Ponca/Otoe/Creek
Second Place Jada Whitecloud, Cheyenne and Arapaho
Third Place Lakyn Buffalo, Quapaw

Jr. Girl's Fancy
First Place Whitney Sage, Comanche/Osage
Second Place Makayla Sage, Comanche/Osage/Otoe

Women's Traditional
First Place William Tossie, Quapaw/Otoe/Navajo
Second Place Tyler Williams, Navajo
Third Place Cricket Rice, Quapaw/Sac and Fox
Fourth Place John Arkeketa, Otoe

Golden Age Men
First Place John Butler, Sac and Fox
Second Place Zack Morris, Sac and Fox
Third Place Badger Wahwasuck, Potawatomi
Fourth Place Gary Wheeler, Quapaw

Junior Girl's Fancy Shawl
First Place Olivia LittleCook, Ponca/Osage
Second Place Adriana Suke, Potawatomi
Third Place Seneca Starr, Quapaw/Creek

Junior Girl's Jingle
First Place Tessa LittleCook, Ponca/Navajo
Second Place Cedar LittleFour, Ponca/Osage
Third Place KiKi Shawnee, Choctaw

Junior Girl's Cloth
First Place Lacinda Attocknie, Quapaw
Second Place Patience Longhorn, Sac and Fox/Shawnee
Third Place Mashta LittleCook, Ponca/Ponca

Teen Girl's Buckskin
First Place Nivy Ybarrola, Comanche/Cheyenne and Arapaho
Second Place Cydney Daylight, Quapaw/Shawnee/Delaware
Third Place Minnie Tossie, Quapaw/Osage/Otoe

Teen Girl's Fancy Shawl
First Place Rose Goodeagle, Quapaw/Osage/Nakota
Second Place Emilyah Murrow, Quapaw/Comanche

Teen Girl's Jingle
First Place Aubrey Krensens, Shawnee/Red Lake Ojibwe
Second Place Julianne Butler, Alabama Cauhshatta
Third Place Catherine Sage, Otoe/Osage/Comanche
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Women's Fancy Shawl
First Place Josette Wahwasuck, Potawatomi
Second Place Tylrinn Broncho, Creek
Third Place Lyndee McCllelan, Sac and Fox/Northern Ute
Fourth Place Julia Charles, Cherokee/Navajo

Women's Jingle
First Place Landri James, Potawatomi
Second Place Yvett Goodeagle, Nakota
Third Place Donie Pewo, Kiowa/Apache/Comanche
Fourth Place Stormie Perdass, Shoshone-Bannock

Women's Cloth
First Place Laura Sage, Osage/Otoe
Second Place Charlise Cunningham, Osage/Sac and Fox
Third Place Blake Cunningham, Osage/Sac and Fox
Fourth Place Angela Toineeta, Quapaw/Navajo

Women's Buckskin
First Place Jamie Jon Whiteshirt, Osage/Pawnee
Second Place Cherish Toehay, Kiowa/Quapaw
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Fourth Place Avla Fidler, Lakota

Golden Age Women
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Third Place Julia Lookout, Osage
Fourth Place Minnie Hawk, Quapaw

Rodgers Completes Dental School

Submitted Article

Sarah Rodgers, the daughter of Gayle and Diane Rodgers of Madras, graduated May 20, with a degree in dentistry. A 2002 graduate of Madras High School, she earned a Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene at the University of Hawaii in Honolulu, then attended Portland State for one year to meet science requirements to get into dental school. Moving to Pomona, Calif., she attended dental school at Western University of Health Science, graduating as Sarah Rodgers, DMD. Because she received an Indian Health Service scholarship, Rodgers needs to find a position working for IHS. “My payback is that I need to work for something that services tribal members for four years,” she said, noting there are no positions currently open in Warm Springs. Back home in Madras, she has been filling out applications. “I’ve applied for a position on the Oregon Coast with the Grande Ronde tribe, and if that doesn’t work out, I’m thinking of applying in New Mexico, Washington, or Maine. When not job hunting, Rodgers said she been enjoying being back in Oregon and doing things like going to the Portland Rose Festival, and visiting u-picking places.
Guess Who?! REVEALED!

The gentleman on the left is a tribal member who moved away from Quapaw many years ago. He contacted the tribe after the first Guess Who to have his image shared. He thought he'd changed so much over the years that no one would recognize him! He will be happy to know there were about 12 correct guesses. There were two winners whose calls were within seconds of each other. One call was answered while another went to voicemail. The winners received the 2015 Quapaw powwow T-shirt that was donated by the powwow committee. He is tribal member Charles Frederic Kist! Thank you Mr. Kist for being a part of Guess Who.

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In 1943-1945, she lived at the home of Alex and Tilley Beaver as cook/baker, along with co-worker Deloris (Dee Dee) Dushane.

In 1945, she married Hockerville native Marvin L. Williams, Jr. on May 5, 1945. They lived in Hockerville while Marvin worked at the Eagle Picher mines. While living in Hockerville, Miami, and Quapaw from 1945-1956, four children were born to Marvin and Patricia. In June 1956, due to the mining layoffs, the family, along with other relatives, moved to Phoenix in search of work.

While living in Phoenix, Marvin was employed with MACK Trucking Company as a diesel mechanic until his retirement in 1975. Patricia was a homemaker from 1945-1977 her career as a Certified Nurse Assistant from 1978-1998 in local Phoenix nursing homes. Patricia retired from nursing in September 1998, shortly after the death of her husband Marvin. At 88 years of age, she now lives in Youngtown, Arizona where she enjoys studying Indian history, making quilts, needle-arts, and painting. She misses the "old Indian" ways and powwows but always looks forward to hearing from friends from Oklahoma.

If you have something to share in the newsletter, contact Anna McKibben at one of the following: amckibben@quapawtribe.com or (918) 542-1853, ext. 227 or (918) 533-6055. The deadline to submit information for the next newsletter is November 10, 2015.

Galena Bulldogs
Senior Boys
MASON QUALLS
Ready for Final Year of High School Football
By Debra L. (nee Williams) Williams

Mason Qualls plays football, basketball, and baseball.

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Williams is described by her daughter as the "Gibraltar of the family and sustainer of Quapaw tradition all the way in Arizona." She is the sole surviving descendant of Willie and Julia Conner. She can be contacted at Patricia J. Williams, 12831 North 112 Avenue, Youngtown, Arizona 85363 or buffalokayk@gmail.com.