2011 Pow Wow Schedule

Paw-Wow Gate Hours:
June 17 – 23, 2011 8:00am to 10:00pm
June 24 – July 11, 2011 Open 24/7

Camper Registration – Conference Room
June 30th and July 1st, 2011 8:00am-4:30pm
July 2nd, 2011 at 8:00am

FRIDAY – JULY 1, 2011
7:00 am  Paw-Wow ground morning flag rising

EVENING ACTIVITIES
6:30 pm  Dancers registration to be opened
7:00 pm  Gourd Dance
8:00 pm  Opening Prayers
8:15 pm  Grand Entry and Registration closed
Flag Song
Quapaw Memorial Song
Round Dance
Welcome by the Tribal Business Committee Chairman
Introduction of Head Staff
Introductions of Tribal Princess
Crowning of 2011 Pow-Wow Princess
Inter-Tribal Dancing

CONTEST TO BE HELD TONIGHT:
Tiny tots contest
Jr. Boys grass dance
Jr. Girls buckskin
Jr. Boys traditional
Jr. Fancy Shawl
Jr. Girls jingle
Blanket dance for all to come and dance
Inter-tribal dancing
Two step
Exhibition dances (all categories)
Veteran’s song
Closing song

AFTER HOURS - JUST HAVING FUN STOMP DANCING

SATURDAY – JULY 2, 2011
7:00 am  Paw-Wow ground morning flag rising
At or around 9:00 am Registered Camper Rations.

AFTERNOON ACTIVITIES
2:00 - 5:00 pm  Gourd dancing and specials
5:00 - 6:00 pm  Break for supper

EVENING ACTIVITIES
7:00 pm  Gourd dancing and specials
8:15 pm  Grand entry
Opening prayer and flag song
Round dancing
Introduction of head staff and princess
Inter-tribal

CONTEST TO BE HELD TONIGHT:
Men’s fancy (20 – 54)
Men’s traditional (20 – 54)
Men’s grass (20 – 54)
Women’s jingle (20 – 54)
Women’s buckskin (20 – 54)
Women’s cloth (20 – 54)
Inter-tribal dancing and contests to be held tonight:
Women’s jingle (20 – 54)
Teen traditional (13 – 19)
Teen grass (13 – 19)
Teen jingle (13 – 19)
Teen boys traditional (13 – 19)
Teen girls cloth (13 – 19)
Teen girls buckskin (13 – 19)
Women’s jingle (20 – 54)
Women’s buckskin (20 – 54)
Women’s cloth (20 – 54)
Women’s jingle (20 – 54)
Women’s buckskin (20 – 54)
Women’s cloth (20 – 54)
Blanket dance for all to come and dance
Inter-tribal
two step
Exhibition dances (all categories)
Veteran’s song
Closing song
Closing prayer

MONDAY 4TH OF JULY, 2011
7:00 am  Paw-Wow ground morning flag rising
2:00 - 5:00 pm  Gourd dancing and specials
5:00 - 6:00 pm  Break for supper

EVENING ACTIVITIES
7:30 pm  Gourd dancing and specials
8:15 pm  Grand entry
Opening prayer and flag song
Round dance
Introduction of head staff
Inter-tribal dancing and contests to be held tonight:
Women’s cloth (20 – 54)
Women’s buckskin (20 – 54)
Women’s jingle (20 – 54)
Men’s straight (20 – 54)
Men’s grass (20 – 54)
Men’s traditional (20 – 54)
Men’s fancy (20 – 54)
Blanket dance for all to come and dance
Inter-tribal
two step
Exhibition dances (all categories)
Presentation of awards
Exhibition song for winners
Veteran’s song
Closing song
Closing prayer

For up-to-date Pow Wow information check out
www.quapawtribe.com/powwow!
Chairman’s Corner

Ha-Way O-Gah-Pah,

I hope everyone is doing well. We had a very short spring and suddenly it is summer and time to prepare for the O-Gah-Pah Pow-Wow.

What a year we have had, tremendous growth in our tribe and with our businesses. We have had insurance for every member that has saved thousands of dollars and it has truly helped our people. It is so gratifying to know that we have come so far in the last ten years. It has really been a great run and I am so excited about the next ten years.

Our “elder housing” is going full speed; we are building eleven very nice duplexes. They will have a tornado safe room in each, and the rent will be based on a person's income so we can provide a safe and clean home for the people we love so much. The duplexes will be right next door to our title six and museum buildings that will create a great complex of Quapaw history.

We have experienced a very difficult late spring with the devastating Joplin tornado that has affected so many of our tribal members, employees, and friends. The damage is unbelievable and the hardships are too difficult to describe. I am proud of how our employees and members have stepped up to help. We have been able to make a huge impact on those who have suffered, and at the same time we have become closer with local Joplin community. We have fed thousands of meals to first responders, search and rescue, and others participating in the tornado response.

We have also had hundreds of responders staying on rollaway beds in the meeting rooms at Downstream Casino Resort and we have 20 rooms set aside for the American Red Cross.

On June 5th we had a community wide event at the Downstream Casino Venue a benefit concert with all the proceeds going directly to those who have suffered. I am absolutely amazed with our Tribal members, employees, and friends; they have truly stepped up to help.

It is always sad and exciting this time of year as we prepare for the Pow-Wow. We reflect back and we think about all of the members who have passed. It is very hard because those people we have lost are so much a part of who we are. When the memorial song is sung at the Pow-Wow we have the chance to stop and remember all those great people who are missing. The bright side is we have many young children who are new to our family and the future we are building will begin to satisfy the prayers of those who have passed and will give the new generations something that will give them a little bit more.

The future is very bright for the Quapaw and I am very proud of being part of the team that is building this great future. We have tribal wide insurance, we have senior housing being developed and we have a new scholarship program we are working on that will help benefit the many young Quapaw who are getting college or trade school educations. Finally I am very excited that we have decided to pursue a refinance of the debt at Downstream Casino Resort. Over the next few weeks we are going to Wall Street to see if we can reduce our interest rate and save the Tribe Millions of dollars and change the Tribal payment from $6 Million a year to $10 million a year. The Downstream Development Authority (DDA) is working hard to increase revenues and protect the Tribes Sovereignty. The importance of the DDA is that if there are ever any problems with Downstream, we of course do not expect any; the Tribe is protected because it is the DDA that liable for any recourse. So it is full speed ahead and I look forward to seeing many of you on the 4th of July and with your trust and support our dedicated Business Committee will continue to do its very best.
Departmental News

The day to day business of the Quapaw Tribe is handled by a number of departments that each specialize in handling different aspects of tribal business. In this column we will spot-light different departments to help explain to the members of the Quapaw Tribe who each department works. Our first department is:

**The Quapaw Tribal Housing Department**

The Quapaw Tribe Housing Department runs two programs that are funded through IHBG Grants from HUD. The Emergency Rental Relocation Program has taken 52 applications and 29 have been determined eligible and received assistance through April 30, 2011. This program assists tribal members who are homeless or about to be homeless by being involuntarily displaced due to no action of their own. It is for tribal members who are currently renting and must relocate to another rental unit for one of the following reasons: home is damaged by fire, flood or Tornado; landlord is selling the home and you have been notified that you must move; the home you are renting is in substandard condition, you have discussed the conditions with the landlord and they will not make the needed repairs (such as sewer/sanitation problems) and the conditions are deemed to be hazardous to your health; and applicant is required to vacate due to spousal domestic violence. This requires documentation by police report, restraining order, emergency room report.) If eligible, assistance consists of security/utility deposits and rent for one month. We have $5000 available each year for this assistance. It generally will allow us to assist approximately three families.

The NAHASDA Rehab and Replacement Program has taken 77 applications. Forty-five of those applications have been determined eligible and have been placed on the waiting list. Twenty-six of the forty-five projects have been completed to date. This includes seventeen rehabs of $50,000 or less and nine newly constructed homes. The program rehabs homes owned by tribal members if the home can be brought back to standard condition with repairs of $50,000 or less. If the home cannot be brought back to standard condition for $50,000 or less, it moves the home into the replacement phase of the program. The home will then be demolished and a new home will be constructed on the tribal member's land by the Housing Department's Force Account Crew. If a tribal member owns land within the Service Area but does not own another home, we can construct a new home on the tribal member's land. Size and square footage of the home the tribal member is eligible for is determined by the rehab policy and takes into account the number of household members. We are limited on the number of projects we can do per year by the amount of funding we receive. Our funding has been running at a level that will only allow approximately two new projects per year. This of course has to take into account the size and square footage of homes to be built. We draw directly from the waiting list the projects for each year and they are determined by the date and time the applicants were placed on the waiting list. As we take an applicant from the waiting list, an inspection will be done by the Housing Director and he will determine if it will be a rehab or a replacement project.

At the present time, we are working on a new home in North Miami, OK. The project will consist of a new three bedroom, two bath home. The home will be approximately 1400 square feet, total electric, concrete slab, 2 x 4 exterior walls, central heat and air, vinyl siding, and composition shingles.

We are simultaneously working on a rehab project southeast of Quapaw. The project will consist of replacing kitchen cabinets, sink, faucet, patching wall under kitchen sink, and fixing cracks in wall of kitchen entrance. It will also include fixing light in laundry room and under carport. The project will also include replacing northwest corner facer, scraping and painting all exterior wood, replacing stool and vanity in bathroom, tearing out and replacing termite damage around window in south bedroom, having home termite inspected and treated, and replacing handle on frost -free faucet on back of house.

Applications for either program are available at the Housing Department office located at 58150 E. 64 Rd. (by the Quapaw Casino), by mail at Quapaw Tribe Housing Department, P.O. Box 765, Quapaw, OK 74363, by calling 918-542-1430 or on the Quapaw Tribe Website @ www.quapawtribe.com/housing.

Tribe Responds to Tornado Disaster

On Sunday, May 22, 2011 the lives of many of our friends, neighbors and employees were turned upside down when an E5 tornado slammed into Joplin MO. Though the tornado produced massive destruction, casualties and loss of life it has also shown the best of what our people are made of. The Quapaw Tribal administration and employees immediately saw the need and stepped in to help.

Efforts at Downstream:

- Downstream hotel has housed victims and volunteer workers at no charge.
- 20 rooms for Red Cross staff, since May 23 and through June 2
- The banquet space and Pavilion were turned into a temporary shelter
- Feeding any and all recovery workers for free in our restaurants during the disaster week
- Delivered about 180 meals a day to the employees and volunteers at Joplin Emergency Operations Center
- Have sent numerous pallets of bottled water into the devastated areas — started delivering water Sunday night just hours after the storm.
- Sent out hundreds of rain jackets and coats
- Sent out hundreds of sandwiches and hamburgers into the damage zone
- Providing cash, temp shelter, supplies and numerous services to the 55 Downstream employees whose families lost everything. This helps relieve the other resources so they can go to other victims.
- Staff has shared their homes, apartments and vehicles
- Set up a Downstream Tornado Relief Fund to collect monetary donations from across the whole gaming industry, other tribes, and from vendors and various business connections from all over the country.
- A benefit concert was staged on June 5 with 100% of proceeds going to the Joplin Tornado First Response fund.
- Coach Barry Switzer and former OU and NFL player Billy Sims were brought to meet and greet with rescue workers and other relief people to help raise spirits. They did photos, and signed footballs for people.
- Many other things — pretty much whatever we can think of to do.

Tribal Administration Efforts:

- EMS/Marshall support
- Donation of supplies for a fellow tribal employee who lost everything in the storm
- Transportation of needed supplies to the Joplin area
- Help with relocation of elderly nursing home residents to a hospital in Seneca
- Preparation of food for Landmark Hospital employees and patient visitors.
Hello Quapaw Community!

My name is Gerard Ramm. I'm a member of the Quapaw tribe and the son of Curt and Beth Ramm of Old Saybrook, CT, grandson of the late Marjorie Dardenne Ramm, and the great nephew of Barbara Dardenne Brand, and nephew of Dixie Ramm Rich of rural Quapaw, OK. I'm a college student at Columbia University in New York City and, as part of a research project that I plan to conduct, I want to spend some time in Quapaw Territory and study the culture. Specifically, I plan on assisting the construction for the annual Powwow event while studying its history and its cultural significance.

As part of the Andrew Mellon Foundation Fellowship, I receive an amount of money to conduct research on a range of topics that interest me. I chose ritual gatherings amongst Native Americans as my topic, partly because I fondly remember the many Quapaw gatherings I attended in my youth. In particular, my childhood memories of the Powwow gathering and its warm and communal atmosphere stick with me to this day. Witnessing a gathering of First Nations all celebrating their heritage through dance and music was incredibly inspiring to me as a young person interested in the Native American culture. In returning this summer, I hope to pay back the community that has always welcomed and provided for me by assisting the set-up of the Powwow in any way I can. I realize I am unfamiliar with the construction procedures of the Powwow, but I am willing to work hard in any capacity to help put on this incredible event.

In addition to working for the Tribe in assisting the Powwow event, my research will aim at how the ritual gathering functions. In particular, I am interested in the way in which the Powwow offers Native Americans the opportunity to represent their culture through dance, music, dress and story-telling. I hope to investigate the history behind gatherings like Powwows and also the inter-tribal relations that make events like this possible. During my time in Oklahoma, I hope to interview some tribal members on their thoughts about what makes the Powwow such an interesting event and how the Powwow came to be. I will record the interviews on tape and use some of the material I gather in an upcoming research paper. I will, of course, be as respectful as possible in my research and will only interview those who want to speak with me.

I am incredibly excited for my arrival in Quapaw Territory and my chance to witness and participate in another Powwow. I cannot express how gracious I am, in advance, to those willing to help me with my research. I’m hoping that, in studying Native Americans, I can promote the study of Native issues and portray our cultural vivacity. As we all know, Native Americans are a people that often go overlooked in history, politics, and even ethnic studies. I hope my work will contribute to the righting of this wrong. Moreover, I am delighted to spend the summer immersed in a culture that continues to inspire me. Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to study and write about my people. I would like very much to interview tribal members. Please contact me at my Aunt Dixie's number 918-542-3374.

Gun-Ney-Gay,  
Gerard Ramm

Quapaw Tribe Joins With Area Tribes for School Event

Tribal member Deborah Tibbs coordinated a Native American Festival at Wilson Elementary School in Miami, OK on Thursday, May 13, 2011. Representatives from area tribes joined together to give presentations on language, food, dance and art for the students.

Deborah’s grandson, who attends Wilson School, asked her to attend his class to explain his straight dance and Title VI Director Rhonda Weaver who made fry bread for the appreciative students.

Area tribal representatives included Quapaw Tribal member Edwina Busby who taught the Quapaw language to students.

Edwina Busby teaches the Quapaw Language to students.
Campaign Letters

Lloyd P. Buffalo:

Fellow Tribal Members:

I am pleased to announce my candidacy for the position of Member of the Quapaw Tribal Business Committee. Being 1/2 Quapaw I have an expressed concern for the future of the tribe and the path it is now on, which prompted me to file for office.

While being progressive, it appears that often time policies and procedures fail to keep up. The past tumultuous two years within the tribe bears out my concern. It is my belief an in-depth review of the administration, staff, existing policies and procedures with resultant corrections in these areas will go a great way in resolving the expressed concerns of many tribal members.

The people deserve to be heard, for without them there is no Business Committee. Business Committee members should be for what is best for the people, rather, than for the Committee. While not every vote taken will make everyone happy, we must have faith in the elected officials of the tribe voting for the best for the tribe and the people.

Having had the opportunity to serve not only as Chairman of the Quapaw Tribal Business Committee, but, all other of the elected positions; I believe I have the experience and ability to aid in assisting the Business Committee to achieve a positive direction to address Tribal Members concerns. My philosophy is to not do for yourself what you would not do for others!

Your consideration and vote will be appreciated. Whether you vote for me or not, please vote for whom you believe can lead the Quapaw Tribe to a brighter future for the people.

With personal regards,
Lloyd P. Buffalo

Carol Green:

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

"The future is within OUR grasp!"
Vote Green for Quapaw Committee Member
July 2011

Honest
Hardworking
Trustworthy
Fair
Dedicated
Traditional Values

T. C. Bear:

Greetings and blessings to all fellow tribal members! I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your support during my past two year term as a representative of the Quapaw Tribal Business Committee. I have grown to so appreciate all of you for your guidance and input towards the decisions that have been made for our Tribe.

Previously, I based my campaign on obtaining housing for our elders. This is finally coming to fruition. A huge burden has been lifted for many of our tribal members as insurance has become a reality that will assist with the rising costs of medical care. Another of my goals was to advance the care and assistance for our Quapaw Veterans. This too, in addition to better benefits for all tribal members, has become a reality. Nothing can ease our sorrow during the loss of a loved one, but additional funds to be utilized during a family members passing is a blessing.

Of course, Quapaw Casino continues to be a hometown favorite for gaming, and Downstream Casino Resort remains as the premier establishment continuing to win praise all over Indian Country and throughout the gaming industry.

The O-Gah-Pah Learning Center is a star quality facility for our children in conjunction with the new “state of the art” daycare now operating at Downstream. These two facilities provide a much needed resource to strengthen the education of our children. The O-Gah-Pah Convenience Store remains as a constant in our economic development efforts.

We should also have much pride towards our Fire and EMS Departments that dedicate their lives to helping others. They assist our Tribe in showing our support throughout our local community. Our Marshals Department and Tribal Court are now in place to assist in making our lands and members safe. These departments and facilities are all under the umbrella of the Tribal Administration and with the direction of the Business Committee. My sincere thanks go out to all.

It takes all of us to make our Tribe successful. It is with heartfelt appreciation I thank you for the opportunity to have served you during the past two years, and would appreciate your vote in July's election to continue serving as a Quapaw Tribal Business Committee member.

T.C. Bear
Brenda McDunner Murray:

“Working for the People”

- Transparency and Accountability
- Developing Resources and Profit
- Supporting Educational Opportunities
- Improving Housing, Families and Lives
- Term Limits for Officers
- ½ Pureblood Quapaw

I have over 34 years self-employed business experience. 10 years as an owner/manager and 24 years as a real estate agent/broker. I have been married for 46 years to Johnny Murray, have 2 sons, 2 granddaughters and a great-grandson. Resided in Joplin for 38 years.

Daughter of Fred (Sonny) McDunner, granddaughter of Hazel Buffalo McDunner, great granddaughter of Joseph Buffalo and great-great granddaughter of Buffalo Calf.

Honesty Integrity Leadership

I deeply appreciate your support and vote. Respectfully,

Brenda N. Murray

Thomas Mathews:

Building for the Future

Vote Thomas Mathews for Vice Chairman

I am proud to announce that I am running for the Vice-Chairman of the Quapaw Tribal Business Committee. It would be with great honor to serve my tribe on the Business Committee. The last few years, we have seen the tribe make many great steps forward, and I want to keep the tribe moving in a positive direction far into the future.

Tribal leadership has been passed down through my family for generations. My great grandmother Pearl Crawford was on the first business committee which was formed back in 1957. Uncle Jake was tribal chairman and my Grandma Flossie has been on the Business Committee for many years. Then her son, my father JR Mathews has served as Chairman and Vice Chairman for our tribe.

I have been married for over 6 years and I have 5 wonderful kids. I started working at Quapaw Casino when I was 18, and have been dedicated to our tribe ever since. I have been a regular at our annual General Council meetings since I was 17 years old. I have been going to our monthly Business Committee meeting for years. Learning everything I can about our tribe, and what we need to do, in order to be successful.

The Quapaw tribe has seen many positive things in the last few years. Our tribe has grown to over 1500 employees and those employees depend on the leadership of our tribe. I want to see continued growth in our tribal businesses and social services. There will be many opportunities to help grow our tribe in the future and I am the right person for this position to help build for the future.

I look forward to the opportunity to serve the Quapaw people, and keep building for the future. I respectfully ask for your vote on July 23rd. I have always used a 100% open door policy, and listen with an open mind.

Thank you,

Thomas Mathews

Feel free to contact me anytime

Email: Crawfish74354@yahoo.com
Cell: 918-533-7997

Flossie Mathews:

Hi - Way        O’ Gah-Pah   Kudah
Hello           Quapaw                People

I want to introduce myself for those that do not know me as I am running again to ve on the Quapaw Council for the years of 2011 - 2013. My Grandfatgher was Harry Crawfish and he was a “Pure Blood”, which means he was only Quapaw. My mother was Pearl Crawfish Whitecrow Dukes and she was elected to be on our first Quapaw General Council August 19, 1956 and approved by the Commissioner of Indian Affairs on September 20, 1957. My brother was Jake Whitecrow who served also as the Vice Chair and Chairman. Later on he was the Executive Director of the National Indian Health Board from December 1979- 1989. He came home and was the Director of the Inter Tribal 1989 until his death. JR Mathews is my adult son and he was elected Chairman of the Quapaw Tribe from 1990 - 1992. Later on he was hired as the Quapaw Tribal Administrator by the Chairman Tamara Smiley, Secretary Treasurer Beth Blalock and the Quapaw Committee Person Lloyd Buffalo from 2000 - 2003. Later on JR was elected Vice-Chair of the Quapaw Tribe from 2003 - 2010. He was appointed by the Chairman, John Berrey and the committee to be on the Downstream Development Authority. He and the Chairman, John Berrey were instrumental in getting the investors to fund our casino and it was built in less than a year. Our hotel was completed in November. I want to thank all of the committee people serving on the DDA Chairman Berrey, Vice Chair JR Mathews and the other committee people Ranny McWatters and Lloyd Buffalo. Marilyn also gone so much of her time in being “on the job”. I was there for many of the meetings but they gave far more than I did.

I served the Quapaw People for four years about 25 years ago as a committee person. I was the one to make the motion for Dr. Burgress to bring his idea of bingo to our tribe, along with Sonny Glass. Being an ex-teacher and counselor for 29 years, I retired in 1990. The same year I was employed by Haskell Indian Junior College as a counselor. The next year, I was the Director for Academic Advising. I served Haskell Indian Nations University when it became a university. I retired the second time in 1996. My mother died in 1995 and I like to be busy, so again I ran for a committee person in 1999. I am proud of our accomplishments that have happened: self governance that allows us to re-establish our funding on direct employment, such as a director for education. We also have our own real estate department, tribal court with Judge Douthitt, tribal marshals. Our first two people that were hired many years ago were Lloyd Buffalo, Tribal Administrator and Barbara Keyser Collier as the receptionist. Donna Mercer, our Tribal Administrator how has under her employment 212 people. Our casino employees over 1,000. Yes, we have grown but new items are on our agenda.

In over 12 years, I have been absent on the council about two times. I just say Gun-gn (thank you) for serving you.

Flossie Mathews
Jesse "Manz" McKibben:

Fellow Quapaws,

I would first like to thank you for the opportunity you have given me to serve as your vice chairman of the Business Committee. This experience has been an enlightening one. I have seen firsthand many good things happening in our tribe, as well as some things that must be changed.

First and foremost our casinos are a wonderful resource for the tribe and no one wants to see them closed as have been rumored. However, there does need to be some restructuring. The first are DDA (Downstream Development Authority) member’s salaries and bonuses. The annual salaries received by these individuals should require some casino/ business experience or educational background. The bonuses these individuals receive are also another example of individuals exploiting their positions.

Our chairman, who wishes to abolish the grievance committee, has been found in violation of federal laws and I am currently the only business committee member who sees this as a problem. These violations were found by the tribe’s gaming authority (TGA). The chairman appealed the TGA’s findings and lost the judgment which was decided by the tribe’s gaming commissioner, Terri Poult. The judgment and federal statutes which were violated can be viewed on my facebook page, Jesse McKibben for Vice-chair, or I would happy to mail to you.

The reasoning behind the chairman’s wishes to abolish the grievance committee is so he will not have to be accountable to anyone. The chairman has changed the grievance process with a resolution that complicates the process. The main reason for complicating this process is if the current chairman were removed, he stands to lose a large annual income and bonuses, as well as credit card privileges which were a source of the federal violations. Also in that resolution were allowances for legal counsel. This gives the chairman a legal resource at the tribe’s expense. These are very complicated matters and it is difficult to know what is happening within the tribe when the chairman uses the newsletter as his personal platform for propaganda.

If re-elected I hope to continue working for more benefits for all tribal members, not just a privileged few. I hope that in addition to the elderly housing we can put more money into prescription coverage to cover medications that are not available through Indian Health Service. I also think more should be put into educational funding to help members earn a trade or earn college education. In these difficult economic times, a trade or education is invaluable and will only make the tribe stronger as a whole.

Your vote for me ensures tribal members a vice-chairman who will work, as my father Jess and Uncle John did in the past, for an open, accountable, and transparent government. To learn more about me personally you are invited to visit my facebook page, Jesse McKibben for Vice-chair.

Sincerely,
Jesse "Manz" McKibben II

Cathy King (Gilmore):

My name is Cathy King (Gilmore). I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself to all. I am a candidate running for (1) one of the three member positions available in the upcoming Quapaw Tribal election.

I am the daughter of the late Harry Gilmore and Bea Gilmore. My Grandmother Alice Gilmore (Crawfish) took great pride and the time needed in teaching me our “Heritage and Traditions” But most importantly, to always take “Pride as a True Quapaw Tribal member as she did. Grandma always took me each year to the Quapaw Pow Wow. We would eat and visit with family and friends at the campsite of Aunt Pearl Whitecrow, whose campsite became home to us all.

During more recent years; I have attended, participated and voiced my opinion during the regular Business Committee meeting’s. I have listened, watched and studied what has become the political agenda of our now “Business Committee. Far too many year’s have passed now, and we have NOT had a VOICE as we once had as Tribal member’s. We gave away all our Rights to the standing Business Committee (with the exception of Jesse Manz McKibben) filling the Vice Chairman position left by JR Mathew’s. I am sincerely hopeful that Jesse Manz McKibben will be given the opportunity to serve a full term.

If elected, I promise to strive for ACCOUNTABILITY by the Business Committee and the Downstream Development Authority and will push forward having a FORENSIC audit from an outside firm. It will be complete and truthful investigation of all accounting. Their findings will be available to all Quapaw Tribal member’s.

I promise an open door and open ear to the now unheard voices of all Tribal member’s. I will not just be a "YES" person sitting on the Business Committee. I want to return the Election to the 4th of July and give back the Election Committee their participation to serve on this Committee. I will also fight for the "GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE” that has been pushed to the side, with the Business Committee following the Governing Resolution.

I am running for the Business Committee to return the power back to the QUAPA W Tribal member’s. I want the power to belong to us the Tribal member’s. Any question’s please feel free to email my address catkis9@att.net

Cath y King (Gilmore)

Marilyn Rogers:

Ha Way,
O Gah Pah tribe my name is Marilyn Rogers and it has been a pleasure to be your voice for the last two years and I am asking you to support me in my bid for re-election on July 23, 2011. I have worked very hard to make the tribe very profitable and to develop more business and houses for our tribal members and to move forward to be independent for our children and grand children. I always look ahead to the new opportunities that are out there now and to make out tribe grow. My husband and I live on a farm near Welch we have been married for 38 years this November. We have three children and four grandchildren. I worked on the Downstream Casino and helped save a lot of money on construction. I have been going to classes on internet gaming that will be coming to our area. Please remember to get out to vote July 23.

Gun Ney Gay
Marilyn Rogers
Henry Ellick:

My name is Henry Ellick. I am the son of Cecelia Ellick (Aunt Ceal) and grandson of Solomon and Louella Quapaw. I am running for business committee member. I am a former business manager of the Quapaw tribe. I would like to reach out to all members here and the absentee members as well.

As the father of 3 children and the grandfather of 6 it is my wish for all of our children to be able to get the education they deserve. I would like to work closely with the schools and colleges our children are enrolled in and encourage them to stay in school and do well. I would like to spotlight our students in our Quapaw newsletter and give our children the recognition they deserve. We have some great kids out there and we need to praise them. In a quote from Crazy Horse, “Fibers of greatness are not strengthened by ridicule.” We need to make sure our kids do not drop out of school. Education is the answer to everything. We want to break the cycle of the status quo. We want to encourage our tribal members to go to college. We want more of our children to eventually be working in our businesses and being productive employees and citizens.

I would like to bring back the Community Health Representatives (CHR). In the past they were well received. These people are needed today because not all tribal members have the means to get to the doctor or other appointments. It was a viable program that helped a lot of people. Many of our older members do not get out as much as they use to and this program will allow someone to go check on them. In today’s economy our tribal people need help.

Our tribal members would benefit from legal aid and representation. It would be a beneficial service to all members. Everyone does not have the means to get legal help.

I have been retired for 1 year. I worked as an officer with the Department of Corrections in a minimum security prison. I worked 15 years at DOC and 10 years in mental health at Eastern State Hospital. While working at Eastern State I was also working on weekends at ROGMM group home for troubled youth. I worked seven days a week for ten years.

After graduating from Quapaw High School I went to Okmulgee Tech and graduated from there in 1967. After that I joined the Army. I was sent to Viet Nam where I was an Infantry soldier where I was in the TET offensive of 1968. I was then sent to Germany to finish my tour of duty. Upon returning to the states I went to NEO and graduated from there.

I would encourage all tribal members young and old to come to the monthly business committee meetings to become familiar with the tribes business. I would appreciate your vote and would try to do the best of my ability to represent each and every tribal member near and far. I believe our tribe has a great future and each and every member needs to be involved in continuing our traditions and culture.

Thank you very much,

Henry Ellick

Annual Election
July 23, 2011
9:00AM - 5:00PM
Tribal Administration Building

If parents or students have questions regarding any of the above mentioned topics, Quapaw scholarship opportunities, Native American scholarship opportunities, or are simply looking for a liaison between themselves and an educational institution, please contact Education Director Pam Leptich at 918-542-1852 ext. 211 or at pleptich@quapawtribe.com.

As evidenced by the recent decision of the Business Committee to approve scholarship monies to fund summer school, it is abundantly clear that your tribe is committed to education and to helping Quapaw students with their educational ambitions. Borrowing from an old saying - Your tribe can lead you to the water, but you must learn to drink.

College Planning Timeline: Freshman - 9th GRADE

- Meet with your guidance counselor and make an academic plan of the classes you plan to take in 10th grade.
- Participate in summer activities that will help boost your readiness for college, enrich your education and earn money for college.

College Planning Timeline: Sophomore - 10th GRADE

- Take Advanced Placement classes (AP) if your high school offers them.
- Take the PSAT and PLAN exams. These practice exams will help you prepare for the ACT and the SAT.
- Study for the SAT or ACT exam. Most colleges require you to take one of these exams before you can apply. The Quapaw Tribe Department

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of Education can guide you to resources that will help you prepare for the tests. Register for and take both exams. Retake the one you scored better on.

- Be sure you are on track for high school graduation. Meet with your guidance counselor and make an academic plan of the classes you plan to take in 11th grade.
- Investigate participating in concurrent enrollment next year, which allows juniors and seniors to enroll in select college courses and gain college credit.

**College Planning Timeline: Senior - 12th GRADE**

- Draft a final list of colleges to which you will apply.
- Take the ACT/SAT again.
- Begin working on the Common Application.
- Create a calendar with all application, financial aid, and scholarship deadlines.
- Talk to your teachers, counselors, and others about writing letters of recommendation for you.
- Visit colleges that you are interested in attending.
- Take the PSAT.
- Continue building and updating your student resume.
- Schedule interviews with college admissions counselors.
- Discuss your college plans with your parents and attend a college fair.
- Visit schools that you are interested in attending.
- Talk to your teachers, counselors, and others about writing letters of recommendation for you.
- Create a calendar with all application, financial aid, and scholarship deadlines for each college plan to apply to. This will help you organize your application and ensure you do not miss any important deadlines.
- Begin working on the Common Application.
- Draft your college essay and supplemental essay questions. Ask family, friends, and educators to review your essay for grammar, punctuation, readability, and content.
- Work on a portfolio or audition piece if you are applying to a degree program (such as art, music, drama, photography or dance) that requires one.
- Start researching financial aid options.

**College Planning Timeline: Junior - 11th GRADE**

- Take Advanced Placement classes.
- Take concurrent classes.
- Meet with your guidance counselor. Ask for a preview of your academic record and profile (class rank, GPA, etc.) from your school. Discuss how you can improve your profile. Make an academic plan of classes for 12th grade, making sure you are on track for graduation.
- The Quapaw Tribe Department of Education can guide you to resources that will help you prepare for the SAT and ACT tests. Register for and take both exams. Retake the one you scored better on.
- Visit colleges that you are interested in attending.
- Talk to your teachers, counselors, and others about writing letters of recommendation for you.
- Create a calendar with all application, financial aid, and scholarship deadlines for each college plan to apply to. This will help you organize your application and ensure you do not miss any important deadlines.
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**College Planning Timeline: Senior - 12th GRADE**

- Review courses with your school counselor to make sure you are meeting high school graduate and college entrance requirements.
- Take the ACT/SAT again.
- Draft a final list of colleges to which you will apply.
- Look into Fly-In and Visitation Programs at schools on your final list. Some universities will provide funding for Native American students to visit campus.
- Apply to the Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation by October. It provides college scholarships to 1,400 students each year, totaling over $3.4 million.
- Check deadline dates on all college applications. Early Decision deadline for many schools is November 15th.
- Check with your counselor about application fee waivers at the colleges on your final list.
- Finish your college essays, student resume, and portfolio/audition piece, if required.
- Give any recommendation forms to the appropriate teachers or counselors with stamped, college-addressed envelopes and make certain that your portions of the forms are filled out completely and accurately.
- Begin college interviews.
- Review college applications with your counselors prior to Christmas break.
- Research scholarships. Contact the Quapaw Tribe Department of Education for access to our Native American Scholarship Database which has links to thousands of scholarship applications.

**Do This Early in the Fall. Many Scholarship Programs Have Early Deadlines.**

- Begin working on the Gates Millennium Scholars Program application.
- Submit your completed college applications and the Common Application. Many schools have a January 15th deadline, while others can be as late as April 1.
- Verify that your final official ACT/SAT test scores were sent to the colleges to which you applied.
- Make sure your parents complete their income tax forms as early as possible, so you can complete your financial aid applications.
- The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) should be completed between January 1 and February 15. This will determine how much funding you will receive for college. If you do not fill this out, you will not receive aid from the government or your university for school.
- Complete the college's financial aid application between January 1 and February 15.
- Once you complete the FAFSA, you should receive your Student Aid Report (SAR) within four weeks.
- Contact the financial aid offices of the colleges to which you have applied and make sure your information has been received and that they have everything they need from you.
- Take exams for any AP and other honors-level subject(s) you studied in high school. A high score on the exam may count as college credit.
- Commit to a college by May 1st. Respond promptly, in writing, to secure admission, course enrollment, housing, scholarships, and financial aid.
- From the Quapaw Tribe website (www.quapawtribe.com), complete the Education Fund Scholarship Application and submit it and supporting materials to the Quapaw Tribe Department of Education. This scholarship awards $100.00 a credit hour up to $2,100 per semester.
- Have your high school send your final transcripts to the college you will be attending.
- Contact your college to determine the total costs and due dates for your fees, tuition, and room and board.
- Plan for transportation and housing.
- Write thank you letters to the organizations that offered you scholarships.

- Get a summer job to save money for college.
- Explore your interests through an internship.
- Participate in any summer orientation programs for incoming college freshman.

For a discussion of these timeline items in greater depth, visit www.quapawtribe/education.

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**TAG Department Announces New Hours**

The Motor Vehicle Title and Registration Department (TAGS), which handles all transactions in relation to Tribal motor vehicle titles and registrations, has announced new office hours. The office will be open on:

Monday & Tuesday
8:00 am - 12:00 pm
Wednesday
1:00 pm - 6:00 pm
Thursday
1:00 pm - 5:00 pm
Friday by appointment

Information and forms are available on-line at www.quapawtribe.com/tags
Quapaw Tribal Business Committee
Tribal Community Building
Regular Meeting
January 15, 2011

CALL TO ORDER: 9:07
INOCATION: Tamara Smiley
ROLL CALL:
John Berrey, Chairman
Present
Jesse “Manz” McKibben
Present
Tamara Smiley, Sec./Treas.
Present
Marilyn Rogers, Member
Present
T.C. Bear, Member
Present
Flossie Mathews, Member
Present
Ranny McWatters, Member
Present

DECLARATION OF QUORUM: Announced by QTBC Chairman John Berrey.

READING, CORRECTION AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the December 18, 2010 QTBC meeting and phone polls conducted were presented for approval. Motion by QTBC Member, Marilyn Rogers to approve the minutes of the December 18, 2010 QTBC meeting, and phone polls conducted. Seconded by QTBC Member, Ranny McWatters. VOTE: JB, yes; TS, yes; MR, yes; TB, yes; FM, yes; RM, yes; MM, yes. (7 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, 0 absent) Motion Carries.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The Treasurer's Report for the period ending December 31, 2010 was submitted to the QTBC in accordance with standard accounting procedures. Motion by QTBC Member, Marilyn Rogers to accept and file the Treasurer's Report for the period ending December 31, 2010. Seconded by QTBC Member, Ranny McWatters. VOTE: JB, yes; TS, yes; MR, yes; TB, yes; FM, yes; RM, yes; MM, yes. (7 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, 0 absent) Motion Carries.

O-GAH-PAH CONVENIENCE STORE: Written reports were submitted in the QTBC packets and were accepted as presented. Request for clarification on donation made to employees Christmas party. Donna Mercer, Tribal Administrator will report clarification to the QTBC.

O-GAH-PAH LEARNING CENTER: Written reports were submitted in the QTBC packets and were accepted as presented. The Downstream Learning Center has a target opening of March 2011.

QUAPAW COUNSELING CENTER: Written reports were submitted in the QTBC packets and were accepted as presented. Request for first and last name of individual(s) be affixed to reports submitted.

QUAPAW CASINO/QCA: Written reports were submitted in the QTBC packets and were accepted as presented. The 10th Anniversary of Quapaw Casino promotional will be held in January 2011.

TRIBAL GAMING AGENCY: Written reports were submitted in the QTBC packets and were accepted as presented.

DOWNSTREAM CASINO RESORT/DDA: Written reports were submitted in the QTBC packets and were accepted as presented.

EAGLE CREEK GOLF CLUB: Written reports were submitted in the QTBC packets and were accepted as presented. Motion by QTBC Member, Flossie Mathews to approve written reports as submitted in the QTBC packets. Seconded by QTBC Member, Marilyn Rogers. VOTE: JB, yes; TS, yes; MR, yes; TB, yes; FM, yes; RM, yes; MM, yes. (7 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, 0 absent) Motion Carries.

Chairman Berrey announced next month's agenda will include information regarding the proposed affordable housing project for tribal elders as well as information about the possibility of obtaining FEMA trailers to provide housing for tribal members.

QTBC member, Flossie Mathews requested & concurrence of the QTBC that a report be submitted from the Pow-Wow Committee. (based on previous QTBC motion)

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS: QTBC Member, Flossie Mathews reported All Tribes Education Consortium (ATEC) will be holding their annual Valentine's Dinner & Auction on February 12, 2011 and encourages support of this event. Since the inception of ATEC over $47,000 has been raised and disbursed in educational scholarships to Native Americans with 100 miles radius.

QTBC Member, Flossie Mathews spoke regarding the Grievance Committee Budget; was not aware that the budget passed with the inclusion of a $400 monthly stipend to each Grievance Committee member; she did not vote in support of the stipend.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:
DONATION REQUEST: SEK Thunder 6th grade & under Basketball A $200 Donation from the, Quapaw Tribal Tax Commission Motor Vehicle Division (QTTC-MVD); was processed on January 14, 2011 by Debbie Wray,Tag Agent/Tribal Operations Specialist.

NEW BUSINESS:
Consideration of Hiring a Registered Parliamentarian-Concurrence of the QTBC to have QTBC Sec./Treas., Tamara Smiley and Tribal Operations Specialist, Debbie Wray research the subject matter and bring information back to the QTBC for approval/disapproval.

Quote Approval/Disapproval-Taser Surveillance Kit-Marshals Department-Motion by QTBC Member, Flossie Mathews to approve and appropriate funds in the amount of $20,309.35 for the purchase of a Taser Axon Wearable Surveillance Kit as submitted by the Quapaw Tribal Marshals Department. Seconded by QTBC Member, Marilyn Rogers. VOTE: JB, yes; TS, yes; MR, yes; TB, yes; FM, yes; RM, yes; MM, yes. (7 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, 0 absent) Motion Carries.

Resolution #011511-A; A RESOLUTION APPROVING A COOPERATIVE LAW ENFORCEMENT AND CROSS-DEPUTIZATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE QUAPAW TRIBE AND THE TOWN OF QUAPAW, OKLAHOMA. Motion by QTBC Sec./Treas., Tamara Smiley to adopt Resolution #011511-A; A

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Resolution #011511-B; A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE LEASE OF TRUST LAND LOCATED UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE QUAPAW TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA FOR THE USE OF FARMING AND GRASSING AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRPERSON OR AN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE TO NEGOTIATE LEASE ON BEHALF OF THE QUAPAW TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA. (JOSEPH GREENBACK ALLOTMENT 920 13). Motion by QTBC Sec./Treas., Tamara Smiley to adopt Resolution #011511-B; A

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DONATIONS: Request submitted by tribal member, Billie Rice for Emergency Housing Assistance. Motion By QTBC Member, Flossie Mathews requesting tribal member, Billie Rice to be moved up list for housing assistance. Seconded by QTBC Sec./Treas., Tamara Smiley. Tribal Administrator, Donna Mercer confirmed the action of this request could be done, and that she would report back to the QTBC an estimated start time for the project. VOTE: JB, yes; TS, yes; MR, yes; TR, yes; FM, yes; RM, yes; MM, yes. (7 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, 0 absent. Motion Carries.

Request submitted by QTBC Member, Flossie Mathews for reimbursement of personal funds in the amount of approximately $90 (receipts to be provided) used for making a basket to be auctioned at the ATEC Valentines fundraiser. Motion by QTBC Sec./Treas., Tamara Smiley to approve and appropriate the submission for reimbursement of personal funds (receipts to be provided) used by QTBC Member, Flossie Mathews and other Quapaw Tribal Members of ATEC who make submissions for reimbursement of personal funds (receipts to be provided) as well. Seconded by QTBC Vice-Chairman, Manz McKiben. VOTE: JB, yes; TS, yes; MR, yes; TR, yes; FM, yes; RM, yes; MM, yes. (7 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, 0 absent. Motion Carries.

Request submitted by tribal member, Alycia Supernaw for financial assistance up to $1,000 to purchase a truck to enhance her company’s business. NO ACTION TAKEN

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Request submitted on behalf of Fairland Dance Team – NO ACTION TAKEN

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CLOSING SESSION: 9:42 AM
RETURN TO OPEN SESSION: 10:53 AM

Topic(s): Development/Implementation of a Quapaw Tribal Remediation Authority

Grievance Committee Meeting Discussion
Two Separate Tribal Members in Need Assistance

Brief discussion was held regarding letters received by tribal members regarding chat sales and the Cobell Settlement.

A chat owners and Cobell Settlement meeting will be scheduled and announced at a future date. Notification will be given to tribal members.

Brief discussion was held regarding the ASRSCO Settlement. The ASRSCO settlement was a governmental claim and was settled with the Tribe.

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A question/answer meeting regarding the Quapaw Tribal Member Health Benefit Plan will be scheduled and announced at a future date. Notification will be given to tribal members. Rob Weaver, RWI, Benefits will be requested to attend this meeting.

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BENEDICTION: Flossie Mathews

ADJOURNMENT: 1:05 AM

CERTIFICATION
Approved by the Quapaw Tribal Business Committee
On February 19, 2011 with a vote reflecting 5 yes; 0 no; 0 abstaining; 2 absent.

Notice of Candidacy

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Quapaw Tribal Business Committee
Tribal Community Building
Regular Meeting
February 19, 2011

CALL TO ORDER: 9:07

INVOCATION: Marilyn Rogers

ROLL CALL:
John Berrey, Chairman Present
Jesse “Manz” McKibben Arrived @ 9:06 am-Excused @ 9:30 am
Tamara Smiley, Sec. /Treas. Present
Marilyn Rogers, Member Present
T.C. Rear, Member Absent
Flossie Mathews, Member Present
Ranny McWatters, Member Present

DECLARATION OF QUORUM: Announced by QTBC Chairman John Berrey.

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SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT(S): Election Committee Chairperson, Callie Darr announced the annual tribal election will be July 23, 2011; first date to file 04/14/2011, last date to file, 05/16/2011. Announcement of the position changes within the Election Committee; Callie Darr is now the Chairperson and Russ Garber is now serving as the Vice-Chairman; all other positions on the Election Committee remain the same.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:
A. Concurrence of the QTBC members: Chairman John Berrey re-appointed Barbara Kyser-Collier to her position and term on the Tribal Gaming Agency (TGA).
B. A request for 5 FEMA trailers has been submitted; awaiting more information.

C. The proposed affordable housing plan for tribal elders was presented by tribal member Tony Mize, Workforce Homebuilders, LLC. Proposing submission to USDA 515 Program for funding; if not approved an alternate method of funding will be necessary. To move forward on the proposed project, a request was made for the approval of the Predevelopment Budget in the amount of $121,990.

Motion by QTBC Member Marilyn Rogers to approve the Quapaw Elder Housing Predevelopment Budget in the amount of $121,990 as presented by tribal member Tony Mize, Workforce Homebuilders, LLC. Seconded by QTBC Member Ranny McWatters. VOTE: JB, yes; JMM, absent; TS, yes; MR, yes; TB, absent; FM, yes; RM, yes; (5 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, 2 absent) Motion Carries.

D. Per directions of the QTBC, Tribal Operations Specialist, Debbie Wray, and QTBC Sec./Treas. Tamara Smiley, have drafted guidelines for financial assistance requested by tribal members. Copies of the draft will be available for tribal member input. The document will be resubmitted for QTBC approval at a further date.

NEW BUSINESS:
A. Presentation by Henry Burrow, Renewing-Building-Investing, (RBI) to request a donation in the amount of $5,000 for renovating Miami’s Baseball and Softball facilities. Tribal Operations Specialist, Debbie Wray will obtain the number of tribal members/Native Americans participating in the sports. Request will be revisited by the QTBC after additional information is presented.

B. Job description for the Administrative Assistant (to the Tribal Administrator) was presented for approval/disapproval.

Motion by QTBC Member Marilyn Rogers to approve the Administrative Assistant job description as submitted. Seconded by QTBC Member Flossie Mathews. VOTE: JB, yes; JMM, absent; TS, yes; MR, yes; TB, absent; FM, yes; RM, yes; (6 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, 1 absent) Motion Carries.

C. Officer Dan Cook presented a purchasing quote for the Quapaw Tribal Marshals Department in the amount of $11,644.73 to purchase a Taser. (grant funding and department funding)

Motion by QTBC Sec./Treas. Tamara Smiley to approve and appropriate funds, in the amount of $11,644.73 to purchase a Taser. (grant funding and department funding) for the Quapaw Tribal Marshals Department. Seconded by QTBC Member Ranny McWatters. VOTE: JB, yes; JMM, yes; TS, yes; MR, yes; TB, absent; FM, yes; RM, yes; (6 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, 1 absent) Motion Carries.

D. Resolution 021911-A: A Resolution to Appoint a New Trustee of Tribal Retirement Plans.

Motion by QTBC Member Ranny McWatters to adopt Resolution 021911-A, A Resolution to Appoint a New Trustee of Tribal Retirement Plans. Seconded by QTBC Member Marilyn Rogers. VOTE: JB, yes; JMM, absent; TS, yes; MR, yes; TB, absent; FM, yes; RM, yes; (5 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, 2 absent) Motion Carries.

E. Resolution 021911-B: A Resolution Authorizing the Quapaw Tribal Business Committee Members to Conduct Business with the Office of Special Trustee.

Motion by QTBC Member Flossie Mathews to adopt Resolution 021911-B; A Resolution Authorizing the Quapaw Tribal Business Committee Members to Conduct Business with the Office of Special Trustee. Seconded by QTBC Member Marilyn Rogers. VOTE: JB, yes; JMM, absent; TS, yes; MR, yes; TB, absent; FM, yes; RM, yes; (5 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, 2 absent) Motion Carries.

F. Resolution 021911-C; To Charter the Remediation Authority of the Quapaw Tribe.
Motion by QTBC Member Ranny McWatters to adopt Resolution 021911-C; To Charter the Remediation Authority of the Quapaw Tribe. Seconded by QTBC Member Flossie Mathews. VOTE: JB, yes; JMM, absent; TS, yes; MR, yes; TB, absent; FM, yes; RM, yes; (5 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, 2 absent) Motion Carries.

G. Approval/Disapproval of Donation Request; National Indian Health Board.

Motion by QTBC Member Flossie Mathews to approve and appropriate a donation in the amount of $398 to the National Indian Health Board per the written request submitted. Seconded by QTBC Member Marilyn Rogers. VOTE: JB, yes; JMM, absent; TS, yes; MR, yes; TB, absent; FM, yes; RM, yes; (5 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, 2 absent)

H. Approval/Disapproval of Donation Request; Chilocco Alumni Association Pow-Wow Event.

Concurrence of the QTBC to direct Tribal Operations Specialist Debbie Wray, to bring item back to the QTBC next month with additional information.

I. Approval/Disapproval of Donation Request; Mud Turtles 10 & Under Softball Team.

Discussion was held regarding resolutions pertaining to properties in Picher, OK purchased in the buyout. Additional information will be secured by Realty Department and brought back to the QTBC for adoption/approval action.

Motion by QTBC Member Ranny McWatters to approve and appropriate a donation in the amount of $200 to the Mud Turtles 10 & Under Softball Team. Seconded by QTBC Member Flossie Mathews. VOTE: JB, yes; JMM, absent; TS, yes; MR, yes; TB, absent; FM, yes; RM, yes; (5 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, 2 absent) Motion Carries.

CLOSED SESSION: 10:05 AM
RETURN TO OPEN SESSION: 10:35 AM

TOPICS: Tribal Relinquishment Tribal Member Assistance (3 tribal members) Personnel Issue

Motion by QTBC Member Marilyn Rogers to acknowledge and accept the voluntary relinquishment from the Quapaw Tribal Membership Roll of tribal member number #2242. Seconded by QTBC Member Flossie Mathews. VOTE: JB, yes; JMM, absent; TS, yes; MR, yes; TB, absent; FM, yes; RM, yes; (5 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, 2 absent) Motion Carries.

Per Closed Session, concurrence of the QTBC to direct Tribal Operations Specialist Debbie Wray to continue handling the matters/issues as requested by the tribal members.

Per Closed Session, concurrence of the QTBC to direct Tribal Administrator Donna Mercer, to address the personnel issue(s) discussed.

BENEDICTION: John Berrey

ADJOURNMENT: 10:37 AM

s/Tamara Smiley_________________ Tamara Smiley, Sec./Treas.
Minutes Prepared In Accordance with Robert’s Rules of Order [RONR (10th ed.), pg 451, 1. 25-28 By:]

s/ Debbie Wray_________________ Debbie Wray, Recording Secretary Tribal Operations Specialist

DOCUMENTATION OF A PHONE POLL

DATE: March 8, 2011
REQUEST FOR PHONE POLL: Donna Mercer, Tribal Administrator

CONDUCTED BY: Debbie Wray, Tribal Operations Specialist
SUBJECT MATTER: Maintenance Department Truck
Engine Replacement Vehicle: 1997 Chevy K1500 4WD
Color: Silver
Quoted By: Kemper Automotive, Inc; Miami, OK
Date: 02/22/2011
Quote Amount: $2,727.89 (includes replacement of engine & labor) (SEE PAGE 2)

NAME/POSITION YES NO ABSTAIN ABSENT REMARKS
John Berry, Chairman X 3/9/11 8:52 am
Mark McWatters, Vice-Chairman X 3/9/11 8:54 am
Tamara Smiley, Sec./Treas. 10/29/09 3:30 pm
Ranny McWatters, Member X 3/9/11 7:39 pm
Flossie Mathews, Member X 3/9/11 7:39 pm
Marilyn Rogers, Member X 3/9/11 7:37 pm
T.C. Bear, Member X 3/9/11 7:37 pm

VOTE: YES; NO; ABSTAIN; ABSENT; MOTION CARRIES

RESULT: YES; NO; ABSTAIN; ABSENT; MOTION CARRIES

CERTIFICATION
Approval by the Quapaw Tribal Business Committee
On March 9, 2011, with a vote reflecting: $ yes; $ no; # abstaining; # absent.

Kemper Automotive Inc.
322 W. Main St.
Miami, OK 74354
918-273-1362
FAX 918-273-1363

Melissa Gaines Medical Transportation-Lodging For Her Grandson
From: Donna Mercer <DMercer@quapawtribe.com>; To: Tamara at Rocketmail <tamarasmiley@rocketmail.com>; Subject: Melissa Gaines
Sent: Tue, Mar 8, 2011 4:58:46 PM
Melissa’s grandson Wyatt is having surgery on March 15th at the OU children’s medical hospital and will require a one night stay. They have to be there on the 14th for pre-op then back at 6 a.m. for surgery on the 15th. They are requesting a motel room for 2 nights and meals for her, Mary and Minnie Frances. They will also need gas and parking money.

DOCUMENTATION OF A PHONE POLL

DATE: March 8, 2011
REQUEST FOR PHONE POLL: Tamara Smiley, Sec./Treas.; Donna Mercer, Tribal Administrator

CONDUCTED BY: Debbie Wray, Tribal Operations Specialist
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I looked at the per diem for OKC and it is $82.00 day room and $66.00 per diem. They requested $550.00. Let me know if a phone poll needs doing.

Donna Mercer, Tribal Administrator
Quapaw Tribe of Oklahoma

The Northeastern Tribal Health System Keeps Kids Insured with Am I Covered? Program

The Northeastern Tribal Health System (NTHS) recently received a grant from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. The goal of the grant is to help uninsured Native American children ages 0-18 receive medical coverage. The NTHS wants to empower family members to become their own advocate and maintain wellness for themselves. Their goal will be accomplished by partnering with others in the community to reduce the number of Native American children without access to Medicaid information and enrollment assistance in what is known as the Four State Area - Oklahoma, Kansas, Missouri and Arkansas. The NTHS has launched their “Am I Covered?” program with local billboards and television commercials.

The NTHS will help families to identify and prioritize their own needs, informing families of public or private resources and services and assist in filling out paperwork or online enrollment for Medicaid. The NTHS Benefits Department will expand outreach beyond the clinic to area schools, day care centers, community events, health fairs, hospitals, after-school programs, and other media avenues to provide services to enroll or reenroll/retain the Native American children in Ottawa County and the surrounding area.

The NTHS, as an Agency Partner with the Oklahoma Health Care Authority (OHCA), will assist with the applicant’s enrollment in Medicaid. OHCA has created and implemented an online enrollment and eligibility program entitled No Wrong Door (NWD). The NTHS will be able to utilize this innovative and systematic approach to target the surrounding Native American community of eligible but un-enrolled Indian children and sustain ongoing enrollment and renewals. The NTHS has also partnered with INTEGRIS Baptist Regional Medical Center by purchasing a portable enrollment center for hours in which the clinic is closed. Clinic hours are Monday-Friday 8am-4pm.

Call toll free at 1-877-712-5552 to find out if you qualify for this program or to set up an appointment for assistance in filling out paperwork or applying online.

The Unfairness of Cobell

The next step in the Cobell settlement requires a fairness hearing to be held in Washington, D.C. on June 20, 2011. On April 20, 2011, the Tribe’s attorneys filed comments with the Cobell judge describing how Cobell was inherently unfair for Quapaw members. The Tribe’s attorneys are working diligently to convince the court to hear from the Quapaw people at the June 20 fairness hearing.

Government moves to Dismiss Goodeagle under a New Supreme Court Decision

On May 26, 2011, the federal government filed a motion to dismiss the Goodeagle v. United States class action lawsuit. The motion is based entirely on a Supreme Court decision just announced on April 26, 2011—United States v. Tohono O’Odham Nation—construing a jurisdictional statute of the Court of Federal Claims. The government argues that since the Cobell case covers the same operative facts as the Goodeagle case, it must be dismissed under the Tohono decision.

It appears that the government will attempt to couple this new decision with the Cobell settlement to try to dismiss at least two dozen more tribal cases in addition to the Goodeagle case. This situation raises a whole host of new issues in Court of Federal Claims. In addition to answering the federal motion to dismiss, the Tribe’s attorneys will raise this issue of the complete unfairness of the use of Cobell against the Quapaw people in this manner.

More Information

The Tribal website has all the documents filed in the Goodeagle case. For those Tribal members that submitted their Cobell opt-out forms to the Tribe’s attorneys, a separate letter and update phone calls will begin soon.

### Update on the Goodeagle Lawsuit

**What is Goodeagle and how does it relate to Cobell?**

After deciding that the Cobell settlement was inherently unfair to Quapaw members, the Tribal Business Committee authorized a voluntary alternative class action lawsuit to Cobell. The case is called Goodeagle v. United States. The Goodeagle case seeks monetary damages against the United States for its longstanding breach of trust obligations owed to individual Tribal members. Goodeagle was filed in the United States Court of Federal Claims in January, 2011. Unfortunately, the Cobell plaintiffs cut a deal with the federal government that expands the Cobell settlement beyond the original claims for federal mismanagement of the Individual Indian Money (IIM) accounts to include nearly any mismanagement of Indian property. For Quapaws, this overreaching settlement meant that Tribal members wishing to participate in the Goodeagle case had to exclude themselves by “opting out” of Cobell by April 20, 2011.

**Opting out of Cobell and Qualifying for Goodeagle**

Given the complicated of the Cobell settlement and extremely short opt-out deadline, the Tribe authorized the Tribe’s attorneys in Tulsa to help answer Tribal member questions. After talking to many Quapaws, the Tribe’s attorneys soon discovered that elders often had such bitterness about the mismanagement of Indian property that they did not discuss property issues with the younger generation. This created a situation in which many people who could qualify for the Goodeagle lawsuit did not realize that they even owned Indian property or had potential claims. Further, there was no quick way of assessing at what generation in individual families potential claims might exist today.

Therefore, with a deadline that did not allow any time for research, the Tribe’s attorneys adopted “a belts and suspenders approach” in which they recommended that all Quapaws potentially interested in participating in the Goodeagle lawsuit submit an exclusion form. Submitting a Cobell exclusion form did not guarantee that a Tribal member will qualify for Goodeagle—it only protected any potential claims from being extinguished by Cobell. Approximately 1,100 Tribal members submitted opt-out forms to protect their potential claims. The difficult task of sorting out the exact claims and who qualifies will take time and will be done after the jurisdictional battles with the federal government are decided.

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**The Unfairness of Cobell**

The Unfairness of Cobell
Grand Lake Study of Mercury and Fish

a collaboration between Harvard School of Public Health, L.E.A.D. Agency, and OU Health Sciences Center

Why are we doing this study?
- Many people rely on Grand Lake and its tributaries as a source of fish/dietary protein.
- Fish can accumulate methylmercury in their bodies, especially predatory fish that are high on the food chain, such as bass and crappie. Methylmercury can be harmful to fetuses, and some studies have suggested that mercury exposure is related to heart disease in adult men.
- No one has measured the levels of methylmercury in fish in the Grand Lake watershed. Because Grand Lake is downwind of several coal-fired power plants, which are sources of mercury, there are concerns about mercury in Grand Lake fish and mercury exposure in people who eat a lot of fish from the lake.
- The cycling of mercury in lakes and accumulation in fish and other organisms can depend on various factors in the watershed, such as nutrient inputs. There have not been any studies of mercury cycling in Grand Lake.

Who is doing this study?
- This four-year project is funded by the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS).
- This project is a collaboration among the Harvard School of Public Health (HSPH), L.E.A.D. Agency, and the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center (OUHSC).

The core study team includes:
- HSPH: Laurel Schaider, Jim Shine, Jack Spengler, Ann Backus
- L.E.A.D. Agency: Earl Hatley, Rebecca Jim
- OUHSC: Bob Lynch

What are the goals of the study?
- Measure mercury levels in commonly-consumed fish species throughout the Grand Lake watershed (which includes the Neosho and Spring Rivers and feeder streams and creeks).
- Determine whether people who eat a lot of fish from Grand Lake are exposed to high levels of mercury in their diet. We are especially interested in differences among the area's racial and ethnic populations (Native Americans, Hispanics, Micronesians).
- Promote safe subsistence fish practices by developing ongoing educational programs in the community.
- Work with state and regional agencies to promote regulations and fish advisories that protect the health of all community members, including high-end fish consumers.

What types of fish are we measuring?
- We will measure mercury levels in all types of fish that are commonly caught and consumed from Grand Lake and its tributaries. We will include not only predator fish that are expected to have high mercury, but also fish that are lower on the food chain.
- The list of species to be tested will include the suggestions of our Community Advisory Board and members of a council of fishing experts assembled by Earl Hatley.
- For each species of fish, we will measure mercury levels in at least 20 individual fish, in order to get a sense of how much mercury levels vary within a species.
- Whenever possible, we will collect tissue samples from fish that have already been caught by members of the fishing community. This will minimize the number of fish that we have to catch for this study. However, we do plan to catch additional fish to ensure that we have a representative group of samples for each fish species.

Who will be included as participants in the study? What will they need to do?
- The study will include participants who regularly eat fish caught from the Grand Lake watershed. We would like to include Native Americans, Hispanics and Micronesians, as well as participants who are not members of one of these racial or ethnic groups. Overall, we would like to include around 150 participants.
- Four times over the course of a year (once per season), each participant will be asked to complete a food frequency questionnaire (FFQ) and to provide a hair sample, which will be measured for mercury.
  - The FFQ will include questions about the types and frequencies of fish (both locally caught and bought) eaten over the past several months, as well as some other general questions (for instance, height, weight, education).
  - Hair is often used as a biomarker, or indicator, of mercury exposure. Analyzing the amount of mercury in a person's hair will provide an indication of the amount of mercury in his or her diet.
  - Participants will receive the results of their hair mercury measurements, along with general information about mercury to help interpret their results.
  - Participants will receive a gift card each time they participate in the study.

Contact information for study team personnel

Harvard School of Public Health
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(617) 384-8801

University of Oklahoma
Bob Lynch
bob-lynch@ouhsc.edu
(405) 271-2070 ext. 46774

The Drug Drop Off Boxes Available in Ottawa County

Tribal Marshal Chief Josh Lewis joined area law enforcement officials at a press conference recently to announce the placement of drug drop boxes in Ottawa County. The secure drop boxes, which look similar to the large metal mail boxes, are located at the Ottawa County Sheriff's office foyer and in the Miami Police Station's front entrance.

Citizens are urged to use these drop boxes to dispose of their unused and old prescription drugs which will help keep them off the streets and out of the hands of addicts and dealers. Many times these drugs also end up being flushed down the drain and wind up in the water system. The Oklahoma Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs Control (OBN) assists the law enforcement agencies where the drop boxes are located by picking up and properly disposing of the prescription medications.
Children's Author Featured at Family Reading Night

The Quapaw Tribe of Oklahoma Tribal Library was honored to present renowned author Ralph Little Eagle Williston during their Family Reading Night on Thursday, April 14, 2011.

Mr. Williston, who is half Oklahoma Choctaw, is a professional storyteller that has captured the minds and imaginations of countless number of children and adults in schools, camps, churches and communities throughout the United States. He is also well known as a children's book author whose beautifully illustrated books focus on the traditions of a young man who must pass tests to become a scout. In each test he must depend upon the tradition of the "Great Spirit".

The Quapaw Tribal Librarian Patricia Billings stated, "Native American storytelling was a time-honored tradition used by the elders of the tribe to teach young children the culture and customs of the tribe, as well as encourage tribal pride. Many of these stories have been passed down for generations. These stories are meant to be enjoyed by all ages. Come join us for a very special evening as Mr. Williston entertain us with the telling of some of his stories that reflect upon the culture of the Choctaw Indians."

Mr. Williston's books were available for sale and autograph during the event. Parents and kids are invited to future Family Reading Nights for a fun evening together while experiencing the joys of reading.

Blaise Feagan Represents the Tribe in Iraq

Quapaw Tribal member SPC Blaise Feagan is currently serving in Baghdad Iraq Operation New Dawn with the Gulf Company 1st Battalion 7th Field Artillery Regiment 1st Infantry. Blaise is a gunner on the convoy security escort team and is home based at Fort Riley Kansas.

Through his hard work and dedication Blaise has received the Combat Action Badge, the Army Service Global War on Terrorism Ribbon and Army Achievement Medal (with one Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster)

Blaise is the son of Jami Stone Feagan (Tribal Member), grandson of Dixie Larison Stone (Tribal member) and Johnnie Stone, great grandson of the late Bonnie Crane Larison (Tribal member) and Jim Larison, and nephew of Jon Stone (Tribal member).

Quapaw Graduate

Allison Summer Sprague was a May graduate of Oklahoma State University, receiving a bachelor's degree in construction management with a 4.0 grade point average.

She is the daughter of Angela Johnson Miskovsky and husband Ray, of Oklahoma City, and Dave Sprague and wife Tina, of Miami. Allison’s Grandparents are Roberta and Grady Johnson, and Hugh and Aleta Sprague, all of Oklahoma City. Allison is the great-granddaughter of the late Tom and Josephine Gilmore.

Allison is grateful to the Quapaw Tribe for their scholarship support, and her proud and loving family wish her much success.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

- Pow Wow Committee Meeting, June 13, 6:00PM - Quapaw Casino
- Free Health Screenings, Wednesday, June 15, 11:00AM - Quapaw Elder Center
- Business Committee Meeting - Saturday, June 20, 9:00AM - Tribal Community Building
- Pow Wow Committee Meeting, June 13, 6:00PM - Quapaw Casino
- 2011 Annual Pow Wow, July 1-4, Quapaw Pow Wow Grounds
- Tribal Court - Thursday, July 14, 2:30PM - Tribal Community Building
- Business Committee Meeting - Saturday, July 16, 9:00AM - Tribal Community Building
- Annual Tribal Elections, July 23, 9:00AM-5:00PM - Tribal Administration Building
- Tribal Court - Thursday, August 11, 2:30PM - Tribal Community Building
- Business Committee Meeting - Saturday, August 20, 9:00AM - Tribal Community Building
- Meeting - Saturday, August 20, 9:00AM - Tribal Community Building

Log on to www.quapawtribe.com/calendar for more information about events.
Quapaw Tribe Auditor’s Results

Results have been received for the Quapaw Tribe’s financial audit for year ending September 30, 2010. The results are:

Executive Summary

Summary of Auditor’s Results

Section I

Financial Statements

1. Type of auditor’s report issued
   - Unqualified

2. Internal control over financial reporting:
   a. Material weaknesses identified?
      - No
   b. Reportable conditions identified not considered to be material weaknesses?
      - None reported
   c. Noncompliance material to the financial statements noted?
      - No

Federal Awards

1. Internal control over major program:
   a. Material weaknesses identified?
      - No
   b. Reportable conditions identified not considered to be material weaknesses?
      - None reported

2. Type of auditor’s report issued on compliance for major program:
   - Unqualified

3. Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with Circular OMB A-133, Section 510(a)?
   - No

4. Identification of major program:

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5. Dollar threshold used to distinguish between Type A and Type B programs:
   - $300,000

6. Auditee qualified as a low-risk auditee under OMB Circular A-133, Section 530?
   - Yes

Section II - Financial Statement Findings

- None

Section III - Federal Award Findings and Questioned Costs

- None

Quapaw Tribe Estimated 2012 Budget

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OGP Learning Center   | 918-674-2619       |
Public Relations      | 918-540-3164       |
QT Counseling Service | 918-542-1786       |
QT Substance Abuse    | 918-542-4232       |
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New Website Debutes

The Quapaw Tribe is proud to debut its newly redesigned website. The new website offers a bold new design and up-to-date information developed specifically for our tribal member’s needs.

Under the "Notify Me" section, members may now subscribe to and receive department information anytime it’s add to the site. The site’s content management system makes it easy for different departments to update the site with important news and information. Tribal members will be able to access the tribal newsletter online, submit forms and communicate with administrative employees.

Site visitors are treated to an audio version of the “Word of the Week” complete with translation from English to Quapaw. Vibrant pictures are showcased in our photo section complete with the ability to convert one of those pictures to an E-postcard to send to family and friends.

The website has been developed by CivicPlus, the nation’s leader in the development, design and management of award winning local government websites. Using the CivicPlus Government Content Management System, the Quapaw Tribe staff can maintain every aspect of the website from pages to online forms, news announcements to a searchable archive center. The site is available at www.quapawtribe.com.

Quapaw Tribe Recycling Survey

The following is a short environmental questionnaire that we hope you will take the time to complete and send back to us. Your opinions are very important to us regarding the projects we undertake in the Environmental Department. All respondents are asked to fill in the bottom portion of the questionnaire with their present address and phone number to be included in a drawing. Five (5) winners will each receive a $30.00 gift card. Please return completed questionnaires to the Environmental Department at the address listed, by July 19, 2011.

**Quapaw Tribe of Oklahoma Environmental Survey – 2011**

1. Please check 3 of the following issues you would like to learn more about:
   - Safe disposal of hazardous substances (motor oil, weed killer, insecticide, batteries).
   - Effect of mold growing in my home on my family's health.
   - Quality of my home's indoor air (indoor air quality is affected by dust, pet, appliance exhaust, cleaning products, soot from wood fires, etc.).
   - Quality of my community's outdoor air (outdoor air quality is affected by industrial fumes, vehicle exhaust, airborne dust, agricultural chemicals, etc.).
   - Quality of my home's drinking water (home quality water is affected by lead pipes, chemicals in water, etc.).
   - Quality of my community's groundwater, water in its streams, lakes, & rivers (groundwater and flowing water are affected by industrial effluent, animal waste runoff, agricultural chemicals, etc.).
   - Availability of recycling in my community.
   - Existence and nature of particular environmental hazard unique to my community (mine waste, etc.).

2. Please circle the answer concerning RECYCLING which applies to you:
   - I routinely (all the time) recycling paper, plastic, cardboard, and glass.
   - I often (weekly) recycle 1 or more of the items listed above.
   - I sometimes (several times a month) recycle 1 or more of the items listed above.
   - I rarely recycle anything.
   - I never recycle anything.

3. Please circle the answer related to RECYCLING which applies to you:
   - I sometimes (several times a month) utilize the tribal recycling trailers.
   - I rarely utilize the tribal recycling trailers.
   - I never utilize the tribal recycling trailers.

4. Please circle the town from which you get your news:
   - Miami
   - Baxter
   - Joplin
   - Tulsa
   - Other

5. Please provide your tribal affiliation:

6. Please provide below, any other comments that you would like to offer to the Environmental Department. Also, you may call us at 1-918-542-1853 and speak to us directly.

Please fill out this portion if you would like to be entered in a drawing to be held on July 20, 2011.

DO NOT DETACH FROM THE QUESTIONNAIRE

Name: ____________________________
Mailing Address: ____________________________
Daytime Phone: ____________________________
Mail to: Quapaw Tribe of Oklahoma
         Environmental Office
         PO Box 765
         Quapaw, OK 74363
         918-542-1853
         ablair@quapawtribe.com

NOTE: If you would rather complete and submit this survey on-line, log on to www.quapawtribe.com/environmental.

For all things Quapaw Tribe log on to www.quapawtribe.com and follow us on Facebook!