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Images of the 2011 Pow Wow

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Chairman’s Corner

HA-Way O-Gah-Pah,
It is all the sudden fall and I am so excited about the months ahead. The trees are changing and the hot days are behind us. I love this time of year, our children are in the throws of school and football and other sports are in the air. It’s a time of change and here at O-Gah-Pah, so many things are happening and we are really on the move. I am always grateful for this season and it’s a great time to reflect back on the many happenings of the past summer. It is also a time to remember the many fine people that have left us for the other side, people who we miss so much but we have been blessed by our relationships with them.

It’s hard to pick what to discuss first so many things are moving and improving, our Elder Housing is really looking great. I think the units are beautiful and it is such a source of pride for the many of us that have worked so hard to bring this site from planning to development. We now have the beginnings of a safe, caring and fantastic place for elders to live and gather. Protecting and enhancing the life of the people who we love and respect is a true blessing for us all. It has been an honor to appoint with the help of the Business Committee an Elder Housing Board that will make the decisions that will come as we populate these homes and it will give the tenants a place to go as any issues arise. I am grateful also for Alan Mauk, Tony Mize, Tamara Smiley and Debra Wray who have been there and helped me in this adventure.

The Emergency housing FEMA trailers are beginning to be used and it makes me proud that we can do so many things for the tribal members that need a helping hand and these trailers are there to continue or quest to provide resources for those who need it.

Not only have we set up these 5 trailers for emergency use but also we have had an explosion in request for help. With the current state of the economy it is clear that the social services requests and special donation request will continue to grow so we have created a Donations Committee that will meet and decide on the many special donation request we receive. I am so proud of the people who have agreed to tackle these issues and I look forward to seeing how these request are managed.

Grants, grants and more grants has become the focus of many of us and with a dynamic grant writer Kim Messer and others pitching in we have experienced so many successful grants. The following is the list of grants that have been approved:
- HUD ICDBG for expansion to the Title 6 Elder Center $799,894.00
- DOJ, Public Safety and Community Policing $627,070.00
- DOJ, Methamphetamine Enforcement $126,425.00
- Native American Library Enhancement Grants $126,590.00
For a total of $1,679,979.00

It is amazing and I am so proud of the work our Tribal office.

We are in the process of replacing the old O-Gah-Pah Convenience Store with a brand new store that will be a real improvement and with good weather we should be in the new store soon. Across the entrance from the Downstream Casino we are building a Convenience/Liquor Store that will enhance our player club by discounting fuel for our regular customers, employees and tribal members but also creating about 20 new jobs and a new stream of revenue for our people.

I am amazed every day by the gifts that Father God has provided for the O-Gah-Pah people and the many challenges we face together, with the fantastic group of elected members of the Business Committee and the wonderful members of our various committees we are in the process of expanding our ability to meet the needs of our people. Life is a gift and I am so honored to have the support of so many people, Gun-Ney-Gay. So as we enjoy the beauty of the fall and harvest the bounty of this earth we always like to reflect back on the many people who we miss so much, all those fine Quapaw men and women that have come before us; from the banks of the Mississippi to the banks of the Spring River we have been blessed with the greatest people on earth, The O-Gah-Pa.

Quapaw Tribe at NEO Scholarship Fair

Quapaw Tribal Education Director Pam Leptich was present at the NEO Scholarship Fair on June 1, 2011 to provide information to area students.

The fair was hosted by Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College’s, (NEO) American Indian Center for Excellence (AICE). Scholarship information from 15 tribes and dozens of general scholarships was made available to nearly 100 students from across the four-state area.

Emilee Truelove, AICE director, said, “This is another example of the strong relationship between NEO and our area tribes. The tribes that attended provided a great service to their students. It further demonstrates their commitment to education.”

The event was open to any Native student, not just those enrolled at NEO. Students received one-on-one assistance and advice from their tribe. Pam was on hand to provide scholarship applications and to counsel students regarding eligibility and requirements for aid programs.
Business Committee Meeting Minutes
Quapaw Tribal Business Committee
Robert Whitebird Center
Regular Meeting
May 21, 2011

CALL TO ORDER: 9:00 am
INVOCATION: Tamara Smiley
ROLL CALL:
John Berrey, Chairman Present
Jesse “Manz” McKibben 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 April 16, 2011 QTBC meeting and phone polls conducted were presented for approval. Motion by QTBC Member, Flossie Mathews to approve the minutes with corrections as noted, of the April 16, 2011 QTBC meeting, and phone polls conducted. Seconded by QTBC Sec./Treas., Tamara Smiley. VOTE: JB, yes; JMM, yes; TS, yes; MR, yes; TB, yes; FM, yes; RM, yes; (7 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, 0 absent) Motion Carries.

TREASURER’S REPORT: The Treasurer’s Report for the period ending April 30, 2011 was submitted to the QTBC in accordance with standard accounting procedures. Motion by QTBC Member, Marilyn Rogers, to accept and file the Treasurer’s Report for the period ending April 30, 2011. Seconded by QTBC Member, Flossie Mathews. VOTE: JB, yes; JMM, yes; TS, yes; MR, yes; TB, yes; FM, yes; RM, 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.

O-GAH-PAH LEARNING CENTER: Written reports were submitted in the QTBC packets and were accepted as presented.

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

QUAPAW COUNSELING CENTER: Written reports were submitted in the QTBC packets and were accepted as presented.

QUAPAW CASINO/QCA: Written reports were submitted in the QTBC packets and were accepted as presented.

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

DOWNTOWN 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 Sec./Treas., Tamara Smiley to approve written reports as submitted in the QTBC packets. Seconded by QTBC Member, Marilyn Rogers. VOTE: JB, yes; JMM, yes; TS, yes; MR, yes; TB, yes; FM, yes; RM, yes; (7 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, 0 absent) Motion Carries.

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT(S):
A. Ground Committee, Debbie Wray presented a request for additional funds in the amount of $4,000 to the Ground Committee budget; electrical upgrade due to damages caused by flooding behind the arena. A new sign at the entrance gate is in progress. Will be changing the traffic flow by making an entrance only/exit only at the gates; signs will be posted at each gate; maintenance department will open and close the exit gate daily.

Motion by QTBC Vice-Chairman, Jesse “Manz” McKibben to approve and appropriate additional funds in the amount of $4,000 to the Grounds Committee budget for electrical upgrading as requested. Seconded by QTBC Member, Flossie Mathews. VOTE: JB, yes; JMM, yes; TS, yes; MR, yes; TB, yes; FM, yes; RM, yes; (7 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, 0 absent) Motion Carries.

B. Election Committee: Chairperson, Callie Darr announced the 2011 Tribal Election Candidacy: VICE-CHAIRMAN: Thomas Mathews, Jesse “Manz” Charles McKibben II, MEMBER: T.C. Bear, Marilyn Rogers, Cathy King (Gilmore), Carol Green, Henry Ellick, Lloyd Buffalo, Michael Shawnee, Brenda McDunner Murray, Flossie Mathews.

POINT OF INFORMATION: Flossie Mathews reported ATEC held their annual Wild Onions & Eggs Dinner fundraiser, this year including a garage sale. Approximately $1,000 was raised. ATEC appreciates the continued support of the local tribes and the community.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:
A. QTBC Chairman Berrey gave an update on the Elder Housing project. The contract has been awarded for the dirt work. Currently working with HUD. The plans/layout of the development includes the site location for the 5 FEMA trailers for emergency housing. Currently working with the Town of Quapaw regarding codes and permits. Development plans were available for review. Currently developing a DRAFT housing policy. The DRAFT policy will be published for tribal membership input. Forms will be developed for tribal members to submit their written interest to serve on the committee.

B. QTBC Chairman John Berrey gave an update on the DRAFT Tribal Member Assistance policy. The DRAFT policy will be published for tribal membership input. Forms will be developed for tribal members to submit their written interest to serve on the committee.

C. QTBC Chairman John Berrey read the written request submitted by the Realty/Trust Dept., for a motion to rescind resolution 041611-I due to errors in the calculation of the lease agreement. Motion by QTBC Member, Flossie Mathews to rescind tribal Resolution Number 041611-I a requested by the Realty/Trust Dept. Seconded by QTBC Member, T.C. Bear. VOTE: JB, yes; JMM, yes; TS, yes; MR, yes; TB, yes; FM, yes; RM, yes; (7 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, 0 absent) Motion Carries.

NEW BUSINESS:
A. A written request to access tribal lands to conduct research for Master’s thesis was submitted by Brendan Furneaux, a Master’s student at the University of Oklahoma. Motion by QTBC Member, Flossie Mathews to grant access to tribal lands as submitted in the written request of Brendan Furneaux, a Master’s student in the School of Civil Engineering and Environmental Science at the University of Oklahoma. Motion by QTBC Member, Flossie Mathews to grant access to tribal lands as submitted in the written request of Brendan Furneaux, a Master’s student in the School of Civil Engineering and Environmental Science at the University of Oklahoma. Seconded by QTBC Member, Flossie Mathews. VOTE: JB, yes; JMM, yes; TS, yes; MR, yes; TB, yes; FM, yes; RM, yes; (7 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, 0 absent) Motion Carries.

B. A written request to approve and appropriate funds for equipment upgrade to be utilized at the Quapaw Tribal Elder Center was submitted by the CHR and Title VI Program Directors. Concurrence of the QTBC to take no action until the location/space for the equipment is reviewed further.

C. Resolution Number 052111-A: ICDBG Project FY 2011 Quapaw Elder Center Expansion. Motion by QTBC Member Flossie Mathews to adopt Resolution Number 502111-A: A Resolution Making Certain Assurances, and Adopting Certain Policies and Procedures in Connection with an Application for the Indian Community Development Block Grant (ICDBG) Project FY 2011. Seconded by QTBC Sec./Treas. Tamara Smiley. VOTE: JB, yes; JMM, yes; TS, yes;
MR, ye; TB, ye; FM, yes; RM, yes; (7 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, 0 absent) Motion Carries.

D. Resolution Number 052111-B; Commercial Sign Lease Mary Grandeagle Allotment.
Motion by QTBC Member Marilyn Rogers to adopt Resolution Number 502111-B; A Resolution to Request Approval of a Commercial Sign Lease on the Mary Grandeagle Allotment Number 920 172. Seconded by QTBC Member, Flossie Mathews. VOTE: JB, yes; JMM, yes; TS, yes; MR, yes; TB, yes; FM, yes; RM, yes; (7 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, 0 absent) Motion Carries.

E. Resolution Number 052111-C; Purchase of Trust Interest Slim Jim Allotment 920 SB 201 (Lot 1; 0.0263 acres M/L). Motion by QTBC Sec./Treas. Tamara Smiley to adopt Resolution Number 052111-C; A Resolution Authorizing the Final Decision to Purchase the Trust Interest in Land (Surface Only) Located Under the Jurisdiction of the Quapaw Tribe of Indians, Oklahoma, in the Amount Negotiated for by the Business Committee of the Quapaw Tribe of Indians, Oklahoma. Seconded by QTBC Member, Marilyn Rogers. VOTE: JB, yes; JMM, yes; TS, yes; MR, yes; TB, yes; FM, yes; RM, yes; (7 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, 0 absent) Motion Carries.

F. Resolution Number 052111-D; Purchase of Trust Interest Slim Jim Allotment 920 SB 201 (Lot 4;0.0358 acres M/L). Motion by QTBC Sec./Treas. Tamara Smiley to adopt Resolution Number 052111-D; A Resolution Authorizing the Final Decision to Purchase the Trust Interest in Land (Surface Only) Located Under the Jurisdiction of the Quapaw Tribe of Indians, Oklahoma, in the Amount Negotiated for by the Business Committee of the Quapaw Tribe of Indians, Oklahoma. Seconded by QTBC Member, T.C. Bear. VOTE: JB, yes; JMM, yes; TS, yes; MR, yes; TB, yes; FM, yes; RM, yes; (7 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, 0 absent) Motion Carries.

G. Resolution Number 052111-E; Purchase of Trust Interest Slim Jim Allotment 920 SB 201 (Lot 1; 0.0368 acres M/L). Motion by QTBC Sec./Treas. Tamara Smiley to adopt Resolution Number 052111-E; A Resolution Authorizing the Final Decision to Purchase the Trust Interest in Land (Surface Only) Located Under the Jurisdiction of the Quapaw Tribe of Indians, Oklahoma, in the Amount Negotiated for by the Business Committee of the Quapaw Tribe of Indians, Oklahoma. Seconded by QTBC Member, Ranny McWatters. VOTE: JB, yes; JMM, yes; TS, yes; MR, yes; TB, yes; FM, yes; RM, yes; (7 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, 0 absent) Motion Carries.

H. Resolution Number 052111-F; Lease of Trust Land to Clint Kensey. Motion by QTBC Sec./Treas. Tamara Smiley to adopt Resolution Number 052111-F; A Resolution Authorizing Clint Kinsey to Lease Trust Land Located Under the Jurisdiction of the Quapaw Tribe of Indians, Oklahoma for the Use of Farming and Grazing in the amount of $5,375 Annually and to Prorate the First Years Rent in the Amount of $3,583.33 for the Remaining 8 Months or Authorize the Chairperson or an Authorized Representative to Negotiate Lease on Behalf of the Quapaw tribe of Indians, Oklahoma. Seconded by QTBC Member Marilyn Rogers. VOTE: JB, yes; JMM, yes; TS, yes; MR, yes; TB, yes; FM, yes; RM, yes; (7 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, 0 absent) Motion Carries.

I. Donation requested by Native American Films/Life Entertainment Group. Concurrence of the QTBC to "Hold in Abeyance", the donation request submitted by Native American Films/ Life Entertainment. Request may be re-submitted after guidelines for donations to those other than tribal members is established, and additional information is requested for further review.

CLOSED SESSION – There was no Closed Session Action

QTBC Chairman read aloud several written requests for monetary assistance; each with different amounts and circumstances
Tribal member Linda Kay asked that she be allowed to have the floor. An apology from Linda Kay to Susie Attocknie, and members of the Social Services Committee. Linda Kay had stated she was given the wrong date and time of a Social Services Committee meeting. Linda Kay found later she was given the proper notification of the Social Services Committee meeting.

BENEDICTION : Marilyn Rogers

ADJOURNMENT;  9:52 A.M.

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

CERTIFICATION

Approved by the Quapaw Tribal Business Committee
On June 18, 2011 with a vote reflecting
7 yes; 0 no; 0 abstaining; 0 absent.

Quapaw Tribe of Oklahoma
General Council Meeting
Downstream Casino Resort (Pavilion)
July 4, 2010

CALL TO ORDER: 10:30 AM

INVOCATION: Ardina Moore

WELCOME: Chairman John Berrey

TOTAL NUMBER TRIBAL AFFILATED ATTENDING: 527 (Count Taken From Sign-In Sheet)

READING, CORRECTION & APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes from the July 4, 2009 General Council was presented for approval. Motion by tribal member Debbie Wray to approve the minutes of July 4, 2009 General Council meeting as presented. Seconded by tribal member Jami Collins. Motion carries.

Motion by tribal member Judy Bodo to SUSPEND the AGENDA in accordance with Robert’s Rules of Order and move to OPEN FORUM. Seconded by Cathy Gilmore King. Vote: 212 yes; 184 no; 9 abstaining. Motion carries.

OPEN FORUM: Tribal member Sid Griffin had submitted a written request to have the floor. Discussion was held regarding his personal views concerning interest rates on the financing of Downstream Casino Resort; sponsorships/donations and open disbursements.

NOTE: When applicable, in accordance with Roberts Rules of Order, Chairman John Berrey removed himself from the “Chair”, and turned the meeting over to Sec./Treas. Tamara Smiley.

Motion by tribal member Linda Kay to hear an oral report from the Grievance Committee. Seconded by tribal member Buddy Gilmore. Motion withdrawn. Tribal Gaming Agency is on the agenda and will give an oral report on issues at hand regarding the grievances filed and the investigations being conducted.

Motion by tribal member Jesse C. McKibben (Manzi) to remove Chairman John Berrey from the Quapaw Tribal Business Committee, Downstream Development Authority (DDA), membership from tribal roll and from any other positions held and that he be banned from serving any positions with the Quapaw Tribe of Oklahoma. Seconded by tribal member Maggie Buffalo. MOTION DECLARED OUT OF ORDER, (in accordance with Roberts Rules of Order) BY SEC./TREAS. TAMARA SMILEY on the basis of an established procedure in place for removal of officers; NO VOTE TAKEN.
ANNUAL POWER POINT PRESENTATION: All financials, including tribal and federal funds were submitted in the power point presentation.

Motion by tribal member Rebecca Pebeahsy to CLOSE OPEN FORUM and return to the AGENDA. Seconded by tribal member Susie Panther. Vote: 275 yes; 68 no; Motion carries.

ELECTIONS:

NOTE: ELECTION PROCEDURES WERE CONDUCTED BY MEMBERS OF THE ELECTION COMMITTEE

ELECTION: TRIBAL PRINCESS
Nominations from the floor: Mallori Shawnee
Kristen Mouse DECLINED

Motion by tribal member Lloyd Buffalo to cease nominations and declare Mallori Shawnee tribal princess by acclamation. Seconded by tribal member. Motion passes by unanimous consent. Candidates & family members were given the floor to make their introduction. Mallori Shawnee was elected to serve as tribal princess.

ELECTION: POW-WOW CHAIRMAN
Nominations from the floor: Joe Byrd DECLINED
Liz Tiger 68
Sonny Glass 72
Cricket Rice 55
Niki Thomas DECLINED

Motion by tribal member Debbie Wray to cease nominations for pow-wow chairman. Seconded by tribal member Alberta Redeagle. Motion passes by unanimous consent. Candidates were given the floor to make their introduction. Sonny Glass was elected to serve as pow-wow chairman.

ELECTION: GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE
Nominations from the floor: Jim Greenfeather 124
John Rader 69
Cassie Mayfield 96
Mick Wilson 139
Judy Pebeahsy 86
Linda Kay 97
Arthur Buffalo 35

Motion by tribal member to cease nominations for Grievance Committee. Seconded by tribal member. Motion passes by unanimous consent. Mick Wilson, Jim Greenfeather and Linda Kay was elected to serve as the Grievance Committee.

TRIBAL GAMING AGENCY: Tribal Gaming Agency Director, Barbara Kyser-Collier gave a brief report of the investigations/grievances/complaints regarding the Quapaw Tribal Business Committee and the Downstream Development Authority.

CANDIDATES FORUM:
CHAIRMAN: John L. Berrey
James E. Gilmore
Grace Goodale
Carole Green
Carrie V. Wilson
Lloyd Buffalo

SEC./TREAS.: Tamara R. Smiley
Mickey D. Wilson
Joseph “Jo-Pat” Skye

MEMBER: Ranny McWatters
Brenda McDunner-Murray
James R. Newlon
Virginia Mouse
Geoff Buffalo
JoKay Dowell
Michael Shawnee

Candidates were given the floor to make their introductions and campaign speeches.

BENEDICTION: Geoff Buffalo

ADJOURNMENT: 6:00 PM

By:/s/ Debbie Wray

Debbie Wray, Recording Secretary

Tribal Operations Specialist

CERTIFICATION
Approved by a motion and unanimous vote of the General Council of the Quapaw Tribe of Oklahoma on July 4, 2011.

Business Committee Members Sworn In

Newly elected Business Committee officers were installed during the Quapaw Tribe Business Committee meeting of September 17, 2011. Vice-Chairman Thomas Mathews, members Marilyn Rogers, TC Bear and Flossie Mathews were sworn in by Election Committee Chairperson Callie Darr for the start of their new two year terms. The new committee members join Ranny McWatters and John Berrey on the Committee.

TRIBAL GAMING AGENCY: Tribal Gaming Agency Director, Barbara Kyser-Collier gave a brief report of the investigations/grievances/complaints regarding the Quapaw Tribal Business Committee and the Downstream Development Authority.

Business Committe Members Sworn In

Callie Darr (at podium) swears in (l-r) Marilyn Rogers, Thomas Mathews, TC Bear and Flossie Mathews.

Tribal Member Moutsiakis Pens Book

Tribal Member Demetrius Moutsiakis has published his first book which documents his journey of recovery from a traumatic brain injury. Demetrius, who is now a general practitioner at a holistic medicine clinic and a clinical instructor at SUNY Stony Brook, was just twenty years old and already in his first year of medical school at the State University of New York at Stony Brook when he awoke one day in a room he didn’t recognize. He’s intrigued by a mysterious milky-white liquid in a plastic bag that he eventually identifies as a feeding device.

The truth soon becomes clear to Demetrius: He’s suffered a traumatic head injury, and he’s just woken up from a coma. It will take all the strength he can muster to rehabilitate his body and mind so he can pursue his future once more.

This book documents his personal journey from the heights of adolescent promise to the depths of rehabilitative hell. He seeks to find a more measured and treasured existence in The Other Shoe Dropped.
Graduate Success Stories

Education News: At the bottom of the Education Department’s page on our website, (www.quapawtribe.com/education), is a link to the Graduate Information Form. By clicking on the link, students can update the tribe and celebrate their educational accomplishments. We welcome your submissions.

Tiffany Jennings:

Hayway O-Gah-Pah!

My name is Tiffany Jennings. I am a proud member of the Quapaw tribe, and also Sac and Fox and honorary Miami. I am the daughter of Melissa Jennings of Shawnee, OK. (Na Tha Wa Qua); granddaughter of the late Mary "Bobbie" Baker Jennings and Edwin Cornelius "Jiggs" Jennings (Pi Ta Ko a); the niece of Michael Jennings of Gallup, NM., Dennis Jennings of Shawnee, OK; and the late Donald "Buz" Jennings (Na Noch a Ho), and Daniel Jennings (Ka Ha tta).

I grew up in Oklahoma and graduated from Cushing High School in 2000. I have very fond memories of attending the Quapaw powwow with my grandparents. Being Quapaw use to mean running down “The Hill” as fast as you could, playing bottle rocket wars with cousins, trying to get the deer-lady to appear, and searching for the spook light (we NEVER did see it)! Now, being a Quapaw means much more; it provides a sense of pride in my heritage, connects me to the elders that have passed, and has instilled traditional values that I try to live by each day.

I enjoyed six years (2003 – 2009) in the U.S. Air Force where I acquired an associate of applied science in meteorology in 2007. The military also afforded me the opportunity to complete a Bachelors of Science in Management and Marketing in 2009 through Park University. I am very proud to say that I graduated with Summa Cum Laude honors. During the last two years of my time in the Air Force I was assigned the duty of Fitness Program Manager for a unit of 135 personnel. While the position entailed many duties, it was the wellness aspect that piqued my interest in the field of nutrition.

I am currently a non-degree seeking student studying nutritional sciences at The University of Arizona in Tucson, AZ. I am an Ambassador for the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, a member of the UA Nutrition Club, and a dietetic intern with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. Although I’ve settled into life as a non-traditional student since separating from the Air Force, I decided to push the boundaries even further and apply to an exchange program during the last year of undergraduate studies.

Based on GPA I was accepted to the University of Nottingham in Nottingham, England for the academic year 2011-2012! While in England I wanted to complete the undergraduate requisites for eligibility to a Master’s program in nutrition. I hoped to matriculate into a Master’s program in the fall of 2012. The goal is to become a registered Dietitian (R.D.) once I’ve completed the nutrition program.

A few reasons why I decided that University of Nottingham was right for me included, the wide range of nutritional science courses offered, location (the school is two hours north of London—I wanted complete immersion into the British culture), and lastly, the school accepted me as an exchange student which means that the fees for the program were more affordable.

Alas, it was not to be. Due to course scheduling conflicts, I was not able to attend the University of Nottingham after all. I will return to the University of Arizona in the spring. This experience has been both rewarding and frustrating. I was honored to be accepted to the University of Nottingham and am determined to make the best of this momentary bump in the road.

I am grateful to the Quapaw Tribe for assisting me with this exciting opportunity via the educational funds that are offered. We are fortunate to be members of a tribe that gives back to its people. It’s wonderful to read about the advancement of the tribal programs and I look forward to, one day, participating in the language classes. I also hope to give back to the Native American community once I’ve completed my advancement through education.

Tiffany Jennings - Ma Kwe Qua

Solomon (Charles) Jones:

Congratulations to Solomon (Charles) Jones of Fayetteville, Arkansas. He was named to the Spring 2011 Dean’s List at Northwest Arkansas Community College. Solomon completed his Associate’s Degree in Business from Northwest Arkansas Community College this summer and will be attending the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville as a junior this fall.

Solomon, 28, is a veteran having served with the First Marine Division during Operation Iraqi Freedom I. He earned the rank of Sergeant and his decorations / awards include Combat Action Ribbon, Presidential Unit Citation, Global War on Terrorism, Expeditionary Marine of the Quarter, Sea Service Deployment Ribbon, Good Conduct Award, Meritorious Promotions Corporal, and Meritorious Citation.

Majoring in Business Administration with an emphasis in Transportation and Logistics, Solomon is preparing himself for a professional career in business. He would like thank the Quapaw Tribe for its continued support and educational funding. It is desire to use his experiences as well as his degrees in business to benefit the Tribe in the future.

Solomon’s advice to students...”Achieving in education requires diligence and discipline. You have to stick with it and stay focused on your goals. Don’t let anyone tell you it can’t be done.”

Solomon is the son of Carrie V. Wilson and Raymond Jones and the grandson of Charles Banks Wilson and the late Edna McKibben Wilson. He was named after Solomon Quapaw. Solomon’s younger brother, Private First Class Ben Woodley, is serving in the Army. He is currently stationed in Germany after having served a tour in Afghanistan.

Congratulations, Solomon, and continued success at the University of Arkansas.

Brandon Bandy:

Brandon Bandy of broken Arrow, OK received his Bachelor of Arts in American Indian Studies from Haskell Indian Nations University in Lawrence, KS. Currently employed by Haskell Indian Nations University, Brandon plans to continue his education toward advanced degrees.

Paulette Sue Shell:

Paulette Sue Shell of Glencoe, OK has earned Accounting 1 & 2 certification and Software Applications certification from Meridian Technology Center in Stillwater, OK. She has also been certified in Business Technology Accounting I & 2 through Business Professionals of America. She plans to continue her education toward additional certifications and degrees. Paulette challenges students to, "Never give up. You can always learn.”

Tonette Jimenez:

Tribal member Tonette Jimenez, who lives in Victorville, CA, has received her B.A. from Chapman University in Social Science. Tonette also has minors in Psychology, Sociology and Criminal Justice. Tonette plans to continue her schooling to get an advanced degree. Congratulations!
Quapaw Tribal Elder Housing from Dream to Reality

The dream of Quapaw Tribal Elder Housing is becoming a reality with the building of the first three duplexes of what will eventually be eleven duplexes and two triplexes. We will then have a total of twenty-eight affordable Tribal Elder rental units on the land adjacent to the Tribal Museum, Library and Senior Center complex.

The first three buildings, which will contain six one-bedroom units are on schedule towards completion this year. Each unit will include appliances as well as a safe room located in the master closet. All of the streets and utilities for the entire site will also be completed this year. Additional units will be started as our funding is finalized.

The grounds of the complex will feature beautiful landscaping and paved roads with curb and gutter throughout. An attractive gazebo west of the existing tribal complex will become a gathering spot for community events as well as a wonderful place to sit quietly and take in the scenery.

The Title VI dining room is a short walk from each of the units and will allow our elders to take advantage of the nutritious meals served, join in the many social events as well as have the Community Health Representative close at hand. Having the Tribal Library and Museum right next door will allow elders access to numerous educational and cultural activities.

A survey will soon be sent to all tribal members 62 years of age and over to determine how many elders are interested in living in the rental homes. Both minimum age and maximum income limit criteria must be met by all applicants. Once a list of interested parties is compiled from the survey, a lottery will be held to assign the first available units, vacancies in those units, and to create a waiting list for the future homes that will be built.

Tribal member Tony Mize is the development consultant coordinating the project for the Business Committee and tribe. Tony is president of Workforce Homebuilders LLC and has a background of over thirty-five years in real estate development, with special emphasis on the development of affordable senior and workforce housing. Tribal consultant and advisor Alan Mauk is also assisting the tribe with the project and has been actively involved in coordination of the site improvements by Jeff Asbell Trucking and Excavating, Inc. and building construction by Butler Homes, LLC.

The Quapaw Tribal Elder Complex is not just a group of houses but a community which will enhance the quality of life for our elders. They will experience the security and sense of belonging that comes from being a part of a neighborhood designed for their needs and will enjoy the camaraderie of their tribal elder friends and neighbors.

L-R: Tribal attorneys John Williams, Stephen Ward walk with Business Committee Member TC Bear.

Chairman Berrey points out construction details.

Tribal members check out the safe room.

Attendees of the August 20, 2011 Business Committee meeting were invited to tour the homes after the meeting.
Dear Tribal Members,

The Business Committee is proud to announce that the dream of providing Quapaw Tribal Elder Housing is quickly becoming a reality. The site improvements will be complete within the next 30 days. Two of the first one-bedroom duplexes are nearing completion and we will have an additional one-bedroom duplex completed this year. This means a total of six new homes for our Elders who are age 62 or over will be ready to occupy in 2011. We will also be constructing a number of the remaining units after the winter weather is past. Each unit will include all appliances as well as a safe room located in the master closet. The homes are adjacent to the Title VI dining room, the Tribal Library and the Museum in Quapaw which will enhance the quality of life for our Elders.

In order to determine how many of our Elders age 62 or over are interested in living in the rental homes, we ask that you complete and return the attached survey by not later than Friday, November 11, 2011. It is important to understand that we are trying to create an "Interest List" at this time. Once we see how many Elders would like to move in, and how soon, (this year or next year), we will place all the names in a public lottery to determine everyone's order, or "place in line" for meeting with Housing Staff to complete a full application for the actual "Priority Waiting List". Surveys may be completed either by the Elders or by family members of an Elder who may be unable to complete the survey form themselves. Both minimum age (62) and maximum income limits criteria must be met by all applicants. Specific maximum income limits will be determined by the tribal Housing Committee, and ratified by the Business Committee, but we are currently discussing rents in the 20%-30% of income, with utilities paid. Your prompt return of the attached survey will assist us in setting these policies.

Please return the survey to the tribal administrative office at PO Box 765, Quapaw, OK 74363. For your convenience you may also log on to our website at www.quapawtribe.com/elderhousingsurvey to complete and submit the survey. Once again, as soon as a list of interested parties is compiled from the attached survey, a lottery will be held to assign the first available units and to create a waiting list for the future homes that will be built.

The Quapaw Tribal Elder Complex is not just a group of houses but a community which will enhance the quality of life for many of our Elders. Residents will experience the security and sense of belonging that comes from being a part of a neighborhood designed for their needs and will enjoy the camaraderie of their tribal elder friends and neighbors.

Gun-Ney-Gay,
John L. Berrey, Chairman

Elder Housing Survey

I (We) am (are) interested in living in the new Elder units. I am interested in:

☐ One Bedroom Unit
☐ Two Bedroom Unit

I (We) certify that I (we) am (are) age 62 or over, or will be by move in.

I (We) understand that I will be required to complete an application and provide income and asset verifications to tribal housing staff.

Signed: ___________________________  Date: ______________

Signed: ___________________________  Date: ______________

Surveys may be hand delivered to the tribal administrative office at 5681 South 630 Rd., Quapaw, OK 74363 or mailed to:
Quapaw Tribe Housing Survey
PO Box 765
Quapaw, OK 74363

Surveys may also be filled out and submitted online at www.quapawtribe.com/elderhousingsurvey
Tribal Newsletter Has Evolved

Recently Business Committee Member Flossie Mathews came across a May 1984 issue of the tribal newsletter. She wanted everyone to see how the newsletter has changed.

Library Survey

The Tribal Library has received grant money to host classes and presentations during the 2011/2012 year. These classes will be held at the library as well as video taped and posted online. We would like to get your ideas about what kind of classes you would like to attend. Surveys can be filled out online at www.quapawtribe.com/library or mailed to Quapaw Tribal Library, PO Box 765, Quapaw, OK 74363.

Name: ____________________________

Address: __________________________

State: _______ Zip: _____________

Email: ____________________________

Please give us your ideas for classes: ____________________________________________

Election Thank You

Hi-Way Quapaw People,

Thank you again for the votes to place me on the Quapaw Business Committee to serve you for the next two years. I served you for four years twenty-five years ago. This year will be starting my thirteenth year.

When I served you over twenty-five years ago, we had to work the pow wow that was held in Miami, OK to pay our electric bill. Today, look around and see what the Quapaw Business Committee has done for you in the last twelve years.

I am looking forward to see what we can do for you in the next couple of years.

If you need to speak to me, call 918-542-8397 or 918-533-4413. My fax is 918-542-6291.

Respectfully, Flossie Mathews
Quapaw Business Committee Member
EPA Executives Visit Tribe

EPA Region 6 Administrator Al Armendariz, EPA Region 6 Director of Tribal Affairs Jeannine Hale and EPA Senior Policy Advisor for Environmental Justice Lisa Garcia, along with members of their staff, visited the Quapaw Tribe on June 31st and July 1st.

They met with Tribal Business Committee Chair John Berrey, Business Committee Members Marilyn Rogers and TC Bear and the staff of the Tribal Environmental Department to tour tribal land and to see first-hand the positive steps that the tribe is taking to remedy the atrocities that were perpetrated on our land.

During their visit EPA representatives and staff:
• Met with Chairman Berrey, Business Committee members and staff
• Toured the Tar Creek site
• Toured the Mayer Ranch Passive Treatment System which treats mine water in Commerce
• Attended our annual pow wow

Area Tribal land represents the largest Super Fund site involving Indian land in the nation. Having representatives from the EPA tour our land signifies the importance of the work that our Environmental departments is doing.

Pictures Wanted

Dear Quapaw Tribal Members,

I am serving on the Quapaw Cultural Committee and we are making more improvements to our museum. Please drop by and see what we have done. We are open on the weekend and Charlotte Hoffman is our receptionist.

We need pictures and allotment numbers of any of your relatives that were original allottees to display. Copies will be made of these pictures for display and the originals will be returned. Pictures may be dropped off at the museum, scanned and sent to choffman@quapawtribe.com or mailed to:

Quapaw Tribal Museum
PO Box 765
Quapaw, OK 74363

Thanks,
Flossie Mathews, Quapaw Business Committee

Calendar of Upcoming Events

- Tribal Court - Thursday, October 13, 2:30PM, Tribal Community Building
- Business Committee Meeting - Saturday, October 15, 9:00AM, Tribal Community Building
- Free Health Screening - Wednesday, October 19, Tribal Elder Center
- Quapaw Tribe Children Halloween Party - October 25, 6-8PM, Tribal Community Room
- Tribal Court - Thursday, November 11, 2:30PM, Tribal Community Building
- Free Health Screening - Wednesday, November 16, Tribal Elder Center
- Business Committee Meeting - Saturday, November 19, 9:00AM, Tribal Community Building
- Thanksgiving - Thursday, November 24, Tribal Offices Closed
- Quapaw Tribe Children Christmas Party - Sunday, December 4, 2-4PM, Ottawa/Peoria Bldg, Miami

Log on to www.quapawtribe.com/calendar for more information about events.
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 spotlight different departments to help explain to the members of the Quapaw Tribe how each department works. This issue’s department is:

The Quapaw Tribal Courts

The Tribal Court serves the Quapaw Tribal members and business entities in civil matters, and criminal adjudication for acts on trust land and business entities by Native Americans.

Tribal Court is held on the second Thursday of each month, at 2:30 PM, in the Tribal Community Building. Court Clerk Carol Feathers may be reached at 918-542-1853.

Court is presided over by Judge Jon Douthitt with Truman Carter as Attorney General / Prosecutor.

A letter from Truman Carter:

Greetings to all Quapaw Tribal members. It is my privilege and honor to serve as prosecutor in the Quapaw Tribal Courts.

My name is Truman Carter and I am enrolled with the Sac and Fox Nation. I received my undergraduate degree from the University of Oklahoma with a major in Law Enforcement Administration. I received my law degree from the University of Oklahoma College of Law. I have served as tribal prosecutor for many tribes in Oklahoma and the BIA CFR Courts for over 25 years.

As the Quapaw Tribal Prosecutor, my services to the Tribe are limited to criminal and juvenile matters.

In criminal matters, my principal role is to coordinate the investigation and prosecution of crimes committed in the Quapaw Indian country. The Tribal Prosecutor seeks justice for the victims of crime and works closely with the Quapaw Tribal Marshals Service, and federal, county, and local law enforcement agencies, as well as the U.S. Attorney’s Office, the state District Attorney’s office, and local prosecutors.

If an Indian commits a tribal criminal offense, and sufficient evidence is present, the Tribal Prosecutor files charges in the form of a formal complaint. A person accused of a crime is called a Defendant, and is brought to the Court to answer the charges filed against the Defendant. An indigent criminal defendant is entitled to be provided legal counsel at the expense of the Quapaw Tribe.

All defendants are treated with dignity and respect in appearances before the Court; all defendants are guaranteed certain rights under the law; and all defendants are presumed innocent until admitting guilt or being found guilty beyond a reasonable doubt before a judge or jury.

In juvenile matters, the Tribal Prosecutor represents the tribal interests in our tribal children in cases where the children have been removed from the home and placed in the protective custody of the state or tribe. The Tribal Prosecutor works closely with the Quapaw Indian Child Welfare Program officials in these confidential matters. An indigent parent may ask the Court to be represented by legal counsel at the expense of the Quapaw Tribe. The Court is required to take action which is in the best interests of our tribal children.

The Tribal Prosecutor may be contacted through the Office of Tribal Court Clerk.

Tribal Gaming Agency Order

MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 15, 2011
TO: Quapaw Tribal Business Committee
FROM: Director, Quapaw Tribal Gaming Agency
RE: QTGA Order Concerning Credit Card Usage

It has come to my attention that the QTGA’s order of November 19, 2010 and the subsequent ruling by the Quapaw Tribal Gaming Commission of March 4, 2011, has been the subject of considerable confusion and misunderstanding within the Tribe. I have also been told that these documents have been distributed to tribal members as evidence that Chairman Bemry has violated federal criminal law. Although I do everything possible to stay out of tribal politics, it is obvious that the QTGA’s Order is being used in a way that is politically damaging to the Quapaw Tribe and because of it, I feel compelled to set the record straight.

First, the QTGA’s order did not allege that the Chairman violated federal criminal law. If it had, the QTGA would have been overriding its bounds in making such an allegation. The QTGA is a civil regulatory agency not a criminal law enforcement agency. Our job is to monitor, enforce, and oversee compliance with civil laws and regulations applying to tribal gaming operations.

In our audit, we did find a number of regulatory deficiencies, in relation to credit card usage, by some of the individuals assigned credit cards. In the case of the Chairman, we found that there were some personal expenses charged to DCR credit cards, and we found that there were some Quapaw tribal expenses charged to DCR credit cards. These findings were documented and we issued an order of closure as a means of expressing our disapproval of the situation with the expectation that once the rules were made clear, the issues would be resolved.

At the same time, we noted that some of those matters took place at a very hectic time, around the opening of the DCR and during the first year of its operation. We also noted that final policies governing card usage were not in place, and we noted that the Chairman cooperated with the QTGA in the audit process. Subsequently, he reimbursed the DCR in full for the personal charges.

One of my major concerns with the recent turmoil all about of this, is the disruption and upheaval that has resulted. At the same time, I feel that some good has come of it, though at a price for some. The Quapaw Tribe has demonstrated that it is able to regulate itself effectively even in relation to its highest elected official. For his part, the Chairman has demonstrated that he is not above the Tribe’s regulatory processes, but rather accepts it and comes into line with it. In some tribal governments, this would not be the case. I feel that this is evidence of the Tribe’s increasing maturity and I hope that the Quapaw people will come to see this as well.

We have come unbelievably far in the past three years. When I look back, it is truly amazing. When I first approached as Director, I was by myself in a closet of an office at Quapaw Casino. Today, the QTGA has a professional staff that is well-trained, dedicated, and hard-working. All of us are now working on a platform that clearly indicates that we have a successful Quapaw Casino.

As I look ahead, I see a better future for our people. I do think that it’s important for everyone to know that the QTGA is not doing things for political reasons. We strive to do a good job for the Quapaw Tribe, but always in a fair and proper manner, which is why I bring this matter to your attention.

Andrea Rieck
Letter From the 2011 Pow Wow Chairman

2011 QUAPAW POW-WOW REPORT
SUBMITTED BY AUGUST 16TH, 2011
SONNY GLASS

I wish to thank the Quapaw Tribal General Council for having selected me to serve as the Quapaw Pow-Wow Chairman for the past 4 years. Harry Gilmore, I am sure is still laughing.

As the Pow-Wow Chairman, it has been a learning experience, in submitting a budget, selecting the head staff and gathering voluntary that would help with the different areas involved in putting on the annual pow-wow. I could not have done this without the help of those that were involved.

I wish a special acknowledgment of appreciation for those who gave generously of their time and energy in helping complete the tasks given to each: Joan Ann Blalock, Jennifer Lansford, Brandon Butlin, Cricket Rice, Patty Davis, Linda Davis, Mary Gray, Fay Wagener and Kathy King. Also a special thanks to the Quapaw Tribal Accounting Department, Tribal Staff and those volunteers that participated in enhancing the outcome.

A very special thanks of appreciation to the maintenance grounds workers. Having seen the grounds early in the spring and how much they had to do to have the grounds and arena prepared for the opening.

In spite of the weather, the economy and what had occurred to our friends and families in the Joplin Missouri area. The 2011 Quapaw Pow-Wow was a very successful pow-wow.

We had 172 registered contestants, some of the finest dance contestants that competed in the different dance divisions around. And over the 4 days of dancing it was estimated that there were some 3100 plus dancers present in the dance arenas. From the opening songs and prayers, the crowning of Ms. Haley Sandiford to the closing songs ending the 139th Annual Pow-Wow, all had a great time.

The head staff was very well received by those that met them. Our lead lady dancer was not feeling well, but carried out her dance duties and even sponsored a special contest in honor of her father who had attended the Quapaw Pow-Wow in years past.

On Saturday morning up at the community building, rations were given out to the registered campers. Kathy King volunteered to help and submitted her list of rations and worked within her budget. She organized a group that went and picked up the rations and gave out to the campers. She said that she did not know what she was getting into, however, she completed her task well.

On Sunday, one of the hottest days that we have had in a while. Marylyn Rogers and

Thomas Matthews were around the pow-wow grounds giving out to the campers bags of ice, after which they both donated to the Pow-Wow Committee the remaining ice bags that were used by our concessions. On Tuesday morning there was only one bag of ice remaining in the ice wagon.

On Sunday, there was a prediction of possible rain, and we started the evening as scheduled. But due to a rain front that approached, the pow-wow was delayed and the dancers waited in the wings until we were able to continue. We were able to complete 3 contest divisions before dissolving the dancers for the evening due to a heavy rain that was fast approaching.

It was then that the Arena Director, Master of Ceremonies and the Pow-Wow Committee all agreed and announced to the dancers that the pow-wow would continue in the afternoon of the 4th, with the Grand Entry at around 3:00 p.m. We did not expect that the Quapaw General Council Meeting would last as long as it did. Had we started as scheduled with the remaining contest division to be completed, the pow-wow would have finished up somewhere around 3 or 4 o'clock Tuesday Morning.

After visiting with the Tribal Accounting Department and reviewing the Pow-Wow budget. We were still under budget overall. With the possibility of receiving additional funds from the Oklahoma Arts Council in the amount of $2,500, the 140th Annual Pow-Wow will have start-up funds.

Now, with all that said, I am looking forward in attending and taking time to dance next year.

Again, I wish to thank the Quapaw General Council, the Quapaw Business Committee and all that were involved.

Sincerely,

Sonny Glass

POW-WOW RECOMMENDATIONS:
If it pleases the Business Committee, I would like to ask the Quapaw Business Committee members to consider, giving some kind of a Gift card of thanks to those that were named above. As stated before, they gave generously of their time and energy to please all those that attended the pow-wow.

That the General Council, may consider, in the future after selecting a Pow-Wow Chairman, to help take some of the burden off of one family funds, a type of monetary assistance or aid to establish to help defray the cost of hosting guests, making phone calls and other duties related to putting on a pow-wow. I have learned this in the past 4 years.

In Memorium

Our beloved mom and grandmother, Geannette "Tommy-Jo" Holland, passed away in her sleep on July 23, 2011 after a heroic fight with Alzheimer's disease, she was 76. Tommy Jo was a Miami native and lived near her family at the Dominion Village Assisted Living Center in Poquoson, VA for the last six years.

Tommy-Jo led an amazing life as a proud military wife and homemaker, enduring many hardships and sacrifices while raising two families at many far and distant Army outposts.

A 1953 graduate of Miami High School, Tommy-Jo was an active member of the Quapaw, Tewa and Osage Tribes, and was a devout member of the Catholic faith. All who knew Tommy-Jo knew her for her boundless sense of humor, and her love for her children, family, and friends. Tommy-Jo maintained her amazing spirit in the face of tragic loss and illness and we will all miss her zest for life and love of laughter.

Tommy-Jo was preceded in death by Homer and Alice Crawfish Gilmore (grandparents); Thomas and Josephine Gilmore (parents); David Warren Ranger (husband); David Keith Ranger (son); and Harold Bryan Holland (husband).

Tommy-Jo is survived by: her son and daughter-in-law, Kelly and Mary Ranger (Yorktown, VA); son and daughter-in-law Bryan and Leigh Holland (Suwanee, GA); her daughter Nicole Holland (Cumming, GA); eight grandchildren, Kelsey, Kahtlin and Kayla Ranger (Yorktown, VA), Alexandra and Dylan Hulsey (Cumming, GA), Bryleigh Geannette Holland (Suwanee, GA), and Veronica and Vanessa Ranger (Columbia SC); three sisters, Beverly Klutts, Roberta Johnson, and Deborah Shuey; and brother, Jeffrey (of Oklahoma City, OK). She was also a proud stepmother to Kathy Sansbury, Deborah Carver and Elizabeth Batelaan.

Taken in part from obituary published in the Miami New-Record
Tribal Insurance Update

The health plan is trending well. Thousands of claims have been received and processed, and we are improving by the day. RWI receives several calls daily for customer service issues, and are receiving extremely encouraging comments and helpful advice for improvement for next year’s plan. Here are a few reminders that will help you get your claims for service and reimbursements paid in the most effective way:

1. In order for Benefit Management to process a claim, they need to have received your enrollment form. You still have benefits, but they process the claim only after they receive the form. If you have lost your form, please call RWI Benefits at 417-624-2200 or email Betsy Churchwell at bchurchwell@rwibenefits.com. She will be happy to send you a new one. The vast majority of tribal members have already done this, but in case you have not this is a friendly reminder. If you receive another form in the mail, it may mean that Benefit Management already has a claim pending for you. Thank you for returning that form promptly.

We have received many requests to increase the budget for dental services in the upcoming year. The Business Committee will be reviewing this and the entire program later this year, and the answer will depend on the allowed budget. The work of the Business Committee on this enhanced benefit to our tribe is to be commended.

A reminder to our elders—your benefits were updated in June of this year so that you have no internal limits on your benefits between Medical, Vision or Dental or prescriptions. Many have called to ask why they received updated cards. This is the reason. We wanted to make it easier for our elders to have increased access to healthcare.

For any questions or suggestions that you want to be included for next year’s plan, please write to Robert Weaver at rweaver@rwibenefits.com or via mail at PO BOX 2427 Joplin, Missouri 64803. All suggestions will be reviewed.

Gun Ney Gay!

Robert Weaver
President/Founder
Member of the Quapaw Tribe

Social Services Guidelines Going Green

The Quapaw Tribe Social Services Department has announced that they are going green. In order to save costs and resources the Social Services Guidelines for year starting January 1, 2012 will no longer be mailed to all tribal members. After approval the guidelines will be posted on the tribal website at www.quapawtribe.com/socialservices. Those tribal members who do wish to receive a hard copy may contact the Social Services Department at 918-542-1853, ext. 222 or toll free at 888-OGAHPAH (888-642-4724).

Ellick Brings Home Championship

“Honka He - Today is a good day to die” was Henry Ellick’s mantra as he overcame a second round knockdown to emerge victorious during 11th Annual Ringside World Championships Men’s Master Division. Ellick, 64, whose year long training regime included doing 1,000 crunches daily, was not going to be denied a win. In 1968 Ellick lost a decision at a local fight but in his heart he knew that he should have won. This was always in the back of his mind as he trained for the August 20th fight.

Ellick has been a judge at many fights during his career therefor he knew that the knockdown counted very little against him. From that moment on he worked to out score his opponent.

The tournament, held at the Kansas City Expo Center, featured over 1,500 fighters from fourteen countries.

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Tribal Member News

Tribal member Leighton Quapaw was recently noted as one of the rising stars of local high school football in the Summer/Fall 2011 issue of Oklahoma Football Preview. Leighton, a sophomore at Miami High School, is a member of the Wardogs team. Leighton’s grandfather, Pud Quapaw, is the Director of Maintenance for the Quapaw Tribe.
Images of the 2011 Pow Wow

For more pow wow pics log on to www.quapawtribe.com/powwows

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