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Haway,

We live in a world that days fly by and so do the seasons. It is such a wonderful time of the year, and I am excited about the summer. We have so much happening, and I am so very proud of our Tribe. It truly is the year of the Ogahpah! Where do you begin? We have QSA working hard with lots of Tribal members working! We cleaned up and we are in the process of getting Quapaw cleaned up and begin the building process after the tornado. We lost all the buildings we had just purchased from the Eastern Shawnee Tribe. Thankfully, the buildings were insured and so were the trucks and tractors that were inside. We plan to turn around and rebuild and eventually take over our town…. Quapaw! At Downstream, we are expanding our pavilion to allow for more tradeshows and more midweek play in the Casino; we already have it rented into the future. We are also expanding our casino floor into Kansas, and we hope this adds some excitement to the mix. Our beautiful cattle are growing, and they are an awesome compliment to the tribe’s portfolio. I think the cattle are so very pretty, and I look forward to really adding agriculture to our businesses. We have been farmers forever, and the cattle business has a big upside into the future.

We are expanding our Wellness Center and, by the way, held over 200 souls during the tornado. We are adding a basketball court, making the center a community place to be. We are cleaning up and clearing several land tracks that belong to the Tribe for livestock and turning unused property into production. QSA is continuing to do roads for other Tribes, clean up at Tar Creek; we are buying a sacred burial mound around Osceola near Arkanas.; it is huge and very moving when you stand near it. It is truly a historic property of the Tribe. Our land in Arkansas is drawing lots of attention and, hopefully, one day will create great economic opportunity for the Tribe. All of our crews work very hard, and I am so proud of our work and it gives me such pride to report on many of our activities. Thank you so much for all your support and please reach out and say hello when you are in town for Pow-Wow! Gun-Ney-Gay!

John L Berrey

REMINDER!!!

General Council will be held Fri-day, July 4, 2014 at the Downstream Pavilion. Starting at 7:30 a.m., breakfast will be served, and registration will begin. The meeting will start at 9:00 a.m.

QUAPAW TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA
ANNUAL ELECTION
JULY 26, 2014
NOTICE OF CANDIDACY

Chairman
John L Berrey (Unopposed)

Secretary/Treasurer
Tamara Smiley Reeves (Unopposed)

Member
Ranny McWatters
Lloyd Buffalo

In accordance with the Election And/Or Voting Ordinance approved at the January 31, 2006 General Council, Page 6, Section B.3,Item, “No later than three (3) business days following the close of the filing period, the Nominating/Board Secretary shall count the ballots of the Tribal Election Committee to determine the results of all candidates along with their respective office of candidacy.”

Lori Shriver, Secretary of the Quapaw Tribal Election Board, certify that the above named individuals have met the requirements to have their names placed on the official ballot as a candidate for the office of the Quapaw Tribal Business Committee.

An Update from Chairman John Berrey
Title VI Helps with Caregiver Conference

The Caregiver Spring Conference was held March 14 at the First Chris\-
tian Church in Miami. Along with the Quapaw Tribe, sponsors for the
event were Grand Gateway AAA, Oklahoma Healthy Aging Initiative, Se-
nior Companion Volunteer Program Alzheimer’s Association Oklahoma
Chapter, Ottawa Tribe, Eastern Shawnee Tribe, and Wyandotte Nation.
The event was free to professional caregivers, family caregivers, and their
loved ones.

Educational topics that were covered were Medication Management,
presented by Dr. Mark Stratton of the OU College of Pharmacy; Is It Al-
zheimer’s or Normal Aging; Diabetes Prevention; Resource Roundtable;
and information was also given about Parkinson’s Disease. Lunch and
respite care were provided. A reception, door prizes, and massages were
also given.

If you are a caregiver for a family member, contact Rhonda Weaver, Title
VI Director, at (918) 674-2257 about receiving respite care.

Tips for Completing Your Higher Education Funding Application

GENERAL TIPS:
- Write clearly, or type your information.
- Double-check the address you put on the application.
- Make sure all phone numbers are correct and in working order.
- Make sure that your email address is up-to-date and en-
tered correctly on your application.

MAILING YOUR APPLICATION:
- Although the guidelines state that applications must be post-
marked by the deadline, it is VERY WISE to send your application
before the last day.
- Why? If any information or documentation is MISSING or IN-
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Successful Wellness Center, Expanding Soon

Open since December, the Wellness Center is up and running and already
ready for expansion. Phase II of the Wellness Center project is scheduled
to begin later this summer. As part of Phase II, a gymnasium will be con-
structed for tribal and community use.

Since its inception, membership numbers have grown monthly, and the
center has proven that it will be an integral part of the community for
years to come. Free to tribal members, membership is also open to the
public with discounts available to families, students, senior citizens, law
enforcement, fire department employees, and educators.

In addition to the stationary equipment, a chair exercise class is on-
offer. Yoga is also taught. A Zumba class is offered for a small fee per class.

Class schedules are on the tribe’s website.

Not only does it offer exercise, the Wellness Center also provides public
education in healthy lifestyles. In March, staff hosted a healthy eating
class for participants of the chair exercise program. American Heart As-
sociation employee Rachel Crawford demonstrated how to eat healthy on
a budget with lunch provided.

Located at 907 Whitebird in Quapaw, the Wellness Center is open Mon-
day through Friday from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm and on Saturdays from 8:00
am to 2:00 pm. and closed for all federal holidays. For more information,
stop by or contact Sherrie Nida, Wellness Center Director at (918) 674-
2314.

The following information should be completed on the W-9 before you
send in your application:
- YOUR name (not parents/guardians; not your place of em-
ployment)
- YOUR address
- YOUR Social Security Number
- YOUR SIGNATURE
- DON’T FORGET—WRITE THE DATE on your W-9 when you

DO NOT “GUESS” or “ESTIMATE” how much postage is for mail-
ing your application. Applications received with “Postage Due”
will be returned to the sender. This process usually takes a few
weeks.
- HAVE THE POST OFFICE WEIGH THE ENVELOPE FOR
THE CORRECT AMOUNT OF POSTAGE.

W-9s:
- Who receives the form?
- Why are multiple copies of the W-9 needed?
- What is the purpose of the W-9?
- How is the W-9 used?

PICTURE IDs:
- Remember that with each application you must provide copies of:
  - Current driver’s license or current student ID
  - Social Security card
  - Tribal card

ESSAY:
- If you are not sure what to write about in your application essay,
  here are some excellent suggestions:
  - What is your major (and minor, if you have one) or course of
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Alex Easley Transitions from High to College Football

“Everyone told me Alex was too small to play football,” said Amos Easley. Amos, Alex’s father, has seen his son prove the naysayers wrong time and again. Since he was five years old, Alex has played baseball, soccer, and football. Alex was small, but he was fast, touch, and showed early talent kick- ing a ball with speed, power, and accuracy. When he was in third grade, he kicked a 25-yard field goal—a league, state, and national record.

With support from family—sister, Erica, dad, Amos, grand- parents, and others—Alex developed a strong work ethic that guided him to practice kicking everyday. The family moved to Lebanon (MO) where Alex played with the Ozark Football League. As a seventh grader, he was starting quarterback, line, kicker, and place- kicker. During the season of that year, he made field goals of 32, 28, 40, and 45 years breaking league records. In his freshman year after moving to Webb City (MO), he was the only freshman to win a spot on the varsity football team, finish- ing the season 13-1. Alex started on the Webb City team from his sophomore through senior years. His team won state championships with 15-0 and 33-4 records each year. Alex earned All Conference, All Dis- trict, and All State honors each season; he was also named Most Valuable Special Teams Player. His senior year, he was named to the All Area, All Springfield, and All Ozark teams and named the South- west Missouri Kicker of the Year.

Last year, Alex signed a national letter of intent to play NCAA Division II football at Northwest Missouri State University in Maryville. Alex would like to thank people who have shown an interest in him and helped him through- out his football career. “Thank you, Quapaw tribal members for supporting me and for be- lieving in me. I am very proud to let everyone know I am a Qua- paw tribal member. I couldn’t have gotten this far in my kick- ing career without my sister, dad, stepmom, cousins, uncles, aunts, grandparents, coaches, and tribal members. I will do my very best to represent my- self, my family, and my tribe in honorable ways. My goals are to kick a 50-yard field goal and try to make a 70-yard field goal by my senior year in college. I will work very hard to become the best kicker Northwest Missouri State has ever had, and I hope one day to play professional football. I would also like to thank the coaching staff, play- ers, and fans from Webb City High School for their support and for a most amazing high school experience.”

Alex’s dad is justifiably proud of his son. Amos Easley said, “Alex is an amazing kicker and student and leader. I am the proudest dad in the world to see the young man he has become... he stayed with his dream from the beginning. I never had to make him practice or push him to step up to a higher level. He wanted it himself and, now, his work ethic and his talent have gotten him there. Alex, your dad, sister, stepmom, and fam- ily are very proud of you and re- spect you. We love you.”

Alex encourages all Quapaw to be all they can be. And, if they need an example of what hard work can bring, that exam- ple is Alex Easley.

*Article written by former Higher Edu- cation Director Pam LePicht*

Catholic 40 Update

As the Quapaw Tribe Environmental Office along with Quapaw Services Authority continues to clean up the Catholic 40 site, we would like to step back a moment and look at the progress we have made in the first few months of clean up. As of February 6, 2014 approximately 76,000 tons of chat have been re- moved from the Catholic 40 site,

Tribal Recycling Program

Recycling for the Quapaw Tribe is coordinated by the Tribal En- vironmental Department. Because of their efforts approximately 80,000 pounds of recycling materials were collected and turned into useful products during the first two quarters of the year. They have also cleaned up two roadside dumps which contained 12 tons of trash and 324 tires.

The Quapaw Tribe maintains three recycling trailers throughout the Quapaw/Miami area. Residents are welcome to utilize these trail- ers in the disposal of the approved items. The recycling program accepts cardboard, paper of all types and plastic bottles type I and II. The trailers are located at:

- Tribal Administrative offices - 5681 South 630 Rd, Quapaw
- Quapaw Tribal Convenience Store-Mushroom Farm Rd., Miami
- Quapaw Marshals offices - Old Picher High School, Picher

There are also containers to receive cardboard at the Tribal Admin- istration Office, the Title VI building and the O-Gah-Pah Learning

**Business Committee - Estimated Budget for the period 10/1/14 to 9/30/15**

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Above, Easley, center, with his parents.
A Note from Business Committee member Betty Gaedtke

My name is Betty Gaedtke and I have been in office as a Business Committee member since being elected last July. It has been 10 months now since I was sworn in and I am excited to report to Quapaw Tribal members that our “house” is in order. I am very impressed at how hard the Business Committee works for you. Most people don’t realize the work that goes into Tribal business. Some think that the only business that goes on is what happens at the monthly Business Committee meeting but there are planning meetings and decisions being made and meetings being conducted on a daily basis, not only within our tribe but also with officials from local, state, federal, and other native tribes. There are conferences to attend and laws, rules and policies to keep up with. It is a full time job with great responsibility. You, the Quapaw people elect the people on the Business Committee to conduct tribal business on your behalf and the trust you hand to them is as important as your own household business.

During the past 10 months I have attended many, many meetings with the Business Committee, Downstream Development Authority, Downstream Gaming Enterprises, and the Tribal Gaming Agency. I have met with all of the Tribe’s subcommittees, all of the Tribes Department heads and most of the Tribe’s business entities. It is overwhelming not only on how much is going on and how much there is to learn, but what is discussed and decided. Each one of those meetings is a planning meeting and with that comes many ongoing growing pains and lessons learned but I assure you that every person on the Business Committee is deeply interested in the welfare of the Tribe and its members. I would like to quickly report a few things of interest. Our tribe has an annual budget of $30 million and 50% of the income for that budget is generated by our own businesses with the other 50% coming from various Federal grants. In my time here as such a budget, the tribe received $2.5 million in grants for 2013 and $450,000 so far this year. $290,000 was spent investing in higher education for 141 Tribal members this year and this is just the beginning. We are funding for about 154 Tribal members. Other things of interest include a new greenhouse business on the property of Downstream Casino to supply flowers, herbs and vegetables for Downstream’s restaurants and new spa, a new construction company that is being employed by the Tribe, Tribal members, we have purchased a large portion of downtown Quapaw, Ok. That consists of office space, warehouses and vacant lots to use for Tribal offices and future business. Unfortunately, the Tribe is not able to add all of that to their property and with that comes the opportunity to rebuild for our specific needs using insurance funds. Land has even been donated to the Tribe in downtown Quapaw and in Baxter Springs, Ks. Grant funds were used to purchase a new ambulance for our Medical Center. In addition the Title VI building has three concrete containers for their offices.

A Note from Business Committee member Betty Gaedtke—cont. from page 4

Total Expenses $21,655,265.00

SP/PowWow Grounds 100,000.00

Tribal Princess 7,000.00

Elder Christmas 15,000.00

Sample & Lab Analysis 2,500.00

Background Checks 2,000.00

Camp Covers 20,000

Janitor & Laundry 1,000.00

Front Desk 3,750.00

Seminars Project 5,000.00

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More about Downstream’s Green Efforts

The following article provides more details about the Downstream Casino’s efforts, as mentioned in the previous newsletter.

Everything is recycled at a 2.5% rate. People visit Downstream Casino Resort. That means electricity, water and other resources are flowing freely around the clock. The Quapaw Tribe’s daily mission is to help reduce waste and to be green in many aspects. It’s a focus on the future. The resort is retrofitting its lights, switching to LED to help conserve energy. Tribal leaders believe once all lights are changed, Downstream will use 30% less electricity. Another green effort is recycling, from plastic bottles to changing out the towels within the hotel bathrooms. Those are sanitized, repurposed into hygiene kits and then donated to shelters and other nonprofit.

It doesn’t end there. The Quapaw Tribe is holding true to its culture, herding bison, helping preserve wetlands on its property and cultivating farmers. As one of Downstream’s chefs, RC Cabalquinto prepares hundreds of meals each day. As he cooks a steak dish, he tells us his recipes need a lot of organic ingredients.

“Now, we’re using our fresh herbs, came from the greenhouse thyme,” said RC Cabalquinto, Downstream Chef.

The plants are tended by a group of three horticulturists each day, who pride themselves on not using pesticides. Instead, they unleash armies of ladybugs to treat the plants without jeopardizing what they will later eat.

“They immediately start going onto the herbs and any of the unwanted larvae or insects, they go after. This is the only way we’re going to treat for insects,” said John Berrey.

Chairman Berrey has proclaimed this is the year for planning and starting more buffalo this year to vastly increase the size of our heard so that we will be able to supply the demand. We will be acquiring cattle from neighboring companies, and will look to continue other cleanup activities throughout the green new greenhouse added last month.

“We want people to know when they come to Downstream, that they can also have a meal fixed with herbs that were prepared on the property, naturally grown,” said Gilbert Johnston, Downstream Horticulture Supervisor.

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“We have a lot of lettuce that goes basically to a landfill where we’d better off maybe feeding it to some chickens and either using the eggs or donating the eggs to the food banks,” said Berrey.

Horticulture’s vision is to help preserve the tribe’s culture and pay respect to the environment.

“Prime of what Chairman Berrey has offered. We take pride in it everyday,” said Cabalquinto.

From the greenhouse back to the house where Cabalquinto strives to serve the best. The three other greenhouses will be up and running soon. One will also house herbots, another will be an annual garden of flowers, and the last one will be for tropica flowers which will be used to decorate the hotel and casino.

Barber

Center. In addition the Title VI building has three concrete containers for paper and plastic. Each tribal department is also set up with compost bins and recycling bins.

New to the Tribal Environmental Department is the placement of a roll off dumpster. This dumpster is located in Picher to help stop illegal dumping.

For more information about the program please log on to www.pawwawire.com or call 918-542-1853 ext 231.

Update—cont. from page 4

making the once devastated site look partially restored. The Qua- paw Tribe is in the midst of a large cleanup project and will look to begin clean up around the histori- cal structures where once stood a woman’s hospital. We have a vested interest in the lands previously disturbed by mining companies, and will look to continue other cleanup activities throughout the Tar Creek Superfund Site.

If you have news or other in- formation, you’d like us to pub- licize, contact me at (918) 542-1853, ext. 241 or by email at amckib- ben@pawwawire.com. Re- members that this newsletter is published quarterly! Some-
Tribal Member’s Graduation Announcements*

*Please note: These are the announcements YOU sent to us!

Emma Greenback

Greenback received a bachelor’s degree in Psychology in May, 2013 from Southern Nazarene University in Bethany, OK. She is 22 years old and lived in Oklahoma her whole life. Ever since she was a junior in high school, she has wanted to major in psychology and earn a master’s degree. She feels very blessed to have received her degree and says it would not have been possible without the financial support from the tribe. She wants to tell the tribe “thank you” for the Higher Education funding she received that assisted her with school.

Jason Harkins

Earning a Master of Science in Instructional Technology, Harkins received his degree from Fort Hays State University in Kansas. Prior to receiving his master’s, he got a bachelor’s degree from Ft. Hays in Medical Diagnostic Imaging and an associate’s degree in Radiologic Technology from Carl Albert State College in Poteau, OK. Employed as an adjunct instructor of Radiography at Carl Albert State College, he wanted to obtain his master’s so he could teach full-time. He also works as a part-time x-ray and CT Tech at Latimer County General Hospital. Harkins wished to express his gratitude to his wife Carmen for all her love and encouragement. He also wanted to thank the Quapaw Tribe for helping him obtain his educational goals. He is the father of two sons, Nate, seven, and Macs, five and resides in Wilburton, OK.

Ashley Ghazal

Graduating from Skiatook High School this year, Ghazal has plans to attend Oral Roberts University this fall.

Jennifer Smith

Graduates, Will Play Soccer at NEO

Graduating from Collinsville High School this year, it was always Jennifer Smith’s dream to play at both college and professional levels.

Riley Bacon

Eighteen year old, Riley Bacon graduated from Kamiakin High School in Kennewick, Washington. He is the son of Donnetta Marie Tuthill-Bacon and granson of Harry Robert Tuthill. His great grandmother is Alice Marie Crawfish Tuthill.

Now, she is seeing part of her dream come true. Smith, of Owasso, has received a scholarship to play soccer at Northeastern Oklahoma (NEO) A&M College in Miami beginning this fall. Smith also graduated from Tulsa Technology Center in May 2013 with a certificate in Mechanics/Brakes/Electrical. Smith said, “I have played soccer since I was four, it is my dream to play at the College level and maybe even professionally. I would like to study in the nursing field to become a registered nurse and work in sports medicine. I’m an all-around type girl; I love to dress nice, makeup, do my hair, you know girly things, but I’m a tomboy at heart; hunting, fishing, four wheeling, mudding, and yes I drive a big four wheel drive truck!”

Her inspiration is her mother, Alycia Supernaw-King, who was diagnosed with Non-Hodgkin’s Lymphoma in 2007 and is now in remission. Her mother and stepfather, Justin King, own and operate a hotshot courier business, where Smith works. Her family is committed to fundraising and donations helping people in Northeast Oklahoma with cancer. They have a PINK truck and work with Turn Tulsa Pink, Cancer Sucks, and Turn Collinsville Pink, where Alycia is the Chapter chairman. They have Turned Collinsville High School Soccer Pink in 2013 and 2014. She will major in nursing. Smith said, “I think what the tribe offers is great. I know the tribe helped my sister Christine with education funds. Without the tribe’s help, she would not have been able to get her Bachelor’s Degree. Thank you!!!”

Congratulations and Best Wishes for a Bright Future to ALL Tribal Members Near and Far Who Graduated This Year!!!

Riley Bacon
Tribal Member’s Graduation Announcements*

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Darby H. Gilmore

Darby Hogan Gilmore received his Bachelor of Science in Speech Language Pathology from the University of Central Oklahoma in May. His future plans are to complete a master’s degree in Speech Language Pathology by Spring 2016. Gilmore said, “My career choice has been even better than I imagined, as I have had so many wonderful experiences with different types of clients. I’m thankful for the support of the Quapaw Tribe and my family. Pam Leptich and now Krista Pierce have been wonderful in providing help and assistance.”

Martha Drew

Martha Jane DePriemo Drew received an Associate of Health Care Administration from the University of Phoenix in May. Employed as a Case Manager, Drew is pursing a bachelor’s degree in the same field. Drew wanted to add Isaiah 40:29-31, “He gives power to the weak and strength to the powerless. Even youths will become weak and tired, and young men will fall in exhaustion. But those who trust in the Lord will find new strength. They will soar high on wings like eagles. They will run and not grow weary. They will walk and not faint.”

Kate Arenson

Kate Arenson received her high school diploma from Chaminade College Preparatory school in West Hills, CA on May 31. She plans to attend the University of Alabama this Fall.

Joshua Arnold

Joshua Arnold received his high school diploma from Miami (OK) High School in May. He plans to attend Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College in Miami this Fall.

MaKayla Pawnee

MaKayla Don Pawnee graduated sixth grade at Calumet (OK) Elementary School in May. An honor student and basketball team starter, she won the WNBA title for her Native basketball team, the Lady Warriors. After making the 2014 team, she will play for the Jim Thorpe basketball team this summer. She also plays soccer player for the El Reno Extreme, enjoys dancing and powwows. Her family says they are “proud of Makayla,” she has a “great attitude, outlook on life, and is a pleasure to be around.” The great-great granddaughter of tribal members John and Irvine (Wilson) McKibben, great granddaughter of Jonnie (McKibben) and the late Don Clemons, and the granddaughter of Jamie (Clemons) and Victor Thatcher, she is the daughter of Amanda (Thatcher) and Albert Pawnee, a Cheyenne-Arapaho tribal member.

Morgan Wells

Morgan Wells majoring in History with a minor in Fine Arts, Wells earned a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Portland.

Crews who worked on tornado recovery got a protein-filled break

Saturday, May 3, 2014

By Cailey Dougherty, Fox 14-TV

Crews working on tornado recovery in Baxter Springs and Quapaw received a tasty break. Residents and visiting volunteers said it was a great chance to relax after a hard week of trying to rebuild after the tornado. The second annual brisket cook-off and softball tournament at the Baxter Springs softball fields drew in eight area casinos, including Downstream and Cherokee Hard Rock of Tulsa. Each casino brought everything from chicken and pork, to lobster and shrimp for the public to enjoy. Chefs had just eight hours to prepare their original brisket recipe in hopes of winning the top prize, a charcoal grill from PM Fabrication and Welding in Joplin. “I would say Baxter and Quapaw need a pick me up, get a day away from everything, to come out and enjoy the food,” said organizer Jerad Swimmer. All proceeds from the cookoff and tournament benefit the Seneca Black Elk Mathews scholarship fund, which helps pay for three tribal members to attend Oklahoma State University.
If you have any questions regarding your application, please do not hesitate to contact the Department if Higher Education:
Quapaw Tribe of Oklahoma
Department of Higher Education
P.O. Box 765
5681 S. 630 Road
Quapaw, OK 74436
(918) 542-1853 ext. 211
(918) 542-4694 (FAX)
Email: KPierce@quapawtribe.com
Website: www.quapawtribe.com

Library News
Each month, the library has con-
tests and activities. Pictureed, left, are library Direc-
tor Pattie Billings, Charlotte Hoff-
man, center, win-
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ary contest, and Carol Dickhoff, Library Assistant.

Tribal Member Participates in Art Exhibit
The theme that was on display at the Mother’s Day exhibit for MujerAr-
es, a 19-year-old clay art cooperative of the Esperanza Peace and Justice Center. The center has seen about 300 women, largely low-income moth-
ers, pass through the doors of its small, rental house over the last two decades. All clay of the pieces are for sale and range from a little over $5 to more than five dollars to over $300. The group is usually comprised of about 20
year-round participants anywhere from 18 to 80 years of age.

Gracie Gonzales, 56, is a mother of three who came to the program two
years ago. Her family is from Oklahoma, and she is a Quapaw tribal mem-
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**Edward James Rickey**

**Valedictorian**

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In 2013, Andrew was named All District in Football. He also received the Outstanding Student of the Year at OHS both his freshman and sophomore years and was chosen as a Boys State Delegate for Commerce High School. Andrew was also recognized with the Distinguished High School Students Academic Scholar Award in 2012 and received the Wendy’s High School Heisman Award in 2014.

Outside of school, Andrew enjoys hunting, fishing, and playing clay target shooting. His future plans are to attend Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College (NEO) this fall where he will major in Nursing. After NEO, he will pursue a bachelor’s degree to become a Registered Nurse with future plans to become a Paramedic/RN and work on Med Flight.

Andrew is the son of Jamie and Jennifer Rickey. His grandparents are Jim and Rita Rickey, Caroline Baker, and the late George Fisher.

**Powwow Princess, Lakyn Buffalo**

Lakyn Buffalo, 141st Quapaw Powwow Princess, and other family members traveled to Albuquerque New Mexico to attend the Gathering of Nations in April. She represented the Quapaw Tribe during the grand entries, along with her cousin, Audrianna Lafalier.

Lakyn was very honored to be the first Quapaw Powwow Princess to represent the tribe at such a big event. Participating in the Gathering of Nations provided such a wonderful, educational and cultural experience. One of Lakyn’s fondest memories of the trip was being less than 5 feet away from an American Bald Eagle. Lakyn and her parents would like to thank the Quapaw Tribe Business Committee, all of the people who purchased from the fundraiser they had earlier in the year to help fund the trip and Miami Chevrolet Buick GMC for donating the vehicle for their transportation.

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Over 240 hours of coursework through a year of study, on-site training and both classroom testing and state examination are required to pass this course. The successful completion of this course and related testing means these graduates are now eligible for the National EMT Registry and Oklahoma State Licensure testing.

Taking all of these courses at the same time has not previously been attempted by any of the Quapaw Tribe EMT students. Young is also a full time employee at the Quapaw Tribal Office where he works as a member of the Maintenance Department. It has become a tradition for the Fire and EMS to honor tribal members who successfully complete this course with a Pendleton blanket, given to them by a member of the Business Committee. Business Committee Member Betty Goedede was asked by Fire Chief Jeff Reeves to represent the Business Committee in this capacity, which made the occasion more memorable as Goedede is Young’s mother.

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**Young was very humbled and grateful for the opportunity and is hopeful to obtain employment at the Quapaw Tribe Fire/EMS in the near future.**

Other class graduates include: Chris Arnold, Asam Buset, Justin Chandler, Zachary Essex, Alissa Frye, Gage Lawson, Austin Reeves, Dillon Seamount, Lydia Barbee, Justin Cambell, Arturo Cordova, Lacy Fisher, TJ Lorrb, Bryan Provence, Lacy Fisher, Chris Arnold, Justin Buset, and Justin Smith. This class is available annually each September, through the Quapaw Tribe Fire/EMS and is offered at no cost to Quapaw Tribal Members. For more information about this class please contact the Fire/EMS Department at 918-675-4200.

**above and below, images of Quapaw Rida High School students**

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**Tribal Member Erica Easley**

**Easley Takes First at State, Earns Awards**

The Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) recently hosted the state championship STAR Events competition in Stillwater, Oklahoma. Wyandotte Junior, Erica Easley, placed first in the Child Care Teacher Aid competition, a work ready event. Child Care Teacher Aid is an individual event that allows the participant to demonstrate proper hand washing, safety, and diaper changing techniques.

“We are so proud of Erica,” said Jennifer Johnson, Wyandotte FCCLA Advisor. “Erica put in the time and effort to prepare herself for this competition. It took a lot of self-motivation and discipline to win this state title.”

Participants were evaluated on the ability to:

1) Exhibit proper hand washing and safety techniques in handling infants
2) Exhibit an understanding of appropriate communication in nurturing infants
3) Diaper a baby correctly, including lifting and handling techniques
4) Demonstrate the correct answers to injury questions from evaluators after the demonstration portion of this competition

Easley also placed first in the FCCLA Regional STAR Events held in Pryor, OK in March of this year. The first place victory qualified her to compete at the state level.

Family, Career and Community Leaders of America is a national Career and Technical Student Organization that provides personal growth, leadership development, and preparation opportunities for students in Family and Consumer Sciences education.

Easley also earned awards from Northeast Technology Center (NTC) in Afton (OK) for Computer Literacy/Windows 7, Adobe Illustrator CS, Adobe InDesign CS5; Adobe Photoshop CS5; and completing coursework for Desktop Publisher and Graphic Design. She also received an award for outstanding achievement in the National Technical Honor Society from NTC. Her family (Amos, Easley’s father, brother, Alex, stepmother, Heather, and her grandparents) wished to express how proud they are of Erica and said she is a “great kid.”

They added, “Love you, Sis.”

*Story submitted by Family & Consumer Sciences Instructor, Wyandotte Public Schools and the Easley Family*
Don’t Forget!

Camper Registration will be held July 1-3 in the tribal administration building from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Annual Health Fair is July 3 at 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. For more info, contact Jamie Rodger, CHR at (918) 674-2257, more info, contact Jamie Rodger, CHR at (918) 674-2257.

Don’t Forget!

Concert Season Re-Loads With Big Names

Downstream Casino Resort is doing it again this year, presenting a summer concert season packed with big star power and a list of hit songs longer than Thomas Mathews’ throwing arm. As with concert seasons before, the schedule includes a robust mix of country and classic rock acts who brought us chart-topping songs of the recent past and reaching way back to the music-rich era of the early-1970s. That is, Lee Brice who opens the concert season on June 14, then The Doobie Brothers, who close the season on October 3. Their first big hit, “Listen To The Music” hit Billboard’s #11 in November 1972. The Doobies went on to sell more than 30 million records with 16 top-40 hit songs.

In the time between the Lee Brice and Doobie Brothers shows, Downstream’s 2014 concert series will cover all five decades since the 70s, featuring dozens of hit songs from the country and rock genres.

“Yeah, you have to be a little older than Thomas Mathews to have witnessed all this music in its time,” said Downstream spokes.

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AD 1750 and represent continuation of the ancestral Mississippian pottery tradition. The ceramics on display will include animal effigy jars, head pots, and a multitude of other forms which show the variety and complexity of the Quapaw ceramic tradition.

Tribal Members Meet

Navajo Code Talker

On Sunday May 25, 2014 the American Legion Post out of Frontenac, KS invited Mr. Chester Nez to Pittsburg, KS to give a presentation. Mr. Nez is the last survivor of the 29 original Navajo Code Talkers. Mr. Nez and the other 28 Navajo Code Talkers invented the alphabet and code during World War II using the Navajo Language. Mr. Nez along with his daughter wrote and published a book called Code Talker. His daughter gave a presentation on his early life and how he was chosen to be a Navajo Code Talker. Charlotte Button and Carolyn Button Nott presented Mr. Nez with a Pendleton Blanket during the presentation for his service to our country and for all Native American People. “It was one of the best honors I have ever had to meet Mr. Nez.” Carolyn said.

We try to provide big shows with something for everyone,” he said. “This year we have a really strong line-up of headline acts, including one of Chairman Benny’s rock heroes, Sammy Hagar the ‘Red Rocker.’ So that’s going to be a ton of fun.”

Downstream always seeks to put on a great concert for the July 4 weekend and Quapaw Powwow – this year, on July 3, it is Little Big Town, which has charted 14 songs on the Billboard Hot Country Songs list. Tickets for all Downstream concerts can be purchased online at www.downstreamcasino.com, or in person at the Hecka-Jennings Grand Casino hotel lobby. Gates open at 6pm, shows start at 8pm for all shows except The Dobbie Brothers, when gates open at 5pm and the show is 7pm.

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4th Annual Quapaw PowWow
July 3-6; Quapaw Day is July 3. See quapawtribe.com for more!

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