Berrey, Tribal leaders discuss city tax fight during UINOKT

In the face of a protracted taxation fight, a central Oklahoma tribe is urging other tribes to come together and protect their business interests before state and local governments attempt to help themselves.

“The wolf is at the door,” Citizen Potawatomi Nation Chairman John “Rocky” Barrett said before the United Indian Nations of Oklahoma, Kansas and Texas at its Sept. 19 regular meeting at Downstream Casino.

“We’re all facing imminent action from the Oklahoma Tax Commission…if we’re exercising any authority not readily tied to federal trust land.”

“Chairman Barrett is an amazing businessman and leader, and he is paving a way for all Oklahoma Tribes to self-determination. The Quapaw tribe is on the cutting edge participating in the arguments that lead to the exemption from taxation for our social benefits. Myself and Rob Weaver have been in the trenches for years fighting for our rights,” said Chairman John Berrey.

Citingslumping revenue streams, Shawnee city officials have been trying for several months to collect sales tax dollars associated with tangible purchases made by non-Natives at tribal properties with a Shawnee mailing address. The Absentee Shawnee Tribe, Citizen Potawatomi Nation, Kickapoo Tribe of Oklahoma and Sac and Fox Nation each have at least one business that would potentially be impacted if the city is successful. As per a 1991 U.S. Supreme Court decision, tribes do not have to remit state sales taxes on purchases made by tribal citizens at tribally-owned businesses located on reservations or trust land. However, the decision does not say anything about taxes levied by county or municipal governments. The decision is also silent on how states are to collect tax revenue generated by non-tribal citizens, leading the City of Shawnee to request the tribes to remit a regular payment and essentially be the city’s tax collectors.

One of the biggest employers in Pottawatomie County, about 2,400 people work for the Citizen Potawatomi Nation, which has an estimated annual economic impact of more than $522 million. The tribe’s grocery store alone does an estimated $45 million in sales annually. Since the fight began earlier this year, the largest of the four tribes, the Citizen Potawatomi Nation, has announced plans to officially de-annex from the City of Shawnee. The area around the tribe’s complex on Shawnee’s southern side was unofficially annexed in the early 1960s with no public notice given. However, since the tribe formally filed its petition, a November referendum has been scheduled that if passed, would amend the Shawnee city charter to require any attachment efforts to go before a vote of the people rather than just the city commission.

As an added bonus, the Shawnee City Commission agenda for Sept. 15 — just four days before the UINOKT meeting — initially included an item about “discussion, consideration and possible action regarding possible

The teen’s Christmas party will be held on December 14 at 2:00 p.m. at the Quapaw Tribal Community Building. Indian tacos will be served. The party is for ages 13 through 18. To qualify for the gift card, teen must bring their invitation or enrollment card.

The Quapaw Tribe: re-establishing itself in Arkansas, joins Clinton birthday event

The Quapaw Tribe took part in several events related to a cultural/historical “homecoming.” Arkansas is one of the tribe’s original homelands where we flourished as a dynamic community for centuries prior to Arkansas’ statehood. We were removed by a treaty in the mid-1800s to our current location in northeast Oklahoma. Chairman John Berrey visited Little Rock today to dedicate a Quapaw pottery display that was presented at the Governor’s Mansion.

“This is partly an educational mission, partly cultural and community relations to reconnect with our own history,” Chairman Berrey said. “But a lot of it is also because we just enjoy doing these things. We love Arkansans and it always feels great to come home.”

The Tribe’s close friends at the prehistoric Arkansas Museum in Little Rock have been extremely helpful in preparing a special three-piece Quapaw pottery display that was presented at the Governor’s Mansion.

“Is it a gift to the people of Arkansas,” Berrey said. “These are three of the most renowned and treasured historic pottery pieces we own, and we hope people will see them and remember that we are part of the state’s history as well as its present.”

The pottery pieces are an loan from the tribe and the University of Arkansas’ Archeological Survey Museum in Fayetteville, where they are kept with hundreds of other Quapaw pottery pieces and other historical artifacts.

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BIA Seeking Information on Quapaws for Cobell V. Salazar

Below is a list of Quapaw Tribe Member names that haven’t been found by the Cobell v. Salazar Class Action Suit to receive payment. Please call 1-800-961-6109 for helpful information that might pertain to your claim. Thank you.

ALFRED SKYE
ALICE CRAWFISH GILMORE
ALICE MARIE CRAWFISH TUTHILL
ARTHUR BUFFALO ESTATE
BEATRICE PETERS UREY
BENJAMIN H WATERS
BILLIE M SHAWNEE ATKINS ESTATE
BOTH TUTHILL JR ESTATE
CAROYNN N NICKOLLS
CECELIA QUAPAW ELICICK ESTATE
CHARLES A SMITH
CHARLES A SUPERNAW
CHARLES B WEITHEONER
CHESTER WOODARD
CLARA VALLIERE SHOWALTER
CLEMENT T VIGIL
CORENE E KIST BIRD JR ESTATE
DONNA M KROPP NOW MERCER
EDISON M ROGERS ESTATE
ETHEL CRAWFISH BROTHERTON ESTATE
FELICIA G RICHARDS JR ESTATE
FRED TRUMAN MCDUNNER JR ESTATE
FREDJIE L RICHARDS ESTATE
FRANK T EVANS
FRANK T PROPHEE
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GRACE DISON E SHAWNEE
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HARVE MCKIBBEN
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IRENE GREENBACK JR ESTATE
IRVIN JR WILSON
IRVINA W WILSON MCDUNNER ESTATE
JANET M BERREY NOW SADENI
JARVIS M HORN
JOHN L REDEAGLE ESTATE
JOSPEH E KIPP
JUANITA COLINS PRICE
JUDY L PEBEAHSY ESTATE
KENNETH BEAR JR
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MAMIE SPICER NOW WHITE
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MERTON L RICHARDS SR
MINNIE F HAWK
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REBECCA D PEBEAHSY
RHEBA M CASE ESTATE
RUTHINDA NELSON ALLISON
ROWENA A WHITE
RUBY P NELSON
SHARON L LOUIS
SUE T HOLIDAY
TICKER M HORN JR ESTATE
TIMMY WAYNE DOWELL
TOMMY NELSON JR ESTATE
VIRGINIA WILSON MCDUNNER JR ESTATE
WALTER KING JR ESTATE
WAYMAN GRADY DOWELL JR ESTATE
WOODROW T GREENBACK

Native American Heritage Festival

Rogers State University

Arinda Moore participated in the 16th Annual RSU Native American Heritage Festival and Stomp Dance at Rogers State University in Claremore, Oklahoma on November 1. Her presentation was on the Quapaw language. Several tribes participated in the festival and presented on various topics that included Cherokee Storytelling, Powwow Singing and Social Dancing, Instruments and Spirituality of the Native American Church, and Osage History. Dinner and a stomp dance were provided to the public that evening. Arinda has been asked to participate in this annual event for several years. Arinda currently teaches the Quapaw language on Tuesday nights at the John Berrey Fitness Center, not the John Berrey Wellness Center (JBWC) as it was referred to in the previous Fall, 2014 newsletter.

An Update from Chairman John Berrey

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Well here we are—fall and winter are knocking on the door, and summer is just a memory. It is going to be some exciting times ahead, and I am very happy about the direction we are moving. I am so very happy to be a part of this growth, and it is very humbling and inspiring to see so many tribal members gaining benefit from our success. From our wonderful insurance to the scholarships that prepare our young for a productive future to our senior housing and day care, the Quapaw Tribe is becoming a force with which to reckon with.

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In Memory of Billy Joe Sloss
Billy Joe Sloss, born May 1, 1930, in Borg-er, Texas, passed away October 8 at his home in Klamath Falls, Oregon, with his family by his side. His maternal grandmother was Martha Angel TallChief. He is survived by his wife, Geraldine “Terry” daughters, Sandra, Dawn, and Jacqueline; son, Robert; grandchildren, great-grandchil-dren; and nephews and nieces. In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to High Desert Hospice, 2210 Shallow Avenu, Klamath Falls, Oregon 97601. A gathering for family and friends to share memories was held in Octo-ber under the arrangement of Davenport’s Chapel of the Good Shepherd “in Klamath Falls.”

In Memory of Cotton Burkybile
Donald “Cotton” Lee Burkybile, 66 of Quapaw began his journey home to his creator on Thursday, November 6, 2014 at Windridge Nursing Center in Miami, Okla. Cotton was born June 18, 1948 to George and Leona (Dushane) Cochi-ne-Burkybile in Baxter Springs, Kansas. He was a horse trainer for both quarter horses and thoroughbreds at a lot of different places but was usually at Claremore Downs. He was also an Instructional Aid at the Seneca Indian Boarding School. He lived most of his life in the Quapaw area and was a member of the Native American Church, Shawnee and Delaware Tribes. He is preceded in death by his parents, three brothers: Rick Clemmons, Jim Burkybile and Bob Burkybile. Survivors include two brothers, Ron and companion, Phyllis of Qua-paw, George and wife Patti of Mt. Juliette, Tennessee, and three sis-ters, Mary Brewer of Miami, Oklahoma, Susie Lawson of Quapaw, and Audrey Scott of Quapaw. Services were November 10 at the Ottawa-Peoria Cultural Center in Miami, Oklahoma. Jim Greenfeather officiated. Pallbearers were Jim Stand, Billie Killough, Larry Cherry, J.C. Killough, Henry Ellick, Robert Dothav. Honorary pallbearers were Wilson Brown, Joe Casey, Don Hobbis, and Jim Goforth. Gravediggers were Bill Eilick and friends. In-terment was in the Lewis Shawnee Cemetery in White Oak Oklahoma under the direction of the Paul Thomas Funeral Home and Cremation Service of Miami, Oklahoma. Online Condolences may be made at http://www.paulthomassfuneralhomes.com.

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conflicts of interest between commission members and tribal nations.” Two members of the city commission are tribal citizens. Offered by Commissioner Keith Hall, the agenda item was originally sup-posed to be targeted only at the Citizen Potawatomi Nation but was tweaked by the city’s attorney. The item was ultimately tabled – as was a proposal to defund the city’s legal expenses in the fray -- but is expected to resurface on a later agenda. Other suspicious events have happened to the tribe and its supporters since the fight started, including a water line under the tribe’s heritage connected from the pipe network. The water pressure was high enough to raise the building’s concrete floor 12 inches before bursting through the wall. His maternal grandmother was Martha Angel TallChieff. He is survived by his wife, Geraldine “Terry” daughters, Sandra, Dawn, and Jacqueline; son, Robert; grandchildren, great-grandchil-dren; and nephews and nieces. In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to High Desert Hospice, 2210 Shallow Avenu, Klamath Falls, Oregon 97601. A gathering for family and friends to share memories was held in Octo-ber under the arrangement of Davenport’s Chapel of the Good Shepherd “in Klamath Falls.”

In Memory of Charlie Howell, II
Charles Albert “Charlie” Howell II, 28, formerly of the Miami and Qua-paw areas, was called by his creator on Sunday, May 25, 2014 in Fay-ette, Arkansas. Charlie was born November 21, 1985 to Charles Albert, I and Wanda Gail (Bohanon) Howell in Claremore, Oklahoma. He attended Quapaw Schools and married Jocelyn Forest January 6, 2012 in Lexington County, South Carolina. He loved music and was a proud member of the Quapaw, Osage, Ponca and Apache Tribes, and was an extremely talented artist, so much that he made his career as a tattoo artist. He is survived by his loving wife Jocelyn of the home, a precious son and daughter Tryston Colt Howell of the home, and Aiyonna Butterfly Howell of Jay, Oklahoma. His mother, Wanda Gail Gundlach of Chapin, South Carolina, father Charles Albert Howell of Quapaw, Oklahoma, one brother David Dewayne Howell, of Arkansas, and a sister Fawna Marie Howell of South Carolina. Services were May 29, 2014 at the Quapaw Tribal Building with Russ Garber officiating. Interment was in the Griffi n Cemetery in Quapaw under the direction of the Paul Thomas Funeral Home and Cremation Service. Charlie was honored by Russ Garber conducting Native Ameri-can Rites. Pallbearers were David Howell, Preston Hollenbeck, Marty Justice, Tommy Bailey, Jacob Davis and Terry Spencer. Gravediggers were Jeremy Olsen, Gerald Quapaw, Blayden Stand, Roger Brown, Da-kota Davenport, and Jess Quapaw.

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AARP's Annual Event Honors Oklahoma Indian Elders

Native veterans, language pres-ervat ionists, artists, a renowned female ceremonial dancer and a former Chief of the Choctaw Na-tion were among those recognized at the 6th Annual AARP Oklahoma Indian Elders recently held in Oklahoma City. More than 700 family members, tribal leaders and honored guests from across the state attended the event which recognized elders from 30 Oklahoma tribes and nations. The AARP Oklahoma Indian Elders Honors is the largest event of its kind bringing together all Oklaho-ma tribes and nations to recognize the contributions of elders to their tribes, communities, family and state, said AARP Oklahoma State President Marjorie Lyons. The event, which Indian Elder Honorees marks 300 elders who have received the recognition from 30 Oklahoma tribes and nations since AARP began the program in 2009.

"Since its inception, we have been seen by many as the extra-or di-nary accomplishments of elders from all walks of life," said Lyons. "Whether it be in a high profile lives and others have quietly passed on their gentle wisdom and culture. Collectively, this year’s AARP Okla-homa Indian Elders Honors marks what is known by American Indian people in Oklahoma: love of family, dedication to culture and respect for all people."

Lyons noted that AARP Oklahoma continues to expand its work on is-sues affecting Native Americans in the state, particularly working to address health disparities, trans-portation needs and cultural pres-ervation. She invites anyone inter-ested to join the AARP Oklahoma Inter-Tribal Community Group by sending an email to oklahoma@aarp.org.

Charlene (Leading Fox) Butt ton, Quapaw/Pawnee, was nominated as an honoree for an Oklahoma Indian Elder Honors. Buttton was born and raised in Baxter Springs, Kansas. She attended Ba-xter schools and Joplin (Mo.) Busi-ness College. She retired from St. John's Regional Medical Center af-ter working for the Patient Accounts Administrat-ion Department.

Serving on the Cultural Committee, Charlene is instrumental in keep-ing her tribal culture alive and has been working on her genealogy since 1980. She also serves on the Quapaw Tribal Museum Committee and several other committees. Along with her husband, Charlene helped organize an Indian youth group, Promenade Indian Club, in 1966. Their motto was, "Follow the Powwow Drum". Buttton was twice as the Ottawa Powow Princess and has passed on her talents to her four children, eight grand-children and 10 great-grand-chil-dren. In 1965, she was lady's buck-skin champion.

Since 1990, she has been on the Home and Health Hospice Board of Directors at Mercy Hospital in Joplin. An active member of her church for 74 years, she has gone to the First Christian Church in Baxter Springs since she was 10 years old. She is also a 40-year member of the Order of the Eastern Star, Amy Chapter 165. She holds a lifetime membership at the Baxter Springs Historical Museum where she vol-unteers.

Aric de Cuyper took a number of photographs of the event.

Quapaw Tribal Museum Christmas Program

The Quapaw Tribal Cultural Committee will be hosting its annual Christ-mas program at the Quapaw Tribal Museum on December 13, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. The program will include performances by DeMaris Gaines playing the harp and piano, Blake Ramsey playing the guitar, and DeMaris Celeste Rector playing the harp. After the program, everyone is invited to enjoy refreshments, tour the museum and the gift shop. Take advantage of the holiday sale in the gift shop during the months of No- vember and December. For more information about the gift shop items on sale, please contact Karen Hildreth at 918-674-2619.
Byrd Earns Master’s

Earning a perfect 4.0 grade point aver-
age and graduating summa cum laude, tribal member Candice Byrd earned her Master of Fine Arts from Savannah Col-
lege of Art design in Savannah, Georgia in November. To be accepted into the two-year program, Byrd had to audition. The commencement took place at the
Johnny Mercer Theatre. Screenwriter Geoffrey Fletcher who won an Oscar for writing Precious: Based on the Novel Push by Sapphire delivered the com-
mission address. His advice to gradu-
ates was to always be kind. He said, “Kindness never hurts.” He also said there is no such thing as being lucky. His de-
definition of lucky is, “the intersecti-
ion of being prepared and opportunity.”

Moore, left, and mother, Suzy Moore on her right. Moore, left, and mother, Suzy Moore on her right. Moore, left, and mother, Suzy Moore on her right.

Brothgender runs deep among Oklahoma County (Oklah-
oma) emergency respond-
ers. An example of this com-
mitment is in the support for a first respon-
der for the Qua-
paw Tribe Fire/EMS, Bruce Evans, who is fighting mel-
oma. Evans’ wife, Diana, also works as a dispatcher for Oklahoma County emergency responders. A benefit for Evans was being held by his coworkers. The benefit chili sup-
per and live auction was held on November 15. One of the organiz-
ers Becka Hall said the event was held to offer support for their fellow emergency responder. Fire, ambulance and law enforcement personnel from Oklahoma County emergency response departments are all pitched in to help with the benefit. “In the fire and EMS service, everyone is like a family,” Hall said. “We’re always going to help.”

Several months were spent on donations for all proceeds going to Evans to help with medical and other expenses. A live auction was also held during the event with bids on donated items such as homemade pies, gift certificate from local businesses, gift baskets, handicraft items including a cro-
chet baby afghan, a picnic table and more. Currently, chances are being sold for a chance to win a Remington 870 Express 12 gauge pump shotgun. The gun was purchased with donations from area firefighters. Tickets are a dollar. Red t-shirts are being sold with the logo, “No Brother Fights Alone, Kickin’ It Like A Mule.” Prices are $10 for sizes small to extra large and $12 for larger sizes. For more information or to make a donation, call Becka Hall or Mistee Chandler at the Wyandotte Fire Station at 918-678-2300.

September

September’s meeting was held on September 20, called to order at 9:05 a.m. An invocation was given, roll call taken, and quorum declared. Previ-
ous month’s business was read and treasurer’s reports, and program reports were ap-

approved. Betty Gaedtke requested a deadline be established for placing items on the agenda with all members concurring. Several items were discussed during open session. Misunderstandings over current rumors were explained about a purchase in Kansas, the tribe’s social services program, and dual enrollment. Closed session topics were RWI insurance matters and issues with the housing department.

The meeting ended with a benediction and adjourned at 11:16 a.m.

October

October’s meeting was held on October 18 and called to order at 9:11 a.m. An invocation was given, roll call taken and quorum declared. Min-
utes, treasurer’s report, and program reports were approved. Oral program reports were given from the public relations department, substance abuse program, downstream Casino, grants department, high-

er education department, records department, and human resources de-
partment.

Caroline Harkins requested $3,000 to attend the National Young Leaders State Conference. BC approved $1,500 and will work out the ex-

penses when they receive an itemized list of costs. They also expect Ms. Harkins to participate in upcoming holiday parties for tribal youth. River Bottom Sportmen received a $500 donation for disabled veterans. Caroline Harkins received a new RWI insurance matters, new laws that might affect Oklahoma, and the housing committee.

A benediction was given, and the meeting was adjourned at 11:32 a.m.

Business Committee Meetings

August through October, 2014

August’s meeting was held on August 16, called to order at 9:07 a.m. An invocation was given, followed by installation of officers by the elec-
tion committee chairman, Callie Dar. Installed were John Berrey, Chair-
man, Tamara Smiley-Reeves, Secretary-Treasurer, and Ranny McWatters, member. After roll call, a quorum was declared. Reading, correction and approval of minutes, treasurer’s report, and program reports were all ap-
proved.

In Unfinished Business, a tribal member inquired about whether the tri-
be was going to purchase a new scoreboard for the Quapaw school. No deci-

dion had been made.

Subcommittee appointments were chosen for the cultural, election,

August, center, with her grandmother Ardina Moore, left, and mother, Suzy Moore on her right.

grounds, language preservation and social services committees. Betty Gaedtke requested to be placed on the cultural committee. Fran Wood was removed and Jan McCormick was appointed to the elect-

ion committee. Debbie Wray was removed from the grounds committee. Billy Proc-
tor was appointed to the language preservation committee. Rob Weaver was reappointed to the cultural committee. Quapaw Youth Football requested a donation to purchase 50 new hel-

mets. The tribe voted to approve purchase for the purchase.

Closed session topics were RWI recommendations, Eric Bohn’s report, and program reports were approved.

The meeting ended with a benediction and adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

Precious: Based on the Novel

Lecture Series Successful

Dr. George Sabo III presented an informative and fun program for all ages in September and October in the Quapaw Tribal Museum classroom. Ar-
chaeology was the theme of September. Dr. Sabo shared how archeologi-
cal discoveries not only tell us about the history of civilizations, but how those discoveries often change history “as we know it.”

In September’s lecture, participants toured the museum, with com-
mentary provided by Sabo, before lunch was served. The youth (ages six through high school) and adults all enjoyed the Dr. Sabo’s presentation. It was encouraging to see the audience engaged in the presentation and activities. The day ended with Dr. Sabo presenting a copy of his book, Paths of Our Children: Historic Indians of Arkansas to each person in at-\ntendance even though they had not purchased them for those of us who asked.

October’s lecture was very exciting because it was a presentation specifi-
cally over the Quapaw Tribe.

The Quapaw Tribal Museum is also busy planning and scheduling other classes through the Quapaw Tribe Youth Culture Experience Programs (QTYCEP): pottery, jewelry-making, crafts—there are many kinds of class-
es we hope to be able to bring to the tribal members and the public as the year progresses. We hope you will join us! Please check the website calendar for dates of events!
Tribal Member is a Missionary to Africa

About Me
by Emily Buffalo

Hi there! So nice to meet you, so glad you’re here. It is so surreal to me that I’m here, on the other end of this project, writing this letter instead of reading it.

My name is Emily. I’m from the Northeast corner of Oklahoma, I’m 20, and I’m graduating in December with an Associate in Sociology. I have two loving parents and a younger sister. My immediate family is not very big, but they have molded me, loved me, and shaped Christ to me. My family began expanding when I started traveling to Zambia. Throughout high school, I wanted to be a fashion photographer, so when missions started inter-
rupting that plan during my senior year, I was confused and lost and a little annoyed. I can’t explain it, but it became such a longing on my heart, a push toward something I didn’t even know I had the potential to love. It became as necessary as breathing to pursue it. This obsesive experience, I’ve come to learn, is what happens when God starts stirring up your calling inside of you. This is what happens when you find Niniveh. When I was 18, my high school government teacher introduced me to Green Forest School and Orphanage, an organization and home founded by Newsong Church out of Grove, Oklahoma. I went for the first time in July 2012, went back in December 2012, and again in December 2013. The most recent trip, I stayed for five months, four of them alone, living in the home with the kids. I share life with eight children who have come from various backgrounds. Their names are Frank, Charles, Justin, Matthew, Nomza, Vanessa, Lucy and Joyce.

The above information was taken from Emily’s website. To learn more, Emily’s website is belovetzambia.weebly.com. Or, you may email her at emily buffalo@gmail.com.

Any donations are greatly appreciated. Send them to:

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Emily is the daughter of tribal member Geoff Buffalo and his wife Kim. She is the granddaughter of Lloyd Buffalo.

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| Tribe Hosts Domestic Violence Conference |

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Environmental Department Busy with Roadside Cleanup, Tar Creek Conference

The environmental department did their seasonal roadside trash pickup in Quapaw on South 630 Road east of the O-Gah-Pah Learning Center. Over a dozen bags were filled in the half-mile span. Marshal Sean Corbit patrolled during the pickup to ensure safety. The sixteenth annual Tar Creek Conference was held in September. Environmental Director Tim Kent and Craig Kramer, Assistant Environmental Director gave a presentation about the tribe’s cleanup efforts at the Catholic 40. The tribe was a co-sponsor of the event. Tribal VI Director Rhonda Weaver and Linda Davis, tribal member, made Indian tacos for the close of the conference.

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Elders Have a Busy Fall

Tribal members Jami Rodgers, CHR, and Title VI Director Rhonda Weaver keep the elders who participate in the Quapaw Tribe’s Title VI program busy with various area events. From an early Fall picnic, Tai Chi, the chicken dance, Hay Days, health screening events, Elder’s Olympics, Halloween parties, Thanksgiving dinners, dancing, and even crafts. The elders can show you how to have fun! They always have a delicious meal at all of their events, too.

The Title VI program offers free meals to el-
ders in the area who are 60 and over.

At right, JRF Director Sherrie Nida leading Tai Chi at the Delaware County Senior Day while Charlene Button and Rhonda Weaver participate. Below right, Karen Hildreth, Museum Direc-
tor and Jean Ann Lambert, Culture Committ ee work a booth at the same event.