Downstream Opens New Hotel, Spa and More

Downstream Casino Resort is on a roll – again – with the opening in January of its new Kappa Tower hotel and Néé Spa. Downstream added about 100 new jobs giving another bump to the Tri-State Region economy.

The Kappa Tower expansion added 152 rooms bringing the total room-count to 374. Néé Spa is a very elegant, serene counterpoint to the excitement of the gaming floor, which makes Downstream a more well rounded resort. The expansion also included a new indoor pool, the Ma-Kó-Sha coffee shop and bakery, new location for the popular Buffalo Grille and other stylish amenities.

“We already have a first-class hotel with first-class service. So with the addition of another hotel and these very nice amenities we will be offering even more,” said General Manager Steven Drewes. “Our guests definitely have something special to look forward to.”

At a grand opening celebration in January, Chairman John Berrey and others announced the positive results of an independent economic impact study. The study revealed that Downstream has contributed more than $1 billion to the Tri-State Region’s economy. Downstream supports more than 1,600 jobs in the region (including its own 1,200 jobs). And that number is expected to increase to more than 1,800 jobs as the new hotel and spa attract more guests from farther away.

“The results of our study reveal an impressive achievement,” said Mathew Robinson of the consultancy KlasRobinson Q.E.D., who prepared and wrote the economic impact study. “It indicates that Downstream could serve

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Downstream Hosts First Annual PowWow

On Saturday, December 22, Downstream hosted its first powwow. This powwow was organized primarily by Cricket Rice, and featured Gourd Dancing and Contests in all main powwow categories. A special contest in memory of Victoria Griffin was held for ladies dressed in traditional Osage or Quapaw clothes.

Craig Satepahoodle served as head singer, Ben Walters and Angela Pratt as head man and head lady, Ranny McWatters as Head Gourd Dancer, Andrew Gray as Arena Director and Archie Mason & Cricket Rice served as M.C.s. Downstream is planning to host another powwow next winter and more detailed information will be released in upcoming months.

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Chairman's Corner

Haway O-Gah-Pah eeyah,

It has been an amazing winter and the hope of spring has begun. I am so blessed and proud to work with the wonderful men and women on the Quapaw Business Committee and all the dedicated employees as we keep striving for better lives of the Quapaw people. It is an amazing life when you dedicate yourself to the betterment of the greatest tribe ever and to be part of our tremendous growth.

The Quapaw Tribe has truly become the major economic engine in Northeast Oklahoma, Southwest Missouri and Southeast Kansas and that feels very good. Like every year I have been telling non-tribal members and members that "This is the Year of the Quapaw" and we are going to keep rolling towards being the dominant tribe in our area!

Today I am in Seattle, Washington and honored to have been invited to speak to the Secretary’s Trust Reform Commission appointed by President Obama. I am also here for the tribal consultation by the Department of the Interior to discuss and to fight for money from the $1.9 billion land buy-back that was part of the Cobell settlement to be used by tribes to purchase fractional interest held by tribal members. It's a great opportunity for us to get money in the hands of willing tribal members who want to sell their small interests. So far I have secured nearly $3 million in funds for our reservation and I will continue to get more dollars for our people.

I often tell people that I have the very best job in the world and the Quapaw people are the toughest and kindest Indians I know. It’s our goal on the BC to continue the fight and to continue to grow and develop opportunities for us all. We are working on some great things from a new wellness center, 26 more senior homes, non-gaming business venture, Catholic 40 remediation by us, purchase more land, improve fire, marshals and EMT delivery, cultural protection and education, education support, social services, natural resource management and just creating a better world for O-Gah-Pah people.

It is my prayer that all of our elders, warriors, youth and every member are blessed and have a safe closing of the winter time and have every opportunity to experience a blessed and abundant early spring. When possible please keep in touch with our elders and remind them that they are tremendous treasures we are blessed to have them in our lives.

Gun-Ney-Gay

John L. Berrey
Hum-Buh-Gah-Kah

Health Update

The Quapaw Tribal Member Health, Dental, Prescription, Vision and End of Life Expenses plan is performing extremely well. We have even been recognized on a national level as an example to other tribal nations in taking real action toward making our nation and its people healthier. Our people asked for better health, and the Business Committee responded with creating an innovative and money-saving plan for all our people, no matter if they live near an Indian Health Services district or not. We did not want to serve some and not all.

Admittedly, the plan has had kinks and issues to work through, but the hundreds of calls from elders and other tribal members telling amazing stories of how they now have access to health-care have made it worth it. I wanted to give you a quick update:

1. For 2013, the plan is staying the same for now with possible plans to increase the amount depending on the tribe’s budget. We are constantly looking for ways to increase your benefit.

2. Many of you have received your new GOLD cards for your plan, and they are what should be used for all your services. Please remember that even if you have Medicaid or Medicare or any other insurance, the Quapaw Tribal Member Plan is always the last insurance to file. This SAVES YOU MONEY.

3. The providers in network have grown approximately 38% from 2012 to 2013. Thank you very much to all tribal members who are calling the number on their cards to get an in network provider. This makes the plan work better and saves you money. Please let us know if you have a provider that you want to go to that is not yet in network. One of our provider specialists will call them and work to get them in network asap for you.

4. If you have not yet received a GOLD card, you will be soon. The second batch went out on Friday, January 15, 2013. These usually take around 7-10 business days to arrive. If you do not receive your card,
Quapaw C-Store Re-Opens

After much anticipation, on November 1st the Quapaw C-Store has re-opened with a bigger, brighter and more beautiful facility.

The C-Store has already begun to receive compliments on the expanded selection and options.

To better serve the tribe and community, the C-Store is now joined with Quapaw Casino.

On October 23rd, the Quapaw Tribe hosted the National Indian Gaming Commission (NIGC) for their regional conference. Training programs, NIGC goals, strategies and regulations were discussed.

On October 24th, the Downstream Development Authority (DDA) and Downstream Casino hosted the Oklahoma Tribal Gaming Regulators (OTGRA) Fall Conference and Annual Meeting. Regulation of tribal gaming in Oklahoma was discussed, with a special tribute for Jess Green of the Chickasaw Nation.

Gaming Regulations Discussed at Downstream

A special video was played remembering Jess and his many accomplishments. Green passed September 8th, 2012, at the age of 59 in Ada, OK. He was a strong advocate of Indian rights, and through his work in the courtroom helped bring Indian Gaming to the place it holds today. “Jess fought for decades for fair regulation” and “to preserve Tribal Sovereignty” stated Brett Barnes.

1,000 miles away

While I do enjoy all the bells and lights and the excitement most casinos naturally generate among milling crowds hoping to strike it rich, I also don’t seem to have enough luck when I actually take a seat in one. So I mostly sit - which can be just as entertaining in a different way - and watch others having fun and appreciate the music on stage.

At Downstream, I was expecting to drive up on some form of towering, flashing megacomplex shouting from signs along Interstate 44 just west of Joplin as I approached the casino. Instead, what I found at Exit 1 on I-44 in the barest tip of northeastern Oklahoma was a relatively understated sign leading me from the highway through trees to a traffic circle. That led to an entrance along a wide road that looked more like I was approaching a country club than a casino resort. Rounding a final turn, I encountered a wide, tastefully done set of buildings with a high-rise hotel tower nestled into the forested landscape. In the next minute, a valet was taking the car beneath the sprawling portico and I was inside the marbled entryway, catching the scent of what seemed to be a powdery bouquet. Yet I didn’t spot as much as a daisy. The glassy travertine floor leading through to the lobby desk was in itself a piece of artwork. The poured floor contained bits of glitter woven into hues ranging from dark to light blue, tan, brown and grey. The glassy travertine floor leading through to the lobby desk was in itself a piece of artwork. The poured floor contained bits of glitter woven into hues ranging from dark to light blue, tan, brown and grey.

On October 11th, the project team for the new North Eastern Tribal Health Facility was awarded the 2012 Excellence in Construction Award by American Builders & Contractors (ABC).

This project team consisted of Donna Mercer of the Quapaw Tribe, Kim Chuculate of Donna Mercer of the Quapaw Tribe, Kim Chuculate of Donna Mercer of the Quapaw Tribe, Sharon Dawes of the Indian Health Service (HIS). This project team worked to bring together five grants from the Department of Housing and Urban Development’s (HUD) Indian Community Development Block Grants (ICDBG). These five grants had been awarded to the Quapaw, Peoria, Miami and Ottawa Tribes as well as a grant to the Modoc tribe of which the North Eastern Tribal Health Systems was a sub recipient.

By combining each of these respective grants and utilizing 22 acres of land donated by the Peoria Tribe, a larger and more capable facility was able to be created for all involved.

This project was the first time such a collaborative effort between tribes has been approved by HUD “I’m very proud to be a part of something that showed what we can accomplish for our tribal members when we work together” says Mercer.

On September 20, HUD representatives were on site and reported that they were very pleased with this accomplishment and its efficiency, and that they will be using this project as an example for ICDBG projects around the nation.

Area Tribes an Example for the Nation.
Quapaw Tribe participates in Archeology Dig

On October 9th a group of eight Quapaw people representing the Quapaw Cultural Committee and Business Committee were invited to participate in an Arkansas archeology dig in the Carden bottoms near Russellville, Arkansas.

The dig site was located near a bend in the Arkansas River and the base of Petit Jean Mountain. This was the site of a large village several hundred years ago which covered an expansive area along the river bank. Many pieces of pottery have been found in this area and are now seen in museums and private collections.

The dig site that we participated in was a small area of a known house and its surroundings, including a trash pit called a mid-den pit by the professional in charge of excavating. Quapaw people helped in the tedious process of recovering objects of interest from the village site such as household items and animal bones which were likely food waste or tools. Human remains were not excavated. Russ Barber, Florence Marie Mathews, Charlene Button, Jean Ann Lambert (Tribal Historic Preservation Officer), Ardina Moore, Sue Vallier, Marilyn Rogers and Earl Rogers all lent a hand sifting through the dirt and debris.

The archeologists had a map of the village site made with electromagnetic conductivity meters and a resistivity meter. The resistivity meter is guided along the ground to detect metals, fire pits and kilns. It can also detect how much the soil is resistant by sending a current through the ground indicating how hard the soil is and if it is clay. They also had a small plow like instrument which uses ground penetrating radar to send a radar wave into the ground providing a three dimensional image. This image is used to draw an educated guess about what is beneath the soil, for example a floor, pit or buried objects. This method determined the house site to be about 24 feet by 24 feet (8-10 meters). This equipment has also revealed that the houses were arranged in an oval layout, with some built in rows resembling a street. The site was probably in use at the time DeSoto made his trek through that part of the country and in the 1600’s after LaSalle had explored the region. The indigenous people of this area were the Caddo, Tunica, Quapaw and Osage.

Also assisting in the dig were Dr. George Sabo, Project Director, Jami Lockhart, Geophysical Director, Jerry Pebworth, Co-Assistant, Marion Haynes, Blytheville Assistant, Paul Knapp, volunteer, Jim Reece, volunteer, Larry Porter, Petit Jean Assistant, Tom Green, Survey Archeologist, Ann Early, Arkansas State Archeologist and Leslie Walker, Co-Assistant.

Each item recovered during the exploration was recorded and placed in a container to be studied further.

Downstream Canned Food Drive

In the spirit of helping those in need, especially during the holiday season, Downstream Casino Resort donated 14 tons of canned food to six area non-profit food banks on Thursday, December 6, 2012.

The crates of canned food consisted of food such as black beans, carrots, corn, potatoes and peas. The charities that received these donations were very grateful as demand has been high this season and this food will help them serve the hungry.

At the last delivery location, there was no forklift to remove the food, so on site volunteers, Downstream Casino management and Chairman Berrey unloaded the entire semi truck by hand.

This is just one of the numerous projects and donations Downstream has made to the communities in all three states of the Tri-State Region. Downstream gives about $500,000 a year to local charities and community organizations to help improve the lives of our neighbors.

Health Update

please call Native Care Health, LLC at 1-877-810-4587 and let us know. Many times, we just need to simply update your address, and a new card will be sent promptly. Your old cards are still the same number, just the address to send claims has been updated to our most up to date address of PO BOX 50 Quapaw, OK 74363.

5. If you have another insurance to include such as Medicaid, Medicare or any other insurance, please call the number on the Native Care Health, LLC card so that we can make sure that the providers are sending in your claims correctly. This call will only take a couple of minutes, typically, and will potentially save you a tremendous amount of money. You can also send any update to your insurance directly to cwelshofer@nativecarehealth.com and we will update your information in our system as well.

6. One of the issues that we have received a few calls on lately concerns when a member is going to a pharmacy and the pharmacy is telling them that they are not approved on their tribal card. This is mainly because we have entered your primary prescription coverage (i.e. Medicaid, Medicare part D, other insurance) and the claim is being processed like you do not have other insurance by the pharmacy. We did this...
Jim Greenfeather Teaches Feather Carving Class

During the last week of November, Jim Greenfeather taught a class at the Quapaw Tribal Museum.

This class taught students how to carve eagle feathers from buffalo rib bones to use as decorative name plates, wall hangings or to hang from windshield mirrors.

Due to the popularity of the class, the museum will host another in the coming year. Check the website calendar to stay up to date.

A collaborative effort between the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services, the Oklahoma Insurance Department’s Senior Health Insurance Counseling Program (SHIP), Grand Gateway Area Agency on Aging, Wyandotte Nation of Oklahoma, Ottawa Tribe of Oklahoma, Quapaw Tribe of Oklahoma, Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma and the Oklahoma Lions Club Foundation has received multiple awards, and is now on the road to national recognition.

The first award was the Oklahoma Department of Human Services (OKDHS) Aging Services Division Achievement in Aging Award, which was given on May 17, 2012 in Oklahoma City as part of the 37th Annual Oklahoma Conference on Aging in Norman.

The second award, known as the Innovative Collaboration Award, was given October 30 as part of the Northeast Oklahoma Regional Summit in Tahlequah.

This coalition was part of the Medicare Part D Diabetes Health Screening Initiative which aims to “bring healthcare awareness and Medicare education to older Oklahomans” and as a result of this collaboration, events have and continue to be hosted which provide “free diabetes detection screenings in northeast Oklahoma.” The initiative also provides free screenings for visual acuity, glaucoma, blood pressure, cholesterol, blood sugar, lung function and bone density” according to the OKDHS website.

In April of 2013 this initiative will be submitted to a competition at the national level. “Our whole coalition is excited to be submitting at this level,” says Rhonda Weaver, the contact for the Quapaw Tribe. Out of the $2000 awarded, each tribe received $500.

The Quapaw Tribe has placed their $500 back into the Medicare Part D program. For more information from Weaver regarding this coalition, please email rweaver@quapawtribe.com.

1,000 miles away, cont.

Gray and darker brown. It appeared to me to represent a stream winding through the center of the brown earth with gray gravel shoals. But then I always have had an active imagination. I’d never seen a floor designed like this one, or the enormous metal sculpture like the one at the center in the entry lobby. The Quapaw American Indians, also known as the O-Gah-Pah, which means downstream people in their language, originally settled centuries ago in the Arkansas and Mississippi river valleys. They were the most prevalent American Indian tribe in Arkansas and among the state’s earliest inhabitants. The sculpture and the carpeting (and even walls and coasters for tables) at the resort bear the design of the Golden Mean. This distinctive swirl is significant in the Quapaw culture, and depicts nature’s mystical numbering system. The figure appears everywhere in nature as the logarithmic spiral displayed by a nautilus shell, entire galaxies and even our own inner ears. This place that draws from people living in Kansas, Oklahoma, Missouri and our state appears to be an especially popular destination two hours south for those in Northwest Arkansas. One couple I met told me they were from Springdale. Another said they’d driven up from Rogers. Here I was from Fayetteville, as is one of the resort’s top executives, who said he commutes through four states to come to work each Monday. John Berry, the man most responsible for Downstream and its overall chairman today, is a graduate of the University of Arkansas. He’s become widely known as the heart behind Downstream. Since opening in July 2008 and remodeling once since, this casino resort has made itself indispensible to the region by employing some 1,200 people with an average sales value after just three years of at least $40 million. Inside the fashionable Red Oak Steakhouse, I met Earl “Duke” Walter, who told me how nearby Joplin was still in the midst of rebuilding from the devastating 2011 tornado that claimed 161 lives and devastated a third of the community. Joplin is home to many who work at the casino resort, and more than 100 of them lost everything. The personable Duke also recommended a meal that was as good as anything I’ve eaten since my first chocolate cookie at age 2. Waitress Amalia also couldn’t have been more helpful. In fact, every employee I encountered was friendly. The accommodations also were better than I’d expected in every way. And, sure enough, there was that Golden Mean spiral embedded in the wallpaper and on the coasters. There’s also a spa, golf course, exercise room, pool, buffet, you name a resort activity and they have it. By the time I headed for home hours later, I had a much better understanding of why folks from Northwest Arkansas (such as the first two couples I encountered) wanted to make the relatively short drive to this tranquil spot. My visit wasn’t about any desire to get rich quickly. (Isn’t that why we have the lottery that someone else inevitably wins?) I simply enjoyed the food and the ability to relax in such a pretty and peaceful woodsy setting that made me feel as if I was 1,000 miles away rather than just 100 or so.

Award Winning Caregiver Program

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**Princess Updates**

**Lakyn Buffalo**

It has been an exciting experience so far representing the Quapaw Tribe as the 2012-2013 Powwow Princess.

Since July I have been to the Tulsa Powwow Princess Banquet, Wyandotte Nation, Shawnee Stovall-Eastern Shawnee Children’s Back to School, Ottawa Powwow, danced in the Miami Leadership Class, had a float in the Quapaw Christmas Parade and rode alongside Mallori Shawnee, Quapaw Tribal Princess, in the Commerce and Oklahoma Christmas Parades.

I look forward to upcoming powwows and events and setting a good example for our future princess. Thank you for this great experience!

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**Mallori Shawnee**

At the past General Council, I was very honored and humbled to be re-elected to serve as your tribal princess. Serving as tribal princess for the past three years has afforded me many opportunities to travel to various events and powwows. I try to represent the tribe in the best way I’ve been taught and hope I’ve served everyone well. The following are some of the gatherings I’ve had the honor to attend.

July was a busy month! In July, I went to: Quapaw Powwow, Quapaw, OK; Sac and Fox Powwow, Stroud, OK; Olte Encampment, Red Rock, OK; Tulsa Powwow Princess Reception, Jenks, OK; Tulsa Powwow, Bixby, OK; Kih-He-Kah Steh Powwow, Skiatook, OK; and Euchee Polecat Stomp Grounds & Stomp Dance, near Kellyville, OK.

After an eventful and hot July, I slowed down a bit in August going to the Bell Powwow, Bell, OK. At Bell, I placed second in Women’s Cloth Contest. I also attended the Shawnee Green Corn Dance at White Oak, OK in August.

September was busy again with several powwows. I went to the Ottawa Powwow, Miami, OK; Wyandotte Powwow, Wyandotte, OK; Eastern Shawnee Powwow, near Seneca, MO; Indian Summer, Bartlesville, OK; and Miami NOW (Native Oklahoma Weekend), Miami, OK. At Miami NOW, I was a featured women’s cloth dancer and model for their Native Fashion Show. At Wyandotte Powwow, I placed third in the Women’s Buckskin Contest and first in Team Two-Step Contest; at Indian Summer, I received third place in Women’s Buckskin.

In October, I went to the Cherokee Art Market, Catoosa, OK. In November, I traveled to the Bacone College Fall Powwow, Muskogee, OK and the Veteran’s Day Gourd Dance, Wyandotte, OK. Also, in honor of Native American Heritage month, I bought and delivered pizzas to Indian students after their Native American assembly at Hamilton Elementary School in Tulsa, OK.

December was busy with Christmas Parades at Quapaw, Commerce and Miami. Thanks to the tribal fire department for allowing me to ride on the fire truck. It was lots of fun! I also volunteered at the Quapaw Tribal Children’s Christmas Party, Miami, OK. Powwows I attended were the Downstream Christmas Powwow, near Quapaw, OK, the New Year’s Eve Sobriety Powwow, Tulsa, OK, and the Oklahoma City Indian Club New Year’s Powwow, Norman, OK.

I hope to finish out my last year as Quapaw Tribal Princess by attending Denver March Powwow, Denver, CO, Miss Indian World pageant, Albuquerque, NM, and Gathering of Nations Powwow, Albuquerque, NM. There are several others too numerous to mention now!

Going to all of those events while being a full-time student at Tulsa Community College keeps me very busy! If there’s an event you’d like me to attend, please email me at m.shawnee@hotmail.com. If my schedule permits, I’ll be happy to go! I hope I’ve represented the tribe in a way that will make you proud.

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**Rhonda Weaver Elected Representative**

At the 19th biannual National Indian Council on Aging (N.I.C.O.A.) in Albuquerque, New Mexico, Rhonda Weaver was elected the Eastern Oklahoma Regional Representative.

As part of her new responsibilities she is tasked with advancing N.I.C.O.A.’s mission of advocating for improved comprehensive health, social services and economic well being of American Indian and Alaska Native elders.

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**Crafty Seniors Raffle Shawl**

The Crafty Seniors are selling chances on a shawl made with Quapaw colors.

Chances are one for $1.00 or six for $5.00.

The drawing will be held during the Tribal Health Fair in July 2013. You do not need to be present to win. Tickets may be purchased during normal hours at the Title VI building in Quapaw.

Contact Rhonda Weaver at 918-674-2257 or rweaver@quapawtribe.com with questions.

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**NOTICE!**

Do we have your current address? If not you will not receive your newsletter, voting information, program notices or any other informational materials. To update your address simply call 918-542-1853 ext 219, email cdaugherty@quapawtribe.com or log on to www.quapawtribe.com/address.
The Seneca Cayuga tribe hosted a dance competition and Native American Celebration on October 20 at the south end of Sailboat Bridge in Grove, OK.

Lorri Bacon from Grand Lakeside marketing states "In honor of Native American Heritage Month we thought it fitting to put on a demonstration for the public on our, the Seneca-Cayuga Tribe of Oklahoma’s, newly acquired property. Grove is a "Lake Community" and many of the residents have never seen anything like this before. Daily we open our Restaurant, Marina and Riverboats to the public and on this day we opened our History. People of all backgrounds enjoy watching the Fancy Dancers as well as the Traditional Dress and after the response from this event there will be many more to follow".

Many Quapaw people were in attendance and participated in singing, dancing and even emceeing the event. Some of the Quapaws in attendance included Cricket Rice, Melissa Gaines, Minnie Hawk, Gideon Goodeagle, Ben Waters, Cathy King, Vernon Tsosie and others.

### Brandy Supernaw Holds Stomp Dance at University of Kansas

On Saturday, December 1, Brandy Supernaw hosted a stomp dance at the University of Kansas. He was given assistance by the tribe to carry out the event.

"(I would like) to express my deep gratitude for the tribe’s contribution to the Stomp Dance... at the University of Kansas.

Without the Tribe’s generous help I would not have been able to make the event as successful as it was.

The event brought together many shell shakers and leaders from several tribes such as Cherokee, Delaware, Shawnee, Seminole and Creek. This was also an excellent way to showcase a piece of our culture to a new audience.

Students from KU were in attendance, and were able to participate and learn a little bit about Native Americans through this dance.

Several Quapaws were utilized including Billy Proctor as Stick Man, Cricket Rice as a Leader, Nataska Rouse as a Shell Shaker and others such as Mary Shawnee, Luna Shawnee, Brandon Everett Bandy and I.

Quapaw language for calling everyone to dance was used, as described by Maude Supernaw".

### House Approves Bill

On December 19, 2012, the United States House of Representatives adopted House Resolution 668, which will permit the individual participants in the Goodeagle v. United States litigation and the Tribe to pursue claims for breach of trust against the United States, including claims that otherwise would be barred by the statute of limitations. The resolution passed by a vote of 398 to 5.

The resolution, which is known as a “congressional reference,” required passage by only one house of Congress, and it is therefore final legislation. The use of the congressional reference procedure has never been routine, and the staff of the House Committee on the Judiciary related to the tribal team that the House last passed such legislation about 10 years ago.

The passage of the congressional reference for the Tribe was the result of a more than year-long legislative initiative lead by Chairman John Berrey, which included many meetings with House members in the House leadership and members on committees in the area of Indian affairs. The bill was sponsored by Congressman Tom Cole (R-Okla.), and was co-sponsored by Dan Boren (D-Okla.). Efforts were made to obtain the legislation in mid-2011. However, those efforts were delayed by the deadlock in Congress at the time concerning the federal debt ceiling.

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### Quapaw Tribe Given Award for Newtonia Documentary

The Newton County Tourism Council in Missouri has recognized the Quapaw Tribe and Downstream Casino for financial support of a documentary over the Civil War battle of Newtonia. The Tourism Council received an A.D.D.Y. for the documentary which was presented to Chairman John Berrey. Berrey also received a photo collage consisting of photos of the film shoot. There were two battles fought during the Civil War in Newtonia, the first on September 30, 1862 and the second on October 28, 1864. The documentary produced by the Tourism Council focused on the first battle. Both the Confederate and Union forces utilized a high percentage of Native American soldiers.

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Bennie Stanton Hyatt

Bennie was born May 4, 1928 in Vinita, Oklahoma and passed away November 27, 2012, in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 63 years, Nan Hyatt; one son Gregory Hyatt; four grandchildren: Lance Hall, Russell Hyatt, Jr Ross, Bennie Hyatt, Richard Hyatt; and several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents, William S. Hyatt and Emma Louise (Blansett) Tohee and sister Pat Hyatt.

Bennie was a member of the Quapaw Tribe and of the Crawfish family. He served on the Business Committee and also served as the Quapaw Tribe Pow-Wow Chairman in 1971 and 1972. As the Chairman, he improved the pow-wow grounds by adding the concrete bleachers that are still used today.

Bennie attended Seneca Indian School and went on to attend Haskell Institute in Lawrence, Kansas. At the end of his senior year at Haskell, he joined the Army during World War II. After the war, he was a painting contractor for over 40 years. Bennie was a Native American Indian Rights Activist and he worked tirelessly for the Native American people, not only in Oklahoma but also throughout the Nation. He was a devoted family man who loved to fish, hunt, and go dancing with his wife Nan.

He will be greatly missed by his family and will be forever in their hearts. Burial was held at Memorial Park Cemetery, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Gerald Ahniwake ‘Ahni’ Ray, Sr.

The funeral service for Gerald Ahniwake ‘Ahni’ Ray, Sr., 86, of Grants, N.M., was held on Saturday, Jan. 5, 2013, at 10 a.m., at Compassion Mortuary, 120 N. Third St., Grants.

Ahni, as most people knew him, was born in Hockerville, Okla., on March 22, 1926, to Tom A. Ray and Dee (Crabtree) Ray. He passed away on New Year’s Day, Tuesday, Jan. 1, 2013.

Ahniwake grew up in Quapaw, Okla.

He served in the United States Navy aboard the aircraft carrier USS Franklin during WWII. He was a proud member of the 704 Club, and was one of the 704 survivors out of 3,000 servicemen who served on the USS Franklin CV 13. Upon his return from the service, Ahniwake came home to Commerce, Okla., and married Dorothy June Baca and husband, Clifford, of Elko, Nev., their daughter: DeNelle and son-in-law, Christopher Trujillo, grandsons: Dominic and Michael Trujillo, of Grants; son: Dray Ray of Albuquerque; daughter: Daryl Ray of Albuquerque; daughter: Aleisha Abeyta-Pender and husband, Caleb, of Albuquerque, and son: Adam Abeyta of Albuquerque; and Rachel Gunn of Albuquerque.

Ahniwake is also survived by his brothers and sisters: Bill Ray and wife, Darlene, of Galena, Ill.; John Ray and wife, Nancy, of Galena, Ill.; Vernon Ray and wife, Geraldine, of Clare, Ill.; Shirley Ray, sister-in-law, of Denver, Ill., and Betty Ray, sister-in-law, of Commerce, Okla.; his sisters: FayeNelle Plummer, of Rocklin, Calif.; DeeAnna McCarthy, of Benton, Wis.; and numerous nieces and nephews whom he loved dearly.

He was preceded in death by his parents: Dee and Tom Ray, and two brothers: Thomas Ray and Charles Ray.
On Sunday, December 9 the Quapaw Tribe held the annual Children’s Christmas Party. Betty Beard Gaedtke served as chairman for the committee and helped to organize a party which featured games, snacks, gifts, gift cards and shirts.

Betty Gaedtke states “I do believe we made some Quapaw Children very happy this year! It took a large committee to put on the Children’s Christmas party and be a success this year. Susie Attocknie, Jennie Buffalo, Sara Buffalo and Miranda Martin helped greet people at the door and gave tickets away for lots of toys that were given away. Pam Leptich and Jennifer Lunsford gave out stockings. Mallori Shawnee was at the face painting booth. Beverly Buffalo Jones and Dixie gave out tee shirts, Chuck Young and Brandon Everett on speaker giving direction and announcing give a way’s. Brenda Murray and Sara Montgomery Hiatt at the games.. Santa and Mrs. Claus were on the scene for the Children and Rhonda Weaver was on hand keeping children stocked with cookies and punch.

It took a lot of volunteers to help keep the crowd flowing and moving throughout the party as this was the largest group of people to date for the Children’s Christmas Party. Thanks so much to Carolyn and Bill Nott for the extra help. Thank you so much for the extra donations by DDA, BWI health care, Picher Fire Dept, and Jacklyn Decker. So much fun seeing all our children having such a great time. Merry Christmas to all our Quapaw people.”

On Saturday December 15 the Quapaw Tribe hosted our first Teenager Christmas Party. Pizza, soda, cookies and gift cards were enjoyed by all present. The Tribe hopes this event will grow in future years.

On Thursday December 13 the Quapaw Tribe Title VI hosted the Elder Christmas Party. The event was full of laughter and cheer and followed by gift giveaways and stockings full of goodies for all elders present.
Breast Cancer Luncheon

On Friday, October 19 2012, the Quapaw Tribe held a Breast Cancer Awareness Luncheon and Silent Auction.

The auction raised $1,026 with the proceeds benefitting the Freeman Health System’s Breast Cancer Foundation, reported Ginger Morgan. Items were donated from Downstream Casino & DDA, Quapaw Casino, Highwinds Casino and Miami Chevrolet Buick GMC.

Breast cancer Survivors Florence Marie Mathews, Nancy Washington and Georgia Brooks were honored with a special table at the front.

At the end of the luncheon they were given the opportunity to share their stories and encourage others to get testing.

Emily Buffalo Goes to Zambia

Emily Buffalo recently went on a trip to Zambia, which the tribe helped fund. While in Zambia, Emily helped build an orphanage known as the Green Forest Orphanage.

If you would like to help support Emily’s efforts, she is selling shirts for $16.00 ($1.00 extra for plus sizes). All of the proceeds for sales will go to benefit the Orphanage.

Checks can be made payable to Emily Buffalo, who can be reached at emilybuffalo31@hotmail.com or 417-499-9043

Ghosts and Goblins at the Tribal Office

On October 30 the Quapaw Tribal Community Building was filled with ghosts, the powwow grounds were haunted with goblins, witches and clowns. Cemeteries and haunted houses sprang up, and candy and games were enjoyed by all.

The Quapaw Tribe Child Care Development Fund (CCDF) hosted the Halloween party, giving away hotdogs, hosting games and cake walks and other goodies. Maintenance decorated the grounds, and put together a hay ride complete with chainsaw bearing clowns and a haunted house.

Different age groups were targeted at different times during the hay ride so that all in attendance could have a good experience.

The following day of Halloween the O-Gah-Pah Learning Center (OLC) went trick-or-treating through the tribal offices, singing for tribal employees and showing off their costumes.

After trick-or-treating was over there was a Halloween luncheon held with a costume contest for employees and elders.

Lendsay Olsen Places in 35th Annual Tulsa Run

Lendsay Olsen, 14 of Quapaw, OK competed in the Female 16 to 19 division of the 5k Tulsa Run. With a run time of 33:34 Olsen placed 14 out of 34.
Student Achievements
Michelle Lea Williams-Balding

We should not judge people by their peak of excellence; but by the distance they have traveled from the point where they started. – Henry Ward Beecher

Michelle earned a Master of Education degree from Old Dominion University in May, 2000. I am a constant career switcher; always seeking to learn more and do what I can to improve the lives of those around me. First and foremost, I am a mother, but my other hats have proved the lives of those around me more and do what I can to improve them.

I would like to thank the Quapaw Tribe for its financial assistance and Pam Leptich for making Educational Policies as they relate to Oklahoma and the tribe. Mary Heather Harper earned a Bachelor of Arts in American Indian Studies from Haskell Indian Nations University in December, 2012.

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Mary Heather Harper

Hamilton K. Wise

Hamilton graduated in July, 2012, from Northwestern University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics. His studies included a minor in Business Institutions and Religious Studies. While at Northwestern, Hamilton was a scholar-ship athlete and letterman in baseball for four years, earning Academic All-Big-Ten honors his sophomore, junior, and senior years.

He is continuing his education at Tulane University pursuing both a Master’s degree in Business Administration and a Juris Doctorate degree.

Tayler Spencer

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Cheryl Wyczynski

My name is Cheryl Wyczynski and simply put, I am just one person, just one member of the Quapaw Tribe of Oklahoma. My mother carried me in northeast Oklahoma, I was born in the old Freeman Hospital in Joplin, Missouri, and I have lived the majority of my life in either Oklahoma or Kansas. Throughout my lifetime I have greatly benefited due to the generosity of the Quapaw Tribe. I have been funded for various educational programs and courses which has increased my knowledge and skills in various subjects and subsequently elevated my standard of living. I have been helped with needed home repairs when I was a single mom and when times were really rough the Quapaw Tribe, along with other tribes and Indian agencies provided ample food for my family and me.

At this point in my life I am a registered nurse. I had attended Pittsburg State University where I had completed a Bachelor’s Degree in General Studies in May of 2000. However, I found that even with a Bachelor’s Degree I could not find suitable employment to support my daughter and myself. So in January of 2004 I entered the nursing program at Labelle Community College in Parsons, Kansas. In February of that same year I turned 50 years of age. In May of 2006 I graduated with honors and in August I accepted my first tour of duty with the Indian Health Service in Red Lake, Minnesota. After 22 months of wonderful support and training at that hospital and extremely cold temperatures on my commute to and from work, my daughter, Jessamyn, and I returned to Oklahoma where I accepted a position with the Claremore Indian Hospital. What is amazing to me is that during that period of time the Quapaw Tribe continued to step up its efforts to elevate and assist its members in raising their standard of living and level of healthcare. During the latter part of 2011 and the early part of 2012 the Tribe funded me to take courses I vitally needed to ensure a higher level of comprehension and optimal efficiency in my nursing career.

Simply put I would not be where I am today were it not for the clear focus of the Quapaw Tribe to care for its members. I was recently asked, “What’s next? What career would you like to begin now?” For that answer I would like to let the words of a Native American forefather answer. It is said that over a century ago Chief Seattle, a highly respected Native American orator stated: “All things are connected like the blood that unites us. We did not weave this web of life, we are merely a strand in it. Whatever we do to the web, we do to ourselves.”

My daughter and I have lived our lives as Witnesses of Jehovah. In like manner as Chief Seattle, Jehovah God’s word reflects the above words. “There is One who is dwelling above the circle of the earth, the dwellers in which are as grasshoppers, the One who is stretching out the heavens just as a fine gauze” (Isaiah 40:22). This One has been taking note of what is being done to our beautiful globe. We, as individuals, must reflect more on our stewardship of our home, lest we be brought to ruin along with the rest who are bringing the earth to ruin (Revelation 11:18). With that truth in mind my daughter and I should like very much to create for ourselves a career in which we could help others to reduce waste and be kind to our environment. How will we complete this goal? First of all, our ideas must be committed to action and our actions must be committed to the wellbeing of others. As we proceed in this endeavor, see it begin to grow, and finally watch it bear fruit, I am certain that the Quapaw Tribe of Oklahoma will continue to be a fine support for us just as it always has been.

Breanna Martin earned an Associate of Science degree in American Sign Language from Oklahoma State University in 2009, a Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology from the University of Oklahoma in 2009, and has just completed a Master’s Certificate in Applied Behavioral Analysis with an emphasis in Autism from the University of Massachusetts Lowell. Breanna plans to continue her educational career by working toward her Master’s degree in ABA therapy.

She plans to continue working with people struggling with developmental disabilities. In tribute to them, she offers a quote from Booker T. Washington, “Success is to be measured not so much by the position that one has reached in life as by the obstacles which one has overcome while trying to succeed.”

Breanna is the granddaughter of Lillian Dowell and tribal member Grady Waymon Dowell and the daughter of Courtney Dowell. Breanna and her husband, Landon, are the proud parents of a 3-year-old son, Kaisen.

Breanna thanks the Quapaw Tribe for its help. “I was able to put myself through school with the help of the Quapaw tribe. I’m very appreciative of the hard work and dedication of the ladies and gentlemen in the tribal office who have helped tribal students achieve their dream.”

Sherry L. Buswell earned a Bachelor’s degree in History and a Master’s degree in Counselor Education from the University of Wisconsin-Platteville. She plans to continue her educational career... “One of my dreams is to become a college professor after I receive my Doctorate. I would also at some point like to work for the Quapaw Tribe. My heritage as a Native American has brought me great pride. The Quapaw Tribe has helped my family in so many ways. Someday I hope I can return the favor and give back to the tribe.”

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Sherry is currently employed as a probation/parole agent for the State of Wisconsin Department of Corrections.

Alexander Ray

Alexander Ray received his Bachelor of Science degree in Textile Engineering from North Carolina State University in May 2012. Alex received the North Carolina Textile Foundation Muratata of American Scholarship. He is currently employed by Google, Inc. as a software engineer. Alex has this advice for students, “Work hard at the things that are truly important to you.”
LeRoy and Pearl Dukes Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship was established to honor the life of LeRoy and Pearl Dukes and offer financial assistance to graduating seniors of Native American descent.

Criteria:
- Must have a 2.5 GPA or higher
- First preference will be given to graduating High School Seniors of the Quapaw or Seminole Tribes.
- Second preference will be given to any Oklahoma High School graduating Senior of Native American descent.
- Final preference will be given to any High School graduating Senior of Native American descent.

Student may major in any course of study.

Award:
$200.00 a year for two years at Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College

Contact:
Jennifer Hansee at NEO A&M College Development Foundation

Deadlines:
April 1 for Fall Admissions
December 1 for Spring Admissions

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Miami, OK 74354
Phone: 918-540-6210
Fax: 918-540-6071
E-mail: jennifer.hansee@neo.edu

Mathey Family on the Kishwaukee College Campus

Katrina Mathey, mom, and her son and daughter, Trevor and Tracey, are enjoying the unique experience of attending college together at Kishwaukee College in Malta, Illinois.

"Many parents are going back to school. I have noticed with increasing frequency that the demographics of my tribal student population are changing. There are more nontraditional students, more mothers, more fathers, more grandparents. Because of the economy, young parents are taking care of both elderly family members and adult children who have moved back home. The one lifeline, the one chance for a change, is going back to school.

A growing percentage of Quapaw students are over 40 years old and returning to school because they have lost their jobs through no fault of their own, have adult children moving back home, or have a spouse who has lost a job or is ill.

The economy is dictating decisions of many folks who thought they would be retired by this time in their lives. But it is truly never too late. I hope the Mathey family story will provide hope and incentive to many tribal members. Enjoy."

Pam Leptich, Director of Higher Education

My name is Katrina Mathey, mother of four. I have returned to college to finish getting my associate degree in business. In the beginning it was a bit scary going back and knowing that I would be in classrooms with kids the same age as my children. I decided to get my associate degree after hard economic times hit our family. My husband’s work completely halted. With him as the bread winner of the family, I decided I needed to continue my education so I could qualify for a good job. I started my 7th semester at Kishwaukee College in the fall of 2012 and I am close to obtaining my goal. My son, Trevor, graduated from high school and started at Kishwaukee in the fall of 2011. He is starting his second year at Kishwaukee College this fall. He is working toward a degree in elementary education. My daughter, Tracey, graduated from high school in 2012, and this fall she started at Kishwaukee College, working on a degree in English and/or psychology. When we went to get this picture taken, Trevor spoke with some of the representatives of Kishwaukee College and they, too, wanted a picture for their Facebook web page. They liked our story, that we are members of the Quapaw Tribe of Oklahoma and that the tribe helps pay for our education. We are proud to be Quapaw and we couldn’t be more grateful for the monies we receive to make our educational dreams come true.

With the three of us working and going to school we don’t see each other as much. But we are proud to be going to the same college. Trevor and Tracey go to school during the day and I take classes online and one at the school at night.

Robin Tipps Awarded Prestigious Scholarship

Tribal member Robin Thomas Tipps was recently named a Mitchell scholar. This prestigious scholarship is only awarded to twelve individuals per year and funds a year of postgraduate study in Ireland. Tipps is the first Mitchell Scholar out of the University of Oklahoma. Because of this accomplishment Tipps has been featured in news throughout the country, such as the Huffington Post, Norman Transcript and Forbes Magazine.

Tipps “…was raised in Ardmore, Okla. He will graduate in 2013 from the University of Oklahoma with a degree in sociology-criminology. His goal is to be a tribal attorney, and he hopes one day to be chairman of his tribe. Tipps has been the senior vice chair of investigations for his university’s Integrity Council. His many service activities include work at the same-day surgery clinic at Norman Regional Hospital and as collections assistant at the Sam Noble Museum of Natural History. The son of a Quapaw mother and a Caucasian father, Tipps has thought a great deal about Native American identity. He grew up 300 miles from tribal headquarters, and the annual ritual of Pow Wow took on great meaning for him, as it was the time when he could connect most easily with his Native American heritage. Tipps has studied in Ireland at University College Cork, and says that what he learned there – about “novel methods of caring for a population while preserving cultural and social traditions” – made him want to go back for further study. He will study public law at National University Ireland Galway.” –Huffington Post
Quapaw Tribe Honored with Wendell Chino Humanitarian Award
by Gale Courcy Toensing from Indian Country Today

The Wendell A. Chino Humanitarian Award – National Indian Gaming Association's most prestigious honor – is usually given to a tribal leader whose actions have improved the lives of American Indian peoples. For the first time in the 14-year life of the award, it has been presented to an entire tribe whose altruistic and humanitarian actions helped tornado victims and their devastated community last year.

The award was presented to the Quapaw Tribe of Oklahoma in honor of their selfless efforts to help the community of Joplin, Missouri, which was destroyed by a tornado in May 2011. The award ceremony took place at the Wendell Chino Banquet during NIGA's annual Indian Gaming Trade Show and Convention in San Diego the first week of April. Prior to the presentation, attendees viewed a short video of the Quapaw Tribe's actions during the storm. The tribe's Fire and Emergency Service Team, based at its Downstream Resort Casino and in Quapaw, Oklahoma, was among the first responders to arrive at the scene of devastation just minutes after the storm. The casino was turned into a temporary shelter, providing hotel rooms for storm survivors, relief workers and members of the American Red Cross for weeks. Casino restaurants provided storm victims and relief workers alike with thousands of hot meals and sandwiches delivered to the Joplin Emergency Command Center and to workers in the disaster zone. Tribal members donated clothing, household items and financial assistance to victims and sponsored a number of fundraisers.

NIIGA Chairman Ernie Stevens Jr. called the Quapaw Tribe a “nation of First Responders” who demonstrated their innate ability to mobilize and provide a safe recourse for Joplin. He said the Wendell A. Chino Humanitarian Award is one of the highest awards in Indian country and that the Quapaw Tribe has earned it. “That’s what this is all about – people helping people. Indian and non-Indian alike,” Stevens said.

The Quapaw citizen to whom Stevens dedicated the award: “We dedicate this historic recognition to Seneca Mathews,” he said. Seneca Mathews, 27, a Downstream Resort Casino employee, who spent weeks helping people at the disaster site last summer, died in a car accident in February. He was the son of Downstream co-founder J.R. Mathews.

“My son Seneca,” J.R. Mathews said, “when the tornado happened, from the first day he was there every day, helping people. He was killed nine weeks ago but if he was here today he’d be so happy because of this award, because he always wanted to make a difference and that’s what he’d say.”

Overwhelmed with emotion, J.R. Mathews addressed the audience directly and urged them to embrace their lives fully and actively. “Don’t stand idly by, don’t sit back, stand up, do something! Make this a purposeful day today. Go out and help somebody. Help yourself. Hold your family tight! Know that life is precious. We never know when it’s going to be taken. But make today count and make tomorrow a better day!” Seneca Mathews’ brother Thomas, the Quapaw vice chairman and his grandma Flossie Mathews both wiped away tears and there were few dry eyes among the audience members. Flossie Mathews took the microphone to say, “We love our people, not just Quapaw people, but we love all of our people and we want to all strive to go forward and do the best for our people. I mean all of us. We have come such a long way in such a short time.”

Quapaw Chairman John Berrey, echoing Flossie’s words, said thanks were due to the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act that provided the tribe through its Downstream Resort Casino with the resources to help the tornado victims. “We think that Downstream and the Quapaw were why they created the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act, because we came from nothing and today we have something,” Berrey said. “We try to always respect people. We always try to love people and we always try to give to everyone that’s in need and we love that about being an Indian business. But we think everybody in this room would do the same thing.” But the tribe doesn’t define itself by what it did during the tornado or what it does on any particular day, Berrey said. “We define ourselves as proud Native Americans. We want to make our grandparent’s proud, our parents proud, and we want to leave something for our children,” he said.

Stevens asked Mark Chino, the son of Wendell Chino, to present the award to Berrey on behalf of the tribe. The late Wendell Chino was an iconic, nationally recognized Mescalero Apache leader who was an unflagging advocate for Indian sovereignty and self-determination and one of the strongest voices for American Indian rights during the 1960s until his death in 1988 at the age of 74. He set the stage for the Cabazon decision more than 10 years before that case opened the doors to Indian gaming by establishing one of the earliest Indian casinos in 1975 and asserting that the state of New Mexico could not outlaw gaming on sovereign tribal land.

Born in 1924—the year that Congress gave American citizenship to all indigenous peoples on Turtle Island—Chino was a leader from the age of 28 when he was elected chairman of the Mescalero Apache’s tribal governing committee. He was reelected every two years until 1965 when he was elected the first president of the Mescalero Apache Tribe. He served in that capacity for 16 consecutive terms.

Over the course of his leadership Chino led his tribe on a rags-to-riches journey not only by establishing a casino, but also by shifting control of the tribe’s resources from outside forces to the tribe. When Bureau of Indian Affairs-controlled contracts for everything from mining to timber to grazing contracts on the Mescalero reservation came up for renewal in the mid-1960s, Chino allowed them to lapse and then created companies to develop the resources that were under the tribe’s control. Under his guidance and philosophy of what he called “red capitalism,” the Mescalero Apache Nation built a ski resort, the Inn of the Mountain Gods, a casino, a timber mill and a metal fabrication plant, as well as Indian schools, a hospital and a health centre. During a 1977 court case involving control of Mescalero natural resources, Chino stated, “The white man has raped this land and now he wastes six million acres of Indian land use in this state.”

Altogether Chino led his nation for more than 43 years. He took stances that affected Indians not only on his reservation, but all over the country,” said Roy Bernal, chairman of the All Indian Pueblo Council and a member of the Taos Pueblo nation in Chino’s obituary in The New York Times. “In the scheme of the 20th century, it has been said that Wendell Chino was a Martin Luther King or a Malcolm X of Indian Country. He was truly a modern warrior.”
USS Quapaw

Ken Kuhn and Shirley Kuhn of the USS Quapaw Association recently visited the Quapaw Tribe Business Committee at Downstream Casino. Discussions were held about the USS Quapaw and the Tribe was able to work with the USS Quapaw Association to receive the anchor from the ship. The anchor was made available at no cost other than shipping, which was paid for by the Tribe. The Tribe has plans to hold a dedication for the anchor, with invited guests. The anchor can be seen by the new museum at 905 Whitebird Street in Quapaw.

Original Allottee Information Wanted

Haway Quapaw Tribal Members,
The Quapaw Tribal Cultural Committee is working on an exhibit to honor the original allottees of the Quapaw Tribe. The exhibit will consist of two banners that will be permanently displayed at the museum. One banner will display the FINAL allottee roll certified by the Secretary of the Department of Interior, Office of Indian Affairs and the other banner will display pictures of the allottees. We need assistance from tribal members to acquire a copy of these pictures for the banner. The allottee roll has been posted on the Tribe’s website and is also on display at the tribal museum.

If you would like to donate a picture of a relative listed on the roll, please complete and SIGN the gift deed form below and submit the form with the pictures to: Karen Hildreth, Museum Receptionist Quapaw Tribal Museum 905 Whitebird Rd, Quapaw, OK 74363 918-674-2619 khlidreth@quapawtribe.com

Please submit copies of your pictures as soon as possible.

The cultural committee has hired Grace Goodeagle to assist with this project. She is available to answer questions at 918-675-4028. The committee appreciates your assistance in honoring our allottees.

Gun-ney-gay,
Quapaw Tribal Cultural Committee

Yes on EMS

Ottawa County recently voted to expand EMS District 23 to cover all over the county. Previously the District only covered Miami School District 23, and all residents of Ottawa County who lived outside of this area were considered out of district.

This not only meant residents would be charged a higher rate, but with the passage of a new law in Oklahoma they would not be guaranteed ambulance service (the law stipulates that an ambulance service does not have to respond to calls outside of their district). There are currently two EMS services in Ottawa County, the Integris EMS and the Quapaw Tribe EMS. The Quapaw Tribe has been serving the County since March 2008, with stations in Miami, Wyandotte and Quapaw behind Downstream Casino. The Quapaw Tribe has an automatic aid agreement in place with the Town of Commerce, Quapaw, Peoria and Wyandotte, and provides coverage 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. With the passage of the new District, the EMS property tax will be levied throughout the county. This is estimated to bring $300,000 to $400,000 annually which will be split between the two EMS services.

This new revenue will help to insure continued, quality service to the residents of the county, and offset the cost of the ambulance services the Tribe provides.

Health Update

to make sure that providers and pharmacies are not using your member plan prescription coverage before they use your other insurance coverage. In turn, this makes your tribal plan money go farther. If you have any issues with this at a pharmacy, call our office immediately or the number on your card under Medtrak. We will have it fixed quickly.

7. Please make sure that Native Care Health, LLC knows who you want as your beneficiary for your end of life expenses portion of your benefit. If we do not have a beneficiary, we will have to follow the laws of whatever state you live in, which usually means sending your case to probate. This costs money for your heirs and usually a great deal of time. If you need a form to fill out, please go to www.rwibenefits.com, hit the Quapaw Account Login tab and then enter user name Quapaw (case-sensitive) – the password is quapawmember (case-sensitive). Choose insurance enrollment form and send to the address listed on the form.

As a Quapaw tribal member, I am very proud that we have this outstanding set of benefits in addition to our many other benefits. I want to personally thank our Chairman and all our other outstanding members of the Business Committee for taking a risk to help our elders and membership across the nation and world. Where others were talking, we took action. Our diabetes is dropping and our health is improving.

It is a privilege to serve my people.

Gun-Ney-Gay,
Robert Weaver
Proud Member of the Quapaw Tribe
President

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You may also sign up for automatic notification of events by text message or email by clicking on "Notify Me" on the calendar page of the website.
Quapaw Tribal Business Committee

Community Building
Regular Meeting
May 19, 2012

CALL TO ORDER: 9:05 AM
INVOCATION: John Berrey
ROLL CALL: John Berrey, Chairman Present

Thomas Mathews Present
Tamara Smiley-Reeves, Sec./Treas. Present
Marilyn Rogers, Member Present
T.C. Bear, Member Absent (excused)
Flossie Mathews, Member Absent (excused)
Ranny McWatters, Member Present

DECLARATION OF QUORUM: Announced by QTBC Chairman John Berrey.

READING. CORRECTION AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the April 21, 2012 QTBC meeting were presented for approval. Motion by QTBC Member Marilyn Rogers to approve the minutes: April 21, 2012 QTBC meeting as presented. Seconded by QTBC Member Ranny McWatters. VOTE: JB, yes; TM, yes; TSR, yes; MR, yes; TB, absent; FM, absent; RM, yes; (5 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, 2 absent) Motion Carries.

TREASURER’S REPORT: The Treasurer’s Report for the period ending April 30, 2012 was submitted to the QTBC in accordance with standard accounting procedures. Motion by QTBC Vice-Chairman Thomas Mathews to accept and file the Treasurer’s Report for the period ending April 30, 2012. Seconded by QTBC Member Marilyn Rogers. VOTE: JB, yes; TM, yes; TSR, yes; MR, yes; TB, absent; FM, absent; RM, yes; (5 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, 2 absent) Motion Carries.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: All program Directors are requested to move in soon. The Housing Committee is currently working on adjustment(s) for the calculation of rent.

NEW BUSINESS:

Palmerton & Parrish, Inc. Proposal; Motion by QTBC Sec./Treas. Tamara Smiley-Reeves to approve and appropriate funds from the QTBC account line item ”MISC” in the amount of $8,444.00; payable to Palmerton & Parrish, Inc. to provide Construction Material Testing and Special Inspections for the Quapaw Tribal Elder Activity Center Expansion. Seconded by QTBC Member Marilyn Rogers. VOTE: JB, yes; TM, yes; TSR, yes; MR, yes; TB, absent; FM, absent; RM, yes; (5 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, 2 absent) Motion Carries.

NEW BUSINESS:

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Tribal member Linda Davis - Provided information from the Oklahoma Agriculture-Food Forestry; regarding the proposed ODAFF/Tribal Nation Animal Disease Response Support Agreement.

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.

DOWNSTREAM LEARNING CENTER: Written reports were submitted in the QTBC packet and were accepted as presented.

EAGLE CREEK GOLF CLUB: Written reports were submitted in the QTBC packets and were accepted as presented.

NEW BUSINESS:

OSU Student Request; Concurrence of the QTBC to allow OSU Masters Student(s) to conduct research along Beaver Creek

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

BENEDICTION: Thomas Mathews

ADJOURNMENT: 10:15 am

Tribal Operations Specialist
CERTIFICATION
Approved by the Quapaw Tribal Business Committee

On June 16, 2012 with a vote reflecting
6 yes; 0 no; 0 abstaining; 1 absent.

Quapaw Tribal Business Committee
Community Building
Regular Meeting
June 16, 2012

CALL TO ORDER: 9:02AM
INVOCATION: Marilyn Rogers
ROLL CALL: John Berrey, Chairman Present
Thomas Mathews Present
Tara Myrick Present
Tamara Smiley-Reeves, Sec./Treas. Present
Marilyn Rogers, Member Present
T.C. Bear, Member Present
Ranny McWatters, Member Absent (excused)

DECLARATION OF QUORUM: Announced by QTBC Chairman
John Berrey.

READING, CORRECTION AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The
minutes of the May 19, 2012 QTBC meeting were presented for
approval. Motion by QTBC Member Marilyn Rogers to approve the
minutes the May 19,2012 QTBC meeting as presented. Seconded by
QTBC Sec./Treas. Tamara Smiley-Reeves. VOTE: JB, yes; TM,
yes; TSR, yes; MR, yes; TB, yes; FM, yes; RM, absent; (6 yes, 0
no, 0 abstaining, 1 absent) Motion Carries.

TREASURER’S REPORT: The Treasurer’s Report for the period
ending May 31, 2012 was submitted to the QTBC in accordance
with standard accounting procedures. Motion by QTBC Vice-
Chairman Thomas Mathews to accept and file the Treasurer’s Report
for the period ending May 31,2012. Seconded by QTBC Member T.C. Bear. VOTE: JB, yes; TM, yes;
TSR, yes; MR, yes; TB, yes; FM, yes; RM, absent; (6 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, 1 absent) Motion Carries.

0-GAH-PAH CONVENIENCE STORE: Written reports were sub-
mited in the QTBC packets and were accepted as
presented. Oral reports were given by Manger, Lori Uribe and As-
sistant Manager,

0-GAH-PAH LEARNING CENTER: Written reports were submitted in the
QTBC packets and were accepted as
presented. Oral reports were given by OLC Director, JoOuita
Smith.

DOWNSTREAM LEARNING CENTER: Written reports were sub-
mited in the QTBC packet and were accepted as
presented.

QUAPAW COUNSELING SERVICES: Written reports were sub-
mited in the QTBC packets and were accepted as
presented. Oral reports were given by Quapaw Casino General manager, Kirk
Myrick.

TRIBAL GAMING AGENCY: Written reports were submitted in the
QTBC packets and were accepted as
presented. Oral reports were given by Director, Tina Woods.

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

Oral reports were given by Quapaw Casino General manager, Kirk
Myrick.

NEW BUSINESS:
Job Position/Description (IRR-NAHASDA-Housing Clerk); Motion
by QTBC Member Marilyn
Rogers to approve and appropriate the Job Position/Description for the
IRR-NAHASDA-Housing Clerk as presented to the QTBC. Seconded by QTBC Member Flossie Mathews. VOTE: JB, yes;
TM, yes; TSR, yes; MR, yes; TB, yes; FM, yes; RM, absent; (6 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, 1 absent) Motion Carries.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: The Pow-Wow Committee Budget
increase. The Pow-Wow Committee requested the QTBC consider budget increase of $3,000; to defray the expenses associated with the Apache Crown Dancers who have been invited to the pow-
wow. After discussion regarding tribal member vendors setting up, it was the concurrence of the QTBC to have the Quapaw Tribal members who want to set-up as vendors during the Pow-Wow use the old long house.
Motion by QTBC Member Flossie Mathews to approve and appro-
quate funding the budget increase of $3,000 for the Pow-Wow
Committee as presented. Seconded by QTBC Sec./Treas. Tamara
Smiley-Reeves. VOTE: JB, yes; TM, yes; TSR, yes; MR, yes; TB,
yes; FM, yes; RM, absent; (6 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, 1 absent) Motion Carries.

ACCOMMODATIONS:
CLOSED SESSION: 11:18 am RETURN TO OPEN SESSION:
00:00 am

CERTIFICATION
Tribal Operations Specialist
By: /s/ Debbie Wray
Debbie Wray, Recording Secretary
Tribal Operations Specialist
CERTIFICATION

QUAPAW TRIBE ENVIRONMENTAL DEPT.: Written reports were
submitted in the QTBC packets and were accepted as presented.
Oral reports were given by Environmental Director, Tim Kent.

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tronically to QTBC Members

QUAPAW TRIBE REALTY DEPT.: Written reports were submitted
in the QTBC packets and were accepted as presented. Oral reports were given by Realty Department Director
Trenton Stand.

motion by QTBC Member T.C. Bear to approve written reports as
submitted in the QTBC packets
and oral reports and presented. Seconded by QTBC Vice-Chair-
man Thomas Mathews. VOTE: JB, yes;
TM, yes; TSR, yes; MR, yes; TB, yes; FM, yes; RM, absent; (6 yes, 0
no, 0 abstaining, 1 absent) Motion Carries.

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT(S):
On behalf of the Election Committee, Chairperson Callie Dirk, rec-
ommends the reappointments of Linda Davis, and Minnie F. Hawk.
Concurrence of the QTBC for the reappointments of Linda Davis
and Minnie F. Hawk continuing to serve on the Election Commit-
tee.

BENEDICTION:
By: /s/ Debbie Wray
Debbie Wray, Recording Secretary
Tribal Operations Specialist
CERTIFICATION
Approved by the Quapaw Tribal Business Committee
On July 21, 2012 with a vote reflecting
7 yes; 0 no; 0 abstaining; 0 absent.
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Quapaw Tribal Business Committee
Community Building
Regular Meeting
July 21, 2012
CALL TO ORDER: 9:00 AM
INVOCATION: Thomas Mathews, & Special Prayer Request:
Flossie Mathews
ROLL CALL: John Berrey, Chairman Present
Thomas Mathews Present
Tamara Smiley-Reeves, Sec./Treas. Present
Marilyn Rogers, Member Present
T.C. Bear, Member Present
Flossie Mathews, Member Present
Ranny McWatters, Member Present

DECLARATION OF QUORUM: Announced by QTBC Chairman John Berrey.

READING: CORRECTION AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the June 16, 2012 QTBC meeting were presented for approval. Motion by QTBC Member Marilyn Rogers to approve the minutes June 16, 2012 QTBC meeting minutes; after the information is included (Topics of Closed Session; Return to Session Time, Benediction & Adjournment Time.) Seconded by QTBC Sec./Treas. Tamara Smiley-Reeves. VOTE: JB, yes; TM, yes; TSR, 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 June 30, 2012 was submitted to the QTBC in accordance with standard accounting procedures. Motion by QTBC Member Flossie Mathews to accept and file the Treasurer’s Report for the period ending June 30, 2012. Seconded by QTBC Member T.C. Bear. VOTE: JB, yes; TM, yes; TSR, yes; MR, yes; TB, yes; FM, yes; RM, yes; (7 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, 0 absent) Motion Carries.

SUPERVISING ATTORNEY: Written reports were submitted in the QTBC packets and were accepted as presented.

QUAPAW TRIBAL ELECTION COMMISSION: Written reports were submitted in the QTBC packets and were accepted as presented.

QUAPAW TRIBAL REALTY DEPT.: Written reports were submitted in the QTBC packets and were accepted as presented.

QUAPAW TRIBAL TITLE VI PROGRAM: Written reports were submitted in the QTBC packets and were accepted as presented. Supplemental program funding requested by Title VI Director, Rhonda Weaver. Motion by QTBC Member Flossie Mathews to approve and appropriate funds in the amount of $61,000 for Supplemental Funding as requested by the Quapaw Tribe Title VI Program Director and Tribal Administrator. Seconded by QTBC Member T.C. Bear. VOTE: JB, yes; TM, yes; TSR, yes; MR, yes; TB, yes; FM, yes; RM, yes; (7 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, 0 absent) Motion Carries.

QUAPAW TRIBAL ENVIRONMENTAL DEPT.: Written reports were submitted in the QTBC packets and were accepted as presented.

QUAPAW TRIBAL REALTY DEPT.: Written reports were submitted in the QTBC packets and were accepted as presented. Written reports were submitted in the QTBC packets and were accepted as presented.

QUAPAW TRIBAL COURT: Written reports were submitted in the QTBC packets and were accepted as presented.

QUAPAW TRIBAL TAG DEPT.: Written reports were submitted in the QTBC packets and were accepted as presented.

QUAPAW CASINO/OCA: 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.

DOWNSTREAM LEARNING CENTER: Written reports were submitted in the QTBC packets and were accepted as presented.

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

EAGLE CREEK GOLF CLUB: Written reports were submitted in the QTBC packets and were accepted as presented.

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

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

QUAPAW TRIBAL COURT: Written reports were submitted in the QTBC packets and were accepted as presented.

QUAPAW TRIBAL TITLE VI PROGRAM: Written reports were submitted in the QTBC packets and were accepted as presented. Supplemental program funding requested by Title VI Director, Rhonda Weaver. Motion by QTBC Member Flossie Mathews to approve and appropriate funds in the amount of $61,000 for Supplemental Funding as requested by the Quapaw Tribe Title VI Program Director and Tribal Administrator. Seconded by QTBC Member T.C. Bear. VOTE: JB, yes; TM, yes; TSR, yes; MR, yes; TB, yes; FM, yes; RM, yes; (7 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, 0 absent) Motion Carries.

GUESTS:
(1.) Tribal member Betty Gaedike, reported to the QTBC about local cemeteries that are not being maintained; the cemeteries have tribal members/leaders who have been buried in them. She would recommend the Quapaw Tribal Cemetery Committee to consider including the maintenance and up-keep of these cemeteries. Concurrence of the QTBC for the reappointment of QTBC Member, Flossie Mathews to the Cemetery Committee. Concurrence of the QTBC to request the Quapaw Tribal Cemetery Committee and the Quapaw Tribe Realty Department to work together to identify the cemeteries and to obtain access to the properties. Concurrence of the QTBC to request the Quapaw Tribal Cemetery Committee to include the maintenance/up-keep of the identified cemeteries in their FY 2013 Budget Request. QTBC Member Flossie Mathews gives special acknowledgment to employee Scott Palmer for his landscaping assistance on the tribal properties.

(2.) Tribal member Tamara Parker, spoke on behalf of her son, Paul Parker, requesting financial assistance to attend training/conference to continue/further his education as a professional Video DJ. The total amount requested covers airfare, registration and lodging. Motion by QTBC Member Flossie Mathews to approve and appropriate funds in the amount of approximately $1,044 to make travel, registration and lodging arrangements for tribal member Paul Parker to attend the training/conference to continue/further his education as a professional Video DJ. Seconded by QTBC Sec./Treas. Tamara Smiley-Reeves. VOTE: JB, yes; TM, yes; TSR, yes; MR, yes; TB, yes; FM, yes; RM, yes; (7 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, 0 absent) Motion Carries.

(3.) Beth Rotman, Partners for Ottawa County Youth, Inc. (POCY), presented a report with a request for financial assistance from the local tribes to fund or partially fund, host homes for at risk youth. The host home will serve all children of Ottawa County, Oklahoma including Native American children. The Coordinator and host home parents will receive training to insure cultural sensitivity.

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Motion by QTBC Member T.C. Bear to approve and appropriate funds in the amount of $5,000 payable to POCY -Haven Homes; to provide financial assistance host homes for at risk youth in Ottawa County, Oklahoma, including Native American. Seconded by QTBC Member Flossie Mathews. VOTE: JB, yes; TM, yes; TSR, yes; MR, yes; TB, yes; FM, yes; RM, yes; (7 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, 0 absent) Motion Carries.
at the tribal office by close of business on Friday, June 27, 2012.

DRAFT Minutes Completed on 07/25/2012 and submitted electronically to QTBC Members

Donations/Emergency Assistance Committee submitted a written request for additional funding in the amount of $10,000. Motion by QTBC Member Flossie Mathews to approve and appropriate funds in the amount of $10,000 as requested by the Donations/Emergency Assistance Committee. Seconded by QTBC Vice-Chairman Thomas Mathews. VOTE: JB, yes; TM, yes; TSR, yes; MR, yes; TB, yes; FM, yes; RM, yes; (7 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, 0 absent) Motion Carries.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Jennifer Lunsford gave an oral report on the 2012 Quapaw Pow-Wow. The Veterans medallions are still available, as well as program books and tee-shirts. Mike Shawnee, 2013 Pow-Wow Chairman is open to any suggestions for the pow-wow; contact: michael-shawnee@hotmail.com.

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution Number 072112-A: A Resolution Authorizing an Application to the Inter-Tribal Buffalo Council for the Fiscal Year 2012 Herd Development Grant Proposals. Motion by QTBC Member T.C. Bear to adopt Resolution Number 072112-A; A Resolution Authorizing an Application to the Inter-Tribal Buffalo Council for the Fiscal Year 2012 Herd Development Grant Proposals. Seconded by QTBC Member Flossie Mathews. VOTE: JB, yes; TM, yes; TSR, yes; MR, yes; TB, yes; FM, yes; RM, yes; (7 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, 0 absent) Motion Carries.

GUESTS:

(1) Tribal member Brienna Caldwell, submitted a written request for financial needs in support of her efforts to complete a certification program to become a teacher. Motion made/withdrawn by QTBC Sec./Treas. Tamara Smiley Reeves; Seconded by QTBC Member Marilyn Rogers.

SECONDED by QTBC Member Marilyn Rogers. VOTE: JB, yes; TM, yes; TSR, yes; MR, yes; TB, yes; FM, yes; RM, yes; (6 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, 1 absent) Motion Carries.

At the Quapaw Tribal Business Committee meeting held on August 18, 2012, the July 21, 2012 QTBC meeting minutes were presented for approval. Motion by QTBC Vice-Chairman Thomas Mathews to approve the minutes the July 21,2012 QTBC meeting minutes.
QUAPAW TRIBAL MAINTENANCE DEPT.: Maintenance Director, Dale Lasiter presented an oral report. Motion by QTBC Member T.C. Bear to approve written reports as submitted in the QTBC packets and oral reports and as presented. Seconded by QTBC Vice-Chairman Thomas Mathews.

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT(S): Housing Committee Vice-Chairman, Terry Kropp presented an oral and written report, and requested Closed Session for further discussion.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:
NEW BUSINESS:

Bids/Quotes:

Motion by QTBC Member Marilyn Rogers to approve and appropriate funds in the amount of $2,300 for the purchase of a Lexmark XS654DE multi-function copier for the accounting department, per the quote submitted by Lakeland Office Systems. Seconded by QTBC Member T.C. Bear. VOTE: JB, yes; TM, yes; TB, yes; FM, absent; RM, yes; (6 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, 1 absent) Motion Carries.

Motion by QTBC Member Ranny McWatters to approve and appropriate funds in the amount of $3,054 for the purchase of a 44" Fire Proof Lateral Fire Cabinet for the Quapaw Tribal Museum, per the quote submitted by Bluehen. Seconded by QTBC Member Marilyn Rogers. VOTE: JB, yes; TM, yes; TSR, yes; MR, yes; TB, yes; FM, absent; RM, yes; (6 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, 1 absent) Motion Carries.

Motion by QTBC Member T.C. Bear to approve written reports as submitted in the QTBC packets for approval. Motion by QTBC Vice-Chairman Thomas Mathews, VOTE: JB, yes; TM, yes; TSR, yes; MR, yes; TB, yes; FM, yes; RM, yes; (7 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, 0 absent) Motion Carries.

PROGRAM REPORTS: Written Program Reports were submitted in the QTBC packets for approval. Motion by QTBC Vice-Chairman Thomas Mathews to approve the Program Reports as submitted. Seconded by QTBC Member Ranny McWatters. VOTE: JB, yes; TM, yes; TSR, yes; MR, yes; TB, yes; FM, yes; RM, yes; (7 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, 0 absent) Motion Carries.

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Housing Committee Chairperson, Brenda Murray, presented an oral report. She requested Closed Session to discuss housing tenants. Closed Session is on the agenda and so she will present her issues at that time. The Housing Committee would like to have a storm shelter available for the tenants in the Emergency Housing. The Business Committee advised the Chairperson to include that expense in the upcoming budget.

Donations Committee - QTBC Chairman John Berrey suggests hiring Administrative Staff person to assist the Donations Committee and the Social Services Committee. The Business Committee concurs. The Tribal Administrator will bring a job description for the position back to the Business Committee for approval. There was discussion on whether or not to publish the names of individuals receiving assistance from the Donations Committee. It was the consensus of the Business Committee to not publish the names.

ATEC- QTBC Member Florence Marie Mathews reported that there will be an Indian taco dinner to raise money for scholarships on October 5 at the Ottawa-Peoria building. 8 applicants received $300 each for the last semester.

GROUNDSCOMMITTEE- The Business Committee would like an assessment on damage to the powwow grounds from the recent storm. The Business Committee also requests the Grounds Committee to consider repairing camps damaged in the storm.

UN-FINISHED BUSINESS:

Motion by QTBC Member T.C. Bear to adopt Resolution No. 09182012A- A Resolution Approving & Authorizing Execution of a Service Line Agreement between Cable One Utility Company & the Quapaw Tribe of Oklahoma. Seconded by QTBC Member Florence Marie Mathews. VOTE: JB, yes; TM, yes; TSR, yes; MR, yes; TB, yes; FM, yes; RM, yes; (7 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, 0 absent) Motion carries.

NEW BUSINESS: Resolutions -

Motion by QTBC Member Marilyn Rogers to adopt Resolution No. 091812A- A resolution to enact amendments to the Sex Offender Registration Code of the Quapaw Tribe of Oklahoma. Seconded by QTBC Member T.C. Bear. VOTE: JB, yes; TM, yes; TSR, yes; MR, yes; TB, yes; FM, yes; RM, yes; (7 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, 0 absent) Motion Carries.

Bids/Quotes -

The Quapaw Tribal Marshals request approval of bid to install air conditioning for their simulator. Motion by QTBC Member Ranny McWatters to approve the bid from Rogers Heat and Air in the amount of $12,546.00 to install air conditioning for the Tribal Marshals simulator. Seconded by Florence Marie Mathews. VOTE: JB, yes; TM, yes; TSR, yes; MR, yes; TB, yes; FM, yes; RM, yes; (7 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, 0 absent) Motion Carries.

Donations Request -

There was a written donation request presented from Turkey Ford School. No action taken on the request QTBC Chairman John Berrey asked Tribal Attorney, Steve Ward, to give a brief update on the Goodeagle case. There will be information regarding the case in the upcoming newsletter as well as on the website.
CLOSED SESSION:  Closed - 6:44 p.m.

Topic(s):

Return to Open - 7:27 p.m.

Housing - The Business Committee concurs to support the decisions of the Housing Committee relating to tenants of the Emergency and/or Elder Housing complex.

Budgets - No action taken at this time.

BENEDICTION: Florence Marie Mathews

ADJOURNMENT: 7:30 p.m.

*******PLEASE NOTE THAT THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED BUSINESS COMMITTEE MEETING WAS TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2012 AT 9:00A.M., HOWEVER, DUE TO DAMAGES SUSTAINED TO MANY TRIBAL FACILITIES AND COMPUTER SYSTEMS, REPORTS COULD NOT BE GENERATED FOR THE REGULAR MEETING*******

/STamara Smiley-Reeves

Tamara Smiley-Reeves, Sec./Treas., Present

Thomas Mathews, Present

INVOCATION: Florence Marie Mathews

ROLLCALL: John Berrey, Chairman, Present (via telephone)

Thomas Mathews, Present

Tamarra Smiley-Reeves, Sec./Treas., Present

Marilyn Rogers, Member. Present

T.C. Bear, Member, Present

Flossie Mathews, Member, Present

Ranny McWatters, Member, Present (via telephone)

Chairman John Berrey announced he and QTBC Member Ranny McWatters were in Arkansas and he has turned the Chair over to QTBC Vice-Chairman Thomas Mathews to conduct the meeting.

DECLARATION OF QUORUM: Announced by QTBC Vice-Chairman Thomas Mathews.

READNG. CORRECTION AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the September 18, 2012 QTBC meeting were presented for approval. Motion by QTBC Member Florence Marie Mathews to approve the minutes the September 18, 2012 QTBC meeting as presented. Seconded by QTBC Member T.C. Bear. VOTE: JB, yes; TM, yes; TSR, yes; MR, yes; TB, yes; FMM, yes; RM, yes; (7 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, 0 absent) Motion Carries.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The Treasurer's Report for the period ending September 30, 2012 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 in accordance with standard accounting procedures. Motion by QTBC Member Marilyn Rogers. VOTE: JB, yes; TM, yes; TSR, yes; MR, yes; TB, yes; FMM, yes; RM, yes; (7 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, 0 absent) Motion Carries.

Job Description- Quapaw Tribal Tax Administrator: Motion by QTBC Member Marilyn Rogers to approve the job description Quapaw Tribal Tax Administrator as presented. Seconded by QTBC Member T.C. Bear. VOTE: JB, yes; TM, yes; TSR, yes; MR, yes; TB, yes; FMM, yes; RM, yes; (7 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, 0 absent) Motion Carries.

Job Description- EFA/Social Services Assistant: Motion by QTBC Sec./Treas. Tamara Smiley-Reeves to approve the job description EFA/Social Services Assistant as presented. Seconded by QTBC Member T.C. Bear. VOTE: JB, yes; TM, yes; TSR, yes; MR, yes; TB, yes; FMM, yes; RM, yes; (7 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, 0 absent) Motion Carries.

Donations Request: Tribal Member James Gilmore presented a written request for assistance to a mission trip to Pine Ridge. Motion by QTBC Member T.C. Bear to approve and appropriate funds in the amount of $650 to assist tribal member James Gilmore to attend a mission trip to Pine Ridge. Seconded by QTBC Member Florence Marie Mathews. VOTE: JB, yes; TM, yes; TSR, yes; MR, yes; TB, yes; FMM, yes; RM, yes; (7 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, 0 absent) Motion Carries.

NEW BUSINESS:

Land Purchase - Trenton Stand, Realty Department Director presented information on various town lots for sale in Quapaw. Some of the lots offered have a large percentage of ownership. The information was received from attorney Chuck Chesnut on behalf of the owner. Concurrence of the QTBC to further review the documents and either bring matters back to the November QTBC meeting or if necessary conduct a phone/electronic poll of the QTBC.

NEW BUSINESS:

NAHASDA Rehab/Replacement Policy - Concurrence of the QTBC to further review the documents and either bring matters back to the November QTBC meeting or if necessary conduct a phone/electronic poll of the QTBC.

Remodel/Construction Project at Administration Offices - Concurrence of the QTBC to allow Dale Lasiter, Facilities Manager to proceed with the remodel/construction project at the Quapaw Tribal Administration Office and Quapaw Tribal Community Building. Proposed materials cost: $1,700+/-; labor provided by maintenance department staff.

Job Description - Business Committee Clerk: Motion by QTBC Sec./Treas. Tamara Smiley-Reeves to revert the job title of Tribal Operations Specialist to Business Committee Clerk; approving the job description as presented. Seconded by QTBC Member T.C. Bear. VOTE: JB, yes; TM, yes; TSR, yes; MR, yes; TB, yes; FMM, yes; RM, yes; (7 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, 0 absent) Motion Carries.

Job Description- EFA/Social Services Assistant: Motion by QTBC Sec./Treas. Tamara Smiley-Reeves to approve the job description EFA/Social Services Assistant as presented. Seconded by QTBC Member T.C. Bear. VOTE: JB, yes; TM, yes; TSR, yes; MR, yes; TB, yes; FMM, yes; RM, yes; (7 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, 0 absent) Motion Carries.

Donations Request: Tribal Member James Gilmore presented a written request for assistance to a mission trip to Pine Ridge. Motion by QTBC Member T.C. Bear to approve and appropriate funds in the amount of $650 to assist tribal member James Gilmore to attend a mission trip to Pine Ridge. Seconded by QTBC Member Florence Marie Mathews. VOTE: JB, yes; TM, yes; TSR, yes; MR, yes; TB, yes; FMM, yes; RM, yes; (7 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, 0 absent) Motion Carries.

ACCOUNTING:

Oracle Report. There is a short waiting list of potential tenants for the second phase of units to be built. Emergency Housing will have vacancies soon and applicants are on file to fill the vacancies. The "rules" sign for the Emergency Housing has been ordered.

ATEC - QTBC Member Florence Marie Mathews reported there will be an Indian taco dinner November 2, 2012 from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at the Ottawa-Peoria building. Proceeds from the ATEC fund raiser are for scholarships awarded to Native American students.

UN-FINISHED BUSINESS:

SORNA - The Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act (SORNA), which is Title I of the Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act of 2006, was discussed at length. Tribal member input from the audience is taken into consideration. The SORNA final resolution documents are due by mid November 2012. Concurrence of the QTBC to further review the documents and either bring matters back to the November QTBC meeting or if necessary conduct a phone/electronic poll of the QTBC.

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staining. 2 absent) Motion Carries. Emergency Housing: Concurrence of the QTBC to uphold the decision(s) made by the Quapaw Tribal Housing Committee. Tribal Insurance: Benefits/Health claims and appeals. BENEAGNC: Grace Goodeagle ADJOURNMENT: 11:32 a.m. /S/Tamarra Smiley-Reeves Tamara Smiley-Reeves, 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 November 17, 2012 with a vote reflecting 5 yes; 0 no; 0 abstaining; 2 absent.

Quapaw Tribe Business Committee Community Building Regular Meeting November 17, 2012 CALL TO ORDER: 9:05a.m. INVOCATION: John Berrey ROLL CALL: John Berrey, Chairman Present Thomas Mathews, Vice-Chairman Present Tamara Smiley-Reeves, Sec./Treas. Present Marilyn Rogers, Member Absent (excused) T.C. Bear, Member Present Florence Marie Mathews, Member Absent (excused) Ranny McWatters, Member Present Chairman John Berrey announced that QTBC Members, Marilyn Rogers and Florence Marie Mathew are both absent from the QTBC meeting due to illness. DECLARATION OF QUORUM: Announced by QTBC Chairman, John Berrey. READING: CORRECTION AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the October 20, 2012 QTBC meeting were presented for approval. Motion by QTBC Vice Chairman Thomas Mathews to approve the minutes of the October 20, 2012 QTBC meeting presented. Seconded by QTBC Member Ranny McWatters. VOTE: JB, yes; TM, yes; TSR, yes; TB, yes; RM, yes; (5 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, 2 absent) Motion Carries with 2 absent. Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's Report for the period ending October 31, 2012 was submitted to the QTBC in accordance with standard accounting procedures. Motion by QTBC Vice Chairman Thomas Mathews to accept and file the Treasurer's Report for the period ending October 31, 2012. Seconded by QTBC Member T.C. Bear. VOTE: JB, yes; TM, yes; TSR, yes; TB, yes; RM, yes; (5 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, 2 absent) Motion carries with 2 absent. PROGRAM REPORTS: Written Program Reports were submitted in the QTBC packets for approval. Motion by QTBC Member T.C. Bear to approve the Program Reports as submitted. Seconded by QTBC Member Ranny McWatters. VOTE: JB, yes; TM, yes; TSR, yes; TB, yes; RM, yes; (5 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, 2 absent) Motion carries with 2 absent. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS: 2012 Quapaw Children's Christmas Party Committee: Chairperson, Betty Gaedkte, presented and oral report. The Children's Christmas Party is scheduled for Sunday, December 9th from 2:00pm-4:00pm at the Ottawa-Peoria Building. Snacks, games, prizes, pictures with Santa and other fun activities are planned. Enrolled tribal children 12 and under must be present and have invitation in hand to receive their gift card. Quapaw Tribal Housing Committee: Chairperson, Brenda Murray, presented an oral report. She reported 4 of the 5 emergency units are currently occupied. One is not available due to extensive damage caused by a previous occupant. She reported that furniture in two of the units had to be replaced recently. Brenda also reported that as of November 1, 2012, occupants of the emergency units are required to pay a $150.00/month rental fee. Regarding Elder Housing, Brenda reported that everything is going well. Residents are taking good care of the property and are enjoying the new fencing. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Bids-Quotes-(a) Quapaw Tribe Substance Abuse Services requests approval of a bid for a multi-function copier. Motion by QTBC Sec./Treasurer Tamara Smiley-Reeves to approve the bid from Ozark Business Systems in the amount of $4,480.00 for a multi-function copier for Quapaw Tribe Substance Abuse Services. Seconded by QTBC Member Thomas Mathews. VOTE: JB, yes; TM, yes; TSR, yes; TB, yes; EM, yes; (5 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, 2 absent) Motion carries with 2 absent. (b) The Quapaw Tribe Tax Commission requests approval of a bid for a 4 drawer lateral file proof filing cabinet. Motion by QTBC Member Ranny McWatters to approve the bid from Blue Hen in the amount of $3,462.00 for a 4 drawer lateral file proof filing cabinet for the Quapaw Tribe Tax Commission. Seconded by QTBC Member T.C. Bear. VOTE: JB, yes; TM, yes; TSR, yes; TB, yes; RM, yes; (5 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, 2 absent) Motion carries with 2 absent. Donation Requests - (d) The Northeast Oklahoma Veterans Memorial Cemetery requests funds to help pay for ongoing cemetery projects. Following discussions, the N.E.O Veterans Memorial Cemetery requests for funds was tabled pending further investigation. QTBC Member Tamara Smiley-Reeves agreed to contact N.E.O Veterans Memorial Cemetery advocate, Barbara Collier, for additional information/input. (e) The University of Kansas (KU) requests funds to help host a Native American Stomp Dance on the KU campus at the Hashinger Hall Back Box Theater on December 1, 2012 from 7:00 to 10:00 pm. Motion by QTBC Vice Chairman Thomas Mathews to approve assistance in the amount of $2,000 for the University of Kansas Stomp Dance. Seconded by T.C. Bear. Vote: JB, yes; TM, yes; TSR, yes; TB, yes; RM, yes; (5 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, 2 absent) Motion carries with 2 absent. ANNOUNCEMENTS: QTBC Chairman John Berrey announced that the Buffalo Grille has completed its move to the new hotel tower. It is "absolutely beautiful" and open for business! John Berrey also announced that a canned food drive is currently underway at Downstream to support local Food Distribution Programs. Closed Session: None Benediction: Ranny McWatters Adjournment: 10:09a.m. /S/Tamarra Smiley-Reeves Tamara Smiley-Reeves, Sec./Treas. Minutes Prepared In Accordance with Robert's Rules of Order [RONR (10th Ed.) PG 451, 1. 25-28 By: /S/Tamarra Smiley-Reeves Tamara Smiley-Reeves, Sec. Treas. Quapaw Tribal Business Committee CERTIFICATION Approved by the Quapaw Tribal Business Committee On December 15, 2012 with a vote reflecting 6 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, 1 absent.
The Quapaw Tribe Housing Department offers many programs which may be of assistance to you. To contact the Housing Department, please call 918-542-1430, fax to 918-542-5871 or e-mail to: jgleaves@quapawtribe.com. Our office is located at 58150 E 64 Road, Miami, OK (by the Quapaw Casino). The Housing Department has the following programs:

**Elder Housing**

The Tribe currently has six (6) one-bedroom housing units for elder tribal members. These units are for Quapaw tribal members 62 years of age and over. Rent is determined on income with a maximum of $400.00 per month. All utilities are paid by the Tribe. There are plans to build more units beginning in the spring of 2013 including some 2-bedroom units. First applicants were determined through a lottery drawing and some of those applicants remain on the waiting list. If you would like to apply for elder housing or obtain more information, please stop by the Housing Office to pick up an application, or call the Housing Department at 918-542-1430 to have an application mailed to you.

**Temporary Family Emergency Housing (FEMA trailers)**

This program is for Quapaw tribal members (singles or families) with a need for emergency housing. The Tribe owns five (5) FEMA trailers that are being used for emergency housing. Housing is temporary to help the tribal member to get back on their feet. Emergency Housing would be defined as: A natural disaster, i.e.: fire, flood, or tornado damage to the property you were living in. It would also include proof of violence in the home. All other requests for emergency housing will be submitted to the Housing Committee for consideration as an emergency. All emergencies would be verified by the housing staff and voted on by the Housing Committee before being placed on the waiting list. The FEMA trailers are not wheelchair accessible. All residents of the FEMA trailers pay a basic housing fee of $150.00 per month. If you would like to apply for assistance with this program or obtain more information, stop by the Housing Department office to pick up an application, or call the office at 918-542-1430 to have an application mailed to you.

**NAHASDA Emergency Rental Relocation Assistance Program**

The NAHASDA Housing Program provides financial assistance for housing for homeless families who meet the qualifications of the program. Applicants must meet income guidelines and be within service area. Assistance is limited to first month’s rent and security/utility deposits. To qualify, an applicant must:

1. have a rental agreement or sufficient rental documentation such as utility deposits and bills, and/or rent receipts; OR,
2. reside in a domestic violence shelter and provide documentation of spousal or domestic violence; OR, 3. be a homeowner who can demonstrate lack of emergency living expense insurance coverage.

(Natural disasters only.)

If you would like to apply for assistance with this program or obtain more information, stop by the Housing Department office to pick up an application, or call the office at 918-542-1430 to have an application mailed to you. Applications also available on the website: www.quapawtribe.com.

**NAHASDA Rehab/Replacement Program**

The NAHASDA Rehab/Replacement Program provides a grant to fund services to repair, renovate, replace or provide housing for low-income families having substandard housing or who are without housing. Assistance will be to provide safe, secure and sanitary housing to approved/eligible applicants according to the following priorities: 1.) Enrolled Quapaw Tribal Members; 2.) Quapaw Tribal Members by descent; and 3.) Members of other federally recognized tribes. Applications are accepted on a continuing basis and are placed on the waiting list on the date all documentation is received and applicant is determined eligible. Must meet income guidelines and reside within the service area. If you would like to apply for assistance with this program or obtain more information, stop by the Housing Department office to pick up an application, or call the office at 918-542-1430 to have an application mailed to you. Applications also available on the website: www.quapawtribe.com.

**Tribal Transportation Program (TTP) formerly Indian Reservation Roads Program (IRR)**

Federal Highway fund are available to tribes annually for engineering and construction of tribal roads. We have 227 miles of roads in our inventory. The Business Committee determines a priority list for tribal roads projects.

**House Approves Bill**

I want to express my sincere appreciation to Tom Cole and Dan Boren for their willingness to listen to us and review this situation, and to give us our day in court,” Chairman Berrey said. “The Quapaw Analysis project was begun because our Tribe wanted to have the opportunity to resolve trust claims in alternative dispute resolution and outside of litigation. Throughout this project, we worked toward sitting down with representatives of the Secretary of the Interior, our trustee, and working through the claims and problems relating to federal management of our lands and accounts. It was a surprise when the Justice Department advised us that it was not interested in mediation and instead that we should proceed with litigation. But the only way we could obtain a full and fair accounting for our Tribe and its members was through this congressional resolution.”

Approximately 1,060 individual members of the Tribe elected in 2011 to join in the Goodeagle Litigation, which was filed in the Court of Federal Claims in Washington, D.C. The Quapaw Tribe has a separate case pending for its trust-related claims.

The House of Representatives forwarded the Quapaw congressional reference to the chief judge of the Court of Federal Claims, where it was formally filed as a new case on January 22. The Goodeagle legal team is preparing complaint for filing within the near future, which will include claims that could not be pursued in the existing litigation due to the expiration of the statute of limitations and other legal grounds.
More images from Downstream PowWow

Images of New Spa, Hotel and Coffee Shop