Downstream Childcare Building Groundbreaking

A ground breaking ceremony was held on Thursday, August 19th for the 12,000 square foot Learning Center at Downstream Casino. The center will provide child care and preschool services for employees’ children from infant through age 12. The Downstream Learning Center will be open from 6 a.m. to midnight to help two shifts of workers by providing child care.

The new building will feature seven classrooms, a resource center for parents and a kitchen that will serve healthy meals on site. There also will be a 6,000-square-foot outdoor playground. The Learning Center will be able to accommodate around 300 children and will have a staff of around 40. It will be licensed with the state of Oklahoma.

JoOuita Smith, the Quapaw Tribe’s director of child care programs noted that, like the existing Quapaw Learning Center in Quapaw, the new center will feature structured activities guided by established lesson plans.

Though the center is in Oklahoma, employees who live in Missouri or Kansas may gain child care financial assistance from their states if they qualify.

Jani Cummings, Downstream HR Director noted in her opening remarks, “What better way to give the message back to our team members that they are valued and appreciated.”

John Berrey, chairman of the tribe’s Business Committee and Downstream Development Authority, said all of the casino’s 1,100 employees will benefit, but it will be a special help for single parents. Berrey said the service will be offered at an affordable cost and will be a welcome addition to our employee benefits.

Plans call for a spring 2011 opening.

Business Committee Members Installed

During the Quapaw Tribe Business Committee meeting of August 21, 2010, the newly elected officers were installed. Business Committee Chairman John Berry, Secretary/Treasurer Tamara Smiley and Member Ranny McWatters were sworn in by Election Committee member Callie Darr for the start of their new two year terms. The new committee members join Flossie Mathews, TC Bear and Marilyn Rogers on the Committee.
Chairman's Corner

Haway O-Gah-Pah,

I am so happy and proud to have two more years and I am very proud to announce that we are putting an “All Tribal Member” insurance plan out for bid this week. We are planning on providing primary or secondary benefits depending on your need and our plan is to have it in place in the first part of next year. It is such an exciting and wonderful plan. I am also working on getting some affordable housing for our elders and those who need a home. Stay tuned.

We have another election and after a year of false accusations and terrible threats we have begun to move on with a more positive environment. The Downstream Casino is nearly $10,000,000 ahead of our 2009-2010 projections and I am so proud and happy about that. The complaints about our transparency and poor management are absolutely false and these lies hopefully will one day be silenced by our performance and great work. So please if you have questions about anything please contact me and please vote with your heart and let us keep moving!

Have a great fall.
Gun-ney-gay
John L. Berrey

Quapaw Tribe Participates in New Transit System

The Quapaw Tribe is pleased to announce participation in the start of a new transit system for this area. Pelivan Transit and Northeast Oklahoma Tribal Transit Consortium offers reduced fares and even free fares in some travel zones. Any Native American who is residing in the Pelivan Transit service territory will be eligible for reduced or free fares to ride on the Pelivan Transit system. Pelivan Transit, established in 1985, is owned and operated by Grand Gateway EDA headquartered in Big Cabin, Oklahoma.

The Nine Tribes of Northeast Oklahoma and Pelivan Transit Consortium were formed to address tribal transit needs in the area. In addition to the Quapaw Tribe, the Eastern Shawnee, Miami, Modoc, Ottawa, Peoria, Seneca-Cayuga, Shawnee, and Wyandot tribes also participate in the Consortium with Pelivan Transit.

Through tribal transit grants area Native Americans are offered demand response curb-to-curb rural transportation and tribal transit services. The fares are based on zones of travel. In order to qualify for a reduced fare under the tribal transit program, the rider who is Native American must be able to provide a CDIB Card (Certificate Degree of Indian Blood) or Tribal Membership Card to verify their affiliation with the respective tribe at the time of their pick-up for the ride. Transportation vans are ADA compliant with wheelchair lifts or ramps.

The Quapaw Tribe recognizes the need for a rural transportation system that will allow tribal members without personal transportation to have access to a safe and affordable way to go to doctors appointments, shop and conduct personal business.

For more information on how to arrange rides, routes and fares, log on to www.quapawtribe.com.

Numbers to Know

Quapaw Tribal Office
5681 South 630 Rd.
Quapaw, OK 74363
918-542-1853
888-OGAHPAH

Cultural Center
905 Whitebird St.
Quapaw, OK 74363
Located in the Cultural Center:
Quapaw Tribal Museum
918-674-2619
Quapaw Tribal Library
918-674-2454
Family Services
918-674-2554, Ext. 2522
Fax 918-674-2581
Assist Tribal families & children in need
O-Gah-Pah Convenience Store
Mushroom Farm Rd.
Miami, OK 74354
918-540-3164
Gas & convenience items

Elder Center
903 Whitebird St.
Quapaw, OK 74363
Located in the Elder Center:
Title VI
918-674-2257, Ext 310
Meals program and delivery
Community Health Program
918-674-2257
Patient liaison, home health visits, medical education, transports
Quapaw Counseling Services
58150 E. 66 Rd.
Miami, OK 74354
918-542-1786
Fax: 918-542-3052
Drug/alcohol treatment, medical services, drug testing
O-Gah-Pah Learning Center
206 Future Farmer Rd.
Quapaw, OK 74363
918-674-0010 / 866-OGP-KIDZ
Fax 918-674-0006
Child care

Quapaw Casino
58100 E 64th Rd
Miami, OK 74354
918-540-9100

Quapaw Tribal Fire Station
Hwy 69A
Miami, OK 74354
Fire station and EMT

Housing Office
5815 E. 64th Rd.
Miami, OK 74354
918-542-1430
Rehab and construction on tribal members homes

Downstream Casino
69300 East Nee Road.
Quapaw, OK 74363
1-888-DWNSTRM (396-7876)
918-919-6000
Resort hotel, casino, entertainment venue

Eagle Creek Golf Club
2742 Ben Pell Dr.
Joplin, MO 64804
417-623-5050
Championship golf course
In Memorium

Daniel Craig Jennings, 73, passed away Friday, June 25, 2010 in Shawnee. Dan Jennings, (Ka Ha tta) was born in Concho, Okla., on November 30, 1936.

His early years with his parents were on the old Quapaw Reservation in Ottawa County.

Dan was a star athlete at Marquette High School in Tulsa, and Northeastern State Teachers College in Tahlequah. Dan was a tugboat captain for a petroleum company in his late teens and early twenties. He served the 45th Infantry Oklahoma National Guard as a chaplain’s and pharmaceutical assistant. He played semi-pro football for the Tulsa Wildcats until he was 34 years old.

In the Pow Wow world, he was known as a Champion Fancy Dancer in his younger years, as he aged he enjoyed Straight Dancing and Gourd Dancing. He served and was active on many tribal committees throughout his life. He was the first full time employee of the Sac and Fox Nation and his most recent community service was as Chairman of the Gaming Committee. He was recognized as the Sac and Fox Man of the Year while he was in his 60’s. His proudest and most humble mission in life was as Bear Clan Chief and Ceremonial Helper, and Drum Service Society Belt Man for the Sac and Fox Nation. He helped innumerable tribal members with their Indian names, adoptions and funeral services.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Mary Olene Baker Jennings and Edwin Cornelius Jennings (Pi Ta Ko a) who met at Chilocco Indian School; and his younger brother, Donald Francis Jennings (Na Noch a Ho).

He is survived by four daughters, Dawn, Dana, Daryl and Danielle. He had six grandchildren, one great grandson, five nephews and three nieces. He also leaves two brothers, Dennis Robert and Michael Edwin and one sister, Mary Melissa Jennings.

He was ceremonially and spiritually adopted by the Hunter, Mack, McKosato, Wakolee and Big Bow Families. He leaves multiple sons, daughters, brothers, sisters, grandchildren, nieces and nephews from these relationships.

Jennings was buried at the Wakolee Cemetery, where at his request, he can be close to his grandmother Mamie, and his aunts, Pearl and Cecilia.

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Quapaw Tribal Business Committee
Tribal Community Building
Regular Meeting
July 17, 2010

CALL TO ORDER: 9:00 am
INVOCATION: Ranny McWatters

ROLL CALL:
John Berrey, Chairman Absent
Vice-Chairman Vacant
Tamara Smiley, Sec. /Treas. Present
Marilyn Rogers, Member Present
T.C. Bear, Member Present
Flossie Mathews, Member Present
Ranny McWatters, Member Present

DECLARATION OF QUORUM: Announced by QTBC Sec. /Treas.
Tamara Smiley to conduct the ATRBC meeting in the absence of Chairman Berrey.

READING, CORRECTION AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the June 19, 2010 QTBC meeting and phone polls conducted was presented for approval. Motion by QTBC member Flossie Mathews to approve the minutes of the May 15, 2010 QTBC meeting, and phone polls conducted as presented. Seconded by QTBC member Ranny McWatters. VOTE: TS, yes; MR, yes; TB, yes; FM, yes; RM, yes. (5 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, 1 absent, 1 vacant) Motion Carries.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The Treasurer's Report for the period ending June 30, 2010 was submitted to the QTBC in accordance with standard accounting procedures. Motion by QTBC member Ranny McWatters to accept and file the Treasurer's Report for the period ending May 31, 2010. Seconded by QTBC member Flossie Mathews. VOTE: TS, yes; MR, yes; TB, yes; FM, yes; RM, yes. (5 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, 1 absent, 1 vacant) Motion Carries.

O-GAH-PAH LEARNING CENTER: 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.

DOWNSTREAM CASINO RESORT/DDA: 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.

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

Motion by QTBC Member T.C. Bear to approve written reports as submitted in the QTBC packets and were accepted as presented.

Rolle Call–

John Berrey, Chairman Absent
Vice-Chairman Vacant
Tamara Smiley, Sec. /Treas. Present
Marilyn Rogers, Member Present
T.C. Bear, Member Present
Flossie Mathews, Member Present
Ranny McWatters, Member Present

VOTE: TS, yes; MR, yes; TB, yes; FM, yes; RM, yes. (5 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, 1 absent, 1 vacant) Motion Carries.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion by QTBC Member Flossie Mathews to amend the Agenda to required and if so, and to see if there are others interested in serving.

Motion by QTBC Member Ranny McWatters to adopt Resolution Number 01710-A: A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE INDIAN HOUSING PLAN FOR FY 2010 REGARDING INDIAN HOUSING Block Grant # 10IT402474.00. Seconded by QTBC Member T.C. Bear. VOTE: TS, yes; MR, yes; TB, yes; FM, yes; RM, yes. (5 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, 1 absent, 1 vacant) Motion Carries.

First Reader: Ranny McWatters
Second Reader: Flossie Mathews

CERTIFICATION: Flossie Mathews

SPECIAL MEETING: The Quapaw Tribal News is published for the benefit of the Quapaw Tribal People. All items published are meant to inform and educate and each item published is not intended to libel or slander any particular person or group of persons. Any submissions for the newsletter are welcome and will be published after review by the editor of the Quapaw Tribal News. Any submission or article will be edited for content, language, or slander/libelous content. Any comment/opinion is welcome for submission as long as it adheres to language/slanderous guidelines. There are no specific limitations regarding number of submissions/greetings/congratulations that a person(s) may submit for publication for any one issue.
My fellow Quapaw Tribal members,

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

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

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September 7, 2010
Dear Tribal Members:

The upcoming election for Vice Chairman of the Business Committee is one of the most critical elections our tribe ever has held. I appreciate you taking a few minutes to learn more about me and why I would like to serve as your Vice Chairman.

Your vote for me on October 23 will bring us closer to restoring the integrity we deserve and expect of our tribal leaders.

I'm the son of Jesse and Rena McKibben and have five siblings, Ruth Sullivan, Carole McKibben, Mick Wilson, Melany Shawnee and Annaleta McKibben. I also have three nieces, Mallori, Sheridan, Emma and nephew, Parker.

Born and raised in Quapaw, I was a National Honor Society graduate at Quapaw High School in 1990 and was awarded Oklahoma All-State basketball honors. I played four years of college basketball while earning an Associate's degree at Coffeyville Community College and a Bachelor of Science in Education at Northeastern State University in Tahlequah. After teaching for 10 years, I went back to school and earned a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from the University of Oklahoma. I was an RN at St. John Hospital in Tulsa for two years and have been an RN at Integris Hospital in Miami for the past two years.

I am a lifelong member of Spring River Indian Baptist Church. In my spare time, I enjoy riding and training horses as well as hunting and fishing on Spring River.

I hope to continue my family's legacy of tribal leadership. I began attending Business Committee meetings with my Dad in the mid-seventies—back when you knew a tribal leader's word and handshake were his bond. As you well know, my father served the tribe in multiple capacities, including Chairman for many years. My Uncle John McKibben also served as Chairman and Uncle Tony McKibben organized the powwow for a number of years as well. As a youngster, I worked many years as a water boy and sold 50/50 tickets as well as programs at our annual powwow.

In addition to the progress my Dad and uncles led over the years, my sister Annaleta wrote the program creating the Quapaw Tribal Tax Commission which enabled members to purchase Quapaw Tribe tags for our vehicles. My niece Mallori is currently the tribal princess and my brother Mick was recently re-elected to the tribe's Grievance Committee.

I'm running for Vice Chairman for one simple reason: our tribal members deserve better than the status quo. Watching the tribe's money being arrogantly squandered without accountability by tribe officials who have officially violated tribal spending policies is not acceptable. This totalitarian form of "leadership" should not be tolerated by members.

Transparency measures need to be implemented to establish more accountability and credibility of all tribal operations. The more information our leadership shares with members, the more enlightened you, as shareholders of these businesses become. If our current leadership would share more information with tribal members, we, as a tribe, would be more enlightened. Presently, we only get information that the current leadership allows. Leadership should have an open-door communication policy. If elected, I will do my best to keep communication with tribal members a priority.

Often there is boasting about the prosperity of all our tribal businesses. If this is truly the case, an increase in benefits should be in order for our elderly and children. I will work to make these two groups a priority. In addition to benefits currently received, we should have funds available to provide assistance to our elderly when they incur unexpected expenses.

Our children, who are the future of our tribe, should be supplied with all necessities related to their education. These resources should include increased funding for school supplies and clothing. We especially need to increase funding for students who are seeking a vocational or college education. Helping our members more in these areas will not only improve their lives, but will make our tribe stronger as a whole.

To ensure the integrity of this upcoming election, each candidate's designee should be afforded the opportunity to verify the legitimacy of absentee ballots. To do this, each envelope should remain unopened. If voting absentee, please indicate the envelope contains an absentee ballot so the candidate's designee can be allowed to witness absentee ballots being opened and verify the postmark. Any envelope should remain sealed until Election Day. The candidate's designee should be with great honor to serve my tribe on the Business Committee. It would be with great honor to serve my tribe on the Business Committee. The last few years, we have seen the tribe make many great steps forward, and I want to keep the tribe moving in a positive direction far into the future.

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**Business Committee Vice Chairman Candidate Letters cont.**

getting an assisted living venue for our elders. We need to take care of those, who took care of us.

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

Thank you,
Thomas Mathews
Feel free to contact me anytime
Email: Crawfish7454@yahoo.com
Call: 918-533-7997

**Quapaw Tribe Joins Nixle Community Information Service**

The Quapaw Tribe has subscribed to the Community Notification Service called “Nixle” to improve communication with tribal members as well as interested residents who live, work, and visit our area.

The system provides a quick, efficient, and secure way to get neighborhood-level information out to community members who subscribe to the system. Through www.nixle.com we will be able to send text message (SMS) and e-mail alerts to subscribers in a specific area, down to .25 miles.

Nixle is an immediate way to notify area members about:
- A young child or adult with Alzheimer’s disease walks away from their home. The alert can include a picture of the child or vulnerable adult with a map identifying the area at which they were last seen.
- A public safety emergency that requires people to stay in or remain away from their homes. A Nixle alert can let residents with a registered address in the affected neighborhood know what’s happening, allowing residents to take a proactive role in their own safety.
- A serious injury or fatal crash in which traffic investigators close down the intersection for several hours during the morning commute. This situation might warrant a notification to subscribers who live or work in the area, encouraging them to select a different route to work.
- Other uses such as traffic safety implications around large fire scenes, community events such as parades, fireworks, picnics, etc., Business Committee meeting information, utility outage advisories/boil orders
- The closure of tribal offices and services due to inclement weather.

Through Nixle, we will deliver messages securely by e-mail and cell phone, supporting and expanding our community outreach efforts. Nixle alerts will be categorized by four levels:
- Alert – most serious, time sensitive information that may require proactive action
- Advisory – need to know information but not necessarily immediately time-sensitive
- Community – informational
- Traffic – traffic related information

Obviously, the system will be most effective when we have large numbers of subscribers. Please spread the word about our use of the system.

Nixle is a secure communications service available to municipal, county, and state government agencies. There is NO spam or advertising associated with Nixle Municipal Wire messages. The system is available at no cost (standard text message rates apply for subscribers who do not have text plans with their cell phone providers).

To subscribe log on to www.nixle.com and click on the “Start receiving alerts today” link under the “For Residents” block. Registration takes just a moment and once registered you can search for Quapaw Tribe and click on the box to start receiving messages from us.

**Medical Coverage For All Tribal Members**

- NO MORE 1099’S! This plan is not taxable.
- Medical Insurance with a $0 dollar deductible then pays at 90%
- You will get an insurance card that you will be able to give to the provider and not have to turn in receipts for reimbursement. *Just hand your insurance card to the provider, and let them file the claim.*
- $20 copays when you go to the doctor
- On the spot Prescription payments with the prescription card. *Prescriptions paid at 100% for generics, $15 copay if name brand is required (to a yearly limit of $1000)*
- Dental Insurance-pays up to $500 per year
- Vision Insurance-Pays up to $200 per year
- A Life Insurance policy for each tribal member
- The total of all benefits paid will be $5000.00 per person for the first year. This may increase in future years based on funding.
- The most important piece to remember in this is that the $5000 benefit is no longer worth just $5000. We have negotiated contracts with hospitals, doctors, pharmacies, dentists and eye doctors to make our dollars stretch to the maximum available. *An example might be if a hospital charges $1000, but after our discounts are applied, the plan might pay $500—meaning you have only used $500 of your benefit but have received $1000 in services.*

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