OKLAHOMA CITY — The Journal Record will honor 33 organizations for their contributions to the community at the 11th annual Beacon Awards on July 12. On July 12, an awards luncheon to honor businesses and organizations who give back to the community in a variety of ways will be held. “We applaud our fellow Oklahoma business leaders who give their time and their money to the state’s charities,” said Ted Streuli, associate publisher and editor of the Journal Record. “Others create a workplace culture that encourages volunteerism and community support. All of that should be celebrated; without it, many of our fellow Oklahomans would face even greater challenges.”

Beacon honorees will be recognized in large, medium and small divisions in two categories — charitable and philanthropic. Fourteen organizations will be featured in the Beacon Awards magazine and recognized at the event, where the overall winners will also be announced. The overall winners in each category will receive a donation for the nonprofit they support. “Again this year we are proud to recognize Oklahoma businesses who generously make valuable contributions to our communities, positively impacting Oklahomans’ lives,” said Lee R. Symcox, CEO of First Fidelity Bank. “These businesses exemplify the Oklahoma Standard, making this a great place to live and do business.”

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Charitable influence finalists Organizations in the charitable influence category demonstrate a commitment to their time and their money to the nonprofit serving nonprofits category. All of the honorees will be featured in the Beacon Awards magazine and recognized at the event, where they will also be announced. The overall winners in each category will receive a donation for the nonprofit they support.

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Chairman Berrey Named Tribal Leader of the Year

NEW ORLEANS - The Native American Finance Officers’ Association, an agency launched more than 30 years ago to support growing tribal economies and communities, named John L. Berrey the 2018 Tribal Leader of the Year. When receiving the award, Berrey credited the tribe and business associates.

“I’m just really blessed that God made me a Quapaw, and I’ve been fortunate to work with some good people,” Berrey said.

Berrey was honored during the NAFOA’s 11th annual leadership awards luncheon at a conference in New Orleans.

Barry Switzer, former head football coach of the Dallas Cowboys, provided introductory remarks during the ceremony. He said Berrey has a “great mind, business acumen and a big heart.”

Chairman Berrey’s tenure on the Business Committee, the tribe has experienced exponential growth in its enterprises and services. Most recently, Berrey has become nationally recognized for his leadership and vision in tribal agicultural production that promotes food sovereignty and environment stewardship. The Quapaw’s agicultural businesses and programs represent innovation and creativity that enables farm to table supply services for their casino, provides quality local jobs, and offers more nutritional food options to their local community.

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A Note from Chairman John L. Berrey

Hawga Ogah-pah,

I hope and pray everyone is healthy and enjoying this summer season. I look forward to seeing everyone at the 146th Quapaw Pow Wow and 2018 General Council. The Quapaw Tribe is in such a wonderful place financially, and we have so many great things that we are building that will secure our stable financial future.

The Quapaw Businesses are set up with Authorities that are very important in protecting the Quapaw Tribe’s assets from attack and protect our sovereignty. I want to take a moment to explain the need and benefits of our Authority that manages our $500 Million investment—Downstream Casino Resort.

The Downstream Development Authority (DDA) is a wholly-owned unincorporated governmental instrumental-ity of the Tribe and was created to own and operate the Downstream Casino Resort. It was created for the following reasons:

1. To create a buffer between the business operations at the casino and the politics that are inherent in Tribal government.
2. To provide an additional structural protection—over and above just a contractual protection—for the Tribe and its casinos as it relates to casino contracts, financings, and other obligations and potential liabilities.
3. To provide additional separation and protection for the Tribe on limited waivers of sovereign immunity that may be necessary to conduct business in the ordinary course.
4. To create a more efficient way to conduct business in a non- or less political manner, so that business can be conducted as a business, with goals of profitability and other stated business objectives at the forefront, without as much consideration given to the whims of the political process or individual campaigns.
5. To enhance access to capital and provide assurance to outside parties—e.g., employees, vendors, customers, lenders and investors—that the casino business is being run at arms length and subject to standard business norms. This access to capital results in lower borrowing costs and simplifies and streamlines the diligence process for present and future business partners of the Quapaw Tribe.
6. To protect the privacy of tribal elected officials and processes. This also allows for tribal affairs and issues to remain more private—with elections, campaigns, controversies and other issues inherent with any governmental body to remain a tribal matter and not subject to review and diligence by outside entities.
7. To provide a simple and straightforward vehicle, familiar to investors, to obtain financing and offer collateral on financings or other contracts, without implicating the Tribe. This is something negotiated for and covenanted in loan documents as an additional assurance to lenders, and would require a modification of loan agreements to modify.
8. To buffer the Quapaw Tribe from legal liability created by any civil or criminal issues created by employees and officers of Downstream Casino Resort and the other Tribal Enterprises.
9. The DDA does not conduct business of the Quapaw Tribe’s Business Committee as incorporated in the Quapaw Tribe Governing Resolution. Four members of the DDA are from the Business Committee. One of these members is seated because of his or her leadership at the Quapaw Casino facilitating coordination between both entities. There is also one at large member of the DDA. Any member who serves on the DDA must be able to qualify for a gaming license—which includes personal financial disclosures and background checks—and, also, they are subject to review and scrutiny by outside investors.
10. Compensation for DDA members is subject to regular review by outside financial partners and investors of Downstream Casino Resort. All compensation, spending and management are audited internally daily, weekly, monthly and annually. In addition, a nationally recognized outside accounting and auditing firm conducts an in-depth audit on all aspects of the business, including compensation for DDA members and employees. Compensation for the DDA and senior management is materially below standard for these positions. The DDA also hosts an in-depth financial report and review via conference call for all outside investors every three months; the DDA must always be prepared throughout the year to respond to questions regarding the financial performance of the property and expense items, including compensation.
11. The original DDA was made up of Lloyd Buffalo, JR Mathews, Marilyn Rogers (Quapaw Casino Representative), Ranny McWatters, Larry Ramsey (at-large member), and John Berrey. Today, the DDA is made up of Tamara Reeves, Ranny McWatters, Marilyn Rogers (Quapaw Casino Representative), Larry Ramsey (at-large member), and John Berrey. The stability of our tribal government and casino management has been huge for outside partners and investors when considering where to make investments and with whom to partner in business.

We have several grants that are in the works; there are two I’m especially excited about—a language program that will result in a language immersion, and a hospitality program that will enhance the visitor experience.

Like O-Gah-Pah, the tribe’s official Facebookpage

Quapaw Tribe Business Committee

John Berrey, Chairman
Callie Darr, Vice Chairman
Tamara Reeves, Secretary-Treasurer
Marilyn Rogers, Member
Ranny McWatters, Member
T.C. Bear, Member
Zack Turley, Member
Karrie Sisson, B.C. Clerk

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In Memory of Buddy Shapp

Quapaw, OK - Buddy was born on September 29, 1939 and passed away on Wednesday, April 11, 2018. Buddy was a resident of Quapaw, Oklahoma at the time of passing. He was a lifetime Miami and Quapaw area resident and graduated from Miami High School in 1957. Services were April 14, 2018. Rev. Matt Robertson officiated and Dennis Jennings conducted Quapaw Rites. Interment is in Shapp Cemetery north of the Quapaw PowWow Grounds.

Ellick to Play Football at Butler CC

Stroud, OK - Billie Ellick’s family is excited to announce their son will be starting the next chapter of his life in July when he will report to Butler Community College for football practice. Ellick signed a letter of intent with BCC in February, receiving a football scholarship. In May, he graduated from Stroud High School in Stroud, Oklahoma. Billie is the son of Shawn and Dana Ellick and grandson of Bill Ellick and the late Kathy Ellick.
Congratulations to all of our Quapaw Tribal Graduates

Abigail Mathis graduated from Arlington (TX) High School in June. A four-year member of the Colt Kickers dance team and Social Committee Chair for the past two years, she will graduate in the top five percent of her class and attend The University of Texas in Austin to study astronomy. Abby was accepted into the College of Natural Science’s Freshmen Research Initiative where she will interact with real-world scientific research as a first-year undergraduate student. Her ultimate goal is to receive her Ph.D. and work for NASA.

Melinda Lacin Louise Buzzard, Quapaw Tribal member graduated from the 2018 Kingston High School class in Kingston, Oklahoma. She is the daughter of tribal member LaDonna Smith of Miami, Oklahoma and John Buzzard of Springdale, Arkansas, granddaughter of Minnie Frances Hawk (Quapaw) and the late Melvin Smith, Sr. She is a 2018 graduate of Welch High School with a GPA of 3.66. She is the daughter of tribal member, Ginger Weaver and husband, Joseph Weaver, and father, Kris Tate, graduated from Truman High School and is on her way to Arizona State in the fall. She is the daughter of Chris and Season (tribal member) Ridge.

Melinda plans to attend college this fall in the nursing program at Murray State College.

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NEW BOOKS FEATURED QUAPAW TRIBAL HISTORY

An Open House/Reception was held on May 22 to showcase a very important set of books added to the Quapaw Tribal Library’s collection. These books reflect a compilation of work by Rise Supernaw Proctor. The books contain information specifically about the Quapaw Tribe, which includes genealogy, tribal annuity and census records, death records, treaties, tribal customs and history, and so much more. There are over 50 books in the set. Some of the books also contain historical photos of early tribal members and historical places.

All tribal members may come to the library to view these wonderful resources at the library. At this time, books for reference only and may not be checked out or removed from the library.

This is the accumulation of many years of research from libraries, archives, newspapers and historical resources from all across the United States, all compiled by Rise Supernaw Proctor. These books include early history of the tribe, treaties, family genealogy records, and so much more.

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Greeting, family, friends, and Quapaw people, my name is Tamara Smiley-Reeves. All my life, and I am running for the Business Committee Secretary-Treasurer. I am a descendant of my namesake, Solomon Quapaw and Minnie Captain. My great uncles, John and Jesse McDonnell, both served on the Tribal Council. My parents, Mrs. Edna Wilson, was in Quapaw Tribal Health, and my mother, Carrie V. Wilson, has served as a member of the Business Committee and currently serves as the Quapaw Tribal Language Officer. I have returned to our ancestral land culture, including essential baskets. Because of my family’s extensive history of service to the Tribe, I grew up attending all Tribal Government meetings and special events. We have personally experienced the successful transition of tribal government from one generation to the next.

As Secretary-Treasurer of the Quapaw Tribe, I pledge to do my best in the execution of all duties and responsibilities. The responsibilities of the Secretary-Treasurer include financial management, accounting, auditing and discrepancy resolution. As a dedicated tax professional, I have obtained a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, emphasis: Supply Chain Management, Master of Science in Administration, Walsh College of Business, University of Arkansas and an Associate of Applied Science in Business from Northwest Community College, Berrien Springs, Michigan.

The current Business Committee, having been in their positions for decades, has certainly changed the economy of the Quapaw and I give them praise for doing so. As Secretary-Treasurer, I look forward to serving our Tribal leaders, clients and business associates. This is a point that will be remembered and will not be forgotten.

Thank you for your support and consideration to allow me to continue serving in my capacity as your Secretary-Treasurer.

Tamara Smiley-Reeves

Since 2004, I have had the honor of serving as the Secretary-Treasurer of the Quapaw Tribal Business Committee. I am asking for your support to continue serving in this position by voting for me in the upcoming July 28, 2018 election. My experience and working knowledge of the day to day operations of the tribal government and businesses make me the right choice to continue the efforts to keep our tribe moving forward.

The growth and development I have witnessed since I began to work for our Tribe in 1996 is mind-boggling at times. When I first started, we had 31 employees. Now we employ over 380 employees at the O-Gah-Ha Powwow Convention Center. We would go door to door to various businesses in the area to get donations just to have the children’s Christmas and Halloween parties. We fundraise and fund this place to pay for powwow. Most of the revenue generated came from grants. There wasn’t a whole lot going on at that time and not a lot of interest from members. I remember attending a special General Council Meeting in September 1999 in which only 12 people attended. Seven of those in attendance were members of the Business Committee.

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For more information or to make an appointment please contact me at

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Parlicipants should have a problem or issue, they will be referred to an-

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When: June 29

Moore Represents Tribe in Arkansas

8TH ANNUAL DHEGIHA LANGUAGE CONFERENCE
JULY 26 & 27, 2018
Osage-Ponca-Northern Ponca-Quapaw-Kaw-Omaha

“CHILDREN ARE THE FUTURE”

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We encourage conference registrants to individually motivated and/or affiliated with a tribal language program and language teachers that seek to preserve and revitalize a Dhegiha language.

REGISTRATION PROCESS:
1. Complete Registration Form (per one person)
2. Include Registration form and Registration Fee of $40.00 per person (make checks, money order or cashier check payable to DHEGIHA PRESERVATION SOCIETY and mail to:

Dhegiha Preservation Society
PO Box 1355
Pawhuska, OK 74056

triballanguage@yahoo.com

3. Reserve Hotel Rooms at Downstream Casino (918)919-6000 or ask for the 1-888-396-7767 and ask for the Dhegiha Language Conference Block rate on or before July 15, 2018 for the room discount at $87.50. A $100 pre-authorization charge will be charged to one individual per room's debit or credit card and refunded within 1-7 business days.

Dhegiha Language Conference Activities
Everyone is welcome to attend both days of the conference on July 26-

July 27. A handgale will be held at 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 26. Also in conjunction with the conference, there will be a mini powwow at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, July 27.

Moore Represents Tribe in Arkansas

LITTLE ROCK- Attending a recent Arkansas History conference in Little Rock, Ardina Moore represented the tribe at the dinner banquet and blessed the meal in our Qua-
paw language. She continues to teach lan-
guage class each fall and spring and loves her Quapaw people. She is lovingly called Elcho by many of her young students.

I am pleased to announce as a candidate for the position of Member of the Quapaw Tribal Business Committee. My decision to file being a result of hearing many local Tribal members complaining they want a change for the past several years.

Change does not come without action and involvement. While mem-

bers voices have been shuttered over the past several years in General Council, I believe this is wrong. My belief is, that General Council is when members should be able to have input and voice their opinions. After all who elects the Business Committee members, you the members. You can make your voices heard through the ballot box in July, if you truly want a change in elected officials.

My qualifications includes the privilege of being a former Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary-Treasurer and Member of the Business Committee. I have served as Chairman of the Northeast Tribal Health System and Sec-

etary of the Claremore Indian Hospital Board. Served as the Chairman of the State of Oklahoma JOM Committee and over 20 years as Chairman of Quapaw Public Schools Indian Education Committee. Was selected as one of the American Indian Elders of the year, I have a degree in Industrial Educa-

tion and am an accomplished proposal writer.

Goals should I be elected are more and better benefits for members, es-

pecially the elderly and better education benefits. Health care would also be a priority. A review of Tribal enterprises would need to be evaluated to determine available funds to address these issues.

Tribal leaders should be responsible to their tribal members, not just a few, and listen to their concerns and work to achieve a satisfactory re-

response to their concerns. I believe, do not do for yourself what you would not do for others. My concerns are those of the members.

As we approach the election this July, I would appreciate your consider-

ation and vote. Whether or not you vote for me, remember to register and vote.

Wishing the best to all

Lloyd Buffalo

Candidate Running for Business Committee Member

Ha-way Quapaw Tribal Members,

I wish to respectfully request your support for my reelection to our Tribal Business Committee. It has been a very busy two years as I have contin-

ued to serve on the BC. As you all are aware, we have had many changes that have affected our tribe—so many great changes that I can’t list all of them all in the space allotted.

I am requesting that you vote for me, Ranny McWatters, for member of the Business Committee on July 28. I have had the pleasure of speaking with many of you personally at the various tribal functions and continue to reach out to as many of you as possible. Many of you know me and understand how hard all of us on the BC work for the betterment of our tribe; we are here to serve you. This election is about continuing to move our tribe forward and strengthen our future.

I, personally, am so proud when I am in Washington, D.C. and hear first-

hand from the various Congress members or other tribal leaders that our

BC and the Quapaw Tribe are recognized as one of the most progressive tribes nationwide. I am also proud that our tribe has received national recognition and that Chairman John Berrey recently received the Tribal leader of the Year from NAFOD’s 2018 Leadership Award for his efforts on our behalf.

This year, we expect our lawsuit against the federal government will fi-

ally come to a conclusion. Chairman Berrey has done an outstanding job working this through Congress and the Courts. Finally, the federal

Government has decided to settle with the tribe after 16-long years. Our various tribal businesses are doing well. I’m proud to say we set two precedents for all U.S. tribes when we opened the meat processing plant. The first was that we are the first and only tribe to own a meat processing plant on tribal trust land. The second is that we are USDA approved. Col-lege agriculture students from the four-state region have been able wit-

ness the operation of processing the buffalo and pork using the class-

rooms that were incorporated in the operation.

We are continuing the cleanup at the Tar Creek Superfund site. Our out-

standing work from both the Environmental Department and Quapaw

Services Authority have afforded us the opportunity to consult with the EPA and the State of Oklahoma’s Department of Environmental Quality cleanup work for at least six more years. Again, the Quapaw Tribe set prece-

dents for all U.S. tribes when we opened the meat processing plant.

We continue to grow our tribe’s Agricultural program. Other tribes from across the nation have visited to learn more about our operations and want to mirror our farm-to-table initiative. This is something we all can be very proud of.

Please vote to reelect our current Business Committee so we can con-

line our positive course for the future. All of the accomplishments are a result of the BC’s teamwork. We work hard for you.

If we are reelected, you can count on our continued stewardship of our tribal business. Please vote for my fellow Business Committee members, John Berrey for Chairman and Tamara Smiley Reeves for Secretary-Trea-

urer. Together, we are respectfully asking for your vote and continued support. We want to continue on a positive course.

This election will decide our tribe’s path for the future and how we will move forward and continue to secure our future financial security for all tribal members. Thank you, in advance, for your vote.

Sincerely,

Ranny McWatters
Business Committee member

In conjunction with the Annual Health Fair, Mercy Mobile Mammography

When: June 29

Where: John Berry Fitness Center Parking Lot

Time: 9:00am-2:30pm

The purpose of this event is to inform ALL women about the 2nd leading cause of death among Native American Women. Mercy Mobile Mam-
mography will be available for on-site mammograms. Mammography Participants should be at least 35 for a screening mammogram. If the participant DOES have a problem or issue, they will be referred to an-

other healthcare provider for a diagnostic mammogram. This includes implants.

“THIS IS NOT A FREE SERVICE”

Payment Options: Mercy will file Quapaw Tribal Employee/Employee in-

surance, Medicare, Medicaid, Self-pay and other insurances. RWW/Native Care Health will pay in full for one mammogram per year. Mercy Mobile Mammography will be here again on October 29th.

For more information or to make an appointment please contact me at 918-238-3151 or jodgers@quapawtribe.com

Jami Rodgers, Quapaw Tribe CHIR

Lloyd Buffalo
Fellow Tribal Members

I am pleased to announce as a candidate for the position of Member of the Quapaw Tribal Business Committee. My decision to file being a result of hearing many local Tribal members complaining they want a change for the past several years.

Change does not come without action and involvement. While mem-

bers voices have been shuttered over the past several years in General Council, I believe this is wrong. My belief is, that General Council is when members should be able to have input and voice their opinions. After all who elects the Business Committee members, you the members. You can make your voices heard through the ballot box in July, if you truly want a change in elected officials.

My qualifications includes the privilege of being a former Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary-Treasurer and Member of the Business Committee. I have served as Chairman of the Northeast Tribal Health System and Sec-

etary of the Claremore Indian Hospital Board. Served as the Chairman of the State of Oklahoma JOM Committee and over 20 years as Chairman of Quapaw Public Schools Indian Education Committee. Was selected as one of the American Indian Elders of the year, I have a degree in Industrial Educa-

tion and am an accomplished proposal writer.

Goals should I be elected are more and better benefits for members, es-

pecially the elderly and better education benefits. Health care would also be a priority. A review of Tribal enterprises would need to be evaluated to determine available funds to address these issues.

Tribal leaders should be responsible to their tribal members, not just a few, and listen to their concerns and work to achieve a satisfactory re-

response to their concerns. I believe, do not do for yourself what you would not do for others. My concerns are those of the members.

As we approach the election this July, I would appreciate your consider-

ation and vote. Whether or not you vote for me, remember to register and vote.

Wishing the best to all

Lloyd Buffalo
StrongHearts Native Helpline Dedicates One-Year Anniversary to American Indian and Alaska Native Domestic Violence Survivors

AUSTIN, TX — Celebrating one year of service, the StrongHearts Native Helpline (1-844-NATIVE) is honored to serve as the first national helpline created specifically for Native American and Alaska Native domestic violence survivors and concerned family members and friends affected by domestic violence and dating violence. Since March 6, 2017, advocates at StrongHearts have responded to calls from 68 American Indian and Alaska Native tribes and communities across 40 states, helping to fill a gap in critically needed support for Native American and Alaska Native survivors of domestic violence. StrongHearts has experienced a significant increase in demand, and now needs the use of the unique barriers often faced by Native survivors of intimate partner abuse.

Last spring, the StrongHearts Native Helpline (StrongHearts) launched a collaborative project of the National Indian Women's Resource Center and the National Domestic Violence Hotline, which partnered to create a helpline to respond to the epidemic of violence in Native communities. Advocates at StrongHearts navigate each call with a strong understanding of Native culture and tradition, and offer support and resources in a safe, comfortable, and trauma-informed way, tailoring their advice to the individual caller. Every call is answered with compassion and respect.

"We know that with how much support the StrongHearts Native Helpline is receiving from advocates, programs and those across the tribes and our Alaska Na­tive villages," said StrongHearts Assistant Director Lori Jump (Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan), "we know that we can work forward in the support Native sur­vivors of abuse. Advocating for our callers is at the heart of what we do and why we chose to dedicate this first year to them. To all our Native American and Alaska Native survivors— you— we hear your stories. You are not alone.

Within the first year, StrongHearts expanded rapidly to serve all Na­tive American communities across the U.S. with an initial outreach focus in the states of Kansas, Okla­homa and Nebraska. By the end of 2017, the StrongHearts team completed its database project to identify culturally-specific and tribally-based resources for American Indians and Alaska Natives, a group whose rates of violence and unique barriers to receiving justice and support. According to a recent report by National Institute of Justice (NIJ), more than four in five Native women and men have experienced vio­lence in their lifetime, and more than one in three Native people have experienced violence within the past year. StrongHearts Native Helpline is a resource for Native American and Alaska Native women (and men) who have experienced violence, more than one in three Native women and more than one in six Native men were violence survivors in the past year. Services they needed.

"What we confirmed after complet­ing our database project is what we knew all along—there is a severe gap in culturally-specific or tribally-run services for Native survivors in the aftermath of these experiences." Jump said.

The NIJ report highlighted the challenges faced by Native Americans across the board, where Native Americans are twice as likely to experience violence and are five times more likely to be victims of homicide in their lifetime than any other group in the U.S.

"Our goal at StrongHearts is to do whatever we can to weAVE TO­gether a support network for Na­tive people in a way that promotes safety and healing," Jump said. "We have connected with so many of our relatives that have shared their stories and have told us how much the helpline is needed, and much more is needed; and nas­tly, and ad­ vocacy has helped them. Healing begins in our communities when we share our stories. This is at the heart of what the StrongHearts Na­tive Helpline is all about."

About the StrongHearts Native Helpline

Created by and built to serve tribal communities across the United States, the StrongHearts Native Helpline, a project of the Na­tional Indigenous Women's Resource Center, the National Domestic Violence Hotline, and the Family Violence Prevention and Services Program, is a culturally-appropri­ate, culturally-responsive and non-cost service dedicated to serv­ing Native American survivors of domestic violence, and violence, along with concerned family members and friends. By dialing 1-844-NATIVE (1-844-768-4883) Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. CST, callers can connect, at no cost one-on-one, with knowledgeable StrongHearts advocates who can provide lifesav­ing tools and immediate support to enable survivors to find safety and support. Learn more about the StrongHearts Na­tive Helpline at www.strongheart­shelpline.org.

This project described was made possible by Grant Number 90EV0426 from the Administra­tion on Children, Youth and Families, Family and Youth Services Bu­reau, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. The opinions are solely the responsibility of the authors and do not necessarily represent the official views of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Tribe has its only certified detector in K-9 dog in Oklahoma

The Fire Department’s accelerant detection K-9 dog, Captain Ron and his handler Tim Reeves recently passed an annual certification testing, success­fully re-certified at 100% for both accelerant detection and tracking. Captain Ron is the only certified accelerant detection K-9 in Oklahoma.

Two Native Americans Detained on Colorado Campus Tour, American Indian College Fund Urges Colleges to Make Institutions Welcoming

Denver, CO — The story of two young Native men detained by CSU Campus Police after a nervous caller reported to them has been in the news. The American Indian College Fund (AICF) is urging education institutions to work more collaboratively with Native communities to create welcoming environments for Native people and other people of color.

Cheryl Crazy Bull, President and CEO of the American Indian College Fund, release a statement, which was featured on Denver7 and TheDenverChannel.com.

"We at the Denver-based national non-profit, the American Indian Col­lege Fund, were angry to learn about the incident at Colorado State Uni­versity. People of color deserve to be included in higher education like anyone else. College visits are an important part of the pre-college experience, and we encourage potential students to visit colleges to feel safe and accepted at the college of their choice. It is upsetting when Native students are hesi­tant to consider a college based on experiences, such as what occurred at Colorado State University (CSU).

"American Indians and Alaska Natives have a 14-degree-attainment rate, according to the National Center for Education statistics—which is less than half of the national average. Colleges and universities must work to develop an access to an equitable higher edu­cation for Native American students by investing in education, resources and processes to eliminate institutionalized racism and to provide an equ­itable education. Native American students comprised only 1% of CSU's undergraduate and graduate student body in 2015, according to the CUNI web site.

We urge higher education institutions to join us in our efforts to increase Native American participation in degree programs. We urge Native students with college degrees by making their insti­tutions more welcoming. They can acknowledge the indigenous people on whose lands work is being done and where institutions exist; imple­ment training to help students, faculty, and staff to name racism when it happens in the classroom, laboratory, and administrative processes. College visits are an important part of the pre-college experience, and we encourage potential students to visit colleges to feel safe and accepted at the college of their choice. It is upsetting when Native students are hesi­tant to consider a college based on experiences, such as what occurred at Colorado State University (CSU)."

About the American Indian College Fund

Founded in 1989, the American Indian College Fund has been the nation’s largest charity supporting Native higher education for nearly 30 years. The College Fund believes "Education is the answer" and provided 6,548 scholarships last year totaling $7.6 million to American Indian students, with more than 125,000 scholarships totaling over $1 million since its inception. The College Fund supports a variety of academic and support pro­grams at the nation’s 35 accredited tribally controlled and universi­ties, which are located on or near Indian reservations, ensuring students and staff that are familiar with the culture and traditions of the tribes consistently receives top ratings from independent charity evaluators, and received a four-star rating from Charity Navigator and is one of the nation’s top 100 charities named to the Better Business Bureau’s Wise Giving Alliance. To learn more about the American Indian College Fund, please visit www.collegefund.org.

Fort Peck Tribal Community Highlights Return of Bison to Native Lands

Bozeman, MT — Leaders from Fort Peck Reservation in northeast­ern Montana, in partnership with World Wildlife Fund, and with support from Montana State Uni­versity, have released a short film entitled The Path Back, which pro­vides a unique perspective on the loss and return of plains bison to tribal lands.

For thousands of years, the buffalo or plains bison sustained the many Native tribes that inhabited the Great Plains of North Amer­ica. However, after the arrival of Europeans into the region, the bison were nearly exterminated, and efforts to save the species were nearly exter­minated. Fortunately, in recent years the Assiniboine and Sioux Tribes of Montana’s Fort Peck Reservation have joined with other tribal groups throughout the Northern Great Plains to bring bison back to their ancestral lands and into their lives.

World Wildlife Fund worked with award-winning filmmakers from Day’s Edge Productions and Sweet Fern Productions to create a unique animated film that is both engaging and suitable for audienc­es of all ages. A primary audience for the film will be young people from the Native American community who may not be aware of the history of the bison’s demise and tribal efforts to save the species are working diligently for its return.

“It was a pleasure to be a part of this creative journey utilizing in­novative animation that not only illustrates the history and future hopes of my tribe and its relation­ship with the bison, but also includes a story that our non-Native televi­sion producers would say, “If the buffalo return and become strong once again, so will our people,” said Cheryl Crazy Bull, President and CEO of the American Indian College Fund, Program Administrator, Fort Peck Reservation.

Following the initial English re­lease, additional versions of the film will be released with Nakoda and Dakota narration.
Projected FY-2019 Expense Budget
Submitted by Eric Bohn, CFO

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Red Oak Steakhouse Hosts Battles of the Chefs with a Top Chef

Chef Greg Bolton and Chef Frankie Terzoli competed in a Battle of the Chefs at Red Oak Steakhouse at Downtown Casino Resort recently. Terzoli has appeared on Top Chef season 2, Cutthroat Kitchen, and Kitch- en Masters and will appear on an episode of Beat Bobby Flay. Bolton is a chef from Downstream.

The chefs’ menus consisted of:
- Dish one from Bolton included Cajun barbecue shrimp ‘n’ grits, served with smoked pork belly, micro green salad and sweet potato rosemary banana fritters.
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Attendees were the judges. For all entries, Bolton was the winner.

“I went back south, you have to stay to your roots, sometimes. I did a pork belly, smoked cheese grits dishes with some Cajun barbecue shrimp,” said Bolton. “It was very fortunate, I won both battles. It has been a hard battle this weekend; it’s been challenging, but a wonderful experience. I really appreciate Chef Frankie coming down and doing the challenge. It was an honor to work with him, knowing that he is a celebrity chef. I can honestly tell you that there were concerns, because he has such great talent... It was a tough battle. He is a wonderful chef; he is fun to work with. It has been a great experience for us.”

Terzoli talked about the dishes initially, “I go back to my roots - Italian food, it is my comfort zone. Here, I stepped out of the box,” he said. Continuing, Terzoli gave high marks to his competition. “Greg is a super talented guy. I knew coming in that I was dealing with a hometown crowd”, he said.

“I think we’ve got a tradition in Oklahoma of doing these events. It’s a good thing to do. I really enjoyed it. It’s fun to be here.”

You are Invited.........

to the Annual Quapaw Tribal Health Fair.
Date: June 29, 2018

~Time: 8:00-10:00 AM
~Place: John L. Berry Fitness Center
907 Whitebird Lane
Quapaw Oklahoma

~Door Prize Drawings will be beginning at 11:30 AM
~Mercy Mobile Mammography will be here during the HEALTH FAIR between 8:30-11:00 AM. For more information, and to set up an appointment please contact me!!!

If you have any questions, please contact me at 918-238-3151 ext#1007

Jami Rodgers, Quapaw Tribe CHR
Welcome to the Tribe!

Keaton Everett Andrew Whittley was born May 3, 2018 at 1:43 a.m. at Freeman Hospital. He weighed 8lbs 1 oz & was 21 inches long. He is the son of proud parents William & Melani (Feagin) Whittley. Keaton’s grand-parents are Jami (Stone) & Eddie Rodgers, great-grandparents Johnnie & Dixie (Larson) Stone, Karen Rodgers & the late Ed Rodgers, Sr. & great great grandson of the late Jim & Bonnie (Crané) Larson & Jack & Nandine Stone.

Matthew Jacob (Jake) Beshear was born February 13, 2018 at 6:35 a.m. in Tulsa, Oklahoma to proud parents, Brena Redagle & Matthew Beshear. He weighed 7 pounds 13.8 ounces and was 21 1/2 inches long. Jake is the grandson of Christopher Redagle & Dan and Tina Beshear & the Great-Grandson of Charles & Mavis Redagle. He is the son of tribal members Scott Pruitt and Cassie (Brooks) Bryant and grandson of Susan Hollon. Bronson is a freshman at Quapaw (OK) High School.

We welcome Mad Max Hiatt, born May 31st, weighing 8lbs and 6oz. She is daughter of Zac and Sarah Hiatt, granddaughter of Jerri Montgomery, great-granddaughter of Flossie Mathews, great great granddaughter of Pearl Crawford Dukes. She is the descendant of Harry Crawford, Window Crawford, and Cah-Gah-Wah-Gee.

Correction*

In December, tribal member Drew Tilis Tomlin of Arlington, Texas, received her Ph.D in Mathematics from North Texas University, Denton. She holds degrees from Hendrix College in mathematics and Spanish (B.A.) and an M.S. from the University of North Texas. She is currently a mathematics instructor at Texas Christian University, Ft. Worth, Texas.

“After years of hard work, I completed one of my biggest life-goals—earning my Ph.D in Mathematics. I could not have done it without the tremendous amount of support I received over the years, including both encouragement and monetary assistance from the Quapaw Tribe. I am extremely grateful for the tribe’s investment in me and my career goals. The educational funding provided by the tribe made a significant difference in easing the burden of many years of expensive schooling. Moreover in every interaction I had with tribal members about my education, I was met with unwavering words of encouragement that helped me to feel that my goal was attainable. That support helped me to finish my degree and to start my career with a position in the Mathematics at Texas Christian University. I owe my deepest thanks to the Quapaw Tribe and to look forward to seeing what other young members of the tribe accomplish thanks to Quapaw support.”

Drew is the daughter of Fred and Ann Tilis of Fort Worth, Texas (Crane) Larison & Jack & Naomi (Cost) Whitley. Keaton's grandfather is for her mother side and Chotow on her father's side.

*NOTE - In the previous newsletter, The Quapaw Tribal News erroneously reported that Dr. Tomlin was a male. We apologize for the error.

Quapaw Cattle, from 1

company culture that encourages and supports volunteerism, charitable giving and community involvement by its members. Large business subcategory finalists include (500-plus employees):

- OU Medicine
- Texas Christian University

Small business subcategory finalists include (50 or fewer employees):

- amshot

SDG Architects

Philanthropic impact finalists

Those recognized in the philanthropic impact category have made a significant charitable contribution to a nonprofit organization working to meet specific needs in the community. Large business subcategory finalists include (500-plus employees):

- Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Oklahoma
- Kimray Inc.
- McAlester Regional Health Center

Small business subcategory finalists include (50 or fewer employees):

- A Twist of Fate-ATS
- LifeShare of Oklahoma

Medium category:

- Tinker Federal Credit Union
- Dale Rogers Training Center

Large category:

- Impact Oklahoma
- Central Baptist Church

Nonprofits serving nonprofits

Largest category:

- Our Community Cares Coalition
- Free Spirit Creative

Medium category:

- amshot
- Polston Tax Resolution & Accounting

Small category:

- Weokie Federal Credit Union
- Sweeney Pressure Pumping

Large business subcategory finalists include (500-plus employees):

- Southwestern Electric Cooperative, Ft. Worth, Texas.
- Shannon Baptist Church

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- Kimray Inc.
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Freestyle Creative

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Bronson Pruitt Named Bowler of the Year

MIAMI, OK - In the Miami Yough League, Bronson Pruitt was named Bowler of the Year in the youth division. Although he’s only been bowling for one year, he stood out and has become an outstanding bowler. His best score was a 269, where he had nine strikes and two spares.

Bronson’s lifelong dream is to bowl a perfect score of 300. His family is very proud of him and says, “Great job, Bronson.” He is the son of tribal members Scott Pruitt and Cassie (Brooks) Bryant and grandson of Susan Hollon. Bronson is a freshman at Quapaw (OK) High School.

Leader of the Year, from 1 plant,” he said. “We’re getting all kinds of new customers that want us to do the processing for them. The beer is going crazy. It went from 0 to 60 percent of our draught beer sales within the casino, which is amazing to me.”

Berrey has also helped the tribe become a key player in cleaning up the Tar Creek Superfund Site in Northeast Oklahoma. Last year, the tribe was awarded $10 million from the Environmental Protection Agency to clean up mining waste.

He credits his grandmother for ensuring he had a strong foundation rooted in his Native culture and religion. Chairman Berrey holds a bachelor’s degree from the University of Arkansas and has served the tribe as Chairman since 2002.

Libby Morris, from 1 led her team to a 2012 State Championship, two regional championships, & earned All-Conference honors in softball & basketball.

A physical therapy major, Morris is the daughter of Rachel (Elick) Amos & J.R. Morris, granddaughter of Henry (tribal member) & Jean Ann Elick, great-granddaughter of Cecil Elick, great-great-granddaughter of Solomon & Luella (Crawfish) Quapaw. Morris is the sister of Brant & Amsleigh.

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Camper Registration Times*

The Grounds Committee set camper registration times for the 146th Quapaw PowWow.

July 3 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
July 4 NONE This will allow our Grounds Committee to attend General Council.
July 5 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Grounds Committee members are Gerald “Pud” Quapaw, Jeremy Olsen, Everett Bandy, Blayden Stand and Anna McKibben.

*Please note registration dates and times changed since the last newsletter.

OLC Hosting Block Party for Kids

O-Gah-Pah Learning Center is hosting a block party for kids on July 6 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Spring River Indian Baptist Church. Our focus is to provide children with a fun activity during the powwow. There will be water play, inflatables, and arts and crafts free activities. Free hot dogs will be served from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. (first come, first serve). This event is free for everyone.

General Council Schedule

The annual General Council meeting will be held at the Downstream Pavilion. Breakfast and registration starts at 7:00 a.m. The meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m.

Upcoming Golf Tournament

The Quapaw Powwow Committee is hosting a golf tournament on July 2 at 9:00 a.m. at Eagle Creek Golf Course. For more information, contact P.J. Attocknie at 918.541.7351.

All Tribes Education Consortium Scholarship Fundraiser

Pendleton Blanket Raffle

Drawing will be held July 7, 2018 during the 146th Annual Quapaw Pow-Wow

Need Not Be Present to Win.

Raffle Tickets

$1 each or $6 for $5

Tickets Available At These Locations

Quapaw Tribal Museum, Ottawa Tribal Office, Quapaw Tribal Office, Quapaw Elders Center or from any ATEC member

From Your Environmental Department

CAUTION!

Beaver Creek contains DANGEROUS bacteria levels, and may be HAZARDOUS to your health! Please take advantage of our mist tent to keep cool during Pow Wow.

Please remember to utilize the recycling containers & trash cans. Help protect our Native Lands & Waters for future generations!