In the center is Major Vicki Jones, the first woman to be inducted into the Oklahoma OCS Hall of Fame. In the background is the portrait “Heritage of Valor” by visual artist and Oklahoma state senator Enoch Kelly Haney. Haney painted Jones, who is Quapaw and Seneca, as a Seneca woman rightly defending her camp with a club in hand. In the upper right of the painting is a shadow of helicopter pilot Jones in her flight suit as a 20th century Native American protecting her homeland.

Major Vicki Jones: Several Firsts for Women in the Military

Oklahoma City – Tribal member Vicki Jones was the first Native female helicopter pilot in the Oklahoma National Guard, first Native female to graduate helicopter school at Ft. Rucker, Alabama, the first Native female to graduate from Air Assault School at Camp Grover, Oklahoma. Now she is the first female to be inducted into the Oklahoma Officer Candidate School (OCS) Hall of Fame.

“I’ve had the opportunity to fly and learn from some of the very best pilots that Oklahoma has and that’s the Vietnam pilots,” she said.

In her acceptance speech, Major Jones talked about one of her more memorable flights - having the opportunity to fly two World War II veterans who were Oklahoma medal of honor recipients.

“Anytime I ran into Colonel Childers, he would say to me, ‘there’s my helicopter pilot.’ What an honor that was,” she said. “It was all my honor and still is.”

Jones graduated the state’s OCS program in 1980. Since its beginning in 1957, the Oklahoma National Guard OCS has graduated more than 2,100 officer candidates.

Jones graduated from flight school at Fort Rucker, Ala., in September 1981. “I had no idea I was the first Native American female in the country to graduate from the school,” she recalled, “but I did know I would be the first female (pilot) in the Oklahoma Army National Guard.”

Her first job as a pilot was as a medical platoon leader. She flew missions in support of Guard units throughout Oklahoma until joining the active Guard in March 1989.

“I’m a proud Native American female who in her life has accomplished some things,” said Jones. “None (of my accomplishments) were done for glorification or bragging rights. There are many other women in military service who are proud members of the Native American Guard in support of Guard units throughout Oklahoma who have accomplished much more than I have.”

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Cambridge, MA – After a national search, six tribal governments from across the country are finalists for the Honoring Native Nations 2018 Awards.

Based at the Harvard Kennedy School of Government and administered by the Harvard Project on American Indian Economic Development, the Honoring Native Nations Award identifies, celebrates, and shares outstanding examples of tribal governance. Honoring Native Nations helps expand the capacities of Native nation builders by enabling them to learn from each other’s successes.

After three competitive rounds of evaluation, the six finalists were selected from 70 applicants representing 51 tribes and four tribal consortia. These finalists are exercising their self-determination and implementing effective solutions to common governmental challenges in the areas of environmental research and management, health provider training, language revitalization, agriculture, child welfare, and restorative justice.

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I hope all is well, and everyone made it through the summer. It has been a very eventful time since Governor. I am proud of all the wonderful things we are doing. I miss Ranny McWatters and his contributions, but I am also excited to be working with Lloyd Buffalo once again.

The settlement is moving ahead, and I hope we are near an end. The EPA and Senator Inhofe have been very helpful with Tar Creek. Our funding continues to flow. We are shrinking the footprint and improving the community every day; it makes me so proud to see so many steadily employed. The processing facility is also doing an exceptional job. We are the highlight of Indian Country with our explosive agricultural growth.

It is a very exciting time at the Quapaw Nation! It’s unbelievable, to me, how far we have come, and the direction we are going, it’s a wonderful blessing to be a part of this great growth. Our investment in Arkasas has so much potential to take the Quapaw Nation into a new level of services for our members.

Our employees have such a strong dedicated work ethic. I just don’t think anything can stop us.

Last August was the 100th Anniversary of our first treaty in 1818, and I believe we are fulfilling many of the promises of our ancestors. The elder’s trip to Arkansas was a success, and I am so glad all the work that went into putting that together. Our new elder housing is about to begin. We received a grant recently to build a new Ogipah Learning Center. I know the staff is super excited.

We have so many young and older people in college. I am so proud that we are able to assist with the cost of education. Obtaining a college education is truly our future. We are blessed with such smart and talented youth. I am excited for the future as they grow with the Nation and become part of our amazing growth.

It saddens me that we have lost so many wonderful citizens. It is always such a sad time. I pray our many elders stay healthy and continue to guide us. I pray every morning with the sun that all of our people are blessed and that we continue to grow and serve each other.

Happy fall to you all and may Wakonda be with you.

John L. Berrey
Quapaw Nation Business Committee Chairman

In Memory of Lois Smith

Lois Madeline Smith of Miami, OK passed from this life Sunday, July 8, 2018 at St. John Medi cal Center in Tulsa, OK. She was 89.

Lois was born August 13, 1928 in Commerce, OK to Marvin D. and Ruth E. (Ray) Becker. She lived in the Miami and Commerce areas all her life. She graduated from Commerce High School class of 1946. She owned and operated Dairy King in Commerce from 1961 to 1980. Lois was a member of the First Christian Church in Commerce and attended First Christian Church in Quapaw, and she was a member of the Quapaw Tribe.

Lois married Merl E. “Smiley” Smith, Sr. December 16, 1946 and he pre ceeded her in death on August 9, 2013. She was also preceded by her par ents and 2 brothers Richard “Jim” Earl Becker and Louis F. Becker. Lois is survived by her son, Merl “Buddy” Smith and wife Della of Duncan ville, AL, 2 daughters, Lois Jean Breedlove and husband Tim of Broken Arrow, OK and Mary Jane Wyatt of Bartlesville, OK, her sister Ruth O. Nichols of Wagoner, OK, 10 grandchildren Josh Breedlove and wife Brandy, Jeremy Breedlove, Joseph Breedlove, Jacob Breedlove and wife Annette, Tony Wyatt and wife Shanny Gelso, Tony Wya and wife Jackie, Trevor Wyatt and wife Tosha, Shanny Gelso and husband David, Trace Smith and wife Melissa, Travis Smith and wife Kim and RC Smith and wife Jennifer and 30 great grandchildren.

Funeral Services were July 11 in Miami, OK. Rev. Larkin Enlow officiated. Interment is in G.A.R. Cemetery in Miami, OK. Grandsons were pallbearers.

Online condolences may be made at www.paulthomasfuneralhomes.com.

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Health Aide Training Programs, Alaska Native Tribal Health Con sortium
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The six finalists will make public presentations about their work and receive awards at the 75th annual National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) on October 25 in Denver. Awards will go to on join a family of 130 tribal programs from over 100 tribal nations who have been selected as honorees since 1999. They will recognize leaders in the arts and humanities, education, medicine, public service, the environment, economic development, tourism, health, and more. The 2018 honorees will be announced in Fall, 2018.

Jennifer M. Bogo, Chief of the Harvard Project on American Indian Economic Development, which is a joint initiative of Harvard University, is leading the selection process.

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Ann McKibben, Editor of the Quapaw Tribal News is a member of the Society of Professional Journalists.

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In Memory of
Gary Slater McKibben
Gary was born on March 6, 1944 and passed away on Saturday, June 2, 2018. Gary was a resident of Wyandotte, Oklahoma at the time of passing. Gary is survived by his daughter, Cherie Draxton and her husband Mehrab Tabib of Princess Anne, MD, two brothers, Michael McKibben of Wyandotte, OK, and John McKibben of Colorado Springs, CO, his sister, Mildred Tenley McKibben of Colorado Springs, CO and 14 grandchildren.

Funeral services were June 5 at the Quapaw Tribal Building, south of Quapaw, OK. Cherie Draxton delivered the eulogy and Murray Buballa conducted Quapaw rites. Interment is in the Hoffman Family Cemetery, east of Quapaw.

In Memory of
Laura Jenny Downum
Laura was born on August 13, 1927 and passed away on Thursday, June 14, 2018. Laura was a resident of Miami, Oklahoma at the time of passing. Survivors include her sister, Mildred Tenley Atwood of the home, a stepson, Michael McKibben of Quapaw, OK, five grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were June 18, 2018 at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in Miami, OK. Interment is in Glen Abbey Memorial Gardens in Miami.

In Memory of
Donnie Wayne Rodgers
Donnie Wayne Rodgers of Quapaw, OK, passed from this life on Tuesday, June 30, 2018 at Freeman Health System in Joplin, MO. He was 68 years old. Donnie was born March 31, 1949 at Tucson, AZ to Edward and Wanda (Farrington) Rodgers. He had lived in the Miami and Quapaw areas most of his life. He was a member of the Quapaw Tribe of Oklahoma. He worked in coal mines in Kansas and worked in maintenance for motels. Donnie was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers: Ed Rodgers and John Rodgers and two sisters: Kathy Bonham and Beverly Rodgers.

Donnie is survived by his wife, Aletha Rodgers of the home, a stepson, Matt Bell of Quapaw, OK, two sisters, Carolyn Rodgers and Shirley Payton and his husband Tom all of OK, a sister-in-law, Karen Rodgers of Quapaw, OK, seven step-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews, great nieces and nephews and great-great-nieces and nephews.

Services were held June 14, 2018 at the Quapaw Tribal Building. Rev. Geoff Buffalo officiated and burial was in Charley Cemetery in Sperry, OK.

In Memory of
Lela K. Stand
Lela K. Stand, 55, of Quapaw, Oklahoma went to join the Creator July 10, 2018 at her home in Quapaw, OK. She was born March 3, 1963 in Claremore, OK to John and Betty (Imbee) Stand and lived in Quapaw all her life before moving to Miami two months ago.

Lela was a member of the Peoria Tribe and served on the Grievance Committee and was employed by Wal Mart Supercenter. She attended the Cardin Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents and one brother Clifford “Fats” Baldwin.

Survivors include one daughter Tonya and husband Thomas Mathews of Miami, OK, two brothers Gerald “Pete” and wife Michele Dunn of Quapaw, OK and Troy Stand of Quapaw, OK, one sister Karen Stand of Quapaw, OK, a sister-in-law Kim Baldwin and five grandchildren.

Services were July 13, 2018 at the Quapaw Tribal Building. Rev. Geoff Buffalo officiated. Interment is in the Peoria Cemetery. Honoring her with Quapaw rites was Jeremy Olsen, head grave digger was Gerald “Pud” Quapaw. Pallbearers were Tim Lovelace, Justin Matthews, Travis Stand, Trenton Stand, Cordonado Bladwin and Blayden Stand.

In Memory of
Jessie Jean (Quapaw) Bear
Jessie Jean (Quapaw) Bear, 88, passed away on September 2, 2018 in Sperry, OK. Jessie was born August 24, 1930 at Dev- il’s Promenade, OK to Jesse and Martha (Track) Quapaw. She was a member of Chilocco Indian School. She was raised by her Seneca-Cayuga family and was a member of the Quapaw Tribe of Oklahoma. She was also a member of the Moose Lodge in Paramount, CA.

She married the late Watt Bear. They were married for 64 years and from this union were six children. Jessie was dedicated to raising her children. One of her greatest joys was being a mom and grandmother.

She was a kindhearted and generous person. In her spare time, Jessie enjoyed playing bingo, scrabble, and quilting. Jessie was a member of First Baptist Church in Sperry, was a strong believer in her faith, and was active in many church functions.

She is survived by her children, Karen Bo Joah of Arandazo, OK, Liz Tiger and husband Chiefy of Sperry, OK, Stephen Bear and wife Sandy of Sapulpa, OK, and Jonathan Bear and wife Anisa of East Alto, IL; 15 grandchildren; 38 great-grandchildren; 1 great-great-grandchild; and many other relatives and friends of the Quapaw Nation.

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Cherokee National Treasure Jane Osti Teaches Pottery Class

Quapaw, OK - The Quapaw Tribal Cultural Committee sponsored pottery classes taught by nationally-renowned artist Jane Osti, Cherokee in June at the new Suzy Moore Pottery Studio.

Osti’s works are drawn from ancient Mississippian culture, prehistoric southeastern woodlands, and mound builders. She has been a professional potter since 1991 and is well-known extensively throughout the United States for her pottery. Receiving awards throughout the U.S. for her pottery, Osti is the second-ever and youngest artist named as a Cherokee National Treasure for Pottery in 2005. Her works are currently displayed at Smithsonian’s National Museum for the American Indian in Washington, D.C.

Participants were taught the slab building technique creating a shield or platter. The clay for the shields was shaped with a slab roller (purchased by the Cultural Committee). In addition to the shields, Osti taught students to make small turtles and also “mushrooms,” which become stamps to put designs on future pottery projects. Flash firing uses pine needles was done to finish the shields. This new firing technique creates an antique patina.
Gaetdkte Teaches More Pottery Classes  
Sponsored by the Library

By Pattie Billings

Quapaw, OK - Pottery classes were held in the Suzy Moore Pottery Studio August 22 and 23, sponsored by a grant the library received. This was a beginning class whereby students were introduced to a technique called coil building. Coiled pots are constructed by gradually stacking and joining coils of clay on top of the other. They also learned a little history about early Quapaw pottery. Tribal member Betty Gaedtke was the instructor keeping the Quapaw pottery tradition alive.

November 6, 7 & 8, 2018

Morning Class: 9:00 - 11:00 am.
Evening Class: 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Betty Gaedtke - Instructor

Call Pattie at the Quapaw Tribal Library for more information. (918) 238-3156

More Quapaw Pottery at Downstream

When Downtown Casinos was in the developing stages, one question posed was, “how are we going to decorate the casino andホテル?” There were many ideas suggested, but it was decided to incorporate not only family pictures of tribal members but also tribal artifacts, such as pottery, beadwork and clothing on display. These artifacts tell the story of the Quapaw people. Our pottery has been found all over the United States because the way they were made they were more valuable and made better trades. Each artifact in the casino depicts influence of different tribes or races of people that are encountered. It tells a family history and at times is used during ceremonies. The artifacts bring artistic beauty to the casino and help us remember who we are, Quapaw people.

Quapaw Nation Breast Cancer Awareness Silent Auction

November 2, 2018

Quapaw Nation Community Room
9:00am-1:00pm

“In Memory of Suzy Moore”

Frito Chili Pie, Cookie & Drink $5.00
Serving between 11am-1pm!!!

In conjunction with the auction we will also be having a rummage sale.

If you have any questions, please contact Terra Kelly @ 918-542-1853 or Jami Rodgers @ 918-238-3151!!! THANK YOU!!!
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Story in Photos from the Swift Water Rescue Team Relief from Hurricane Florence

In an email to the Swift Water Rescue team, Michael A. Sprayberry, Director/Deputy Homeland Security Advisor in North Carolina said, "On behalf of Governor Roy Cooper and the entire NC State Emergency Response Team, offer our profound thanks for sharing your people and equipment to respond to Hurricane Florence in North Carolina. Your folks truly made the response successful! "Thanks again for your leadership/partnership and for your support of North Carolina!"

The three photos, above, below and right, were used with permission from Reuters News Agency, Randall Hill, photographer.
How to Spot the Red Flags of Abuse

by Mallory Black (Diné)

Rehoboth Beach, DE - Exploring a new relationship is an exciting time where it might seem like every moment you are learning something new about your partner's culture, family and beliefs. While you and your partner might be having fun getting to know each other, it's important to watch for certain behaviors when dating someone new. In the beginning of a relationship, it's not always easy to tell if your partner might become abusive.

It can also be hard to spot the early warning signs of abuse because every relationship is different. The one thing most abusive relationships have in common is that the abusive partner will do anything to gain power and control over their partner. Here are some early "red flags" to look for — but know that these behaviors can appear in a relationship at any time.

Does your partner:

• Move too fast into the relationship or pressure you to commit?
• Shower you with compliments or seem "too good to be true"?
• Constantly ask where you are all the time or frequently call or text you throughout the day?
• Follow you around or show up at your home, school or work without telling you in advance?
• Pressure you to have sex before you're ready?
• Act extremely jealous or possessive of you?
• Make jokes about your culture or put you down for being Native?
• Lose their temper with you or yell at you in private but stay calm around others?
• Insist that you "make more time for them" by spending less time with your family or friends?
• Encourage you to quit school or work, or to stop participating in activities and hobbies?
• Insist on driving you everywhere or check your car mileage when you return?
• Break their former partners for abuse in previous relationships (for example, "My ex was crazy" or "It wasn't that bad")?
• Someone who acts in these ways may try to blame their partner for their own abusive behavior. No matter the reason a person chooses to abuse, it is never their partner's fault.

What You Can Do

If you experience one or more of these "red flags," please call the StrongHearts Native Helpline at 1-844-NATIVE (1-844-762-8483), Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. CST. Knowledgeable advocates can connect with you one-on-one and help you figure out your options. Advocates are trained with an understanding of intimate partner violence, including spiritual or cultural abuse. Our advocates can provide support and validation, safety planning and access to resources in your community. For more information, visit www.strongheartshelpline.org.

Pawnee Graduates

Tribal member Daylen Pawnee graduated from Calumet High School in May. Pawnee is the son of tribal members Amanda Pawnee and Albert Pawnee, the grandson of tribal member Jamie and Victor Thatcher, great-grandson of Jonnie (McKibben) Clemons and the late Don Clemons.

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service who have accomplished more, regardless of what race she was." Jones said everyone's service is important, not just that of American Indian women. "Freedom is what we as Americans can give to our generation to come, so the importance of gender isn't an issue," she said. "I respect all races and believe each person serving is important in making their contribution to preserving freedom."
Goodeagle Panelist at National Conference

Grace Goodeagle, former tribal chairman, was recently selected to be a panelist at the 2016 Coalition Conference held at Missouri State University. The topic of the conference was Sustainability in Practice: Con- sensus and Consequences. The subject of the panel was Faith and Environment. Discussion included how or whether religious teaching informs society about addressing sustain- ability issues around the globe. Other topics discussed were similarities and differences among religious traditions in valuation of Earth and its inhabitants, adherents of a specific faith may not understand or follow the insights provided by its teachings. Discussion provided thoughts on how adherent and non-adherent teachings of various faiths benefit from the implications of religious thought and tradition about stewardship to the Earth.

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Welcome to the Tribe!

Paisley Rogers

Born August 29 to tribal member Hailey Brown and Brady Roger, Paisley Ray Rogers is the granddaughter of Joanna (Clemons) and Leslie Brown and great-granddaughter of Jonnie (McKibben) and the late Don Clemons. She is a descendant of former tribal chairman John McKibben and Irvina (Wilson), Irvin Wilson, former chairman and Quapaw Native American church road man, Anna (Quapaw) McKibben, and Solomon Quapaw.

Gah-Nee-Tung-Gah

Hayes Waters

Proud parents of “Thunder” are Ben Waters (tribal member) and Cassidy Taft. He is the grandson of Allford “Sonny” Waters, great-grandson of the late Victoria (Griffin) and Alfred Waters, Sr. Thunder is a descendant of Chief Victor Griffin.

Kaiden Keys

Born on March 28, Proud parents of Kaiden are Norman and tribal member Kristen (Mouse) Keys. He is the grandson of Darvill and Virginia Mouse, great-grandson of the late Martha Griffin, the great-great-grandson of the late Hayes Griffin. Kaiden is a direct descendant of Chief Victor Griffin.

Adalyn Pawnee

Adalyn Starlee Don Pawnee was born on December 20, 2017. Her parents are Daylen Pawnee and Ciera Williams. On her Quapaw side, she is the granddaughter of Amanda (Thatcher) Pawnee, great-granddaughter of Jamie (Clemons) and Victor Thatcher, and great-great-granddaughter of Jonnie (McKibben) and the late Don Clemons. She is a descendant of former tribal chairman John McKibben and Irvina (Wilson), Irvin Wilson, former chairman and Quapaw Native American church road man, Anna (Quapaw) McKibben, and Solomon Quapaw.

Everleigh Martin

Everleigh Kay Martin was born on April 9, 2018. She is the daughter of Ethan Martin and Kenidree Wakefield, granddaughter of Tamara and Reeves (BC Sec.-Treas.) and great-granddaughter of Carol (Crane) Smiley. She is the great-great-granddaughter of the late Charles and Irma Crane.

Marshals:

DARE Car Wins National Competition

Marshal John Merrill entered the Quapaw Nation’s DARE car in the national DARE car competition in Florida. The car won. Officer Merrill is pictured left with the winning vehicle and the trophy he won in the competition. More photos of the winning DARE car are shown on page 10.

LaCinda Attocknie

2018-2019 Quapaw Tribal Princess Daughter of Shannon Waters and P.J. Attocknie, she is a descendant of Chief Victor Griffin. Attocknie attends Quapaw High School and is active in many sports and cheerleading.
Proud Quapaw Tribal members Cassidy and Laike Reader were winners in the North American Indian National Tennis Championships that were held in Norman this year. The Reader siblings are descendants of Isaac Daylight, Jess Daylight, and Patricia Lorraine Daylight. Cassidy won the Men’s Singles Consolation and was a finalist in Adult Mixed Doubles. Laike was a finalist in Women’s Singles. She was also a finalist in Adult Mixed Doubles.

To compete in the North American Indian National Tennis Championship, players must be an enrolled member of a federally recognized tribe. The 2019 tournament will be held in Tulsa over Memorial Day weekend. For more information, google North American Indian National Tennis Association. All players are welcome to compete from pre-teen to over 65 years of age.

Thanks to Patricia Blue Spruce, proud grandmother of the Readers, for submitting the article.

Reader Siblings Excel at Tennis

Allemann Graduates, Attending OU

In May, Ramsee Allemann graduated from Miami High School’s class of 2018. She is currently a freshman at the University of Oklahoma where she pledged the Gamma Phi Beta sorority.

Allemann is the daughter of tribal member Heather and Jimmie Allemann, granddaughter of Jean Ann Lambert. She is a descendant Geneva (Hoffman) Ramsey, Agnes (Track, Quapaw) Hoffman and Benjamin Quapaw, and of Sig-dah and Anna (Track) Slagle.

PowWow, Foot Race, Tall Chief Commemoration/Giveaway

The photos below are from the 2018 Quapaw PowWow and commemoration of Tall Chief’s 100th Memorial.

Winning DARE Car, from 9

Above are photos of the hood of the Ford F-150 DARE vehicle.