

# QUAPAW NATION SPOTLIGHT: GINGER WEAVER



**How long have you worked for the Quapaw Nation?**

24 years ago, JR Mathews believed in me and hired me as the receptionist. I have been very blessed to be in several different roles while working for the Quapaw Nation. I was the receptionist for 10 years then transferred to the human resources department. I loved everything about being a part of human resources, but life has a way of steering us other places. I was in the grants department for a short time until I transferred to my current position at Quapaw Counseling Services.

**What are some of your favorite memories with the tribe?**

I have 24 years of mostly wonderful memories here. I would have to say some of my favorites are when we used to have the annual employee picnics. Getting to go and see everyone and their families, I miss this a lot.

I also remember a team building day, when JR took us all to a ropes course. That was a great day. Team building is so important and I would love to see more team building activities incorporated for our employees.

**What are your favorite Quapaw Nation events or traditions?**

Attending the powwow is one of my favorite events. I don't participate in dancing, but I thoroughly enjoy going and watching all the dancers and catching up with family that I don't see often.

**What does it mean to you to be a member of the Quapaw Nation?**

To be a member of the Quapaw Nation brings me so much pride. I am proud to be a small part of such a great Nation that truly cares for its members and provides so many resources and services.

**What are some of your proudest accomplishments?**

My proudest accomplishments are my children. They have all grown into amazing humans and I love them so much. I became a mother at the young age of 16. I finished high school and graduated from a technical school, all while raising my son. This is a proud accomplishment for me because I didn't give up. Having a baby actually gave me more motivation to press on. You all probably know him! Austin Headlee - he works in the communications department. He's a pretty spectacular kid!

**Tell us about yourself!**

I am married and together we have 5 children and 3 grandchildren.

When people tell you being a grandparent is the greatest blessing ever, they aren't kidding! This has been the best journey, and I love being Mimi!

I enjoy cooking and reading. When I want to get really crazy, I might even cook you a meal! (I know, I live a crazy life LOL)

My girls were always involved in sports, and I miss that so much now that they are grown. I'm looking forward to the day my grandchildren start playing and getting to watch them!