

THE QUAPAW POST

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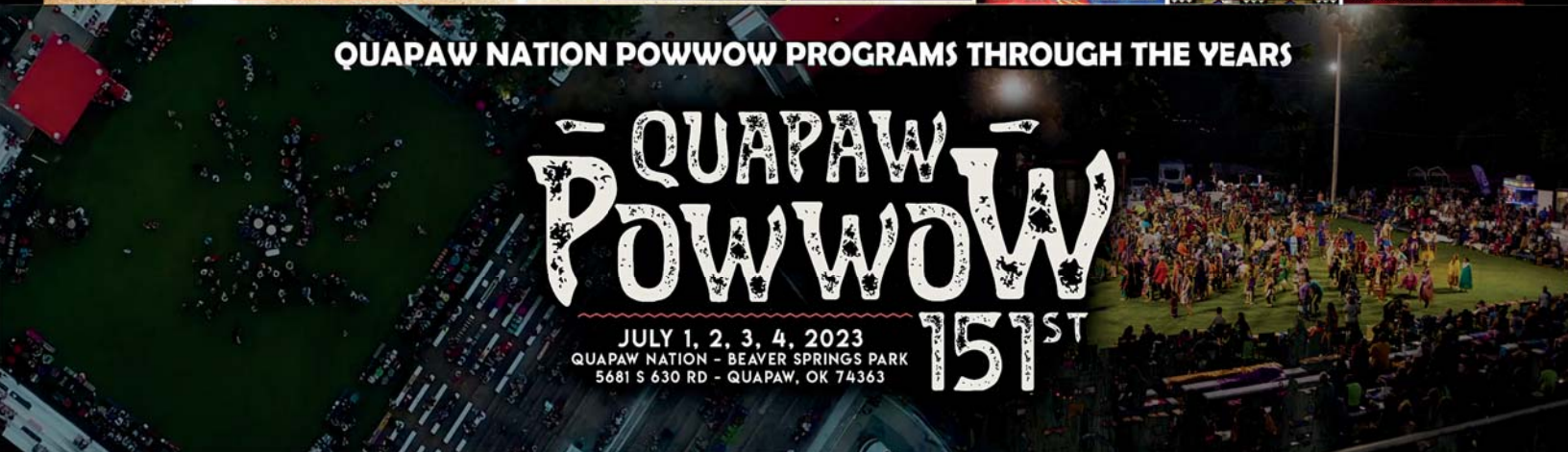


QUAPAW NATION POWWOW PROGRAMS THROUGH THE YEARS

QUAPAW POW-WOW

JULY 1, 2, 3, 4, 2023
QUAPAW NATION - BEAVER SPRINGS PARK
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Class of
2023

Congratulations Graduates



“Quapaw Nation Higher Education congratulates all of our graduates on a job well done. We celebrate the Class of 2023 for achieving a variety of academic milestones, from high school graduation to post-graduate degrees. We are honored to serve each of our students and families, and are excited to support each of them in the next phase of their academic and career journeys. The best is yet to come!”



River Friel

Northeastern Oklahoma A&M

Shawna Ellick and Thomas Friel, granddaughter of Bill Ellick

Plans after graduating: Attend the Webb City Pointe Beauty Academy to pursue a career in esthetics and makeup.



My name is Abbey Morgan. I am a proud member of the Quapaw Nation, Cherokee Nation, and Delaware Tribe. I graduated NEO A & M College with an Associate's Degree of Arts on May 11, 2023, as well as Welch High School on May 19, 2023, where I finished 3rd in my class with a GPA of 3.96. My activities in high school include NHS, Art Club, BPA, Student Council, Interact, Yearbook, GT, Cheerleading and Slow Pitch Softball. My top honors include Rotary Student of the Month, Dean's Honor Roll, Superintendent's Honor Roll and Top Scholar. In my two years as a concurrent student at NEO, I was inducted into Phi Theta Kappa, received the Top 10 Freshman Award, and was on the President's Honor Roll.



Mr & Mrs Robert Crane are pleased to announce the graduation of their daughter, Alexis Belle Crane, from Woodmont High School in Piedmont, South Carolina. As a descendant of the Imbeau family & Granddaughter of Dale & Cathy Crane, Alexis is a proud member of the Quapaw tribe

Alexis will further her education, as an incoming freshman this fall, to Clemson University. Through the school of Behavioral, Social & Health Sciences, she will be majoring in Anthropology.



Brianna Nicole Shaw graduating at McPherson college in McPherson, KS. With a Bachelor's Degree in psychology with minors in criminal justice and health science. Parents are Ron and Susanne Shaw.



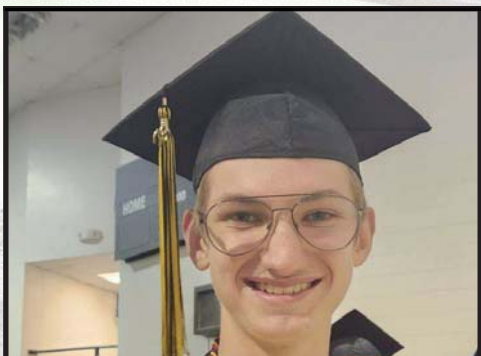
Peyton Shapp participated in football, basketball, baseball and FFA during his time at Quapaw High School and recieved the following achievements:

Baseball	3 Time - All Conference Defensive Player of the Year - 20-21 Co-Offensive Player of the Year - 21-22 Co-Offensive Player of the Year - 22-23
Football	Defensive Back of the Year - 2022 All-Star by Class - 2022



Deacon Shapp participated in football, basketball, baseball and FFA during his time at Quapaw High School and recieved the following achievements:

Baseball	3 Time -All Conferen Co-Offensive Player of the Year - 21-22 Co-Defensive Player of the Year - 22-23
Basketball	Defensive Player of the Year - 21-22
Football	District Co-Tight End of the Year - 2022



Skyler Beatty

Charles Page High School

Parents - Jesse and Michelle Beatty

I'm joining the Marine Corp to pursue my dream of becoming a pilot.



Isabella DePrimo is the daughter of Melissa and John DePrimo, the granddaughter of Ramona Sue Quapaw. Isabella will be graduating from Gilbert High school in Gilbert AZ and E.V.I.T. (East Valley Institute of Technology) on May 16th and 25th of 2023. Isabella has completed her high school requirements while being dual enrolled with E.V.I.T and will graduate with her Medical Assistant certification. Upon graduation Isabella will have completed her medical externship and will continue her medical studies to become an anesthesiologist while working as an Medical Assistant with Cornerstone Family Medicine.



Emma Darr, daughter of Callie Bowden and granddaughter of Sharon Shapp Blalock, graduated Baxter Springs High School on Saturday, May 13, 2023. Emma has been accepted into the Chemical Engineering program at the University of Kansas. Her focus will be on saving and protecting the environment. Emma's hard work and dedication in high school has paid off in the scholarships she has received so far! Emma's family is very proud of her accomplishments, determination, and drive to save the environment one solution at a time. Way to go Emma and Rock Chalk Jayhawk!



Jessika Lasiter

The University of Oklahoma College of Pharmacy

Mother- Jamie McNeely of Quapaw

Father- Craig Lasiter of Miami

"After graduation I plan to stay in the Quapaw/Miami area to serve the communities I grew up in."



Kayli Perry daughter of Kelly and Cynthia Perry. Granddaughter of Mike and Pat Weaver and great granddaughter of Arthur and Pauline Buffalo. Kayli graduated from Mid America Nazarene University in Olathe, Kansas with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing and a minor in Intercultural Studies. She has accepted a position at Overland Park Regional Hospital in Overland Park, Kansas in the NICU.



Ciara Talise Daniel graduates from Verdigris high school, May 12, 2023 as a Valedictorian of her Senior class. She is the daughter of Victoria and Sid Daniel, granddaughter of Nicki and Martin Thomas and Willard Brown, great grand daughter of Billie Williams Webster and Nick Webster Sr, the great great granddaughter of Mary Thompson Williams and Estol Williams, the great great great granddaughter of Maude Angel Thompson Supernaw and Willie Thompson and the great great great great granddaughter of Louis "Tallchief" Angel, the last hereditary chief of the Quapaw's. Ciara plans to attend Tulsa Community College and apply to the Diagnostic Medical Sonography, Associate of Applied Science program. She hopes to one day serve the Native community by working in an Indian Health Facility as an Ultra Sound/Sonography technician. Ka-ni-ke!



Jessica Olsen, proud mother of **Audrey King** would like to announce the graduation of her daughter **Audrey King**. **Audrey** is a Quapaw Tribal member who graduated high school from Wyandotte, OK on Saturday May 13, 2023. **Audrey** is the daughter of **Jessica Olsen** and **Shawn and Stacie (stepmom) King**. She is the great granddaughter of the late **Edward R. Quapaw** and **Mary Olsen**, and **Maudie and Burt King**. Her grandparents are **Ouita Quapaw** and the late **Joseph "Joey" Olsen**, **Oresa and Joseph King**, **Juanita and Leon McQuisition**. **Audrey** participated in Wyandotte Color Guard and was captain for two years. She also participated in Choir and got to sing with the Wyandotte High School Choir at Carnegie Hall in New York City, NY.



Olivia Marie Quapaw is a 2023 graduate from Kingston High School. She is the granddaughter of **Jerald (Pud) Quapaw**. **Olivia** is the daughter of **Jennifer Quapaw**. **Olivia** has three brothers: **Leighton Quapaw**, **Benjamin** and **Nicholas Bartlett**. **Olivia** attended Quapaw Public Schools though her sophomore year, then she attended Kingston High School to achieve a broader experience in basketball. **Olivia** has always enjoyed school and learning experience. She made honorable mention her freshman year at Quapaw. **Olivia** is active in numerous sports like softball and track, but she excels and loves basketball. She has been named Native American All-State Basketball 2023. She will also be attending Murray State in Tishomingo on a basketball scholarship.



Spring 2023 Quapaw Nation Elders Trip





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HEAD SINGER: JR ROSS | HEAD MAN: DERRICK SHAWNEE
HEAD LADY: JULIA BYRD | MC: MARTY THURMAN
HEAD GOURD DANCER: CHISSOE BROWN
CO-ARENA DIRECTORS: DENNIS LITTLE AXE & TONY SHAWNEE
NORTHERN DRUM: YOUNG BEAR, MANDAREE, ND
HOST GOURD CLAN: THE OFFICIAL QUAPAW NATION GOURD CLAN

INCOMING 2023 QUAPAW POWWOW PRINCESS: ELAINA SUZANNE SHIELD
OUTGOING 2022 QUAPAW POWWOW PRINCESS: NIZHONI TSOSIE-HAMILTON
2022-2023 QUAPAW NATION PRINCESS: EMMA MCKIBBEN
2022-2023 JR QUAPAW NATION PRINCESS: MIA FORBIS

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT MELANY SHAWNEE
AT MELANY.SHAWNEE@QUAPAWNATION.COM

Lainey Wilson

LIVE!

DOWNSTREAM | CASINO RESORT

MONDAY, JULY 3

THE OUTDOOR VENUE
GATES: 6:30PM | SHOW: 8PM

TICKETS ON SALE FRIDAY
DOWNSTREAMCASINO.COM
AND AT THE HECKATON GIFT SHOP



CHILD CARE PRE-REGISTRATION

JULY 4th GENERAL COUNCIL

Childcare will be available at Downstream Learning Center, relocating from Downstream ballrooms. The location change will give the children better restroom access, more age-appropriate separation for activities, outdoor play and activities, and the convenience of drop off and pick up with a more controlled environment.

**** AGE LIMIT FOR GC DAYCARE, 6 WEEKS TO 12 YEARS. ****

**** CHILDREN MUST BE PICKED UP WITHIN 1 HOUR OF GC MEETING END. ****



SCAN ME!

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ALL QUAPAW PHOTO JULY 2ND

6PM BEAVER SPRINGS PARK, QUAPAW, OK



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2023 QUAPAW POWWOW CAMPER REGISTRATION

COMMUNITY BUILDING - MONDAY, JUNE 26, 2023 (1 P.M. - 4 P.M.)

COMMUNITY BUILDING - TUESDAY, JUNE 27, 2023 (2 P.M. - 6 P.M.)

COMMUNITY BUILDING - WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28, 2023 (3 P.M. - 7 P.M.)

COMMUNITY BUILDING - THURSDAY, JUNE 29, 2023 (12 P.M. - 4 P.M.)

ADMINISTRATION BUILDING - FRIDAY, JUNE 30, 2023 (10 A.M. - 4 P.M.)

ADMINISTRATION BUILDING - SATURDAY, JULY 1, 2023 (9 A.M. - 2 P.M.)



WELCOME **LINDA DAVIS** QUAPAW NATION BUSINESS COMMITTEE

Linda Davis was recently sworn into office as the newest Business Committee Member of the Quapaw Nation on May 20. With years of experience working for the Quapaw Nation and its Election Committee, Davis brings valuable expertise to her new role.

For the past two decades, Linda had served diligently on the Election Committee, supporting the democratic process within the Quapaw Nation. She had seen the ups and downs of different Business Committee administrations, but she stayed dedicated to the committee's mission. It was this extensive experience and her role as a tribal employee that inspired her to take the next step and run for candidacy.

Linda's campaign focused on the importance of open communication and collaboration among elected officials. She firmly believes in building strong working relationships and acknowledges that disagreements are natural. However, she emphasizes the need to find common ground and move forward together as a united front. Linda aims to foster an environment of trust, transparency, and understanding among her fellow committee members.

Davis pledged to dedicate the necessary hours to fulfill the projects assigned by the Business Committee and address the needs of tribal members. She presented herself as an independent thinker, someone who could be relied upon to speak up for those who felt voiceless.

Her strong passion and love for the Quapaw Nation are clear in everything she says. She truly believes that the community has limitless possibilities and imagines a successful future for the Business Committee and the entire Quapaw Nation. With her wide-ranging knowledge, important experience, and unwavering dedication to being truthful and honest, Linda Davis is ready to guide the community toward a better future.







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NATIVE YOUTH SPRING POWWOW

FRIDAY, MAY 19 AT QUAPAW NATION GYM





Through numerous federal grants and collaboration between the SAMHSA, CCDF and FVP, the Quapaw Nation was able to host the Native Youth Spring Powwow. By targeting the youth with tribal practices and events, the goal is to keep the children interested in traditional Native practices and celebrate their tribal heritage.

The Youth Spring Powwow would not be possible without the guidance and support of community members and staff. Many thanks to all who have worked to make this happen!

Quapaw Business Committee May 2023 Summary

Ha-we,

There were multiple important topics discussed in the Business Committee meeting today. You are encouraged to watch the recorded meeting on YouTube. The following summary is not the official meeting minutes. The approved minutes will become available in June. If you know of others who would like to be added to this distribution list, so they are aware of meeting outcomes quickly, please let me know. In addition, if anyone would like to be omitted from the distribution list, please provide that as well.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Linda Davis took her Oath of Office as Business Committee Member, administered by Election Committee Chair Frank Frazier.

ROLL CALL & DECLARATION OF QUORUM

Present - Vice-Chair Bowden (via zoom), Secretary-Treasurer Supernaw, Member Newton (via zoom), Member Mercer, and Member Davis

PHONE POLLS SINCE LAST MEETING

APPROVED

1. Poll15147_Emergency Hotel Stay
2. Poll15192_Resolutions-Updating Signatories on All Bank Accounts and Business Entities
3. Poll15226_Verkada Cameras for all Quapaw Nation Buildings
4. Poll15237_Purchase Request - Replacement of Damaged Desks and File Cabinets
5. Poll16522_Purchase Request - Marshalls - Vehicles - 2 Units
6. Poll16556_Authorization Letter to use the Quapaw Nation Flag
7. Poll16603_Purchase Request - Facilities - GMC Sierra Truck

VICE-CHAIR'S REPORT

- Memorial Dinner is at noon today at the Title VI Elders Center
- Motion made by unanimous consent for Secretary Treasurer Supernaw to preside over the remainder of the meeting.

ACCOUNTING REPORT - (Eric Bohn) gave his report on monthly and year to date/quarter to date general fund revenue and expenses, tribal member health benefits, social services benefits, and education benefits. As the Quapaw Nation CFO and one of the Executive Directors, additional departmental updates were provided:

- **ACCOUNTING** - ARPA application deadline was May 12. Received a little over 3400 applications. Processed 4,620 checks totaling \$8.6M so far. Thanked the 10 volunteers to help process the applications.
- **CCDF PROGRAM** - Held a week of events last month for area child-care facilities. 2700 participants in the activities and helped with yesterday evening's youth Pow Wow.
- **GRANTS** - Awaiting decisions for 3 grant applications and working on grants coming up over the next 4-6 months.
- **IT** - Deployed a new phone system. Helped moving back into the administration building. Installing the new security cameras as time permits.
- **TAX COMMISSION** - OITA quarterly meeting in July in Stroud



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ELDERS COMMITTEE - (Grace Goodeagle) Elders Trip May 17-18 was successful. Preparing for Camp Quapaw. Recommended an Elders Council. Meeting to be scheduled with the Business Committee. Congratulations to all our graduates!

CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE - (Roman Kihega) will host an open meeting 7/19 Community Building 6:00 for potluck and meeting 6:30 -8:30. Topics of discussion include Business Committee roles as well as the role of Indian Council. Plan another in person meeting 7/1, 7/2 or 7/3. Date and location has not been set. Prior to 7/22 General Election on-line meeting for all the amendments that will be on the ballot. RFP for full time position will be completed in the next few weeks to help the Constitution Committee and will be grant funded. RFP will be made available on the Tribal Website.

ELECTION COMMITTEE (Frank Frazier)

- **6/3** Special Election for Member. Candidates include Linda Valliere, Mindy Mayfield-Davis, and Lloyd Buffalo in the Community Building.
- **7/8** Recall Election for Chairman. Candidates include John Berrey, Barbara Collier, Wena Supernaw, and Grace Goodeagle.
- **7/22** Annual Election for Vice Chair. Candidates Amy Kvistad, Heather Dismuke, Grant Schalk, Sonny Glass, Virginia Mousse, Beth Romick Blaylock.
- **7/22** Annual Election for 3 Member positions. Candidates include Michelle Newton, Abigail Logan, Larry Mercer, Melissa Wesley, Linda Davis, Carolyn Button Nott, Joey Giveswater Smith, and Mick Wilson.
- Brief discussion on Section 14 of the Governing Resolution regarding the amendments to be included in the 7/22 ballot. Constitution Committee was formed around 2018. John Berrey directed how it was to proceed by contacting other tribes, seeking advice on other constitutions, and this has not been done. The amendments have been a waste of our time and are in violation of the Governing Resolution and we should suspend these until we can get this clarified. They have not done what they were charged to do. This is my opinion. Roman, the process we are following has been vetted by Tribal Legal Counsel. We have our own Counsel as well. Join discussion will be scheduled.

EMERGENCY FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE (Sarah Hiatt)

- 10 requests this month. 8 were approved. 2 are either ineligible or awaiting documents.
- We are here to help people.
- The committee is comprised of Sarah (Chair), Beverly Jones, Patti Rice, JoOuita Olsen Smith, and Todd Weaver. Feel free to contact any of us.
- EFA meets every Thursday.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORTS

1. Trenton Stand - Resource Management

a. **ENVIRONMENTAL** - Met with State of OK on Picher well stability and other options to support water required for remediation. Removed dumpsters. 54 tons of waste and recyclables removed last month. Received initial funding for surface removal. Awaiting owner consents. Hope to start mid-summer. Same as the Kansas strip remediation. Planning for berms required for composting facility that will benefit multiple areas including cattle company, processing plant, food sovereignty, and QSA.

b. **FOOD SOVEREIGNTY** - Kicked off markets on 1st and 3rd Fridays 10am - 2pm. Looking at a sales tracking system. Facilities is helping build a wash and pack house on Welch property. 2 high tunnels are in progress. Green house relocation from Downstream planning is in progress.



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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORTS (CONTINTUED)

1. Trenton Stand - Resource Management

- b. **FOOD SOVEREIGNTY (CONTINUED)** - Remodel of Welch house is complete. Team will be relocating to that office space in the next few weeks.
- c. **QUAPAW CATTLE COMPANY** - Feed lot usage is down due to grass turning green so less demand. Fencing work is in the planning phase. Frosty has a dominant white gene. We have 6 white calves. 3 were moved to the trophy pen at Downstream. Fertility testing is underway.
- d. **QSA** - 90k tons of material moved in April that was either marketable or sent to the repository.
- e. **MECHANICS** - testing consolidated fleet tracking/inventory system.
- f. **PROCESSING PLANT** - Working on grants. April 25th the kill room set a record. Processed 21 animals from walk-in to hanger by 1:30pm. Wade the plant manager has focused on setting goals for the team.
- g. **REALTY** - More fee to trust applications. Trying to consolidate acquisitions for larger acquisitions. Right of way discussions on gas line that's been in trespass since 1964 so looking forward to getting that resolved and should serve as a template going forward.
- h. **FOOD DISTRIBUTION (BEEF AND VEGETABLES)** Registration forms should be posted in the next week or so. Cattle company and food sovereignty are both involved. Recent survey was helpful for planning. Distribution will be closer to the fall. Trying to prepare now. Multiple disbursements are planned. This first year will be a learning experience so please bear with us. Looking forward to this.

2. James Dawson - Quapaw Facilities Authority

- a. Admin building is open and thanked John Jackson, Jerri Helms (facilities) and her staff, Mal Carey (housekeeping) and her staff for cleaning it all up. All mold has been remediated.
- b. Title VI garage is in progress. Should be finished next week.
- c. Ray property (20 homes) expecting stamped plans next week and EPA land disturbance permit next Wednesday so we can start.
- d. Medicine Wheel bids due yesterday.
- e. Food Sovereignty house renovation is complete.
- f. Pack house concrete complete. Building will begin in early June. Water lines will need to be installed. Awaiting Ottawa County for work to commence.
- g. Pow Wow grounds civil and electrical contracts selected. Will discuss more next month. Pow Wow grounds cleanup work continues.
- h. EOC 90 day walk day has been completed. Another is scheduled before the expiry of the warranty period. Generator has been installed at that building. Final walk through will happen after the generator has been tested.
- i. Design phase for outdoor classroom for Environmental.
- j. Splash pad and OLC playground water lines have been moved. Should have final design and costs in June.
- k. Processing plant project to prevent dust is in progress. Awaiting final design from contractor.
- l. Team member attended HVAC training.
- m. 41 work orders completed this last month.
- n. All elder housing units are occupied. 4-5 on waiting list.
- o. Kentucky Street home should be completed this week.
- p. Tiny home office and units in progress.
- q. Utilities - Picher work continues to cap unused water lines.
- r. Discussion on addressing the water remediation challenges on multiple buildings and the priority this has for Quapaw Facilities Authority.



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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORTS (CONTINTUED)

3. Steva Stand - Tribal Member Services

- a. Pow Wow 7/1 – 7/4
- b. Annual Health Fair 6/30
- c. General Council 7/4

d. FAMILY SERVICES

- i. Native Connections Youth Program shield pottery class May 24-25 for grades 6-12 by Betty Gaedtke. Camp Quapaw 6/5-6/10 from 9-3 broken down by grades
- ii. Spring Youth Pow Wow last night was a success.
- iii. New Child Advocate hired, Leslie Renny.
- iv. DV and ICW advocates are always busy.

e. Higher Education - Internship program started in 6 departments.

Graduation banquet 6/10 at Downstream.

f. LEARNING CENTER - At full staff.

g. The department has a new webpage. Email is tribal.services@quapawnation.com

h. Top 3 needs from the survey were utility costs, food/groceries, and medical costs.

We are working on ways to better meet the top needs. Thank you to the Communications team for your help on the survey.

i. Fitness Center had 13 new sign-ups and daily attendance of 42.

j. Title VI averaged 196 meals daily.

k. Social Services processed 1118 utilities for under 65 and 238 for elders.

l. Activities director, Melanie Shawnee, is doing a great job.

CANDIDATE FORUM (5 MINUTES EACH)



LLOYD BUFFALO: Thanked the Business Committee and the opportunity to speak. People are familiar with my accomplishments. More can be accomplished. Even though some may believe elders should not run for office, as long as one is of sound mind and able body, they should run for office. At 79 years old has no problem doing anything. BC does not belong on the Downstream Development Authority or Saracen Development LLC. More people should be involved. Will not accept the 125,000/year, if elected. Lower compensation should be established for that position. Since the 50's it's always been about money. People need to learn to lead from their hearts, not from their pocketbooks. The amendment meeting is the death of the Nation. Unless we maintain continuity on the BC, it will be the death of the Nation. This Nation has too much at stake if we haphazardly elect candidates that are not qualified. There are some good candidates. There are some elder candidates and I support them running. Supports the Nation and has always been deep in heart with every decision made. Degree in Industrial Education. Still learning from the school of hard knocks. Would appreciate your vote in this coming election. Still has a lot to give and willing to give. Willing to work with anybody. BC should speak from their heart, not their pocketbook. Always consider what's best for the people. May not talk a lot but believes in speaking straight from the heart. Supports all candidates. Will support whoever wins. Vote your conscience in this election.



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CANDIDATE FORUM (5 MINUTES EACH CONTINUED)



MELINDA (MINDY) MAYFIELD-DAVIS Spoke of her lifelong tribal involvement, Ogahpah lineage, and her deep community roots. American Indian Graduate Center helped her through graduate school. Educational achievements include Associates from NEO, undergraduate degree from OSU and doctorate in veterinary medicine from OSU. Owned and operated a clinic in Columbus, KS before moving into corporate medicine. Served on the Constitution Committee. Culture is very important and participated in many events. Businesses are important to fund our programs. Believes in diversified business beyond casinos. Paying off our debt, building more elder programs and youth programs are important. Housing and food programs are important. Will abstain on all votes regarding Title VI, since her sister, Rhonda Weaver, is the director. Need to find ways to help tribal members who live far away. Tribal member employment is important. Experience with job shadowing and job training, especially for youth. School is important but so is on-the-job training. Wants to help unite the tribe. We are all Ogahpah. Blood quantum is an expiration date from the government, so that's not as important as caring about the Ogahpah ways. Impressed with the other candidates. Encouraged everyone to vote from their hearts.



LINDA VALLIERE Spoke of her tribal lineage and family member who served on the Business Committee. Service to people is what was stressed to her. Remembered and asked for a moment of silence in respect for Mike Shawnee. Associates in Native American Studies. Associates degree in Accounting. BS in Accounting. MBA with emphasis on accounting and taxation. Discussed her service in Native American programs. 20+ years experience in accounting and taxation in public accounting, and other firms. Volunteer service in Civil Air Patrol for over 10 years in multiple roles and skills built such as leadership and conflict resolution. Leadership is service to others. Goals include tribal member prosperity through eliminating debt, increased programs, preservation of culture, diversification, elders, bringing youth and elder together, education support, expanded food sovereignty, increased tribal member involvement, and bringing members back to Quapaw. Willing to dedicate herself to these goals. Focused on finding common ground. Would like to utilize her education, experience, and knowledge for the betterment of all tribal members.



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OPEN FORUM

Each person has 5 minutes, 1 trip to the podium, must pertain to the agenda, or file the form to be placed on the agenda.

AMY KVISTAD - We're indigenous people. We're not to forget where we come from. All we want is the truth. As a tribal employee the tribal member shared their concern about working conditions.

HEATHER DISMUKE - Inquired about the TERA code and when it would be made available to tribal members before voting on July 4 General Council.

The draft code will be made available on the tribal website by the end of May.

SARAH HIATT -

What was our casino debt in August 2020 versus current?

August 2020 debt \$661 Million (Downstream \$308 Million & Saracen \$353 Million)

April 2023 debt \$430 Million (Downstream \$174 Million & Saracen \$256 Million)

Repaid over \$230 Million (35%) since August 2020 (Downstream \$133 Million & Saracen \$97 Million)

Downstream should be debt free 12/28 and Saracen 12/29

What plans are in place for the extra income once the debt is repaid?

We do not have a defined plan. What we have had are working sessions where we discussed ideas like increasing existing services, establishing new services and perhaps a perpetual fund. What we define today could change materially, given elections happen every 2 years. However, we do have a responsibility to further define those plans, at least based on what we know today.

NEW BUSINESS RESOLUTIONS

APPROVED

1. 052023-A_Outdoor Pavilion -Environmental and Food Sovereignty
2. 052023-B_Pow Wow Grounds Electrical Improvements
3. 052023-C_Access for Maintaining Cemetery
4. 052023-D_Purchase of Restricted Interest in Land
5. 052023-E_NTHS Alternate Representative Board Member
6. 052023-F_ITBC Inter-Tribal Buffalo Council Resolution
7. 052023-G_Authorize use of Trust-Restricted Land and Execution of Lease
8. 052023-H_Adopt Quapaw Nation Court Rules
9. 052023-I_Oklahoma Senior Games Support
10. 052023-J_Purchase of 6 lots located in Picher, Oklahoma
11. 052023-K_Purchase Request - Powwow Grounds Civil Work
12. 052023-L_Poll16629_Purchase Request - QSA - CAT 330 Excavator -2 Units
13. 052023-M_Sign Lease
14. 052023-N_Former Welch FTT (Fee To Trust)
15. 052023-O_Emergency Operations Call Center Datacenter
16. 052023-P_Cypress Valley Management Service Agreement
17. 052023-Q_OLC Covered Parking and Walkway



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DONATIONS

1. Children Advocacy of Ottawa County - Approved \$500
2. Mt Olive Lutheran School - Tabled for further analysis
3. Quapaw Public Schools Alumni Association - Approved \$200
4. 2024 Paris Olympic Games Sponsorship - Approved for 15 expired license plates if we have them
5. Rodeo Princess Contest - Approved \$500
6. Spring Grove Church Soup Kitchen - Approved \$250
7. American Veterans Motorcycle Club - Approved \$300
8. Awe Star Mission - Not Approved



**Next Quapaw Business Committee Meeting
June 17, 2023**



**QUAPAW
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**COMING THIS JUNE IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE
QUAPAW NATION 151 POWWOW**

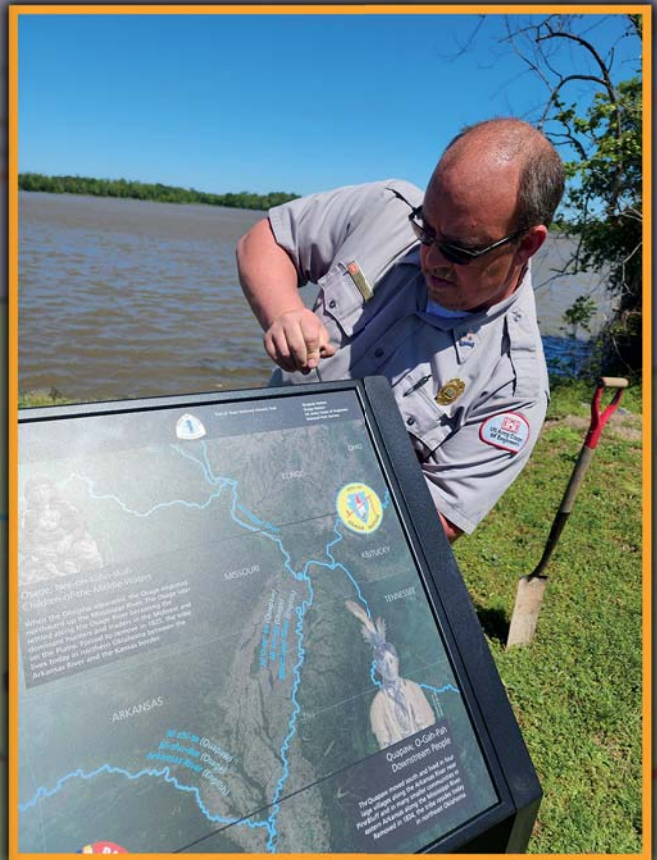
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Quapaw Nation now represented on National Park Signs.

National Park Service (NPS) and heritage groups have collaborated to place informative signs in Arkansas detailing the history of the 5 Civilized Tribes and the Trail of Tears. However, it appears that the Section 106 review, which ensures proper consideration of historic properties, did not take place, and the tribes native to Arkansas were not mentioned. To rectify this oversight, NPS has partnered with the Quapaw and Osage Nations to develop new signage.

These signs will be situated on U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) land in Arkansas. One sign will be placed at Willow Beach, an USACE Campground located along the Arkansas River, just south and east of Little Rock. Another sign will be fabricated and installed at Tar Camp, another USACE Campground along the Arkansas River. Tar Camp is situated between Little Rock and Pine Bluff, closer to the latter.



Quapaw and Osage Nations and Indian Removal



Trail of Tears National Historic Trail

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Osage Nation
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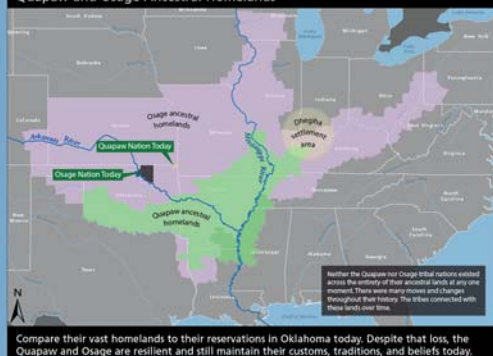
Water, the Life Source

Millennia before non-Native settlement, the Quapaw, Osage, and other tribes shared a common culture—they were the Dhegiha, Siouan language speakers living in the Ohio River Valley. Water influenced the rhythms of their daily life, including spirituality, social structure, migration routes, and settlement patterns.

After several migrations down the Ohio River Valley, the Dhegiha split while crossing the Mississippi River. Their descendants became today's Osage, Quapaw, Ponca, Northern Ponca, Kaw, and Omaha tribes. From that point the Arkansas area was a hunting, trading, and resource area for the Osage, but the homeland of the Quapaw.

Once these watered and fertile ancestral lands became desirable to 19th century settlers, land grabs and treaty making began. Centuries-old Osage and Quapaw trails conveyed both nations and others, such as the Cherokee, to Oklahoma, transforming ancient cultural pathways into conduits for forced Indian removal.

Quapaw and Osage Ancestral Homelands



Osage, Nee-oh-kahn-skah
Children-of-the-Middle-Waters

When the Dhegiha separated, the Osage migrated northward up the Mississippi River. The Osage later settled along the Osage River becoming the dominant hunters and traders in the Midwest and on the Plains. Forced to remove in 1825, the tribe lives today in northern Oklahoma between the Arkansas River and the Kansas border.



Quapaw, O-Gah-Pah
Downstream People

The Quapaw moved south and lived in four large villages along the Arkansas River near Pine Bluff and in many smaller communities in eastern Arkansas along the Mississippi River. Removed in 1834, the tribe resides today in northeast Oklahoma.



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by Austin Headlee

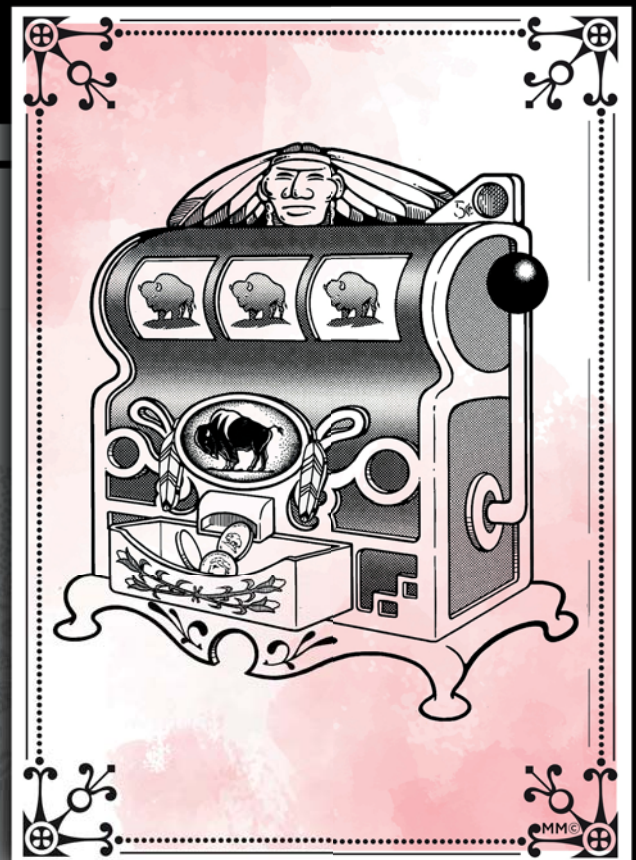
Meet Mike Mize, a talented artist and proud Quapaw Nation member who has carved his own path in the world of commercial art. Inspired by the vibrant art and graphics found in 60s band posters, Mike found a unique style that would shape his artistic journey.

Mize's passion for art stemmed from his fascination with the wild and captivating art and lettering seen on 60s band posters. This unconventional inspiration drove his distinct approach to commercial art, allowing him to create captivating designs blended with traditional elements.

Mize is not a classically trained artist. Most of his skills are self-taught through years of practice and drawing inspiration from other pieces of art around him. However, he did take a hand lettering class along with two cartooning classes, which taught Mize how to properly overlay his art.

With his mom and dad, Mize established Out West Enterprises in Riverside, Calif., a platform that allowed him to share his art with the world. Traveling to powwows and other Native gatherings, Mize embarked on a journey of cultural exploration, showcasing his tribal-inspired graphic t-shirts. These eye-catching designs became a medium through which he celebrated his Native heritage.

The Quapaw Nation is looking to utilize his art in different capacities going forward.



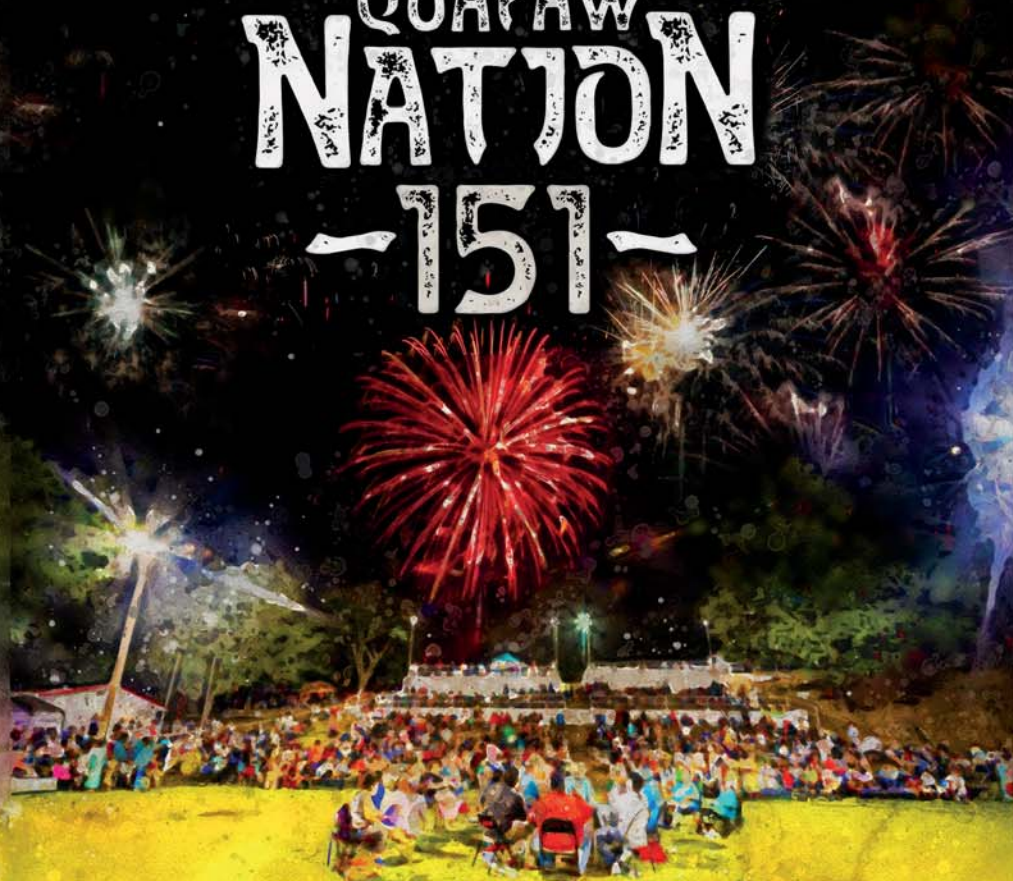
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