


SPRING ISSUE

# THE QUAPAW POST



*pe-ta-de-ta<sup>n</sup>*

## SPRINGTIME





MAUDE SUPERNAW



Wat-Tah-Noh-Zhe Goodeagle,  
wife of Francis Quapaw Goodeagle



Julia and Dora Whitebird,  
daughters of Wajiski 1894



Ho-Go-Me  
Goodeagle



Marie  
Goodeagle



MARY BETH SKY WHITE AND SON



BETH ROMICK  
QUAPAW TRIBAL PRINCESS  
1974-1975



FLORENCE SKY AND DAUGHTER MARY



MARY XAVIER COLLINS



MRS. FLORA B. BEATTY, MRS. IDA HOLDEN,  
AND MRS. FANNIE RICHARDS



Mrs. John Beaver



Fran Sue Gokey Soocat



CHARM VALLIERE CHANEY AND MARY BETH SKY



Angeline Gokey Kennedy and Jana Sue



Clara Mae Goodeagle Boop



Leona Quapaw Peery



ANN XAVIER COLLINS (1893-1962) AND  
LOUELLA CRAWFISH QUAPAW (1881-1970)



ROBERTA RYSER AND  
PEARL WHITESOW PEERY



JULIA STAFFORD INTE MANDOHA



Mihita or Low Sun,  
wife of Peter Clabber 1890

MARCH IS  
**WOMEN'S**  
HISTORY MONTH





**QUAPAW OLD TIMERS:** Top Row [From Left] Robert Lottson, Harrison Quapaw, John Mohawk, Sig-dah Track, Fannie Goodeagle [later Richards] Merton Goodeagle, Ho-go-me.  
Lower Row [from left] Alex Mudd, Agnes Track, Grandma Track Slagle, Minnie Track Griffin, Newakis Quapaw Hampton, Unknown.  
Courtesy --- Fannie Goodeagle Richards



Insert photos and  
top photo from  
"The Quapaws" by  
Velma Seamster Beirberding  
1976

THE  
QUAPAW  
POST



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*Michelle*  
**NEWTON**

### **What does it mean to be a member of the Quapaw Tribe?**

I have always been proud of my Quapaw heritage because it is who I am. I am a descendent of the Buffalo Clan and have always enjoyed attending and participating in cultural events. These events bring us together as a nation and allow us to not only practice our culture but preserve it too. It is vital we all embrace, serve, honor, practice, and teach our culture for not only this generation, but for the many generations to follow.

### **Why did you decide you wanted to be involved in tribal leadership?**

My entire life, I have attended and participated in General Council and monthly meetings and understand the complex dynamics of our tribal politics. We are a sovereign nation, and protecting that right is of the utmost importance.

I would like to continue all the positive work currently going on and try to bring new ideas to the Nation so we can continue to grow. One example would be for the Nation to develop a full circle healing program for our people who are battling addictions and mental health problems. Another idea would be to develop more Youth Programs for our children such as educating them on our culture, protecting Mother Earth, living off the land, and taking them on field trips to see where our ancestors came from.

## **QUAPAW NATION VICE-CHAIR ELECTION**

**We need to mentor our children to be our future leaders.**

### **Would you be willing to have a drug evaluation?**

Yes. I believe our Business Committee leadership needs to adhere to the same policies as all the employees who serve our Nation.

### **How important is it for you to find common ground with other elected officials?**

Communication is key and I believe the only way to move our Nation forward is to work together. I can honestly say that I can agree to disagree and move onto the next subject. It is very important that every elected official deserves a chance to share their thoughts and concerns. Our elected officials were voted by the people to speak and act on their behalf.

### **As a member of the BC, how would you convey your honesty to tribal members?**

You can ALWAYS call me and ask me anything you want. I want to hear from you whether it is negative or positive, even if it is against me directly. Our people need to be able to call their leaders when they have an idea or a concern and be able to ask any question without fear. I will always be honest with you and speak the truth. Our Nation's problems would start to melt away if our people would go straight to the source and avoid gossip. I live my life so that when I lay my head on my pillow at night, I can sleep well knowing that I worked hard all day and that it was not for my own purpose but to serve God and others.

### **Why should people vote for you?**

- Integrity, Honesty, Hardworking, Understanding, Peacemaker.
- I live my life so that when I lay my head on my pillow at night, I can sleep well knowing that I worked hard all day and that it was not for my own purpose but to serve God and others.
- I know I am one vote, and I will not overstep my authority on the board.
- I am an advocate for all tribal members.
- My heart has and will always be for the betterment of the Nation and all our Quapaw People.





## QUAPAW NATION VICE-CHAIR ELECTION

**How important is it for you to find common ground with other elected officials?**

This is of utmost importance. If we all share the goal of improving the quality of life for all tribal members we have to find this common ground. I believe it is healthy to have dissenting opinions but flexibility is a must for committee members. In an ever changing world I believe it is the business committee's duty to be a unified body to keep the tribe/nation moving forward and doing positive things in all member's lives.

**As a member of the BC, how would you convey your honesty to tribal members?**

I would convey my honesty by example. If I conduct myself with integrity and ethical behavior, this will show in my everyday interactions with others as well as how I vote on decisions that are facing the business committee. We also have the amendment for all tribal members that allows them to request information. If any of my decisions or actions were deemed dishonest or unethical, I would invite and assist with obtaining information related to those particular decisions or actions.

**Why should people vote for you?**

I have a strong work ethic and will work to improve the lives of all Quapaw citizens. I believe there are opportunities and resources for us as Quapaws that we have yet to explore. I also believe it is imperative to keep our culture and language preservation a top priority. I want to make Quapaw a destination for all our citizens. A place they can come to live, work, and raise their families or come to retire. Quapaw Nation/Tribe can become the place where we provide our citizens with equal opportunities for employment, job security, and career advancement. I do not believe I can come in and do all these things in a few months or single handedly. I do dream of these things for all of our people because there are other tribes/nations that have made or are making all these things a reality. Please exercise your right as a Quapaw to vote.

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

I am not only a member of the Quapaw Tribe/Nation, I am a member of the Quapaw family. My paternal grandmother is Anna Quapaw McKibben. I grew up watching my dad, Jess, who was involved in tribal culture and business as long as I can remember until the time he passed. I was fortunate enough to grow up here in Quapaw and during that time and now, I am not a member of a tribe but a rather large extended family.

**Why did you decide you wanted to be involved in tribal leadership?**

I was asked to run for this position by other tribal members for this election and past elections. Running in this election took a lot of prayer and thought. I decided to run because I want the future generations of our tribe to have more opportunities than the current and past generations. I believe the Quapaw Tribe/Nation has so much potential for growth and opportunity for current and future generations.

**Would you be willing to have a drug evaluation?**

Yes, I would. For the past 25+ years as a teacher and nurse, the school systems and healthcare organizations I have worked for required it.

**APRIL 19<sup>TH</sup> - ALL ABSENTEE BALLOTS DUE BACK BY CLOSE OF DAY**

**APRIL 20<sup>TH</sup> - ELECTION DAY | 9am - 5pm  
Quapaw Nation Community Building**



## QUAPAW NATION VICE-CHAIR ELECTION



*Dr. Mindy*  
**MAYFIELD**

### **What does it mean to be a member of the Quapaw Tribe?**

It connects me to my ancestors, it means being part of a history and culture that predates the USA. It makes me sad knowing what our ancestors endured but it also makes me very proud that the Quapaw people have not only survived but thrived.

### **Why did you decide you wanted to be involved in tribal leadership?**

The tribe has helped me throughout my life. From the dental clinic, the youth work program, college scholarships and the social services. I am now at a point in my life where I feel I have the knowledge and time to be of value in helping lead our nation.

### **Would you be willing to have a drug evaluation?**

Absolutely. If we expect employees to take a drug test our tribal leaders should be willing to take a drug test also.

### **How important is it for you to find common ground with other elected officials?**

It is extremely important for our leaders to be able to work together. We may not always agree but we should all have the betterment of the tribe as our goal. I think it is beneficial to have individuals with different backgrounds and ideas, as that is how we grow but we must respect each other even if we don't agree all the time.

### **As a member of the BC, how would you convey your honesty to tribal members?**

I believe in transparency which has been difficult to achieve but we should continue to strive for that goal. I have never been a fan of secrecy. Working in the medical field I certainly know the need for confidentiality but that is completely different from secrecy. My kids will tell you I'm not good at keeping secrets. They almost always know what their presents are. I stand firm in the idea that ethics and morals are extremely important for our leaders (Not that I expect anyone to be perfect). We all fail and make mistakes but we must learn from them and strive to do better.

### **Why should people vote for you?**

I have never served on the BC, but I have ran a business and I have a doctorate degree. I don't have an agenda; I want to listen to tribal members and have them guide my decisions and votes. I want to be their voice.

#### **QUAPAW NATION VICE-CHAIR SPECIAL ELECTION OFFICIAL TIMELINE**

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**Absentee Ballot requests can be obtained from  
the Enrollment Office of the Quapaw Nation or  
[www.quapawtribe.com/93/Absentee-Voting](http://www.quapawtribe.com/93/Absentee-Voting)  
to receive an absentee ballot.**





## Major *Vicki* JONES

Major Vicki Jones is often looked upon as one of Quapaw Nation's most distinguished members. After 28 years of service in the Oklahoma Army National Guard, 2018 saw Major Jones inducted into the Oklahoma Officers Candidate School Hall of Fame.

The Quapaw Post recently had the opportunity to interview Major Jones to help give insight into her career, past decisions, and what life is like since retirement.

**Can you tell me about why you originally decided to enlist?**

In my early 20s, I was very conflicted as to what I wanted to do with my life. I wasn't going anywhere except in the wrong direction. I was fortunate to attend a number of sweat lodges held behind Wes Studis' family home in Collinsville. There, I asked to do a sweat on my own to seek an answer to my question of who I am and what I am meant to do. On the afternoon of the second day, while lying in the center of the hole where the hot rocks were put, I briefly closed my eyes. Just as I did, an Eagle came at me carrying the American flag. I received my answer.







"taken by the Department of Veterans Affairs."



"I am being admired by flight crew as I as going out flying training in chemical gear."



"I am styling."



"Taken after Officer School graduation, attended by mom and grandma, Cordelia Conner and Julia Conner. Grandma came to flight school graduation also."



"Officer Candidate School Mascot Keeper, Lt Tusha."



"We , Paul and I, are attending Military Ball in our finest."



"Taken by a passenger who sent it to me. We are flying a mission."





Maj. Gen. Michael C. Thompson (left), adjutant general for Oklahoma, and Brig. Gen. Jon Harrison, director of the joint staff, present retired Oklahoma National Guard Maj. Vicki Jones with the Oklahoma Army National Guard Officer Candidate School Hall of Fame placard.

I grew up on Air Force Bases, having experienced the Bay of Pigs, while stationed in England on base. During that time the base was locked down. We were not able to go outside to play, having barbed wire strung around our backyard to keep us separated from the outside; we even played in the old bomb shelters. These things stuck with me, not to mention all the drills of hiding under your desk. I wanted to be prepared in the event we experienced conflict in this country.

### **What do you remember feeling when you first enlisted?**

Proud, apprehensive, scared, and excited for a new chapter in my life to begin. I still hadn't thought about what I wanted to do. I was hoping to get some inspiration while serving. I was one of the lucky enlistees, because I already had civilian skills, mainly office that matched an Army job description. I was accepted into the Civilian Acquired Skills Program which was a pilot program. My training consisted of only 2 weeks of basic training, with on-the-job training afterward. I thought many times later while serving that I had at least received the full 8-week Basic Combat Training.

### **Did those feelings change as your career in the Military progressed?**

No, not at all. I think that those of us who choose to join the military do so to serve. Even though I'm retired, I hope my past training, knowledge, and understanding of what is going on in today's world will benefit you during these crazy times around the world.

### **What did it mean to you to be the first Native American to graduate from the Army Rotary Wing School at Fort Rucker?**

One of the highest honors of my career and life was to be the first Native American female to graduate from Army flight school. Of course, I was proud, but beneath that I felt that I carried the standard for other Native American women to show they could be whatever they strive to be. They truly could become anything they choose to be; they can step out and fulfill their dreams.

### **When looking back at your career, are there particular moments that stand out to you?**

Very early on in my flying career, I had the honor of flying two Oklahoma WWII Medal of Honor Recipients, Ernest Childers, and Jack Montgomery. Colonel Childers was such a down-to-earth individual who always knew who I was when I had the opportunity to see him at later events.

### **What is your favorite memory of the time that you served?**

In 1997, the largest number of servicewomen gathered in Washington D.C., for the dedication of the Women's Veterans Memorial at the entrance to Arlington National Cemetery.

I and Captain Nancy Walker-Johnson went to D.C. on reconnaissance to procure hotel rooms for 75 Army and Air Guard women, prior to the dedication. We went to the dedication headquarters to see if they would reserve a small spot for us to sit together. Then on hearing we were bringing 75 active-duty women to D.C. for the dedication asked if we would be interested in marching in the dedication. I immediately answered, "Yes General (Wilma) Vaught, we would!"



I was in the front row in the lead formation. We marched down the center of the road toward the entrance of the Cemetery, some 30,000 plus Lady Warriors, in attendance, many of whom were in wheelchairs in their uniforms, veterans of past wars and service, yelling at us, "GO Girls!" Yes, I could not help but get misty-eyed. I see it even now.

### Can you tell me about a specific assignment?

Having grown up on Air Force Bases, as children, we were exposed to a variety of nationalities. That exposure, and education, stayed with me while growing up, and then useful while serving.

It was during my very first assignment as a Medical Platoon Leader that I had a confrontation and discussion about discrimination. Two of my soldiers left their post to go pick up drinks for themselves without letting anyone know they were gone. Apparently, their past commander allowed them to do this, so we discussed that it was improper to leave their post, much less not tell anyone. They were my responsibility, and I would have had to answer as to why they were not at their post. The discussion took a different turn at that point when they accused me of discrimination, you see, they both were African American.

I had to make a point to them that I was no push-over, nor would I cower. I had to work with these male soldiers, but they had to take orders from me, a female officer.

I calmly looked them in the eyes and said to both, "Discrimination, you really want to throw discrimination in my face," to which they both shook their heads. "If you want to talk discrimination with me, I'll gladly talk discrimination with you." Immediately, they realized they had selected the wrong subject to discuss. Not only was I the first female leader, but I was also a woman and Native American. Considering my circumstances, there was no way they could throw discrimination at me. To this day, these soldiers remember that incident. I knew I had earned their respect, which is what all leaders should strive for.



Maj. Vicki Jones presenting a wreath at Veterans Field of Honor at Floral Haven Cemetery, Broken Arrow, Oklahoma. December 16, 2023 was "Wreaths Across America Day," when our fallen Heroes are honored with wreaths laid at their headstones. Let us never forget their service and sacrifice.

### When you finally decided to retire from the Military, what was going through your head? Were you excited, or sad, or did you have a different feeling about retiring?

I've known many individuals whom I served with who just couldn't give it up thinking the organization couldn't survive without them, only to see them pass away without ever really enjoying life. By the time I was ready to retire, I could not contribute physically to the service as I had. I had been in the military all my life, either being an "Air Force Brat" with Dad or my own career. I truly was looking forward to giving my son, Samuel, all the attention he did not receive while I was serving as he finished high school. Paul, my husband, who also served, and ironically was a door-gunner in Vietnam on Huey helicopters, retired from the OKARNG 3 years before my retirement, so we traveled. I was never sad after retirement because I still see and hear from individuals I served with.

### I also read that you have continued to be an active part of different organizations after retiring, can you tell me about some of those experiences?

In addition to being a life member with the National Guard Association, and American Legion, I have been a member of the Oklahoma Women





Veterans Organization shortly after retiring in 2007. This organization seeks to assist those female soldiers who need additional assistance with anything while on or off duty. They are one of the oldest female veteran organizations in the country. It is through them that I was nominated and received the award as "Oklahoma Women Veteran of the Year 2011", for contributions to the organization and community. I am truly grateful to them. This award took me to Florida where I was a guest speaker for the Seminole Nation during their veterans' celebrations as they honored Lady Veterans. The award is on display in the lobby of the Quapaw Downstream Casino.

**What does it mean to you when someone says you are the most Militarily decorated Quapaw?**

Everything I have accomplished and been recognized for, was never done for self-glory. I am not a vain person. Receiving any award or decoration simply tells me I did a good job. When it comes to talking about myself, it is hard. Just ask John Rogers, it took me almost a week to answer these questions.

I am honored, anytime that I hear this, because we all need something or someone to look up to. If what I have done inspires the younger generation to get out there and do something, then that is a good thing. I always told students to listen to those individuals who say they would be good at a particular skill or talent. The road was not always easy, perhaps the hardest road I have traveled, but I did it.

My accomplishments are yours, the Nations!



Major Jones has accomplished much in her life, but she also faced much adversity. Discrimination was sometimes silent, sometimes not so silent. Major Jones remembers the words of others, but they don't affect her the same way they would most individuals. Major Jones is no ordinary person - she is a proud, renowned Native American Veteran.

"I came home with the honor of having been the first helicopter pilot for the Oklahoma Army National Guard," said Major Jones. "But I was also described as a 'token' by one of our generals. At first, I was insulted, especially when it was said to our state governor that I was flying. Thinking about it, it's a badge of Honor. He could have used trailblazer, or other positive



term for the accomplishment of a person's achievements. We female soldiers, the early ones break the barriers for others. We have had worse terms thrown at us. I am proud to be a part of something hugely bigger than I was and that we were bringing in a new era for women soldiers.

Thank you for allowing me to share some of my thoughts with you.

Being a leader is not easy. Power corrupts and is so easily abused. I never wanted to abuse the trust I was given when the responsibility of lives was on the line. I and all who served regardless of gender, race, or religion upon enlistment and signed an oath to support and defend the Constitution of the United States Against All Enemies Foreign and Domestic. When I swore that oath it was embedded in my heart where it remains to this day."







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SATURDAY, JUNE 22, 2024  
11:00AM - 1:30 PM  
DOWNSTREAM CASINO RESORT

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JULY 1, 2023 & JUNE 30, 2024

THIS INCLUDES HIGH SCHOOL, COLLEGE,  
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Students may bring 2 guests with them to the banquet. Please indicate if you have any  
allergies/need a vegan meal. Complete student info sheet if you want to receive your  
certificate of recognition at the banquet. There will be door prizes, guest speakers.  
If students RSVP, but are not able to attend, they MUST contact QNHE, as soon as possible.

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## QUAPAW NATION EASTER EGG HUNT SATURDAY, MARCH 9, 2024









It was a normal day, so I thought, as I took the day off from school. Nails, shopping and my routine mammogram. By 2:00 that day, my whole world was turned upside down. The feared word..... CANCER had become part of my vocabulary.

Fast forward through a plethora of doctor appointments, surgery, healing and then Chemo; here I am. I won't bore you with all the medical details, I want to talk about the good that came from me being diagnosed with breast cancer in 2016.

# "I am Needed"

Written by **Wendy Kudrna**  
**Crawfish Clan**

The whole process required a lot of faith, a positive attitude, and support from my family and friends. My husband and three children each played a vital role in the whole process, especially the healing. I was teaching 1st Grade at the time and continued to teach. A lot of people couldn't understand why I would teach Monday through Wednesday, get chemo Wednesday afternoon and finish out the week. Here is why; It kept my mind busy, and it didn't wander to places it shouldn't. First graders love their teacher, need their shoes tied, jacket zipped and band-aids, they don't care that their teacher has cancer (I mean that in a positive way). They needed me as much as I needed them.

One gift that played a major role in my mindset was a coffee mug from my childhood gymnastic coach. On the outside of the box, she wrote positive sayings. One resonated with me= YOU ARE NEEDED. It hit me like a lightning bolt. I am needed for my kids, my husband and all my family and friends. Dying wasn't a choice.



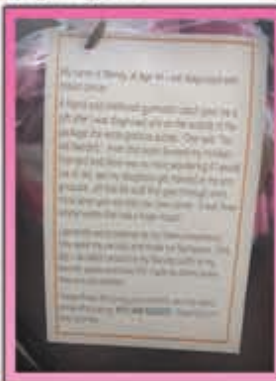
Wendy Kudrna "ringing the bell", this signifies completed cancer treatments

Once I completed all my treatments and things were slowly getting back to normal, I was trying to figure out what I could do to give back. I typically wore pajama pants to my chemo treatments. They were cozy, comfortable and gave me security.

I decided pajama pants with the saying **I am Needed** embroidered on them was my way to help other cancer patients to feel the love. It was a process to get started, but I have delivered at least 300 pair to chemo patients. I have provided many pairs to friends of friends that unfortunately are going through the cancer process. The Quapaw Tribe has been a huge part of helping me accomplish that through their donations

The process is for me to purchase pajamas, get them embroidered and then bag them up. I have a special note to the patients that is attached to the bag. It lets them know they are needed to live, laugh and share their love.

## Examples of the "I am Needed" pajama pants





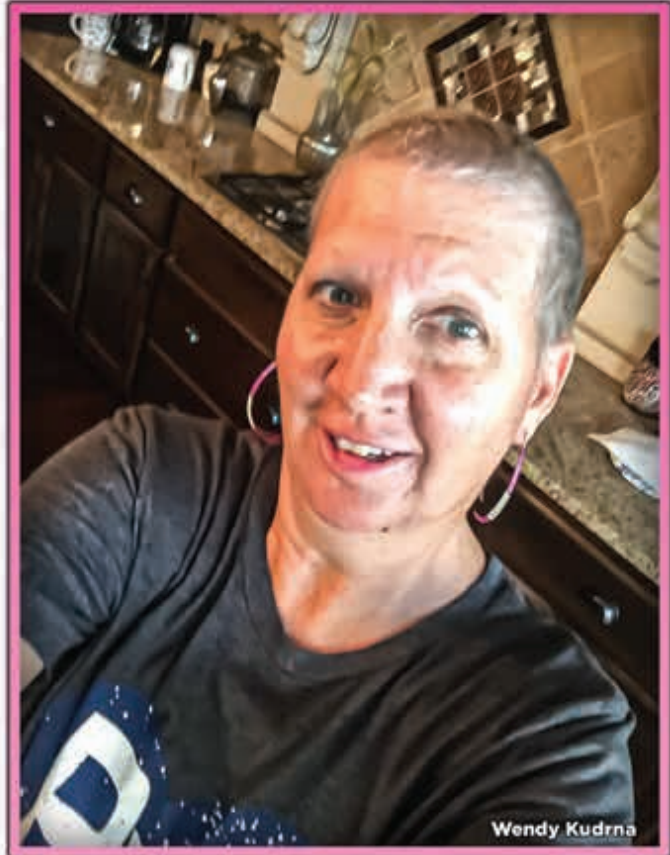
Recently the pajamas were put in the Heckaton Gift Shop and Museum. They are for sell and then the profits are in turn used to purchase more pajamas and embroidery.

I hope that I can touch as many people as possible, not just cancer patients, with a positive message that they are needed in this world. Times get tough, but a positive attitude and knowing people care can make a huge impact on one's life.



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"I am Needed" pajama pants  
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Wendy Kudrna



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# 152ND POWOW

JULY 4, 5, 6, & 7, 2024

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# Quapaw Business Committee February 2024 Summary

Ha-we,

There were multiple important topics discussed in the BC meeting today. The following summary is not the official meeting minutes. The approved minutes will become available in March. 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.

**Discussion of the Bear settlement or authorization bill are in bold.** Editor's notes are marked with <...>

## **ROLL CALL & DECLARATION OF QUORUM**

Present - Chair Supernaw, Secretary Treasurer Valliere, Member Buffalo, Member Davis, Member Mercer (Zoom), and Member Giveswater

## **CHAIR'S REPORT**

1. Leah Mercer, Larry Mercer's wife, passed away on Feb 4. Her services are today at 10:30am in Miami at the First United Methodist Church. To accommodate those who wish to attend the services, we will focus on conducting an efficient meeting this morning.
2. The following individuals were recommended and appointed to the Economic Development Subcommittee with concurrence from the full Business Committee. Congratulations to:
  - a. Austin Headlee
  - b. Billy Shapp
3. The following individuals were recommended and appointed to the Grounds Subcommittee with concurrence from the full Business Committee.
  - a. Charles Burtrum
  - b. Dawn Caldwell
  - c. Chayton Ellick
  - d. Jeremy Olsen
  - e. Julia Pebeashy
  - f. Corey Scott
  - g. Blayden Stand

Congratulations and the good news they already have written policies that can be referenced and modified. Their first goal will be to get together and elect their Chairman and Secretary. In March, the Grounds Committee stipend will be approved.





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4. Nominations are open for the 16th annual AARP Oklahoma Native American Elder Honors! The AARP Oklahoma Native American Elder Honors celebrates and recognizes 50 Native American elders who have positively impacted our country, state, communities, and Indian Country from Oklahoma's 39 tribal nations. You are invited to nominate a deserving tribal elder. Nominations are accepted at [aarp.org/OKNativeAmericanElderHonors](https://aarp.org/OKNativeAmericanElderHonors) through March 31, 2024. This year's AARP Oklahoma Native American Elder Honors celebration will occur on November 6th, 2024, at the First Americans Museum in Oklahoma City. The Elders Committee has put forward 2 nominees and we wanted to make sure everyone was aware so if there are others you would like nominated, that information is available.



Nominations are accepted at [aarp.org/OKNativeAmericanElderHonors](https://aarp.org/OKNativeAmericanElderHonors) through March 31, 2024.



5. Oklahoma Alliance on Aging is hosting their annual Senior Day at the Capitol to be held March 11. 2 members of the Elders Committee will be in attendance.
6. Regarding the analysis on the Goodeagle and Bear settlement analysis, Hobbs Straus and RSM are in the process of finalizing their work and providing their final report. Once we receive that report, we will be able to share their findings.
7. Quapaw Casino For the month ending December 31, 2023, Earnings Before Interest Taxes Depreciation & Amortization totaled \$551,000, with a margin of 26.1%. This result exceeded our budgeted expectation by \$139,000 and represents an increase of \$229,000 from December 2022. Quapaw Casino continues to build a strong cash position to support the new Quapaw Casino. Earlier this month, we selected a pre-construction manager after undertaking a competitive RFP process, per Quapaw Nation procurement policy.
8. Downstream Casino & Resort For the month ending December 31, 2023, Earnings Before Interest Taxes Depreciation & Amortization totaled \$9.5MM, with a margin of 47.9%. December's result exceeded budget by \$1.6MM and were \$1.9 MORE than December 2022. December 2023 was the BEST December in Downstream's history and the 6th highest month ever. Debt reduction during December increased with the required quarterly payment of \$7.5MM. This payment brings total debt eliminated to \$152.0MM, which is over the 50% mark, in the 25-month period since the restructure closed. Our next quarterly payment of \$7.5MM will be due on March 31st.
9. Saracen Casino & Resort December 2023 results were already provided last month. We will share all the casino January results next month. The Saracen executive team, the new Downstream Development Authority and the Business Committee continue to finalize the development budget, Guaranteed Maximum Price, and the capital plan to support the hotel and event center development.
10. Starting on February 20 at 1pm, the Quapaw Nation Business Committee will conduct its daily afternoon working sessions open to tribal members until we adjourn. We will be in the RWC Classroom the afternoons of 2/20 and 2/21 and the Community Building 2/22. In the event confidential matters are discussed, we will go into executive session where tribal members will be excused.



#### **Elders Committee (Grace Goodeagle)**

- 2 members will be attending Senior Day at the Capitol
- Planning will begin in another Elder Trip

#### **Election Committee (Frank Frazier)**

- Printer will be contacted in the next week for ballot printing
- Please request your absentee ballots
- 4/20 is the election date
- If you request an absentee ballot and decide to vote in person, you must bring the entire absentee packet the day of the election to vote in person

#### **Cultural Committee (Barbara Kyser Collier)**

- Designated 5 priorities for the year
  - o Men's traditional wear
  - o Roach making
  - o Silver smithing
  - o Making a corn pounder
  - o Quapaw women's dress
- Louis Ballard CD is now available at the library.
- USS Quapaw plaque - requesting maintenance department install next to the anchor
- Flag plaque to be prepared
- Funerary request on pottery for master's thesis approved
- Fall Festival 11/16/24 date to be confirmed at Downstream.  
11/15 is the day the treaty was signed 200 years ago

#### **Constitution Committee (Roman Kihega)**

- <Governing Resolution> Discrepancies reported to the Business Committee and seeking legal feedback
- Seneca Cayuga Constitution Committee joint session held for knowledge share
- March 22-23 tentative Native Nation Institute seminar. All tribal members are welcome.
- Holding working sessions 11/17 and 11/18
- 2 working sessions scheduled with Business Committee next week

#### **Executive Director Reports**

Their monthly reports were already submitted and asked their comments to be limited to updates not already included in the reports. Those reports are available on the tribal website for anyone interested. If others present have questions, please wait until Open Forum, and direct your questions to the Business Committee.

<None of the Executive Directors had updates beyond their submitted reports.>

#### **Emergency Phone Polls Approved Since Last Meeting - none**

#### **New Business Resolutions Approved**

1. 021724-A Claremore Indian Hospital Health Board Representative
2. 021724-B Reserved Treaty Rights Lands Proposal
3. 021724-C Authorizing ODEQ Access to Perform Remediation
4. 021724-D Purchase of Restricted Interest in Land-Surface Only
5. 021724-E Purchase Request-Produce Wash-Pack House Build

#### **Donations Approved**

1. Commerce Days Request \$500
2. Oklahoma Warriors Honor Flight Request \$500
3. Commerce High School After-Prom Request \$500
4. Mission Trip for Library Project \$500
5. Quapaw High School \$500

#### **Open Forum**

In order to speak, an individual must have submitted the form or must pertain to topics on today's agenda. There is a 5-minute time limit. 1 trip to the podium. Be respectful. No one submitted forms this month.

Tribal Member Question - how many days must the Open Forum form be submitted to be on the agenda? Deadline will be added to the tribal website form.





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