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## Osage Nation Special Election Aug. 13

### Four proposed Constitutional amendment questions on ballot

By Benny Polacca  
Osage News

Osages will be asked for the second time this year to vote in a Special Election to be held on August 13 on the Osage campus. The Special Election asks Osages to vote for or against four proposed Osage Constitutional amendment questions.

The questions pertain to the Osage Minerals Estate and

its role in the 2006 reformed tribal government.

The amendment questions require a 65 percent “yes” vote to pass.

On Aug. 13, the Special Election will be held at the Congressional Chambers on the

Osage government campus in Pawhuska. The poll will be open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. and the election is open to all enrolled Osages with membership cards. Osages who are

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The renovation project on the Osage Casino Sand Springs is complete and casino officials are planning refurbishment efforts to improve the Nation’s entire seven-casino venture.

## Osage Casinos completes \$9 million renovation to Sand Springs location

By Benny Polacca  
Osage News

SAND SPRINGS – The renovation project to the Osage Casino Sand Springs is complete and casino officials are planning refurbishment efforts to improve the Nation’s entire seven-casino venture.

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# 2012 General Election results certified

## Third ON Congress to be sworn in July 4

By Benny Polacca  
Osage News

The 2012 Osage Nation General Election results are certified with four first-time Congress members and two re-elected incumbents elected to serve on the Third ON Congress.

The six Osages will take the oath of office on July 4 at the Congressional Chambers in Pawhuska and will serve four-year terms.

The ON Election Board unanimously certified the results of the June 4 election during its June 8 meeting. The board did not receive any public challenges of the results and did not count provisional ballots toward the unofficial results.

Serving on the Third ON Congress are: RJ Walker, John F. Maker, Archie L. Mason, Shannon Love Edwards, Maria Whitehorn and John Jech. All seven proposed Osage Constitution amendment questions listed on the ballot failed to receive 65 percent of the “yes” vote in order to pass.

This is the third inauguration of Osage Congressional members since the reformed tribal government launched in 2006. The Congress members will meet twice a year for 24-day regular sessions during spring and fall and may be called into special session at any time via legislative and executive proclamations. Congress members are paid \$56,000 per year and receive up to \$9,000 in stipends per year.

### 2012 General Election turnout

In this year’s election, 2,124 Osages voted, which is just under 500 voters shy of the 2010 general election turnout. That year, 2,628 Osages voted in the election for the Second ON Congress and Office of the Chiefs.

The Election Office received 18 provisional ballots mailed for the

## *The official winners of the 2012 Osage General Election are:*

- 1) RJ Walker - 607 votes - 32.86 percent
- 2) John F. Maker – 601 votes – 32.53 percent
- 3) Archie L. Mason – 587 votes – 31.78 percent
- 4) Shannon Love Edwards – 584 votes – 31.61 percent
- 5) Maria Whitehorn – 506 votes – 27.39 percent
- 6) John Jech – 487 votes – 26.36 percent

**All proposed seven amendments to the Osage Constitution failed. Amendments must have 65 percent of the vote to pass.**

*The rest of the candidates finished in this order:*

- 7) Amanda S. Proctor – 437 – 23.66 percent
- 8) Anthony Shackelford – 421 – 22.79 percent
- 9) Cecelia Tallchief – 420 – 22.74 percent
- 10) Becky M. Johnson – 413 – 22.36 percent
- 11) Nicki Revard Lorenzo – 398 – 21.54 percent
- 12) Kathryn Red Corn – 398 – 21.54 percent
- 13) Oliva “Libbi” Gray – 392 – 21.22 percent
- 14) Mark J. Simms – 377 – 20.41 percent
- 15) Jerri Jean Branstetter – 377 – 20.41 percent
- 16) Candy Thomas – 368 – 19.92 percent
- 17) Linda LaZelle – 356 – 19.27 percent
- 18) Matthew C. Shunkamolah – 329 – 17.81 percent
- 19) Teresa DeRoin Hudgins – 295 – 15.97 percent
- 20) Hank Hainzinger – 288 – 15.59 percent
- 21) Jozi Tall Chief – 250 – 13.53 percent
- 22) Rose Mary Shaw – 245 – 13.26 percent
- 23) Berbon R. Hamilton – 232 – 12.56 percent
- 24) Angela Marie Pratt – 231 – 12.50 percent
- 25) Jenny Miller – 208 – 11.26 percent
- 26) Jim Ryan – 183 – 9.91 percent

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June 4 General Election, but those mailed-in absentee ballots will not be counted toward the final results because the number is not high enough to impact the unofficial results, per the Nation’s election code.

On June 6, Election Office workers collected the provisional ballots kept at the Pawhuska post office, 48 hours after the absentee ballots were collected for the June 4 election. Those considered to be provisional

ballots are postmarked at least one day prior to the election and received by the Pawhuska post office within 48 hours after the election.

In this year’s general election, 18 provisional ballots “are not enough to affect the outcome of the election,” said Election Supervisor Alexis Rencountre. For that to happen, Rencountre said 50 provisional ballots would’ve been needed because that’s the number of votes between

John Jech, who placed sixth with 487 votes and Amanda Proctor, who finished seventh with 437 votes.

“If we had more than 50 then we could (count them), there is a possibility that would make a difference,” Rencountre said.

The Election Office has also released a breakdown of the election results which detail how many votes a candidate received from in-person voters and those who cast absentee ballots. The same breakdown for the seven proposed Constitutional amendments was not immediately available.

According to the unofficial results breakdown, Shannon Edwards received the highest number of absentee votes out of all the 34 candidates who ran this year. Edwards (who placed fourth) received 416 absentee votes and 168 in-person votes, which equal 584 votes.

John Maker, who finished second with 601 votes, received the highest number of in-person votes out of all the candidates. He received 387 in-person votes and 214 absentee votes.

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# Black mold found in Osage Tribal Courthouse spurs renovation

By Shannon Shaw  
Osage News

Osage Nation Tribal Court has been held at Wakon Iron Hall in the Pawhuska Indian Village since April. The reason: stachybotrys mold.

Stachybotrys, also known as black mold, was discovered in every room of the courthouse forcing the Nation's Properties Department to evacuate all four employees working in the Judicial building. The employees, which included then-Supreme Court Chief Justice Charles Lohah, are Trial Court Judge Marvin Stepson and two court clerks.

Lohah has since retired and Stepson and one court clerk are now working out of the Nation's Attorney General's office, located in a double wide trailer off of Grandview. The second court clerk has been put on unpaid administrative leave by the Nation's Human Resources Department, according to court staff.

"Since March 20, 2012 we have been working to address issues related to water infiltration at the Judicial Building (Round Building). We filed a claim with the Nation's insurance company to address the problem. We immediately called a restoration company to assess and remove water damaged sheetrock and insulation. Dryers and dehumidifiers were placed in these areas to dry out the areas with excessive moisture," said Bruce Cass, director for the Nation's properties department. "Upon communicating a possible mold problem with the insurance company we were instructed by the adjuster to halt all remediation work to allow for professionals to inspect and test the areas of concern. At that point we did just that."

## Report

The month of April came and went with little progress to the Judicial building. Then, in May, a mold inspection was ordered and performed.

"The Nation was informed at that point that response to claims of this nature may take from 4 to 6 weeks to



Photo by Chalene Toehay/Osage News

**Osage Nation Tribal Courtroom is under repair after high levels stachybotrys mold (black mold) was discovered in May.**

complete all required inspections and testing. On May 11, 2012 the Nation was authorized to proceed with demolition of the damaged areas. The Nation's Properties Department proceeded with scheduling and started the demolition and ordering material to repair the damaged areas," Cass said. "We will proceed with the appropriate repairs in house until such time that the insurance adjuster approves the claim and provides an agreed upon amount between claims adjuster and an independent contractor that is estimating the cost of repairs for the adjuster."

According to the 22-page report conducted by TRC Environmental Corporation, Cass told TRC that three days of heavy rain around March 27, 2012, resulted in significant water intrusion in the Trial Courtroom and the offices along

the west elevation of the building. Servpro Cleanup Service was engaged by the Nation to initiate drying procedures immediately following the rain, and the company Belfor (property restoration) was retained by Tribal First (the Nation's insurance company) to conduct preliminary remediation activities.

According to TRC, May 11 was when the limited microbial assessment was performed on the court offices. The Judicial building is 5,000 square feet and houses the tribal court and the Osage Nation Police Department. The ONPD is located on the south side of the building.

The report showed the presence of five types of mold in nine rooms in the court offices and courtroom. The report was completed on May 15.

The Environmental Toxicologist, Mindy Olivares, conducted moisture

tests and did tape lift surface samplings on visible mold found inside the walls. The results showed four types of mold with low to moderate readings in all nine rooms. They were Alternaria, Aspergillus/Penicillium, Chaetomium and Curvularia.

Stachybotrys was found in seven rooms with high readings. It was found in the two remaining rooms with low to moderate readings.

According to the CDC, "Stachybotrys is a greenish-black mold. It can grow on material with a high cellulose and low nitrogen content, such as fiberboard, gypsum board, paper, dust, and lint. Growth occurs when there is moisture from water damage, excessive humidity, water leaks, condensation, water infiltration, or flooding. Constant moisture

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## Casino Renovation Complete

Construction crews have wrapped the 10-month renovation project on the Sand Springs casino which includes an improved smoke ventilation system, VIP lounge, new bar with dance floor and a sit-down restaurant which opens to the public next month. The renovation project cost \$9 million to remodel the casino, which was built in 2004 and currently houses 462 electronic slot machines.

The casino's exterior is also refurbished and no longer resembles a "white barn" as some have called it. The exterior now has brickwork, automatic sliding-glass entry doors, and the main entrance has a new shade with dual waterfalls on each of its main pillars.

Casino and Osage Nation government officials gathered at the facility to celebrate the milestone on June 20 with a grand reopening ceremony. Principal Chief John Red Eagle said a blessing before casino officials spoke about the project.

"This is the first of seven, this one is the launch of a new standard for us, a new way of doing business for us," Osage Casino CEO Neil Cornelius said at the event. He describes the remodeled casino as: "customer-driven, entertainment-centric, comfortable."

The renovation project originated as an upgrade for casino's air quality system to address customer complaints about the smoky atmosphere. It then grew to include replacing the smoke-penetrated ceiling and walls and to consider adding other amenities.

Byron Bighorse, general manager of the Sand Springs casino, touted the casino's new smoke ventilation system, which flushes the smoke-filled air out of the casino and then brings in fresh air. Bighorse said the casino's air changes six times per hour thanks to the new ventilation system.

The casino, which covers 24,000 square feet, also houses 35 high stakes machines; and four table games for Blackjack and Ultimate



Osage News File Photo

**The Osage Casino at Sand Springs before its 2012 exterior renovation project. The casino opened in 2004 and is north of U.S. Highway 412 off the 129th West Avenue exit.**

Hold'Em Poker, according to a news release. The bar area contains 10 video poker machines and 16 high-definition TVs so customers can view multiple sporting events being shown.

The Crystal Lounge VIP room features white leather furniture and food and beverage service to those who use it. Bighorse said the VIP room is reserved for customers who are Club Osage cardholders with top-level (Crystal) playing status. The Club Osage card program, also renamed recently, has four levels of tiers for its customers: Ruby, Sapphire, Emerald and Crystal.

A new sit-down restaurant built in the Sand Springs casino is scheduled to open July 15.

Bighorse said the project costs were split down the middle with \$4.5 million spent on renovating the interior and the other \$4.5 million going toward the exterior including landscaping and a new main casino sign due to be placed in August.

Osage Manhattan Builders, a subsidiary of the Osage Limited Liability Company, managed the renovation project.

"This event was very significant for Osage LLC, as projects such as

this one for the Osage Nation is one of the reasons that our company moved into the construction field – to ensure that money goes to the Nation while creating jobs in the process," Osage LLC CEO Carol Leese said in a news release. "I want to commend the Osage Manhattan Builders team on a job well done."

The Osage Casinos are being revamped according to the master plan approved by casino and government officials. The Skiatook and Ponca City casinos are next for refurbishment projects with the Ponca City casino targeted for a new building.

The Nation has been discussing a casino project for years with particular attention on the Ponca City casino, which is currently housed in several trailers on the property east of the Arkansas River along U.S. Highway 60. It opened in December 2007.

To view a Flickr photo set of the June 20 Sand Springs Osage Casino reopening event, click this link: [www.flickr.com/photos/osagenews/sets/72157630211651256/](http://www.flickr.com/photos/osagenews/sets/72157630211651256/)

To view the Osage News video of the reopening visit <http://osagenews.org/video/grand-reopening-osage-casino-sand-springs>

## Official Election Results

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- 27) Carl L. Sellers –  
174 – 9.42 percent
- 28) Joe Mashunkashey –  
173 – 9.36 percent
- 29) W. Jacque Jones –  
170 – 9.20 percent
- 30) Joseph Roger Lynn, Jr.  
– 144 – 7.80 percent
- 31) Justin M. Mays –  
139 – 7.52 percent
- 32) Bill Mashunkashey –  
133 – 7.20 percent
- 33) Roscoe Mays – 86  
– 4.66 percent
- 34) Shane Rencountre –  
75 – 4.06 percent

### Amendment Results:

- 1) ONCR 10-21:  
YES - 1,105 - 54.33 percent;  
NO - 929 - 45.67 percent
- 2) ONCR 10-22:  
YES - 1,101 - 54.12 percent;  
NO - 933 - 45.87 percent
- 3) ONCR 10-23:  
YES - 1,032 - 50.81 percent;  
NO - 999 - 49.19 percent
- 4) ONCR 10-26:  
YES - 1,079 - 54 percent;  
NO - 919 - 46 percent
- 5) ONCR 10-30:  
NO - 1,050 - 52.40 percent;  
YES - 954 - 47.60 percent
- 6) ONCR 11-05:  
YES - 1,193 - 59.62 percent;  
NO - 808 - 40.38 percent
- 7) ONCR 11-10:  
YES - 1,333 - 64.71 percent;  
NO - 727 - 35.29 percent

### Total number of ballots for the 2012 Osage General Election: 2,124

1,056 absentee ballots cast  
1,068 in person ballots cast

## Black Mold

is required for its growth. It is not necessary, however, to determine what type of mold you may have. All molds should be treated the same with respect to potential health risks and removal.”

According to TRC’s report, the building was built in the 1970’s to 1980’s. But the tribal courthouse has housed many entities in the past before the Nation’s new government passed in 2006. A former employee of the first entity to work in the building said the Judicial building was built in 1995.

TRC recommended that all work performed to the area be conducted in accordance with the “Guidelines on Assessment and Remediation of Fungi in Indoor Environments,” by the New York City Department of Health & Mental Hygiene, Bureau of Environmental & Occupational Disease Epidemiology.

The report recommended all sources for the water leakage found in the building be repaired. All walls, carpet, and materials in the courthouse impacted by the mold need to be disposed of and all materials associated, such as insulation, sheetrock, drywall, carpet padding, tack strips and other materials. The report recommended continued removal of two feet beyond all visible impact of

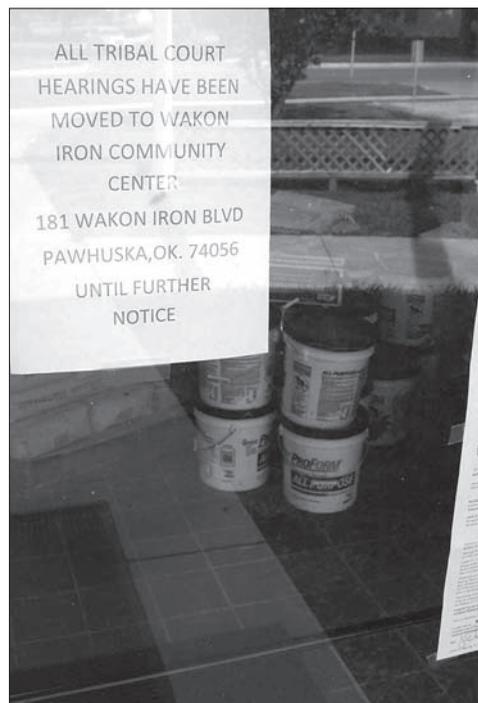


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**A sign on the front doors of the Nation’s Judicial building, located at 1333 Grandview, redirect patrons to Wakon Iron Hall.**

mold. The HVAC filters in the building should also be changed.

The report recommended post remediation sampling. “Upon completion of the physical removal of scheduled materials and drying of the remaining materials, the entire area should be re-inspected and conditions documented.”

The report recommended four areas of remediation. Make sure the

moisture levels of all remaining structural materials are sufficiently dry; no visible suspect fungal growth remain; there are no fungal, moldy or bacterial odors noticeable in the work areas; and that all visible dust and debris have been removed from the work areas.

### Tribal Court

The tribal court staff is less than pleased. Even though construction has begun and the renovation is underway, there was a period of about two months the court staff said they had no communication from the Executive Branch and no timeline was given to them as to when the renovation would be started or the progress of the operation. Court staff said they still have received no word as to when they will be back in the courthouse.

Judge Stepson said it’s unacceptable that it has taken so long to clean up the courthouse, especially since they are the third branch of government. The renovation hasn’t affected tribal court proceedings too much, he said, but holding court at Wakon Iron is an inconvenience for tribal members and makes it difficult to control his courtroom at times. But, they have been able to proceed with civil cases but the longer-term cases have been affected.

There was an instance when a program of the Nation had booked Wakon Iron Hall on the same day that the Nation’s trial court was to proceed, forcing the trial court to be held outside.

“In late March we discovered a lot of mold in our offices, we’ve known that for quite a while because every time it would rain the carpet would get wet and Judge Lohah would get ill,” Stepson said. “I didn’t think it was a safe environment, so that’s why we hold court at Wakon Iron.”

Former Chief Justice Lohah, who was diagnosed with terminal lung cancer in March of 2011, said his coughing would get worse every time he went to work.

“I think it was something that

added to just an annoyance on top of everything else. It made me cough a lot, but I was coughing a lot anyway but I would cough even more when I was in my office,” he said. “They noticed the problem in my office for over a year and thought it was just localized in one little spot in my office, and finally my clerks got someone to check it out and (two men from the ON Maintenance Department) spotted the mold.”

Lohah, who stepped down from his post in April of this year, said once the mold was spotted all his belongings in his office were packed up.

According to the CDC, “Mold exposure does not always present a health problem indoors. However some people are sensitive to molds. These people may experience symptoms such as nasal stuffiness, eye irritation, wheezing, or skin irritation when exposed to molds. Some people may have more severe reactions to molds. Severe reactions may occur among workers exposed to large amounts of molds in occupational settings, such as farmers working around moldy hay. Severe reactions may include fever and shortness of breath. Immunocompromised persons (low immune systems) and persons with chronic lung diseases like COPD are at increased risk for opportunistic infections and may develop fungal infections in their lungs.”

The *Osage News* asked Lohah if he would be pursuing any legal action against the Nation and he said, “Oh no, gosh no.”

Judge Stepson said that when he came to work his tongue would burn and the back of his throat would hurt.

“If it was my choice I would have called a company that specializes in this type of work and they would have come in and done the work in a hurry and then you pay them,” Stepson said. “I can see two to three weeks, but going on [three] months, that’s not right.”

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**July 25th** is the deadline  
for all submissions for the  
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*Mark it on your calendars!*

# Osage donates grandfather's 1886 Carlisle uniform to NMAI

By Jacelle Ramon-Sauberan  
Osage News

Joe Conner has had his grandfather's Carlisle Indian Industrial School uniform hanging in his closet for several years. He finally decided it was time to pass it on.

Conner, Osage, sold the uniform, which his grandfather wore in 1886, to the Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian in Washington, D.C. He also gave the Smithsonian two booklets, five photos and two Indian Clubs.

"My wife and I don't have children

NMAI but hand delivered the other items in April, accompanied by his wife and a couple of friends.

One of the things the NMAI is trying to do with their collection is build a record of American Indian experiences over time, said Ann McMullen, curator at the NMAI. What Conner had was exactly that.

"The items showed George's life at Carlisle and what he thought about the experience," McMullen said. "It was a nice little package that showed so much of a man named George."

Not to mention, the uniform is



Courtesy Photo

A photo of Joe Conner's grandfather, George Conner. Back row L to R: Conner's aunt Letha and his grandfather, George Conner. Front row, L to R: Conner's father Don and grandmother Lillian.

and I don't have too many nieces and nephews," Connor said. "I wanted to pass it on to someone so I sent letters to various museums and turned out they all were interested in my grandfather's uniform."

Conner decided the NMAI was the best place for the uniform and other memorabilia because of their state-of-the-art storage facilities.

Conner mailed the uniform to the

one of only two known to exist from Carlisle. The museum has one uniform dating from around 1916 but George's uniform is the oldest McMullen has seen.

"From what I can tell there isn't many Carlisle uniforms out there especially in pristine condition like George's," McMullen said.

McMullen adds that there is a

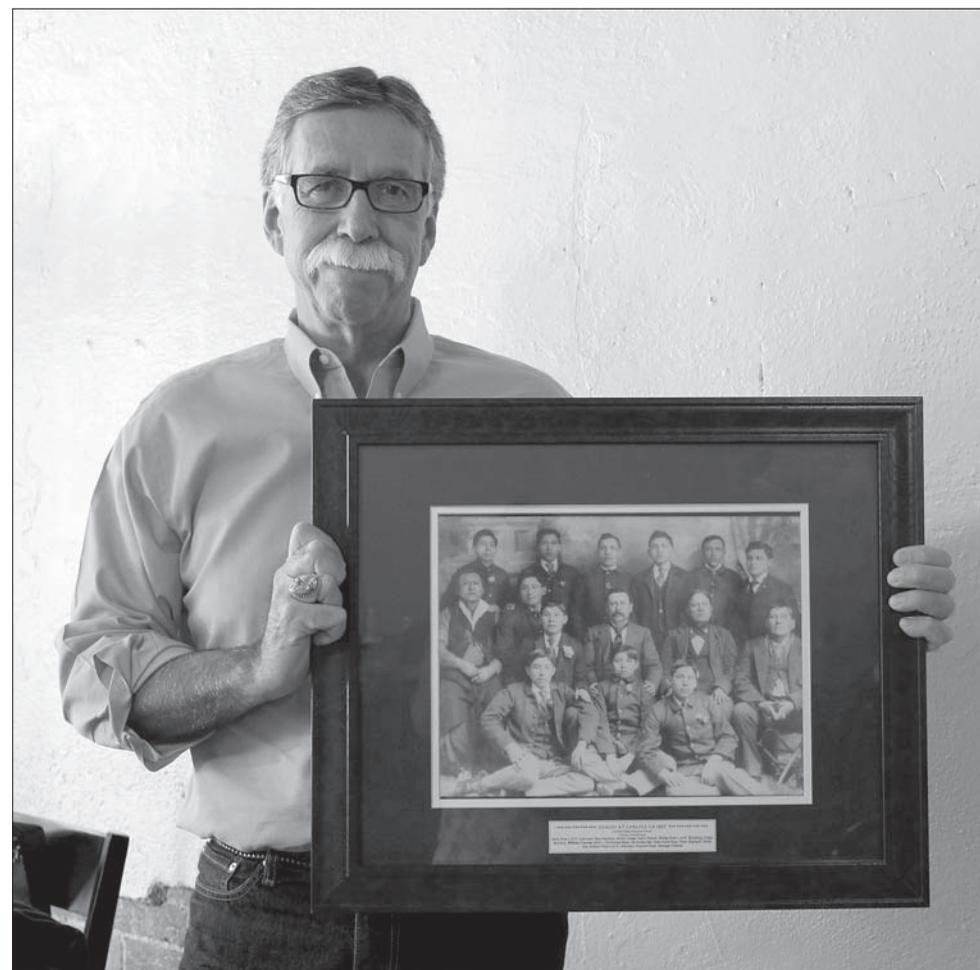


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Joe Conner holds up a photo of an Osage delegation that features his grandfather, George Conner. The photo is part of a collection of memorabilia from his grandfather's life he recently donated to the Smithsonian's Nation Museum of the American Indian.

misperception that the museum only collects items that only American Indians make and the museum is trying to change that.

"We want to share the lives of American Indians with people and hopefully we can do that with the collection from George's life," McMullen said. "There is a tremendous amount of information between the items."

Conner's grandfather George Conner was born on the Osage Reservation near present day Chautauqua, Kans., in 1870. His parent's were Le.Ah.Tsa and Little Doctor (Wah.Kon.Tah Zhin.Ka). Le.ah.tsa was the daughter of Little Bear (Wa.Sa.Pe.Zhin.Ka) who was the Principal Chief of the Little Osages.

Little Doctor was killed shortly after George was born by Kansas Mili-

tia on his return from a hunting trip, Conner said. Le.Ah.Tsa then married William Conner (Oh.Hunka.Moie).

"When my grandfather was about five or six, Will and his mother were on a buffalo hunt in western Oklahoma when she was killed," Conner said.

Conner added that newspaper accounts at the time reported she was giving birth to William's child when she was set adrift on an ice flow in the Salt Fork of Arkansas River by unknown Indians. She and the baby died.

George Conner was then sent to live with his Aunt Margaret "Maggie" Lawrence on her ranch west of

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# From the Editorial Board

By Robert Warrior  
Osage Nation Editorial  
Board Chair

On behalf of the Osage Nation Editorial Board, I am pleased to announce the board's appointment of Tara McLain Manthey as a member. Manthey, an Osage tribal member, will serve a one-year term as mandated by amendments to the Osage Independent Press Act. Teresa Trumbly Lamsam completed her term as a board member this spring.

Manthey brings a wealth of experience to the editorial board, including more than eight years working as a professional journalist and four years working in the non-profit sector. She is now the Communications Director at Colorado Children's Campaign in Denver, Colo. Manthey previ-

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Tara McLain Manthey

# Osage News cartoonist to publish second book in August

*Osage News*

Santo Domingo Pueblo cartoonist Ricardo Caté describes Indian humor as the result of Natives living in a dominant culture who often fall short of fitting in.

His way of communicating that humor in his cartoon illustrations titled, *Without Reservations*, has struck a funny bone in Indian Country.

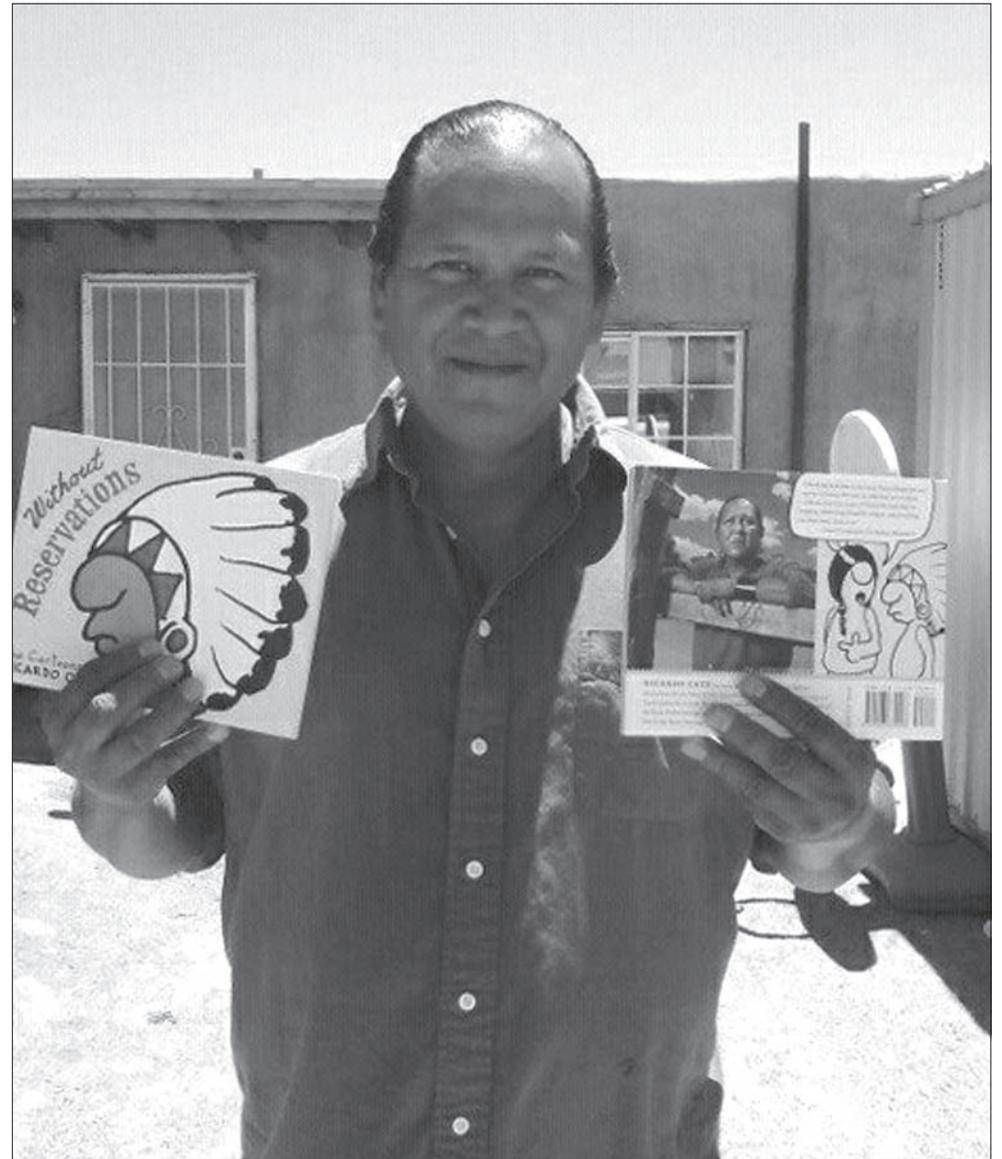
His second book, a compilation of cartoons to be published by Gibbs Smith Paperback for \$9.99 in August, is a continuation of his popular daily cartoon featured in the Santa Fe, N.M., newspaper *The Santa Fe New Mexican*.

"Caté's cartoons serve to remind us there is always a different point of view, or laughing at every day scenes of home life where Indian kids act just like their brethren of different races. *Without Reservations* is always thought-provoking whether it makes you laugh, smirk, or just enjoy the diversity of thought to be found in Indian Country," said Wes Studi, Native American actor/director.

Caté has been drawing the daily cartoon for *The Santa Fe New Mexican* since 2006. His wry and often poignant humor pokes fun at both the white man and the Indian. Ricardo follows the ways of his Kewa Pueblo heritage and teaches on the reservation. He has three children and lives in the Santo Domingo Pueblo, N.M.

Caté has been drawing cartoons for the *Osage News* since June, 2009.

For more information on Caté and *Without Reservations* visit his Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/WithoutReservations>.



Courtesy Photo

The second book from Ricardo Cate, Santo Domingo Pueblo cartoonist, will be available in paperback this August from Gibbs Smith Paperback for \$9.99. Cate has been drawing cartoons for the Osage News since June, 2009.

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**Osage News**  
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**OPA awards**

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The *Osage News* won six Oklahoma Press Association awards in its first year of participation in the OPA Better Newspaper Contest.

The *News* placed in the following award categories, which include news content; layout and design; feature writing and photography in its respective category. The OPA also awarded the *News* first place for personal columns during the 2011 contest period.

The newspaper took second place for in-depth enterprise reporting for its coverage on the \$380 million Osage Trust Case Settlement last fall. The settlement agreement, executed Oct. 14, 2011, paid the tribe \$380 million to compensate for its claims of historical losses to its trust funds and interest income as a result of the government's mismanagement of trust assets.

*News* staff wrote stories on the settlement including the lawsuit's history; people involved in the lawsuit; and ideas for spending and investing the settlement money awarded to the shareholders. The *News* also traveled with an Osage delegation in October 2011 to Washington D.C. to cover the ceremonial signing of the settlement.

Former *News* reporter Sunnie Clahchischiligi wrote blog columns for the newspaper's osagenews.org Web site, which were entered for the contest.

*Osage News* garnered six awards total:

- First Place for Personal Columns
- Second Place for In-Depth Enterprise

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Special Election Constitutional Amendments

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PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS  
FOR THE AUGUST 13, 2012 SPECIAL ELECTION

Mark Your Ballot Like This ■

1) ONCR 10-19  Yes  No

**Shall Article VI of the Osage Nation Constitution be amended by inserting a new section that limits the Osage Nation Congress' legislative power over the Mineral Estate?**

PURPOSE: This proposed amendment to the Osage Nation Constitution would limit Osage Nation Congressional authority over the Osage Nation Mineral Estate by ensuring that the Osage Nation Congress may not pass legislation that imposes a tax on Osage mineral royalties or appropriates Osage Mineral Estate funds. The proposed amendment attempts to clarify any potential conflict with Article XV, Section 4 of the Constitution, which gives the Osage Mineral Council, as an independent agency within the Osage Nation, the sole authority to administer and develop the Osage Mineral Estate

2) ONCR 11-12  Yes  No

**Shall Article VII of the Osage Nation Constitution be amended to exclude the Minerals Council from its composition?**

PURPOSE: This proposed amendment to the Osage Nation Constitution would exclude from the composition of the Executive Branch, and therefore remove from Executive Branch authority, all the departments, agencies, commissions, village committees, boards, trusts, authorities, and instrumentalities of the Osage Nation specifically reserved to the Osage Nation Congress, Osage Nation Judiciary, or Osage Nation Minerals Council.

3) ONCR 11-13  Yes  No

**Shall Article XIII of the Osage Nation Constitution be amended to remove Osage Minerals Council Elections from Osage Nation Congressional responsibility.**

PURPOSE: This proposed amendment to the Osage Nation Constitution removes the responsibility for establishing an election code for the Osage Minerals Council from the Osage Nation Congress and instead places the responsibility on the Osage Nation Minerals Council.

4) ONCR 11-14  Yes  No

**Shall Article XV of the Osage Nation Constitution be amended to delete the existing language in its entirety and to replace Article XV with language on recognizing the authority of the Osage Minerals Council to manage the Osage Minerals Estate?**

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NOT ACTUAL SIZE. Official Ballot will be printed on an 8-1/2x11 sheet.

# SPECIAL ELECTION NOTICE



## Osage Nation Election Office

P.O. Box 928 • Pawhuska, Oklahoma 74056

Toll Free (877) 560-5286 • Phone (918) 287-5286 • Fax (918) 287-5292

E-mail: [electionoffice@osagetribe.org](mailto:electionoffice@osagetribe.org)



DATE: August 13, 2012  
TIME: 8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. CDT

POLL LOCATION: Osage Nation Tribal Administration Building  
Congress/Minerals Council Chambers  
813 Grandview  
Pawhuska, Oklahoma

### QUALIFICATIONS TO VOTE:

- Any enrolled member of the Osage Nation that is eighteen (18) years of age or older on Election Day who has been issued an Osage Nation Membership Card on or after October 9, 2002, which bears the signature of a Principal Chief of the Osage Nation.

### MANNER OF VOTING:

- Voting shall be by secret ballot.
- Except as otherwise provided, any qualified voter may vote by:
  - Appearing at the prescribed polling place;
  - Announcing to the election officials his or her name;
  - Presenting a government issued photo identification\* (Example: Driver's License, Passport, Military ID, etc.);
 

*\*If you do not have a photo identification to present, you may vote if two (2) election officials sign an affidavit affirming your identity.*
  - Signing the ballot sign out sheet; and
  - Marking the ballot and placing it in the ballot box.
- Any eligible voter who will be unable to vote in person may vote by Absentee Ballot.

### REQUESTING AN ABSENTEE BALLOT:

- To request an Absentee Ballot Request form, either:
  - Visit our website at [www.osagetribe.com/electionboard](http://www.osagetribe.com/electionboard), click on the Information Page, click on the Forms Link, and then fill out, print, and sign the Absentee Ballot Request form; or
  - You can request for the Absentee Ballot Request form to be sent to you by calling the Election Office toll free at (877) 560-5286 or by e-mailing [electionoffice@osagetribe.org](mailto:electionoffice@osagetribe.org).
- Return the completed Absentee Ballot Request form along with a copy of a government issued photo identification (Example: Driver's License, Passport, Military ID, etc.) to the Election Office. Please sign the Absentee Ballot Request form the same way you will sign the absentee ballot return envelope. Use one of the following methods to return your completed request:
  - Scan and e-mail to [electionoffice@osagetribe.org](mailto:electionoffice@osagetribe.org);
  - Fax to (918) 287-5292; or
  - Mail to P.O. Box 928, Pawhuska, OK 74056.
- The deadline for the Election Office to receive your completed Absentee Ballot Request form and photo identification is **JULY 24, 2012** no later than 4:30 p.m., CDT.

### VOTING BY ABSENTEE BALLOT:

- Instructions for marking and mailing your ballot can be found enclosed with your ballot.
- All Absentee Ballots must arrive by 10:00 a.m. CDT on **August 13, 2012**, which is the day of the election, in the Pawhuska Post Office in order to be valid.
- Ballots that bear a readable official U.S. postmark no later than one (1) day prior to the election and received at the **Pawhuska Post Office** within forty-eight (48) hours after the deadline may be considered Provisional Ballots.
- Any eligible voter who receives an Absentee Ballot who does not complete and mail the ballot, but instead wishes to cast his or her vote in person must first:
  - Surrender his or her ballot to the Election Supervisor or authorized designee on Election Day; or
  - Sign an affidavit stating they received a ballot, but did not vote it.
- IMPORTANT:** Pursuant to the Osage Nation Election Code, 5.2 (F) (1), a person is guilty of a violation of this code who knowingly votes more than once at any election. The penalty for this violation pursuant to Section 5.2 (G) is a fine not to exceed five thousand dollars (\$5,000), or a term of imprisonment not to exceed one (1) year, or both.

### METHODS OF OBTAINING ASSISTANCE IN VOTING:

- On Election Day, if a voter or voter's agent presents him or herself and states that the voter, because of a physical disability or language barrier, is unable to mark the ballot, assistance shall be provided by at least two (2) election officials. The voter may also be accompanied by a person of their choice in casting their ballot. No proxy voting will be allowed.
- A wheelchair shall be available at the polling place to assist a disabled voter into the designated polling place so a voter may cast his or her ballot. At least two (2) election officials shall be available to assist the disabled voter from their vehicle into the polling place where the ballot shall be cast. The voter may also be accompanied by a person of their choice in casting their ballot. No proxy voting will be allowed.
- If you need additional assistance on Election Day, please contact the Election Office toll free at (877) 560-5286 or locally at (918) 287-5286 in advance, if possible.



If you do not currently have the above card, please contact the Osage Nation Membership Office toll free at (800) 818-6517.

## Editorial Board

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ously served on the Osage News Editorial Council, which provided guidance and support to the Osage News prior to the establishment of the current board in 2010. Manthey's writing on the need for a free Osage press won an award from the Native American Journalists Association in 2010.

In welcoming Tara Manthey to our board, let me also express on the board's behalf gratitude to Teresa Trumbly Lamsam for her service to our nation. Lamsam served on the Editorial Council and the Editorial Board since 2008.

## Letters to the Editor Submissions

If you'd like to submit a letter to the editor, mail it to the *Osage News*, Attn.: Shannon Shaw, 619 Kihkah, Pawhuska, OK 74056 or email [sshaw@osagetribe.org](mailto:sshaw@osagetribe.org). Letters must be respectful and informative to the reader, and may be edited for grammar, clarity and space.

## Carlisle Uniform Donated

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Grainola. The ranch was the only one leased by the Osage to an Osage woman, Conner said.

George had many duties on the ranch, one of which was attending to the bald and golden eagles the ranch kept.

"My grandfather told my dad that he didn't like tending to the eagles because they would claw and peck at him," Conner said.

Several Osage children were raised on the ranch and most of them were sent off to boarding school in Kansas. However, George was sent to Carlisle Indian School in Carlisle, Pa., from 1885-1890. George then returned a second time to Carlisle from 1896-1899.

"My grandfather talked to my fa-

ther about his time at Carlisle and said it was a good experience," Conner said.

The second time he attended Carlisle he helped with physical education of fellow students, including assisting with drills using 3.5-pound Spalding Indian clubs. He also helped coach baseball and other sports, according to Conner.

During his time at Carlisle George learned how to make harnesses and repair saddles.

"When he returned to the Osage Reservation he opened his own harness

shop in Pawhuska, met his wife Lillian House, a matron at the Osage Girl's school, and got involved with Osage resistance to the U.S. Government's Allotment Act, otherwise known as the Dawes Act," Conner said.

In 1899, George and Lillian moved west of Grainola after his stepfather was murdered.

"My grandfather told my father the reason they moved was because Pawhuska was too dangerous of a place to raise a family," Conner said.

George and Lillian had five children: Letha, Adelia, Victor, Lester and Conner's father Don. George owned allotted land west of Grainola near the Maggie Lawrence Ranch.

George died in 1936, he was 66 years old.

Plas are underway at the NMAI for an exhibit on the Indian Boarding school system. George's uniform, along with the other items, will be displayed.

"Putting this collection on display for the public is important but so is preserving the items," McMullen said.

McMullen is hoping the collection will provide rich material for someone doing research within the museum as well as outside of the museum.

## Special Election Planned

unable to vote in person may do so by absentee ballot.

### Absentee ballot requests

Osage Nation Election Supervisor Alexis Rencountre said voters who submitted an absentee ballot request form for the June 4 General Election will be mailed a ballot automatically so there is no need for those voters to resubmit an absentee ballot request (unless they have moved since).

The first batch of absentee ballots were mailed out June 29. The final deadline for absentee ballot requests for those who have yet to request one is July 24 at 4:30 p.m.

Those who haven't received their absentee ballots within five to seven days of the ballot mailing are encouraged to contact the Election Office to check on its status or to be sent a duplicate ballot. Ballots must be received by 10 a.m. in the Pawhuska Post Office on Aug. 13 to be counted.

Osages may request an absentee

ballot request form by calling the Election Office toll-free at (877) 560-5286 or by emailing election staff at: [electionoffice@osagetribe.org](mailto:electionoffice@osagetribe.org).

### Campaigners required to submit reports to Election Office

There are no candidate names on the Special Election ballot, but the Election Office is requiring people who are publicly campaigning for or against the ballot questions to file declarations of ballot issue campaigning forms and reporting statements.

The Election Board approved the language of these forms during a June 26 meeting. The forms are now available to those individuals or organizations interested in campaigning for "yes" or "no" votes on specific ballot questions.

The ballot issue campaigning form asks for the individual or

organization's name and contact information. Those who file the form are also required to submit campaign reporting forms which disclose information and donation amounts (over \$200) of donors who financially support the campaigning activities of the individual or organization.

Those who file the ballot issue campaigning forms may also purchase a voter registry list from the Election Office by filling out a request form and paying a fee up to \$10 for an electronic list.

For more information on the special election or amendments, visit the ON Election Office's Web site online at [www.osagetribe.com/electionboard](http://www.osagetribe.com/electionboard). The Election Office is also on Facebook. "Like" the office page to receive its news status updates.

Also see the Election Office's advertisement regarding the special election in this edition of the *Osage News*.

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# Osage Sports

## Osage MiLB pitcher named to Florida League All Star team

By Jacelle Ramon-Sauberan  
Osage News

Osage minor league pitcher Austin Kirk was named to the 2012 Florida State League Mid-Season All Star team June 1.

Kirk is the left-handed pitcher for the Daytona Cubs in Daytona Beach, Fla. The Cubs are the Class A-Advanced affiliate of the Chicago Cubs.

“It was a really big honor to be chosen since it is all the best players in the Florida State League,” Kirk said. “It is definitely a big accomplishment.”

The 51st All-Star Game was played at Charlotte Sports Park in Port Charlotte, Fla., on Saturday, June 16. Kirk was the starting pitcher for the game.

“It really is a great achievement and we are just really proud of him,” said Mark Kirk, Austin’s father.

Kirk’s parents and younger sister drove from Oklahoma to Florida just to watch him play in the All-Star Game.

“It was a 22 hour drive but it was worth it to go down there and watch him play,” Mark Kirk said. “It was a lot of fun and we really enjoyed it.”

Austin was happy to see his family in the stands cheering him on since he hasn’t seen them for several months.



Courtesy Photo

Austin Kirk, Osage, and a left-handed pitcher in the Chicago Cubs Minor League Baseball league has steadily moved up the MiLB system since he he was the Chicago Cubs’ 109th overall pick in the third round of the 2009 First-Year Player Draft.

“It made me feel like they really enjoy watching me play,” he said. He was the 109th overall pick in 2009.

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***–Austin Kirk***

Kirk, 22, is from Owasso and attended Owasso High School. He was a stand out in high school and three-time state champion. The Daytona Cubs drafted him out of high school in the third round of the 2009 draft.

He has established himself as “the ace of Daytona’s pitching staff” with a 2-1 record and 2.74 ERA (Earned Run Average) out of 10 starts through May 31.

“The 6’1, 200-pound southpaw has

shown exceptional control, striking out 37 hitters against 15 walks and allowing just one home run,” according to a press release.

Kirk has held opponents to two runs or less in eight of his 10 starts. In his performance against the Clearwater Threshers on May 25, Kirk shut out the Threshers over eight innings on seven hits with no walks and four strikeouts.

Kirk was also a 2011 Midwest League All-Star for the Peoria Chiefs, an MiLB team affiliate for the Chicago Cubs. Kirk pitched a no-hitter in July of last year, only the 8th in MiLB history.

“Being named a 2012 Florida State League Mid-Season All Star is just one step closer to me fulfilling my goal of playing in the major leagues,” Kirk said.

# Osage Foundation kicks off summer youth camps

By Jacelle Ramon-Sauberan  
Osage News

The Osage Nation Foundation kicked off their youth summer camps with a five-day basketball camp.

The camp was held on Monday, June 18 through Friday, June 22 at the Osage Nation Boys & Girls Club in Pawhuska.

The foundation held two sessions each day, a session in the morning

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*–Bill Webb,*

*Executive Director*

*Osage Nation Foundation*

for grades 3rd through 6th and a session in the afternoon for grades 7th through 9th. The foundation also provided transportation for participants who lived in Hominy and Fairfax.

“Our goal with the clinics is to help

our youth learn skills, techniques and stay active,” said Bill Webb, executive director of the Osage Nation Foundation.

Webb teamed up with Scott Hill, a former University of Oklahoma football player, who helped arrange two coaches to come on board for the camps: Johnny Vick and Todd Bonnewell.

Vick is the head coach for the Tuttle High School girl’s basketball team and Bonnewell is the defense coordinator for the Watonga High School football team.

Vick said he had a great time working with the youth and teaching them the fundamentals of basketball while still having fun.

“I think the kids enjoyed learning about basketball this week,” he said. “I think the camp is a great idea to get kids involved in the summer and it gives them an outlet to do something during the day.”

Webb adds that the camp is not necessarily about getting better at the sport but educating youth on various topics like nutrition, exercise and goal setting. The camp also had special guest Obi Muonelo, a former Oklahoma State University basketball player come talk with the youth.

Jordan Cunningham, 11, had fun attending the basketball camp and enjoyed meeting Muonelo.

“It was really cool meeting Obi,” said Cunningham. “He showed us his championship ring he got and he said his brother was a basketball player and taught him how to play basketball.”

Cunningham adds that he told the participants to “never give up and to keep on trying.” Cunningham said she wants to play basketball when she gets older and will follow his advice.



Photo by Jacelle Ramon-Sauberan/Osage News

**Taylor Hight, 10, dribbles the ball down the court during a scrimmage game at the Osage Nation Foundation Basketball Camp in Pawhuska, Okla., on Thursday, June 21.**

“The leadership of our foundation believes that there is nothing more important than helping our next generation of Osages, and other youth in

our communities, develop and maintain healthy habits and lifestyles,” Webb said. “That is what the camps are all about.”



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## Public Notice

Notice is hereby given that the Roads Department of the Osage Nation has developed a draft Tribal Transportation Improvement Program (TTIP) Priority list and Long Range Transportation Program (LRTP). This list and plan identify and prioritize road projects proposed for the next 5 years and provide rough cost estimates for the projects.

Priorities are based upon the 2013 funding for Indian Reservation Roads (IRR) as allocated by United States Congress and will change from year to year based upon a variety of factors.

Copies of the draft TTIP and LRTP are available at the Roads Department office located at 329 Campus Rd., Pawhuska, OK 74056. Questions regarding the draft TTIP and LRTP may be addressed to Jennifer Varao, Transportation Planner, at 918-287-5533 or by email to [jvarao@osagetribe.org](mailto:jvarao@osagetribe.org).

The public is encouraged to review the draft TTIP and LRTP. Comments will be accepted in writing, by phone, or in person by the Roads Department's office.

All Comments will be accepted until June 29th, 2012.

Written comments can be dropped off at the Roads Department office (address above) or mailed to the following address:

**Roads Department**  
627 Grandview Ave  
Pawhuska, OK 74056



## OSAGE NATION 2012 Community Challenge Grant Announcement

The Osage Nation is announcing a community challenge matching grant. The grant is for a maximum of \$25,000 per community to encourage the development of permanent facilities for use by all Osage Reservation youth. The goals of the Community Challenge Grant are to promote an active lifestyle among reservation youth, aid in the prevention of Diabetes or other diseases and to support the growth of our communities within the boundaries of the Osage Nation.

**Deadline for submission is  
July 31, 2012, by 4:30 p.m.**

### ELIGIBILITY

1. Applicants must be located within the physical boundaries of the Osage Nation and include the communities of Pawhuska, Wynona, Hominy, Barnsdall, Avant, Skiatook, Prue, Osage, Fairfax, McCord and Shidler. (Osage County communities only).
2. Applications may be submitted by local community governments, community foundations, or recognized and established community organizations.
3. Only monetary or In-kind donations will be matched. In-Kind means payment in the form of goods or services, rather than cash. In-kind cannot exceed 25 percent of total project cost. Donations of real estate or personal property cannot be counted as matching funds. (Monetary funds to be matched may not originate from the Osage Nation Government, its entities, or its wholly owned businesses.)

### SUBMISSION

1. For further information or to request an application packet please contact Lynette Miles 918-287-5383 or Otto Hamilton 918-287-5584 at the Office of Strategic Planning & Grants.
2. Completed applications must be received by the deadline of 4:30PM CST, JULY 31, 2012, there are no exceptions.

# SPECIAL ELECTION PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS I



## Osage Nation Election Office

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Dear Osage Voter,

Enclosed you will find the four proposed Constitutional Amendments that will be on the ballot for the Special Election to be held on August 13, 2012. Below is a brief explanation of the format used to provide this information.

### 1. Reference to the Resolution Passed by Congress

**A. Proposed Amendment:** The ballot question as it will appear on the General Election ballot.

**B. Proposed Changes to the Constitution:** The section of the Osage Nation Constitution showing the changes, if approved. This is reflected using a ~~strike through~~ for language being deleted and new language appearing in ***bold italics***.

**C. Purpose:** A description of the proposed amendment's purpose prepared by the Osage Nation Attorney General expressed in one hundred (100) words or less and composed in language that is true and impartial with no prejudice for or against the amendment.

This information will also be posted for future reference on the Information Page of our website at [www.osagetribe.com/electionboard](http://www.osagetribe.com/electionboard). Please feel free to contact the Election Office toll free at (877) 560-5286 with any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

Osage Nation Election Board & Office

### 1. ONCR 10-19.

**A. Proposed Amendment:** Shall Article VI of the Osage Nation Constitution be amended by inserting a new section that limits the Osage Nation Congress' legislative power over the Mineral Estate?

**B. Proposed Changes to the Constitution.** If approved, the following paragraph shall be added to **Article VI - LEGISLATURE:**

**Section 25. Limitations of Legislative Power:** The Osage Nation Congress shall not tax the Osage Mineral Estate, nor shall the Osage Nation Congress tax the production or transportation of materials extracted from the Osage Mineral Estate, nor shall the Osage Nation Congress appropriate Osage Mineral Estate

funds. The Osage Nation Congress shall not tax Osage mineral royalties.

**C. Purpose.** This proposed amendment to the Osage Nation Constitution would limit Osage Nation Congressional authority over the Osage Nation Mineral Estate by ensuring that the Osage Nation Congress may not pass legislation that imposes a tax on Osage mineral royalties or appropriates Osage Mineral Estate funds. The proposed amendment attempts to clarify any potential conflict with Article XV, Section 4 of the Constitution, which gives the Osage Mineral Council, as an independent agency within the Osage Nation, the sole authority to administer and develop the Osage Mineral Estate.

### 2. ONCR 11-12.

**A. Proposed Amendment:** Shall Article VII of the Osage Nation Constitution be amended to exclude the Minerals Council from its composition?

**B. Proposed Changes to the Constitution.** If approved, **Article VII – EXECUTIVE**, shall be amended to read as follows (new language appears in ***bold italics***):

**Section 5. Composition:** The ~~e~~**Executive** ~~b~~**Branch** shall consist of the elected offices of the Principal Chief and the Assistant Principal Chief, and all ~~other administrative offices, departments, agencies, and instrumentalities of the Osage Nation, including, but not limited to, public trusts, boards, village communities, authorities, and commissions~~ ***departments, agencies, commissions, village committees, boards, trusts, authorities, and instrumentalities of the Osage Nation except those within the authority of the Osage Nation Congress, Osage Nation Judiciary, or Osage Minerals Council.***

**C. Purpose.** This proposed amendment to the Osage Nation Constitution would exclude from the composition of the Executive Branch, and therefore remove from Executive Branch authority, all the departments, agencies, commissions, village committees,

# SPECIAL ELECTION PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS II



## Osage Nation Election Office

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boards, trusts, authorities, and instrumentalities of the Osage Nation specifically reserved to the Osage Nation Congress, Osage Nation Judiciary, or Osage Nation Minerals Council.

### 3. ONCR 11-13.

**A. Proposed Amendment:** Shall Article XIII of the Osage Nation Constitution be amended to remove Osage Minerals Council Elections from Osage Nation Congressional responsibility?

**B. Proposed Changes to the Constitution.** If approved, **Article XIII – SUFFRAGE AND ELECTIONS**, shall be amended to read as follows (new language appears in *bold italics*):

**Section 2. Election Laws:** The Osage Nation Congress shall enact an election code governing all election procedures, *except for elections for the Osage Minerals Council. The Osage Minerals Council shall enact Resolution(s) governing all election procedures for the Osage Minerals Council.*

**C. Purpose.** This proposed amendment to the Osage Nation Constitution removes the responsibility for establishing an election code for the Osage Minerals Council from the Osage Nation Congress and instead places the responsibility on the Osage Nation Minerals Council.

### 4. ONCR 11-14.

**A. Proposed Amendment:** Shall Article XV of the Osage Nation Constitution be amended to delete the existing language in its entirety and to replace Article XV with language on recognizing the authority of the Osage Minerals Council to manage the Osage Minerals Estate?

**B. Proposed Changes to the Constitution.** If approved, **Article XV – NATURAL RESOURCES AND MINERALS**, shall be deleted in its entirety and replaced with new language so as to read (new language appears in *bold italics*):

**ARTICLE XV – MANAGEMENT OF THE OSAGE MINERALS ESTATE BY THE OSAGE MINERALS COUNCIL**

**Section 1. Osage Mineral Estate Defined:** *The oil, gas, coal and*

*other minerals within the boundaries established by the Osage Allotment Act of June 28, 1906 (34 Stat. 539), as amended, are hereby designated the Osage Mineral Estate.*

**Section 2. Powers of the Osage Minerals Council.** *The Osage Minerals Council is vested with the sole authority to lease and develop the Osage Mineral Estate and to administer the duties previously granted to officers for the Osage Tribe by the Osage Allotment Act of June 28, 1906 (34 Stat. 539), as amended, provided, the right to receive income from the Osage Mineral estate may not be diminished. The Minerals Council shall be protected by the laws of the Osage Nation.*

**Section 3. Composition.** *The Osage Minerals Council shall be comprised of eight (8) representatives elected by Osage mineral royalty interest holders entitled to receive income from the Osage Mineral Estate.*

**Section 4. Qualifications to Hold Office on the Osage Minerals Council.** *Osage mineral royalty owners who are:*

- 1) *Certified of Osage blood by the United States, and*
- 2) *At least eighteen (18) years of age on the date of the election; and*
- 3) *Persons whose names appear on the quarterly annuity roll at the Osage Agency as of the last quarter immediately preceding the date of the election; and*
- 4) *Members of the Osage Nation or Osage Tribe are eligible to hold office on the Osage Minerals Council.*

**Section 5. Term of Office.** *All officers of the Osage Minerals Council shall be elected at large by quadrennial elections held the first Monday in June pursuant to the rules and regulations of the Osage Mineral's Council.*

**C. Purpose.** The purpose of the proposed amendment to the Osage Nation Constitution is to remove the responsibility for the Osage Mineral Estate from the Osage Nation generally and instead recognize the authority of the Osage Minerals Council to manage the Osage Mineral Estate, including providing for the election of Osage Minerals Council representatives and terms of office.



*Photo by Chalene Toehay/Osage News*

Osage women in wedding coats wait for the Grayhorse Drumkeeper Jacob Lux before they start their procession to the arbor June 7, 2012.



*Photo by Chalene Toehay/Osage News*

An Osage wedding coat, June 7, 2012.

# 2012 In-Lon-Schka GRAYHORSE



Photo by Benny Polacca/Osage News

A small Osage straight dancer walks in front of a sign that signals "Straight Dancer Crossing," at the 2012 Grayhorse In-Lon-Schka.

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**Top left: Grayhorse Drum Warmers Joe Cheshewalla and Franklin McKinley pose for a photo June 7, 2012.**

*Photos by Benny Polacca/Osage News*

**Top right: Women of the Grayhorse District walk behind the Grayhorse Drumkeeper in the Paying for the Drum procession June 7, 2012.**



**Bottom left: Men of the Grayhorse District line up for the procession behind the Grayhorse Drumkeeper June 7, 2012.**

*Photo by Chalene Toehay/Osage News*

**Bottom right: Grayhorse Drumkeeper Jacob Lux poses by the horse he is to give away to the past Grayhorse Drumkeeper in the "Paying for the Drum" ceremony June 7, 2012.**

# In-Lon-Schka

## 2012

### GRAYHORSE





*Photo by Jacelle Ramon-Sauberan/Osage News*

**An Osage girl gets help with her skirt at the 2012 Grayhorse In-Lon-Schka.**



*Photo by Benny Polacca/Osage News*

**Osage women prepare for the afternoon meal at the 2012 Grayhorse In-Lon-Schka.**



*Photo by Jacelle Ramon-Sauberan/Osage News*

**Left: Osage men's moccasins, June 7, 2012.**

*Photo by Chalene Toehay/Osage News*

**Bottom: Wilson Pipestem and his nephew Kingston Pipestem, June 7, 2012.**



*Photo by Benny Polacca/Osage News*

**Osages embrace at the 2012 Grayhorse In-Lon-Schka.**



# 2012 In-Lon-Schka GRAYHORSE

*Photo by Jacelle Ramon-Sauberan/Osage News*

Below: Jerry Shaw shakes the hand of Pawhuska Head Committeeman Herman "Mogri" Lookout at the 2012 Grayhorse In-Lon-Schka.



*Photo by Benny Polacca/Osage News*

Above: Men of the Grayhorse District walk behind the Grayhorse Drumkeeper in a procession to the arbor June 7, 2012.



*Photo by Benny Polacca/Osage News*

Left: Grayhorse Drumkeeper Jacob Lux, June 7, 2012.



# OSAGE NATION TAX COMMISSION

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2. Social Security Card
3. Certified Degree of Indian Blood or Osage Nation Membership Card

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3. Address
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## OSAGE NATION *Economic Development Matching Grant 2012 Announcement*

The Osage Nation announces the 2012 Economic Development Matching Grant. This grant will match a maximum of \$25,000 per individual entrepreneur or business entity for the purpose of encouraging economic development within the physical boundaries of the Osage Nation, and to support the growth of our communities within the Osage Nation.

**Deadline for submission is  
4 p.m. CST, July 29th, 2012.**

### ELIGIBILITY

1. Applicants must be an individual entrepreneur or a business entity seeking to initiate an economic development project or enhance an existing economic development project within the physical boundaries of the Osage Nation, which include the communities of Pawhuska, Wynona, Barnsdall, Hominy, Avant, Skiatook, Prue, Osage, Fairfax, McCord, and Shidler. (Osage County communities only)
2. Only dollar for dollar investments will be matched. Donations of real or personal property cannot be counted as matching funds. Matching funds may not originate from the Osage Nation Government, its entities, or its wholly owned businesses.

### SUBMISSION

1. Application packets will be available on May 29th, 2012. For further information or to request an application packet, please contact Lynette Miles 918-287-5383 at the Office of Strategic Planning & Grants Management.
2. A business plan, along with the required documents in the application packet, must be received by July 29th, 2012. Late or incomplete applications will not be considered.

## Osage Nation Head Start RECRUITMENT

*Osage Nation Head Start invites you  
to stop by and fill out an application.*

Osage Nation Head Start  
15th & Grandview  
Monday through Friday  
8 a.m.-4 p.m.

PARENTS NEED TO BRING:  
Proof of Income • Immunization Record  
Birth Certificate • Social Security Card  
C.D.I.B (if claiming Indian)  
3 years old by September 1, 2011

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## **SPECIAL ELECTION** **INFORMATION**

**JUNE 29, 2012**

→ Absentee ballot mailing begins.

**JULY 24, 2012:**

→ Deadline to Submit Absentee Ballot Requests.

→ Voters that requested an Absentee Ballot for the 2012 General Election will be mailed a ballot automatically.

→ If you do NOT receive your absentee ballot within 5 to 7 days of the mailing PLEASE contact the Election Office IMMEDIATELY to find out the status of your ballot or to be sent a duplicate ballot.

→ Only ONE ballot will be counted on Election Day.

**AUGUST 13, 2012:**

→ Election Day.

→ Ballots must be received by 10:00 a.m. in the Pawhuska Post Office in order to be considered valid.

*Feel free to contact the Election Office with questions.*

**OPA Awards**

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- Fourth Place for News Content
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# Osage Nation Head Start sets goals for 2013 school year

Osage Nation Head Start is concerned with a child's total development. We will provide experiences to help them develop socially, intellectually, physically, and emotionally in a manner appropriate to their age and stage of development toward the overall goal of social competence and preparation for public school.

Children learn by doing. Through active involvement with their envi-



*Photo by Shannon Shaw/Osage News*

Students from the Pawhuska Osage Nation Head Start pet a baby monkey before their visit to the Safari Zoological Park in Caney, KS in May.

ronment, children attempt to make sense of the world around them. They learn by observing what happens when they interact with materials and other people. They spontaneously engage in activities such as block building, painting, or dramatic play, adding pieces of information to what they already know and generating new understandings. Children learn simple concepts to grasp more complex ideas.

Head Start will encourage parents to be a part of their child's learning by providing information to them to promote the daily goals of competence in small motor, large motor, cognitive, language, Osage language, creativity, self concept, self help and social development.



*Photo by Shannon Shaw/Osage News*

Students pose for a group picture at the Safari Zoological Park in Caney, KS in May.



*Photo by Shannon Shaw/Osage News*

Students from the Pawhuska Osage Nation Head Start celebrate their graduation at Wakon Iron Hall May 10.

# Harpo Foundation grants Osage 2012 Native American Artist Fellowship

The Harpo Foundation recently announced that Ross Chaney, Osage/Cherokee, is a recipient of their 2012 Native American Artist Fellowship award.

As a Harpo Fellow, Chaney will be an artist-in-residence for one month at the Vermont Studio Center. There he will join over 50 other visiting artists and writers who have traveled from around the



*Courtesy Photo*

## Ross Chaney

world to be provided a space to work and room to think. This fellowship program has been established to support the development of artists and the potential for intercultural dialogue.

Born and raised in Oklahoma, Chaney now lives and works in Santa Fe, N.M. His work has been exhibited at spaces such as the Mu-



*Courtesy Photo*

A painting in Japanese inks and acrylic paint on paper by Ross Chaney titled, "Pier Logic." The painting is housed in the Private collection in Santa Fe, N.M.

seum of Contemporary Native Arts in Santa Fe, and the Heard Museum in Phoenix, Ariz. Chaney also has work in the permanent collection of the Museum of Indian Arts and Culture of Santa Fe. Currently, several pieces are traveling to Russia to join a works on paper exhibit at the Ekaterinburg Museum of Fine Arts and the State Museum of Novosibirsk.

"I am still processing the news of this honor," Chaney said in a prepared release. "I am really looking forward to having this period of time to explore healing and transformation and to share with the other artists."

The Harpo Foundation was established in 2006 by Edward Levine to support emerging artists who are under recognized by the field. The Foundation also seeks to stimulate creative inquiry to encourage new modes of thinking about art. For more information, visit [www.harpo-foundation.org/2](http://www.harpo-foundation.org/2)

Founded by artists in 1984, the Vermont Studio Center is the largest international residency program in the United States. [www.vermont-studiocenter.org](http://www.vermont-studiocenter.org)

To learn more about Ross Chaney and his work, please visit [www.rosschaney.com](http://www.rosschaney.com)

## First Annual Osage Heritage Site Visit 2012: Fort Leonard Wood

The Osage Nation Historic Preservation Office will be taking Osages on an educational trip to Fort Leonard Wood Aug. 20 – Aug. 23.

Fort Leonard Wood is a United States Army post, located in Pulaski County, Missouri and is about 63,000 acres in total area, and located between Roubidoux Creek and the Big Piney River. The group will travel to Missouri to experience and appreciate the region's cultural history related to the Osage people. Osage Heritage sites are often associated with oral tradition and origin stories, hunting or migration trails, gathering areas, habitation sites with structures, artifacts, petroglyphs or pictographs, burial or massacre sites, among many other types of culturally important places.

The group will visit Fort Leonard Wood, Millers Cave, Sadies Cave, Lohraff Cave, Laughlin Mounds and Stone Mill Spring. ONHPO has chartered a bus for the trip and will be staying at the St. Robert, Missouri Hampton Inn. ONHPO will provide many delicious food options. The terrain is often loose and can be steep. Since the trip is in August it is likely to be very hot and it is recommended that participants bring the appropriate clothing and footwear. The trip is limited to 25 guests, 12 years or older; minors must be accompanied by an adult. Registration is on a first come, first serve basis. Please contact Welana Fields if you would like more information: Welana Fields, Tribal Research Assistant (918) 287-5307, [wfields@osagetribe.org](mailto:wfields@osagetribe.org)

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# Save the Date!

## -Local Events Calendar

### JULY

#### July 14-15

*Oklahoma All-Indian  
Golf Championship*  
Kah-Wah-C Country Club  
Fairfax  
More info: (918) 640-1701

#### July 16 - July 17

*Youth Golf Camp / Tulsa*  
First Tee of Tulsa  
Mohawk Park Golf Course  
5223 East 41st Street North  
Tulsa, OK

More information and  
registration form is online at  
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Questions? Contact Bill Webb at  
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or call (405) 415-0383.

#### July 23 - Friday, July 27

*Youth Basketball Camp / Tulsa*  
North Mabee Boys & Girls Club  
3001 North Cincinnati  
Tulsa, OK

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#### July 30 - August 3

*Youth Photography  
Camp / Pawhuska*  
Boys & Girls Club of  
the Osage Nation  
216 W. 15th St.  
Pawhuska, OK

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#### July 27 - July 29

*Kihekah Steh 43rd  
Annual Powwow*

### AUGUST

#### August 17 - August 19

*IICOT Powwow*

#### August 13

*Osage Nation Special Election*  
8 a.m.-8 p.m.  
Osage Campus

#### August 18

*Eastern Shawnee  
Children's Powwow*  
12615 S. 705 Rd  
Wyandotte, OK

#### August 23 - August 26

*136th Annual Ponca Powwow*  
White Eagle, OK

### SEPTEMBER

#### September 3

*Labor Day*  
Offices will be closed.  
Observed holiday.

#### September 15

*Osage Nation Head  
Start Benefit Dance*  
Skiatook, OK

#### September 20-22

*Oklahoma Indian  
Summer Celebration*  
300 S.E. Adams Blvd.  
Bartlesville, OK

#### September 21-22

*1st Annual Salina Powwow*  
S. Ross  
Salina, OK

### OCTOBER

#### October 8

*Osage Day*  
Offices will be closed.  
Observed holiday.

### NOVEMBER

#### November 12

*Veterans Day*  
Offices will be closed.  
Observed holiday.

#### November 23

*Osage Heritage Day*  
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Observed holiday.

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# News in Brief

## *Sisters to compete in 2013 World Cup*

### *Osage News*

Dawn Easley and her sister Michaela Rich will be competing in the 2013 World Cup.

After outplaying their competitors to win a spot on the Haudenosaunee Nation Women's Lacrosse Team, an all Native American women's team, the sisters will play both the USA Women's Lacross team and Canada in July.

The two will take part in workout sessions before the 2013 World Cup that will be held in Oshawa, Ontario, Canada.

Easley, 29, is the head coach for the women's Lacrosse team at Pfeiffer University in Charlotte, N.C., and Rich, 17, has committed to play Lacrosse at Liberty University in Maryland.

## Fort Leonard Wood

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### Important dates to remember:

- Friday 07/06: Registration opens
- Friday 07/27: Registration closes
- Thursday 08/02:  
Orientation meeting, 4:30  
p.m. - 6 p.m. at the Museum
- Monday 08/20:  
Depart 10 a.m. from Pawhuska
- Thursday 08/23:  
Return to Pawhuska, arrive  
approximately at 4 p.m.

You can find a registration package on the ONHPO website: [www.osagetribe.com/historicpreservation](http://www.osagetribe.com/historicpreservation).

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# Births and Announcements



Audrey Luttrell



John Patrick Bone



Chris Morrow



Chotsie E. Albright

## Congratulations!

Miss Audrey Luttrell graduated from the Blanding Utah High School, May 24, 2012.

She graduated Summa Cum Laude, was awarded a Sterling Scholars in English and received the Resolute Scholarship. She has been accepted to attend Dartmouth College in New Hampshire and will be studying English and Creative Writing.

She is the daughter of Rick and Caroline Luttrell and the granddaughter of Richard and Carmalita Luttrell.

## Congratulations!

The family of John Patrick Bone would like to announce his graduation from Montgomery Central High School in Clarksville, Tenn.; the completion of his Eagle Scout award from Boy Scouts of America and his acceptance into Vanderbilt University.

John (Wah-za-tah), is a proud member of the Osage Nation. He is the son of George A. (Tony) Bone and wife Karen; the grandson of Evelyn Trumbly Taylor and husband Larry of Bartlesville; the grandson of John Bone and wife Glenna of Pawhuska and Jesse and Linda Foster of Clarksville, Tenn. He is the

great-grandson of Almetia Prince of Hominy and Irene Reed of Oakwood, Ga. He is a member of the Lottie Shunkamolah Chapter of the Native American Church in Hominy.

His activities throughout school include Captain of the Varsity Soccer Team, Most Dedicated Award; Senior Class President; President of the National Honor Society; President for the Fellowship of Christian Athletes; Upward Basketball and Soccer Coach. He was an after school Tutor for classmates along with the Asperger's Peer Mentoring. He placed third in Statistics and was a Vacation Bible School Teacher.

John also received and passed his Eagle Scout Award with the Boy Scouts of America where he has been a Junior Assistant Scoutmaster. He has been on Mission Trips to Boston and Puerto Rico.

The accomplishments he has made have been Four AP classes in High School, Distinguished Honors, United States Achievement Academy for Mathematics, National Honor Society, National Society of High School Scholars, AP Statistics Award, Online Calculus Test where he placed 9th Nationally, Calculus BC Class Award, Anatomy & Physiology Class Award, Voted Mr. Central by his

classmates and Outstanding Male Senior Award by the faculty of Montgomery Central High School. He was voted Most Dependable by Senior Class, and received the Achievement of Academic Excellence Award by Clarksville-Montgomery County Education Foundation.

John has been chosen for the freshman class of 1600 students from over 28,000 applications worldwide, to attend Vanderbilt University to start his study of Medicine where he plans to specialize in Cardio/Pulmonary Research.

## Happy Birthday!

Remington "Reme" Gauge Howard will be turning two-years-old on July 22.

Reme is the son of Dalton and Courtney Howard of Morris. His paternal grandparents are Jeff and Lori Taylor. His maternal grandparents are Bob and Diana Welton. His parental great-grandparents are Michael DeNoya and Connie Dunagan.

We all love you bunches, Lil Man, and wish nothing but the best for you always!!

## Congratulations!

Chris Morrow, Osage, gradu-

ated from Lavergne High School in Lavergne Tennessee on May 18, 2012. Chris will attend The University of Tennessee @ Chattanooga in the fall of 2012 and will major in psychology. Chris is the son of Lisa (Boone) Morrow & Dana Morrow and is the grandson of the late John W. Boone of Pawhuska and Gloria & Bill Mitchell of Broken Arrow Oklahoma. We are so proud of Chris and all his accomplishments throughout his high school years.

## Congratulations!

Chotsie E. Albright, Osage, graduated May 4 from the University of Central Oklahoma with a Bachelor of Science in Gerontology. Chotsie is the daughter of Wade (deceased) and Mary Albright, and her paternal great-grandfather was Alvin Lester Labadie Sr., original allottee 1404.

I sincerely appreciate the Osage Nation, Osage Congress, and Osage Education Department for all the scholarship funds and encouragement. I felt honored to wear my Osage Nation sash during my graduation ceremony.

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**Vote Yes****Special Election August 13<sup>th</sup>**

The four amendments to the Osage Constitution being voted on in the August special election are of critical importance to Osage headright holders and non-headright holders alike. When the new Osage Constitution was being formulated, the promise was made that it would continue to vest the Osage Minerals government with the same powers it had always enjoyed over the Mineral Estate.

Because of ambiguous, misleading and confusing wording in our Constitution this promise was not met. When passed, these amendments will be a huge step in correcting that situation.

The problems caused by the current wording of our Constitution are not just political, but very practical as well. Because of the unique partnership between the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Osage people in conducting our minerals business it is critical for efficient minerals management that the U.S. government and our oil & gas producers know which Osage elected body speaks for our people on Mineral Estate related matters.

Recently one of our largest oil producers shared with the Minerals Council that the confusing nature of wording in our Constitution creates a “business risk” that is sometimes unacceptable to financial backers. We cannot allow this situation to continue if the mineral estate is to be properly managed.

Here are some facts about how these proposed amendments came to be and what each is designed to do.

- They were developed by a majority of the Minerals Council working in conjunction with members of Congress with the goal of achieving maximum Minerals Council autonomy while maintaining tribal sovereignty protections for the Mineral Estate.
- Our Minerals Council attorney was involved in developing the wording and concepts of the proposed amendments, and gave his approval to the final passed versions of each.
- They will clarify to the BIA/DOI and all others that the Osage Minerals Council is the elected body of the Osage Nation with the sole authority to develop and administer the Osage Mineral Estate. They will also vest the Council with the autonomy necessary to conduct these duties properly and efficiently.

- They will also ban the Osage Congress from taxing royalty income or any portion of the Mineral Estate production and transportation process.
- They were passed with no dissenting votes by the Osage Nation Congress.

**ONCR-11-12**

Removes the Osage Minerals Council from being lumped under the Executive Branch with appointed boards and committees, and makes the Council an independent Osage Nation governmental body like other elected officials.

**ONCR-11-13**

Constitutionally establishes the right of the Minerals Council to conduct their own elections, thus removing the current constitutional necessity for the Osage Congress to pass election codes pertaining to Minerals Council elections.

**ONCR-11-14**

Establishes the make-up of the Minerals Council and vests them with the sole authority to lease and develop the Mineral Estate and to administer the Mineral duties previously granted to all the Officers of the Tribe by the 1906 act as amended.

**ONCR-10-19**

Constitutionally bans the Osage Congress from passing any laws that would tax royalty income from the Osage Mineral Estate, or that would appropriate Mineral Estate funds. This proposed amendment also bans any taxes on production and transportation of minerals.

The proposed amendments in their entirety can be viewed on the Minerals Council website, or copies can be obtained from our office. We encourage every Osage to make themselves familiar with these amendments and vote **YES** in the August 13<sup>th</sup> special election.



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## Births and Announcements

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Shy-Ann Michelle Blossom

### Congratulations!

The family of Shy-Ann Michelle Blossom would like to announce her high school graduation from Oaks Mission High School. Shy-Ann will be attending Connors State College in the fall to pursue a degree in the nursing field.

Shy-Ann is the daughter of Melvin and Lori Blossom. We are very proud of her and love her very much!

### Congratulations!

Tanaya Cheyenne Thomas, daughter of Angelia Miles, played in the



Tanaya Cheyenne Thomas

Heartland All Star Softball Classic in Pryor on June 19 and 20. She was nominated by her Pawhuska High School coaches to try out for the classic. Two hundred and fifty high school softball players tried out with the top 6 players being chosen to make the six-member team.

### Happy Birthday!

The children of Chad O. Hopper celebrated their birthdays in May. Hannah JoBeth and Cade Oberly Hopper celebrated on May 17 and May 19.

They are the grandchildren of the late Mark Hopper of Hominy and Jo Brooks of Tulsa. Their great-grandparents are the late Amos and Martha Oberly Hopper of Hominy and the late Floyd and Francis Brooks of Pawhuska. Happy birthday! We love you.

### Happy Birthday!

We would like to wish our father and grandmother a Happy Birthday. Our dad, Ira Hight, will be 40 on July 13 and our grandmother Vivian Hamilton Hight will celebrate her birthday on July 30. We love you both!

### It's a Boy!

Nashoba Waylon Supernaw was



*Courtesy Photo*

Back row from L to R: Ira Hight, Margaret (Hight) Komalty, Austin Hight and lil' Ira Hight. Front row: Vivian Hamilton Hight at the 2012 Hominy In-Lon-Schka.

born at 3:58 p.m. on May 23, 2012 at the Claremore Indian Hospital. He weighed 7 pounds 5 ounces and measured 21 inches long. His proud parents are Casie Renee and William "Son" Supernaw IV. The child is the first for both.

He is the grandson of William "Ku-

gee" Supernaw III and Phyllis Warrington. He is the great-grandson of the late William Jr. and Irene Supernaw, and the great-great grandson of the late William Sr.

### Congratulations!

Robert Warrior and Margaret Kelley welcomed twins to the world in February. Vivian Grace and Silas David Warrior were born February 11. Vivian and Silas are the grandchildren of Allen David Warrior, deceased, and the great-grandchildren of Robert Edward Warrior II, great-great grandchildren of Robert Edward Warrior and Mamie Warrior Bolton, and great-great-great grandchildren of Mo-e-kah-moie. Their great-aunt Mary Frances Patterson lives in Pawhuska.

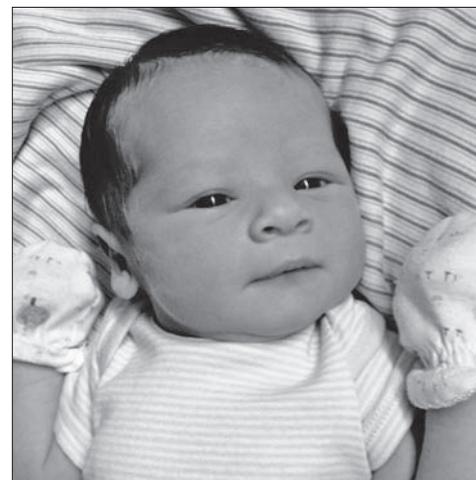
The Warrior twins have two old-

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Cade and Hanna JoBeth Oberly



Nashoba Waylon Supernaw

# Obituaries

## Sandra Hamilton

### *A nurse and member of the Osage Nation*

Sandra Hamilton, age 67, passed away Thursday, June 21, 2012 in the OSU Medical Center, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Sandra was born July 14, 1944, in Santa Monica, California, the daughter of Berbon Bryan and Gertrude (Elam) Murphy. On January 1, 1975, she married Otto Charles Hamilton, Jr., in Las Vegas, Nevada. An LPN for Osage Nation Home Health, Sandra loved being a nurse and taking care of people. She was a member of the Osage Nation, Klash-Kah-She Club, American Legion Post 198 Auxillary and the Nelongone Alumni Association. In her spare time, Sandra enjoyed reading and was an avid Bingo player.

Surviving are: Husband: Otto Charles Hamilton, Jr.; children: Theresa Flowerette, Trudy Diaz, Amy Kerby, Tammy Kerby, Otto Hamilton, III, Marjorae Williams, and Berbon Hamilton; one step-child: Charlene Cozad; two sisters: Judy Goad and Nancy Burgess; one brother: Foster Murphy; 20 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren, and her beloved dog, Toodles.

Sandra was preceded in death by her parents, Berbon and Gertrude Murphy; children Mary Gertrude Kerby and twin infant boys; one sister, Doris "Dinky" Murphy, and one brother, Charles "Buddy" Murphy.

Rosary was recited Monday, June 25, 7 p.m., at the Indian Camp Chapel in Pawhuska. Traditional Indian Service was held Tuesday, June 26, 8 a.m., also at the Indian Camp Chapel. Mongrain Lookout officiated. Mass was recited at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church of Pawhuska. Father Chris

Daigle officiated. Interment was in the Pawhuska City Cemetery.

McCartney's Johnson Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

## James Anthony Maker

James Anthony Maker (Big Tony) passed away on May 7, 2012 at the Kindred Rehabilitation Hospital in Tulsa, Oklahoma at the age of 73.



James Anthony Maker

Big Tony was born on October 05, 1938 in Hominy, Oklahoma to Alfred Anthony Maker (full-blood Osage) and Hazel Virginia Wear Maker (1/2 degree Cherokee).

Big Tony is the grandson, on his father's side, of James Maker (Shonkah) Allotment No. 812 and Louise BigChief Maker (Heh-kah-mon-kah) Allotment No. 4. His paternal great grandfather was Tah-hah-gah-hah Allotment No 809 and his paternal great grandmother was Ah-Kah-me (Ella West) Allotment No. 811. His maternal great grandfather was Tom Big Chief (Pa-hu-skah) Allotment #1 and his maternal great grandmother was Me-to-op-pe Allotment #2.

On his mother's side, he was the grandson of Lizzie Wear (Cherokee #19241) and the great grandson of Nathaniel Redbird (#19239) and great grandson Mary (Mixwater) Redbird (#19240).

His educational background was divided between Osage County and Phoenix, Arizona: First grade he attended Union School in Pawhuska, Oklahoma; Second through fifth grade he attended school in Phoenix, Arizona; Sixth grade was attended at Union School in Pawhuska,

Oklahoma; Junior High School was attended in Phoenix, Arizona; Sophomore and Junior Years were spent at the Mexico, Military Academy in Mexico, Missouri; Senior Year was spent in Phoenix, Arizona where he graduated from Camelback Mountain High School in 1957. Big Tony attended one year of college at Tempe, Arizona.

Big Tony is survived by his wife Kathleen Maker of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, son James Anthony Maker II of Oklahoma City and son Joel Alfred Maker of Tahlequah, Oklahoma. His grandchildren are: Jerod Anthony Maker of Oklahoma City; Mallory Dawn Jackson of Poteau, Oklahoma; Jace Bailey Maker of Tahlequah, and J. Anthony Maker-Lee of Mustang, Oklahoma.

Big Tony married Jennie Kathleen Maker of Pawhuska, Oklahoma in 1959. They made their permanent home in Mound Valley, Oklahoma on land he had inherited. He had a 200 head cow/calf operation; plus, he had a roping arena where he and his friends could practice their roping which he thoroughly enjoyed. He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Hominy and was a member of the IRA (Indian Rodeo Association) and PRCA and Tony worked for the Indian Health Services of the Osage tribe for a few years.

A traditional Indian Service was held at Hominy Indian Village and officiated by Chief John Red Eagle. Casket escorts were John Maker, Brent Maker, Larry Maker, Scott Bighorse, Frank Hudson and Randy Dildine.

Interment followed in Hominy Cemetery followed by a dinner at the Hominy Indian Village Community Building. Head cook was Ann (Maker) Freeman.

The family is deeply indebted to all those who participated and made

these traditional services possible, deeply grateful for all who attended and shared their grief and are in deep, deep sorrow at the loss of their dearly beloved.

## Virginia Maker

### *A homemaker, Scout den mother and Girl Scout leader*

Virginia Harding Maker passed away Sunday, June 3, 2012 in Hominy, Oklahoma. She was 82 years old.

Mrs. Maker was born April 16, 1930 in Hominy, the daughter of Arlan "Buck" Harding and Marguerite (Penn) Harding. She was a graduate of Muskogee High School with the Class of 1948. On March 15, 1950, she married Lloyd George Maker in Dewey, Oklahoma. He preceded her in death. A homemaker, Virginia was active in the PTA, served as a Boy Scout Den Mother and a Girl Scout Leader over the years. She was also a member of ESA, the Rebecca Lodge and the Hominy War Mothers.

Surviving are: Her children: Arlan Maker, John Maker, Marguerite Ann (Maker) Freeman, Larry Maker and Brent Maker; her grandchildren: Tina Maker, Arlandra Freeman Gray, Christina Mashunkashey, Valerie Maker Russell, Elizabeth Maker Sloan, Eugenia Maker and Whitney Freeman; Two step grandchildren: Lynn Maker and Rita Maker; Eight great grandchildren, numerous cousins, nephews, nieces, and a host of other family and friends. Virginia was also preceded in death by her parents.

Traditional Indian Services was held Friday, June 8, 8:00 AM, at the Hominy Indian Camp Chapel. Mass followed at 10:00 AM at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Hominy. Father Bruce Brosnahan officiated. Interment was in the A.J. Powell Cemetery.

McCartney's Johnson Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

# Opinion

## Letters to the Editor



Courtesy Photo

Rachel Moore, Lori Moore Newkirk, and Denver Moore.

### Thank You!

Our family is proud to announce the college graduation of TWO children. We are deeply grateful to the tribe for the Osage Higher Education Scholarship that eased the financial burden of these kids.

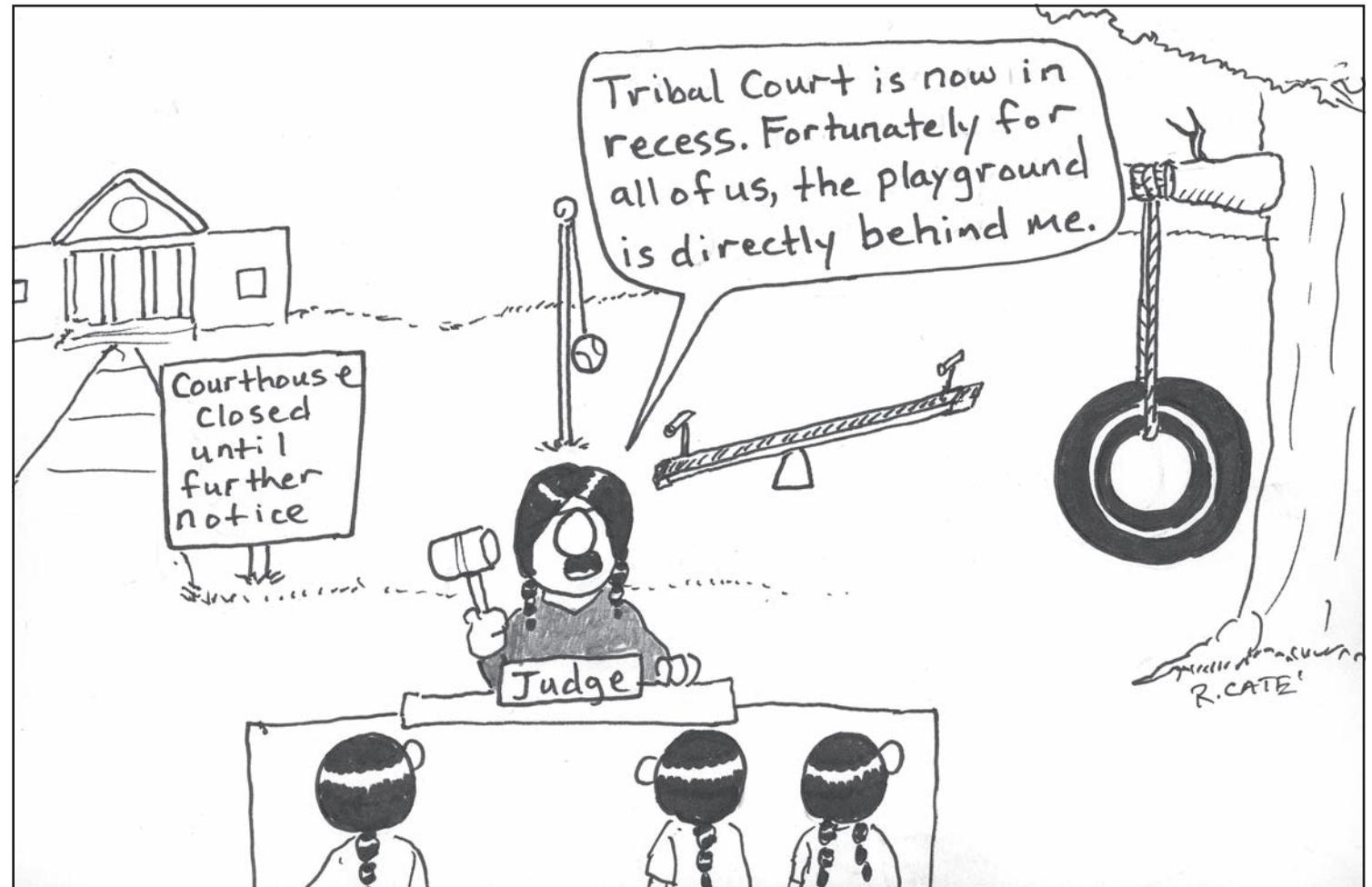
Rachel Moore graduated with Honors from the University of Missouri with a Master's degree in Diagnostic Medical Ultrasound. Her younger brother, Denver Moore, also graduated with Honors from the same school with a Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education.

Thank you again, dear Osage, for helping to educate our Nation.

—Lori Moore Newkirk  
Boise, Idaho

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## Without Reservations



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Vivian Grace and Silas David Warrior

er sisters, Frances and Josephine, who turned 8 and 6 last month. The family lives in Champaign, Illinois, where both parents work as professors at the University of Illinois.

### Happy Birthday!

Joseph Bates Duty turned one-year-old on July 5. He is the son to proud parents Jason and Shannon Shaw Duty. He is the grandson of Ed and Ruth Shaw of Pawhuska and Ed and Judy Duty of Skiatook. Celebrating at his birthday pool party were his three brothers, sister and numerous cousins. We love you and wish nothing but happiness for you.



Joseph Bates Duty

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