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The Third Osage Nation Congress poses for photos on July 4 after the six newly-elected members take their oaths of office. Back Row, from L to R: John Free, Daniel Boone, John Maker. Middle row, L to R: Geoffrey Standing Bear, Archie Mason, Alice Goodfox, Raymond Red Corn, RJ Walker. Front row, L to R: William "Kugee" Supernaw, Maria Whitehorn, Shannon Edwards and John Jech.

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Osages question proposed amendments for upcoming August 13 Special Election

Election Board seeking AG opinion on Minerals Council campaign activities; Polls open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

By Benny Polacca
Osage News

Osages are sounding off on the four proposed Constitutional amendments, which will be up for vote in the Aug. 13 Special Election.

In the special election, Osages will be asked to vote on four proposed amendments to the 2006 Constitution pertaining to the Osage Minerals Estate. Those amendment questions touch on defining the ON Executive Branch by excluding the Osage Minerals Council; prohibiting the ON Congress from taxing the Minerals Estate; giving the OMC sole power over its election laws and replacing Constitution Article XV with a new section that defines the OMC.

One arena being utilized by the Osage public to discuss the proposed amendment questions is the World Wide Web where blogs, social networking Web sites and electronic newsletters are being posted for voters to read. Osages are also sending out their opinions via newspaper letters to the editor and paid advertisements.

On the Osage Shareholder's blog, Congressman Geoffrey Standing Bear, who wrote three of the proposed amendments said in a July 25 posting: "The votes will be the guide for decades on whether the Minerals Council will remain an Agency within the Osage Nation Executive Branch or be restored to independence. If things remain the same then so be it, we will just have a

Minerals Council whose authority is limited to approval or disapproval of leases and operating agreements and spending up to the 1 million dollars a year allowed by the BIA. Settling the issue that way will provide certainty at least. We will then have no legal argument or complaint about the Chief and Osage Congress doing everything else that was formerly with the old Osage Tribal Council pertaining to tribal regulation and programs which some may think should have been with the Minerals Council."

The Osage Minerals Council, which worked with the ON Congress on the amendment questions, placed paid advertisements in the Osage News and encouraged voting Osages to vote "yes" on the four amendment questions. "We encourage every Osage to make themselves familiar with these amendments," the ad states.

Joe Keene opined on the amendments in a July 26 posting on the proposed amendment prohibiting the Congress from taxing the Minerals Estate (ONCR 10-19). Keene writes: "First off, no one knows what the future will hold, and our legislators should be trusted to make sound decisions for the Nation when the times call for it. Secondly, one has to think about what exactly 'taxing' the mineral estate means. A tax on the actual headright itself would of course garner no support and no one wants that. But what about a tax on pipelines that travel through the mineral estate? Would the Constitutional Amendment bar these kinds of taxes? Furthermore, can anyone define what the 'mineral estate' is? Is it any and all minerals underneath the ground, or is it only the oil reserves? What about groundwater under the Reservation? Can anyone answer these questions?"

On July 25, Washington D.C.-

based attorney and shareholder Wilson Pipestem also posted on the Osage Community for Responsible Citizenry Facebook page. Pipestem said the fourth amendment was the most troubling to him. "It embraces the concept that there are two 'tribes' – the Osage Nation and the Osage Tribe. This could have long term, negative impacts on the Osage government, the Osage people, and the Mineral Estate, in my opinion. It would institutionalize into Osage law a false and divisive distinction that comes from a competition for power between those that see the world as "shareholder" versus "non-shareholder." There is only one federally recognized Osage government, and it is now called the Osage Nation. Further, the distinction is completely unnecessary. The 1906 Act continues to protect the Mineral Estate, the trust machinery that has existed for over 100 years that ensures that proceeds from the Mineral Estate are distributed to headright holders, and the right of headright holders to maintain this property right free from interference by Osage government."

For more information on the proposed amendments, visit the Election Office Web site at www.osagetribe.com/electionboard.

Election Day, Aug. 13

The poll opens at 8 a.m. and is located at the Osage Nation Congressional Chambers and closes at 8 p.m. The results of the election will be announced that evening.

Osages must be at least 18 years old to vote, on or before Election Day. Osages must also have a government issued photo ID with them, such as a driver's license (even if expired), passport, military ID, etc. If the voter does not have an ID, they can still vote if two election officials identify

them and sign an affidavit confirming the person's identity.

Once a voter is identified and has the proper verification, they are looked up in the Osage Voter Registry and asked to sign their name.

The voter will take their ballot and cast their vote. Talking and the use of cell phones will not be permitted. When the voter is finished they will place their ballot, unfolded, in the locked metal ballot box.

Absentee Ballots

At 10 a.m. on Election Day the election supervisor, accompanied by Osage Nation Police, will retrieve the absentee ballots from a locked box from the Pawhuska Post Office and will immediately deliver the box to the polling place.

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Osages elected to Third ON Congress take oath of office

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On Independence Day six Osages took the oath of office to serve on the Third Osage Nation Congress at the Congressional Chambers where they will serve their legislative duties over the next four years.

Newly sworn-in Osage Nation Supreme Court Chief Justice Meredith Drent individually called the six newly-elected Osages up to the stage, asked them to raise their right hands and repeat the oath she read aloud.

John Jech, John Maker, RJ Walker and Maria Whitehorn will now serve their first Congressional terms for the next four years. Shannon Edwards and Archie Mason will now begin their second terms on the Third Osage Nation Congress.

The Congressional inauguration comes nearly one month after the June 4 General Election and the newly elected Congress members will join Daniel Boone, John Free, Alice Goodfox, Raymond Red Corn, Geoffrey Standing Bear and William “Kugee” Supernaw in the Congressional Chambers for the next two years of legislative sessions on behalf of the Osage people.

The inauguration occurred before a full-capacity room of Osages, ON government officials and family members of the newly-elected Congressional members. Overflow seating was arranged in the lobby with a television screen broadcasting the event to those attendees and online viewers thanks to an on-site camera crew.

Outgoing Congresswoman and Speaker Jerri Jean Branstetter welcomed the audience and now-former Congressman Eddy Red Eagle gave the invocation in the Osage and English language.

The Legislative Branch invited Edwin Marshall, the Muscogee (Creek) Nation’s public relations manager, to speak at the inauguration but he could not attend due to illness,



Photo by Jacelle Ramon-Sauberan/Osage News

A spectator captures a photo on his smartphone of RJ Walker taking his oath of office as an Osage congressman July 4.

Branstetter said. ON Congressional attorney Loyed “Trey” Gill delivered Marshall’s prepared speech in his absence.

“As Congressmen, you serve, or will serve, in many capacities as you discharge the various duties of office,” Gill read from Marshall’s speech. “All of your responsibilities may be seen as fitting into four primary roles: as a legislator, constituent servant, a representative, and finally as an educator.”

“Social welfare, healthcare, program policies and governmental procedure and budgets are just a few of the issues that members vote on each year, with financial implications running in the millions of dollars.

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Photo by Jacelle Ramon-Sauberan/Osage News

Maria Whitehorn is sworn in by Osage Nation Supreme Court Chief Justice Meredith Drent at the Inauguration of the Third Osage Nation Congress on July 4.

Oath of Office

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When it comes time for re-election, most members are judged on their voting record on these matters,” read Marshall’s speech. “Just remember and take to heart that you, and each of you, have a responsibility to the great Wah-Zha-Zhi people.”

At 10:29 a.m., Drent started calling the six new Congressional members up to the stage for their oaths, which took 10 minutes to administer. The crowd broke into applause when it ended with “congratulations!” from Drent.

The inauguration continued with gifts of Pendleton blankets and certificates for the new Congress members and wooden plaques for all 12 Second ON Congress members in attendance, thanking them for their service. Outgoing Congress members are Branstetter, Red Eagle, Mark Simms and Anthony Shackelford.

Red Corn, who is Congressional Second Speaker, praised Branstetter for her leadership and presented her with a purple shawl as a gift from the Congress during the inauguration. Branstetter (Hominy District) was elected Speaker in 2010 and has also served as chairwoman for the rules and ethics and government operations Congressional committees. She also served on the government reform commission, which created the 2006 Osage government.



Photo by Jacelle Ramon-Sauberan/Osage News

Spectators watch Osage Congresswoman Shannon Edwards being sworn in for her second term through a TV monitor at the Inauguration of the Third Osage Nation Congress on July 4.

Branstetter in prepared remarks. “She deserves our recognition for a job well done.”

shawl that pays tribute to Branstetter’s high school alma mater, Hominy High School. The audience laughed.

Of her Congressional tenure, Branstetter said: “I’m not going to say it was all happy days,” but recalled there were challenges and hurdles, which were a “new learning experience.” Branstetter thanked her fellow Congressional members for their work and fought back tears as she said: “it’s been an honor and a pleasure to serve you.”

The attendees moved to the Osage Tribal Museum for a reception where Andrew Cote, grandson of museum director Kathryn Red Corn, and museum senior researcher Lou Brock played the piano for guest entertainment while they enjoyed cake, juice and other hors d’oeuvres.

Brock has played keyboard music for all three Congressional inaugurations since the First ON Congress took oath and described the event as “exciting” and a good “homage to the government and Constitution.”

After his inauguration, Maker said, “I’m so thankful to all the people who supported me.” He also said he thought of his grandfather, Ross Maker, who served on the Osage Tribal Council in the 1950s. “It’s starting to hit me now that I see it on paper,” Maker, a former Language Department instructor, said of his new title.

“I was very excited to take the oath,” Whitehorn said. “I feel official now, I feel like it’s time to work.”

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***—Maria Whitehorn,
Osage Nation Congresswoman***

“She did her best to ensure that the Congress was on schedule, on task and on time,” Red Corn said of

“If you work with (her), you know there’s only one color,” Red Corn quipped, referring to the purple

Osage LLC transfers ownership of Palace grocery store to Osage Nation

By Benny Polacca
Osage News

The Osage Limited Liability Company is returning ownership of the Palace of the Osage grocery store in Fairfax to the Osage Nation government as efforts continue to sell the building.

The Palace grocery housed the city's sole food store.

The LLC transferred the title on July 5 and notified the Osage Nation Congress, the Osage News learned.

"This arrangement will create more options for the tribe to sell the grocery store," said Osage Nation Principal Chief John Red Eagle in a release issued July 9.

The announcement comes four months after the LLC bought the store back in a March 6 foreclosure auction conducted by the Osage County District Court. According to the Oklahoma state courts Web site, Palace LLC (the tribe's corporation) bought the store for \$397,679 at the auction.

The LLC, which acquired the Palace in 2008 when it was launched, sold the store to Barnsdall businessman Rick Parker in 2010 amid money losses. Parker, who had money problems of his own and was delinquent on taxes owed to the Oklahoma Tax Commission, closed the Palace in late 2011 and the LLC began foreclosure proceedings against Parker. As part of the foreclosure process, the store was sold at the March auction.

"We have at least one viable, prospective buyer that has expressed interest in the property, and I hope to meet with them soon," Red Eagle said. "My main goal is to get the people of Fairfax a grocery store to serve their needs just as soon as it is practically possible."

The Osage News asked the LLC for comment on the property trans-



Photo by Chalene Toehay/Osage News

The Palace Grocery store in better times.

fer issue and has yet to receive a response.

"Transfer of the Palace grocery store property to the Osage Nation, including all legal paperwork, is expected to begin immediately. No further comment will be issued until the property is sold," the release stated.

The property transfer also comes less than a month after two vacant spots on the LLC's board of directors were filled.

On June 18, Chief Red Eagle announced that he appointed Jim Parris (Osage) and David Stewart to the LLC board. They will fill seats vacated in April by former board Chairman Charles Maker and Howard "Skip" Iba whose terms expired

and did not wish to serve additional terms.

"Both of these gentlemen bring a great deal of knowledge to this organization," Red Eagle said in a statement. "Their prior experience in working with tribal entities will be very beneficial, and we are very pleased with their decision to join the Osage LLC Board."

Stewart joins the board after spending more than 10 years serving as the CEO of Cherokee Nation Businesses, LLC, according to a news release. In his time there, Stewart expanded and grew gaming revenues from \$75 million to \$500 million. In addition, he led negotiations with the state of Oklahoma to bring a gaming

compact allowing Class III gaming. It was successfully approved by a vote of the people in 2004.

Parris, a certified public accountant, has owned and operated his own accounting business in Rio Rancho, N.M., since 2001, the release stated. Parris has spent the majority of his career focusing on the accounting, auditing and management of tribal governments and the federal government. Parris played an instrumental role in the drafting of the American Indian Trust Reform Management Act of 1994.

Parris and Stewart's appointments to the LLC board are now subject to Congressional confirmation of the Third ON Congress this fall.

Osage Casino expansion projects underway for Ponca City and Skiatook

By Benny Polacca
Osage News

The Osage Casino is moving forward with plans to improve the Nation's seven-casino venture by adding hotels and new casino buildings at the Ponca City and Skiatook casinos.

Groundbreaking for the Ponca City project is scheduled Aug. 7 with construction to start two days later. Construction on the project, which includes a 48-room hotel and casino with up to 450 machines, is expected to last 11 months.

The Osage Nation Gaming Enterprise Board hired a Las Vegas architecture firm with casino project experience, including tribal casinos, to design the project. The firm, Marnell Companies, will work with the project management company Square One and construction company Osage Manhattan Builders on the projects.

Representatives of the companies met with the gaming board at its July 17 meeting to briefly discuss the projects.

"Our role as a management group is to interface with everyone," said Kevin Fleming, president of Square One. "We have schedules to meet, we certainly have budgets to meet, we deal with obstacles that occur."

Fleming said there are 30 to 40 people involved in the project and said other project duties include working with utility agencies (i.e.



Osage News File Photo

Osage Casinos will soon begin their casino expansion projects to the Ponca City Osage Casino (shown here in 2008) and the Skiatook Osage Casino. More games and hotels for both.

water, sewer, gas) and creating agreements if needed.

David Howryla, president of Marnell Companies, said the projects will be completed in phases which allows the casinos to expand in the future. Marnell's services include consulting, architecture, construction, construction management and building transportation projects, according to its Web site.

According to Marnell's portfolio, the company's previous casino projects extend nationwide from the Las Vegas Strip to Atlantic City, N.J.

Those projects include: Bellagio (Las Vegas); Harrah's Atlantic City expansion; Hollywood Casino at Kansas Speedway (Kansas City, Kans.); and Harrah's Biloxi Grand Hotel and Casino (Biloxi, Miss.). On the tribal project front, Marnell worked on the Sandia Pueblo hotel and golf course at its casino near Albuquerque, N.M.

Ponca City and Skiatook casino plans

Howryla said the first phase of the Ponca City casino project includes gaming space for up to 450 machines

and a two-story hotel with 48 rooms. The project also calls for a convenience store, two restaurants and 5,000 feet of conference room space.

The Ponca City casino sits on land east of the Arkansas River with space allowing for expansion. Howryla said the space could double the hotel size and be used to build a larger entertainment venue.

Plans also call for the Ponca City casino to have a sewer line connecting the new facility to the Ponca City sewer infrastructure to handle the anticipated extra use. This involves building the sewer line under the Arkansas River to access the Ponca City line.

Kimberly Pearson, executive assistant for Osage Casino, said the sewer line project is underway with boring under the river complete. The next step is to build the wet-well. She said the project is expected to be complete in December.

On the Skiatook casino project, Howryla said phase one for the new facility has space for up to 300 machines, two small restaurants and a 33-room hotel. The project also in-

cludes a fitness center, coffee bar and convenience store. Dates for starting and completing construction on the Skiatook casino are unknown.

Gaming board member Randy Carnett said Marnell is one of five companies interviewed by the board for the casino projects. "We couldn't help but say 'wow,'" he said after the meeting.

Osage Manhattan Builders, a subsidiary of the Osage Limited Liability Company (LLC) is the construction company for the project. The company also worked on the renovation project of the Osage Casino in Sand Springs.

New gaming commission executive director named

Danielle Brashear has been named the new executive director for the ON Gaming Commission. She has served as its deputy director and fills the position previously held by Matthew Shunkamolah, who resigned earlier this year.

Brashear will report to the three-member Gaming Commission – the regulatory and oversight authority for the Nation's gaming operations.

Osages included in second set of code talker coins reviewed by CFA

Surviving Osage veterans of WWII say there were no Osage code talkers

Osage News Staff

The Commission of Fine Arts is producing a second set of commemorative Code Talker Congressional Gold Medal coins in honor of the Osage Nation, Pawnee Nation, Choctaw Nation and Cheyenne River Sioux tribe.

The first set produced included the Navajo Nation, Comanche Nation, Kiowa tribe, Santee Dakota Sioux tribe and the Tlingit tribe.

The designs for the second set were just reviewed by the U.S. Mint on June 21.

The only problem is, the Osage Nation Chief's Office, three Osage WWII veterans and the Osage Tribal Museum all agree, that to their knowledge, there weren't Osage Code Talkers.

CFA Secretary Thomas Luebke stated in a letter to U.S. Mint Deputy Director Richard Peterson the following about the Osage coin design:

"Osage Nation. The Commission recommended obverse (front) #2 after considering the Osage Nation's preference for #1 and concluding that the omission in #2 of the barbed

wire depiction – the only difference between the alternatives – would improve the clarity of the design. The Commission also supported reverse (back) #1, the single submitted alternative."

Osage Nation Executive Director of Governmental Affairs Chris White said July 25 he was not aware of the design and was not aware if there were Osage code talkers at all. He said he called the Osage Tribal Museum and an Osage veteran and neither source knew of Osage code talkers either. He had put in a call to the CFA as well.

The *Osage News* asked Michael White of the U.S. Mint Office of Public Affairs who he spoke with about the design of the Osage coin and he said he spoke with Osage Nation Principal Chief John Red Eagle.

The *Osage News* called Chief Red Eagle, Chris White and Chief Red Eagle's Senior Executive Advisor Debra Atterberry on July 26 for further comment but could not be reached before the August issue of the *Osage News* went to press July 27. They were out of the office until Monday, July 30.

WWII Veteran Bill Mashunkashey, 89, said he had no knowledge of Osage code talkers.

"I served with Kenneth Jump, Russel Warrior Jr., and only those two

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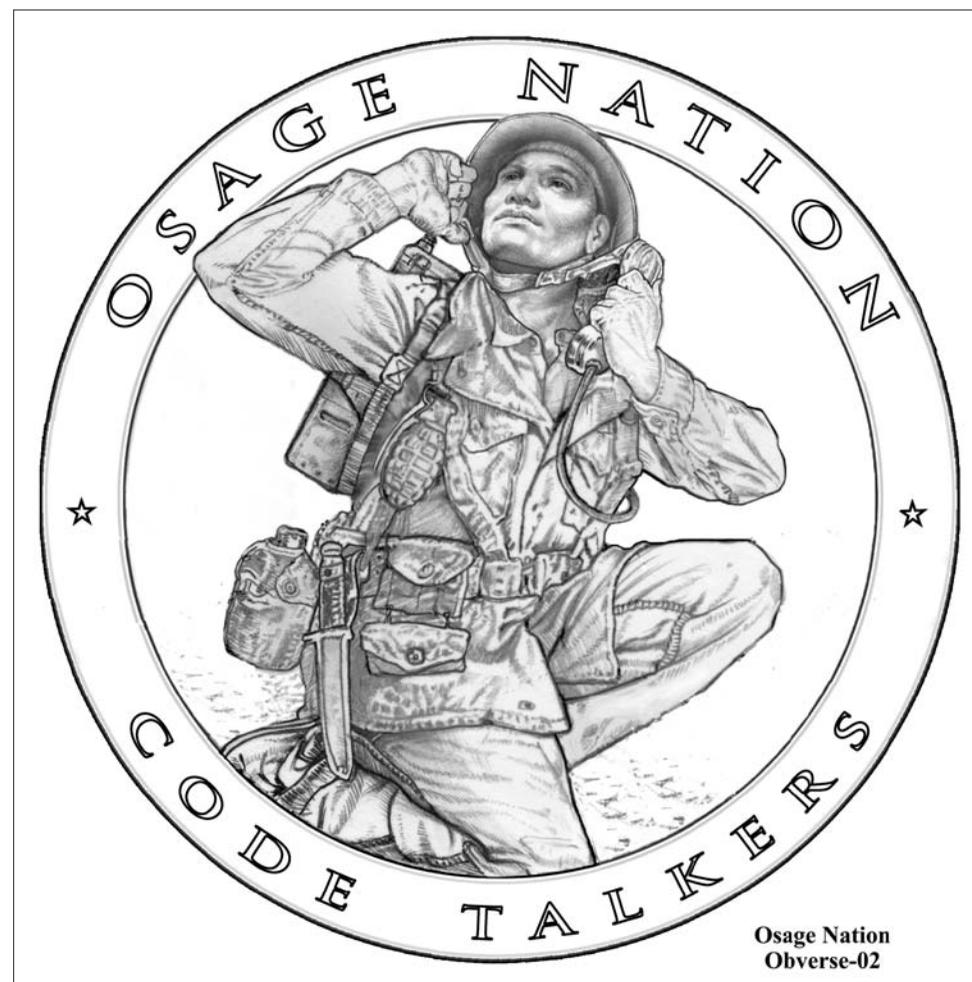
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Courtesy Photo

TOP: The front of the Osage coin designed by the Commission of Fine Arts in honor of the Osages service as Code Talkers during WWII. Tribal officials and Osage WWII veterans say there weren't Osage code talkers to their knowledge.

Courtesy Photo

BOTTOM: The backside of the coin designed by the Commission of Fine Arts in honor of the Osages service as Code Talkers during WWII. Tribal officials and Osage WWII veterans say there weren't Osage code talkers to their knowledge.



Osage turns 105 making her the oldest living tribal member

By Jacelle Ramon-Sauberan
Osage News

One by one staff members, friends and relatives went up to Rose “Sudie” Clevenger to wish her a happy birthday, showering her with hugs, kisses and handshakes.

Her 80-year-old daughter Nancy Bell tied a red balloon to her wheelchair while a nurse put a sparkling crown on her head.

On July 10 Sudie Clevenger celebrated her 105th birthday, making her the oldest living Osage.

“I am very honored to be the oldest living Osage,” Clevenger said.

Clevenger had a birthday party at the Colonial Manor Nursing Home

him was when he was five years old and was sitting on her lap.

BigHorse presented Clevenger with a proclamation from the Osage Nation. The Nation proclaimed July 10 to be Rose “Sudie” B. Clevenger Day.

BigHorse and Bills sang two prayer songs for Clevenger.

“As we were singing the prayer songs I could see Ms. Clevenger nodding her head to the beat of the drum,” BigHorse said. “It was a very, very blessed time.”

Clevenger was born in 1907 in Indian Territory and has three brothers. Her parents are Frank and Rose Shaw. Clevenger’s father spoke Osage and was the Assistant Chief

“I didn’t think I’d even be 100 years old... it is no different really, a lot of things are different, but it is really a joy.”

—Rose “Sudie” Clevenger

in Tulsa where she resides.

“I didn’t think I’d even be 100 years old,” Clevenger said. “It is no different really, a lot of things are different but it is really a joy.”

A photo of Clevenger from her wedding day in 1924 was on display. Bell found a black and red baby shoe that belonged to her mother and set it next to the photo.

“It is surprising to me that she is 105. She has seen more than we will ever see,” Bell said. “She gets pneumonia every so often and we think it is time, but nope.”

Osage Nation Assistant Chief Scott BigHorse and KC Bills paid a special visit to the birthday gal. It turned out that Bills is Clevenger’s nephew and the last time she saw

from 1946-1950.

“Her real name is Rose but she has always been called Sudie,” Bell said. “Her father gave her the name and she liked it.”

Clevenger married Carl Musgrove, Osage, when she was 17 and he was 19 in Oklahoma City. They had three children; Nancy Bell, Bill Musgrove and Bob Musgrove, who were twins.

Clevenger and her family lived in Fairfax until Bell was 11 years old, then they moved to Tulsa.

In 1956, Clevenger’s husband passed away and she decided to travel.

“She has been to a lot of places,” Bell said. “She has been to France, Italy, Mexico, Brazil and Yugoslavia to name a few.”

At age 75, Clevenger got remarried to Clifford Clevenger. They



Photo by Jacelle Ramon-Sauberan/Osage News

Rose “Sudie” Clevenger turned 105 on Tuesday, July 10 making her the oldest living Osage. A birthday party was held for her at the Colonial Manor Nursing Home in Tulsa.

were married for 14 years before he passed away.

“My mom was a homebody but she worked here and there,” Bell said. “She use to play the piano and harp, do needle work and make Indian jewelry.”

Bell visits her mother on a daily basis but if the weather is bad she visits her every other day.

In 2010, she was Miss Colonial Manor. Her favorite musician is Al

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Osages Question Proposed Amendments

All absentee ballots that arrive at the Pawhuska Post Office after 10 a.m. on Election Day will be put in an empty locked box at the Pawhuska Post Office and held for 48 hours as provisional ballots.

An eligible voter who has requested an absentee ballot may vote in person on Election Day if they surrender their absentee ballot or sign an affidavit stating they have not voted by absentee.

As of July 26, the election office reports it has received a total of 1,886 total absentee ballot requests for the Special Election. This number is a combination of voters who requested absentee ballots for the June 4 election and afterward. The deadline to request absentee ballots is passed.

OMC campaigning role questioned

OMC Chairman Galen Crum attended a July 5 Election Board meeting. He took issue with the campaign

rule restriction on prohibiting government resources from being used for campaigning purposes. According to the rules, using ON time, equipment, supplies or premises for campaigning is prohibited.

The OMC manages the Minerals Estate and is considered an independent agency within the Nation, according to the Constitution.

"I doubt voters would vote unless they knew how the Minerals Council felt about the amendments," Crum told the board. "Your prohibition against using Nation resources makes it impossible for us to comply, we are a Nation resource."

Board member Terry Hazen said the board was not trying to obstruct the OMC from its work. "That's not our intent, we're just trying to follow the law."

ON Assistant Attorney General Clinton Patterson, also at the meeting, agreed. "Nobody wants to stop you from doing your duties," he said, as the board agreed the issue needed

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more study. The board entered into a brief executive session with Patterson to discuss the situation.

After the executive session, the board said it would get an opinion from Attorney General Jeff Jones. "An official opinion is coming from the Attorney General's office and until we get that opinion, we will not interfere with the Minerals Council's efforts," Election Board Chairman Walter Hopper said.

The *Osage News* inquired with the AG's office on July 23, but Jones was out of town and Patterson responded through the Executive Branch and said an opinion was not ready yet.

On July 25, Chris White, executive director of governmental affairs, said: "the matter is still being researched and under review. No further comment on the issue will be made until the AG has issued his opinion."

The next Election Board meeting is scheduled for Aug. 2 at 2:30 p.m. in Pawhuska.



Photo by Jacelle Ramon-Sauberan/Osage News

Photos of Rose "Sudie" Clevenger lay on a table next to her birthday cake and balloons. Clevenger turned 105 on Tuesday, July 10, making her the oldest living Osage.

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Jolson and her scariest memory was in 1914 when she survived a cyclone in Fairfax.

Clevenger has 12 grandchildren, 24 great-grandchildren and eight great-great-grandchildren.

Code Talker Coins

could speak Osage, beside myself," he said. "They weren't code talkers."

WWII Veteran Richard Luttrell, 85, said he didn't know of any Osage code talkers either.

"I wasn't with any Osages at all in WWII. I served with Osages in Korea but they're both dead now. I don't think we had any [code talkers]. Most of those code talkers [for other tribes] went in as a group, all together," he said. "That's what they went in for, just to do that. The Osages more or less went in as individuals — registered in different places, served in different outfits. I've never really heard of it, code talkers ... not until after the war."

In the book, "*The Comanche Code Talkers of World War II*," written by William C. Meadows, Osages are mentioned in a paragraph about other Native American communications operators in World War I.

"In their discussion of Osage telephone operators, Wendell Martin and Alphonzo Bulz, veterans of the Thirty-Six Division, remarked that the Osages 'used to love to talk on our telephones and they'd talk in Osage. We used to wonder if Germans could ever interpret those calls.'"

The *Osage News* will be following up with this story in the September issue.

Coin history

In 2001, Navajo Code Talkers were recognized with Congressional Gold Medals for their contributions during WWII. Under the Code Talkers Recognition Act of 2008 (Public Law 110-420), 22 additional tribes will be recognized for their contributions during WWI and WWII.

"The purpose of the act is to require the issuance of medals to ex-

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press the sense of the Congress that the service of Native American code talkers to the United States deserves immediate recognition for dedication and valor; and honoring Native American code talkers is long overdue," according to the Code Talkers Recognition Act of 2008.

CFA Secretary Thomas Luebke said it will take the CFA five to six years to review all of the Code Talker Congressional Gold Medal designs.

The gold medals will be given to the Smithsonian Institution, silver duplicate medals will be awarded to those who served as code talkers and bronze duplicate medals are expected to be sold to the public, said Michael White, U.S. Mint Office of Public Affairs

Letters to the Editor Submissions

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Strengthening Native Girls Program

ON Prevention Program looking for 25 Osage women drug and alcohol free who can commit to the program at least one year

By Jacelle Ramon-Sauberan
Osage News

The Osage Nation Prevention Program is developing a mentoring program for Osage girls in Osage County called Strengthening Native Girls Program.

“We need some sort of resource to reduce teen pregnancy and underage drinking,” said Peaches Hail, ON Prevention Programs specialist.

The Strengthening Native Girls Program will be geared toward Osage girls ages 12-17 at high-risk of being exposed to alcohol and drug abuse.

“Teenagers face tons of risk factors and the Strengthening Native Girls Program will strive to reduce those risk factors and increase protective factors,” said Daisy Spicer, ON Prevention Programs coordinator.

In 2011, the Osage Nation received \$1.9 million in grants from the U.S. Department of Justice.

Of the \$1.9 million in grants, the ON Prevention Program received an award for a three-year \$500,000 grant to address problems in limited avenues for prevention and intervention services to teach Native American girls appropriate life management skills.

The program is in the planning stages and is currently recruiting mentors.

The ON Prevention Program is looking for 25 Osage women that are drug and alcohol free who can commit to the program for at least one year.

“We need those people who want

to mobilize this community and want to make a positive impact and positive change,” Spicer said.

The ON Prevention Program wants to partner with the Wah-Zha-Zhi Cultural Center, different Osage cultural advisors and other Osage Nation departments so they can reach a broader range of Osages, she said.

“It is very important to bring an Osage cultural component to the program because it will help teach the girls who they are and where they come from,” Hail said. “It is really important for the mentors to know the culture and teach the girls.”

The main goal of the program is for the mentor to build a life-long relationship and long-lasting friendship with the mentee, she said.

“There are not a lot of programs out there that address Native adolescents,” Hail said. “We want to increase protective factors by providing a stable, consistent, positive role-modeling adult outside of their family who provides cultural awareness and education.”

The program will provide funding for the mentor and mentee’s activities, as well as build the mentee’s decision-making skills, self esteem and provide support to their families.

“We are looking to create a safety net for our youth,” Spicer said. “We are hoping our people will step up and do this with us.”

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ONCR -11-13, passed October 6, 2011

- 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 the Minerals Council elections.

ONCR -11-14, passed October 6, 2011

- 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, April 6, 2011

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

The proposed amendments can be read in their entirety on the Osage Nation website or copies can be obtained from the Minerals Council office. We encourage every Osage to make themselves familiar with these amendments and vote YES in the August 13th Special Election.

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Third ON Congress meets for first Special Session

*Raymond Red Corn
elected Speaker; Daniel
Boone elected Second
Speaker*

*By Benny Polacca
Osage News*

In their first special session as legislators, the Third ON Congress passed five legislative bills and elected Raymond Red Corn as Congressional Speaker on July 20.

The 12 Congressional members also elected Daniel Boone as Second Speaker as well as chairs for the Congressional standing and select committees during the single-day special session. Congress voted to fast track the five legislative bills through the legislative process for final votes.

Red Corn, who was Second Speaker while on the Second ON Congress, called the session to order with the knock of the gavel. He is the fourth Speaker to preside over the legislative sessions since the 2006-reformed government launched.

In his executive message at the session's start, Principal Chief John Red Eagle acknowledged the incoming Congress members and said he would make a commitment to work with whichever leader is elected. "We all serve one people, the Osage people," Red Eagle said. He added he would need the Congress members' help in areas they are educated in.

Red Corn expressed appreciation for Chief Red Eagle's remarks and added: "I feel it's time for cooperation."

In the elections for Speaker, Congress members nominated Red Corn and Congresswoman Alice Goodfox for the position.

Congress members voted by raising their hands for each of the nominees with Red Corn earning seven votes and Goodfox five. Congress members voting for Red Corn were RJ Walker, Archie Mason, John Maker, John Jech, John Free, Boone

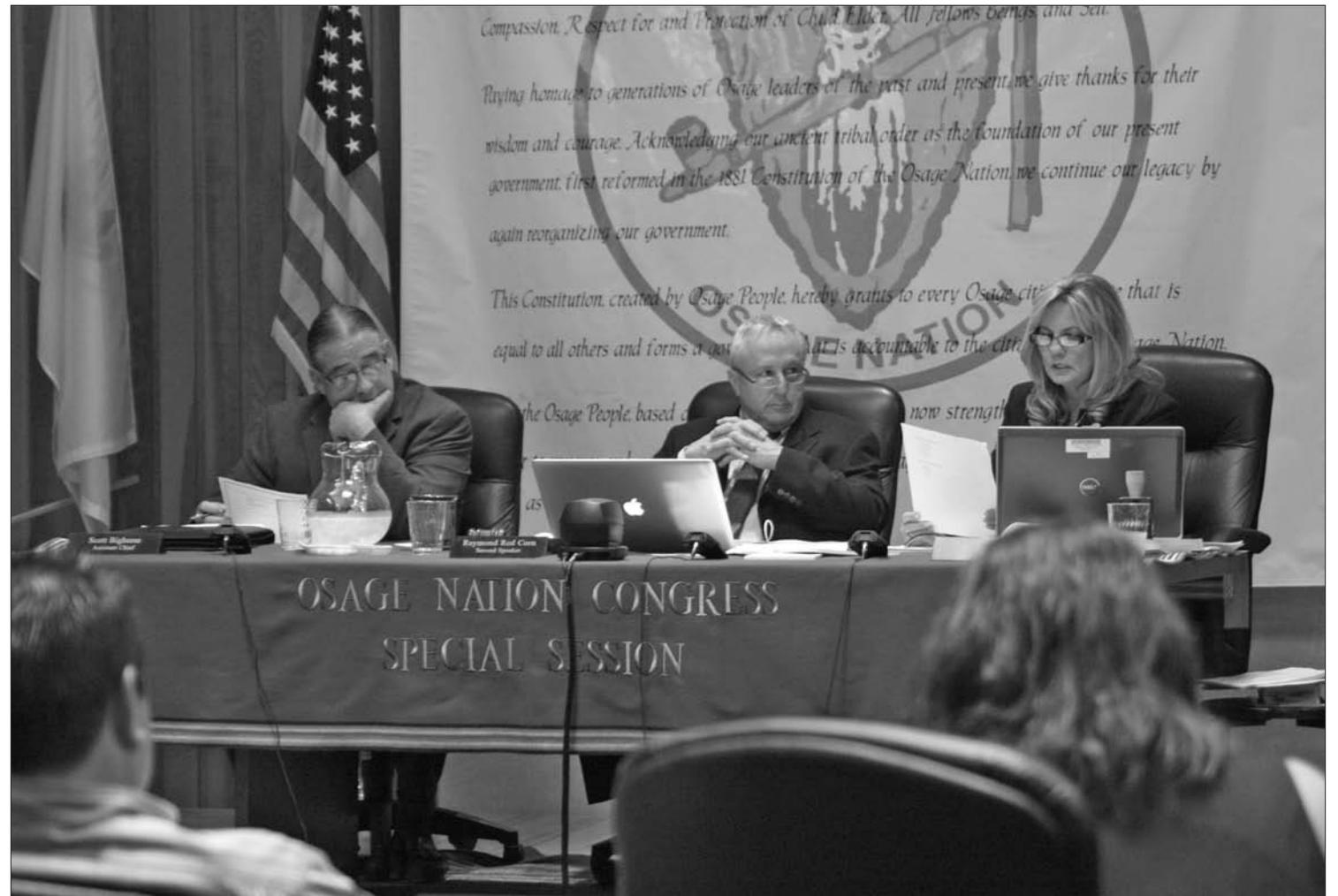


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Congress members recently elected Raymond Red Corn, who is serving his second term, as the Osage Nation Congressional Speaker for the Third Osage Nation Congress.

and Red Corn himself. Goodfox received votes from Maria Whitehorn, Geoffrey Standing Bear, Shannon Edwards, William "Kugee" Supernaw and Goodfox herself.

For the Second Speaker position, Congress members nominated Boone, John Free and Archie Mason. Mason asked to be withdrawn. Boone won the Second Speaker spot with 11 votes and Free received one vote from Mason.

"Thank you, Archie," Free said as the Congressional Chambers filled with laughter.

Bills

Bill ONCA 12-69 restricts the eligibility requirement for the 2012 Economic Development Grant pro-

gram to enrolled Osage citizens. It passed with an 11-1 vote.

The grant program awards up to \$25,000 to applicants who are seeking to provide economic development opportunities within the Nation's physical boundaries. The grant has already been advertised without requiring the applicants to be Osage. Red Corn, who sponsored the bill, filed the amendment to add the Osage requirement. The grant application deadline is July 29.

Edwards questioned whether the economic grant program could be made available to applicants outside the Nation's boundaries where it could hire Osages not living in Osage County, such as Tulsa. Red Corn said he wasn't in favor of the sugges-

tion adding the grant program is a starter and preferred to see how the program runs in the first year with the restriction to Osage Nation projects.

ONCA 12-69 passed with 11 "yes" votes and one "no" vote from Edwards.

The Congress also approved ONCA 12-71 to add about \$1 million to the newly created Tribal Development and Land Acquisition Department. The department has a goal of buying back land within Osage County. The bill passed unanimously with 11 "yes" votes and one "no" vote by Jech.

ONCA 12-72 is an updated budget for the Nation's Farmer's Market

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program. The program received an updated federal grant amount and needed Congressional approval. The program will receive a total of \$31,325 in the 2012 fiscal year and requires a tribal contribution of \$2,282. It passed 12-0.

ONCA 12-73 is a supplemental budget appropriation for the Nation's Treatment to Street Crime (TASC) program for the remainder of FY 2012. The amended budget shows an increase in tribal funds appropriated from nearly \$179,000 (originally appropriated last fall) to \$224,608, according to the bill. It passed 12-0.

ONCA 12-74 is an appropriation for the Communities of Excellence program. The program focuses on smoking cessation. The Nation received funding for the program's 2013 fiscal year to include \$50,000 in federal funding and requires about \$6,700 in matching funds from the Nation and \$150,000 from the state of Oklahoma.

The bill passed with an 11-1 vote. Edwards cast the lone "no" vote because she took issue with the intent of the federal funding for a staff position she did not believe had enough work duties. "Our federal government has the responsibility to spend our tax money responsibly," she said.

The session adjourned around 5 p.m. Several Congress members said another special session could be held Aug. 16, but no proclamation has been issued. The first regular session for the Third ON Congress is the Tzi-Zho Session and begins Sept. 4.



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The Third Osage Nation Congress convened for the first time for a single-day Special Session July 20.

OSAGE NATION CONGRESS COMMITTEE LIST



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Wahzhazhe ballet awarded \$25,000 grant from ON Foundation

By Benny Polacca
Osage News

The Osage Nation Foundation launched a matching grants program targeting artistic endeavors last month. The Foundation awarded its first grant to Wahzhazhe – the Osage ballet program featured next month in Tulsa and Bartlesville.

The Foundation's board of directors started the arts matching grants program, which provides opportunities for Osage artists and arts-focused organizations to promote the arts focusing on Osage and Native American cultures, according to a Foundation news release. Each qualifying organization is eligible to receive a matching grant up to \$25,000.

In June, the foundation board approved its first grant of \$25,000 for Wahzhazhe, which is described as a "contemporary ballet that brings together unique and diverse qualities of Oklahoma history and culture" with its emphasis on the Osage.

"This ballet will be an artistic expression of the lives of our ancestors that will help us to better understand what it is to be Osage," Wahzhazhe ballet director Randy Tinker Smith said in a news release. "We have the opportunity to bring excellent art to these communities in the form of a compelling American story, told through dance at a time when inspiration might be just the remedy at such a challenging time in the state's history."

According to the Wahzhazhe ballet Web site, the production is an opportunity for young people to be involved in creating an artistic performance honoring their history and culture traditions. A minimum of 50 artists will work on a variety of tasks and youth will be provided training in costume and set construction, stage crew and dance.

Costumes will be made by local artists at the Wah-Zha-Zhi Cultural Center in Pawhuska, according to the Web site. Volunteers will learn about craftsmanship and social meanings



Courtesy Photo

Wahzhazhe ballet awarded \$25,000 grant from ON Foundation as part of their new arts matching grants program.

that go into the color combinations and textile art forms that are unique to the Osage people. Professional mentors, being paired with college students, will provide rich opportunities to learn and gain experience in many aspects of art production.

Ballet rehearsals started this month in Bartlesville, the release stated. The ballet production's Web site is at www.osageballet.com. Show dates for Wahzhazhe are as follows:

- Aug. 3-4 in Tulsa at Holland Hall School, 5666 E. 81st St.

- Aug. 10-11 in Bartlesville at the Bartlesville Community Center, 300 S.E. Adams. Blvd.

The arts matching grant program comes about two months after the Foundation hosted a Tulsa golf tournament as its first major fundraising event. The program also comes while the Foundation's inaugural summer youth camps are underway.

The ON Foundation is accepting matching grant applications from other organizations for their art en-

deavors. The deadline for matching grant applications is Sept. 1.

Foundation executive director Bill Webb describes the program as an "exciting step" for the nonprofit, which aims to provide charitable services to the Osage Nation and its citizens. "Over the past several months, we have received various requests for funding for worthy programs. But we simply didn't have the dollars available to fund them. With this appropriation, we are able to now begin to bring significant funding to qualified projects," he said in a news release.

According to the ON Foundation, the first priority of the arts matching grant program is to provide operation or program support to qualified arts organizations including theaters, symphonies, galleries, art guilds, choral societies, dance companies, writers groups and arts festivals, among others. The second priority is to support learning and arts in educational programs conducted by qualified artists. These can be artist residencies in schools, after school summer camps, or adult arts learning classes. The third priority is to community, civic and municipal organizations, which must be conducted by qualified artists.

Arts matching grant eligibility

The ON Foundation requires that matching grant applicants must be foundations, museums, businesses or organizations with a connection to an arts discipline. Individuals are not eligible to apply for the matching grant program.

Application forms may be downloaded from the ON Foundation's Web site at www.osagefoundation.org. All projects must take place between Aug. 1, and July 31, 2013.

All applications must be received by the ON Foundation no later than Sept. 1. Applications can be faxed to (817) 796-1816, emailed to bwebb@osagefoundation.org or a hard copy mailed to Osage Nation Foundation, P.O. Box 92777 Southlake, TX 76092.



Osage News File Photo

Participants of the 3rd Annual Cultural Walk gather together at the campsite on the Mullendore Ranch to receive instructions for that evening's activities. A traditional Osage dwelling is set up for participants to view.

Registration opens for 4th Annual Cultural Walk

Cultural Walk scheduled for October 6-7

Osage News

The Wah-Zha-Zhi Cultural Center is hosting its 4th Annual Cultural Walk: From Kansas to Home, a Cultural Experience Oct. 6-7.

Registration will be open from Aug. 13 through Sept. 14. Late registrations will not be accepted.

The walk is held on the Mullendore Cross Bell Ranch and includes activities such as Indian Dice, Hand Game, storytelling, Osage cooking and more.

On Oct. 6 participants will check in with WCC staff at 8 a.m. and sit through a safety orientation. Upon completion participants will be transported to the ranch and will walk to the campsite.

On the way to the campsite there will be small exhibits for walkers to learn about Osage history and the history of the walk. A light lunch will be provided for participants as well as a traditional Osage meal for supper.

Breakfast will be served in the morning before the walk begins. After breakfast, participants will break camp and take the symbolic walk from the campsite to the Mullendore family ranch where the Mullendore family will host a meal for participants. After the meal participants will be transported back to the Cultural Center on Sunday, Oct. 7.

For more information please call the Wah-Zha-Zhi Cultural Center at (918) 287-5539 or visit their web site to download a registration form at www.osagetribe.com/cultural.

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Osage Princess makes preparations to attend 81st American Indian Exposition

Osage News

Osage Tribal Princess, Dora Jo Williams, is making preparations to attend the 81st American Indian Exposition in Anadarko this weekend.

Williams, who is serving as OTP for a second time, will represent the Osage Nation as she attends the Expo from Aug. 8 through Aug. 11.

The four-day Expo is a long-standing tradition for tribal princesses all over the state. Held in Anadarko, also known as "Indian City," the Expo can sometimes host up to 20 tribal princesses. The tribal princesses hold fashion shows, pageants to showcase their culture and dinners to showcase their traditional food. It is a unique and special time

for young women who are their tribes and nation's special ambassadors.

Williams has been raised with traditional values and knowledge of the Osage culture, according to a prepared release. She speaks the Osage Language and has won awards at the Native American Youth Language Fair.

"She enjoys being the ambassador for her Tribe, because she gets to meet new people and make new friends," said the release. Williams graduated from Pawhuska High School this year and plans to continue her education and be a positive

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Osage Tribal Princess Dora Williams pictured in front of the Osage Tribal Museum.



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Lance Hardin, Hominy District, makes his way to the arbor at the 2012 Hominy In-Lon-Schka, June 14.

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Marion Cass, Gianna Sieke and Josephine Lookout pose for the Osage News at the 2012 Hominy In-Lon-Schka, June 14.



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Layne Scott (left), Eli Redeagle Jr., (center) and Maddy Scott (right) sell meat pies at the Hominy In-Lon-Schka on Friday, June 15.



Photo by Benny Polacca/ Osage News

Osage dancers head toward the arbor for the 2012 Hominy In-Lon-Schka dances on June 16.



Photo by Chalene Toehay/Osage News

An Osage woman makes her way to the dance arbor at the 2012 Hominy In-Lon-Schka, June 14.

2012 In-Lon-Schka H O M I N Y



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ABOVE: Caesar Williams rings the dance bell for the start of the evening dance at the 2012 Hominy In-Lon-Schka, June 14.



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LEFT:The old roundhouse for the Hominy District.

Photo by Jacelle Ramon-Sauberan/Osage News

FAR LEFT: Hominy Drumkeeper William Shunkamolah makes his way to the arbor on Friday, June 15.

In-Lon-Schka

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Hominy District cook, Denise Keene gets ready to serve dinner on Friday, June 15.



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Wyatt Little (left) and Hominy District water boy John-Tyler Little (right) pose for a picture before the evening dances on Friday, June 15.



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William "Kugee" Supernaw and Romaine Shackelford make their way to the dance arbor at the 2012 Hominy In-Lon-Schka, June 14.

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Louis F. Burns, a tribute

Osage Tribal Museum

Louis F. Burns (Osage) descends from the Little Bear/Strike Axe band of Little Osages and the Tinker family. He holds a B.S. degree in education and an M.S. degree in history from Kansas State University, Emporia. He also did work toward a doctorate at the University of Southern California. Mr. Burns was born January 2, 1920 at Elgin, Kansas, the son of Robert Lee and Bessie (Tinker) Burns. Raised on a cattle

ranch in the Osage Nation, he was one-eighth Osage/Kansas Indian. In 1945, he married the former Ruth Blake. At the time of her death in 2006, the Burns had been married for sixty-one years. Mr. Burns was a member of the Osage Mottled Eagle clan, named Hulah Kiheka (Eagle Chief), and member of the In Lon Schka Society. He was Knighted by Companions of l'Hippocras (Cheva-

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ABOVE: A display of the late Louis Burns' work at the Osage Tribal Museum.

TOP RIGHT: A painting of the late Louis Burns.

BOTTOM RIGHT: Louis Burns wrote many books on the Osage culture during his life. They are displayed at the Osage Tribal Museum.



Tulsa councilors give 'Key to the City' to Chief Red Eagle

Osage News

Osage Nation Principal Chief John Red Eagle was presented with a "Key to the City" by members of the Tulsa City Council July 17 as part of a series of meetings with area tribal leaders aimed at improving communication between the tribes and the City of Tulsa.

Tulsa councilors already met with Cherokee Nation Principal Chief Bill John Baker and Muscogee Creek Nation Principal Chief George Tiger. The meetings were open to the public.

"We are very appreciative that the Tulsa City Council reached out to us to strengthen the lines of communication between the Osage Nation and the City of Tulsa," Red Eagle said in a prepared release. "The Osage Reservation and Tulsa share boundaries, and it is important that we work together to pave a path to a brighter future."

Councilors Jack Henderson, Jeannie Cue, Karen Gilbert, Byron "Skip" Steele and G.T. Bynum attended the meeting, according to the release.

"Many of us agreed it was time for the City of Tulsa to turn the page on its relationship with the Osage Nation - to begin an era of collaboration and better communication," Bynum said. "This meeting was a great opportunity to begin that new relationship."

Bynum continued by expressing how productive the meeting was for the future of all parties in developing this relationship.

"We had a very positive discussion, and I am thankful to Chief John Red Eagle for the tremendous leadership he showed by accepting the hand of friendship when it was extended," Bynum said. "We look forward to what the future holds for the City of Tulsa and the Osage Nation."

According to the 2010 U.S. Census, 5.3 percent - or 20,771 - of Tulsa's population of 391,906 is of either American Indian or Alaska Native descent.



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From L to R: Jeannie Cue, Chief John Red Eagle, G.T. Bynum, Jack Henderson, Byron "Skip" Steele and Karen Gilbert.

Burns Tribute

lier de l'Hippocras du Therme). Mr. Burns is listed in the 27th edition of Marquis, Who's Who in the West, the 19th edition of Marquis, Who's Who in the World, and forthcoming Who's Who in America. He is also listed in the British International Men of Achievement, Dictionary of International Biography, and 2,000 Outstanding Scholars of the Twentieth Century.

In 2002, Mr. Burns was inducted into the Oklahoma Historians Hall of Fame. A published author, Mr.

Burns had thirteen books written on Osage subjects; was editor of two professional educational newsletters, had two articles published in the *Chronicles of Oklahoma*, and served as a feature writer for the *Osage Nation News* and *Inside Osage*. Louis had papers presented in 1989, 1992, 1997 and 1999 at the Plains Indian Seminar held at the Buffalo Bill Historical Center, Cody, Wyoming. He was published in *The Artist and the Missionary*, "Missionaries, Fur Traders, and Osage Ribbon Work."

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Two papers were presented at the Missouri Valley Historical Society conference at Omaha in 1996, and at the Oklahoma Historical Society Annual Meetings in 1996, 1997, 1998 and 1999. Louis was very proud of his research work on the Osage Tribe and the publishing of his work. He enjoyed mentoring other researchers in the same fields.

Osage Sports

Big names in college football coach at ON Foundation camp

By *Jacelle Ramon-Sauberan*
Osage News

Fourteen youth endured the triple digit heat for a five-day football camp in Fairfax, led by former University of Oklahoma standout Scott Hill July 9-13.

was our man call,” Hill said describing defense maneuvers.

Participants also learned how to make a diamond shape with their hands so they could increase the chances of catching the ball and decrease fumbles, he said.

Other coaches that helped out

“The foundation’s mission is to do everything they can to benefit the young people and various communities within the Osage Nation.”

—Scott Hill, former OU Football Star

The camp is part of the Osage Nation Foundation’s summer youth camps and was held at Woodland High School’s practice football field.

“The foundation’s mission is to do everything they can to benefit the young people and various communities within the Osage Nation,” Hill said.

The camp focused on teaching basic fundamentals such as catching the ball, offense and defense, line play, skill positions and kicking.

“It was a little difficult for some of them to pick up at times but after the third day everybody knew how to line up and cover three, which was our zone call and cover one which

were former OU football player Charles Thompson, Toriano Lands and Langston University medical trainer Ross McCulloh.

The camp also had a special guest, former Oklahoma State University football player Richetti Jones.

“That was cool when the former OSU player came,” said Michael Hight, football camp participant. “He told us to respect your parents and go to school because if you don’t stay in school you won’t get anywhere.”

Michael, 10, is Osage, Pueblo and Navajo, and will be a fifth grader at Skiatook Intermediate Elementary School.

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Photo by Chalene Toehay/Osage News

Gunnar Gordon passes to Jami Jordan as Coach Scott Hill looks on during a drill at the Osage Nation Foundation Football Camp held in Fairfax on July 9-13.



Photo by Chalene Toehay/Osage News

Coach Charles Thompson speaks to the Osage Nation Foundation Football Camp participants on July 11.

Football Camp

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He said enjoyed the camp and liked the drills that involved the tackling dummy.

“It was fun tackling the dummy because it was the only time we got to tackle,” he said.

During the camp, Michael said he learned the receiver routes and how to catch the ball.

“It was awesome that Scott Hill and Charles Thompson were my coaches,” he said.

Hight’s mother, Teresa Hight was very impressed by the camp.

“We were kind of upset there was no buses to drive him to the camp but after seeing the coaches and skill levels, we had no problem driving him,” she said.

Hight, Pueblo and Navajo, liked that the coaches included everyone regardless of their age or skill level.

She also enjoyed seeing the coaches put their heart and time into the camp.

“We got a lot of good pictures and the advice the guest speaker gave to the youth was nice,” Hight said. “Giving my son that kind of support really meant a lot to me as a parent.”

After the camp was over, she sent an e-mail to Osage Nation Foundation Executive Director, Bill Webb, telling him how much she appreciated the foundation for hosting the camp and giving the youth something to do during the summer.

“It was really enjoyable to see my son get in the game and want to play,” she said.



Photo by Chalene Toehay/Osage News

Blake Bledsoe makes the catch during a drill at the Osage Nation Foundation Football Camp on July 11.



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Billy Proctor, Hominy District tail dancer, leads his son to the arbor at the 2012 Hominy In-Lon-Schka, June 14.

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Ted Moore Jr. helps his son Dillon with his beads at the 2012 Hominy In-Lon-Schka, June 14.



Osage swimmer to compete nationally

By Jacelle Ramon-Sauberan
Osage News

Hannah Hamilton represents the Osage people across the state at every single swim meet she competes in. She will now represent her people across the country.

Hannah, 10, will be competing in the USA Swimming Central Zones Meet in Columbus, Ind., Aug. 2-6.

"I am excited and nervous because it is a big meet and I have never been to a meet out of state," she said.

The meet is geared toward older kids but there is a small collection of kids asked to participate in the 14 and under.

"Hannah competed against 11 other teams in Oklahoma for a slot in the competition and she got it," said Amanda Hamilton, Hannah's mother and Osage tribal member.

Swim teams have to be at a com-

petitive level and have times starting out at A to AAA, which is considered Olympic style to compete at the Central Zones Meet, added Hamilton.

"Hannah is an AA swimmer and there is very few in her age group that swim at that level," she said.

Hannah began swimming when she was 4 years old at the YMCA when she lived in Vancouver, Wash.

"It was my idea to get her into swimming," Hamilton said. "We lived in Washington State where it rains 90 percent of the time so I started her out with swimming lessons at age 2 and she liked the water."

Hannah's father is Brent Hamilton, her great-great grandparents are Jess Smith and Minnie Elkins Smith, her great-grandparents are Sam Polhamus and Teresa Francis Smith Polhamus, her grandmother is Immaculata Polhamus.

Three years ago, Hamilton joined a competitive swim team called the Chesapeake Swim Club in Oklahoma City.

"She really liked swimming and was getting bored at the YMCA so a coach recommended we join the Chesapeake Swim team," Hamilton said.

Just like in Karate where skill level is measured by the color of ones' belt, the Chesapeake Swim Club uses a color system. Swimmers begin at red, then move to blue, silver, gold and then senior development.

Hannah is a gold swimmer. For her age group, she is one of five 10 years olds out of 316 swimmers on the team.

Her best time in the 50-meter breaststroke is 44:06 seconds AA and her best time in the 100-meter breaststroke is 1:38:22 seconds AA.

"We are so proud of her," Hamilton said. "Hannah works hard and swims 5 days a week for 2 hours a week, then an extra hour twice a week with a private coach."

Hannah admits she is a very com-



Courtesy Photo/Amanda Hamilton

Hannah Hamilton gets ready to dive at a swim meet earlier this year.

petitive person and wants to go to the Olympics some day.

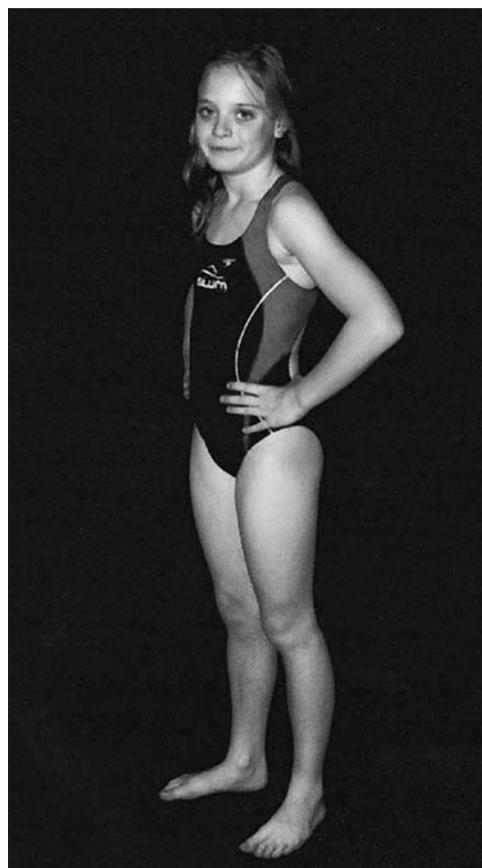
"AA is the best for my age group and my goal now is to get AAA times in all my events, I think I can do it," she said.

Hannah's favorite strokes are the breaststroke and the butterfly.

"When we do relay's my coach always has me swim the breaststroke because I have the best time for my age group," Hannah said.

Hannah has an award wall at home where she puts all her ribbons and trophies. She is proud of all the awards she has won and she is certainly proud to be able to represent the Osage people.

"Represent who you are and go for it," she said. "Be proud to be an Osage and a part of your tribe, be who you are and don't change yourself."



Courtesy Photo/Amanda Hamilton

Hannah Hamilton, 10, will compete nationally in the USA Swimming Central Zones Meet in Indiana in August.

Save the Date!

AUGUST

August 2 – August 3

Kaw In-Lon-Schka
Kaw Dance Grounds

August 5

Osage Shareholders Association Quarterly Meeting
Landrum Community Center
Pawhuska, OK
Contact Lou Phillips at (918) 272-8174 or Mary Lee Evans at (918) 835-8496

August 8

Back to School Read-A-Long
Starts at 1:30 p.m.
Pawhuska Library
1801 Lynn Ave.
Pawhuska, OK
Contact Jim Ryan at (210) 804-0687

August 9

“Back to School Bash”
Hominy JOM Program
Starts from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.
Contact (918) 699-5310

August 13

Osage Nation Special Election
Osage Nation Campus
All Day

August 15

First Day of School for Pawhuska

August 16

First Day of School for Hominy

August 16

First Day of School for Woodland

August 17

IICOT Powwow
ORU Mabee Center
7777 S. Lewis Ave.
Tulsa, OK

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
Observed Holiday

September 4 – October

Loom Beading Class Begins
Wah-Zha-Zhi Cultural Center
Must call ahead to sign up
Contact Addie Hudgins at (918) 287-5539

September 15

Osage Nation Head Start Benefit Dance
2 p.m. to 11 p.m.
Central Elementary Gym
710 S. Osage
Skiatook, Oklahoma
Contact Terri Buffalohead at (918) 699-5471 or Tori Bennett at (918) 699-5474

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 6

From Kansas to Home, a Cultural Experience: Cultural Walk
Northern Osage Reservation
Mullendore Cross Bell Ranch

Contact Wah-Zha-Zhi Cultural Center at (918) 287-5538

October 8

Osage Day
Observed Holiday

October 12

Osage Nation Health Summit
Osage County Fairgrounds
Pawhuska, OK

NOVEMBER

November 5 – December

Ribbon Work Class Begins
Wah-Zha-Zhi Cultural Center
Must call ahead to sign up
Contact Addie Hudgins at (918) 287-5539

November 12

Veterans Day
Observed Holiday

November 22

Thanksgiving Day
Observed Holiday

November 23

Osage Heritage Day
Observed Holiday

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Osage Princess

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role model for her younger brothers, sisters, family and friends.

Dora is the oldest of five children to Margie and John Jr. Williams. Her maternal grandparents are Otto and the late Sandra Hamilton, of Pawhuska. Paternal grandparents are Frances and John Williams of Fairfax.

Expo

Advance Grandstand admission bracelets for \$10 can be purchased from any Tribal Director. The Osage Tribal Director is Angela Toineeta and she can be reached at (918) 885-2976. The bracelets are good for admission and parking on the east side of the grandstand throughout the Expo.

Kicking off the Expo will be a parade in downtown Anadarko at 10 a.m. on Aug. 8 and the closing parade will take place on Saturday, Aug. 11, at 10 a.m. All participants are welcome.

The Southern Plains Indian Museum will host the Tribal Princess Fashion Show on Aug. 8 at 3 p.m. The public is invited to attend and learn about the princess's regalia and tribes.

The Expo will feature tribal presentations and dance contests at 8 p.m. at the Caddo County Fairgrounds.

For information about camping, contact Trecil Macias, Kiowa Tribal Director, at (580) 0357-1548 or Tom Morgan, Pawnee Tribal Director at (405) 826-8189. Vendors needing information about Arts and Crafts, contact Noel Gover, Otoe Tribal Director, at (405) 334-9193. Dancers wanting information about the dance contests should contact Gover as well.

Visit the Expo website at www.americanindianexposition.org for further updates.

Boards for revitalized Osage Nation Enterprise and Osage LLC sworn in

By Benny Polacca
Osage News

Osage Nation Principal Chief John Red Eagle appointed five people to serve on two boards. Those five were sworn into their board positions July 19 and are subject to Congressional confirmation this fall.

Three Osages will serve on the revitalized Osage Nation Enterprise (Inc.) board to enter into economic relations with entities outside the Osage Nation. The ONE is not new to the Nation, but has been stagnant for a few years.

ON Trial Court Judge Marvin Stepson presided over the swearings-in at the Executive Branch office in Pawhuska. Stepson also swore in two recent appointees to the Osage Limited Liability Company (LLC) board.

Chief Red Eagle appointed Randy Standridge, Jill Jones and Charles Hessert to the ONE board. The board is being utilized as the Nation enters into a partnership with an Oregon tribe's company for energy-related projects.

The Nation is partnering with Yaka Energy to form a joint venture

for energy projects, Jones said. Yaka Energy is based in Pendleton, Ore., and is majority-owned by the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation.

According to the company Web site, Yaka Energy's services aim at providing commodities and risk and energy services for energy resources such as natural gas, electricity, jet fuel, coal, and alternative fuels (i.e. wind and biodiesel-B20).

Jones said the partnership would include drilling and pipeline construction projects. "It's an opportunity for us to get into the business," she said.

Judge Stepson also swore in recent LLC board appointees Jim Parris (Osage) and David Stewart for their board positions. He thanked the newly sworn-in people for accepting their appointments and added: "I know you'll do a good job for the Nation."

All five individuals will be subject to Congressional confirmation for their positions in the fall when the Third ON Congress meets for its first 24-day Tzi-Zho Session, which starts Sept. 4.



Photo by Chalene Toehay/Osage News

New members serving on the Osage LLC Board and Osage Nation Enterprise Board are sworn into their positions on July 19 with Trial Court Judge Marvin Stepson administering the oath.



Photo by Chalene Toehay/Osage News

(L to R) Randy Standridge, Jill Jones, Charles Hessert, Jim Parris, and David Stewart pose for photos after being sworn into board positions. Standridge, Jones and Hessert will serve on the Osage Nation Enterprise Board and Parris and Stewart will serve on the Osage LLC Board.

August 20th is the deadline
for all submissions for the
September issue of the

Osage News

Mark it on your calendars!

Births and Announcements



Brandon Russell Hight

Happy Birthday!

Brandon Russell Hight will turn 6 years old on Aug. 27! Brandon will be in Kindergarten in Skiatook this year. He loves to draw and is very creative, his favorite color is blue and his favorite Superhero is Spiderman. Brandon participates in soccer and baseball. He enjoyed his first time to dance at the In-Lon-Schka this year and he can't wait to do it again next year. Brandon is the son of Brad Hight and Christie Duty, grandson to Ed and Judy Duty, and Judy Hight all of Skiatook. He is the proud little brother of Taylor Hight.

We wish you a very Happy Birthday Brandon. We Love You! Love, Mom, Dad and Taylor.

Happy Birthday!

The Hight Family would like to wish a very Happy Birthday to Taylor Alexandria Hight who turns 11 years old on Aug. 8. She is the daughter of Brad Hight and Christie Duty, the granddaughter of Ed and Judy Duty, and Judy Hight, all of Skiatook. She is also the big sister of Brandon Hight. Taylor will be in the



Taylor Alexandria Hight

5th Grade at Skiatook Intermediate and is involved in basketball, soccer, softball, golf, photography and many other activities. We Love you Taylor and are so proud of you! We wish you nothing but the best, always! Love you, Mom, Dad and Brandon.

Congratulations!

Alexandra Bickelmann graduated May 4 from the University of South



Alexandra Bickelmann

Carolina with a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration. Her majors were in Accounting and International Business with a Minor in Chinese Studies. Ali graduated Summa Cum Laude and was named Outstanding Woman of the University of South Carolina.

Ali was a member of Omicron Delta Kappa National Leadership

Honor Society and was presented the Outstanding Senior Award. She served as Vice President of the University Sorority Council.

After landing an internship on Wall Street during the summer of 2011, she accepted a position with Price Waterhouse Coopers in New

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Courtesy Photo

John Star Bighorse Jr. (back row, third from left) recently completed the Sam Bradford ProFootball Camp in Norman, Okla. He is pictured here with Heisman quarterback Sam Bradford (middle) and other camp attendees.

Bighorse Jr. Completes Sam Bradford Football ProCamp

Congratulations to John Star Bighorse Jr. for completing football camp at the University of Oklahoma in Norman this summer and the Sam Bradford Football ProCamp. On August 4, John will compete in Tulsa for a spot on the FBU National Championship team. Hosted by the Football University and made up of former professional football players, participants must try out to win a spot at the elite training camp.

John will be in eighth grade this year and participates in baseball, wrestling, track & field and golf. He is son of John Star and Leah Bighorse. His maternal grandparents are Bob and Renee Harris of Pawhuska and his paternal grandparents are Vann Bighorse of Pawhuska and the late Lisa McGuire. He is the great-nephew of Lynn Star Holloway. He is also a water boy for the Pawhuska In-Lon-Schka Dance Committee.

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@osage-tribe.org

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.osage-tribe.com/historicpreservation.

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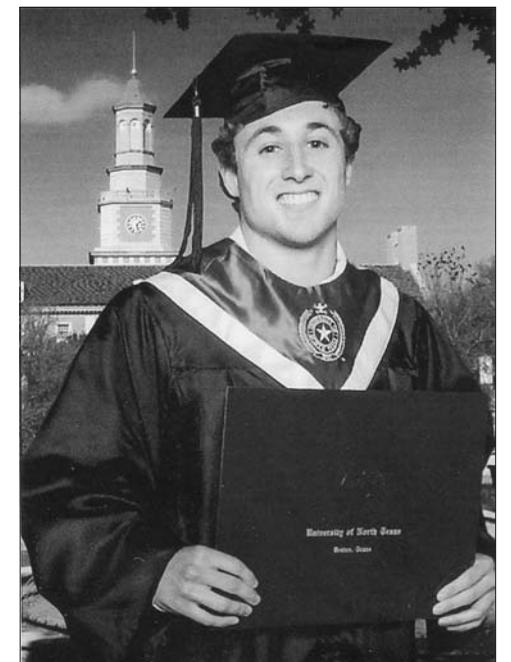
York City beginning in August of 2012.

Ali is a proud Osage and is a descendant of John Drew Atkin, a former Mayor of Pawhuska. She is the daughter of Paul and Cindy Bickelmann of Williamsville, New York and the granddaughter of Bill and Eleanor Taylor of Enid, Okla. She is the great granddaughter of Lucille Atkin Stewart. She is extremely grateful for the Osage scholarships she received. They made it possible for her to complete her college education.

Congratulations!

Our family is proud to announce the graduation of Ryan Teal. Ryan graduated from the University of North Texas in Denton with a Bachelor of Science on May 12.

We are eternally grateful to the Osage Nation for helping him achieve his goal. Ryan is the great-great grandson of Russell Warrior and his proud parents are Tom and Alexandra Teal of Frisco, Texas.



Ryan Teal

Osage Manhattan Builders offering mentorship program for Osages

Entry-level positions available in Skiatook and Ponca City

Osage News

Osage Manhattan Builders is currently recruiting Osage tribal members for a mentorship program to assist in the construction projects of the Skiatook and Ponca City casinos.

The mentorship program is a minimum one-year commitment and will hire Osages for entry-level positions in construction management.

“If you are seeking a challenging and rewarding opportunity with a diversified and innovative company, this Mentorship Program may be for

you,” stated a prepared release. “As a member of our team you will be assisting the Project Managers, Superintendents and Project Engineers on the ground and in the office.”

According to the release, the Mentorship Program offers a competitive salary and will provide Osages the opportunity to customize their career paths based on their interests and goals. They will gain first-hand experience during the duration of the Osage Casino expansion projects in Ponca City and Skiatook.

By providing Osages with mentors in different areas of Osage Manhattan Builders they will attain a well-rounded knowledge that will offer boundless opportunities for their

professional development, according to the release.

Mentorship participants will develop skills in:

- Project management
- Estimating
- Budget preparation and job cost control
- Scheduling and production rate tracking
- Safety management
- Quality control management
- Engineering and design support
- Business development and client relations

For more information contact Brian Travis at (918) 878-3446 or send resumes to btravis@osagemanhattan.com

Obituaries

JoReeda DeRoin Clark

JoReeda DeRoin Clark, age 63, of Hominy, passed away June 23 at St. John's Hospital in Tulsa. JoReeda was born to Reuben Reed and Neva Virginia (Evans) DeRoin on November 7, 1948 in Hominy. She attended the Hominy Public School. JoReeda and Doyle D. Clark were married July 16, 1965 in Hominy. JoReeda was a homemaker and enjoyed being a grandmother, the family Matriarch, and spending time with her best friends, Shirley Balentine, Vicki Prater and Janet Goodfox.

She is survived by her husband Doyle Clark, two daughters: Adonica McIntire and Amber Harris and husband Ronnie of Hominy; grandchildren: Brandon Wallace, Bailey Clark, Macy McIntire, R.E. Harris, Quentin Harris, Joseph Harris, Rayven Wallace, Cierra Wallace, Ella Jo Wallace, Kannon Wallace, Olivia Wallace and three sisters: debra DeRoin Bighorse, Denice Acott, Caroline DeRoin, and two brothers: Reuben Battiste DeRoin and James Reed DeRoin; and numerous other family members, and friends.

JoReeda was preceded in death by her parents Neva and Reuben DeRoin; two infant sons and aunt Laverne (Sissy) Core.

Graveside Services were on June 26 at the A.J. Powell Memorial Cemetery with Joe Dent, Oliver Little Cook and Pastor Carl Brown officiated. Pall Bearers were Jerry Dean Balentine, Wayne Wilcox, Bob Prater, Brad Prater, Mac McIntire and Ronnie Harris.

Ron Mossholder

Ron Mossholder, 84, of Florence, passed away July 4, of age-related causes.

Ron, a tribe member of the Osage Nation, was laid to rest in his family plot located at the Osage Reservation Cemetery in Pawhuska.

Ron was a World War II veteran and a lifetime member of the VFW and a past post commander of Post 3232 of Florence. He also was a member of the Florence Elks Club.

Ron married Carol Loveless, who is now deceased. They had one child, Sandra Lynn Mossholder, also deceased.

Ron earned a degree in horticulture, however, he preferred engineering as a lifetime profession. He was employed in the Mar-

shall Islands test site for the Atomic Energy Commission. He participated in testing A-bombs, hydrogen bombs and thermal-nuclear bombs from 1950 to 1955.

Ron was employed during the Korean War as a civilian technical adviser with the Fifth Air Force, attached to the 839th and the 931st Engineering Battalion Group from 1951 to 1952.

He was employed during the Vietnam War as a civilian technical adviser with the Department of Defense, Military Assistance Command, from 1965 to 1974. Ron also worked in Thailand, Greenland and Africa. His last position was in Arabia, where he was employed by an Arabian engineering firm as the general manager.

Years later, he retired to the United States and bought a home in Florence in 1996.

Ron said he missed the world travels and the big projects, but wouldn't trade Florence for all the rest of the cities in the world.

Ron will be missed by all his friends.

At his request, private cremation rites were held through Burn's Riverside Chapel Florence Funeral Home, which is in charge of all arrangements.

Joan Walker

Joan Walker, age 68, a resident of Irving formerly of McAlester, Oklahoma, died Sunday, June 10. Born August 4, 1943 in McAlester, she was the daughter of Paul and Edwina Meadows Robins. Joan retired from the City of Farmer's Branch.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband Marvin Amason in 1983 and a brother, Bill. Survivors include her son, Bryan Amason and wife Courtney of Fort Worth; daughters, Polly Clements and husband Randy of Waco, Sandy Thacker and husband Keith of Eustance, Sharon Snow and husband Lyle of Colleyville; 10 grandchildren, Codi, Blayne and Myles Amason, Jordan and Jayson Clements, Brianna and Shane Thacker, Alicia, Alan and Shannon Snow; 2 brothers, Dan and Greg; and her sister, Kay.

A memorial service was held in McAlester, Oklahoma on Wednesday, June 20 at All Saints Episcopal Church. Memorial contributions may be made to Meals on Wheels or the Susan G. Komen Foundation.



Courtesy Photo

Kendall Chapman-Ryan, of San Antonio, TX, will be hosting a reading program at the Pawhuska Library Aug. 8.

Reading program to be hosted at Pawhuska Public Library

BARK (Books Are really Keen) is coming to the Pawhuska Library Aug. 8 for a back to school read-along.

The event is aimed at promoting reading in the early years and is hosted by 12-year-old Kendall Chapman-Ryan of San Antonio, TX. The program is for beginning readers and "want to be" readers, who enjoy good stories and colorful pictures.

Every child who attends will be able to choose several free books and have some fun with music, singing and games. There will also be readings of appropriate books by Kendall and her dad, Jim Ryan. Cookies and juice will be served. All the young readers in Osage County are invited to attend. For more information contact Jim Ryan at (210) 804-0687 or jimr812@peoplepc.com.

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Opinion

Letters to the Editor

Vote No on August 13

Why would a young Sovereign Nation (Osage), who has a proud heritage and unique culture of their own, allow a power grab so soon in their new history?

By offering four amendments to our young Constitution, the Minerals Council wants to set itself up with complete autonomy from the rest of the Nation. Is there so much greed and mistrust within our leadership that the Council sees fit to alienate themselves from the rest of us. Total autonomy can possibly lead to total corruption and this appears to be the action of these four amendments.

All Osages hope that eventually they will inherit a share of a head-right, just as the Minerals Council members have inherited their own. The past fortunes of the Osage Nation should continue to be passed along, as has been the case for more than 100 years.

The Minerals Council has adequate protection from the BIA and has already been allowed to be a fourth entity, along with the Executive, Legislative and Judiciary. I have heard of no effort to stomp on their turf, nor do I believe any would be allowed by the present or future leadership of this Nation.

There can be no real justification to allow two separate power bases within a cohesive unit. I urge the voters to defend our Constitution and vote NO for these amendments.

—John Hutchinson
Overland Park, KS

Vote no

This election is being held at the behest of the Osage Mineral Council, however the Osage Congress is charged with calling it.

Proposed Amendment ONCR 10-19 will add to the Constitution at

Section 25 – Congress shall not tax the Mineral Estate nor the production or transportation of materials extracted from the Estate and the Congress shall not appropriate Estate funds or mineral royalties.

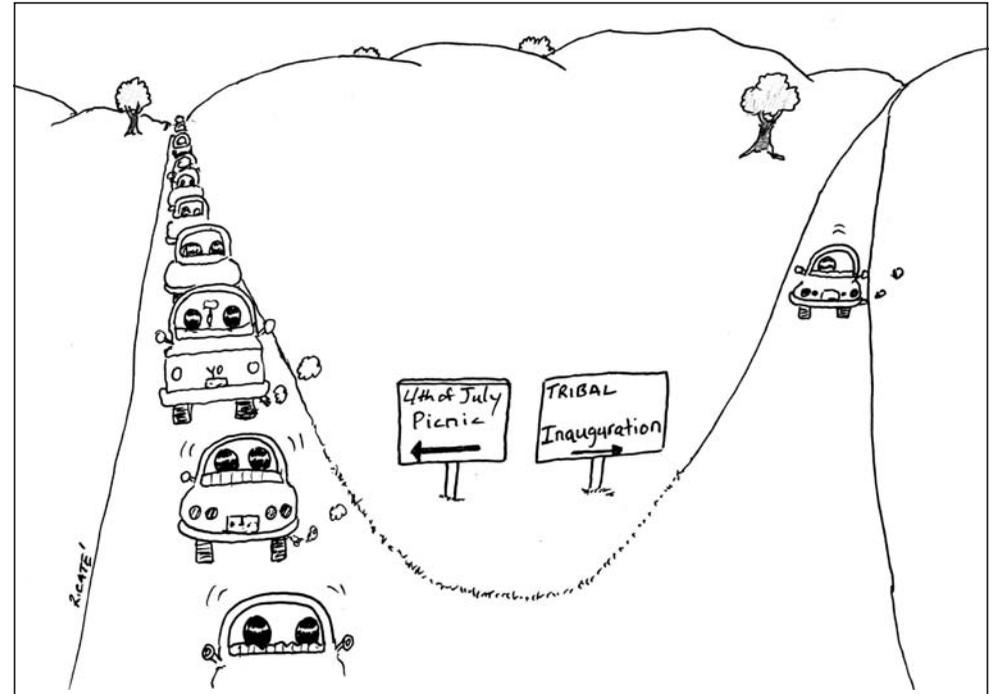
As a shareholder, I would be concerned about a tax on royalties but my concern would be finding out why and whether I would vote for the sponsor of such legislation at the next election. The ballot box is the control mechanism on Congress not a general limitation of its authority. Vote no.

Proposed Amendment ONCR 11-12 will change the approach of defining the authority of the Executive Branch from a direct definition to an excerpt when another branch of government declares or says an area of the Nation's services are under "my" branch of government. Bad law – particularly where the OMC elevates itself to a Branch of the government (by implication, but still). If the Congress can simply take over gaming operations – in violation of the Constitution – what would it do if such action is sanctioned by this amendment? Run everything? The Constitution is just fine here. Vote no.

Proposed Amendment ONCR 11-13 wants to change who is in charge of writing law for the election of the OMC. Who's in charge? Let's let the Congress write the laws. Vote no.

Proposed Amendment ONCR 11-14 This amendment will delete Article XV – Natural Resources and Minerals from the Constitution and insert a new Article XV – with a new name – Management of the Mineral Estate by the OMC, Section 1. Defines the Mineral Estate as originally described in the 1906 Allotment Act, which has never been repealed and is the law – so amend the Constitution for something already "black

Without Reservations



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letter law?" Section 2. The first change is to exclude the Principal Chief from vetoing a lease approved by the OMC, with the words "sole authority to lease ..." Here, the OMC strays from the 1906 Allotment Act which calls for the Chief to sign the leases. That's a no, no. Section 3. No change. Section 4. This change sets the "Qualifications for Holding Office on the Minerals Council." 1) Certified of Osage blood by the United States. Wow, this flies right in the face of the Constitution, which describes membership as "proving to be a lineal descendant of those Osages listed on the 1906 Roll are eligible for membership." Naturally the word "eligible" scares the bageebes

out of some "shareholders" who may fit the word Wah-Zha-Zhi Zhi'n or "little Osage." Which translated (by my mother Lenora Hamilton) meant members of families not Osage who were included on the 1906 Roll - not by the Tribal Council, who stringently protested, but were put on the Roll by the Secretary of the Interior. So let us leave the definition of who is an Osage as is in the Constitution. Vote no.

—George Shannon
Skiatook, OK

[Editor's Note: George Shannon is my grandfather. His opinion expressed is not necessarily that of the Osage News.]

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