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## Chief Red Eagle faces 15 allegations of wrongdoing

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Osage News

The Third Osage Nation Congress received a list of 15 allegations made against Principal Chief John Red Eagle on July 8 during its special session. On July 9, the legislative body approved a motion to form a Select Committee of Inquiry to investigate the allegations.

With 11 unanimous “yes” votes, the Third Osage Nation Congress approved the written motion to form the committee, which was read aloud by Congressman William “Kugee” Supernaw during Day One of the Congressional Special Session.

Congress members originally planned the session to consider a few items needing legislative action, but on June 19, a legislative proclamation was issued with the following item up for consideration: Motion to form a Select Committee of Inquiry – a five-person Congressional committee created to review allegations against elected or appointed officials that may constitute grounds for removal.

The Osage Constitution states all elected and appointed ON officials shall

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Benny Polacca/Osage News

Principal Chief John Red Eagle listens to the July 8 Congressional Special Session. During the session a Congressional motion to form a Select Committee of Inquiry was made and 15 allegations made against the Chief were read aloud. The motion faces a Congressional vote as early as July 9.

### Chief responds to allegations made by AG and ON Congress

By Benny Polacca  
Osage News

Osage Nation Principal Chief John Red Eagle says the recent ethics allegations levied against him are “unfounded” and those allegations are “based on nothing more than rumor and gossip.”

Chief Red Eagle is the target of an ethics case in ON Trial Court after Attorney General Jeff Jones filed a three-count ethics complaint on June 12. Now, the complaint count stands at four after Jones filed an amended complaint on July 12 adding an additional count. A scheduling conference for this case was initially held July 11 and will resume on Aug. 8, with presiding Associate Judge Lee Stout.

According to the amended ethics complaint, Jones added the fourth count regarding the contract and payments made to Chief Red Eagle appointee

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Courtesy Photo

ONPD Officer Patrick Luey carries marijuana plants to be transported back to Pawhuska for a controlled burn July 17.

### ONPD seizes \$45,000 worth of marijuana in Fairfax

Plants were being grown on restricted land west of town, two blocks from elementary school

By Shannon Shaw Duty  
Osage News

The Osage Nation Police Department destroyed \$45,000 worth of marijuana plants that were growing in field a short distance from the Fairfax Elementary School.

ONPD has no suspects at this time.

“It wasn’t organized, it was like...I went back there and they were ran-

domly scattered around in the area,” said ONPD Officer Patrick Luey who was called to the scene after a drug enforcement helicopter spotted the plants.

“When we got there it looked like someone had just been out there and watered the plants. There was a 5-gallon bucket and shovel out there,” Luey said. “The Osage Nation Wildland Firefighters came out. We escorted them out to a vacant field to have it burned and destroyed the next day.”

According to the police report, Luey was called by Osage County Dispatch around 6:30 p.m. Luey called an officer already in

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Jacelle Ramon-Sauberan/Osage News

2013 Colorado Immersion Workshop participants walk through the Garden Of The Gods on Thursday, July 11.

### Osage Language students further education during immersion trip

By Jacelle Ramon-Sauberan  
Osage News

The Osage Nation Language Department took 70 Osages to Colorado Springs for four days to retrace the footsteps of their ancestors.

“Colorado has been quite a familiar place to go during vacation time for our people and I thought it would be a pretty good touch to go back there,” said Herman “Mogri” Lookout, Osage Nation Language Department director.

The group traveled 630 miles on a charter bus to Colorado Springs on July 10 and the immersion workshops began on July 11.

This year, ONLD and the Osage Nation Cultural Center teamed up to teach the workshops. The workshop topics included history of Osages traveling to Colorado Springs, In-Lon-Schka dances, Osage clothing and how to score a hand game.

Lookout and Wah-Zha-Zhi Cultural Center Director,

Vann Bighorse, have been trying to partner the Osage language and culture together.

“We’ve been trying to weave them together because without language you don’t have culture, if you don’t have culture you don’t have language –they intertwine,” Bighorse said.

On July 12, ON Education Division Leader, Joe Tillman organized a unique roundtable conversation in Osage with

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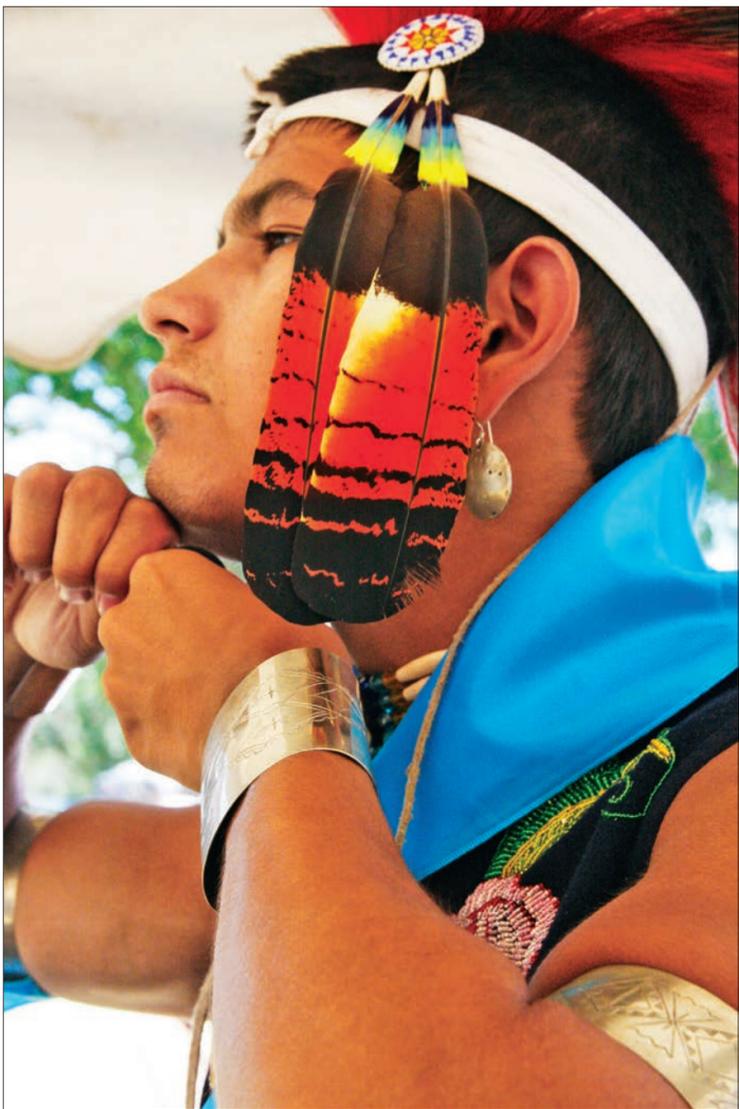
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Straightdancers head to the Pawhuska arbor for the June 27 In-Lon-Schka dances.



# *In-Lon-Schka* 2013

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Chalene Toehay/Osage News

Left: Joseph Pratt ties on his roach in preparation for the Pawhuska In-Lon-Schka June 27.



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Osage cousins from the Grayhorse District.

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# Nation no longer taking applications for Enbridge Pipeline project

By Shannon Shaw Duty  
Osage News

The Osage Nation is no longer accepting applications for the Enbridge Inc. Flanagan South Pipeline project set to start Aug. 7.

The Osage Nation Education Department and the ON Human Resources Department have successfully trained more than 400 workers for the project.

"We expected to originally get 200 jobs. So we were thinking about running 300 in our pool. Then we had additional jobs added and right now we are sitting at 400 in our database, of trained, ready to go to work, drug tested, all the training requirements that have been offered to them. Currently we are not taking applications for additional work so we think we have plenty of applicants to meet our numbers," said Ida Doyle, ON Education Department director. "We are still taking applicants names and numbers because if additional work comes up we want to have a pool of possible people that could go to work. 798 (welding union out of Tulsa) told us today they have pipeline jobs all over the country if people are willing to travel."

All training was free for those who came through the ON Education Department, paid for by the Pawhuska Business Strategy Center and the unions, said Jana Scimeca, ON Human Resources compensation analyst.

The Flanagan South project, a nearly 600-mile crude oil pipeline that originates in Flanagan, Ill., and ends in Cushing, Okla., will require more than 600 employees to lay a 36-inch pipe this side of Independence, Kans., to Cushing. Osage County will lay the last 300-mile stretch. The partnership between the Nation and Enbridge is that the Nation gets to provide 25 percent of the work force, while



Courtesy Photo/Enbridge

Workers repair an Enbridge pipeline in Wisconsin, July 31, 2012.

unions and contractors make up the rest. First preference is for Osage tribal members, then Native Americans, then non-Natives.

Some of the work has begun in Independence, where one of two warehouses is located. The second warehouse is located in Sand Springs, Okla., said Scimeca, and workers will be working out of both warehouses simultaneously.

"The numbers are growing everyday, we've already given some job assignments to a few, and we'll be contacting some others right away to show up the middle of August to the Independence warehouse. We get daily information from the contractor or the unions as to what their needs are going forward," Scimeca said.

The four unions working on the project are Welding-798 out of Tulsa, Operators-627 out of Tulsa, Teamsters, and Laborers-350, out of Springer, Okla.

"Met with Superintendent for the U.S. Pipeline yesterday (in Independence), we were awarded a few jobs at this point in early stages from the U.S. Pipeline contractor,"

Scimeca said. "We are waiting to hear of other positions that will come to us from all four unions."

The project will start in Independence and workers will move north near Iola, Kans., and Warrensburg, Mo., early in the project, Scimeca said. Then workers will move south of Warrensburg. Crews will then be dispatched to Sand Springs to the south warehouse. Both operations, the north and the south, are called spread three and spread four and both will work simultaneously.

"They will be working together and moving toward the center of the 300-mile stretch. So they kind of maximize their project time, instead of everyone moving south, the north and south will work and come together, that was the contractor's decision to do that," Scimeca said.

According to Enbridge.com, the Flanagan South Pipeline Project will cross Illinois, Missouri, Kansas and Oklahoma. The majority of the pipeline will parallel Enbridge's existing Spearhead crude oil pipeline right-of-way. Once

finished the initial capacity of the pipeline will be 600,000 barrels per day.

Enbridge Inc. plans to spend \$8.8 billion in the U.S. to transport greater volumes of petroleum to refinery hubs in the Gulf Coast region and other markets, according to an L.A. Times article. The company will transport more petroleum than TransCanada would with its Keystone XL pipeline project from Alberta, Canada, to the Gulf Coast, according to the article.

Enbridge Inc. runs the longest pipeline system in Canada and the U.S.

According to Enbridge.com, "Enbridge's policy lays out key principles for Aboriginal relations, such as respect for traditional ways and land, heritage sites, the environment, and recognition of unique legal and constitutional rights. The policy is designed to ensure that Aboriginal and Native American people near our projects and operations receive sustainable benefits."

For more information on the Flanagan South Pipeline Project, visit [www.enbridge.com/flanagansouthpipeline](http://www.enbridge.com/flanagansouthpipeline).



Vince Logan

## ON Congress supports nomination of Osage to top DOI post

Vincent Logan, Osage, awaits U.S. Senate confirmation to be the next Special Trustee for American Indians

By Shannon Shaw Duty  
Osage News

The Third Osage Nation Congress passed a resolution in support of President Barack Obama's nomination of Osage investor Vincent Logan to be the next Special Trustee for American Indians.

"The Osage Nation Congress commends President Barack Obama for his nomination of Vincent G. Logan to this office that is so important to Indian communities around the country," according to the resolution. "The Osage Nation Congress hereby expresses its sincere support for the confirmation of Vincent G. Logan as the Special Trustee for American Indians, recognizing his great accomplishments in law and finance."

The federal appointment was announced Sept. 21, 2012, and it was expected that Logan's confirmation from the U.S. Senate would come after the Presidential election. Logan, who is currently vacationing in Italy, said at the time the White House requested no media interviews until the confirmation process is complete.

Logan must first go before the U.S. Senate Committee on Indian Affairs and according to the committee's communications director, Reid Walker, the committee has not yet received Logan's nomination package from the White House. The committee is unable to proceed until that time, according to Walker.

Once Logan has completed the interview with the committee he will be subject to a U.S. Senate confirmation. If confirmed Logan will be the fourth special trustee since the office was created in 1994 by the American Indian Trust Fund Management Reform Act, and the second Native American to hold the post. The first was Ross Swimmer, Cherokee, who held the post for nearly six years, according to [Indians.com](http://Indians.com).

Logan will be respon-

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# Osage Nation to pay tribute to Maria Tallchief at ballet performance

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The Osage Nation will pay tribute to the late Prima Ballerina Maria Tallchief with a special, one-night program Aug. 9 at the Bartlesville Community Center.

The program will be held before the performance of *Wahzhazhe: An Osage Ballet* that will include distinguished speakers, a film tribute and a performance of a variation from *Swan Lake* done by Diana Gomez of the Tulsa Ballet, according to a prepared release.

"Elizabeth Maria Tallchief, who was born in Fairfax, Oklahoma, in 1925, will always have a special place in Osage history and in the hearts of the Osage people. Her great talent as a prima ballerina transformed and elevated in stature the ballets in which she performed, and touched audiences throughout the United States and Europe. Her life will always stand as a shining beacon for Osage young people of how dedication to one's God-given talents can be translated into great artistic achievement," said Osage Nation Principal Chief John Red Eagle.

Osage Congressional Speaker Raymond Red Corn said, "The Osage Nation Congress looks forward to the opening performance of the Osage ballet, *Wahzhazhe*, which will start with a tribute in honor

of the Premier Ballerina Maria Tallchief. Her public life exemplifies dedication to her art and to the heart of dance, a common thread that pulls the Osage people together as one."

According to a prepared release, additional performances of the ballet, which depicts the history of the Osage people, will be held Aug. 10 and 11 at the Community Center and at the Tulsa Performing Arts Center's Williams Theater on Aug. 16, 17 and 18.

Funded through private donations and a National Endowment for the Arts grant, the ballet was produced by Randy Tinker Smith and choreographed by Jenna Smith, both of whom are Osage, according to the release.

Tickets for Bartlesville performances will be online at: [www.bartlesvillecommunity-center.com](http://www.bartlesvillecommunity-center.com)

Tickets may be bought in person at the Bartlesville Community Center Box Office

- Friday August 9, 7:30 p.m. includes Tribute to Maria Tallchief. One night only.
- Saturday August 10, 7:30 p.m.
- Sunday August 11, 2 p.m.

Tickets for Tulsa PAC Williams Theater are available online at <http://tulsapac.com>.



Courtesy Photo/Russell Tallchief

Maria Tallchief, Osage prima ballerina.

[www.bartlesvillecommunity-center.com/events.asp?id=92&eventid=2578&task=display](http://www.bartlesvillecommunity-center.com/events.asp?id=92&eventid=2578&task=display)

May be bought in person at the Tulsa Performing Arts Center:

- Friday August 16, 7:30 p.m.
- Saturday August 17, 7:30 p.m.

- Sunday August 18, 2 p.m.

Adults \$18; Children and Seniors \$12. For more information contact *Wahzhazhe* at (918) 704-4668 or go to [www.osageballet.com](http://www.osageballet.com).

# Select Committee picked to investigate Chief Red Eagle

By Benny Polacca

Osage News

Osage Nation Supreme Court Chief Justice Meredith Drent selected five ON Congress members to serve on the Select Committee of Inquiry charged with investigating the 15 allegations made against Principal Chief John Red Eagle.

In a July 12 letter to the Third ON Congress, Drent announced she had chosen Congressional Speaker Raymond Red Corn, Alice Buffalohead, John Jech, Archie Mason and Maria Whitehorn.

These Congress members will commence their committee work when the seventh special legislative session starts Aug. 19. The legislative special session proclamation was announced July 9 – the same day the Congress voted 11-0 to form the Select Committee of Inquiry to review the allegations made public the day before.

Citing the congressional rules on removing elected and appointed tribal officials, Drent noted the person making the select committee motion (Congressman William “Kugee” Supernaw) is not eligible to serve.

Drent also noted, as the Supreme Court Justice appointing the select committee, she will be ineligible to preside over a removal trial – should one be held, per the rules.



Benny Polacca/Osage News

**The Third Osage Nation Congress meets for its July 9 special session with Second Congressional Speaker John Free presiding over a portion of the session. That day, the Congress voted 11-0 to form a Select Committee of Inquiry to investigate 15 allegations raised against Principal Chief John Red Eagle who was not present during the session.**

All proceedings of the committee shall be held in executive session with the exemption of votes regarding a recommendation to the Congress or approval of a committee report and any vote regarding the adoption of additional rules for procedure, the rules state.

The Select Committee of Inquiry will elect a chairperson and the committee is authorized to conduct a comprehensive investigation limited to the 15 allegations listed in the select committee motion. The committee is also authorized

to gather evidence, interview witnesses, take testimony under oath and subpoena documents as prescribed by tribal law and Congressional rules.

The select committee shall only meet when Congress is in regular or special session and will disband after submitting its findings and recommendations to the full Congress.

The select committee must submit a written report of its findings and conclusions if it finds sufficient grounds exist for the Congress to consider a trial for removal. The Con-

gressional rules state at least one legislative day after the committee report is submitted, a written motion to conduct a removal trial shall be in order.

Chief Red Eagle has denied the 15 allegations, which state that he allegedly “abused the power of his elected position” several times and allegedly did not uphold Osage and federal law in several separate events starting in 2010, with those alleged events occurring as recent as July.

Any elected or appointed official who is the subject of

the select committee has the right to appear by or with legal counsel at all Select Committee of Inquiry hearings, per Congressional rules.

The July 9 Congressional vote on the select committee motion took place on Day Two of the sixth special session. The day before, Chief Red Eagle did not address the select committee action motion listed on the July 8 session agenda during his executive message to Congress, but instead acknowledged other items of business considered in the special session.

After Red Eagle spoke, Red Corn delivered his legislative message on behalf of the Congress and pointed to the Select Committee of Inquiry item. He said the Congressional process regarding the select committee business is “gradual and deliberate, and it is designed to ensure fairness and respect to all persons.”

“We have reached a tipping point, a time when the actions of others force us to consider a measured and appropriate response of our own,” Red Corn said. “We are in search of the facts. If a Committee of Inquiry is formed, we will find the facts, and act accordingly.”

Drent closed her July 12 letter to the Congress stating: “Thank you for your commitment to the Osage Nation. I wish you success in performing this difficult task.”

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be subject to removal from office for cause. In the ON Congressional rules, the removal process calls for a Select Committee of Inquiry to be formed.

### Allegations

According to the written motion for the committee, the 15 allegations raised against Chief Red Eagle are:

1. The Chief interfered with an investigation of the ON Attorney General’s office on May 31, 2013.
2. The Chief attempted to have the AG’s office investigation (mentioned above) “terminated to give preferential treatment to an employee.”
3. The Chief “abused the power of his elected position to improperly influence the administration of the Osage Nation Gaming Enterprise Board by directing the Board, or its employee, to pay expenses of Board member Randy Carnett they had not authorized. Approximate date: May 29, 2013.”
4. The Chief “abused the power of his elected position by attempting to improperly influence the decision of the Osage (Limited Liability Company) Board by proposing the Osage LLC Board agree to purchase Pawhuska Dozer and hire Rod Hartness as its Chief Executive Officer with money appropriated by Congress while the appropriation law was still awaiting the signature of the Principal Chief, implying that his signature on the appropriation law was contingent upon the Osage LLC Board’s agreement to comply with the proposal. Approximate date: April 20, 2011.
5. The Chief “abused the power of his elected office to improperly influence the Osage Minerals Council to require all oil producers, who did not have their own equipment, to give

Rod Hartness first right of refusal to do any site work if he did become the CEO of the Pawhuska Dozer Company. Approximate date: April 20, 2011.”

6. The Chief “refused to uphold Osage Nation law, ONCA 11-78, enacted with a veto override on Oct. 6, 2011, which delegates: ‘... full and sole control over all Minerals Estate Accounts...’ (Section 2-A) to the Osage Minerals Council, an independent agency within the Osage Nation. In response to the Minerals Council letter requesting the release of accounts, (Chief Red Eagle) replied by letter stating, ‘the management of these accounts shall remain in the Osage Nation Treasury.’ Approximate date: Feb. 17, 2012.”
7. The Chief “abused the power of his elected position by attempting to improperly influence the Chief Executive Officer of the Osage Casinos to pay Rod Hartness to promote Osage Casinos, costing the Osage gaming operations several thousand dollars. Approximate date: June 20, 2011.”
8. The Chief “abused the power of his elected position to improperly interfere in the administration of human resources personnel polices by forbidding disciplinary action against one or more employees, Approximate dates: January 2012-February 2013.”
9. The Chief “abused the power of his elected position to improperly oppress the editor of the *Osage News* by withholding signatures or ordering signatures be withheld on travel requests and Osage housing assistance documents in retaliation for articles written in the *Osage News*. Approximate dates: January 2011-June 2013.”
10. The Chief “abused the power of his elected position by refusing to pay his campaign advertising costs to the *Osage News* after his election for a time

period in excess of (10) months claiming he should not have to pay it since he was elected Principal Chief. Approximate dates: April 2010-August 2011.”

11. The Chief “abused the power of his elected position to improperly withhold one or more contracts between the Osage Nation and Rod Hartness properly requested under the Open Records Act by the *Osage News* staff and *The Bigheart Times* staff. Approximate dates: January 2013-June 2013.”
12. The Chief “violated Osage law and federal law by using public money of the Osage Nation to pay Paul Allen as a contract employee to develop and maintain his personal website used for his campaigns since 2010. Approximate dates: July 2010-July 2013.”
13. The Chief “abused the power of his elected position by, directly or indirectly, authorizing Macy Williams to submit and be paid for fraudulent timesheets. Approximate dates: January 2012-July 2013.”
14. The Chief “abused the power of his elected position by, directly or indirectly, authorizing Macy Williams to be placed in an employment position in the Counseling program of Target Capacity and Expansion requiring a high school diploma, a college degree, a behavioral health certification and be at least 21 years of age, when Macy Williams did not have any of the required qualifications. Approximate dates: January 2012-January 2013.”
15. The Chief “abused the power of his elected position by, directly or indirectly, authorizing Macy Williams to receive a salary of \$35,000 per year after she had been moved to the position of Monitor, which has a lower pay scale at \$20,000. Approximate dates: June 2012-July 2013.”

### Committee of Inquiry

Supernaw read the conclusion of his written 2.5-page motion for the Select Committee of Inquiry: “The foregoing allegations, if true, constitute grounds for removal from office for malfeasance in office, undermining the integrity of the office, disregard of constitutional duties and oath of office, arrogation of powers and abuse of government process.”

A pause of silence filled the Congressional Chambers after Supernaw finished reading the motion. Then Congressman Daniel Boone seconded the motion. Twenty-four hours later, 11 Congress members voted “yes” to form the committee.

Per Congressional rules, the Congress issued their July 9 votes without debate on the issue. Congressman Archie Mason was absent during the special session. Afterward, Congressional Speaker Raymond Red Corn notified the ON Supreme Court of the approved motion. Per Congressional rules, one of the three justices must choose the five-Congress member committee.

A legislative proclamation has been announced for the seventh special session to commence Monday, Aug. 19, with the Select Committee of Inquiry listed as an item of consid-

eration. The committee may only meet when Congress is in session.

Once the committee work is finished, it will provide a written report to the Congress providing details on the evidence in support of the allegations that qualifies as grounds for a removal trial. If the Congress votes to hold a removal trial, an ON Supreme Court Justice will preside over the trial – held in public – with the 12 Congress members serving as the jury.

Chief Red Eagle was not present during the July 9 session, but later issued the following statement denying the allegations:

“Recently I have been accused of abusing my authority. I assure you that this is not the truth,” said Chief Red Eagle. “I look forward to having the opportunity to show that these allegations are unfounded. I am certain that our process will be fair and reasonable as I continue to uphold our Osage Constitution and defend the Osage people. The Osage Nation is a developing government under a new constitution. It is an honor to serve my people at such a historical time.”

This is the first time in the young Osage government’s history that an elected official is being considered for potential removal from office.

## LOGAN

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sible for more than \$3.7 billion in tribal trust funds and Individual Indian Money accounts. He will be responsible for managing leases for developing natural resources, such as coal, oil, natural gas, timber and grazing, that generate income for those accounts, according to the DOI website.

The office for the Special Trustee has been vacant since January of 2009.

Based in New York, Logan is owner of The Nations Group, LLC, an investment consulting firm focused on Native America with experience in private banking as a corporate attorney. He’s worked in the private banking and Investment Group at Merrill Lynch from

2006 to 2009, and was a corporate finance attorney for Schulte, Roth & Zabel from 2001 to 2006. Prior to that, Logan worked in the Antitrust Division at the U.S. Department of Justice from 1996 to 1998. He was a founding member of the Native American Bar Association of Washington, D.C. He was appointed to the Oklahoma State University Foundation Board of Governors in 2010. Logan received his bachelor’s degree from Oklahoma State University and juris doctorate from the University of Oklahoma. While at Merrill Lynch, Logan was a financial adviser for the Osage Nation before he started The Nations Group, LLC.

Logan is from the Morrell family of the Hominy District.

## RESPONSE

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Paul Allen who maintains the chief's [www.johnredeagle.com](http://www.johnredeagle.com) website. Allen is appointed as a web specialist to "maintain and update the Office of the Principal Chief's website," according to his \$30,000 contract with the Nation for this fiscal year. Allen has worked under contract since Aug. 4, 2010, the complaint states.

In the complaint, Jones argues those payments made to Allen with tribal money is considered an "unauthorized use of Osage Nation resources in the amount of \$71,603.00," which is the amount paid to Allen through contract up to July.

Also in his complaint, Jones alleges the payments to Allen violate two sections of the Nation's ethics law regarding unauthorized use of ON resources. Jones filed the amended ethics complaint in wake of an AG investigation targeting the Allen contract.

Jones's office started investigating the Allen contract after a three-month portion of the ON Executive Branch check registry became public in June following an open records request made by *The Bigheart Times*. According to the check registry for the period starting Jan. 1 and ending April 15 of this year, Allen was paid \$1,153.85 eight times from the Executive Branch's budget, funded with tribal money.

Jones said his office also investigated the check registry after he received tips of a tribal government, "ghost employee," meaning someone hired on the payroll but not showing up in the workplace. It was unclear whether Allen was the employee at issue, but Jones's investigation focused on Allen's contract work.

Chief Red Eagle is also the target of a Congressional committee investigation, which starts Aug. 19 when the Third ON Congress convenes for its next special session. The Congressional Select Committee of Inquiry will examine 15 allegations made against Chief Red Eagle during its July 8 special session. Congressman William "Kugee" Supernaw read the laundry list of allegations which state that Chief Red Eagle allegedly "abused the power of his elected position" several times and allegedly did not uphold Osage and federal law in several separate events starting in 2010.

### Chief responds to some of Congressional, AG allegations

In response to the amended ethics complaint filing, Chief Red Eagle issued a July 24 statement through his attorneys calling the ethics complaint "flawed in all respects." The chief responded to some of the allegations and said he plans to challenge them in court. He also touched on some of the allegations raised in the 15-item list read by Supernaw last month.

"As stated previously, the allegations are unfounded," Chief Red Eagle said in his statement. "It grieves me that the Attorney General's office and the Osage Nation Congress have produced such allegations based on nothing more than rumor and gossip. I am confident that Osage Nation constituents will be dumbfounded by the lack of truth and accurate investigation once my attorneys present the case."

The Congressional committee's investigative proceedings are separate from the ethics complaint being considered in tribal court even though some of the Congressional allegations are mentioned in Jones's filed complaint. Once the Congressional investigation is complete, the Select Committee of Inquiry will issue a

report to the entire Congress to help the legislative body decide whether a removal trial is warranted.

Regarding the Allen contract and his website, Chief Red Eagle said his attorneys will show "that Candidate John Red Eagle's campaign website was retired in 2010 and can be found stored at [www.paulallen.biz/johnredeagle.com](http://www.paulallen.biz/johnredeagle.com). The former campaign website is distinct from the link on the official Osage Nation Executive Branch website page to 'Chief John Red Eagle.' The current link has never been a campaign website."

The website address at issue was used for Chief Red Eagle's campaign page when he ran for office in 2010. The [www.johnredeagle.com](http://www.johnredeagle.com) address is listed on campaign pamphlets distributed by Chief Red Eagle's campaign team during that election season.

According to a Web site domain check, [johnredeagle.com](http://johnredeagle.com) is not registered under the Osage Nation. Chief Red Eagle is listed as the administrative contact along with the email address "pa@paulallen.biz" and the physical address listed is 126 E. 6th St. — the former location of the Osage Nation Tax Commission in 2010 in which Red Eagle's adopted daughter is the ON Tax Commissioner, Mary Mashunkashey, who is also the wife of Joe Don Mashunkashey, the former Village Five Man Board chairman who admitted to having embezzled from the Pawhuska Indian Village fund. The domain name was created on April 13, 2006 and expires on the same day next year.

### Paul Allen responds to AG investigation

The *Osage News* learned Jones was investigating Allen's contract at the beginning of last month. On July 2, Allen confirmed to the *Osage News* that he is still an appointee of the Chief's office and has been since he was elected. "I moved here six years ago and I wanted to be closer to my heritage and become more involved, and boy, did we get involved."

Allen said he worked in the Nation's IT department before he was appointed. He said he has been a computer programmer since 1965.

"I do some work for him (Chief Red Eagle) and maintain his website, and some other things he asks me to do. It's a part-time job," Allen said. "My opinion of the Osage Nation website is terrible, and he maintains his own website and it's [johnredeagle.com](http://johnredeagle.com)."

The [johnredeagle.com](http://johnredeagle.com) Web site includes a bio page about Red Eagle, a former Assistant Principal Chief, whose Chief term expires next year. He has not publically stated whether he'll run for re-election in 2014. The website contains various messages written by Chief Red Eagle including legislative actions and the wind farm debate in western Osage County.

Shortly before this issue of the *Osage News* went to print, the website appeared to be amended from early July when an initial online story featuring Allen's comments was posted to [www.osagenews.org](http://www.osagenews.org) reporting the investigation. In early July, the website included contact information for governmental offices including Chief's office, housing, education, CDIB/Membership and Constituent Services with rating polls on those pages asking site visitors to rate those entities with a grade ranging from "excellent" to "horrible."

On July 31, those polls appeared to be removed from the website and in its place, the website provides a link to the Nation's [www.osage-tribe.com](http://www.osage-tribe.com) website to access all tribal departments and entities.

According to a 2010 news

release announcing Chief Red Eagle's appointee staff when he took office, Allen (Osage) was hired to be the Chief's communications officer. But due to "vicious" behavior by one of Red Eagle's other appointees, he was blocked from doing his job and was screamed at to leave, Allen said.

Allen was hesitant to speak about the appointee for fear of repercussion. He said he and others told Chief Red Eagle time and time again that the person was a problem for his office and gave bad counsel on more than one occasion to the chief. The appointee is still there.

Allen also said he was not paid by Red Eagle's campaign when he worked on his website in 2010, he volunteered his time. According to Chief Red Eagle's 2010 election campaign contribution report, Allen donated website goods valued at \$3,500.

"I don't know what is going to come of all of this. But Brian (Herbert, Investigator for the ON Attorney General), the policeman, came over this morning and asked a bunch of questions," Allen said. "(Herbert) said I didn't have to answer them and I told him, I don't have anything to hide. If it blows something up then that's fine, we're all in God's hands and he'll take care of us."

### Other allegation responses from Chief

Chief Red Eagle responded to other recent allegations including those referring to a May phone conversation the Chief had with Herbert regarding an ongoing AG investigation. Jones argues Chief Red Eagle

broke tribal law when he contacted Herbert and demanded that an investigation involving a "certain person" stop immediately. Jones also alleges that Chief Red Eagle contacted the Gaming Enterprise Board and told them "that they will pay" for travel expenses for board member Randy Carnett when the board decided not to pay for the entire travel to reduce costs.

In his statement, Chief Red Eagle said Herbert spoke to him with a "disrespectful" tone and that he threatened to investigate all governmental employee timesheets.

"Chief Red Eagle will make clear he did not threaten to fire Investigator Herbert, despite Herbert's threat to go after all Osage Nation employees," the statement reads, "In fact, Chief Red Eagle knows that under Osage law he cannot fire Investigator Herbert, and it is solely the Attorney General who controls or loses control of his Investigator. Only the Attorney General and his staff can start, stop, or suspend an investigation."

In the 15-item Congressional list of allegations, three of them referred to Macy Mashunkashey Williams, who is the daughter of Mary Mashunkashey, and works for the ON Counseling Center. The allegations state Williams worked as an employee in a position requiring a high school diploma, college degree, behavioral health certification and a minimal age requirement of 21 — and she did not have any of the qualifications. The allegations also state Williams was allegedly "paid for fraudulent time sheets" and continued to receive a \$35,000 salary after she was "moved to the position

of Monitor, which has a lower pay scale at \$20,000."

Chief Red Eagle did not mention Williams by name, but responded stating: "It will be shown that the personnel records which are the subject of this investigation do not reflect any disciplinary actions or cautions about work or inaccurate timesheets. In addition, records will show the employee was never paid from the Target Capacity Expansion Grant, which ended in 2012, and thus there was never any risk of disallowed costs."

Regarding the allegation involving Carnett, Chief Red Eagle's statement reads: "Chief Red Eagle's attorneys will prove that Gaming Board Chair, Stacy Laskey, explicitly authorized the travel of Gaming Board member, Randy Carnett, the day before Chief Red Eagle expressed his support for the travel via e-mail. Chief Red Eagle supports attendance of Gaming Board members at conferences, which include matters such as Internet Gaming that could affect tribal gaming revenue."

Chief Red Eagle closed his statement with: "The approach of the Attorney General's office and the Osage Congress has harmed our reputation in the greater community because when we fail to edify one another, we diminish the Osage Nation in the eyes of the surrounding community and beyond. For all of the good we have done, the Osage Nation was only featured on a national scale due to the infighting between the branches of government. This takes the focus off of the real business of the Osage Nation."



Courtesy Photo

The marijuana grown west of Fairfax, found on restricted land by a drug enforcement helicopter July 17.

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the area to visit the vacant lot located at Mulberry and Shaw streets. Luey contacted ON Chief of Police Nick Williams who confirmed the area was restricted land. Williams also came to the scene.

Williams said drug use is a problem in Fairfax, especially methamphetamine. So Williams and others were surprised when they were called for marijuana.

"We were surprised about the marijuana grow...there's a lot more prevalence in meth than marijuana in the community. We know that marijuana is still a problem but it's not as noticeable as the meth problem," Williams said. "The meth problem is rampant in every area of Osage County."

### Discovery

Luey and Williams were escorted through a thick patch of brush and high grass to the sit. Luey said he recognized the plants immediately. The

plants ranged in various sizes, from one foot to six feet tall. Luey took several photos of the site and he and others dug

and secured for the night. Since marijuana is not considered an emergency to the BIA, the plants were burned the next day in a controlled area, Luey said.

According to Lt. Marchmont "Marchy" Big Eagle, the BIA estimates the street value of each plant at \$1,500. Thirty plants were seized for an estimated value of \$45,000.

"If we did have more officers we would probably have set up a surveillance to watch. I don't believe that's the only field being grown in the area, that's just one that's been reported to us," Williams said. "It would be great if we had additional officers so we could search and seize these crops."

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up the plants and placed them in a trash bag in Luey's patrol vehicle.

Luey drove from Fairfax to Pawhuska with the plants crammed into the back of his patrol car. "Luckily we have those dark tinted windows and people can't see," he said laughing.

The plants were locked up

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nine people. The nine individuals were Lookout, Tracey Moore, Cherie Leach, Scott Lohah, Cameron Pratt, Mary Bighorse, Vann Bighorse, Bill Lynn and Ed Shaw.

“I thought of the idea on a whim and I felt it would be good for other Osages to see,” Tillman said. “I remember my great-grandparents speaking Osage and there was a lot of laughter—at the roundtable they began laughing which was good to see.”

For Mary Brown, ON Archive Department director, she was touched by the roundtable conversation.

“It was truly amazing and I hope to engage in Osage-only conversations in the near future,” she said.

The ONLD first made the trip to Colorado Spring in 2005 and took 32 Osages.

“We didn’t have very much of a curriculum,” Lookout said. “We just wanted to break the ice, get together and acquaint ourselves with where our ancestors use to go.”

The ONLD took four trips with the last being in 2009. Lookout said ONLD stopped going because they were having a lot of difficulty with the Osage Nation Government.

“It was beginning to be a hassle to go out there and keep explaining,” he said. “They (ON Government) couldn’t grasp it because it looked like a vacation to them ... to me we had people in an environment of togetherness for four days.”

After three years, Lookout decided to organize a trip to Colorado Springs with help from other ON departments and the ON Congress.

“I think the trip went better than I thought because in the years past it was always language immersion but this year since they have combined six programs into a division, the different programs helped us because we were short on funds,” Lookout said.

For some Osages, it was their first time to Colorado while others enjoyed feeling the cool mountain breeze again. The diverse group included Osage Language students, ON employees and a group of 20 children.

On top of the workshops, the group was able to visit Garden Of The Gods, Manitou Cliff Dwellings and Manitou Springs.

In the evening, the ON Cultural Center provided cultural games and activities such as Indian dice. The children played various games in Osage like, “Duck, Duck, Goose” and “Red Light, Green Light.”

The ON Cultural Center also provided shawl material and mini-lessons on how to make a shawl.

“We wanted to give people the opportunity to forget about what is going on here in Oklahoma and let them focus on the language and culture up there (Colorado Springs),” said Bighorse.

For Brown, this was her first time attending the immersion workshop and



Jacelle Ramon-Sauberan/Osage News

Young Osages participate in a game of “Red Light, Green Light” in the Osage language.



Jacelle Ramon-Sauberan/Osage News

Osage Language Teacher, Janis Carpenter shows photos from the 1930s of Osages in Colorado Springs on Thursday, July 11 during the 2013 Colorado Immersion Workshop.

she is glad she took the opportunity to attend.

“During this trip several people helped me better understand the Orthography symbols for Osage words and pronounce words, as I am still in the early stages of learning the Osage language which is not an easy language to learn,” she said.

Brown also enjoyed all the knowledge she gained from the workshops

and even learned that Lookout is her relative.

“Overall, without this opportunity I would not have gained this wonderful, spiritual and educational experience,” Brown said. “I look forward to the next trip.”

Through the Colorado Immersion Workshop and the Osage language classes, Lookout’s goal is to start producing fluent Osage speakers as well

as educate Osages about the Osage culture.

“We are trying to make a good understanding of what we do in our In-Lon-Schka, what we do in our meetings, how we do our hand games, and be more closer to activates we do as culture-minded people,” said Lookout.

The ONLD plans to go to Colorado Springs next year and has already put it in their budget.

## Osage News v. Chief Red Eagle case to resume Aug. 8

By Benny Polacca  
Osage News

The *Osage News v. Osage Nation* Principal Chief John Red Eagle case involving the open records act will return to the tribal courtroom on Aug. 8 for oral arguments.

Osage Nation Trial Court presiding Associate Judge Lee Stout set the Aug. 8 court date to hear arguments after Chief Red Eagle’s attorney filed a motion to dismiss the case arguing the newspaper is not considered a member of the “public” and has no standing to challenge the denial of its open records requests under the Nation’s open records law without waiving their sovereign immunity.

The *Osage News* filed a June 18 complaint against the Chief’s office asking the court to compel the Chief to comply with the open records act after the newspaper’s Jan. 31 written open records request for the contract between pipeline consultant Rod Hartness and the Nation went unanswered. On June 26, Chief Red Eagle’s attorney Kirke Kickingbird filed a written response to the newspaper’s complaint and included a copy of the Hartness contract.

With the contract now public, the newspaper is asking for the Chief’s of-

fice to pay its court and attorney fees, but the Chief refused to do so and is asking the court to dismiss the case.

At issue in this case is whether the newspaper is a member of the “public” or a “government entity” – an argument now being made by attorneys for Chief Red Eagle.

Chief Red Eagle, through attorneys Kickingbird and James Burson, asked the court to dismiss the newspaper’s complaint “for lack of subject matter jurisdiction.” In the July 9 filing, the Chief refers to the open records law, which allows for “any member of the public” the right to challenge the denial of a records request in tribal court. The Chief also referred to ONCA 12-23, a passed law amending the open records act, and noted the open records law is now amended “to make clear that open record requests by government employees and government officials are not public requests governed by the Act.”

The newspaper’s attorney, Stephen Lee, responded to the case dismissal request on July 11 arguing the *Osage News* serves no government function, is “clearly a business entity” and operates under the Nation’s 2008 Independent Press Act as a newspaper “free from ‘any undue influence and

free from any particular political interest.”

The Chief argues the *Osage News* staff are government employees with its operations funded through annual tribal appropriations and argues those facts prevent the newspaper from being a member of the “public” and therefore, not eligible to challenge any open record request denials, according to his request to dismiss the case.

In response, Lee also argues the Chief and his attorneys’ “interpretation of the law regarding this issue would be unconstitutional under both (Article IV - Declaration of Rights) of the Osage Nation Constitution as well as the Federal Indian Civil Rights Act of 1968. Both (the ON) Constitution and the Federal Indian Civil Rights Act of 1968 protect both the individual civil liberties of citizens as well as the civil liberties of institutions such as the press.”

“The issue is ‘are they a government entity or are they the public under the act,’ that’s clearly the issue here,” Burson told Stout during a July 11 initial court hearing on the complaint.

According to ONCA 12-23, the Nation’s open records law was amended to define a “government entity” as

“any administrative, advisory, executive, judicial or legislative office or body of the Osage Nation,” including boards, committees, commissions, departments, agencies, independent agencies, and other instrumentalities whose board of directors are appointed or elected by the Osage Nation” – with exceptions to protect the competitive advantage of the Nation’s businesses.

Exceptions to government entities under ONCA 12-23 include: corporations or tribal enterprises; limited liability companies, limited liability partnerships; any other business entity of the Osage Nation.

Stout asked attorneys for both sides to submit their argument briefs for the Aug. 8 court date set for oral arguments on the Chief’s case dismissal request.

On July 19, Kickingbird and Burson filed their brief in support of their motion to dismiss the case. In his filing, Chief Red Eagle argues the ON Congress did not pass the Independent Press Act for the newspaper “to conduct itself as a ‘business’ or ‘profit-making tribal enterprise’ of any kind, nor to produce any revenue

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# Osages honor historical French connection with monument

By Shannon Shaw Duty  
Osage News

The Osage Nation and the people of Montauban, France, celebrated the dedication of a monument to honor the connection between the two people that goes back 185 years.

On July 24, in front of the Osage Tribal Museum and more than 40 people, Monique Drouillet smashed a bottle of champagne across the stone monument. The monument, standing about 4 foot tall, is adorned with a gold embossed plaque with an inscription explaining the relationship between the Osage and people of Montauban.

"You took care of our people hundreds of years ago," said

meet with the various French delegations that would come through the Osage over the years.

William Least Heat-Moon, author of the book, "An Osage Journey to Europe, 1827-1830: Three French Accounts," gave a history of the relationship to the crowd at the dedication. He said in 1826, the Osage and French were becoming intertwined as they traded and intermarried in Missouri. A voyage to France was to take place in 1827 and 12 Osages were invited to go. These 12 Osages, along with three Americans and a French guide, traveled to the East Coast to set sail. Along the way six Osages turned back after one of their rafts overturned in the Neosho River. In 1827 six



Shannon Shaw Duty/Osage News

Jean-Claude Drouillet, in a Pendleton blanket presented to him by Osage Tribal Princess Autumn Williams, takes in the monument July 24 at the Osage Tribal Museum.

ans ogled them as if they were exhibits in a freak show. As the entourage moved through Belgium, Holland, Germany, Switzerland, and Italy, interest in the Osages declined. Soon they were reduced to begging in the suburbs of Paris,

the Osages to health and arranged safe passage back to the Americas. On the journey, two Osage men died of smallpox.

## Dedication for a delegation

Osage Congressman Archie Mason said during his travels to France, he has seen monuments dedicated to the Osage people, but did not know of any such monument in the U.S.

"It began with a casual conversation between Paul Bemore, myself and Jean Claude Drouillet. We had this conversation approximately a year and a half ago. We were guests in France at the time," Mason said. "In casual conversation, I mentioned we don't have any monument or recognition of the relationship between the French and Osage, on campus (Osage) or anywhere in the Osage. At the time I told him I would pursue this project when we got back to Pawhuska. We worked a little here, worked a little bit there."

Through that time Mason worked in conjunction with various Osages and the Osage Tribal Museum to get the monument built and picked a suitable location.

"I had been in conversation with Jean Claude and they had nine people ready to come over here and be a part of the dedication," Mason said. "Some of them are returnees who wanted to visit with old friends and some are here for the first time."

While visiting they attended the Cavalcade Parade in Pawhuska, went to a Tulsa Shock WNBA game, toured the Osage Campus and visited the Language and Cultural Centers and enjoyed cultural demonstrations. Had receptions with the Third Osage Congress and the Second Osage Minerals Council, visited Woolaroc, had dinner at Frank and Lollas Restaurant in Bartlesville and ate at the Osage Casino-Bartlesville. The group spent a day for the dedication of the monument

and enjoyed an afternoon of handgame, dice, songs, dance, stories and local talent at the Wah-Zha-Zhi Cultural Center.

They were hosted at a reception by the City of Pawhuska, a Sister City to Montauban. The group took a tour of the Tallgrass Prairie, visited the Gilcrease Museum in Tulsa, the University of Tulsa campus and attended an Indian Law School luncheon at the TU campus, connected with the Tulsa Global Alliance and local Tulsa French group, had an evening meal at the Osage Casino Event Center with the Tulsa French group.

The group also enjoyed some downtime of shopping in Utica Square in Tulsa in which after they attended the Tulsa Powwow. They also attended the Kihkah Steh Powwow the next night and before their flight home they attended a special presentation at Eddy Red Eagle's Native American Church in Barnsdall, Okla. The group arrived July 19 and left July 29.

## The Occitan

In 1991, a group from Montauban formed an organization and named it Oklahoma Occitania II (OK-OC) to honor the historic trip that took the Osage from their homeland to France. Jean-Claude Drouillet was the organizer and developer of this ongoing organization, according to a prepared release.

The delegation that visited for 10 days included Jean-Claude Drouillet, Monique Drouillet, Gerard Massip (OK-OC President), Evy Massip, Marie-Claude Strigler, Edgard Strigler, Madeleine Lieutard, Ginette Borrel and Roland Garriaues, former mayor of Montauban.

"In Montauban, the Osage are very well known," Jean-Claude Drouillet said at the July 24 dedication. Drouillet said that he and the OK-OC regularly educate the French

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## Monument transcription:

In November 1829, three Osages arrived in Montauban, the Occitan Region of France. Little Chief, Big Soldier and Hawk Woman crossed the Old Bridge, received help from Bishop Dubourg, and with the generosity of the people of Montauban they were able to return to the Osage.

In 1989, the friendship between the Occitan of Montauban and the Osage was revived. The cities of Montauban and Pawhuska signed a twinning agreement in 1999 so that today we often see Osages in Montauban and Occitans in Pawhuska.

With this monument we celebrate that people across borders, mountains and oceans can unite, respecting their differences in ties of sincere friendship.

Today, July 24, 2013, we hereby dedicate this monument to the many enhanced exchanges that encourage us to retain and maintain our distinct cultures, languages and value systems.

"The Earth does not belong to Man; Man belongs to the Earth"

Osage Congressman Geoffrey Standing Bear to the Montauban delegation July 24. "I'm very proud to be a part of the people recognizing you and this partnership."

Standing Bear, along with others, said from a very young age he heard stories of the Montauban people's kindness and the relationship that existed. He remembers Osage elders going out of their way to

Osages set sail for France, four men and two women. After three months at sea, they arrived in Le Havre, France on July 27, 1827.

"In France the Osages found themselves lionized as 'noble savages.' They went to the theater, rode in a hot-air balloon, and even had an audience with the king of France," according to an excerpt from Least Heat-Moon's book. "Many Europe-

without the means to return home."

It was during this time that one of the Osage women gave birth to twin girls. A Belgian, according to Least Heat-Moon, adopted one of the girls. The group made their way to southern France and ended up in Montauban. Starving and begging, they were taken in by Bishop Dubourg. Dubourg and the people of the town restored



Shannon Shaw Duty/Osage News

The Montauban delegation with the monument dedicated to the historical Osage and French connection July 24 in front of the Osage Tribal Museum. From L to R: Monique Drouillet, Gerard Massip (OK-OC President), Jean-Claude Drouillet, Edgard Strigler, Marie-Claude Strigler, Roland Garriaues, former mayor of Montauban, Ginette Borrel, Evy Massip and Madeleine Lieutard.

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to support its existence or to pay net revenue as dividends to the Nation."

Lee responded with a brief in support of the Osage News on July 26. He argues the Chief's argument is speculative in disagreeing that the newspaper is a business entity and notes the "plain language of the statute must first be looked at to ascertain whether there is a clear answer to the issue within the statute's plain language."

"Webster's (dictionary) defines a business as a 'commercial enterprise carried on for profit.' Osage News fits this plain definition of a business, as it is an organization formed to print and sell newspapers, as well as sell advertising. Therefore, under the Act, Osage News is a 'business entity,'" Lee argues.

Lee also told the court: "The business of the Osage News is information and if they do not have access to information under the Act then they would be at a severe competitive disadvantage ... The Osage News is not asking for unfettered access to government documents or permission to travel to countries that the U.S. will not issue visas to, they (newspaper staff) simply ask for the same rights as other citizens. Under the (Chief's) interpretation of the law, the Osage News would have less access to information than any ordinary citizen."

# Osage Nation firefighters help in Colorado and Arizona

By Jacelle Ramon-Sauberan  
Osage News

The Osage Nation Wildland Fire Management crew deployed to Colorado and Arizona in June to help with two major fires.

"The Eastern Oklahoma Region Office of the Bureau of Indian Affairs was putting a 20 man crew together and they had three opens so we sent our three guys," said Bobby Tallchief, Osage Nation Emergency Management director.

Ross Walker (Osage), is a fire prevention technician, James Black (Cheyenne) is an engine boss and Kevin Walker (Osage), is a summer intern who is a junior at Oklahoma State University.

The three men went to the Black Forest Fire in Colorado Springs from June 14 to June 18.

On the first day, their job was to put out all remaining hot spots, while the other three days were spent working around the homes that had been evacuated.

"Our main job and goal was to maintain the fire line," Ross Walker said. "We were securing everything and make sure the fires were out since people would be coming back to their homes."

The Black Forest Fire started on June 11, killing two people and burning nearly 500

homes. A total of 14,280 acres have been burned.

On June 19 the crew was reassigned to the Doce Fire in Prescott, Ariz.

On their first day, they scouted the land and got familiar with the area.

In the following days they worked with several other Type 2 Hand Crews and Type 1 Hotshot Crews constructing a chainsaw line off of a five to six mile dozer trail, Ross Walker said.

All three men are saw qualified and can be sawyers in the field, Tallchief said.

"We were creating a fuel break just in case the fire was to break out of the mountains," Ross Walker said.

The ON crew worked the Doce Fire from June 19 to June 24 and arrived back home on June 26.

"I am really proud of these guys when they go out because they represent the tribe very well," Tallchief said. "They do a great job and get great reviews from crew bosses."

The news of the 19 Prescott firefighters who were killed in the Yarnell Hill Fire on June 30, hit home for the ON crew.

"We worked with those firefighters when we were in Prescott," Walker said. "I didn't know them on a personal level but I saw their faces a week ago, I shook their hands,

ate with them and slept at the same command post."

According to *azfamily.com* the Yarnell Hill Fire is the deadliest fire in Arizona history and largest firefighter loss since September 11.

"It makes you think about what you are doing and why you are doing it," Ross Walker said. "My thoughts and prayers go out to the ones that lost love ones."

For Kevin Walker, he was surprised when he was told they would be deploying to Colorado and Arizona.

"I was nervous on the way there and when I saw the fire I got butterflies in my stomach," he said. "But once I actually got out there I was okay since James Black was my squad boss."

He admits he asked Black about a 100 different questions to make sure he was doing things right. But overall, this was an experience that he will never forget.

"Every night we came in from the line in Colorado, there were people, basically a miniature parade, thanking us," said Kevin Walker. "You could just tell they were really grateful for what were doing - I was glad I could be a part of that and be able to help them."

Furthermore, a couple young girls came up to the firefighters with a big box of thank you cards, he said.



Chalene Toehay/Osage News

Ross Walker gets interviewed by Fox News 23 on July 1 at the Osage Nation Wildland Fire Department. Walker was scheduled to deploy for Tucson, Arizona that afternoon.



Chalene Toehay/Osage News

(L to R) Ross Walker, Kevin Walker, and James Black pose for the Osage News on July 1 at the Osage Nation Wildland Fire Department.

The ON Wildland Fire Management received a call on June 30 asking if they could deploy any of their firefighters.

Tallchief chose to send Ross Walker who deployed to Sells, Ariz., located on the Tohono

O'odham Nation on July 1. He will be an engine boss and will be there for possibly 14 to 21 days.

"It is good to know you are out doing something for a good cause," Walker said.

## Osage gaming regulator being considered for NIGC post

By Benny Polacca  
Osage News

Former Osage Nation Gaming Commissioner Richard Chisoe is being considered for an appointment to the National Indian Gaming Commission, which provides regulatory oversight to gaming activities on Indian land.

On July 9, Chisoe appeared before the Third Osage Nation Congress and asked for a resolution in support of his appointment to the NIGC during the sixth special session. After Chisoe addressed the Congress regarding his resolution request, the Congress voted 11-0 to approve the resolution (ONCR 13-15 sponsored by Congressional Speaker Raymond Red Corn).

Chisoe (Osage) serves as commissioner on the Laguna Pueblo Gaming Control Board and lives in nearby Albuquerque, N.M. He is a University of New Mexico alumnus and is active with organizations including the National Tribal Gaming Commissioners and Regulators Association and the National Indian Gaming Association, according to the resolution.

"I am currently under consideration for the position of chairman of the NIGC," Chis-



Richard Chisoe

oe told Congress. "My name has been submitted to the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs, my resume has been solicited by the White House for consideration."

Established by the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of 1988, The NIGC is an independent regulatory agency charged with providing federal regulatory oversight to the Indian gaming industry, which is comprised of over 200 tribes nationwide for economic development, Chisoe said.

The three-person NIGC comprises a chairman and two commissioners who each serve a three-year term, according to the NIGC Web site. The U.S. President appoints the NIGC chairman and the Secretary of

Interior appoints the remaining two commissioners.

Chisoe's prior experience in working with the NIGC includes serving two years on its Minimal Internal Control Standards (MICS) Tribal Advisory Committee and he speaks at Continuing Legal Education conferences, the resolution states.

"Part of this (NIGC appointment) consideration includes the vetting process, background checks," said Chisoe, "Part of that examination includes looking for feedback from Indian Country and I have received a number of recommendations and nominations from other tribal jurisdictions and individuals but it is important to me personally that I receive a nomination from my own people - I'm asking for that today."

If Chisoe is selected for the full-time NIGC position, he would relocate to Washington, D.C., where the NIGC is based. According to the NIGC Web page, "the Commission is to adhere to the principles of good government, including transparency and agency accountability; to promote fiscal responsibility; to operate with consistency and clarity to ensure fairness in the administration of IGRA; and to respect the capabilities and re-

sponsibilities of each sovereign tribal nation in order to fully promote tribal economic development, self-sufficiency and strong tribal governments."

"If nominated to this position I will continue to work hard to represent the best interests of the Indian gaming industry, Indian Country as a whole, I will continue to work hard to make my Osage people proud," Chisoe said.

Assistant Principal Chief Scott BigHorse commented on Chisoe's request, noting several tribal officials asked him about Chisoe while attending the recent National Congress of American Indians mid-year conference in Reno, Nev.

"I've known Mr. Chisoe for probably his entire life and I have nothing bad to say, everything is good. Some tribal members do know Richard from the gaming industry and he is very highly respected at the National Congress of American Indians ... you have a lot of support at NCAI."

Chisoe's resolution of support passed with 11 unanimous votes and one absence from Congressman Archie Mason.

Chisoe received another resolution of support from the Intertribal Council of Five Civilized Tribes, which met July 11-12 in Sulphur, Okla., according to a *Chickasaw Times* article.

It's unknown when the appointment decision will be announced pending the vetting process. Chisoe said the process could take months and the NIGC will likely have an interim commissioner until that time. He said there is also a public comment period that must take place and that could last 30-60 days.

The ON Congressional resolution concludes with: "The Osage Nation Congress hereby expresses its sincere support for the appointment of Richard Chisoe to the National Indian Gaming Commission, and further commends him for the great accomplishments he has achieved throughout his career in the field of gaming."



Todd Nance

## Hominy native makes history becoming first Osage priest

By Jacelle Ramon-Sauberan  
Osage News

Todd Nance has always wanted to be a priest and on May 25 he made history as becoming the first Osage to enter into priesthood.

"I was actually surprised when I heard I was the first Osage priest but I am very honored to hold that title," Nance said.

Nance grew up in Hominy and attended Saint Joseph's Catholic Church. His family was very active in the parish and that is where Nance spent a lot of his time.

"I always wanted to be a priest since I was three years old," he said. "I would mimic the priest and I use to play mass when I was younger."

His parents are Felix Nance (Osage) and Casey

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Benny Polacca/Osage News

Richard Chisoe addresses the Third Osage Nation Congress during its July 9 special session. Chisoe, who is being considered for a post on the National Indian Gaming Commission, asked the Congress for a resolution of support for his NIGC appointment. The Congress unanimously passed the resolution of support.

# Osage Tribal Princess headed to 82nd American Indian Expo

By Shannon Shaw Duty  
Osage News

Osage Tribal Princess Autumn Williams will be headed to the 82nd Annual American Indian Exposition Aug. 22-24 at the Cad-do County Fairgrounds in Anadarko, Okla.

Williams will represent the more than 16,000 Osage tribal members at the event. She will participate in numerous events and get to meet other tribal princesses from across Oklahoma.

To be an Osage Tribal Princess one has to garner enough votes at the annual Osage Tribal Princess Sorority Honor Dance held in May, which Williams did, edging out her competitor, Alaina Maker.

She was crowned by her older sister, Dora Williams, the outgoing Osage Tribal Princess who served from 2011-2013. After Autumn's win was announced Osages took to Facebook to congratulate her. Williams thanked her friends and family for voting for her.

"The eldest sister getting to pass the crown to her younger sister. Dora Jo did an exceptional job as Osage Princess, and her sister, Autumn G, is going to do the exact same thing, but in her own way!" said one Facebook post.

Another Facebook post said, "How fortunate we are to have, back-to-back, two beautiful sisters from very strong, very traditional, Osage families; to be our young delegates, representing our Osage people, in such a positive manner!"

Williams said it was having pride in her tribe that convinced her to run, which included campaigning on Facebook, visiting with Osage families, calling Osages for their support and making a touching speech at the OTPS dance.

"I ran because I wanted to show Native American teens and children with diabetes that 'the sky is the limit.' To never give up on anything they wish to accomplish. To also get my name out there and maybe run for bigger titles in the future," Williams said. "I think it's awesome to be an ambassador because I get to proudly represent



Chalene Toehay/Osage News

## 2013-2014 Osage Tribal Princess Autumn Williams.

our tribe across the United States."

Williams is looking forward to the American Indian Exposition after hearing about her older sister's experiences.

Beyond the "Indian Fair," which is what the Exposition is commonly called, Williams has aspirations of spreading her message across Indian Country.

"My goals are to travel to many different powwows and states to represent the tribe, and make motivational speeches to younger Native Americans. Also talk to many elders," she said.

Autumn Griffin Williams is the 17-year-old daughter of Marjorie and John Jr. Williams of Pawhuska. Her maternal grandparents are Otto and the late Sandra (Murphy) Hamilton, of Pawhuska. Her paternal grandparents are Frances (West) and John Williams, of Grayhorse, Okla. Her maternal great-grandparents were the late Berbon and Gertrude Murphy and the late Otto and Josephine (Pryor) Hamilton. Her paternal great-grandparents were the late Howard and Juanita (Ware) West and the late Mary (Webster) and Lester Williams.

Autumn will be a senior

this fall at Pawhuska High School. She is member of the Immaculate Conception Church of Pawhuska, and PHS Native American Student Association (NASA). In her spare time Autumn enjoys talking to friends, beading, cooking and attending handgames, powwows and dances.

Events at the American Indian Exposition will include:

- World Champion Fancy Dance Competition
- Daily parade at 10 a.m. in downtown Anadarko
- Nightly dance competitions, all ages
- Traditional Handgame Tournament
- Art & Crafts Vendors
- Food Vendors
- Indian Frybread Competition
- Biker Poker Run
- Beautiful Indian Baby Pageant
- Archery Competition
- Nightly tribal dance exhibitions
- Tipi/Arbor/Camp competition

For more information contact Yonie Terry, AIE Board Secretary at (580) 483-5095.



Courtesy Photo/Carla Powell

Todd Nance

## PRIEST

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Nance. His siblings are Russell Nance and Heather Nance.

In high school, Nance participated in youth groups, taught religious education, served on the youth Advisory Board for the Diocese of Tulsa and was a youth director for the Church of Saint Benedict.

"I was able to bring God to people and people to God in ways they couldn't," he said. "It was through all those things I realized I wanted to do more which led me to be a priest."

Nance graduated from Hominy High School in 2004 followed by a year of discernment in Stillwater, where he helped in a parish while taking classes at Oklahoma State University.

In the fall 2005, he attended Conception Seminary College in Missouri where he earned his bachelor's degree in philosophy and was trained in pastoral life.

"I learned a variety of pastoral experiences working with the elderly and people in crisis situations as well as other situations," he said. "I also did youth camps and learned how to work with kids."

Conception Seminary College is one of the largest 40 Roman Catholic college seminaries in the nation and is one of only 15 with a complete four-year academic curriculum, according to [www.conception.edu](http://www.conception.edu).

In fall 2009, Nance attended Saint Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology in Indiana and in April 2012 he was ordained as a deacon.

On May 11 he graduated from Saint Meinrad with his master's degree in divinity.

"What kept me motivated during these last eight years was a strong desire to be a priest and a strong calling from God that this is what I am supposed to be doing," Nance said.

"I have never felt that studying and becoming a priest is something that I should not do."

On May 25, Nance was ordained as a priest of the Diocese of Tulsa at Holy Family Cathedral. That evening he gave his first mass at Saint Bernard of Clairvaux Parish.

Father Chris Daigle of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Pawhuska, vested Nance and gave him his chalice. The chalice is over 100 years old and was made in Belgium.

"I gave him my chalice because 35 years ago my pastor gave me that chalice and I want to see Todd enjoy it," Daigle said.

Daigle, a mentor and friend of Nance, first met in 2009.

Nance had a summer internship with Daigle and helped around Immaculate Conception Catholic Church. He performed Holy Communion, visited elders, did yard work, helped in the kitchen for the free meal program and was active in mass.

"We'd also eat together, pray together and he's shared a lot of hopes and dreams with me," Daigle said. "As well as concerns, or he would call me during the school year."

Daigle is thankful for the relationship he has with Nance and is glad everyone from the parish has been there to help him.

"He grew a lot from being a school-educated person to taking what he learned and putting it into perspective," Daigle said. "I am very proud of him and it has been a delight."

On May 26, Nance performed mass at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church as well as at St. Mary Parish in Barnsdall.

There were even a few people who "Lulu'd" during mass, Daigle said.

After mass, Osage Nation Assistant Principal Chief Scott BigHorse and his brother Van Bighorse honored Nance. They sang him two prayer songs and presented him with a purple Pendleton blanket.

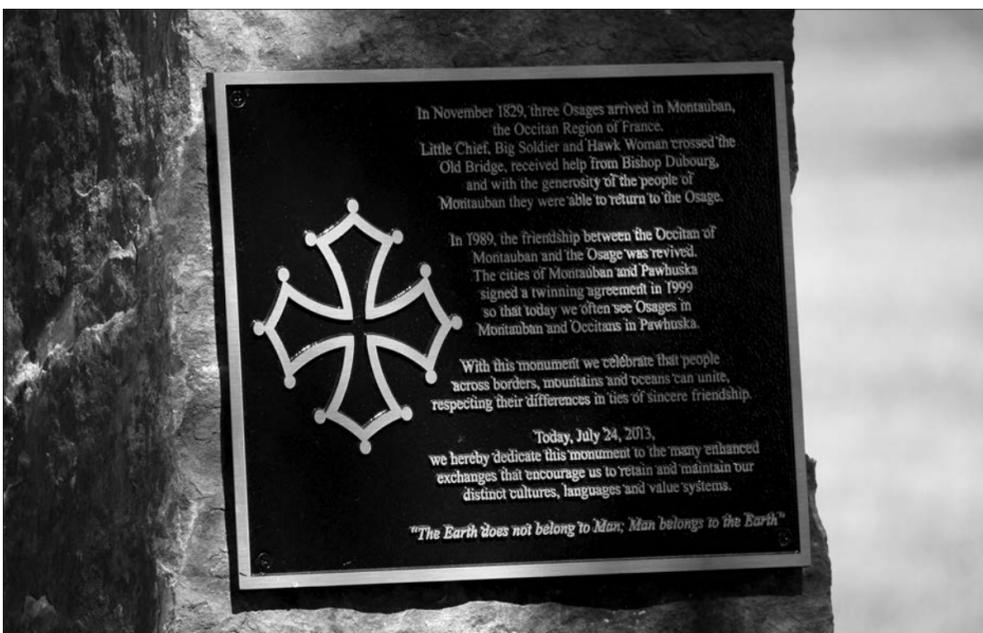
"While we have our traditional religious and ceremonial leaders, it's going to be new for people to see there is now an Osage religious leader in the Catholic church," said Kristen Pratt, a long-time friend of Nance. "I know Todd will serve as a great role model to any young Osage who shows interest in his role in the Catholic Church."

Pratt (Osage) and Nance have known each other since they were about 7 years old and she couldn't be happier or more proud of him.

"In the last few years he interned at Immaculate Conception with Father Daigle for Christmas and the New Year, I get such a joy seeing him give his Homily and as I sat there listening, my mind always wonders back to when we were children and seeing now the people we have become today, 20 years later," Pratt said.

So far, Nance is enjoying his new life as a priest and looks forward to spending many years at Saint Mary Catholic Church in Tulsa.

"I put forth the effort and energy into doing this," he said. "It is a beautiful thing and every bit as good as I hope it would be and more."



Shannon Shaw Duty/Osage News

The monument inscription.

## MONUMENT

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about the Osage and the relationship that exists between them.

"When we received your invitation it was a real pleasure and it's been so nice to see you

all again," said Gerard Massip, OK-OC president. Massip spoke through a translator.

"In 25 years we've come to realize there are common points between the Occitan and the Osage ... this is the first time, we're sure, the Occitan Cross will be here in

America," Massip said about the Occitan cross on the monument. "We hope to see you again in France."

To see photos of the monument dedication visit the Osage News Flickr site at [www.flickr.com/osagenews](http://www.flickr.com/osagenews).



Jacelle Ramon-Sauberan/Osage News  
Osage cousins from the Pawhuska District.

# *In-Lon-Schka* 2013

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and throughout this issue

Chalene Toehay/Osage News

Intricate beadwork is displayed on a man's vest at the 2013 Pawhuska In-Lon-Schka dances.



Benny Polacca/Osage News

Pawhuska District Head Committeeman Herman "Mogri" Lookout (standing far right) gives prayer for the June 29 committee dinner held in Wakon Iron Hall.



Benny Polacca/Osage News

Above: Twins Antwine and William Hamilton walk with their family to the Pawhuska arbor during the June 27 In-Lon-Schka. That day, both boys were roached.

Benny Polacca/Osage News

Right: Grant West gets help from his mother Robin, a Pawhuska District cook, for the first afternoon dance of Pawhuska In-Lon-Schka on June 27.



Photo By: Dawn Haney/Osage Nation Communications Dept.

Osage Nation Principal Chief John D. Red Eagle, center, with 36 of the 80 members of the first class, who are training in preparation for the Enbridge Pipeline project set to begin in Osage County on Aug. 7. Left of Chief is Pipeline Consultant Rod Hartness. To Chief's right are: Osage Nation HR Executive Director Delary Walters, Former Osage Congressman Eddy Red Eagle, Jr., Osage Nation Education Director Ida Doyle and Tri County Technology Welding Instructor Scott Sutherland.

Osage Principal Chief John D. Red Eagle's Pipeline Consultant, Rod Hartness, spearheaded training efforts and union participation to prepare workers for the Enbridge Pipeline project set to begin in Osage County on Aug. 7.

Hartness, a third-generation pipeliner, was able to bring together all four unions for the first time to collaborate on the landmark project to prepare Osage members, Native Americans and others to work on the 150 miles of pipe, which will cross the Osage reservation.

"I want to see Chief Red Eagle's goal of bringing jobs to the Osage people be achieved. The pipeline is coming through with or without us. If we can put some people to work – let's do it," Hartness said.

On the project an estimated 200 workers, making \$21 or more per hour, are expected to generate \$200,000.00 in payroll per week to Osage families alone, Chief Red Eagle explained.

"Each worker has a family, so you're affecting 900 people or more," Hartness said.

"From the minute they get on the bus, they're on the payroll," said Osage Nation Human Resources Director Delary Walters.

The classes currently underway at the Pawhuska Business Development Center are: laborers, operating engineers, teamsters and welders helpers. Additionally, some Osage students are at welder helper school in Tulsa with training provided by the 798 Union.

Instructors from all over the U.S. have come to provide the training at their own expense, Hartness said. "They're giving us their time," he added.

Several private companies have contributed to the training. According to Hartness, Thompson Brothers provided grinders, Enbridge donated the pipe to for the class to build the sample-pipeline, Wyatt Construction donated skids,

Osage County Commissioner Bob Jackson donated a truck to be used in the classes to teach load securement.

Tri-County Tech instructor Scott Sutherland said, "We have not really had people tell us 'no.'"

A second group of 50 students has orientation at the Wah Zha Zhi Cultural Center in Pawhuska, and a third class is planned, Hartness said.

"When we had the orientation, we gave students a history of all of the pipelines and the history of all of the Chiefs," Hartness said. "This is the only Chief who has done a joint venture like this to be able to put Osages to work – not only a pipeline coming through Osage County but built by Osages. I've been in the pipeline business for 35 years, and I've never seen anything like this come across Osage County."

Wah Zha Zhi Cultural Center Director Vann Bighorse shared Osage history with the students during orientation. As someone who had wanted to work in the oil business but was not ever given the chance, Bighorse spoke of the magnitude of this effort. "It's a big opportunity. People don't even realize how big," he said.

HR Director Delary Walters recounted how four participants in the program had been to four states trying to get work on the pipeline. "They're Seminole and we've put them into our program. That's another precedent. We've been reaching out to other tribes," Walters said.

Another aspect of this project is the opportunity to become a union member. "The 798 Union has been closed but they've opened up membership for Chief's students," Hartness said.

"Once Enbridge sees how well we all worked together, it will open up more opportunities for other pipeline jobs," Hartness said.

"It's amazing. We're making history and changing lives," Walters said.

## HEALTH UPDATE

## Smoking cessation, a life saver!

By Ronald Shaw, M.D.  
Osage News

Smoking commercial tobacco (non-traditional use) is associated with the loss of 10 years of life for those who continue smoking after age 40. Quitting smoking can reclaim 90 percent of those lost years provided one stops before age 40. Quitting later in life still affords benefits but the years of life reclaimed are less.

Tobacco related deaths number in excess of 400,000 a year in the United States and the claims of adverse health risks (and improvement in those risks with cessation) are substantiated by many scientific studies and are irrefutable. The cost of cigarettes may be as high as \$300 per month. Secondhand smoke poses a health risk to people living / riding with the smoker and the odor of cigarettes is quite strong on the smoker's person. The Osage Nation campus has in effect a policy of no smoking within 100 feet. Part of this restriction is to minimize the public visibility of smoking from children and visitors to the Osage Nation properties and offices.

Data from Oklahoma indicates that 70 percent of Indian people have smoked compared to 50 percent of white people. Twenty-five percent of Indians smoke every day compared to 19 percent of whites. Most



Dr. Ronald Shaw, M.D.

smokers had their first cigarette as an adolescent.

Cigarette smoking for daily smokers is related to nicotine dependence. Nicotine is an alkaloid drug delivered from the blood vessels in the lung to the brain within seconds of starting a cigarette. The effects of nicotine include short and long-term changes in the meso-limbic system in the brain also termed the, "reward center," the site of action of other addictive drugs including alcohol and opiates. After sufficient exposure, stopping nicotine will produce withdrawal symptoms including irritability, headache and restlessness. These symptoms are self limited and not health threatening but are uncomfortable for many, causing many of the attempts at quitting smoking to end unsuccessfully.

Over the last 15 years medicine has developed a handful of options for those who have a desire to quit in order

to improve their chances for successful smoking cessation. These options are likely to double your chances at achieving a successful quit attempt over a typical "white knuckled- cold turkey attempt."

These options include smoking cessation counseling/classes of which the Osage Nation Communities of Excellence program has available at no cost to patients. Chantix is an effective drug that has been the most successful medication to date for achieving smoking cessation. Indeed, side effects such as depression may occur including suicidal ideation but this is more common in patients who have a history of these problems and the majority of patients have little or no side effects. I have some patients who tell me they are afraid of this drug but yet continue to smoke which threatens to take 10 years off their life.

Bupropion (Wellbutrin) is a medication that assists with nicotine craving and also offers an anti-depressant effect for those with major depression. It also blunts the weight gain seen with many people who successfully quit smoking. This drug combined with nicotine replacement is an effective combination.

Nicotine replacement (patch and gum or inhaler) alone is effective with best results achieved with a combination of

patch and gum used together. If vivid dreams or nightmares occur, remove the patch at bedtime.

Finally, there has been a lot of interest in "vaping" as a legitimate method for smoking cessation. These e-cigarettes are known to have extremely variable amounts of nicotine delivery and have not been tested or approved by the FDA. Nicotine replacement products (patch, gum and inhaler) have predictable and reliable amounts of nicotine delivery. There is no good evidence that supports the effectiveness of the nicotine vapor devices in long term smoking cessation and most of their current use is fueled by anecdotal testimonials from those who have had success in the short term. In essence, a vapor device allows the smoker to exchange one form of nicotine delivery with another. Most of the patients I have seen have no quit date set or planned and many are smoking and vaping. I believe that if a smoker would decide to rely on a vaping device as part of a smoking cessation method, a quit date should be set within 30-45 days. The goal should be nicotine cessation as well as smoking cessation. It is my opinion that as long as one continues to use vaping as an alternative nicotine delivery method, the risk of return to cigarette smoking is high. The final assessment as to the

success of a smoking cessation intervention (regardless of method) is best tabulated at six and 12 months after undertaking such attempt with the end point being success at smoking and nicotine cessation.

Your healthcare provider can assist you with deciding which medication is best for you and for general information regarding smoking cessation. Contact the Osage Nation Communities of Excellence program at (918) 287-5267 for additional information. Alternatively, the state sponsored 1-800-QUITNOW contact number is able to provide telephone counseling and nicotine replacement products (gum, patch).

In closing, Quit cigarettes (and nicotine) and live a longer and healthier life!!

**About the author:** Dr. Ronald Shaw is a regular columnist for the *Osage News* and writes on health topics to include cancer screening, seasonal medical maladies, vaccinations and diabetes. He is Osage/Creek from the Grayhorse District and grandson of the late John Shaw of Burbank. He graduated from the University of Washington School of Medicine and is board certified in Internal Medicine and Addiction Medicine. He is the former chairman of the Osage Nation Health Authority Board and currently serves as the medical director for the Citizen Potawatomi Nation Health Services in Shawnee.

## Osage News wins 12 NAJA media awards

Osage News

TEMPE, Ariz. – The *Osage News* staff won a total of 12 Native American Journalists Association Media awards in this year's national contest recognizing outstanding achievements in covering Indian Country.

The *News* swept two categories winning first through third places for Best Feature Photo and Best News Story for monthly/bi-monthly newspapers in its respective division size. This is the fifth year the newspaper has participated in the annual contest hosted by Norman, Okla.-based NAJA.

The newspaper's 2013 award wins include:

In the Best News Story category, Editor Shannon Shaw-Duty won first place for her story "Nation paying for more than just tribal officials on business trips" reporting on non-government officials traveling to the 2011 National Congress of American Indians conference at the Nation's expense. Senior Reporter Benny Polacca won second place for his story "William Kemble resigns as treasurer of the Osage Nation" and Polacca also won third place for writing "Pawhuska Village Five-Man Board chairman resigns amid audit findings."

In the Best Feature Photo category, former *News* report-



Photo courtesy of Lu King

er Jacelle Ramon-Sauberan won first place for a photo she took of Osage In-lon-Schka town crier Caesar Williams during the 2012 dances. Polacca won second place for a straight dancer photo also shot during the 2012 In-Lon-

Schka. Editorial Assistant/Photographer Chalene Toehay won third place for a "Cultural walk" photo she took during the annual fall event hosted by the ON Wah-Zha-Zhi Cultural Center.

Toehay also won third place in the Best Sports Photo category for a photo she took during the 2011 Woodland Class A State Championship game.

Former *News* reporter Sunnie Clahchischiligi won first place in the Best Sports Story category for her story on two Osage sisters playing for the 2013 Lacrosse World Cup championship.

In the Best Feature Story category, Clahchischiligi won first place for writing "Osage artist gives elixir of youth to U.S. Veterans" featuring C.R. Redcorn who draws sketches of military veterans for free. Ramon-Sauberan won second place in this category for her story "Osage transgender running for Osage Congress shares her story" featuring Jozi Tall Chief, who ran for the Third ON Congress in the 2012 election.

Shaw-Duty won first place for Best News Photo for a photo shot of the former Grayhorse Village dance arbor before it

was razed to make way for the new arbor. Shaw-Duty also won first in the Best Column category.

The *News* staff received their awards during the 2013 NAJA event co-hosted by Native Public Media and referred to as the 2013 National Native Media Conference. The conference was held July 18-21 in Tempe, Ariz. The *Osage News* staff and Editorial Board members are NAJA members.

### Osage News editor elected to NAJA board of directors

In other NAJA-related news, Shaw-Duty is one of five Native journalists elected to the NAJA board of directors during this year's conference to a three-year term. This will be Shaw-Duty's first term ever as a NAJA board member.

According to a NAJA news release, the board members elected will serve more than 330 NAJA member journalists across the United States and Canada. The board will continue to execute NAJA's strategic two-year plan, which includes expanding member benefits.



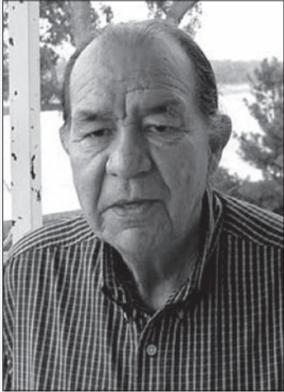
Courtesy Photo/Becca Landsberry

Former NAJA President Rhonda LeValdo and *Osage News* Editor Shannon Shaw Duty with Shaw Duty's awards. Shaw Duty was elected to the NAJA board at the conference to serve a three-year term.

# OSAGE CULTURE

## A Beautiful Language

Charles Red Corn  
Osage News



Charles Red Corn

As a child I remember there were many older Osages speaking the language and I remember at tribal gatherings there were older Osage Men who spoke our language with that beautiful classical cadence.

Those older men would stand and face the People. They would explain their point of view in Osage words. They were wrapped in a blanket, or sometimes they were without a blanket. Sometimes their talks were brief and there were times when they took a while to make their point. It did not matter if they stood or were seated, they did it with dignity.

People and events that Osage families and villages remember over the centuries are the things that make up our Tribal Memory. A few centuries ago our People used Memory Sticks as a means of keeping a record of events. Memory Sticks were an accurate way of keeping track of historic events as well as tribal organization.

At the end of his oratory, when the Elder Osage had fully explained his thoughts he would repeat what he had said by using the English language, delivering again the same thoughts and words. The Old Men were as logical in English as they were when speaking Osage.

I am certain that one of the most treasured memories that we as Osages have is the memory of watching and listening to those older Men and Women speaking our language. Listening to that fascinating cadence of the Osage language is something I have not heard anywhere but among Osages.

It is true that the number of Osage speakers has dwindled during recent years, but that is changing. We are fortunate there are still speakers of Osage who know and use that special cadence that I have always found fascinating. We must commend those who are teaching and those young ones and adults who are learning.

Outstanding among those is Mongrain Lookout who has led the effort to preserve the Osage Language for several years.

I have always thought that the natural cadence of those Older people brought a deeper meaning to their

words. I remember there was always a positive feeling among the listeners that those who were speaking were truthful Elders.

There is always logic in the words of a beautiful language. That is a truth. In the Osage language that logic is tied to a way of life our people lived. It was a way of life based on the seasons and nature, the Sun and the Moon. It was the same logic that guided the People to create a complex Clan System and keep it organized.

It was there in the pre-dawn stillness that they sang prayer chants to Wah-Kon-Tah. Prayer chants that greeted the new day.

I believe that by expressing their gratitude to Wah-Kon-Tah was a beautiful way to begin each day.

Those early morning prayers were not only an expression of gratitude, those Prayers were also requests. Each was a request for Wah-Kon-Tah to grant assistance in finding a way for the People to make it through another beautiful and complex day that Wah-Zha-Zhi had been granted.

There is life all around us that show the Prayers of our ancestors are answered, whether expressing gratitude or making a request for help from Wah-Kon-Tah, those Prayer Chants, the prayers of our ancestors have been answered.

The language that brought the Osage Tribe through the centuries and into the world of today has served Osage People well.

**About the author:**

Charles H. Red Corn, Osage, is the author of "A Pipe for February" and various other published works. Red Corn received his B.A. in Psychology and his Masters of Education Administration from Penn State. He is a veteran of the U.S. Army and resides with his wife Jeri in Norman, Okla. He is the new *Osage News* culture columnist.

OS AGE NATION Combining Balance Sheets June 30, 2013			
	General Fund	Special Revenue	Total
<b>Assets</b>			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	32,426,900	4,903,060	37,329,960
CDs and Money Market Investments	27,305,246	9,638,554	36,943,800
Accounts receivable	35,493	391,724	427,217
Prepaid expenses	5,267	6,156	11,423
Due from other funds	(301,659)	355,529	53,870
Due from other governments	329,956	-	329,956
Due from related parties	3,333,333	-	3,333,333
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$ 63,134,536</b>	<b>\$ 15,295,023</b>	<b>\$ 78,429,559</b>
<b>Liabilities and fund balances</b>			
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Accounts payable	95,988	13,150	109,138
Accrued payroll liabilities	260,082	-	260,082
Other accrued liabilities	155,963	75,643	231,606
Deferred revenue	-	13,108,118	13,108,118
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>\$ 512,033</b>	<b>\$ 13,196,911</b>	<b>\$ 13,708,944</b>
<b>Fund balances</b>			
<b>Total fund balances</b>	<b>\$ 62,622,503</b>	<b>\$ 2,098,112</b>	<b>\$ 64,720,615</b>
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OS AGE NATION Combining S statements of Revenue, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance Nine Months Ended June 30, 2013			
	General Fund	Special Revenue	Total
<b>Revenues</b>			
Intergovernmental	3,421,028	15,601,638	19,022,666
Indirect cost recoveries	-	-	-
Investment revenue	127,372	57,211	184,583
Program/Other revenue	1,505,955	224,317	1,730,272
<b>Total revenues</b>	<b>\$ 5,054,355</b>	<b>\$ 15,883,166</b>	<b>\$ 20,937,521</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>			
Wages & Fringe Benefits	11,971,374	5,111,531	17,082,905
Travel & Training	717,428	499,383	1,216,811
Contractual	2,221,863	298,113	2,519,976
Direct Services	9,013,231	2,938,678	11,951,909
Donations	533,009	-	533,009
Equipment	823,012	837,547	1,660,559
Capital Outlay	148,988	-	148,988
Roads Construction	-	4,521,598	4,521,598
Other Expenses	3,118,895	866,320	3,985,215
Indirect Cost	2,218,132	992,116	3,210,248
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 30,765,932</b>	<b>\$ 16,065,286</b>	<b>\$ 46,831,218</b>
<b>Revenues over (under) expenditures</b>	<b>\$ (25,711,577)</b>	<b>\$ (182,120)</b>	<b>\$ (25,893,697)</b>
<b>Other financing sources (uses)</b>			
Transfers in/(out)	(2,081,635)	688,117	(1,393,518)
Distributions to LLC	(2,600,000)	-	(2,600,000)
Gaming distributions	30,000,000	-	30,000,000
<b>Total other financing sources (uses)</b>	<b>\$ 25,318,365</b>	<b>\$ 688,117</b>	<b>\$ 26,006,482</b>
<b>Net change in fund balances</b>	<b>\$ (393,212)</b>	<b>\$ 505,997</b>	<b>\$ 112,785</b>
<b>Fund balances, beginning of year</b>	<b>63,015,715</b>	<b>1,592,115</b>	<b>64,607,830</b>
<b>Fund balances, end of year</b>	<b>\$ 62,622,503</b>	<b>\$ 2,098,112</b>	<b>\$ 64,720,615</b>

OS AGE NATION Statement of Net Assets June 30, 2013	
	Proprietary
<b>Assets</b>	
Cash and Cash Equivalents	2,114,697
CDs and Money Market Investments	368,246
Accounts receivable	94,556
Prepaid expenses	2,245
Inventory	21,093
Due from other governments	-
Capital Assets, Net	10,719,732
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$ 13,320,569</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>	
Accounts payable	107
Accrued payroll liabilities	44,144
Due to other funds	53,870
Other accrued liabilities	12,500
Deferred revenue	6,439
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>\$ 117,060</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>\$ 13,203,509</b>

OS AGE NATION Statement of Activities Nine Months Ended June 30, 2013	
	Proprietary
<b>Revenues</b>	
Intergovernmental	68,023
Tax revenue	1,487,205
Investment revenue	49,258
Program/Other revenue	1,582,761
<b>Total revenues</b>	<b>\$ 3,187,247</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>	
Wages & Fringe Benefits	1,592,109
Travel & Training	61,597
Contractual	19,064
Direct Services	32,715
Equipment	20,298
Other Expenses	1,188,227
Indirect Cost	411,552
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 3,325,562</b>
<b>Revenues over (under) expenditures</b>	<b>\$ (138,315)</b>
<b>Other financing sources (uses)</b>	
Transfers in/(out)	1,393,518
Distributions to LLC	-
Gaming distributions	-
<b>Total other financing sources (uses)</b>	<b>\$ 1,393,518</b>
<b>Net change in net assets</b>	<b>\$ 1,255,203</b>
<b>Net Assets, Beginning of year</b>	<b>11,948,306</b>
<b>Net Assets, End of year</b>	<b>\$ 13,203,509</b>

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# Osage designer displays creations to tribal members

## Osage News

Wendy Ponca stirred emotions and creativity with her clothing collection at the Osage Tribal Museum, June 26.

More than 30 Osage tribal members and members of the public came to see Ponca's collection, titled, "Wedding Clothes of the Earth and Sky People." Her collection is her artistic interpretation of the Osage clan system and creation story.

The exhibit will be displayed throughout the month of August.

Ponca is a fiber artist and traditional clothing designer with a collection of Osage festive wear designed to enhance anyone's wardrobe, according



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Models show Wendy Ponca's creations in honor of the Osage creation story, "Wedding Clothes of the Earth and Sky People."



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Osage artist and designer, Wendy Ponca.

to a prepared release. The clothing designs are Ponca's interpretation of the type of clothing worn by Osage people during the pre-European contact period as well as clothing worn by people who "floated down from the stars" to intermarry with the Earth people. Her work communicates her emotion and meaning behind Osage designs, according to the release.

Ponca also designed the costumes for the ballet, Wahzhazhe: An Osage Ballet.

The fashion show consisted of three Osage couples, five from the Grayhorse District and one from the Pawhuska District. Modeling the clothes were Madeline Pennington, Alexandra Stock, Ashley Webb, Tom Ashmore, Zackary Johnson, and Christopher Cote. Along with Ponca's clothing, silver jewelry made by Terry Wann, Osage artist, adorned the models, according to the release.

The clothing and jewelry are still for sale at the tribal museum, as well as prints from a



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An artistic interpretation of ancient Osage petroglyphs are painted onto a buffalo skin.

photography exhibit by Ponca's daughter, Sarah Elsberry.

Ponca is a graduate of the Institute of American Indian Arts in Santa Fe, N.M., the Kansas City Art Institute, Kansas City, Mo., and Southwestern College, Santa Fe, N.M. Her art career has in-

cluded being the director of development at the National Indian Monument & Institute in Jenks, Okla., an art instructor at University of Las Vegas, Nevada, and a professor of Fiber Arts and Design at IAIA. In 1995 Ponca was one of the four American Indian artists

asked by Pendleton Woolen Mills to create a special blanket design to launch its "Hope Series." Profits from those four limited edition blankets were contributed to the American Indian Scholarship Fund to aid the 29 American Indian colleges.

The fashion show was been partially funded by the Osage Nation Foundation, according to the release.

For more information about events at the Osage Tribal Museum, call (918) 287-5441.

## Letters to the Editor

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**Candidate registration closes for 2012 election with 34 candidates**  
By Shannon Shaw  
Osage News  
At the close of business April 3 the Osage Nation Election Office reported that 34 candidates had registered for the 2012 Osage General Election. Out of those 34 candidates, five are incumbents, five ran for an office in the 2010 general election, and the rest are new faces. Darben Hamilton was the first candidate to walk through the Osage Election Office doors March 15, and Debra Davis, election office staff, he was waiting for her to open the doors at 5:30 a.m. The last candidate to register was Kathryn East Carr, who registered on the last day of registration April 2. Carr ran for the Osage Nationals Council in 2010 and finished 10th. Carr ran for the Osage Nationals Council in 2010 and finished 10th. Carr ran for the Osage Nationals Council in 2010 and finished 10th. Carr ran for the Osage Nationals Council in 2010 and finished 10th.

**ON Congress votes down bill to dissolve Osage LLC**  
By Brent Peltzer  
Osage News  
The Osage Limited Liability Company survived a Congressional bill vote aimed at dissolving the entity during the March 23 House vote on the bill. The bill would have dissolved the LLC and transferred its assets to the Osage Nation. The bill would have also transferred the LLC's assets to the Osage Nation. The bill would have also transferred the LLC's assets to the Osage Nation. The bill would have also transferred the LLC's assets to the Osage Nation.

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# In-Lon-Schka 2013



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Clockwise from top left: Megan and Joyce Oberly ready for the dance June 27 at Pawhuska In-Lon-Schka.

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Pawhuska district dancers make their way to the dance grounds June 27 at Pawhuska In-Lon-Schka.

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Tanaka Supernaw smiles for the camera at the 2013 Pawhuska In-Lon-Schka dances.

Jacelle Ramon-Sauberan/Osage News

Town Crier. Caesar Williams.





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Jacelle Ramon-Sauberan/Osage News  
Left: Father and son. Anthony and Dominic Shackelford.

Jacelle Ramon-Sauberan/Osage News  
Below: Osage cousins from the Hominy District.





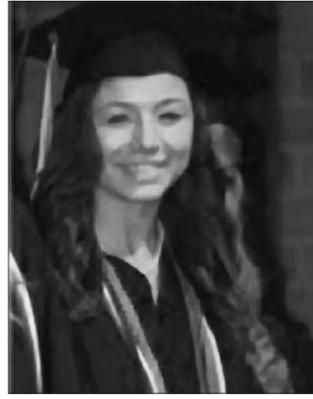
Garrett Young



Michelle Revelette Moy



Erica Pretty Eagle Moore



Kathryn Toombs



Jessica Rosemary (Moore) Harjo

### Congratulations!

Garrett Young graduated from Shawnee Mission North

High School in May. He will attend Kansas Wesleyan University in Salina, Kan., in the fall. The University awarded

him the Pioneer Scholarship and KWU Award. He also signed a letter of intent to run Cross Country and Track at

KWU as well. He is the son of Randy and Kim Young, Merriam, Kans., and the grandson of John and Dixie Hutchison, Overland Park, Kans., and Randall and Gwen Young, Mexico, Mo.

ter of Molly (Cherokee) and Alex Pappin (Osage allottee), great-granddaughter of Mildred Geil (Osage), granddaughter of Joy Honeywell (Osage), and daughter of Lori Toombs (Osage), graduated from Cascade Christian High School, in Medford, Ore., with Valedictorian Honors. Maintaining a 4.0 GPA, Kathryn received: 19 Academic Awards, Character Award for Wisdom, History Department Award, Scholars Diploma, varsity tennis, and member of NW regional championship choir. Kathryn will attend Biola University's Torrey Honors Institute, receiving the President's Scholarship, majoring in journalism, minoring in writing/publishing/Biblical studies. Her family is proud of her efforts representing her faith, family, and community.

### Congratulations!

Michelle Revelette Moy graduated May 26 from California State University, Chico. She received two Bachelor of Arts degrees in Child Development and Liberal Studies. Great-granddaughter of the late original allottee Joe Revelette of Pawhuska who was a member of the Osage Council and was responsible for the council establishing a \$1 million scholarship fund for Osage students. He was also the first Osage to receive his Masters of Business Administration from Harvard University.

Michelle would like to thank the Osage Nation, the Osage Tribal Committee and the Osage Nation Education Department for all their support during her college career.

### Congratulations!

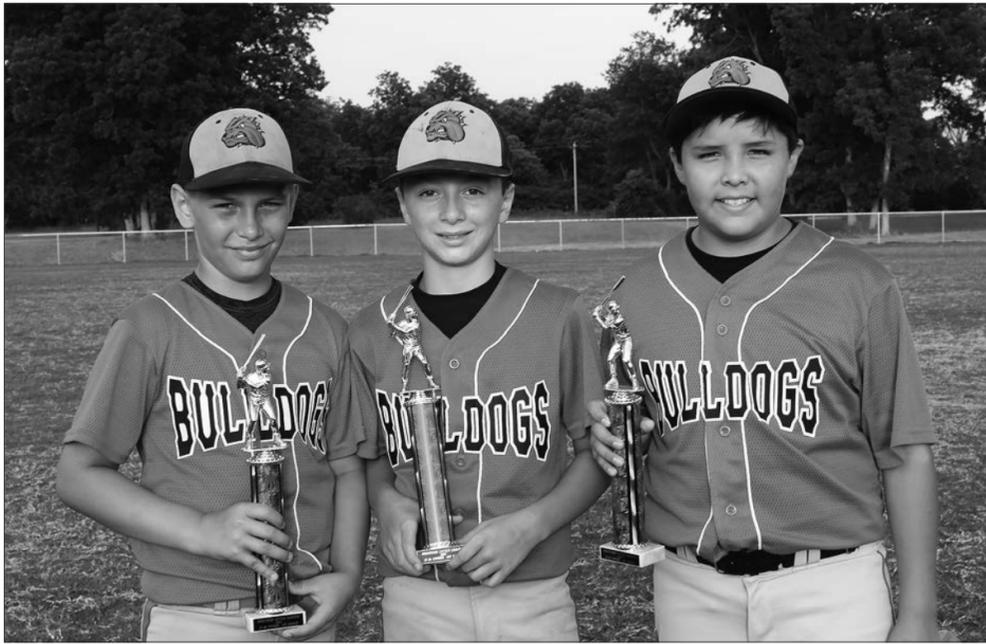
Jessica Rosemary (Moore) Harjo graduated on May 18 from the University of Minnesota, College of Design, with her Masters of Design (Graphic Design Track, Interactive Design Focus). Her thesis was over Native American Languages and Typographic Design, specifically over the Osage orthography and developing Unicode for use of new fonts. She received a Bachelor degree in Landscape Architecture and a Certificate in Environmental Studies from Oklahoma State University 2010. Jessica served as Osage tribal princess in 1998 and was Miss Indian Oklahoma 2007-08. She is the daughter of Ted and Terry Mason Moore of Fairfax.

### Memorial Service

Please join the family of

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Courtesy Photo

Congratulations to Clay Casillas, T.W. Davis and Michael Hight of the Skiatook Bulldogs, 12-and-under boys baseball team. These young men finished first place in the Skiatook League Post-Season Tournament. It was a great honor to be the head coach of such a great group of kids. I would like to thank the assistant coaches for all their help and for volunteering their time to help coach these boys. Great job boys, I am so very proud of you. —Coach Rick Casillas

## Save the Date!

### —Local Events Calendar

#### JULY

**July 4**  
Observed Holiday  
Save the Date

#### AUGUST

**August 2-4**  
First Nations  
Competitive Games  
Firelake Golf Course  
Shawnee, Oklahoma  
Contact Allana Gay at  
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**August 9-11**  
Wahzhazhe An  
Osage Ballet  
Bartlesville  
Community Center  
Bartlesville, Oklahoma  
For more information  
call (918) 704-4668 or  
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**August 9-11**  
36th Annual IICOT  
Powwow of Champions  
ORU Mabee Center  
Tulsa, Oklahoma  
www.iicot.org

**August 16-18**  
Wahzhazhe An  
Osage Ballet  
Tulsa PAC  
Williams Theater  
Tulsa, OK  
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**August 17**  
John T. Moncravie  
Jr. Celebration  
Wah-Zha-Zhi  
Cultural Center  
Pawhuska, Oklahoma  
For more information  
contact kathyh@air-  
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**August 19**  
Osage News  
deadline for September  
issue submissions  
Mark your calendars!

**August 22-24**  
82nd Annual American  
Indian Exposition  
Caddo County  
Fairgrounds  
Anadarko, Oklahoma  
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call (580) 483-5095

**August 24**  
Osage Language  
Recruitment and  
Welcome Back Luncheon  
Wah-Zha-Zhe  
Cultural Center  
11 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
Pawhuska, Oklahoma  
For more information  
call (918) 287-5547

#### SEPTEMBER

**September 2**  
Observed Day  
Labor Day

**September 13-14**  
Oklahoma  
Indian Summer  
Bartlesville  
Community Center  
Bartlesville, Oklahoma  
For more information  
call (918) 331-0934

**September 16**  
Osage News deadline for  
October issue submissions  
Mark your calendars!

#### OCTOBER

**October 13-18**  
National Congress of  
American Indians 70th  
Annual Convention  
and Marketplace  
Tulsa Convention Center  
www.ncai.org

**October 14**  
Osage News deadline  
for November  
issue submissions  
Mark your calendars!

**October 14**  
Observed Holiday

Osage Day

#### NOVEMBER

**November 11**  
Observed Holiday  
Veterans Day

**November 18**  
Osage News deadline  
for December issue  
submissions  
Mark your calendars!

**November 28**  
Observed Holiday  
Thanksgiving Day

**November 29**  
Observed Holiday  
Osage Heritage Day

#### DECEMBER

**December 24-25**  
Observed Holiday  
Christmas Eve and  
Christmas Day

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Courtesy Photo

## Osage wins junior national Rodeo title

### Osage News

After a week of competition that featured more than 940 contestants from all across the United States, Canada and Australia, the 2013 National Junior High Finals Rodeo National Champions were crowned June 29 at Red Rock Park in Gallup, N.M.

Kathryn Todd, a 13-year-old Osage from Tuttle, Okla., came out as the National All-Around Champion Cowgirl after winning the Champion Pole Bender, the top ten in Barrels, top twenty in the ribbon roping and the breakaway roping.

She won two trophy saddles, six buckles, over \$1,000 in prize money and \$3,000 in scholarships. She will appear on RFD-TV's airing of the NJHSRA.

Kathryn will be an 8th grader at Tuttle Middle School. She is the daughter of Jeff and Nancy Todd of Tuttle and the granddaughter of Henry and Ora Lee Hainzinger of Ponca City.



## Letters to the Editor

### Thank You

Beginning in September 2003 each of our children in turn, Brieahn DeMeo, Emily DeMeo and Jackson DeMeo have been recipients of the Osage Higher Education Scholarship as they have graduated from high school and pursued their college careers. Brieahn earned her B.A. at the University of Kentucky Lexington and continued on to The American University in Washington D.C. to complete a Masters Degree in Arts Management. Emily matriculated at the University of Tennessee Knoxville and continued on to a successful Juris Doctor from The American University Washington College of Law. Jackson graduated this last May with a B.F.A. Theatre Arts-Acting from California State University Fullerton.

Their father and I are extremely proud of each of them and congratulate them for their accomplishments. We have always felt that the best use of our resources is in the education of our children. However, having three kids in college, for the most part concurrently, over the past 10 years has sometimes been a financial magic act. The scholarships that our children have received from the Osage Nation have been an integral part of successfully "pulling the rabbit out of the hat" each time we faced tuition, supplies or living expenses.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you and the staff at the Education Department for all that you have done to help our family successfully attain their educational goals. Words can not really express how appreciative I am for your helpfulness and patience as we have navigated through the application process each semester. In addition to yourself, Ms. Holding, I would like to particularly thank Ms. Mary St. John, Ms. Louise Cheshewalla and Ms. Courtney Dailey as you all were most directly involved with us in the process of making sure documentation deadlines were met. You have a fantastic team of people who should be com-

mended for the work done every day in the scholarship program. I hope that the scholarship program will continue to grow as it has under your care, help those who want to pursue their higher education and continue the legacy of the Osage Nation.

—Rosalie DeMeo  
Bodega Bay, CA

### Things used to be simpler

I am what I refer to as a non-participating Osage. I live in Texas, born and raised here. My mother has always been the sole participant in tribal information and passed it on to me in casual conversation. That was prior to the *Osage News* that I now receive. I did participate in the election meetings held here to become more informed on what was taking place and become less non-participating. I must say that I am truly happy that we installed a new form of government, one that mirrors the United States government. How is that working out for us? Every issue I receive of the *Osage News*, one branch is suing the other branch, one member is suing another member, ethics violations are being filed, information is being withheld and the list goes on. I miss the conversations with my mom that showed how simplistic our tribe governed itself. Yes, I know the times have changed. The tribe has always had a monetary value from oil and gas, but the casinos and other operations have made it about power now. Sounds familiar doesn't it? I understand that the U.S. principles of government were taken from the Indians way of government when we were a developing nation. Now we took the U.S. government as a pattern for new government? Looks familiar doesn't it? Maybe these things were happening in our old way of government and no one knew. I don't know. It's sad, my mom is 86 now and we don't want to talk about it.

—Mark Cook  
Colleyville, TX

## Without Reservations



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Benny Polacca/Osage News

Pawhuska District Drumkeeper George Stabler Jr., father George Stabler Sr. and Hollis Stabler head to the Pawhuska arbor for the June 27 In-Lon-Schka.

## ADDRESS UPDATES REQUESTED

The CDIB Membership Department is requesting that anyone moving to a new address please update their information with their office at (918) 287-5389 or (918) 287-5390. Tribal members can also email Asa Cunningham at [acunningham@osagetribe.org](mailto:acunningham@osagetribe.org).

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