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Osages arrive at the Wah-Zha-Zhi Cultural Center to vote in the Osage Nation's inaugural primary election on March 10.

ON general election and OMC elections to be held June 2

By Benny Polacca
Osage News

Come June 2, Osage voters will experience a new election atmosphere when they vote in the general election.

On Election Day, the polling place will be held in the Wah-Zha-Zhi Cultural Center, 1449 W. Main St., in Pawhuska.

This is the first election year the Election Board decided to move the polling place from the Congressional Chambers on the government campus where previous government elections have been historically held.

For the primary election, the Election Board voted to move the polling place to

the cultural center over concerns of potential inclement weather and traffic jams due to the ongoing campus master plan construction. Since then, Election Board Chairwoman Shannon Lockett praised the cultural center venue for hav-

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The first group of congressional candidates to debate May 4, from L to R: Dr. Ron Shaw, Anthony Whitehorn, John Star Bighorse, William "Kugee" Supernaw, Doug Cowan and Clair Wood.

Fourth ON Congress candidates debate during 2014 Osage News election debates

By Benny Polacca
Osage News

Twenty candidates running for the Fourth Osage Nation Congress participated in the 2014 *Osage News* General Election Candidate Debates on May 4.

The debates come nearly one month before the June 2 general election where six Congress members will be picked by voting Osages to serve on the Fourth ON Congress.

Now in its third election year of hosting candidate debates, the *Osage News* collected candidate questions from the public and those questions were randomly drawn from a hopper by moderators from the

League of Women Voters from the Tulsa and Bartlesville offices during the event. The moderators kept track of time the candidates used for opening and closing statements, answering questions and rebutting/following-up on questions.

With a total of 21 Congressional candidates running for office, the *Osage News* staff randomly drew the names of candidates to determine which debate group they would be assigned to. To evenly separate the candidate groups, there were a total of three separate groups with seven candidates in each. Each group received three questions to answer and

the candidates were allowed one minute for rebuttal.

The first group debating included Dr. Ron Shaw, Anthony Whitehorn, John Star Bighorse, William "Kugee" Supernaw, Doug Cowan and Clair Wood. John Free, who is seeking his second Congressional term, was assigned to this group, but was absent from the event.

Question #1: If you are a member of Congress, did you vote to give the Osage LLC additional money in the last three years or if you're not a member of Congress, would you have given the LLC additional money and explain your

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Osage Nation Principal Chief candidates Geoffrey Standing Bear and Margo Gray at the 2014 Osage News General Election Debates on May 3 at the Wah-Zha-Zhi Cultural Center.

Gray and Standing Bear debate at 2014 Osage News General Election debates

By Shannon Shaw Duty
Osage News

Margo Gray and Geoffrey Standing Bear, the two winners of the Osage Nation's first primary election, faced off at the 2014 Osage News General Election Debates on May 3.

Streamed live by the Osage Nation Communications Department and moderated by the Tulsa and Bartlesville League of Women Voters, the candidates received five questions and had three minutes to answer. They were given one minute for rebuttal and two minutes for opening and closing remarks.

Questions posed to the candidates came from the Osage public and were randomly drawn from a hopper by a LWV volunteer. Candidates were randomly selected to determine the order they would answer.

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Six constitutional amendments up for vote on June 2

By Shannon Shaw Duty
Osage News

Six constitutional amendments will be up for vote on Election Day, June 2. All six amendments need 65 percent of the "yes" vote to pass.

If any one of the proposed amendments passes, it will be the first time in the Nation's new government a constitutional amendment was voted in by the Osage people. Since the ratification of the 2006 Osage Constitution, 12 amendments have failed at the poll.

Proposed amendments:

- **Amendment one, ONCR 13-19** (proposed by Congressman William "Kugee" Supernaw), if passed will change the constitutional language to ensure that lineal descendants of the 1906 Roll cannot lose their membership if the Osage Nation Congress should change the laws that govern the tribe's citizenship. Chang-

ing the language from "are eligible for" to "have the right to" membership.

- **Amendment two, ONCR 13-20** (proposed by Congressman Raymond Red Corn), if passed will "protect the integrity of laws that require an affirmative supermajority to access Osage Nation assets. It is intended as a safe guard to prevent a Congress member from amending a supermajority requirement in a law (more than 50% yes votes) to a simple majority (only a 50% yes vote) by only passing the reducing amendment by a simple majority of Congress. If enacted, Congress will have to generate more than a majority to access Osage Nation asset accounts," according to ballot language.

- **Amendment three, ONCR 13-22** (proposed by Congresswoman Ma-

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Group one of the Minerals Council Debate, from L to R: William St. John, Galen Crum, Cheryl Potts, Kathryn Red Corn and Curtis Bear.



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Group two of the Minerals Council Debate, from L to R: Everett Waller, Linda Heskett, Myron Red Eagle, Melvin Core, R.E. Yarbrough and Joe Cheshewalla.



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Group three of the Minerals Council Debate, from L to R: Talee Redcorn, Ray McClain, Kenneth Bighorse, Andrew Yates and Cynthia Boone.

Osage Minerals Council candidates debate on April 26

Sixteen candidates for the Third Osage Minerals Council debated on April 26 at the Wah-Zha-Zhi Cultural Center for the 2014 *Osage News* Minerals Council Debates. They spoke on issues concerning the Minerals Estate, the protection of the 1906 Allotment Act, how to increase oil production, how to best protect oil production from those who would steal from the Osage. To view the Minerals Council candidate debates:

- Group 1, Part 1 - <http://bcove.me/4z65kr22>
- Group 1, Part 2 - <http://bcove.me/bzndco4>
- Group 2 - <http://bcove.me/bj19gyuw>
- Group 3 - <http://bcove.me/4gevwhil>



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Raymond Red Corn and Amanda Proctor debate at the 2014 Osage News General Election Debates on May 3 at the Wah-Zha-Zhi Cultural Center.

Proctor and Red Corn debate at 2014 Osage News General Election debates

By Shannon Shaw Duty

Osage News

Amanda Proctor and Raymond Red Corn, the two winners of the Assistant Principal Chief primary election, faced off at the 2014 Osage News General Election Debates on May 3.

Streamed live by the Osage Nation Communications Department and moderated by the Tulsa and Bartlesville League of Women Voters, the candidates received five questions and had three minutes to answer. They were given one minute for rebuttal and two minutes for opening and closing remarks.

Questions posed to the candidates came from the Osage public and were randomly drawn from a hopper by a LWV volunteer. Candidates were randomly selected to determine the order they would answer.

Opening remarks

Proctor grew up in Wichita, Kans., and didn't move to Oklahoma until 2003 when she began law school at the University of Tulsa. She had already achieved her bachelor's in anthropology from Harvard University and worked two jobs as a tribal housing director. She said when she was at Harvard there was no school function for Native Americans and she helped begin Harvard's first powwow. It is now in its 19th year and she has only missed it a few times.

"This is the first year in many years I've missed [Harvard Powwow], but I would not be anywhere else," Proctor said.

Red Corn said he is going to focus on improving the performance of the Executive Branch and provide the natural bridge from the Executive to the Legislative branch through his role as assistant chief. He said serving as an Osage congressman for eight years, with two of those years serving as Speaker of the Congress, he knows the needs of the Nation and is prepared to work.

"I'm going to come early and I'm going to stay late. There's a lot of heavy lifting that needs to be done," he said.

Question 1: If elected (Asst.) Chief, how do you intend to build employee morale to increase productivity among Osage Nation employees? Olivia Gray, Skiatook

Proctor said that leadership and productivity starts at the top and works its way down. She said the position of a tribal administrator or tribal department head is a very critical facet of the Nation and the chief and assistant chief need to put in the work to make sure these positions run smoothly and efficiently. She said she currently has 12 tribal clients and she has revamped policies and procedures for most of them.

"I'll be fair, equitable, and fair at the administration of those properties," she said.

Red Corn said he has sponsored the Fairness in the Workplace Act, Speak What's On Your Mind Act and legislation to combat wrongful termination, all laws aimed at increasing employee morale and productivity. He said he was aware that there were policies and procedures that don't exist in the Executive Branch but he's going to work to remedy that. He said as Speaker of Congress and serving as Second Speaker for two years as well, he was in charge of the congressional staff.

"More importantly, we need to follow the policies we already have," he said. "We need to take a deep breath and do what's fair."

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Osage News Official Candidate Listing:

Principal Chief

1. Margo Gray
2. Geoffrey Standing Bear

Assistant Principal Chief

1. Amanda Proctor
2. Raymond Red Corn

Fourth Osage Nation Congress

1. Teresa Bates Rutherford
2. Beverly Brownfield
3. Michael Kidder
4. John Star Bighorse
5. Jacque Jones
6. Homer Troy Big Eagle
7. Rick Luttrell
8. John Free (incumbent)
9. Cecelia Lemon Tallchief
10. Clair Wood
11. James Norris
12. Otto Hamilton

13. Alice Buffalohead (incumbent)
14. Angela M. Pratt
15. Dr. Ron Shaw
16. Joe Conner
17. William "Kugee" Supernaw (incumbent)
18. Daniel Boone (incumbent)
19. Doug Cowan
20. Tony Whitehorn
21. Justin Mays

Third Osage Minerals Council

1. Ray McClain
2. Melvin Core (incumbent)
3. Myron Red Eagle (incumbent)
4. Andrew Yates (incumbent)
5. William St. John
6. Galen Crum (incumbent)
7. Kathryn RedCorn

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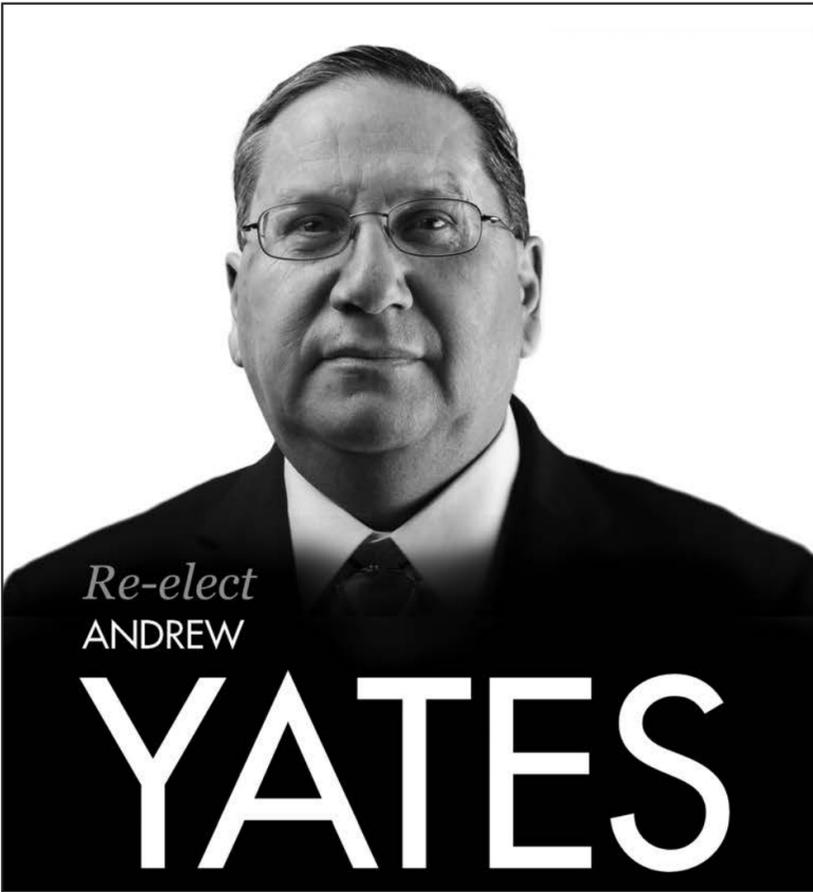
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I am seeking your vote for reelection to the third Osage Minerals Council so that I may continue working as your Minerals councilman, building on the successes and handling the challenges that come before the Minerals council. I will continue to protect and develop the Mineral estate and the shareholders' interests as set forth in the 1906 allotment act as amended.

I remain dedicated to protecting the environment and looking at innovative new drilling and production methods to continue to develop the mineral estate for today and future generations.

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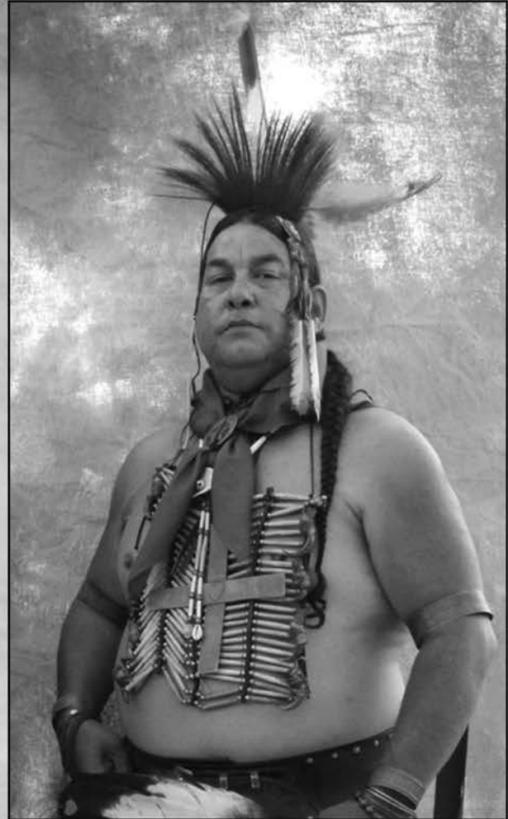
• Experience

• Integrity

• Honesty

Everett Waller
OSAGE MINERALS COUNCIL

#8 on the Ballot



Our Osage traditions bring me strength and have taught me invaluable lessons in honesty and integrity. The strength of our tribe lies in the preservation of these values.

LEADERSHIP MATTERS

Raymond Red Corn is:

Reliable

Over eight years, Raymond has the best attendance record of any member of Congress; 99.35% in the 1st Congress, and 100% in the 2nd and 3rd Congresses.

Accessible

Raymond communicates with Osages everywhere through over 175 emailed newsletters, and regularly fields questions through social media. His published cell phone number **(918.287.7400)** will not change if Raymond is elected.

Experienced

Raymond has eight years experience in Congress, with four years of leadership as Speaker and Second Speaker, plus 20 years of progressive management experience prior to his service in Congress.

Hard working

As a member of Congress, Raymond sponsored over 14 pieces of major legislation, emphasizing transparency¹, accountability², and fairness in the workplace³.

¹Sponsored the Open Records Act.

²Ethics charges against members of Congress were required to be heard first by Congress. Raymond sponsored a key amendment requiring charges to be considered by the Attorney General.

³ Sponsored the Whistleblower Act and the Workplace Fairness Act.

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Opening remarks

Standing Bear opened by touting his legal experience and experience as an Osage congressman. He said there was only so much he could do as a legislator for the tribe and he was ready to do more to increase the Nation's land base and protect the Nation's assets.

"After 34 years in the practice of law, I have determined to make sure history does not repeat itself," he said. "I cannot sit idly by any longer."

Gray said her long career in business management has prepared her to plan for the future and for good governance in the role of principal chief. She said she too wants the best for the Nation and has thought long and hard about making the decision to run.

"Taking this leap of faith ... there's going to be things I can agree on, and things I can't ... I want to represent the youngest to the oldest," she said.

Questions

Question #1: Why did you run for Chief? Candy Thomas, Pawhuska

Gray said it came down to representing her people. She said she had become concerned for the tribe after years of watching. With her 35-plus years of experience she said she could see the tribe wasn't doing well. She said she had done business with tribes that helped them become billion-dollar companies.

"Leadership, management, love of the people. I'm a mother, a grandmother and I want a better Osage Nation," she said.

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ria Whitehorn), if passed will distinguish between the members of the Osage Nation who are headright owners from the members of the Osage Nation who are not. The amendment clarifies that the Osage Nation only has the right to protect the headright owners of Osage descent "as set forth in the Osage Allotment Act of June 28, 1906, as amended," according to ballot language.

- **Amendment four, ONCR 14-03 (Red Corn)**, if passed will lower the amount of signatures required to file petition to amend the constitution based on the qualified Osage voters who voted in prior elections for principal chief versus the entire electorate of all eligible Osage voters. "For example, about 2,300 of the approximately 12,000 total Osage electorate voted in the last election for Principal Chief. Based on those numbers, 1,800 signatures are required to file a petition to amend the constitution. If the amendment passes, the requirement is lowered to 575 signatures," according to ballot language.
- **Amendment five, ONCR 14-04 (Red Corn)**, if passed would lower the number of signatures required to 575 to file a petition for initiative or referendum to propose a law for a vote of the people.
- **Amendment six, ONCR 14-05 (Red Corn)**, if passed would lower the number of signatures required to 575 to file a petition for recall of elected or appointed officials by the people.

Number of failed

amendments per election:

2010 General Election: 1
2012 General Election: 7
2012 Special Election: 4
2014 General Election: 6

"I'm very excited with what I bring to the table."

Standing Bear said not enough revenue is coming from the Osage Casinos back to the Nation. He said the casinos are making \$80 million a year and giving the Nation \$40 million. He said he wants to find out where the extra money is going; he said the extra money could be going to the Nation's programs for direct services.

"I grew up in the world of people telling stories of stealing headrights ... 96 percent of our lands gone," he said. "People who come here say they're our friends and then they leave after they've taken millions."

Question #2: The Osage Nation today has a number of "independent" governmental entities, including the Mineral's Council, the Gaming Commission, and the business enterprises: how do you define the term "Independent" and what does that mean in terms of the Principle Chief's relationship with such entities? Elizabeth Homer, Alexandria, Va.

Standing Bear said the Minerals Council is separate and the Nation stays out of their business. He said there are too many boards and commissions and they have developed into their own empire. He said millions are going in and there is no information on what is going out. To combat this, he said he favors a Super Board, a business model used by the Cherokee Nation.

"If elected, I'm going forward with the Super Board," Standing Bear said. He also said in his rebuttal that he was very proud of the work the Osage Nation Water Rights Task Force had achieved (which he helped form and is chair) and noted that the task force is made up of officials from every branch of government and employees, including the ON Attorney General. They hold regular open meetings and he said if elected he would be us-

ing this model more as well, "Osages working together."

Gray said it all came down to common sense and the boards and commissions are separate entities. She said communication would be her tactic for improving the business model of the Osage Nation. She said if there had been efficient communication the Nation could have prevented the \$19 million in losses by the Osage LLC.

"It's simple business best practices in government," she said. "Don't complain. Don't blame."

In her rebuttal she did not agree with Standing Bear's idea for a Super Board. She said the ON gaming board is governed by rules of the National Indian Gaming Commission, which is governed by the U.S. Department of Justice, "You can't put gaming under a Super Board."

Question #3: What are your goals as a Nation on the Cobell buy-back program? Jodie Revard, Pawhuska

Gray said the Cobell Buy-Back Program was one of her goals for her administration. She said the Nation's land base is 1.2 million acres and she was willing to do what it took to get land back and to possibly use it for tourism and business. She said during her business experiences she worked for one of the largest chain stores and she was tasked with finding best locations for economic development to put big box stores, so she has the experience to assess an area's need for economic development.

"Buying back our land is a priority," she said.

Standing Bear said the Nation is already behind other tribes in their efforts to utilize the Cobell Land Buy-Back Program and he said when he takes office he will remedy that. He said Osage Congressman William "Kugee" Supernaw is already leading efforts to set aside tribal money for land purchases. He said in working with the Nation's wa-

ter task force and the U.S. Geological Survey, he has already begun to research the Nation's options in purchasing valuable land with ground water.

"Reestablish reservation, control the water," he said.

Question #4: If you were elected, how would your policies reflect a commitment to the environment, food sovereignty/tribal health, and/or tribal agriculture? Keir Johnson, Placerville, Calif.

Standing Bear said for years he served as trustee for Oklahoma's Nature Conservancy and was apart of, and witnessed, when the Tallgrass Prairie and Bison Preserve came into effect.

"Look to what Congress has done – supporting AmeriCorps programs, we have raised garden beds in and around Pawhuska, the traditional seed bank in California," he said.

Gray said she was a supporter of food sovereignty because she too had just planted her garden at her home and said when she went to St. Louis to celebrate the founding of the city she learned a great deal about Cahokia Mounds and that Osages were farmers. "I'm a cancer survivor, heart patient, suffered a minor heart attack," she said. "I participated in the Fun Run" that morning of the debate. Although she said she didn't run or walk in the event she supported the event and handed out medals to the winners.

Question #5: What would be your top three legislative priorities if you were elected Chief? Elizabeth Homer, Alexandria, Va.

Gray said her top three legislative priorities would be health care, economic development and protection of Osage Nation employees. She said she would strengthen the economic development of the tribe and keep track of any investments made.

"We've got to do more for our

health care ... we've got people who need supplemental health care, good health care," she said.

Standing Bear said his three top legislative priorities would be prioritizing a budget for the Nation and its programs, focusing on the Annual Plan of Gaming operations and making sure it turns in more money to the Nation's treasury; and strengthening the laws to defend the Nation's water rights.

"The water issue is so critical," he said.

Closing statements

Standing Bear said a common misconception was that the Congress, the Chief's office and the Minerals Council don't speak, but in actuality they speak all the time – during water task force meetings. He said if elected that's how his government would work; it would be a collaborative model to involve all the branches of government.

"That is Osages working together. You don't hear whose turf is whose – that is the type of leadership I can provide."

Gray said she would put Osages first and one of the first things she would do after getting elected would be to start listing what employees needed.

"Sometimes people just want to be heard ... you don't get things done by just [doing it yourself]. You do it by stabilizing the government, the business and I have done that," she said.

To view the 2014 Osage Nation General Election Debates for the Principal Chief candidates, visit: <http://www.osagenation-nsn.gov/news-events/news/update1-video-osage-news-sponsored-principal-chief-assistant-principal-chief-and>

Second group of congressional candidates debate on May 4

By Benny Polacca
Osage News

The second group of Fourth Osage Nation Congressional candidates fielded questions on same-sex marriage, wasteful government spending and "restoring the balance between the three branches of government."

Group two candidates were: Beverly Brownfield, Homer Troy Big Eagle, Justin Mays, Teresa Rutherford, Joe Conner, Michael Kidder and Otto Hamilton.

Question #1: We've seen a cultural shift lately in terms of marriage equality. What are your thoughts on the Osage Nation granting marriage licenses? Would you sponsor legislation to allow same-sex couples to be married as well? – Billy Keene of Skiatook

This question took several candidates by surprise with several stating they would need to research the issue first while some directly answered the question on whether they would support the Nation issuing same-sex marriage licenses.

The Osage Nation does issue marriage licenses through the tribal court system, but it does not recognize same-sex marriage. The state of Oklahoma also does not recognize same-sex marriage, but regarding other Oklahoma Native American nations, the Cheyenne



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Congressional candidates debate at the 2014 Osage News General Election Debates on May 4 at the Wah-Zha-Zhi Cultural Center. From L to R: Otto Hamilton, Beverly Brownfield, Teresa Rutherford, Justin Mays, Michael Kidder, Joe Conner and Homer Troy Big Eagle.

& Arapaho Tribes' marriage law does not specify that two people need to be different genders to marry, according to a Yahoo! news article. The C&A's marriage law made headlines in October 2013 after two men were married after seeking a marriage license from the tribal court.

"Well that's quite a question I really don't know much about," Brownfield said with the audience breaking into laughter. "Would I sponsor it? I don't know I'd have to get in it, research it, see what's going on with it."

Rutherford agreed "it's quite a question," but "we're a sov-

ereign nation and with that comes a lot of different rights ... I prefer to take the time to research it out, I'm not against it, I'm kind of in the middle."

Mays said: "I am not against same-sex marriage, if it's your preference, who am I to judge? As far as the Osages giving out marriage licenses, that's something I'd have to look into ... We have a big plate that is full right now, adding something to it, I don't know if we're ready for it, we may be ... I'm not here to judge anybody, I don't expect anybody to judge me."

Kidder said he understands same-sex marriage is a hot-

button current event issue on the national level. "As far as Osages getting into the licenses, I would have to look into that also. I don't think that's where we need to be now, we've got a lot of other fish to fry because right now we're looking at bigger issues."

Conner said he agrees it's an individual's right to make a choice in having a partner. As far as same-sex marriage goes, Conner said he believes it is something to consider, "down the road, at least in terms of the morality of it. I think we're all in agreement that love is a

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answer. — Patricia Spurrier Bright of Pawhuska

Whitehorn said he wouldn't give the LLC more money after learning of its status and money losses. "I would first have to understand the losses that occurred in that business. I think our responsibility and our charge and fiduciary duty as legislators is to understand how money is being allocated."

Shaw said if he served on the Congress during the years the Congress allocated money to the LLC, he would have done a reevaluation of the entity because, "as most people feel, where did our money go? What happened to it? Not only then but even today, this week, this month, what happened? Was it simply bad luck? Was it simply the wrong people? Was it a series of bad educated guesses? The losses were so large that we have to believe that there is some other process at work until proven otherwise." He added he would like to see a forensic audit done on the LLC.

Supernaw, who was the lone incumbent in the group, said he voted against the LLC's requests for capital infusions for the last four years because, "it became obvious after the first year that the LLC got off on the wrong foot ... The losses have been terrible ... It amounts to \$800 for every man, woman and child in the Osage Nation." Supernaw also noted he recently voted for a resolution supporting the LLC's "ability to turn things around" with a new board going forward.

Bighorse said he also would not allocate money to the LLC if he was aware of the LLC's track record and noted, "but I am somebody who would want to look into the situation and see why we're having losses ... Am I about wanting to diversify our dollars and try to make money? Yes I am, but I'm also about putting forth studies and seeing which avenues we need to exhaust to bring in the revenue we're looking for."

Wood said: "I would've, a long time ago, asked for quarterly reports from the LLC and I would've stayed on top of the monetary losses by doing that ... I do not think we should've allocated money until we knew in fact how much money was being lost. Making sure our money's being spent appropriately is a very important thing."

Cowan said he, "would not vote to give the LLC any money, I think they need to be held accountable for the money we've already given — it's the tribe's money, I can't believe we keep putting the money into something that's a no-win situation ... What did we finance that we're \$16, \$17 million dollars in debt? That's a lot of money, that could've went towards health, education, it could've went towards the casino."

Question #2: Over the past year, there has been considerable controversy within the Nation over the question of confidentiality. Please explain your thoughts on where the line between proprietary and public information is properly drawn. — Elizabeth Homer of Alexandria, Va.

Shaw referred to the Nation's gaming operations where public and proprietary information is an issue regarding the status of the Osage Casino's expansion plans and current operating plans. He noted a recent situation where political chatter on the Facebook group page Osage Community for Responsible Citizenry questioned the costs for the new Osage Casino Hotel expansion projects at Ponca City and Skiatook, whether it was legal and whether Congress was notified of the pending costs beforehand. In

this case, Facebook chatter and Congress members who commented on the issue said construction costs on the two casinos totaled \$50 million, but the legislative body later learned non-construction costs associated with the casino projects cost an additional \$30 million.

"I believe we need to have a loosening of that classification to allow the Congress to allow more detailed information to be received and reviewed to provide proper oversight," Shaw said. "Thirty million's a lot of money, how could we not know about that? My plan is to be able to work with the Gaming Enterprise Board to determine what's confidential — let's put our heads together and find out what we need to know about what they can release."

Supernaw said he is concerned with the way the public records law is written because gaming board officials, for example, could spend a significant amount of money and not disclose all spending details if the information is considered proprietary. "They can put you in debt for hundreds of millions of dollars and it's illegal to tell you, they mortgaged the future of you, your children and your grandchildren. And you know who doesn't know what's going on? Just you. Our competitors know you can't build a hotel without somebody knowing about it ... I think more of what we do should be made public. Now there are certain things like timing, the launching of a unique innovation that nobody knows about. That could hurt you. But we seldom ever are faced with that situation."

Bighorse passed on the question stating he wanted more information on the topic before answering.

Wood, currently employed as a background check investigator for the ON Gaming Commission, defended the issue of protecting proprietary information to avoid tipping off the area tribes whose gaming operations are competitors to the seven-property Osage Casino enterprise.

"That confidential/proprietary information that we have going over the gaming (commission) and Gaming Enterprise Board — it's not to keep things hidden from you, I mean financials are out there, a lot of times is to keep what we're trying to come up with, ideas that we're coming up with, ideas that we're wanting to do for new ventures or how are we going to do a new casino ... And we don't want our competitors coming into that ... We don't want them to have the upper hand knowing exactly what we're planning on doing, so that I kind of have the other view from and we want and we want to have that shock, we don't want them to know before it happens because it takes away from our edge."

In her rebuttal time, Wood addressed the \$30 million at issue in the casino/hotel projects. "A lot of that \$30 million that was unknown was for 'soft costs' — we had sheets, beds, pillows — those things weren't included in the expansion, the expansion was for the construction ... I do agree with the fact that the Congress and the Executive Branch should have more knowledge as to where the financials are going with various programs that have the confidentiality."

Cowan said, "I think some of it (confidentiality of information) is fine, especially up here on the hill. The gaming deal? I believe we need to know what they're doing. I mean it is our casino. They should be putting some stuff out to Congress — I'm not saying it has to be public — I'm thinking the Congress needs to know about it, the Chief and the Assistant Chief needs to know what's going on and how that money's be-

ing allocated and why it's being spent that way. Those are our casinos, they don't belong to them other people, they're ours, they're on our property."

Whitehorn said he believes the reformed Osage government's intent is to bring more transparency to all Osage people. "But we as legislators, we need to know because we would have to approve their (gaming board and officials') annual plan. I can't imagine someone saying 'we want you all to approve \$100 million but we can't tell you how we're going to spend it.' I couldn't operate a business like that ... The proprietary information, I can understand if we have some new innovation ... but what we're talking about is our financial future of our children and our tribe, so I think there needs to be less protection ... Our people deserve to know what's happening with our Nation and our money."

Question #3: Irrespective of any judgment as to Chief Red Eagle's guilt or innocence, do you feel that the Congress was justified in bringing charges against him? Do you think this has been done properly? — Addison Jump of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

Supernaw was one of the 12 Congress members who voted that Chief Red Eagle was guilty on five of the six allegations of wrongdoing during the Nation's first-ever removal trial held for an elected Osage official in January. He also heard witness testimony dur-

ing the Select Committee of Inquiry investigative meetings held mostly in executive sessions last year to collect evidence when the committee considered a total of 15 allegations that were reduced to the six considered during trial.

"This has been a very unfortunate situation that happened in our Nation and it was one of the hardest decisions I've ever had to make and participate in because John and I were friends since boyhood ... I heard everything and it was obvious that it had to be done," Supernaw said. "I sat through all the testimonies ... I think the outcome would've been the same in any other situation, any type of trial."

Bighorse initially passed on the question, but used his rebuttal time and said: "I understand the situation we've gone through. I do wish it can be in the past and we can move forward, but I'd like to see a change in the way — I'm going to call the hyper-play field — that was built and that needs to be changed if we're going to do things right."

Wood said: "I do believe that it was a travesty that our tribe has to go through, however I also have to believe that accountability is No. 1, we need to hold everyone accountable no matter who they are. I think that's exactly what Congress did ... I do, however, also think that the attorneys [representing the Congress] were very inappropriate in the way they treated Chief Red Eagle. They continually badgered him and it was very sad to watch an el-

der for the Osage Nation be really ridiculed like that."

"I believe they acted in the right manner and people are to be held accountable," said Cowan "If they're (elected officials) not doing right, they should be held accountable for it. It isn't just a bad day, it's a bad day for the Red Eagle family."

Whitehorn said: "I do think the Congress did follow the lay of the law to the best of their abilities it was a very hard time for our Nation and our people to see one of our elders go through that type of situation ... I think we need to look at ways to improve that process ... The process of the legislative being the actual investigator and then the jury — I think that needs to be looked into and changed to where there's a different party that brings the allegations forward or investigates and then the Congress needs to be the jury at that point."

Shaw said, "I do believe the Osage Nation Congress was justified in bringing those charges, absolutely, I don't think there's ever been any question in my mind ... Is the (removal) process proper? I believe it was followed properly as laid out in the constitution however it's flawed — the same reasons Mr. Whitehorn mentioned — I don't believe that six members of the Select Committee should also serve on half of the Congressional jury that made the final decision on that."



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Group three of the 2014 Osage News General Election Debates for congressional members prepares. From L to R: Jacquie Jones, Rick Luttrell, James Norris, Cecelia Tallchief, Daniel Boone, Alice Buffalohead and Angela Pratt.

Third group of congressional candidates debate on May 4

By Benny Polacca

Osage News

Seven candidates for the Fourth Osage Nation Congress participated in the third and final debate group during the May 4 Osage News General Election Debates.

Those seven Osages took debate questions randomly drawn that touch on whether tribal officials should be sent to jail for illegal personal financial gain, what are their qualifications and skills for holding Congressional office and how do they identify a "real Osage."

The third debate group candidates were: Daniel Boone, Jacquie Jones, James Norris, Angela Pratt, Alice Buffalohead, Cecelia Tallchief and Rick Luttrell.

Question 1: Do you favor jail time for officials convicted of serious crimes that involve personal financial gain in connection with malfeasance in tribal office? — Addison Jump of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

Luttrell said if the law says jail time is a penalty for such serious crimes, "then that defi-

nately needs to be carried on. These are situations that we've had a lot of problems with over the years, so I definitely agree with jail time."

Norris said he also agrees, adding, "I believe there's no way around it, we've got a judicial branch of government established and we should work and support that judicial branch of government if it calls for jail time, serious crimes, malfeasance in office? Yes."

"I believe it calls for jail time for anybody who has broken the law," Tallchief said of Osage law. "I also think the law should spell out certain things as to the consequences."

"Yes, I am for jail time as long as the jail's not in Rio de Janeiro," Boone responded, with the audience laughing in reaction.

Buffalohead said: "For too long we have been a Nation that sweeps its problems under the carpet and we like to turn the other way and with the new government, our people spoke out and said 'we're tired of that, we want accountability, we want transparency, we want this form of government to change' ... if that's the

law in place, I would support that."

Pratt said she also agrees jail time should be a punishment, "because it has happened time and time again and I don't know the specifics of every case, but I know a lot of times the accountability is not there or (people) are not held responsible for their actions."

Jones said she also agrees with jail time as punishment for elected officials convicted of stealing from the tribe. "We need to be specific in what constitutes that — is somebody stealing from us and they're getting financial gain? Yes we need to hold them accountable because they're taking away from your money."

Question 2: How do you identify a "real" Osage? — Annette Gore of Aurora, Colo.

Norris raised his hand and quipped: "I'm a real Osage." He then said, "I believe the definition of an Osage Nation member is already spelled out and I support that. You have

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Rebuttal

Proctor said that Red Corn's sponsored laws he mentioned actually chip away at the tribe's sovereignty, even though he may have been acting in earnest to protect the tribe. "It's laws like that that open the door for lawsuits."

Red Corn said, "The workplace fairness act, it gives a channel for employees to get redress from the Nation ... it opens a necessary channel for that to happen."

Question 2: Briefly describe your ideal role in interacting with the Osage Nation Congress. Olivia Gray, Skiatook

Red Corn said his ideal role when interacting with congress would be communication. He said with the recent end of the 2014 Hun-Kah Session, Principal Chief Scott BigHorse vetoed six bills and pocket vetoed others. Red Corn said Congress was surprised because they had sat through numerous committee meetings with members of Chief BigHorse's staff and Assistant Principal Chief Terry Mason Moore and nothing was said to indicate they opposed the laws.

"Without effective communication — wasted time."

Proctor said working with her 12 tribal clients she is often the legislative experience at the table, with tribal chairmen and other tribal leaders looking to her for recommendation. She said as assistant chief, she sees it as an expansion of a role she is already used to filling. She said she often writes legislation and policies for tribes, explains incredibly complicated matters to her clients.

"I'm at a tribal council meeting every week — this is what I do. I not only see myself as a communicator, but someone who can break down complicated issues."

Rebuttal

Red Corn said Proctor has gone to the best schools in the country, but the Osage Nation has ways of obtaining legal advice — what the Nation doesn't have is ways of obtaining leadership.

"Eight years in congress, two years as Speaker, this [government] is Osage and we are unique."

Proctor said the Osage government is modeled like the western form of government and not a traditional Osage government. She disagreed with obtaining more legal advice, "We need to stop spending money by someone [attorneys] working full time on the salary, reduce it as far as I am concerned."

Question 3: What is the role of Assistant Chief? Candy Thomas, Pawhuska

Proctor said the role of assistant chief is to support the chief, who is the No. 1 leader. She said she has worked with Margo Gray on business transactions, she has worked with Geoffrey Standing Bear on legal cases, proving she can work with both candidates for principal chief. She said she's a mediator between chief and congress and had she been elected assistant chief in 2010 she would have made decisions different than Chief BigHorse.

"I know the limits of my authority and take direction," she said. She later said her role would also entail, "Reviewing policies and procedures, monitoring outside litigation, not interfere, but monitor."

Red Corn said understanding who's boss is key and understanding the final decision comes from the principal chief. He said the assistant chief has the job of being the chief's No. 1 advisor, confidante. Bringing

skills to aid the chief, communicating and putting out fires, representing the Nation and making clear the vision of the chief.

"Understanding of congress, the Nation, boots on the ground, solving problems," Red Corn said.

The candidates passed on rebuttal.

Question 4: What form(s) of economic development do you intend to develop or initiate for the residents of Osage County? Jacquelin Boulanger, Pawhuska

Red Corn said the Osage LLC "really missed the mark" on getting jobs to Osage County and now the LLC has a new board he hopes will concentrate on organizing businesses. Osages have been asking about for years, including the cattle and oil business. He said the Osage Constitution doesn't spell out how to go about economic development but the Nation's foundation, boards, grants and Osage Nation Energy Services LLC are a good start.

"The ONES, they're studying, they're calculating, those are some ways we can raise money," he said. "To talk to our boards and do some development."

Proctor said the tribe should compact the Pawhuska IHS clinic and hire its own doctors, medical professionals. She said the tribe would collect on third-party billing for Medicare, Medicaid and Veteran's Benefits. She said would like to provide a 12-chair dialysis

unit, a mobile dialysis unit, which would also see profits from Medicare and Medicaid.

"Health care is the new gaming."

Rebuttal

Red Corn said he had Proctor at a disadvantage because he was privy to information on the state of the Pawhuska IHS that she wasn't. He said a very thick study of the clinic was dropped through his car window that was an audit that went through program-by-program, issue-by-issue, and it was bad.

"There's a reality check at the Osage Nation on what we can and can't do," Red Corn said.

Proctor said, "Well, let's roll up our sleeves and get working," as members of the crowd began to laugh. She said the Osage LLC wasn't working, even after the congress had "plowed" \$19 million into the organization.

"Anyone that's voted for funding that entity needs to be held accountable at the voting booth," she said.

Question 5: It is possible that as Assistant Chief a day could come that you would have to step into the position of Principal Chief: please address your qualifications to assume the position of Principal Chief should the need arise? Elizabeth Homer, Alexandria, Virginia

Proctor said she hoped that would never happen but she

knew it was a possibility that the chief, for whatever reason, could be removed or incapacitated. She said she was a graduate of Harvard, an attorney, a former housing director who oversaw two housing operations in Michigan and Oklahoma. She was the attorney of record who sought justice for alienation of headrights and was intimately familiar with the 16 amendments made to the 1906 Act and has served as legal counsel to as many as 12 tribes.

Red Corn said he had 17 years of management experience, including owning and operating his own successful business. He has served on the congress for eight years, faced the challenges at the Osage Nation, he said legal advice can be obtained from anywhere but it was leadership who could lead people to a goal and get them there. He said while he's sat on congress they have published two volumes of law, succeeded in having a transparent government, worked and compromised with 11 other elected leaders.

Rebuttal

Proctor said she was the Outstanding Alumnus at Harvard one year; she was president of the Osage County Bar Association for two years in which there are 50 attorneys. Proctor said she, along with the legal team of the Fletcher Case, appealed the case to the U.S. 10th Circuit Court of Appeals twice, and won.

Red Corn said, "As a share-

holder I would really like to know what that Fletcher Case is about." He said he only had two major awards that he was proud and honored to have and they were when he was elected to lead as a member of the Osage Congress in 2006 and 2010.

Closing remarks

Red Corn said the voters have two very different candidates to choose from on Election Day, June 2. He said he wanted voters to choose experience, experience, experience. He said he understands the congress, he knows the Osage people.

"You can't go in there like a bull in a china closet," he said. "At the end of the day it's not about me, it's about you."

Proctor said she makes the earth move, she makes things happen. Her mother passed away in April and received burial assistance and her family was grateful, but when her mother was alive she never received anything from the tribe. She said she would develop an Elderly Stimulus payment, tribal program for Elder Affairs.

"I will look out for the interest of the people."

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ELECTION

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ing enough room to accommodate the voters and contract company TrueBallot Inc., which will conduct the ballot counting after the poll doors close.

June 2 voting will be held from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Also new this election year, voting constituents now have an opportunity to vote early on May 30 and 31 (Friday and Saturday before election day) at the Election Office at 608 Kihkah in Pawhuska. May 30 voting hours are noon to 8 p.m. and May 31 voting hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The absentee ballot deadline remains the same: all absentee ballots being mailed to Pawhuska must arrive in the post office by June 2 to ensure the election office will pick up the ballots for counting later that day with the in-person ballots. Voters must ensure their absentee ballots are mailed days in advance to reach Pawhuska by June 2, election officials have said.

As of April 30, the Osage Nation Election Board said it has received 1,809 absentee ballot request forms.

The Election Office is printing and mailing absentee ballots on-demand from its Pawhuska location. The mailing of absentee ballots started April 23. As of April 30, the Election Office mailed off 1,486 absentee ballots.

Election Supervisor Alexis Rencountre said the 2014 election year is on its way to being the year her office has received the most requests for absentee ballots in the reformed government's history.

In addition to the candidates for the two Executive Branch offices and six Congressional seats, Osage voters will be asked to vote on six constitutional amendment questions. Also, voters will be asked to vote on retaining two judges in the Judicial Branch.

The Election Board approved the ballot following an April 15 meeting, which included a random drawing to determine the order in which

the candidates' names will appear on the single-page ballot.

That morning, the board held the drawing at the cultural center, which included an informational meeting for the candidates regarding the election and candidate rules. About 18 candidates attended the meeting that touched on campaign contribution report rules and deadlines.

For example, all general election candidates have two deadlines for submitting campaign contribution reports detailing their campaign donations and spending of their donated campaign money. According to election information provided to the candidates, all candidates must submit their first campaign contribution report on May 19 and the second report is due June 17.

For the Judicial Branch judges, Supreme Court Chief Justice Meredith Drent and Trial Court Chief Judge Marvin Stepson's names will appear on the ballot. Associate Supreme Court Justice Jeanine Logan's name is not listed on the ballot.

ON Trial Court Administrator Jeanna Red Eagle said Logan has decided to retire at the end of her Supreme Court term.

Walter Hopper steps down from Election Board

Also at the April 18 meeting, Lockett said newly-named board member Anita Fields will recuse herself from involvement with the June 2 general election to avoid a conflict of interest because she has a sibling running for Congress.

Fields is a sister to candidate Rick Luttrell and previously served as an alternate election board member. She was asked to sit on the board after Walter Hopper resigned as chairman on April 7. According to board member Shannon Lockett, Hopper's wife recently retired and it is their wish to travel and enjoy their retirement.

"We appreciate his years of service and dedication," Lockett said. "He's done more than we can ever tell for this board and we're going to miss him."

Rencountre said Fields will start serving on the board once the general election business

is wrapped by Lockett and vice chairwoman Terry Hazen, which includes certifying the June 2 election results and taking action on the candidate campaign reports that all general election candidates are required to submit.

Fields also did volunteer work during the 2012 election, Lockett said. The Second ON Congress confirmed Fields as an alternate board member in March 2012.

June 2 is also Election Day for the Osage Minerals Council

Despite the changes in the ON election, the Osage Minerals Council election's polling place will remain at the Congressional Chambers on June 2.

All eight seats on the OMC are up for grabs in the election, which will also take place from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

In this year's OMC election,

17 people, including six incumbents, are running for office.

Absentee ballot request forms are available online for Osage shareholders voting in the OMC election. For electronic absentee ballot request forms, shareholders should visit the OMC election office information website at: <http://www.osagenation-nsn.gov/what-we-do/elections/minerals-election>

According to the website, all requests for OMC election absentee ballots must be made in writing to the Osage Minerals Council Election Supervisor. All absentee ballot requests are due on or before 5 p.m., Friday, May 23 if such absentee ballot is to be mailed.

For further assistance, Osage shareholders may call the OMC election office at (918) 287-5288 or email: MineralsElection@osagenation-nsn.gov.

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to be a descendent of someone who appeared on the 1906 allotment (act). And I believe as long as you meet that criteria, you're eligible to be a member of the Osage Nation."

Tallchief said she agrees with Norris "it's already spelled out who's an Osage."

Boone said he agrees with Norris and Tallchief, noting it's "a very sticky issue. What can you say? If they have a strawberry pop and a meatpie in their hand they're a real Osage?"

Buffalohead said, "if you can trace your ancestry back to the 1906 Act, that's what constitutes you being Osage, that's what says you have the right to membership with the Osage Nation ... When I was growing up, only the shareholders could vote and I wasn't able to get education money through the tribe and there were several scholarships out there that I wasn't able to obtain because I wasn't actually a member of the Osage Nation and I remember my mother and my grandmother telling me 'You're Osage right here,' [while pointing to her heart] ... I think this person is asking more about blood quantum and if they are welcomed back here and I say 'yes' to that."

Pratt said: "I also support and believe in the 1906 Act and ancestry be-

cause today our power's in the numbers and I think we need to embrace being raised, myself having the benefit of being raised, culturally here. I think we need to embrace all Osages everywhere. I was in New Mexico a couple of years ago and they asked how we would support them, how we'd share culture with them. I think we are doing a good job of trying to reach out to Osages outside the reservation as much as we can virtually and whatnot ... We want everyone to care, we don't want it [being Osage] to be a convenience, something that's used to benefit — We want you to care about being Osage truly in your heart."

Jones said she agrees people are Osage if they can trace lineage back to the 1906 Act, adding, "it's our culture, it's what's in our hearts, it's what we believe, we think we're Osage. If you think you're Osage and you have a membership card and the culture that you live in today ... It's so different if you don't live here on the reservation and just because you don't live here doesn't make you not Osage. I believe being a tribal member is what makes you Osage ... In order to vote, in order to receive benefits, in order to benefit from what we have, you have to have an Osage membership."

Luttrell said: "How can you not agree with the constitution that's quite clear? I think on a personal note, I think one

of the great things about our people is we had a place in our society, that place was taught to us at a very early age. We were given a name and that name stayed with us all our lives. But at the same time ... also came the ability to be individuals. That was something we were taught something is quite prevalent today ... As long as the Osage Nation exists then we as a people will always extend that to all members regardless of their blood quantum."

Luttrell also took a moment to poke fun at himself in his answer: "Change is coming, we're a people that understood growth, change and adaptation. When I was a young man, I was one of the lightest people in that arbor and now ... I'm one of the darkest. And so, change is coming folks!"

Question 3: What qualifications and skills do you bring to this position and what is your leadership and management? — Candy Thomas of Pawhuska

Tallchief is a retired nurse with several years working for Indian Health Service facilities in New Mexico and she also worked as a community health representative (CHR) for the Osage Nation 40 years ago. She said she's also worked for six northern Oklahoma tribes as a grant writer, bookkeeper and leadership in nursing.

"I am retired now and I have plenty

of time to bring these skills to the Osage Nation to be able to be an advocate for the people, I also have the ability to listen to the people, should I be elected, I will hold community meetings, address the strategic plan," Tallchief added.

Boone said: "I'm a small business owner, I've been in this chair for the past four years, I'm honest, I'm open-minded. I've had a good strong working relationship with both William "Kugee" Supernaw and Raymond Red Corn — those are both complete opposites of the spectrum."

Buffalohead holds a master's degree in human resources from the University of Oklahoma, a bachelor's degree from the University of Maryland and previously worked in human resources for the Nation's former Osage Million Dollar Elm Casino in Hominy. "I wrote policy and procedure for the casino from the minute that I got there to the minute that I left ... I was able to hit the ground running four years ago, I credit that to my background in human resources ... There is no learning curve, I am a leader, I work really well with everyone on the second Congress and the third Congress ... As elected officials we work with whoever the people say we're going to work with and that's a skillset you just have to have in these positions and in holding these seats."

Pratt said she holds bachelors and associate's degrees and is currently working toward a master's degree in business. "I have a long work history and I think that my time and experience at the Drug Enforcement Administration, I used that investigative experience and brought that to the Osage Nation, I brought that accountability. I've implemented many services to the (ON) Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program (of which she serves as director) ... I've implemented drug testing into our program about a year-and-a-half before the state did because I like that accountability of our monies as well as to help our people at the same time."

Jones said: "I believe my 10 years of working for the Osage Nation has given me an opportunity and insight to look at what the constituents need." She is currently the director of the ON Constituent Services office which handles several services for Osages including health benefit card inquiries, burial assistance, handling the gathering fund applications for Osage organizations requesting assistance for meeting hall costs and referring Osage clients to the proper services. Jones said her office serves an average of 4,000 constituents per year.

"That's a lot of work, a lot of people to satisfy in those needs," Jones said. "I've experienced a lot of constituent issues in regards to homelessness, in regards to health care, in regards to education, in regards to what the people want and the accountability and the type of leadership they want and I can offer that."

Luttrell said: "I'm a McDonalds corporation-trained manager and I served as the outside operation manager for Castle Pines golf club in Castle Rock, Colo ... I've been in business for myself for the last eight years, started doing training films for the casino industry. Now I'm working on a documentary, I'm always trying to keep an open mind ... And I've recently been awarded a state of Oklahoma real estate license ... With power comes temptation, that's the truth ... I'm aware of these things, I'm not going to make these mistakes and I agree with Dr. Shaw — I believe that my life experiences have brought me to this moment in my life and I'm ready to move forward and serve the Osage people."

Norris, who is a former chief executive officer for the IHS Pawnee Service Unit, said: "I'm not here to collect a paycheck, I'm retired, I spent 28 years on active (military) duty and in government service and I'm devoting 100 percent of my free time now to serve the Osage people and the Osage Nation government. I have 28 years of proven leadership skills, experience and the education necessary to bring accountability and transparency to our government, I have many years of collecting and analyzing data and I have implemented planning and evaluation methods... I have the courage and fortitude to make hard decisions and stand my ground, that's why I believe I'm a good congressman."

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SHALL EACH OF THE PERSONS LISTED BE RETAINED IN OFFICE AS A JUDGE OF THE OSAGE NATION? (No Judge listed is running against any other Judge. The sole question is whether each Judge shall be retained in their present office.)

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CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

- Yes **1) ONCR 13-19. Shall Article III, Section 2 of the Osage Nation Constitution be amended to replace the words "eligible for" membership to "have the right to" membership?**
Purpose: The purpose of this amendment is to acknowledge that membership in the Osage Nation is a natural legal entitlement of the lineal descendants of those Osages listed on the 1906 Roll that cannot be deprived by actions of the Osage Nation government.
- No
- Yes **2) ONCR 13-20. Shall Article VI of the Osage Nation Constitution be amended to add a section protecting the integrity of a supermajority vote?**
Purpose: The purpose of this amendment is to protect the integrity of laws that require an affirmative supermajority to access Osage Nation assets. It is intended as a safeguard to prevent a Congress member from amending a supermajority requirement (more than 50% yes votes) in a law to a simple majority (only 50% yes votes) by only passing the reducing amendment by a simple majority of Congress. If enacted, Congress will have to generate more than a simple majority to access Osage Nation asset accounts.
- No
- Yes **3) ONCR 13-22. Shall Article XV, Section 4 of the Osage Nation Constitution be amended to recognize the difference between a member of the Osage Nation and a mineral royalty interest holder of Osage descent?**
Purpose: The purpose of this amendment is to further define and clarify the government of the Osage Nation's obligation to protect the Mineral estate by distinguishing between members of the Osage Nation, mineral royalty interest holders of Osage descent, and non-Osage mineral royalty interest holders. Not all members of the Osage Nation are mineral royalty interest holders. Likewise, not all mineral royalty interest holders are of Osage descent. This amendment clarifies this distinction by stating that the Osage Nation government only has a right to protect Mineral Estate income for mineral royalty interest holders of Osage descent.
- No
- Yes **4) ONCR 14-03. Shall Article XX, Section 2 of the Osage Nation Constitution be amended to change the minimum number of signatures by qualified Osage voters necessary to propose an amendment to the Constitution?**
Purpose: The purpose of this amendment is to tie the number of signatures necessary to file a petition to amend the constitution directly to the number of qualified Osage voters who actually exercise their right to vote, instead of the Osage electorate as a whole. For example, about 2300 of the approximately 12,000 total Osage electorate voted in the last election for Principal Chief. Based on those numbers, 3000 (25% of 12,000) signatures are required to file a petition to amend the constitution. If the amendment passes, the requirement is lowered to 575 (25% of 2300) signatures.
- No
- Yes **5) ONCR 14-04. Shall Article XI, Section 3 of the Osage Nation Constitution be amended to change the minimum number of signatures by qualified Osage voters necessary to file a petition for initiative or referendum?**
Purpose: The purpose of this amendment is to tie the number of signatures necessary to file an initiative or referendum directly to the number of qualified Osage voters who actually exercise their right to vote, instead of the Osage electorate as a whole. For example, about 2300 of the approximately 12,000 total Osage electorate voted in the last election for Principal Chief. Based on those numbers, 1800 (15% of 12,000) signatures are required to file a petition for initiative or referendum. If the amendment passes, the requirement is lowered to 575 (25% of 2300) signatures.
- No
- Yes **6) ONCR 14-05. Shall Article XI, Section 8 of the Osage Nation Constitution be amended to change the minimum number of signatures by qualified Osage voters necessary to file a petition for recall?**
Purpose: The purpose of this amendment is to tie the number of signatures necessary to file a recall petition directly to the number of qualified Osage voters who actually exercise their right to vote, instead of the Osage electorate as a whole. For example, about 2300 of the approximately 12,000 total Osage electorate voted in the last election for Principal Chief. Based on those numbers, 1800 (15% of 12,000) signatures are required to file a recall petition. If the amendment passes, the requirement is lowered to 575 (25% of 2300) signatures.
- No

2014 Primary Election Notice

NEW – EARLY VOTING DAY 1

DATE: May 30, 2014
TIME: 12:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. CDT
POLL LOCATION: Osage Nation Election Office
608 Kihkah, Pawhuska, Oklahoma

NEW – EARLY VOTING DAY 2

DATE: May 31, 2014
TIME: 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. CDT
POLL LOCATION: Osage Nation Election Office
608 Kihkah, Pawhuska, Oklahoma

NEW LOCATION – ELECTION DAY

DATE: June 2, 2014
TIME: 8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. CDT
POLL LOCATION: Osage Nation Wah-zha-zhi Cultural Center
1449 W. Main, Pawhuska, Oklahoma

QUALIFICATIONS TO VOTE:

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

MANNER OF VOTING:

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

*If you do not have a photo identification to present, you may vote if two (2) election officials sign an affidavit affirming your identity.

 - Signing the ballot sign out sheet; and
 - Marking the ballot and placing it in the ballot box.
- Any eligible voter who will be unable to vote in person may vote by Absentee Ballot.

REQUESTING AN ABSENTEE BALLOT:

- To request an Absentee Ballot Request form, either:
 - Fill out the enclosed form; or
 - Visit our website at www.osagenation-nsn.gov/what-we-do/elections/elections-forms, click on Absentee Ballot Request, and then fill out, print, and sign the Absentee Ballot Request form; or
 - You can request for the Absentee Ballot Request form to be sent to you by calling the Election Office

toll free at (877) 560-5286 or by e-mailing electionoffice@osagetribe.org.

- Return the completed Absentee Ballot Request form along with a copy of a government issued photo identification (Example: Driver's License, Passport, Military ID, etc.) to the Election Office. Please sign the Absentee Ballot Request form the same way you will sign the absentee ballot return receipt. Use one of the following methods to return your completed request:
 - Scan and e-mail to electionoffice@osagetribe.org;
 - Fax to (918) 287-5292 (Please understand we are not responsible for faxes that did not transmit properly); or
 - Mail to P.O. Box 928, Pawhuska, OK 74056.
- The deadline for the Election Office to receive your completed Absentee Ballot Request form and photo identification is MAY 5, 2014 no later than 4:30 p.m., CDT

VOTING BY ABSENTEE BALLOT:

- Instructions for marking and mailing your ballot can be found enclosed with your ballot.
- All Absentee Ballots must arrive by 10:00 a.m. CDT on JUNE 2, 2014, which is the day of the election, in the Pawhuska Post Office in order to be valid.
- Any eligible voter who receives an Absentee Ballot who does not complete and mail the ballot, but instead wishes to cast his or her vote in person must first:
 - Surrender his or her ballot to the Election Supervisor or authorized designee on Election Day; or
 - Sign an affidavit stating they received a ballot, but did not vote it.
- IMPORTANT:** Pursuant to the Osage Nation Election Code, 5.2 (F) (1), a person is guilty of a violation of this code who knowingly votes more than once at any election. The penalty for this violation pursuant to Section 5.2 (G) is a fine not to exceed five thousand dollars (\$5,000), or a term of imprisonment not to exceed one (1) year, or both.

METHODS OF OBTAINING ASSISTANCE IN VOTING:

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

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



CANDIDATE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Beverly Brownfield announces candidacy for Fourth Osage Nation Congress

I am Beverly Rose Wamego Brownfield from the Grayhorse District of the Wazhazhe. I am proud to announce my candidacy for the 2014 Osage Nation Congress. My grandparents were Amos Osage and Eliza Buffalo Osage Bigheart. My parents were Mary Osage Green and Lewis A. Wamego. I am of the Governor Joe Band of PahSueLee and Eagle Clan.

After graduation from Pittman Business College in Dallas, Texas I worked for Conoco Oil Company for 24 years. My work experience as Sr. Title Assistant in Real Property Administration included oversight of petroleum legal documentation along with legal oil and gas contracts and accounting for Bulk Plants divisions. In 1996, after retirement, I became a board member of the Osage Nation Tax Commission and following eight years of service became the Osage Nation Tax Chairman until present.

Some issues I would like to address for our Osage people include greater communications within all of the branches of our Government. Communication includes listening to others, respecting others opinions, and using some common sense while debating issues.

I would like to see continuation of our Cultural education programs and awareness. We hear from the past that our Osage people have always been future oriented. Our language departments success is only one example of keeping and educating our children needs to pass on the traditions of our Legacy.

Healthcare for our Nation needs improvements across the board. Our elders need adequate and timely health care providers along with the changes in our national healthcare laws.

I would like to see resources, that the tribe already has in place, being used to further our business opportunities. We have seen through past mistakes that our LLC needs a complete overhaul, but using existing lands that the tribe has purchased or received, by investing in our backyard, would be one of those examples of common sense.



Beverly Brownfield

See BROWNFIELD

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TODAY, WE LOOK FOR PROGRESS.
TOGETHER, WE CAN BUILD AND GROW.
THE OSAGE NATION IS READY FOR

K.A.Z.A
Ni'-e-zhi (Change)

I am dedicated to the Osage people and committed to positive social and economic development of our tribal government, businesses, families and communities.

I have an undergraduate degree from Harvard University and a Juris Doctorate from the Tulsa University Law School.

As an attorney, I have served and advised more than twelve tribal governments. I own and manage a law firm and frequently provide guidance to tribal clients regarding human resource management.

I will work tirelessly to promote and defend Osage sovereignty, culture, rights and claims.

I intend to explore and promote:

- Construction of homeownership, rental, assisted living neighborhoods, and community centers for the elderly. Expansion of the housing service area to include outlying counties in the State of Oklahoma.
- Distribution of a portion of net gaming revenues to tribal members over the age of 65 on at least an annual basis.
- Increase the health benefit program for ALL members with additional increases for seniors and the disabled.
- Compacting of the Pawhuska Clinic and the development of a state-of-the-art health center, 12-chair dialysis clinic, and mobile dialysis unit.
- Development of new technology, such as a "tribal app" for smart phones with up-to-the-minute information regarding events, programs, employment opportunities, services and weather emergencies.
- Creation of an Office of Elder Affairs to manage programs and benefits for senior citizens.
- Construction of community and individual storm shelters in Osage County.

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Vote AMANDA S.
PROCTOR
Assistant Principal Chief
June 2nd, 2014

RE-ELECT**GALEN
CRUM**

• Osage Mineral Council •



SERVICE

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He was chosen by his peers to serve as:

- A member of the Osage Trust Team that negotiated the \$380 million Trust Case Settlement.
- Chairman of the Minerals Council for two years.
- Osage Co-chair of the Negotiated Rule Making Committee formed to recommend improvements to the Code of Federal Regulations governing Osage minerals.
- A member of the Osage Nation Water Rights Task Force.

VISION

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- He saw that continued reliance on the ever downward spiral of small scale stripper well production would mean a slow death to our mineral estate.
- He saw that attracting companies with aggressive drilling programs and new horizontal techniques will revitalize our oil and gas production.
- He saw that the BIA Osage Agency must greatly improve staff, training and computer tracking capability to properly manage our Mineral Estate.

COURAGE

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- As Chairman of the Osage Negotiated Rule Making Committee he stood fast in the face of powerful oil industry lobbying that tried to stop us from getting accurate measurement and top of the area market price for our oil and gas. Some members of the Minerals Council folded under this intense pressure.
Incredibly, four even became lobbyists for the oil men, traveling to Washington with them as their guests in an effort to convince government officials that paying the Osages full fair market value for our oil and gas would somehow be unfair to the producers. Fortunately, as members of the Neg/Reg committee, Councilmen Crum, Abbott and Yates did not yield to this pressure.
- He fought surface owner attempts during the Neg/Reg hearings to restrict access to our Minerals. He supported changes to the regulations that would better protect public health and the environment, but blocked efforts to restrict surface access.
- He fought attempts by the State of Oklahoma to gain control of our mineral production and water rights, and continues to work with the BIA to maintain Federal and Osage control of our minerals business.

LEADERSHIP

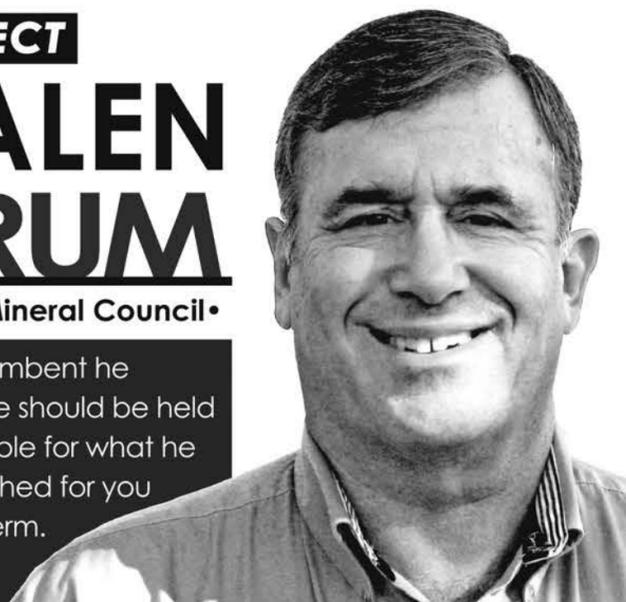
LEADERSHIP

- He was able to build majority consensus among skeptical fellow Council members that granting short-term exploration agreements would attract companies with aggressive drilling programs into the Osage.
As a result, these companies have already paid approximately \$25 million dollars in lease/concession bonuses and added 2,000+ barrels a day in oil production. Only 13 quarterly payments have ever exceeded \$9,000 per headright, 10 of them occurred since granting these agreements in 2011-12.
- He has developed strong personal relationships with both top and local BIA officials, working closely with them to greatly improve BIA service. As an example, the BIA has more than doubled the compliance and accounting personnel in the Minerals division.
- He knows that the only way to accomplish goals is to foster agreement on a plan and convince others to help him see it through.

RE-ELECT**GALEN
CRUM**

• Osage Mineral Council •

As an incumbent he believes he should be held accountable for what he accomplished for you in his first term.

**CANDIDATE
ANNOUNCEMENTS*****Teresa Bates Rutherford
announces candidacy for
Fourth Osage Nation Congress***

It is with humility and enthusiasm that I, Teresa Bates Rutherford, announce my candidacy for the 4th Osage Nation Congress.

I am the eldest daughter of Joe D. Bates and granddaughter of original allottee, Joseph Bates of the Kenny and Bates (Yellowhorse) families of Grayhorse. A descendant of Governor Joe and a member of the Eagle clan, I was named Eu-Pah-Shon-Kah-Me, U.PA.VO^KA.MY. Having served as a Cook on the Grayhorse Committee I now maintain a camp in Grayhorse with my family for the annual In-Lon-Schka. Participation in our culture is the most significant way for me to preserve my connection to our Wah-Zha-Zhi way of life. A restricted landowner in Osage county, I reside in Ponca City, Oklahoma.



Teresa Bates Rutherford

I hold a Bachelor of Science degree in Computer Sciences from the University of Central Oklahoma and have earned certificates in Continuing Professional Education Instruction at the National Intertribal Tax Alliance conferences.

My work experience includes fourteen years as a Computer Programmer/Analyst in the banking and oil industries and two years as a Blackjack and Poker dealer for a tribal casino. During the past ten years I have worked as a part time bookkeeper for two non-profit organizations. Appointed to the Osage Nation Tax Commission Board in 2009, I currently serve as the Assistant Chairman. A member of the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI), the United Indian Nations of Oklahoma, Kansas and Texas (UINOKT), Pah Sue Lee Club and a lifetime member of American Business Clubs.

With my experience on the Tax Commission Board I understand the need for better communication between all branches of our government and our people. Legislative process needs to be revised and fine-tuned so that all parties involved feel that they are working for the better of the whole and not against each other. I think it would help to have a 30 day comment period be required on legislation before it is filed. Communication is key to our success. Congress needs to better support and trust the management of our income producing businesses, the Casinos and Tax Commission. Both are successful and fully accountable businesses that should be supported and encouraged in their endeavors to be productive and grow. Because our future rests in the hands of our children, it is important to provide them with the tools they need for a successful education. We need to improve our scholarship programs and better assess the needs of our children to assist them in developing their skills and education to ensure successful futures. Honoring our culture, traditions and our elders is not only a privilege but is part of who we are as Osages. These things allow us to reach back and connect with our past which gives us a better sense of who we are as a Nation. Taking care of our elders is one of the most important things we can do to honor Osage life.

With your vote, I believe that together we can achieve a better future for all our Osage people.

**Osage Nation Burial Assistance
Application Process**

- Submit an application **within 30 days** of time of death
- Provide copy of Osage Membership Card for deceased individual
- Provide a copy of a death certificate for the deceased individual
- Provide a copy of an itemized Funeral Home statement of the deceased individual

The application is complete when all pertinent documentation is received by this office; once the application is complete a letter of approved funds and check will be mailed to the funeral home. Notice will also be sent to the applicant informing them of the amount being paid to the funeral home.

- Allow 10-14 working days for **completed** application to be processed and a check issued.

*For more information, questions,
or concerns please contact the
Osage Nation Constituent Services Office*

Osage Nation Constituent Services Office
Attention: W. Jacque Jones, Administrator
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Phone: (918) 287-5662
Fax: (918) 287-5221 • Fax: (918) 699-5221
Email: jjones@osagetribe.org

CANDIDATE ANNOUNCEMENTS

W. Jacque Jones announces candidacy for Fourth Osage Nation Congress

If you elect me as your Congress person I will be a committed public servant to Osage Constituents. For 10 years, I have dedicated my career to making life better for all Osages. My love for service began at an early age with lessons learned from my parents, Vann and Mary Bighorse. Their example led me to know without a doubt that serving others is the highest calling.

I began serving as the Osage Nation Breast Feeding Coordinator for the Osage Nation WIC in 2004, then working my way up to an appointed executive staff member as an Administrative Assistant for the Executive Office of the Principal Chiefs in 2006. Since 2007 I have served as the Director of the Osage Nation Constituent Services Office providing Burial Assistance, Regional Gathering Assistance, Donation Assistance, Health Limited Benefit, processing complaints, and documenting needs of constituents of services the Osage Nation does not offer.

I have kept constituent



W. Jacque Jones

needs at the forefront of Executive and Legislative conversation for all Osages no matter where they live.

While serving as the Director of the Osage Nation Constituent Services Office, I have been known as a common sense individual with creative problem solving and strategic thinking always having Osages in mind, and a proven willingness to work with the Executive Office of the Principal Chiefs and Osage Nation Congress to help fellow Osages. In fact, those efforts earned me recognition from

the National Center for American Enterprise Development in 2010 acknowledging:

"Top 40 Native Americans under 40 having shown excellence in community and profession"

My ability to lead by example, to find workable solutions for the all Osages I believe has prepared me to serve as your Osage Nation Congressional representative. Whether it's fighting for education, sound fiscal policy, employee rights, and more benefits for our elders, and safety of our schoolchildren, I have had the opportunity to time and time again demonstrate a devotion to service to Osage people. I promise if you vote for me I will place the needs of all Osages over politics; I am proud to be Osage and remain close to my roots and the community which formed my strong love for the Osage Nation.

I encourage you to cast your vote June 2nd and I am humbly asking for you to: Vote for W. Jacque Jones for Osage Nation Congress!

Rick Luttrell announces candidacy for Fourth Osage Nation Congress

My name is Richard (Rick) Luttrell, Jr., and I am announcing my candidacy for Congress. I am the son of Richard and Carm Luttrell and the grandson of original allottee #60, Nettie White Luttrell. I am from the Hominy District and a member of the Sun Carrier clan.



Rick Luttrell

My desire to be of service to the Osage Nation leads me to offer my skills in critical thinking, planning, execution of plans, organization, measuring results, and services in listening, communicating and cooperating. My business experience includes being self-employed in construction, media and real estate. These are my practical everyday ways of serving. In our cultural estate, I am continuing my service as one of the two drum warmers for the Hominy District.

I see that we are facing a very pivotal time in our history. Recent events in our government have caused dissatisfaction among our people, and it is our inherent right to have opinions. This right has existed with the Osage people since our beginning and will continue in this manner. Even so, the situation clearly indicates that it is a time for HEALING and CHANGE.

I am thankful for an opportunity to continue listening to our people; and I hear the call for more economic development for better education, career development, senior services and social services. I'm on it!

As your congressman, I'll work for opening up communications between our people and our government.

As your congressman, I'll cooperate with members of congress to legislate effective laws that will protect, promote growth, and will open more doors to the future.

We all have a great vision for our future. I ask for your vote to allow me to work with you and make that vision a reality. I can be reached at ricklistens@yahoo.com. Look for me on Facebook at Rick Luttrell for Osage Congress and vote #7 Rick Luttrell on your ballot June 2nd, 2014.

Angela Marie Pratt announces candidacy for Fourth Osage Nation Congress

I am honored and humbled to announce my candidacy for the Fourth Osage Nation Congress. My passion to serve the Osage people has prompted me to run this year.

My vision for the future of our people strives to protect our sovereignty, preserve our culture, ensure the educational success of future generations, support suffering families in crisis, promote job creation within the reservation, prioritize programs for our elders and Veterans, and support increased healthcare benefits.

I earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology with a minor in Criminal Justice. I am currently pursuing a Masters degree in Business Administration. I served in the United States Army as a Patriot Missile Crewmember. I am a member of the American Legion Post 198 in Pawhuska and elected to serve as Vice Commander.

I believe you should vote for me because I have dedicated my life to the service of others. I possess the experience, education, motivation and compassion needed to serve our Osage people.

I swore an oath to defend our country and served honorably in the United States Army. I poured my heart and soul into being the best soldier



Angela Pratt

that I could be both mentally and physically. I set foot on foreign soil and was proud to be a part of securing the blessing of liberty for us and generations to come.

I received an education so that I could share my knowledge to make a difference. During my time with the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), I was part of a team who worked to remove drugs from our society and those who were getting rich while lives and families were being destroyed. I was responsible for the handling and reporting of millions of dollars to local, state and federal law enforcement agencies.

For nearly 4 years, I have been working hard to improve three (3) Osage Nation programs which promote self-

sufficiency. I worked with Congress to improve and maintain a program which benefits all Osages 18 and older regardless of where they live because I believe in maintaining an avenue of assistance for the working class. I have implemented many changes in order to detect and deter fraudulent activity and protect federal and tribal dollars.

My husband and I have seven children. We currently reside in Skiatook, Oklahoma. My parents are the late Dr. Michael Pratt Sr. and Patricia Barnes Pratt. Maternal grandparents are the late Angie Malone Barnes and Jerome Barnes Sr. Maternal great grandparents are the late Nellie Morrell Roubidoux and George Pratt Sr. and the late Rose McDougan Malone and Ralph Malone Sr. Paternal Grandparents are the late Lottie Shunkamolah Pratt and Charles Pratt Sr. and the late Margaret and Joe Shunkamolah. All my great grandparents were original allottees. I am ¼ Osage and originally from Hominy, Oklahoma. For several years I have been a Zon-Zo-Li'n cook.

To learn more, please visit www.angela Marieprattforosagecongress.com

I humbly ask for your vote on June 2, 2014. Thank you.

William St. John announces candidacy for Third Osage Minerals Council

I am William St. John, son of Pierce and Judy St. John. My great grandfather was an original allottee by the same name of Pierce St. John. We have a family (Pierce St. John cemetery) south of Pawhuska where I reside today. The cemetery is not just for family but is also for all Native American veterans that do not have a place to be buried and they are honored here each Memorial Day by two American Legion posts in ceremony. I grew up in Tulsa and worked in the corporate world until I started working for the Osage Tribe in 2011. I come from a technical



William St. John

background dealing with cell phone technology to activating very large corporate digital land networks that are between cities that are across the United States. Also I have been involved in building and calibrating flight instruments regarding electronics.

As a land holder and a mineral shareholder in Osage county, I keep informed of oil and natural gas with respect of domestic and global markets. I have respect for geopolitics that may impact the petro dollar as well.

Being a land owner I have been impacted personally with regard to surface damages from oil and natural gas production from the ground. I see both sides of what Oil men have to go through with other landowners. I would like to share communication with the BIA in helping to deal with regarding of gaining more permits to be able to recover more oil and natural gas for our shareholders. I would like to work with the BIA to ensure that permits are being done as fast as possible.

Since being a young child I have been told stories of oil companies that have been siphoning off unrecorded volumes oil and natural gas since the early days production in Osage county. No one has had the technical background to look into this effectively to allow electronic monitoring. This is at the measuring gage level regarding holding tanks that raw crude and natural gas is stored from the fields.

If elected as a member of the Mineral Council I will be working to help find common grounds and be open to new ideas and approaches from other council members. I offer an information technology edge to the Osage Mineral Council and can talk in plain English about today's technology. I currently work in the Information Technology department for the Osage Nation.

Regarding wind turbines in Osage county I would be against them. All of the electrical power that will be generated will not be for local use to lower our electric bills. The power generated will be sent to St. Louis. The only profit will be the surface land owners leasing the surface land.

Thank you very much for your vote in June. If I'm elected these are my goals of my term. I am a shareholder too and I will fully honor the 1906 act and the shareholders that it protects.

BROWNFIELD

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This Osage Nation Government election has made me ever aware of the need for Native people involvement with

the election process. I would like to extend the knowledge and need for everyone of our Nations Tribes to vote in their own elections. I would also like to express the need for Indian people to vote in State and National elections, which we are

seeing right now with the State of Oklahoma trying to obtain "oversight" of our trusts. Natives hold the power to make a difference if we would just get out and VOTE

I would appreciate your vote on June 2nd.

Letters to the Editor

If you would like to submit a letter to the editor, please mail it to the Osage News, Attn.: Shannon Shaw, 619 Kihekah, Pawhuska, OK 74056 or send email to sshaw@osagetribe.org. Letters must be respectful and informative to the reader, and may be edited for grammar, clarity and space.



WHY I AM YOUR CANDIDATE FOR CHIEF OF THE OSAGE NATION.

I can lead a team that can fix what is broken within our Osage Nation. The Osage Nation Executive Branch is tasked with many duties. The most basic of these duties is to properly execute the laws of the Osage Nation. My observations and the insights shared with me by so many people of the Osage Nation have defined five very distinct areas of improved leadership to move us forward. I intend to address and improve these platforms beginning on day one of my service. **I respectfully ask for your vote on June 2, 2014.**



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- Improved healthcare with prompt turnaround on referral requests and shorter waiting times for clinic appointments
- Review of Osage constitutional oversight of Osage Mineral Estate
- Expanded children's programs for counseling and education
- Additional elder housing outside of Pawhuska
- Nursing home care for tribal elders
- Addiction Treatment Center of Excellence with multilevel treatment
- Improved working relationship with the executive branch

It's time for a new vision for the Osage Nation. I ask for your support to please help me move us forward.

- Gray Horse District
- Committeeman and previous whip man
- Grandson of the late John Shaw of Burbank, previous tribal councilman
- Great-grandson of Frank Shaw, previous Assistant Chief to Fred Lookout

I can no longer wait and observe and merely offer advice, hoping that someone will act—it's time to ask for you to place me in a position to effect change and elevate our people's status to the level the Wazhazhe deserve.

Dr. Ronald Shaw graduated from the **University of Washington School of Medicine** and completed an **Internal Medicine Residency** at the **University of Oklahoma**. He is currently **Board Certified** by the **American Board of Internal Medicine** and the **American Board of Addiction Medicine**. His special interests are **cancer screening** and **addiction treatment**. He is a member of the **Association of American Indian Physicians** and has served previously as **Chairman of the Osage Nation Health Advisory/Authority Boards** and as **consultant in addictionology** to the **Osage Nation Primary Residential Treatment Facility**.

Justin Mays Candidate for Osage Congress



Xu-ah-Wa-Kon-ta

My name is Justin Mays, (XU-AH-WA-KON-TA), a descendent of the Strikeaxe family and member of Pawhuska District. I was born and raised in the Osage and currently reside in Osage County with my wife Lisa, who is an R.N. and we have two children, J.P. and Morgan.

My family has always been involved with Osage Tribal government from Chief Strikeaxe to present day. My grandmother, Norma Mays, was secretary to Chief Sylvester Tinker and Chief George Tallchief.

As a business entrepreneur, I would like to bring my talents to the table and run for a congressional seat for the Osage Nation. Our government has diversified into economic development and I can offer informed and prudent business decisions that will benefit all of us. Should I have the privilege of being your congressman, I will strive to strengthen our Sovereignty and protect our Minerals Estate.

Let's talk! Email me at mmays@hughes.net

Justin Mays ~ A Strong Voice Dedicated to a New Direction
Check #21 on the Ballot

My goals include supporting legislation that appropriate funds for the direct services for:

- Elders
- A broader education program for our youth
- Economic development
- Healthcare
- Preserving our culture and sovereignty



Experience and Integrity Count.



Elect Ray McClain 2014 OSAGE MINERALS COUNCIL

Things I believe our Osage Minerals Council needs to do:

- Hire a Director of Operations
- Develop a database for leases and production history
- Closely monitor the BIA's services to the shareholders
- Aggressively market our production potential
- Limit working in executive session
- Promote development of the mineral estate infrastructure
- Promote development of our water resources
- Initiate a plugging and remediation program
- Update the Council's policy and procedures manual
- Invite more shareholder input on committees
- No compacting for BIA minerals functions

And...

"If elected, I will work with my fellow Councilpersons to restore the integrity and respect due the Osage Minerals Council from our Producers and from our Shareholders. We must elect/re-elect experienced, well educated, and motivated people to oversee this nearly \$100 million dollar per year business who are willing to monitor the day-to-day operations, and who will always work with the best interests of the Shareholders in mind. As we continue to explore and develop the Minerals Estate left by our forefathers, we must work faithfully to preserve this great legacy for future generations."

**For Platform Details and Resumé, please visit www.osages-you-need-to-know.com
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VOTE WHITEHORN for OSAGE CONGRESS

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ANTHONY WHITEHORN
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- » Unity
 - » Fiscal Responsibility
 - » Proven Leadership
 - » Economic Development
 - » Effective Communication

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Cheryl Potts

Osage Minerals Council



A Lifetime of Service
 I was elected to the First Osage National Council of the Constitutional Reformation in 1994. I understand the importance of working with other branches of the Osage Nation for the benefit of Osage annuitants.

Contracting and Compacting
 As a Minerals Council Member, my only agenda is to allow for the production of oil and gas in a manner that benefits the Minerals Estate and the Osage Nation.



Protecting Our Minerals Estate
 I will work tirelessly to protect the integrity of the Minerals Estate and your rights as an Osage shareholder.

Preparing for the Future
 We owe it to the next generation of Osages to pass along a prosperous Minerals Estate. I will pursue innovative, safe and successful practices, that increase the development of our natural resources.

Please feel free to give me a call.
918.850.1006

Cheryl Potts
 Osage Minerals Council

BALLOT NUMBER 14 Cherylpotts2004@cox.net

JAMES NORRIS for OSAGE CONGRESS

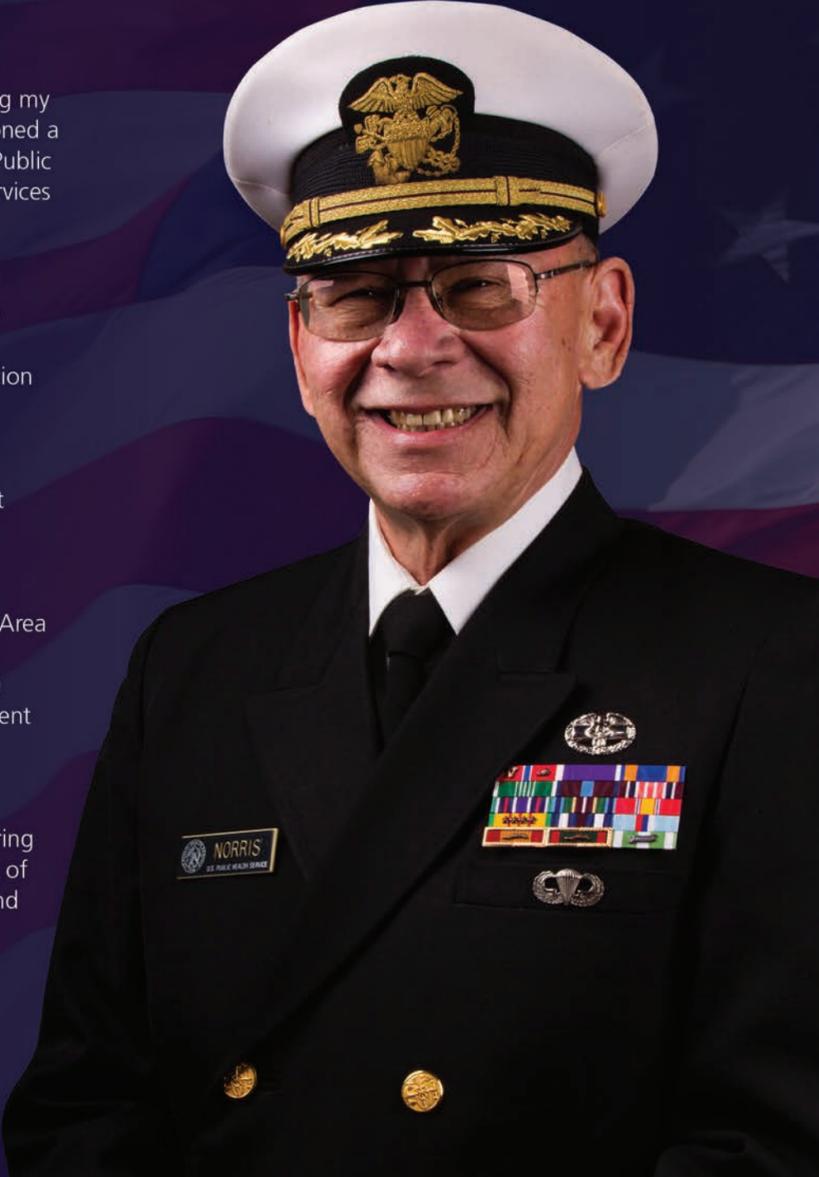
MILITARY
 I am a U.S. Army combat veteran serving with the 173rd Airborne (Vietnam) and 12th Special Forces Group (Airborne). After receiving my Masters Degree from the University of Oklahoma, I was commissioned a Lieutenant Junior Grade, Health Services officer O-2 United States Public Health Service and retired as a Commander (O-5) Senior Health Services Officer.

TRADITION
 I am a shareholder and my wife and I reside in Fairfax on restricted Osage property. I am a descendent of John and Agnes Bigheart Wagoshe, and for many years I have been honored to have a position on the Pawhuska Drumkeepers committees.

EXPERIENCE

- Chief Executive Officer, Service Unit Director Pawnee Service Unit (1994-2006)
- Deputy Director Division of Program Planning and Evaluation, Oklahoma Area IHS(1991-1994)
- Director of Commissioned Officer Personnel Division, Oklahoma Area IHS (1988-1991)
- Health Systems Administrator, Indian Health Service (1979-1988)
- Primary care medical, private practice and government employment (1997-2006)

WHY ELECT ME
 I have proven leadership skills, the experience, and education to bring accountability and transparency to government. I have many years of experience in collecting and analyzing data required in planning and evaluating federal programs. I have implemented planning and evaluation methods, compiled statistical information necessary to determine staffing and budgetary requirements for funding and construction. I have the courage and fortitude to make hard decisions and stand my ground.



CANDIDATE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cecelia Tallchief announces candidacy for the Fourth Osage Nation Congress

Let's build a stronger Nation. As a former legislator and business leader, I'm a good communicator who understands the value of listening. Yet, not only do I listen, but I'm equipped with the strategic skills and experience to turn words into actions and thoughts into plans, understanding evaluation and follow-through are critical components of any legislation.

Cooperation is the key to success, whether it be in business or personal life, and I believe it is time we as a people learn to cooperate for the betterment of our Nation. I believe the Osage Nation Congress should have an eye on the future, to ensure coming generations of Osage have a Nation in which they will be proud.

Developing legislation that follows the Constitution and the Strategic plan will strengthen and build the Osage Nation

My strengths are:

- Practical, hands-on business experience
- Understanding strategic planning for the future
- Successful implementation of various programs



Cecelia Tallchief

- Excellent communication skills
- Management and private industry experience

Healthcare: The issue of healthcare has always been near and dear to my heart. As a Nation, we must try to improve healthcare for future generations through better programs and legislation designed to facilitate these goals.

Economic Development: It is imperative we bring jobs to the Osage Nation. A strong infrastructure of economic development will help build a stronger nation that can weather the

tests of time and our Congress must enact legislation to assist in this process.

Education: Educational assistance and opportunities for Osage citizens need to be enhanced. As a graduate of Pittsburgh State University, I understand the costs faced by families wishing to send their children to college. As a member of Congress, I will work to see fiscally-responsible legislation passed to help achieve these goals.

If elected, I will work hard for you, the people of our Osage Nation, to ensure your voice is heard. My office door will always be open to hear your concerns. Using my extensive knowledge of tribal operations, along with my communication skills, I believe I could help bring a new level of cooperation and vision to our Nation. When thinking of leadership for the future, vote Cecelia Tallchief for Osage Nation Congress.

I would appreciate hearing from you, so please contact me via email at ctallchief8@yahoo.com; my phone number is 918-724-1615. Please visit my website at www.ceceliatallchief.com.

Clair Wood announces candidacy for Fourth Osage Nation Congress

My name is Clair Wood and I am excited to announce my candidacy for the 4th Osage Nation Congress. I recently graduated from Oklahoma State University with my Masters in Business Administration and received my undergraduate degree from OSU in Secondary Education. I received my Associate of Arts in English from Northern Oklahoma College. I briefly worked for the Osage Nation Congress as the Legislative Assistant, directly under the Legislative Counsel, assisting in revising, editing and researching proposed legislation for all Congress members.

For the past two and a half years I have worked for the Gaming Commission. I am currently an Investigative Agent. I conduct background investigations on vendors and employees working within the Osage Casinos. My objective is to ensure the revenues made by the casinos are protected, which I would continue to do if elected to Congress. Originally I was hired to write policy and procedures for the Gaming Commission. While working in the Regulatory Compliance department my other duties consisted of ensuring the Casinos were in compliance with all federal and state laws.

Currently, the Office of Fiscal Performance and Review only conduct audits every



Clair Wood

other year. This isn't enough. Audits need to be conducted yearly to ensure our money is being used appropriately. I would like to appropriate funds to expand the Office of Fiscal Performance and Review so they can hire more auditors to ensure our money is accounted for and being used appropriately.

I was an English teacher for four years and believe education to be very important. The Scholarship Fund is very helpful to students; however, I believe more money should be allocated to the fund. We have \$30 million set aside for Direct Services. We can easily appropriate more funds to the Scholarship program to assist students further, which would also encourage more Osages to seek higher education.

We are fortunate to have the Health Benefits card. However, I would like to see a \$500 increase for all tribal members. This increase would be great for Osage employees considering our deductible has gone up to \$1,000 a year.

Our Elders are important. We need to strive to take better care of them. We need to build homes for our seniors in Hominy and Fairfax. We also need assisted living in all areas so we can make sure our elders have the aide and assistance they need.

The Osage Nation needs to thrive and continue to grow through diversifying economic development. I want to be a representative for all constituents near and far. I promise to make myself available. I want to be a voice for the Osage People.

My family is from the Grayhorse district. They were from Joe's Band and members of the Deer Clan. Snakehide was the father of Pun-q-tah, and Pun-q-tah was the mother of my great-great-grandmother Elizabeth Berry, an original allottee. My great-grandmother was Elizabeth Smith, her son, my grandfather is Virgil Petty. My parents are Paul and Lisa Didlake. Clair.wood@yahoo.com, 918-332-0009.



R.E. Yarbrough

R.E. Yarbrough announces candidacy for Fourth Osage Nation Congress

I am in a position to devote my full attention to the Osage Minerals Council for the betterment of the Minerals Estate.

If elected, my goals will be to:

1. Ensure the 1906 Act & Amendments remain in full force and effect.

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Andrew Yates announces candidacy for Third Osage Minerals Council

Dear Osage shareholder, I am honored to announce my candidacy for the third Osage Minerals council. It has been an honor and privilege to serve as your councilman for the last four years. I am the great grandson of Henry and Hope Coshehe, my grandparents were John and Josephine Coshehe. My parents were Paul, Sr. and Eva Mae (Coshehe) Yates. I belong to the Sun Clan from the Wa-Xa-Lo-Li district and participate each June along with my family in our In-Lo-Sha-ka dances.



Andrew Yates

I graduated from St. Gregory's college in Shawnee, Oklahoma and also attended the University of Oklahoma. I currently run a small ranching cow/calf operation on original allotted and restricted property south of Pawhuska, Oklahoma near the small community of Nelagoney. I have been married to my wife, Shelly for the last 17 years and we have two young daughters, Annabelle Eva and Josephine Mae, both 7 and 9 years old. My oldest daughter is Katie Yates who is scheduled to graduate from Oklahoma State in Stillwater this July with a bachelor in Zoological sciences.

I have over 33 years' experience in the oil and gas industry, for the last 30 years I have worked for the Osage Nation Environmental Natural Resources department.

I serve on the Evergreen Rural water district #18 as a board member and was appointed to the Osage Nation Water Rights Task force; I am a member of the SOER (Sustaining Oklahoma Energy Resources state agency with Oklahoma Energy Resources Board) appointed by my fellow Council to represent the Osage Minerals council and placed on the SOER Advisory council. SOER (formerly the Marginal Well Commission) was developed to protect marginal oil and gas wells that produce less than 10 barrels/day oil and less than 60 mcfd(thousand cubic feet/day) gas. Ninety percent of Osage production falls under this category.

I am seeking your vote to continue building on the success and handling the challenges that come before the Minerals council, I will continue to protect and develop the Mineral estate for the Osage shareholders' interests as set forth in the 1906 allotment act as amended.

I remain dedicated to protecting the Environment as well as looking at innovative drilling and production methods to continue to develop the minerals estate for today and future generations. If elected I will continue to represent you the Osage shareholder, please vote for me on June 2nd. Thank You!

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James Norris announces candidacy for Fourth Osage Nation Congress

Dear Osage Voter, I am James Norris a Vietnam veteran with over 28 years of experience in healthcare management. It gives me great pleasure to announce my candidacy for the Osage Nation Congress. It has been my desire since retirement from government and active duty to become involved in our new Osage government and to represent and serve the Osage people.

My grandfather is John Wagoshe and my grandmother is Agnes Straight Bigheart Wagoshe. I am a shareholder and reside in Fairfax on restricted Osage property. My family and I participate in the In-Lon-Schka and for many years I have been honored to have a position on the Pawhuska Drum Keepers committee, Wa Xa Ko Li^ District.

My vision is to have a united Osage Nation government, minerals council, and people. I believe the success of the Osage people will depend on the Executive, Legislative, and Judicial Branches of our government working together



James Norris

while maintaining open and constructive lines of communication.

The twelve years leading up to my retirement was spent as the Chief Executive Officer for the Pawnee Service Unit, Oklahoma Area Indian Health Services. I provided planning, leadership, and direction over a \$15 million dollar comprehensive healthcare delivery

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CANDIDATE ANNOUNCEMENTS

John Star Bighorse announces candidacy for Fourth Osage Nation Congress

Vote #4 on June 2, 2014!!!

I am the son of the late Lisa McGuire and Vann and Mary Bighorse. I am the Grandson of Kenny and Toby Bighorse; Jack and the late Lillie Paige (Wagoshe) McGuire. I am the eldest of two siblings, Mary (Bighorse) Wildcat and Michael Randolph Lookout. I am married to Leah (Harris) Bighorse and have four children John Jr., Jaycie, Madison and JackLynn. I am a descendant of the Osage and Cherokee Tribes. I am from the Eagle Clan and from the Pawhuska District within the Osage Tribe. I have served for many years as a Singer for Pawhuska, Hominy and Grayhorse Districts.



John Star Bighorse

I attended Pawhuska Public Schools and Graduated in May of 1996 with my High School Diploma. I then worked in the oil field for a few years before I decided to continue on with my Education. My wife, son, and I moved to Lawrence, KS. I attended Haskell Indian Nations University and played two years of NAIA football before I made a choice to focus on my discipline in college. I Graduated in December of 2004 with a Bachelor's in Elementary Education. My family and I moved back to Pawhuska, OK. Since that time I have been employed by the Osage Nation. I have worked with the Boys & Girls Club and the Osage Nation Tax Commission. I have also had the Privilege to serve our Community on the Pawhuska School Board for 3 years as well.

Vision for Change

Since my Degree is in Education and I have children I see a Great need in various programs related to Education. We need to have the Tutoring Program up and running when school starts (semester), as well as Education Camps during the summer to continue to enrich our Future and not let Slide Backwards. Our children, as High School students, need to be prepared for what lies in front of them, such as applying for summer jobs, preparing for college entrance exams, and applying for scholarships. These are milestones in the lives of our children that should start in Junior High, not when they are a Junior or Senior in High School. Across the board there should be money for Each Individual Student "NO" matter where you attend School (College). By providing Educational opportunities for our

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Talee Redcorn announces candidacy for Third Osage Minerals Council

I am Talee Redcorn and I ask for your vote for the 3rd Osage Minerals Council. I am number 15 on your ballot. I am a descendant of the following Original Allotees: Wa-thi-la-In-Ka, Raymond Redcorn, Waxaki, Clarence Gray, and Jenny Garfield – all full blood Osages.

I ask for your vote to help protect your Osage Headright and improve its value!

The Osage Mineral Estate is the largest mineral asset owned by Indians. Our Osage elders protected our Mineral Estate allowing us to enjoy years of income since 1906. At one time the Osage Mineral Estate made us "the richest people in the world."

Yet oil recovery has dwindled the last few decades. Can we boost oil production and get more cash? Yes since most of the oil still remains even after being pumped for over a century.

How do we protect your Headright?

We must realize that you, individually, own a unique asset – your Osage Headright held in trust by the US Government. Your Headright is yours to will to whomever family members you please. We should stand up to anyone that would try to take that away from you.

How can we get more cash? Apply technology. Technology will help capture remaining oil. I have the knowhow to capture the remaining oil, improve gas metering and contracts to get that cash we are giving away!

I am President of Rendezvous Resources LLC. Rendezvous investigates oil recovery for mature oil fields using various enhanced oil recovery methods. With our latest technology we converted dry wells into producers (one from zero to 17 barrels per day) in Texas and Louisiana. Also currently I am Construction Project Manager for Tribal Development and Land Acquisition for the Osage Nation.

I was on the 1st Osage Minerals council. At that time we brought back the auction. We increased royalties to 20%. We had the highest payout per acre from an auction, a feat that has not been passed since Frank Phillips was President of Phillips Petroleum.

I was a research engineer for ConocoPhillips for nine years. There I engineered to produce heavy oil, increase gas sales by converting stranded gas into liquids, oil and gas process development, optimization and troubleshooting, and crude oil slate improvement.

For 5 years, I worked in tribal resource and environmental protection which



Talee Redcorn

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"I believe that together we can make our Nation stronger through education, elder care, economic development, accountability and fiscal responsibility."

MY VISION FOR A STRONGER OSAGE NATION

- ▶ Diversified economic opportunities
- ▶ Housing and nursing care for elders
- ▶ Improved education assistance and scholarship monies
- ▶ Yearly audits and financial review
- ▶ Increased health benefits

CLAIR WOOD

FOR OSAGE NATION CONGRESS

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Cecelia Tallchief

OSAGE NATION CONGRESS

"For more than 40 years, I have been working to improve the lives of Indian people on a Local, State and National level. Now, I want to bring these same values and opportunities to the Osage Nation..."

What's Important?

- Healthcare
- Jobs
- Education

My strengths are...

- Honest, Trustworthy and Fair
- Proven Tribal Leadership
- Experienced Manager
- Small Business Owner
- Elder and Child Focused
- Minerals Shareholder



"As a former legislator and business leader, I'm a good communicator who understands the value of listening. Yet, not only do I listen, but I'm equipped with the strategic skills and experience to turn words into actions and thoughts into plans. I understand the importance of reevaluating the issue and following through to ensure legislation is addressing the issue and answering it correctly."

—Cecelia Tallchief

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Wa-KO Ki-He-Kab "Woman Chief"

Cecelia Tallchief

OSAGE NATION CONGRESS

CANDIDATE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kathryn Red Corn announces candidacy for Third Osage Minerals Council

The cornerstone of my contribution will be to remember the lessons of our elders – those past Osage leaders who united us in the past – and to build upon them.

In the early 1900s, when many conflicts arose within the Osage Tribe, there were five Osage leaders who became united.

I served on the first Osage Minerals Council from 2006 to 2010. My proudest accomplishment was, when we, as the first Osage Minerals Council, raised the royalty amount by one percent. These are the kinds of tangible results that I will help deliver as a member of the third Osage Minerals Council.

My campaign motto is simple, yet important to remember: Yes, we can.

Yes, we can come together as a community and begin the healing process that this great Osage Nation needs.

Yes, we can spark and inspire the action and commitment needed for the third Osage Minerals Council to unify creating measurable results, which bring back a strong economy to the Osage Annuitants.

It is my privilege to share with you the platforms on which my candidacy is based:

- First, straight-forward tax analysis is needed and questions need to be answered. Why do we pay a 5% gross production tax, while other tribal nations do not? Over five years ago, the Governor of Oklahoma stated he would give an accounting of the gross production tax. Proceeds from the tax were supposed to be spent on the Osage Reservation for schools, bridges and roads. Has that been done?
- Second, I believe the Osage Minerals Council should obtain the services of a professional petroleum analyst to provide analysis and data. Based on what is learned, strategies to protect and enhance our Mineral Trust would be developed, which can only serve to make us more profitable.
- Third, I will research and initiate action to be taken to recover monies that our Nation paid to the Bureau of Indian Affairs for employee salaries during the 1906-1950s time frame. I will go after the Osage's share.
- Fourth, I support the Osage Minerals Council having its own web-

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Kathryn Red Corn

Dr. Joe Conner announces candidacy for Fourth Osage Nation Congress

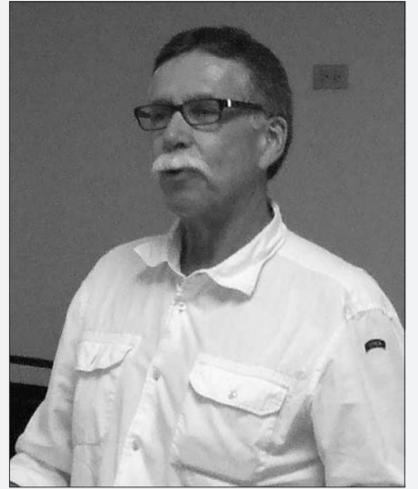
My main reasons for announcing as a candidate for Osage Congress are:

- 1.) Many Osages, wherever they live, feel that their views are not asked for or regarded if offered. Some Osage Elected Officials even show active disrespect for citizens' opinions. In 2007, our business, Paradox Consulting, surveyed almost 2000 Osages to determine their priorities for a Strategic Planning project. 72% wanted to be welcomed to participate in their Government. However, many do not feel welcome to participate in their own government! I believe Osage people should be invited to participate in deciding major new legislative initiatives, especially those where large sums of money are at stake.
- 2.) Our Osage homeland is at risk. Osage health, well-being and quality of life here on the Reservation are in jeopardy.

Our 2010 survey of almost 7000 Osages showed that Osages living on the reservation are significantly less healthy than Osages living elsewhere. Osages living here are nearly 3 times more likely to have diabetes, 2 times more likely to have diagnosed heart disease, 1.5 times more likely to have been treated for depression, and their children are 2 times more likely to have been diagnosed with asthma. 35% of Osages living on the Reservation suffer from obesity compared to 25% living elsewhere. Many here live in communities where fresh healthy foods are not available. Osages living on the Reservation are 2 times more likely to be living in poverty than Osages elsewhere. Some of our elected officials believe that the return on investment in dollars and cents for a grocery store that helps people is not sufficient. They apparently believe that healthy children and elders are not a good enough return on investment. Unfortunately, the return on investment for the Osage LLC investments in out of state enterprises now have racked up losses in the millions of dollars! Clearly, we would be better off investing in our own Osage people.

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Dr. Joe Conner

I am Anthony Whitehorn (Ki-he-ka-nah-she) and am honored to announce my candidacy, for Osage Nation Congress. This decision was not made lightly. I sought the advise of many Osages to help my family and I make this important leadership decision. I graduated from Northeastern State University with a Bachelors Degree in Business



Administration. I worked with companies in the Tulsa area until I went to work for the 30th Osage Tribal Council and continued with 31st Osage Tribal Council. My job was Project Specialist and developed several of the Tribe's economic endeavors, including the first casino. It was an exciting time in the economic growth of the tribe. Our ability to game had just become a reality, we navigated the process to get Osage Business Enterprise 8(a) certified. At the same time Osage Nation Enterprise, Inc. was established to perform non-8(A) business. All these businesses were started when the Osage did not have a large revenue stream as we do today. I am proud of the work that we accomplished while working at the Tribe. I know what it is like to work on "the Hill" and love your job and at the same time wonder if you will have a job.

When my time was up at the Tribe, my wife and I started a company providing foot care services. We operated a clinic in Hominy and provided services to nursing homes and assisted living facilities. We grew the company to twenty employees and three doctors. It was very rewarding and challenging and would have been impossible without great employees who provided excellent service to the people we served. After three years, a company made an offer to buy our business and we chose to take the offer. We then moved to the Owasso area and have focused on the school and sporting activities of our kids.

I have observed our new government and I believe we are at a critical point in it's formative years. As a Congressman it will be important to work along side the Office of the Chief adhering to proper checks and balances in decision making for all Osage people. I will not be a rubber stamp for the Executive, instead I will work with my colleagues and the Chief to provide clear and concise direction for our Nation. We can accomplish this through professional and courteous communication. We have to establish UNITY in this government: communication, direction, and respect are key. Unity will propel our Nation forward.

We can promote longevity and sustainability within the Osage Nation by taking action to get our financial house in order and create an environment to diversify our Nation's Economic Development. I will use my business experience to work with the Executive Branch to establish fiscal accountability and transparency of our Nation's revenue and expenditures, it's our money. I understand as an elected official, it is my responsibility to be prudent with the people's money.

I am asking for your vote.

Talee For Minerals!



- PhD Candidate in Chemical and Petroleum Engineering, Okla St University
- 13 Years Oil and Gas Research Experience
- 6 Years Tribal Resource and Environmental Protection
- Department of Energy Awardee
- Master and Bachelor Degrees in Engineering
- Osage Culture and Language

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3rd Osage Minerals
Council

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CANDIDATE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cheryl Potts announces candidacy for the Third Osage Minerals Council

My name is Cheryl Potts, and I am asking for your consideration of this information for a seat on the 2014 Minerals Council.

My Osage lineage is through my father, Arthur Lee Potts. His mother, Frances Marie "Fannie" (Rogers, Potts) Roberts, and grandmother Agnes (Drum) Rogers (We-he), a full-blood Osage original allottee #268, were from the Grayhorse district. His father, Lawrence Richard "Snooks" Potts, was Cherokee, and Walter Rogers was Narragansett. Agnes was the youngest of six children from mother, Mary (Gray) Drum (Ne-ah-to-we) who died prior to allotment, and father, Charles Drum (Wah-tsa-ki-he-kah), full-blood Osage original allottee # 267. Agnes had a younger half-brother, Charles Drum, Jr., from her father's second marriage to a non-Osage, who relocated to California where his descendants remain connected with their Osage communities. Agnes, daughter Fannie, and son Freddie still resided on their family homestead allotments west of Fairfax during my childhood, where my father, his brothers (Lawrence Jr., and Leroy) and sister (Laura Jane) were also raised. My grandmothers and my father taught me the importance of family, self-sufficiency and education.

I was raised in Sand Springs, and returned after college to raise my family. I have remained married to Stan Hall



Cheryl Potts

for 28 years and together we have 6 adult children, 12 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren. My Osage children are Madison Potts (We-se-se-ta), Bentley Potts (Wa-tsa-moie), and Clayton "Eli" Potts (Ne-ka-to-he). All six children completed at least their Bachelor's degree from universities in Oklahoma, and all have well-established careers.

My Bachelor's degree in Sociology / Women's Studies / Educational Psychology is from Yale University in New Haven, Connecticut. Twenty-five years later, I received my Master's degree in Clinical Social Work from the University of Oklahoma. I have been employed with various social services agencies, tribal and state governments throughout my 35 year career. My business strengths are in oral and written presentation, research, decision-making and project management. I have employ-

ment experience in negotiating contracts with state / federal / private sources for funding acquisition, and am proficient in developing / administering / evaluating program operations. I was elected to the first Osage National Council of the Constitutional Reformation in 1994. Since that time and with the passing of my family members, I have become an Osage annuitant. I bring intelligence, professionalism, and leadership to my candidacy, and want to serve my fellow Osages

It is critical for each member of the minerals estate to exercise their birthright through their vote. Every headright carries its same percentage weight, whether the annuitant's vote is cast in person or through the absentee process. I humbly ask for your vote in this upcoming election. We need strong leaders who are willing to serve, and I want to serve you. I appreciate your consideration, and ask you to vote for #14 on the ballot to become your representative on the 2014 Osage Minerals Council.

The Council member who WILL:

PRESERVE our Minerals Estate

PROTECT our Shareholder Interests

PROMOTE our Osage Heritage

CHERYL POTTS. Call 918.850.1006 or write to CherylPotts2014@cox.net.

Otto Hamilton announces candidacy for Fourth Osage Nation Congress

I'm Otto Hamilton, and I'm a candidate for Osage congress.

My parents are Otto Hamilton and Sandra Murphy-Hamilton, I'm married to Geneva Horsehief-Hamilton, and we have 6 kids. I come from three Osage families, Hamilton, Pryor, and Strike Axe.

I was raised traditionally here in Pawhuska, and went on to graduate from the University of Oklahoma, where I received my Bachelor's degree in Literature and Anthropology. I started working for the Osage Education department in 2000, in 2006 I started working in Planning, today I'm the grants management specialist for the office of strategic planning and grants management. After completing a rigorous class schedule over the years, I now hold a Grants Management Certification from Management Concepts.

As grants management specialist, I submit grants and proposals to funding agencies on behalf of the tribe and the programs, so I work with a lot of programs, employees and directors. I also lead project teams that need collaboration and project management.

We are all aware of problems the tribe has, we can talk all day about problems. There are problems that the employees face, problems that congress faces, problems that executive face. These problems cannot be solved, by one group, it's going to take a Nation to take on these problems and to advance and overcome as a Nation. I believe collaboration is key, it's going to take all the branches of government as a whole, a unified front to all challengers of Osage sovereignty.

I believe as a congressman, there should be transparency in everything that I'm voting on. This transparency is the only way we could hold our government officials accountable. I want to be held accountable and to be able to look everyone in the eye after a decision is made, or a law passed. I want the Osage people to know that I have their best interest.

I stand by my platform that "Our people are our greatest resource". Our people deserve the very best the tribe can give them, from our youth to our elders. I believe now is the time for the Osage Nation to start making an impact in everything; support our communities and public schools, empower our employees, and make a viable effort in responsible accountable economic development endeavors. We cannot keep doing the same thing and expect different results. It is time now for progressive positive change.

My name is Otto Hamilton, I'm educated, experienced, a shareholder, and I'll make you proud of the Osage Nation once again. I humbly ask for your vote on June 2nd.

Otto Hamilton

#12 on the Ballot For Osage Congress.



Otto Hamilton

Justin Mays announces candidacy for Fourth Osage Nation Congress

My name is Justin Mays (Xu-ah-Wa-Kon-ta). I am announcing my candidacy and asking for your vote for Osage Congress. I am 40 years old and was born and raised on the Osage reservation. My wife, Lisa, and I have two children and reside in western Osage County.

My friends and family, both here and in other states, have urged me to run for Osage Congress. They have voiced their concerns regarding our Osage Nation, as well as their pride in being members of the Wah-Zha-Zhe people.

Our elders have been involved in the formation of our present government and preserving the deep cultural



Justin Mays

ties of our people. I feel we have neglected to tap into this wealth of wisdom. As a Congressman, I would seek their advice in any aspect of amending existing laws and implementing new legislation.

The leadership we need to govern our tribe will have to be committed to the needs of all our people, as well as the diverse educational needs of our youth that will enable our Nation to put our tribal members to work.

If you feel there is a need for change, now is the time for your participation. PLEASE VOTE. Justin Mays. #21 on the ballot.

William "Kugee" Supernaw announces candidacy for Fourth Osage Nation Congress

I am William "Kugee" Supernaw and I am announcing that I am seeking re-election to the Osage Nation Congress.

I have served 8 years in the Congress and desire to serve another 4 year term. During those 8 years my focus has been on making money for the Nation rather than spending it. I have developed plans to reduce unnecessary expenses and increase income that together have paid my salary many times over. I pushed the Osage Nation for 2 1/2 years to apply for their share of the state motor fuel tax when we were the only large tribe in the state that was not receiving it and was finally successful. Today that tax brings in over \$300,000 per year to the Osage Nation.

Most of the legislation I've sponsored have has strengthened our infrastructure, including the creation of the Office of Fiscal Performance and Review, the Construction



William "Kugee" Supernaw Competitive Bidding Act and Gaming Reform. Spending bills sponsored by me have mostly been appropriations to purchase land.

I believe that an effective member of the Osage Congress must walk in two worlds: the traditional culture of the Osage, and a modern government that encourages and expands the business needs of

our Nation. In my opinion more of our Congress should look beyond the next election and more toward the generations of Osages to come.

I urge Congress to support the Minerals Council, but advocate that Congress keep out of Minerals Council business unless asked to assist by that entity.

I am a long time member of the Hominy District In-Lon-Schka Committee, a practicing member of the Native American Church, and am an Osage Mineral Rights Shareholder.

My goals if elected include further expansion of the Nation's land base, fiscally responsible expansion of our gaming facilities and the development and diversification of our economic enterprises with the oversight of a professional board of managers.

I am asking for your support and vote in the June election. ~Kugee.

YARBROUGH

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2. Improve gas operations for higher production & better reporting. Improve accountability & royalties from gas operations.
3. Work to continue securing water rights as set out in the 1906 Act & 25CFR, Part 226.
4. Examine leases for developing & choose the best technology to recover oil.
5. Have experts examine & evaluate remaining oil & gas reserves.
6. Work to complete mapping programs of oil & gas leases.
7. Work to negotiate oil & gas leases and concession agreements for the benefit of the Minerals Estate & Shareholders. Examine thoroughly all concession agreements.
8. Put the best interest of the Minerals Estate & the Shareholders FIRST AND FOREMOST.

I am experienced in the following: Policies & Procedures; Management & Contractual experience; Leadership & team work experience; Cooperative agreements; Financial Reporter; Bookkeeping; Budgeting; Billing; Accounts Payable, Payroll, Training; Negotiations & Surveying experience.

If you have any questions regarding my position, please feel free to contact me at: 918-671-3940. Vote #3!

CANDIDATE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Everett Waller announces candidacy for Third Osage Minerals Council

It is with sincere desire to serve the Osage people that I seek your vote for election to the Osage Minerals Council.

My platform stands on experience, integrity, and honesty. My past experiences serving the Osage tribe have taken me to a national level of government. I've served two terms as president of the Intertribal Transportation Association and as an area representative. I've sat on the Federal Highways Administration Policies, Planning and Procedures Board and helped write legislation for the Indian Reservation Roads Program. I've been a panelist for the National Congress of American Indians on reform issues concerning our tribe as well as others. This experience, along with other committees and organizations, helped me gain insight to governing on a scale to benefit the growth we wish to see with the Osage Nation.

Working together, I've seen many promising objectives achieved. I believe the future of the minerals estate depends on the skills of the Principal Chief and Council members working together. Our future as a tribe depends on experienced leaders dedicated to bringing integrity and honesty back to the Osage Nation. We must develop a strong direction, which will in turn result in a stronger Nation.

On a personal front, traditions bring me great strength. I believe our traditions enrich us as a people and I put great value in the traditions I learned growing up and have continued to this day. I believe we should preserve our heritage, teaching our younger generation about the beauty and strength it means to be Osage, and help them become our future. By strengthening them, we become stronger as a people.

If you want experience, integrity, and honesty on the Council, then vote for Everett Waller, #8 on the ballot.



Everett Waller



Cynthia Boone

Cynthia Boone announces candidacy for Third Osage Minerals Council

I was born in Los Angeles, CA. My family returned to Pawhuska, OK when I was about 18 months old to live on my grandmother's original allotted land. We still live on this property. My husband and I will celebrate 45 years of marriage this year. He is on the Grayhorse committee. We raised two sons. Tom Jr. was elected to a 5 year term on the Pawhuska School Board. Daniel was elected to a 4 year term on the Osage Nation Congress. I received my Indian name from Margaret Shunkamolah. My family is culturally affiliated. I retired from the Indian Health Service, the federal government, after 27 years of dedicated service and had a strong work ethic. I administered a comprehensive Contract Health Service program managing millions of federal dollars over the years and was considered an expert in my field.

My primary interest is to protect the minerals trust and our assets. I believe in accountability, transparency, due diligence and am a strong believer in the 1906 Act. The minerals estate brings in more than \$65,000,000 in revenue a year and is held in trust for the headright owners. I am not in favor of having the Osage Nation taking over any function of any of the departments of the Bureau of Indian Affairs. This is called compacting. I don't believe the Osage Nation needs to be involved in our affairs.

I was a member of the Osage Trust Team, who negotiated the settlement of the Highest Posted Price lawsuit that we enjoyed in December 2012. At the end of June, I will have 8 years experience as your elected official of the Osage Minerals Council (OMC). I believe the OMC is independent and can promulgate its own rules. As policy chairman, I have tried to develop our policies as an independent agency.

I am the only woman on the current Osage Minerals Council. I am an independent thinker. My voting record supports not only this but also that I am on the side of the headright owner. I sponsored a number of resolutions. Some examples are: Resolution #2-11 to remove the Osage Nation archaeologist from the OMC lease approval process. All 8 members voted "yes". Resolution #2-53, the OMC has control of our 3 accounts. The only "no" vote was from Councilman Abbott. Resolution #2-101 to prohibit any entity of the Osage Nation from using the minerals estate for a financial commitment. It passed. Resolution #2-92 to have our general staff attorney to devise a plan to safeguard our bank accounts and make us independent according to our vote of 9-21-11. This failed. Those opposed were Councilmen Crum, Yates, Core, Redeagle and Abbott. Those in favor were Councilmen Bear, Whitehorn and me. At the OMC meeting 4-16-14, we passed a resolution to start taking over our accounts from the Osage Nation. I've been consistent with my voting. I can't say that for everyone.

My son, Congressman Daniel Boone and I publish a newsletter called "Boone Bulletin" as a way to keep in touch with our constituents. We do this at our own expense. If you want to receive a copy, you can e-mail your address to: tom@cowboy.net or you can call (918) 698-3314 and we will mail you a copy.

I am retired, in good health and do not work anywhere else. I have made your concerns my primary focus without interference by any other entity. During the last election, I was the only person re-elected and I have received the most votes. I thank you voters for that. I want to continue to put your concerns first by having the opportunity to serve you again. I am asking for your vote on June 2. I'm #13 on the ballot. If you can't be in Pawhuska to vote in person, you can obtain an absentee ballot by calling the Osage Minerals Election Office at (918) 287-5288.

[The Osage News does not edit candidate announcements.]

NORRIS

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program in north central Oklahoma. In addition to managing direct care programs, I administered a \$7.4 million contract health services program.

In early 2001, I was designated the senior team member responsible for the planning, design, staffing, and construction of a new \$14 million dollar health center. I was responsible for managing and administering over 140 new employees and professional staff. I established and maintained cooperative relationships with civil and governmental groups and organizations for the purpose of promoting and understanding Indian Health Service and how it relates to all in the area served. I secured cooperation in projects and programs that were of mutual benefit and interest to others while avoiding duplication of services.

I initiated program improvements and modifications to meet the changing

needs of the Indian people while still achieving the set goals and objectives and making the best possible use of available funds and resources.

I have proven leadership skills, the experience, and education to bring accountability and transparency to government. I have many years of experience in collecting and analyzing data required in planning and evaluating programs. I have implemented planning and evaluation methods, compiled statistical information necessary to determine staffing and budgetary requirements for funding and construction. I have the courage and fortitude to make hard decisions and stand my ground in the face of adversity.

If elected I will not let you down, please vote for me on June 2nd.

Thank you.

REDCORN

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included monitoring tribal oil and gas operations, salt water injection wells, and spill protection.

I am a PhD Candidate at Oklahoma State University. My dissertation topic is using polymer gels to improve deep well drilling operations and improve oil recovery by water shut off. I have both master and bachelor degrees of engineering (Chemical) from OSU and OU, respectively.

Culturally, I speak and teach the Osage Language. I am a Committee member of the Pawhuska Dance committee and I live in the Pawhuska Indian Village.

Vote for me for the 3rd Mineral Council, And please view my website at www.taleeforminerals.com.

Thank you again, and remember:
Talee For Minerals!

BIGHORSE

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Osage Children and Adults, we will be giving them the best possible chance for SUCCESS. I will support our Tribal Programs that are already established and that may need expansion in services they deliver (i.e., Social Services and Health Care). I would like to see Tribal Programs take their Services and Information and Present it to the Osages who reside off the Reservation. I as well would like to see Economic Growth within the Osage Nation.

I am Reliable, Accountable, Honest, and a Leader. I Humbly ask for Your Vote. Vote #4 and "HELP ME HELP YOU PROTECT OUR NATION & FUTURE". We "All" as Osage People Have a Voice. Respectfully, John Star Bighorse

RED CORN

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site, thereby creating a networking opportunity for all annuitants to be a better informed integral part of Minerals Council activities, and

- Fifth, the Osage Minerals Council is allocated \$1 million, annually, through an Act of the U.S. Congress. I will work to ensure that such funding is used properly to increase headright income.

I enjoy bringing people together to focus on important goals and to get things done. My approach is to address difficult situations quickly, honestly, kindly and with backbone.

Vote for Kathryn Red Corn (#5 on your Osage Minerals Council ballot) for the third Osage Minerals Council, and we will work together, just as Osages did a century ago. Like those five Osage leaders who united, we will work together for the good of the Osage Nation and future generations of Osages.

I ask for vote on Monday, June 2, 2014.

CONNER

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I believe our current condition is unacceptable. This is all Osages' homeland, and I believe that its' preservation and revitalization is in the best interest of us all. In fact revitalizing the Reservation communities and countryside was a top Strategic Plan priority of Osage people everywhere. Sadly it seems many elected officials would prefer out of state investments that lose millions of dollars, rather than spending money to improve the health and quality of living of our people here on the Reservation.

I believe that all Osage people, no matter who they are, where they live or to whom they are related are entitled to be represented. I believe we can all work together to make our homeland a place in which we are proud to live, proud to visit or return to. I also believe that by listening to Osages everywhere, we can find ways to provide benefits to Osages living everywhere.

To make our homeland a better place I'll need your help. Thank you for your vote! —Dr. Joe Conner.

VOTE

KATHRYN

RED CORN

FOR MINERALS COUNCIL

I pledge to work on three things and communicate my findings to you:

• **First**, I plan to set out a straight forward analysis of taxes, and to ask why we pay a 5% gross production tax, while other tribes do not. Well over five years ago, the Governor of Oklahoma stated he would give an accounting for the gross production tax. Proceeds from the tax were supposed to be spent on the Osage Reservation for schools, bridges and roads. Has that been done?

• **Second**, I want to see the Minerals Council recruit a professional petroleum analyst to advise the Minerals Council on providing concepts and strategies to build on, and to protect and enhance our Mineral Trust. This will provide a great opportunity for the Osage Minerals Council to make a strategic and more profitable investment in our future.

• **Third**, I will research and initiate action to be taken to recover monies that our nation paid to the Bureau of Indian Affairs for employee salaries during the 1906 - 1950s time frame. I will go after the Osage's share.



Re-elect
Cynthia Boone
 Osage Minerals Council

Proven Experience.

Fighting for Our Rights.

Guardian of the Minerals Trust.

As the only woman on the current Osage Minerals Council and policy chairwoman, I am honored to have served for eight years. I'm an independent thinker and my voting records not only supports this, but I'm on the side of the headright owner. As part of the Trust Team, we negotiated the settlement of the "highest posted price" lawsuit that headright owners enjoyed in December 2012. I believe in accountability, transparency, and due diligence.

I support the 1906 Act, which works on the behalf of the headright owner. The minerals estate brings in over \$65 million in revenue a year and is held in trust for headright owners. I'm not in favor of compacting, a process in which the Osage Nation takes over functions of any department of the Bureau of Indian Affairs. The OMC is independent and can promulgate its own rules. As policy chairwoman, I've tried to develop our policies as an independent agency and believe we should stay as such.

Want to stay in touch? Request a copy of *Boone's Bulletin*, a newsletter published by my son, Congressman Daniel Boone, and myself at our own expense. Call (918) 698-3314 to request a copy or email tom@cowboy.net.

Boone in June

Re-elect
Daniel Boone
 Osage Nation Congress

Accountability.

No to Compacting.

Economic Development.

For the past four years, I've had the honor of serving as your congressman. During that time, I've fought strongly for your rights and those of the Osage Nation. I believe strongly we should say no to compacting with the State of Oklahoma. I've worked on key legislation, all to protect our Nation and to help it become stronger through economic development, and had the pleasure of working with various members and branches of government during this time. Collaboration and hardwork between all branches of government will keep our Nation strong.

If re-elected, I will continue to work hard and fight for a stronger Osage Nation.

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when elected I will represent ALL Osages!**

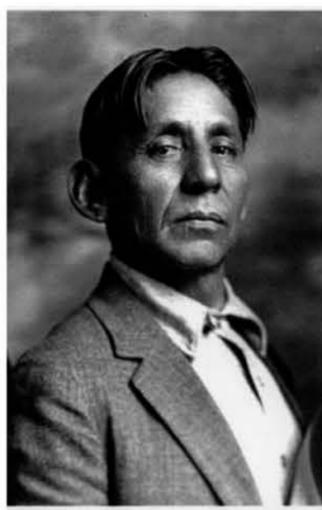
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Great Grandfather

William Conner (Oh-hunka-moie)

Pictured top left. Helped draft 1881
Constitution, 1st Supreme Court Justice 1880s



Grandfather

George Conner (Tse-da-ha)

Osage National Council Secretary 1899-1914



Father

Don (Daniel) I. Conner

Osage Tribal Police Officer 1970s

Professional Experience – Community Service

- 10 years as Clinical Psychologist and Community Health Director – Indian Health Service in Oklahoma, New Mexico, and Washington
- 25 years as Partner and Senior Scientist – PARADOX Consulting LLC a health and economic development research and development firm serving over 100 American Indian communities throughout the U.S.
- Developed an AA Degree program in Native American Leadership at Northern Oklahoma College
- Served on the Osage Nation Government Reform Commission 2005-06
- Served on the Osage Nation Election Board
- Visiting Professor Tribal Government – Duke University, Nicholas School of Environmental and Earth Science
- Co-founded the non-profit OKLAHOMA INDIAN ALL-STATE BASKETBALL GAMES® in 1996

Education

- BA - NWSU Psychology <+><+> MS - OSU Psychology <+><+> Ph.D. – OSU Psychology

DEBATES 2

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mysterious thing, people find it with different people ... I do think it's something we need to look at more, I do believe in principle there's no reason why we couldn't do something like that." Conner also added he agrees with Kidder that there are other bigger issues the Nation needs to consider at this time.

Big Eagle said he probably would not sponsor legislation for the Nation to issue same-sex marriage licenses. As far as listening about the topic, he said, "I'll always listen to anyone. I know what issues are important to the mass majority of the Osage Nation, there's so many things that's wrong, there's so many thing we need to fix and I know this is an important issue for the people so you can't say you will not listen or push it aside because everybody has an opinion."

"Of all the questions to ask, I wasn't ready for this first one," Hamilton said. "In principle, yes I'm for same-sex marriage, but I don't know about sponsoring legislation right now, I don't know if it's even on the priority list. You'd have to look at it against and study the impact of it all. What's the impact and ramifications of this law? Do we do licenses right now? Is it going to be recognized by the state of Oklahoma?"

Question #2: Identify the ways that the Osage Nation elected officials spend government money foolishly. How do you plan to change this kind of wasteful spending? — Annette Gore of Aurora, Colo.

"Right now I know that the Congress makes appropriations according to budget, different departments all have to present a budget as to what their needs are for the coming year," Rutherford said describing the Nation's annual budget process. "As to the foolishness of it I think that maybe they should do more accountability on how they spend in the previous years, why they're asking for more money in different areas, what their plans are for that."

Mays said, "Money is money ... you better have the proper boards to learn how to spend that money, if you do not, you're wastefully spending ... I'm sure there's spending that doesn't need to be done, that's obvious, I just want to be part of the solution of where that money goes."

Kidder said budgets, whether the Nation's or one's home budget, need to be in check considering "money is tight" in today's economy. "We've got to understand where this money goes, whether it's federal or casino money, it should be accounted for. LLC money should be accounted for. There should be no reason we don't know where our money goes," he said adding he wants to see quarterly reports on the government's spending.

Conner said as the 2006 Osage government matures and gets more sophisticated, he hopes the Nation can budget more on "foresight" and that more "effectiveness" data can be presented with budgets to show cost benefits. In addressing foolish spending, Conner said: "If we're looking at large expenditures, capital outlays that we do have significant public input on spending millions and millions of dollars on things that we're only informed later, this is what it's going to do."

Big Eagle referred to the casino expansion project spending issue dis-

cussed in candidate group one. "Giving money to fund casinos but you don't know where your money's going, 'Well we're getting 100 million bucks but we can't tell you where the money's going' — now is that considered foolish? Of course. We need to structure this money, we need to save this money. Investing in anything that comes down the pike is not going to be good for the Osage Nation as a whole. We have a lot of programs that we're responsible for."

"Has anyone heard of the LLC? I believe that was a foolish spending of our money, we have nothing to show for it, nothing came of it," Hamilton said. "Attorneys make a lot of money off Osage Nation. Look at the (January 2014 removal) trial — how long did that last? That lasted longer than any of us wanted it to ... Back to the LLC and gaming monies, I want to see a logical order of the process — what's the process of the dollar that goes through that system? We don't see that, there needs to be transparency ... I'd like to see it implemented, not just talked about."

Brownfield said she agrees with her fellow candidates that the LLC spending was a waste of money. "We have resources within our tribe for business opportunities I think and I'd like to see that implemented down the road ... I intend to research it, if I am elected."

Specifically what will you do to restore the balance of power between the three branches of government when it is apparent to the Osage constituency that Congress has overstepped their boundaries by inserting themselves into the daily functions of the Nation? Scott George of Hominy

Mays said he believes the branches need to work together because, "it's obvious we saw what we get when they don't work together, we get families that are hurt, it's a bad deal, nobody won out of that, we open doors that shouldn't be opened ... power comes from people working together, unity." For example, Mays said "that congressman, if he don't get that bill passed, he needs to go over there and figure out why the Chief vetoed it or talk about it, talk to somebody ... You better figure out a way to make it work if it's something you believe in."

Kidder said, "Restore the balance is already in our constitution right now. The power is there, do we abuse it or do we use it? That's our choice up there (at the government campus on the hill). Right now we've got to come together as a Nation, as the Osages ... I feel like we can do something, we can move it in a good direction." Regarding the elected officials in the legislative and executive branches, Kidder said, "We all have our roles, we stay in those roles to make this government work and that comes from working together. We may not have to agree all the time ... but we find that middle ground to an agreement."

Conner said it's good to have educated officials that understand how a three-branch government works. "The other part that goes is if you have a common purpose to serve the Osage people and you listen to the Osage people and you honor their wishes then you have a common goal and you keep that out there in front of you. As Mr. Kidder said, there is a middle ground and there's some give and there's some take."

"Restoring balance in government is very, very important," said Big Eagle. "If the Executive Branch and Congress does not get along, you're not going to get anything accomplished and what it

usually boils down to is egos, hard feelings and personal rivalries that have existed for a very long time. Communication breaks all of that down ... The Osage Nation wants a better government and only working together, not separately, can we accomplish that and step forward."

Hamilton said every part of the Nation's government has its own problems, adding, "I think a new approach needs to be taken, this approach doesn't need to be from a group of people or an individual, it needs to be taken on by the Nation. I believe the Nation needs to take on these problems, especially the ones that are attacking our sovereignty. Each branch of government needs to support each other and provide a unified front in this matter."

Brownfield said, "the need for greater communication with all the branches of government by utilizing a common sense of respect in relationships — we

need that really bad in our Congress. I'm not trying to down anybody, or anything like that, but I've looked at it and I've seen what has happened in there and I just think we need some strong reliable and respectful leadership and I'm an independent thinker, I think on my own and I decide on my own."

In the Fourth ON Congress, Rutherford said she wants to see members set their personal feelings aside and, "let's have a common goal to do what's best for this Nation, let's put our minds together, let's build something good, keep all those personal feelings on the outside because we can't accomplish anything when we're fighting."

To view the 2014 Osage Nation General Election congressional debates, visit: <http://www.osagenation-nsn.gov/news-events/news/update1-video-osage-news-sponsored-principal-chief-assistant-principal-chief-and>

LISTING

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8. Joseph Blackbird Cheshewalla
9. Cynthia Boone (incumbent)
10. Cheryl Potts
11. Linda Butler Heskett
12. Stephanie Erwin
13. Curtis O. Bear (incumbent)
14. Robert E. "R. E." Yarbrough
15. Talee Redcorn
16. Kenneth Bighorse Jr.
17. Everett Waller

Judges up for Retention

1. Meredith Drent, Supreme Court Justice
2. Marvin Stepson, Trial Court Judge

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