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## Geoffrey Standing Bear is sworn in as the Osage Nation's new chief

By Benny Polacca  
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PONCA CITY, Okla. – A new chapter in Osage Nation history is starting after a total of 10 Osages took oaths to hold office in the tribe's three-branch government for the next four years.

On July 2, Osages elected to serve on the Fourth ON Congress and Executive Branch were sworn into office after two tribal court judges took their oaths at the newly built Osage Casinos-Ponca City Hotel before a full-capacity crowd.

More than 400 people attended the event held in the tribe's largest casino and hotel property. The 10 a.m. event kicked off with honor songs performed by Osage men and lady singers, followed by the Pawhuska-based Harold Bigheart Smalley American Legion Post 198 bringing in the flags.

Tim Tall Chief served as the inauguration's emcee. Tall Chief is a former ON health advisory board member who was recently confirmed for a



Assistant Principal Chief Raymond Red Corn and Principal Chief Geoffrey Standing Bear at the July 2, 2014 Osage Nation Inauguration at the Osage Casinos-Ponca City.

spot on the Osage Limited Liability Company (LLC) board.

"This is a very special day for all of our Osage people," Tall Chief said adding "it's a new day in history, it's always

a pleasure to be able to witness these things that are special to all of our people."

To kickoff the swearing-ins of the Osage officials, the Judicial Branch officers took their

oaths first. Outgoing ON Supreme Court Associate Justice Jeanine Logan administered

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Vincent Logan

## U.S. Senate confirms Logan as Special Trustee for American Indians

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The United States Senate confirmed Osage tribal member Vincent Logan as the new Special Trustee for American Indians, June 26.

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The staff's Million Hearts Award hangs inside the Pawhuska Indian Health Clinic.

## Pawhuska IHS wins national award for best practices in heart care

Tara Madden  
Osage News

The Pawhuska Indian Health Clinic didn't set out to win the Million Hearts Award, but their good work was noticed, they were nominated and won.

The 2013 Million Hearts Hypertension Control Challenge was a national competitive challenge to identify and recognize practices, clinician's and health systems that have demonstrated exceptional achievements in working in getting at least 70 percent of their patients with hypertension under control, according to the Million Hearts website.

"It is exciting to be nationally recognized for positive

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The Third Osage Minerals Council. From L to R: Cynthia Boone, Kathryn Red Corn, Stephanie Erwin, Joseph Cheshewalla, Everett Waller, Galen Crum, Talee Redcorn and Andrew Yates.

## Third Osage Minerals Council takes oaths of office

By Shannon Shaw Duty  
Osage News

The eight newly elected members of the Third Osage Minerals Council took their oaths of office July 1 in a packed minerals council chambers in Pawhuska. The council is responsible for the roughly \$4 billion Osage Minerals Estate for the next four years.

The new council consists of: Cynthia Boone (serving her third consecutive term),

Joseph Cheshewalla, Galen Crum (serving his second consecutive term), Stephanie Erwin, Kathryn Red Corn (served on the first council), Talee Redcorn (served on the first council), Everett Waller (served on the 30th Osage Tribal Council) and Andrew Yates (serving his second consecutive term).

The Inauguration festivities began with a Catholic mass at the Immaculate Conception Church, in which seven of the eight council members at-

tended, along with their families and friends. Poor health kept Crum from the mass. Father Christopher Daigle, who wore Osage men's woven hang downs and whose vestments were adorned with ribbonwork made by Cheshewalla's wife Debbie Cheshewalla, presided over the 45-minute mass.

Toward the end of the mass, he called up the council mem-

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# Principal Chief Geoffrey Standing Bear announces his Executive Branch appointees

By Shannon Shaw Duty  
Osage News

Newly elected Osage Nation Principal Chief Geoffrey Standing Bear has announced his Executive Branch appointees.

“Assistant Chief-Elect Raymond Red Corn and I sought to create a staff with less people than before and with proven capabilities,” Standing Bear said in a prepared release. “The staff represents the diversity of the Osage people with women and men of different backgrounds. We thank each of them for accepting this challenging assignment. Our selections include several Veterans of the United States Armed Services.”

With some familiar faces and some new to walk the halls of the executive branch building, it’s a smaller staff than the administrations preceding Standing Bear under the new form of government. Standing Bear said although it is a reduction in the number of staff he believes all are ready and able to take on the challenges ahead for the Osage Nation.

## Appointments

Serving as Chief of Staff for the Osage Nation will be Jason Zaun. The former budget analyst for the Third Osage Nation Congress, Zaun has worked for the congress for four years. He was Standing Bear’s right-hand-man during his campaign and stayed up with Standing Bear on election night when the results were announced at 4:41 a.m., June 3. An Osage shareholder who resides in Bartlesville with his wife Naoko Sakumoto and three children, he is a United States Navy Veteran, has his



Principal Chief  
Geoffrey Standing Bear

bachelor’s degree in organizational leadership (with a business focus) from Rogers State University and will begin his Masters of Arts in Administrative Leadership with the University of Oklahoma in the fall of 2014.

According to a prepared release, Zaun achieved the rank of Chief Petty Officer of the Religious Ministries Department on the aircraft carrier USS RONALD REAGAN for two years while serving in the U.S. Navy. This tour included a six-month deployment to the Persian Gulf in support of Operations Iraqi and Enduring Freedom. His awards include three Navy Commendations Medals, seven Navy Achievement Medals, the Fleet Marine Force Enlisted Warfare Specialist Badge, Enlisted Surface Warfare Specialist Badge and the Enlisted Aviation Warfare Specialist badge. He was also recognized as Sailor of the Year three times and Recruiter of the Year twice during his military career.

Standing Bear’s second appointment is Christian

“Casey” Johnson, of the Grayhorse District, who will serve as Special Advisor to the Office of the Chiefs. Johnson has two associate degrees, one in business administration and a second in arts and sciences from Northern Oklahoma College. He has a bachelor’s degree in industrial safety from the University of Central Oklahoma and will begin his Masters of Arts in Administrative Leadership with the University of Oklahoma in the fall of 2014. He currently resides in Fairfax with his wife Johnna Johnson (who served as administrative assistant under the Jim Gray administration) and three adult children.

According to a prepared release, Johnson is a 23-year veteran of the U.S. Army Infantry having served in every Non-Commissioned Officer position from Fire Team Leader to Infantry Company First Sergeant. He performed combat operations during Operations Desert Shield/Desert Storm and Operation Iraqi Freedom. His awards include the Combat Infantryman’s Badge (with Star), the Bronze Star Medal, the Purple Heart Medal, three Meritorious Service Medals, three Army Commendation Medals, nine Army Achievement Medals, the Parachutist’s Badge, the Air Assault Badge, and the Drill Sergeant’s Badge.

A familiar face returning to the office of the chiefs is Debra Atterberry. She will serve as Executive Advisor to Chief Standing Bear, a title she’ll keep from both the Red Eagle and BigHorse administrations after she replaced Faren Revard Anderson in the Red Eagle administration. Before she was elected in 2006 to the First Osage Nation Congress, she worked in the Osage Language Department developing curriculum. According to a prepared release, Atterberry has spent 17 years in education as a public schoolteacher. She graduated from Northeastern Oklahoma State University with a dual major in elementary and secondary education and minored in business. She is married to Duke Atterberry, the new Pawhuska High School football coach, and has three children and four grandchildren.

Standing Bear’s fourth appointment is also from the Grayhorse District. John Williams will serve as Government Affairs Advisor. Williams served as director of operations for the Gray administration. He is currently an advisor to the Grayhorse War Mother’s and to the Grayhorse In-Lon-Shka Drumkeeper. According to a prepared release, for several years he was the Health Systems Administrator of the Pawhuska Indian Health Clinic. He had previously served as CEO of Winnebago Indian Hospital and a Contract Health Service Officer at the Aberdeen Area Office. He has also served as the Equal Employment Opportunity Officer for Aberdeen Indian Health Service. Williams is a trained Physician’s Assistant. He is a Vietnam Veteran and served with the U.S. Army Special Forces where he specialized as a Combat Medic. He is married to Francis Ann (West) Williams with whom he has three adult children, one of whom is Osage Nation Chief of Police Nick Williams, and many grandchildren, including two former Osage Tribal

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## Minerals Council bans Cynthia Boone

By Shannon Shaw Duty  
Osage News



Cynthia Boone

The Third Osage Minerals Council has taken their oaths of office but a resolution passed June 18 to ban Councilwoman Cynthia Boone by the Second OMC remains. However, like Osage Congressional resolutions, the minerals council resolution passed does not have the authority of law to keep Boone out.

“We do not enforce resolutions and policies of that nature but we do enforce criminal law,” said Osage Nation Police Chief Nick Williams. “This isn’t the first time we’ve had to explain this. Resolutions do not enforce us to act upon it, by [Osage Nation] law.”

The resolution passed describes Boone as hostile and abusive when it comes to the council staff. Former OMC Chairman Andrew Yates said the resolution aims to prevent any further bullying behavior from Boone by banning her from the council office except during council meetings, committee meetings or when absolutely necessary.

The resolution received six yes votes from Yates, Galen Crum, Joseph “Sonny” Abbott, Curtis Bear, Melvin Core and Myron Red Eagle. Boone was the lone no vote and Dudley Whitehorn abstained.

Yates, Crum and Boone were all re-elected to the third council.

Boone is serving her third consecutive term making her the first council member to do so since the Osage government reformed in 2006 – and making her the first woman.

“The council had no right to pass that resolution, their actions will adversely affect my fiduciary responsibility to the headright owners, they can’t keep me from going to the office,” Boone said in June. “I’m the only woman on this [Second] council and I think the actions taken out against me is harassment.”

At the heart of the dispute is OMC staff member Dena Rackliff. Since January of 2013, five police reports mention Rackliff and Boone.

“[Boone’s] been harassing Dena Rackliff,” said Yates. “Whenever she would have a court date Cynthia [Boone] would show up. [Rackliff’s] lawyer would say, she is being stalked by Cynthia. Cynthia shows up randomly in town wherever she is, according to Dena.”

Rackliff said she could not comment for this article.

Yates said Boone’s harassment of the office staff has been going on for four years and maybe longer. He said in 2011 is when he first became aware of Boone’s treatment toward the staff. At that time Councilman Crum was elected chairman and Crum told the rest of the council what was happening.

“She’s [Boone] disrespectful to the staff, mistreating them, speaking rude. She has threatened jobs, threatened to fire them. She would get in their face and lean over in a threatening manner and tell them she was an elected official,” Yates said, but also acknowledged that he had not personally seen this behavior, staff members had told him of Boone’s behavior. “I think Sonny [Abbott] said it best: respect is earned.”

As a result of repeated complaints from the minerals staff and at the urging of an ONPD officer, the council adopted an Anti-Hostile Workplace policy to protect the staff, Yates said. The council created an Office Manager and Assistant Office Manager to interact with the staff. They were Councilmen Core and Red Eagle.

“I’ve fought this for a year, and I’ve watched it for four,” Yates said. “We were trying to get this in place until the new council comes on. I was trying to clean everything up

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## Osage Nation and OMC sue Osage County Board of Commissioners

By Louise Red Corn

The Osage Nation and Minerals Council sued the Osage County Board of Commissioners, Board of Adjustment and Osage Wind LLC last week, seeking to stop construction of a 94-turbine wind farm that was approved in 2011 in what the nation describes as an illegal action by the Board of Adjustment.

The filing of the petition was one move in a flurry of activity over the wind farms battle in Osage County last week: In Claremore, Judge Dynda Post also set a trial date of Aug. 13 to hear the appeal of Mustang Run wind farm, which is adjacent to Osage Wind and which now has the same owner, TradeWind Energy.

In another move, the Osage Nation is asking to intervene in that case, claiming it has significant interests in the outcome of the case that cannot be adequately argued or presented by the District Attorney’s Office, which represents the Board of Adjustment, the target of Mustang Run’s appeal.

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Osage Nation Principal Chief Geoffrey Standing Bear poses for a family portrait at the 2014 Osage Nation Inauguration July 2 at the Osage Casinos-Ponca City.



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Newly inaugurated Osage Nation Principal Chief Geoffrey Standing Bear shakes hands with outgoing Principal Chief Scott BigHorse. BigHorse placed a Pendleton blanket on Standing Bear after he took his oath of office. Osage Nation Supreme Court Chief Justice Meredith Drent and emcee Tim Tall Chief look on.



TARA MADDEN/Osage News

Newly inaugurated Osage Nation Assistant Principal Chief Raymond Red Corn takes his oath of office at the 2014 Osage Nation Inauguration July 2 at the Osage Casinos-Ponca City.



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The Fourth Osage Nation Congress, front row, L to R: Angela Marie Pratt, R.J. Walker, Archie Mason, Alice Buffalohead. Second row, L to R: Dr. Ron Shaw, James Norris, Maria Whitehorn, John Maker, Shannon Edwards. Back row, L to R: John Jech, Otto Hamilton and William "Kugee" Supernaw.

# Inauguration 2014

## APPOINTEES

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Princesses Dora and Autumn Williams.

Long-time legal assistant to Standing Bear (18 years), Sheryl Decker, will be his Executive Assistant. She will also assist Assistant Principal Chief-elect Raymond Red Corn. Decker, a Cherokee/Osage, has a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from the University of Oklahoma. According to a prepared release, she is active as a basketball coach for the Bartlesville YMCA Youth League and has been a church Leader in the mentoring program for young women at Grace Community Church. She is married to Matt Decker and they have three children.

Also returning is Rebecca Fuhrman who will keep her position as Legal/Legislative Analyst. She served for both the Red Eagle and BigHorse administrations. Fuhrman has a bachelor's degree in

business administration from Northeastern State University and a juris doctorate from the University of Tulsa College of Law, with certificates in public policy and comparative and international law. According to a prepared release, while in law school she served as Senior Candidates Editor for the Tulsa Journal of Comparative & International law. She began her career with the Osage Nation in 2006 working with the First Osage Nation Congress. She has also worked in public policy as a consultant with several non-profit organizations. Her children are descendants of the Eastern Band of Cherokees and her grandchildren are members of the Cherokee Nation.

Danielle Cass and Jane Perrier Harris were also appointed as administrative assistants. Both are Osage tribal members.

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the oath for Supreme Court Chief Justice Meredith Drent. Afterward, Drent administered the oath for Trial Court Chief Judge Marvin Stepson.

According to the Osage Constitution, Supreme Court judges and the Trial Court Chief Judge position are appointed by the Principal Chief then those appointees are subject to ON Congressional confirmations. Once confirmed, those judges serve a four-year term before being subject to retention by Osage voters to serve another four-year term. Drent and Stepson won majority vote for retention in the June 2 general election.

Logan is retiring from the Supreme Court, which leaves two spots vacant on the Nation's three-judge High Court.

Drent administered the oaths of office for the Executive Branch offices and Legislative Branch.

First up was Principal Chief-elect Geoffrey M. Standing Bear, who previously served as Assistant Principal Chief under the former Osage government in the early 1990s. Standing Bear was elected to the ON Congress in 2010 before running for Principal Chief this year.

Raymond Red Corn then took oath for his first Executive Branch term as Assistant Principal Chief. Red Corn is the former Speaker of Congress who served two four-year terms on the Congressional body where he served on several committees as well as the Second Speaker post.

For the Legislative Branch, Drent called individually on the incoming members of the Fourth ON Congress to take their oaths of office in alphabetical order.

Those six Congress members are: second-term Congresswoman Alice Buffalohead; former ON Strategic Planning and Grants Management employee Otto Hamilton; Retired Indian Health Service administrator James Norris; former ON Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) director Angela Pratt; Dr. Ron Shaw and William "Kugee" Supernaw who was elected to his third consecutive Congressional term.

Also during the inauguration ceremony each of the incoming elected officials received personalized Pendleton blankets along with certificates given to each officeholder.

At the invitation of the inauguration planning committee, U.S. Rep. Tom Cole (R – Moore, Okla.) served as inauguration keynote speaker. Cole represents Oklahoma's fourth U.S. Congressional district and is an enrolled member of the Chickasaw Nation.

Cole said this is an important time in Indian Country and noted the Osage Nation's development progress including its new casino and hotel venue and the landmark 2010 Osage trust case settlement with the federal government.

"You're taking the success and you're building on it and diversifying and your enlarging your membership," Cole said. He also noted that through history since the 18th and 19th centuries, Native American tribes became more prosperous after participating in the non-tribal "broader society" around them and taking those tools and skills back to the tribes for building their own successes.

"Economic power, education, political participation – those are the tools that people use to protect tribal rights and those are the tools they use to begin to create the physical, the intellectual and yes,

the economic capital that you have to have to be successful in America, and frankly, beyond it. To preserve tribal nations, you participated in non-tribal activities."

Cole is currently one of two Native Americans serving in the entire U.S. Congress. The other is Markwayne Mullin (Cherokee Nation) who represents Oklahoma's second Congressional district.

After the swearing-ins were completed, Standing Bear returned to the podium to deliver his first public remarks as Principal Chief. Standing Bear acknowledged the different forms of Osage government that existed throughout the centuries leading up to the current 2006 government and constitution.

Standing Bear also said that July 2 was an appropriate time as any to have the inauguration as it comes after the annual June In-Lon-Schka ceremonial dances where Osages come to the three villages "to appreciate and celebrate our community, being united around our drums, around our language, around our traditional foods, around our traditional dress (attire)."

Despite the orderly government and cultural structures Osages have always followed, Standing Bear cautioned the tribe still needs modern-day governing order.

"In fact government appears to be of a great assistance in providing the infrastructure from reliable water, electricity and other vital services," he said. "We must have medical care as we conduct our activities. We also need protection from outside forces who may not agree with our way of life. We have within our own customs, people and methods to maintain order and we do the best we can – Yet we are lacking in ways to completely keep us away from those substances, practices and people who have proven harmful."

Standing Bear then said: "It is therefore a priority of this administration to strengthen our defenses against these threats. This requires us to make laws, which prohibit harm to our people and their property and which have consequences for those violations. It requires us to maintain our courts and law enforcement and to coordinate with federal, state and other tribal governments as well as local cities and towns. It requires real solutions to substance abuse and the pain of addiction. We believe prevention is tied to good health. We believe that good diet and exercise are essential to all of us from youngest to the eldest. To whatever extent possible, this administration will support our community gardens and our efforts to bring back our traditional foods through the seed banks and the gardens of those who have thankfully kept the tradition of food going."

Standing Bear said he also vowed to ensure services such as the higher education scholarship program and burial assistance remain funded and tribal money would be spent according to what Osage people want. He also noted: "We will have to spend money, but this administration will always remember all the money and property of the Osage Nation belongs to the Osage people, this includes our casinos."

Standing Bear is the fourth Principal Chief to serve under the 2006 Osage government.

The 100-plus minute inauguration event was not all serious in nature – thanks to occasional humor shared by Tall Chief who is a seasoned powwow emcee. During the Pendleton giveaways to the elected officials, Tall Chief took the microphone and said: "They're each getting a blanket and a get-out-of-jail-free card." The audience laughed

as he added: "Sorry, had to do it."

There was also a brief moment of confusion on the stage on which presentation would occur next, with Red Corn, Standing Bear and Tall Chief speaking off-mic. Then Standing Bear said into the mic: "This is an indication of what we're going to have to do – straighten things out."

The audience laughed, cheered and some women lulu'd.

Plaques and blankets were also presented to outgoing Third ON Congress members including Standing Bear, Red Corn, Daniel Boone (absent) and John Free in addition to Buffalohead and Supernaw.

Standing Bear presented blankets to outgoing Principal Chief Scott BigHorse and Assistant Principal Chief Terry Mason Moore whom he thanked for their service and said he would remain in touch as the administration transition continues.

Osage musician and songwriter Marca Cassity performed her song "Bells" during the ceremony. Cassity is an ON Foundation grant recipient who successfully held a matching grant fundraiser earlier this year to record her album featuring the song which has Osage male dancer bells in the background.

In keeping with Osage inauguration tradition, Osage Tribal Museum senior researcher Lou Brock sang The Lord's Prayer. Brock has sung and provided music at past Osage inaugurations in 2006, 2010 and 2012. Former Osage tribal royalty princesses Robynn Rulo, Cher Satepauhoodle and Dora Williams followed Brock and provided sign language interpretation of the prayer song. Osage elder and Language Department Director Herman "Mogri" Lookout delivered the closing prayer in the Osage language.

Osages from near and far attended the inauguration ceremony along with regional non-Osages and dignitaries from state, federal, tribal and local government municipalities.

Osage constituent Rebekah Horsechief said she enjoyed the inauguration ambiance. She also quipped she got a kick out of seeing a non-Osage person walk among the crowd handing out meatpies to the mingling guests after the event.

"Elected officials are representative of the majority Osage vote, which is essentially a strong common theme of wants, needs, concerns, ideas and values," Horsechief said. "What stands out for me this time about our elected leadership is that they are all local community people. For me, there isn't one person that I am unfamiliar with. I am especially familiar with our new Chief Standing Bear who I've sat in Native American Church meetings with, who is an avid Osage language supporter, participates in our In-Lon-Shka, and was a sitting member of the Osage Congress. I admire the cultural, academic and lived-legislative experience he will bring to the table as Chief."

To view photos from the 2014 Osage Nation Inauguration visit the *Osage News* Flickr page.

## WIND FARMS

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The two wind farms are at the center of legal fights on three fronts.

On one front, the Osage Nation claims that the Board of Adjustment had no legal authority to grant Osage Wind a variance or conditional use permit in 2011 because the county's zoning ordinance, to which the board must adhere, never mentions industrial wind developments as an allowable use for agricultural land.

On the second front, the nation is appealing the Board of Adjustment's decision – handed down on May 8 without explanation – to reject the tribe's petition to stop construction of Osage Wind.

On the third, Mustang Run is appealing the Board of Adjustment's decision, also on May 8, to refuse to grant a permit to build the second industrial wind farm next to Osage Wind. That is the case heading to trial on Aug. 13.

Unsurprisingly, Mustang Run is opposed to the Osage Nation intervening in the appeal case, according to the petition.

But the Osage Nation says it has an absolute right to do so under state law.

The law, the petition says, "provides that an appeal to the District Court of a decision of the Board of Adjustment shall be tried de novo (anew) by the Court and that the Court shall have the same powers and authority as the Board of Adjustment to consider evidence and hear testimony from parties who may be affected by a decision.

"Intervenors have the statutory right to appear at the hearing by the Court and to present their evidence in opposition to the application, the same as they did at the public hearing held by the Board of Adjustment."

To boot, the DA's office doesn't have the expertise to represent the tribe's interests at trial, the petition says.

"The existing parties (the Board of Adjustment and Mustang Run) do not have a complete knowledge of Intervenors' property and rights under the statutes and treaties of the United States of America; the manner in which the project will affect the Osage Mineral Estate, including its existing leases, mineral extraction procedures and revenue production; and the cultural and religious significance to the Osage Nation of eagles, buried resources and Osage ancestor burials," the Osage petition says.

The tribe's opposition to the wind farm is based on a litany of issues, ranging from concerns that the huge wind turbines and the vast infrastructure under and around them will ruin one of the last remaining portions of the natural tallgrass prairie, that the wind "factory" will interfere with oil and other mineral extraction from the tribe's wholly owned subsurface, that it will kill bald and golden eagles that the tribe considers sacred, and that dozens of tribal cultural sites will be disturbed or ruined.

TradeWind officials have dismissed the Osage Nation's concerns; at one point Wind Capital's founding partner Dean Baumgartner commented: "The site of the Osage Wind Farm is not the pristine environment that the Nation would have people believe. The Osage Nation has been leasing out the mineral rights for decades to oil companies. Oil wells, pipes, pumps and storage tanks crisscross the area and there are no eagles."

Wind Capital's own permit application back in 2011 contradicted Baumgartner's statement that there are no eagles. It identified five nests within 10 miles, some of them inactive, and said it was rejiggering the configuration of turbines in deference to the fact that there is an active nest near the U.S. 60 and OK 18 intersection on Little Chief Creek.

An Osage Nation survey, compiled from data from the Sutton Avian Research Center, shows eight nests in the same radius, as well as sightings of both golden and bald eagles.

For its part, the Board of Adjustment has responded tersely to Mustang Run's appeal of its decision to deny that 94-turbine wind farm a conditional use permit. Last week, the board responded to the appeal, saying that Mustang Run had failed to name parties to the case that would be needed for a "just adjudication" and that the board had the right to use its own judgment in denying the wind farm a permit to build.

"The Board exercised its discretion in denying the conditional use permit, and this court should not disturb the decision of the Board," the 1 1/2 page response by the adjustment board says.

For the time being, Judge Post – who was assigned to the case after Osage County District Court Judge M. John Kane recused because he owns land on which wind farms have leases – has not allowed the Osage Nation to intervene in the Mustang Run appeal. Post also set a deadline of July 7 for evidence and documentation in the case to be filed, and asked the parties to file trial briefs 10 days before the Aug. 13 trial.

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## MINERALS

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bers one by one and anointed their foreheads with oil and blessed them with incensing, which looked very similar to the Native American tradition of blessing with cedar smoke.

“I anointed them with oil, prayed for the coming, spirit of wisdom, guidance, gratitude and leadership,” Daigle said. “The incensing was to show the sacredness of each of them and their duties to be carried out.”

Deacon Robert Axson read from the Acts of the Apostles and the Lord’s Prayer was said as the mass progressed. Afterward, the attendees wished each other peace.

“What you have been entrusted to, is the keys to the kingdom, so to speak,” Daigle said. “What you choose to do is done. What you choose not to do is not done. It’s a heavy responsibility ... to lead. That ability to be there for the people.”

Daigle said all Osages are not allottees, but that all the council members had to think and work for all Osages.

“You all have your own visions of leadership, but I ask on behalf of your people, which is strange because I’m about as white as they come,” Daigle said, in which everyone laughed. “But, I ask on behalf of your people, to give them hope.”

Following the mass was the swearing in of the new council members at the council chambers. The ceremony went quickly, with each member, including Crum who was still feeling ill, taking their oaths to uphold the Osage Constitution and to perform their duties to the best of their abilities. Osage Nation Trial Court Chief Judge Marvin Stepson swore in the council members. William Fletcher placed Pendleton blankets on the new council. Susan Forman, natural gas consultant and Osage shareholder, was the guest speaker.

Amy Farid, an Osage makeup artist living in New York City and whose aunt is minerals councilwoman Cynthia Boone, has been in Oklahoma throughout the month of June working on the film, “The Heart Stays.” The film just wrapped filming in Pawhuska and she leaves for New York this week. She said the Inauguration festivities were a great way to end her trip home.

“It’s so great to be here for the Inauguration and be here for my aunt Cynthia [Boone],” Farid said. “The Inauguration was a great expansion of the Osage In-Lon-Schka dances for me because I was able to attend all three while I was here. For someone living out of state it was really nice to be able to be here for both our culture and our governmental side of our Osage people.”

The minerals council meets every third Wednesday and Friday of each month. For more information visit: <http://www.osagenation-nsn.gov/who-we-are/minerals-council>.

TARA MADDEN/Osage News

**Father Christopher P. Daigle held a mass for the incoming Third Osage Minerals Council members July 1 at the Immaculate Conception Church in Pawhuska.**



TARA MADDEN/Osage News

**The incoming Third Osage Minerals Council members bow their head in prayer at a mass held in their honor July 1 at the Immaculate Conception Church in Pawhuska.**



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“As an investment professional, a mentor for Native American attorneys, and a member of the Osage Nation, Vince has been deeply rooted in Indian Country for many decades,” said Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewell in a prepared release. “His asset management expertise, legal experience and extensive network of professional relationships in Indian Country will well serve the Office of Special Trustee and the Department of the Interior as we work to build a stronger and more responsive trust asset management system for the Nation’s First Americans. I am pleased the Senate voted to confirm him to this leadership post at Interior.”

Logan was sworn in by Secretary Jewell and commenced work on July 7.

Logan will be responsible for more than \$3.7 billion in tribal trust funds and Individual Indian Money accounts. He will be responsible for managing leases for developing natural resources, such as coal, oil, natural gas, timber and grazing, that generate income for those accounts, according to the DOI website. He is also responsible for the Land Buy-Back Program for Tribal Nations.

The office for the Special Trustee has been vacant since January of 2009. President Barack Obama first nominated Logan in September of 2012. The rift between Republicans and Democrats has been widely reported as the most likely culprit for the delays in the confirmations of Obama’s appointments.

The American Indian Trust Fund Management Reform Act of 1994 created the Office

of Special Trustee to improve the accountability and management of Indian funds held in trust by the federal government.

Logan is a direct descendant of Wah-Tian-Kah, the Osage who led the tribe to move to its present location where oil was discovered and the Osage minerals estate became the most important asset to the tribe. He was born in Pawnee Indian Hospital, raised in Norman, but has spent the majority of his life as a New Yorker. He comes from a family of public service, which he said makes him both proud and humble.

Based in New York, Logan is owner of The Nations Group, LLC, an investment consulting firm focused on Native America with experience in private banking as a corporate attorney. He’s worked in the private banking and Investment Group at Merrill Lynch from 2006 to 2009,

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

Logan is from the Morrell family of the Hominy District.

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## IHS

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patient outcomes as we implement new strategies for patient centered healthcare,” said April Gothard, Pawhuska IHS Unit Director. The clinic was notified in April of their award. “I’m proud of the Pawhuska Indian Health Center Team for the dedication and focus they have given to doing what is best for our patients.”

The challenge aimed to identify and recognize high performing practices and systems that achieved hypertension control among patients, improve understanding of successful implantation strategies and motivate team members, including patients to intensify their hypertension control efforts.

The Pawhuska clinic was chosen for the Million Hearts award by using measurable success with increased blood pressure control from 66.7 percent to 73.2 percent in 2013, according to a prepared release. The staff used a clinic-wide approach to assist patients to reach a healthy goal. They incorporated the pharmacy, dental, optometry and behav-



TARA MADDEN/Osage News

**The Pawhuska IHS Clinic, located next door to the Osage Nation Executive Branch offices.**

ioral health departments in the plan, Gothard said.

“‘CHOOSE LIFE’ in the battle against Hypertension – we are the patient’s allies. Their health care team must provide support in their effort against Hypertension by providing any assistance we can, including but not limited to patient education on a vast array of topics,” said Michael Shackelford in an email, an RN for the clinic. “The patient’s responsibilities are numerous, they must make lifestyle adaptations including: nutritional modifications, medication admin-

istration, home monitoring, routine follow-up visits with their primary care provider and continue or begin an exercise program.

“To be successful against this silent killer, the patient must continue the changes they make throughout their lives, this is not a sprint, it is a marathon that lasts their whole life and we must be with them for every step of their journey,” Shackelford said.

The clinic used electronic charting to target the high-risk patients so they could improve communication throughout

the clinic regarding patient care, Gothard said.

The different departments throughout the clinic participated, primarily the medical and pharmacy and the Osage Nation Nursing Program – however the Dental, Optometry and Behavior Health were participants with a referral, Gothard said.

The Pawhuska IHS staff reached their goals and their mission was already in place based on the 2013 clinical performance, said Dr. John Farris, Chief Medical Officer for the Oklahoma City Area IHS in a prepared release. He is also the man who nominated them for the Million Hearts Award.

The Pawhuska clinic staff utilized the pharmacy to offer blood pressure checks, medication counseling and review, adjustments until patients reached a therapeutic range, Gothard said.

The clinic hopes by achieving these goals and results that national recognition will reinforce the importance to their patients to achieve their individual goals for good health, Gothard said.

## BOONE

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so that when they came in they wouldn't have to deal with it."

Boone hired Jack Elsey, a Tahlequah-based attorney to fight what she is calling "harassment." She continues to go to the minerals council office but because she cannot interact with the staff she does her work without assistance.

### Police reports

Beginning in 2013, the police reports detail a rise of domestic abuse between Rackliff and her child's father Maurice Kent, an Osage tribal member. Kent is a registered sex offender and has repeatedly physically abused Rackliff, and one report said she was nine months pregnant at the time. Rackliff obtained a protective order from Kent in July of 2013. A total of 12 police reports involve Rackliff since

January 2013, and five involve Boone.

"There are some people in the office that feel they are being endangered," Boone said, referring to Rackliff's domestic abuse with Kent.

On Jan. 10, 2014, Rackliff was arrested at the minerals council chambers on a warrant for missing a court date with Kent.

On Feb. 26, Boone went to the ONPD station with Rackliff's phone records from her minerals council issued cell phone. "Boone advised she observed several calls placed from this phone to a [number] which belongs to a Maurice Kent," according to the police report. The report detailed the many calls made between Rackliff and Kent and ONPD Officer Mike Anderson said it was his opinion Rackliff had blatant disregard for the protective order.

On Feb. 27, Rackliff called the ONPD and said Boone was

harassing her and had been for an extended period of time. Rackliff also said she had reported the incidents to the ON Human Resources Department and the ON Attorney General, whom she said told her to make a police report and that she wanted a restraining order against Boone.

"I went into the office one day and I was asking Dena some questions about some information I had in my hand and she said I was making her uncomfortable. I said what is making you uncomfortable and she started pounding on the wall yelling for Melvin Core," Boone said. "The next thing I know she filed a petition in the tribal court for a protective order against me, she had written up an incident report and made several statements that were a lie ... The same day I went to the court about the protective order was the same day she was arrested for perjury."

On Feb. 28, Rackliff is arrested for perjury after being caught on a Kum & Go camera kissing Kent in violation of her protective order. Her minerals council cell phone is seized as evidence.

On March 11, Rackliff is assaulted by Kent, in Kent's residence.

On June 13, Councilman Melvin Core calls ONPD after Boone and Rackliff begin arguing in the minerals council office. According to the police report, when Officer Dan Hively arrived Boone began to tell her side of the story and, "Entry was made into the office by Dena Rackliff who was evidently the source of Ms. Boones problem." Hively said in his report that he allowed Boone to speak first, in which Rackliff began making "disruptive noises" and "disrespectful sounds." Hively said he rounded on Rackliff and the situation verbally escalated. He allowed both women to

tell their side of the issue and said he later spoke to Core and Yates about a possible resolution to the problem.

Boone said Rackliff was not penalized for being "disrespectful" to her.

"I was recently elected to my third consecutive term and that should say a lot to my associates. Because I was elected to come back and handle my elected duties and I was honored and I was humbled to be elected for a third time and I will continue to serve the shareholders," Boone said. "I'm not going to let these men bully me around because I think this whole thing was set up just to attack me. And why they waited till the last two weeks of our term to bring all this out, I don't know."

By press time the resolution still stands. The Third Osage Minerals Council meets July 16 at 10 a.m. in the Osage Minerals Council chambers.

# OMC INAUGURATION



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ABOVE: Father Christopher P. Daigle anoints the council members foreheads with oil at a mass for the incoming Third Osage Minerals Council, July 1, at the Immaculate Conception Church in Pawhuska.



TARA MADDEN/Osage News

Attendees at a mass for the incoming Third Osage Minerals Council members July 1 at the Immaculate Conception Church in Pawhuska.

# Osage siblings star in heavy metal rock band at Rocklahoma

By Tara Madden  
Osage News

Braxton and Roxanne Gothard have a love of music. It began at a young age with playing instruments and singing but when Braxton heard heavy metal for the first time he knew that's what he wanted to do.

Now, Braxton is the lead singer for the heavy metal band "Enslaved by Fear" and his younger sister Roxanne is the keyboardist and back up signer for the band. Fans know Braxton as Brax Goth and Roxanne is known as Rox Goth. Braxton has been with the band for a year and Roxanne has been a member of the band since December 2013.

This year they performed at

Rocklahoma for the first time, the biggest venue they have played to date.

"I am very excited, this is the largest venue we have played and nervous because it is not my genre of music that I prefer, but I am excited to play in front of the fans," Roxanne said.

"Enslaved by Fear" has played in Tulsa, Oklahoma City, Kansas and Arkansas before they played Rocklahoma.

Braxton has had a passion for singing since the seventh grade as well as playing the bass guitar and drums. His favorite genre of music to play is heavy metal or metalcore, which is a broad fusion genre of extreme metal and hardcore punk, according to Wikipedia.

Roxanne has played the



TARA MADDEN/Osage News

Braxton and Roxanne Gothard, Osage siblings. The duo's band, Enslaved by Fear, performed at Rocklahoma on May 23.

piano since the age of eight and has been singing since she could talk, she said. She enjoys playing in the band however her genre of choice is New Age and singing ballads. The siblings grew up in Seattle with their parents April and Eric Gothard. Their mother April is the Pawhuska Indian Health Clinic director.

"I am so proud of them and this opportunity," April Gothard said. "I am their biggest fan."

Rocklahoma is a yearly music festival in Pryor. It has several stages for artists to perform with artists performing till early hours in the morning. Rocklahoma brings in many big named bands to perform on the main stage and

allows local bands to perform in front of fans on the smaller stages.

"Enslaved by Fear" played on the Axis Stage, May 23, at noon. The axis stage was located in the camping area. Fans filled up the Axis Tent and lined up in front of the stage to hear the band play.

"It is awesome to get to play at Rocklahoma with some of the biggest names in the music industry," Braxton said.

The concert had a big turnout with fans rocking out to the music being played by the band. The band put on a great show for the fans. Braxton and Roxanne and the rest of the band mingled with fans before and after the show and posed for photos with fans.

Keyline Magazine sponsors the band and Braxton is also a writer for the magazine where he oversees the Heavy Metal and Hard Rock article for the Keyline Magazine.

Braxton and Roxanne are the grandchildren of Miya McKim and great-grandchildren of John Fletcher McKim. Braxton and Roxanne belong to the Pawhuska District, they are of the Eagle Clan and were named by their uncle Harry Red Eagle.

To see more photos of their performance at Rocklahoma, visit the Osage News Flickr set at <https://www.flickr.com/photos/osagenews/sets/72157644479957330/>



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Roxanne and Braxton Gothard, Osage siblings, performed at Rocklahoma on May 23.



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Braxton Gothard, Osage lead singer for the heavy metal band Enslaved by Fear.

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## All 2014 Osage general election results now certified

Benny Polacca  
Osage News

The 2014 Osage election results are now set in the history books.

The Osage Nation Election Board wrapped its business regarding the June 2 general election after certifying the results for the six proposed constitutional amendments on June 18. The later certification of the results comes after a discovery of mathematical errors in the breakdown of the voting tallies on four of the six amendment questions, which appeared on the ballot.

Despite the math discrepancies, the unofficial results announced hours after the June 2 election poll closed will stand because the final totals were not impacted enough to change the outcome of the election.

On June 11, Election Board Chairwoman Shannon Lockett said the errors occurred when the totals for "no" votes on the four questions on day one of early voting were erroneously added to the subtotals listed

on the results sheet released to the public.

On the results sheet for the constitutional amendment questions, the results are listed with final total of "yes" votes along with the breakdown of voting results for days one and two of early voting, in-person Election Day votes and absentee votes.

The margin of discrepancy on the day one totals ranges from one to 15 votes.

The election board contacted contracting company TrueBallot Inc. once the errors were discovered and the company responded with the corrected results for the election board's consideration. Board members Lockett, Terry Hazen and board alternate member Walter Hopper voted unanimously to certify the results in the constitutional amendment question race.

TrueBallot returned to conduct the counting for the June 2 general election as it did in past elections, including the March 10 primary election and 2012 and 2010 elections. This

year, the Washington, D.C.-based company was one of two companies that bid on the election.

TrueBallot became the target of Osage public criticism after a software malfunction on their part delayed the ballot counting process and as a result, the election outcome was not announced until the early morning of June 3. TrueBallot company did not respond to an Osage News request for comment regarding the election delay.

The election board and Election Supervisor Alexis Rencountre said they would explore other options in preparing for the 2016 election year.

In other election board news, former chairman Walter Hopper will shift to an alternate board member position now that the 2014 election results are all certified. Recently appointed board member Anita Fields will move into the regu-

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## Recount results for Congressional candidate Cecelia Tallchief same as election night

By Benny Polacca  
Osage News

The June 2 Osage Nation general election results in the Fourth ON Congressional race will stand after a hand recount of ballots resulted in the same vote counts for candidate Cecelia Tallchief.

On June 13, the ON Election Board and office staff conducted the hand recount after Tallchief filed a recount request and paid the required \$500 bond. Tallchief finished seventh – just 16 votes shy of the sixth and final Congressional seat up for grabs in this year's general election.

According to the Election Board, the recount commenced at 9:30 a.m. that day and ended at 3:56 p.m. Board members Shannon Lockett, Terry Hazen, Walter Hopper and two Election Office staffers conducted the recount, which was closed to the public.

At the invitation of the election board, Tallchief observed the recount along with two representatives of her choosing.

Once the recount was finished, the election board voted to certify the Congressional race results from the June 2 election. Tallchief finished seventh with 698 votes and sixth place finisher Angela M. Pratt received 714 votes.

Tallchief said she requested the recount after receiving encouragement from friends and relatives. She also said: "I strongly believe that Osage Nation candidates and citizens should be confident in the outcomes of our democratic election processes. A recount of Osage people's votes for Congress should settle this question."

In the beginning, the Election Board said it would recount all votes cast in the 21-candidate Congressional race. But the board later decided to narrow the recount scope to only votes cast for Tallchief.

In a June 13 statement regarding the recount, Election Board Chairwoman Shannon Lockett said: "After further deliberation on this recount, it became apparent that only Cecelia Tallchief's votes were eligible for recount. She is the only candidate that has filed a petition for recount and paid the required \$500 fee. In addition, any votes that may have been picked up or lost by candidate Tallchief would not result in a loss or gain of votes to other candidates, as it would in a race where voters can only vote for one candidate. Therefore, the recount conducted today focused exclusively on votes for Cecelia Tallchief."

After the recount, Tallchief said: "I would like to commend the election board on their accurate count ... I am very proud of the system used. Every ballot was counted and the total was exactly the same as Election Day."

This was the first time in the Osage reformed government's history that a ballot recount was conducted for an ON Congressional race.

The last time a ballot recount took place was during the 2010 election when then-Assistant Principal Chief candidate Everett Waller requested a recount. Lockett said the results in Waller's recount turned up 100 percent the same as those reported by TrueBallot, the contracted company hired for that election as well as the 2012 and this year's elections.

Lockett recalled the 2010 ballot recount focused only on votes cast in the Assistant Principal Chief's race and took approximately four hours.

According to the Nation's election code, only a candidate may challenge the results of the election race in which he or she ran for office. The candidate must pay a \$500 bond along in requesting a recount.

Election Supervisor Alexis Rencountre said a total of approximately 2,400 ballots were cast in the June 2 general election.



Cecelia Tallchief



TARA MADDEN/Osage News

Jordan and Jack Thomas participate in the Osage Foundation's Summer Youth Photography Camp while others listen to instructor Sherry Stinson, learning what makes a great photo and the basics of digital cameras.

## Osage Foundation hosts third annual Summer Youth Camps

TARA MADDEN  
Osage News

Seven camps have been set up for the local youth to participate in during the summer months.

The Osage Foundation is hosting the third annual summer youth camps to provide Osage children and local youth a chance to participate in camps to teach them skills and to teach fundamentals within the seven camps offered, according to the Foundation's website.

"This is the third year for the Youth Camps and the largest year to date with 500 participating due to a partnership with the local Boys and Girls club. Last year there were 180 participants, so this is by far the largest group and our best turn out," said Bill Webb, executive director for the Foundation.

The Summer Youth Basketball Camp was held the week of June 18-June 20 at the Osage Nation Boys and Girls Club in Pawhuska.

The camp participants were taught the fundamentals of basketball and were taught drills to help the campers become better basketball players. Skills taught included learning ball-handling skills, as well as free throws and other activities.

Participants were divided into age groups and skill levels.

One of the most popular camps, the Summer Youth Photography Camp, hosted by Sherry Stinson, was held at the Boys and Girls Club as well. The camp participants were given the opportunity to learn the fundamentals of how to use a digital camera, photo editing, and composition.

Participants were required to bring their own digital camera to class. The class, taught in two different age groups, also gave participants a chance to craft art projects, photo frames, and make scrapbook pages.

"These camps are incredibly fun to teach and I've been honored to do so the past three years," said Stinson. "Seeing the world through the eyes of a child is both refreshing and inspiring. I can't wait to see what the future holds for these bright, young children."

The class will all get a printed hardcover book with biographies written by the participants highlighting their photographs. The camp was held June 23-June 26

### Upcoming camps

Golf camp will be held at First Tee of Tulsa at the Mohawk Golf Course on July 14-July 15. The camp is coordinated by Leslie Core-Drevecky'

(Osage) the staff and instructors are motivated to teach each participant the game of golf, according to the Foundation's website.

The First Tee will provide golf clubs for those who do not have their own and will provide snacks each day.

Transportation is not provided to the participants and parents will need to find a way to get them to and from camp daily.

Dance Camp is for student's ages six to eight. Participants will receive education in dance history as well as technique and choreography in jazz, hip-hop and ballet.

The participants will receive strengthening training and conditioning during the dance class, according to the Foundation's website.

- Dance class for Pawhuska is every Tuesday from June 3- Aug. 5

- Hominy dance class is every Wednesday from June 4-Aug. 6

- Fairfax dance class is every Thursday from June 5 to Aug. 7

Dance classes will be held at the Boys and Girls clubs of all three districts.

Archery camp will teach physical education through target archery shooting; it will cover history, safety and techniques, equipment and mental concentration and self-improvement, according to the Foundation's website.

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- Hominy archery class is every Wednesday from June 4-Aug. 6

- Fairfax archery class is every Thursday from June 5-Aug. 7

The archery classes will be held at the Boys and Girls Clubs of the three districts.

Zoo Skeleton Crew camp is for ages 10-12 on Aug. 4-Aug. 8 at the Tulsa Zoo.

The camp will be picking bones, fossils and other ancient remains during the prehistoric adventure, according to the Foundation's website. "The camp will take the participants on a journey back in time starting with the Cambrian Explosion and looking at creatures of the Cretaceous Period."

The participants will examine a mock bison kill site for signs of ancient humans, according to the Foundation's website. Transportation to the camp is not provided and parents will need to find a way to get their child to and from camp daily.

"The Osage Nation Foundation is a foundation is a foundation that helps promote general welfare of the people of the Osage Nation by supporting cultural, educational, health and historical and community and other appropriate activities and programs," according to the ONF mission statement.

For more information visit [www.osagefoundation.org](http://www.osagefoundation.org).

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lar board position. Fields recused herself from involvement with the general election after her brother Rick Luttrell filed to run for the Fourth Osage Nation Congress.

Fields said she is "excited about joining the board," adding she hopes to learn a lot more and contribute to the Osage election process.

## 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](mailto:sshaw@osagetribe.org). Letters must be respectful and informative to the reader, and may be edited for grammar, clarity and space.



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Participants in the Osage Foundation's Summer Basketball Camp learn the fundamentals of basketball.

# Whitehorn elected Congressional Speaker; Buffalohead elected Second Speaker

By Benny Polacca  
Osage News

Hours after taking the oath of office, the Fourth Osage Nation Congress met for their first special session specifically to elect the Congressional officers who will preside until next spring.

On July 2, the new ON Congress elected Maria Whitehorn by majority vote to serve as Congressional Speaker and Alice Buffalohead as the Second Speaker.

This is the first time Whitehorn will serve as Speaker. She was nominated and won the most votes from her fellow Congressional peers who elect the officers annually. Also nominated for Speaker were Congresswoman Shannon Edwards and former Speaker Archie Mason who held the spot during the First ON Congress.

The special session was made possible by Congressional bill ONCA 14-45 (spon-



Fourth Osage Nation Congressional Speaker Maria Whitehorn.

sored by Whitehorn) passed by the Third ON Congress during its June 17 special session.

According to ONCA 14-45, the Congress is allowed to waive its 10-day notice requirement for a special session for the specific purpose of electing its officers and setting its Congressional committees for the year. These special sessions are limited up to three business days following the



Fourth Osage Nation Second Congressional Speaker Alice Buffalohead.

inauguration of the incoming Congressional members.

For the first special session under this law, the Fourth ON Congress signed a legislative proclamation calling for the 4 p.m. session just hours after they were sworn into office at the Osage Casinos-Ponca City Hotel and Casino.

The special session lasted two hours and 45 minutes as the Congress reviewed and de-

bated the Congressional rules, which dictate the legislative body's operating rules including the election of officers. Congressional clerk Barbara Rice, who opened the day's special session and elections for the officers, said a majority vote is 7 votes if all 12 members are present.

During the call for Speaker nominees, Buffalohead nominated Whitehorn, Congressman James Norris nominated Mason and Edwards nominated herself.

The officer election process drew several questions from both sitting and incoming Congress members, especially after an initial vote of the officers resulted in a tie between Whitehorn and Mason.

The Congress members debated whether it would be appropriate for newly inaugurated Assistant Principal Chief Raymond Red Corn to break the ties. During Congress sessions, the Assistant Principal Chief does have power to break tie votes on pieces of legislation, but the concerns centered on whether the same authority should apply to a Congressional officer.

Before the votes, the three nominees delivered remarks on why they want to be Speaker.

"I feel I have the leadership skills needed for this position," said Whitehorn. This is Whitehorn's second run for Speaker. She has previously served as chairwoman of the Congressional committees for government operations and commerce and economic development. Elected by Osage voters in 2012 for her first term, Whitehorn said she is an advocate for changing the Congressional rules and believes communication skills are crucial for the Speaker's role.

Edwards nominated herself adding "I was asked to run by constituents" and "I care about this process very much."

Citing her 25 years of experience in practicing law Edwards said it's "important we have an order to our process." Edwards, who served as Congressional rules and ethics committee chairwoman said she is still an advocate for reviewing and updating the Congressional rules - a project undertaken by the committee earlier this year, but a proposed copy of updated rules were tabled by the Third ON Congress during a May special session.

Mason served as the first Congressional Speaker during the First ON Congressional

term (2006-2010) and said he still likes challenges and that he still enjoys coming to work. Mason won re-election in 2012 and served on several Congressional committees including chairman of the health and social services committee.

"I had the opportunity to be the first speaker, during that time one of my particular goals was to get things running," Mason said of setting the Congress rules and legislation for the newborn 2006 government at the time.

The 6-6 tie votes for Whitehorn and Mason prompted Edwards to withdraw her name before the vote on her nomination took place.

Congress members voting for Whitehorn the first time were: Buffalohead, Angela Pratt, Ron Shaw, William "Kugee" Supernaw, RJ Walker, and Whitehorn.

Voting for Mason were: John Jech, John Maker, Mason, James Norris, Edwards and Otto Hamilton.

Afterward, debate took place on how to break the vote with the Congress reluctant to let Red Corn break the tie. Buffalohead said she would work on a proposed rule change for the Congressional rules to handle the tie situation.

A second round of voting took place with Whitehorn first with Jech changing his vote to "yes," therefore breaking the tie and Whitehorn winning her first year as Speaker.

For Second Speaker, Jech nominated Buffalohead and Edwards nominated Maker.

Maker said he would bring fairness to the Second Speaker role if elected and Buffalohead noted she has human resource work experience and would be comfortable managing the Congressional staff in addition to serving as Speaker in Whitehorn's absence.

Buffalohead won the Second Speaker election with eight votes from Hamilton, Jech, Buffalohead, Mason, Pratt, Supernaw, Walker and Whitehorn.

Whitehorn and Buffalohead will serve in their Congressional officer roles until the end of the 2015 Hun-Kah Congressional Session when those positions are typically voted on.

## OSAGE NATION CONGRESS COMMITTEE LIST

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## Osage News wins five Oklahoma Press Association awards

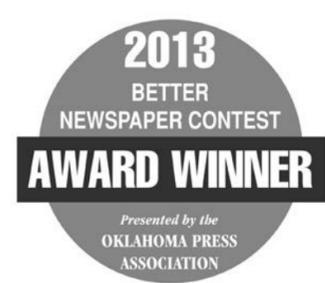
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MIDWEST CITY, Okla. - The Osage News took home five Oklahoma Press Association awards on June 13 after participating in the 2013 Better Newspaper Contest, including three first place awards for news writing, feature writing and community leadership.

The newspaper also won OPA awards including:

- Second place for editorial comment
- Fourth place for news content

For the community leadership award, Osage News Editor Shannon Shaw Duty submitted stories regarding the newspaper's lawsuit against former Principal Chief



John Red Eagle for not following the Nation's open records law. At the approval of the newspaper's editorial board, the Osage News filed suit in ON Trial Court seeking a copy of a consultant's contract authorized by the Red Eagle administration. Several prior requests for the document

went unanswered, prompting the case.

The case was eventually dismissed after the Chief provided a copy of the contract and became one of the focuses of the ON Congressional investigation and removal trial, which resulted in Red Eagle's impeachment in January of this year.

The Osage News participated in the annual newspaper contest with publications of all sizes from across Oklahoma.

This is the third year the newspaper competed in the OPA Better Newspaper Contest. All contest entrants submitted stories and published content from the 2013 calendar year.



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Attendees of the 2014 Osage Nation Inauguration visit and take their seats before the ceremony began on July 2 at the Osage Casinos-Ponca City.



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Attendees of the 2014 Osage Nation Inauguration arrive on July 2 at the Osage Casinos-Ponca City.



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Attendees of the 2014 Osage Nation Inauguration wait in line to congratulate the recently inaugurated on July 2 at the Osage Casinos-Ponca City.

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ABOVE LEFT: Jakoby Iron poses with an *Osage News* foam camera at 2014 Grayhorse In-Lon-Schka.



ABOVE RIGHT: Osage woman walking down the road during 2014 Grayhorse In-Lon-Schka.

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Tara Madden / Osage News*

# In-Lon-Schka 2014



Joseph Goodfox Jr. walks toward the arbor at the 2014 Hominy In-Lon-Schka.



Nate West walking to the arbor at the 2014 Hominy In-Lon-Schka.



Osage boy dancing for the first time gets ready at Archie Mason's camp at the 2014 Grayhorse In-Lon-Schka.

# In-Lon-Schka 2014

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Irene Lazelle waves to the *Osage News* while her daughter Linda Lazelle takes her to her bench on June 12 during the Hominy In-Lon-Schka dances.



Town Crier Caesar Williams calls out the Osage name of Athen Cheatham before he is placed into the Hominy In-Lon-Schka June 12.



Dancers of the Pawhuska District line up to enter the Hominy In-Lon-Schka arbor June 13.



Dr. Steven Pratt fixes the scalplock on his son Joseph before he puts on his roach June 12 at the 2014 Hominy In-Lon-Schka.

*More In-Lon-Schka photos  
on pages 15 through 17*



TARA MADDEN / Osage News

Everett Waller at the 2014 Pawhuska In-Lon-Schka.

### Letters to the Editor

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Romaine Shackelford walks with his son Harrison toward the dance arbor during the Hominy In-Lon-Schka dances on June 12.



Katelynn Pipestem, the new Osage Tribal Princess, walks toward the arbor during the Grayhorse In-Lon-Schka on June 6.



Berbon Hamilton, Pawhuska Whip Man, walks toward the dance arbor on June 27 during the Pawhuska In-Lon-Schka dances.



Yatika Fields gets ready at the Pratt Camp during the Hominy In-Lon-Schka dances on June 12.

# In-Lon-Schka 2014

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Men from the Grayhorse District head into the arbor on Thursday afternoon during the Grayhorse In-Lon-Schka on June 5.



Raymond Lasley prepares to take his grandson Loren Coburn and a relative into the Grayhorse In-Lon-Schka dances on June 5.



Hominy District drum warmer, Rick Luttrell, carries the drum in at the 2014 Hominy In-Lon-Schka.



Hominy District dancers waiting to go into the arbor during the 2014 Grayhorse In-Lon-Schka.

# In-Lon-Schka

# 2014

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A man's dance stick and Pendleton blanket lying at the Shunkamolah camp at the 2014 Hominy In-Lon-Schka.



Logan and Corlin Cass at the 2014 Pawhuska In-Lon-Schka dances.



Dancers of the Grayhorse District line up to enter the Hominy In-Lon-Schka arbor June 14.



Dancers of the Grayhorse District line up to enter the Hominy In-Lon-Schka arbor June 14.

# In-Lon-Schka 2014

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Paul, Kenny Bob and Pete Bighorse enter the Pawhuska In-Lon-Schka arbor.

## OSAGE CULTURE *In-Lon-Schka*

Charles Red Corn  
Osage News

The In-Lon-Schka Dance is described here, just my impressions. It happens on three weekends in June. The Dance is the same whether it is held at Grayhorse, Hominy or Pawhuska.

While the People are gathering the Whip Men greet the Dancers at one of the entrances to the arbor and leads them to their seats. During this time each of the three Drumkeepers, their Head Committees and their Committees are lead into the Arbor to their places on the benches. Everyone waits for a brief period. Those three Drumkeepers are led by the Crier, who is wrapped in a blanket and carries an Eagle Fan. He calls out in a strong voice, telling the People what is taking place.

After a brief time, when the three Drumkeepers have entered the Arbor and at the appointed time, the Singers begin a beat of the In-Lon-Schka Drum. All is quiet except for the beat of the Drum. The Opening Song is beautiful and no one dances on the Opening Song. On the second song, the host Drumkeeper stands and begins the dance and other Dancers join him. It can be a moving experience.

The dance gets started and the Men dance near to the drum, moving to their right around the Drum, and the Women Dancers form an outer circle, also moving to their right between the Men Dancers and the families and friends who are viewing the dance. Both Men and Women Dancers are dressed in their finest traditional clothing.

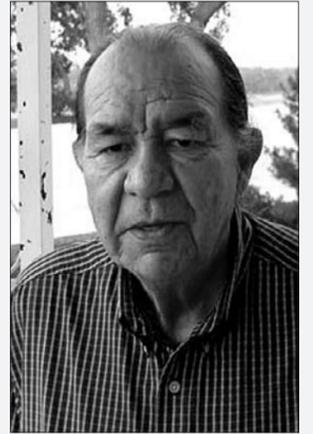
There you are, moving to the beat of the Drum when someone dances alongside of you and shakes your hand, or you see two young ladies talking while standing in the corner of the dance arbor waiting for the next song to begin.

Watching the people go by I see familiar faces. Somehow, those familiar faces remind me of people who have gone on to that other world and it makes me just a little sad, knowing they are no longer with us, no longer dancing.

The next song begins softly and is a little faster than the song before, and it is a good one. The dancers stand and dance toward the Drum, moving to the beat of the Drum, bringing the sound of the bells.

The Men Singer's voices seem perfect, and the equally perfect Women voices join in, and the pound of the Drum gets a little stronger, they are all together. When the song ends and the dancers return to their benches the Singers begin the Tail Dance. The Tail Dance is a few words from the song just ended. The twelve Tail Dancers stand and finish the song once more, ending together on the final beat of the song.

After dancing to a group of several songs that have been sung the Water Boys stand and walk to get their buckets with dippers. They carry the buckets of water to the benches where Dancers sit. One of the Water



Charles Red Corn

Boys carries water to the Singers.

It is during a break in the dancing the Crier leads a young man and his relatives into the Arbor. It is his initiation into the In-Lon-Schka, and the Crier calls out, telling the People who this young man is, what family he comes from. The Young Man is introduced to the People by the Head Committeeman, and the family of the Young Man gives gifts. When that is done the Crier leads the New Dancer to his seat. This scene is the Young Man's introduction to a lifetime of meaningful and good experiences and is repeated several times during the Dance.

It is also a time when the Mothers and Grandmothers and Aunts and Sisters get to inspect and watch and appreciate the work they have done to get the Sons and Daughters ready for this moment.

After a very fast moving song the Singers begin the Tail Dance and as the twelve Tail Dancers dance toward the Drum, and the Head Tail Dancer waves his Dance Stick into the air, and at that moment the Singers do not end the Tail Dance, rather they continue and sing the full song again. It is a good moment, full of energy, and all of the Dancers, both Men and Women join the Tail Dancers and repeat the song.

While this is happening you tend to see that while those who have gone on are no longer with us, those of us who are here today and are dancing are their descendants, their families. I remember as a child, listening. The Old Men would speak in the Osage Language and then repeat their talk in English, much the way some Osages still speak today, and the phrase they would use most was, "Generation after Generation."

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



CHALENE TOEHAY/Osage News

Assistant Chief Raymond Red Corn, Principal Chief Geoffrey Standing Bear and U.S. House Rep. Tom Cole during the 2014 Osage Nation Inauguration on July 2 at the Osage Casinos-Ponca City.

# Inauguration 2014



CHALENE TOEHAY/Osage News

Osage Nation Congresswoman Alice Buffalohead receives a kiss from her husband Jerod after the Inauguration ceremony finished on July 2 at the Osage Casinos-Ponca City.



TARA MADDEN/Osage News

Mary Bighorse samples food from the buffet, provided as the lunch after the 2014 Osage Nation Inauguration on July 2 at the Osage Casinos-Ponca City.



TARA MADDEN/Osage News

Osage Nation Principal Chief Geoffrey Standing Bear takes his oath of office at the 2014 Osage Nation Inauguration July 2 at the Osage Casinos-Ponca City.



SHANNON SHAW DUTY/Osage News

Osage Casinos-Ponca City staff passed out meatpies to attendees of the 2014 Osage Nation Inauguration.

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*I would like to thank all those who supported and voted for me throughout my campaign. Those who offered their friendship, advice and contributions have solidified my faith in the future of our people.*

*Although, I was not successful in becoming your congressman, I was impressed by the genuine concerns of tribal members who also are eager to see our elected officials bring about a cohesive and transparent government. My campaign has greatly enriched my life. I spoke at almost twenty Meet and Greet gatherings across Oklahoma and Texas and enjoyed speaking with each and every one of you.*

*I will continue to follow the progress of our Nation. If you would like to stay in contact with me, you may do so by email by [mmays@hughes.net](mailto:mmays@hughes.net) or on my Facebook page, Justin Strike Axe Mays.*

*See you in 2016!*

*Thank you!*

*Justin Mays*

**July 18th** is the deadline for all submissions for the **August** issue of the

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## OSAGE NATION 2014 TARGETED SERVICES GRANT ANNOUNCEMENT

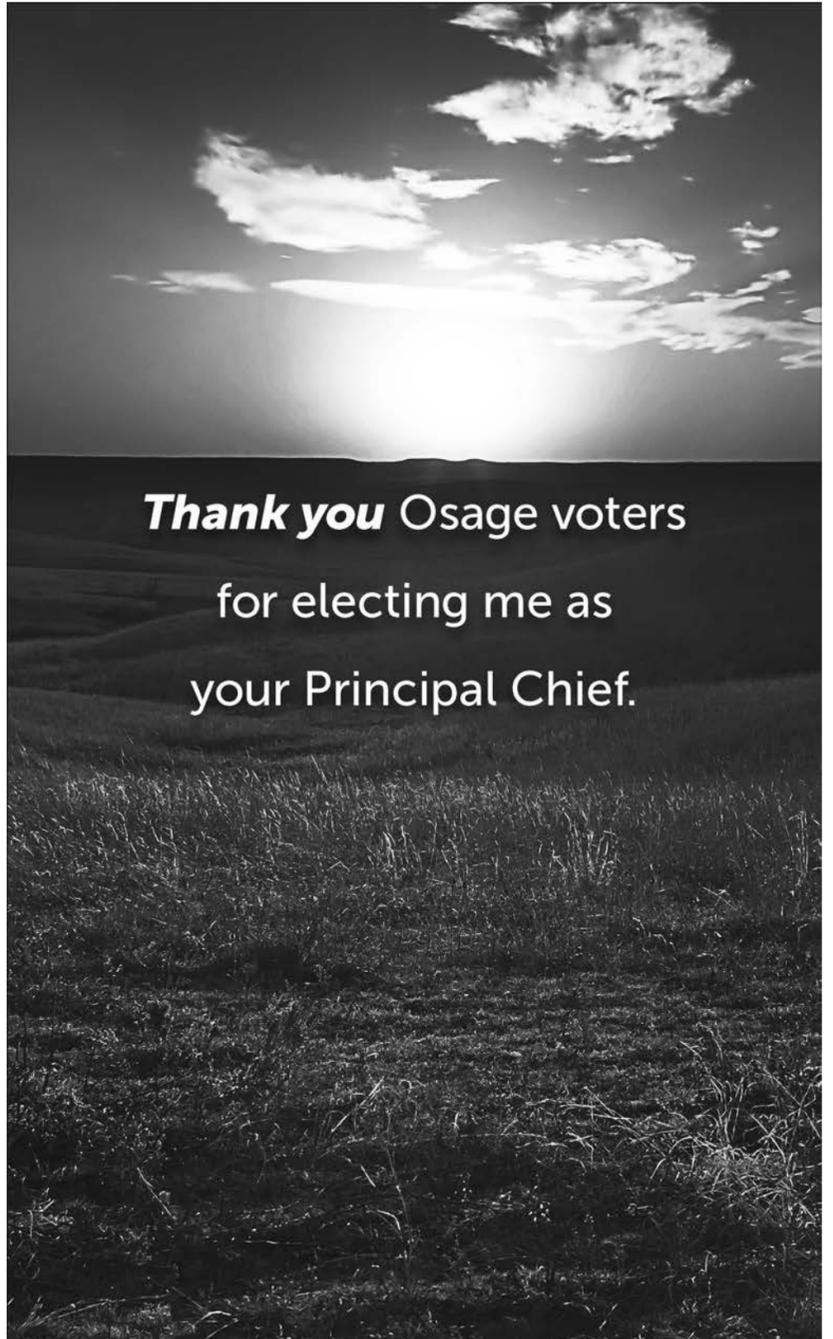
The Osage Nation is pleased to announce the 2014 Targeted Services Grant (ONCA 13-72). The purpose of the grant is to provide supplemental funding for general purpose equipment and supplies for particular emergency services that serve communities within the boundaries of the Osage Nation. Emergency Service providers are limited to Rural Fire Departments, Volunteer Fire Departments, Emergency Medical Service providers and groups or organizations offering accredited Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR), First Aid training or purchase and distribution of Automated External Defibrillators (AED). The grant is for a maximum amount of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) per entity. The deadline for grant application submission is 4:00PM CST, July 31, 2014.

### ELIGIBILITY

1. Applicants must be located within the physical boundaries of the Osage Nation/Osage County and include but not limited to the communities of Pawhuska, Wynona, Hominy, Barnsdall, Avant, Okesa, Skiatook, Prue, Osage, Foraker, Grainola Burbank, Fairfax, McCord, Webb City and Shidler.

### SUBMISSION

1. For information or to request an application packet, contact Chris Standingbear 918-287-5633 or Jennifer Tiger 918-287-5549 at the Office of Strategic Planning & Grants Management.
2. Completed applications must be received by the deadline of 4:00PM CST, July 31, 2014, there are no exceptions.



**Thank you** Osage voters  
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Sincerely,  
Geoffrey and Julie StandingBear

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And thank you to all of the voters! I am honored you selected me to serve as your Osage Nation Congresswoman.

*Alice Buffalohead, MHR*

## OSAGE CULTURE

# Oaths of Office of the Osage Nation

Charles Red Corn  
Osage News

June in Osage Country is always full of activity and this year was no different.

The Inauguration of the Third Osage Minerals Council began with a mild and sunny day that opened with Mass at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Pawhuska.

The Inauguration then moved to the Osage Minerals Council Chambers and opened with a Prayer by Herman Mongrain Lookout. The room was packed with guests from several parts of the country standing in the adjoining room.

The Oath of Office for the eight elected Minerals Council members was administered by Judge Marvin E. Stelson. The Oath was taken by each of the eight individuals. Those are Cynthia Boone, Joseph Cheshewalla, Galen Crum, Stephanie Erwin, Kathryn Red Corn, Talee Redcorn, Everett Waller and Andrew Yates. Traditional blankets were placed on the Council Members by William Fletcher.

Osage Susan Forman then gave her remarks, "Stewardship of our Mineral Estate Heritage and Legacy Going Forward." It was a thoughtful and informative talk that was well received and gave many in attendance a positive feeling about the future.

The first day of the Inauguration ended with a reception at the Osage Tribal Museum.

### Day Two

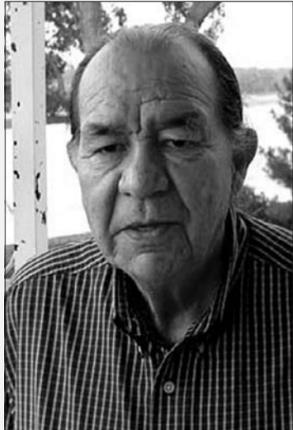
The second day of Osage Inauguration 2014 was held at the Osage Casino on the western border of the Osage Reservation near Ponca City. The day began with the Osage Flag Song and Presentation of Colors by American Legion Post 198, followed by The Lord's Prayer. There were well over 400 guests attending.

The Keynote Address was given by The Honorable Tom Cole, United States House of Representatives. The Congressman's experience as a citizen of the Chickasaw Nation seems to give him insight that many members of Congress do not have. His remarks were informative and inspirational.

The Oaths of Office were taken by Osage Supreme Court Chief Justice Meredith Drent and Trial Judge Marvin Stelson.

Principal Chief Geoffrey Standing Bear took his Oath of Office and was followed by Assistant Principal Chief Raymond Red Corn.

The Oaths of Office were then taken by Congressional members Alice Buffalo-



Charles Red Corn

head, Otto Hamilton, James Norris, Angela Pratt, Dr. Ronald Shaw and William "Kugee" Supernaw.

When all of the elected had taken the Oaths, Chief Geoffrey Standing Bear delivered his Inaugural Address to the Osage Nation. It was a thoughtful explanation of where the Nation finds itself at this point in time and history. It gave a sense of expectation of Osages working together to bring about an effective National government. It also gave a sense of the strong role Osage Culture plays in carrying out and strengthening the role of governing the Nation.

The day ended with a moment of Recognition of Service to outgoing leaders of the Osage Nation.

Those individuals are Principal Chief Scott Bighorse, Assistant Principal Chief Terry Mason Moore. Also, there were congressional members Daniel Boone, Alice Buffalohead and John Free.

Herman Mongrain Lookout gave the closing prayer.

A receiving line made up of those newly elected Osages shook hands with 400 plus who attended the Inaugural celebration that was followed by lunch.

This ended a month full of elections, dancing and inauguration for the Osage People, and it was worth every minute.

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



Ricki Martin

### Congratulations!

Congratulations to Ricki Martin who graduated with a B.A. in Anthropology from the University of Colorado-Denver in May! Having just moved after graduation to Colorado Springs, Colo., to pursue a slightly less demanding schedule, Ricki is looking forward to the time he can pay for his first week of vacation. Ricki is deeply appreciative to the Osage Nation Education Department for offering him financial assistance in each year of his college career. You did it for four years and we're very proud of you and your accomplishment, Dad, Phil Martin (Osage); Mom, Cindi, and Laura.

**More Community news on page 23**

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## 2014 Osage College Graduates

Congratulations to the following Osage college graduates: Christy Red Eagle, Bachelor of Science, Leadership Organization - Rogers State University

Michael Bristow, Masters of Science, Speech Language Pathology - Northeastern State University

Stacy Ann Schaulvliege, Juris Doctor - University of Notre Dame.

## Save the Date!

### -Local Events Calendar

#### JULY

**July 12 - 13**  
*Oklahoma All Indian Golf Championship*  
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For more information contact (918) 640-1701

**July 14 - 15**  
*Osage Nation Foundation Summer Camp*  
First Tee of Tulsa, Mohawk Golf Course  
Deadline to register is July 9  
For more information contact (405) 415-0383

**July 17 - 20**  
*133rd Otoe-Missouria Summer Encampment*  
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Red Rock, Oklahoma  
For more information contact Jade Roubedeaux (580) 307-7911

**July 18**  
*1st Annual Tourism Summer Fest*  
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Special appearance by Jude Shimmel  
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**July 18 - 19**  
*Osage Ballet Performance*  
Skiatook High School Auditorium  
Skiatook, Oklahoma  
7:30 pm

**July 18 - 20**  
*Comanche Homecoming Powwow*  
Sultan Park  
Walters, Oklahoma  
For more information contact (580) 458-0568

**July 20**  
*Osage Ballet*  
Skiatook High School Auditorium  
Skiatook, Oklahoma  
2:30 p.m.

**July 25 - 26**  
*Osage Ballet*  
Coleman Theater  
Miami, Oklahoma  
7:30 p.m.

#### July 25 - 27

*45th Annual Kihekah Steh Powwow*  
Honoring All Veterans  
Skiatook, Oklahoma  
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**July 25 - 27**  
*64th Annual Indian Hills Powwow*  
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**July 26**  
*62nd Annual Historic Tulsa Powwow*  
Green Country Event Center  
Tulsa, Oklahoma  
For more information contact (918) 671-2417

**July 27**  
*Osage Ballet*  
Coleman Theater  
Miami, Oklahoma  
2:30 p.m.

#### AUGUST

**August 1 - 3**  
*25th Annual Oklahoma Indian Nation Powwow*  
Concho, Oklahoma

**August 4 - 8**  
*Osage Nation Foundation Summer Camp*  
Zoo Skeleton Crew  
Tulsa Zoo  
Deadline to register is July 30  
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**August 16**  
*Oklahoma City Indian Clinic Powwow*  
Oklahoma State Fair Grounds  
For more information contact (405) 948-4900, ext. 621

#### SEPTEMBER

**September 1**  
*Labor Day - Observed Holiday*  
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**September 26 - 28**  
*23rd Annual Comanche Nation Fair*

#### Comanche Nation Complex

For more information contact (580) 492-3240

#### OCTOBER

**October 4**  
*Northern California Osage Fall 2014 Gathering*  
Petaluma Community Center in Lucchesi Park  
320 N. McDowell Blvd.  
Petaluma, California

**October 4**  
*2014 National Indian Taco Championship*  
Downtown Pawhuska  
More details to follow

**October 11 - 12**  
*6th Annual Cultural Walk*  
For more information contact (918) 287-5539

**October 13**  
*Osage Day - Observed Holiday*  
Offices Closed

#### NOVEMBER

**November 11**  
*Veterans Day - Observed Holiday*  
Offices Closed

**November 27**  
*Thanksgiving Day - Observed Holiday*  
Offices Closed

**November 28**  
*Osage Heritage Day - Observed Holiday*  
Offices Closed

#### DECEMBER

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

## Corena Leland

Corena Ann (Osage) Leland, 74, passed away Monday, June 23, 2014 at her home in Pawhuska.

Corena was born November 23, 1939 in Fairfax, Oklahoma, the daughter of Joseph and Mabel (Kihega) Osage. She attended school at Fairfax and the St. Louis Boarding School. Corena was a very active member of the Love of God Tabernacle in Pawhuska. She was a homemaker and caregiver. Corena enjoyed attending prayer meetings.

Survivors include her children: John Leland, Lee Col-

lins, Christy Tayrien, Dora Tayrien, Patricia Mays, and Anna Steiert; 17 grandchildren, numerous great grandchildren and a host of other family and friends. Corena was preceded in death by a son, Charles Osage; her parents; a grandchild, Leslie Peck; and six siblings: Helen Burnett, Norma Byrd, Carl Osage, Joseph Osage, Jr., Vivian BigEagle and Mary Loretta Cox.

Funeral services will be held Thursday, June 26 at 10 a.m., at the Love of God Tabernacle. Rev. James Hager will officiate.



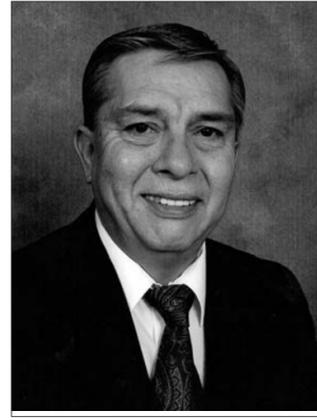
Brent Maker

ate. Internet will be in the Pawhuska City Cemetery.

McCartney's Johnson Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

## Brent Maker

Brent Andrews Maker, age 44 of Hominy, Oklahoma passed away Thursday, July 3, 2014 at the family residence in Hominy, Oklahoma. He was born June 3, 1970 to Lloyd George and Virginia Mae (Harding) Maker in Cleveland, OK. He was a graduate of the Hominy High School class of 1988. Brent was an all-state



Charles Roan

football player for Hominy High School and was a champion weight lifter. Brent attended Haskell in Lawrence, Kansas, Tulsa Welding School and Spartan School of Aeronautics. He worked on the Enbridge Pipeline. Brent served on many Hominy District In-Lon-Ska committees and had the position as Tail Dancer. He was also a Champion Straight Dancer. Brent was a member of the Tribal Dance Team that won first place at the American Indian Expo at Anadarko in Oklahoma. Brent was three-quarter Osage, Deer Clan, his Osage name is Tah-Hah-Gah-He. He was a member of the Native American Church.

Brent is survived by two brothers: John Maker and Larry Maker both of Hominy; a sister Ann Maker Freeman of Hominy; nieces: Arlandra, Christina, Whitney, Valerie, Eugenia, Tina and Elizabeth, great nieces: Christen, Jayden, Makenzie, Mia, great nephews: Jeremey, Jestin, Joseph, Jerrett, Maddox and great-great nephew Jacob.

He is preceded in death by his parents Lloyd and Virginia, two brothers: Pat Maker and Arlan Maker and nieces Rachel and Elizabeth Mae.

An Indian service was held July 7, 2014 at 8 a.m. at the Hominy Indian Village Chapel with Dr. Steven Pratt officiating and the funeral service was at the Friends Church in Hominy with Pastor David Nagle officiating.

Interment was in A.J. Powell Cemetery under the direction of Powell Funeral Home, Hominy, Oklahoma. Casket bearers for the service were Michael Kidder, Gregory Kidder, Scott Lohah, Dakota Trumbly, Trey Barnes, Chris Holding, Jeffrey Kidder, Nate West, John Williams, Jr. and Harry "Noonie" Red Eagle Jr. Honorary casket bearers were James Maker, Tony Maker, Tony Bone and Sonny Trumbly.

Head cook was Regina Perrier, cooks are Kelly Dyer, Linda LaZelle, Steph Dobbins, Heather Little, Fire man is Rusty Dyer, Cedar Men are Sam Mitts, Everett Waller, Jeremey Russell and Timmy Goodfox.

## Charles Henry Roan Jr.

Charles Henry Roan Jr., 73, of Cleveland went to be with the Lord on Sunday, June 8, 2014 at Cleveland Area Hospital, Cleveland, Okla. He was born on Oct. 21, 1940, to Charles Henry and Josephine (Dill) Roan Sr., in Ponca City, Okla.

Charlie graduated from Fairfax High School in 1960

and attended NSU for his higher education. Throughout his life he was employed at various places, retiring in 1989 from the Osage Nation Housing Authority.

After retirement Charlie spent many hours on the golf course. He also enjoyed bowling and golfing and spending time with friends and family. Charlie was also a huge OU fan.

Charlie was a member of the Elks Lodge for over 20 years, and was a driver for disabled American Veterans.

He is survived by his loving wife of 24 years, Christina; stepson, Michael Irons of Cody, Wyo.; stepdaughter, CeCe Bledsoe of Fairfax; granddaughter, Meagan Irons of Lawrence, Kans.; grandsons, Rusty and J.D. Irons of Cody, Wyo.; a nephew and niece special to his heart, Matt and Lizzy Irons; and numerous other family and friends.

Everybody who knew Charlie loved him and enjoyed being around him.

Family Visitation will be held from 5-7 p.m. on Wednesday, June 11, 2014 at Smith Funeral Chapel, 1208 S. Main St., Sapulpa, Okla. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. on Thursday, June 12, 2014 at Smith Funeral Chapel, 1208 S. Main St., Sapulpa, Okla. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Smith Funeral Home, 1208 S. Main St., Sapulpa, Okla.

## Emmett Saxon

Emmett "Bud" Saxon, 89, passed away on Saturday, Jan. 11, 2014, surrounded by his family. He was born in Colorado Springs, Colo., Aug. 28, 1924, he primarily lived in Pawhuska, Okla., and Wichita, Kan. He later joined the U.S. Army Air Corps and U.S.A.F. flying fighter jets until retiring as a Lt. Colonel from Eglin Air Force Base in Florida. He and his wife moved to Farmington in 1985 where they enjoyed fishing and boating at Navajo Lake. They were often seen "cutting a rug" at the Elks Club where many enjoyed their fantastic dancing. Bud was always ready for a fun night of poker and games with his poker buddies or family.

Bud was preceded in death by his loving wife and companion Geri by a year.

He is survived by his children, Vicki Saxon, Sally Saxon, Nancy Jenkins, Chris Saxon and wife, Dawn, Bill and Michael Davis. His many nieces, nephews, grandchildren and great-grandchildren will miss his generous and loving presence. Bud requested there be no services but a family gathering at Navajo Lake this summer.

# CLASSIFIEDS

**Osage Nation Jobs:** Applications may be downloaded at [www.osage-tribe.com/main\\_job-search.aspx](http://www.osage-tribe.com/main_job-search.aspx) or obtained at the Osage Nation Human Resources Department located at 621 Grandview in Pawhuska. Interested applicants can also call (918) 287-5445 or email HR at [atrumbly@osage-tribe.org](mailto:atrumbly@osage-tribe.org). Applications must be received in Human Resources no later than 4 p.m. on the date of closing. Late applications will not be accepted.

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**Administrative Officer - Pawhuska Gaming Commission.** A minimum of two years experience as a Paralegal or Legal Assistant with a law firm or a court related environment. Regular Full Time. Salary: \$19.66/hr.

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**Day Care Provider - Pawhuska Wah Zha Zhi Early Learning Center.** High School diploma or GED. At least one year of work experience in providing care in a day care facility preferred. Regular Full Time. Salary: \$11.50/hr.

**Day Care Provider - Fairfax Wah Zha Zhi Early Learning Center.** High School diploma or GED. At least one year of work experience in providing care in a day care facility preferred. Regular Full Time. Salary: \$11.50/hr.

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**Archaeologist I - Pawhuska Historic Preservation.** Master's degree from an accredited university in anthropology with a specialization in archaeology reports. Regular Full Time. Salary: \$27.10/hr.

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**Surveillance Officer - Hominy Gaming Commission.** Must be at least 21 years of age. Must possess a high school diploma or GED. Ability to obtain and keep a gaming license. Must have reliable transportation to work sites. Regular Full Time. Salary: \$13.30/hr.

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## Correction Notice

**CORRECTION:** On page 20 of the June 2014 edition of the *Osage News*, the family's last name in Osages Around the World is Mundy. The *Osage News* regrets the error.

**CORRECTION:** On page 4 of the June 2014 edition of the *Osage News*, Osage Minerals Councilwoman Cynthia Boone's Absentee Vote tally is incorrect, it should say 126.39, instead of 26.39. The *Osage News* regrets the error.

## Letters to the Editor

### The mystery of the absentee ballots

I spent the Osage Tribe election week in Pawhuska and Osage County, I came home feeling good that we elected a good Chief, Assistant Chief, members to the Congress and the Minerals Council. After I got home I began reading over the post election "Osage News" and other items from the election. I was concerned that the United Osages of Southern California (UOSC) had scheduled a candidate forum a week before the election. As May came around, UOSC canceled the meeting. This in and of itself was odd. Then I learned that the facilitator for UOSC, who was Cynthia Boone's brother, cancelled the meeting. Since UOSC voters represent the second largest group of absentee ballots outside of Oklahoma, I felt the cancellation of the UOSC meeting was to deny the local voters the opportunity to meet and make a decision of the best new candidates. As I sat at my desk today reviewing the official vote tallies of the Minerals Council election, I saw the winners were listed in two columns. One column denoted Absentee Votes and the other column denoted votes cast at the polls. As I stared at the totals, I noted that Ms. Boone came in second overall, but I also noted that she got more absentee votes than anyone else. Yet, when you look at the On Site votes, she came in seventh. It makes you wonder if UOSC had hosted a candidate forum as did the Northern California group, whether the outcome would have been the same. And there in lies the mystery of the absentee ballots of the 2014 Osage Election.

—Gregory Woodell  
West Hollywood, Calif.

## Without Reservations



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If you would like to submit a letter to the editor, please mail it to the Osage News, Attn.: Shannon Shaw, 619 Kihakah, 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.

## COMMUNITY

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### Congratulations!

Congratulations to the graduates in my family! Dana Daylight, Pawnee Nation College; Robynn Daylight Rulo, NEO; Dava Daylight, Pawhuska High School; Allison Jones, Pawhuska High School; Jade Jones, Pawhuska Junior High; Vann Wildcat, ON Head Start. Love, Walkeen.

## Oklahoma Department of Veteran's Affairs available in Pawhuska every Monday

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The ODVA will be assisting all Oklahomans and their families with all benefits they're entitled to.

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