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Umatilla point guard Shoni Schimmel for the Atlanta Dream drives past her Tulsa Shock defender on July 31 in the BOK Center.

## Schimmel Sisters amaze and inspire at one-day basketball clinic

By Shannon Shaw Duty  
Osage News

For any Native who has ever played “Rez ball,” or watched countless Natives fall shy of that college scholarship, watching Shoni Schimmel play in the WNBA is like watching a thousand dreams come true.

And so it was, on Aug. 1 at the Skiatook Multipurpose Activity Center, Shoni Schimmel, first rookie and Native American woman to win MVP of the WNBA All-Star game, taught and played basketball with 100 Osage children.

“We grew up on the reservation. I am always proud of being Native American because it’s cool, it’s awesome, and who wouldn’t want to be Native American, right?” she said to a cheering crowd of kids and adults.

For those who don’t follow women’s basketball or the WNBA, it’s fair to say that

Schimmel is a hero in Indian Country. The 22-year-old, 5’9” point guard from the Umatilla Indian Reservation in Mission, Ore., was the 8th overall draft pick to the Atlanta Dream. She has the highest-selling jersey in the WNBA and has broken records in her high school career, her college career and now professional.

Often dubbed “*The Umatilla Thrilla*” and “*Showtime*,” named after her Magic Johnson-like passing skills by her Atlanta Dream coach Michael Cooper who played with Magic on the LA Lakers. She will be the first to say she is completely normal.

“We’re a very normal family, and everyone’s always looking at us, and we have a documentary about us ... but we’re very normal,” she said. “That’s one thing I want to connect with you guys, is that we’re just normal people, we just happen to love basketball and it’s gotten us very far and we’ve

had parents to lead us in the right direction all our lives and so we’re just very normal and if we can make it off the Rez, then you guys can too.”

The 2011 documentary, “*Off the Rez*,” chronicles two years of her life when Shoni was a junior and senior at Franklin High School in Portland, Ore. A poignant story of family and commitment, it shows the Schimmels in good and hard times, their perseverance and deep pride in cultural identity.

In 2008 her mother Cecilee “CiCi” Moses, a Umatilla high school basketball standout, took a job at Franklin High School as the head basketball coach and brought her daughters Shoni and Jude with her. As the coach she turned the school’s record from 4-20 to 20-4 in her first year. They went to the quarterfinals of the state championship both

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## Osage begins Stanford Medical School

By Shannon Shaw Duty  
Osage News

Among Stanford University’s first-year medical students is Osage tribal member Layton Lamsam. He joins 90 in

his class selected from an applicant pool of 7,450 students from all over the world – he’s the lone Native American.

Lamsam, who just graduated with his bachelor’s degree in Biology from Stanford

in June, was also accepted to eight other medical schools. They included Harvard, Yale, Johns Hopkins, Columbia, Cornell, Washington University, University of Nebraska Medical Center and the University of Oklahoma. His top three schools were Stanford, Harvard and Yale.

“I stayed at Stanford because of its culture. I knew that life was laid back, people were friendly, and school was less stressful than anywhere else,” Lamsam said. “Also, the communities that I found in the Native and Christian students at Stanford was a support network that I did not want to give up.”

Stanford has more than 300 Native American students, a cultural center, a Native American dorm, and a full-time staff for the Native community, he said.

The 22-year-old Osage, whose family is from the Grayhorse District, took part in Stanford Medicine’s White Coat and Stethoscope ceremony on Aug. 22. Attending the ceremony was his mother, Teresa Trumbly Lamsam, his grandparents Joe and Arlena Trumbly, and his uncle Floyd Shaw.

“The ceremony was a joyful experience and we were blessed to be there for him. I attended the parent orientation right before the white coat ceremony so my pride was tempered with the reality of how difficult this journey can be,” his mother said. “During

## GEB does not renew Casino CEO’s contract – Treasurer and HR Director resign

By Benny Polacca and Shannon Shaw Duty  
Osage News

Osage Casinos CEO Neil Cornelius, Treasurer Callie Catcher and Human Resources Director Delary Walters are leaving their positions effective in September, leaving ON government officials the task of finding prospective new officeholders.

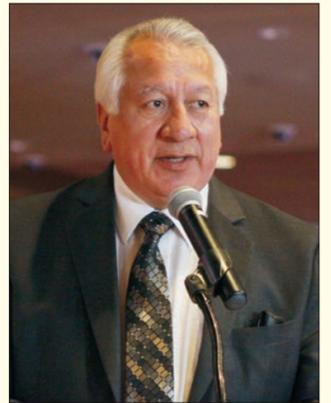
The Gaming Enterprise Board hires the Casinos CEO and the Treasurer and HR director positions are under the Executive Branch. The Treasurer’s position is an appointed position and is subject to confirmation by the ON Congress once the Principal Chief appoints an individual to the office.

Cornelius is on administrative leave until Sept. 27 and Gaming Enterprise Board member Mark Simms verified the board chose not to renew his contract.

“Simply, his contract was coming to an end and we didn’t want to wait until it just ran out to start advertising, we wanted to start advertising immediately,” Simms said. “Nothing that he did wrong, in fact he did a good job.”

The board will start advertising for the position as soon as possible, Simms said. The board doesn’t have any candidates in mind and said the salary for the position would be decided based on the candidate’s experience and expertise.

Principal Chief Geoffrey Standing Bear announced the treasurer and HR director resignations during an Aug. 16 joint meeting of the Executive Branch and ON Con-



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Neil Cornelius

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Osage Stanford medical student, Layton Lamsam, receives his doctor’s coat during Stanford Medicine’s White Coat and Stethoscope Ceremony on Aug. 22.

## Technology is focus of 2014 Dhegiha Conference

By Benny Polacca  
Osage News

QUAPAW, Okla. – In this age of constantly-changing technology, Native American tribes throughout the country are turning to computers and other information technology gadgets for use in their language programs.

The goal remains the same: get the language of the ancestors out there to those interested in learning if not only in person, but also via computers.

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# Compacting the Pawhuska IHS clinic revisited by new ON officials

By Benny Polacca  
Osage News

Efforts to explore compacting the Pawhuska Indian Health Services clinic is revisited with the newer elected Osage Nation officials taking office and now meeting for their first-ever Tzi-Zho Congressional Session.

Dr. Ron Shaw is the current chairman of the Congressional health and social services committee and former IHS administrator James Norris is the vice chairman. For the first committee meeting held Aug. 1 under the Fourth ON Congress, Shaw invited other government officials to restart the dialogue of compacting the IHS clinic.

Compacting the clinic would allow the Osage Nation to have more say in decisions regarding the facility's finances and patient services. Under the federal Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act, tribes have the option of contracting or signing self-governance compacts to have more control over providing health care to their people.

Shaw acknowledged there

are other compacting service opportunities with the federal government, but clarified he is only interested in discussing compacts for the clinic only. If the clinic is compacted, Shaw said the Nation will be in a position where "we operate the funding, we decide where our program priorities are, we do third-party billing," he said.

Shaw said efforts were already made to study the compacting idea when he served on the now-defunct ON Health and Wellness Advisory Board and recalled the board hired consultant Bill Thorne to conduct the study and concluded there was no reason the Pawhuska clinic shouldn't be compacted.

Another requirement for an IHS facility to be compacted is the tribe needs to have three years of clean audits with no material findings, Shaw said. He added the entity is allowed to continue pursuing the compacting efforts if a letter from an auditor states the finding(s) are cleared.

Assistant Principal Chief Raymond Red Corn, who attended the meeting, said Principal Chief Geoffrey Standing

Bear is a supporter of self-governance efforts other tribes have taken advantage of.

ON Health Authority Board chairwoman Margie Burkhart said the board is supportive of IHS compacting efforts and added: "it's nice to know the Chief and Assistant Chief will be supportive."

The Osage Congress will also consider a resolution filed by Shaw "to formally request participation in the Indian Health Service Tribal Self-Governance Program under 42 C.F.R. § 137.18, and to support the negotiation and execution of a compact between the Osage Nation and the United States government pursuant to Public Law PL 93-638."

The Tzi-Zho Session runs through Sept. 29. Check back to [www.osage news.org](http://www.osage news.org) for updates on discussions regarding IHS compacting, as well as the newspaper's Facebook and Twitter pages.



SHANNON SHAW DUTY/Osage News

Principal Chief Geoffrey Standing Bear and Special Advisor to the Chiefs, Casey Johnson, stand on 70 acres of rich bottomland the Standing Bear administration hopes to cultivate. If successful, the property will become Bird Creek Farms.

## Land given 24 years ago may reap agricultural benefits

By Shannon Shaw Duty  
Osage News

Twenty-four years ago the Lynn family gave 270 acres to the Osage Nation. In August of this year it was rediscovered by the Standing Bear administration and has been tentatively named Bird Creek Farms.

"I've always known we owned the Lynn property that stretches from L B May Drive to Skyline Drive, but for the life of me, after eight years in the congress I did not know we owned 70 acres of Bird Creek bottomland, including parts of Bird Creek," said Assistant Principal Chief Raymond Red Corn. "My first thought was I can't believe I didn't know this was here. My second thought was, finally, we have a way to do what we did 150 years ago, which is feed our own people."

The land is split into two parcels. The bottomland is 70 acres and it sits north of Lynn Avenue and directly southeast of the Clarence Tinker Veterans Park along the bank of Bird Creek, said Craig Walker, who works for the Environmental and Natural Resources Department. For the past 20 years an Osage tribal member has been plowing and tilling the land, he said. The second parcel of land is 200 acres and runs from Lynn Avenue directly up to Skyline Drive. The Executive Branch hopes to develop the second parcel.

Principal Chief Geoffrey Standing Bear said he assigned Red Corn and Casey Johnson, special advisor to

the Chiefs, to do an inventory of Nation-owned land. Together, along with Bruce Cass, director of the Properties Department, and Walker, they went to scout the land.

"He [Red Corn] said to me, 'in your inauguration speech you were talking about traditional foods and seeds,' and how you would like to provide wood to be-reaved families, well, I may have found the place to do it," Standing Bear said. "As you may or may not know, the assistant chief is very practiced in growing traditional corn and traditional foods himself."

Red Corn, who was raised in a family who practiced cultural traditions like corn drying, hominy making and growing fresh vegetables, said the Standing Bear administration is trying to find ways to collaborate with programs by utilizing personnel and excess resources to create something sustainable.

Some of the ideas for the property include farming the land and harvesting from the many pecan and walnut trees and teaching the Osage community how to do it culturally. The food grown could be provided to Title VI, the Head Starts, the Day Cares, Boys and Girls Clubs, surrounding communities like Fairfax, Farmer's Markets and the Food Distribution program.

"But, in a larger sense, the part of it that was special was harvesting corn,

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Osage Nation Assistant Principal Chief Raymond Red Corn meets with the Congressional Committee on Governmental Operations during the Aug. 1 special session.

## Fourth ON Congress passes eight bills during two-day special session

By Benny Polacca  
Osage News

The Fourth Osage Nation Congress wrapped its third special session in two days after considering and passing eight pieces of legislation July 31-Aug. 1.

The two-day session occurred one month ahead of the 2014 Tzi-Zho Session to consider some budget matters and law amendments needed ahead of the 24-day regular session starting Sept. 2.

All bills considered by the Congressional body were fast-tracked for floor votes once considered for action and any amendments in their committees of jurisdiction.

Congress passed the following three bills on July 31 during Day One of the session:

- ONCA 14-49 (sponsored by Congressman William "Kugee" Supernaw) amends the Nation's Restricted Real Property Repurchasing Act which identifies other prospective land types for purchase by the Nation and adds a definition for "perennial streams."

The revised act also amends

the limitations on using restricted real property repurchasing funds to include those lands or fractionated interests advertised by the Bureau of Indian Affairs at or below 105 percent of appraised value. The bill passed with an 11-0 vote and one absence by Congressman John Jech on July 31.

- ONCA 14-50 (Supernaw) gives a \$75,000 supplemental appropriation to the ON Attorney General's office for an increase in the entity's professional fees line item.

During the Congressional governmental operations committee meeting held to consider the bill, officials said the additional money will be used for a contract to hire Tulsa-based law firm Barber and Bartz to study the idea of restructuring the Nation's enterprise/ commerce boards into one "superboard" similar to the business/ enterprise board structure currently used by the Cherokee Nation. The bill passed 9-2 with "no" votes from Congress members Ron Shaw and Shannon Edwards.

- ONCA 14-54 (Archie Mason) requests a 2014 fiscal year budget modification to the Nation's Division of Administrative Services to reduce the appropriation for the Nation's Tribal Works Department by \$18,809. Assistant Principal Chief Raymond Red Corn said during the previous chief's administration, "the person responsible for establishing the amount of square footage on which the space costs is based made a significant error of \$185,000 worth of space and as we approach the end of the (fiscal) year, (the accounting department) realized this and brought it to our attention."

The bill passed with an 11-0 vote.

On Day Two, with nine "yes" votes, those bills passed by Congress on Aug. 1 are:

- ONCA 14-47 (sponsored by Congresswoman Shannon Edwards) seeks to revise the Nation's division structure housing its govern-

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# Congress and Chiefs address FY 2015 budgets, spending cuts

By Benny Polacca  
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SKIATOOK, Okla. — As the 2014 Tzi-Zho Session gets underway, the Fourth Osage Nation Congress received first glimpses of the 2015 fiscal year governmental budgets that will receive initial consideration and action in the Congressional committees.

On Aug. 16, a joint meeting of the ON Office of the Chiefs and the Congressional Affairs Committee drew nine Congress members and both elected Chiefs where the Executive Branch presented its goals and shared preliminary details regarding the FY 2015 budgets submitted to the Congress less than 24 hours earlier.

Principal Chief Geoffrey Standing Bear said his office reviewed the budgets shortly after he was sworn into office in July and his staff made \$3.5 million in proposed spending cuts before those budgets were submitted to the Legislative Branch for further consideration and action by the Congress. The Aug. 16 meeting was held at the Skiatook Osage Casino Hotel.

At the meeting, Standing Bear told the Congress the FY 2015 budgets totaled just over \$43.7 million for the department operations of the three branches. This includes \$26.4 million in proposed spending for the departments under the six Executive Branch divisions, boards and commissions and \$17.2 million in proposed spending for other entities and direct services including the judicial and legislative branches, the Attorney General's Office, the Office of Fiscal Performance and Review, burial assistance and the campus master plan loan to pay for phase one construction. The proposed spending in these budgets total \$44,709,622.

The challenge for this Tzi-Zho Session is the Congress cannot appropriate annual budgets over the projected revenue figure, according to the 2006 Constitution. Earlier this year, the Congress voted to set the FY 2015 projected revenue figure at \$44,069,384. This figure includes \$40 million from casino revenue and the remainder coming from Tax Commission fees and bank account interest.

Another challenge the Congress must consider is the proposed budgets presented by the Standing Bear administration on Aug. 15 do not contain other legislation that requires an appropriation. One example is the \$2.5 million appropriation bill (ONCA 14-56) for construction of a new Pawhuska Indian Village arbor and ONCA 14-55, which is requesting \$300,000 for installing a fire sprinkler and security alarm system in the Osage Tribal Museum. Both bills were filed with the Congressional clerk on Aug. 22.

In a newer development, the Congressional Appropriations Committee met on Aug. 29 and made recommendations to the Congress for spending reductions or delaying selected spending bills in light of the FY 2015 budgets surpassing the 85 percent spending threshold of the projected revenue figure.

With newer appropriation bills filed as of Aug. 29, the proposed FY 2015 spending (in budgets and separate appropriation bills) surpassed the projected revenue mark,

climbing to \$50.5 million, said Congressman John Jech who is the current chairman of the appropriations committee. With proposed spending at \$50.5 million, that leaves a deficit of approximately \$6.5 million.

News of the budgets exceeding the \$44 million mark prompted the Aug. 29 meeting, which is one business day before the Tzi-Zho Session started on Sept. 2. The Congress has until Sept. 30 to pass the FY 2015 budgets, which is the day after the 24-day session span ends.

Standing Bear said in his Sept. 2 opening Tzi-Zho Session address that his office's budget is trimmed to \$1.9 million and is "the lowest amount ever in the new government since 2006, we believe that was a good accomplishment."

Standing Bear also noted the proposed capital expenditures are high and would need addressing by Congress, adding he believes the \$2.5 million Pawhuska arbor bill is a priority. During the Aug. 29 meeting, Standing Bear said he is reluctant to cut proposed spending on Pawhuska arbor. If reduced, the architects may say construction is not possible, he said. Standing Bear suggested the Congress hear from the architects first before considering a reduction to the \$2.5 million arbor bill.

Assistant Principal Chief Raymond Red Corn told the appropriations committee the budget totals surpassed the projected revenue for major reasons including: The ON Gaming Commission grew to hire more employees in wake of the Osage Casino expansions for the Skiatook and Ponca City casino/ hotel properties. The cost for the additional employees is borne by the ON government since ONGC employees are not on the casino's payroll. The ONGC infrastructure has also increased, but gaming officials have not increased its gaming revenue distribution to the ON government to support the extra costs, he said.

Red Corn also said the health benefit card program available to all Osages has increased in use by over \$1 million in a single year.

After discussion on the budgets, the appropriations committee voted to make five recommendations to the Congress to reduce spending or postpone action on the following five bills during the Tzi-Zho Session.

- Decrease spending in the divisional budgets for ON departments to 95 percent.
- Postpone action on ONCA 14-58, which is a \$1 million appropriation bill to fund land purchases for the ON government to buyback Osage County land for sale that is the former reservation.
- Reduce ONCA 14-69 by \$835,00, which is a \$935,000 appropriation bill to fund the Nation's capital asset and improvement fund. This leaves the bill at \$100,000, if passed as recommended.
- Postpone ONCA 14-80, which is a \$175,000 appropriation bill to fund the 2015 arts matching grant program administered by the Osage Nation Foundation.



BENNY POLACCA/Osage News

Osage Nation Principal Chief Geoffrey Standing Bear speaks at a joint Executive Branch and Congressional Affairs committee meeting held Aug. 16 at the Skiatook Osage Casino Hotel to discuss the 2015 fiscal year governmental budgets being considered during the Tzi-Zho Session.

- Reduce ONCA 14-73 by \$3.9 million, which is the \$7.9 million appropriation bill to replenish the ON higher education scholarship fund.

The five recommendations are not mandates, but the 12-member Congress voted 11-1 to adopt the appropriations committee recommendations on Sept. 2. Voting "no" was Congresswoman Shannon Edwards who expressed concern with the recommended cut to the scholarship appropriation.

Edwards said she is worried the reduction will not allow the scholarship fund to have enough money for one full school year ahead of time for continuing and new students who apply for the program. Edwards also believes the bills should also be heard in their committees of jurisdiction before the recommendations take place.

Jech said the recommendations were only made so the Congress has some guidance going forward with the bud-

get considerations. He said the recommendations can be adjusted by the committee if newer information is presented that supports more funding be added to a reduced bill.

For more information on the Congressional Tzi-Zho Session, legislation and committee meetings, visit the Legislative Branch website at: [www.osagenation-nsn.gov/who-we-are/congress-legislative-branch](http://www.osagenation-nsn.gov/who-we-are/congress-legislative-branch).

## Judge dismisses Osage Nation cases in wind farm fight

By Louise Red Corn  
BigHeartTimes

A judge on Thursday threw out two of three lawsuits involving proposed wind farms in Osage County, dealing a blow to the Osage Nation's efforts to stop a forest of industrial turbines from rising over the tallgrass prairie west of Pawhuska.

Ottawa County District Court Judge Robert G. Haney, sitting by special assignment, dismissed both cases in which the Osage Nation and the Osage Minerals Council were plaintiffs. The Osages had challenged the authority of the Osage County Board of Adjustment to issue a conditional use permit for a 94-turbine project called Osage Wind in 2011, arguing that county boards of adjustment do not have that power under state law and that the permit should be ruled void. The other case was an appeal of the Board of Adjustment's denial of a tribal petition to stop construction of Osage Wind, which has begun bulldozing the prairie as it prepares to erect turbines.

A third case remains active in Osage County District Court, though Haney appeared anxious to make quick work of it. In that case, a second wind farm, Mustang Run, is appealing the Board of Adjustment's May 8 decision to deny it a permit to build a second wind farm consisting of about 68 turbines next to Osage Wind. The Osage County Commissioners and Board of Adjustment are the defendants in all three cases.

Mustang Run and Osage Wind started out as separately owned wind farms, but are now both owned by Enel SpA, the Italian utility giant. In court pleadings, the company says it has irrevocably committed \$225 million to the projects.

Objections to the projects are mostly environmental, centering on the area being one of the last shreds of tallgrass prairie that has never been plowed or fragmented.



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Stock image of a wind farm.

Haney said that the Osage case demanding that the 2011 wind farm permit be declared void should have been brought earlier as part of a federal lawsuit the tribe filed that year in which it claimed the wind farms would interfere with oil extraction. The Osage Nation owns all mineral rights in Osage County.

The tribe's attorney, John Moody, replied that zoning issues fall under state, not federal statutes, but Haney was unmoved.

"It's patently unfair to wait three years, after a party has gone to the expense of doing this deal," Haney said. "You can't say 'Wait a minute, you shouldn't have been allowed to do that in the first place. Pack up your stuff and go home.'"

Mustang Run has asked for a "trial de novo" in its appeal from the Board of Adjustment, but Haney said he saw no point in conducting a trial anew when he had already read stacks of transcripts and evidence in the case amassed by the Board of Adjustment.

"I don't believe in wasting my time reading something then listening to something," he said Thursday.

Haney said he wanted to

try the Mustang Run case on Thursday, which had lawyers sputtering: No witnesses had been called, nor had Haney even ruled on the standing of the Osage Nation to intervene in the case.

"I came up here today with the idea I wanted this case resolved," Haney declared. "If you don't like my rulings, appeal them."

Replied attorney Gene Denison, who represents the Osage Minerals Council: "The Osage Nation and Minerals Council deserve a full and complete hearing as it relates to the destruction of its property and its future."

In the end, Haney said he would hear only new evidence at a trial, and would otherwise rule based on the voluminous existing record.

Haney gave the Osage Nation and Osage County until Sept. 10 to file trial briefs and establish whether they have new evidence to merit live testimony at a trial; Mustang Run has until Sept. 17 to reply.

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# SCHIMMEL

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years and Shoni was one of the top 10 high school basketball players in the country. She finished her high school career with 2,120 points, ranking No. 6 on Oregon's all-time scoring list.

She was one of the last top basketball players in the country to pick a school after she graduated and she chose the University of Louisville. Her younger sister Jude followed the next year.

## Parenting style

Invited to the Osage Nation by Congresswoman Angela Pratt, tribal members had three days of Schimmel. First, "Off the Rez" was screened at the Constantine Theater in Pawhuska July 30. Second, Osage employees got to enjoy discounted tickets to the Tulsa Shock v. Atlanta Dream WNBA game at the BOK Center July 31. The Dream won 85-75.

Then, on Aug. 1, the Schimmels arrived in Skiatook around 11 a.m. for a one-day basketball clinic. First they showed a highlight reel of Shoni and Jude's career at the University of Louisville and then answered questions from the audience for about 40 minutes before they began their basketball clinic.

Pratt, who is a mother of six, invited the Schimmels because she knew CiCi and Rick Schimmel would be there and could offer insight on how they raised two successful college athletes and who themselves are parents of eight. Their oldest son is 25 and their youngest son is five years old.

"I like their parenting style and this is why I invited them here, because of Rick and CiCi. I think they've done an excellent job and within our community, I think that's where it starts, is the parents," Pratt said. "We're lucky they threw in the basketball portion so you children can enjoy but why they were invited here was so you could hear their message of positive lifestyle. Don't do drugs, stay in school because it's all around us, it's easy to do, it's easy to give up. It's not easy to keep fighting every day, to do your very best. We talk about that Wa.Shka^ all the time in the Osage Nation, to give it your all, to do your best and that's what it takes. And this family has shown that's exactly what we talk about and they're a prime example of that."

One mother asked how did they keep Shoni and Jude focused on basketball and their schoolwork instead of boys. Jude, who is graduating this fall with her bachelor's degree from the University of Louisville, will also start graduate work in the fall while finishing out her senior year on the basketball team.

"Education is very, very important. I can always remember, ever since elementary, I've wanted to have the best grades possible," Jude said. "Education is very important because after sports, after your body has taken a toll from sports, you're going to need your education to fall back on to get a house, a car, to raise a family."

Jude said she went to a total of four junior high and high school dances and doesn't regret the time she spent in the gym or playing ball with her sister. In April of this year Jude was named one of Glamour Magazine's Top 10 College Women.

Teresa Bledsoe, Osage, and a basketball coach at Woodland High School in Fairfax, asked the sisters how much time they devote to practice.

"It depends on how good you



LaTonya West/Courtesy Photo

Shoni Schimmel plays against Dan Madden and Olivia Littlecook on Aug. 1 at the Skiatook Multipurpose Activity Center.

want to be. I want to be the best so I practice and play all the time," Shoni said. "Instead of going to the party, going out with my friends, all that stuff, I'm going to go to the gym, because that's what I love to do and I just like to play basketball that much."

Rick Schimmel, who is non-Native, said that Shoni and Jude played basketball all the time growing up. They started playing in AAU leagues in the 4th and 5th grade and played basketball day and night.

"Seriously, she'd be out there at 2 o'clock in the morning, shooting, and she was like in the 5th grade...yeah, she was young. It was one of those hot, summer nights when all the windows were open and all you could hear is bounce, shoot, bounce, shoot...and we're trying to tell her to come inside but seriously, that's dedication," CiCi said. "These guys were outside, in the court, on the court, all the time."

There is a famous photograph of Shoni yelling in the face of Baylor University's Brittney Griner in the 2013 NCAA Sweet Sixteen game at the Chesapeake Energy Arena in Oklahoma City. Baylor was ranked No. 1 that year. Shoni had charged up the right side of the court, went behind the back, charged to the left side of the paint and facing a 6'8" Griner, all-time shot blocker, spun and lobbed the ball up backwards for a perfect bank shot off the glass. The place went wild.

"They called it a 'circus shot,' but the move she did against Britney Griner in OKC, she practiced that on that hoop, probably at 2 a.m. I mean she's been doing that kind of stuff on that hoop all night, we've seen it," Rick said. "And the reason why I say 'circus shot' is because people keep calling it that, and when you call it that it sounds like it was unrehearsed, kind of seems negative. But then to go to the All-Star Game and repeat that shot, it wasn't an accident ... she's practiced it."

Once the basketball clinic portion started Rick and Shoni led the camp, with Jude only leading groups with the microphone (NCAA rules limit Jude's play outside of her collegiate career). The clinic was for Osage tribal members only and for children entering the third grade to senior in high school. Dividing the children into age groups, the Schimmels led the children through dribbling drills, passing drills and shooting drills, with Shoni participating in every group.

"Our daughter Olivia was so excited after the camp," said Caron Littlecook, who lives in Skiatook with her family. Her daughter Olivia is a 9-year-old 4th grader and attends Skiatook Intermediate. "She said it was a dream come true to play ball with Shoni. She wants to be in the WNBA just like her."

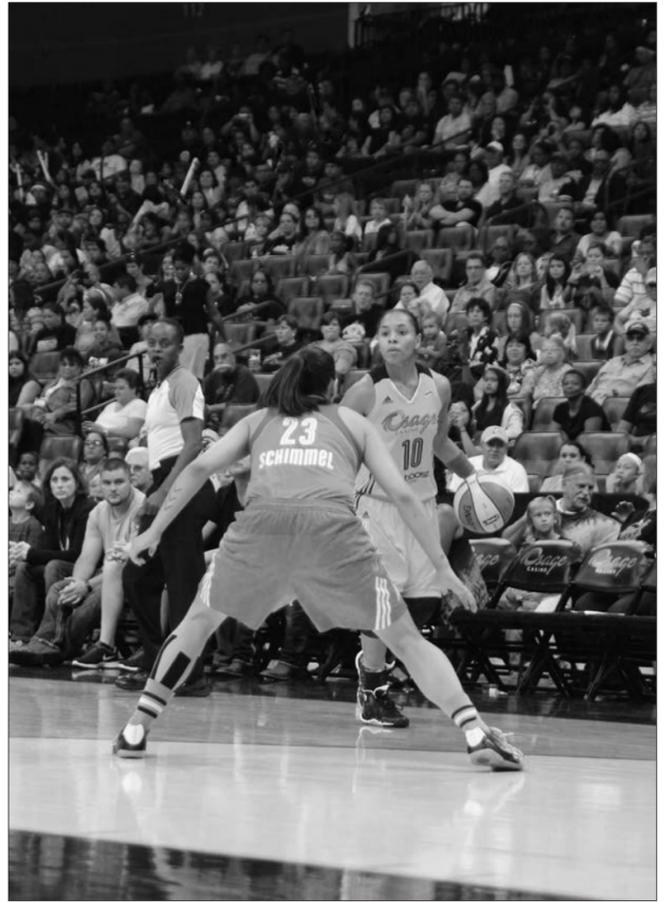
Blake Bledsoe, 12, who attends Woodland Middle School, loved that they got to play in a real game with Sho-

ni. The last hour-and-a-half of the clinic was spent running a 5-on-5 pick up game with the winner scoring five points and the next team coming in. All 100 kids got to play.

"They didn't waste a lot of time and made sure we all got to do the drills. I liked that Shoni and Jude were just normal people," Bledsoe said. "I liked that they took the time to take pictures and sign autographs. I could not believe how fast Shoni was! She is a beast!"

Of course Shoni's team won every time, and with about 10 of those points coming from half-court shots, sometimes the kids were too in awe to play. But the entire family stressed one thing: listen to your elders, your parents, your family.

"It's important to listen to your parents, sometimes you don't want to hear it but sometimes you just have to listen to them," Shoni said to the kids. "We need more Native Americans out there in the world to show everyone what we're all about because we can represent, we just haven't gotten the chance to — to go out there and show the world what we can do."



CHALENE TOEHAY/Osage News

When the Tulsa Shock played the Atlanta Dream on July 31, the WNBA's top Native American basketball players faced off. Umatilla point guard Shoni Schimmel of the Dream guards Cherokee point guard Angel Go-drich of the Shock in the BOK Center in Tulsa.



TARA MADDEN/Osage News

Jude and Shoni Schimmel. The sisters have played basketball on the same team all their lives. Jude is finishing out her senior year playing for the University of Louisville and Shoni plays for the WNBA Atlanta Dream.



TARA MADDEN/Osage News

Shoni and Jude's father Rick Schimmel (far left) and mother Cecilee "CiCi" Moses (far right) pose with the participants of the basketball clinic on Aug. 1.



TARA MADDEN/Osage News

Shoni Schimmel of the WNBA Atlanta Dream hosted a one-day basketball clinic for Osage youth on Aug. 1.



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Callie Catcher



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Delary Walters

## RESIGNATIONS

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gressional Affairs Committee. Standing Bear said both Catcher and Walters would stay in transitional roles as the new position holders get familiar with the work duties once they are hired.

Standing Bear said Walters resigned by agreement on Aug. 14. “We’ve asked Delary to stay with us to help on transition,” he said, adding Walters will continue working on a two-month contract once her resignation takes effect in mid-September.

Walters said her resignation is for personal reasons and declined further comment.

Hired by former Principal Chief John Red Eagle in 2011, Walters previously served as vice president of human resources at Jane Phillips Medical Center in Bartlesville. Walters helped implement revamped ON human resources policies and procedures as the Nation undertook its merit-based employment system. In September 2010, the Second ON Congress passed ONCA 10-85 into law establishing the merit-based employment system.

Walters was originally hired as the compensation analyst in summer 2011 and helped compile market raises and education credit bonuses for the ON employee positions to make them competitive.

Walters was also a witness in Red Eagle’s removal trial in January of this year. She was questioned on her ethical decision-making and testified she leaked information to Red Eagle’s office when certain employees were being investigated by the Osage Nation Attorney General’s office, including his granddaughter.

The HR director position is advertised on the ON government website with a starting salary of \$44.72 per hour or \$93,017 annually, full-time. Requirements include having a bachelor’s degree (master’s degree preferred) in human resources or related business degree with a minimum of three years HR experience and two

years of experience in a supervisory position with at least five staff.

The closing date for HR director applicants is Sept. 3.

Catcher (Cherokee Nation) said she informed Standing Bear she was not interested in seeking re-appointment once his administration took office in July.

“The new administration asked me to stay on board while the search for a new Treasurer is in process,” Catcher said in an email. “I have agreed to stay on board and assist through a transitional period. For personal reasons, I have cut back my work hours to four days/week.”

Per the Osage Constitution, a Treasurer may serve the Nation with the advice and consent of the ON Congress once the Principal Chief appoints an individual to the office. The Fourth ON Congress meets for its 24-day Tzi-Zho Session starting Sept. 2 and during that time will consider confirmations of appointees for the Treasurer position as well as several boards and commissions.

Appointed by Chief Red Eagle in March 2012, Catcher joined the Nation as the third appointed Treasurer in the 2006 reformed tribal government’s history. She previously served as CN Treasurer after being appointed by former Principal Chief Chad Smith and was confirmed by the Cherokee Tribal Council in January 2004.

“It has been a pleasure to serve the Osage Nation in the role of Treasurer and I look forward to working with a new Treasurer to ensure a smooth transition for the accounting department and the Nation,” Catcher said in the email.

The Treasurer’s position is advertised on the Nation’s website, but the closing date is listed as Aug. 21. The starting salary is \$55.29 per hour or \$115,000 annually full-time. For more information on these and other available job postings, contact Osage Nation Human Resources at (918) 287-5445 or visit the website: [www.osagenation-nsn.gov/opportunities/job-listings](http://www.osagenation-nsn.gov/opportunities/job-listings).

## LAMSAM

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the white coat ceremony, I just kept thinking ‘It takes a village ... but how are we going to get the village here!’ But I also remembered that Layton’s faith as well as family and community support have taken him this far. Layton feels as though he is working in God’s plan for his life and that is encouraging for me.”

The white coat ceremony included a week of new student activities, which began with a camping trip to Lake Alpine in the Sierra Nevada Mountains, followed by three days of orientation.

At the ceremony, Lloyd Minor, MD, dean of the medical school, addressed the students and their families at the ceremony. He said the next four years, and for some students sometimes longer, will change the way they look at the world, according to a Stanford Medicine release. “You will learn some of life’s most valuable lessons from your patients.”

### Indian Country

Lamsam tries to make it back for the In-Lon-Schka dances every year but his schooling sometimes prevents him from returning. In May he served as Head Man dancer for the Osage Tribal Princess Sorority honor dance in Pawhuska and said the time back home was the rest he needed.

“Being back around my community was just what the doctor ordered. In college, my summers and breaks usually had to do with applications or lab work,” Lamsam said. “Catching up with folks and



Norbert von der Groeben/Stanford Medicine

Layton Lamsam, first-year Stanford medical student, with his grandparents Joe and Arlena Trumbly. Joe Trumbly served on the 29th and 30th Osage Tribal Councils.

going to events has broken the isolation and recharged me. I’ll have to find a way to be back more often in medical school.”

Lamsam’s focus is in helping Indian Country. He got his start in the Four Directions summer program where he learned about Indian health from a research perspective, he said. He took a class at Stanford on Native health and shadowed doctors at an IHS hospital on the Rosebud Reservation in South Dakota during spring break. He went through the program twice and taught the class at Stanford his senior year. He also learned statistical programming and health policy modeling which led him to doing cost-effective analysis of the IHS’ Diabetes Prevention Program and one day he hopes to get access to the IHS database to validate his results with official data, he said.

As an undergrad he was a Udall Scholar in 2013, he co-chaired the Stanford Powwow in 2012, established the Indig-

enous Health Week speaker series at Stanford, and was the president of Stanford’s Natives in Medicine.

“For my clinical specialization, I will not know what I like until I start rotating in the hospital, though I am interested in surgery. My research focus in medical school will probably be population health and health care management. I have met the leadership of some of the top hospitals in the country, but I did not realize how important health care management was until I met the CEO of a small IHS clinic in Kyle, South Dakota,” Lamsam said. “In short, it was the most impressive clinic I have ever seen – and that goes for everywhere, not just IHS facilities. Develop a vision, get providers on board with your goals, and use a lot of statistics. That makes a bigger difference than a new cure or better technology.”

## CONGRESS

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mental departments and programs. According to the bill, the Nation’s divisions will reduce to five from six. They are: Division of Child, Family and Senior Community Services; Division of Cultural Preservation, Arts, Heritage and Language; Division of Education and Early Learning; Division of Health, Fitness and Wellness; and Division of Land, Commerce and Public Safety.

• ONCA 14-53 (Mason) is a \$22,677 supplemental appropriation bill to the Osage News to cover the newspaper’s additional professional fee costs associated with mailing the newspaper and to build the newly launched newspaper website at [www.osagenews.org](http://www.osagenews.org).

The newspaper budget shifted unused funding in its FY 2014 budget to cover the shortfall created by increases in mail and distribution costs and new website costs to lessen the supplemental appropriation request.

• ONCA 14-48 (Congressman Ron Shaw) is an appropriation bill for the Nation’s Health and Wellness Division in the amount of \$300,000 for the Communities of Excellence Programs #568 M-Power (NATEN), and #565 Tobacco Control for the 2015 fiscal year.

The two Communities of Excellence programs are each receiving Oklahoma state grant funding in the amounts of \$150,000 each. The department focuses on issues causing chronic disease through educating the public on healthy food choices, exercise and smoking cessation.

• ONCA 14-52 (Congressional Speaker Maria Whitehorn) is an appropriation bill for \$280,000 that will be used to pay

monthly loan payments for the campus master plan for the final three months of the 2014 fiscal year.

Red Corn said the Nation will be responsible for approximately \$90,500 in monthly payments plus interest for the bank loan capped at \$10 million.

• ONCA 14-41 (Congressman James Norris) is an amendment to the Nation’s open records act seeking to protect the mail and email addresses of Osage Nation members who participate in surveys conducted by ON government entities.

During a Congressional governmental operations committee meeting on the bill, Red Corn said the proposed amendment is an effort to protect the privacy of Osages who participate in future surveys. The Executive Branch asked

Norris to sponsor the amendment as it prepares to issue online surveys to Osages who elect to participate in them by providing their emails to the Executive Branch.

Red Corn also said when the surveys are completed, the aggregate results will be public information, but the individual email addresses of those who participate will be protected under this amendment. An advertisement asking for Osages to participate in the forthcoming surveys appears in the August and September editions of the *Osage News*.

Absent during the afternoon Aug. 1 special session were Congress members Archie Mason, John Jech and Angela Pratt. All passed bills were sent to Principal Chief Geoffrey Standing Bear’s office where he signed them into law.

## BIRD CREEK

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drying corn and making hominy from scratch in ways that my parents were taught how to do it. It’s clear to me that there are variations in a theme of food preservation throughout the Nation. I only know the way I was taught,” Red Corn said. “It’s that part of it that’s a special piece. Growing food, distributing food and consuming food, is very important. It’s a central theme of what I would like to see out here, and what I hope others would like to see out here.”

There is a lot of hard wood on the property and Chief Standing Bear would like to provide wood to bereaved families for their funeral dinners, In-Lon-Schka committees, hand games, sweat lodge ceremonies and Native American Church ceremonies. The Wah-Zha-Zhi Cultural Center was given money to have a wood-splitter for this purpose.

Red Corn said before anything begins on the property the Executive Branch and collaborating programs will survey the land, the tribal resources needed for the project and would need to do an overview of money available. Standing Bear would like to have a pumpkin patch for Osage families in October.

“The special part is the part when we begin to once again practice cultural traditions of food preservation that are ours and that have always been ours,” Red Corn said. “I’ve spent a couple years wondering how to get something like this done without having to go purchase land to do it. I’ve thought about the Arkansas River bottoms, but it’s a long way from Pawhuska, a long way from population centers and folks that could volunteer and cooperate. It’s a long way from our main work force. It’s always been in my mind that food production is important to us especially that’s what we did a long time ago. We didn’t depend on anyone else for food, we depended on ourselves for food.”

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## DHEGIHA

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This same movement goes for the tribes in the Dhegiha language family comprising the Osage, Quapaw, Omaha, Kaw and Ponca tribes.

Discussion of using computer technology dominated the lectures and presentations heard at the 2014 Dhegiha Language Conference now in its fourth year. Approximately 70 people and their families from the five tribes attended the July 30-31 conference held at the Quapaw tribe's Downstream Casino Resort.

Attendees comprised several tribal language speakers who shared their knowledge tips and stories on using newer computer technology in reaching language learners.

In opening remarks, Osage Nation Language Director Herman "Mogri" Lookout said "we've got a lot of work to do" in teaching the Native languages and acknowledged the Dhegiha tribes' relationships with each other. "I feel like we are one, I don't care if we did anything here at this conference but just be around and talk to you all and relate with you, get to know you, get to re-establish that relationship and I think when we meet like this it's worthwhile ... right now there's nothing else that gathers us like this."

"As we get more closer, we find out our language is pretty close," Lookout said using a childhood story as an example. During a trip to Macy, Neb., on the Omaha reservation, Lookout recalled the Omaha children his age spoke in a similar language and one of them referred to Lookout as an "Okesa" and he teased back saying the child was an "Okesa" to him as well.

Lookout noted that teaching language classes online is not same as in-person, but "it's a start" in reaching more people. Lookout said the Language Department live streams out its classes when they are in session, but said it's not the same without interaction with the students. In the meantime, Lookout said challenges that language programs may run into is spending costs for the technology upgrades for language classes.

Osage language instructor Veronica Pipestem said she's also developed online language classes, which may be taken at a student's convenience to work on "self-paced" language lessons. She said the idea for the self-paced lessons came from meeting Osages who viewed language lesson material from the department's



BENNY POLACCA/Osage News

**Osage Nation Language Department Director Herman "Mogri" Lookout speaks at the 2014 Dhegiha Language Conference held July 30-31 at the Quapaw tribe's Downstream Casino Resort.**

website but were not in-person students. "And they learned, they were driven enough to learn just that little bit of things that were on this website and so we thought 'why don't we try that?'" she said.

Pipestem said one major challenge the Osage language department is facing is getting the Osage orthography recognized by Unicode, which is the nonprofit consortium that creates encoding systems for global languages so the respective language can be typed onto a computer thanks to a keyboard code developed by Unicode.

"That's the biggest challenge that we have — you can't just type (the Osage language) into any software, it doesn't work, you have to upload images (instead)," Pipestem said, adding efforts are underway to request the Unicode consortium to add the Osage language as a recognized one for computer use.

Mark Pearson, an information technologies worker for the ON Language Department, said he's spent hours researching new software for possible use in the department. In his presentation, Pearson shared a list of software recommendations with the conference participants for ideas on using computers in teaching the language.

For example, Pearson recommends: Audacity, which is a free computer software used for recording and editing sounds; Powtoon is an online business presentation software tool for creating animated videos; Camtasia is a professional screen recording and video editing software; Xsplit is a live streaming and recording software.

Former ON language department instructor Billy Proctor (also Quapaw) now teaches the Quapaw language and noted the importance of using audio files and tapes to research, preserve and teach Native languages as he learned while working for Osage Nation.

Proctor came across several tapes of Osage speakers from the 1960s and 1970s that were just sitting in storage. His recommendation to other tribes with old audio files is: "You need to get them digitized because those tapes, even those old reel-to-reel tapes, sit on each other and (could) start bleeding onto each other." Proctor said the University of Oklahoma has a program set up for digitizing tapes for language use.

Proctor said through this research of audio files allowed the Dhegiha language tribes to hear and compare similarities in their languages of words, sentences and questions. He played several samples during his presentation.

For example, one word that is pronounced the same in the five Dhegiha tribal languages is "ni" meaning water.

In its fourth year, the Dhegiha Language Conference is hosted by the nonprofit Dhegiha Preservation Society, which comprises members from the five tribes and the group seeks sponsors and donations for the annual conference. This year's sponsors included the Osage Nation, Osage Casino and Osage Foundation in addition to the Quapaw's Downstream Casino Resort and the Omaha and Ponca tribes. Osage members serving on the Dhegiha Society include Bill Lynn (chairman), Candy Thomas and Jodie Revard.

### DPS Mission Statement

The Osage, Omaha, Quapaw, Kaw, Ponca, Northern Ponca Peoples, are bound to one another through a shared history, ancient, social, political and cultural relationships and related languages, the latter of which is in jeopardy of extinction. Cognizant of the critical importance of the Dhegiha languages to the cultural and social wellbeing of each respected tribe, undersigned hereby come together to establish the Dhegiha Preservation Society for the purpose of protecting, preserving, preserving the Dhegiha languages through training, education, publication, program development, curriculum development, outreach and social and cultural exchange activities.

## Two Pawhuska village board members resign, vacancies filled

By Benny Polacca  
Osage News

With two resignations from the Pawhuska Indian Village Five-Woman Board, the end of an era has come with two men now filling the vacancies.

Asa Cunningham-Concha and Renee Harris resigned their board positions this summer and fellow village residents Ryan Red Corn and Harrison Shackelford have stepped in to fill the vacancies until the board's two-year terms expire next year.

Village board chairwoman Paula Stabler said Red Corn and Shackelford's appointments to the board were announced at the July 21 village board meeting. Per the Pawhuska village constitution, vacancies may be filled by the village committee (commonly referred to as a five-man board among the three Osage villages).

Cunningham-Concha recently married and moved out of the village, prompting her resignation due to the constitution requirement that board members "shall be domiciled in the Pawhuska Indian Village." Stabler said Harris informed her she was resigning due to personal reasons shortly before the Pawhuska In-Lon-Schka dances in June.

The board spoke with other residents in seeking prospective board members to fill the two vacancies before deciding on Red Corn and Shackelford.

Shackelford is currently interim director for Osage Nation Tribal Works Department and Red Corn co-owns and is president of his graphic design business Buffalo Nickel.

Both men join Stabler, Paula Farid and Jodell Heath on the village board until the next village election, which must be held on the first Monday in October of each odd-numbered year, according to the village constitution.

Elected in 2012 by village residents in wake of the investigation of the former Five-Man Board activities and spending of Pawhuska Osage Casino lease rent money paid to the village, the Five-Woman Board sought to clean up the village and revived the board's monthly meeting schedule. The board work included tackling the finances and cleaning the village landscape peppered with abandoned dilapidated mobile homes, litter and unattended trash piles. The board members' workload also increased to include village improvement projects for cleaning and upgrading the facilities in Wakon Iron Hall and managing a day-workers program, which paid village residents for landscaping work.

Stabler, Cunningham-Concha, Heath, Harris and Farid were re-elected to their posts in 2013. During that election, Red Corn was also nominated as a board candidate with the five women and placed sixth in the election.

Following re-election, the board started focusing on other improvement projects to build new guest arbors for the Hominy and Grayhorse districts during the June In-Lon-Schka dances, which were constructed and first used this year. Now the board is focusing on the new Pawhuska dance arbor project to replace the current aging one. The village board will present the arbor construction plans to the Fourth Osage Nation Congress during the Tzi-Zho Session and will request funding to pay for the construction costs. A meeting date to discuss the plans has yet to be announced.

In related news, Congressman Otto Hamilton is sponsoring the appropriation bill seeking \$2.5 million for the Pawhuska dance arbor project. The bill (ONCA 14-56 with Congressman Archie Mason listed as co-sponsor) was filed on Aug. 22 and seeks the \$2.5 million that would be appropriated to the Nation's capital asset and improvement fund, if passed, to cover the construction costs, surrounding improvements, design costs and costs to cover the demolition of the current arbor.

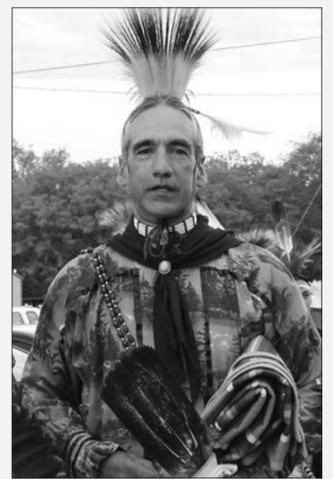
Stabler said she will remain chairwoman, Farid remains vice chairwoman, Heath will serve as treasurer, Red Corn will serve as secretary and Shackelford will be a board member at-large.

The Pawhuska village committee holds its monthly board meetings on the third Monday of each month in Wakon Iron Hall at 7 p.m.



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Ryan Red Corn



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Harrison Shackelford



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2014 Dhegiha Language Conference participants play handgame on July 30 during the two-day event at the Downstream Casino Resort. The Dhegiha language speakers include the Osage, Omaha, Kaw, Ponca and Quapaw tribes.

# Osage leads fight against oil and gas drilling

By Shannon Shaw Duty  
Osage News

In June of this year, Martha Donelson filed a complaint in the Northern District Court of Oklahoma against Devon Energy Production Company and the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

Her claim: the BIA was failing to comply with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and certain oil and gas mining leases and drilling permits issued by the Osage Agency were void.

In August, she and John Friend filed a class-action lawsuit on Aug. 11 and sued 27 oil companies as well as the DOI, the BIA and all lessees and operators who have obtained



Courtesy Photo/ Cherlyn Reeves

**A picture of Celia Lanham's property she owns in the historic cross timbers. She said in January of 2013 at the Negotiated Rulemaking Committee meetings that an oil company came on her land and cleared large areas of cross timbers to drill without her consent. The groundwater they took to drill dried up her land and will take years to recover, said Cherlyn Reeves, horticulturalist. Lanham, an Osage County landowner, was at the NRC meetings to comment on the Osage Agency's lack of enforcement on drilling regulations.**

a concession agreement, lease or drilling permit approved by the BIA in Osage County in violation of NEPA – and she wants a jury trial.

Donelson and Friend are be-

ing represented by Drummond Law, PLLC, and according to the brief filed they want a declaratory judgment to block the companies from entering and drilling on lands until they "have obtained a valid lease and satisfied the other conditions precedent necessary for access to the property" or from "commencing drilling operations until they have obtained a valid drilling permit."

She claims the companies

have drilled and accessed properties without having valid leases, valid drilling permits, surface owner authorization and requisite NEPA documentation.

Donelson and Friend claim their damages include:

- Loss of use and enjoyment of their property
- Contamination of the soil
- Contamination of their surface water
- Contamination of their groundwater
- Diminution in value of their property
- Plaintiffs and class members should recover compensation for the companies' unjust enrichment including disgorgement of profits

Donelson owns approximately 2,000 acres near Burbank in which numerous oil wells have been drilled and continue to be operated on her property without her consent.

Friend, who is also a landowner, owns land near Hominy. He said numerous oil wells have been drilled on his land as well without his consent.

Both the Donelson and Friend properties are subject to BIA approved oil and gas mining leases because they sit atop the Osage Minerals Estate.

The Osage Minerals Estate is approximately 1.5 million acres.

According to the brief, NEPA prohibits agencies from making permanent damages of resources before its NEPA analysis is completed and requires an environmental impact statement (EIS) before authorizing any "major Federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment." Furthermore, to determine whether an EIS is required by NEPA, an En-

vironmental Assessment must be performed.

Members of the Osage Minerals Council expressed concern about Environmental Assessments being required, fearing it would slow down the drilling process. They talked at length with Osage Agency Superintendent Robin Phillips at their August meetings about the required assessments, which is not a new requirement but is now being enforced. An Oil producer spoke against the EA's at the meetings, also fearing it would slow down his company's production.

Companies being sued include: Devon Energy; Chaparral Energy, LLC; Encana Oil & Gas, Inc.; Performance Energy Resources, LLC; CEJA Corporation; CEP Mid-Continent, LLC; Linn Energy Holdings, LLC; Sullivan & Company, LLC; Cardinal River Energy, LP; Revard Oil & Gas Properties, Inc.; Black Lava Resources, LLC; B&G Oil Company; Orion Exploration, LLC; Nadel and Gussman, LLC; Lammamco Drilling, LLC; Clear Mountain Production, LLC; Short Oil, LLC; Wellco Energy, Inc.; Ram Energy Resources, Inc.; Marco Oil Company, LLC; BGI Resources, LLC; Halcon Resources Corporation; The Link Oil Company; Osage Energy Resources, LLC; Toomey Oil Company, Inc.; Kaiser-Francis Anadarko, LLC; Helmer Oil Corp.; and Spyglass Energy Group, LLC.

Check back on *osagenews.org* for updates in this case.

## Northern California Osage meeting scheduled Oct. 4 in Petaluma

### Osage News

The Northern California Osage organization is holding its fall gathering on Saturday Oct. 4 at the Petaluma Community Center.

All Osages and their families and friends are welcome at this event.

The meeting agenda includes: representatives from the Osage Nation Language Department, Osage Tribal Museum, Wahzhazhe Ballet, Osage cooking demonstrations, artists, and musicians, Osage Nation government officials, Osage Minerals Council, artist Yatika Fields live painting, artist talk and auction, Indian goods for sale, and there will be activities for children.

- Osage Tribal Museum Director Kathryn Red Corn will present a history of the Wahzhazhe Ballet and have a \*genealogy reference table set up for individual family research including the 1872 Annuity Roll; Kansas baptismal, marriage and internment records; bands and clans information, and more. (\*Musuem will be collecting copies of historical photos. Make a hard-copy or copy to disc of your Osage ancestors or family photos for submission to the museum permanent collection)
- Senior Osage Tribal Museum Researcher (and Wahzhazhe Ballet composer) Lou Brock with his Osage Nation Timeline book project research (new updated edition will be available for purchase) and Wahzhazhe Ballet score sample piano recital
- Osage Nation Language teacher and Database Specialist Cameron Pratt will discuss the Wahzhazhe ie (language) and language study in small groups for both children

and adults. (Pratt will also host a study group the day before the meeting)

- "Traditional Osage Foods with a Healthy Twist" cooking demonstration by Congresswoman Shannon Edwards
- Artists and Musicians: Yatika Fields- Artist Talk & "Live Painting" a work for auction at the meeting; Marca Cassity- singer/songwriter; Terry Filer- Flute and artwork, and author Ruby Hansen Murray leading a writing workshop.
- ON Constituent Services Director Jacque Jones will be available to provide information about tribal resources and help with any constituents' questions or issues of concern.
- Elected Osage Nation officials and Mineral Council guests.
- Danette Daniels and Julie O'Keefe from the Cedar Chest Indian Shop in Pawhuska with custom Osage clothing and Indian goods.
- Lunch (Traditional dishes with a healthy twist) and dinner
- Raffle (please bring any gently used or new item for the raffle)
- Handgame

The Community Center is located at 320 N. McDowell Blvd. in Petaluma. There is an adjacent park with playground for children.

Questions? Please email [osages@northerncaliforniaosage.org](mailto:osages@northerncaliforniaosage.org).



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**Former United Osages of Southern California chairman Bill Myers speaks with Candy Thomas at the May 2012 UOSC meeting in Carlsbad.**

## UOSC chairman steps down

### Osage News

*Help wanted: a new chairman for the United Osages of Southern California organization.*

Citing health issues, Bill Myers announced on Aug. 17 that he is stepping down as UOSC chairman of the long-time group that provided yearly meetings of fellowship for West Coast Osages – especially those living in the San Diego and Los Angeles metropolitan areas.

"I will no longer be Chairman of United Osage of Southern California as my eyesight has diminished to the point of not being able to write, use the computer or see any forms or details," Myers said in a mass email sent to UOSC meeting attendees. He said there will be no UOSC meetings until a new chairperson is named and he encouraged interested people to contact him.

The last UOSC meeting was held May 2013 in Carlsbad and featured presentations by Osage Nation government and cultural departments.

Through the years, UOSC meetings have provided opportunities for West Coast area Osages to network with each other and to connect with Oklahoma Osages who attend the meetings as candidates running for office; who are presenting or providing ON government services; visiting California relatives; or to learn about Osage art and culture from seasoned instructors providing the lectures and workshops at the meetings.

The UOSC dates back to the 1940s, according to former UOSC chairman Galen Clavier who served for 20 years before Myers took over the duties.

Those interested in the UOSC chairmanship duties may contact Myers at [billmyers1729@gmail.com](mailto:billmyers1729@gmail.com) or (760) 439-8521.

## Wilson pleads guilty, St. John applies for court appointed attorney

### Osage News

Former Osage Nation Tribal Works Director, Daniel St. John, pleaded not guilty today. He applied for a court appointed attorney and ON Trial Court Judge Marvin Stepson will have to approve.

St. John is due back for a no issue disposition on Sept. 11. Former ON Maintenance worker, Wayne Wilson, pleaded guilty and was given a six month deferred sentence (probation) and ordered to pay \$55 in court costs and \$838.60 in restitution. He is due back in court on Feb. 12, 2015.

"The main thing I wanted to get was restitution back to the Nation," said ON Attorney General Jeff Jones.

On July 22, Jones filed a criminal complaint in ON Trial Court against Wilson for larceny. He filed a criminal complaint against St. John for criminal conspiracy.

According to the affidavit, St. John instructed Wilson to deconstruct the sewage tank on Jan. 13. Wilson then transported the metal to Frailey's Recycling in Turley, Okla., on at least three separate occasions, profiting \$838.60. The money was then divided between Wilson and Samuel Brothers, who is Wilson's neighbor in the Pawhuska Indian Village, and no money was returned to the Nation. Wilson admitted he sold the tank as scrap metal and profited from the sale, according to the affidavit.

St. John said he authorized Wilson to deconstruct the tank but not to sell it as scrap metal and was unaware Wilson had sold it, according to the affidavit.

# Osage Boys & Girls Clubs to be 100 percent tribally funded

Osage News

Osage preference will be applied to the Osage Nation Boys & Girls Clubs beginning Sept. 1 since the tribe will be fully funding the entities. The tribe has three clubs located in Pawhuska, Hominy and Fairfax.

“The Osage Nation will commit over \$1 million tribal dollars into the Boys & Girls Club of the Osage Nation. The Osage Nation will use its tribal dollars to emphasize Osage culture to the youth and welcomes any non-Osage youth who is interested in learning the Osage culture,” according to a prepared release. “A full educational program for the youth in science, math, and the arts is being developed for quality education in the Boys

& Girls Club. The name of the organization may have to be changed because of the use of Osage tribal funds only.”

According to an Executive Directive issued by Principal Chief Geoffrey Standing Bear on Aug. 13, the clubs will accept applications Sept. 1-Sept. 15 from only Osage applicants, and family members residing in an Osage household. Beginning Sept. 16, Native Americans from other federally recognized tribes and non-Native applicants will be accepted until all openings are filled.

An Osage household is defined as a household in which at least one member of the Osage Nation resides, providing proof of a validly issued Osage Tribal Membership card, different from a CDIB.



TARA MADDEN/Osage News

Students attempt to break a world record in exercising at the Osage Nation Boys and Girls Club last fall. Admittance to Boys and Girls Club will now be based off of Osage Preference.



CHALENE TOEHAY/Osage News

A father walks with his son at last year's Cultural Walk.

## Cultural Walk and National Indian Taco Championship scheduled in October

Osage News

In early October, Osages are welcome to take advantage of two back-to-back weekends of Native American-themed events in Osage County: the Wah-Zha-Zhi Cultural Center's annual Cultural Walk and the 2014 National Indian Taco Championship in downtown Pawhuska.

On Oct. 11-12, the WCC will host its sixth annual Cultural Walk, which is open to Osages and their families. Participant registration is required by Oct. 1 and downloadable registration forms are available on the WCC's website at: [www.osagenationnsn.gov/who-we-are/cultural-center/cultural-walk](http://www.osagenationnsn.gov/who-we-are/cultural-center/cultural-walk).

Since 2009, the WCC has hosted the Cultural Walk for scores of Osages and their families to participate in the Cultural Walk that commemorates the 1871 final move of the Osage people from Kansas to the modern day Osage Reservation. The walk takes place at the Mullendore Crossbell Ranch in the far northeastern corner of Osage County. This site was chosen because of its historical significance: the ranch is exact location of the trail where most of the Osages who came to Oklahoma from Kansas first crossed over into Osage County.

The Walk itself is an overnight camping trip that culminates with a three-mile hike from the original 1871 historic marker to the Crossbell Ranch, ranch house. At the ranch house the Mullendore Family will provide a catered meal for all attendees. Other activities on the Cultural Walk include a traditional Osage meal cooked over an open fire, Indian Dice, an Osage handgame, s'mores, and storytelling.

For more information, the Wah-Zha-Zhi Cultural Center can be reached at (918) 287-5537.

### National Indian Taco Championship set for Oct. 4

The Pawhuska Chamber of Commerce will host the annual National Indian Taco Championship on the streets of downtown Pawhuska on Oct. 4 starting at 10 a.m.

This cooking competition event brings Indian taco cooks together where they can set up food booths to sell their frybread dishes to the public and compete in the annual Indian taco cooking contest for cash prizes and a year's worth of bragging rights.

Registration is required and interested participants may contact the Chamber of Commerce at (918) 287-1208 for more information and registration applications are available online at: [www.pawhuskachamber.com/national-indian-taco-championship](http://www.pawhuskachamber.com/national-indian-taco-championship)

Admission to this event is free, but for a \$5 fee, visitors can also be judges during the competition where they will sample and score the Indian taco entries. The contest will include preliminary rounds before facing a final round for the top three spots.

The top three finishers will be awarded cash prizes: first place \$1,500, second place \$1,000 and third is \$500.

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## Once a championship pole-vaulter, Dillon Lookout now focuses on medicine

Tara Madden  
Osage News

Dillon Lookout graduated from Jenks High School in May of 2012 with a goal of becoming an Olympic Pole Vaulter. He continued that dream at Oral Roberts University on a track scholarship.

Lookout, 20, has since stopped pole vaulting. A wife, who was also an ORU athlete in track, and a career in medicine have taken over his focuses. His academic studies come first.

“I have been married for two years. I want to focus on my education for my wife Christina, she has really encouraged me to stay focused on education and my goals to make a difference and change people's lives,” Lookout said.

His junior year of high school he won the 6A Oklahoma Regional Track and Field State Championships, he broke the Jenks High School's pole-vaulting record after he cleared 16-6, his personal best, earning him the rank of third in the nation. Then he suffered an injury his senior year, which slowed him down. After the injury, he still earned Jenks Athlete of the Year twice, was team captain, a five-time All-American and a four-time all-state selection. He was runner-up in the state championships his senior year with a jump of 16-3. On top of all his commitments to pole-vaulting, he also wrestled and played football.

As a freshman at ORU, he competed in seven indoor and five outdoor meets, finishing third overall at the Track-It Buster Invitational, trailing two of his ORU senior teammates.

He says he doesn't really miss pole vaulting but he does keep up with how the sport is doing.

After speaking with his uncle Dr. Ron Shaw about medicine and the medical profession, Lookout decided it was the direction he wanted his future to go. Shaw is also an Osage Nation Congressman. He said his uncle was very influential with his decision to move in the direction of medicine.

Lookout was focused on his goals of becoming an Olympic pole-vaulter and briefly pole-vaulted for ORU, but when his grades began to fall, he knew he had to do something about his academics. So with the love and determination he put into pole-vaulting, he put into his academics to achieve those goals as well.



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Dillon Lookout walks to the Grayhorse In-Lon-Schka arbor for this year's dances.

“My grade point average has gone up substantially since focusing on my academics and my goals of becoming a MD [medical doctor],” Lookout said.

Lookout has three years left at Oral Roberts University in the nursing program and has plans to move on to medical school to pursue his goal of internal medicine or family practice. He said he wants to earn his nursing degree first so he can help pay for his family and schooling while going to school. Lookout plans to apply for

medical school at the University of Oklahoma or the University of Minnesota when he's done at ORU. Lookout would like to help his Osage people upon graduating and possibly work for the Indian Health Service.

Lookout is grandson of Star Lee and Mike Jones (who was a national champion wrestler), and Rosemary Shaw. He is a member of the Pawhuska District and participates in the In-Lon-Schka dances in June and is a former Waterboy.

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# Osage Nation Language Department



## 2014 FALL SCHEDULE September 15-December 19

### PAWHUSKA

WEDNESDAY	Lunch with Language	Stephanie Rapp	Noon-1 p.m.
THURSDAY	Elder's Osage	Addie Hudgins	1 p.m.-2 p.m.
	Osage I	Ed Shaw	6 p.m.-7:30 p.m.
	Advanced Osage	Herman Lookout/ Bill Lynn	6 p.m.-7:30 p.m.
	Children's Osage	Addie Hudgins/ Pre-K-Grade 3 Cameron Pratt/ Grade 4+	6 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

### GRAYHORSE - FAIRFAX

MONDAY	Children's Osage	Tracey Moore/ Donna Barrone	3 p.m.-4 p.m.
	Osage I & II	Donna Barrone	5:30 p.m.-7 p.m.
TUESDAY	Advanced Osage	Tracey Moore	6:30 p.m.-8 p.m.
WEDNESDAY	Elder's Osage I & II	Donna Barrone	1:30 p.m.-3 p.m.

### HOMINY

THURSDAY	Osage I & II	Roman Hutchens	6 p.m.-8 p.m.
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### SKIATOOK

MONDAY	Osage I & II	Roman Hutchens	6 p.m.-7 p.m.
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### EDMOND

TUESDAY	Osage I & II	Addie Hudgins	6:30 p.m.-8 p.m.
	Osage II	Mogri Lookout	6:30 p.m.-8 p.m.

### TULSA

WEDNESDAY	Osage I & II	Jacquelyn Delong	6 p.m.-7 p.m.
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Fall break will be observed the week of October 13-17 and NO classes will be in session. The week of Thanksgiving, November 24-28, there will be NO classes.

## Language Department Site Listings

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Oklahoma Governor Candidate Joe Dorman (center) with Eddy Red Eagle Jr., Joe Conner and Assistant Principal Chief Raymond Red Corn, visited with locals Aug. 26 at the Wah-Zha-Zhi Cultural Center.



CHALENE TOEHAY/Osage News

Osage County residents listen to Oklahoma Governor Candidate Joe Dorman speak at the meet and greet that was held at the Wah-Zha-Zhi Cultural Center on August 26.

## Case rescheduled for former child support worker

By Benny Polacca  
Osage News

The civil court case against a former Osage Nation Child Support Department employee, accused of violating the Nation's open records and child support enforcement laws 50 times, is set for Sept. 4. The defendant requested a rescheduled court date citing a conflicting appointment to appeal her firing.

Elizabeth Kathleen Sherwood asked the ON Trial Court for a continuance in the case on Aug. 6, which is the day before she was scheduled for an initial hearing. At issue is whether Sherwood allegedly violated the Nation's open records and child support laws 50 times when she disclosed client information to an HR grievance committee that was meeting earlier this summer to consider Sherwood's appeal regarding a written disciplinary warning against her.

Sherwood filed a copy of a July 30 letter she received from former ON human resources director Delary Walters who wrote to inform Sherwood that her grievance hearing to reconsider her termination was also set for Aug. 7, at the same time she was due in court for the initial hearing.

According to ON Attorney General Jeff Jones, who filed the case on behalf of the Nation, the three-person grievance committee, which heard Sherwood's Aug. 7 appeal, upheld the termination.

A rescheduled hearing is set for Sept. 4 with presiding Trial Court Chief Judge Marvin Stepson.

Sherwood, also a licensed attorney who is representing herself in this case, responded to the charges by filing an Aug. 6 answer in tribal court simply stating: "The Defendant denies each and every allegation in the Complaint and demands strict proof thereof."

Jones filed the case in tribal court on July 18 – the same day Sherwood was terminated from her process server and TIP coordinator post with the Child Support Department. Jones said Sherwood had received a written warning for a personnel matter under the Nation's HR policies, which she sought to appeal and breached her office's confidentiality rules by disclosing protected client information in her support documents shared with the HR committee to challenge the warning.

According to Jones, Sherwood took screenshots of the confidential client information, which she then copied and gave to the HR department. Child support client information typically includes data regarding the amounts a person is paying in child support, names, addresses and other identifying information regarding those involved in a case.

The court complaint against Sherwood states that if convicted, a person charged with violating the Nation's open records act faces a fine ranging of \$1,000 to \$5,000 per charge. A person convicted of disclosing confidential information under the ON child support enforcement act is subject to a \$1,000 fine per offense.

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# American Indian Exposition

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CLOCKWISE FROM TOP: Osage Tribal Princess Katelynn Pipestem attends the American Indian Exposition on Aug. 9.

Osage Tribal Princess Katelynn Pipestem gourd dances with the other tribal princesses at the American Indian Exposition dance on Aug. 9.

Osage Tribal Princess Katelynn Pipestem dances with her aunt Veronica Pipestem at the American Indian Exposition dance on Aug. 9.

Osage Tribal Princess Katelynn Pipestem shakes hands with young children who attended the American Indian Exposition dance on Aug. 9.

Osage Tribal Princess Katelynn Pipestem shakes hands with the elders who attended the American Indian Exposition dance on Aug. 9.

Osage Tribal Princess Katelynn Pipestem rides a horse in the American Indian Exposition Parade on Aug. 9.





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Beams of the new Osage Nation Welcome Center have been raised as the Campus Master Plan construction progresses.



## Summer's End...

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LEFT: Pawhuska JOM holds their first meeting of the school year at the Skate Park in Pawhuska.

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RIGHT: Vann Wildcat slides into the Pawhuska JOM meeting Aug. 26 at the Skate Park.



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# Chief Standing Bear appoints eight to ON boards and commissions

By Benny Polacca  
Osage News

Pending confirmation consideration by the Fourth Osage Nation Congress, eight individuals are now appointed to several boards and commissions.

Principal Chief Geoffrey Standing Bear appointed the eight people (seven are Osage) and those appointment confirmations will be considered by the ON Congress when it meets for its first 24-day regular Tzi-Zho Session starting Sept. 2.

In the meantime, the appointees will serve interim terms and took oaths of office at the tribal courthouse in Pawhuska.

Norman Akers, Jerry Shaw, Mary “Liz” Ricketts, and George Shannon are appointees for the Traditional Cultural Advisors Committee.

Akers is a seasoned painter and currently an associate professor of visual arts at the University of Kansas. He holds a master’s of fine arts degree from the University of Illinois and has had his painting works on display in art galleries, museums, exhibitions and shows throughout the country. Akers (Grayhorse District) has also taught at other art schools including the Institute of American Indian Arts, Oklahoma State University and UI-Urbana-Champaign.

Ricketts is a former Pawhuska District head cook who served for two Drumkeepers. She recently retired as executive director of the Housing Authority of the Osage Tribe after 27 years of service. During her work tenure, Ricketts established a 501(c) (3) for the entity to become a community development financial institution known as Osage Financial Resources Inc. to make financing available to Native Americans. Also during her work, 600 mutual-help homes for Osage citizens were built and the deeds to those homes were conveyed last year.

Shaw, who served on the 31st Osage Tribal Council, is a history and minority studies instructor at Wichita State University with 43 years of college teaching experience including Native American history and culture. A former Grayhorse District Head Committeeman, Shaw also served as water boy, whipman and committeeman during the In-Lon-Schka dances. Also during his tribal council service, Shaw was instrumental in establishing the current ON Language Department.

Shannon is retired from the banking business where he worked as a trust officer for two California banks and worked as vice president and trust officer for the Fourth National Bank in Tulsa. Shannon, a U.S. Army veteran, also worked as a business consultant for Oklahoma tribes including the Osage Nation, Cherokee Nation and Choctaw Nation. Shannon is a member of the Hominy In-Lon-Schka committee and chairman of the Mary Morrell Russell Descendants Inc., the family’s Native American Church.

Belle-Renee Wilson (Hominy District) is appointed to the second alternate seat on the ON Election Board. Wilson’s professional experience includes working as a volunteer or director of Family Services at U.S. Air Force bases including Davis-Monthan in Tucson, Ariz., and two in the United Kingdom while her husband served as an Air Force Lt. Colonel. She also worked as a cashier/ main banker at the Osage Casino predecessor Osage Million Dollar Elm Casino in Hominy and worked as a service representative for a North Chicago credit union.

Tulsa-based attorney Dawn Pratt Harrington (Osage) is appointed to the ON Gaming Enterprise Board. Harrington is a University of Tulsa law school graduate and her work experience includes serving as attorneys general for the Otoe-Missouria Tribe and Osage Nation under the former government system and served as state board president for the American Indian Chamber of Commerce. She is currently the executive director for T.K. Wolf Inc., a counseling and consulting firm, and she also practices law focusing on crime, juvenile, tribal and gaming issues.

Attorney, consultant and former ON District Court judge Marsha Harlan (Osage) is appointed to the ON Gaming Commission. Harlan holds a TU law degree and lives in Park Hill, Okla., where she is a founding partner of Indian Collaborative Consultants LLC and she is also a partner for law firm Legal Advocates for Indian Country, LLP. Harlan also holds several judiciary roles for other Oklahoma tribes including: Pawnee Nation Supreme Court Justice; District Court Judge for the Kickapoo Tribe; District Court Judge for the Seminole Nation; and Supreme Court Judge for the Miami Tribe.

Nancy Pillsbury Shirley is appointed to the ON Foundation Board. This is the second time Shirley is being considered for the Foundation Board after a previous appointment by former Principal Chief Jim Gray was voted down by the First ON Congress in 2009. Shirley, a Ladue, Mo., resident, is currently president of the Pillsbury Marketing Company and is owner of The Tara Plantation. Shirley’s nonprofit activities include serving as executive vice president and treasurer of the Ed & H Pillsbury Foundation; Board Chairwoman for the Winter Opera St. Louis; and board member for the Missouri Baptist Children’s Home.

Harlan, Harrington, Wilson, Akers, Ricketts and Shannon took their oaths on Aug. 20 at the ON tribal courthouse. John “Trey” Goldesberry, recently appointed to the gaming board, took his oath on Aug. 14.

Shaw and Shirley took their oaths of office at the courthouse on Aug. 28 along with attorney Drew Pierce, who is appointed to the ON Supreme Court.



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Nancy Pillsbury Shirley was sworn in on Aug. 28 to serve on the Osage Nation Foundation Board.



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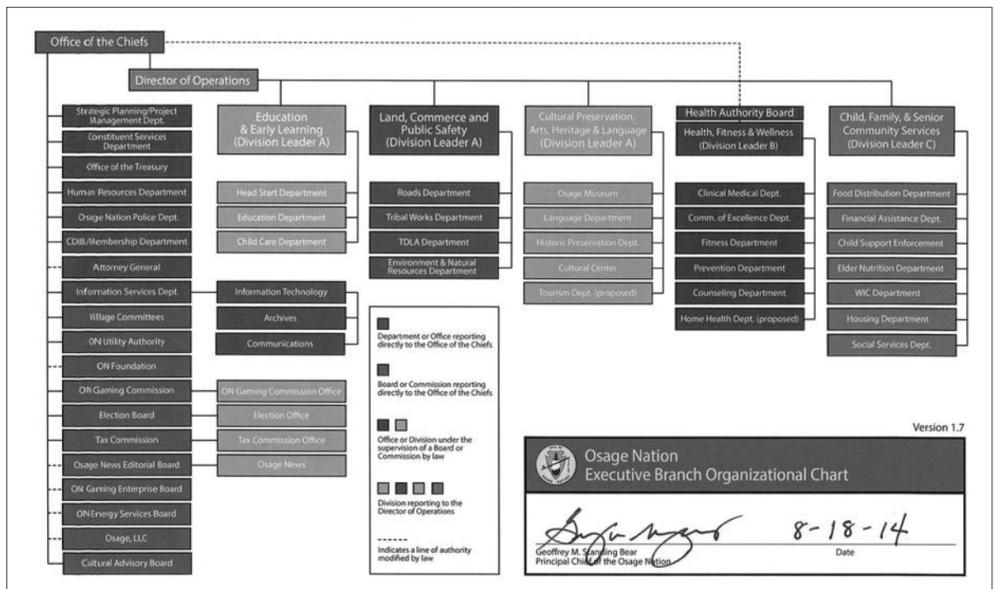
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From L to R: Principal Chief Geoffrey Standing Bear, Marsha Harlan, George Shannon, Norman Akers, Elizabeth Ricketts, Belle Wilson and Trial Court Judge Marvin Stepson.

## Chief Standing Bear reveals administration’s organizational chart



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Osage Nation Principal Chief Geoffrey Standing Bear has released his administration’s organizational chart. He is the first chief since the 2006 Osage reformed government to make his organizational chart public.

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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

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# 4th Osage Nation Congress 2014 Tzi-Zho Session

## *Final Legislation Tracking as of September 3, 2014*

Bill/Resolution Number	Title	Sponsor	Location
ONCA 14-55	An Act to authorize and appropriate three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) to the Capital Asset and Improvement Fund for the installation of a fire suppression system and security system in the Osage Nation Museum; and to establish an alternate effective date.	Maker	Referred to Cultural 9-2-14
ONCA 14-56	An act to provide an appropriation in the amount of two million five hundred thousand dollars (\$2,500,000) to the Capital Asset and Improvement Fund to remove the current arbor and to design and construct a new arbor; to establish an alternate effective date.	Hamilton	Referred to Cultural 9-2-14
ONCA 14-57	An Act to amend ONCA 14-47 that established the Divisions of the Executive Branch of the Osage Nation; and to establish an alternate effective date.	Whitehorn	Referred to Government Operations 9-2-14
ONCA 14-58	An Act to authorize the Osage Nation to invest in real property in the original Osage Reservation Area offered for purchase; to create a real property purchase fund; to authorize and appropriate the sum of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) to the real property purchase fund; to declare an emergency and establish an alternate effective date.	Supernaw	Referred to Commerce 9-2-14
ONCA 14-59	An Act to amend the Competitive Bidding Act, 15 ONC §§ 2-411 and 2-421, to require bids to be opened in Pawhuska; to broaden the scope of penalties; and to establish an alternate effective date.	Supernaw	Referred to Commerce 9-2-14
ONCA14-60	An Act to establish penalties for violation fo the Office of Fiscal and Performance Review law; and to establish an alternate effective date.	Supernaw	Referred to Government Operations 9-2-14
ONCA 14-61	An Act to amend 15 ONC §2-201 et seq. to include penalties for violation of the law; and to provide an alternate effective date.	Supernaw	Referred to Government Operations 9-2-14
ONCA 14-62	An Act to amend the open records Act at 15 ONC §8-102 to include Osage Nation enterprises, including limited liability companies, corporations and any other business entity of the Osage Nation in the definition of a government entity; and to establish an alternate effective date.	Supernaw	Tabled in Government Operations 9-2-14
ONCA 14-63	An Act to amend the Osage Nation Health Authority Board Act, ONCA 11-116, to remove the requirement to have policies and procedures presented and approved by the Osage Nation Congress; and to establish an alternate effective date.	Shaw	Referred to Health 9-2-14
ONCA 14-64	An Act to provide an appropriation to the Office of the Principal Chief of the Osage Nation for fiscal year 2015 in the amount of one million nine hundred ninety five thousand eight hundred eighty two dollars (\$1,995,882); and to establish an alternate effective date.	Jech	Referred to Government Operations 9-2-14
ONCA 14-65	An Act to provide an appropriation to the Legislative Branch of the Osage Nation for fiscal year 2015 in the amount of two million four hundred eighty four thousand seven hundred eighty dollars (\$2,484,780); and to establish an alternate effective date.	Jech	Referred to Government Operations 9-2-14
ONCA 14-66	An Act to provide an appropriation to the Judicial Branch of the Osage Nation for fiscal year 2015 in the amount of six hundred forty five thousand two hundred twenty six dollars (\$645,226); and to establish an alternate effective date.	Jech	Referred to Government Operations 9-2-14

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# 4th Osage Nation Congress 2014 Tzi-Zho Session

## *Final Legislation Tracking as of September 3, 2014*

Bill/Resolution Number	Title	Sponsor	Location
ONCA 14-67	An Act to provide an appropriation to the Boards, Commissions, Authorities and Utilities of the Osage Nation for fiscal year 2015 in the amount of nine hundred seventy eight thousand four hundred seventy six dollars (\$978,476); to consent to spending of an Independent Agency; and to establish an alternate effective date.	Jech	Referred to Appropriations 9-2-14
ONCA 14-68	An Act to authorize and appropriate four hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$450,000) to the Burial Assistance Fund; and to establish an alternate effective date.	Jech	Referred to Cultural 9-2-14
ONCA 14-69	An Act to provide an appropriation to the Capital Asset and Improvement Fund in the amount of nine hundred thirty five thousand dollars (\$935,000); and to establish an alternate effective date.	Jech	Referred to Education 9-2-14
ONCA 14-70	An Act to provide an appropriation to the Child, Family and Senior Community Services Division of the Osage Nation for fiscal year 2015 in the amount of ten million seven hundred eighty five thousand eight hundred fifty eight dollars (\$10,785,858); and to establish an alternate effective date.	Jech	Referred to Health 9-2-14
ONCA 14-71	An Act to provide an appropriation to the Cultural Preservation, Arts, Heritage and Language Division of the Osage Nation for fiscal year 2015 in the amount of two million nine hundred fifty four thousand eight hundred thirty eight dollars (\$2,954,838); and to establish an alternate effective date.	Jech	Referred to Cultural 9-2-14
ONCA 14-72	An Act to provide an appropriation to the Education and Early Childhood Services Division of the Osage Nation for fiscal year 2015 in the amount of six million eight hundred forty nine thousand seven hundred seventy six dollars (\$6,849,776); and to establish an alternate effective date.	Jech	Referred to Education 9-2-14
ONCA 14-73	An Act to authorize and appropriate seven million nine hundred sixty nine thousand five hundred ninety three dollars (\$7,969,593) to the Osage Nation Higher Education Scholarship Fund; and to establish an alternate effective date.	Jech	Referred to Education 9-2-14
ONCA 14-74	An Act to authorize and appropriate one million two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$1,250,000) to the Treasury for payment for the Master Campus Plan Loan; and to establish an alternate effective date.	Jech	Referred to Commerce 9-2-14
ONCA 14-75	An Act to provide an appropriation to the Government Operations Division of the Osage Nation for fiscal year 2015 in the amount of twenty one million five hundred forty seven thousand three hundred seven dollars (\$21,547,307); and to establish an alternate effective date.	Jech	Filed Legislation
ONCA 14-76	An Act to provide an appropriation to the Health, Fitness and Wellness Division of the Osage Nation for fiscal year 2015 in the amount of four million three hundred ninety two thousand four hundred seven dollars (\$4,392,407); and to establish an alternate effective date.	Jech	Referred to Health 9-2-14
ONCA 14-77	An Act to provide an appropriation to the Land, Commerce and Public Safety Division of the Osage Nation for fiscal year 2015 in the amount of nine million four hundred three thousand eighty three dollars (\$9,403,083); and to establish an alternate effective date.	Jech	Referred to Commerce 9-2-14
ONCA 14-78	An act to authorize five million dollars (\$5,000,000) to the Health Benefit Plan Fund; and to establish an alternate effective date.	Edwards	Referred to Health 9-2-14

## OSAGE CULTURE

# A record of the past

Charles Red Corn  
Osage News



Charles Red Corn

Ancient teachings that have endured several centuries can form a solid foundation upon which to build a tribal social order as well as a tribal government today.

Long ago when Osage Oral Tradition began, it was a way of passing down information from one person to another person, or one generation to another generation. I have seen several artistic paintings that show an image of an elder and three or four younger people sitting near to a low flaming fire that flame in the middle of the lodge floor.

One would assume that when the Elder spoke he was actually retelling the history of Osage People. He recited the story in a word for word telling of our history and it was understood that the words and thoughts are intended to be remembered in an accurate, word for word manner and would be retold in that same accurate and understandable way.

It was also understood that the detail was important, because the words were intended to be heard by future generations who were not yet born.

We have been told that this form of relaying information normally took place during the cold winter months. I have also been told that it took place during the nighttime hours.

Today we know the information that was handed down long ago was a complex retelling of the human experiences, in many ways not too different from the retelling of relationships and humans experience today, while in other ways a different story.

It was not only a way of accurately remembering and retelling the critical facts and history of our People, it was also a means of accurately passing on Prayers and Rituals and Ceremonies.

There was the preservation of a tribal calendar that was brought on by the different seasons of the year, such as floods or tornadoes. Certainly, the hard-

ships brought on by a long period without rain would certainly be experiences worth remembering, just as the extended time of freezing temperatures and frozen lakes and streams would be useful in predicting the hazards of nature. Information of that nature is critical to living on this earth.

Osages today have a lot to enjoy and to be thankful for. We can open up a computer and read and understand the thoughts of those Old Osages. Those words are available to us from those Old Ones. It is also true that Osages can attend any number of Hand Games, Dinners, Burial services, and Name Giving events, or Dances that are still with us.

The things mentioned above came to our generation through the art of passing information by word of mouth from One Generation to the next Generation.

So, it is, those Osages of long ago who were very good at remembering the Prayers, Rituals and Ceremonies. They were also good at organizing that knowledge in a way that guided our People through the ages. Their thoughts and words were organized very much like a library.

**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.

## OSAGES AROUND THE WORLD



Courtesy Photo

Dr. Mary Braunagel-Brown shares her copy of the *Osage News* with her class of middle school English teachers in Kunming, China. Mary is the granddaughter of original allottee Lutie Hunt Ericksten of Foraker.

## Osage named to Native American Technology Council

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Robert "Mark" Kirk, director of the Nation's Information Technology Department, is the newly-elected Secretary of Oklahoma's Native American Technology Council.

The council serves as a liaison among tribes and government, vendors, and national and international business entities. Top technology executives from nearly half of the 39 Oklahoma-based Native American tribes have come together for the purpose of pooling knowledge and resources to pursue technology opportunities in Oklahoma, the region, and internationally, according to a prepared release.

Membership in the Council is open to any information technology executive, economic development officer, or planner who reports directly to the elected leader of a federally recognized tribe based in Oklahoma.

Areas of focus for the Council include opportunities benefiting the member tribes, including education, technology, health, economic development, the preservation of history,



Robert "Mark" Kirk

and culture and language. The Council will further seek to influence events and legislation in Oklahoma and the US Congress, according to the release.

Officers and members of the Board of Directors and Advisory Board, elected at the Council's formation meeting in July, include:

- Dennis J. Dyer, CIO, Citizen Potawatomi Nation, President/Chair
- Jon B. James, CIO, Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma, Vice President
- Robert Mark Kirk, Director

of Information Technology, Osage Nation, Secretary

- Kay Rhoades, Past Chief of Sac and Fox Nation, Treasurer
- Boyd Cummings, Director of Information Technology – Sac and Fox Nation, Board Member
- Jim Nelson, CIO, Chickasaw Nation Industries, Board Member
- Michael L. Becker, General Field Representative, United States Department of Agriculture, Advisor
- Samuel T. Curtis, P.E., CEO, AtLink Services, LLC, Advisor
- Kurt Kraft, President, MIDCON Recovery Solutions, LLC, Advisor
- Alvin Myers, President, United Systems, Advisor
- Sonja Wall, OCAN Manager, OneNet, Advisor



## Ki-He-Kah Steh Powwow

Photos by BENNY POLACCA/Osage News

Grand entry line at the Ki-He-kah Steh Powwow on July 25.

Julia Wakeford receives her 2014 Ki-He-kah Steh Princess crown on July 25.

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## Save the Date!

### –Local Events Calendar

#### SEPTEMBER

##### September 12 - 14

*Wyandotte Powwow*  
Wyandotte Nation  
Powwow Grounds  
5.2 miles East of  
Wyandotte, Oklahoma  
on Highway 60

##### September 16 - 18

*Basic Floral Arrangements Class – Community Enrichment Classes*  
Community Ed Pawhuska  
Classes on Tuesday and Thursday, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.  
For more information contact (918) 287-3357 or (918) 333-2422

##### September 20

*Osage Nation 2014 Amazing Race*  
Pawhuska, Oklahoma  
For more information contact (918) 287-5267

##### September 23 - 25

*Advance Floral Arrangements Class – Community Enrichment Classes*  
Classes on Tuesday and Thursday 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.  
For more information contact (918) 287-3357 or (918) 333-2422

##### September 26 - 28

*23rd Annual Comanche Nation Fair*  
Comanche Nation Complex  
For more information contact (580) 492-3240

##### September 27

*Tulsa State Fair Intertribal Powwow*  
Tulsa Fairgrounds  
Central Park Lawn  
Parade in at 7 p.m. Must register by 6 p.m.

##### September 29 – October 7

*Financial Literacy Class – Career Development Classes*  
Community Ed Pawhuska  
Classes on Monday and Tuesday 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.  
For more information contact (918) 287-3357 or (918) 333-2422

#### OCTOBER

October 4  
*Domestic Violence Program Presents Honoring Our Osage Sisters Day Dance*  
Wah-Zha-Zhe Cultural Center  
Beginning at 2 p.m.  
For more information contact (918) 5419

##### 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 7 – October 16

*Combining Word, Power Point and Excel – Career Development Classes*  
Community Ed Pawhuska  
Classes on Tuesday and Thursday 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.  
For more information contact (918) 287-3357 or (918) 333-2422

##### October 11

*Oklahoma State University 2014 Powwow*  
Payne County Expo Center  
Stillwater, Oklahoma  
For more information contact (405) 708-9968

##### October 11 – 12

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

##### October 13

*Osage Day – Observed Holiday*  
Offices Closed

##### October 13 – October 27

*Beginners Genealogy Classes – Community Enrichment Classes*  
Community Ed Pawhuska  
Classes on Monday 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.  
For more information contact (918) 287-3357 or (918) 333-2422

##### October 18

*Red Rock Creek Gourd Dance*  
First Council Casino Event Center  
Newkirk, Oklahoma  
For more information contact (580) 723-4466

##### October 18

*11th Annual Pryor Wellbriety Powwow*  
Chouteau High School  
315 W. Whitaker  
Chouteau, Oklahoma  
For more information contact (918) 698-0583

##### October 20

*Sweet Relish Making – Community Enrichment Classes*  
Community Ed Pawhuska  
Classes on Monday and Tuesday 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.  
For more information contact (918) 287-3357 or (918) 333-2422

##### October 21 - 30

*Publisher Classes – Career Development Classes*  
Community Ed Pawhuska  
Classes on Tuesday and Thursday 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.  
For more information contact (918) 287-3357 or (918) 333-2422

##### October 22

*Holiday Wreath Making Class – Community Enrichment Classes*  
Community Ed Pawhuska  
Class on Wednesday 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.  
For more information contact (918) 287-3357 or (918) 333-2422

##### October 27

*Let's Login to Facebook – Community Enrichment Classes*  
Community Ed Pawhuska  
Class on Monday 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.  
For more information contact (918) 287-3357 or (918) 333-2422

##### October 31

*Haskell Alumni Association of Oklahoma Reunion 2014*  
Crowne Plaza Hotel  
7902 S. Lewis Avenue (across from Oral Roberts Univ. Mabee Center)  
For more information contact Loretta Burgess (918) 633-7030

##### October 31 – November 2

*Bacone College Powwow and Indian Fair*  
Muskogee Civic Center  
For more information contact (918) 687-3299

#### NOVEMBER

##### November 3

*Jelly Making Class – Community Enrichment Classes*  
Community Ed Pawhuska  
Class on Monday 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.  
For more information

contact (918) 287-3357 or (918) 333-2422

##### November 11

*Veterans Day – Observed Holiday*  
Offices Closed

##### November 15

*OKCPS Native American Student Services*  
8th Annual OKCPS Powwow  
US Grant High School  
5016 S. Pennsylvania Ave.  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
For more information contact NASS Office at (405) 587-0355

##### November 18

*Friends and Appetizers Class – Community Enrichment Classes*  
Community Ed Pawhuska  
Class on Wednesday 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.  
For more information contact (918) 287-3357 or (918) 333-2422

##### November 18 –

##### December 17

*Phlebotomy Classes – Career Development Classes*  
Community Ed Pawhuska  
Classes on Tuesday and Wednesday 4 p.m. to 9 p.m.  
For more information contact (918) 287-3357 or (918) 333-2422

##### November 27

*Thanksgiving Day – Observed Holiday*  
Offices Closed

##### November 28

*Osage Heritage Day – Observed Holiday*  
Offices Closed

#### DECEMBER

##### December 2

*Holiday Upcycle Class – Community Enrichment Classes*  
Community Ed Pawhuska  
Class on Tuesday 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.  
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##### December 24 – 25

*Christmas Eve and Christmas Day – Observed Holiday*  
Offices Closed

##### December 31

*14th Annual New Years Eve Sobriety Powwow*  
Cox Business Center  
100 Civic Center  
Tulsa, Oklahoma  
For more information contact (918) 639-7999

Have an event? Send event information to the *Osage News*, Attn.: Shannon Shaw, 619 Kihkah, Pawhuska, OK 74056; email [sshaw@osagenews.org](mailto:sshaw@osagenews.org), or fax to (918) 287-5563. Make sure to include event date, location, email and Web address (if applicable) and a phone number where someone can be contacted for validation if necessary. Deadline for the October 2014 issue is September 18, 2014.



Stacy Schauliege

#### Congratulations!

Stacy Schauliege is the daughter of Perry and Leslie Schauliege, and great-granddaughter of the late William David Fronkier, all of Ponca City. This past May, Stacy received her Juris Doctor degree from The University of Notre Dame Law School in South Bend, Indiana. She served as President of the Native American Law Student Assoc. and Social Chair of the Student Bar Association. She has accepted an Associate position with the law firm of Crowe & Dunlevy, Tulsa, where she will focus on Business Law, Indian Law and Gaming. Her hobbies include cooking, DIY projects,



Belle Avery Redding

and playing tennis. Stacy and her parents are very grateful for the financial support she received from the Osage Education Department in furthering her goals.

#### Congratulations!

William Hesston and Summer Redding of Harrah, Okla., welcomed their daughter Belle Avery Redding on July 2. Grandparents are Cate Haney Newman, TX, Bill Redding, OKC, and Greg and Luwana Ledbetter, Harrah. Belle is named after her great-great-grandmother, Belle Big Elk Haney and great-grandfather, Bell Charles Haney.

## New Osage Tribal Director elected

#### Osage News

Chalene Toehay, Editorial Assistant/Photographer for the *Osage News*, has been elected the new Osage Tribal Director for a three-year term.

Elections took place in Anadarko, Okla., over the weekend with Toehay winning 11-0 over Charisse Satepauhoodle.

Toehay will serve as the tribal director to the 2015-2016 Osage Tribal Princess. The current tribal director, Angela Satepauhoodle, will finish out her year as director at this year's 81st American Indian Exposition, Aug. 6-9.

"It is an honor and a privilege to be able to serve as the Osage Tribal Director. I am excited to be able to serve the Osage Nation in this way," Toehay said. "The Osage Tribal Princess position is a long and respected tradition and I hope to empower our young Osage women in becoming respected ambassadors among our tribal nations."

Toehay is a third generation Osage tribal director from the Mary Osage Green Family of the Grayhorse District. She is also a championship dancer in cloth and buckskin and is currently the president of the Osage Tribal Princess Sorority. She served as Osage Tribal Princess in 1995 and 1996.

Osage and Kiowa, she is an award-winning photographer for the *Osage News*. She is a member of the Native American Journalism Association, the Society of Professional Journalists and the Oklahoma Press Association. She is the proud mother of three beautiful children.



Chalene Toehay

## Wah-Zha-Zhi Cultural Center Classes announced

#### Osage News

Wah-Zha-Zhi Cultural Center Fall 2014 Class Schedule:

**Sept. 2 – Finger Weaving 6 p.m. – 8 p.m. Tuesdays**  
Sign up: Aug. 15 - Aug. 29  
Location: WCC

**Sept. 2 – Finger Weaving 6 p.m. – 8 p.m. Tuesdays**  
Sign up: Aug. 15 - Aug. 29  
Location: Hominy Education Department

**Sept. 4 – Ribbon Work 6 p.m. – 8 p.m. Thursdays**  
Sign up: Aug. 15 - Aug. 29  
Location: Skiatook Frontier Museum

Contact Vann Bighorse at 918-287-5537 or Harrison Hudgins at 918-287-5632 to sign up for classes.



David Russell Herard

### David Russell Herard

David Russell Herard, age 82, of rural Bartlesville, passed away July 1, 2014.

David retired from Phillips Petroleum after 38 years.

He continued to work in the oil business for many years. David enjoyed the outdoors, hunting and fishing. He was preceded in death by his father Francis (Bud) Herard (1998) and his mother Gene Bowman

Herard(1935). He is survived by his wife Carol Charlene Herard, his mother Betty Herard of Ponca City, sisters Franc Ann Johnson, Eagle Lake, Tx, Rae(Karl) Karlin, Borger, TX 7 children: Joe and his wife Karen of Ponca City, Russell and his wife Karan of Sulphur, La, Tony and his wife Linda of Crane,Tx, Becky Tootle and her husband Tim of Mulvane, Ks, Richard and his wife Cheryl of Bartlesville, Melissa Whitchurch and her husband Richard of Bartlesville, Chana Ware and her husband Mason of Hinton, Ok, 20 grandchildren and 25 great-grandchildren.

A private memorial service was held in Bartlesville on July 5, 2014.

2 Timothy 4:7 – *I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.*



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### Need a cutline

## Oklahoma City Indian Clinic opens new medical building

OKLAHOMA CITY – Oklahoma City Indian Clinic (OKCIC) has dedicated its new medical building to its Chairman of the Board, Dr. Everett R. Rhoades, and celebrated the grand opening of the facility on Friday, Aug. 15. Dr. Rhoades, Kiowa, became the first American Indian director of Indian Health Service (IHS) and is a founding member of OKCIC.

“Dr. Rhoades has made a profound impact in Indian health care not just in Oklahoma, but across the nation,” said Robyn Sunday-Allen, CEO of OKCIC. “For the last

40 years, he’s helped shape our clinic to be the leading health facility for urban Indians. This gesture is the least we can do for someone as deserving as him.”

Located at 5208 W Reno, the building houses several services offered by the clinic including OKCIC’s Harmony Pediatric Clinic, physical therapy clinic, wellness center, optometry department, public health department, Health Promotion/Disease Prevention department, behavioral health department and administration and businesses offices.

“I have to thank the board for the extraordinary honor of putting my name on this building,” said Dr. Rhoades. “But it’s not my name that makes this so special, it’s the individuals who work here and their dedication to serving the community. One of the most gratifying experiences throughout my time here is recognizing how unsurpassed our staff is.”

The ceremony featured the Presentation of Colors by the Kiowa Black Leggings Warrior Society. Leonard Cozad,

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## Suicide Prevention Summit planned for Sept. 8 in Bartlesville

### Osage Nation Prevention Program

Dr. David Jobs, founder and developer of the Collaborative Assessment and Management of Suicidability treatment, is the keynote speaker for the Second Annual Suicide Prevention Summit on Sept. 8 at the Bartlesville Community Center.

The event is hosted by the Washington County Suicide Prevention Coalition, Washington County Association of Mental Health and the Washington County Health Department.

The summit begins with an all-day session for professionals, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and is worth 6.5 continuing education units. A free community presentation will be held from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Jobs is a professor of psychology and associate director of clinical training at the Catholic University of America. Having authored five books on suicide, conducting research and writing extensive journal articles, Jobs is internationally recognized as an expert on suicidology. Recent works include “Managing Suicidal Risk, A Collaborative Approach” in 2006 and “Building a Therapeutic Alliance with the Suicide Patient” in 2010.

For registration information, email [suicideprevention-summit@gmail.com](mailto:suicideprevention-summit@gmail.com).

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

## CLASSIFIEDS

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**Teacher – Pawhuska Head Start.** Degree in Early Childhood Education, or related child development field or Associate degree in ECE/Child Development field or a CDA certification and actively working toward an Associate’s degree. Regular Full Time. Salary: \$15.52/hr.

**Regulatory compliance Internal Auditor I – Pawhuska Gaming Commission.** Bachelor’s degree or equivalent related experience: three years increasingly responsible work in an accounting/auditing posi-

tion or related casino/financial experience preferred. Knowledge of basic Tribal Gaming Commissions programs, procedures, regulations and ordinances. Regular Full Time. Salary: \$15.87/hr.

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Jr., Kiowa, provided a flag and honor song. An invocation was also given by Kiowa member Lonnie Emhoolah. Other attendees included tribal leaders, representatives of IHS, community leaders and Dr. Rhoades' friends and family.

About Oklahoma City Indian Clinic  
 Oklahoma City Indian Clinic (OK-CIC) was established in 1974 to provide excellent health care and wellness services to urban Indians in central Oklahoma. The clinic staff cares for more than 18,000 patients from more than 220 federally recognized tribes every year. Urban Indians can receive a range of services, including medical, dental, pediatrics, prenatal, pharmacy, optometry, physical fitness, nutrition, family programs and behavioral health services. For more information, please visit [www.okcic.com](http://www.okcic.com).

## NDN TACO

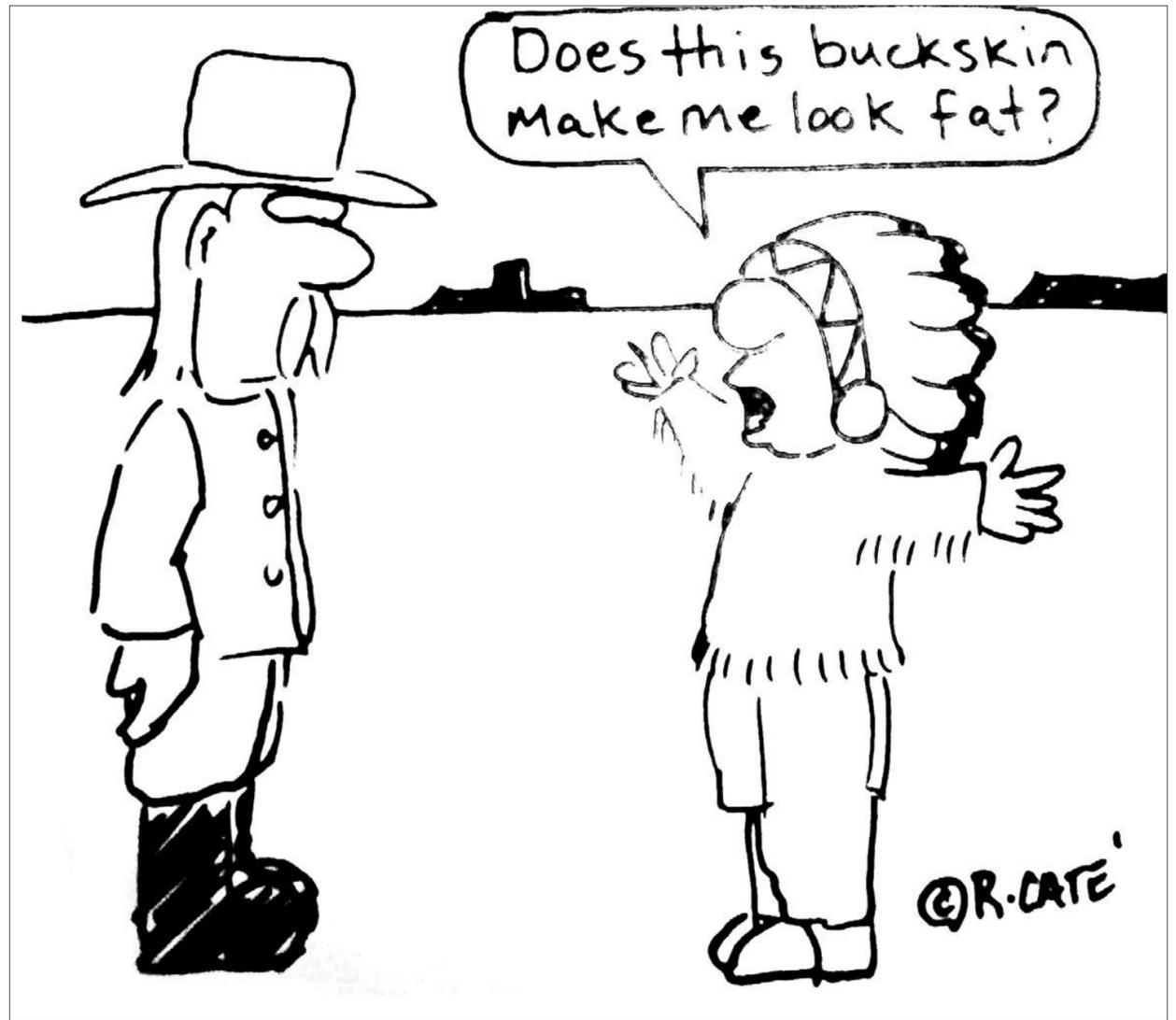
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There will also be a Native American dance contest as well as a drum competition during the event. Dance categories (age 16 and over) for the competition are: men's straight, men's fancy, women's cloth, women's buckskin. There will also be a children's exhibition dance at 11 a.m.

The top three finishers in each adult dance category will be awarded \$300-\$100 respectively. In the drum competition, the winner-take-all will receive \$1,500.

The Indian taco championship is also on Facebook at: [www.facebook.com/NITCPawhuska](http://www.facebook.com/NITCPawhuska).

## Without Reservations

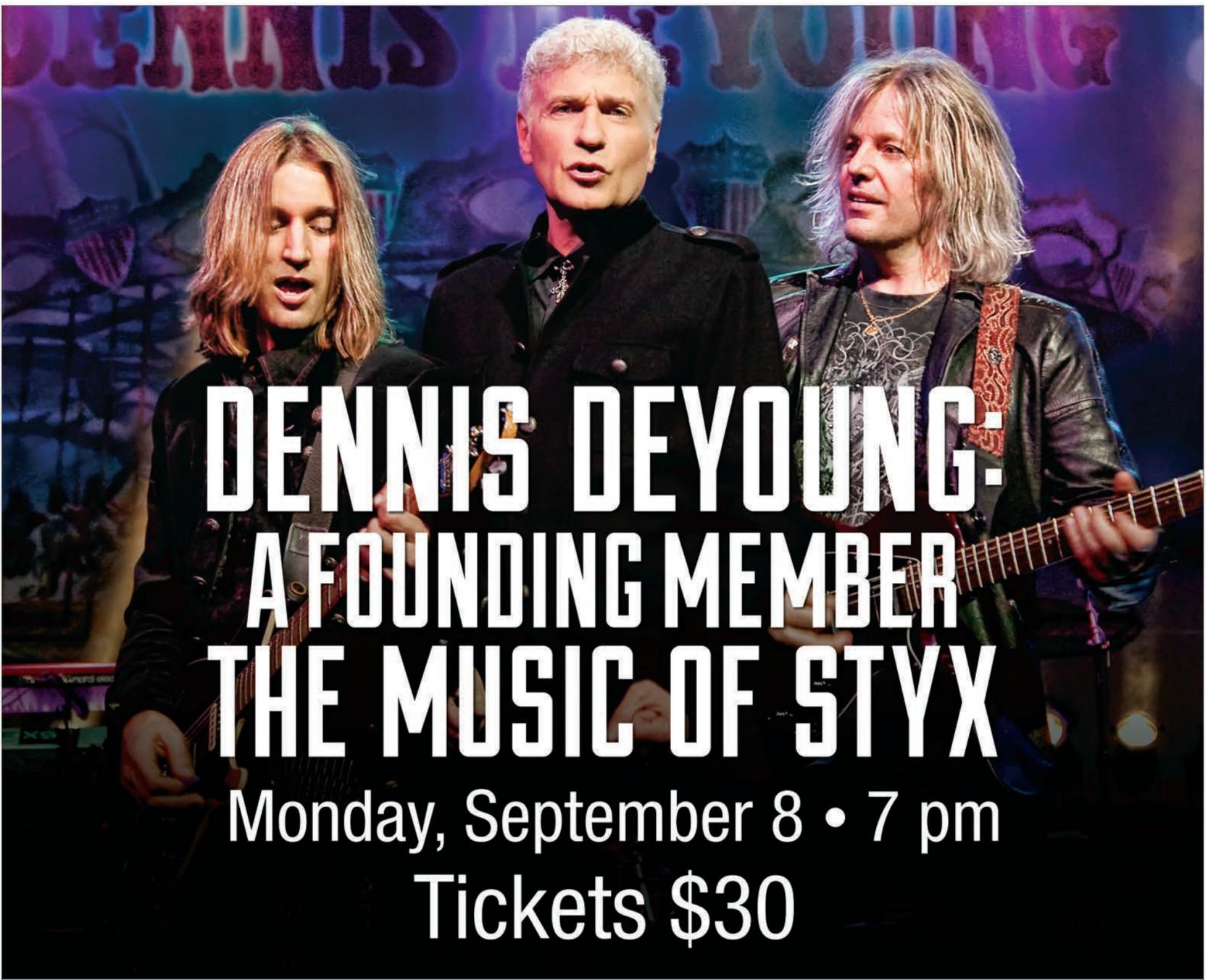


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## LEGISLATION

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Bill/Resolution Number	Title	Sponsor	Location
ONCA 14-79	An Act to amend and restate the Osage Nation Gaming Reform Act of 2007, 14 ONC § 12-101 et al.; and to establish an alternate effective date.	Supernaw	Referred to Commerce 9-2-14
ONCA 14-80	An Act to continue a matching grant for artists and art organizations up to a maximum of twenty five thousand dollars (\$25,000) per grant; to appropriate a total grant amount of one hundred seventy five thousand dollars (\$175,000); to appropriate a direct unrestricted grant of one hundred seventy five thousand dollars (\$175,000) to the Foundation; to authorize the Osage Nation Foundation to administer the funds; to require the Foundation to develop objective criteria for awards and to review applications and determine grant recipients; and to establish an alternate effective date.	Edwards	Referred to Commerce 9-2-14
ONCA 14-81	An Act to amend the Open Meetings Act at 15 ONC § 7-104, to allow for training and planning meetings by Members of Congress without holding an official committee meeting; and to establish an alternate effective date.	Buffalohead	Tabled in Government Operations 9-2-14
ONCA 14-82	An Act to amend 19 ONC §§ 1-103 and 1-104 within The Osage Preference in Employment Law; to include spouses of members of the Osage Nation and guardians of Osage children as part of the preference; and to establish an alternate effective date.	Buffalohead	Tabled in Government Operations 9-2-14
ONCR 14-15	A Resolution to formally request participation in the Indian Health Service Tribal Self-Governance Program under 42 C.F.R. § 137.18, and to support the negotiation and execution of a compact between the Osage Nation and the United States government pursuant to Public Law PL 93-638.	Shaw	Referred to Health 9-2-14
ONCR 14-16	A Resolution requesting the Osage Nation Gaming Enterprise Board to include an additional ten million dollars (\$10,000,000) of dividend Payments to the Osage Nation in its Annual Plan of Operation for fiscal year 2015.	Buffalohead	Referred to Commerce 9-2-14



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