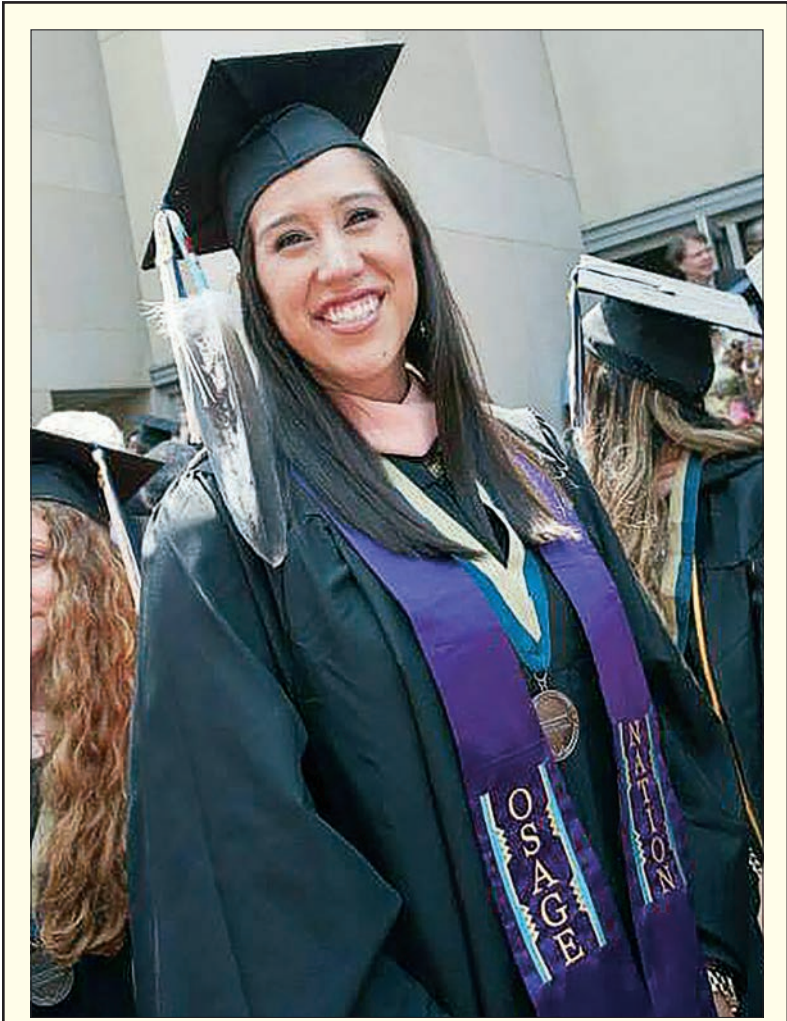




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Rachel Dailey will begin a two-year tour with the Peace Corp on May 2 in the Republic of Mozambique, Africa.

Osage woman joins Peace Corp, stationed in Africa

Tara Madden
Osage News

Rachel Dailey embarked on a two-year adventure in the Peace Corp. On April 26 she sat in the Osage News offices, beaming, her hair freshly cropped for the hot sun she will endure when she travels to Africa. It's her very first trip abroad she tells us, but she says she did travel to Mexico for Spring Break once but she doesn't know if that counts, she says with a laugh.

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Thomas Eaves appears in ON Trial Court on second-degree homicide charge

Shannon Shaw Duty
Osage News

The Osage Nation has charged Thomas Mongrain Eaves with second-degree homicide in the death of his girlfriend, Starr L. Pennington. Eaves appeared in ON Trial Court on April 22 in Pawhuska. Eaves, a 57-year-old Osage tribal member, is being held in Osage County jail, said ON Assistant Attorney General Jeff Jones. This will be the first homicide case for the Osage Nation since it reformed its government in 2006. Federal prosecutors dismissed the case, which has gained statewide attention, on April 14 after a judge ruled that Eaves was illegally arrested because police did not show probable cause. U.S. District Judge John Dowdell ruled that any statements made to the police as a result of the arrest would be thrown out. "It was just the luck of the draw on the judge. I don't believe a different judge would



TARA MADDEN/Osage News

Officer Brian Herbert escorts Thomas Eaves, charged with second-degree homicide for the death of his girlfriend, to the Osage County jail after his hearing at the Osage Nation Trial Court on April 21.

have ruled the same way, but that's how it goes sometimes," Jones said. "We did it right. We did it by the book. He was Mirandized every step of the way. We didn't interview him

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CHALENE TOEHAY-TARTSAH/Osage News

The Bluestem Ranch, LLC, board was sworn in on April 14. From left: Teresa Meade, Francis Murphy, Jackie Badley, ON Trial Court Judge Marvin Stepson, Faren Anderson and James R. Perrier.

Bluestem Ranch LLC board meets for first time, elects chair

Shannon Shaw Duty
Osage News

The Osage Nation Bluestem Ranch, LLC, met for the first time to consider budgetary matters and to discuss whether to retain John Hurd as the ranch's manager.

The five-member LLC board is the governing body of the Nation's newly acquired 43,000-acre ranch, which the Nation won the winning bid to purchase in January from media mogul Ted Turner. The board will function as a subsid-

iary of the Nation's Tallgrass Economic Development, LLC. Principal Chief Geoffrey Standing Bear said the Nation will close the deal with Turner in May. He did not share a spe-

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Parents organize in response to Youth Academy funding cut by ON Congress

Tara Madden
Osage News

Osage parents are organizing after the Fourth Osage Nation Congress declined to fund the Wah-Zha-Zhi Youth Academies in Pawhuska, Fairfax and Hominy. The youth academy is an after school program for Osage youth ages 5-18 and also has a summer program. It offers various educational and physical activities, as well as Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematical (STEM) programs. This week the Fourth Osage Nation Congress cut the funding for the last remaining facility in Pawhuska. Unless a solution is found, the Pawhuska WYA will close its doors at the end of the May 2016 school year. A parent meeting was scheduled for April 21 at the Buffalo Nickel Creative store in Pawhuska to discuss possible solutions, said Ryan RedCorn. He asked that elected officials and candidates refrain from attending the meeting. The meeting was for concerned parents only. Funding cuts and low attendance Last year during the Congressional Tzi-Zho Session in



TARA MADDEN/Osage News

Addie Roanhorse expresses her disappointment to Osage Congress members Alice Buffalohead and RJ Walker after funding for the Wah-Zha-Zhi Youth Academy was cut, effectively shutting down the Pawhuska facility.

September, Congress asked the Education Department to lower the funding request for the facilities after attendance had dropped dramatically when a new policy was implemented to charge a weekly rate of \$5-\$10 per child. According to Speaker Maria Whitehorn, the facilities had over 400 students at one time and after the facilities began charging the total number of students fell to less than 40. The Fairfax site numbers were impacted the worst, falling to less than five students. The original request from education was \$1.3 million in 2015 and the Congress asked for the amount to be lowered. The education department came back with a lower funding request and proposed to close the Hominy and Fairfax WYA facilities. In response, members of Congress said it was not fair to close the Hominy and Fairfax facilities and only fund Pawhuska, so the Congress voted to cut the funding entirely.

The Executive Branch found the money to keep the Pawhuska WYA open despite the funding cut, but the Hominy and Fairfax sites did close. Debra Atterberry is the Education Services administrator. Picket Parents listening to the Hun-Kah Congressional session picketed outside the Congressional Chambers on April 21, searching for answers. ON Congressman R.J. Walker, Congresswoman Alice Buffalohead and Congresswoman Angela Pratt spoke to the parents. Osage parent Addie Roanhorse was carrying a picket sign that read "Why Congress? No Funding for the Youth Academy?" Roanhorse said her daughter was nine years old, attended WYA and that the closure would affect her family. She said she is a single mother working 40 hours a week for

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ON Congress passes same sex marriage bill, with limitations

Shannon Shaw Duty
Osage News

The Fourth Osage Nation Congress passed a Same-Sex Marriage law April 7, recognizing same-sex marriages from other jurisdictions but not allowing the ON Trial Court to perform the same-sex marriages.

ONCA 15-54, sponsored by Congresswoman Shannon Edwards, passed with nine “yes” votes and three “no” votes. Congress members voting “yes” were: Shannon Edwards, Otto Hamilton, John Jech, James Maker, Archie Mason, James Norris, Angela Pratt, Ron Shaw and Alice Buffalohead. Voting “no” was William “Kugee” Supernaw, RJ Walker and Maria Whitehorn.

The original bill was introduced in April of last year and was amended April 6 by Congressman Shaw to deny same-sex couples the right to be married in ON courts. Prior to his amendment, the bill allowed the marriages to take place.

Before the vote Congress members stated their views on same-sex marriage and the bill, despite the U.S. Supreme Court legalizing the unions last year. The Osage Nation is a sovereign government and does not have to follow the Supreme Court ruling.

Congressman Shaw said he felt his amendment to the bill was a compromise among the members of Congress.

“I believe the bill as amended...provides the practical basis for legal rights for same sex marriage, spouses and those entitled to benefits...their same sex marriage will be recognized with the Osage Nation,” Shaw said.

Congresswoman Edwards said she was disappointed Shaw’s amendment to her bill passed. She said she has

read books about those who observed Osages in the 1800s and there were same sex couples living together.

“The U.S. Supreme Court says it is legal and those laws that are trying to prohibit same sex couples from being married is unconstitutional,” she said. “When you boil all of these things down it’s about a civil union...about recognizing legal rights, which is something different from what happened in front of the eyes of God.”

“This started out as a civil union bill, so that people of the same sex can go over to the court and get recognized for their legal rights.”

Thomas Rodman, an Osage tribal member from Colorado who is a member of the LGBT community, has been following the same sex marriage bill since Edwards introduced it last year. He said he was very disappointed by the law passed as amended.

“It’s kind of like a restaurant saying to Osage people, ‘you can eat here but not in the dining room. You’ll get the food, but you can’t do the same things as the rest of my customers.’ Or back during the days before any civil rights when blacks were allowed to ride the bus but were supposed to ride at the back, or drink from a different fountain. They got the water, but they weren’t equal. That’s the way I feel about Ron Shaw’s amendment. It’s insulting and demeaning,” Rodman said. “It’s simply his way of keeping same sex people from marriage equality. We won’t be truly equal until we’re truly equal. I’m guessing it might be a religious thing for him. And I think my ancestors wouldn’t stand for it.”

Congressional beliefs

Congresswoman Buffalohead, who co-sponsored the



BENNY POLACCA/Osage News

The ON Congress meets for Day 9 of its Hun-Kah Session on April 6.

bill, said her late mother raised her to treat others as she would like to be treated. She also said obtaining her master’s degree in Human Resources taught her how to be fair in tough situations.

“We’re still talking about inequality, I have a hard time with that, it bothers me. I have a hard time understanding it,” Buffalohead said. “Like not allowing a same sex couple to do what a heterosexual couple has the right to do in our courts.”

Congressman Supernaw, Mason and Maker, all voted no for the bill, citing questions about what would happen to an individual’s headright interest or land if the Osage tribal member was restricted. Would their estate go to their LGBT spouse or not. Supernaw also said there was a lack of information in the bill on which jurisdictions the Osage courts could recognize and whether common law marriages would be considered. Common Law marriage is not recognized by the state of Oklahoma.

Congressman Hamilton supported the bill but not the amendment made by Shaw.

“I too am disappointed the language was changed in this

bill. Just for the simple fact I believe all members of the Osage Nation deserve the same right, by saying one group of people can’t get married in the court system...by doing that we’re creating a second class citizen, a second class member, that really bothers me,” Hamilton said. “It’s a very small step, I believe this body could have done better on this.”

Congresswoman Pratt, who began to cry during her statement, said she thinks of her six children when the topic of same sex marriage comes up and how she would respond to them if they said they were in love with a person of the same gender.

“That’s all I want for my children is to love deeply, be loved, have a good life and live happy,” Pratt said. “I will support this bill, to get what we can; and I was disappointed and I believe in our sovereignty and equality for our people.”

Congressman Norris said although he is Catholic and his faith does not permit same sex marriage, it was his job to take care of all Osage people and the bill had sat in the Governmental Operations committee

too long and something needed to be done.

“I thought we should get people recognized, give them the benefits, the capabilities to participate in all the benefits [just like when] a woman and man are married,” Norris said. “I’m going to go ahead and vote yes to recognize marriages in our nation.”

Walker, who is the chair of the Governmental Operations committee, said politics may have had something to do with the bill sitting in his committee so long. He said he didn’t mind the “lifestyle” of the LGBT community but he was not a proponent of same sex marriage.

“I felt when the [U.S.] Supreme Court ruled in favor of this, I don’t agree with it. I don’t agree with it now. If that makes them...second-class citizens, I don’t see it that way. We’re not going to recognize same sex marriages and I wish that we wouldn’t,” Walker said. “Grandpa [the late Osage Congressman Mark Freeman] used to tell me, son we’re all a product of our genetics and our upbringing...I don’t support same sex marriages and I’ll be voting no.”

Catcher announces resignation as Osage Nation Treasurer

Benny Polacca
Osage News

Osage Nation Treasurer Callie Catcher is resigning effective at the end of April, according to her resignation letter.

Catcher informed Principal Chief Geoffrey Standing Bear of her resignation in an April 6 letter and Congressional Speaker Maria Whitehorn also announced the news during that’s day’s Congressional session. Before starting at the Osage Nation in March 2012, Catcher, a Cherokee citizen, was Treasurer for the Cherokee Nation and worked in other financial CN posts for 10 years.

“For health reasons, I am officially resigning as Treasurer of the Osage Nation, effective April 29, 2016,” Catcher said in her letter. “I appreciate the opportunity to serve the Osage Nation as Treasurer for the past four years. Should you need assistance during the transition, I am willing to assist on a contract basis. Thank you for your support and I wish the best for the Osage Nation.”

This is the second time in two years that Catcher has resigned as Treasurer. Appointed as Treasurer by former Principal Chief John Red Eagle, Catcher said she was not interested in seeking reappointment to another four-year term when Standing Bear took office in 2014.

At that time, Catcher agreed to stay as ON Treasurer and worked on a contract basis four days per week while the position was advertised for candidates. Since then, a new



Callie Catcher

Treasurer has yet to be hired and confirmed by the ON Congress.

Assistant Principal Chief Raymond Red Corn told Whitehorn that Catcher would be working on an hourly basis when needed for transition.

Red Corn also said the Executive Branch is “very pleased” with the performance of current Controller Chad Cobb whenever Catcher was absent. “I think the fact that we’re doing this on an hourly basis means that if we hit a snag that we don’t foresee until we appoint a new Treasurer, that we can get on the phone, she can be compensated for her time and her consultation,” Red Corn said.

Congress members Shannon Edwards and Ron Shaw inquired about the status for a candidate search and whether Cobb would be considered for appointment as acting Treasurer and continuing to have Catcher as a consultant.

“Let me with great respect say those are the Chief’s choices and I’m sure he’ll make them in due time,” said Red Corn who added Standing Bear has been actively seek-

ing “someone as a permanent Treasurer and I believe he has identified someone, but that’s ongoing, so that’s all I’m going to say about that.”

During session, Whitehorn thanked Catcher for her Treasurer service, adding “I’ve always had very good communication with her, she’s been a responsive Treasurer and I will miss Ms. Catcher as our Treasurer.”

Starting in 2002, Catcher worked for her tribe in other posts which include: Acting CEO of the CN’s business arm management, Cherokee Nation Businesses Inc. (2005-2007) and Secretary-Treasurer & Controller of the CN tribal government (2002-2005). Catcher is a 1979 graduate of Northeastern State University with her bachelor’s in accounting and business administration and she is a certified public accountant registered in Oklahoma since 1981, according to the state’s Accountancy Board.

According to Osage law establishing the Department of Treasury, the ON Treasurer shall be appointed by the Principal Chief and confirmed by Congress. The law also states the Treasurer shall be at least 25 years old, have no felony convictions and shall have obtained a bachelor’s degree with a certified public accountant’s license and degree preferred. If a vacancy occurs in the Treasurer’s post, any person appointed and confirmed to fill that vacancy shall serve the remainder of the post’s four-year term and be eligible for reappointment and confirmation for a subsequent full term.

ON Congress passes several appropriation bills in Hun-Kah Session

Benny Polacca
Osage News

The 2016 Hun-Kah Congressional Session ended with several appropriation bills passed for initiatives and to replenish funds used for direct services, but a summer special session is likely to finish remaining funding matters.

The following is a list of some passed bills, which requested tribal dollars (unless specified otherwise) for program initiatives and department operations:

- ONCA 16-66 (sponsored by Congressman William “Kugee” Supernaw) is an act to remove the restriction on a previous (unspent) \$1.5 million appropriation to the Osage Limited Liability Company to its predecessor

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Left to right, Sarah Derryberry, Joe Freeman, Candy Thomas, Penny Bradford, Christopher Standing Bear, Clark Batson, Jodie Revard, Lynette Miles and Amanda Buffalohead.

Nation prepares to administer
program for Homeless Veterans

Shannon Shaw Duty
Osage News

The Osage Nation Financial Assistance department is preparing to administer a voucher program for homeless veterans.

The ONFAD was awarded a \$265,438 grant in January from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to assist 20 Native American homeless veterans.

“I’m excited about it,” said Jodie Revard to the Osage Congressional Governmental Operations committee. Revard is the ONFAD director. “We don’t know what [the program] looks like yet. It’s new to HUD, it’s new to everybody.”

The Osage Nation and Cherokee Nation were selected by HUD to participate in a demonstration project assisting homeless veterans based on a survey taken in 2014 by the VA and the American Community Survey. An estimated 3,134 homeless veterans were identified in Osage County.

“What’s advantageous in reaching out to Indian Country, is that there are

a lot of resources available, like commodities, food stamp programs, etc. With the veterans they know what resources are available to them, but they don’t know what services we offer,” Revard said. “You can move someone in a house but there’s no furniture. So you have to start pulling these resources from Veterans programs to work together, and they’re out there.”

With the federal grant Revard said they will be able to service veterans outside of Osage County and into Tulsa County and Kansas.

The grant money will be distributed through the Tribal HUD-Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (Tribal HUD-VASH) Program. The vouchers provided to veterans by the ONFAD will help with rental assistance and the VA will help with case management and clinical services.

“We’re in charge of processing the vouchers for the veterans,” Revard said. “We’ll be working with Cherokee Nation, and if there’s housing available on either side in either of our areas, we’ll work together to get housing.”

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cific date. The purchase price of the ranch will be released after the deal is closed.

The board elected officers as their first item of business on April 20. They elected former Osage Congresswoman Faren Anderson as chair, Jim Perrier as vice chair, Teresa Meade as treasurer and Jackie Badley as Secretary. Francis Murphy fills the fifth seat on the board.

The board is also subject to confirmation by the ON Congress today.

The board is also awaiting a Congressional vote to appropriate \$2 million for operational expenses, after which the board will set up a bank account, hire legal counsel, an accountant, consider hiring Hurd and four ranch hands and mull the purchase of bison and equipment already on the property. The Congressional Commerce committee meets at 1 p.m. today to discuss budgetary needs of the Bluestem Ranch.

The board called an emergency meeting for 5 p.m. today to discuss the contract for Hurd. Hurd, who attended the board meeting said he is a full-time employee of Ted Turner Enterprises and has received an offer to work on one of Turner’s ranches in New Mexico if the Nation chooses not to hire him. Hurd lives on the ranch, as well as two other families.

Hurd, a Pawhuska native, has managed the Bluestem Ranch for Turner since 2005, according to his resume. Hurd won the Oklahoma Land Owner of the Year in 2011 from the Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation Commission. In 2015 he won the Private Land Management Award from the Oklahoma Chapter of the Wildlife Society.

Hurd said until he has a contract in place from the Nation he is limited on what he can discuss with the board.

Assistant Principal Chief Raymond Red Corn, who handled most of the negotiation with Turner Enterprises for the land, said the future of the land and its use is entirely up to the board and no one else.

“From the outset there is no intention to tell you what to do,” Red Corn said to the board. He said he and Standing Bear were in attendance to give the board an overview of what is known about the property.

Standing Bear said the tribe is putting the land into trust

and has started that application process. He said two staff members of U.S. Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewell said the Nation’s application will be approved this year, which he said is “lightning fast.” The Osage Congress passed a resolution in support of the land-into-trust application for the ranch on April 19.

Once the ranch is made into trust land, the Nation will not have to pay ad valorem tax or property taxes on the property.

Standing Bear said if the Congress does not pass an appropriation for the Ranch in the Hun-Kah Session, which is scheduled to end today, he is considering a Special Session on May 5.

Murphy asked Standing Bear if there were any restrictions on what the board could do with the ranch. Standing Bear said, “No, there are no restrictions.”

Standing Bear and Red Corn both left shortly after the meeting began, Red Corn returning to the Congressional session and Standing Bear returning to sign Congressional legislation at his office.

Tim Tall Chief, chair of the Tallgrass LLC, said his board is the umbrella under which the Bluestem board will function.

“We’re here to help you make the Bluestem Ranch the shining star of the Osage Nation, and it’s already become that without much happening,” Tall Chief said. “We want you to be successful, we want the whole Nation to be successful. We’re not going to get into your daily operations.”

Tall Chief said one suggestion he would make is to get Hurd on contract as soon as possible because he is a full-time employee of Turner Enterprises until Nov. 1.

The board asked Hurd if he wanted to stay and he said yes. He also said if he is hired he would like to keep his four ranch hands. He also said he is proud the Nation purchased the property and that the property was one of Turner’s top five ranches.

The board asked Hurd what could he do with \$2 million and Hurd responded, “I was basically told whatever you had in mind, we can do.”

The board had not yet hired a ranch manager by the time this edition of the *Osage News* went to press.

the program would be administered.

“From what I understand, you identify the homeless veteran, they will be referred to a case manager, the case manager will begin providing services immediately,” she said. “A lot of vets know what services are available to them, but there are a lot of services they are not aware of, and that’s where we come in.”

Tribal HUD-VASH

Historically the HUD-VASH program has not reached Native American veterans in tribal communities due to legal impediments. The U.S. Congress approved funding for the demonstration programs in Indian Country with its 2015 Appropriation Act.

Other Oklahoma tribes receiving tribal HUD-VASH funding are the Cherokee Nation, Cheyenne & Arapaho Tribes, Choctaw Nation and the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. Each tribe will serve 20 veterans in their respective nations.

According to a HUD news release, more than 79,000 vouchers have been awarded and approximately 103,000 homeless Veterans have been served through the broader HUD-VASH program since 2008.

Osage youth participate in Native American Youth Language Fair

Shannon Shaw Duty
Osage News

Live it. Learn it. Speak it.
That was the message Osage language students wore on their red T-shirts at the 14th Annual Oklahoma Native American Youth Language Fair this year. The fair was held at the Sam Noble Natural History Museum in Norman, Okla., on April 4.

Osage language students ages 3 and up competed in various categories, which included individual spoken prayers, group performances, group songs, individual songs, skits, posters, and more.

Competing for the first time was the Osage Immersion Program, ages 2-4. The students sang their numbers from 1 to 10 in the Osage language. They identified animals, colors and numbers in Osage using signs and stuffed animals.

“I thought the children did great,” said Immersion teacher Donna Barrone, who treated all the children to lunch at Chuck E. Cheese’s in Norman afterward.

The Immersion Program won third place in their group, with all students receiving medals and a third place trophy.

Competing in the 3rd-5th grade Large Group Traditional Song category were students from the Grayhorse Osage language site. Immersion teacher and Grayhorse site teacher Tracey Moore, led the students onto the stage.

The students performed “Osage Children’s Song,” a song composed by Henry Collins, a Ponca singer.

See below for the complete list of winners:

2016 ONAYLF WINNERS: PreK-5th Grades

- 3rd-5th Small Group Spoken Language



CHALENE TOEHAY-TARTSAH/Osage News

(L to R) Henry Pratt, Kristo Revard, and Michaela Pratt compete in the Small Group Spoken Language by doing Introductions in Osage in the Great Hall at the Oklahoma Native American Youth Language Fair in Norman.

3rd Place – Henry Pratt, Kristo Revard, and Michaela Pratt
Introductions in Osage Nation

- PreK-2nd Large Group Spoken Language
3rd Place – Wah zha zhe zheen kah zheen apa
An Osage Story Immersion Program

- PreK-2nd Individual Spoke Prayer
2nd Place – Kynlie Jones
Osage Prayer Osage Immersion Program

- 3rd-5th Individual Spoken Prayer
2nd Place – Alex Elizondo
Osage Lord’s Prayer
Honorable Mention – Emmary Elizondo
Osage Lord’s Prayer
- 3rd-5th Large Group Traditional Song
Honorable Mention – Osage Language Grayhorse Children
Osage Children’s Song
- PreK-2nd Comic Books and Cartoons

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CHALENE TOEHAY-TARTSAH/Osage News

The Grayhorse Fairfax Site sings an Osage Children’s Song in the Kerr Auditorium at the Oklahoma Native American Youth Language Fair in Norman.



CHALENE TOEHAY-TARTSAH/Osage News

Some of the students from the Osage Language Program wore the same t-shirts that had “Learn It Live It Speak It” on the back. Students waited in the hallway before the opening ceremonies began.

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Revard said she has been working with the Tulsa VA office in developing policies and procedures. She said the Nation will receive the grant until 2025 but does not know whether the amount of the grant will change from year to year. During the duration of the grant her office will gather data on the veterans and share that information with the VA.

Congressman Archie Mason said he is familiar with the Tribal HUD-VASH grant and had seen a presentation given to the Native American Caucus of the Oklahoma state legislature.

“Osage Nation is getting some mileage from this award, there will be a lot of people watching,” Mason said. “I am grateful we received this grant.”

Revard is currently working with the VA as they develop a job description for a case manager position that will work full time out of the Tulsa VA office, she said. The case manager will be Native American and preferably Osage.

Revard met with the Governmental Operations committee on April 6 to describe how

Congress passes appropriation bills for NAC chapters, Hominy roundhouse

Benny Polacca
Osage News

Two appropriation bills for Osage cultural purposes are law after the Fourth Osage Nation Congress passed them during the Hun-Kah Session.

The Congress passed a \$4,000 appropriation bill on April 12 that designated \$1,000 to four Native American Churches who hold meetings within the Nation’s boundaries.

Congress voted 8-3 with one abstention to pass the bill (ONCA 16-41 sponsored by Congresswoman Alice Buffalohead), which appropriates the money to the four NAC churches – if those churches’ officials request the money.

Buffalohead said she sponsored the bill to provide assistance to those NAC chapters who hold meetings within the Osage Nation to help offset the costs in hosting a NAC church meeting, which includes expenses for the meals, supplies, medicine and other expenses associated with the cultural events.

“I spoke with a roadman last night and he said he probably wouldn’t take the money, but he also said he appreciated the gesture and he agreed with the legislation and thought it was a good thing,” Buffalohead said. “I just thought it would be nice if the Nation could help.”

According to the bill the Congress will appropriate \$1,000 to each of the following four NAC chapters: Gray, Lookout, Red Eagle and Lottie Shunkamolah Pratt.

Voting “yes” were Congress members Buffalohead, Otto

Hamilton, John Jech, John Maker, Archie Mason, James Norris, Angela Pratt and RJ Walker. “No” votes came from Shannon Edwards, Ron Shaw and Congressional Speaker Maria Whitehorn and one abstention from William “Kugee” Supernaw.

Supernaw said he would be abstaining from the vote and said “I don’t like to be in a position appearing to vote against the churches, however the old people told us that we shouldn’t take money from the government to run the Native American Churches...I’m going to abstain from the vote as I have in the past.”

In 2007, the First ON Congress passed a similar bill (ONCA 07-46 sponsored by former Congressman Mark Simms), which appropriated \$60,000 for NAC chapters established by Osages for construction or restoration of NAC facilities. Those churches who applied for the money would receive a maximum of \$10,000 for their respective construction/ restoration projects. That NAC funding opportunity lasted for one year and expired when the 2009 fiscal year started.

Congressman James Norris said he would vote “yes” and said he didn’t see the opportunity as giving the churches money but “I look at it as we’re setting aside some money and making it available for the church to come in and if it’s needed, let them make that decision.”

Hominy roundhouse restoration bill passes

On April 13, the Congress

voted unanimously to pass ONCA 16-55 (sponsored by Whitehorn), which appropriates \$410,000 for restoring and repairing the historic Hominy Indian Village roundhouse.

According to ONCA 16-55, the \$410,000 will be appropriated to the Nation’s capital asset and improvement fund with the money earmarked to restore the roundhouse for dance and cultural event purposes. Whitehorn said an engineering analysis has been completed on the roundhouse so the restoration process can continue for future uses of the building.

Congresswoman Shannon Edwards said the bill indicates a priority in funding efforts to preserve the Nation’s historic landmarks. She also said restoring the roundhouse – built in the early 1900s – helps fulfill the wishes listed in the 1964 village constitution signed by the first village committee whose members were Leroy Logan Sr., Jerome Barnes, Marguerite Waller, Viola Deroin and Lucille Roubedoux.

That portion of Article I of the Hominy constitution reads: “To further historical interest in our Osage heritage and to preserve our Roundhouse as a historical landmark, and to carry on any activity which may directly or indirectly effectuate these objects or any of them.”

Principal Chief Geofrey Standing Bear signed both bills into law after their passage.

Congress confirms board nominees, with hesitation from some members

Shannon Shaw Duty
Osage News

The Fourth Osage Nation Congress confirmed eight board appointments to the boards of the Health Authority, Bluestem Ranch and the *Osage News*.

The first appointment considered on was Dr. Patrick Tinker for the Health Authority Board. He was confirmed for a three-year term with a unanimous vote.

Following his confirmation the Congress considered the appointments to the five-member Bluestem Ranch, LLC, board.

The first appointment was former Osage Congresswoman, and the Nation’s first female Speaker of the Congress, Faren Anderson for a two-year term. Making a statement against her nomination was Congressman Ron Shaw who said Anderson had many qualifications but he did not think she was suited for the work the board would be doing. Congresswoman Alice Buffalohead said she would be supporting Anderson and felt her knowledge of the Osage government would get the board off the ground.

Congresswoman Shannon Edwards, who was the lone “no” vote to purchase the Bluestem Ranch, said she objected to how the board was set up as a subsidiary of the Tallgrass Economic Development, LLC. She said she would be abstaining from all board nominations to the Bluestem Ranch board.

Congressman William Supernaw spoke in favor of Anderson and said her experience working for the Bureau of Land Management, drafting legislation for the Congress and contract review made her an asset to the board. Congresswoman Angela Pratt said Anderson obtained her bachelor’s degree in Agricultural Economics, she’s a wild horse specialist, she owns her own business and “she has a back bone.” Anderson received 10 “yes” votes, one “no” vote from Shaw and one abstention from Edwards.

The second appointment was Francis Murphy for a one-year term. He received 11 “yes” votes and one abstention from Edwards.

Teresa Meade was the third appointment up for confirmation for a three-year term. Congressman Walker spoke on her behalf and said he has known Meade for most of his life since she is the daughter of the late Osage Congressman and rancher Mark Freeman, his grandfather. He said she and her husband have a plumbing business in Ponca City and that they also own and operate 7,000-acres on Freeman Ranch and “they’re doing well.” Meade received 11 “yes” votes and one abstention from Edwards.

The fourth appointment was Jackie Badley for a 3-year term. She received 11 “yes” votes and one abstention from Edwards.

The fifth appointment to the Bluestem Ranch board was James Perrier for a three-year term. Buffalohead said Perrier has been ranching all his life and loves it. Supernaw said with Perrier’s appointment that the Bluestem Ranch board would be one of the best boards the Nation had. Perrier received 11 “yes” votes and one abstention from Edwards.

The *Osage News* Editorial Board appointments were last to be considered for confirmation.

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The War is Starting
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Fun at School
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Honorable Mention – Jacee Leach
Honorable Mention – Blythe Hall

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Honorable Mention – Anna Rose Cox
Honorable Mention – Josie Lookout
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- 9th-12th Individual Spoken Prayer
3rd Place – TJ Redcorn
Osage Prayer
 - Honorable Mention – Noah Shadlow
Lord’s Prayer
 - Honorable Mention – Jade Jones

- Prayer for Osage Language*
- Honorable Mention – Alissa Hamilton
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3rd Place – Lily Jones
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 - 9th-12th Written Poetry
3rd Place – Naomi Gray
Rain
 - 6th-8th Poster Art
1st Place – Lily Jones
 - 9th-12th Poster Art
Honorable Mention – James Young

DAILEY

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On May 2, Dailey took a 15-hour plane ride to Mozambique, Africa. It is the beginning of a 27-month chance to begin putting her master’s degree in Public Health from George Washington University to use.

“I hope to get to learn as much as I can about the people there and their culture; and I hope to leave them with something about me,” she said. “I hope to impact them in a positive way.”

Besides packing a lot of khaki pants and cotton shirts, she is taking along her Osage culture and customs and her passion for helping others. She has always had the desire to do international work, she said, and she felt that joining the Peace Corp was a great way to make a difference on a larger scale.

A graduate of Hominy High School, she earned her bachelor’s degree from the University of Oklahoma and last year she earned her Master’s degree in Public Health from GW in Washington, D.C.

When Dailey arrives to Mozambique she will stay with a host family for two months to learn local customs, become fa-

miliar with local food and learn other necessities of the culture. After her training she will officially begin her 24-month tour with the Peace Corp.

While serving in Mozambique she will be a community outreach specialist, working in the health sector, promoting women’s health by doing AIDS awareness and malaria prevention.

Dailey hopes this experience will give her a better understanding and idea of what needs to be done globally to enrich the lives of others, she said. Upon returning to the United States she would like to find a job in Global Public Health in Washington, D.C.

“Rachel is a nurturer, she’s compassionate, fiercely independent, and a planner. When she told family she was joining the Peace Corp and would be in Africa for two years, I cried for a few minutes and then got on board to support her,” said Congresswoman Alice Buffalohead, her aunt. “I knew she had put careful thought into her decision. She lives a life most people dream of. Her adventurous paths in life have always been on point and I know God has amazing plans for her.”

She said she would miss her family because this will be the farthest she has ever been away

from them. She said when they come to visit her she will be granted an extended leave time to visit with them.

While in Mozambique she said she will keep a blog and post photos for her friends and family back home. Although she has requested a location with electricity, she is not yet sure how often she will be able to post. She said she has purchased a solar charger and hopes that will be enough to charge her electronic devices. She said she can commute to the nearest towns or cities when she has recreational leave with other Peace Corp volunteers, but she doesn’t know how often that will be.

“Her dad (Gunther) and I have always encouraged her to experience everything life has to offer and make good use of the knowledge she receives. Hence, her 10 year plan. Her plan included a Bachelor’s Degree, Master’s Degree and the Peace Corps. I am very, very proud of her,” said her mother Melissa Dailey. “Admirable of her independence, and the fact that she has made this decision, which will be a wonderful experience and a lifetime fulfillment that not many have experienced. I am sad, and I cannot help but cry every time I think of my little girl going into the unknown and so far

away, as she goes forth on this journey. I am missing her deeply, but I know God has a plan for her and God will keep her safe ...”

Dailey is the daughter of Melissa Dailey and the late Gunther Dailey. She is the granddaughter of Louis and Marilyn Dailey and Amos and Janet Goodfox. She is from the Zon-Zo-Li District.

Republic of Mozambique, Africa

The Republic of Mozambique is located in the southeast part of Africa, on the border of the Indian Ocean.

Mozambique is one of the poorest and underdeveloped countries in the world, according to the New World Encyclopedia. The currency is called New Metical and 40 Metical is equivalent to one US dollar. The minimum legal salary is around \$60 US dollars per month, according to the website.

The official language is Portuguese and common native languages include Makhuwa, Sena and Swahili, according to the New World Encyclopedia. The food is mostly Portuguese and traditional foods of Africa.

The country’s economy is largely based on Agriculture, however, food and beverage, Chemical Manufacturing, aluminum, petroleum and tour-

ism is growing, according to the website.

Peace Corp

According to the official website of the Peace Corps, the Peace Corps was founded in 1960 after an impromptu presidential campaign speech by then-Sen. John F. Kennedy issued a challenge to the 5,000 students to contribute two years of their lives to help people in countries of the developing world.

President John F. Kennedy signed Executive Order 10924 establishing the Peace Corps on a temporary pilot basis, according to the website.

According to the website, the “best and brightest Americans” are sent abroad on behalf of the United States to tackle the most pressing needs of people around the world. They send volunteers to work at the grassroots level to develop sustainable solutions to the challenges that are presented in the host site.

As of 2015 over 220,000 Americans have volunteered their service in 141 host countries, according to the website. The Peace Corp has seven sectors, including agriculture, community economic development, education, environment, health, youth development and Peace Corps Response.



TARA MADDEN/Osage News

Osage parent Addie Roanhorse holds a sign that says “Why Congress? No Funding for the Youth Academy?”

WYA

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the Nation. She said she goes to work early and leaves late and has peace of mind knowing her daughter is at WYA in a safe place and in an educational environment. She said there is no other option for her daughter other than WYA in Osage County.

“Leaving my daughter alone 40 hours a week for 3 months [in summer] makes me feel like I let my daughter down,” Roanhorse said. “I unfortunately foresee myself running back and forth from work to home to put my worries at ease. My job is rewarding but very demanding. I absolutely love my job, but being concerned about my daughter’s safety is a natural instinct that I cannot just turn off.”

Congresswoman Pratt said the education department is in charge of WYA and that Congress would have voted for the appropriation had the fa-

cilities kept the high number of students they used to serve when it was free.

“For some people [with multiple children] that could be \$400 a month, that is a car payment or rent payment. So we said why did you do this and they said they were following the EduCare standards,” Pratt said. “They also cut transportation. They stopped running buses to Skiatook and other places. We asked why are you doing this? We have low-income families; we have parents who can’t transport their children because they work in a different direction. We told them why didn’t you leave it alone and why did you tell them two weeks before [about the new charge]?”

Pratt said the Hominy and Fairfax sites were closed six months ago and those parents were upset that Pawhuska got to keep their facility.

“All these improvements they have made, they could

Apr 22, 2016
Osage Nation Executive Branch and
Fourth Osage Nation Congress

Dear Osage Elected Officials,

A group of concerned Osage parents have met regarding the recent failure by the Osage Nation to plan, fund, and execute an after school program for Osage children. We are not interested in assigning blame, but are interested in all of our elected officials to take into consideration the wishes of Osage parents, who elected all of you. These requests take into consideration a variety of Osage families; duel income, single income, single parent, low income and blended families. We believe young Osage families and Osages living in proximity to each other, with support from the Nation is a responsible Osage policy that encourages, enhances and cultivates the continuation of viable Osage communities.

We would like the following:

We would like WYA locations in Pawhuska, Hominy, Fairfax and Skiatook. If this is not fiscally viable then run buses to a central location.

We would like it to be free to all Osage students and/or free to non-Osages that live in Osage households.

We would like a continuation of STEM and Osage Culturally Centric programming.

We would like the Osage Nation Executive branch to schedule a special session, and we would like a member of Congress to sponsor WYA legislation addressing these issues. We would like this legislation placed on the agenda. We would like the merits of this bill to be debated on the floor of the Osage Congress and passed out accordingly.

We would like this to be done before the end of the school year. It is your Osage constitutional duty: Article XVII, Osage Health, Education, and Welfare. Section 3: Care for our children: The Osage Nation shall provide for the care and safety of Osage children by establishing and promoting programs that contribute to protecting, nurturing, and developing the minds, bodies and spirits of our children.

Signed,

Wah-Zha-Zhi Parent Coalition

Courtesy Photo

The Wah-Zha-Zhi Parent Coalition was formed in response to the funding cut of the Wah-Zha-Zhi Youth Academy. The coalition sent a letter of demands to the Osage Nation Executive Branch and Fourth Osage Nation Congress on April 22.

have made for free. All they did was start charging people and cut transportation, so I think you should picket them and tell them to get their numbers back up,” Pratt said. “We gave them two months to get their numbers back up so we could justify the funding.”

Parents are given the option to attend Osage language classes every week and a parent workday on the first Saturday of the month so their children can attend for free. Any missed classes results in a charge.

Possible solution

According to a prepared release from Principal Chief

Geoffrey Standing Bear’s office, he said, “Our long term goal is to provide a science and arts academy for Osage Children through 12th grade. To those who say we do not have enough money for a world class education for our children, I say to them they are wrong, both factually and morally.”

He also said that his administration would try again this summer to have WYA funded for the next school year.

Two members of Congress voted for the funding, they were Congressmen John Maker and R.J. Walker. Walker said he is working on a solution he hopes to present in the Congressional Special Session planned for May.

According to the release, the WYA funding request was for \$212,236 to fund five teachers for 40 Osage children at the Pawhuska site; \$117,492 for three teachers and 20 Osage children at the Hominy site; and \$117,594 to fund three teachers and 20 Osage children at the Fairfax site. Standing Bear said he also planned a WYA for Skiatook, beginning the next school year.

Electa RedCorn said her five-year-old daughter loves WYA so much she has asked to have her birthday party there. RedCorn said, “that should say something about how the kids feel about WYA.”

APPROPRIATIONS

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Tallgrass Economic Development LLC and to provide a capital contribution appropriation of \$500,000 for its operations. The bill passed on April 21 with a 10-2 vote with “no” votes from Congressmen Otto Hamilton and John Maker.

- ONCA 16-69 (Supernaw) is a \$2 million appropriation to the Bluestem Ranch LLC Board for its operations. The bill passed on April 21 with a 10-2 vote with “no” votes from Congress members Shannon Edwards and Ron Shaw.

- ONCA 15-107 (sponsored by Congresswoman Alice Buffalohead) is an act to provide financial assistance to disabled Osage members and to designate \$50,000 for the assistance program to take place. Buffalohead said she sought the program to help Osages who may not have the financial resources or health benefit card funds to pay for disabled costs including handicap equipment and training classes for disabled living.

- ONCA 16-47 (sponsored by Congresswoman Shannon Edwards) is an appropriation bill for \$11,000 that will be placed in the Nation’s Regional Gathering Fund, which is avail-

able to regional Osage organizations to help pay for their meeting costs. Edwards said this amount is a replenishment of the fund for the 2017 fiscal year starting Oct. 1.

A 2011 Osage law established the regional gathering fund to provide money to Osage organizations that apply for the funding to help defray their fellowship meeting costs including meeting room rentals and audio/visual equipment rentals. Regional Osage organizations eligible to apply for the funding include those who have annual or semi-annual meetings and gatherings including the United Osages of Southern California and the Northern California Osages.

- ONCA 16-50 (Congressional Speaker Maria Whitehorn) is a \$265,438 appropriation bill for federal grant funds to the Nation’s Child, Family and Senior Community Services division. This appropriation is for the recently awarded federal grant the Nation is receiving from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to assist 20 Native American homeless veterans.

- ONCA 16-36: A \$75,000 grant donation to the City of Barnsdall for water treatment and installation

of new filtering equipment. Edwards, who sponsored the bill, said she spoke with Barnsdall Mayor Brock Moore (Osage) regarding the water issue, who said the city is planning to take out loans to pay for new water filtering equipment at the city treatment plant. Moore told Edwards that anything the Nation can contribute would help, she said.

The bill’s unanimous passage comes two months after Barnsdall underwent a boil order that lasted just over a week due to high turbidity levels, which left the drinking water cloudy. The Bartlesville Osage Casino was also impacted by the boil order because it receives its water from Barnsdall as part of a rural water district.

- ONCA 16-38: A \$150,000 appropriation bill (Supernaw) for the purchase of real property in Hominy with the money being appropriated to the capital asset and improvement fund for a new Wellness Center. Supernaw said the money will go toward purchasing land in Hominy by the Head Start building. The current fitness center is located north of town in the Nation’s Industrial Park and residents told Supernaw the facility is too small for the workout equipment.

Earlier this year, the De-

partment of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) informed the Nation that its grant request for \$800,000 in federal funds was approved with the money designated to build a new fitness/Wellness Center.

- ONCA 16-39: An appropriation bill (Supernaw) to appropriate \$55,000 to the Nation’s restricted real property repurchase fund. Supernaw said the money is being used to finish a restricted property purchase being pursued by the Executive Branch.

The Congress will likely meet in special session following the July inauguration of the Fifth Osage Nation Congress members to revisit appropriation matters including funding for the Nation’s higher education scholarship program, burial assistance and health benefit card. Efforts to pass these funding levels were unsuccessful during the Hun-Kah Session that ended on April 21, but Principal Chief Geoffrey Standing Bear has said funding for these direct services are adequate for the remaining 2016 fiscal year.

For more information on the 2016 Hun-Kah Session, legislation and committee meetings, visit the Congressional website at: www.osagenationnsn.gov/who-we-are/legislative-branch

NOMINEES

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Teresa Lamsam, who has served on the board since the Free Press Act of 2008 was enacted, is the appointment for Principal Chief Geoffrey Standing Bear.

The makeup of the Editorial Board is the chief picks one appointment, the Congress picks the second and both of those individuals select the third board member, which is currently Jerri Jean Branstetter.

Congresswoman Edwards spoke highly of Lamsam and said she “breathes professionalism” and she is pleased she will be serving again. Lamsam received a unanimous vote in favor of her confirmation.

The final appointment for consideration was Lura King, who was the Congressional nomination for the Editorial Board. She was the only nominee present at the Congressional Session and Congresswoman Edwards said King is professional, has a good listening ear and thought she would serve “admirably.” King said she was “honored and privileged” to serve again on the board and she had a deep respect for the Osage people, having been raised in Pawhuska. King received a unanimous vote in favor of her confirmation.



Michael Bristow

Michael Bristow announces his candidacy for the Fifth Osage Nation Congress

By Michael Bristow

Ha-weh - I am Michael Bristow and I humbly ask for your vote to serve our Osage people as a member of the Osage Nation Congress.

As a licensed Speech Pathologist, I am reminded daily in my practice that when the health care needs of our people are addressed we create a thriving community. As an Osage, I was raised to make sure our elders are treated with love, respect and dignity, our Osage youth are given every opportunity to pursue education and our Osage people thrive in today's economy and into the future. As a son, brother and uncle, it is my responsibility to my mother, my relatives and my people to do everything I can to make this happen.

I believe the Nation can focus resources into establishing an Osage staffed, skilled nursing facility through sensible economic development of our natural resources, educational opportunity for our youth, and developing a comprehensive Eldercare program. By providing these Eldercare services to our Osage elders we can allow them to age-in-place in Osage county surrounded by family, friends, and caregivers who understand what it means to be Osage.

A facility such as this would also give Osage Scholarship recipients studying in the health care field as Physical Therapists, Occupational Therapists, Speech-Language Pathologists, and Nurses an opportunity to come work with their own population upon completion of their respective coursework and establish a way for health care professionals who've been funded by the Tribe to give our elders the benefit of their education.

I am keenly aware these solutions can only move forward if the ON Congress and the



Rebekah HorseChief

ON Executive make the choice to work together for the betterment of the Osage Nation. As we say "Wash KAH" – do your best. It means too that we sometimes give up what we are not best at so that others may do their best and together we achieve our best.

I am proud to have been raised in the proud tradition of Osages. I have been a part of our E-Lon-Schka dances since the age of 8, taking my place under that arbor in the Pawhuska district. I was chosen to serve as a Ni-ah-thee (water boy) for the Pawhuska War Dance Committee at age 12 and have held the position of Committeeman ever since.

My mother is Olivia "Biggie" Mashunkashey Bristow, born and raised in Hominy. My maternal great-grandfather, Ben Mashunkashey, was the first Drumkeeper for the Wa-Ha-Ko-lin district. My father, Bob Bristow, was a member of the Native American Church, and from an early age, I remember, watching him, along with Mongrain Lookout, and Eddy RedEagle, Jr., learning the Osage Language from Tribal elders whose first language was Osage.

As your representative, I will demonstrate my deep commitment to continuing the same Osage traditions, language and culture instilled in me by my parents.

I am Michael Bristow, I am Osage and I seek your vote to serve our Osage people on the 5th Osage Congress with Accountability, Eldercare and Integrity.

Ga-koh-naw.

Rebekah HorseChief announces her candidacy for the Fifth Osage Nation Congress

By Rebekah HorseChief

Ha.we! My name is Rebekah HorseChief. I am pleased to announce my candidacy for the Osage Nation's 5th Congress. My platform focuses on enhancing education opportunities for our youth and pro-



Joe Tillman

viding needed health services for our elders, among others. As an Osage language teacher and office/web manager for the Osage Nation Education Department, I learned to work with both our Tribal and federal budgets, interact with all departments and programs and evolve with our new government.

I have always wanted to work within an elected position in our government. This goal has fueled my passion for learning and academics. After graduating from Valley High School in Albuquerque, New Mexico, I attended the University of New Mexico where I received a B.A. in English Literature and International Indigenous Studies. This endeavor allowed me to study abroad at the University of the Sunshine Coast in Queensland, Australia and do research in the Northern Island of New Zealand. I also attended the University of Pennsylvania on a post-graduate fellowship through the National Science Foundation to research and repatriate items with the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma. Currently, I am a M.A. candidate at the University of Tulsa College of Law enrolled in the Federal Indian Law and Energy Program, and will graduate in the fall.

If elected, I plan to introduce legislation that will provide much needed services, as well as generate a return to our Nation's treasury. I believe our Nation is well equipped to operate tribally-operated businesses and programs, such as a funeral home, assisted living/nursing home and dialysis center. As a student and former employee of the Nation's Education Department, I am dedicated to providing opportunities for recent college graduates, such as a "pathways to profession" program. Our constituents living at home or out of state will benefit from these services.

The commitment to my Tribe is rooted with my family. I was born in Los Alamos, New Mexico to Deborah Yates and Alfred HorseChief, Jr. My paternal grandparents are Alfred HorseChief Sr. and Freida Lee Bigheart Kipp. My maternal grandparents are Paul E. Yates Sr. and Eva Mae Coshehe Yates. My two brothers are John Levi HorseChief and Darryl Tabor. My four sisters are Geneva HorseChief-Hamilton, Mary HorseChief, Randilee Wahreshe HorseChief and Daya HorseChief.

I come from a long line of Tribal elected officials, and like them, I believe in our Tribe's ability to self-govern and self-sustain while maintaining loyalty to our culture and language. On Election Day, vote for Rebekah HorseChief for Osage Nation Congress.

Tillman announces his candidacy for the Fifth Osage Nation Congress

By Joe Tillman

I am both humbled and honored to announce my candidacy for Osage Nation Congress. Serving in this role warrants full-time attention; I will give it the attention it deserves.



RJ Walker

My parents are Chief Charles O. Tillman, Jr. and the late Cordelia Mahan Tillman. My wife is Cindy Tillman, and my daughter is Cordelia Lynn Tillman.

I am from the Grayhorse district and serve on the Grayhorse Committee.

Regarding education, I want to see all Osages reach their highest potential. Whatever their chosen career path, educating Osages must be a priority. Personally, I hold a Master of Arts degree in Communication, with an emphasis in Organizational Communications from Oklahoma State University.

For 12 years, I worked with CPA firms in Tulsa and Oklahoma City, helping small business clients with revenues of 50 million dollars or less manage their internal controls: bookkeeping, balance sheets, tax planning, retirement planning, and payroll.

I support our people and policies that strengthen the culture, education, and economy of our people.

I support senior housing for our Osage elders and the expansion of programs that help our disabled constituents.

While serving as Division Leader for Education and Culture with the Osage Nation, I saw the need for better childcare and the benefit of providing services to elders; therefore, I participated in planning a family center in Fairfax to serve both children and elders. This family center is now a reality.

My grandmother, Josephine Goode Tillman, a full-blood Osage, had a profound influence on my life, deeply rooting me in our Osage traditions. To honor my grandmother, I support legislation to improve and protect the lives of Osage women. When we improve the lives of Osage women, we strengthen Osage families.

I support language preservation. In Washington, D.C., the late Senator Daniel Inouye from Hawaii, emphasized to tribal leaders: "Don't lose your language and don't lose your culture." I'll never forget that.

As Division Leader, I worked with Program Directors, federal funding agencies, the Treasury Department, Osage Congress and Executive Branch to ensure programs achieved their goals within budget.

Gaming has provided the largest percentage of Osage revenues since 2006. I support the continued growth of our North Tulsa casino, but also believe we need to broaden our business base. Other tribes invest in a variety of businesses: car dealerships, radio/TV stations, lodging and banks. We should consider these types of opportunities and tap into the expertise of Osages in these fields.

I support the happiness of the employee at the Osage Nation. Happy employees are productive workers.

I support tribal land acquisition. The Osage Nation recently purchased 43,000 acres. All constituents should have a voice in what we do with that land.

I believe in collaborating with state and local government to promote economic growth, teacher recruitment, emergency management and law enforcement.

In an effort to give back to the Osage youth in my community, I have coached youth football for the past ten years.

If you agree with my platform, I ask for your vote on June 6.

Walker announces his candidacy for the Fifth Osage Nation Congress

By RJ Walker

To my fellow Osages, my name is R.J. Walker and I am seeking reelection to the Osage Nation Congress. I was humbled when elected to serve as a congressman in 2012 after working as the Nation's Roads Department Director since 2002. My wife and I live and raise our children in Pawhuska and I would appreciate your vote.

I was hired by the 31st Tribal Council and witnessed up close how a diverse group of men and women were able to come together to make this new government a reality; I still admire what they were able to accomplish. I know there were many great leaders before and we have elected many great leaders since and it is an honor to sit in the seats of my predecessors. I will always cherish my time as an employee and still carry that mindset when listening to new ideas or initiatives being proposed or explained to the Congress. Finding common ground and putting aside differences to achieve something is not that hard, and I promise if elected I will continue to work effectively and respectfully with my fellow members of Congress and the Chief's office.

New and improving programs cost Osage dollars, and we will be challenged to keep expanding at the current rates of program growth. Nevertheless, our immersion program has resulted in a large number of small Osage children speaking our language. We have child advocates that monitor every local Osage student's grades, and I hope that we can offer this service to all Osages someday. Last year's budget cuts saw reductions in many areas, but allowed extra cash to go to new initiatives that help you and your family. I expect this trend to continue. While I didn't agree with everything in the budget, I can tell you with certainty that compromise is the most productive option and avoids costly litigation.

We have had an unprecedented run of success and accomplished many great things because of our gaming revenue, and diversifying our revenue from non-gaming has proven to be difficult. But we can do better. We have many talented and experienced individuals serving on our boards, and they have been working hard planning new initiatives and opportunities to bring in additional revenue. There are a few that I am excited about, one in particular that would make state of the art broadband available for our local communities. I also look forward to supporting the newly formed Bluestem Ranch LLC.

Legislation that I have regularly sponsored and supported include infrastructure improvement, collaboration with our local governments, land buy-back, emergency services, self-governance, language and culture, employee rights and protection, child care, and taxing opportunities on Osage lands (including non-Osage businesses).

Serving you has been an honor and a privilege.

Feel free to contact me at rjwalkerjr@gmail.com if you have any questions or would like to hear more about where I stand on the issues.



SHANNON SHAW DUTY/Osage News

Osage Congresswoman Alice Buffalohead sponsored a resolution to honor former Osage Congresswomen Faren Revard Anderson, Debra Atterberry and Jerri Jean Branstetter on March 31. All three women served on the First Osage Nation Congress. Anderson was the Nation's first female Speaker of the Congress. Branstetter was the Nation's second. Anderson currently serves as the chair of the Bluestem Ranch, LLC, board of directors. Branstetter currently serves as the chair of the Osage News Editorial Board. Atterberry is currently the Education Services Administrator for the Executive Branch.

Buffalohead said she chose to honor the three women because March was Women in Government month and each of the women helped form the Osage Nation legal infrastructure when they served their government as congresswomen and served as role models to Osage women everywhere. The Fourth Osage Nation Congress passed each resolution unanimously.

NOTICE: Cobell Settlement Probate Documents**Deadline: June 20, 2016**

* Time is running out to compile and submit the probate paperwork needed to claim the Cobell settlement funds of deceased class members. *

If a Cobell v. Salazar class member passed away before receiving their settlement funds, and you are their heir or the administrator of their estate, you may be able to claim the funds.

To claim a deceased class member's Cobell funds, one of the following types of documents must be mailed to: Indian Trust Settlement, P.O. Box 9577, Dublin, OH 43017-4877, and postmarked by June 20, 2016:

- A federal probate order; or
- A state or tribal probate order; or
- Documentation showing the appointment of an Executor, Administrator, or Personal Representative of the estate; or
- A will that has been approved through a probate order; or
- A valid small estate document from an approved state.

* Any funds that are unclaimed by June 20, 2016 will automatically go into a Cobell scholarship fund.

More information is available at: <http://www.cobellsettlement.com> or by calling the Indian Trust Settlement at 1-800-961-6109.

NOTE: The following information is only applicable to residents of OREGON. If you require assistance you should consult an Estate Attorney.

Do you need help with a small estate document or initiating a probate?

The Native American Program, Legal Aid Services of Oregon may be able to assist you. Please call us at: (503) 223-9483 or toll-free at 1-888-610-8764 for information. Please note that even the small estate process involves time-consuming paperwork. Clients wishing to meet the June 20, 2016 Cobell deadline should contact NAPOLS as soon as possible, and no later than May 1, 2016.

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Volunteer Now!

Started in 2009, the Pawnee/Osage CASA program takes on court cases in state and tribal courts.



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BENNY POLACCA/ Osage News

Pawhuska Indian Village residents, family members and planning officials meet on April 9 for a “design day” to discuss the village master plan in the works to improve infrastructure and to provide better amenities for current and future residents.

‘Design day’ held for Pawhuska Village master plan

Benny Polacca
Osage News

With input from village residents, concerned Osage citizens and the village committee, development on the Pawhuska Indian Village master plan continues.

On April 9, the village committee invited residents to meet with planning consultants for a “design day” for residents to brainstorm and contribute more suggestions. The village committee (Five-Man Board) is working with several planning professionals on the master plan, which aims to improve the village infrastructure and amenities to retain and attract residents who live in the village, which hosts the Pawhuska In-Lon-Schka dances each June – becoming a cultural hub for participating Osages.

“This is so important to the village,” said committee Chairwoman Paula Stabler who pursued the master plan along with other board members to continue improving the village by addressing common complaints including water line issues, addressing abandoned/ dilapidated homes, flooding caused by rain and other needs voiced by residents.

In a news release, Stabler said: “Over 150 years ago, our ancestors came from Kansas. At that time each village started off with 160 acres. Today we have less than 25 percent of original Osage land left. The time is now to protect our village and make the improvements needed. It’s our responsibility for future generations.”

The village committee hired Pawhuska and Native American-owned Blue Star Studios Inc. in 2014 and other planning officials later joined the planning effort.

“We’ve had a lot of meetings to find out what the village wants,” said Scott Moore de Medina, co-founder of Blue Star Studio. As an example for future development, the village sought a land survey, which identified where the utilities are and that information will be helpful for finding future uses for village land, he said.

According to master plan brochure information, there are approximately 80 lots open for development in the village, prompting questions from planners to village residents about future land uses.

Jackie Keliiaa, a community builder/ planner with Blue Star, said the planning took the Osage culture and people into consideration when the planners met with the residents. “We met and asked: What are the values? What does it mean to be Osage?” Moore said the master plan is being done by “Indigenous planning and design approach – that’s what makes you all in the village unique.”

According to compiled village resident feedback, the following are listed as common beliefs and qualities important to village residents: Protecting culture, the Osage language, the In-Lon-Schka dances, gatherings including handgames and gourd dances, sovereignty, self-governance, capable workforce, family-friendly and self-sufficient.

Committee vice chairman Ryan RedCorn said: “Our goal is to create an ecological and economical sustainable Indigenous village model reinforced by responsible civic policy. We want to ensure that Osages will have a place to live and be active in the Osage culture. This requires Osage proximity to one another to share culture and tradition, supported by an economic and environmental base.”

That day, approximately 30 residents participated in the “design day” meeting to issue more input on the master plan. Village resident Deborah Yates said she believes there should be more amenities or housing opportunities for elders. Other residents believe other nearby shopping amenities could also be available in the village. Moore and other planning officials noted land-rezoning efforts would be needed to address other uses besides residential living.

Principal Chief Geoffrey Standing Bear, who attended the meeting, said his office is in support of the master planning efforts and told Stabler and the board to contact him whenever they’re ready to move forward with future plans and he will contact other ON entities including the Roads and Tribal Development and Land Acquisition departments for planned projects.

Moore said other Native American communities have undertaken master plans including the Ho-Chunk (Winnebago) Nation in Nebraska, which designed a 40-acre village with housing, recreation, educational and industrial amenities. The Rosebud Sioux Tribe in South Dakota also designed a 590-acre residential master plan to address housing needs – referred to as Keya Wakpala (Turtle Creek Development).

Moore said the next steps include more information processing, which includes creating digital GIS maps, a market study analysis, re-platting/ zoning, expansion of partnerships and internal capacity and exploring housing and economic development opportunities. The Pawhuska village master plan includes collaborative efforts, including the Minnesota Housing Partnership in St. Paul, the University of Oklahoma and Tulsa-based Wallace Engineering firm.

ON Congress confirms three Osages to gaming and ONES LLC boards

Benny Polacca
Osage News

The Fourth Osage Nation Congress voted unanimously to confirm three Osage appointees to the Nation’s Gaming Enterprise Board and ON Energy Services (ONES) LLC Board during the Hun-Kah Session.

On April 20, Mark P. Revard and Susan Proctor Kneeland received confirmation votes to serve three-year terms on the Gaming Enterprise Board for the first time and Jill Jones was reconfirmed to serve a second term on the ONES LLC board for three years.

Kneeland was the sole board appointee present during that day’s session and addressed the Congress briefly. “It’s an honor to be here and to be under consideration for confirmation to the board. I understand what a huge responsibility this is and I’m just looking forward to the opportunity to serve the tribe,” Kneeland said.

Congressional Speaker Maria Whitehorn said not all board appointees being considered for confirmation did not receive formal invitations to appear before Congress, so the absences are not a reflection on those appointees who were absent. The separate confirmation votes for Revard, Kneeland and Jones all passed 11-0 that day with one absence from Congressman Ron Shaw.

Revard, of Jenks, is a mortgage banker who is an executive vice president for Gateway Mortgage Group in Tulsa and is former president/ co-owner of FM Bank & Trust, according to his LinkedIn page.

Kneeland, of Wichita, Kans., is a category management team lead for Cargill Meat Solutions and previously held data analyst positions with Cargill and The



Courtesy Photo/ON Communications

Mark Revard and Susan Proctor Kneeland were confirmed by the Fourth ON Congress on April 20.



CHALENE TOEHAY-TARTSAH/Osage News

Jill Jones was confirmed by the Fourth ON Congress on April 20. She was sworn into office by ON Trial Court Judge Marvin Stepson on April 14.

Coleman Company, according to her resume.

Jones, of Bartlesville, was first appointed to the ONES LLC Board in 2012 and received Congressional confir-

mation the following year. She has over 20 years of experience in the petroleum industry with a focus on information technology and has worked for ConocoPhillips for over 13 years.

Osage law student selected for Udall Internship

Tara Madden
Osage News

Adam Trumbly has been selected for the Native American Congressional Internship through the Udall Foundation, arguably one of the best internships for Native American law students.

Trumly is a first generation college student and a second-year law student at the University of Florida. Upon passing the bar exam he plans on working in Tribal and Indian law.

“The more I study the history and current state of Native American Law, the more I want to shape the future,” Trumbly said.

The ten-week Udall Internship is in Washington, D.C., and interns work fulltime in federal agencies or a congressional office. The experience is meant to broaden their knowledge in law and policy that affect tribal communities, according to udall.gov. The interns meet and form networks with elected officials and staff at American Indian Advocacy and public interest organizations, as well as work with American Indian professionals, according to the website.

Trumbly applied for the internship last year but was not selected. Instead he interned for the Meskwaki Nation’s tribal court and was a clerk for the Chief Judge. She also interned for the Udall Foundation.

Throughout the summer



Courtesy Photo/Osage News

Adam Trumbly is a recipient of the Udall Internship program.

she told him about the wonderful experience she had and how the program opens so many opportunities for Native students to learn and prepare for serving their communities.

He reapplied for the Udall Internship this year and was selected for the 2016 summer. Trumbly has a bachelor’s and master’s degree in Criminal Justice from the University of Central Florida.

He said the moment he decided to attend law school he wanted to practice Native American law. Trumbly looked across the country for the best opportunities in the field and the Udall Internship was at the top of his list.

“The more I read about it, and spoke with other alumni, the more I wanted to participate in the program. When I read the biographies of the chosen interns I realized that I could learn so much from the other participants,” Trumbly

said. “I did all I could to make myself stand out as a candidate. I feel very blessed to have been chosen.”

Trumbly would like to repay the Osage Nation for supporting his education. He would like to work for the Osage Nation when he finishes his juris doctorate.

“Adam is an amazing student; very insightful and thoughtful. I am thrilled that he received the Udall Internship! He is an ideal choice because he is absolutely dedicated to helping Tribes throughout the United States and is doing everything he can to be as strong an advocate as possible,” said University of Florida Law Professor Sharon Rush. “As a lawyer, I think Adam’s clients are going to be very fortunate to have such a bright, knowledgeable, and compassionate attorney on their side. Adam is a student I will never forget because he represents everything an outstanding student/lawyer should be. We all are very, very proud of him.”

He is the son of Charles Trumbly III and Karen Trumbly and the great-grandson of Charles Trumbly II. He is a descendant of Julian Trumbly and a descendant of Whitehair.

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The time to provide for our Elders is now. Coming shifts in political policy in our state and others is to slash Medicare and Medicaid funding for long-term care. A **tribal owned nursing facility** and hospice will bring relief to Osage families dealing with the aging of loved ones and provide a familiar face to those suffering its effects. One of the strongest sentiments of our Tribe has always been: *Osages take care of their own.*

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2016 General Election Notice

EARLY VOTING DAY 1

DATE: Friday, June 3, 2016
TIME: 12:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. CDT
POLL LOCATION: Osage Nation Election Office
608 Kihekah
Pawhuska, Oklahoma

EARLY VOTING DAY 2

DATE: Saturday, June 4, 2016
TIME: 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. CDT
POLL LOCATION: Osage Nation Election Office
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Pawhuska, Oklahoma

ELECTION DAY

DATE: Monday, June 6, 2016
TIME: 8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. CDT
POLL LOCATION: Osage Nation Wah-Zha-Zhi Cultural Center
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 - Signing the ballot receipt; and
 - Marking the ballot and placing it in the ballot box.
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 - Fax to (918) 287-5292 (Please understand we are not responsible for faxes that did not transmit properly.); or
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- Instructions for marking and mailing your ballot can be found enclosed with your ballot.
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 - Sign an affidavit stating they received a ballot, but did not vote it.
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PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

- ONCR 15-04.**
 - A. Proposed Amendment:** Shall Article IV, Section 3(G) of the Osage Nation Constitution be amended to replace the phrase "greater than imprisonment for a term of one year or a fine of five thousand dollars, or both;" with the phrase "greater than allowed by federal law;"?
 - B. Proposed Changes to the Constitution:** If approved, **Article IV, Section 3(G)** shall be amended to read as follows (old language is stricken new language appears in **bold italics**):
Section 3. Inalienable Rights of Osage Citizens: There shall be certain inalienable rights, which shall not be abridged or denied by any branch/department of the Osage Nation government or by any official of the government. Furthermore nothing in this Constitution shall be interpreted in a way that would diminish the rights and privileges of any person within the jurisdiction of the Osage Nation. The Osage Nation government in exercising sovereign powers shall not:
G. require excessive bail, impose excessive fines, inflict cruel and unusual punishments, and in no event impose for conviction of any offense any penalty or punishment greater than **imprisonment for a term of one year or a fine of five thousand dollars; or both allowed by federal law;**

- C. Purpose:** The purpose of this amendment is to allow the Osage Nation to align our criminal penalties with those allowed under federal law. Federal law now allows tribal nations to increase criminal penalties on Indian defendants above those allowed by the Osage Nation Constitution. The amendment will allow the Nation to enhance criminal punishments for crimes committed within the Nation's jurisdiction. Also, if enacted, the amendment allows the Nation to adopt the Tribal Law and Order Act and the Violence Against Women Act, both of which are vital to the expansion of the Nation's jurisdiction and sovereignty.



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CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT
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☐ Yes
☐ No

EAVES

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without a Miranda warning or anything like that.”

Jones said the U.S. Attorney's Office told him on April 13 that the charges were being dismissed. Jones filed charges in ON Trial Court on April 14, and Eaves was released into Osage Nation custody the next day.

According to the criminal complaint filed by Jones, Eaves is charged with second-degree homicide for causing the death of Pennington, 44, “by beating with his hands, fists and other objects.” It said Pennington, who is not an Indian, “did languish and die” on Aug. 24, 2015.

If convicted in tribal court, Eaves will be charged with a misdemeanor, face up to a year in jail, a \$1,000 fine or a maximum of 20 years banishment. Federal law prohibits tribes from imprisoning individuals for more than three years, according to the Tribal Law and Order Act of 2013, and limits tribal courts to misdemeanor charges in criminal cases. Osage Nation law permits only up to one year of jail time.

“I'm not real happy with the way things turned out ... One of the things we can do in tribal court is we can banish people and keep our Osages safe,” Jones said. “I would rather see him in prison for 20 years and keep everybody safe, but I can keep our Osages safe and that's what I'm after. I'd rather see jail time, but if we can't do that at least I can banish him for 20 years.”

Jones said that there is no statute of limitations on murder and that the U.S. Attorney's Office can file new charges against Eaves if new evidence is discovered.

“I think the intent of the U.S. Attorney's Office is to reinvestigate and refile in the future,” Jones said. “They're hoping to develop new evidence. We don't know when that will happen.”

There is no double jeopardy for Eaves if he is convicted in tribal court. The Osage Nation is a sovereign government, and he can be charged again by the U.S. Attorney's Office. If convicted in federal court he would go to federal prison.

Jones met with Eave's court appointed attorney on April 21 at the ON

Trial Court. Judge Marvin Stepson is the presiding judge.

Affidavit

According to the ON affidavit for Eaves' arrest warrant, Eaves arrived at the Pawhuska Hospital emergency room on Aug. 25, 2015, at approximately 2:30 a.m. with Pennington in his vehicle.

The hospital staff began CPR on Pennington and the licensed practical nurse noted that Pennington was “ice cold” and very stiff with no movement, multiple bruises everywhere on her body and her pupils “fixed,” according to the affidavit.

She was pronounced dead, and no gunshot or stab wounds were noted, according to the affidavit, which said the doctor believed that she had been dead at least four hours before being brought to the hospital.

The doctor said in the affidavit that he questioned Eaves but was given no clear answer how long Pennington had been nonresponsive or been in the physical state presented. Eaves changed his story multiple times, the affidavit said.

Eaves said Pennington was an alcoholic and had been intoxicated for the previous six to seven hours, according to the affidavit. He said he awoke from a four-hour nap and found that she had vomited and was not breathing, according to the affidavit.

The ONPD called a Bureau of Indian Affairs special agent who contacted the FBI, according to the affidavit. “A short time later,” an FBI special agent told ONPD that she and another agent would respond and requested photographs of any bruising or visible marks on body, according to the affidavit.

The case was turned over to the FBI, and the ONPD took an assisting role thereafter. On Sept. 1, 2015, an autopsy revealed that Pennington had died from blunt force trauma to the head, according to the affidavit.

The Oklahoma Chief Medical Examiner's Office said her head injury occurred shortly before death and could not have been caused by a fall. Its report also said that Pennington had five broken ribs from a previous injury, two from a recent injury, and that bruises covered her back, legs, arms and head.

Osage charged with second-degree homicide wants jury trial

Shannon Shaw Duty

Osage News

Thomas Eaves, charged with second-degree murder by the Osage Nation for the death of his girlfriend Starr L. Pennington, told ON Trial Court Judge Marvin Stepson he wants a jury trial.

Eaves, 57, appeared in ON Trial Court yesterday with his court appointed attorney. Handcuffed and wearing an orange and white jumpsuit, his long black hair pulled back in a ponytail, Eaves appeared calm and amiable as he spoke with his attorney.

Judge Stepson said a plea of not guilty was entered for Eaves on April 18.

His attorney, Cleveland-based Jon Carter, said there are two factors why the case should be dismissed. The first factor is that under the Major Crimes Act federal law dictates all major crimes, such as homicide, are tried in federal court.

“Jurisdictionally, with all due respect, I don't think this belongs in tribal court,” Carter said. He said the case had already been tried in federal court and was dismissed.

Secondly, Carter said it would be double jeopardy if Eaves is convicted in tribal court.

Judge Stepson asked Eaves if he wanted a jury trial or a non-jury trial. Eaves said he wanted a jury trial.

The defense was given the deadline of May 31 to file their brief and the Nation was given until June 30 to file a response. Judge Stepson set the next court date for July 7. Eaves was escorted back to Osage County Jail where he is being held. His bail is set at \$1 million.

As Eaves was escorted out of the court house, three individuals from the Osage Indian Baptist Church were there in support. When asked if they were at the hearing for Eaves or the victim, Rhonda Kohnle, Osage, said “both.”

“I am here for both. They both came every week to church,” Kohnle

said. Kohnle's husband, Scott Kohnle, is the pastor for the Osage Indian Baptist Church. “We've just been asking everybody to pray for the truth to come out, whatever that is.”

She said Eaves went to church every Sunday, even before he met Pennington, 44. Once he and Pennington began dating, she started coming to church with him, she said.

“It's hard to get out of a pattern of life around here – but they were doing it,” Kohnle said.

This is the first homicide case for the Osage Nation since it reformed its government in 2006.

Federal prosecutors dismissed Eaves' case, which gained statewide attention, on April 14 after a judge ruled that Eaves was illegally arrested because police did not show probable cause.

According to the criminal complaint filed by Jones, Eaves is charged with second-degree homicide for causing the death of Pennington, “by beating with his hands, fists and other objects.” It said Pennington, who is not an Indian, “did languish and die” on Aug. 24, 2015.

If convicted in tribal court, Eaves will be charged with a misdemeanor, face up to a year in jail, a \$1,000 fine or a maximum of 20 years banishment. Federal law prohibits tribes from imprisoning individuals for more than three years, according to the Tribal Law and Order Act of 2013, and limits tribal courts to misdemeanor charges in criminal cases. Osage Nation law permits only up to one year of jail time.

Jones said that there is no statute of limitations on murder and that the U.S. Attorney's Office can file new charges against Eaves if new evidence is discovered.

There is no double jeopardy for Eaves if he is convicted in tribal court. The Osage Nation is a sovereign government, and he can be charged again by the U.S. Attorney's Office. If convicted in federal court he would go to federal prison.

THE OSAGE NATION
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April 27, 2016

TO: Geoffrey Standing Bear, Principal Chief
Maria Whitehorn, Speaker

FROM: Callie Catcher, Treasurer

SUBJECT: Interim Financial Statements – March 31, 201

Attached are the quarterly **unaudited** interim financial statements as of March 31, 2016. In accordance with 15 ONC §2-313, these summary interim financial statements will be provided to the Osage News for publication.

If you have any questions regarding the financial statements, please contact me.

Kind Regards,

cc: Shannon Shaw, Editor Osage News
Chad Cobb, Controller

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OSAGE NATION
Combining Balance Sheets
March 31, 2016

	General Fund	Special Revenue	Total
Assets			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	26,504,457	19,259,708	45,764,165
Investments	31,309,582		31,309,582
Interest receivable	192,733		192,733
Accounts receivable	48,613	336,016	384,629
Prepaid expenses	1,343,714	490,905	1,834,619
Due from other funds	(587,520)	594,637	7,117
Due from other governments	-	21,463,961	21,463,961
Due from related parties			-
Total Assets	\$ 58,811,579	\$ 42,145,227	\$ 100,956,806
Liabilities and fund balances			
Liabilities			
Accounts payable	90,607		90,607
Accrued payroll liabilities	559,211		559,211
Due to other funds			-
Other accrued liabilities	140,630	340,973	481,603
Deferred revenue	436,540	40,254,958	40,691,498
Total liabilities	\$ 1,226,988	\$ 40,595,931	\$ 41,822,919
Total fund balances	\$ 57,584,591	\$ 1,549,296	\$ 59,133,887
Total liabilities and fund balances	\$ 58,811,579	\$ 42,145,227	\$ 100,956,806

OSAGE NATION
Statement of Activities
Six months ended March 31, 2016

	Proprietary
Revenues	
Intergovernmental	16,862
Tax revenue	765,791
Investment revenue	24,963
Program/Other revenue	1,014,936
Total revenues	\$ 1,822,552
Expenditures	
Wages & Fringe Benefits	1,179,924
Travel & Training	15,880
Contractual	31,175
Direct Services	30,128
Repairs/Maint/Occupancy	315,728
Equipment/Capital Outlay	26,926
Other Expenses/Cost of goods sold	387,428
Indirect Cost	277,548
Total Expenditures	\$ 2,264,737
Revenues over (under) expenditures	\$ (442,185)
Other financing sources (uses)	
Transfers in/(out)	3,306,969
Distributions to LLC	
Gaming distributions	
Total other financing sources (uses)	\$ 3,306,969
Net change in net position	\$ 2,864,784
Net Position, Beginning of year	11,300,391
Net Position, End of year	\$14,165,175

OSAGE NATION
Combining Statements of Revenue, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance
Six months ended March 31, 2016

	General Fund	Special Revenue	Total
Revenues			
Intergovernmental	-	9,698,648	9,698,648
Indirect cost recoveries	2,847,921	-	2,847,921
Investment revenue	477,122	46,044	523,166
Tobacco tax revenue	1,052,163	-	1,052,163
Program/Other revenue	1,615,488	964,491	2,579,979
Total revenues	\$ 5,992,694	\$ 10,709,183	\$ 16,701,877
Expenditures			
Wages & Fringe Benefits	8,370,584	4,543,590	12,914,174
Travel & Training	232,813	184,301	417,114
Contractual	1,280,361	783,229	2,063,590
Direct Services	8,229,262	1,847,728	10,076,990
Donations	235,100	-	235,100
Equipment	571,835	239,857	811,692
Capital Outlay	11,090,754	225,327	11,316,081
Repairs Maint/Occupancy	410,106	276,793	686,899
Roads Construction	-	922,140	922,140
Other expenses	1,948,053	931,563	2,879,616
Indirect Cost	1,319,041	1,049,267	2,368,308
Debt Service			
Principal	500,000	-	500,000
Interest	48,570	-	48,570
Total Expenditures	\$ 34,236,479	\$ 11,003,795	\$ 45,240,274
Revenues over (under) expenditures	\$ (28,243,785)	\$ (294,612)	\$ (28,538,397)
Other financing sources (uses)			
Transfers in/(out)	(3,709,595)	402,626	(3,306,969)
Distributions to LLC's			-
Gaming distributions	40,000,000	-	40,000,000
Total other financing sources (uses)	\$ 36,290,405	\$ 402,626	\$ 36,693,031
Net change in fund balances	\$ 8,046,620	\$ 108,014	\$ 8,154,634
Fund balances, beginning of year	49,537,971	1,441,282	50,979,253
Fund balances, end of year	\$ 57,584,591	\$ 1,549,296	\$ 59,133,887

OSAGE NATION
Statement of Net Position
March 31, 2016

	Proprietary
Assets	
Cash and Cash Equivalents	4,677,028
Accounts receivable	52,085
Prepaid expenses	139,012
Inventory	20,151
Due from other governments	
Capital Assets, Net	9,381,578
Total Assets	\$14,269,854
Liabilities	
Accounts payable	5,017
Accrued payroll liabilities	76,845
Due to other funds	7,117
Other accrued liabilities	15,700
Deferred revenue	-
Total liabilities	\$ 104,679
Net Position	\$14,165,175



Trevor Boone

Congratulations!

Trevor Boone (Osage) will graduate from Tulsa Memorial High School in Tulsa, Oklahoma on May 20, 2016. Trevor is the son of Gayla Boone Carnagey and Grandson of John Boone (Osage) and Gloria and Bill Mitchell. While attending Tulsa Memorial High School, Trevor was a captain, quarterback, and a 4-year starter of the football team and he also was a 4-year starter of the baseball team. Trevor has received a baseball scholarship to play baseball at Oklahoma State University in Stillwater, Okla.



Chelsey Jo Morrow

Congratulations!

Chelsey Jo Morrow will be graduating in May from Lavergne High School, in Lavergne Tenn. During high school she has been a captain on her softball team for 2 years and participated in various community service projects. She also worked as a certified lifeguard. She will be attending Chattanooga State College in Chattanooga, TN in August where she plans to major in education. Chelsey is the daughter of Lisa Boone Morrow (Osage) and Dana Morrow. She is the granddaughter of the late John W. Boone (Osage) and Gloria Mitchell.



Tariana Mariah Sparrow

Congratulations!

Tariana Mariah Sparrow, daughter of Toriano and Heather Frazier-Sparrow of Marietta, Ga., will be graduating from Kell High School with Honors on May 27. While in High School she was on the Varsity Football, Basketball, and Competition cheer team, was the Lead morning anchor on Beef for Breakfast show, also volunteered at the Atlanta Food Bank. She plans to attend college in Georgia to earn a degree for Communications.

Osage Nation partners with KSU for educational leadership master’s program

Shannon Shaw Duty
Osage News



The Osage Nation has partnered with Kansas State University to create the Osage Nation Educational Leadership Academy, a first-of-a-kind education master’s program for the Nation and KSU.

“This is a new academy being built from the ground up, and we have spent the academic year fine tuning some details,” said Alex Red Corn in an email to ON Education Department staff. Red Corn is the special coordinator for American Indian Partnerships for the College of Education-Department of Educational Leadership at KSU. “The KSU College of Education is excited about this unique Educational Leadership program, and we are happy to have the Osage Nation as a partner to not only work with, but to learn from.”

Deadline to register for the program is April 27 and is open to all Osage citizens and Osage Nation employees looking to further their education and obtain a Master’s in Educational Leadership.

The academy is a two-year program and begins this fall. Students will be enrolled in six hours of credit each fall and spring semester, and three hours credit every summer, which is usually offered for online or distance courses, according to an informational brochure.

“Essentially, this is the Osage Nation level of the application process, in which Osage Nation leadership helps approve who will join this professional development academy,” Red Corn said. “We intend for a short turnaround at this level of the application process. So soon after that date, approved students will be notified and then asked to submit their application to the KSU Graduate School who has their own screening processes.”

Classroom sites for the Academy are still tentative and will consider student needs, but will likely be held at the Ponca City Casino conference rooms, Osage Nation Campus in Pawhuska, or the ON Education classrooms in Hominy – along with one to two trips per year to the Manhattan, Kans., campus.

“Students seeking licensure may also be required to attend a minimal number of Manhattan campus visits, for their two extra Summer courses,” according to the brochure. “Overall, students will be expected to commit evening, weekend, and other flex time to fulfill their responsibilities with the program, although scheduling will be done with professional work obligations in mind.”

Tuition for the program will be based on KSU’s Global Campus tuition schedule, which is usually used for distance learning programs. This is a separate rate than typical “in state” or “out of state” tuition. Although some financial assistance options are still being explored, Red Corn said. Students should expect to be responsible for their own funding and Osage students can apply for the Osage Nation Higher Education Scholarship.

To view KSU’s tuition rates visit their website at www.k-state.edu.
To register for the Osage Educational Leadership Academy contact Melvina Prather at mprather@osagenation-nsn.gov or (918) 625-5184. Or contact Alex Red Corn at aredcorn@k-state.edu or (913) 206-2392.

Scholarship resources

ON Higher Education Scholarship: www.osagenation-nsn.gov/what-we-do/education-department/education-scholarship
K-State scholarship resources: <http://www.k-state.edu/sfa/>

All ages are invited to attend the Spring Vendor Show from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., Saturday, May 14, at Osage Event Center, Tulsa.

Approximately 40 vendors will be on site including handmade arts and crafts, jewelry, skincare, wellness, home goods, and much, much more. The Osage Event Center is an 8,000-square-foot facility located inside the Osage Casino in Tulsa, just 5 minutes from downtown.

Free admission and free parking is available at 951 W. 36 Street North, Tulsa. Children must be accompanied by an adult on the casino floor.

The Osage Event Center hosts private parties, receptions, banquets, corporate events and meetings and offers the best value in Tulsa. We have the flexibility to configure the Event Center in multiple ways, making us a great place to host events both large and small.

Osage Casinos are an economic enterprise of the Osage Nation and are located in Tulsa, Bartlesville, Sand Springs, Skiatook, Ponca City, Pawhuska and Hominy. Call Jessica Reid (918) 699-7621 for details. For more information, visit www.osagecasinos.com/book.

Pawhuska Farmers Market scheduled for May 17

The Osage Nation Communities of Excellence will be hosting a Pawhuska Farmers Market on May 17.

The Farmers Market will be from 8 a.m. to noon, located at the Ben Johnson Cultural Park at the Gazebo. There are vendor applications available to those who are interested.

For more information contact the Communities of Excellence at (918) 287-5367.

Save the Date!
–Local Events Calendar

APRIL

April 7
Half – Pint Academy
Hosted by Communities of Excellence
Every Wednesday
Osage County Health Department
1115 E. 15th St.
Pawhuska, Oklahoma
For more information contact (918) 287-5267

April 30
Osage News Congressional Debates
Skiatook Osage Casinos
1 p.m.-5 p.m.
Event will be catered
Please submit questions for candidates to osagenews@osagenation-nsn.gov

April 30
Beekeeping Fundamentals Class
Osage Nation Communities of Excellence
220 West Main
Pawhuska, OK, 10 a.m.
For more information contact (918) 287-5267

April 30
Osage Nation JOM Youth Powwow
Hominy High School Gym
2 p.m. to 10 p.m.
For more information contact (918) 381-1997

MAY

May 7
2016 Tribal Foster and Adoptive Family Recruitment Fair
The Riverwalk
1000 Riverwalk Terrace
Jenks, Oklahoma
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
For more information contact (918) 287-5335

May 7
Grayhorse War Mothers Annual Soldier Dance
Flag Raising at 1:30 p.m.
More information contact Mary Elsberry at (918) 396-3314

May 14
Run For The Health Of It
Color Run/Walk and Amazing Family Race
Ben Johnson Cultural Park
6th and Lynn

Pawhuska, Oklahoma
Pre-registration begins from 7 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

May 14
Northern California Osage Spring Meeting
Herman Sons Hall
Petaluma, California
9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.
More information contact osages@northern-californiaosage.org

May 16
4th Annual Charity Golf Tournament
Tulsa Country Club
For more information contact Bill Webb at (214) 205-7495

May 21
Texas Osage Association
Mellow Mushroom Restaurant
3455 Blue Bonnet Circle
Ft Worth, TX 76109
1:30 p.m.

May 22
Texas Osage Association
Home of Kelly Murphy
18160 Trails End Road
Conroe, TX 77385
1:30 p.m.

May 22
Osage Tribal Princess Sorority Honor Dance
Osage County Fairgrounds Ag Building
Pawhuska, Oklahoma
More information TBA

May 30
Observed Holiday
Memorial Day
Offices Closed

JUNE

June 2-5
Grayhorse In-Lon-Schka

June 6
Election Day
Osage Campus
Congressional Election for six seats on Fifth
Osage Nation Congress

June 23-26
Pawhuska In-Lon-Schka

JULY

July 4
Observed Holiday
Independence Day
Offices Closed

AUGUST

August 1-6

American Indian Exposition
Caddo County Fairgrounds
Anadarko, Oklahoma
More information TBA

SEPTEMBER

September 5
Observed Holiday
Labor Day
Offices Closed

OCTOBER

October 10
Observed Holiday
Osage Day
Offices Closed

NOVEMBER

November 11
Observed Holiday
Veterans Day
Offices Closed

November 24-25
Observed Holiday
Thanksgiving Holiday
Offices Closed

DECEMBER

December 23-26
Observed Holiday
Christmas Holiday
Offices Closed

December 30
New Year’s Eve
Offices Close at Noon

Have an event? Send event information to the *Osage News*, Attn.: Shannon Shaw, 619 Kihekah, Pawhuska, OK 74056; email 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 June 2016 issue is May 18, 2016.

Osage Congress ends 2016 Hun-Kah Session on April 21

Benny Polacca
Osage News

The Fourth Osage Nation Congress voted to adjourn its 2016 Hun-Kah Session on April 22, which was the 22nd day of its 24-day spring session.

Osage Nation Congressional Speaker Maria Whitehorn delivered a final report on the session statistics, which noted:

- The Legislative Branch processed about 70 bills and resolutions. Congressional legal counsel Loyed “Trey” Gill noted that number is close to a record number of legislative items considered in a 24-day regular session.
- Of the processed legislation, 42 bills/ resolutions were passed/ sent to Principal Chief Geoffrey Standing Bear’s office for consideration of action.
- The Congress confirmed (by majority or unanimous vote) 11 people who were appointed to several ON boards with eight considered on April 21 and three on April 20.
- The session started with \$11.9 million in unappropriated tribal funding with the Congress passing legislation that requested \$9.7 million in appropriated funds. This leaves a balance of \$2.2 million in unappropriated tribal money for the ON government for the remainder of the 2016 fiscal year.

“I think we’ve worked well, we worked hard, I’d like to commend our staff for hanging in there, we’ve spent some late nights, I appreciate it and thank you for all your hard work at the table,” Whitehorn said to her Congressional colleagues.

Also on the last session day, the Congress held a committee election for the inaugural Congressional Membership Committee. Serving on the membership committee are Congress members James Norris, Angela Pratt and Archie Mason, who will serve as its chairman.

According to the revised Congressional rules, the membership committee is established to ensure the Nation’s membership roll is properly maintained in the Nation’s Membership Office and with the Congressional Clerk’s office; and to develop safety measures and means for keeping the roll and membership records; and to meet with the membership office director on a regular basis to discuss budgetary and staffing needs for the office.

The Hun-Kah Session ended as several incumbents and candidates running for the Fifth ON Congress prepared for travel to the April 23 United Osages of Southern California spring gathering. That day, candidates met with West Coast Osage constituents attending the meeting in Carlsbad where they spoke at a candidate forum.

Before the session ended, several Congress members offered closing comments as all six incumbents and other

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4th Osage Nation Congress

2016 Hun Kah Session – Day 22

Legislation Tracking as of April 21, 2016

Bill/Resolution Number	Title	Sponsor	Location
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
ONCA 14-89	An Act to establish by law the Legislative Branch in accordance with the Osage Constitution; to authorize organization within the Legislative Branch of the Osage Nation; and to establish an alternate effective date.	Edwards	Tabled in Governmental Operations 4-15-15
ONCA 14-90	An Act to establish by law the Executive Branch in accordance with the Osage Constitution; to authorize organization within the Executive Branch of the Osage Nation; and to establish an alternate effective date.	Edwards	Tabled in Governmental Operations 4-6-15
ONCA 14-94	An Act to authorize and appropriate one million seven hundred thousand dollars (\$1,700,000) of unencumbered funds that carry over from fiscal year 2014 appropriations.	Edwards	Withdrawn 4-6-16
ONCA 15-33	An Act to authorize and enable the creation of a Village as a political subdivision of the Osage Nation; and to establish an alternate effective date.	Walker	Committed back to Gov Ops 4-15-15
ONCA 15-46	An Act to set fiscal year 2016 General Appropriation, Direct Assistance, Land Acquisition, Capital Improvement and Permanent Fund spending limits.	Edwards	Tabled in Appropriations 4-2-15
ONCA 15-54	An Act to amend 9 ONC § 2-101 to recognize marriage between persons of the same gender performed in other jurisdictions; and to amend 9 ONC 3-126 to allow a spouse to restore a maiden or former name upon divorce.	Edwards	Enacted 4-8-16
ONCA 15-60	An Act to authorize and appropriate one million four hundred thousand dollars (\$1,400,000) to the Health Benefit Plan Fund from FY 2016 General Funds to pay the Medigap Coverage Premiums of qualified Osage members; and to establish an alternate effective date.	Edwards	Health and Social Services 9-8-15
ONCA 15-77	An Act to insert a severability clause into the Budget Parameter and Limitation Act; and to establish an alternate effective date.	Jech	Enacted 4-20-16
ONCA 15-89	An Act to establish the summer program to introduce Osages to careers in the health industry at an early age; and to establish an alternate effective date.	Shaw	Referred to Health and Social Services 9-8-15
ONCA 15-92	An Act to regulate the use of the Osage Nation seal and name; to provide penalties for unauthorized use of the seal;and to establish an alternate effective date.	Hamilton	Referred back to Gov Ops 10-7-15
ONCA 15-98	An Act to amend §§ 2-301 AND 2-311 of Title 15 to remove the definitions and to expand the duties of the Department of the Treasury; and to establish an alternate effective date.	Edwards	Tabled in Gov Ops with 1 Amendment 9-29-15
ONCA 15-105	An Act to establish a donations fund and a donations committee of elected officials to administer the fund; to provide an appropriation for donations in the name of the Osage Nation in the amount of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000); and to establish an alternate effective date.	Edwards	Tabled in Appropriations with 2 Amendments 9-23-15
ONCA 15-107	An Act to provide financial assistance to disabled members of the Osage Nation; to authorize and appropriate fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000); and to provide an alternate effective date.	Buffalohead	Sent for Chief's Signature 4-21-16
ONCA 16-05	An Act to establish a fair and equitable bidding process for construction projects; to repeal and replace 15 ONC § 2-104 et seq; and to establish an alternate effective date.	Maker	Filed 11-4-15
ONCA 16-09	An Act to amend ONCA 15-78 to provide a supplemental appropriation to the Office of the Attorney General for fiscal year 2016 in the amount of eight thousand one hundred six dollars (\$8,106); and to establish an alternate effective date.	Pratt	Enacted 4-13-16
ONCA 16-26	An Act to authorize and appropriate five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) to the Burial Assistance Fund; and to establish an alternate effective date.	Edwards	Vetoed 4-20-16
ONCA 16-27	An Act to establish a Fund and appropriate money for home loan and down payment assistance for first time home buyers to all Members of the Osage Nation; and to establish an alternate effective date.	Edwards	Vetoed 4-20-16
ONCA 16-28	An Act to provide an appropriation in the amount of four million dollars (\$4,000,000) to the Hominy Indian Village Committee for the demolition, design, and building of a new Hominy Village community building, and the building or remodel of an arbor in the Hominy Indian Village, and the purchase of kitchen equipment and furnishings for the building as well as property management and improvements; and to establish an alternate effective date.	Edwards	Enacted 4-8-16

4th Osage Nation Congress

2016 Hun Kah Session – Day 22

Legislation Tracking as of April 21, 2016

Bill/Resolution Number	Title	Sponsor	Location
ONCA 16-28	An Act to provide an appropriation in the amount of four million dollars (\$4,000,000) to the Hominy Indian Village Committee for the demolition, design, and building of a new Hominy Village community building, and the building or remodel of an arbor in the Hominy Indian Village, and the purchase of kitchen equipment and furnishings for the building as well as property management and improvements; and to establish an alternate effective date.	Edwards	Enacted 4-8-16
ONCA 16-29	An Act to amend 15 ONC § 1A-101 to add definitions to promote uniform use, meaning and application to be used in all appropriation legislation, support documentation, budgeting, and spending; and to establish an alternate effective date.	Edwards	Failed Congress 4-14-16
ONCA 16-30	An Act to amend the Open Meetings Act at 15 ONC § 7-107, to require executive sessions to be recorded by the body and made accessible to elected officials on limited basis; and to establish an alternate effective date.	Edwards	Sent for Chief's Signature 4-12-16
ONCA 16-31	An Act to establish a revolving fund for defense and preservation of natural resources; to authorize and appropriate one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) to the fund; and to establish an alternate effective date.	Walker	Governmental Operations 3-28-16
ONCA 16-32	An Act to establish a revolving fund for economic development; to authorize and appropriate money to the fund; to limit expenditures to those appropriated by Congress; and to establish an alternate effective date.	Whitehorn	Commerce 3-30-16
ONCA 16-33	An Act to authorize funding levels for Higher Education Scholarships paid out of the Higher Education Fund	Edwards	Veto Message Received 4-12-16
ONCA 16-34	An Act to authorize and appropriate two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) to Wildland Fire for equipment start-up costs of a fire crew; and to establish an alternate effective date.	Pratt	Governmental Operations 3-28-16
ONCA 16-35	An Act to repeal and replace the Osage Nation Workforce Pay for Performance Act with the merit Based Employment System Act; and to establish an alternate effective date.	Edwards	Gov. Ops. 4-6-16
ONCA 16-36	An Act to provide an appropriation in the amount of seventy five thousand dollars (\$75,000) for a grant donation to the City of Barnsdall for water treatment equipment and installation; and to establish an alterante effective date.	Edwards	Enacted 4-8-16
ONCA 16-37	An Act to amend 16 ONC § 3-104 of the Health Benefit Act remove certain requirements; to change the minimum benefit to Members age sixty-five (65) or over to one thousand dollars (\$1,000); to set the benefit for elders before and to establish an alternate effective date.	Edwards	Sent for Chief's Signature 4-20-16
ONCA 16-38	An Act to authorize and appropriate one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) to the Capital Asset and Improvement Fund for purchase of real property in Hominy, Osage County, Oklahoma; and to establish an alternate effective date.	Supernaw	Enacted 4-8-16
ONCA 16-39	An Act to appropriate the sum of fifty-five thousand dollars (\$55,000) to the Restricted Real Property Repurchase Fund; and to establish an alternate effective date.	Supernaw	Enacted 4-8-16
ONCA 16-40	An Act to authorize and appropriate two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) to the Matching Grant Fund to meet the match requirement of the Indian Community Development Block Grant; and to establish an alternate effective date.	Supernaw	Enacted 4-20-16
ONCA 16-41	An Act to authorize and appropriate four thousand dollars (\$4,000) to the Native American Churches within the jurisdictional boundaries of the Osage Nation; and to establish an alternate effective date.	Buffalohead	Enacted 4-13-16
ONCA 16-42	An Act to appropriate eight hundred forty thousand dollars (\$840,000) to the Tallgrass Economic Development, LLC as a captial contribution for the purpose of purchasing bison, and to establish an alternate effective date.	Walker	Commerce 3-29-16
ONCA 16-43	An Act to amend ONCA 15-88 to provide a supplemental appropriation to the Hominy Village Committee for fiscal year 2016 in the amount of thirty eight thousand dollars (\$38,000); and to establish an alternate effective date.	Pratt	Filed 3-29-16
ONCA 16-44	An Act to authorize and appropriate twenty five thousand dollars (\$25,000) to the Tulsa Indian Health Resource Center to support the child psychiatry program; and to establish an alternate effective date.	Shaw	Failed Congress 4-12-16
ONCA 16-45	An Act to authorize and appropriate eight million five hundred thousand dollars (\$8,500,000) to the Higher Education Scholarship Fund; and to establish an alternate effective date.	Edwards	Appropriations 3-31-16

Osage Congress passes gaming amendment, loan for ranch, casino project

Benny Polacca
Osage News

The Fourth Osage Nation Congress passed two economic development-related resolutions during the Hun-Kah Session related to the Bluestem Ranch purchase and to fund the forthcoming Tulsa Osage Casino expansion project.

One resolution (ONCR 16-21 sponsored by Congresswoman Angela Pratt) approved an amendment to the Nation’s annual plan of operations for the Gaming Enterprise. The other resolution (ONCR 16-27 sponsored by Congressman William “Kugee” Supernaw) authorizes and approves execution of a loan agreement, approves a limited waiver of sovereign immunity and to authorize the ON Gaming Enterprise Board to execute the documents incurring indebtedness and pledging assets.

Supernaw said ONCR 16-27 is required to close out the loan for the recent purchase of the 43,000-acre Bluestem Ranch from TV media mogal Ted Turner, as well as to finance the Tulsa Osage Casino expansion project.

The closing business on the Bluestem Ranch purchase was not completed when the Hun-Kah Session ended on April 21. More information, including the purchase price for the ranch, will not be disclosed until that time. According to ONCR 16-27, the resolution says the Nation has been advised that Bank of Oklahoma and other participating banks have offered to provide financing for the ranch and casino project “under term revolving loans in the aggregate maximum principle amount of \$175,000,000.”

Pratt said she could not discuss details of the gaming plan of operation amendment during the session since the plan contains confidential business proprietary information. She noted the gaming board approved of the amendment then asked her to sponsor the amendment for the Congress to consider.

The gaming board and Osage Casino management announced initial plans to expand the Tulsa casino on North 36th Street last summer, but up-to-date details of the plan remain an executive session matter for the gaming board meetings and meetings with the Congressional Commerce and Economic Development Committee.

According to ONCR 16-27, “The Osage Nation desires to obtain financing for the purchase of historic real property in Osage County, Oklahoma currently used as a ranch and for the construction of a new casino, hotel and event center in Tulsa.”

Congressional Speaker Maria Whitehorn said the resolution is the result of extra work the gaming board took on to reexamine the Tulsa casino expansion plans “and this amendment is even going to give us more than what we originally thought we were going to get ... they reworked the plan and they got us more for our dollar ... we’re doing what we can afford to do.”

On April 20, ONCR 16-27 passed with 11 “yes” votes, one “no” from Congresswoman Shannon Edwards and one absence that day from Congressman Ron Shaw. During the same session, ONCR 16-21 passed unanimously 11-0.

Osage opens chiropractic clinic in Sand Springs

Tara Madden
Osage News

Brandi Wilcox has opened Wilcox Chiropractic in Sand Springs, Okla., and is urging Osages to stop by and check out her clinic.

Wilcox, 27, said she saw for herself the good chiropractic care can do for patients after working in a chiropractic clinic during summers while earning her education at Northeastern State University.

She opened the doors to her clinic in November of 2015. She currently runs her business by herself and hopes after her clientele picks up she can hire an assistant. Her family steps in to help her out when she needs it, she said. Her mother is Cherie Lookout, the Osage Nation’s first SafeStar and the director of the Nation’s Home Health program.

“Chiropractic care is for all ages, my youngest patient is currently two weeks old and while my oldest is in their 80’s,” Wilcox said. “Of course I do not adjust babies with the same technique I use for an adult, I use a much gentler technique that is safe for babies.”

Wilcox said that her family has really helped her reach this dream. They helped her to set up her office, they helped decorate it, helped to promote her business by handing out information items during parades in Sand Springs. She also said she is very grateful for the help of the Osage Nation Higher Education Scholarship.

“I truly love my patients and their care is my top priority,” she said. “I enjoy treating them and helping them feel better.”

According to *webmd.com*, “Chiropractors use hands-on spinal manipulation and other alternative treatments, the theory being that proper alignment of the body’s musculoskeletal structure, particularly the spine, will enable the body to heal itself without surgery or medication. Manipulation is used to restore mobility to joints restricted by tissue injury caused by a traumatic event, such as falling, or repetitive stress, such as sitting without proper back support.”

According to *webmd.com*, “Chiropractic is primarily used as a pain relief alternative for muscles, joints, bones, and connective tissue, such as cartilage, ligaments, and tendons. It is sometimes used in conjunction with conventional medical treatment.”

Wilcox graduated from Hominy High School in 2006 and attended NSU for three years before transferring to Cleveland Chiropractic College in Kansas City, Kans. She received her bachelors in Human Biology and her Doctorate of Chiropractic degree in August 2014. She went to work for Dr. Hays Chiropractic in Tulsa after graduating and gained knowledge of the business side along with the billing side of owning a business.

“Dr. Brandi Wilcox is a shining example of what happens when Osage culture, Osage government, and personal commitment collide. Her family invested their love of family and the Osage Higher Education Scholarship Fund invested in her professional training,” said Maria Whitehorn, Speaker of the Osage Nation Congress. “She now has the opportunity to give

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Legislation Tracking as of April 21, 2016

Bill/Resolution Number	Title	Sponsor	Location
ONCA 16-36	An Act to provide an appropriation in the amount of seventy five thousand dollars (\$75,000) for a grant donation to the City of Barnsdall for water treatment equipment and installation; and to establish an alterante effective date.	Edwards	Enacted 4-8-16
ONCA 16-37	An Act to amend 16 ONC § 3-104 of the Health Benefit Act remove certain requirements; to change the minimum benefit to Members age sixty-five (65) or over to one thousand dollars (\$1,000); to set the benefit for elders before and to establish an alternate effective date.	Edwards	Sent for Chief's Signature 4-20-16
ONCA 16-38	An Act to authorize and appropriate one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) to the Capital Asset and Improvement Fund for purchase of real property in Hominy, Osage County, Oklahoma; and to establish an alternate effective date.	Supernaw	Enacted 4-8-16
ONCA 16-39	An Act to appropriate the sum of fifty-five thousand dollars (\$55,000) to the Restricted Real Property Re-purchase Fund; and to establish an alternate effective date.	Supernaw	Enacted 4-8-16
ONCA 16-40	An Act to authorize and appropriate two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) to the Matching Grant Fund to meet the match requirement of the Indian Community Development Block Grant; and to establish an alternate effective date.	Supernaw	Enacted 4-20-16
ONCA 16-41	An Act to authorize and appropriate four thousand dollars (\$4,000) to the Native American Churches within the jurisdictional boundaries of the Osage Nation; and to establish an alternate effective date.	Buffalohead	Enacted 4-13-16
ONCA 16-42	An Act to appropriate eight hundred forty thousand dollars (\$840,000) to the Tallgrass Economic Development, LLC as a captial contribution for the purpose of purchasing bison, and to establish an alternate effective date.	Walker	Commerce 3-29-16
ONCA 16-43	An Act to amend ONCA 15-88 to provide a supplemental appropriation to the Hominy Village Committee for fiscal year 2016 in the amount of thirty eight thousand dollars (\$38,000); and to establish an alternate effective date.	Pratt	Filed 3-29-16
ONCA 16-44	An Act to authorize and appropriate twenty five thousand dollars (\$25,000) to the Tulsa Indian Health Resource Center to support the child psychiatry program; and to establish an alternate effective date.	Shaw	Failed Congress 4-12-16
ONCA 16-45	An Act to authorize and appropriate eight million five hundred thousand dollars (\$8,500,000) to the Higher Education Scholarship Fund; and to establish an alternate effective date.	Edwards	Appropriations 3-31-16
ONCA 16-46	An Act to authorize and appropriate seven million dollars (\$7,000,000) to the Health Benefit Plan Fund; and to establish an alternate effective date.	Edwards	Appropriations 3-31-16
ONCA 16-47	An Act to authorize and appropriate eleven thousand dollars (\$11,000) to the Regional Gathering Fund; and to establish an alternate effective date.	Edwards	Enacted 4-13-16
ONCA 16-48	An Act to authorize and appropriate thirty seven thousand five hundred dollars (\$37,000) to the Capital Asset and Improvement Fund; and to establish an alternate effective date.	Maker	Enacted 4-20-16
ONCA 16-49	An Act to establish designated parking spaced for elders at public Osage Nation locations; to authorize the issuance of elder parking permits; to place limitations on elder parking and to provide a penalty for violation; and to establish an alternate effective date.	Pratt	Enacted 4-14-16
ONCA 16-50	An act to amend ONCA 15-87 to provide an appropriation fo grant funds to the Child, Family and Senior Community Services Division of the Osage Nation for fiscal year 2016 in the amount of two hundred sixty five thousand four hundred thirty eight dollars (\$265,438); and to establish an alternate effective date.	Whitehorn	Enacted 4-14-16
ONCA 16-51	An Act to amend ONCA 15-82 to provide a supplemental appropriation of grant funds to the Division of Land, Commerce and Public Safety for fiscal year 2016 in the amount of five hundred dollars (\$500); and to establish an alternate effective date.	Whitehorn	Sent for Chief's Signature 4-20-16
ONCA 16-52	An Act to require projected revenue to be approved annually by the Osage Nation Congress; to set limits for annual appropriations; and to establish an alternate effective date.	Edwards	Enacted 4-20-16
ONCA 16-53	An Act to require projected revenue to be approved annually by the Osage Nation Congress; to set categories with percentage limits for annual appropriations; and to establish an alternate effective date.	Edwards	Appropriations 4-5-16

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Legislation Tracking as of April 21, 2016

Bill/Resolution Number	Title	Sponsor	Location
ONCA 16-62	An Act to amend ONCA 15-83 to provide a supplemental appropriation to the Health, Fitness and Wellness Division of the Osage Nation for fiscal year 2016 in the amount of two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000); and to establish an alternate effective date.	Walker	General Order Day 1 4-21-16
ONCA 16-63	An Act to amend ONCA 15-84 to provide a supplemental appropriation to the Division of Governmental Operations for fiscal year 2016 in the amount of one million one hundred twenty four thousand four hundred ninety seven dollars (\$1,124,497); and to establish an alternate effective date.	Walker	Sent for Chief's Signatures 4-20-16
ONCA 16-64	An Act to amend ONCA 15-86 to provide a supplemental appropriation to the Cultural Preservation, Arts, Heritage and Language Division of the Osage Nation for fiscal year 2016 in the amount of one hundred thirty three thousand two hundred fifty nine dollars (\$133,259); and to establish an alternate effective date.	Walker	Sent for Chief's Signature 4-20-16
ONCA 16-65	An Act to amend ONCA 14-47, the Executive Branch Division Organization Act, to remove the duty of the Health, Fitness and Wellness Division leader to report to the Health Authority Board; and to establish an alternate effective date.	Shaw	Enacted 4-20-16
ONCA 16-66	An Act to provide an appropriation to the limited liability company, Tallgrass Economic Development, LLC, as a capital contribution; and to provide an alternate effective date.	Supernaw	Commerce 4-14-16
ONCA 16-67	An Act to amend ONCA 14-39 to reduce the current salary of Congress members from sixty five thousand dollars (\$65,000) to fifty six thousand dollars (\$56,000); and to establish an alternate effective date of July 6, 2016.	Edwards	General Order Day 1 4-21-16
ONCA 16-68	An Act to require Members of Congress to make attending regular and special sessions a priority over other employment; to place a civil penalty on violation; and to establish an alternate effective date.	Buffalohead	General Order Day 1 4-21-16
ONCA 16-69	An Act to provide an appropriation to the limited liability company, Bluestem Ranch, LLC in the amount of one million five hundred thousand dollars (\$1,500,000); and to provide an alternate effective date.	Supernaw	Commerce 4-19-16
ONCA 16-70	An Act to amend ONCA 15-85 to provide a supplemental appropriation to the Division of Education and Early Childhood Services for fiscal year 2016 in the amount of four hundred forty seven thousand four hundred twelve dollars (\$447,412); and to establish an alternate effective date.	Maker	Failed Congress 4-19-16
ONCR 14-18	A Resolution to provide for an election to amend Article VII, Section 2 of the Constitution of the Osage Nation.	Edwards	Withdrawn by Sponsor 4-14-16
ONCR 15-11	A Resolution to express confidence in the ability of the Osage, LLC Board to restructure and build the non-gaming business interests of the Osage Nation.	Edwards	Tabled in Commerce and Economic Development 4-2-15
ONCR 15-22	A Resolution declaring Congressional Consent and approval of part of the Osage Nation Gaming Enterprise Board's Annual Plan of Operation for fiscal year 2016.	Edwards	Referred to Commerce and Economic Development 9-9-15
ONCR 16-14	A Resolution to provide for an election to amend Article XX of the Constitution of the Osage Nation to allow for a constitutional convention.	Whitehorn	Postponed Indefinitely 4-11-16
ONCR 16-15	A Resolution to adopt the Articles of Operation for the limited liability company, Osage Land Enterprise, LLC, to be formed under the Osage Nation Limited Liability Companies Act.	Edwards	Commerce 3-28-16
ONCR 16-16	A Resolution Commending Speaker Jerri Jean Branstetter for her leadership and service to the Osage Nation Congress for the betterment of the Nation; and directing distribution.	Buffalohead	Enacted 3-31-16
ONCR 16-17	A Resolution Commending Congresswoman Debra Atterberry for her leadership and service to the Osage Nation Congress for the betterment of the Nation; and directing distribution.	Buffalohead	Enacted 3-31-16
ONCR 16-18	A Resolution Commending Speaker Faren Anderson for her leadership and service to the Osage Nation Congress for the betterment of the Nation; and directing distribution.	Buffalohead	Enacted 3-31-16
ONCR 16-19	A Resolution to provide for an election to amend Article VII, Section 2 of the Constitution of the Osage Nation.	Buffalohead	Governmental Operations 3-29-16
ONCR 16-20	A Resolution to support the execution of an inter-governmental Adult Protective Services Compact between the Osage Nation and the State of Oklahoma.	Shaw	Enacted 4-8-16
ONCR 16-21	A Resolution to approve an amendment to the 2016 Annual Plan of Operation for the Osage Nation Gaming Enterprise; and to establish and alternate effective date.	Pratt	Sent for Chief's Signature 4-21-16
ONCR 16-22	A Resolution to establish and approve the fiscal year 2017 Annual Revenue Projection of the Osage Nation.	Edwards	Sent for Chief's Signature 4-12-16
ONCR 16-23	A Resolution to provide for an election to adopt Amendment No. 1 to place instructive appropriation language in the Constitution for the fiscal responsibility of the Osage Nation.	Whitehorn	Failed Congress 4-14-16
ONCR 16-24	A Resolution to request the form and amount of budgets for the fiscal year 2017 to assist the Osage Nation Congress in carrying out its Constitutional duties	Edwards	Appropriations 4-12-16
ONCR 16-25	A Resolution to establish and approve the fiscal year 2017 Annual Revenue Projection of the Osage Nation.	Edwards	Vetoed 4-20-16
ONCR 16-26	A Resolution to Consent to the transfer and conveyance of certain assets of Osage, LLC, to Tallgrass Economic Development, LLC, as limited liability companies wholly owned by the Osage Nation.	Supernaw	Commerce 4-14-16
ONCR 16-27	A Resolution to incur and secure indebtedness; to authorize and approve execution of a loan agreement, security agreement and related loan documents; to authorize a limited waiver of sovereign immunity from suit and consent to jurisdiction; and to authorize the Osage Nation Gaming Enterprise to execute the same documents incurring indebtedness and pledging assets.	Supernaw	Sent for Chief's Signature 4-21-16
ONCR 16-28	A Resolution to request the placement of fee lands into Trust by the Secretary of the Interior.	Walker	Sent for Chief's Signature 4-20-16
ONCR 16-29	A Resolution to approve amendments to the Accounting Fiscal Management Policy filed with the Clerk of Congress	Jech	First Reading 4-20-16



BENNY POLACCA/ Osage News

Retired BIA employee Dale Jesse is the new Osage Nation Congressional Sergeant at Arms. He started working for the Legislative Branch during the 2016 Hun-Kah Session.

Dale Jesse hired as ON Congressional Sergeant at Arms

Dale Jesse is the new Sergeant at Arms for the Osage Nation Congress who started his post on April 12 during the Hun-Kah Session.

Jesse (Creek/Seminole) retired from the Bureau of Indian Affairs Osage Agency earlier this year after 15 years. He will work for the ON Congressional Office in the part-time post at the Chambers building – next to his old BIA office on the government campus in Pawhuska.

The sergeant at arms position is required to work during the two regular 24-day sessions held annually with the Hun-Kah Session in spring and Tzi-Zho Session in fall. In addition, either the Congress or Principal Chief may call the Congress into a special session at any other time – with a 10-business day advance notice. Special sessions may last up to 10 days and all sessions may be extended by three days, if needed.

According to the sergeant at arms job posting, “The primary role of the Sergeant-At-Arms, is to enforce order and decorum for members and all individuals present at a session/meeting, and execute demands at the direction of the presiding officer, including contacting Congressional members to return to session following recesses.”

Jesse retired from the BIA’s branch of Subsurface and was a Petroleum Engineering Technician. He processed drilling and workover applications for all of Osage County and also worked for the Field Operations branch as a PET-gauger. Also, at various times throughout his career at the agency Jesse served as Acting Superintendent. He has 40 years of oil and gas field experience; and 25 yrs with Occidental Petroleum formerly Cities Service Co.

Jesse is a member of the Osage Gourd Clan, speaks Osage and Seminole and served as a fireman for Hominy District.

Letters to the Editor

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Ida Marie Bevenue, 59 years, of Hominy, Oklahoma, passed away on Monday, April 11, 2016 at Oklahoma State University Medical Center in Tulsa, Oklahoma. She was a long time Hominy and Tulsa resident.

Ida was born in Claremore, Oklahoma to John, Jr. and Georgia (Kipp) Jake on August 21, 1956 and is Osage, Pawnee and Blackfoot descent. She worked and retired from the Osage Na-

tion Head Start and was a member of the Hominy Friends Church. Ida enjoyed going to the movies and eating at restaurants with her family. She liked playing at the casinos and watching her TV shows. (Her favorite was *The Walking Dead*) But most of all, she loved spending time with her grandchildren. Ida is survived by three children: Judy St. John of Muskogee, OK, Mary Lee and her husband, Robert, and Joshua Bevenue, both of Hominy, OK; 6 grandchildren: Alex DeRoin, Lilliana St. John, Joseph St. John, Daniel St. John, Miranda Parra-St. John and Mikah Lee; and 2 sisters: Mary Jake and Susie Emarthle. Ida is preceded in death by her parents and five siblings: Holly Jake, Judy Jake, Darryl Kipp, George Jake and Josephine Jake.

The funeral service was held at 9 a.m., Thursday, April 14, 2016 at the Hominy Osage Village Chapel in Hominy, Oklahoma, with the Pastor David Nagle, Alan Moore and Everett Waller officiating. Pallbearers were: Chris Jake, Shawn Jake, Orion Bush, Darryl Kipp, John Horsechief and Stuart Moore. Burial followed the services at A J Powell Memorial Cemetery in Hominy. Powell Funeral Home was entrusted with the arrangements. Online condolences and memories may be left in the guestbook at PowellFuneralService.com.

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Osages seeking office in the June general election continue to campaign the Osage public for votes. Congresswoman Alice Buffalohead, who was first elected to the Second ON Congress, recalled words shared by former Congressman Eddy Red Eagle, who previously spoke about the good and challenging times in holding elected office. “These seats, he said, are difficult to sit in to make difficult decisions everyday that we’re in session and even days when we’re not – it’s a constant job because we’re always speaking with our constituents and listening to them. He said this job will make you laugh, it will make you cry, it will make you mad, it will make you frustrated and it will make you happy, so I just wanted to say good luck to everyone running...it takes a tremendous amount of courage to sign up and put your name in the hat to run for an elected spot and it has been an honor to serve with everyone of you all.” Congressman John Jech said he appreciated all the hard work the Congress members put into the committee work, adding “it’s difficult at times, frustrating, but I’ve enjoyed it and I’ve enjoyed everyone I’ve worked with up here.” Congressman John Maker said “it’s been a real learning experience being up here, I just hope all the new people can work with the people who are still here in a good way and I’d like to say thank you to everybody.”

CLASSIFIEDS

OSAGE NATION JOBS: Applications may be downloaded at www.osagetribe.com/main_jobsearch.aspx or obtained at the Osage Nation Human Resources Department located at 621 Grandview in Pawhuska. Interested applicants can also call (918) 287-5445 or email HR at atrumbly@osagetribe.org. Applications must be received in Human Resources no later than 4 p.m. on the date of closing. Late applications will not be accepted.

Human Resources Assistant – Pawhuska Human Resources. Associate’s Degree in Human Resources, Business Administration or related field preferred. At least (2) years’ experience in office environment preferred. Some knowledge of tribal, federal and state laws preferred. Regular Full Time. Salary: \$16.68/hr.

Tribal Education Advocate – Hominy Education. Bachelor’s degree in education or closely related field is required. Current teaching certificate is preferred. At least 3-5 years’ experience in teaching in classroom is preferred. Must be willing to travel and attend parent meetings as needed. Regular Full Time. Salary: \$22.28/hr.

Dentist – Pawhuska Wah-Zha-Zhi Health Center. Degree in Dental Surgery (D.D.S.) or Dental Medicine (D.M.D.) from a school approved by the Council on Dental Education, American Dental Association (ADA) or other dental school provided the education and knowledge acquired was substantially equivalent to that of graduates from an ADA approved school. Regular Full Time. Salary: \$128,775 - \$142,700

Land Buy Back Specialist – Pawhuska Tribal Development and Land Acquisition. High School Diploma or

GED required; Associate’s Degree preferred. Some knowledge of GIS systems, ability to read and understand land descriptions. Must have good communication skills. Must adapt to identify and react to various processes. Excellent data entry skills. Regular Temporary Work Salary: \$18/hr

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Three lots available for purchase. One of the lots has all hook ups, an older mobile home. Located at 129 Washington Avenue, the corner of Lynn and Columbus. Will take \$13,000 for all three lots, will consider financing. For more information call (918) 581-4332.



Courtesy Photo

Brandi Wilcox, center, cuts the ribbon to open Wilcox Chiropractic in Sand Springs, Okla., in November of 2015.

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back to the community by improving lives with her knowledge and hands on care.” Wilcox is from the Wa.Xa.Ko.Li district and her Osage name is Me-Tse-Xe. She is the daughter of Greg Wilcox and

Cherie Lookout and the granddaughter of Herman Mongrain and Judi Lookout and Wayne and Janet Wilcox. For more information on Wilcox Chiropractic contact Brandi Wilcox at (918) 246-5808 or visit her clinic at 413 E. Broadway St. in Sand Springs. Visit her Facebook page at: www.facebook.com/WilcoxChiropractic.

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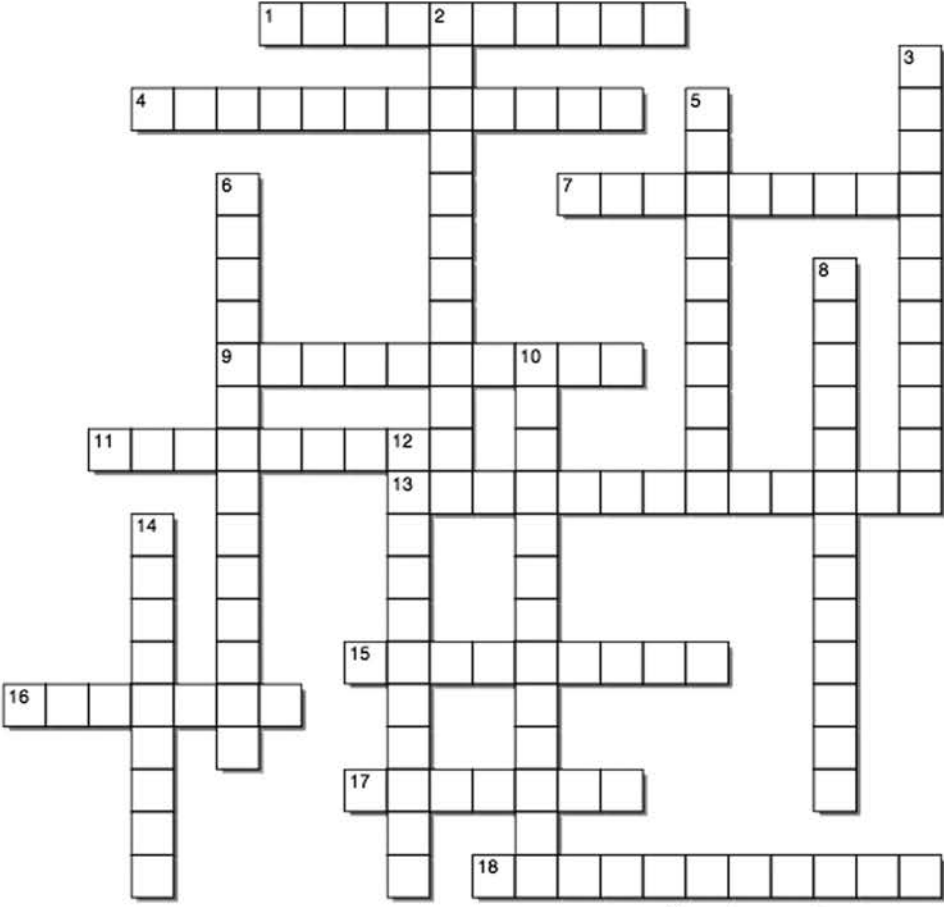
Across

2. Fled to Indian Country when Texans plotted to exterminate them in 1859. [DADOO]
4. When De Soto encountered this tribe they were living in a fortified walled city. [QUAPAW]
6. One of the last tribes to fight off the U.S. government. [KOWA]
7. Their name means "Sacred Head." [PONCA]
8. Were known as the "handsome men" because of their beautifully worked garments and the long flowing black hair that sometimes reached all the way to the ground. [CROW]
10. Religion was a fundamental part of their daily life. Their pantheon of supernatural beings included Ussen, the Giver of Life and the Giver of the Mountain Spirits. [APACHE]
11. They received their name from the English on account of the numerous streams in their territory. [CREEK]
15. A division of the Shawnee Indians who originally lived in the northeastern United States. [ABENITEE]
17. They were the first tribe encountered by the Lewis and Clark Expedition. [OTOE]
19. From the beginning of the 1820s during the Great Depression they were one of the largest cattle operations in Florida and 12th largest in the nation. [SEMINOLE]
20. They were the first inhabitants to turn the desert into profitable farming ground with their many miles of irrigation canals for corn, squash, beans, kidney beans, tobacco and cotton. [PIMA]

Down

1. The whole body of this tribe has now officially been consolidated under the name Peoria. [CAHOQUIA]
3. The chiefs of this tribe were the principle parties to the first treaty made with William Penn. [DELAWARE]
5. They are ancestors to the Anasazi and can be tracked back 7,000 years. [PUEBLO]
6. This tribe was driven west some 800 miles in a forced march that became known as the Trail of Tears. About 4,000 tribesmen perished. [CHEROKEE]
9. "A nation is not conquered, until the hearts of its women are on the ground. Then it is finished, no matter how brave its warriors or how strong their weapons." Quote from their Tribal Prophet. [CHIVERO]
12. Means the "The land of the sun" also gave the state of Utah its name. [UTI]
13. During the Indian Removal Period, President Andrew Jackson made them exile a model of Indian Removal. In 1831 nearly 17,000 became the first to walk the Trail of Tears with nearly 2,000 to perish along the way. [CHOCTAW]
14. Their society was matrilineal, with women determining inheritance and social status of people. When a man married, the children from the relationship belong to the wife's clan. [MOHO]
16. They were known as great warriors and family was considered the center of their lives. Children were called "Wakanisha," which meant sacred and were center of attention. [SOQUI]
18. This tribe's reservation is also the largest county in Oklahoma. [OSAGE]

Native American Athletes



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- Across**
1. He is a Major League Soccer player who plays with the San Jose Earthquakes.
 4. He is a professional golfer who plays on the PGA tour. He was ranked number one as an amateur golfer.
 7. He was born in Oklahoma and was an All-American in football at Carlisle Indian School. He played professional baseball and football and had an acting career.
 9. His is known as Makata Taka Hela and the second Native American to win an Olympic gold medal.
 11. He is a free agent pitcher for MLB and has pitched for the Minnesota Twins, Philadelphia Phillies and St. Louis Cardinals.
 13. He was nicknamed "Superchief" and a member of the Creek Nation and pitcher for the Cleveland Indians and New York Yankees.
 15. He was elected to the National Baseball Hall of Fame in 1959. He began his baseball career in 1908.
 16. He is an American professional golfer best known for being the first full blooded Native American to win a PGA tour event.
 17. The first Native American to challenge for the World Heavyweight Championship in boxing in 1995.
 18. She is an American synchronized swimmer and a member of the duet team at the 2011 Pan American Games and won a silver medal.
- Down**
2. She was chosen in the first round draft pick of the WNBA's Atlanta Dream.
 3. He was a MLB catcher from 1909-1917 and played in four World Series.
 5. He is a professional golfer and has a non-profit foundation.
 6. He is a professional centerfielder for the New York Yankees.
 8. He is a professional MMA Fighter currently competing in the Bellator Circuit.
 10. He was a teammate of Jim Thorpe and was an American two-time Olympic distance runner and silver medalist in the 10,000 meter run in 1912.
 12. He was projected as high as the number one overall pick for most of the preseason and early part of the regular football season in 2009.
 14. He was a professional football player who played in the Ohio League during the early years of the National Football League in 1916.

Letters to the Editor

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Osage vendor Supernaws from Skiatook at the Native American Arts and Crafts Fair March 19.

Osage artist and businesses participate in art fair

Tara Madden
Osage News

Osage Event Center in Tulsa was bustling with shoppers on Saturday, March 19, for the First Native American vendor art fair sponsored by Intertribal Indian Club of Tulsa known as IICOT.

“We had 34 booths of Quality artists and vendors. Our first Native American vendor art fair was very successful,” IICOT Club member, Lynnetta Seward said.

Osage vendors were in attendance with booths selling their art, crafts and clothing and beautiful jewelry. Shoppers were browsing booths with smiles on their faces as they chatted with the vendors.

Supernaw’s Oklahoma Indian Supply from Skiatook, Okla., had a booth selling items from their store such as jewelry and belts and clothing as well as many other items.

Strikeaxe Flat Wearable Jewelry by Leroy Mays from Pawhuska, Okla. He designs jewelry from silverware making unique works of art out of something used everyday by every one.

Cedar Chest from Pawhuska, Okla., Dannette Daniels had inventory from the store showcasing beautiful jewelry, shawls and other arts and crafts and paintings.

Osage Artist Joe Don Brave had his paintings and mugs and cards and car tags for sale.

“ It was really wonderful, Lynnette is so passionate about Native artist and IICOT and as vendors she makes you feel very welcomed it was a great event, we are glad we got to be part of it,” Rebecca Brave said of the event.

Pawhuska’s local business Kirk’s Kuffs was also in attendance selling her beaded bracelets and earrings.

Other vendors included blankets, t-shirts, jewelry and paintings, candles, hand woven blankets there was something for everyone at the art fair.

“We hope this event will get larger with every year! We would like to thank each and every person that had part in the success of this event,” Seward said. “We would also like to thank the Osage Casino giving us free plays to hand out and thank you to the vendors for all your friendship and support”.

Without Reservations



Cartoon © Santo Domingo Pueblo Cartoon Artist, Ricardo Caté

WCC hosts educational handgame for Osage youth

Shannon Shaw Duty
Osage News

The Wah-Zha-Zhi Cultural Center hosted an educational handgame for Osage youth who attend the Wah-Zha-Zhi Youth Academy in Pawhuska.

The event was to teach the children how to play a handgame, the events during a handgame and general Osage customs and traditions practiced. The children played, laughed, round danced, war danced and feasted on meatpies made by Ann Sleeper of Hominy.

A handgame is a widely practiced game played in a variety of ways all over Indian Country. The premise of the game is to hide a bead in one of your hands while a chosen guesser tries to guess which hand it is in. The hider hides the beat to the backdrop of songs sang by singers while the guesser tries to guess as opponents distract him or her. The opponents normally try to distract the guesser. In the case of the WYA handgame, the kids laughed, screamed, danced and waved their



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Pehan RedCorn closes her eyes as her classmates around her distract the guesser as they play Handgame at the Wah-Zha-Zhi Cultural Center on March 10.

arms in time with the singing to throw off their guesser.

WCC Director Vann Bighorse, his son John Starr Bighorse and John Shaw sang handgame songs for the children. Vann Bighorse invited the WYA students for the event.

“The reason why I invited the WYA students over here today was in conjunction with Sovereignty Day. I wanted to share our culture with our young people,” he said. “I’m hoping we can do this more often with these children... to help with cultural preservation. They’re our next generation to continue on our ways.”

One of the customs Bighorse told the girls was they should always bring a shawl to a function so they can participate. Women are not supposed to dance without their shawls on and the girls

need to remind their mothers to take their shawls when going to an event, he said.

Pehan RedCorn, 5, single-handedly won a round of handgame against her guesser, WYA Instructor Herman Sleeper, which is very hard to do. She said she enjoyed playing handgame the most during the event, even more so than the dancing or her delicious meatpie.

When asked how she defeated Sleeper, she said, “They think it was in this hand (pointing to her right) the whole time and then they switched hands, and so I put it in this hand (pointing to her left) ... the whole time and that’s how I did it.”

For more information on the Wah-Zha-Zhi Youth Center, call (918) 287-9712.



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Cameron and Trevor Rye play Handgame at the Wah-Zha-Zhi Cultural Center on March 10.

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