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The Osage Nation Congress voted to keep Frank Oberly on the Gaming Enterprise Board, second from right, and rejected Elizabeth Lohah Homer, second from left and George Pease, first on the right.

ON Congress cuts two gaming board members during board confirmations

April 7 secret ballot votes on board confirmations rescinded, redone publicly April 15

By Benny Polacca, Osage News

On the last day of the 2010 Hun-Kah Session, the Osage Nation Congress rescinded the board confirmation votes conducted by secret ballot

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Osage News finalizes rules for candidate debates May 8 and 9

League of Women Voters of Tulsa to help with debates; debates to be broadcast live on Nation's Web site

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The *Osage News* has finalized the rules for its inaugural candidate debates May 8 and 9.

The debates, which will split 18 congressional candidates into three groups of six by alphabetical order of their last name, will be held at the Wah Zha Zhi Cultural Center and will be broadcast live on the Nation's Web site at osagetribe.com.

The first day of the debate, May 8, will feature the five chief candidates, the six candidates running for assistant chief and six congressional candidates. The second day, May 9, will feature two groups of congressional candidates.

The rules

Each group of candidates will be asked a total of three questions. Each candidate will draw a number to determine in which order they are to answer. The candidates will draw numbers before each question to ensure that each candidate has a chance to answer first or answer last.

Candidates will have three minutes to answer a question and one minute for rebuttal. A representative from the League of Women Voters of Tulsa will time the candidates' responses, give a 30-second warning and announce when their time has expired.

The *Osage News* will publish a program for each day of the debate, outlining the rules for the debate and also publishing the questions that are to be asked for each group. Each group to debate will have the questions for the same amount of time and the audience will be able to follow the debate.

Questions will not be allowed from the audience, applause or any type of demonstration will not be allowed while the candidates are debating. The Osage Nation Police Department will be on hand. No visual aids, such as power points, may be used by a candidate.

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Twenty-five Osage candidates speak at Revard political rally in Edmond

Candidates for the executive and legislative branches, Minerals Council discuss why they should be elected

By Benny Polacca
Osage News

EDMOND, Okla. – Twenty-five Osages running for office in the June 7 election addressed a standing-room-only crowd here at the VFW Hall during a March 16 political rally hosted by the Revard family.

The candidates for the Nation's executive and legislative branches and the Minerals Council asked the crowd for their votes during the candidates' individual speeches which touched on several topics including their political platforms, their family relations, concerns about the current government body, prior work experience, and humor.

The *Osage News* attended the rally which had more than 60 people which included candidates, their family members and fellow tribal members in attendance. Here is a sampling of what some of the candidates shared with the public.

Revard family member Jim Ryan, who helped arrange the rally, asked the candidates to draw numbers written on paper from a hat to determine the order of speakers.

Congressman William "Kugee" Supernaw, who is seeking a second term, drew No. 1 and advised the crowd they should "do the best job they can" and "call back home" to study the candidates. He said can-



Photo by Benny Polacca / Osage News

Congressman William "Kugee" Supernaw speaks to a crowd of around 60 people in Edmond at the Revard family's political rally.

didates should have three things: "integrity, intelligence and energy."

"During this campaign, all you're going to know about us is what we tell you," he said. "I would suggest that you take the time to find out more about people, about their performance in the past, and study as much as you can."

Charles Pratt, who is a plaintiff in the Fletcher v. United States case concerning non-Osage shareholders, is running for the Osage Minerals Council. Pratt and four other plaintiffs in the case are seeking an accounting and restoration of trust shares from non-Osages.

"We've been up and down, back and forth, but on Minerals (Council), we're going to have to have someone that is prepared to deal

with the return of those shares we are able to get back through the Fletcher case," Pratt said. "Contact me if you want to know more about Fletcher," he said of the lawsuit.

Curtis Bear, who is running for the Minerals Council, said he has been attending council meetings for several years and the knowledge he gained will help him serve, if elected. "The Minerals Estate and the shareholders must be protected in this time of economic uncertainty."

"The Osage Nation is currently facing major lawsuits and some unnecessary lawsuits. I believe that you must vote for leaders that have a foresight not only in the future, but now in our travesty of time,"

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ON Congressman Doug Revard pulls out of election race; ON Election Board doesn't certify Louis Gray's candidacy for Osage Nation Congress

By Shannon Shaw
Osage News

Osage Nation Congressman Doug Revard, who was seeking re-election in June, has bowed out of the race due to family reasons.

"I am going to withdraw from the election," Revard said in a phone interview Friday. "It's for family reasons."

Louis Gray appealing Election Board's non-certification of candidacy

The election board did not approve Louis Gray's candidacy because he told them that he had been charged with a felony in 1992. Gray was not convicted of the felony and the incident does not appear on Gray's record. The election board would never have known about the charge except for Gray told them about it.

"I didn't want to play legal parlor games, I was just trying to be honest," Gray said.

The election board will be holding a hearing April 22 at their regularly scheduled meeting during an Executive Session and will have 10 days to issue the ruling.

"I feel really great about it, the whole thing comes down to one question: 'Am I a convicted felon?'" Gray said in a phone interview April 17. "I got it in black and white, I got it from the judge himself. I was charged and not convicted. Under the constitution, under their own law, you can't have been convicted of a felony, and I was never convicted."

The violation in question is a 1992 Bogus Check by Gray. He was charged with the felony after a publication he was running, the Osage Countian, went out of business and he paid the last bill with a bogus check. The bank had already closed the publication's account and he was unaware of the violation, he said. The court made Gray plead guilty but eventually dismissed the charge.

Osages seeking office who have been convicted of a felony, whether it was expunged or committed as a juvenile, cannot run for office according to the Osage Constitution and the new election law.

Gray has passed many strenuous background checks since the violation. In 2006 he ran in the Osage elections for a four-year congressional term, he's passed background checks by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Secret Service, the White House and has also covered as a journalist the 2008 Democratic National Convention in Denver, he said.

Gray announced on his Facebook page that he appealed the decision and many comments were posted underneath the thread expressing encouragement for his campaign.

"We just want to move forward and get this election going and move on," Gray said. "I'm not mad at anybody."

Visit osagenews.org to learn the outcome of the election board's decision.



File photo/Osage News

Doug Revard has pulled out of the election.



File photo/Osage News

Louis Gray has decided to appeal the ON Election Board's ruling that disqualified him from the race.

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Because the *Osage News* is non-partisan and does not support or oppose individual candidates, all political advertising (including brochures, bumper stickers, signs, buttons) is prohibited at the debate.

The questions

A question committee will be formed and be comprised of seven people. The three staff members of the *Osage News* and four members of the public. Each member of the question committee will be asked to sign a confidentiality agreement.

The questions will be formed from the following topics: Economy, health, education, social services, gaming, legal, energy, preservation, culture and natural resources.

The moderator for the debate, Bryan Pollard, editor of the award-winning *Cherokee Phoenix*, the tribal newspaper of the Cherokee Nation, will be in charge of asking the questions and moving the debate along. He will also enforce the ground rules of the debate and ensure that each candidate has an equal chance to answer the question. Emcee for the event will be Susan Shannon, host of KGOU-KROU's award-winning *Indian Times*.

The Osage Million Dollar Elm will be catering both days of the event.

For more information about the *Osage News* debates May 8 and 9, contact Chalene Toehay at (918) 287-5668 or email her at ctoehay@osage-tribe.org.

GAMING BOARD CUTS

earlier this month then voted again – in the open – on all board appointees which resulted in dismissals of George Pease and Elizabeth Lohah Homer from the Gaming Enterprise Board.

The April 15 votes came eight days after the Congress declined to confirm board members Frank Oberly, Pease and Chairwoman Homer in a secret ballot vote on April 7, which left the Nation without a gaming board to oversee the Osage Million Dollar Elm Casino's multi-million dollar operations for the seven-casino venture.

All three public April 15 gaming board confirmation votes ended with 6-6 tie votes, which left the tie-breaking vote up to Assistant Chief John Red Eagle.

On April 9, Principal Chief Jim Gray resubmitted all three gaming board members to Congress as appointees for confirmation and followed up with an executive message on April 12 stating: "The Osage Nation Congress failed to follow the rule of law when they voted by secret ballot on April 7, 2010" and advised them of potential impacts to the Nation's gaming operations if the gaming board remains vacant.

In his April 12 letter, Gray said "the Osage Nation Constitution and Osage law mandate that voting be conducted openly and made public by record" before listing potential consequences of not having a gaming board in charge of several duties including managing the casino's finances; authorizing the distributions of gaming revenue to the Nation; and signing payroll checks for the casino employees.

"If there is to be a distribution of gaming revenue to the Osage Nation, that has to be authorized and the check has to be signed by the board... so even something as basic as giving the Nation its gaming revenue is now a question... There's just lots and lots of implications here that are very troubling,"

Homer told the Osage News in a phone interview after Congress failed to confirm her to the gaming board on April 7.

The Congress met with legal counsel in executive session April 14 but took no action on Gray's letter after the meeting which lasted more than an hour. All 12 Congress members reconvened the next day and acted on motions to vote again on confirmations for the Nation's Gaming Enterprise, Health and Wellness Advisory Board, Editorial Board, Limited Liability Company Board and alternates for the Election Board.

Motions to vote again

Congressman Eddy Red Eagle made a motion "to ratify all appointment confirmation votes that were taken during this Hun-Kah Session" on April 7 and April 9. His motion passed with a 7-5 vote with "no" votes from Congressmen Mark Freeman, Raymond Red Corn and Congresswomen Shannon Edwards, Debra Atterberry and Faren Revard Anderson.

Red Corn then made a motion to "rescind all appointment confirmation votes" from April 7 and April 9 and "to expunge those votes from the record." His motion passed unanimously, which lead to individual confirmation votes of all the appointees with the gaming board votes generating the most discussion.

"We all know, and whether we want to face the fact or not, we have had an accounting problem ever since we've been here. That accounting problem has got somewhat better in probably the last six months... We have been given information that was not always correct and a lot relied on that information," Congressman Doug Revard said in his list of concerns about the current board.

"When this Congress passed the gaming law that is in place now, I believe that Congress made a mis-

take and the mistake was having all three board members serve contemporaneously with each other so that when their term of office is up, all three board members are either reconfirmed or they're let go," Congresswoman Edwards said. She encouraged the other Congress members to keep at least a majority of the board, adding she's reviewed gaming board reports and "numbers don't lie, the gaming enterprise is doing well. Therefore I think it's critical that we not make wholesale changes at this time."

The motion to confirm Pease failed with a 6-7 vote. Voting "yes" were Edwards, Freeman, Atterberry, Red Corn, Anthony Shackelford and Archie Mason. The "no" votes came from Mark Simms, William "Kugee" Supernaw, Faren Revard Anderson, Jerri Jean Branstetter, Red Eagle, Revard and Assistant Chief John Red Eagle.

After Pease's dismissal, Edwards addressed the Congress before they voted on Oberly. "He is now a practicing (certified public accountant). He has had many, many experiences with audits." She also noted Oberly served on the board when the seven-casino venture received "an unqualified audit" during its last audit which is "very important to our gaming operations."

Congress voted the same as they did with Pease, but Oberly's confirmation passed with Assistant Chief Red Eagle's tie-breaking "yes" vote, making it a 7-6 vote.

When Homer's confirmation vote came up, Atterberry said "we all had an opportunity to look at the resume that was sent to us by Elizabeth Homer, we also know the work she's done in the gaming area and we have a very qualified Osage willing to put forth her time and effort for the betterment of this Nation."

Homer is a Washington, D.C.-based attorney and founding partner in Homer Law Chartered which focuses on cases concern-

ing Native American issues. She served as vice chairwoman from 1999 to 2002 on the National Indian Gaming Commission, which regulates gaming activities on Indian lands to protect gaming tribes from organized crime or corrupting influences and she's also served as attorney for the Gaming Enterprise Board before Gray appointed her last November.

Congressman Red Eagle said Homer "has tremendous skills, I'll grant that, and those skills lay in another area. She's not had that frontline experience of dealing with 1,000, 2,000 people and all the intricacies of the demands of the marketing concept... She does have other skills that can be of tremendous aide to this Nation."

Red Corn responded to Revard's comments about the accounting problems and noted they improved during the time Homer was on the board. "Seeing her resume, it's very difficult for me to see that we could find anybody more qualified than Ms. Homer."

Edwards referred Congress to a publication on gaming, which Homer contributed to. "Recently a book was published called Sovereign: An Oral History of Indian Gaming in America. She was included as an authority in this book on Indian gaming because she is an authority of Indian gaming... Ms. Homer knows her stuff," Edwards said.

The vote on Homer's confirmation repeated with the same pattern as Pease's in which Congress voted 6-6 with Assistant Chief Red Eagle breaking the tie with a "no" vote.

Votes redone following the April 14 executive session, Gray's April 12 letter

The Congress met in executive session April 14 with its legal counsel after the Executive Branch

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Votingosage.org poll a big hit with Osages

Online poll on
votingosage.org
cannot track
whether votes are
cast by Osages

By Shannon Shaw
Osage News

Osage Nation Principal Chief Jim Gray and Tim Tall Chief were neck and neck in the principal chief votingosage.org candidate poll, where Tall Chief was leading Gray with 19 votes as of 10 a.m. April 6.

The poll generated traffic for the site, which was formed by a group of young Osages, and is so popular that nearly 1,000 people voted in the poll the week of March 30 – a little less than half of the number of Osages that voted in the 2006 election. Once Osages voted, many were also commenting on the various topics the site offers. Candidates can also be found commenting regularly on the site as well.

“My hope for this poll was simply meant to stir interest in this election,” Ryan Red Corn said, administrator for the site and Osage tribal member. “I don’t think it will so much change the minds of voters as it will affect the behavior of the candidates.”

And it already has. Once news of the poll got out, Tall Chief sent e-mails to friends asking them to vote on the poll and also noted that people didn’t have to be Osage. Gray posted to his Facebook status for his friends to vote on the poll, causing his numbers to jump in a

single day, while the other candidates dropped in the rankings.

“I’m having fun with it, these online polls are designed for entertainment purposes only,” Gray said. “What I am excited about is that it gets people talking about the issues that are affecting the Nation and it’s good to see Osages getting involved with the election...the only vote that matters is the vote that happens on June 7.”

Leading the poll April 6 was Tim Tall Chief with 474 votes, in second was Jim Gray with 455 votes, third place was John Red Eagle with 44 votes, fourth place was Chico Sellers with eight votes and in last was Roy St. John with five votes.

Online polls are not to be compared with a Gallup Poll, where a random sample of the population is selected to represent the entire population. Online polls are viewed as biased because a person taking the time out to participate in an online poll more than likely has a vested interest in the issue and is not a true representation of the population, according to gallup.com.

“Of course, we have no way of verifying whether or not a voter is Osage, so these poll results should not be viewed as scientific,” Red Corn said. “As for telling non-Osages to go vote, I regard that behavior as disingenuous to the validity of the office those individuals are seeking.”

Assistant Principal Chief John Red Eagle, who is also running for principal chief, said “I do have to work you know, I can’t get on Facebook all the time and tell everyone to vote.”

“I looked at it when it first came

out and I knew [Jim Gray and Tim Tall Chief] had got on Facebook and was telling all their friends to vote for them,” Red Eagle said. “I knew that it was probably inaccurate, not because I’m in third place, but because you don’t have to be Osage to vote.”

St. John has no plans to campaign for people to vote for him on the poll, he said.

“I think it’s an attempt to sway votes and I have no idea how accurate it is,” St. John said. “I don’t know if there’s anything you can do about it. If people are swayed by an election poll of this nature, and I assume some are, there’s nothing I can do about it.”

“I don’t know who votes on it or that it has any accuracy, I don’t believe it’s an accurate poll and I question its validity,” St. John said.

Carl “Chico” Sellers echoed St. John’s comments. “The web site is supposed to help inform all Osages regardless of their residence,” he said. “How does an unscientific, unregistered poll inform out-of-state Osages about candidates?”

The poll was for the principal chief race the week of March 30 but Red Corn cycles the polls out every Wednesday. So one week will be Assistant Chief, next will be legislative and so on. Osage Minerals Council candidates will not be included in the poll.

“I think the site has been great at generating ideas, which has been its intent from the get go,” Red Corn said. “We are hoping that those ideas emerging from the discourse could be considered by our elected officials.”

Tim Tall Chief did not respond for comment on this article.

Osage News to publish ‘Candidates Weekly Roundup’ on osagenews.org

Osage News

The *Osage News* will be publishing a Candidates Weekly Roundup starting the week of April 19 and will continue up until the election on June 7.

Interim Editor Shannon Shaw will e-mail the general election candidates a question on an issue affecting the Osage Nation every Monday and they will have 200 words to answer.

“We feel that this will give all candidates a chance to comment on the topics of the Nation and to receive equal publicity to the incumbents,” Shaw said.

All answers will be published Friday morning on osagenews.org. All answers will be published in the order they were received. If the initiative is successful the *Osage News* will publish the roundup twice a week.

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informed the Legislative Branch that voting by secret ballot could be a violation of the Nation's Open Meetings Act (ONCA 07-53).

A section of the bill calls for the public body holding a meeting to record minutes which must include: "A record or summary of all motions, proposals, resolutions or other matter formally voted upon, the results of the vote and the vote of each member of the body."

Hepsi Barnett, the Executive Branch's Chief of Staff, told the Osage News that attorneys for the chief's office found the law violations after the April 7 secret ballot votes and sent the Congress open records requests asking for the voting records of that day's session.

Reached by phone after the April 15 session, Homer said she was "disappointed with the final outcome" but was pleased with the confirmation votes made publicly.

"I'm really glad it was a vote that was taken in the sunshine... I would have been happier if the vote had gone my way and I'm obviously disappointed," she said. "I think that was a really important precedent to establish and a really important commitment for the Congress to make — that is what accountability in government is all about."

"I am really glad they kept Frank Oberly," Homer said, adding there are still concerns about having only one gaming board member to handle the board business alone because it's not possible to have a quorum. "But I think it's going to be a whole lot easier to get one appointee instead of three appointees."

In response to some Congress members' concerns about the board's performance, Homer believes "the board has done a good job. I think any objective view of what the board has managed to accomplish in the last year is favorable."

"We have a profitable gaming

operation in a declining economy," said Homer adding the gaming board has made monthly distributions to the Nation of \$2.5 million since she was appointed to the board by Chief Gray in November 2009. "You can't argue with success."

April 7 session much quieter than the April 15 session

On April 7, the 11 Congress members present issued their votes in writing after Simms motioned for the Congress to vote on the three Gaming Enterprise Board confirmations and one for the Osage Limited Liability Company Board one-by-one by secret ballot.

"Why secret ballot?" Atterberry asked after Simms made the motion. "We've always done it that way," Simms replied. Atterberry asks "why?" again before saying "I'd rather not." No one responded to Atterberry.

Voting "yes" to hold the secret ballot confirmations were Congresspersons Red Eagle, Revard, Shackelford, Simms, Supernaw, Anderson and Branstetter.

Congressmen Freeman, Red Corn and Mason voted "no" with Atterberry to voting in secret with one absence from Edwards.

That day, Congress decided against Homer's confirmation with a 5-6 secret ballot vote; Pease, 4-7; and Oberly, 5-6. LLC Board member Paul Bruce was confirmed with a 9-2 vote.

Reached by phone after the April 7 secret ballot votes, Supernaw said "I'm in agreement with what happened" and referred to prior problems concerning the casinos and board decisions, some of which he said he can't disclose due to proprietary issues. He referred to prior issues which include an ongoing Osage County District Court case involving former Chief Financial Officer Bill Leonhart who is suing Gray, Pease, Oberly and former gaming board chairman Tom Sla-

mans for breach of contract after he was fired in August 2009 before his contract expired.

"Here is the problem: if you look back over the history of our gaming operations, all the problems you hear about... they were decisions made by the gaming board," Supernaw said. "My hope is we get a board in there that is mature enough and strong enough that they don't really interfere too much with the operations of the business."

Amid prior problems, the Gaming Enterprise Board worked to upgrade its accounting operations, Homer said. "We made the necessary investment in technology and we now have a state-of-the-art casino accounting system," she said adding the casino enterprise was given an outstanding report after an independent audit was conducted of its 2009 operations.

The casino entity's fiscal year 2009 financial statements were examined by a New Mexico-based independent firm and it issued an "unqualified opinion," which "means is that we have a good, reliable beginning balance for FY 2009," Homer told the Osage News in December.

Chief Gray called the April 7 secret ballot decisions "unfortunate" and "reckless because the impact of not having board members affects decisions" to be made and he criticized the Congress's move to hold such votes. "The practice of voting secretly is totally against accountability and transparency," he said in a phone interview after the votes.

Gray questions whether votes are revenge

Chief Gray made no attempt to mask his opinion in what he thought was behind the majority's vote to decline confirmation of Homer hours after the April 7 secret votes.

He mentioned "2008" when

four members of Congress allegedly entered restricted areas of the Hominy casino, which prompted an investigation by the Gaming Commission as requested by then-Gaming Enterprise Board Chairman Tom Slamans. "They've never really forgiven them for that," Gray said.

The Hominy incident that Gray is referring to is when Supernaw, Revard, Shackelford and Branstetter requested to see documents in a restricted area of the OMDE Hominy casino on July 23, 2008 when they had no authority to do so, according to an article by The Bigheart Times.

According to the Gaming Commission report, the four members of Congress asked Hominy casino staff to open boxes and see auditing records for the Bartlesville casino in a restricted area meant only for licensed staff. The staff was then questioned as to the practices of the auditing process.

The four Congress members were called to a hearing that was presided over by Homer and Gaming Commissioner Richard Chisoe. This is why Gray thinks those four members of Congress voted secret ballot to decline her nomination.

Regarding the Hominy casino visit, Supernaw wrote in his Jan. 31 newsletter: "...members of Congress exercised their oversight responsibility and investigated the reports of accounting irregularities... only to be investigated ourselves, blasted in the Osage News and for a time even questioned by others members of Congress."

Chisoe resigns as ON Gaming Commissioner

Richard Chisoe, who has served as the ON's gaming commissioner for the past four years said he will not be seeking, nor will he accept, confirmation to serve a second

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Conrad announces candidacy for Osage Nation Congress

By David Conrad

On Thursday April 1st 2010, I filed as a candidate for the Osage Nation Congress. I filed because I believe we must continue to build on the positive achievements of the Osage Nation under our new form of government, and as best we can, turn away from the cynicism and negative thinking that has held us back. I will base my campaign, and I hope others will join me, on the following areas:

Vision

The Osage Nation has many historical achievements that demonstrate the vision of our past Osage leadership. We have also reached out to the Osage people through the 25-year strategic planning process to guide us further. Now it is up to a new generation of Osages to step up and integrate our historical achievements with our current citizen-driven vision into a workable and fair system of governance.

Osage Nation legislators must build the necessary legal foun-

dation for our government to function effectively. Osage Nation legislators must open up their decision-making process and invite citizen, neighbor, and expert testimony. The Osage Nation Congress must embrace the use of the best available technology to make their decision-making process more transparent. The Osage Nation Congress must pass a law enacting a system of district voting based on current census data. Without making Congressional members accountable to a defined electorate, we will see escalating election costs and less accountability. And finally Osage Nation legislators must demonstrate the judgment and discipline to focus on drafting and passing good legislation.

Experience

Throughout my educational and



David Conrad

professional career I have been aware of and/or engaged with legislative decision-making bodies. I have worked with boards of directors, tribal councils, city councils, state legislatures, the U.S. Congress, and the Osage Nation Congress. And although this is my first experience running for an elected office, my experience interacting with legislators from an executive point of view will allow me to serve as a valuable asset to our Congress in bridging the gap in accommodating multiple perspectives and adopting good law.

Commitment

I am committed to the better-

ment of the Osage Nation, and enriching the lives of Osage people. I have worked across the country for the betterment of Indian country, tribal organizations, and tribes, and during that time have always shared good ideas and opportunities with Osages and Osage programs back home. I was honored to join the Administration of Principal Chief Jim Gray, an honor I accepted gladly although I did not know what that commitment would truly entail. My experience in the Gray Administration has been an opportunity to bring the knowledge and experience I have gained back to our people. I decided to run for Congress because I felt it has been the weakest link in our progress, and I hope to strengthen this new institution in ways I feel the other candidates could not.

Joe 'Sonny' Abbott announces candidacy for Minerals Council

By Joseph B. (Sonny) Abbott, Jr.

I live in Hominy, Oklahoma on my inherited Trust Land. I own and operate a tobacco smoke shop on this land for 15 years.

My only promise is to honestly represent and protect our Osage Minerals Trust as much as the present Osage Nation Constitution will allow. This is a very critical concern of mine and should be of all Osage Shareholders.

I am not a politician! We all know that politicians say and promise what they think you want to hear. We have witnessed this in the past.

Thanking you in advance for your support, and remember, all Osage Shareholder votes count, no matter how large or small. You may contact me at (918) 885-4379 or joeabbott@windstream.net.



Joe 'Sonny' Abbott

Boone announces candidacy for Osage Nation Congress

By Daniel Boone

Hello, my name is Daniel Boone. I am the second son of Thomas and Cynthia Boone. I am 37 years old and from the Grayhorse District. My father is on the Grayhorse Committee and my mother is on the Minerals Council. I am the paternal great grandson of Rosa Strikeaxe. I was named by Girard Blackbird, I am a member of the First Baptist Church, Pawhuska.

I have worked for the Osage Tribe at the Osage Tribal Museum where I was awarded a Smithsonian Internship at the National Museum of the American Indian. I have worked as an engineering technician and an aircraft mechanic. Currently, I operate a farm and I own and operate a landscape business with my brother.



Daniel Boone

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Bear said. “Our Minerals Estate has brought us into the future and it will take us forth into more prosperous years ahead.”

Jeff Irons, who is Federal grants program manager in the Nation’s Strategic Planning and Grants Management Office, is running for assistant principal chief.

“As your assistant principal chief, I will try to work with whoever’s in office to take legislation to the Congress, encourage them to support the recommendations of the legislation of the chief,” Irons said. “That being said, if Congress has legislation they want passed and want the chief’s support, I will feel obligated in part to go to him and encourage support there.”

Also running for assistant principal chief is former Oklahoma State Representative Scott BigHorse. “I think I’m the only candidate... that has any experience in a three-branch government that has been in operation for over 100 years, so I do have some expertise in developing policy,” he said, adding he’s worked with both state and national legislators.

“As assistant chief, I think one of the biggest things I’d like to see is the transparency issue. To me, transparency is showing every bit of revenue that is made by the tribe, excluding the minerals,” BigHorse said. “I would like to see a flow chart with the reasons why all that money came into the tribe... I’d also like to see a flow chart of all the monies that leave the tribe and where it goes and why.”

John Red Eagle, who is a critic of Principal Chief Jim Gray’s administration, is running for principal chief and shared his concerns about the current government. “I am presently serving as your assistant principal chief and as the stepchild of the Executive Branch – that was a joke, people,” he told the crowd which laughed.

“With the money that comes in, I think we have to have a real

accounting...I want to know how much this (Osage Limited Liability Company) makes, what types of investments are they making? You need to know that because it’s your money,” Red Eagle said. “There needs to be a quarterly report of all the revenue that comes in, whether it’s through the casino, investments.”

Retired nurse Cecelia Tallchief is running for the assistant principal chief’s office, which she describes as an “important” one as a “mediator; “You have to be able to look at what’s best for the Osage people, not what’s best for Congress, not what’s best for the Executive Branch, what’s best for all.”

Tallchief said her experience, which includes serving on the Osage Home Health Board, and working as an Indian Health Service nurse makes her the best candidate for the job. “When (the Home Health Board) took the program over, it had been running in the red. We – with our expertise – have been able to turn that around and for the past two years have not asked for any money from Congress.”

James Schooling, who is running for the Minerals Council, said he has “worked in the oil and gas business for 40 years in various areas. I think you have to work with other branches of the government,” he said adding he’s learned to work with other people in prior employment.

“I see a lot of in-fighting and that’s got to stop. I think you got to get out there and do everything you can to make it work,” Schooling said. “When I’m elected, I want you to contact me anytime you’ve got a problem ... I’m for honesty, integrity and transparency.”

Congressional candidate Jake Heflin, a Long Beach, Calif. paramedic/ firefighter, said it’s important to revisit the Nation’s 25-year strategic plan which sought input from Osages living outside Okla-

homa to “enable that to occur.” As part of improving the Nation, Heflin said he believes health and senior services should improve.

“The reality is we do have the resources now to do that,” Heflin said. “There’s no reason why we shouldn’t have assisted-living facilities on our reservation for our elders... we’ve always been taught that we need to take care of our youth and we need to take care of our elders. Well we need to start doing that right now.”

Galen Crum, who is president of the Osage Shareholders Association, recently retired from working with the fire service and is now seeking a Minerals Council seat. “I think fire service is a great place to be... you get instant gratification from it,” he said, describing a firefighter’s role as turning “chaos into order and you get to meet people or help people that are having the worst day of possibly their life.”

“That’s kind of what I want to do for the Minerals Council,” Crum, a 2006 Congressional candidate, said of extending his public service experience. “I think the Minerals Council need to work with the tribe.”

Congressional candidate Margo Gray-Proctor, current principal chief Jim Gray’s older sister, is president of Horizon Engineering in Tulsa and said she’s worked with on over 150 tribal projects nationwide. “I’ve also been able to share in the resources and have the opportunity to improve Indian Country and that’s what made me come here today.”

Gray-Proctor also worked for the former Osage National Council in writing legislation and said she brings an expertise in economic development in serving on Congress. “We want to create economic development for our own people,” she said of creating more job opportunities for tribal members.

Minerals Council candidate James Revard said his oil and gas

industry experience makes him the best candidate to serve. He is executive director of the Commission on Marginally Producing Oil and Gas Wells for the state of Oklahoma.

“My job at the state agency is to protect oil and gas, to keep oil production running as long as we can... I strongly believe we can do the same thing for the Osage (tribe),” he said. “The key is more drilling, optimize the wells we have and to work together.”

Osage Nation Principal Chief Jim Gray is seeking his third consecutive term and said “elections are primarily about the future – they’re about ‘where do you want to be four years from now?’ – And I think that’s one of the reasons I’ve decided to run again.”

“In some cases, we’ve been defined by our differences, but in many ways we’ve been defined by our successes,” Gray said of the relationship between the executive and legislative branches. “In 2002, we had about \$300,000 in tax revenue in the bank, we had about 200 employees. Today we employ about 1,700 people, we have \$50-\$60 million in the bank - depending on which number you want to go by: the end of 2009 or where we are today,” he said.

Attorney Geoffrey Standing Bear, who is seeking a Congressional seat, said “we really have to work together because the last four years have brought out some of the worst in us.” He said the need to work together will come into play if the Nation’s casinos are affected by the recent 10th Circuit Court decision.

Standing Bear previously served as assistant principal chief in the early 1990s and has practiced law for entities including the Oklahoma Indian Gaming Association. “We’ve got to find ways to diversify

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As an elected official we need to work together as a team doing what is best for the nation and that is what I will strive to do if I am elected.

Campaign points:

- Not afraid to amend the constitution
- Stop compacting with the state
- Jurisdiction of the Mineral Estate is best left to the Mineral Council
- Transparency and accountability

I am #11 on the ballot and I would appreciate your vote on June 7.

Come by my campsite on election day and I will put a meatpie in your mouth, strawberry pop in your hand, and a smile on your face. You may contact me at P.O.Box 1232, Pawhuska, OK 74056 or call (918) 698-6489.



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Core announces his candidacy for Osage Minerals Council

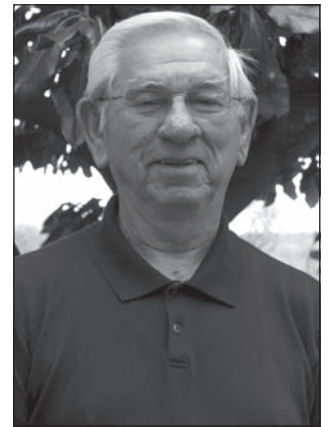
By Melvin F. Core

Does the prospect of decreased quarterly headright revenue and far less money in your pocket appeal to you?

Electing the wrong candidate for the Osage Minerals Council could make that become your reality!

Melvin F. Core is the right candidate!

More than thirty years of extensive, first hand experience working with the oil and gas industry has provided me with the background skills to effectively work for your best interest!



Melvin Core

Don't be misled by misinformation that we no longer need the Bureau of Indian Affairs to conduct business on the Osage Minerals Estate! We most assuredly do!

The BIA, an office under the supervision of the Secretary of the Interior, oversees restricted and trust property of American Indian tribes, including the Osage Nation. In addition, the Code of Federal Regulations Title 25 CFR Indians is adhered to in the official responsibilities of these two branches.

The Secretary of the Interior and the BIA, along with the Code of Federal Regulations, work to assure that the environment is protected and the field work is properly done in accordance with the regulations of the oil and gas lease.

Without the benefit of this backing, it is very doubtful that the oil and gas production could continue as it operates today! The Osage Agency and particularly the Minerals Council, could not oversee the oil and gas production on privately owned land on the Osage Minerals Estate!

What does that mean to you?

It is of extreme importance that the oil and gas production continue to operate uninterrupted so that your quarterly payments remain at their current level or perhaps, in the future, even higher! I will work diligently for the good of the Osage Tribe.

C-Committed and Capable of leading our Minerals Council in the right direction.

O-Organized and Objective to oversee the opportunities for our future.

R-Responsible and Reliable to use good judgment in implementing our goals.

E-Experienced and Enthusiastic to passionately serve and work for you.

Galen Crum announces candidacy for Osage Minerals Council

By Galen Crum

Fellow Osages: I'm a Candidate for the Mineral Council. I've been an Annuitant for 25yrs. My father was Charles Crum, his mother Anna V. Boulanger Crum and her father Joseph Boulanger, were original allottees. Grandpa Joe is pictured at the Tribal Museum with the 1895 Tribal Council.

I was born on Anna's allotment south of Elgin, Ks, and raised in the Elgin/Sedan Ks. area. After graduating from Sedan High School I attended College in Arkansas City.

As a Council member I hope to enhance mineral income, specifically by ensuring we are paid properly for production. We need to bring monitoring of oil tanker access, and the measuring and metering of mineral production into the 21st century. A problem with the natural gas metering system has been identified that suggests we are being underpaid by 10% or more on gas production.

Politically, my goal as a Council member will be to return Mineral Trust control to the Annuitants. The Mineral Council, as the body elected by Osage shareholders to conduct Trust business, should do so without interference from the Chief or Congress.

When the Osage people started the process of forming a more inclusive government, an extraordinary thing occurred. A group that enjoyed complete control of their government sought to delegate much of that power to others. These Osage Annuitants willingly started a process that would render themselves minority voters. They only asked for one thing in return, that the Mineral Trust be left in their control, to be governed by representatives elected solely by them as it always had. Sadly, the Osage Constitution didn't deliver on this simple agreement.

We now have a Chief, not elected by Annuitants, who controls Miner-

al Council funds, even though they come entirely from minerals income. Recently when the Council wished to take a trip to D.C. to ask the BIA to oversee the upcoming Mineral Council election, he refused to release their already budgeted travel funds. They had to borrow money from their lawyer to make the trip.

The Trust Team, that directs our Trust lawsuit attorneys, includes the Chief and the Congressional



Galen Crum

Speaker. These two officials are elected by an entirely different constituency, and are legally and morally obligated to serve the interests of that separate group. Also, our Trust lawyers say they are now working for the Osage Nation, not the annuitants, yet their costs are paid entirely with Minerals' funds.

These are but a few examples showing how the Council, and thus the Annuitants, are no longer in charge of Mineral Trust business.

As your Councilman I pledge to work with the Osage Congress to initiate Constitutional amendments that clearly state that the Mineral Council is in charge of Mineral matters. I also will work with the newly elected Chief to return all Trust control possible under the current Constitutional wording.

I will work WITH all Osage elected officials, but I will only work FOR the Osage Annuitants. I humbly ask for your support in this endeavor. You may contact me at (785) 822-4148 or via email at galen.crum@galencrum.com.

James Elsberry announces his candidacy for Osage Nation Congress

Elsberry: "I have had the great experience of personally meeting many of you over the last 63 years, but never as a candidate for any position."

By James Elsberry

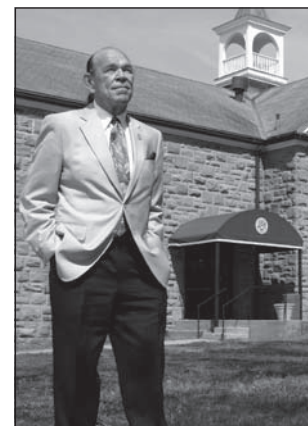
This is my official introduction to the Osage Nation. I have had the great experience of personally meeting many of you over the last 63 years, but never as a candidate for any position. Now I ask to serve The Osage Nation with your permission.

I am the eldest grandson of Anna Morton Steen (Allottee #194) and the son of Anna Louise Elsberry. I have 3 older sisters and 3 younger brothers. My eldest sister is Kay

Bills, very active in assisting many Tribes with their economic progress. My youngest brother, Gary, is very active in the cultural portion of the Osage Nation. He will be the Head Man Dancer (May 8th) at the Grayhorse War Mothers Annual Soldier Dance.

My Great-Great Grandfather was Principal Chief Ne-kah-wah-she-tun-kah (Allottee #182).

Fairfax High is my alumnae, where I played football and graduated in 1965. I then went to Oklahoma University and was a student football manager for 4 years and very fortunate to receive a full scholarship (live in the football dorm, meals in player's cafeteria, books and tuition). This was a



James Elsberry

great experience to interact with many individuals.

Upon successful completion of Oklahoma University ROTC In 1969, I was commissioned a U.S. Army Second Lieutenant in the Armor Branch. I then completed Armor School, Airborne and Ranger Schools. I served five years (Tank Platoon Leader, Scout

Platoon Leader and Company Commander) and honorably completed my obligation as a Captain. My military experiences required very high personal responsibility, goal setting and teamwork. I am proud of this period.

Southern California was where I found myself in industry, During

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(revenue), but we have to do it in an intelligent way,” he said citing another gaming tribe’s spending and saving plan.

Retired state district judge Doug Revard is seeking a second Congressional term. He served on the Nation’s government reform commission in 2003 after retiring from the courtroom before deciding a Congressional run.

“What an experience it has been,” Revard said. “What did I learn from that? Well, No. 1, I learned you better have alligator skin... I think I have been a conservative voice, I believe we are spending your money every time that we do something and we should look at it in that light.”

Congressman Raymond Red Corn, who is seeking a second term, listed legislation he has sponsored including the open records act, the whistleblower act, the “Speak What’s on Your Mind” act and the bill creating the Osage LLC. Referring to the recent U.S. 10th Circuit Court decision ruling against

the Nation, Red Corn said there is “now more emphasis than ever on the diversification” of the Nation’s non-gaming business efforts.

A second Revard rally was scheduled for March 20 in Pawhuska, but it was postponed due to snowy weather which struck Northeast Oklahoma that weekend. Ryan told the Osage News the Pawhuska rally will be rescheduled with a tentative date set for May 1.

Attending the March 16 Revard Rally: William “Kugee” Supernaw; Charles Pratt; Cecelia Tallchief; Curtis Bear; Jeff Irons; Scott Big-Horse; John Red Eagle; James (Jim) Schooling; Jenny Miller; Galen Crum; Myron Red Eagle; Margo Gray-Proctor; James Revard; Jim Gray; Raymond Red Corn; Danette Daniels; Geoffrey Standing Bear; Roy St. John; Randolph Crawford; Doug Revard; Jake Heflin; Louis Gray; Tim Tall Chief; Carl “Chico” Sellers and Andrew Yates.

For more information on the candidates, see their submitted articles online at www.osagenews.org.

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this 30 year span I was a Buyer, Director of Purchasing, Sales, Sales Manager and Manufacture’s Representative for various firms. None of these entities were government operations, except for one. I supplied all the laser toner cartridges for the 2000 Democratic National Convention. I became very familiar with steel, aluminum, machine parts, printed circuit boards, laser/inkjet printer consumables and many, many other industry components. I learned technical and business practices from some of the best associates. It was a maturing experience.

I moved back to the Osage in 2001. It was, and still is, my desire to help the Osage. Fortunately, I was able to become a contract worker for the Osage Tribal Museum and further my knowledge of our Tribe. Further, I have been able to use my hobby of video and photography to record numerous historic and cultural events. I have, and still do, videotape all sessions of Osage Nation Congress. In years to come, I do hope my work will become valued for both enjoyment and content. I want my descendents to state, “My great, great-taped this.”

This introduction is just...my “introduction”. I have not put forth any political items because of “wordage” limitations and the subject of this is solely Introduction.

Thank you for your consideration. Your support and your vote will be welcomed and sincerely appreciated. Feel free to contact me at elsberryjames@yahoo.com.

GAMING BOARD CUTS

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term. His post expired at the Hun-Kah Session’s end on April 15.

“I am very proud of the work we have done at the ONGC, the credibility we have earned and the successes we have achieved to the benefit of the Osage people,” Chissoe wrote in his resignation letter, dated March 22. “I will remain ever grateful for being given the opportunity to return home, honor my family legacy and serve the Osage Nation.”

It was unknown if Chief Gray made a second and/ or third gaming board appointments to replace Homer and Pease when this issue of the Osage News went to press. He said April 16 that Terry Mason

Moore, who is the attorney representing the gaming board, would replace Chissoe as commissioner.

Moore, Oberly and the other gaming board members selected by Chief Gray will be subject to confirmation by the Congress.

Other confirmation votes held April 15

The Congress also rescinded other confirmations made April 7 and April 9 to four other boards and voted publically on those confirmations Thursday. Here are the results:

- Julia Wilson, alternate member for the Election Board. Vote: 12-0.

- Suzanne Moore, alternate member for the Election Board. Vote: 9-3 with “no” votes from Revard, Anderson and Branstetter.
 - Dennis McAuliffe, member for the Editorial Board. Vote: 7-6. Voting “no” were Branstetter, Revard, Shackelford, Simms, Supernaw and Anderson. Assistant Chief Red Eagle broke the 6-6 vote tie with a “yes” vote and voted with Edwards, Freeman, Atterberry, Red Corn, Eddy Red Eagle and Mason.
 - Cecelia Tallchief, member of the Health and Wellness Advisory Board. Vote: 11-1 with a “no” vote from Anderson.
 - Tim Tall Chief, member of the Health and Wellness Advisory Board. Vote: 11-1 with a “no” vote from Anderson.
 - Paul Stabler, member of the Health and Wellness Advisory Board. Vote: 12-0.
 - Paul Bruce, member of the Osage Limited Liability Company Board. Vote: 12-0.
- Editors note: This article is a compilation of two stories written and posted to osagenews.org.*

John Free Jr. announces candidacy for Osage Nation Congress

By John Free Jr.

The future success of the Osage Nation requires a decisive and solution driven Congress. I am John Free Jr. and I believe I possess the right blend of leadership, compassion, and business knowledge to help our Osage Congress make wise financial decisions to meet the needs of our people. I ask you to allow me that opportunity with your vote. My life has been shaped by my family, my upbringing, my education and my work experience. Born and raised in Pawhuska, Oklahoma, I make this town my home. Most of my extended family resides in the Osage. I graduated from Oklahoma State University in 1980 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Engineering Technology. Following graduation, I became involved in construction and still have a passion for building.

Today I am a principal in our family business, The Bronze Horse art foundry. I help design and cast bronze sculpture for clients and I am also a sculptor myself. I have been responsible for the operations of The Bronze Horse for the last 20 years.

I am very active in my church and enjoy teaching Sunday school to our local youth. My faith and family values are a large part of who I am. Both my wife Cindy and I are very community oriented and actively participate in the Pawhuska Chamber of Commerce and other community activities. I have served on a number of Boards and Committees throughout the years and believe that experience has taught me the wisdom of work-



John Free, Jr.

ing with others to get things accomplished. My children are products of the Pawhuska school system and I have been an ardent booster, supporter and mentor of many sports teams.

There is no denying the world today changes at a staggering pace. Having five children and three grandchildren, like all of you I share your concerns regarding education, job development and healthcare. As you know the way to grow and fund these programs is the continued development of the Osage nation economy

through gaming and diversifications like the Osage LLC. I am not afraid to take responsibility for my decisions, but believe that with a solid agenda focused on contributions to the education of our youth, creation of business model jobs, and expansion of current health and wellness initiatives, the Nation can meet and serve all Osage wherever located, and positively impact their lives. I want to be part of a solution to the challenges facing the Nation at this exciting time in our history.

Thank you for your support, and please contact me to discuss any issues or ask my questions you may have about me or my candidacy.

John Jech announces candidacy for Osage Nation Congress

By John Jech

Hello my name is John Jech and I am announcing my candidacy for Osage Nation Congress. I graduated from Northeastern State University in 1994 with a bachelor's degree in business administration and major in accounting. I worked as a billing specialist for WILTEL Communication in Tulsa from May 1994 until December 1994. I began working for the Osage Nation in December 1994 as a junior accounting clerk and was promoted to senior accountant in 1995. In 1996 I accepted the Controller position and in 2006 I began serving as the Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer for the Osage Nation. I passed the Certified Public Accountants exam in 2002 and am a member of the Oklahoma Society of Certified Public Accountants. I was born and raised in Pawhuska and currently reside here with Melissa and our baby girl Cortlynn.

During my 15 years of employment with the Nation I have developed



John Jech

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Jim Gray

Osage Nation Principal Chief Jim Gray announces bid for re-election

By Jim Gray

I am announcing my re-election campaign to continue to serve as your Principal Chief.

Eight years ago I was elected to serve as Principal Chief under the old tribal council system of government. I knew then that the old form of government was no longer what the Osage Nation needed. And then four years ago, I was elected to serve as the first Principal Chief of our newly reformed government.

During my administration I made it a priority to reach out and include the Osage people, and as a result we have all come to expect a new level of inclusion and meaningful involvement.

Because my administra-

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Martin announces candidacy for Osage Minerals Council

By Robert Martin

It was my please to be elected to the Osage Minerals Council in June 5, 2006. I have had a very high attendance rate to all meetings and to all conferences particularly in the last four summit conferences of the producers in Tulsa.

I was born in Ponca City and lived briefly in Fairfax before moving to Tulsa. I graduated from Cascia Hall High School, Oklahoma State University with a business degree and from the University of Tulsa with a law degree. Since that time I have served the Tribe in an official capacity either at the local level or at the trial level in both

Federal Court and in the Court of Claims.

My great-grandparents, Bernard and Ella Plomodon and grandparents, Ernest and Clementine Mon-grain were original allottees.

I was the President of the Tulsa Osage Club for many years and did participate in many cultural events and elections.

It has been our duty to examine all documents and agreements that have passed through the Council. We have had full cooperation with



Robert Martin

the Superintendent and Petroleum Engineering staff and technicians. More records have become available to the producers. The quarterly payments have increased remarkable during our tenure. This increase in production has come with our leadership and expertise regarding the business operation.

The standard is to maximize production and also protect the shareholders' interest and assets both now and in the future.

We have just passed an election code that is being handled exclusively by the Osage Minerals Council. It was the request of many that this be an independent election handled by our core group. We anticipate this be a successful and complete election.

We do have one lawsuit filed in the Court of Claims, United States District Court, which has been

pending since 1999 in Washington, D.C. I have attended all of the mediation and discussion groups. This case continues to be one of our top priorities to resolve. There are also other lawsuits in the United States Federal District Court in Tulsa concerning the Constitution. We will monitor these cases.

The BIA and the Superintendent have been very cooperative in funding this new Government since it was formed. In my opinion, these matters should be worked out among the Tribe, and cooperation must come from the Chief and/or the Osage Congress.

We have been fortunate that we have been able to act independently during this whole process and continue to increase the Headright payments and increase the value for the shareholders. All members must continue to act in this responsible manner with expertise, diligence and with the support of our people. You may contact me at law@eliasandhjelm.com or (918) 599-9090 or cell (918) 633-4222.

John Maker announces his candidacy for Osage Nation Congress

By John Maker

My name is John Maker, and I am from Hominy, Ok. I ask for your support as a candidate for the Osage Nation Congress. My promise to you is that I will represent all citizens of the Osage Nation to the very best of my ability.

Our young government faces many critical issues; to win the battles, we must stand as a strong, united Nation. Historically, our Osage ancestors lead the way with strong leadership and business decisions. Today, we as a Nation, face new challenges. Some examples are protecting our Sovereignty; solving problems on the Reservation, such as unemployment and crime. To solve these challenges, we must fix our divided Nation so that all branches of government will work together for your good.

If elected, I will help create the legislation that will help you. Let's ensure an outstanding education and scholarship program for our young People. They are our future leaders. Let's ensure the preservation of the minerals estate and protect the Minerals Council as an independent agency. Our Constitution covers the issue of the functions of the minerals council. Let's grow and diversify in all areas of commerce. Finally, let's respect and listen to the words of our elders.



John Maker

Waller announces bid for Assistant Principal Chief

By Everett Waller

I have served the Osage People all of my life and will continue to do so with your vote to represent all Osages. I did this on the 1994 Osage National Council and the 30th Osage Tribal Council as a councilman.

At this moment in our tribe's history, a candidate is needed with a proven record of voting on the laws that protected our nation's children and



Everett Waller

future. The resolutions that I have sponsored through council chambers have to this day served the Osage People well and will continue to do so for many years to come.

I was instrumental in bringing our largest economic resource, since the discovery of our mineral reserve, to our nation while seated on the Osage Nation gaming commission.

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Amanda Proctor announces candidacy for Osage Nation Assistant Principal Chief

By Amanda Proctor

Amanda S. Proctor is a graduate of Harvard University and the University of Tulsa College of Law, where she earned the Native American Law certificate. In 2005, Amanda became one of the few graduate students to receive the University's Marcy Lawless Award for Excellence in Service to the Community.

Prior to entering law school, Amanda served as a program director for three Native American tribes. As a tribal housing director, Amanda oversaw large land acquisition and community development projects. Amanda is well-versed in all aspects of federal program compliance, including grant acquisition, environmental due diligence and performance reporting requirements.

As an attorney, Amanda advises and counsels Indian tribes and tribal entities throughout Oklahoma, including those involved with gaming and social services. Amanda is regarded as having special expertise in federal grant and contract compliance, principally in the area of Indian housing.

Amanda also has commenced and managed complex litigation on behalf of tribes and individual Indians. She is an attorney of record in the case of *Fletcher v. United States*, which seeks to restore the Osage Indian Mineral Trust. As such, she has developed a strong working knowledge of the 1906 Act of Congress and all amendatory acts.

Amanda was listed in the 2010 edition of the "Super Lawyers" directory, and was the only lawyer recognized in the Indian law practice category for the present year. Amanda is licensed to practice law in Oklahoma state courts, the

federal courts for the Northern and Western Districts of Oklahoma and the tribal courts of the Osage, Cherokee, Iowa, Ponca and Muscogee (Creek) Nations.

Amanda is at home under the arbor or in the arena, having participated from an early age in the Native American cultural community. She founded the Harvard University Powwow in 1995 and on pending litigation affecting the



Amanda Proctor

the University of Tulsa Native Justice Powwow in 2005. She frequently serves on the head staff of powwows throughout the United States and Canada, most recently as the head lady dancer for the All Nations Powwow in Arkansas City, Kansas on April 10-11, 20

"Regardless of our individual positions

Osage Nation, one fact is clear: the time is right for tribal members with legal backgrounds and expertise to rise to the occasion. We must assess the risk and mitigate the exposure of the Nation to financial loss and regulatory enforcement actions. I cannot tell you what decision I will make. I can tell you that I have the right skill-set and background of experience to make the right decision at the right time."

For more information, please visit www.amandaproctor.com.

Talee Redcorn announces candidacy for Osage Minerals Council

By Talee Redcorn

Hi. I am Talee Redcorn and I am lucky number "21" on the Osage Mineral Council ballot. With my education and experience, I feel I can effectively and continually serve you on the Mineral Council for a second term.

Education and Experience

I have 9 years of experience as an engineer in research and optimization for ConocoPhillips. Also, I have 6 years experience in environmental and resource management either as a consultant or staff member for a few Oklahoma tribes. My work for other tribes centered on ensuring responsible use of oil and gas and other natural resources. I also have a Masters degree and a Bachelors degree in Chemi-



Talee Redcorn

cal Engineering and an Associate degree in Building Construction.

Commitment to Selling Oil and Gas Leases in Auctions on the Internet

I believe we Osages should sell our oil and gas leases in an auction on the internet. Selling our leases in auctions on the internet will promote inter-

est, increase competition, add jobs, and create more money for you.

Two years ago I invited the Oil and Gas Auction Clearinghouse from Houston to visit the Osage and asked for their help in selling our leases in an auction on the internet. The Clearinghouse recommended we first get (oil and gas) well and production history information on the internet. I then led an effort to get that information

online. This work is nearing completion. If you vote for me again, I will continue that work.

Increase Dollars to you - the Osage Headright holder

I am fully committed for you to continually receive the utmost value from your Osage Mineral asset:

- I voted YES to bring back the auction. Before all oil and gas drillers paid a standard low fee to obtain an oil and gas lease, now they must compete in an open auction.
- I voted YES to increase royalties from 18.75% to 20%. This increases your cut for any barrel of oil sold in Osage County from 20% to 20% for all new leases.
- I voted YES to inspect measuring devices for gas sold at several locations in Osage county. Significant discrepancies were

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Joseph Shunkamolah announces his candidacy for Osage Nation Congress

By Joseph Shunkamolah

My name is Joseph Shunkamolah and I am declaring my official candidacy for the Osage Congress. I am from the Hominy district, my family has lived there for several generations. I am descended from Black Dog from the Hominy area and from family in the Gray Horse area, my grandfather was Joseph Shunkamolah Sr. and my grandmother was Margaret Little Shunkamolah, both original allottees. My late father was Joseph Shunkamolah Jr., full blood Osage and my mother is Gladys Sahmaunt Shunkamolah, full blood Kiowa. I have four sons, two of

which are college graduates, one is currently working on his doctorate in Clinical Psychology at the University of Montana, another son is the compliance coordinator for the Comanche tribal casinos and two others are currently in college at Cameron University in Lawton. I am an Osage shareholder.

My background is in education and I feel very strongly that we must do all that we can to support the education of all our



Joseph Shunkamolah

Osage students at all levels and in all areas where Osages reside, from Head Start through college and beyond. I have a bachelor's degree in education from Cameron (College) University, a master's degree in History from Oklahoma University and a master's degree in school administration from Western New Mexico University. As my credentials reflect I have been a teacher and school administrator and

learned how to deal with people at all levels, to listen and to cooperate in solving problems. I also have a great interest in counseling and alcohol and drug abuse treatment and prevention.

Myself and my family have lived in New Mexico for the past 27 years, we moved there so my wife could pursue her medical degree at the University of New Mexico where she was awarded her degree as a medical doctor in Family Practice. I worked with many different tribes and pueblos while in New Mexico and recently moved back to Oklahoma. I know first hand what it's like to live outside Osage county, this is an issue that needs to be addressed since we now have Osages with needs in many other areas outside the county and state. I, like most of the other candidates, support the ideas of improving in areas such as education, housing, casinos and employment opportunities. Our government needs to be more accountable to the people, as a representative of the tribal people I want to see more interaction on the part of the government and the people that elected them. We need more open and more frequent meetings with tribal personnel, program directors and the tribal population in general. I will not make any campaign promises except that I will promise to do the job to the best of my ability, not all people will be pleased all the time but I feel that we must please the majority and do the best that we can for all Osages. I would appreciate your vote in the upcoming election, I can be reached at (505) 250-0137 or at jshunkamolah@hotmail.com for any questions or comments.

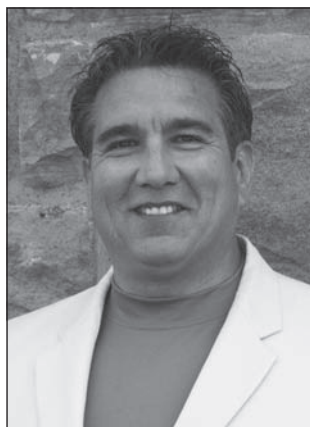
Shackelford announces candidacy for Assistant Principal Chief

By Anthony Shackelford

My name is Anthony Shackelford. I am officially announcing my candidacy for Assistant Chief of the Osage Nation.

I began this journey at the age of ten. That is when I received my Osage name and was roached into the Osage ceremonial dances. Therefore, to know me and how I can better represent the Osage Nation as Assistant Principal Chief, I feel it is imperative to know my family as well.

My father is Romain Shackelford of Pawhuska, my mother the late Ruth Mae Shackelford. Five older brothers, the late Roman Shackelford, the late Martin Shackelford, Harrison Shackelford of Pawhuska and Michael Shackelford also of Pawhuska. Two half sisters, Mary Martha Parker of Tulsa, Georgiana Rick-



Anthony Shackelford

etts of Skiatook and a half brother, Sam Elrod of Rockville, Maryland. I was indeed fortunate and have been truly blessed to have the most wonderful, generous and loving people in my life, my mother and father. Equally important and not forgotten. My siblings all have positively influenced my life in ways too numerous to count. Yet, the closeness I feel with my two brothers, Harrison and Michael and call them my best friends, is something truly amazing. And for that, I'm a very lucky man.

Following graduation from Pawhuska High School, I pursued my dream of a college education. Beginning with attaining my Associates Degree from Northern Oklahoma Col-

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John W. Williams

Williams announces candidacy for Osage Nation Congress

By John Williams

My name is John W. Williams and I am happy to announce my candidacy for Congress of the Osage Nation.

I am married to the former Frances A. West. We have three grown children and seven grandchildren.

I have forty years of public and health administration experience. I have a thorough knowledge of organization structure, budget process and federal and state grant application and compliance.

I am knowledgeable in Osage culture and tradition. I have served as drum keeper, committee man, and advisor. I have served on the Gray Horse Village Committee and as an advisor to the Gray Horse War Mothers.

I am a Viet Nam veteran. In Viet Nam I served as a se-

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Wyrick announces candidacy for Osage Nation Congress



Vance Wyrick

By Vance Wyrick

My name is Vance Wyrick, a shareholder who would like to represent you in the Osage Nation Congress. For most of my life I lived in Skiatook, but for the past 10 years I have lived in Florida with my wife and two children. Living so far from the Hill, I have gained a certain perspective on the operation of our new government. There is no question that we have come back from the precipice of elimination to a new vitality. This vitality, however, is expending itself in arguments and meaningless chatter. I am running for Congress with a specific goal: to build on Federal land, on the Skiatook Lake (on land that was taken from my Osage family by the Federal government and is now not being used), an assisted living and retirement center. The center will be available to our elders and those who have suffered from our most prevalent medical condition of diabetes, and will house our veterans who protected all of us and now find it difficult to care for themselves. This retirement center

will allow our seniors to move into the specific type of care they need to fulfill their lives with dignity. I feel this facility can also house a state of the art nursing school and dietary facility in conjunction with one of the state universities for the education of our young people. This can be done on land that is available and can be leased from the federal government for \$1 per year.

I hope to use grant money to initiate the construction, as has been done with other projects on the Skiatook Lake. We Osages would operate the center, and our elders and young people alike would be able to reap the benefit of the funds now being used for less worthwhile

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Woodell announces candidacy for Osage Minerals Council

By Gregory Woodell

I believe that this is the most important time for the Osage Minerals Trust that the shareholders have lived through since 1906 Act implemented. Therefore, I am declaring my candidacy for a seat on the Osage Minerals Council. I am the great grandson of John and Julia Johnson, grandson of Leonard and Agnes Thomas and son of Bruce and Julia Hazel Thomas Woodell and as such receive part of their original Headrights. I

graduated from University of California at Los Angeles and will be retiring this year after 41 years with the County of Los Angeles in various positions with the Departments of Public Social Services, the Los Angeles County Department of Health and the latest being a planning specialist



Gregory Woodell

with the Department of Beaches and Harbors. During the time, I was awarded numerous honors by the County for my service to the community. In addition, during the last twenty-five years with the County, I was on the Executive Board of Directors of the American Shore & Beach Preservation

Association, the last seven years of which I served as President of this national non-profit organization. During that time, I was honored by President Clinton by being with him and Vice President Gore as one of 500 invited guests at a special conference to study the challenges associated with the coastlines of this county. In addition, in the last five years, I have also served as a commissioner on the City of West Hollywood Public Facilities Commission. This is not the first time I have served my tribe. In 1979, I learned that one million dollars was available for a scholarship fund, which had not been utilized for lack of a program. Working with the United Osages of Southern California (UOSC), I put together a scholarship fund document, which I took to Washington, met with the Undersecretary of the Interior for Indian Affairs and worked to see it approved by Congress. If elected, I realize that I will be required to fly to Pawhuska at a minimum of three times a month and I am willing to obligate my personal funds to this work. With this said, at this time of our tribe's need, I would like to again offer my life's expertise by serving as a member of the Osage Minerals Council. I humbly ask for your vote.



Dudley Whitehorn

Whitehorn announces candidacy for Osage Minerals Council

By Dudley Whitehorn

Hello, I am Dudley Whitehorn and I am running for the Osage Minerals Council. I am seeking this seat to protect our mineral estate for the generations that are to follow me. I have seen the negligent handling of the Osage Shareholders assets this past four years and I believe that my experience and knowledge will greatly benefit the Osage Shareholder.

I am retired and Joyce and I live in Hominy. I take care of a few cows and have ample time to be engage in the business of the Osage Shareholder. Here are a few areas on which I believe the Osage Minerals Council need to focus their time and attention.

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Gray Horse War Mothers Annual Soldier Dance

Saturday, May 8, 2010, 1:30 pm Flag Raising
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We would be honored to have you join with Gray Horse War Mothers to pay homage in the Osage Soldier Dance, a tradition of Individual songs, and Dances for all who have served in the armed forces. Especially, in light of the last several years military actions in Iraq and Afghanistan that have affected our country, we need to remember those who are serving overseas now and those who gave the ultimate sacrifice for the United States of America.

We hold our Soldier Dance every year to honor our Soldiers and Warriors — Men and Women in military service, and our Veterans. We look forward to seeing you and your family there

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tion reached out to the people, today Osage citizen Strategic Plan input is driving our programs. Responsive programs are a central part of the reform we are enacting to reach your strategic vision. Our new Osage Merit Employment System will increase morale, teamwork, and efficiency in our government. This progress must not falter. I am committed to seeing our government transformation completed. If I am re-elected as Principal Chief you will see this new level of transparency and reform continue to move our Nation forward.

Sure there have been growing pains but these are pains of the Osage Nation finally debating issues facing the Nation and through this conflict developing creative solutions. Where our citizens were

once silenced, we speak. Where decisions were once made for us, we now decide. Where protection of our rights fell to others, now we advocate and stand up for our rights. By embracing our new democracy, we have also embraced the freedom originally envisioned by our Osage ancestors who wrote our first Constitution in the 1800's.

With this new freedom comes great responsibility. I know first hand the gravity of the responsibility placed on the Office of Principal Chief. From our most vulnerable citizens who depend upon our services, to our citizens who expect meaningful, involvement, to our employees whose dignity and livelihoods are in our hands, to our neighbors who must depend on a stable and predictable course of action, to our future generations who

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deserve a greater Osage Nation. I have chosen to make this responsibility part of my daily life for the past eight years.

If you agree with me that our progress must continue, I will not miss a step in the transition to a second term. I will continue to rely on your input, and I value our dialogue. If re-elected Principal Chief of the Osage Nation, I promise you that we will once again stretch the imagination, protect and exercise our rights, and continue to build a stronger and more vibrant and resilient Osage Nation. I have been honored to have taken us this far, I know what it takes to keep going in a positive direction, and I hope to continue to serve as your Principal Chief for the next four years. May God bless the Osage Nation.

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lege in Tonkawa, Oklahoma. The majority of my educational course work was completed at Northeastern State University in Tahlequah, Oklahoma. Eventually graduating from the University of Central Oklahoma in Edmond, with my Bachelors Degree.

Qualifications and Foundation for Assistant Principal Chief of the Osage Nation I support.

1. Continued funding and development of our Cultural programs, such as the Language Department, Archives and the Museum.

2. Recognition, protection and perpetuation of the 1906 Act/Minerals Estate and our Reservation Status.

3. The urgency to place our Casino Properties in Trust.

4. Economic Diversification.

5. Increased support and care for our Elders, looking into fur-

ther developing our Elder Villages throughout Osage County, where medical staff can be located on the premises and available around the clock.

6. Merit based employment criteria.

7. Higher quality level of employment positions and more diversified employment opportunities.

8. Increased Educational Funding for higher education and vocational fields.

9. Health Insurance/benefits and initiatives.

10. Increased Accountability and Transparency throughout all Osage

Tribally funded and Federally funded programs, businesses and Gaming operations.

In summary: Why I believe I have the qualities and experience to be the Assistant Principal Chief of the Osage Nation.

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Are as follows:

- My trust, honor, loyalty, and practice of Osage Customs and Cultural Events.
 - Education. Bachelors Degree.
 - Work Experience. 7 years of Legal work in the private sector. 9 years working for the Osage Nation.
 - Federal Programs. 4 years of Osage Nation Congressional Experience, which is invaluable to being able to bridge the gap between the Congressional, Executive and Judicial Branches of the Osage Nation.
- “Honoring our past, leading our future”
- I truly appreciate your continued support and humbly ask for your vote! Many thanks.

Candidates receive ballot numbers

Osage News

Candidates running for office in the June 7 Osage elections received their ballot number April 13 at a drawing in downtown Pawhuska.

Lisa Otipoby, election supervisor, put the candidate names into a hopper and drew the names for each race according to color. Here are the ballot numbers:

Chief Candidates:

- 1) John Red Eagle
- 2) Tim Tall Chief
- 3) Roy St. John
- 4) Carl “Chico” Sellers
- 5) Jim Gray

Assistant Chief

Candidates:

- 1) Scott BigHorse
- 2) Cecelia Tallchief
- 3) Jeff Irons
- 4) Amanda Proctor
- 5) Anthony Shackelford
- 6) Everett Waller

Congressional Candidates:

- 1) Anthony Webb
- 2) Geoffrey Standing Bear
- 3) Jenny Miller
- 4) Randolph Crawford
- 5) Joe Shunkamolah
- 6) John Williams
- 7) William “Kugee” Supernaw
- 8) Raymond Red Corn
- 9) John Jech
- 10) David Conrad
- 11) Daniel Boone
- 12) Danette Daniels
- 13) John Free Jr.
- 14) James Elsberry
- 15) Alice Goodfox
- 16) Margo Gray-Proctor
- 17) John Maker
- 18) Vance Wyrick
- 19) Jake Heflin

Three Osages selected for the Nation's Editorial Board

Two college professors and Washington Post night editor to oversee, advise the Osage News

Osage News

The Osage Nation Congress confirmed Denny McAuliffe, a Washington Post night editor, for the Nation's Editorial Board which oversees the Osage News during the 2010 Hun-Kah Session's final day.

McAuliffe, Osage, and a former University of Montana journalism



Dennis McAuliffe Jr.



Teresa Trumbly Lamsam



Robert Warrior

professor who sat on the newspaper's former Editorial Council last

year, was confirmed April 15 with a 7-6 vote after Assistant Chief John Red Eagle broke the 6-6 tie with a "yes" vote.

Principal Chief Jim Gray appointed McAuliffe to the Editorial Board after the Congress selected University of Illinois Professor Robert Warrior (Osage) for the board in February. McAuliffe and Warrior have selected University of Nebraska-Omaha Professor Teresa Trumbly Lamsam (Osage), who has a journalism background, as the third Editorial Board member.

The Editorial Board is being established according to the Nation's Independent Press Act of 2008 which was put into effect following last year's Supreme Court decision regarding the bill sponsored by ON Congresswoman Faren Revard Anderson. Under the bill, the Congress selects one board member, the principal chief selects the second member and the chosen two board members choose the third.

Congressman Raymond Red Corn motioned that Congress confirm McAuliffe to the Editorial Board during the April 15 session. Before the vote, Anderson voiced concerns about McAuliffe in explaining why she will not vote for him.

"One of the concerns I have about Mr. McAuliffe is that the chief appointed an Editorial Council and

there were three members on that council and what happened during the time and leadership of that council is Mr. McAuliffe removed one of the members of that board and there wasn't cause," Anderson said. "There wasn't much publicized about that, there wasn't any information we could find on why that occurred and yet we find that we are in a position that this name has been put back before us."

"What I think is that a board of this sort should be a very ethical board and should have very high standards," Anderson said. "A second concern I have about Mr. McAuliffe is in his first term on the Editorial Council that there were times when an editor was needed and he paid himself as a board member to perform editorial duties. That concerns me and because of that, I will be voting 'no' today."

After no other Congress members spoke regarding McAuliffe's appointment, a roll call vote was conducted. Congress members Jerri Jean Branstetter, Doug Revard, Anthony Shackelford, Mark Simms, William "Kugee" Supernaw and Anderson voted "no" to confirm McAuliffe.

Congress members Edwards, Mark Freeman, Debra Atterberry, Red Corn, Eddy Red Eagle, Archie Mason voted for McAuliffe's confirmation with Assistant Chief Red Eagle's tie-breaking "yes" vote.

"Denny McAuliffe is as ethical a journalist as one could ever meet and is held in very high regard among Native and non-Native journalists everywhere," said Osage News Interim Editor Shannon Shaw. "The Osage News is extremely lucky to have someone of his caliber willing to donate his

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nior medic on a Special Forces A-Team near the Cambodian border. I am now Post Service Officer for American Legion Post 198.

I firmly believe in tribal sovereignty, the Osage Nation and the Osage Nation's potential for growth and prosperity. Growth and prosperity can only be achieved by the enactment of the Nation's laws that enhance the Nation's potential to meet its goals and objectives, economic diversity, education and

tribal services. The Nation must move forward in a positive and progressive manner through resources and leadership by the acts of congress.

Through my proven experience and leadership, I would be a valuable asset to the Osage Nation and its citizens.

I would appreciate your consideration and support in the forthcoming June election.

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- Work to separate the Minerals Council from the Constitutional Government, to be a stand alone entity.
- Take over all budgets and financial management of the Minerals Council.
- Restore the position of Chief and Assistant Chief to the Minerals Council.
- Stop the endless lawsuits and cut the attorney cost.
- The Cobell Case is coming to a conclusion; we should now focus our attention on the "Highest Posted Price" lawsuit--it needs to be placed back under the authority of the Minerals Council where it should have stayed.
- Continue and reaffirm our relationship with the BIA; particularly the Executive Division, the Branch of Minerals, and the Branch of Reality.

- Promote better a working relationship with oil and gas producers.
- Pass a resolution that prevents the people serving the Shareholders from drawing two salaries, i.e. a person serving on the Minerals Council cannot be an employee of the Osage Nation, BIA, or Indian Health Services.

By giving these areas the needed effort and attention we will see the 1906 Act restored and it will assure that the U.S. Government and the BIA will honor and protect the Mineral Estate. This will also protect our restricted and trust property, which is very important for all Shareholders.

I will work diligently and faithfully to serve you, the Osage Shareholder, the next four years. I will keep you informed on all matters pertaining to the Minerals Estate.

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projects. We are Osage. We are leaders. Let us use the assets of Osage lands, Osage brains, and Osage moneys for the benefit of all Osage people. Everybody should vote, whether by absentee or on the hill.

If you have any questions please contact me at my email address: vancewyrick4osagecongress@gmail.com.

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free time to develop policies for our news organization.”

Lamsam also served on the 2009 Editorial Council with McAuliffe and former Arkansas Democrat-Gazette reporter Tara McLain Manthey who is communications director of Arkansas Advocates for Children & Families in Little Rock.

The Editorial Council is the three-person entity set up by Chief Gray last May to oversee the newspaper after the Congressional Committee on Government Operations declined to vote on a 2009 free press bill sponsored by Congresswoman Shannon Edwards.

On April 2, 2009, the six Congress members on that committee voted 3-2 (with Archie Mason abstaining) to table the bill, pending a decision on the Osage Nation Supreme Court's first ever case involving Anderson's 2008 bill, which came in December after the three high court justices heard the case on Aug. 19.

On June 7, 2010 Vote

Randolph A. Crawford



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The Supreme Court ruled against the Executive Branch ruling that Chief Gray had no cause to bring the initial suit and as a result there was no injured party. Anderson's bill stands as a result of the ruling, leading to this year's Editorial Board appointments.

Lamsam's journalism experience includes working at the Lubbock Avalanche Journal in Texas and as editor of the Osage Nation News. She is now an associate professor at UNO's School of Communications where her research interests include Native American journalism.

Warrior, director of American Indian Studies at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, was selected and confirmed by Congress during its Feb. 10 Special Session. Both he and Lamsam were interviewed by a congressional committee that day after Congress members suggested both for the governing body's board appointment.

Warrior has written several books including *Like a Hurricane: The Indian Movement from Alcatraz to Wounded Knee* with Comanche scholar Paul Chaat Smith, which focuses on Native American politics and protests during the 1960s and 1970s and articles for newspapers including *News from Indian Country* and scholarly journals.

McAuliffe returned to the Post in October 2009 to be an overnight news editor. He previously worked at the Post for 16 years before moving to the University of Montana where he taught journalism since 1999.

While in Montana, McAuliffe created and directed the Reznert journalism training program which hires Native American journalism students to be print and multimedia reporters. The students then use their experience and mentoring by professional editors to get internships and jobs at news media outlets.

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a very good working knowledge of our organizational structure. I have been through three elections and two governmental changes during that time which has allowed me the opportunity to work with a diverse group of tribal leaders. I have seen first hand the positive and negative affects tribal leaders decisions can have on the operations of the Nation's government and morale of its employees and citizens. If elected I will be faced with making tough decisions affecting our Nation and I feel I can draw on my past experiences to make fair and educated decisions for the betterment of the majority of the citizenry.

I have seen our Nation grow tremendously over the past 15 years due in large part to our gaming enterprises. This additional revenue stream has allowed the Nation to provide services to our people that were not available five years ago. Although this has been beneficial to our tribal members it is important that we continue to diversify our revenue generating capabilities beyond gaming. If elected I will work with my fellow Congressional members and the Executive branch to ensure the Nation's economic future is not dependent entirely on gaming. However, I do believe we have enormous potential for growth in our gaming operations and we must be willing to explore the options before us.

The Nation currently has numerous programs both federally and tribally funded which benefit our citizenry on many different levels. If elected I will work to continue to improve and expand the services we offer to our members.

Finally I am a shareholder as are many members of my family. Our leaders have a duty to protect the minerals estate; and if elected I will continue to support the protection of the shareholders interests.

This Nation has been good to me over the past 15 years and for that I am grateful. I feel my education and experience in working for this tribe will enable me to serve our people well. I will listen, be fair and do my best to make educated decisions. I would appreciate your vote this June. God Bless.

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found that impact you – the Osage headright holder. This work continues.

Commitment to Excellence for Oil and Gas Production Activities

I introduced a resolution to recognize oil and gas companies who exhibit excellence by awarding them the "Osage Oil and Gas Stewardship Award." This first ever prestigious award is now given at our annual Osage Oil and Gas Summit held in Tulsa Oklahoma.

Commitment to Culture and Community

I speak the Osage Language and teach the Osage language at the Pawhuska High School. I also am a committeeman on the Osage In Lon Shka dance committee. I coach several All Osage native basketball teams and help with a native soccer team. I am a Song Leader and business moderator at the Osage Indian Baptist Church. Currently I live in the Pawhuska Indian Village with my two children, Wilma and TJ.

Osage LLC partners with three companies for business relationships

ON Congress passes appropriation bill to give the LLC a \$7.5 million capital contribution during Hun-Kah Session

By Benny Polacca
Osage News

The Osage Limited Liability Company is partnering with three separate companies for business relationships, one of which could bring 30 jobs if a company distribution plant sets up shop at the Tulsa Airpark.

The LLC has made a passive investment with Kansas-based Duraseal Pipe Coatings Company which uses nanotechnology to make pipe coating for pipelines which carry resources such as oil and natural gas. As part of the passive investment, the LLC is inviting Duraseal to open a distribution center at the Osage Nation-owned Tulsa Airpark, which could bring more job opportunities for the Nation, LLC CEO Carol Leese said.

If the distribution plant comes to the Airpark, it would create about 30 jobs, Leese said. The distribution plant would employ engineers, mid-level management and unskilled labor jobs, he said.

Nanotechnology is used by Duraseal, based in Olathe, to make DuraSil Nano Penetration Coating, according to the company's Web site. The company makes the protective coating so the treated pipes can withstand conditions such as corrosion, high-abrasive atmospheres and extreme temperatures.

"They help pipes last longer in the oil and gas industry and exchanging pipes (due to wear and tear) in an oil well is very expensive," Leese said of Duraseal's industry efforts. "Not only does it save money on pipe, but it also prevents pipes from getting shut down" for maintenance, he added.

Leese said the Tulsa Airpark is "a good geographical location" for a Duraseal distribution plant because it's an easier spot to transport the pipes to and from the plant. A timeline on the plant is unknown.

"We're going through the numbers of cost," Leese said before the LLC met with the Congressional Commerce and Economic Development Committee on April 8 to provide the Congress members an update on its operations and review of its 2010 operating plan.

ON Congress passes bill to give the LLC a \$7.5 million capital contribution

In a recent development, the Osage Nation Congress approved ONCA 09-77, sponsored by Congressman Raymond Red Corn, which is an appropriation bill to give the LLC a capital contribution of \$7.5 million.

The bill passed with a 9-2 vote on April 14 – one day before the 2010 Hun-Kah session concluded. Voting against the bill were Congressmen Doug Revard and William "Kugee" Supernaw while Faren Revard Anderson was absent during the vote.

"I take this podium for one of the last times and I ask again for us to be conservative," said Revard who is not seeking re-election in June. "We are at a stage with the federal lawsuit that we are not certain whether our main industry – the

Million Dollar Elm (casinos) – will be operating as we know it today," he said of the federal lawsuit against the Oklahoma Tax Commission.

Congressman Mark Simms said "the LLC is ready to acquire other companies and to go forward. This is a time to not to be conservative, this is a time to diversify... we cannot always depend always on the gaming" in urging the Congress to support the contribution.

The Congress also confirmed LLC Board Member Paul Bruce with a unanimous vote on April 15 before it adjourned the Hun-Kah Session.

Other LLC agreements with businesses

The LLC has entered into a joint-partnership with a Florida-based investment banking firm to establish a minority broker dealer which will hear some of the various business deals proposed to the Osage LLC each year, many of which are turned down.

The LLC is joining forces with National Holdings Corp. to create the minority broker dealer, which will be named Osage Capital, Leese said. He added the LLC has seen hundreds of pitched business deals in its past initial year of operation, with the majority turned down because they don't fit the LLC's strategy.

"As an LLC, we see thousands of deals, we see them everyday," said Leese. There's only some, a very few that fit our strategy... this gives us the opportunity to monetize our deal flow."

For example: If someone wants to pitch a proposal to the LLC so he/she can raise \$50 million but

the LLC passes on the opportunity, the LLC will refer that person to Osage Capital and if Osage Capital helps that person raise the \$50 million, Osage Capital will collect a fee from that person, Leese said.

"I've been looking at this strategy for a few years because no one's doing it in Indian Country," Leese said. "It really gives the opportunity to mesh Wall Street with Indian Country and it's very progressive."

The LLC has also signed a joint venture with the Manhattan Construction Company to go after construction projects focused on government contracting, Leese said.

"Our goal is to go after government contracts and also tribal business opportunities and commercial business," Leese said. "There is a lot of stimulus money out there. This enables us to be a player."

Leese said the LLC will also be a co-sponsor of the upcoming Native American Contractors Association workshops on the Native 8(a) program. It is slated for April 19-20 in Tulsa.

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Osage gymnast competes for state, national titles

Jaelyn Olsen trains with Osage gymnastics coach in Oklahoma City, focusing on scholarship

By Benny Polacca
Osage News

BARTLESVILLE, Okla. — Jaelyn Olsen started competing in gymnastics when she was five and met another Osage gymnast who's helped her along the way as a coach. Now she competes as a Level 10 gymnast in gymnastics events nationwide.



Photo by Benny Polacca / Osage News

Jaelyn Olsen with her coaches, Trish and Jeff Carter.

"She's a hard worker, knows what it takes.

She's only a sophomore and... college coaches are looking at her."

—Coach Jeff Carter

"I saw it on TV and said I want to do it, I like to tumble," the 15-year-old Osage said of her first interest in gymnastics. Jaelyn, 15, who attends Putnam City West High School in Oklahoma City, works with Jeff Carter and his wife Trish Carter, who are both coaches and owners of Mat Trotters Gymnastics Center also in Oklahoma City.

"She's a hard worker, knows what it takes," Jeff Carter said of Jaelyn while they attended last month's USA Gymnastics Okla-

homa State Sectional Meet where Jaelyn and several other Mat Trotters gymnasts performed. "She's only a sophomore and a lot of college coaches are looking at her. Our focus right now is to get a scholarship with her talent," said Carter who grew up in Pawhuska.

Jaelyn performed on the uneven bars and balance beam at the event in Bartlesville while recovering from a sprained ankle injury. She didn't compete during the floor and vault events to avoid aggravating the injury and left the competition with three medals for her performances.

Her father, Biff Olsen, says their home has "hundreds of medals accumulated over the years" from Jaelyn's competitions. "There's probably no other sport that puts in hours as gymnasts do."

Jaelyn spends four hours a day, five days a week practicing gymnastics. "There's never really an off-season," Carter said. "Training still takes place in the summer, the sport's always changing and skills can get bigger and better."

Carter and his wife Trish Carter

started gymnastics during childhood, both attended OU where they met in 1986 and have won several honors for gymnastics. They have been married since 1990 and have a daughter named Carley.

Jeff Carter competed at the state, region and national levels from 1981-1987. He was an All-State gymnast from 1983 to 1986 and received the Outstanding Gymnast Award in 1986.

Trish Carter is from Puerto Rico and came to OU in 1986 after attending Oklahoma State University, which dropped its gymnastics program that year.

The Carters have been coaching at Mat Trotters since 1992 and became the gym's owners in 2001.

Jaelyn finds bars to be the most challenging of the four gymnastics events. "Physically it's the hardest event," she said adding gymnastics is the only sport she trains in.

Jaelyn's parents know it takes a lot of training and practice to compete in sports. Her mother, Mary Olsen, played basketball while she attended the University of Oklaho-

ma and Biff Olsen wrestled during high school.

Mary Olsen says it takes hours to practice for a major gymnastics event that has eight minutes of competing time for gymnasts. Each of the four gymnastic events has two minutes of performing time for each gymnast.

"They're judged on everything before they even hit the ground," Mary Olsen said of the gymnasts. In the all-around floor exercises, "the girls have to be in sync with the music" played during the performance, she said.

When she's not practicing at the gym or performing at gymnastics competitions, Olsen enjoys attending OU sporting events and dancing at powwows. At school, she maintains a 3.6 grade-point-average and enjoys English because she likes to read.

Jaelyn's resume includes several awards including honors for State All-Around Champion for: Level 4 in 2002; Level 5 in 2003; Level 7 in 2004; and she was the Level 8 State Champion in 2005. In 2008 she was a Level 10 Junior Olympics Nationals Alternate and won at the JO Regional Qualifier that year.

Amid her sprained ankle injury, Jaelyn competed again at the Junior Olympics Regional competition in Albuquerque, N.M. earlier this month, but did not advance to the National competition.

Jaelyn placed 11th out of 25 and was two spots behind the top nine who will compete at the National competition, Biff Olson said after the Albuquerque competition.

"We're going to let her heal up now and get ready to go down to the World of Gymnastics" in Texas, he said. Jaelyn will head to Plano to perform at a two-day college-bound workshop in June, which will have college coaches watching the athletes, he said.

Osage language students at Pawhuska High School win third place for film shown at Native American Youth Language Fair

Osage News

NORMAN, Okla. – Osage language instructor Talee Red Corn's class at Pawhuska High School earned third place on April 6 at the Oklahoma Native American Youth Language Fair for their video entry which parodied the 1992 film "Wayne's World" while incorporating the Osage language into the plot.

The nine-minute student film titled "Osage Awakening" included several English-language rock songs for its background and featured several special camera effects used by the fictional characters "Wayne" and "Garth" in their 1990s-era comedy and film skits. Despite these modern-day influences, the students used the Osage language and culture in the plot.

The film is about "an Osage who didn't want to learn Osage (language)," Red Corn said. The main

male star fell in love with an Osage girl, ends up learning the language and "he goes off and likes it," he said.

The film started out as a class project, but eventually became an entry for the language fair now in its eighth year on the University of Oklahoma campus. The event, held at OU's Sam Noble Oklahoma Museum of Natural History on April 5-6, invites school-age students (from pre-school to high school ages) to use their creativity and language knowledge to participate in the language fair activities.

The language fair welcomes students to enter categories such as spoken language, language with music/ dance, language with PowerPoint and art posters to showcase their ancestors' language skills.

This year's events for high school-aged students were held on April 6 when Red Corn's class took third for their video entry. Also



Photo by Chalene Toehay/Osage News

A picture by August Holding entitled "Grandpa's and Grandma's Words" placed 1st in the Pre-K/Second Grade categories.

that day, Skiatook High School student Christopher Cote' received an honorable mention for his skit in the individual spoken language category.

For his speech Cote' told a story in Osage about heading on a family fishing trip a few years ago while he held up large photos taken that day. The outing took a sudden twist when one of Cote's brothers fell into the lake, Red Corn said.

Language students of younger ages performed on April 5. The results of the Osage language students who performed skits that day were not available by the time this edition of the Osage News went to press.

The Osage Language Department offers classes in Pawhuska, Fairfax, Hominy, Skiatook and Edmond.



Photo by Chalene Toehay/Osage News

Josephine HorseChief shows excitement as she holds up her 3rd place medal at the 2010 Language Fair that was held in Norman, OK.



Photo by Chalene Toehay/Osage News

(L to R) Talee Redcorn, Josephine Horsechief, Dora Williams and Joe Pratt sit and wait for the results of the video contest at the 2010 Language Fair in Norman, Oklahoma.

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R.A. Red Corn and Osage Nation Principal Chief Gray stand in front of his new portrait March 31 in the Osage Tribal Museum Thursday.

Portrait of Chief Gray unveiled, on display in Osage Tribal Museum

Osage News

Osage artist R.A. Red Corn and Osage Tribal Museum officials unveiled a portrait she painted of Osage Nation Principal Chief Jim Gray during a March 31 museum event celebrating the occasion.

The color portrait shows Gray standing wearing a suit, bola tie and holding an eagle fan. To his right is a dark wood-finished desk with a copy of the Osage Constitution standing on top. His portrait joins other paintings of past Osage chiefs in the museum.

"I'm really very humbled about this entire gesture," said Gray who later added he has "enormous respect for those chiefs who have served in the past."

Gray was first elected chief in

2002 under the tribe's former government structure and was re-elected in 2006 when the government was reformed and the 31st Tribal Council adjourned for the First Osage Nation Congress to take its place as a governing body.

Gray, who is running for a third term, said he is most proud of seeing the new government's Constitution take effect during his term.

"As a preacher of our governing document, the reason I asked (Red Corn) to put (the Constitution) in there is because for better or worse, for good or ill, I think the only thing that I can say I am most proud of was having this Constitution done," Gray said. "That

See **PORTRAIT UNVEILED**

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Last day of the Hun-Kah Session brings leadership changes, honors for outgoing Congress members

Congresswoman Faren Anderson elected Speaker during last regular session for the First ON Congress

By Benny Polacca
Osage News

The First Osage Nation Congress gathered for its final regular session April 15, which ended with a laundry list of actions and leadership changes after its members voted on the motions which include selecting a new Speaker, Second Speaker and honoring the six Congress members whose terms expire after the June election.

Congresswoman Shannon Edwards introduced ONCR 10-17 in which she acknowledged the six Congressional members whose terms are nearing an end.

"It's a resolution commending Congressmen [Mark] Freeman, [Raymond] Red Corn, [Doug] Revard and [William "Kugee"] Supernaw, and Congresswomen [Faren] Anderson and [Debra] Atterberry for their leadership in and service to the Osage Nation Congress for the betterment of the Nation," she said before making a motion to fast track the resolution onto second reading, which didn't have everyone's vote after the resolution was successfully fast tracked for a final floor vote.

Revard and Anderson abstained from voting while the 10 other Congress members passed ONCR 10-17. Red Corn and Supernaw are seeking re-election in June while the other four members with expiring terms are not.



Photo by Shannon Shaw/Osage News

Congresswoman Faren Anderson takes her new seat as Speaker of the Congress.

Edwards presented each of the six Congress members with the citations honoring their four years of service and a handshake. "Pictures later," she said.

Later, Congresswoman Jerri Jean Branstetter motioned for the Congress to select its new Speaker and Second Speaker positions after the 12 members rescinded their secret ballot confirmation votes from April 7 and April 9 for five boards and voted on each board member appointee publicly. These public votes resulted in dismissals of George Pease and Elizabeth Lohah Homer from the Gaming Enterprise Board.

Congress, which has previously conducted its annual election for the Speaker by secret ballot as written in the Congressional rules, suspended the rules and voted openly on the Speaker and Second Speaker positions.

"Mr. Speaker, I nominate Congresswoman Faren Revard Anderson to the position of Speaker," Congresswoman Jerri Jean Branstetter told Archie Mason who has been Speaker since the First Congress took oath in 2006. He recent-

ly told his Congressional colleagues he would not accept another nomination as Speaker when the Hun-Kah Session ended.

Congresswoman Debra Atterberry then nominated Eddy Red Eagle for the post, who declined the nomination. She followed up by nominating Raymond Red Corn who also declined.

"I would like to hear the nominated speaker's speech as to why she feels she's qualified to be in this position," Atterberry said of Anderson's nomination.

"Thank you for the invitation," Anderson replied without elaborating. Red Corn called for a roll call vote on the speaker position after the call for nominations ceased.

Anderson became Speaker after a 7-3 vote ruled in her favor. Atterberry, Mark Freeman and Red Corn voted against Anderson's nomination. Edwards left the session before the vote was taken and Anderson abstained from voting for herself.

"It's been a good run," Mason said as he introduced Speaker Anderson and stepped away from the Speaker's elevated post. Anderson

and Mason switched seats while the Congress members and attendees applauded.

"The floor's open for nominations for Second Speaker," Anderson said. "I'd like to nominate Jerri Jean Branstetter as Second Speaker," Simms said.

Branstetter, who also abstained from voting for herself, received 10 unanimous votes.

Just before the Hun-Kah Session concluded, Congressman Shackelford was elected to the Congressional Affairs Committee after Second Speaker Branstetter became that committee's chairwoman.

Anderson said she did not seek the position of Speaker but accepted the position because she "was the only nomination." Anderson has been nominated at the end of every congressional session and until now has always lost to Archie Mason. Mason told the Osage News he would not be seeking the Speaker position.

Anderson will now sit on the Osage Nation Trust Team for two months in which she said she will be "participating and informing the congressional members of the trust case progress."

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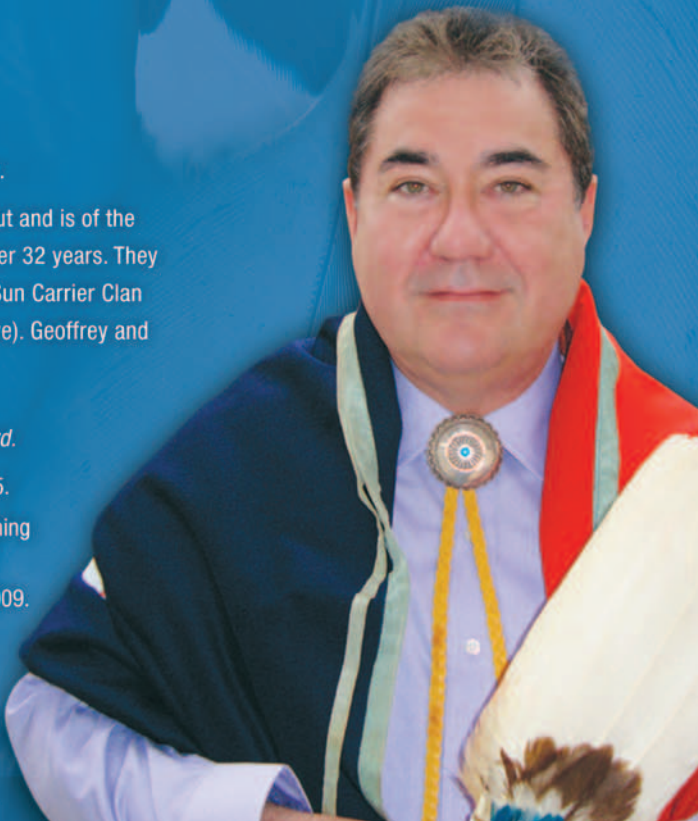
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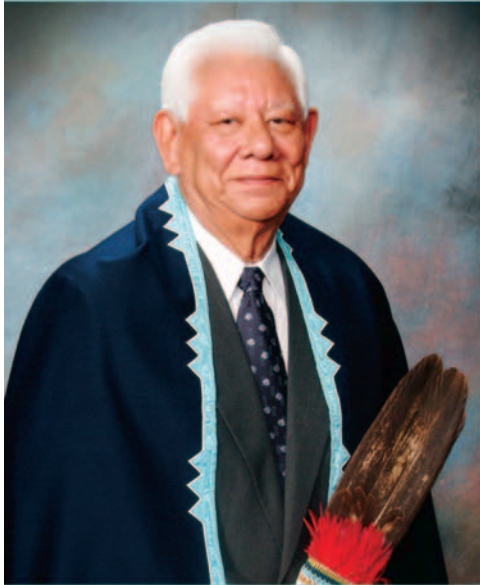
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A message from Mark Freeman Jr.

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I believe each of these individuals to be honest and sincere, and also believe that they will work diligently for the betterment of the Osage Nation and its people. Among them are Viet Nam veterans, successful entrepreneurs, and those that have held important positions in larger governments before offering to serve the Osage Nation.

I ask that you lend your support to the following candidates for the 2nd Osage Nation Congress:

David Conrad
John Free Jr.
Raymond Red Corn

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Sincerely,

Mark Freeman Jr.,
Osage Nation Congress



Mark Freeman Jr.

About Mark Freeman

Mark Freeman Jr., 89, is a successful Osage County rancher and businessman, and has lived on the reservation since the end of his service as a Marine Corps arial navigator and pilot in World War II. Freeman was elected to the Osage Tribal Council in 2002, and was instrumental in the drafting and promotion of P.L. 108-431, which resulted in one person, one vote for citizens of the Osage Nation.

In 2006 he signed on as a candidate for the newly formed Osage Nation Congress, becoming the only member of the old Council to be elected to the new legislature. Mr. Freeman will retire from public service when the 1st Congress adjourns this spring.

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I was the property committee chairman that built the senior housing on campus and the Title VI facility to serve our elders. As councilman I worked on the coal bed methane leases that were first in our nation during the hardest of times in the Osage mineral estate.

In the roads program alone I directed our multi-million dollar roads and bridge construction in our reservation and reached national recognition by the office of Intertribal Transportation Association Presidency for two terms and completing two federal national town hall meetings for all of Indian country. The Osage Nation has lawsuits that will have everlasting effects on our people and the administration has not secured the monies to the people just to the attorneys.

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Osage Nation Language
Orthography Chart



Primaries – Osage Vowels

Λ	‘awe sound’ as in the word <u>aw</u> esome
∩	long e sound as in the word, <u>sl</u> ee <u>p</u>
α	short e sound as in the word, <u>e</u> gg
λ	short u sound as in the word, <u>b</u> uh!
o	long o sound as in the word, <u>o</u> h
u	‘oo’ sound as in the word, <u>bo</u> ot

Nasal Sound

^	nasal sound
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Diphthongs

Δ	blend of Λ + ∩ + ^ = Δ
Q	blend of o + ∩ + ^ = Q
Qα	blend of α + ∩ + ^ = Qα
Λ	blend of Λ + ∩ = Λ

Modifiers – modify primary sounds

ʒ	guttural ‘X’ sound, like scraping your throat with air
ς	english S
ʃ	english H
ʒ	english W
ς	english L
ʃ	english M
ς	english N
ʒ	english Z

Between

Ɓ	between the ‘P’ and ‘B’
Ɓ	between the ‘K’ and ‘G’
Ɓ	between the ‘T’ and ‘D’

Blends

Ɓ	blend of ‘T’ an ‘H’ as in the word, <u>th</u> ese
Ɓ	blend of ‘S’ an ‘H’ as in the word, <u>sh</u> ip
Ɓ	blend of ‘C’ an ‘H’ as in the word, <u>ch</u> ip
Ɓ	blend of ‘Z’ an ‘H’ as in the word, <u>treas</u> ure
Ɓ	blend of ‘T’ an ‘S’ together
Ɓ	blend of ‘P’ medial and ‘R’
Ɓ	blend of ‘S’ an ‘K’
Ɓ	blend of ‘K’ an ‘Y’
Ɓ	blend of ‘H’ an ‘Y’
Ɓ	blend of ‘S’ an ‘D’

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Osage Nation Language Program April 2010

α.ο.ζα Λ.βΔ
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Word Search Answers

Ɓο.ζα ʒɪΔΛ	Someone who is always late
βΛ.ʒ∩ ʒΛ.ς∩ βο.α	It is getting late
βΛ.ʒ∩	Late (at night)
Ɓο.ζα	Late (overdue)
ς∩.ɪʒΛ^	Yesterday
βΛ.ς∩.ɪʒΛ^	Tomorrow
ʒΔ Ɓα	Tonight
ʒΔ ʒ∩	Last Night
∩^.ζα ʒΛ.ςα.ʒα	Picture
Λ.ʒο^α	I liked it.
ο.ʒΛ.βΛ	Easy
ςΛ.β∩	Difficult
ζα.βΛ ʒο^	Teenager
ɪ∩.Ɓα	Gossip
βΛ.ʒΛ^	Bawl Out
βΛ.ʒα	I make
ʒβΛ.ʒα	You Make
βΛ.ʒα	He/She Makes

Vanessa Moore wins Osage Tribal Princess title

Osage News

The clapping, yells and lulu's as Vanessa Moore's name was called at the Osage Tribal Princess Sorority honor dance to name her as the new Osage Tribal Princess April 27 made her smile from ear to ear.

Wearing traditional Osage clothes with a sparkling black shawl, Moore walked the length of the dance arena to a standing ovation to accept her new title. She received a bouquet of red and pink roses, a gift bag and a chance to represent the Nation starting this summer. Moore will be crowned in July after the current princesses, Erica and Elizabeth Moore, give up their title.

She is the winner of the first inaugural OTP pageant where, also for the first time, Osage tribal members voted individually for their favorite candidate. Tribal members had three venues to vote for their favorite candidate with most voting at the OTPS honor dance that evening. Annawake Varley, first runner up and the only other contestant in the pageant, will fill in for Moore if she is unable to fulfill her duties as princess.

Joining a long list of women that began with the now deceased Margaret Luttrell Gray, who was the first OTPS in 1941, Moore will begin her duties at the American Indian Exposition Fair in Anadarko, Okla. Also known as the Indian Fair, she will spend a week attending banquets, talent demonstrations and other princess activities hosted by the fair's committee and other tribal princesses in attendance.

Moore, 19, is a freshman at Northeastern State University where she maintains a 4.0 grade point average and belongs to NSU's Native American Student Association, the Indian University Schol-



Photo by Shannon Shaw/Osage News

New Osage Tribal Princess Vanessa Moore accepts her title April 27 at the Osage Tribal Princess Sorority Honor Dance in Pawhuska.

ars Society, the American Indian Science and Engineering Society and the American Indian Business Leaders.

Moore is from the Hominy District and participates in all three districts In-Lon-Schka dances and has all her life. She fingerweaves and teaches others how to learn the craft. For the traditional and contemporary talent event, Moore showed the audience what it takes to learn how to fingerweave and also showed the first belt she made on her own.

"Sometimes when I'm in my dorm room at school and I'm missing home, I just take out a belt I'm working on and it helps me feel like I'm at home," she said. "I'm

very proud of my belt, it was the first one I ever made."

As well as fingerweaving, she makes Osage shirts, peyote stitches on broadcloth and is currently learning how to do Osage ribbonwork and how to make moccasins. She attends powwows around the state when she gets the chance and she is a student of the Osage language. At 2008's annual Youth Language Fair in Norman she took home honorable mention for best t-shirt design where she incorporated the Osage language into art.

"Deep within each Osage word spoken, each bead placed and each wool skirt tied on, there is a meaning. A meaning known to only minds that meet. When the mind meets with the other, there is a spiritual and insightful bond,"

Moore wrote in an essay on what makes her a traditional Osage girl. "The understanding and meaning of each motion put forth into any action and the moment of epiphany occurs is what makes a person traditional. I wholly know that is what makes me a traditional Osage girl."

Vanessa Moore is the daughter of Michael and Hazel Pratt Moore of Hominy. Her maternal grandparents are the late Edward Norris and Frieda Kipp Pratt; paternal grandparents are Wilson and Virginia Moore of Pawnee; maternal great granddaughter of Josephine Wah-Re-She and George Kipp.

Legislation status after the congressional Hun-Kah session

The Osage Nation Congress ended their annual Hun-Kah session April 15 and this is the status of the legislation as of April 12.

BILL #	TITLE	SPONSOR	LOCATION
ONCA 07-39	An act to establish a Merit System of Personal Administration; create a Merit System Commission, authorize an appropriation.	Shackelford	Tabled in Governmental Operations
ONCA 07-58	Osage Nation Art, Culture & Heritage Division Organization Act	Red Eagle	Cultural
ONCA 08-35	The Osage College Study Commission Act	Simms	Tabled in Education
ONCA 08-47	An act to authorize and appropriate five million (\$5,000,000) dollars to the health benefit plan fund.	Edwards	Tabled in Appropriations
ONCA 08-54	An act to authorize and appropriate five million dollars (\$5,000,000) for per capita payments to all eligible Osage Members.	Revard	Tabled in Governmental Operations
ONCA 09-05	An act to amend the Osage Nation Ethics Law, ONCA 08-33	Red Corn	Failed
ONCA 09-09	Per Capita Procedure Act	Supernaw	Tabled in Governmental Operations
ONCA 09-16	Osage Nation Office of the Attorney General Act	Edwards	Failed
ONCA 09-21	An act to amend the “Fiscal Year 2009 Government Operations Departments and Programs Appropriations Act”, ONCA 08-43, to provide a supplemental appropriation to the Clinical/Medical Service Program in the amount of two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000)	Red Corn	Tabled in Appropriations
ONCA 09-28	Osage Nation Free and Independent Press Act	Edwards	Tabled in Governmental Operations
ONCA 09-32	An act to amend the “Fiscal Year 2009 Government Operations Departments and Programs Appropriations Act”, ONCA 08-43, to provide a supplemental appropriation to the Museum/Library in the amount of forty four thousand eight hundred forty four dollars (\$44,844)	Red Eagle	Withdrawn
ONCA 09-33	Osage Nation Core Services Division Organization Act	Edwards	General Order Day 2
ONCA 09-34	Osage Nation Natural Resources, Properties and Public Safety Division Organization Act	Atterberry	Tabled in Governmental Operations
ONCA 09-37	An act to amend the “Fiscal Year 2009 Government Operations Departments and Programs Appropriation Act”, ONCA 08-43, to P rovide an Appropriation Modification to the Historic Preservation Office by shifting revenue funds from Federal Funding to the line item of Tribal Funding	Edwards	Withdrawn
ONCA 09-38	Government Strategic Planning and Performance Measurement Act	Atterberry	Tabled in Governmental Operations
ONCA 09-46	Provides an appropriation to Administration for Native Americans (ANA) Commerce in the amount of one hundred fifty-eight thousand one hundred eighty-three dollars (\$158,183)	Mason	Withdrawn
ONCA 09-48	An act to amend the “Fiscal Year 2009 Government Operations Departments and Programs Appropriation Act”, ONCA 08-43, to provide a supplemental appropriation to Properties in the amount of two hundred thirty four thousand dollars (\$234,000) for the purchase of real property known as Sugar Loaf Mound; to provide budget modifications in the form of reductions to Development Fund/Grants Management, Senior Services (Title VI), Boys and Girls Club of Pawhuska and Pawhuska Kids Kampus	Mason	Withdrawn

BILL #	TITLE	SPONSOR	LOCATION
ONCA 09-55	Fiscal Year 2010 Executive Branch Appropriation Act	Edwards	Withdrawn
ONCA 09-56	An act to authorize and appropriate nineteen thousand five hundred dollars (\$19,500) as a donation to the Drumkeepers	Edwards	Withdrawn
ONCA 09-57	Fiscal Year 2010 Authorities, Boards, Commissions and Foundations Appropriation Act	Edwards	Withdrawn
ONCA 09-60	An act to authorize and appropriate two hundred thirty five thousand dollars (\$235,000) to the Pawhuska Indian Health Center for a new telephone system	Shackelford	Appropriations
ONCA 09-63	FY 2010 Office of the Chiefs Appropriation Act	Anderson	Withdrawn
ONCA 09-66	FY 2010 Government Operations Departments and Programs Appropriation Act	Anderson	Withdrawn
ONCA 09-76	Business, Commission, and Advisory Boards Act	Edwards	Governmental Operations
ONCA 09-77	An act to provide an appropriation to the limited liability company, Osage, LLC, for a capital contribution	Red Corn	Appropriations to Commerce
ONCA 10-01	An act to amend the Osage Nation Open Meetings Act, ONCA 07•53; to amend the Gaming Reform Act of 2007, ONCA 07-30	Revard	Governmental Operations
ONCA 10-07	An act to amend ONCA 09-65, to include appropriations for the Osage Nation Enterprise Board and the Gaming Enterprise Board	Anderson	Withdrawn
ONCA 10-08	An act to amend ONCA 09-65, to include an appropriation to the Osage Nation Foundation Board	Edwards	Failed
ONCA 10-09	An act to amend ONCA 09-58, to remove two positions from OFPR; to reduce the appropriation of the legislature	Supernaw	Withdrawn
ONCA 10-10	An act to amend the Open Records Act, ONCA 10-05, to attach a severability clause	Red Corn	Governmental Operations
ONCA 10-13	An act to authorize and appropriate funds to Osage Nation Enterprises, Inc. as a capital contribution for capital acquisition	Red Corn	Appropriations
ONCA 10-18	An act to amend ONCA 07-30, require description of the employee bonus structure in the plan of operation	Red Corn	Commerce
ONCA 10-19	An act to amend ONCA 10-04, to include appropriations for the Head Start One Time Program Improvement	Anderson	Withdrawn
ONCA 10-20	An act to provide an appropriation to the Health and Wellness and Child, Senior and Community Services Divisions, entities, programs and departments of the Osage Nation Executive Branch for Fiscal Year 2010	Edwards	Withdrawn
ONCA 10-21	An act to amend ONCA 10-04, to remove the Tribal funding from the ENR Department of Energy Block Grant	Red Corn	Withdrawn
ONCA 10-27	An act to repeal ONCR 10-04, to repeal ONCA 09-02; to establish a revolving fund for reasonable litigation expenses incurred in furtherance of Osage Nation v. Thomas E. Kemp, Jr., Chairman of the Oklahoma Tax Commission; Jerry Johnson, Vice-Chairman of the Oklahoma Tax Commission; and Constance Irby, Secretary-Member of the Oklahoma Tax Commission, 4:01-cv-00516-JHP•FHM; to provide an appropriation to the established fund in the amount of one hundred fifteen thousand dollars (\$115,000)	Edwards	Withdrawn

BILL #	TITLE	SPONSOR	LOCATION
ONCA 10-30	An act to amend the Osage Nation Health Benefit Act, ONCA 08-46, to clearly limit the requirements for eligibility	Red Corn	Health & Social Services
ONCA 10-31	An act to amend ONCA 10-22, ONCA 10-23, ONCA 10-24, and ONCA 10-25 to exempt designated appropriations from restrictions in the Budget Parameter and Limitation Act	Mason	Presented to Executive
ONCA 10-32	An act to amend the Osage Nation Election Code, ONCA 08-27, to strike the consecutive numbering of ballots requirement	Red Corn	Withdrawn
ONCA 10-33	An act to amend the Osage Nation Gaming Law by establishing three (3) Commissioners on the Gaming Commission	Simms	Commerce & Economic Development
ONCA 10-34	An act to amend the Osage Nation Election Code, ONCA 08-27, to address the role of alternate Board members	Edwards	Presented to Executive
ONCA 10-35	Osage Nation Information Privacy Act of 2010	Atterberry	Governmental Operations
ONCA 10-36	An act to amend ONCA 09-11, to remove the limitation on the number of employees; to make the application permanent; to amend the definitions; to require an approved annual budget and budget justification by a specific date	Supernaw	Presented to Executive
ONCA 10-37	An act to make technical corrections to ONCA 07-37 and ONCA 07•09 prior to the laws being published in the Osage Nation Code	Shackelford	Enacted
ONCA 10-38	An act to provide an appropriation to specific programs in the Environment and Natural Resources Department for the Osage Nation for Fiscal Year 2010	Anderson	General Order Day 1
ONCA 10-39	An act to provide an appropriation to Historic Preservation for a Nation Park Service Repatriation Grant for Fiscal Year 2010	Anderson	Presented to Executive
ONCA 10-40	An act to amend fiscal year 2010 appropriation Acts ONCA 10-25 and ONCA 10-04; to provide a supplemental appropriation or appropriation modification to specific programs in the area of Government Operations	Anderson	Engrossment
ONCA 10-41	An act to provide an appropriation to a new Pawhuska Preschool program and the Social Services program for the Osage Nation for Fiscal Year 2010	Anderson	Presented to Executive
ONCA 10-42	An act to amend fiscal year 2010 appropriation Acts ONCA 10-25 and ONCA 10-04; to provide a supplemental appropriation or appropriation modification to specific programs in the areas of Health and Social Services	Anderson	General Order Day 1
ONCA 10-43	Osage Nation Workforce Pay for Performance Act	Atterberry	Governmental Operations
ONCA 10-44	Osage Nation Fiscal Process Act	Edwards	Appropriations
ONCA 10-45	An act to set the annual compensation for Members of the Osage Nation Congress	Supernaw	General Order Day 2
ONCA 10-46	An act to approve the Osage Nation Human Resource Department’s Rules and Regulations and direct publication of an Osage Nation Employee Manual	Edwards	Engrossment
ONCA 10-47	An act to amend the FY 2010 Boards and Commissions Appropriation Act ONCA 09-65 as amended, to provide a supplemental appropriation to the Gaming Enterprise Board in the amount of one hundred forty one thousand six hundred sixteen dollars (\$141,616)	Anderson	Appropriations

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BILL #	TITLE	SPONSOR	LOCATION
ONCA 10-48	An act to provide a supplemental appropriation to the ENR Department for a BIA Water Resources Grant for Fiscal Year 2010 in the amount of twenty seven thousand seven hundred fifty dollars (\$27,750)	Anderson	Appropriations
RESOLUTION #	TITLE	SPONSOR	LOCATION
ONCR 08-28	A resolution to approve the job descriptions of the congressional staff positions.	Edwards	Governmental Operations to Congressional Affairs
ONCR 08-30	A resolution to provide for an election to amend Article III and other section of the Constitution of the Osage Nation.	Supernaw	Tabled in Governmental Operations
ONCR 08-32	A resolution to approve regulations governing the membership application process, membership card issuance process, membership card issuance process, and release of information	Atterberry	Tabled in Governmental Operations
ONCR 08-35	A resolution to provide assignments to the Office of Fiscal and Performance Review	Edwards	Governmental Operations
ONCR 08-36	A resolution to express support for a moratorium on billboard construction and permitting, not to exceed one year, on roads and highways throughout Osage County	Edwards	Tabled in Commerce & Economic Development
ONCR 09-08	A resolution to express the consent of the Osage Congress to the appointment of the Foundation Board Members	Edwards	Withdrawn
ONCR 10-05	A resolution to approve the fiscal year 2010 revenue projection of the Osage Nation	Edwards	Appropriations
ONCR 10-07	A resolution to approve the Osage Nation Election Board rules and regulations governing elections in accordance with the Osage Nation Election Code	Branstetter	Enacted
ONCR 10-08	A resolution to provide for an election to amend Article XI, Section 8 of the Constitution of the Osage Nation	Red Corn	Failed
ONCR 10-09	A resolution to provide for an election to amend Article XI, Section 3 of the Constitution of the Osage Nation	Red Corn	Failed
ONCR 10-10	A resolution to provide for an election to amend Article XX, Section 2 of the Constitution of the Osage Nation	Red Corn	Failed
ONCR 10-11	A resolution commending Erica Pretty Eagle Moore as the 2009 Osage Nation Tribal Princess and for serving as a positive role model for all youth and our Osage people	Edwards	Enrollment
ONCR 10-12	A resolution commending Elizabeth Starr Moore as the 2009 Osage Nation Tribal Princess and for serving as a positive role model for all youth and our Osage people	Edwards	Enrollment
ONCR 10-13	A resolution to provide for an election to amend Articles III, VI, VII, VIII, XIII, and XV of the Constitution of the Osage Nation to change “membership” to “citizenship”, and to change “eligibility for membership” to “right to citizenship”	Supernaw	Enacted
ONCR 10-14	A resolution to provide for an election to amend Article VI, Section 13 of the Constitution of the Osage Nation to change the number of votes of members of Congress required to override a veto or line item veto from three-fourths to two-thirds	Supernaw	Failed

First Annual Prevention Powwow a huge success

By Dana Young,
Osage Nation Prevention Data
Research Specialist

On Saturday, March 6, 2010, the Osage Nation Prevention Program, in partnership with Osage Nation Injury Prevention/CHR and Community Health, hosted its first annual Youth Powwow. While many powwows are held to raise money, the purpose of this one was to raise awareness of the Prevention Program's mission and to involve the youth in our Native American culture.

Megan Shadlow was crowned as Prevention Princess. Jasper Clark was Head Singer and the Osage Gourd Group was the Host Gourd Group. Head Man Dancer was John Star Bighorse, Jr.; Head Little Boy Dancer was Gage Gray. Head Lady Dancer was Courtney Neff; Head Little Girl Dancer was Jordan Cunningham. Nick Williams and Mike Fish served as Masters of Ceremonies and Otto Hamilton, Jr. was Arena Director. Post 198 Color performed Color Guard Duties.

Area programs were invited to set up booths. Representatives from Thunderbird Youth Academy, Osage Nation Injury Prevention/CHR, Osage Nation Social Services and 2M2L (Too Much To Lose) were on hand to answer questions and provide information. Also, much to the delight of all children in attendance, there was an arts and crafts table, generously provided by OKDHS. Though not present, The U.S. Census Bureau provided promotional materials.

Approximately 250 people attended and 24 youth performed for contest. Category winners were: Storm Brave, 1st Place Teen Cloth; Dora Williams, 2nd Place Teen Cloth; Autumn Williams, 3rd Place Teen Cloth; Jordan Cunningham, 1st Place Junior Cloth; Jasmine Cunningham, 2nd Place Junior



Courtesy Photo Dana Young

Pictured in Photo: (Left to Right) Front Row: Alissa Hamilton, Wesley Littlecook, Xander, John Star Bighorse, Jordan Cunningham, Jasmine Cunningham Middle Row: Anthony Kemble, Jo-Jo Horsechief, Storm Brave, Dora Williams, Lance Harden, Eva Harden, Autumn Williams, Erin Casoose Back Row: Talon Satepauhoodle.

Cloth; Jo Jo Horsechief, 1st Place Teen Fancy Shawl; Eva Harden, 3rd Place Junior Cloth; Erin Casoose, 1st Place Teen Jingle; Alissa Hamilton, 1st Place Jr. Jingle; Talon Satepauhoodle, 1st Place Teen Straight; Anthony Kemble, 2nd Place Teen Straight; John Bighorse, 3rd Place Teen Straight; Xander, 1st Place Junior Straight; Lance Harden, 2nd Place Junior Straight; Jason Mashunkashey, 3rd Place Junior Straight; Wesley Littlecook, 1st Place Junior Grass; William Hamilton, 1st Place Junior Traditional. All winners received a cash prize and a jacket. There were

also seven Tiny Tots participants and each of them received a prize; in no particular order, their names are: Katzy Buffalohead, Lillie McCann, Olivia Littlecook, Jaycie Bighorse, Madison Bighorse, Lilly Harris and Nathan Ballard.

The event also provided a great opportunity to recognize the hard work of the Prevention Program's youth mentors: Devon Sellers, Chancey Frost, Sierra Clem, Courtney Neff, Tosha Greenleaf, Skylar McClatchey, Megan Shadlow and Brady Reed. The youth mentors are high school students, who have pledged to live alcohol,

tobacco and drug free lives. They attended training over the summer and now teach the Too Good for Drugs curriculum in the Barnsdall, Hominy, Pawhuska and Wynona schools. Osage Nation Congressman, Raymond Red Corn and Denise Keene, Osage Nation Joint Anti-Meth Task Force Member presented each youth mentor with a Pendleton blanket, courtesy of the Osage Nation Joint Anti-Meth Task Force.

The day's activities were enjoyed by all and we're looking forward to next year's Pow Wow.

Osage Home Health Plans Office for Fairfax

Osage Home Health has experienced a significant amount of positive change in the last few years establishing quality programs and financial stability. As such, Osage Home Health would like to announce their plans to open a satellite office in Fairfax, Oklahoma. The new office will allow Osage Home Health the opportunity to better serve the needs of current and future patients residing in the Fairfax community. Under the guidance of the Osage Nation Enterprise Board, Osage Home Health has been able to take a new direction towards fulfilling their values of Excellence, Compassion and Diversity. As stated in its mission Osage Home Health is dedicated to providing the highest quality of patient care with compassion and respect for each person involved in the process. Osage Home Health provides care for all people eligible for home health services.

In a healthcare environment of inevitable change, the home health industry must look towards not only growth in its existing service areas, but also towards diversification into new ancillary services such as Hospice, Long Term Care, Assisted Living services and Durable Medical Equipment.. “Osage Home Health’s future success is dependent on its willingness and determined effort towards growth and diversity”, stated Cecelia Tallchief, RN, ONE Board Chairperson. Tallchief expects home health and community based services to grow, no matter what happens with health care reform. For more information, please contact our office at 918-287-5645

In pursuit of optimal efficiency, OHH has chosen the direction for enhancing its software systems with the implementation of Point of Care technology for nursing staff. This not only allows for better decision making through benchmarking information, but also allow for quicker and more accurate process-

es for accounts receivable, scheduling, payroll and documentation.

Always guided by its mission Osage Home Health will strive for personal, clinical and technological excellence.

Osage Nation Enterprises’ 5 year business plan is geared towards internal growth and development of ancillary services to round out the continuum of care model to better serve the healthcare needs of the members of the Osage Nation and the residents of Osage County.

THPO honored by the Missouri Archaeology Society

By June Carpenter, Osage Nation Historic Preservation

On March 20, 2010, Dr. Andrea A. Hunter, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer and director of the Historic Preservation Office, was awarded the 75th Anniversary Achievement Award by the Missouri Archaeological Society. The Missouri Archaeological Society is a nonprofit organization dedicated to archaeological education, research, and preservation.

This honor is awarded to the “individual who best exemplifies the ideals of the Society and whose continuing contributions to Missouri archaeology demonstrate the highest order of achievement.”

Dr. Hunter was selected for this award for her courageous efforts to preserve Sugarloaf Mound, which was purchased by the Osage Nation in July of 2009. Sugarloaf Mound, the last remaining mound in the St. Louis Mound Complex, was built by ancestors of the Osage. This reestablishment of geographic ties between the Osage Nation and the state of Missouri will provide rich cultural and educational opportunities, which are currently in the development stages.

Osage Nation hosts Tribal Sex Offender Registry Training

By Denise Sellers, Grant Proposal Writer with the Office of Strategic Planning and Grants Management

By now, many of you have at least seen the groundbreaking television show *America’s Most Wanted*. The host of that series is John Walsh and in 1981 John’s six-year-old son, Adam was abducted from a shopping mall and murdered. As a result of that tragedy, John Walsh dedicated his life to apprehending fugitives, advocating for laws to protect children from sexual predators and was the driving force behind the “Adam Walsh Child and Protection Safety Act”. This Act was signed into law by President George Bush in 2006 and requires all jurisdictions to strengthen their monitoring and tracking of sex offenders.

In July 2007, the Osage Nation Congress passed resolution ONCR 07-12 sponsored by Congressman Doug Revard and co-sponsored by Congresswoman Debra Atterberry. Electing to participate as a registration jurisdiction, the goal is for the Osage Nation to develop and manage its own tribal sex offender registry and to protect tribal citizens from these types of offenses. In September 2009, the Department of Justice (DOJ) awarded the Nation with an Adam Walsh Implementation grant to get the project up and running.

Since this time, the Osage Nation Adam Walsh working group formed, holds monthly meetings and has been busy trying to understand implementation issues and how it

will fit into day to day operating processes of the Nation. The working group consists of members from several Osage departments such as tribal police, social services, courts, prevention, counseling, IT, strategic planning and works with American Indian Development Associates of Albuquerque N.M. Some members of the working group met with the Kickapoo Tribe to understand how they developed their registry and what issues they encountered. The deputy attorney general of the Chickasaw Nation attended the November monthly meeting to discuss their issues as well.

On March 23, 2010 the Osage Nation’s Office of Strategic Planning hosted a half day Question/Answer session with the DOJ’s Office of Sex Offender Sentencing, Monitoring, Apprehending, Registry and Tracking (SMART). The working group, some members of Congress and the Executive office were given an opportunity to have any concerns addressed with the law and ask questions about the implementation project. This was followed by a full day of training on the web-based software known as TTSORS, which stands for Tribe and Territory Sex Offender Registry System. The Osage Nation extended the training invitation to several other jurisdictions with over 40 participants. Representatives from tribes in Oklahoma, Iowa, and Washington State were in attendance.

Do you know this person?

The Osage Nation Membership Office needs your help in locating the correct address for these individuals. If you know the whereabouts of one or more of these individuals please call the membership office at (918) 287-5390. Names are listed with last, first and middle

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Allen, Mary Rose
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Anderson, Eric Lucas
Anderson, Sarah Rhea
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Atterberry, Bobbie Lee
Austin, John Scott
Bargas, Michael Joe
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Boulanger, Angela Rachelle
Boulanger, Jason Dwight
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Goodell, Laura Lea
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Graves, Simon Francis
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Green, Michael John
Greer, Courtney Catharine

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Harrison, Mikel Renee'
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Howell, Elijah Anthony Bear
Jackson, James Kiefer
Jackson, Mellissa,Dawn
Jake, Mary Catherine
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Johnson, Marla Louise
Johnson, Natalie Jeanette
Jones, Brandon Gene
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RESOLUTION #	TITLE	SPONSOR	LOCATION
ONCR 10-15	A resolution to approve a specific request in part from the Osage Nation Gaming Enterprise Board not contained in the approved portions of the Plan of Operations for Fiscal Year 2010	Red Corn	Presented to Executive
ONCR 10-16	A resolution approving the FY 2010 Financial Management Plan and Investment Strategy of the Osage Nation	Edwards	Appropriations

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News in Brief

Rock the Vote Zon Zo Li'n Style

An informational meeting for candidates and voters will be held in the Hominy Indian Village

round house on Sunday, April 18, 2010 from 2:00 to 4:00 pm. Charles Pratt, who is running for the Minerals Council and candidates running for Osage Nation Congress will be available for informal dis-

cussions on their positions and will also answer voter questions. Candidates will not be making formal presentations at this meeting, however, information such as how to register to vote and how to request an absentee ballot and other issues will be provided. Please plan on meeting with the candidates and Rock The Vote Zon Zo Li'n Style. Every Osage should encourage eligible voters in their families and friends to vote and support the candidate of your choice. O-ki-a, wa-non-bre shki Wi pa a-tsi-a.

their fields of study during NAJA's national convention.

This year the training will take place July 17-25, 2010 in St. Paul, Minn.

Travel, room and board are all paid for by NAJA.

Please visit NAJA's Web site at <http://www.facebook.com/1/4b6bb> or visit www.naja.com for applications.

In-Lon-Schka dates set

The dates for this year's In-Lon-Schka dances have been set. Grayhorse is scheduled for June 3-6. Hominy is scheduled for June 17-20. Pawhuska is scheduled for June 24-27.

Attention veterans!

If you have Osage sons, daughters, other Osage family members who have been deployed to the Middle East, we would like their contact information, please call Constituent Services at (918) 287-5662 or email jjones@osagetribe.org or mbooth@osagetribe.org.



Courtesy Photo

Kirk Shaw, second from right, participated in the Oklahoma American Indian Challenge Bowl where his team won first place.

Kirk Shaw participates in Oklahoma American Indian Challenge Bowl

Sand Springs Indian Education students took first place at the Oklahoma American Indian Challenge Bowl on April 1. The academic competition was held in Shawnee, Okla., at the Gordon Cooper Technology Center. "Team Hopai" competed against Indian Education teams from across the state. The OAICB is designed to stimulate Indian students, their parents, and adult sponsors to learn more about tribal people, accurate tribal histories, cultural traditions, and emphasize the importance of the tribal languages that make the 39 tribes located in Oklahoma unique.

Members of the team were Kirk Shaw, Osage; Riley Askew, Choctaw; Skyler Surber, Muscogee Creek; Keeley Burcham, Cherokee; Emily Holway, Cherokee and team sponsor was Sherry Askew, Choctaw.

Kirk Shaw is the son of John and Pam Shaw of Sand Springs and the grandson of Jerry and Beth Shaw of Wichita, KS.

Project Phoenix now taking applications

The Native American Journalists Association is accepting applications for Project Phoenix (High School) and Native Voices (college) until May 1, 2010.

Each year, high school and college students (majoring in journalism) are given the opportunity to get hands-on experience in producing a daily newspaper, radio or television newscasts, or a news Web site with professionals in

Osage News Editorial Board suspends elected official's Opinion columns until after June 7 election

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The *Osage News* Editorial Board met today and voted unanimously to suspend all Opinion columns by elected officials, running for re-election or not, until after the June 7 election. The Editorial Board will meet again in June to discuss whether the Opinion columns will be a continued feature in the *Osage News*.

The board is comprised of Teresa Lamsam, Denny McAuliffe and Robert Warrior.

Birthdays

Happy birthday!



Dillon Lookout

Dillon Lookout turned 17 on April 17th. Congratulations Dillon, we're very proud of you.

Happy birthday!

The families of Corbin Malone, Jack Daniels Tubb and Corey Peters would like to wish them a Happy Birthday. Malone's birthday is on April 24th, Tubb's birthday is on April 21st and Peters birthday is on May 6th. We love you!

Happy birthday!

Marjorie Bighorse Hawkins turns 41 on April 9 and her sister Teresa Bighorse Cummings turns 42 on April 17. Their family wishes them Happy Birthday and wishes them the best in the next "40".

Happy birthday!

Friends and family would like to extend the following birthday wishes to:

Ellen Hawzipta, April 4, Blake Hipp, April 8, Homer Joe Holding, April 9, Trevor Pearcey, April 22, Brylee Davis, April 27 and Stetson Davis, April 27.

Kingston Pipestem chosen by KTUL News Channel 8 to appear on 'Cool Schools'

Osage News

Kingston Pipestem was among five Skiatook High School students chosen by KTUL News Channel 8 to appear on their Cool Schools program.

The program was started to showcase outstanding area high schools students who make the grades to be on either the Superintendent's or Principal's Honor roll, according to a news release.

Kingston Pipestem is a junior at SHS and is active in student council and track. He has been a state qualifier in track 4 by 8 for two years. He is a championship fancy dancer and powwows across the country. He has been dancing ever since he could walk. After he graduates he wants to attend OU and then Stanford Law School to become an attorney and follow in his uncle's footsteps and work in Washington, D.C.



Kingston Pipestem

To see Pipestem's interview on click on "Cool Schools" under KTUL go to www.ktul.com and the video section.

Fields selected to join the National Society of Leadership and Success, Sigma Alpha Pi

Welana A. Fields has been selected to join the National Society of Leadership and Success, Sigma Alpha Pi, Fort Lewis College chapter. Currently, Welana is a senior at Fort Lewis College in Durango majoring in cultural anthropology. She was selected to join the society because of her leadership and academic accomplishment of 3.0 + GPA Welana is the current President of the Pejuta Tipi Society, Native American Church Club, at Fort Lewis College.

Welana is of the Osage, Muscogee Creek, and Cherokee Nations.

Her Osage name is Me-tsa-xe and is of the Bear Clan. She is the daughter of Tom and Anita Fields of Stillwater. Her maternal grandparents are Richard and Carmalita Luttrell of Hominy and her paternal grandparents are Maxine Mitchell, Cherokee, of Oklahoma City and the late Samuel Fields, Creek, Of Tahlequah. Welana is the great granddaughter of the late Nettie White Luttrell.

The National Society of Leadership and Success is a nationwide organization dedicated to creating long-term positive change in

students' lives by helping them discover and achieve their goals. The Society offers life changing lectures from the nations leading presenters and a community where likeminded success oriented individuals come together and help one another succeed. The society also serves as a powerful force of good in the greater community by encouraging and organizing action to better the world. For more information on the National Society of Leadership and Success please visit their website at www.society-leadership.org

Save the Date! Local Events Calendar

APRIL

April 24

Squeak's 4th 3 on 3 Tournament

Must be in high school on up to enter. \$35 entry fee.

Hominy High School Gym

Girls will begin at 10 a.m. and

Boys will begin at 1 p.m.

Contact Pamela Barlow (918)

698-6171 or Samuel Cowan (918)

636-4602

April 24

United Osages of

Southern California Meeting

The United Osages of Southern

California cordially invite

candidates and incumbents to

address the Osages living in

Southern California.

Location to be announced

Contact Bill Myers

(760) 500-2266 or

wmmyers@oside.k12.ca.us

April 25

Candidate Forum

June Tribal Election

Candidates for the Chief, Asst.

Chief, Congress and Minerals

Council, have been invited to

speak to the Northern California

Osages.

Park Plaza Hotel, Oakland, CA

150 Hegenberger Road,

Oakland, CA 94621

Starts at 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Contact Forest Tracy

(925) 351-8585 or email

forest@foreststaxservices.com

April 28

Dr. Garrick Bailey will be

autographing copies of his new

book "Traditions of the Osage"

Come meet the author!

Osage Tribal Museum

Starts at 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Contact (918) 287-5441

April 29

Osage Nation Environmental

and Natural Resources Depart-

ment

Osage Landowners Meeting

Midway Café in Pawhuska

Starts 7:30 a.m.

Contact Jann Rose at (918) 287-

5531 or Brad Stumph at (918)

287-5384

April 30

Carl "Chico" Sellers Fundraiser

Elks Lodge, Pawhuska, Ok

Starts 7-10 p.m.

Contact Denise Sellers (918)

605-9403

MAY

May 7

Osage Nation Title VI Program

Annual Honor Day

This program has this event

every year to honor some of the

elders and their years of service

to the people. If weather permits

the balloons will go up that day.

Starts at 11 a.m.

Title VI in Pawhuska, Ok

Contact Sue Slinkard

(918) 287-5452

May 7

Indian Taco Sale to support

Rick Luttrell's Bid for

Minerals Council

The cost of the taco will be

\$7.00 which includes a taco,

cake and soda

Friend's Church in Hominy, OK

Starts 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Contact (918) 885-6410,

(918) 287-0013 or (918) 287-8088

May 14

Native American Church and

the Osage Guest Lecture

Dr. Daniel Swan

This event is hosted by the Wah-

Zha-Zhi Cultural Center, Osage

Tribal Museum and Osage

Nation Historical Preservation

Department. Everyone is

welcome to come.

Wah-Zha-Zhi Cultural Center

Starts 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Contact (918) 287-5441, (918)

287-5538 or (918) 287-5328

May 15

National Indian Taco

Championships

Downtown Pawhuska

Starts 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Contact (918) 287-5555 or email

taco@osagetribe.org

May 16

Announcement of Osage

Shareholders Association

Meeting

David Landrum

Community Center

Starts at 1 p.m.

Contact (918) 349-2396 or email

osage@totelcsi.com

May 22

Concert campaign rally for Tim

Tall Chief and Cecelia Tall Chief

A concert campaign rally will be

held for Tim Tall Chief, running

for principal chief, and Cecelia

Tall Chief, running for assistant

principal chief.

Constantine Theater in

downtown Pawhuska, OK

Starts 2-7 p.m.

Contact Jack Hickey Jr. at

Jack_Jr_017@msn.com

JUNE

June 3-6

Grayhorse In-Lon-Schka Dances

June 7

Osage Nation Election Day

Monday, June 7, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

June 7

Absentee Ballots Due

Osage Nation Election Board

Office, 532 Kihekah Avenue,

Pawhuska, Ok 74056. For more

information, please contact

(918) 287-5286 or email

aharris@osagetribe.org

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June 7-12

Osage Nation Environmental

and Natural Resources

Department 54th Annual

Oklahoma Youth Forestry

and Wildlife Camp

Beaver's Bend State Park

Applications must be submitted

by April 16

Contact Brad Stumph

(918) 287-5384 or email

bstumph@osagetribe.org

June 17-20

Hominy In-Lon-Schka Dances

June 24-27

Pawhuska In-Lon-Schka Dances

JULY

July 16-18

58th Tulsa Powwow

Spirit Bank Event Center,

Tulsa, OK

Contact Robert Anquoe

(918) 671-2417

ON Women, Infants and Children program awarded breastfeeding grant

ON WIC program only Oklahoma agency to receive grant

The Osage Nation Women, Infants and Children program was awarded a \$5,059 grant for its breastfeeding performance March 31. The Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack announced performance awards to states that have done an exceptional job promoting and supporting breastfeeding efforts among mothers participating in the Special Supplemental Nutrition for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC).

The bonus awards were divided among the top ten state agencies with the highest rates of breastfed infants and the greatest improvement in breastfeeding rates.

Each award is based on the state agency's proportionate share of breastfeeding. WIC participants are eligible for a minimum award of \$5,000 for small state agencies and \$50,000 for large state agencies.

WIC historically promotes breastfeeding as the optimal method of feeding infants, unless medically contraindicated, as it provides positive health benefits for both the mother and child.

Attention all Osage artists

The Annual 2010 Osage Oil and Gas Summit and Prospect Expo has been set for October 27, 28 and 29, 2010. We are extending an invitation to all Osage Artists to join in the contest for the Theme logo to be used in conjunction with this summit. This year's theme is "VISIONS OF THE FUTURE".

The Summit Committee requests the submissions be no larger than 11 inches by 14 inches. The Artist may submit watercolor, oil, pencil or digital drawings.

Deadline for submission of artist's work will be June 15, 2010. All entries must be brought to the Osage Minerals Council office at 813 Grandview on the Osage Nation campus. Call Caroline Burd at (918) 287-5433 for more information.



Congratulations to the Hamiltons

On April 10, Geneva Horse Chief Hamilton and Otto Hamilton, Jr., were joined in marriage at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Pawhuska, Okla. Father Bruce Brosnahan officiated. A reception followed at Osage Hills State Park.

Geneva was given away by her mother, Deborah Yates and her uncle, Paul Yates. Otto's parents, Sandra Lee Hamilton and Otto Charles Hamilton were in attendance. The Maid of Honor was Mary Christina Horse Chief and the Best Man was Berbon Hamilton. Bridesmaids included; Cynthia Moore, Vanessa Moore, Claudia LittleAxe, Sandra Davis, Jade Johnson, and Eva Harden. Groomsmen included; Phil Gover, Vincent Knight, Andrew Dreadfulwater, Graham Primeaux, and Lance Harden. The ringbearers were William and Antwine Hamilton.



Osage Nation Education Department *Sylvan Tutoring Assistance*

If have noticed a drop in your child's grades and know that they would benefit from tutoring services, give us a call, we would like to help you.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- ◆ *Member of the Osage Nation* ◆ *Student in 1st—12th grade*
- ◆ **CDIB will be accepted for one semester* ◆ *Have current grade of "D" in required subject area*

For more information contact Cherise Lookout @ 918-287-5544 or 1-800-390-6724.
To access the application visit www.osagetribe.com/education

Osage to perform at Tulsa Performing Arts Center

Jenna Smith currently finishing junior year at Oral Roberts University

Osage News

Jenna Smith will be performing this weekend at the Performing Arts Center in Tulsa with the Oral Roberts University Dance Department. She is currently finishing her junior year at Oral Roberts University and pursuing a degree in Dance.

Jenna has been in ballet since she was three years old. She attended North Carolina School of

the Arts and transferred to Oral Roberts University dance program.

She is the daughter of Randy and Randy Smith of Skiatook, OK, Granddaughter of George and Carol Tinker of Weslaco, TX, Great Granddaughter of George and Beulah Tinker, and Great Great Granddaughter of George and Sarah Tinker.

She is from the Pawhuska District and participates in In-Lon-Schka.

Performance times are April 16 and 17 at 7:30 p.m. and on Sunday April 18 at 2 p.m. Tickets will be sold at the door for \$10.



Jenna Smith

PORTRAIT UNVEILED
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brought all our Osage people together.”

More than 60 people, comprising of tribal employees, members of the public and Gray family members attended the March 31 unveiling.

Red Corn, who lives in Pearland, Texas, first started painting in watercolors in 2000 and later oil. A graduate of the University of Kentucky, Red Corn has not had any formal art training and focuses her work on simple Native American objects and artifacts.

Red Corn has work on display at the Osage Tribal Museum and has been featured in one-woman exhibits in Montana, North Carolina and South Carolina.

Official 2010 candidate listing

The Osage News will publish an Official Candidate Listing for the June 2010 Osage Nation Elections in every issue of the Osage News leading up to the election.

Candidates running for Principal Chief: 5

- John Red Eagle
- Jim Gray
- Carl “Chico” Sellers
- Roy St. John
- Tim Tall Chief

Candidates running for Assistant Principal Chief: 6

- Scott Bighorse
- Jeff Irons

- Amanda Proctor
- Anthony Shackelford
- Cecelia Tallchief
- Everett Waller

Candidates running for Osage Nation Congress: 19

- Daniel Boone
- David Conrad
- Randolph Crawford
- Danette Daniels
- James Elsberry
- John Free Jr.
- Alice Goodfox
- Margo Gray-Proctor
- Jake Heflin
- John Jech
- John Maker
- Jenny Miller

- Raymond Red Corn
- Joseph Shunkamolah
- Geoffrey Standing Bear
- William “Kugee” Supernaw
- Anthony Webb
- John Williams
- Vance Wyrick

Candidates running for Osage Nation Minerals Council: 24

- Joseph B. “Sonny” Abbott Jr.
- Curtis Bear
- Kenneth H. Bighorse
- Cynthia Boone
- Melvin Core
- Galen Crum
- Rauk Friend
- John Joseph Hall
- Linda Heskett

- Kyle Logan
- Richard W. Luttrell
- Robert Martin
- John Henry Mashunkashey
- John Pangburn
- Charles Pratt
- Jewell Purcell
- Kathryn Red Corn
- Talee Red Corn
- Myron Red Eagle
- James M Revard
- Jim T. Schooling
- Dudley Whitehorn
- Gregory Woodell
- Andrew Yates

Total: 54

Osage News

Election Debate

Join us May 8 and 9th for the first ever Osage News political debates for the upcoming June 2010 elections.

Chief, Assistant Chief and First Group of Congressional Candidates Debates
2-4 p.m. • Saturday, May 8th

Second and Third Group of Congressional Candidates
2-4 p.m. • Sunday, May 9th

Wah Zha Zhi Cultural Center
Pawhuska, OK

Moderator Bryan Pollard
Editor of the Cherokee Phoenix,
the Cherokee Nation's tribal newspaper

Emcee Susan Shannon
Host of KGOU-KROU's "Indian Times"

Rules for the debate and other information will be posted to osagenews.org
in coming weeks and are in this edition of the Osage News

Watch the Osage News debates live via the Osage Nation Web site on
www.osagetribe.com

*Food and beverage provided by
Osage Million Dollar Elm Casino*

OBITUARIES

Danny Ray Perrier

Mr. Perrier, 72, died at 12:15 am Sunday, February 21 at the Leisure Village Care Facility in Tulsa. Graveside funeral services for Mr. Perrier were on February 24 at the Memorial Park Cemetery. Survivors include his wife Betty Gean Perrier of Tulsa, one son, Rick Williams of Owasso, two daughters, Brenda Sirucek of Flower Mound, TX and Rita Cramer of the Bartlesville area, one step sister Carol Ann Querner of Fort Worth, TX and 4 grandchildren.

On June 7, 2010 Vote

Randolph A. Crawford



*Osage Nation
Congress*

Ballot Position 4

**Visit the Osage
News Online at
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Osage Nation Election Office

532 Kihekah

Pawhuska, OK 74056

Telephone: 918-287-5286 or 877-560-5286

Fax: 918-287-5292

APPLICATION FOR ABSENTEE BALLOT

For Osage Nation General Election

To be held on June 7, 2010

I, _____
Full Name-Please Print

Registered Address

being an enrolled member of the Osage Nation, eighteen (18) years of age or older on the date of the election, and whose name is on the Osage Voter Registry, hereby make application for an Official Absentee Ballot, to be used by me to vote in the above specified election.

Please send an absentee ballot to me at:

Number/Street

Apartment/Lot

City

State

Zip

You must include a legible photocopy of a government-issued photo ID to be submitted with the absentee ballot application.

By Signing, I declare that the foregoing statements are true.

Date: _____ Signature: _____

This will be the only form used to request an absentee ballot.

Absentee ballot applications shall be accepted until twenty (20) days prior to Election Day.

You may return this form by mail or bring in person to the Election Office at the above address. Fax to 918-287-5292, or scan this document and e-mail to aharris@osagetribe.org or ddavis@osagetribe.org.

*All applications must bear original signatures to be valid.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

From the Osage Nation Election Office

Wondering whether or not you must request an Absentee Ballot?

You MUST! Here's How:

Simply log on to www.osagetribe.com/electionboard click the information tab and then forms. From there you can download and print the request form. We understand not everyone has internet access, so please call our office and we will send a request to you. Return the form with a copy of your government issued photo ID (drivers license) by fax to (918)287-5292, email at aharris@osagetribe.org or ddavis@osagetribe.org, or US Postal Service to the Osage Nation Election Office at 532 Kihekah, Pawhuska, OK 74056. If mailing your request via postal service, please allow ten (10) business days for it to reach our office before the deadline. All Absentee requests must be submitted to the Osage Nation Election Office no later than 4:30pm CDST, May 18, 2010 in order for you to vote by Absentee Ballot. No new absentee ballot requests will be accepted after the May 18th deadline. Mail out dates for the Absentee Ballots to your address will begin on April 23, 2010 and will be continued on a weekly basis. **THE ABSENTEE BALLOT YOU SEE ON THE OPPOSITE PAGE CAN BE REMOVED AND SUBMITTED TO REQUEST YOUR ABSENTEE BALLOT.**

You must have an Osage Nation Membership card in order to vote. **Please note the membership card is not your CDIB card.** If you would like to receive an email confirmation of the receipt of your Absentee Ballot request, please place your email on the request form before submitting to this office.

The return of the Absentee Ballot itself also has a deadline. In order for your Absentee Ballot to count, it must be received in the post office no later than the 10am CDST on June 7, 2010 "Election Day". We **recommend** you mail your Absentee Ballot at least 10 working days before the deadline, which is May 26, 2010, to ensure timely delivery by the U.S. Postal Mail service. Possibly longer depending on your location.

Not voting by Absentee? Then Vote in person at the Tribal Administration Building, otherwise known as the Congressional Chambers, located at 813 Grandview, Pawhuska, OK 74056 on June 7, 2010 from 8am to 8pm CDST.

Still have questions in regards to the upcoming 2010 Osage Nation General Election? You can contact the Osage Nation Election Office by phone at (918) 287-5286 or toll free at (877) 560-5286. By email at Aharris@Osagetribe.org or DDavis@Osagetribe.org.

We are here for your questions and concerns. We will continue to update our website daily with new information!

The Official Certified Osage Nation 2010 General Election Candidates are as follows. These candidates are listed below in the order they will appear on the ballot.

Principal Chief

John D. Red Eagle
Tim TallChief
Roy St. John
Carl "Chico" Sellers
Jim R. Gray

Congress

Anthony Webb
Geoffrey M. StandingBear
Jenny M. Miller
Randolph A. Crawford
Joseph Shunkamolah
John W. Williams
William "Kugee" Supernaw
Raymond W. RedCorn
John C. Jech
David Conrad
Daniel Boone
Danette Daniels
John Free Jr.
James H. Elsberry Jr.
Alice Goodfox
Margo Gray Proctor
John F. Maker
Vance Wyrick
Jake Heflin

Judges for Retention

Charles H. Lohah
Jeanine Logan
Meredith D. Drent
Marvin E. Stepson

Assistant Principal Chief

Scott N. Bighorse
Cecelia TallChief
Jeffery Irons
Amanda S. Proctor
Anthony Shackelford
Everett Waller



Meet the Osage Nation Election staff and Board!!

Lisa Otipoby, Election Supervisor
Amber Harris, Assistant Election Supervisor
Delores Davis, Chief Clerk
Walter Hopper, Chairman
Shannon Lockett, Vice-Chair
Joe Conner, Member

Located at 532 Kihekah, Pawhuska, OK 74056
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www.Osagetribe.com/electionboard

OPINION

Letters to the Editor

Who is running the Nation's budgets?

You might be surprised that the Executive Branch has no control of their own budget, it is the Congress who holds the purse strings.

The 2010 budget was executed by the Osage Congress (OFPR) office of fiscal performance and review and a former non Osage Executive Branch employee Kelly Corbin.

During the 2009/2010 budget process the Congress appropriations Committee members used Kelly Corbin's figures and not the Executive Branch budget with accompanying justifications for expenditures. Congress added the burden of limitation to the Executive Branch monthly expenditures of 1/12 usage for the 2010 fiscal year. Who suffers, The Osage People and the employees.

—Sandra Akins
Pawhuska, OK

Vote for the best qualified candidate

With the election approaching I urge Osage voters to really consider the candidates. Don't be swayed by friends, family or rumors, families are not running for the office. Seek the truth. I hear all kinds of things, some, really believable. However, after questions I often find out the story is not true.

We need to move forward. Growth is a reality we can't overlook. If we continue to just rely on our gaming revenue we will suffocate ourselves. Our Congress cannot be fearful, change is often uncomfortable yes, but not to grow is worse. Some members of this congress have acted very childish in their decision making or not acting at all.

Osages voted for this government, twice, the results in favor were overwhelming. This government does not belong to the Chief, or Congress it is ours. True things aren't perfect. I believe the constitution as it stands needs to be more specific and is vague in areas. The last four years I would have liked to have seen that happening instead of focusing on Federal Programs, Budgets and micro managing.

In closing follow your heart. Vote for people who will want something better for you and me, lead us into productive growth. And not just a paycheck.

—Allison Luttrell
Pawhuska, OK

Letters to the Editor Submissions

If you'd like to submit a letter to the editor, mail it to the Osage News, Attn.: Shannon Shaw, 627 Grandview, Pawhuska, OK 74056; email sshaw@osagenews.org, or fax to (918) 287-5563. Letters must be respectful and informative to the reader, and may be edited for grammar, clarity and space.

Please allow me to introduce myself.

My name is Tim Tall Chief.

I am a candidate for Principal Chief of the Osage Nation.

I want to share some information about the family, myself and thoughts about the Osage Nation.

My family:

Wife: Dr. Vicki Tall Chief, Professor, OU Health Science Center.

Father: George Tall Chief, former Principal Chief of the Osage Tribe

Mother: Dr. Marion Davis, Hospital Administrator, (deceased)

Daughter: Amy, Director of Entertainment, Million Dollar Elm Casinos

Son: Russ, Director of Arts and Exhibitions, American Indian Cultural Center and Museum

Granddaughter: Wanbli, Student at Classen School for the Performing Arts

My experience:

Deputy Commissioner of Administration and Tribal Liaison

Oklahoma State Department of Health

State Director of Indian Education, Oklahoma State Department of Education

Executive Director, Native American Center of Excellence, OU Health Science Center

Executive Director, Oklahoma Foundation for the Disabled

Chairman of the Board, Oklahoma Indian Affairs Commission

Director, Oklahoma Public Health Leadership Institute

President and CEO, Outdoor Adventures Unlimited

My education:

Bachelors Degree in Business Administration, Education and Psychology

Masters Degree in Education

My teaching:

Professor, College of Liberal Studies, Leadership Program, OU

Instructor, Masters of Public Health, OU Health Science Center

Instructor, Rose State College

Director and Teacher, Indian Education, Fairfax Public Schools

Faculty, State Leadership Oklahoma, Leadership Edmond and Leadership Oklahoma City

My areas of focus:

Placing Casino land into Trust, asap

Value and trust our Tribal Employees

Improve and enhance all services to our Osage Citizens

Review and stop inappropriate law suits

Full disclosure of Osage Revenue and Expenditures

Establish regional offices in other States

Preserve and protect the minerals estate

Unwavering support for our Language/Cultural and Educational programs

Diversify and increase investments to maximize revenues

Establish a positive working relationship with all Branches of the Osage Government

Bring Pride and Dignity back to the Osage Nation and Citizens

TALLCHIEF

Proven Leadership.

OPINION

June 2010 Candidate Messages

In accordance with the *Osage News* Election policy, the *Osage News* is allowing each candidate 200 words in every issue leading up to the

June 2010 election. To read more messages from the candidates, visit www.osagenews.org.

JOHN D. RED EAGLE

Candidate for Principal Chief

During the past four years I have had the opportunity to experience this great Osage Nation government. Currently, we face major lawsuits and some are unnecessary lawsuits. Providing services for the Osage people, looking for business ventures to diversify our current resources and investments are a priority. This is possible when we all work together for the good of the nation. In the coming days, the Osage people will be voting whom they want to lead them in these government endeavors. I believe our government will need leaders who have foresight not only in the culture of the Osages but, also in health care, business/economic development, protection of the mineral estate and the shareholders that benefit from the minerals of the Osage Nation. Experience in the present Osage government, definite vision for the education of our Osage youths and a focus on health care for all Osages will help achieve this goal of mine. These are just a few issues that are facing us today. I will be a leader with proven integrity, commitment and an ability to work with other elected officials to achieve productive results. I am respectfully asking your vote for Principal Chief of the Osage Nation. Please visit my website at www.johnredeagle.com for more information.



John D. Red Eagle

—By John D. Red Eagle

CARL “CHICO” SELLERS

Candidate for Principal Chief

Native Tribes across America have always asked for education in their treaties. The Osages are no different. Education is important to our Osage membership and we always want better for our children. There has not been another tribe or a precedent set where educational scholarship money was held up over a question about taxes. What was the real reason to make these hardworking college students suffer and even withdraw for lack of funds? A congress member made remarks about Haskell University and students in general saying they would party with the money. We need to have faith in our young people since we raised them.

These college students will long remember what was done to them this



Carl “Chico” Sellers

school year. It has, according to email I have received inspired them to seek change in the leadership of the Osage Nation. My pledge to these college students, young and old, is to help support your endeavors as you seek higher education. If it is in the budget for all Osage college students to receive the amount of \$3500.00 then the Osage Nation needs to honor their word; for what is the measure of a leader if they cannot keep their word.

—By Carl “Chico” Sellers

ROY ST. JOHN

Candidate for Principal Chief

As Principal Chief my goals are —

- A government striving to accomplish every task in a superior manner.
- One that treats every citizen equally.
- An Osage Nation that is respectful and respected in the local community and throughout the United States.

Education — The shining star of the current administration.

My observation today tells me that technology is changing at an ever-increasing rate. I support continuing the existing scholarship program and expanding the educational advantages to include K-12. I will recommend adopting an online tutoring program in all subject areas.

Immediate attention —

- The current Gag Order will be rescinded.
- Drop the suit against the Office of Fiscal and Performance Review (OFPR).

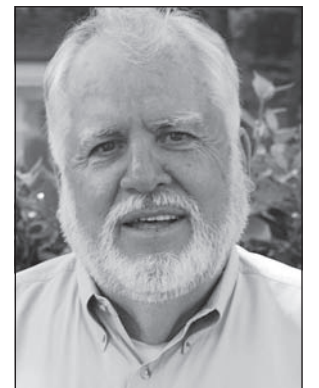
My administration will start with a complete independent audit of all financial records and sound financial management practices.

The citizen contact process (aka Constituent Services) needs a major overhaul and would be greatly improved by implementing an online input and tracking feedback system.

While reviewing my management training literature I came across this quote which applies to the Osage Nation. “Problems are only opportunities in disguise.”

I am asking for your vote and support as Principal Chief of the Osage Nation. Visit my website at www.roystjohn.net.

—By Roy St. John



Roy St. John

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TIM TALL CHIEF

Candidate for Principal Chief

I believe that full disclosure of Osage Nation revenues and expenditures should be high priority for the Osage Chief. As your Chief, I will ensure the Osage fiscal records will be balanced and made available for appropriate review. Furthermore, the Osage budget will be submitted on time and justified.

In my Administration, Osage employees will not be subjected to dictatorial policies that restrict open communication. I will review and stop frivolous law suits. I will work with Congress to establish regional offices in other states, staffed by qualified Osages to serve as liaisons for our “at large” citizens. The minerals estate should remain separate from the Nation as a “for profit” corporation owned and operated by shareholders. The Minerals Council should be structured as a Board of Directors with the leader serving as Chairman of the Board.

We must insure the improved health of our Osage people, from the elderly to the very young by identifying the individual needs and proper revenue distribution. By increasing revenues we can provide additional resources for operations including long term care facilities. Finally, under my leadership, we will preserve and perpetuate the Osage language and culture through consistent financial support. Visit us on the Web at www.timtallchief.com.



Tim Tall Chief

—By Tim Tall Chief

JEFF IRONS

Candidate for Assistant Principal Chief

The Osage Nation is fortunate that we have many members living all across our great Nation. This gives us the opportunity to hear from Citizens of all walks of life with different ideas, experiences, and knowledge.

My work with the State Auditor & Inspector's afforded me the knowledge and experience in working with both the citizens and the government to arrive at a solution.

As a former employee with the Oklahoma State Auditor and Inspector's office, in the Special Investigations and State Agency divisions, I am the only candidate that has:

- Implemented controls
- Audited government operations
- Discovered abuse and misappropriation of funds
- Recommended legal action



Jeff Irons

- Communicated with citizens
- Issued independent audit reports
- Recommended improvements

As my old boss the former State Auditor & Inspector, Clif Scott, always said, “We should leave the wood pile just a little higher than when we found it for those that come behind us”. As your next Assistant Principal Chief I will make sure the wood pile is a little higher than when I found it.

I, Jeffery Irons, ask for your vote and support for Assistant Principal Chief.

—By Jeff Irons

RANDOLPH CRAWFORD

Candidate for Osage Nation Congress

On June 7, 2010 the Osage Nation will select the people they wish to represent the Nation in its business, goals, and ideas. I ask that you vote for me, Randolph A. Crawford as your representative in the Osage National Congress.

My ideas are simple. We need to grow our businesses. Not only increase the number of visitors to our casinos, but make the casinos a place where not only can visitors come, but also stay. To accomplish this we need to look at building a resort hotel that will cater to out of town tourist and visitors.

We need to move forward with taking control of our Health Clinic, and provide more services to our people. We must decide what health care services we want and need in order to help our citizens enjoy a better and longer life.

We need to develop expanded services for our older citizens to include assisted living, home health care, and allow our people to live close to family instead of being shipped off to areas outside the reservation at a vulnerable point in their lives.

We should buy back our lands, and put the lands into use for the tribe. Why doesn't the tribe raise its own livestock for sale to our people, and to other consumers? Why are we allowing our lands to remain in the hands of white people and absentee owners?

With the ongoing lawsuits filed against the Osage Nation by the State of Oklahoma, the Nation needs to continue to fight back and protect our interests against those who would take everything we have, or those who wish to see our sovereignty destroyed for their own purposes.



Randolph Crawford

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Letters to the Editor Submissions

If you'd like to submit a letter to the editor, mail it to the Osage News, Attn.: Shannon Shaw, 627 Grandview, Pawhuska, OK 74056; email sshaw@osagenews.org, or fax to (918) 287-5563.

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We need to develop an online education program to allow our citizens to develop new skills for improved job performance and opportunities. Work with vocational technical institutes so that we can have our own skilled workers for construction, repair, and refurbishment of our homes, buildings and possibly our own construction company.

On June 7th, we have the opportunity we have the chance to select those people we believe will represent our best qualities not only to ourselves, but to the world. Do we want people that will do business as usual and do nothing? Or do we want people to move the Osage Nation forward and bring a better future for ourselves and our future generations.

—*Randolph Crawford*

DANETTE DANIELS

Candidate for Osage Nation Congress

One of my top priorities is to strengthen the infrastructure of the Osage Nation. I believe the best way to accomplish this is to pass legislation establishing the Merit Based Pay System and, once passed, continue to support the system through subsequent legislation and appropriations. This is a system that rewards employee performance and ensures accountability and fairness through regular evaluation. Focused primarily on individual employee performance, program performance is also considered and measured. This system establishes a workable structure with a clear chain of command that provides proper oversight. The new structure replaces the current structure which bottlenecks at the Director level with 38 Directors reporting to one Director of Operations, which is unworkable and inadequate by any standard. The newly proposed structure adds Division Leaders, who would supervise and support Directors with a 5-to-1 ratio, which is more realistic and provides proper oversight plus mentoring opportunities. I believe we must invest in our employees and our Osage people. I have



Danette Daniels

worked as a Language employee of the Osage Nation for four years. I have personally experienced a system that is broken. The Merit based Pay System is a solution.

—*By Danette Daniels*

ALICE GOODFOX

Candidate for Osage Nation Congress

What an exciting time for the Osage Nation. Over the past five months I have had the opportunity to visit with so many Osage Citizens in person, over the phone, and via email. It has been a pleasure to listen and learn from other Osage people about what their needs are as Osage Citizens (for themselves and their family). It is extremely important that everyone get out and vote in this upcoming election. I would be honored to be your voice and I respectfully ask for your vote and support on June 7th. For more information please visit www.alicegoodfox.com.

—*By Alice Goodfox*



Alice Goodfox

JAKE HEFLIN

Candidate for Osage Nation Congress

As we continue to expand services to Osage people, the health and wellness of our Nation requires diligent effort and action. With increasing financial opportunities, great strides have been made with regard to health. For example, the \$500.00 medical benefit card that was recently introduced. Utilizing financial resources to provide concrete benefits is a true example of social service.

I believe in care that is focused on prevention. Steps taken to educate and promote healthy choices make a difference with diabetes, heart disease and other life-threatening health issues. Routine check-ups and wellness clinics focused on our youth and elders provide invaluable opportunities to identify potential risk factors in the disease process.

I believe in the creation of Assisted Living Facilities and Skilled Nursing Facilities within the boundaries of our Nation. These facilities enable our elders to live in an environment that is safe and conducive to the quality of life they are entitled to. We must hire a skilled labor force and create mechanisms that ensure that the highest level of care is provided. In addition, hospice and end of life care are equally important. Every effort must be made to include this as part of our targeted benefits.

For additional information please visit www.Osagevision.org.

—*By Jake Heflin*



Jake Heflin

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Mark it on your calendars!

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JENNY MILLER

Candidate for Osage Nation Congress

Changes and confusion are consistently consuming this election process and such occurrences are threatening the will of the absentee voter. All absentee voters who completed the application for a Ballot and sent it to the Election Board are encouraged to call the Election office to verify they have received your request (918-287-5286).

On discovery that the email address on the Request Form had been changed some requests have landed in cyberspace. If you emailed your request please make that phone call to ensure that your request has been received.

The application can be printed from the Election Board Web page at www.osagetribe.org or call 918-287-5286 to have one mailed to you. All requests must be received by May 18th. If using the U.S. Postal service it would be wise to mail your request back by May 7th to insure it is received by the deadline.

We should commend the Election Board Staff. Recall that their positions were delayed for months due to the neglect of the Executive Branch. Please keep this in mind when seeking assistance from them. They are the kindest, most helpful group of people I've had the pleasure of working with.

For more information visit: www.jenny2010.com.



Jenny Miller

—By Jenny Miller

RAYMOND RED CORN

Candidate for Osage Nation Congress

Twenty-one candidates for Congress. That's a lot to pick from, and choosing the best six won't be easy. Here are a few reasons to send me back to Congress.

- Productivity. Drafting, refining, and processing legislation are a congressperson's primary job responsibilities. In four years I've sponsored several important pieces of legislation, including the Open Records Act, the Whistleblower Act, the Election Code, the Osage LLC Act, the Administrative Procedures Act, the Osage Nation Secured Transactions Act, and several others.
- Communication. Since 2007, Osage constituents have subscribed



Raymond Red Corn

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to my email "Updates", and received news, facts and opinions on issues facing Congress.

- Attendance. I take my job seriously. My attendance record, the best in the Congress, proves it.
- Experience. A ready, working knowledge of the law-making process is a valuable asset.
- Attitude & Cooperation. Congresspersons owe Osage voters a good-faith effort when working with other members of Congress and the Executive branch. Lines of communication must remain open to find common ground and common purpose. I believe that, and practice it.

You can find out more by visiting my Web site raymondredcorn.com, via email at rredcorn@gmail.com or contacting me directly at (918) 287-7400. I look forward to hearing from you.

—By Raymond Red Corn

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GEOFFREY STANDING BEAR Candidate for Osage Nation Congress

We can see that the Osage Nation could quite easily spend most all of the projected gaming revenue for this year only on education for our people. For our small children there is a need for additional funding to supplement the federal education funding and a need to opening up these programs to all Osage parents and children regardless of income. For our students seeking a college or graduate education the amount of funding can never be too much as tuition, books, time off from work, transportation, computers, and all the other requirements add up to many thousands of dollars, and more often than not, tens of thousands of dollars. The best way to keep our pre-teens and teenagers away from the growing world of meth and crime is to keep them close through youth education. Our returning Veterans are having a tough time getting good employment which tells us we need to add job skill training including technical school and on-the-job training programs. Our language and culture programs also are an important component of education. We must organize ourselves to directly benefit our people and develop a plan for the near future which keeps the funding consistent and reliable.

—By Geoffrey Standing Bear



Geoffrey Standing Bear

ANDREW YATES Candidate for Osage Nation Minerals Council

Greetings, my name is Andrew Yates. I am a candidate for the Osage Minerals Council with 25 years experience with the oil and gas industry on the Osage Reservation. As Osages, we are experiencing a critical time in our history. We will be electing candidates to oversee our mineral estate and make proper decisions. At this time, I would like to ask the constituents to look long and hard at the candidates' credentials. There are many recognized names, but few with the experience needed to manage your mineral estate. If elected as a councilman, I will have an open willingness to listen to the constituents voices. I will continue to work with the BIA and EPA as well as the oil and gas personnel. I will seek solutions in long term growth for our nation's mineral estate and look at new and innovative ways of drilling to maximize production for a more prosperous reservation. I am knowledgeable and find it my duty to stand strong in protecting the environment and the mineral estate for future generations. I look



Andrew Yates

forward to being a part of the growth and progress of the Osage Nation. In the meantime feel free to contact me at (918) 846-2344 or email me at andrewyates@live.com if you have questions.

—By Andrew Yates

JEWELL PURCELL Candidate for Osage Nation Minerals Council

I am Jewell Purcell, candidate for re-election to the Osage Minerals Council (OMC). I feel my experience eight years for the Minerals Branch and 10 years for the Osage Tribal Council qualifies me for re-election.



Jewell Purcell

- I was the first Chairperson of the 1st OMC and a major contributor in developing Meeting Policy, Election Rules & Regulations, Election budget and Election Notice.
- Some important resolutions passed and actions by the 1st OMC:
- Stop Osage Nation Congress legislation to charge oil lessors \$25 business license for every well, \$10 fee for every vehicle used on Osage land and \$25 annual fee for vehicles;
- Raise the bonus on leases;
- Stop the negotiated lease process and begin lease sales; raised royalty interest for new oil and gas leases to 20%;
- Working with an expert in monitoring gas meters for loss, and will begin reviewing gas contracts;
- Worked with Osage Nation ENR to put well history data and electric logs in a database;
- Hired Production Clerk to put all Osage oil and gas production history in a database.

I will do my best for Headright Holders and Osage Mineral Estate with your support on June 7. Thank you.

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