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Controversial campaign fundraiser held for Chief Gray in Oklahoma City March 10

By Shannon Shaw
Osage News

A campaign fundraiser for Osage Nation Principal Chief Jim Gray in Oklahoma City March 10 surprised some Osages since Gray had not officially announced his bid for re-election before the benefit.

The fundraiser, hosted by Yancey Red Corn, a principal in the Norman-based firm Red Eagle Feather, LLC, said in a prepared release that he hosted the fundraiser in hopes that Gray would run for re-election.

"I am volunteering my time for this fundraiser so that Chief Gray can gauge the support he has to again run for Chief of the Osage Nation in 2010," Red Corn said in the release. "As an Osage member, I plan to assist Chief Gray as much as possible and donate my time to his campaign because his re-election is in the best interest of the Osage Nation."



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Osage Principal Chief Jim Gray.

The invitation for the fundraiser invited people to either be a Gold Sponsor for \$2,500, a Silver Sponsor for \$1,000 or a Bronze Sponsor for \$500. The flier also noted that

credit card contributions could be made online as soon as March 15 at JimGray2010.com, the official filing date for candidates. Gray, who has taken some heat from other Osage principal chief candidates for hosting a series of Town Hall meetings to inform Osages around the country about the prog-

ress in the Nation's 25-year Strategic Plan, maintains that he was not campaigning but doing his job as principal chief.

The Osage Nation Congress had not passed the election board's

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Chief says Nation will file motion to reconsider in reservation tax case

Denver Appeals court rules against the Nation, said Osage Reservation was always meant to be disestablished

By Shannon Shaw
Osage News

The Nation will file a motion to reconsider after the U.S. 10th Circuit Court of Appeals ruled against the Nation March 5 in the Nation's case against the Oklahoma Tax Commission. The case was heard Jan. 11.

"The Osage reservation is crucially important politically, socially, culturally and economically for the Osages, and we will stand firm in defending our rights," said Osage Nation Principal Chief Jim Gray in a prepared release. "In this case, the court departed from precedent and glossed over uncontroverted evidence provided by our counsel and established new law based on theories and opinions of a handful of historians."

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Questionnaire in health debit card applications causes controversy

Osages encouraged to fill out 'what applies to them' in questionnaire to receive debit card

By Shannon Shaw
Osage News

When Sandra Akins received her Health Benefit Card application in the mail, she experienced a mixture of emotions that ranged from relief to confusion. Inside the packet was a mandatory health survey that she had not been told about and didn't feel comfortable filling out.

"Personal information is just that 'personal', and if I choose to freely give out information about

any family member, or myself, it will be my choice not [the Nation's], especially for the sum of \$500," Akins said. "There were no public discussions on [this] required information gathering."

Akins, along with many others, were shocked to receive a mandatory two-page health survey that asks Osages for their medical history along with other questions such as what is their income. The language in the application said the surveys will remain anonymous. What has some Osages alarmed, such as Akins, is that the application doesn't go into detail about what the survey will be used for and asks for their tribal roll number.

Matt McDonald, Executive Branch legal counsel, said the survey was drafted by Paradox LLC and that the contract is available

upon request per the Open Records Act.

"The data obtained from the health needs questionnaire will provide a more definite picture of the individual health and medical needs of the Osage people," McDonald said. "This information will be used to inform future programming decisions, spending priorities, and possibly legislation targeting the health needs of individual Osages."

The survey results will be presented to the Osage people at a later date, McDonald said.

"The general statistical data, but not information from individual responses, will be presented to the Principal Chief as part of the contractor's obligations," McDonald said. "That general data will be accessible by the Osage people as part of a process to inform future programming decisions."

During a congressional health committee meeting March 6, the committee asked Executive Branch representatives for a response in writing March 12 that states the Executive Branch's official position on the survey. The health committee had been told by various Osages both in and out-of-state, that they were told the surveys weren't mandatory and they wanted to be able to tell them a definite response. They also said that no where in the law did it say anything about a health survey requirement.

Hepsi Barnett, chief of staff for the Executive Branch, said that all Osages are encouraged to fill out what applies to them on the survey and return them with the health benefit card applications to receive their card or reimbursements for

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Voter registry ready for the public

TrueBallot, Inc., selected as Election Company to run Osage elections June 7

By Shannon Shaw
Osage News

The Osage Nation Voter Registry is now ready and open to all registered Osage voters for a small fee. The list contains the addresses of those 18 and over who are eligible to vote in the June 7 election.

"The list is to be used for political purposes and not to be reproduced," said Amber Harris, assistant election supervisor.

The registry can be purchased from the Osage Nation Election Board offices located in downtown Pawhuska at 532 Kihkah Avenue and what is known to locals as the

former location of 2001 Video. A voter can request either a CD of the list or a printed copy. The CD costs \$10 and the printed copy is \$15. Each additional request for the registry will be \$5. Forms for the registry can be found on the election board's Web site under the information tab.

TrueBallot, Inc., selected as Election Company to run Osage elections June 7

TrueBallot, Inc., has been selected as the Election Company that will run the Osage June 7 elections for the offices of Principal Chief, Assistant Principal Chief, six

members of Congress and Judicial Retention.

According to TrueBallot.com, the election company has experience in running tribal elections as well as elections for labor unions, associations, homeowners associations and cooperatives, public entities and other organizations. They are a technically savvy firm that administers elections on-site and can administer elections by mail, by web and by phone.

TrueBallot uses a patented ballot auditing system called TrueRe-

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Debra Atterberry, Osage Congresswoman, says she won't be running for re-election

Atterberry, who had announced candidacy earlier this year, has decided to focus on her marriage and family

*By Debra Atterberry,
Osage Nation Congresswoman*

The last four years have been an incredible learning and growing experience for me.

As a member of the first Osage Nation Congress, I experienced the development and growth of our new government. What I enjoyed most was the teamwork involved in creating legislation to improve the education, health and safety of the Osage people, the Osage Nation workplace and the delivery of services. I am honored to have experienced this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.

I would like to thank those of you who elected me to serve the Osage people. I would also like to thank my friends and family who have stood by my side and encouraged me through it all. And to the many people who have worked with me on legislation, my words truly cannot express how much I appreciate you. What a journey it has been.

Up until a few weeks ago, I was ready for the campaign trail. However, as the time approached to begin the campaign, I took a deeper look at that decision and how it would affect my life. After much thought and prayer, I have decided not to run for re-election. I want to step away from politics and focus on my new marriage and my family.

I have such a passion for our nation, and I always will. For that reason, I also want to take the time



Debra Atterberry

to learn more about the candidates who are running. Many changes are needed within our government, and in order for things to change, we have to change. If we choose to do what we have always done, it is foolish to expect a different outcome. That's why the upcoming election is so important.

Having the right people in our elected positions is crucial for our future as a nation. We need honest people who are proven leaders, people with integrity who have strived for excellence in their personal and professional lives. People who lead by example and treat others the way they would like to be treated.

If you want things to improve for the Osage Nation, I challenge you to take the time to do your homework. Ask questions, make phone calls, and talk to people who know these candidates. Each one has a family, current and past supervisors, coworkers, and friends. Now is the time to do something about the future. Don't wait until it is too late.

As Osage people, we have so much to look forward to: the de-

velopment of the proposed master plan for our campus, expanding and diversifying our businesses and creating a working environment that will attract our brightest young Osages to come here to work and raise their families.

Our working environment must have an infrastructure that will sustain itself regardless of who is in office, so our employee base carries on with the work of the nation and does not miss a beat when we have elections every two years. We must create an environment with systems in place so we keep politics out, fairness in and deliver the

best customer service possible for our Osage people.

These are only a few things that are at stake for our future, but our Osage Nation employees are the engine that keeps it all running. We must equip our employees with the right tools and ensure that the right people – both employed and elected – are in the right positions.

Thanks again for the opportunity to serve you. May God bless this great nation in the months and years to come. My thoughts and prayers will always be with the Osage people.

Votingosage.org launches to inform Osage voters on this year's election candidates

Web site launched by group of Osages targeting all Osage voters regardless of residence

*By Benny Polacca
Osage News*

A nonpartisan Web site dedicated to this year's Osage Nation election and candidates has launched in an effort to educate tribal members about the upcoming event and the people running for office.

Votingosage.org is a grassroots effort started by a group of Osages targeting Osage voters whether they live within the Osage Nation or outside of Oklahoma. The Web site presents information collected on those candidates who are planning runs for Congress or the principal chief and assistant principal chief's offices.

"I feel the more informed the voters are, they'll make the best decisions and make the best pick," Red Corn said of tribal members voting in the June 7 election. Before this election, people who attended candidate events, such as their announcement dinners for example, or are related to candidates, were informed more than other voters, he said.

Votingosage.org has tabs online users can click to access pages with

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rules and regulations before the benefit for Gray was held. The restrictions on campaign donations were not law at the time.

A footnote on the fundraiser's flier stated "there are no limitations as to the amount of contribution nor are their [sic] restrictions regarding contributions from corporations or other entities." This raised concern with Osage Nation Congressman Raymond Red Corn who published in his e-mail newsletter March 9 that he found the footnote troubling. Congressman Red Corn is second cousins with Yancey Red Corn and expressly stated that he has no affiliation with the fundraiser.

"The Congress failed to pass a campaign finance law (it was withdrawn by its sponsor [Congresswoman Faren Anderson] just prior to final vote), and while there are donation limits in the draft rules, they will have no effect until approved via congressional resolution," Red Corn wrote in his e-mail newsletter. "While the footnote is a factual statement, it is troubling that any candidate or campaign organization would emphasize the

fact so boldly, especially when it is abundantly clear that campaign donations made on the date of the event (3/10/10) will not be reportable, as the Osage Constitution prohibits ex post facto legislation."

The Osage News spoke with Gray in a phone interview March 9 and asked him whether he was running for re-election.

"I haven't declared yet and until the filing period begins [March 15] it would be inappropriate for me to do so at this time," Gray said. "[Red Corn] is not the only Osage that has expressed interest to support candidates of their choosing to run candidate's campaigns. You're talking about a campaign that's going to take a significant amount of funds....these are very expensive to run and you need financial assistance to run them."

Assistant Principal Chief John Red Eagle, who is running for principal chief and a Gray critic, said he doesn't know why Gray waited to announce his candidacy.

"If he's going to raise funds for a campaign he needs to announce," Red Eagle said. "He shouldn't go on the premise that 'I'm going to col-

lect money' and not [announce]... if they're going to raise money for him then he needs to announce, that's just my thoughts on it."

Organizer of the fundraiser, Yancey Red Corn, said he didn't see anything wrong with hosting a fundraiser for Gray and that it was his constitutional right.

"My hope is that he will run because I think that the tribe needs his Executive Leadership, Vision and Experience," Red Corn said. "Since he has been in office, our industry, health care, education and services have expanded tenfold. He also vigilantly protects our

tribe and has garnered respect for our Nation nationally and internationally."

Candidate fundraisers and dinners will be the norm after the filing date of March 15. Candidates who have already scheduled or had dinners are Assistant Chief Red Eagle, Myron Red Eagle and Geofrey Standing Bear.

The fundraiser for Gray was held at the posh Colcord Hotel in the XO Lounge, 15 N. Robinson in Oklahoma City.

For a full list of candidates visit osagenews.org and type in the search engine "Official Candidate Listing."

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those Osages under 18. She also said that the Executive Branch would respond to the health committee after they received information from their contractors.

The health committee had not received a response from the Executive Branch office by the time the Osage News went to press on March 16.

Parents upset

Some Osage parents aren't very happy they will have to pay their child's medical expenses up front for their children to receive the \$500 health benefit. Something that the Executive Branch office has said was part of the contract with Mutual Assurance Administrators, Inc. MAA was not willing to give debit cards to minors in case of fraud.

"I don't understand why minors are not eligible to receive their own card? That is ridiculous!" said Osage tribal member Marjorie Williams. "Most individuals who work cannot afford insurance on their children, let alone pay for medical expenses—then wait to be reimbursed."

Osage Nation Department of Education Summer Youth Work Program

The summer youth work program is for Native American youth 16-24 that live in Osage County and meet eligibility requirements. This is an opportunity to gain work experience, money management skills and develop future career goals. There is a preference for Osage and/or low-income applicants.

Applications taken May 1-31st.

Any applicants will need to provide the following documents:

- CDIB or tribal membership card
- Social Security Card (must be signed)
- Driver's license or state ID
- Utility bill to show residence
- Check stub from parent/guardian to show household income

For more information about this program or to apply please contact:

Avis Ballard
Summer Youth Coordinator
Phone: 918-287-5545
Email: aballard@osagetribe.org



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“Acts of Congress specific to the Osage clearly recognize the Osage Nation has a reservation, and that has never changed,” Gray said.

The appeals court affirmed the case made by the attorneys for the Oklahoma Tax Commission, that the reservation was always intended to be disestablished and that the 1906 Act and others did disestablish the reservation.

The Nation maintains that the Osage Reservation was never disestablished by any act of the U.S. Congress and that it has been repeatedly recognized by the state in terms of gaming revenues and has been recognized by the National Indian Gaming Commission as In-

dian Country. The Nation argues that Osages working on the reservation are exempt from paying state taxes because of these facts.

The nine-year-old case was first filed in 2001 in federal court in Tulsa. The case then went to the 10th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals where it ruled in December 2007 that the Nation could proceed against individual members of the Oklahoma Tax Commission. U.S. District Judge James Payne ruled in February of 2009 that Osage Nation employees are not exempt from paying state income taxes and that Osage County is not the Osage Reservation’s boundaries. The Nation asked him to recon-

sider his “lousy decision,” as Gray put it at the time, but Payne let the ruling stand.

“The state might view this as an opportunity to continue collecting tax revenue from Osage citizens, but the minimal amount of money at issue in this case is vastly exceeded by the economic losses to the state that will ensue should this decision stand,” Gray said in the release. “The state has handled this matter very recklessly and apparently without consideration of the true impact to Oklahoma’s economy.”

In reference to the court’s handling of the case, Gray warned all federally-recognized tribal governments within the jurisdiction of the court that the 10th Circuit is no longer bound by precedent.

“They’re operating under new rules and all tribes had best take notice. By establishing new law and not following precedent, their own and that of the Supreme Court, the 10th Circuit court has signaled that every tribe with a reservation is at risk,” Gray said. “The same thing could happen to them so we are hopeful that the 10th Circuit will reconsider its decision and remain faithful to established federal law.”

Gray said that if the appeals court decides not to reconsider its ruling the Nation will appeal to the highest court, the U.S. Supreme Court.

Three casinos still not on trust land

In a March 10, 2009 article by the Osage News, an anonymous source in the Chief’s office said that the Nation was in the process of filing trust applications for the Tulsa, Skiatook and Ponca City Million Dollar Elm casinos. Chief Gray said in a phone interview today that the Nation has been involved in the filing process for the past six months and is currently gathering necessary information to give to the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

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David Conrad, the executive director of Governmental Affairs for the Executive Branch, said the reason why the Nation isn’t further along in the filing process is because the BIA has stopped taking land into trust applications due to the trust fund mismanagement case.

“[The BIA], due to Senate urging, did an overhaul of its land into trust application process, and began offering instruction in the new process,” Conrad posted to osagenews.org after an earlier version of this story ran on March 8. “The land into trust for gaming purposes application process can sometimes take years, over a decade in some cases. The Osage Nation Land Into Trust Team is working diligently to get our applications moving as quickly as possible through the federal approval process.”

Chief Gray, in a previous Osage News article, said that if the Nation ultimately loses the case against the tax commission, and the three casinos still aren’t on trust land, the Nation could lose all three casinos.

In order for tribal Nations to own and operate gaming facilities the federal government requires that those gaming facilities be on restricted Indian land, in other words, trust land. The Nation bought the land that houses the Tulsa, Skiatook and Ponca City MDE’s from private landowners.

The Nation didn’t immediately put the land into trust when it first bought the land for the three casinos because the federal National Indian Gaming Commission approved the Osages’ claim that Osage County was also the reservation, the source said in the 2009 Osage News article. The state signed the compact as well, a de facto recognition that the county is also the reservation, the source said.

The Nation employs over 1,600 people in Oklahoma, with a payroll of over \$62 million.

Wildlife Photo Contest

Sponsored by: **Osage Nation Environmental and Natural Resources Department**



The Osage Nation ENR Department is sponsoring the 1st Annual Wildlife Photo Contest. Photos will be accepted beginning Monday, March 15, 2010. The deadline for the submission of photos is 12:00 a.m. on Friday, December 31, 2010.

The contest is open to amateurs of all ages and photos must be taken of native wildlife on the Osage Reservation. This is an amateur photo contest, so paid professional and studio photographers are asked not to submit entries.

Photos may be submitted through email, hand-delivered, or mailed to the Osage Nation ENR Department.

The winner will be announced at Sovereignty Day on Friday, March 11, 2011. The winner will receive their photo professionally framed and hung in the Federal Programs Building on the Osage Nation Campus for one year, until the 2nd Annual Photo Contest winner is announced.

For questions regarding the contest, please contact either Darin J. West at 918.287.5412 or Jann Rose at 918.287.5531. We encourage you to get out and enjoy the wild beauty of the Osage Reservation safely.



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The First Osage Congress gathers for its last Hun-Kah Session

Speaker Mason: "Change is inevitable and we have been instruments of change."

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The First Osage Nation Congress gathered for its final inaugural Hun-Kah Session on March 15. When the Second Congress meets for its first session after taking the oath of office, a few new faces will join those whose terms are not expiring this summer.

"This First Congress has had an admirable experience historically, legislatively and learning," Speaker Archie Mason said in his opening address for the session. "We have learned to exercise and implement legislative skills for the betterment of our Nation and our people... We have accomplished much, with much left to do in the upcoming 23 days (of the session)."

Six of the Nation's 12 Congressional seats are up for grabs in the June election with at least three members stating they will not seek re-election. The filing period for election candidates started March 15 and runs through April 1.

"Change is inevitable and we have been instruments of change... This government is still in its infancy, we have had the opportunity to take those first small steps," Mason said of the Congress learning to "agree and disagree" in its legislative duties for the Nation.

Principal Chief Jim Gray, who typically delivers an address on behalf of the Executive Branch at each Congressional session's commencement, was out on travel during the session's inaugural day.

In addition to legislative duties



Photo by Benny Polacca/Osage News

Osage Nation Congress Speaker Archie Mason delivers his opening remarks during the 2010 Hun-Kah Session's Inaugural day on March 15.

and bills to attend to this session, the Congress will also choose their new speaker at the Hun-Kah Session's close. Mason, who has been Speaker since the Congress took oath in 2006, has said he would not be interested in another Speaker nomination.

"As your Speaker, I've experienced incredible situations and opportunities and have experienced a learning curve beyond my personal expectations," Mason said. "Learning never stops and at 65 years of age, I can personally attest to those many unique experiences of these past 45 months... I thank you for the privilege to be your Speaker."

The Hun-Kah session stretches 24 days with the option for an extension if needed.

Hill announces bid for Osage Nation Congress

By Sheryl Hill

My name is Sheryl Hill, and I am running for Osage Nation Congress. I am the eldest daughter of Sherry Gann; the granddaughter of Mary Rose Bighorse-Gann, and the late Robert R. Gann, Sr., and the great-granddaughter of Pete Bighorse, and Louise Copperfield, both original allottees. My great-grandfather, Pete Bighorse was the son of Andrew Bighorse and Laura St. John, each original allottees. Louise Copperfield was the daughter of David Copperfield and Maggie "Me-tsa-he" Copperfield, each original allottees.



Sheryl Hill

Many of our youth, adults, and even our elders, have never had an active voice within our Nation, because we were not shareholders. Now with our Osage Constitution and adoption of this new government, this has allowed many more voices from our people and for our people to be heard. These past four years have brought both positive and negative results. What we must keep in mind, is that our new government is still a work in progress. Although we are moving forward, there is still much work that needs to be done. In order to continue to move our people forward, we must strive to bring about positive strengths and re-growth as a whole to our Nation.

My main goal is to show all our Osage people that I am there as a voice for every Osage member. I will remain focused, and utilize skills I have acquired thru my education at Rogers State University and the Pawnee Nation College, where I majored in American Indian Studies/ Leadership and Management. I am confident that I can be a leader that our Osage people need. I am skilled in: Critical thinking; Research; Organization; Project Management; Listening and Humility.

All of these skills are needed in order to create positive solutions for our Osage people. Creating positive solutions will enable our people to overcome the challenges that have become barriers, and I will strive to find a way to break down those barriers to move our Osage people forward.

Areas I plan to address, and believe need be addressed with grave urgency are: Education; Elders Programs; Increased Healthcare

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Gray-Proctor announces bid for Osage Nation Congress

By Margo Gray-Proctor

As we look to the future of what the Osage Nation can be and look without boundaries. The possibilities are limitless. Our path has been decided by the Osage People and it is up to the Congress to be proactive in establishing the laws to improve the state of healthcare, safety, increase economic development, job creation, leverage our resources and approve budgets. The foundation for the “New Osage Nation” is still a work in progress and this needs to be the focus.

Upon making the decision to run for the Osage Congress, my ap-

proach was from career and personal experiences that I could offer the Osage People. My areas of expertise have been accumulated in working in law enforcement, tribal governments, and as a business owner for the 30 years. Currently as President of Horizon Engineering Service Co., I work and consult with Tribes across the country, in this capacity to navigate and assist tribal leaders and their staffs in economic development, diversification of business interest and investing in the human capital of job creation for tribal members for their projects. We need sound legislation that we can build upon on

our reservation to generate business and create opportunity for our Osage citizens. Gray-Proctor said “I have worked with many of Indian Country’s highly successful tribes and observed their growth model, and the Osage Nation can be equal to and moreover superior if we have the right legislation in place to take us there.”

Leadership in Indian Country

- Leadership – President of Horizon
- 2005 Past State Board President, American Indian Chamber of Commerce of Oklahoma
- 2009 American Indian Business Network for National Indian Gaming Association - Secretary
- 2009 Chairwoman of the Board of Directors, National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development, a first for a Native American Woman



Margo Gray-Proctor

and James Eagleman and I have a bonus son Noah Proctor. I am a grandmother to seven beautiful grandchildren Sara, Abbie, Elizabeth, Gage, Joseph, MaKenzie and Kori. My parents are the late Andrew and Margaret Gray. I am from the Pawhuska District and a member of the Deer clan and I am involved in our Osage culture. I am proud to hold the position of Head Cook for the Gray family’s Native American Church.

The role of an Osage lawmaker is one who will legislate, will represent the constituent’s interest. My goal is to bring legislation that will bring business to the Osage and for established programs to increase capacity for the Osage Nation. I am launching my website at www.margograyproctor.com and you can follow me on Facebook.

Recognition

- 2009 Oklahoma Journal Record as “50 Women Making a Difference”
- 2007 “State Business of the Year” American Indian Chamber of Commerce of Oklahoma
- 2006 “Local Hero Award” Tulsa Metro Chamber and the
- National Center of American Indian Enterprise Development’s “Indian Business Owner of the Year”

My husband Adam and I make our home in Tulsa Oklahoma. I have three sons: Matthew Gray



Osage Nation Head Start Benefit Dance



April 10th
Central Elementary Gym
710 S. Osage, Skiatook

<u>Head Staff</u>		
Head Man:	Charles Alexander, Pawnee/ Yakima	Gourd Dancing: 2:00– 5:00 Dinner Break: 5:00–6:00 Grand Entry: 7:00–10:00
Head Little Boy:	Tehi Chibitty, Comanche/ Ponca/ Sioux/ Delaware/ Creek	* All specials are to be scheduled with the Arena Director for in the afternoon.
Head Lady:	Avis Ballard, Osage/ Quapaw	
Head Little Girl:	Genevieve Martinez, Ponca/ Creek/ Osage	<u>Women’s Southern Cloth Contest:</u> <u>Sponsored By - Avis Ballard</u>
Head Singer:	OJ Littlecook, Ponca/ Osage	1st: \$300.00 2nd: \$200.00 3rd: \$100.00
Head Little Singer:	Nathan Ballard, Osage/ Quapaw	Tiny Tot Contest 5 and under Must be dressed in their Regalia Sponsored By: Skiatook JOM
HGD:	Fidelis Davis, Osage	
HLGD:	Reuben Jacobs, Osage/ Iowa/ Creek	
Color Guard:	Broken Arrow Color Guard	
MC:	Matthew Vann Gray, Osage	Cake Walks, Raffles, 50/50
Head Little MC:	Charles Green, Creek	
	Anthony Hight, Osage/ Kiowa	
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All Proceeds go to the Osage Nation Head Start—Skiatook Center— to assist with children’s activities.

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.

Daniels announces bid for Osage Nation Congress

Daniels: "At this juncture, I want to rise above the negativity to move our great Nation forward."

By Danette Daniels

I am honored and humbled to announce my candidacy for the Osage Nation Congress.

I was born and raised in Fairfax, Oklahoma. My great-grandparents were Edward and Celia Cox and Joe and Annie Turpie Daniels. My grandparents were Rose Mary and Anthony (Snap) Daniels. They had the last Osage arranged marriage by clan in the Grayhorse District. My father is Thomas G. Daniels and my mother is Carol Wayman. My sister is Denise Skocik and my brother is Gilbert Daniels. I grew up learning Osage values by participating in Osage traditional culture, dancing at our In-Lon-shka at age 3, and serving on the Grayhorse Committee as a lady singer for the last 17 years and on the Pawhuska Committee for the last 4 years.

I am an Osage Shareholder, Osage business owner, and currently employed by the Osage Nation Language Department as the Fairfax Site Coordinator. I also serve as the Language Program's representative on the Traditional Cultural Advisor's Council for the Historic Preservation Department. I teach Osage language classes for the Osage Nation Headstart, the Grayhorse Elder's, and beginning orthography and common phrases in Edmond, Oklahoma.

In August of 2006, the Osage Nation bought the former Indian Electric building for the purpose



Danette Daniels

of establishing the first ever Fairfax Site for language classes. This beautiful building has become not

only a language center, but also a cultural hub for Osage cultural art classes, community activities and Pau-sue-lee club meetings.

In terms of professional and educational qualifications, I have a Master's Degree from Oklahoma State University in Family Relations and Child Development, with a specialty in Marriage and Family Therapy. Prior to working for the Osage Nation, I worked in the public sector for the State Health department for 14 years. I served as a Child Development Specialist Technical Supervisor. I have a license in Marriage and Family Therapy and also a certification as a Child and Parenting Specialist. Nearly four years ago, I left my job with the state to pursue my dream and apply the skills and experience I had gained professionally to serve the Osage people.. Though my previous work was fulfilling, I knew it was time to come home. It

has been my privilege to serve the Osage people in this capacity, and I have learned so much in my four years working directly within our tribal government.

At this juncture, I want to rise above the negativity to move our great Nation forward. This is my first time to seek public office, but I believe with my cultural background, professional qualifications, willingness to listen and learn, and the courage to act in the best interest of Osage people, I can help find the solutions needed to complete the transformation of our government.

In the next 3 months, I invite you to attend the different forums to hear my campaign platform as well as visit my Facebook page. Today I ask for your support and prayers to be your next Osage Congress Woman. Hku-tha-me.

Webb announces candidacy for Osage Nation Congress

By Anthony Webb

My name is Anthony Webb and I am a candidate for the Osage Nation Congress. I am from the Grayhorse District and was born and raised in Fairfax. My parents are Melvin and Mary Jo Peace Webb. I am the grandson of David Peace and great-grandson of Paul Peace and Clara TallChief.

I am married to Kimberly (Wendy) Ponca and we reside on her family's original allotment west of Fairfax. We have four children, three in college and one just graduated. We participated in our traditional dances each June and I serve on the Grayhorse Committee.

I am 51 years old and have a Bachelor of Science Degree in Mechanical Engineering Technology from Oklahoma State University. I have worked for large corpora-



Anthony Webb

tions and small companies where I received valuable experience and training in leadership and team-

work. Most of my work experience is in the manufacturing and the oil and gas industries. I also have experience in grant writing and operating a small business.

As your congressman, I will work to grow and diversify our economy in the areas of gaming, manufacturing, and oil and gas. Our gaming enterprise needs to become more competitive in the Tulsa market and expand into the large markets on our aboriginal lands in St. Louis and Kansas City.

By assisting our Osage LLC and working with our Mineral Council, I will strive to bring companies to the Nation for economic development. There are many opportunities in these areas that need to be explored and which we may bene-

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Cecelia Tallchief announces bid for Assistant Principal Chief

Tallchief: “I have a strong belief in the Osage people and their right to better healthcare and economic opportunities.”



Cecelia Tallchief

By Cecelia Tallchief

Ha.We. I, Cecelia Tallchief, BSN registered nurse from Fairfax, am announcing my candidacy for Assistant Principal Chief of the Osage Nation.

The Osage Nation is at a pivotal crossroads. The Osage people need experienced individuals to lead our young government in the direction of fiscal responsibility and economic prosperity. I will base my campaign on three major issues: Healthcare, Economic Development and Education. Improved access to healthcare facilities, elder care and additional health related services are a top priority. I have a strong belief in the Osage people and their right to better healthcare and economic opportunities.

As a registered nurse, working within Indian Health and private systems, I've experienced how efficient, quality healthcare should be delivered and managed. Through cooperative efforts with IHS and shared financial investments, we can create a new system that meets the needs of all Osages. My management and facilitation experience will tremendously expedite

the modernization of our healthcare delivery system.

As a small business owner, I have personally experienced the joys and turmoil of owning a business. Business planning services, access to credit, marketing opportunities and financial literacy are all obstacles small business owners face. As your Assistant Principal Chief, I will make a concerted effort to establish a true Osage Nation commerce department to assist Osage business owners with these and other needed services.

Educational assistance and opportunities for Osage citizens need to be enhanced. One planned initiative is the establishment of a non-profit educational corporation to offer educational assistance for tribal citizens and help revitalize the language, culture, and history of the Osage people. The new non-profit corporation will encourage outside contributions, allow for additional grant opportunities and expand existing services.

It is our responsibility to determine what type of life our children

will enjoy, it begins with well organized tribal administration, business minded leaders and listening to the ideas, needs and concerns of Osage people. We must provide better economic, educational and social programs for all of our Osage citizens.

Current and past relevant experience include: Osage Nation Council Member, Board Chair Osage Nation Enterprises; Osage Home Health, Regional Representative American Red Cross, Advisory Board American Nurses Association, Pawnee Service Unit Health Board, Oklahoma Area Indian Health Board Member, Osage Nation Health and Wellness Board Member, New Mexico Indian Nurses Association Board of Directors and President Native American

Native Alaskan Indian Nurses Association, 2009-2011.

My family and I are lifelong residents of Grey Horse and we have a distinguished history of Osage Tribal leadership. While growing up in Greyhorse, Osage traditions were a way of life, not something saved for special occasions. Traditional food, clothes and the Osage language were all common practices for our family. I graduated from Fairfax High School and received my Bachelors of Nursing from Pittsburg State College. I respectfully ask for your vote and look forward to sharing my vision for the Osage people with you. For more information on my campaign please visit www.ceceliatallchief.com.

Curtis Oren Bear announces bid for Osage Mineral Council

By Curtis Bear

My name is Curtis Oren Bear. My Osage name is In-gthon/gthe-zhe, which means the Lynx and I am from the Greyhorse District. I am a direct descendant from Ne-Kah-Wan-She-Tun-Kah, the last hereditary Osage Chief of his band and the first elected Chief of the Osage People. I'm also a former Drum Keeper and on the Greyhorse I'lon ska War Dance committee. I am from the Bear Clan and descended from the Bear/Daniels families from Fairfax, Oklahoma.

My family and myself own and live on restricted trust land in Osage



Curtis Oren Bear

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Osage announces run for District Attorney of Oklahoma's District 10

By Benny Polacca
Osage News

An Osage attorney announced March 3 he is running for District Attorney of Oklahoma's District 10 which covers Osage and Pawnee counties.

Jeff Jones, 51, is currently the First Assistant District Attorney for District 10 and will be running for the post in the November election against an Oklahoma state representative and whoever has

"We're all in this together, we're all doing the same thing...that's one thing I've really strived to do is create a strength of cooperation."

—Jeff Jones



Photo Courtesy of Jeff Jones

Jeff Jones, candidate for Attorney General of Oklahoma District 10 in the November 2010 election.

Pawhuska. "That's one thing I've really strived to do is to create a strength of cooperation."

Jones noted the majority of crimes committed in District 10 stem from illegal drug possession, manufacturing and usage. He said in a news release he "plans on aggressively prosecuting drug crimes in Osage and Pawnee Counties in a continuing effort to address the growing problem."

Jones, who was born and raised in Skiatook, touted his efforts to remain in touch with local law enforcement as a strategy to keep strong communication with his office.

"All the deputies have my cell phone number. They call me day and night... and that's the way it ought to be," he said. "If I can spend two minutes on the telephone and save them two hours of work or get a good arrest, that's one good group — we're all in this together."

"Whenever the Sheriff's Office is out there in the middle of the night and make an arrest, When I get ready to file charges the next day, it's up to me to look at that and make sure the person's constitutional rights were not violated," Jones said. "It needs to be a good arrest, we don't need to turn into criminals just to get an arrest."

If Jones's office declines to file charges in a case, he said he discusses the case with the workers involved, which covers "this is how we're going to do it better next time," he said. "So I see the DA's office as an important part in a bigger scheme to protect people's constitutional rights."

Jones told the 20-plus attendees at his announcement he is "very proud to be Osage, but I work for you all. I work for everybody in Osage County, not just one group or another group." He also held a candidacy announcement for Pawnee County residents later that day.

Jones previous worked as a UPS truck driver for 18 years before getting "burnt out. There's got to be more to life than this." He then entered the University of Tulsa's law school where he earned his Juris Doctor degree in 1999. Jones graduated from Skiatook High School in 1976 and also holds two business degrees from Oklahoma State University.

Jones worked in the private law practice field before joining the District 10 DA's office as an assistant district attorney in 2002. He has served as First Assistant District Attorney since 2006.

Helen Norris, project director for Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) attended Jones's Pawhuska announcement and praised his

work with clients in Pawnee County where her office is located. "He's nice, he's honest, he's a great guy," said Norris whose organization works to find volunteers to be court advocates for abused and neglected children in the court systems for Pawnee and Osage counties and the Pawnee Nation.

Kalyn Free, Choctaw and a Tulsa-based attorney, also attended the event and said her organization, Indigenous Democratic Network List (INDN's List), is endorsing Jones for office. INDN's List is devoted to recruiting and electing Native American candidates and mobilizing the Indian Vote nationwide on behalf of those candidates, according to its Web site.

Larry Stuart, the current district attorney, announced last month that he will not seek re-election and plans to retire after 30-plus years in office. He's held the DA's post since he was first elected in 1978.

Stuart told The Bigheart Times he is supporting Jones's run for his post. Jones will be running against State Rep. Rex Duncan of Sand Springs, who has also expressed interest in running for the district attorney post. Duncan, a Republican lawyer and Oklahoma National Guard officer, represents District 35 which covers Noble, Osage, Pawnee and Payne counties.

Oklahoma's District 10 covers Osage and Pawnee counties. As of 2008, the district comprised about 61,800 residents with 45,489 living in Osage County and 16,307 in Pawnee County, according to the U.S. Census Bureau.

yet to announce their interest in the post.

"I think the (District Attorney's) office has to cooperate with law enforcement, with (the Department of Human Services), with the Court Clerk, with the judges. We're all in this together, we're all doing the same thing" Jones said during his candidacy announcement in

Wilma Mankiller, former Cherokee Nation Principal Chief and activist, diagnosed with advanced pancreatic cancer

The Cherokee Phoenix

TAHLEQUAH, Okla. – Former Principal Chief Wilma Mankiller, one of the few women ever to lead a major American Indian tribe, has been diagnosed with advanced pancreatic cancer, her husband said March 2.

Charlie Soap, Mankiller's husband and Cherokee Nation Community Services group leader, made the announcement in a March 2 news release. In it, Soap and the 64-year-old Mankiller stated that she has stage 4 metastatic pancreatic cancer but gave no other details.

"I decided to issue this statement because I want my family and friends to know that I am mentally and spiritually prepared for this journey, a journey that all human beings will take at one time or another," Mankiller states. "It's been my privilege to meet and be touched by thousands of people in my life, and I regret not being able to deliver this message personally to so many of you."

Mankiller served as principal chief from 1985 until retiring in 1995. Prior to becoming principal chief, she served as deputy chief under Ross Swimmer. She assumed the principal chief position and served out the remainder of the 1983-87 term after Swimmer resigned to take a Bureau of Indian Affairs job in Washington, D.C. She was elected principal chief in 1987 and 1991.

While principal chief, she visited in Washington with three U.S. presidents – Ronald Reagan, George H.W. Bush and Bill Clinton – to discuss tribal issues. Clinton



Courtesy photo

Former Cherokee Nation Chief Wilma Mankiller has been diagnosed with advanced pancreatic cancer.

presented her with the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 1998.

According to a CN press release, Mankiller was born in 1945 at W.W. Hastings Indian Hospital in Tahlequah. At age 10, her family moved from Mankiller Flats in Adair County to San Francisco as part of the BIA Relocation Program, where she lived for two decades before returning to Oklahoma in 1977.

With a bachelor's degree in social science, she was the founding director of the CN Community Development Department, which received national awards for innovative use of self-help in housing and water projects in low-income Cherokee communities.

She and Navajo Nation President Peterson Zah co-chaired a

national conference between tribal leaders and Cabinet members that helped establish the Office of Indian Justice within the U.S. Department of Justice. Her tenure was also marked by new development, including several free-standing health clinics, an \$11 million Job Corps center and services for children and youth. She also led the team that developed the core businesses comprising the formerly named Cherokee Nation Enterprises, now Cherokee Nation Businesses.

She has authored, co-authored and co-edited several published works, including "Every Day is a Good Day" by Fulcrum Publishing, "Mankiller: A Chief and Her People" by St. Martin's Press and "A Reader's Companion to the History of Women in the U.S." by Houghton-Mifflin.

She has served on several philanthropic boards such as the Ford Foundation, the Ms. Foundation for Women and the Seventh Generation Fund.

She currently serves on the board of the Freedom Forum, as well as its subsidiary, the Newseum, a \$400 million museum of the news being constructed on Pennsylvania Avenue in Washington to promote the First Amendment.

She has served on the external Diversity Advisory Council for Merrill Lynch and has presented more than 100 lectures on the challenges facing Native Americans and women. She has also served as the Wayne Morse Professor at the University of Oregon, where she helped teach a class about tribal

government, law and life. In September, Northeastern State University in Tahlequah named her as its first Sequoyah Institute Fellow.

Mankiller has achieved and accomplished much despite numerous physical ailments. A 1979 car accident nearly claimed her life and resulted in 17 operations. She has suffered from a muscular disorder called myasthenia gravis and underwent a kidney transplant in 1990. She has also battled lymphoma and breast cancer.

In her news release, Mankiller states she is "mentally and spiritually prepared for this journey."

"I learned a long time ago that I can't control the challenges the Creator sends my way, but I can control the way I think about them and deal with them," she states. "On balance, I have been blessed with an extraordinarily rich and wonderful life, filled with incredible experiences. And I am grateful to have a support team composed of loving family and friends."

She states she plans to spend her time with family and close friends "and engaging in activities I enjoy."

Current Principal Chief Chad Smith called Mankiller "a mentor and friend" and said it was difficult to express how much Mankiller has meant to both him and the tribe. He called Mankiller "a true patriot of the Cherokee Nation."

"I've got one story that helps sum up what kind of person she is," Smith said. "The week after she received the Presidential Medal of Honor she was back home on

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VOTER REGISTRY

view. This electronic ballot system displays, counts, searches, sorts and audits electronic (scanned) images of the paper ballots cast. The scanned ballots are then brought up onto a computer screen which will be connected to a projector so that the election board staff can re-view.

The scanned ballot images can be displayed with the running count for each candidate on one side of the screen. If the election supervisors choose, the members of the public can view a running periodic count of the election, as batches of ballots are scanned, according to TrueBallot.com.

Candidate filing deadlines are here; Absentee ballots available

Candidates can file for their candidacies from March 15 through April 1. The cost for filing for Principal Chief is \$500, for Assistant Principal Chief is \$400 and to file for a seat for Congress costs \$300. For candidate filing forms visit the Election Board's Web site.

Absentee ballot forms are available on the election board's Web site under the information tab. A person can also obtain an absentee ballot from the election office in person, sending a letter or an

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electronic message to the election supervisor, or by fax.

Absentee ballots must be requested in writing 20 days before the election. In this year's election, absentee ballot requests will not be processed after May 18.

Voters must mail their absentee ballots in a timely manner so they arrive in Pawhuska on June 7 in order to be processed. Election staffers will begin counting absentee ballots at 10 a.m. that morning.

Any person that requests an absentee ballot but instead wishes to vote in person must give the election supervisor, or authorized designee on Election Day, their unused absentee ballot and sign an affidavit stating they received an absentee ballot but did not vote with it.

All absentee ballot applications shall be processed by the election board staff, according to the Election Law.

For more information about TrueBallot, Inc., visit their Web site at www.trueballot.com.

For more information about the June 7 election, candidate filing applications, absentee ballots, call the Election Board Office at (918) 287-5286 or visit their Web site at www.osagetribe.com/election-board/.

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Editor of the Cherokee Phoenix,
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Rules for the debate and other information will be posted to osagenews.org in coming weeks and will be in the April edition of the Osage News

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and Wellness; Culture; Housing Development; Economic Development; Tribal Gaming; Reservation Preservation; Osage Nation Government Accountability and Constitutional Amendment.

I will not promise that I can find the solutions to all of these issues. But, I can guarantee I will work my hardest and give my very best, to find every best positive solution that will benefit, not just a few of our Osage people, but our entire Nation.

I am available by both phone and email. I am looking forward to personally meeting you during the next thirteen weeks. My number is 918-955-6809. My email address is hill4onc2010@yahoo.com.

I humbly and respectfully ask my Osage people to please allow me the opportunity to earn your confidence, earn your trust, and earn your vote. I will stand by my word; stand up for what's right for our people, without people!

OSAGE TRIBAL MUSEUM World War I Exhibit



The Osage Tribal Museum is currently having a new exhibit created for Osage WWI Veterans. If you have a WWI Veteran in your family please go online or come by the museum to verify that he is on our list of Veterans. Then you can contact the Osage Tribal Museum to be sure we have a photograph of your Veteran that is acceptable to the family.

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tain the best and highest quality photographs available. Please help us construct this exhibit to honor our Osages who served the United States and the Osage Nation in WWI.

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the front porch of her family's church. It was Memorial Day and there were decorations at the cemetery and it struck me how she could be just as comfortable meeting with the president as she was with her own people, honoring her ancestors. It was an image of someone who was truly humble, and you don't meet too many people like that."

Mankiller wrote that if people want to send her a message, they can e-mail her at wilmap-mankiller@yahoo.com.

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- Minority Business Hall of Fame
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- Woman of the Year, Ms. Magazine
- Celebration of Heroes, Newsweek cover story
- ABC Person of the Week, ABC Nightly News
- National Racial Justice Award
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- The Dorothy Height Lifetime Achievement Award
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- 50 Most Influential People of the Century, in Oklahoma
- 50 Most Important People in the U.S., Who's Who
- Hero, Glamour Magazine, 2006

WEB SITE LAUNCHES

candidate information for those running for principal chief, assistant principal chief and six Osage Nation Congress seats in the June 7 election. Candidate information, such as campaign Web site links, personal/professional histories and platform descriptions, have been posted by those who have expressed interest in running.

The Nation's Election Office started accepting candidate's applications on March 15 and will do so through April 1.

Red Corn and friends David Meneely, Jerry Wolf Duff-Sellers and Sterlin Harjo are behind the scenes of votingosage.org and have been collecting information and building the Web site in their spare time with plans to continue adding election-related information up until the election. Red Corn and Duff-Sellers have family members running for office, but both say votingosage.org does not favor certain candidates and allows public comments to be posted by online users.

"We hope to create some online discussion and to make as much information available," Duff-Sellers said adding he hopes the Web site gives voters "more than gossip to rely on." Red Corn's father, Congressman Raymond Red Corn, is seeking re-election and Duff-Sellers's uncle, Carl "Chico" Sellers is running for principal chief.

"We're going to send invitations to the candidates to be contributors for the Web site," Red Corn said. Red Corn and his friends also plan on interviewing the candidates on video and posting the video clips to the Web site with Harjo doing the shooting.

Each candidate will be allowed a five-minute unedited interview for the Web site, Duff-Sellers said.

"It's meant to be constructive and not tear anybody down," Red Corn said of the ever-changing Web site. "It will always be a work in progress."

WEBB CANDIDACY

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fit. We can and should pull together as a team and work for the common good.

I support the concept of an Attorney General for the Osage Nation. There is such a bill being proposed and needs to move forward. Such a position could lead and coordinate any investigations into wrongdoing as well as render legal opinions concerning constitutional issues. In conjunction with the Attorney General bill, I will support a strong Whistle Blower Act to protect our Nation's employees who come forward with valid information concerning any corruption in our operation.

I am also keen to establish senior housing in all our districts. This is long overdue and some of our elders are in need.

My other goals include support for education of our young people; support for the language program and other cultural activities; insure fair wages and benefits for our employees and I will rise to protect our Sovereignty. We must come together as a team, as One People, united, to achieve these goals.

I look forward to meeting you and discussing these and other issues with you and listening to your concerns. I will be on the campaign trail as much as time and job duties allow. Also my contact email is webbuonc@gmail.com. I appreciate your consideration on Election Day.

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Director: Teens at 'high risk' for dating violence more than adults

Osage Nation Counseling Center, law enforcement workers raise dating violence awareness

By Benny Polacca
Osage News

LaVina Clark addressed a crowd during an Osage Nation Counseling Center event about dating violence when a cell phone rang several times belonging to a teenage girl seated in the audience.

"You don't have to respond," Clark said while standing over the girl's shoulder and after the phone's text message alert rang twice in less than a minute. "Who has gotten texts like this over and over and over again from your boyfriend?" asks Clark, who is the counseling center's domestic violence administrator.

The girl says she is receiving messages from "Mr. Wonderful" who initially texts that "he misses you already," but later asks "what's wrong, why haven't you texted me back yet?" after she fails to reply promptly. Soon "Mr. Wonderful" follows-up with more somber messages including: "Who are you talking to?" and "I guess you don't love me now."

This unfolding scene is a make-believe example set up by Counseling Center officials to illustrate what could occur in an abusive dating relationship during its second annual "Girls Night Out" event Feb. 18 in Pawhuska.

This year's event theme is "He Loves Me, He Loves Me Not" and is being held in accord with February's designation as National Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month. Law enforcement and counseling officials who work cases with domestic/ dating violence involved are advising the public to be aware that newer technologies that are popular among teenagers, like cell phones and Internet social networking sites, can also be used to harass and attack others.

Virginia Elsey, the counseling center's director, says harassment via text messages can occur on both the male and female's part in a relationship, which could lead to stalking.

"They push your buttons, that's what they try to do to get a reaction out of you," she said of potential abusers.

"Teens are at a high risk for intimate partner violence than adults," Elsey said adding "females ages 16 to 24 are more vulnerable... than any other age group. One out of five female high school students report being physically or sexually abused by their dating partner."

Osage County Sheriff's Deputy Dale Hunter, who also spoke at the event, cited U.S. Department of Justice statistics which report 17.6 per-

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Osage Nation Workforce Development Program Information

By Louise Cheshewalla,
Osage Nation Education
Department Training
Coordinator

The Osage Nation Workforce Development program is able to assist adult Native Americans with a federal CDIB, living in Osage County, and who meet income guidelines with assistance for long term classroom training and short term training at a vocational training institute. For more information please contact Louise Cheshewalla, Training Coordinator with the Osage Nation Education Department at 1-800-390-6724 or 918-287-5303.

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DATING VIOLENCE AWARENESS

cent of U.S. women have survived a completed or attempted rape, of these 21.6 percent were younger than 12 and 32.4 percent were between ages 12 and 17.

Oklahoma State Parks officer Nick Connor, who joined Hunter, noted that online social networking sites, such as Facebook and MySpace, could be dangerous if someone is "friends" with someone who is obsessive. "Those are the worse things ever if stalkers use it to keep track of people."

Hunter advises the best advice females can follow if they believe they are in danger of being attacked is to leave the situation or "run" because of the physical strength difference between females and males.

"You cannot fix a bad man, so forget it," Hunter said. "If a man would beat you, it's going to get worse. If he'd start out like that, it's going to get worse."

Hunter says one reason people should leave a potentially violent situation is because a person may experience an adrenaline rush which could work against the person if he or she doesn't know how to react.

"The effects of adrenaline can be devastating especially if you're not prepared for it," Hunter said adding personal defense techniques can backfire if used improperly or at a slow rate.

If people do choose to carry weapons (mace, Tazers, guns, etc.) for self-defense, Hunter advises people should learn how to use them. "Make sure you know how to use them, especially a gun."

Teen dating violence not only occurs in physical assault form (hitting, slapping and spitting, for example), but it can also strike victims verbally, emotionally, sexually and even financially where

the abuser steals money "in order to control the other person," said Elsey, a domestic violence survivor who has worked at the counseling center since 2002.

Elsey advises people to be aware of warning signs of a relationship which could become abusive.

The potential abuser may engage in verbal attacks, name-calling and tell the other person "no one else will date you," she said.

The person may also: blame the victim for a situation; break or hit personal items, check up on the person constantly; isolate the other

person from family and friends; be over sensitive (cry and beg to keep the relationship); and show jealousy and possessiveness "so you're the center of their attention."

"You have to look at this relationship," Elsey said. "Is it healthy? Do you feel good about it? You have to look at it and see the warning signs... there's help out there."

For more information about dating violence visit the Counseling Center's Web site at www.osagetribe.com/counseling. The center's 24-hour crisis line can be reached toll-free at (866) 897-4747.

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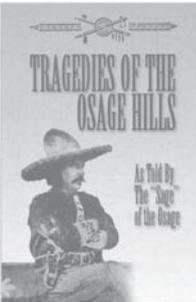
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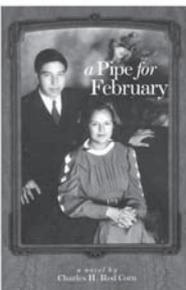
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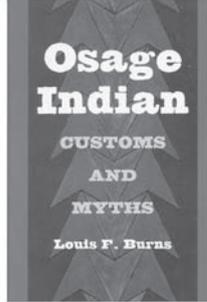
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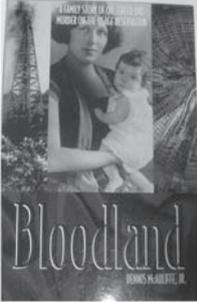
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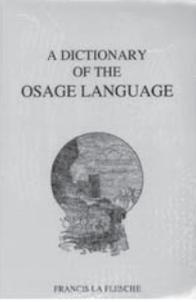
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A love story



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Scott BigHorse announces bid for Assistant Principal Chief

Ha Weh! My name is Scott N. BigHorse and I am a candidate for the office of Assistant Chief. My paternal great grandparents were Andrew and Laura BigHorse and my maternal great grandparents were Tobe and Mary (Trumbly) Pearson. My Osage name is Ki He Kah Tah and I am from the Wa Kah Ko Lin District of Pawhuska

The office of Assistant Chief is an extremely important position requiring unique leadership abilities. I am the only candidate for Assistant Chief who has this unique leadership ability having actual legislative experience in a three-branch form of government having served as the State Representative for Osage County. Prior to serving as State Representative, I had twenty-four years of experience working with the State: thirteen years at the D. Conner Correctional Center (DCCC), and nine years contracting with the state opening the only co-facilitated Juvenile Detention Center in the state. In addition to my experience as a State Legislator, the following are a few of the credentials illustrating my leadership ability:

- In 1990, named Correctional Officer of the Year for "DCCC".
- In 1991, named Correctional



Scott BigHorse

Officer of the Year for Division 1 Institutions (out of 12 facilities).

- In 2001, I opened the only Co-Facilitated Juvenile Detention Center inside an adult county jail.
- In 2003, I was promoted from Director of the Juvenile Detention Center to Assistant Director of Youth Services of Osage County.
- I sit on the City of Pawhuska Planning and Zoning Board.
- Current Chairman for the Friends of the Osage Language, LLC.
- Member of the Board of Directors for Edwin Fair Mental Health.
- Peace Officer Certified by the Council on Law Enforcement Education and Training.
- In 2006, I was elected as the Osage County Representative to the 51st Oklahoma State Legislature.

When elected, I vow to utilize the experience I gained as a State Representative to bridge the current gap between the Executive and Legislative Branches in order to continue moving the Osage people

forward in a positive and progressive atmosphere.

As a Shareholder, I want to assure you that I believe our head rights are personal property belonging to the shareholders and their descendants and should continue to be held in trust as such by the United State government. I am also dedicated to promoting programs for our children and grandchildren and doing more to help our Elders and Veterans.

It is imperative that we put aside egos and personality conflicts while conducting business for our Osage people.

To accomplish these goals, I will present ideas that will make our new government more effective and transparent such as implementing some form of accountability for every stream of revenue that comes into the Tribe (with the exception of the minerals estate) and exactly where it goes by utilizing both internal and external audits. I look forward to sharing more of my vision in the coming months. I am always available for questions and may be reached via email at scottbighorse@sbcglobal.net or by phone (918) 287-7281.

BEAR ANNOUNCES BID

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County. We live on original homestead land from my Great Grandmother Ester OnHand. I attended Bishop Kelley High School in Tulsa, Oklahoma and St. Gregory College in Shawnee, Oklahoma. I have a daughter Jamie and son Elijah, who also are involved and participate in the P'lonska War Dances.

The mineral 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. Our mineral estate has brought us into the future and it will take us forth into more prosperous years ahead. I know that the mineral estate and the shareholders are the backbone of our Osage Nation not only in 1906 but now and into the future. The mineral estate and the shareholders are the reason why we have a nation now; our forefathers protected our families and we must protect our children and their children and the future of our Nation.

I know that I am ready to be a voice for our people. Since as a child I have gone to the mineral council with my mother and father, I have sat and listen to our elders discussing our future and the old ways, watched the auction of our leases and the abundance of prosperity that our mineral estate has brought to the Osage Nation. The last eight years, plus the knowledge that I have required over the years, have prepared myself for this time. I have been listening and asking question, traveling and watching. I have been involved with the shareholders (which I belong), I have attended the mineral council and the last four-years watched with disappointment as our great mineral council that our forefathers established has dwindled.

I asked for your vote to bring our minerals and shareholders into the future, we are the backbone of our Great Nation now and the future. I will serve you with Honor and Integrity I will be your Voice!

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Osage wins gold in 3A State Wrestling title

The Bigheart Times

In the third overtime period of the 160 pound 3A championship match, Dax Perrier leaned gently against Cascia Hall's Mikey Sutton and mentally prepared for the final 30 seconds of his high school wrestling career.

If only the monkey on Perrier's back would be so gentle.

This was not unfamiliar territory for Perrier; he had made it to the finals in both 2008 and 2009. Both times he had to settle for the next-to-the-top step on the winner's platform while Huskie moms and dads took photos for the scrapbook. He knew that few make it even this far, but that knowledge was not enough. The monkey on Perrier's back would only disappear if he stood on the top step of the winner's platform. In order to get there, he had to focus on a task that was simple to understand but extraordinarily difficult to execute.

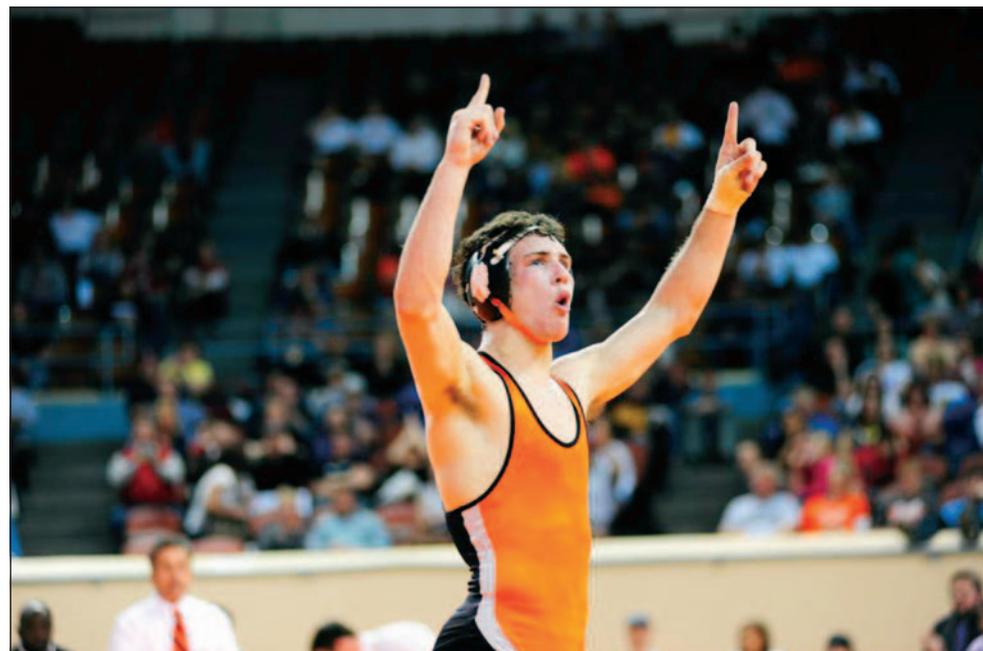
In the next 30 seconds, no matter what happened, he could not let go of Mikey Sutton.

It had been much simpler with his two previous tournament opponents. Perrier, a senior, had drawn on his six years of wrestling experience to put both opponents on their backs in the quarterfinal and semifinal rounds. Pauls Valley's Bo McKee lasted just over a minute against Perrier, and in the semi's Perrier came out like a man possessed and dispatched Billy Molholland of Vian in just over two minutes.

Compared to those two matches, this one was looking tame. Cautious, both wrestlers stayed on their feet in the first, although Sutton, also a senior, was warned early for stalling.

In the second period Perrier scored immediately with an escape, and led 1-0. Sutton matched that point with his own escape in period three, forcing the first overtime that was little more than a long dance.

In the second overtime, Perrier scored his second escape and led 2-1. Now Sutton had 30 seconds to



Courtesy Photo/Bigheart Times

Dax Perrier celebrates his win at the 3A State Wrestling Championships in Oklahoma City's Cox Center.



Courtesy Photo/Bigheart Times

Perrier hugs Pawhuska High School Wrestling coach Martin Parks after his win.

do the same, or the monkey on Perrier's back wouldn't have far to go to find a new home.

As he approached Sutton and waited for the starting whistle, Perrier recalls a short conversation inside his head.

"I just told myself I was gonna do it."

And he did.

"As soon as the whistle blew, I got the tightwaist" recalls Perrier, describing a hard-to-remove arm around Sutton's waist that gave Perrier excellent control over Sutton's motion, making his escape improbable.

The Huskie wrestling faithful knew what it meant as soon as Perrier put the move in and took Sutton face-down on the mat. The countdown was on, morphing into a crescendo of cheers reserved for those that work long and hard at one of the most difficult and demanding of high school sports.

With the final whistle, the championship belonged to Dax Perrier.

Dax Perrier's father, Mike, knew exactly how Dax felt.

Exactly.

In 1990, Mike Perrier was a 136 pound Huskie wrestling champion. Dax's achievement made the pair the first father-son wrestling champions in Pawhuska history, a feat announced over Oklahoma City's Cox Center loudspeakers.

The announcement produced both cheers and tears, the former from the orange-clad fans in the stands, and the latter from a proud father watching his son climb to a place reserved for the very best.

And that pesky primate?

He's had a change of address, and now attends a fine private school in Tulsa.

Perrier, a member of the Osage Nation, sports a 3.9 grade average and accepted a wrestling scholarship from the University of Oklahoma last November.

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Sovereignty Day 2010 Celebration



Photo by Chalene Toehay/Osage News

Geneva Horsechief-Hamilton dances during the Women's Cloth category at the 2010 Osage Nation Sovereignty Day Celebration on March 11.



Photo by Chalene Toehay/Osage News

Men's Southern Straight line up after their contest at the 2010 Osage Nation Sovereignty Day Celebration in Pawhuska on March 11.

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Assistant Principal Chief
Osage Nation

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

Elect Cecelia Tallchief for Assistant Principal Chief



Photo by Chalene Toehay/Osage News

Ladies sing at the drum during the Gourd Dance session of the 2010 Osage Nation Sovereignty Day Celebration at the Osage County Fairgrounds in Pawhuska on March 11.



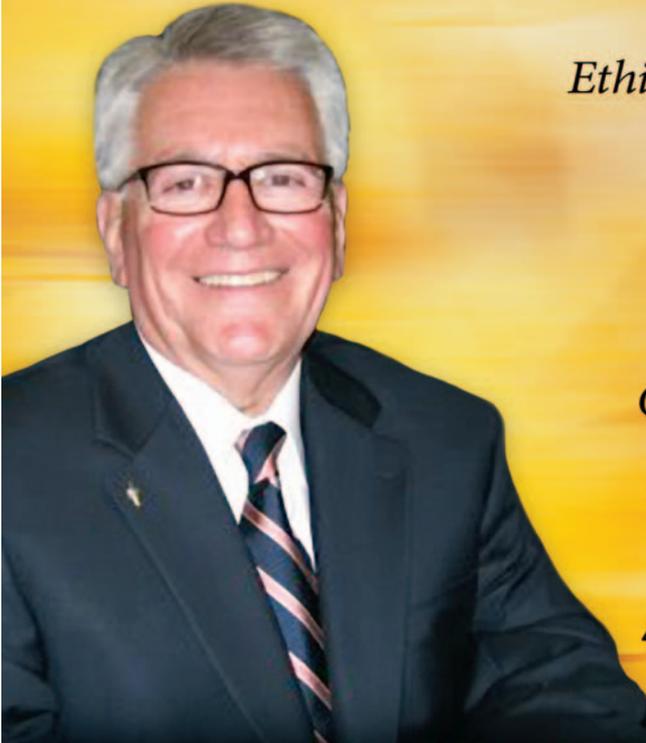
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Osage Nation Principal Chief Jim Gray gives his State of the Nation speech during the 2010 Osage Nation Sovereignty Day Celebration on March 11.

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Jan Hewitt was the first woman elected to the Solano County Board of Supervisors

Osage living in California named “Woman of the Year”

Osage News

An Osage woman living in Northern California has been named “Woman of the Year” by the Solano County Library Foundation as part of recognizing March as National Women’s History Month.

Hewitt received her honor during the foundation’s “Writing Women Back into History” luncheon on March 12. She made history in the area when she was the first woman elected to the Solano County Board of Supervisors in 1978 - a post she held until 1987.

Hewitt is the daughter of Alice and Joseph Revelette, who served seven terms as an Osage Tribal Councilman starting with the 17th Council in 1946. Hewitt now resides in Fairfield with her husband Albert Hewitt where she is active-

ly involved with the Presbyterian Church Child Haven Inc. and a legislative committee for Paradise Valley Estates, a retirement community for retired and honorably discharged military officers and their spouses.

Louis Gray for Osage Congress



“If elected I want to help unite our people, get to work writing laws to help our suffering and to assist our strong move forward.”

- Place congress under the same ethics laws as the rest of the Osage nation
- Pass all federal program budgets on October 1, to ensure the integrity of the grant and so the most vulnerable among us get the help they need.
- Make sure the Osage Strategic Plan, the Will of the People, is turned into a reality
- Post Osage Language Classes online quickly
- Protect and preserve our reservation status
- Push for the full Osage share in all settlement claims over our lost or mismanaged funds
- Protect the Osage mineral estate
- Fully fund the executive and judicial branches of the Osage government so they can work effectively and seamlessly with congress
- Create a plan to expand the Tulsa Osage Million Dollar Elm Casino into a first class gaming facility.

And perhaps more importantly pledge to be a voice of respect and work toward bringing our great Osage people back together.

- Experienced in problem solving
- Long time board work in many social programs and gaming experience
- Well versed in Osage traditions. Tail dancer for 28 years.
- A fierce protector of the Osage Constitution



Courtesy Photo

Jan Hewitt named “Woman of the Year” by Solano County Library Foundation in Northern California.

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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News in Brief

Minerals Council to pass election rules and regulations March 17

The Osage Minerals Council considered amendments to their election rules and regulations March 17 in the council chambers on the Osage Nation campus (the Osage News went to press March 16). Once the regulations are passed they will then begin the confirmation process of their 12-member election board. Five of the members will be judges, five will be clerks with the two remaining board members are slated to be their election supervisor and assistant supervisor.

The Osage Nation Congress recently passed a resolution delegating the OMC the authority to run its own election.

For more information on the March 17 meeting, read the story on osagenews.org.

Osage Nation Trust Team meets March 18

The Osage Nation Trust Team is set to meet on March 18 to discuss what effects the Cobell Lawsuit settlement has on the Nation's trust suit. To read more about what the effects will be visit osagenews.org.

Editor's Note: The Osage News went to press on March 16.

Concert campaign rally for Tim Tall Chief and Cecilia Tallchief May 22

A concert campaign rally will be held for Tim Tall Chief, running for principal chief, and Ce-

ilia Tallchief, running assistant principal chief, on May 22 at the Constantine Theater in downtown Pawhuska.

The Native band, "Thunderhand Joe and the Medicine Show" will begin at 2 p.m. For more information e-mail Jack Hickey Jr., at Jack_Jr_017@msn.com.

The Indian and the White Guy visit Osage Event Center June 12

For more than 30 years, Bruce Williams and Terry Ree, "The Indian and the White Guy," have entertained people across the country with a unique brand of music and humor. They will be performing at the Osage Event Center at 7 p.m., Saturday, June 12, 2010. Tickets are free and can be obtained starting at noon March 12. Visit the Player's Club at the Osage Million Dollar Elm casino at LL Tisdale Parkway and 36 Street North, Tulsa.

Williams & Ree began performing in a band at Black Hills State College in Spearfish, South Dakota, in 1968. Their resume includes gigs at the world famous Comedy Store in Los Angeles and testing new material with comedians Robin Williams and David Letterman. They've shared the stage with Oklahoma's Garth Brooks, The Oak Ridge Boys, and Tim McGraw.

The duo finds humor in everyday life combining pop culture trends into a fast-paced, lively show, full of zings interspersed with songs. They pick on everyone, no matter what their background. They schedule more than 300 shows a year. For more information, visit <http://www.myspace.com/williamsandree>.



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Births and Celebrations

Luttrell inducted into National Honor Society

Audrey Luttrell was recently inducted into the National Honor Society at San Juan High School in Blanding, Utah. Audrey was awarded and inducted into the honor Society based on four areas of outstanding performance: scholarship, Leadership Service, and character. In order to be invited in the NHS, Audrey had to maintain a consistent GPA above 3.5 earn satisfactory citizenship marks, participate in at least one

extracurricular activity, and have no disciplinary or legal violations.

Audrey is the daughter of Rick Luttrell of Pawhuska, Ok, and the granddaughter of Richard and Carmalita Luttrell of Hominy, Ok. She lives with her mother Caroline Lameman in southeastern Utah. Audrey is extremely proud of her accomplishment and hopes to do her best to continue her achievements.

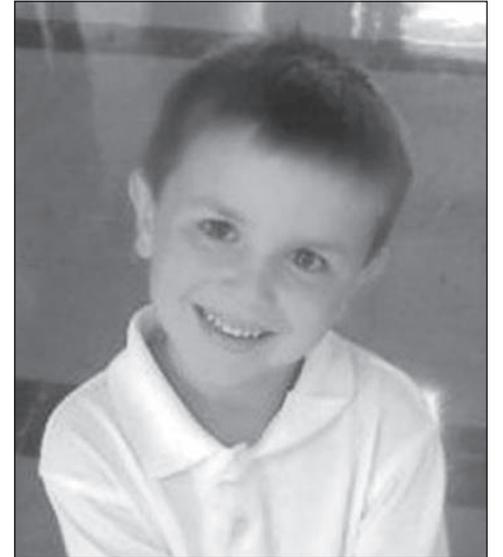
Happy birthday!

Wishing Berbon Hamilton a Happy Birthday Feb. 2 and Happy

Sweet 16 to Dora Josephine Williams Feb. 19. We love you.

Dailey crowned Pawnee Nation College Princess

On February 26 the Pawnee Nation College hosted a Handgame that was sponsored by SGA and Office of Student Affairs of Pawnee Nation College. During the event they crowned their new 2010 Brooklin Dailey, Osage. Ms. Dailey has been elected as the SGA President of this college. Congratulations to you.



JJ Brace

Happy birthday!

Happy Birthday J.J. Josh, Stacey and Jozelyn would like to wish their sweet boy a very happy sixth birthday! J.J. is in Kindergarten at Pawhuska Elementary School and will turn six years old on March 27th. Your whole family loves you and wishes you a happy birthday!

Happy birthday!

Happy birthday from friends and family. Extended birthday wishes go out to the individuals who will be celebrating in the month of March. Brenda Davis, March 2, Silas Satepauhoodle, March 7, Lynnette Satepauhoodle, March 13, Carrie Rogers, March 21, Julia Lookout, March 29, Mark Davis, March 31.

Happy birthday!

The family of Katherine Nichole Buffalomeat would like to wish her a very happy fifth birthday. Katie will be celebrating her birthday on March 29, 2010. Katie is the daughter of Wylan and Courtney Buffalomeat of Seiling, OK. Katie's maternal grandparents are the late Michael E. Pratt Sr. of Pawhuska, OK and Patricia Pratt of Pawhus-

ka, OK. Katie is the great granddaughter of the late Jerome and Angie Barnes of Hominy, OK and the late Lottie Shunkamolah Pratt of Hominy and the late Charles A. Pratt Sr. of Norman, OK.

We are so proud of you and love you very much!!!!



Katherine Nicole Buffalomeat

Get rid of all those old, unused, unwanted, expired medications just sitting in your home!

RX PILL DUMP DAYS



Partnering with Osage Nation CHR / Injury Prevention, Osage Nation Public Health and Osage Nation Police Department

Prescription Pill Dump Days

March 18, 2010

Pawhuska; Title VI 11 a.m.—1 p.m.
Fairfax; Palace Grocery 4 p.m.—7 p.m.

March 19, 2010

Barnsdall; SR Citizens 11 a.m.—1 p.m.
Skiatook; Travel Plaza 3 p.m.—5 p.m.

March 24, 2010

Pawhuska; Cedar Ridge 11 a.m.—1 p.m.
Pawhuska Hometown Foods 4 p.m.—7 p.m.

March 25, 2010

Tulsa; Osage WIC Office 12 p.m.—2 p.m.
Hominy; Marvin's 4 p.m.—7 p.m.

Law Enforcement Present At Every Site!

Save the Date! Local Events Calendar

MARCH

March 19

Indian Taco Sale Fundraiser for Dillon Gwin

Gwin was recently selected to play football in Hawaii. All proceeds go to the cause.

Wah-Zha-Zhe Cultural Center, Pawhuska, OK

Starts 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Contact Dana Sellers (918) 287-4499

March 20

Osage Nation Princess Sorority 6th Annual Honor Dance

Agricultural Building, Fairgrounds, Pawhuska, OK

Starts 2:00 p.m.

Contact (918) 287-5555

March 20

Revard Political Rallies- Pawhuska

All candidates running for Osage office are invited to speak, and take questions from the crowd. All Osage tribal members are invited to attend.

Wah-Zha-Zhi Cultural Center, Pawhuska, OK

Starts 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Contact Jim Ryan (210) 804-0687 or jimr812@peoplepc.com

March 21

Announcement of Osage Shareholders Association Meeting

Grayhorse Community Center

Starts at 1:00 p.m.

Contact (918) 349-2396 or email osage@totalcsi.com

March 27

New Mexico Osage Meeting

Attention Candidates! The New Mexico Osages would like to invite all candidates

running for office in the Osage Nation government to their meeting.

Location still being determined

Starts 11:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Contact Sandra Jamison (505) 554-1211

APRIL

April 1

Deadline for Candidates to file for Office

This is the deadline for all people who are interested in filing for office for Principal Chief, Asst. Chief, Congress, etc.

April 5-6

Native American Languages 8th Annual Oklahoma Native American Youth Language Fair

OU Sam Noble OK Museum of Natural History, 2401 Chautauqua Ave., Norman, OK

Contact (405) 325-4712 or <http://www.snomnh.ou.edu/collections-research/cr-sub/nal/nylf/>

April 15-18

Association of American Indian Physicians Announcement

All undergraduate and graduate students interested in the health field workshop.

Applications must be in the AAIP office by Friday, April 2.

University of Arizona-Tuscon, Arizona

Contact information at www.aaip.org

April 18

Announcement of Osage Shareholders Association Meeting

David Landrum Community Center

Starts at 1:00 p.m.

Contact (918) 349-2396 or email osage@totalcsi.com

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 10:00 a.m. and

Boys will begin at 1:00 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 9:00 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Contact Forest Tracy (925) 351-8585 or email forest@foreststax-services.com

April 29

Osage Nation Environmental and Natural Resources Department

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 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Contact Denise Sellers (918) 605-9403

MAY

May 16

Announcement of Osage Shareholders Association Meeting

David Landrum

Community Center

Starts at 1:00 p.m.

Contact (918) 349-2396 or email osage@totalcsi.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

Starts 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Contact Jack Hickey Jr at Jack_Jr_017@msn.com

JUNE

June 7

Election Day

Osage Nation Congressional Chambers

All Day Event

Contact (918) 287-5286 or email aharris@osagetribe.org

June 7

Absentee Ballots Due

Osage Nation Election

Board Office

532 Kihakah Avenue, Pawhuska

All Day Event

Contact (918) 287-5286 or email aharris@osagetribe.org

June 7

Announcement of Osage Shareholders Association Meeting

David Landrum Community

Center

Starts at 1:00 p.m.

Contact (918) 349-2396 or email osage@totalcsi.com

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

JULY

July 16-18

58th Tulsa Powwow

Spirit Bank Event Center, Tulsa

Contact Robert Anquoe

(918) 671-2417

Burgess Shaw places third in Oklahoma's 6A State Wrestling Championships

Shaw recently signed to play football with East Central University in Edmond

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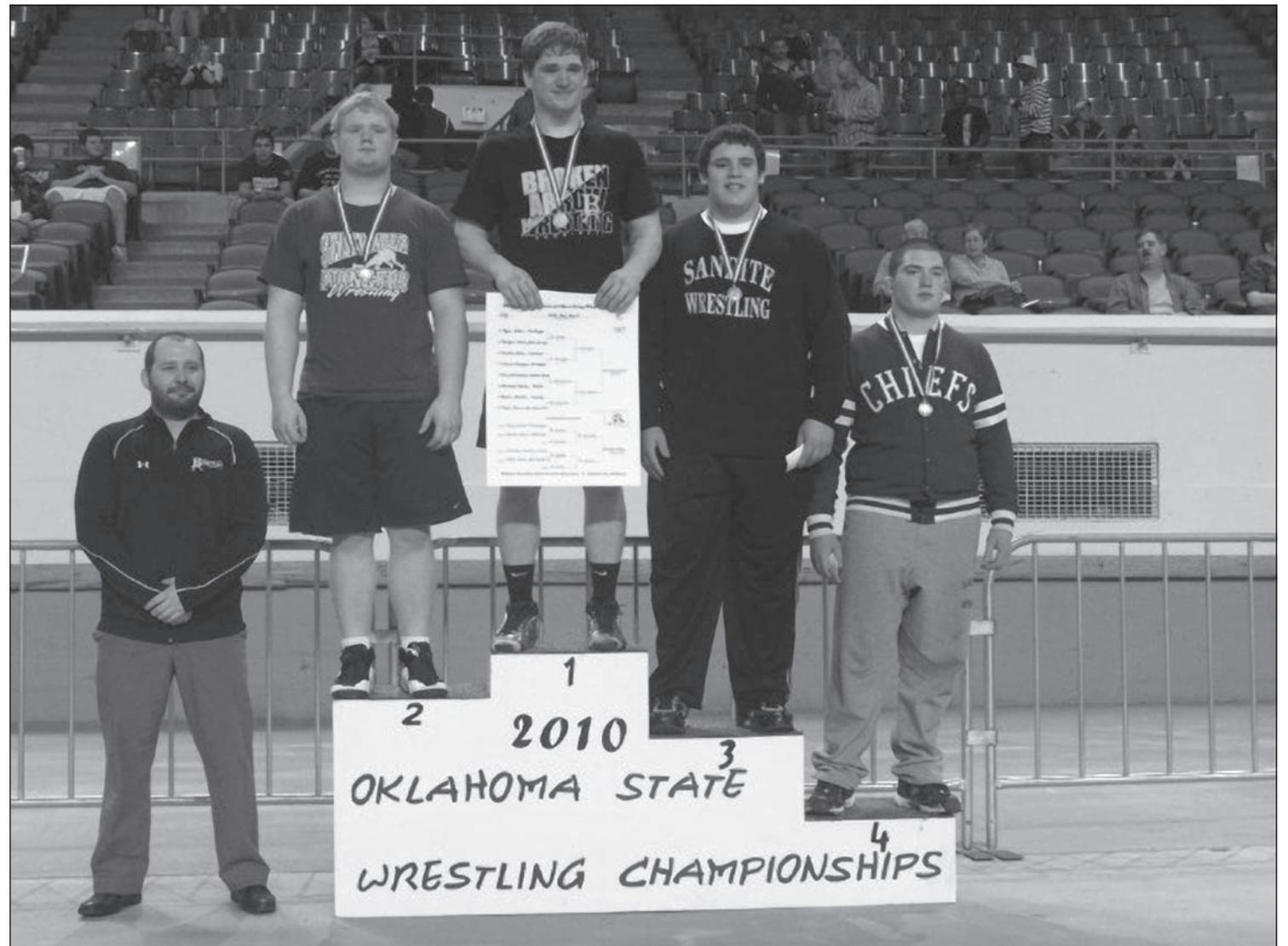
Burgess Shaw, a senior at Sand Springs High School, placed third in this year's 6A State Wrestling Championships held at the Oklahoma City Fair Arena.

It wasn't easy for Shaw. He rallied after a loss in the 285-pound championship semi-finals to beat Yukon High School's Brandon Banta 3-1 in the consolation semi-finals March 6. In the heavyweight consolation final later that afternoon Shaw battled Sapulpa High School's Blake Shields to a 1-1 tie in regulation. Shaw then beat Shields in the second overtime for a 2-1 win.

Shaw completed his senior wrestling season with a record of 33-13 and recently signed to play football with East Central University in Edmond to begin his college career.

Burgess Shaw, Osage/Ponca/Pottawatomie, is the son of Pam and John Shaw of Sand Springs; the grandson of Beth and Jerry Shaw of Wichita, Kans.; the grandson of Darrell Merriman of Cleveland, Okla. and the great grandson of Virginia Primeaux of Oklahoma City, Okla.

Editor's note: Shaw is the cousin of Interim Editor Shannon Shaw.



Courtesy Photo

Burgess Shaw stands on the winner's podium in third place after he beats Sapulpa's Blake Shields in Oklahoma's 6A State Wrestling Championships.

April 12th is the deadline for all submissions for the April issue of the

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Mark it on your calendars!



Come Support our youth and the
Osage Nation Language Program
at the:

Native American Languages
8th Annual Oklahoma Native American Youth
Language Fair
"Weaving Words, Connecting Lives"
April 5-6, 2010
OU Sam Noble OK Museum of Natural History
2401 Chautauqua Ave.
Norman, OK 73072-7029
(ph) 405.325.4712 (fax) 405.325.7699
<http://www.snomnh.ou.edu/collections-research/er-sub/nal/nyll/>

OBITUARIES

Avis Eslie Johnson

Avis Eslie Johnson, 91, of Kinta, passed away Tuesday, February 23, 2010, in Wilburton. Avis was born on November 23, 1918, in Ralston, Oklahoma, the daughter of Alex Edward and Rose Behethline Cheatham Cannon. She was reared at Ralston and Burbank graduating in 1936. She then attended OSU and played the position of forward on the women's Flying O's Basketball team. She received her Bachelor's Degree in Education from Southwestern State in Weatherford. On August 14, 1938, Avis married Russell H. Johnson in Pawnee. Avis taught school at Burland, Bridgeport, Cordell, Dalhart and Texline, Texas, Sedan and Clayton, New Mexico, Canute and Kinta, Oklahoma. Avis retired in 1968. She enjoyed oil painting, reading, traveling, her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Survivors include: her sons, S.L. Johnson and wife Carol of Kinta and Alex Johnson and wife Sandy of Kinta; her daughters Sharon Jackson and her husband Leland of Canute and Audrine Randolph of McAlester; 11 grandchildren, 18 great grandchildren and 3 great great-grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her husband Russell, her parents, two sister, Floris Brandenburg and Evaline Ebert; two brothers Bud and Gurney Cannon, a son-in-law, Richard Randolph, a granddaughter, Brandi Michelle Johnson Hamilton, and a great grandson Alex Battles Johnson.

Funeral services were held 2:00 p.m. Friday, February 26, 2010, at the Oak Leaf Room with Reverend John Parish officiating. Pallbearers were Jack Jackson, Leland (TJ) Jackson, Russell Jackson, Kelly Byrum, Logan Johnson, Luke Johnson, Nathan Johnson, and Justin Byrum. Burial followed under the direction of Hunn & Black Funeral Home of Quinton.

California invitation extended to candidates

The United Osages of Southern California cordially invite candidates and incumbents to address the Osages living in Southern California at our April 24, 2010 meeting. The meeting will be held at South Oceanside Elementary School, 1806 South Horne Street, Oceanside, Ca 92054. Doors open at 10:30 am and candidates will commence breakout sessions at 1:00 pm. This is our last campaign meeting.

The Southern California Osages support a venue that is safe for all Osages to come eat, listen to guest speakers, ask constructive questions and receive accurate answers. We all support an environment where we can comfortably exchange ideas, enjoy social time and share in our cultural heritage.

Candidates and members are invited to RSVP Chair Bill Myers at (760) 500-2266 or wmmyers@oside.k12.ca.us or calosage@hotmail.com.

Osage Nation Burial Assistance Application Process



- Submit an application within 30 days of time of death
- Provide CDIB or Membership Card that verifies Osage Indian Blood for deceased individual
- Provide a copy of a death certificate for the deceased individual
- Provide a copy of an itemized Funeral Home statement of the deceased individual

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

- Allow 10-14 working days for completed application to be processed and a check issued.
- Reimbursements checks will only be issued to funeral home and designated grocer only; individual expenses will not be reimbursed.

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

Osage Nation Constituent Services Office

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621 Grandview • Pawhuska, OK 74056

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OPINION

Letters to the Editor

Comments on Strategic Planning meetings and Election Board

It saddens me that there are those who would suggest that Principle Chief Jim Gray has ulterior motives in having the Strategic Plan Town Hall Meetings beginning with Pawhuska, Okla. To suggest any campaigning by Chief Gray . . . he has NOT announced any Candidacy to this date (Feb. 25, 2010). He has an obligation to the people to keep us all informed for this Strategic Plan, let us not forget that Chief Gray brought this plan to the people and he has kept his word by keeping us informed throughout his leadership. After all, his current leadership will end soon and the timing for these meetings is appropriate.

Election Board Meeting on Feb. 25, 2010: Attending were Osage members and three Congress members. I want to comment on a couple of areas I believe is noteworthy to the people. It was obvious that Congresswoman Jerri Jean Branstetter came with the purpose to challenge board members and alternate member(s) of impropriety while conducting their voting. She made it clear that she would challenge the election if she believed there had been members not approved by the Congress prior to voting on any issue. The determination of Congresswoman Branstetter threats to this board that had been working diligently and hard for a successful election.

Congresswoman Faren Anderson: She harangued the board on their line item budget expenditures, even after she was told, several times, they could not comment on specific information they did not have. Most Osages would prefer to move past the (2010) budget fiasco, with the continuing attacks by Congress members. Be aware, we will not forget this Congress' broken promises to the Osage people and the ramifications they present, so get over yourselves and move on.

—Sandra Akins
Pawhuska, OK

Article about Minerals Council unfair and inaccurate

In last month's issue of the *Osage News* there was an article covering the February 17th Minerals Council meeting. In that article there were several things written about me that I take issue with and additionally feel the article was not a complete or fair representation of what went on at the meeting.

First, by casting me as yelling during the meeting, the article implies that I was disruptive and out of control. The Council chambers were full and I was in the back of the room. Simply as a matter of location, I was forced to raise my voice in order to be heard by the council members in the front. And yet, there was no mention of the Chairman's behavior, with his yelling, constant evasions and downright refusals to answer questions from the shareholders and his continual threats to call individuals as out of order.

Secondly, my comment to Chairman Martin of "How do you think your Mother would feel if she knew you were acting like this?" was not meant to be derogatory. I have known the chairman for a long time; our mothers were very close friends. As such, my comment was meant to calm him down. Also, a glaring omission in the article, was that many folks were taken aback by the verbal and blatantly partisan attack on councilwoman Boone and that I spoke up and said, "Personally attacking Cynthia Boone from the chair was wholly inappropriate."

Note: Had Bob taken my comments in a malicious manner, he and I would not have had a friendly chat after the meeting as we usually do.

Thirdly, when a Mr. Daniels spoke, the article alleges that "Phillips approached Daniels and began to berate him." This is entirely false! I did not move toward him in any fashion or berate him. This could not be further from the truth. Additionally, after the meeting Mr. Daniels and I exchanged pleasantries and he gave me his email address.

Fourth, after the meeting, councilwoman Jewell Purcell, patted me on the back and gave me a very flattering compliment. I don't think that would have happened if I had been the yelling, disruptive person that I was portrayed to be in the article.

In summary, I was very disappointed in the article and find the mischaracterizations of myself to be offensive. More so, there were many portions of the meeting that were not mentioned and the selective nature of these omissions is disconcerting. In my opinion, taken together, the article becomes more a piece of propaganda than straightforward reporting of the facts.

—Lou Phillips
Owasso, OK

(Editor's note: The *Osage News* stands by the reporting in the story mentioned above.)

New Mexico Osages invite candidates to meeting

The New Mexico Osages would like to invite all candidates running for office in the Osage Nation government to their meeting March 27, in Albuquerque, N.M. The meeting will be from 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. The location is still being determined.

For more information about the meeting call Sandra "Sandi" Jamison at (505) 554-1211.

OPINION

Currently the Osage News Editorial Board is reviewing the issue of editorials submitted by Osage Nation elected officials and whether or not they will be allowed for the April and May issues of the Osage News due to the upcoming election.

Strategic Planning updates receive positive community feedback

By Jim Gray,
Osage Nation Principal Chief

I have been reporting on our progress in a recent series of town hall meetings. As these meetings progress, I believe it is important for you, the Osage people to know how these meetings are going.

To briefly remind everyone, in 2007, we launched an unprecedented nation-wide citizen-participatory based twenty-five year strategic planning process. We held over 26 community meetings directly involving over 2,000 individual Osages around the country. We gathered this information and organized it with the assistance of subject-expert groups of Osages. The outcome of this information was then organized and prioritized through a nation-wide survey reaching out to over 7,200 Osages over the age of 18. Finally, at a Strategic Planning Citizen Summit, we organized all the input into a form we could publish as our Strategic Plan, "The Will of the People." With this work accomplished we came back out again to present what we had accomplished in its final form. The feedback we received was overwhelmingly positive. We had captured what you, the people, had told us.

Since that time, we have been hard at work incorporating the strategic plan elements into our



Principal Chief Jim Gray

new organizational structure and our more specific program plans; both designed to re-align existing efforts to better accomplish what you, the people, told us you wanted. We have made significant progress on many fronts, yet it would be difficult for the average citizen to see this progress without individuals being integrally involved in the planning and appropriations process--where the Executive Branch and Legislative Branch must agree on how much Osage government revenue is necessary to reach the peoples' goals found in the Strategic Plan.

And briefly, since 2004, when

our Osage Reaffirmation Act was signed into law, re-affirming our reservation and right to self-governance, we have seen increases in revenue, increasing enrollment in Osage language and culture classes, increasing citizen participation in key decisions of our new democracy, increasing support for education, increasing access to healthcare, increasing federal grants, increasing royalty payments to Osage head-right owners, and increasing numbers of Osage citizens around the country moving back to our reservation.

Our recent series of meetings are designed to provide an avenue for the people to see this progress in greater detail, as well as to get additional feedback on our direction. We will also be producing a written report regarding our progress over the past few years. The feedback loop these meetings provide is critical to instituting an "intelligent" planning process, or one which learns as it progresses.

Due to some unfortunate delays and budget constraints we have not been able to repeat the level of outreach during this portion of the process, however attendance has been good and feedback continues to be overwhelmingly positive. I encourage everyone to stay involved.

I also hope you can see the value

of a government that continues to put a real effort behind reaching out to its people. This level of citizen involvement is a meaningful part of transparency and accountability in government, and one which I hope will continue regardless of who is in office. It will only continue if you, the people also continue to participate; thus holding us all directly accountable to you throughout the years and in between elections.

As we close our series of meetings it is also important to reflect on how far we've come. From overcoming monumental historic obstacles, to increasing profitability and government revenue, to improving Osage Nation employment systems, to meaningfully involving our citizens and neighbors, to protecting our culture and history, to battling ingrained, old racism and prejudices; the work of the Nation sometimes feels overwhelming. But it is the strength of our ancestors and the hopes and dreams of you and all future generations of Osages that renews and strengthens my faith that we will continue to build a strong, proud, resilient, and enduring sovereign nation.

I look forward to your continued involvement, observation, and evaluation of our upcoming Hunkah Congressional session starting March 16th 2010.

OPINION

A Message from John D. Red Eagle Ki-he-kah O-wah-ta

—Assistant Principal Chief of Osage Nation



Assistant Principal Chief John D. Red Eagle

By John D. Red Eagle,
Assistant Principal Chief

The Osage Nation Congress was called into its 27th special session on February 26th, 2010 by the Chief of the Osage Nation. The Osage Nation Congress convened to consider (1) A supplemental appropriation for the Osage Nation Election Board. (2) Approve the rules and regulations promulgated by the Osage Nation Election Board. (3) Amend the Osage Nation Election Code bill ONCA 08-27 to include a provision for the Osage Minerals Council to make rules and regulations for the election of the Osage Minerals Council. (4) Approve three critical items in the revised Osage Nation Gaming Enterprise Annual Plan of Operation.

Osage Nation Election Board

The Osage Nation Election Board asked the Osage Nation

Congress for an appropriation of \$188,087 dollars bringing the total to \$389,873. Our upcoming election is going to cost the Nation nearly a half a million dollars. Considering the rules have not yet been approved by the Osage Nation Congress, the government is approaching a time crunch since there are only 85 days left until Election Day. If the Election Board would have been appointed in a timely manner this scenario could have been avoided. Currently the election process which is governed by the Osage Nation Election Code law is still being developed while the process is in progress. It's not a good practice to send a team to play without a game plan and this is what's been done to this election board. Hopefully, they will be able to finish the game in June when the polls close.

Minerals Council Election

The Osage Nation Minerals Council asked the BIA to oversee their upcoming election and were turned down. As a result of this action the BIA offered technical assistance with the consent of the Principal Chief. The Chief then met with the Minerals Council to determine the process by which the election would occur. It was concluded by the Chief and the majority of the Minerals Council that the Osage Nation Congress should amend the Osage Nation Election Code to state that the Osage Nation Congress give consent to the Osage Minerals Council as an independent entity of the Nation who can hold their own election. There was a considerable amount

of debate whether the Osage Nation Congress should delegate or affirm the Minerals Council to promulgate its rules for the election. An amendment was presented to change the amendment bill ONCA 10-28 but failed. A final bill passed using the word delegate. The Osage Nation Minerals Council passed a resolution stating in section 10 of the resolution that congress should delegate to them the right to have the independence to conduct their own election.

Reservation Case

On March 5th, 2010 the United States Court of Appeals 10th Circuit ruled that the reservation status of the Osages has been disestablished. Attorneys informed the clients, the Osage Nation that the decision would likely be made 6-8 months after a hearing which was held in January 2010. Sooner than expected a decision came less than 2 months after the hearing. The Principal Chief of the Osage Nation stated to the Press that he is filing for a rehearing. Is it possible that the 10th Circuit grants mulligans? Let's hope that they will. In reality, we the Osage Na-

tion have lost the case. What kind of implications is this going to have on our Nation? Will it put our gaming enterprises in a tax situation and will be required to pay back taxes to the State of Oklahoma. Will this decision affect other Tribal Business Entities and is it going to affect other Indian Nations/Tribes in the State of Oklahoma?

These are just a few of the impacts this case may have if we decide to move toward a rehearing and a possible filing in the Supreme Court. These types of litigations cost in 6 to 7 figure range in attorney fees, court cost and research. Maybe we should call time out to cover all our bases, get our strategies in order and get everyone on board as to what our decisions are going to be. We need to decide collectively what the percentage of risks we are facing and if we lose what it will cost the Nation. Making impulsive decisions concerning legal matters usually puts you in a higher risk of losing. Our Nation has lost 2 court hearings in the span of 1 year. It appears to me that something is wrong or else we wouldn't be losing.

See you next month.

April 12th is the deadline for all submissions for the April issue of the

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Mark it on your calendars!

OPINION

Election facts sometimes stranger than fiction

By Shannon Edwards,
Osage Nation Congresswoman

In a little over two months, the Osage Nation will elect its second constitutional government. Tonight my family and I are headed to a Rally for Candidates in Edmond, Okla., armed with curiosity and more than a few unanswered questions for the candidates. Amidst the rumors and in anticipation of what is sure to be a lively campaign season, I thought I'd provide my top ten reasons to attend an election forum, read the print papers and visit theirs as well as the social media websites, collect campaign literature and VOTE informed! It really is the cornerstone of what makes the Osage Nation great.

10 Reasons to get informed about the Osage elections:

10. To find out how the candidates who have run more than once when all voting age members were allowed to vote—some successfully and some not—have changed their thinking since the last election.
9. To learn who is in favor of amending the Constitution and who isn't.
8. To learn the education and professional backgrounds of the candidates.
7. To inquire of incumbent candidates about their voting records, legislation written, sponsored, voted against, vetoed, and overridden.
6. To understand which Chief and Assistant Chief Candidates won't vow to work together for the good of the Nation.
5. To find out which Congressional candidates won't use old fashion technology (tele-



Shannon Edwards

phones) and telefaxes, e-mail, telephone and video conferencing- or even hand written letters for that matter—to communicate with officials and their own fellow members.

4. To confirm which Chief candidate has publically declared that the 80% of all Osages who do not live on the reservation should not be a part of the government.
3. To discover the opinions of attorneys who practice before the Tribal Court about whether the current Judiciary should be retained.
2. To ascertain who has a vision

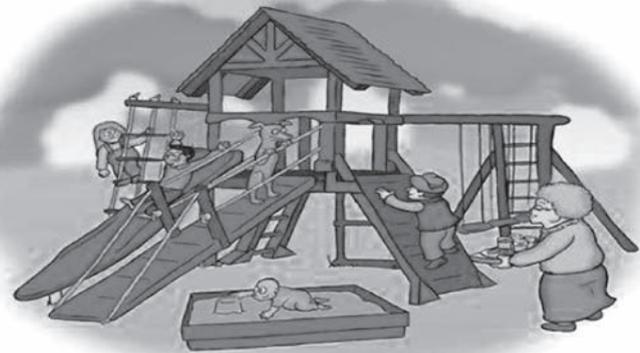
for the future and who just wants to collect a paycheck for “the best paying job I've ever had”.

1. To participate meaningfully in a democracy.

The Regular Session has just begun and there is some important legislation scheduled to be introduced. The Health and Social Ser-

vices Committee which I chair will be meeting Tuesdays and Thursdays immediately following session as needed and on March 19, 2010. I encourage all interested citizens to listen to our meetings and sessions and communicate at will. I look forward to voting in the best interest of all Osage people as your representative.

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“Why?” you ask. Because...
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Congress**
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“Hello”

OPINION

Osages solving Osage problems

By Raymond Red Corn,
Osage Nation Congressman

Democracies are messy, and the Osage Nation is no exception. The one thing that is exceptional is how this democracy was born. With few historical precedents in any nation or culture, those holding power, elected by a property-holding minority, voluntarily set in motion a process that ended with a transfer of that power to all descendants of the original Osage Allottees.

That remarkable transfer of power had a bargain built into it. The 31st Council, while transferring power, insisted the new government never, ever, mess with headright shares. Since 2006 the rhetoric spawned by our government's reformation has centered on one question – is the bargain being honored by our present government?



Raymond Red Corn

Last week, the Osage Congress took up the Solomonic chore of deciphering the terms of that bargain. At issue was legislative language used to construct a sturdy framework for Minerals Council

elections that could withstand a legal challenge if necessary. Simultaneously, the Congress had to fulfill a constitutional demand to create a law governing “all Osage Nation elections.” Like a TV talent show performer back in the ‘60s who kept several china plates spinning on sticks, the Congress was expected to perform those tricks and honor the constitutional independence of the Minerals Council at the same time.

To the Congress's credit, I think we pulled it off.

Admittedly, only time will tell. But given the circumstances I have seldom been prouder of the body. On the eve of an election season, eight members of Congress bucked a wave of political pressure and cast a vote strengthening the integrity of the Minerals Council elections and our constitutional form of government.

This was made possible by a Minerals Council who, bucking the same pressure, voted 6-1 to ask Congress to act. In what amounted to a constitutional reality check, both bodies did what was necessary.

But that's not the point.

The point is that today is Sovereignty Day, and the events above show what being a sovereign nation really means. It means Osages solving Osage problems, writing Osage law, and managing Osage affairs. We, meaning you and I and all other Osages and their elected representatives, govern the Osage Nation.

Still, some of our citizens openly long for a stronger federal hand on the shoulder of the Osage Nation. Indeed, the BIA's quiet presence here is still required and necessary for minerals and trust purposes. Their presence provided stability and assurance during the governmental transition, and still does. But show me a tribal government still wholly dependent upon the BIA, and I'll show you a tribal nation far removed from the successes of the independent, progressive tribes often mentioned when Osages say “why can't we do things like the (insert name of successful tribe here)?”

The Osage Nation will get better at governing. Branches will eventually figure out how to get along and get things done. When this happens it will be because Osages made it happen, and because the bargain struck in the process of change is still honored.



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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.

CARL "CHICO" SELLERS Candidate for Principal Chief

Leadership means a lot of different things to different people. In the race for Principal Chief of the Osages it means a person that can lead but put the Osage membership first. Traveling and sightseeing around the world come second or third to attending to the needs of our Osage people. A leader should have the skills to negotiate with the Osage Nation Congress and NOT force a no win situation for Osage Nation employees where their departments end up with \$1 for supplies. A leader knows sometimes you can lose a battle or two but win the war. A leader's ego cannot be so consumed with righteousness that in the end they cost the future of the Osage Nation membership.



Carl "Chico" Sellers

Many questions arise about decisions that were made or not made by the present administration, but the bottom line is the Osage Nation membership deserves leadership at its best and that is what I have to offer. Sure, many of the candidates are board members both appointed and selected and that is fine. The real question is who actually gives time to the community without recognition, compensation, fancy titles, or back door deals. I sincerely ask for your vote.

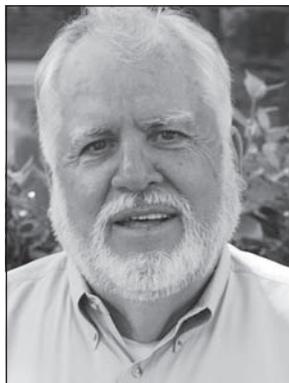
—By Carl "Chico" Sellers

ROY ST. JOHN Candidate for Principal Chief

The Open Records Bill passed into law but falls short in implementation

Last month I promised a report on my experience with the Open Record Law. I requested a list of Boards and Commissions in the Executive Branch, names of the board members and their term of service. The response: "The Executive Branch does not have a record of the current board members and the Open Record Act does not obligate the Executive Branch to create a record in order to respond to a request." This response demonstrates an out of control administration in action.

The Health Benefit Card which the citizens believed they would be en-



Roy St. John

titled to just by being an enrolled member of the Nation came with an application forms containing so many intrusions into their privacy.. Again intent of the law failed in implementation by our Executive Branch.

The Chief in his meetings with employees and the public speaks against Per Capita distribution, telling of failures. There are many Tribes throughout the country that have very successful Per Capita programs. I am sure the Osage Nation can evaluate these successes and failures to develop and implement a program that meets our needs.

Visit my website at www.roystjohn.net.

—By Roy St. John

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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 for Principal Chief

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

Candidates for Assistant Principal Chief:

- Scott Bighorse
- Jeff Irons
- Cecelia Tallchief

Candidates for Osage Nation Congress:

- Daniel Boone
- Randolph Crawford
- Danette Daniels
- Alice Goodfox
- Louis Gray

- Margo Gray-Proctor
- Jake Heflin
- Sheryl Hill
- John Jech
- Jenny Miller
- Raymond Red Corn
- Doug Revard
- Joseph Shunkamolah
- Geoffrey Standing Bear
- William "Kugee" Supernaw
- Anthony Webb

Candidates running for Osage Nation Minerals Council:

- Curtis Bear
- Cynthia Boone
- Galen Crum
- Kyle Logan
- Charles Pratt
- Jewell Purcell
- Kathryn Red Corn
- Myron Red Eagle
- James Revard
- Jim T. Schooling
- Andrew Yates

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TIM TALL CHIEF

Candidate for Principal Chief

“Consistent” support of education, whether academic, cultural or practical, is central to the success of the Osage Nation. I spent much of my career in education. After earning my Bachelor’s Degree in Business Administration, Education, and Psychology, and my Master’s Degree in Education, I served in a variety of educational rolls. I was the Executive Director of the Native American Center of Excellence in the Colleges of Medicine and Dentistry at the OU Health Sciences Center. I also served as the State Director of Indian Education with the Oklahoma State Department of Education. I have enjoyed teaching at many levels including Middle School, High School, Community College, four year College and Graduate School. I currently teach in the Leadership Program for the College of Liberal Studies at The University of Oklahoma.

During my educational experiences as a student and teacher, I learned that successful education requires intelligence, motivation and perseverance. However, education alone will not make our people and nation successful. Our Osage students are not simply the “future” of our Nation, they are also the “now” of our Nation, and character building is essential. Our Osage students deserve the best support available to develop the “Dimension of Excellence” expected of and for our people.

—By Tim Tall Chief



Tim Tall Chief

CECELIA TALLCHIEF

Candidate for Assistant Principal Chief

As we embark upon the Osage Nation elections, I encourage all voters to studiously investigate all candidates running for office. Most candidates have the right intentions and really desire what’s in the best interest of the Osage Nation. However, these good intentions can be blind with optimism. The Osage Nation is at pivotal point in our young government. As such, we need strong, experienced leaders who have the knowledge and foresight to make educated and decisive decisions for the betterment of our people. Now is not the time for “on- the-job training.” Please take the necessary time to properly learn about each candidate’s qualifications. Study their platforms and call them about your specific questions or concerns. But most importantly, educate yourself about the real issues and needs of our Osage people.

The Osage people have waited too long for basic services enjoyed by oth-



Cecelia Tallchief

er Tribal Nations. Expanded healthcare services, enhanced educational opportunities, business/job prospects, and efficient Tribal administration operations must be created. Together, we can build a more positive, efficient and productive Osage Nation. Now is the time of change and along with that comes our season of prosperity.

—By Cecelia Tallchief

RANDOLPH CRAWFORD

Candidate for Osage Nation Congress

The Osage Constitution is the foundation of our new government. Efforts must be made to strengthen this foundation, so that all Osage people will have the support they need to prosper in this ever changing (and often times challenging) world. I am asking for your vote and support so that I may be your voice in helping to protect, preserve, and promote the Osage Nation and its citizens.



Randolph Crawford

—Randolph Crawford

ALICE GOODFOX

Candidate for Osage Nation Congress

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Alice Goodfox

—By Alice Goodfox

LOUIS GRAY

Candidate for Osage Nation Congress

An important thing to know about a congressional candidate is; does he understand what a Congressman does, and does he know the limits of the office?

This is a critical bit of information. Congress makes laws to guide and protect our Nation. The



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recent focus on controlling spending diverted energy from the actual task of making laws.

There is plenty of work to be done when congress concentrates on legislation and establishing a budget. I believe we can do great things within our appointed tasks, and I want very much to be a part of increasing the health and wealth of our Nation!

Making laws to take care of specific problems and to create opportunities are at the very top of my agenda. Through a variety of jobs and board work, I have had an impact on education, housing, social services, gaming and policy making for over thirty years and I am prepared to use that experience to move us forward. As a member of the strategic planning task force, I want to see the will and words of our people become reality.

When we do our jobs right we will make money and jobs for our nation.

—By *Louis Gray*

JAKE HEFLIN

Candidate for Osage Nation Congress

It is increasingly important that we, as a Nation, identify and develop additional revenue sources beyond gaming. The newly elected congress will be tasked with providing direction and appropriating funds that will enable the diversification of our economic base and broaden our influence throughout “Indian Country” and abroad. The creation and continued funding for the Osage Limited Liability Corporation (LLC) is certainly a positive step in the right direction. I believe now is the time to act.



Jake Heflin

Innovative ways to put Osages in places where they can contribute to our Nation are necessary.

Our Osage citizenry is diverse. Our people are knowledgeable. Certainly, Osage people are our most vital resource. I support the concept of “Osage Consultants” working with various program directors to find creative solutions. This economic “think tank” along with constituent input will review past practices and create new possibilities. Residency need not be a requirement for participation. By incorporating technology, our horizons are broadened and our scope will expand. Tribes throughout the United States are increasing their wealth and developing innovative ideas and solutions. Networking with these tribes and seeking their counsel is critical. It provides us with valuable insight into their world and enables us to see what other tribes have done and where they have been successful. There is no reason to re-invent the wheel.

—By *Jake Heflin*

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.

JENNY MILLER

Candidate for Osage Nation Congress

Having the willingness to place myself before the Osage Citizenry has proven to be a positive experience for me and I believe the people. It is my belief that doing so is an act of respect to the citizenry by allowing you the opportunity to get to know me and understand my goals and intent.

Consistency and accuracy in reporting, has brought over 2,000 visitors to my website and for this I am truly grateful.

From what I understand, we can expect spirited, brutal and perhaps intimidating actions as we near the election. I have no intention of responding, acknowledging or participating in such activities and will continue to report facts to you as they are received.

I am not running against any particular candidate. I am running for a Congressional seat in the Osage Nation Congress. There are 6 seats open in Congress and I hope to fill one. My purpose is not to defend myself against accusations and criticism but to defend the Osage people, our rights and our welfare by performing my duties in an honest, honorable and well thought out manner.

I ask that you honor me with your support: www.jenny2010.com, email jenny2010@cableone.net or call: 918-260-5712.

—By *Jenny Miller*



Jenny Miller

RAYMOND RED CORN

Candidate for Osage Nation Congress

An Attorney General. More benefits. Tightening of our ethics law. Constitutional amendments. There is no shortage of needed legislation, or of Osage problems with legislative solutions.

But how do we find the best solutions? As one of several candidates seeking office in Congress, here are my answers.

- Get out of town. There are few problems facing this nation that have not been successfully solved by other tribal nations. Direct contact with successful programs jump-starts the problem-solving process.
- Set egos aside. Any group seeking the best answers cannot base decisions on who made the suggestion. A solution must be judged on its merit, not on its source. When writing law, this is critical.
- Know how to compromise. Legislative stalemates are unavoidable, but the Osage Congress is limited only by its collective imagination when finding ways to get laws passed.



Raymond Red Corn

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- Communicate, communicate, communicate. Many of the problems plaguing the Osage Nation can be traced to inadequate inter-branch communication, where meaningful dialogue is the exception, not the rule. This must change.

The path to improved, more effective government is no mystery, but leadership and cooperation are essential to the effort. If you agree, I ask for your support.

—By Raymond Red Corn

GEOFFREY STANDING BEAR Candidate for Osage Nation Congress

There has been major debate between advocates of two different approaches on fixing several important problems with the present form of Osage government. One position is to ignore the new Osage Constitution and pursue remedy through the BIA and the federal courts and the other position is to get into the Osage government and push for Amendments to the Constitution. I have been in the latter camp, those who take the Constitutional Amendment view. The BIA has been funding the new government since it was formed and this was a statement of BIA support and recognition. Because I am an attorney who works with the Department of Interior and Department of Justice attorneys, I knew of their opinion that H.R. 2912 had the effect of amending the 1906 Act on the day it became law. Those who argue that this law did not really change the 1906 Act form of government were either not here, or were not paying attention when the many meetings and changes occurred. The recent actions on the election of the Minerals Council is yet another announcement that things have changed. The solutions to the contradictions need to come from the Chief and the Osage Congress.



Geoffrey Standing Bear

—By Geoffrey Standing Bear

JAMES TIMOTHY SCHOOLING Candidate for Osage Nation Minerals Council

My name is James (Jim) T. Schooling and as I have previously announced, I am running for the Osage Minerals Council. My mission statement is as follows: I will work with the Minerals Council to assure that regulations are being met for all minerals being extracted and that every cubic foot of gas and barrel of oil and any other minerals are being accounted for properly. I will



James Timothy Schooling

Without Reservations



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work to ensure audits, where in the field or in the office are being done on a regular basis so that mineral recipients are being paid their amount due. Knowing that fossil fuels are finite, we must manage our resources with due diligence so that in the future our heirs will have a resource income from the minerals estate.

I have worked in the Oil and Gas industry for more than forty years in all capacities. I will approach this job with the professionalism and seriousness I have taken with all previous jobs I have held.

You can contact me at my web site at www.jimschooling.org or my email address at nschooling@cox.net.

—By James Timothy Schooling

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