Red Eagle and Big Horse new Chief and Assistant Chief

By Shannon Shaw
Osage News

John Red Eagle was stunned when they announced the runoff election results at 10:37 p.m. July 19. He was the winner after a long and expensive campaign to be the Osage Nation’s next Principal Chief.

“[My family] was all excited, they were more excited than I was,” Red Eagle said. “I was kind of stunned.”

Red Eagle won the majority vote in the July 19 runoff election, receiving a total of 1,345 votes, with 803 of those coming from out-of-state Osages. Red Eagle, who defeated his opponent Tim Tall Chief, is the nation’s first full-blooded Osage chief since Chief Paul Pitts, who was principal chief from 1954 to 1970 when he died in office. Following Pitts was Chief Sylvester Tinker, 1970 to 1982; Chief George Tall Chief, who was Tim Tall Chief’s father, Red Eagle’s opponent, 1982 to 1990; Chief Charles Tillman, 1990 to 2002 and then Chief Jim Gray, 2002 to 2010.

Red Eagle, who was still in campaign mode for the week after the election and was going to begin focusing on the transition, said that he’s ready to get to work and will name his administration Aug. 4, the day of his inauguration. The Osage News will have a full report on Red Eagle’s new administration online at osagenews.org after the Aug. 4 inauguration.

Proctor was reflective on her campaign, a campaign she almost won. The assistant principal chief race was decided by a mere 93 votes.

“I wish to thank everyone who

Deadline extension to appeal Nation’s reservation status case granted

The Nation has until Oct. 22 to file appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court

By Benny Polacca
Osage News

The United States Supreme Court has extended the deadline from August to October for the Osage Nation to file an appeal in the reservation status case.

The Nation now has until Oct. 22 to file an appeal of its lawsuit against the Oklahoma state Tax Commission in which the question of whether the Osage Nation Reservation exists is at issue. If the case’s ultimate outcome determines the reservation does not exist, then the operations of three Osage Million Dollar Elm casinos

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Newly elected Osage Nation Principal Chief John Red Eagle hugs his brother Congressman Eddy Red Eagle Jr. after learning he won the July 19 Runoff Election.

On Election Day for the runoff election July 19, newly-elect Osage Nation Congressman Daniel Boone joined around 40 people at Red Eagle’s campaign camp to listen to some blues from a local band and feast on hot dogs, baked beans, potato salad and chips.

Boone thought the runoff Election Day had a good turnout and there was a lot of support for all the candidates.

On election night, Election Board Supervisor Lisa Otipoby said that at 8 p.m. the absentee ballot signatures were still being certified and the count was approximately 1,400, with the in-person voting at around 946, lower than the general election on June 7. For the June 7 general election the absentee ballots totaled 1,370 and the in-person vote was 1,258.

“It’s been slow through the afternoon,” Otipoby said July 19. “I’m hoping it will pick up after 7 p.m. This time during the general election [June 7] we already had people sitting in their lawn chairs [waiting for the results].”

The heat may have been a factor that drove some Osages away from the poll. At 8 p.m. on Election Day the National Weather Service Website forecast for Pawhuska was 91 degrees with a heat index of 103 degrees. Earlier in the day the heat index reached 115 degrees.

Here are the runoff election results:

**Principal Chief**
- John Red Eagle – 1,345
- In-person – 542
- Absentee – 803

- Tim Tall Chief – 1,006
- In-person – 402
- Absentee – 604

**Assistant Principal Chief**
- Scott BigHorse – 1,215
- In-person – 589
- Absentee – 626

- Amanda Proctor – 1,122
- In-person – 350
- Absentee – 772
Osages elected June 7 take their oaths of office

By Benny Polacco
Osage News

Osages elected or re-elected into public office took their oaths July 7 during the three inauguration events held in Pawhuska for the Nation’s four Judicial Branch judges, the Second Osage Nation Congress and the Second Osage Minerals Council.

The day kicked off with the swearing in of the tribal court’s four judges at the Osage Nation Courthouse. All were retained by majority votes in the Nation’s June 7 election after serving their initial terms when the reformed government started in 2006.

Osage Nation Supreme Court Justice Charles Lohah was first to take the oath of office. He was sworn in by colleague Jeanine Logan who is also an associate justice for the Supreme Court. After Lohah took his oath, he swore in Logan; Supreme Court Associate Justice Meredith Descygnes Drent and Marvin Stepson who is the Nation’s Trial Court Justice.

Principal Chief Jim Gray spoke during the Judicial Branch inauguration held at the Tribal Court Building in which he noted the importance of the Nation’s 2006 Constitution which was passed when he began his second term in office. He will step down as principal chief next month after the new principal chief is elected.

Gray after getting sworn into office on July 7.

Edwards then challenged officials in all three branches of government to work together, respect each other’s branches and “to support sound initiatives and growth that will sustain us in the future.”

Supreme Court Associate Justice Drent swore in Congress members Daniel Boone, John Free, Alice Goodfox, and Geoffrey Standing Bear who were elected for their initial four-year terms June 7. Raymond Red Corn and William “Kgee” Supernaw were also sworn in for their second congressional terms.

A portrait of the First Osage Nation Congress was also unveiled at the event. The Second Osage Nation Congress members were presented with personalized Pendleton blankets and the First Osage Nation Congress members were presented with plaques.

The eight members of the Second Osage Minerals Council were sworn in by Supreme Court Associate Justice Logan. Cynthia Boone was sworn in for her second term along with first-term council members Joseph B. “Sonny” Abbott Jr., Curtis Bear, Melvin Core, Galen Crum, Myron Red Eagle, Andrew Yates and Dudley Whitehorn.

All Osages taking the oath of office July 7 raised their right hand and swore on the following pledge:

“I (state your name), do proudly swear or affirm to carry out the responsibilities of (the office elected to) to the best of my ability, freely acknowledging that the powers of this office flow from the Osage people and Wa-Kon-Tah. I further swear or affirm always to place the interests of all Osages above any special or personal interests and to respect the rights of future generations to share the rich, historic and natural heritage of our Osage people. In doing so, I will always uphold and defend the Constitution of the Osage Nation, so help me God.”

To see more photos from the July 7 Inauguration turn to page 12.
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(Skiatook, Ponca City and the nation’s largest in north Tulsa) could be in jeopardy. Currently, the three casinos in trouble were not built on trust land.

The nine-year-old case originated in federal court in Tulsa but was appealed to the 10th Circuit Court of Appeals in Denver where the Nation’s request for a case rehearing was denied May 25. The rehearing denial came at a critical juncture in the Nation’s history with the June 7 election occurring less than two weeks later which resulted in four first-time Congresspersons elected to the Second Osage Nation Congress and a July 19 runoff election in which John Red Eagle was elected Principal Chief and Scott BigHorse Assistant Principal Chief.

Now those elected officials of the Nation’s legislative and executive branches are left deciding the next moves in the case before the Oct. 22 deadline, which was extended 60 days from the original Aug. 23 deadline. The initial deadline would have left less than a month for a decision to be reached by the Nation because Red Eagle and BigHorse will be sworn into office Aug. 4.

“I believe it’s a good thing,” Red Eagle said of the deadline extension. “It gives us more time to evaluate the situation."

The deadline extension was granted by U.S. Supreme Court Associate Justice Sonia Sotomayor who is the high court’s circuit justice for the 10th Circuit which includes Oklahoma, Colorado, Kansas, New Mexico, Utah and Wyoming. Gary Pitchlynn, whose Norman-based law firm is on record representing the Nation in this case, said the extension was granted by Sotomayor July 14.

“The Supreme Court designates separate justices for the (13) circuits” and Sotomayor is assigned to the 10th Circuit, said Pitchlynn, whose firm filed the request in an “application for extension of time to file a petition for writ of certiorari” one day earlier.

In the deadline extension request Pitchlynn describes the ongoing change in the Nation’s government administration because of the June 7 and July 19 election outcomes and also “because of the potential ramifications of the decision on the incoming government and its people.”

“Both the (legislative and executive) branches desire and need additional time to consider and take appropriate government actions regarding the filing of (an appeal to the Supreme Court), including (the new administration) considering whether or not to file a petition,” Pitchlynn wrote in the deadline extension request.

“We wanted (the Supreme Court) to know that (outgoing Principal Chief) Jim Gray wasn’t the appropriate person to make the decision” on whether to make the appeal, Pitchlynn said.

Congress passes appropriation bill to fund litigation fees related to the reservation status case

News of the deadline extension request approval hit the Internet shortly after Congressman Raymond Red Corn, now the Congressional Second Speaker, wrote his July 18 Update electronic newsletter in which he discussed an appropriation bill passed by the Congress with a 5-4 vote, which would fund further litigation in the reservation status case. Congressman Geoffrey Standing Bear also discussed the vote on the Osage Shareholders Association blog two days earlier when the $277,408 appropriation bill was passed.

The bill (ONCA 10-57), sponsored by Congressman Eddy Red Eagle, was originally introduced with a request for $100.

Red Corn said in his Update the bill “was filed as a placeholder appropriations bill until the Osage Congress could hear arguments for funding past and future expenditures. That discussion was held in the Congressional Government Operations Committee (July 15).

By the Executive branch’s own accounting, $189,000 was spent on attorneys during the appeals process, expenditures made with no prior authorization from Congress. The Executive (branch) sought an additional amount in excess of $300,000 for future expenditures. The Government Operations Committee voted 4-0 (Mason, Boone, Red Eagle, Red Corn) to appropriate the $189,000 already spent, plus $88,000 for future expenditures.”

The now-$277,408 bill became a target of debate during the July 16 Special Session of Congress after Standing Bear introduced an amendment to the bill to only spend the money on a selected list of attorneys who could defend the Nation if the case is appealed to the Supreme Court.

The amendment failed on a 4-5 vote. Standing Bear, Mark Simms, Alice Goodfox and Daniel Boone voted yes. John Free, Archie Mason, Speaker Jerri Jean Branstetter, Eddy Red Eagle and Red Corn voted against. William “Kugee” Supernaw, Anthony Shackelford and Shannon Edwards were absent that day.

In his July 16 OSA blog entry after the session, Standing Bear wrote: “I submitted an Amendment this afternoon to use the money only for attorneys on a list of the top attorneys in the country, that list provided the Osage Congress in a July 1, 2010 letter from Congress attorneys, the law firm of Crowe Dunlevy. Much debate followed with one group opposed to the Amendment for several reasons, including one Congressman who said it would restrict the Chief from choosing his own attorneys.”

Red Corn replied in the same blog posting that day: “At issue was the ability of this Congress to control, via the budget, the selection of attorneys by the Executive branch. Language to specify the legal firms on whom appropriated money would be spent (in this case, three) was challenged when presented on a floor amendment to the appropriation bill. As has often been argued, if the Congress can make that call, we can also dictate who the Nation’s plumber, electrician, and HVAC contractor is by inserting similar language in each appropriation bill.”

The final vote on ONCA 10-57 was 5-4 with Boone, Goodfox, Simms, and Standing Bear voting against. An emergency clause attached to the bill failed on a 7-2 vote with Standing Bear and Boone voting “no,” meaning the $277,408 cannot be spent for 60 days, Standing Bear reported in his posting.

Chief Gray signed ONCA 10-57 into law July 22.

Government officials to sit down and discuss next moves in the case

Red Eagle said he is planning to sit down with Gray and the attorneys involved to discuss all options in the case because “I think we’ve got to take safeguards.”

For example, “fee into trust land is a big one,” he said of options to protect the Tulsa, Ponca City and Skiatook casinos which are not on trust land. Government officials have said such a process can take more than a year to complete.
Second Osage Nation Congress members receive training

By Benny Polacca  
Osage News

Six Osage tribal members elected to the Osage Nation Congress in the June 7 election received training June 29-30 in holding the Congressional sessions they will attend after taking the oath of office this month.

The Second ON Congress will be sworn in to office on July 7 with four new members joining the remaining eight, including two Congressmen who were elected for their second terms last month. In order for all the Congress members to have the same lessons in how the Legislative Branch works, Congressional staffers arranged for a seasoned Native American affairs consultant to come to Pawhuska and teach them.

James Mills, president of New York-based Creating Stronger Nations, led two days of training which touched on Roberts Rules of Order as well as lessons in governing ethics since both will be crucial keys for the Congress members to conduct business in the Congressional Chambers. The Osage News visited a portion of the training in which Mills encouraged the Congress members to use real-life examples during their lessons.

William “Kugee” Supernaw, who won a Congressional second term, referred to the tumultuous relationship the First ON Congress had in recent years with the Executive Branch and suggested that Congress consider stronger legislation which defines the roles of the Nation’s boards. Supernaw referred to the Nation’s Gaming Enterprise Board (the Congress declined to confirm two of three board members earlier this year) which he believed did not always seek or follow the advice of the chief executive officer.

“Congress basically sets the legislation that gives the boards their authority, correct?” Mills asked the group. “What is a board’s rule, what should be their job? A board’s job is to set policy... hire and fire the CEO and nobody else. That’s really what a board should be doing, they shouldn’t be getting involved in the day-to-day operations – that’s the kiss of death in most cases.”

“In Congress, your role is to legislate – simply put. It’s not to do all the other things,” Mills said in his lesson. “I see tribal councils all over the country that get involved in the day-to-day operations, just the single government tribal councils and they usually mess things up too. And then I see tribal councils that are really good at being really smart about the ‘taking your hands off approach.’”

In a brainstorming session, Mills asked all the training attendees to think of some recent issues which still need resolutions and asked everyone to come up with solutions for class discussion. One issue raised by Congressman and former Speaker Archie Mason, who participated in the trainings, involved the Nation’s budgets which became a contentious political topic after the budgets were not passed in time for the 2010 fiscal year. The FY 2010 budgets were not passed until this past January due to several debates between the Executive Branch which must prepare and present the budgets to Congress who ultimately approves them.

Mason said one solution he and another Congress member are proposing to prevent another budget standoff is to enforce a stricter deadline. The stricter budget rule shared by Mason would apply to budgets not handed in by a September deadline in which those budgets not turned in on time would only receive the same amount appropriated in the previous year’s budget.

The crowd offered murmurs of approval to the idea and Mills, who has worked in the private hospital sector before, said he’s seen a similar practice. “There are businesses that practice exactly that... when I was a hospital administrator, if someone didn’t submit their budget, last year’s budget was approved. That’s an effective tool.”

Participating in the trainings were first-term Congress members Alice Goodfox, John Free, Daniel Boone, Geoffrey Standing Bear and current Congressmen Raymond Red Corn, Supernaw and Mason. Also present were Kelly Corbin and Donna Buchanan from the Office of Fiscal Performance and Review and Congressional Clerk Alexis Rencontre and Assistant Congressional Clerk Barbara Rice.

Mills said he’s worked with over 300 Native American tribes on issues ranging from rewriting tribal constitutions, tribal ethics, training on other government topics and leadership training. He works with Jenni Monet (Laguna Pueblo) who is marketing director and also owner in Creating Stronger Nations.
Osage artist follows family footsteps

Alex Stock, third-generation graduate of KC art school, prefers oil painting to photos

By Benny Polacca
Osage News

FAIRFAX, Okla. – While technology buffs eye the newest digital cameras to capture moments in time, Osage artist Alex Stock prefers to capture her images on canvas with oil paint.

“People have said painting’s dead and I’m like: ‘I’m going to hold onto an old idea of portraiture, it’s a moment you’re capturing,’” the 23-year-old said while sitting in the former Thunderbird bar along Main Street. She says painting is different because “photos flatten things. When you paint images from life, it’s different because you notice more details.”

Stock’s family, who ran the Thunderbird for three years, converted it into an art studio which is now used by Stock and her mother Wendy Ponca, also an artist who specializes in fabric and textile works. Several pieces of the bar’s furniture remain in the 1920s-era building alongside art equipment, supplies and several paintings placed against the wall.

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A studio is more than just a space,” Ponca said. “You need a place to spend time by yourself. If you’re cooped up in a building, it’s not the same. Just like church, it’s got to be inspirational – that’s why some people paint outside.”

A self-portrait of Alex Stock sits on a stand by the front window next to a rectangular mirror, which she used as a guide for painting herself on canvas. “I’m a quick painter, but some people will take years on one painting,” she said.
Students in first Osage language class at Pawhuska High honored

PHS second area high school to offer Osage language courses

By Benny Polacca
Osage News

The Pawhuska High School honored its students who completed the first Osage language class which started last fall.

Martin Parks, who is the school’s assistant principal and athletic director, presented a wooden plaque with the school’s orange and black colors to Osage Nation Language Department officials and language student Robynn Rulo on July 9. The names of 12 students who took the course were engraved into the plaque.

Parks praised the students who participated in the Osage I class this past year. “These teenagers are involved in a lot of extracurricular activities,” he said adding school is a great venue to teach more Osage students the language.

Pawhuska High is the first high school on the Osage Reservation to offer the tribe’s language class, said Mary Bighorse who is the Language Department’s event director. Skiatook High School offers Osage language classes to its students, but the school is not within the reservation boundary, she said.

Robynn Rulo, 17, said during this semester, the class learned Osage words and phrases to describe people (drumkeeper, for example) and objects that are involved during the June In-Lon-Schka dances at the three Indian villages. “Now (the students) know what was happening, what was taking part,” she said.

Rulo and fellow student Jamison Cass were the top students in the class this year. “Robynn was my back-up when (course instructor) Talee Red Corn was away,” said Parks who was a substitute teacher while Red Corn, who served on the Osage Minerals Council until last month, was away for council business.

“I enjoy watching young people learn,” Red Corn said of teaching youth. “This is something that’s valuable to our Osage youth, something to be proud of.”

Other Osage language students who took the 2009-2010 course were: Norris Allred, Christen Ballard, Charlsie Cunningham, Josephine Horsechief, Jessica Hutson, Joe Pratt, Trey Rulo, Jeremie Tuller, Michela White, and Dora Williams.

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funded) targeting Native American children hold a dark part in history because they were created as an attempt to assimilate Native students through mainstream education and the schools’ instructors shunned Native languages and culture while some school officials even abused the students.

The “house painting” is among several others inside the Thunderbird along with a “painting of dolls” in which Stock blends Russian and Native influences together.

Thirteen Russian Matroyoshka dolls are painted in different sizes and all are wearing Native clothing, regalia and have straight black hair. The Matroyoshka dolls are usually made in decreasing order and open in half so that one doll can be placed inside the larger one.

In another painting, Stock creates prints of two images which appear to be changing shapes while swimming or floating. The painting is a story about “two lovers who get separated. They become fish so they can meet together again,” Stock said.

Stock, Wendy and Carl Ponca are from the Grayhorse District. They are of the Ponca-Wash-Tage or Gentle Leader Clan and the Water People of the Hun-Kah Division. Wendy Ponca’s Indian name is Wah-Tsi-Wen (Star Woman) and Stock is Min-Ga-Shona (Star That Is The Sun).

Oil on canvas is Stock’s preferred choice of art medium and here she shows a painting of Native American-themed Matryoshka dolls, also known as Babushka dolls that decrease in size and stack inside one another.
Second ON Congress elects Branstetter as Speaker

Congressional Committees and officers set

Osage News

The Second Osage Nation Congress elected Jerri Jean Branstetter to be its Speaker when it met for its first Special Session July 9.

The Congress, which includes first-time members Geoffrey Standing Bear, Alice Goodfox, Daniel Boone and John Free, unanimously elected Branstetter for the Speaker position. Congressman Raymond Red Corn was also unanimously elected Second Speaker.

Branstetter is the third Speaker of Congress since the reformed government started in 2006. Congressman Archie Mason did not seek another term as Speaker when the 2010 Hun-Kah Session ended and former Congresswoman Faren Anderson took over as Speaker from April 15 until her First Osage Nation Congress term ended.

Congressional Committees and selected leaders

The Congressional Committees were also formed and held their first meetings immediately after the July 9 session. Those committees are:

- **Congressional Committee on Congressional Affairs**: Raymond Red Corn (chairman), Jerri Jean Branstetter, John Free, Alice Goodfox, Mark Simms.

- **Rules and Ethics Committee**: Jerri Jean Branstetter (chairwoman), Archie Mason and Eddy Red Eagle.

- **Congressional Committee on Education**: Shannon Edwards (chairwoman), Archie Mason (vice chairman), Daniel Boone (Appropriations Committee representative), John Free and Alice Goodfox.

- **Congressional Committee on Commerce and Economic Development**: Mark Simms (chairman), Anthony Shackelford (vice chairman), Alice Goodfox, Geoffrey Standing Bear, Eddy Red Eagle (Appropriations Committee representative) and Raymond Red Corn.

- **Congressional Committee on Culture**: Anthony Shackelford (chairman), Geoffrey Standing Bear (vice chairman), Mark Simms, William “Kugee” Supernaw (Appropriations Committee representative), Jerri Jean Branstetter.

- **Congressional Committee on Government Operations**: Jerri Jean Branstetter (chairwoman), Archie Mason (vice chairman and Appropriations Committee representative), Daniel Boone, Raymond Red Corn, Eddy Red Eagle, William “Kugee” Supernaw.

- **Congressional Committee on Health and Social Services**: Archie Mason (chairman), Alice Goodfox (vice chairwoman), Shannon Edwards, John Free (Appropriations Committee representative) and Raymond Red Corn.

- **Congressional Committee on Appropriations**: Eddy Red Eagle (chairman), Archie Mason (vice chairman), Daniel Boone, John Free and William “Kugee” Supernaw.

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Young Osages gain work experience this summer

Chris Jake
Osage News

The Osage Nation Summer Youth Program has given Osage youth like Robynn Rulo a chance to gain experience with the Osage Nation.

“I like making my own money,” said Rulo, a 17-year-old Pawhuska High School student who works for Osage Nation Constituent Services as a participant in this year’s Summer Youth Program.

Rulo answers phones, files documents, and helps around the office with other duties she’s asked to do. She also greets people who need assistance provided by Constituent Services. “I like working with the people,” she said.

Rulo is one of the 75 young Osages participating in this year’s Summer Youth Program. The participants work in various Osage Nation departments across the Osage Reservation that serve Pawhuska, Hominy, Fairfax and Skiatook.

Avis Ballard, who oversees the Summer Youth Program, is the Johnson O’ Malley Coordinator for the Nation’s Education Department. Ballard describes the program as a way to provide job readiness training through financial literacy workshops, business etiquette, social skills, resume development and communication.

Christina Mashunkashey is one of the 11 participating in the Osage Nation Work Experience Program that is also through the nation’s Education Department. “It has helped me a lot,” Mashunkashey said.

Mashunkashey has been working for Diane Daniels in the Osage Nation Environmental and Natural Resources Department.

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Photo by Chalene Toehay/Osage News

Summer youth worker Robynn Rulo smears cake icing on a plate for Dalaynie Hinman, a participant at the Summer Enrichment Camp, so she can make a rainbow with candy at the Wah-Zha-Zhe Cultural Center on July 29.
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Osage Nation Language Orthography Chart

Primaries – Osage Vowels
Λ ‘awe sound’ as in the word awesome
∩ long e sound as in the word, sleep
α short e sound as in the word, egg
λ short u sound as in the word, buhl
Ο long o sound as in the word, oh
U ‘oo’ sound as in the word, boot

Nasal Sound
^ nasal sound

Diphthongs
Δ blend of Λ + ∩ + ^ = Δ
Ω blend of Ω + ∩ + ^ = Ω
ɑ blend of α + ∩ + ^ = ɑ
A blend of Λ + ∩ = A

Modifiers – modify primary sounds
ζ guttural ‘X’ sound, like scraping your throat with air
ζ English S
ζ English H
ζ English W
ζ English L
ζ English M
ζ English N
ζ English Z

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

Blends
θ blend of Τ’ an ‘H’ as in the word, these
θ blend of S’ an ‘H’ as in the word, ship
θ blend of C’ an ‘H’ as in the word, chip
θ blend of Z’ an ‘H’ as in the word, treasure
θ blend of T’ an ‘S’ together
R blend of P’ medial and ‘R’
S blend of S’ an ‘K’
S’ blend of ‘K’ an ‘Y’
S’ blend of ‘H’ an ‘Y’
S blend of S’ an ‘D’

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Osage News wins five NAJA media awards

By Benny Polacca
Osage News

ST. PAUL, Minn. – The Osage News took home five Media Awards from the Native American Journalists Association’s 2010 conference here in the Land of 10,000 Lakes.

The newspaper won second place in the General Excellence category for bi-monthly/ monthly newspapers. This year’s NAJA conference was held July 21-24.

The Osage News staff won first and second place for Best Online Writing for stories posted to its osagenews.org Web site and second place for Best News Story in the bi-monthly/ monthly newspaper category. The newspaper also won third place for Best Editorial in the same category.

All articles and newspapers submitted for this contest were published in 2009 and competed against other tribal media outlets across North America.

Editor Shannon Shaw’s Oct. 27 online story titled “Five members of Congress meet behind locked doors to discuss budgetary cuts” took first place for Best Online Writing. Shaw also won second place for “Chief Jim Gray files two suits Friday against the Osage Nation Congress” which was posted to osagenews.org on Nov. 10 and both lawsuits were mentioned in the newspaper’s November edition.

Staff writer Benny Polacca won second place for Best Online Writing for the Dec. 3 story “Tribal members write messages on their cars to ‘Pass the Budget!’”

Tara Manthey, a former Editorial Council member, won third place in the Best Editorial Writing category for her front-page article “Time is of the essence: Readers! Tell the Osage Congress we don’t have forever to set up a free press!”

This article was printed in April during the legal debate over a free press which reached the Osage Nation Supreme Court and was decided in December 2009.

The Osage News operates under ONCA 08-07 which is the Independent Press Act of 2008.

This is the second year in which the Osage News has entered the NAJA Media Awards competition which honors Native and non-Native NAJA members for their outstanding contributions to journalism with a focus on Native American people. The newspaper won two Media Awards last year.

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eral Resources Office. “Oh gosh, I’ve learned a lot,” said Mashunakshay. A few of those things are assisting in budgets, payables, and “your basic clerical work,” she said.

“The Work Experience Program is a short-term program that will help the participant obtain a job that will progress into long-term employment,” said Louise Cheshewalla, Training Coordinator for the Osage Nation.

The program is available to Natives who live on the Osage Reservation and meet income guidelines. Participants work two to three months, “Usually three,” Cheshewalla said. Participants work full-time in any of the tribes departments.

“They’re really good about teaching me things,” Mashunakshay said. She plans to use her skills to work in any office setting doing secretary work. “I’m appreciative of this program.”
Osage Nation Principal Chief Jim Gray speaks during the Inauguration of the judges for the Judicial Branch on July 7.

Attendees watch the swearing in of the judges for the Osage Nation Judicial Branch on July 7.

Osage Nation Trial Court Judge Marvin Stepson takes the oath of office on July 7.

Inaugural Ceremonies

Osage Nation Supreme Court Chief Justice Charles Lohah signs papers after taking the oath of office on July 7.

Congresswoman Jerri Jean Branstetter addresses the audience during the Second Osage Nation Congress Inauguration on July 7.

The second Osage Nation Congress poses for a photo after the six newly elected Congressional members take the oath of office July 7.

Photos by Chalene Toehay
Photos clockwise from top left:

Congressman-elect John Free takes the oath of office during the Second Osage Nation Congress Inauguration on July 7.

Joseph B. Abbott takes the oath of office as Osage Minerals Councilman on July 7.

Newly elected Minerals Council members take a group photo on July 7 in the Congressional Chambers in Pawhuska.

Audience members gathered for the Second Osage Nation Congress Inauguration on July 7.
Osage Nation Editorial Board selects Shaw as the tribe’s newspaper editor

[A note from the editorial board: I am pleased to be writing on behalf of the Osage Nation Editorial Board to announce that the board has appointed Shannon Shaw Editor of the Osage News. This was a decision we reached after a thorough search process that began in March. We appreciate all of the comments and concerns that Osages have expressed about both this position and the direction of the Osage News. The board also wants to thank the staff of the Osage News for their work through this election season.

–Robert Warrior, Chair
Osage Nation Editorial Board]

Osage News

The Osage Nation Editorial Board has hired Shannon Shaw as the full-time editor of the Osage News.

Shaw, who has been interim editor of the tribe’s newspaper since 2009, was unanimously selected by the Editorial Board during a June 16 teleconference meeting. Osages who sit on the three-person Editorial Board are Robert Warrior, Denny McAuliffe and Teresa Trumbly Lamsam. Warrior was also selected as the chairman of the editorial board at the meeting.

The Osage News is staffers by Shaw, two employees and its operations are overseen by the Editorial Board according to the Osage Nation’s Independent Press Act of 2008 which was implemented after the Nation’s Supreme Court issued a December 2009 decision in its inaugural case involving the Free Press Act.

Shaw was hired in 2007 as communications coordinator and wrote stories for the Osage News when Paula Stabler, communications officer for the Nation, oversaw the newspaper.

When the constitutionality of the 2008 Free Press Act (ONCA 08-07) became a question and focus of the soon-to-be Supreme Court case involving the Nation’s executive and legislative branches, Principal Chief Jim Gray created an Editorial Council to oversee the newspaper which appointed Shaw as interim editor.

The former Editorial Council comprised McAuliffe, Lamsam and Tara Manthey who is communications director for Arkansas Advocates for Children & Families and a former Arkansas Democrat-Gazette reporter. The council dissolved after the Supreme Court upheld the 2008 Free Press Act which calls for creating the Editorial Board in its December 2009 decision.

Shaw is a former reporter for the Santa Fe New Mexican where she worked for two-and-a-half years and reported on stories which included covering the state’s 19 Pueblos and Native American affairs.

While at the New Mexican, Shaw won First place for Investigative Reporting by the New Mexico Women’s Press Association, and third place in Feature Writing by the Associated Press and Managing Editors, respectively, for “Domestic Violence in Indian Country in Epidemic Proportions.” In 2009 she won third place in Feature Writing by the Native American Journalists Association for “Indian Country responding to Osage’s designs.”

Shaw won first place in Online Writing at NAJA this year for her Oct. 27 online story titled “Five members of Congress meet behind locked doors to discuss budgetary cuts.” Shaw also won second place for “Chief Jim Gray files two suits Friday against the Osage Nation Congress” which was posted to osagenews.org on Nov. 10.

Shaw is a graduate of the American Indian Journalism Institute at the University of South Dakota which resulted in an internship with the Associated Press in Sioux Falls, S.D. She is also a Chips Quinn Scholar which included a reporting internship at the New Mexican and she has her Bachelor’s degree in Journalism and Mass Communication from the University of Oklahoma.

OMC selects Trust Team representatives

By Shannon Shaw
Osage News

The Osage Minerals Council has selected three members to be the OMC’s representation on the Nation’s five-member Trust Team. The trust team is made up of three OMC members, the principal chief and the speaker of the congress.

Dudley Whitehorn, Galen Crum and Cynthia Boone were unanimously voted in by the eight-member OMC July 21, and Whitehorn was voted to be the trust team chairman. They will join Principal Chief John Red Eagle and Speaker of the Congress Jerri Jean Branstetter.

According to the Memorandum of Agreement, signed and dated July 21, 2006, between the executive, congressional branch and the minerals council, the trust team was developed to establish clear lines of communication between the three.

The trust team monitors pending and future lawsuits against the United States or its officials concerning federal mismanagement of Osage tribal trust funds and assets, legislation concerning the settlement of such lawsuits as Cobell v. Kempthorne; and federal administrative actions concerning reform of trust management systems for tribes and Indians, according to the memorandum.

Salary reductions

OMC Councilmen Curtis Bear and Joseph “Sonny” Abbott have voluntarily taken pay cuts. Bear asked the council July 21 in their regular meeting to reduce his salary from $30,000 a year to $13,000 a year. Abbott cut his salary completely. Bear said in the meeting
Second Osage Minerals Council names Whitehorn chairman

OMC meets in emergency meeting July 8 to select new chairman and names three signatories

Osage News

The Second Osage Minerals Council selected Dudley Whitehorn to be its new chairman, replacing former councilman John Henry Mashunkashey.

Whitehorn was selected during an emergency meeting on July 8. The meeting minutes were not yet available to the public by the time this story was published.

OMC Councilwoman Cynthia Boone, who was re-elected June 7, posted on the blog osageshareholders.org that three signatories were named: Boone, Councilmen Melvin Core and Myron Red Eagle.

“The purpose of the meeting [July 8] was to elect a chairman and elect three people with signature authority to conduct business as usual,” Boone wrote. “We all know that daily business continues regardless of when elections are held.”

The next regularly scheduled OMC meetings are July 16 and July 21 at 10 a.m. in the OMC chambers on the Osage campus.

For more information on OMC meetings contact Reta Lintner at (918) 287-5556 or e-mail her at rlintner@osagetribe.org.

Osage Nation’s “Run for the Health of It” 5K Race Female Winners

By Christina Cheshewalla, Osage Nation Communities of Excellence

On May 15 the Osage Nation held a “Run for the Health of It” 5K race and the female winners were as follows; Third place, 9-year-old Jacy Gray, with a time of 36:50, Second place, Betsy Strom, 31, with a time of 32:27, and First place went to Destiny Kitchel, 34, with the winning time of 28:38. All of the ladies were from Pawhuska.

(36x200) Courtesy Photo
(L to R) Destiny Kitchel, Betsy Strom, and Jacy Gray.

Trust Team

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that in order to receive his disability benefits he cannot make an income of more than $14,000; Abbott said he did not need the extra money.

Audience members thanked the councilmen for reducing and returning their salaries to the Osage shareholders. The OMC receives their funding from the Osage minerals estate.

For more information on the OMC contact Miya McKim at (918) 287-5433 or e-mail her at mmkim@osagetribe.org.

Dudley Whitehorn is sworn in as Osage Minerals Council Chairman.

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is now online at
www.osagenews.org
Visit us on the Web for the latest news and information!
Plus there are new stories and photos every day!
Low-income students can attend Harvard University for free

Harvard University announced that from now on undergraduate students from low-income families will pay no tuition.

“When only ten percent of the students in elite education come from families in the lower half of the income distribution, we are not doing enough,” said Harvard’s president Lawrence H. Summers in a prepared release. “We are not doing enough in bringing elite higher education to the lower half of the income distribution.”

Harvard officials ask that if anyone knows of a family earning less than $60,000 a year with an honor student graduating from high school soon, Harvard University wants to pay the tuition. The prestigious university recently announced that from now on undergraduate students from low-income families can go to Harvard for free, no tuition and no student loans.

To find out more about Harvard offering free tuition for families making less than $60,000 a year, visit Harvard’s financial aid website at http://www.fao.fas.harvard.edu/ or call the school’s financial aid office at (617) 495-1581.

Osage Nation Community Challenge Grant Announcement

The Osage Nation is announcing a one time community challenge matching grant. The grant is for a maximum of twenty-five thousand dollars ($25,000) per community to encourage the development of permanent facilities for use by all Osage Reservation youth. This is to promote active lifestyles among reservation youth, aid in the prevention of diabetes or other diseases and to support the growth of our communities with the boundaries of the Osage Nation.

To be eligible for this grant applicants must be located within the physical boundaries of the Osage Nation, which includes the communities of Pawhuska, Wynona, Barnsdall, Avant, Skiatook, Prue, Osage, Fairfax, McCord and Shidler. (Osage County communities only), must be submitted by local community governments, community foundations, or recognized and established community organizations, and only monetary dollar for dollar donations will be matched. Donations of real estate or personal property cannot be counted as matching funds. (Funds to be matched may not originate from the Osage Nation Government, its entities, or its wholly owned businesses.)

For further information or to request an application packet please contact Lynette Miles at (918) 287-5383 or Otto Hamilton at (918) 287-5584.

Deadline for submission is August 27 at 4:30 p.m., there are no exceptions.

Veterans’ medallion available for order

Osage News

The Department of Veterans Affairs is now offering bronze medallions to the families of Veterans whose graves are marked by untraditional headstones or markers in private cemeteries.

The medallions can attach to existing headstones in order for families to signify the status of the Veteran when they died.

The offer is only to those veterans who died on or after Nov. 1, 1990. Federal law stipulates that Veterans are entitled to a government-furnished grave marker or the new medallion, but not both, according to a VA press release. Only those Veterans buried in private cemeteries without a government headstone or marker are eligible for the medallion.

The medallion, available in three sizes, features the image of a folded burial flag adorned with laurels, inscribed with the word “Veteran” at the top and the branch of service at the bottom, according to the release.

For more information on the new medallion or VA-furnished headstones or markers visit http://www.cem.va.gov/cem/hm/hmtype.asp.

Second annual Cultural Walk set for Oct. 23

A Cultural Experience: From Kansas to Home

The Wah-Zha-Zhi Cultural Center will be hosting the 2nd Annual Cultural Walk Oct. 23 on the Mulendore Cross Bell Ranch, northeast of Pawhuska. Registration for the walk, which is an overnight trip, will be open from Aug. 15 through Sept. 15.

Check-In and safety orientation will be held at the Cultural Center in Pawhuska at 8 a.m. on Oct. 23. Coffee and donuts will be provided. Upon completion of orientation participants will be transported to the ranch and will walk to the campsite. A light lunch will be provided for participants. On the way to the campsite there will be small exhibits for walkers to learn about the rich history of the Osage people. After the camp has been set a traditional meal will be served for supper. The evening activities will include: Indian Dice, a Hand Game, story telling, and other fun
Responsible beverage and service sales

By Daisy Spencer, Project Coordinator, ON Prevention Program

The Osage Nation Prevention Program sponsored three (RBSS) Responsible Beverage and Service Sales trainings at the Cultural Center during the month of June. Ernie Tye of the PaNOK Area Prevention Resource Center in Stillwater facilitated all three sessions. Ernie is a retired Police Chief and has several years of experience in dealing with underage drinking.

The Responsible Beverage Service and Sales Training provides clerks, servers, and managers with the knowledge and skills to sell and serve alcoholic beverages safely, responsibly, and legally. The goal of the training is to ensure that expectations, liabilities and legal responsibilities are communicated to all licensees and their employees. This training is part of a pilot study to evaluate the effectiveness of the RBSS curriculum. The trainings in Pawhuska sponsored by the Prevention Program were offered at no cost to licensees or employees.

Prior to the RBSS training dates, the Prevention Program, along with a Pawhuska Police Officer, handed out fliers and verbally invited the establishments of Pawhuska that currently hold a liquor/beverage license to the trainings. The managers and owners were highly encouraged to attend and send their employees. Although the actual RBSS training is not mandatory, Title 37 states that every person engaged in the business of selling alcoholic beverages or low-point beer at retail shall notify each individual employed by that person as a retail sales clerk or server about the state law regarding the sales of alcoholic beverages and low-point beer (Title 37-604).

Of the nine establishments in Pawhuska that hold a liquor/beverage license, only four were represented at the RBSS trainings. In an effort to reduce underage drinking as well as ensure that these establishments are abiding by the law and not selling alcohol or low-point beer to anyone under the age of 21, the Prevention Program will be assisting the Pawhuska Police Department in conducting compliance checks during the month of July.

It has also been concluded upon reviewing the pre/post surveys that the majority of those who attended the RBSS trainings in June felt that the most valuable portion of the training was learning how to identify a fake I.D. The PaNOK Area Prevention Resource Center will be providing handheld flashlights that highlight the safeguards placed in Oklahoma driver’s license’s to every person that attended the trainings. In addition, the Osage Nation Prevention Program will be providing a U.S. Drivers License Reference Guide to every establishment in Osage County that holds a liquor/beverage license. These guides can aide anyone who might not be familiar with a drivers license from a state other than Oklahoma.

The Prevention Program would like to send out a special “THANK YOU!” to Mr. Ernie Tye for all of his help.

News in Brief

Calling future Native women leaders. Native Action Network (NAN) is hosting its First Annual Young Native Women’s Leadership Academy “Declaring our Power, Defining our Future”, September 26-27 at the Tulalip Resort.

This one and a half day Leadership Academy will provide attendees with the resources they need through interactive workshops, keynote speakers, and a wide NAN community network to become strong Native leaders in their community. Through sessions, Native women attendees will be able to define how their actions can support their goals for the Native community through discussion, professional development, and community support. Attendees will leave with improved leadership skills, introduction to a network of Native women leaders, developed relationships with Native women peers, and insight from community leaders.

All expenses, less travel to and from Tulalip, are covered with acceptance to the Academy. NAN encourages young Native women who are juniors in high school through sophomores/2nd years in college/university during the 2010-2011 school year to apply. Applications will be judged on the applicant’s potential for leadership and commitment to Native service, as reflected in her application. Applications are available now at our event website www.enduringspirit.org, under the “Young Women” tab. Applications are due August 15. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis; you are encouraged to apply early. Please contact NAN with any questions at info@enduringspirit.org.

Attention all Osage business owners

The Osage Nation Tax Commission is putting together a list of businesses that are owned by Osage members. If you would like to have your business recognized with the Osage Nation. Fill out the Business License Application on the Osage Nation Web site. Any questions contact Darrell Wildcat at (918) 287-5678.
Murray sisters excel in basketball

Taylor Murray, has signed a National Letter of Intent to continue her basketball career at the University of Incarnate Word in San Antonio. Incarnate is a member of the NCAA Lone Star Conference. Taylor just completed her sophomore year at Collin County where she was an honorable mention selection and averaged 12.3 points per game, 2.3 assists per game, and 2 steals per game. She was the only team member to be named to the NJCAA All-Academic Team. During her career at Collin County, she became the 3rd leading 3-point scorer in the women's basketball record books with 107 made. She also became 2nd in games played in her two years with 62. During her tenure at Collin she scored a career high 42 points in one game.

Taylor's sister, Amber, finished her college basketball career at Western State of Colorado by being named to the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference West Division First Team. Amber led Western as well as the division in scoring by averaging 18.7 points per game. She also led the division in 30-plus point games with three and led the RMAC in 20-plus point games with 14. She finished her four-year career (Collin County Community College and Western State) with 1,726 points and became the third leading all-time, single-season scorer in the history of Western State with 494 points. Murray was a two-time RMAC Player of the Week this season. She was named MVP for the Lady Mountaineers both seasons she played for them. Amber graduated in May with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Business Administration with an emphasis in Marketing. She was also listed on the Dean’s Honor Roll.

Lynns wins first boxing match

Joseph Roger Lynn, a 12-year-old Osage from Pawhuska, won his first boxing match in front of a sold out crowd July 10 at the Tulsa Select Hotel. In a USA Amateur Boxing sanctioned match, Joseph won by decision against Dillon Coddington who represents Oklahoma City’s Guerero’s Boxing. Joseph represents Earl Gilkey’s Pawhuska Boxing Club.

Joseph lost the first round to a boy who outweighed him by 13 pounds and was considerably taller than him. But Joseph came back to win the second and third rounds of the match, causing the crowd to wild. Joseph’s family is very proud of him and wants to wish him congratulations.

Luttrell admitted to Phillips Academy

Audrey Luttrell, a sophomore at San Juan High School has been admitted into the prestigious Phillips Academy in Andover, Massachusetts, for their summer program, “Summer Session.” The Phillips Academy is our nation’s oldest private boarding school, established in 1778 to prepare youth for the future.

The Phillips “Summer Session,” which Audrey will be attending, seeks students in grades 9-12 who are both highly intelligent and highly moral. Classes are challenging and varied. Scholarships are available and students throughout the world apply.

Audrey lives on the Navajo Reservation south of Bluff, Utah. She is a member of the MESA Club, Blue Mountain Native Club and Journalism Club. She also participates in cross-country. Audrey’s career goal is to become an environmental scientist. Her hobbies are reading, running, listening to music, writing and drawing. She is the daughter of Caroline Lameberman of Bluff, Utah and Richard Luttrell Jr., of Pawhuska, OK, who is a member of the Osage tribe. Audrey states, “I am very proud as a Native American to be representing my tribes at this program! I’m very thankful for the support and help of all my family and friends. I’m really excited to get to experience something new and know it will help me with my future.”
Births and Celebrations

New baby girl!

Osage / Pawnee / Yankton baby Lottice Elizabeth Pehanzhutse Red Corn was born May 24, 2010. She weighed 8 pounds, 4 ounces and was 20-1/2 inches long.

She was born to Thomas Ryan Red Corn and Electa Hare-Red Corn. She is Tsizho Washtaki Osage clan and Pitahwirata band Pawnee. Joyously celebrating her arrival at birth were her Auntie Carly Hare, Unkus Frank Red Corn, maternal grandparents Charley and Dawna Hare and paternal grandparents Raymond and Louise Red Corn and the late Elizabeth Red Corn.

New baby girl!

Violet Mireille Manthey was born April 28th to parents Tara McLain Manthey and Toby Manthey and big brother Lucian Manthey in Little Rock, Ark. She weighed 8 pounds, 3 ounces and was 20-inch-
es long. Her grandmother is Abbie (Gore) McLain, daughter to Mary Catherine (Hazem) Gore, daughter to Marguerite (Hazem) Palmer Lynn, daughter to Martha A. (Plomondon) Palmer and John F. Palmer, both original allottees.

Happy birthday!

Family and friends would like to wish Daniel St. John a very Happy Birthday. He turned 4-years-old on July 10. Also, birthday wishes go out to Mary St. John who celebrated on July 11.

Happy birthday!

Brad Hight and Christie Duty of Skiatook would like to wish their son Brandon a Happy 4th Birthday! Brandon Russell Hight will turn 4-years-old on Aug. 27. Brandon loves to swim, play with his friends and is a member of the Skiatook Bucks t-ball team. He is also the younger brother of Taylor Hight. Brandon is the grandson of Judy and the late William “Papa” (Bill) Fredrick Hight of Skiatook and Ed and Judy Duty of Skiatook. We Wish You a Very Happy Birthday - Brandon. We Love you with all our Hearts - Love, Mom, Dad and Sissy!

Happy birthday!

Family and friends would like to wish the following individuals a very happy birthday for the month of July.

Chelsea Hendricks, July 2, Jordan Davis, July 4, Cher Satepauhoodle, July 6, Liz Ricketts, July 7, Erin Lookout, July 10, Talon Satepauhoodle, July 15, Camryn Grace

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August 23rd is the deadline for all submissions for the September issue of the Osage News

Mark it on your calendars!
Save the Date! Local Events Calendar

**AUGUST**

**August 13**
Minerals Council Meeting
Minerals Council Chambers
Starts at 10 a.m.

**August 18**
Minerals Council Meeting
Minerals Council Chambers
Starts at 10 a.m.

**SEPTEMBER**

**September 6**
Labor Day
Observed Holiday-Offices Closed

**September 7**
Congressional Committee on Health and Social Services Meeting
Osage Nation Chambers
Starts at 2 p.m.
Contact Congressional Office (918) 287-5448

**September 15**
Oklahoma Indian Child Welfare Conference Art Competition
Call for Artists Deadline
Contact Carmin Tecumseh-Williams (918) 316-7423 or www.oicwa.org

**September 17**
Osage Nation Head Start Health and Safety Fair
Participants needed
Pawhuska Fair Grounds
Time 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Contact Carol Kliesen (918) 629-9910 or Sandra Latty (918) 699-5561

**September 20-24**
Osage Nation WIC closed for training
All Osage Nation WIC offices will be closed for week long training.
Normal office hours will resume Monday, September 27.
Contact Osage Nation WIC at (918) 287-5360

**September 26**
First Annual Young Native Women’s Leadership Academy
“Declaring our Power, Defining our Future”

**OCTOBER**

**October 5**
Congressional Committee on Health and Social Services Meeting
Osage Nation Chambers
Starts 2 p.m.
Contact Congressional Office (918) 287-5448

**October 23**
Red Ribbon Powwow
More information to follow
Pawhuska Fairgrounds
Contact Lavina Clark (918) 287-5425

**NOVEMBER**

**November 2**
Native Learning Center Fall Symposium
They will be hosting three full days of courses focusing on Tribal Government and Financial Wellness at Gaylord Palms, Kissimmee, Florida
Contact nativelearningcenter.com

**November 25**
Thanksgiving Holiday
Observed Holiday-Offices Closed

**December 7**
Congressional Committee on

**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.

This exhibit will be permanent and needs to contain 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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Osage Hot Shots

The Skiatook Hot Shots eight and under softball team had 11 wins and 2 losses in league play this year and finished second in their division and second in league tournament. The Hot Shots also finished second in Several Tulsa Area Tournaments. Five of the 11 girls on the team are Osage.

In July the team was invited to play at the ASA National Invitational Tournament in Fort Smith, Ark., where they advanced to the quarterfinals and lost to the reigning National ASA Champions. As part of the National Tournament the Hot Shots were assigned a Sister Team which they made and exchanged gift bags with. The Skiatook Hot Shots would like to thank the Osage Nation for their Donations. The tournament was a great experience for the girls.

The Team is coached by Jacki Barnett and Barney Barnett and assisted by Brad Hight and Bo Morgan of Skiatook.

Got Milk? We Do!

If your child is under 5, if you are pregnant, breastfeeding an infant, or just had a baby, you should come see us. Just bring in proof of income and address, as well as identification on the child and/or mom.

We offer foods including cheese, eggs, cereal, juice, beans, and peanut butter for children and moms. For infants, we offer formula, infant cereals, and infant juices.

Need a special formula?
No problem! Just call us to see if we offer the formula you need. In most cases, we can help. We will require a doctor’s request for most special formulas.

Need help nursing?
Breastfeeding can be tough, but with a little help you can be a success. We offer lots of help and support with breastfeeding. We even have a hotline for breastfeeding questions and concerns.

Come in and see one of our clerks: Abbey, Brandy, Shannon, Donna, Dana, or Cheryl; our Office Manager, Debbie; or our Director, Renee, at WIC and we’ll get you fixed up.

Our main office is located at 1301 Grandview in Pawhuska.

Pawhuska . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Monday-Friday
(918) 287-1040 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Skiatook . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday
(918) 396-7352 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m.

Fairfax . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Every Thursday
(918) 642-3943 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Hominy . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Wednesday & Thursday
(918) 885-4123 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Newkirk . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 1st & 3rd Thursdays
10 a.m.-1 p.m.

McCord . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 2nd Wednesday
1 p.m.-4 p.m.

Tulsa . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 3rd Tuesday
4:6 p.m. School Year, 1-4 p.m. Summertime

Bartlesville . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 4th Thursday, 3rd Thursday on Holidays
3 p.m.-5:30 p.m.

Happy birthday!

Taylor Alexandria Hight will be 9-years-old on Aug. 8. Taylor loves to swim, she loves art, spending time with her friends, spending time with her younger brother Brandon and her cat Sooner. She participates in gymnastics, tumbling, soccer, basketball and is a member of the Skiatook Hot Shots U8/U10 softball team. Taylor is the granddaughter of Judy and the late William “Papa” (Bill) Fredrick Hight of Skiatook and Ed and Judy Duty of Skiatook. We Wish You a Very Happy 9th Birthday Taylor. We Love you with all our Hearts - Love, Mom, Dad and brother!
Obituaries

Daniels Lee Cass

Daniels Lee Cass passed away Monday, June 28, 2010 in the Jane Phillips Medical Center, Bartlesville, Oklahoma at the age of 75.

Dan was born January 7, 1935 in Ponca City, Oklahoma, the son of Roy Andrew and Myrtle (Daniels) Cass. He attended Jones Academy and then graduated from Chilocco Indian School in 1953. November 12, 1953, he married who he thought was the most beautiful woman in the world, Marion Cunningham in Tulsa, Oklahoma. They have been married for 57 years. Before retirement, Dan had worked in oilfield construction, spent 18 years working at the Pawhuska Journal-Capital newspaper, and then worked for 16 years for the Osage BIA Minerals Department. Dan was the first “sergeant of arms” for the Osage Nation Congress and also worked with OERB. Dan was always supportive of the Osage Culture and customs. For over 30 years, he served on the committee for the In lon ska Dances, as well as helping his wife and family cook for the dances. He enjoyed teaching students young and old how to play handgame and Indian Dice. He helped as a counselor with the alcohol abuse programs. Dan was also involved with the construction of the new Wakon Iron Hall when it was built. He received numerous awards for his efforts within the Osage community, including “Employee of the Year” from the BIA.

In his spare time, Dan enjoyed raising chickens, his dogs, and coon hunting. He loved watching his grandkids and great grandkids participate in football and wrestling. Dan and his wife, Marion, had raised many kids over the years - not only their own children, but his younger brothers and sisters and some of their grandchildren. They were Santa’s Helpers during the holidays, portraying Mr. & Mrs. Claus for the City. Dan was a member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, and also participated in the Native American Church.

Surviving are: His wife: Marion Cass; His daughter and son: Daniese Cass and Sammy Cass; Four grandchildren: Bruce, Danielle, Jason and Samantha Cass; 11 great grandchildren Gene Big Soldier III, Tristian, Tennessee, Landon, and AydDan Marion McCarthy, Corlin and Logan Cass, Olivia, Ryan, Christian, and Katelynn Cass; A sister and brother: Cynthia Pradmore and Leroy Cass; numerous nieces and nephews, and a host of other family and friends.

Dan was preceded in death by his parents, two sons: Milton Bruce Cass and Edward Lee Cass, and seven siblings: Dominic and George Williams; Charles and Jim Cass; Charlotte Joe Fowler, Edna Conley and Lila Dooling.

Rosary was held on Wednesday, June 30 at 7 p.m. at the Wakon Iron Chapel, Pawhuska. Traditional Indian Services were held Thursday, July 1, at 8 a.m. also at the Chapel with Eddie RedEagle Jr. officiated. Funeral Mass followed at 10 a.m., at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church with Father Chris Daigle officiated. Interment held at the Pawhuska City Cemetery. McCartney’s Johnson Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

My grandmother and our family would like to thank everyone for the prayers, food, money, and love that was extended to our family. We would also like to thank the Doctors, Nurses, and EMT staff that worked so diligently with Grandpa at Pawhuska Hospital and in Bartlesville Hospital. A special thank you to the priests, who visited the hospital. Thank you doesn’t seem like enough, but we sincerely appreciated everyone’s kindness; may you all receive many blessings.

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Between now and 2010, a major project, entitled “The Osage Ten,” will allow us wonderful additions to our ever-growing museum.

You may recall that we have a bust of Albert Penn, located in the east wing, which was donated by the Smithsonian, back in 2005, and Shun-Kamolah was just unveiled at the museum’s 70th anniversary on May 2, 2008. We are asking for your help in having all ten busts completed. The people who had casts made for them are: Albert Penn, Shun-Kamolah, Fred Lookout, Charley Wachriri, Henry Pratt, William Fletcher, Wah-Hrah-Lum-Pah (Margaret Dodd), Charles McDougan, Che-Sho-Wa-Ke-Pah (Fidelis Cole) and Ah-Hu-Shin-Kah (Little Wing).

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Letters to the Editor

Recent Elections Similar to Past

The recent Osage Nation elections were in one respect similar to all previous elections in that much emphasis is placed on protecting the Osage Mineral Trust. The slogan used in yesteryear was, “vote for me or you will lose your Headright.” This year, candidates warned that the Osage Constitution threatens the viability of the Minerals Council thus threatening the viability of the Mineral Trust – still a scare tactic – still the old “vote for me or you will lose your Headright reasoning. The sad outcome through the years is that “this” scare tactic works.

The next Osage election in 2012 will undoubtedly have the same scare tactics, but maybe a few more Osages will compare candidates based on leadership qualities if the word can be circulated about how unlikely Federal legislation will be passed to end the Osage Mineral Trust. This subject (unlikelihood of Federal legislation)is discussed by two Osage lawyers. Wilson Pipestem’s talk at the Osage Cultural Center (5/06/10) was filmed and is available for viewing or download by calling up the Osage Nation web page. Also, John T. Edwards’ letter to the Osage News editor published in Volume 6, Issue 6 (the issue previous to this issue) explains how and when the Minerals Trust was established and why the “vote for me or lose your Headright” campaign slogan is of little use in adjudging the worthiness of candidates for Osage governmental office.

–George A. Shannon
Skiatook, OK

Dear Chief Jim Gray

I want you to know that we appreciate all the hard work and due diligence in protecting the Osage people and our new Constitution.

The unfortunate battles with the majority of this first elected Osage Congress that we all had to deal with and Washington D.C.; you showed us your determination and tenacity for your obligations as Principal Chief to fight for our nation. You brought the Osage people and a nation to the forefront of respect from other nations and the United States.

I sincerely, thank you
Your honesty, integrity, truth, and the care you have demonstrated for your people must be acknowledge and commended with truth and honesty.

You will always remain the first Principal Chief of this new Osage Nation under the adopted constitution by our Osage voter’s worldwide.

We want to wish you and your family the best in your new endeavors, and keep in touch.

We “Thank You” for the time you were away from your family and for all you have accomplished in forming this new Nation.

–Sandra Akins
Pawhuska, OK

Osage News (see Letters to the editor, “Tired of the Bickering,” May 2010). Disagreement is expected, and even healthy, in true collaborative advancement of our tribe, but too much is too much, especially on the front page of every issue. I’m not pointing fingers at the legislators; I suspect most have served very honorably and only a few are self-serving. It’s hard to tell form several state away, though.

We outlanders must rely on the Osage News, but with all the bickering on the front page, it’s likely my young relatives just starting to receive the paper never even open it. Those conflict-ridden articles undermine my attempts to spread the word that our unique heritage is worth preserving.

I suggest we bury the war stories deeper in the News. Better yet, I hope our newly elected officials will truly “bury the hatchet” and start listening respectfully to one another.

–Lori Newkirk
Boise, Idaho
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