Principal Chief
John D. Red Eagle
removed from office

John D. Red Eagle is the first Osage Chief impeached from office after the Third Osage Nation Congress voted to sustain five of the six Articles of Removal allegations made against him.

On Jan. 21, the 12-member Congress voted either unanimously or by super-majority to sustain five of the six Article allegations and then wrapped the Nation’s first-ever removal trial on its eighth day in the Congressional Chambers in Pawhuska.

The vote came nearly 24 hours after attorneys for Chief Red Eagle said they were finished calling witnesses to testify during the trial.

The Congress served as the tribunal body at the trial and then issued roll call votes on whether to sustain the Articles of Removal. Some Congress members spoke regarding their votes on the trial allegations as allowed per Congressional rules on holding a removal trial.

According to the Congressional rules, a 5/6 vote by the Congress is needed to sustain a judgment of removal, meaning 10 of 12 members had to vote to uphold the Articles of Removal.

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Osage Principal Chief candidates take debate questions from the public

By Benny Polacca
Daggy News

The three candidates for Osage Nation Principal Chief took questions from Osage constituents on Feb. 1 during the Osage News Election Debates for the primary election candidates. They responded by sharing snippets of personal and professional experiences to discuss why they are the best candidate for the top Executive Branch position.

The debate was hosted by Osage News Managing Editor Travis Gray and Osage Newsproducer Geoffrey Standing Bear.

The candidates were given questions by Osage constituents on the following topics:

• How candidates plan to improve the economy and job opportunities in the Osage Nation.
• How candidates plan to improve health and education in the Nation.
• How candidates plan to improve issues related to the oil and gas industry in the Nation.
• How candidates plan to improve the infrastructure in the Nation.
• How candidates plan to improve the safety and well-being of Osage women.

The candidates also discussed their personal and professional backgrounds and how they plan to improve the Nation.

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AG files charges against four former Pawhuska village Five-Man Board members

By Benny Polacca
Daggy News

Four men who formerly served on the Pawhuska Indian Village Five-Man Board are facing multiple charges of misusing public funds in the case of the $806,000 in village funds.

In 2012, Assistant Principal Chief Babcock Margo Gray and Geoffrey Standing Bear debated in Hominy Feb. 1.

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Assistant Principal Chief candidate’s debate in Hominy

By Shannon Shaw Duty

Assistant Principal Chief candidates at the Osage News Election Debate conveyed a strong message.

Despite icy roads and low temperatures, more than 75 people attended the debate at the Hominy Co-op Feb. 1.

All five candidates — Randolph Crawford, James “Ogyny” Dailey, Anna Proctor (who lost her mother to cancer that very morning), Ceramic Moore and Congressional Candidate Raymond Red Corn — debated moderated by the League of Women Voters from Aurora, Cola.

The video of the event will be available on the Osage Nation website.

Each candidate was given two minutes for opening remarks, followed by questions given four minutes, allowing two minutes to answer and one minute to rebuttal.

All candidates drew numbers to determine which order the candidates would answer. The candidates were given a scenario before every question. Osage tribal members submitted all questions.

Opening remarks

Red Corn said if he were elected next chief, he would “bridge the gap” between the legislative and executive branches and ensure fairness and compassion as a basis.

Crawford said he was interested in helping the chief as much as possible. As aTrueever is an elected chief is going to have a hard job. “The welfare of the people will be the high priority.”

Dailey wanted to get the Osage reservation back on track and start communicating with the tribes on the reservation.

Moore said she wanted to move forward positively, using had job skills to help employees and tribal judge as a base.

Proctor: “We don’t have a good internet service … I have great momentum to move forward.”

Second question

• Do you believe that there are any problems with the engaging Osage electors in public debate and elections and if not, what do you think should be done to increase Osage public participation in political decision-making?

Submitted by Elizabeth Homer, Alexandria, Va.

Dailey said he did not feel the Osage government forum for the Osage tribe was in very good re-

Proctor recommended that there be more people to help the Osage people and the Osage Nation to bring the business of the Nation through the tribe.

Proctor: “What should be the ex- ample or model for the Osage tribe (a general coun-

He cited Facebook comments to refer bills.

Crawford: “We believe we need to move forward with the refer-

Red Corn: “I think a different approach is something in the Constitution to refer bills.”

Crawford said he saw the Osage Nation Congress make some mistakes.

Director: “We are not sure of anything that’s available or can take advantage of.”

Rebuttal included:

Moore: “I have the expertise to make our people … I just want to do justice to our people. When you emp-

Dailey: “We need to amend the Constitution to give you the voice, that is the only way.”

Crawford: “I believe we need skills training as well to help employees and tribal judge, to help our employees do their jobs.”

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A guide to STL250 Founding Celebration and the Osage

By Christy Finsel
Special to Osage News

St. Louis is celebrating its 250th Founding by the French in 1764 and Osages are invited to attend the many celebrations taking place all over the city this Spring.

Below are the upcoming Osage-related events Osage tribal members can attend:

- Feb. 7-Aug. 23, The Sheldon Art Galleries will display an exhibit with Osage materials. The Sheldon is located at 3648 Washington Blvd, St. Louis, MO 63108. http://www.sheldonartmuseum.org/
- Feb. 13, Christy Finsel, Osage and St. Louis University alum, to join an interdisciplinary panel on St. Louis at its Founder, 4-6:00 p.m. St. Louis University Museum of Art, Collection of the Western Jesuit Missions, 3rd Floor Gallery, 3683 Lindell Boulevard, St. Louis, MO 63108.
- Feb. 14, Eddy Red Eagle Jr. to speak at St. Louis University, 2:30 p.m. The American Studies Department is sponsoring the lecture entitled, St. Louis at 250: An Osage View. The lecture will be held in Bulloch Hall, located at 38 N. Vandeventer Ave., St. Louis, MO 63108. On St. Louis University’s campus (building 904 on the campus map, http://www.slu.edu/ campusmaps/pdf/maps.pdf?sec tion_1_of_3.pdf). Parking is adjacent and complimentary for this venue. There will also be street parking available or paid parking in the University parking lot, the Laclede Garage, on Laclede off of Grand Boulevard. The event will be free and open to the public. Reception following.
- Feb. 14, 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. A Historical Symposium, Missouri History Museum, http://mshistorynet.org/node/9735. Chief and Assistant Chief will be recognized as dignitaries. Food registration required to attend symposium. Following the symposium, there will be a dinner at Windows on Washington. The Chief and Assistant Chief will be guests of honor at the dinner. Osages are all welcome to attend. Tickets are first come, first serve. To order tickets, please use the link above.
- Feb. 15, Reenactment, 10:30 a.m. St. Louis City Hall, 1200 Market St. http://www.stl250.org/stl250-reenactment.aspx. Chief to be a dignitary and other Osages to participate in the reenactment. Event is free and open to the public.
- Prior to the founding of the City of St. Louis by Chouteau and Laclede, the Osage had possession and stewardship of the land and it’s natural inhabitants (from the Missouri River to the Arkansas River, which included St. Louis). The tribe governed itself in some Osage families. And Osage intermarriage is recognized as dignitaries. By at least 1727, there was French and Osage intermarriage in some Osage families.
- Feb. 15, Sheldon Art Gal- lery invitation-only luncheon. Chief to be dignitary and to share a few remarks. Eddy Red Eagle, Jr. to conduct a blessing 11:30 a.m.
- Feb. 16, Biggest Birthday Ball, 5-9 p.m. Missouri History Museum, Chief and Assistant Chief to attend VIP section. Other Osage elected officials were invited to join the VIP section. http://www.stl250.org/birthday- ball.aspx. Ticketed event.

Osage-related events in March 2014:

- March 31-Aug. 31, Osage Tribal Museum Allottee Exhibit will be displayed at the St. Louis University Museum of Art. 3663 Lindell Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63108. The museum is open Wednesday through Sunday from 11 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. http://www.slu.edu/sluma-home/sluma-vacation-information

Osage-related events in April 2014:

- April 1, Eddy Red Eagle, Jr. to speak at the Florissant, MO, Rotary Luncheon. The luncheon begins at noon.
- April 2, Osage mass. Mass begins at 11 a.m. at St. Francis Xavier College Church, Chouteau. Mass will be open to the public.

"It's time to finally bridge the gap between branches of government, and bridge the gap between the Osage government and you."
them to sustain this allegation was 10 "guilty" votes and two "not guilty" votes from Congress members Buf- falohead and RJ Walker. Article allegation No. 4 al- leged the Chief abused the power of his elected posi- tion to improperly influence the ON Election Board by forbidding discipline in a personal matter. This al- legation was not sustained with 12 "not guilty" votes.

Buffalohead said she could not support this allegation due to "sketchy" testimony heard during the trial with "numerous inconsistencies" in testimony heard by the witnesses.

Congressional Speaker Raymond Red Corn said he agreed the testimony was not strong enough to provide "clear and convincing evidence" that the Article allegation should be sustained.

Article allegation No. 5 regarding the Chief’s refusal to provide records of the Rod Hartness consul- tant contract to the OSO investigation was sustained by the witnesses. Twenty "not guilty" votes were cast, including one from Congressman Geoffrey Standing Bear, who is running for principal chief in the Na- tion’s upcoming Primary Elec- tion, March 10.

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Debates

for its campaign website and statements. Volunteers also helped draw the debate on how they would determine the order in which their candidates would respond or give state- ment. Each candidate was allowed two minutes to make opening statements. "What you're seeing is a trend," said the executive director of the Osage News, Chalene Toehay. "We know the gross amounts of their unbalanced misuse of our assets. We should do a forensic audit to see if any of our money could be recovered because of mismanagement and abuse in the Po- teau."

Standing Bear, a public critic of Osage Gaming, said investments and operations were written in 2012-2013 with the state of Oklahoma, and in 2009 when an oath to serve and pro- tection of the public money that was not taken or still be in line and asking to do that for our Osage people," Gray said. Standing Bear, a Facebook and in-person. Those that were "Annette "Our new government is led by a man who know the gross amounts of the In 2010, in 2014-2015, and the third 2021-2022, and the second and third CONgressional bodies after be- ing elected, in 2018, and the four-year term ending that year. After the election of 2013, Assistant Principal Chief in the office this year. He's an oilfield worker who also serves on the Pawhuska School Board. He's still in line and asking to do that for our Osage people." Standing Bear, a public critic of Osage Gaming, and is this first run for ON Congress.

"Our new government is led by a man who know the gross amounts of the Osage people. In the same bang, Oklahoma has given us notice that they claim they're the Musco- guee (Creek) Nation, but they control our Minerals Estate... If they control our Minerals Estate, they control our future. They can hire anyone to be there as well.

"Do you intend to hire anyone to be there as well. They have the right tools," Gray said. "They have the right assets… We empower our people to believe in our- selves, noting he's aware of Osage Gaming's status as a for- profit business. Standing Bear said, "I've heard a lot of this – I heard about it even before I was run- ning. You're going to give them the tools, the skills, the knowl- edge, so it can function and do in order to be that good system.

"Standing Bear said he's used to working with electors. "I went with 60-80 hour days and I'm on the board of directors. As well, as my staff is going to work hard for them and they're getting re- warded for it. If they happen to update the system, if they want to come talk to us we'll be there. If they want to stand for housing, health care, education, I'm going to talk to you. I'm not going to ask any- thing for it. I'm going to say, 'we need to contribute,' " said Boone. "We need to stand for housing, health care, education." Standing Bear said he's used to working with electors. "I went with 60-80 hour days and I'm on the board of directors. As well, as my staff is going to work hard for them and they're getting re- warded for it. If they happen to update the system, if they want to come talk to us we'll be there. If they want to stand for housing, health care, education, I'm going to talk to you. I'm not going to ask any- thing for it. I'm going to say, 'we need to contribute,' " said Boone. "We need to stand for housing, health care, education."
DEBATES

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of the federal government. It is the story of a group of people who have been living in poverty for generations, and are now finally seeing the fruits of their labor. The Osage Nation was one of the first tribes to receive a favorable ruling in their case against the oil companies, and the tribe has been able to negotiate a more equitable distribution of mineral income. The tribe has been able to invest in infrastructure and social programs, and is now in a position to improve the lives of its citizens. The tribe has also been able to negotiate a settlement with the federal government, which has agreed to recognize the tribe as a sovereign nation and to provide funding to help with the implementation of the settlement agreement. The Osage Nation is now in a position to take control of its own future, and to build a better future for its citizens. We encourage our readers to support the Osage Nation and its efforts to improve the lives of its citizens.

Bighorse

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is often an individual, along with his brother Yann Bighorse who is the Assistant Chief of the Osage Tribe. Yann Bighorse is the Director of the Zhi Cultural Center. The duo often attends various cultural events in the country, singing at pow-wows or working with other Osage leaders. He is also a scholar and researcher.

In 2011, Bighorse was commended by the Oklahoma House of Representatives for his work in the area of cultural preservation and was also recognized by the Tulsa Council of Organizations by the Christian Minister’s Alliance.

In 2006, he was elected to the 51st Oklahoman in the Oklahoma State Senate (DCCCS), and nine years after his service, he retired after being re-elected to the 51st Oklahoman in 2014.

According to his Assistant Principal Chief Charlie Boone, he said:

"I am also dedicated to promoting programs for our children and grandchildren to help them succeed in life. I believe that education is the key to success. My grandfather, Charlie Boone, was a farmer and worked in the Osage Nation for several years. He was a farm worker and helped with the harvest. He taught me the importance of hard work and the value of education. I want to continue this legacy and ensure that our children have the same opportunities that were given to me by my grandfather. I will work hard to promote education and make sure that our children have the resources they need to succeed."

Closing remarks

After the debate, each candidate was allowed two minutes for closing remarks. Standing Bear said, "In this election, we have a choice to make regarding the future of our Osage Nation. I have learned that consensus is a key factor in making progress. We need to be united and work together to ensure the success of our Osage Nation.

I would like to acknowledge the Osage Nation voters. I am running for Chief to represent our Osage Nation voters. For too long, the Osage Nation has been left out of the loop of what’s going on here. But for too long, you’ve never really known what it means to be here and live among our Osage people that are here. To be a united force is on this side of what we need to do. But I believe that if we work together, we can make progress.

Standing Bear said, "I promise to you, as your Chief, to work with all parties and to reach out to the people of the Osage Nation. I want to work together with all our partners to ensure that our Osage Nation is a united nation and that we can work together to ensure the success of our Osage Nation.

I want to thank all of the voters that are here today and have shown up to vote. I am honored to have this opportunity to serve as your Chief and to represent our Osage Nation voters. I promise to you, as your Chief, to work hard and to ensure that our Osage Nation is a united nation and that we can work together to ensure the success of our Osage Nation.

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Community
I am committed to the Osage community. My children and I dance in the arena and under the arbor. I have provided free or reduced cost legal services to numerous tribal members in civil and criminal cases. I currently serve as the President of the Osage County Bar Association, designated as this year’s “Outstanding County Bar Association” in the State of Oklahoma. I have devoted many years to the representation of Osage Indians in the case of Fletcher v. United States, which seeks to require the federal government to account for the wrongful transfer of headright interests from Osage to non-Osage hands.

Business
After graduating from Harvard University, I began my career as a tribal housing director. I have more than fifteen years of experience in the tribal housing industry. I later attended the University of Tulsa College of Law and I have been a practicing attorney for nine years. I am the President and Founder of the SIEMLAW GROUP, PLC, founded in 2010. Previously, I worked as an attorney in the Indian Law and Gaming Practice Group of SNEED LANG, PC. I have an entrepreneurial spirit, and I understand what it takes to encourage and develop small businesses.

Experience
I have served as an attorney and advisor to more than twelve tribal governments. I have counseled my clients regarding business formation, federal program compliance, tribal self-governance, jurisdiction and corporate due diligence. I have overseen multiple real estate transactions and multi-million dollar casino refinancing and expansion projects. I have built solid working relationships with tribal, State and federal agencies, including those involved with economic development and social services. I am committed to the positive social and economic development of tribal governments, businesses, families and communities. I will work tirelessly to promote and defend Osage sovereignty, culture, rights and claims.

If elected as your Assistant Principal Chief, I intend to explore and promote:

- The construction of homeownership, rental and assisted living communities in all areas of the County where Osages reside.
- An expansion of the Tribe’s housing service area on a program-by-program basis to include outlying counties and the entire State of Oklahoma.
- The compacting of the Pawhuska Clinic and the development of a state-of-the-art health center for eligible users, including Veterans.
- The development of a 12-chair dialysis center in connection with the clinic, as well as a mobile dialysis unit that will travel to all three historic Osage districts as well as Skiatook.
- An increase in the amount of the health benefit program for all tribal members, with additional increases for senior citizens and disabled persons.
- The designation of Osage language immersion centers within the tribal daycare system.
- The distribution of a portion of gaming revenue on a per capita basis to tribal members.
- The development of assisted living and community centers for elderly tribal members.
- The purchase of restricted land under individual ownership.
- The acquisition of historic and culturally-significant lands and properties within Osage County, including historic homes.

"After settlers displaced the Osage Nation from its native lands, the federal government shunted the tribe onto the open prairie in Indian Territory, part of what later became the State of Oklahoma. At the time, the government had no idea how precious these lands were to prove a great deal more fertile than they appeared. Only years later did the Osages’ mammoth reserves of oil and gas make themselves known. When that happened, the federal government appropriated for itself the role of trustee, overseeing the collection of royalty income and its distribution to tribal members. That role continues to this day. In this lawsuit, tribal members seek an accounting to determine whether the federal government has fulfilled its fiduciary obligations to tribe to assume. The district court dismissed the tribal members’ claims. We reverse." - Neel Garzauch (Circuit Judge), United States Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit, September 17, 2013.

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Day Four: Chief Red Eagle tells the court he withheld Rod Hartness contract with pipeline union officials to create more jobs now part of the ongoing Enbridge pipeline project.

Hartness was a witness called by Chief Red Eagle’s attorney Kirke Rickzburg of WaterCase. Hartness took the stand as the final witness on Jan. 13, 2014.

Hartness was asked if news coverage surrounding his contract affected the negotiations and if he received any complaints about them. He responded: “I don’t think so. People in Washington were reading the papers out loud, talking about the pipeline project. I think my name was mentioned in it.”

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“I didn’t want it to mess up the negotiations,” Chief Red Eagle told the court, believing he had no evidence to prove his point. He then added: “I never went to a news conference..."
Osage LLC announces CEO’s resignation

Carol Leese, the Chief Executive Officer for the struggling Osage LLC, has resigned after five years. His resignation, effective March 31, has prompted a nationwide search for his replacement.

The board announced his resignation Jan. 16 via news release. Leese has been the CEO since March of 2009. However, controversy has surrounded Leese and the entity for years with the company reporting losses of more than $12 million.

“We’re grateful for Carol’s hard work,” said Board Chairwoman Mary Elizabeth Ricketts in a prepared statement. “We wish him well in his new endeavors and thank him for his willingness to help in the transition.”

Many questions have swirlled around Leese’s contract and pay over the years. The Osage News requested his contracts, beginning in 2008 to present, on Jan. 30 at the LLC board’s monthly meeting in Tulsa.

The board requested Osage News Editor Shannon Shaw Duty make the request via email and the board would consult with the Third Osage Nation Congress on the request. Ricketts said the board had never received an open records request before and was unsure of the process, or if the LLC was subject to the Nation’s open records law.

Leese, who was at the board meeting on Jan. 30, said, “The opportunity to serve as CEO during the start-up years of Osage LLC has been a rewarding experience … I am honored to have served the Osage Nation.”

According to osagellc.com, Leese served as CEO of the Forest County Potawatomi’s PBDC. While at PBDC, Leese was instrumental in the acquisition of five companies and grew revenues six fold annually from 2006-2010. The corporation started with one employee and now has close to 220 employees in 22 states.

According to osagellc.com, prior to joining PBDC, Leese served as CEO for the Abenaki Shawnee Economic Development Authority in Shawnee, Okla. Before working with Native nations, Leese worked as President of a dot-com company in the gaming industry. In addition, he has 13 years of experience in the health-care industry working with emergency room physicians. Leese holds a Bachelor of Science in Business and a Masters in Business Administration from Oklahoma City University.

Osage LLC was established in 2008 by the First Osage Nation Congress to see Leese — Continued on Page 23

Osage Voters

Our mineral estate is at risk from local, state, and federal entities as you read this. The Osage Mineral Council cannot protect it alone! As a sitting Osage Mineral Council member, Osage Nation member, and Shareholder, I strongly support Geof Standingbear for our next chief. Not only do we need a stronger leader, we need a Chief who can work with the OCM and Congress to come together in this fight for our livelihood!

Geof is a former Assistant Chief, sitting Congressman, and he and his wife, Julie, are both shareholders. He has knowledge, experience, and is very aware on where we are with our mineral estate. Make no mistake, this is serious, so help me and yourself!

-Joseph B. (Sosny) Abbott
Osage Mineral Councilman

Vote Standingbear for Osage Nation Principal Chief
Vote Margo Gray for Principal Chief of the Osage Nation

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**Federal Judge certifies Fletcher case as class-action lawsuit**

By Shannon Stae Daly

[The Osage News reported on the class-action certification on their website as follows:]

The Osage News has learned of a court ruling that could impact all Osage headright holders. The United States District Court for the District of Kansas ruled Sept. 13, 2013, that Osage Nation members who have lost their headright or want it back by unlawful means, "are members of a class that qualify for class action status...."

The court noted that the plaintiffs are alleging a violation of the 1906 Act, which governs the Osage Mineral Estate. The 1906 Act was passed by Congress in 1906 and gives the Osage Nation rights to the mineral wealth below their land. It also provides for an accounting of funds and interest from the United States. The judge ordered the Department of the Interior to conduct a true accounting of all funds and interest to headright holders.

The next hearing is scheduled for March 6, 2014. The federal judge will decide whether to certify the case as a class action. If the case is certified as a class action, then all headright holders will have a chance to conduct discovery into the accounting system and segreaged fund for Judge Pratt. Amosold said that it is not a true accounting of funds and that the plaintiffs would like the chance to conduct discovery into the accounting system and segregated fund for Judge Pratt. Amosold said, "I can't believe the U.S. is admitting those funds aren't held in a trust account."

The 10th Circuit Court of Appeals has no direction for dates on an accounting for the segregated fund of Osage headright holders. The appeal is under reconsideration by the 10th Circuit Court. The plaintiffs want an accounting of their segregated fund.

"Does the U.S. have a duty to an accounting?" The answer, the plaintiff in the 10th Circuit Court of Appeals have some facts and disputes that remain. Pratt ruled. The next hearing is set for March 6, 2014. Of Osage citizenship benefits and costs, contact Aamodt Law Firm at (918) 547-4670."

**First round of absentee ballots in the mail**

The Osage Nation Election Office mailed the first round of absentee ballots Jan. 29. The office mailed 974 absentee ballots to Osage voters who requested them for the March 10 primary election. All ballots were mailed from the Pawhuska Post Office, a special mailmark marking the first time absentee ballots were mailed from Pawhuska post office per election law.

"Absentee voters must ensure election office staff receive their ballots as latest as Election Day to be eligible for counting," said the election office. "Due to construction of the Osage Nation Post Office and new equipment necessary to mail, all voting will take place at the Wales-Zim Center located at 1499 W. Main Street in Pawhuska.

Election office staff will count the ballots at the cultural center and announce the winners in front of the Osage Nation Cultural Center prior to the election night. All candidates must be located on the Osage Census maps, traditional, and eligible, to be available to all Osage voters."

This is the Nation's first Primary Election

To request an absentee ballot for the Primary Election is Feb. 7, 2014. All ballot applications that have been completed and passed background checks by the Attorney General's office.

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Osage News Election Debates

Osage Minerals Council Debate
April 26, 2014 • 5-8 p.m.
Wah-Zha-Zhi Cultural Center
Pawhuska, OK

General Election Debate
May 3-4, 2014
Saturday 5-8 p.m. • Sunday 1-4 p.m.
Wah-Zha-Zhi Cultural Center
Pawhuska, OK

The Osage News would like to thank the League of Women Voters of Tulsa for hosting its debates.

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2014 Primary Election Notice

NEW – EARLY VOTING DAY 1

DATE: March 7, 2014
TIME: 12:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. CDT
POLL LOCATION: Osage Nation Election Office
608 Kihekah
Pawhuska, Oklahoma

NEW – EARLY VOTING DAY 2

DATE: March 8, 2014
TIME: 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. CDT
POLL LOCATION: Osage Nation Election Office
608 Kihekah
Pawhuska, Oklahoma

NEW LOCATION – ELECTION DAY

DATE: March 10, 2014
TIME: 8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. CDT
POLL LOCATION: Osage Nation Wah-za-zhi Cultural Center
1449 W. Main
Pawhuska, Oklahoma

QUALIFICATIONS TO VOTE:

1. Any enrolled member of the Osage Nation that is eighteen (18) years of age or older on Election Day who has been issued an Osage Nation Membership Card on or after October 1, 2012, which bears the signature of a Principal Chief of the Osage Nation.

MANNER OF VOTING:

1. Voting shall be by secret ballot.

2. Except as otherwise provided, any qualified voter may vote by:
   a. Appears at the polling place
   b. An elector may vote by proxy
   c. Promising a government issued photo identification (for example: Driver’s License, Passport, Military ID, etc.)
   d. If you do not have a photo identification present, you may vote if (2) election officials sign an affidavit affirming your identity
   e. Signing the ballot sign out sheet
   f. Marking the ballot and placing it in the ballot box

3. Any eligible voter who will be unable to vote in person may vote by Absentee Ballot.

REQUESTING AN ABSENTEE BALLOT:

1. To request an Absentee Ballot Request form, either:
   a. Fill out the enclosed form; or
   b. Visit our website at www.osagenation.com, click on DEPARTMENTS, click on ELECTION BOARD, click on Absentee Ballot Request Form, and then fill out, print, and sign the Absentee Ballot Request form.
   c. You can request for the Absentee Ballot Request form to be sent to you by calling the Election Office toll free at (877) 560-5286 or by writing electionoffi ce@osagetribe.org

2. Return the completed Absentee Ballot Request form along with a copy of a government issued photo identification (for example: Driver’s License, Passport, Military ID, etc.) to the Election Office. Please sign the Absentee Ballot Request form the same way you will sign the absentee ballot return receipt. Use one of the following methods to return your completed request:
   a. Mail and send to elections@osagetribe.org
   b. Fax to (918) 287-5292
   c. Mail to P.O. Box 928, Pawhuska, OK 74056

3. The deadline for the Election Office to receive your completed Absentee Ballot Request form and photo identification is FEBRUARY 10, 2014 no later than 4:30 p.m., CDT

VOTING BY ABSENTEE BALLOT:

1. Instructions for marking and mailing your ballot can be found enclosed with your ballot.

2. All Absentee Ballots must arrive by 10:00 a.m. CDT on MARCH 10, 2014, which is the day of the election, in the Pawhuska Post Office in order to be valid.

3. Any eligible voter who receives an Absentee Ballot who does not complete and mail the ballot, but instead wishes to cast his or her vote in person must:
   a. Surrender his or her ballot to the Election Supervisor or authorized designee on Election Day;
   b. Sign the absentee ballot return receipt. Use one of the following methods to return your completed request:
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4. b. Announcing to the election officials his or her name;
   c. Presenting a government issued photo identification (for example: Driver’s License, Passport, Military ID, etc.);
   d. Signing the ballot sign out sheet; and
   e. Marking the ballot and placing it in the ballot box

*If you do not have a photo identification present, you may vote if (2) election officials sign an affidavit affirming your identity

METHODS OF OBTAINING ASSISTANCE IN VOTING:

1. On Election Day, if a voter or voter’s agent presents him or herself and states that the voter, because of a physical disability or language barrier, is unable to mark the ballot, assistance shall be provided by at least two (2) election officials.

2. If you need additional assistance on Election Day, please contact the Election Office toll free at (877) 560-5286 or locally at (918) 287-5286 in advance, if possible.

IMPORTANT:

Pursuant to the Osage Nation Election Code, 5.2 (F) (1), a person is guilty of a violation of this code who knowingly votes more than once at any election.

b. Sign an affidavit stating they received a ballot, but did not vote it.

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Reema Ollak holds her Osage News as she stands in front of Buckingham-Ham palace in London, England, with her children Talaf and Dana. Send in your pictures with your Osage News, whether you’re in ethnic locals or just want to say Ha We from California, we want to see Osages around the world!

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Osage-related events in May and beyond:

May 3 to Dec. 3, Arrow Rock State Historic Site will have Osage artifacts on display, and Osage-related events in May, 2014. The Missouri History Museum, AT&T Foundation Multi-purpose Room, 2:30 p.m. (http://moshistory.org/
your-view/plan-your-view/).

May 4, Round Table Discussion at the University of Missouri-Rolla, UMSL, Christy Finsel (Osage) to participate. Christ Bighorn may attend as well. Time TBD. (http://www.umsl.edu/).

May 6-7, 8th Annual Seminar at the Missouri State Historical Museum, Kansas City, Mo.

May 20, Annual Round Table Discussion at the University of Missouri-Rolla, UMSL, Christy Finsel (Osage) to participate. Christ Bighorn may attend as well. Time TBD. (http://www.umsl.edu/).

May 24, 2014, Round Table Discussion at the University of Missouri-Rolla, UMSL, Christy Finsel (Osage) to participate. Christ Bighorn may attend as well. Time TBD. (http://www.umsl.edu/).

May 25, 2014, Round Table Discussion at the University of Missouri-Rolla, UMSL, Christy Finsel (Osage) to participate. Christ Bighorn may attend as well. Time TBD. (http://www.umsl.edu/).
Bench warrant under advisement for principal chief candidate
By Shannon Skaw Duty
Osage News
A bench warrant is under advisement for principal chief candidate Mar- go Gray.
After missing an asset hearing on Jan. 3 in Tulsa County District Court, Gray has been ordered to appear March 6 or there will be a warrant for her ar- rear. The asset hearing is due to Gray’s former company, Horizon Engineering Services Co., failing to pay a summary judgment for breach of contract in the amount of $18,639.98. The Osage News became aware of Gray’s summary judgment after an anonymous letter was sent to the News’ offices on Jan. 27, post marked Jan. 25 from Oklahoma City. Inside was Gray’s case file from the Oklahoma State Court Network.
The case, Terrones Company v. Ho- rizon Engineering Services Co., is a breach of contract case where Hartness was charged for not paying two invoices from 2006 and 2011, for construc- tion work done on a Super Wal-Mart in Cleveland and muscadine in Concho, Okla.
The case was filed by Terrones for civil trial in August of 2012. In May of 2013, the judge issued a summary judgment on Horizon in, “the sum of $18,639.98, together with the interest at the rate of 18% per annum from No- vember 2012, until paid, and attorney fees in the amount of $600.68 and the costs of this action.” Gray requested this story be held from publishing but the Osage News Board of Directors said Gray’s case was public record and the story was valid to be information.
“It is important to state the obvi- ous: this so-called anonymous letter was sent with the sole intent to discredit my character,” Gray said in a prepared statement. “To the business world dis- puts arise and whether it be through different companies or in doing business with unreliable clients that outcomes are not always the best. Small busi- nesses doing work with each client have some times been left holding the bag through no fault of their own.”
Court documents
According to court documents, Dis- trict Judge Linda Morrissey issued a garnishment summons on Horizon Engineering Services on June 14, 2013 for American Heritage Bank. On June 21, American Heritage Bank answered with a Response to Horizon, accord- ing to court documents. Morrissey then ordered Gray to appear at an asset hearing on Oct. 3, 2013. At Grey’s Oct. 3 asset hearing, Mar- go Gray requested this story be held from publishing according to court documents, and ap- 

By Shannon Skaw Duty

Duty did so the following day and de- scribed the aftermath of non response from the Chief’s office asking about the status of her open records request.

February 18th is the deadline for all submissions for the March issue of the Osage News
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Osage Nation Election Board approves ballot for March 10 primary election
Osage News
The Osage Nation Election Board voted to approve the 2014 primary election ballot on Jan. 22 once the order of candidate names was deter- mined.
That morning, the Election Board held a drawing at the Wah-Zha-Zhi Cultural Center with seven of the eight candidates present. The candidates are seeking the Executive Branch offices of Principal Chief and Assistant Principal Chief. The Election Board also used the event to answer ques- tions from the candidates regarding the upcoming deadlines and require- ments to remain compliant with the Nation’s election rules and law.

Election Supervisor Alane Bynum announced the order of candidate names after Election Board vice chairwoman Shannon Lockett drew the names one-by-one from a clear plastic container where the names, written on pieces of paper, were placed.

The ballot order is:

PRINCIPAL CHIEF
1. Raymond Red Corn
2. Amanda Proctor
3. Terry Mason Moore
4. James “Josh” Dailey
5. Randolph Crawford

Assistant Principal Chief
1. Margo Gray

With a 2-0 vote, Election board members Becky Moore and Terry Hunz ap- proved the order of names. Vice Chairwoman Becky Moore was absent that day. On the other hand, the Election Office staff began mailing the absentee bal- lots to those who are requesting them for the primary election.

Voters who have not requested an absentee ballot have until Feb. 10 to request one and send it to the Election Office in Pawhuska. After receiving the ballot and filling it out, voters must make sure the ballot is mailed back to the Election Office by March 10 to have their votes included in the counting that day.

The offices of Principal Chief and Assistant Principal Chief seek four-year terms. Annual salaries for those offices are:

Principal Chief: $90,000
Assistant Principal Chief: $71,250

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Red Corn also sought the contract with her request unanswered. Chief Red Eagle took the stand on Day Four and took questions and testi- mony from other witnesses including the open records requests of the Hartness contract.

No cameras during trial
Osage Nation Supreme Court As- sociate Justice Jeana Morgan, who presided during the removal trial of Principal Chief John Red Eagle issued an order prohibiting the use of still or video cameras (including cell phones) with the Congressional chambers during the trial.

The Jan. 15 order then states, “Vio- lation of this order will result in for- feiture of equipment.” This order also includes the lobby area outside the chambers where ON police patrolled throughout the proceedings.

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terior to other witnesses that prohibited them from the chambers unless they were testifying.
After considering the matter, Logan said, “I’ve ruled he can testify.” She later advised Hartness the same witness rules asking that he not discuss his testi- mony with anyone.

Chief’s trial legal counsel Kirke Kick- ingbird, who was also present at the meeting, told Duty she would have to file an open records request for the con- text.

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James “Osage” Dailey announces his candidacy for Asst. Principal Chief

I am a descendant of many Osages, from the early days of the Osage Nation. I am a fourth generation member of the Osage Nation. Empowerment focuses the attention of front line workers on the needs of you and your family, and gives them the tools, training and resources necessary to do their job and do it well. The second focus is bridging the gap between Executive branch, Congressional branch, and the Nation to move forward, the people that deliver benefits and services to the Osage public tends to be the most needy people in the projects each branch. The Assistant Principal Chief is a natural bridge to the Congress, and that is exactly how the position needs to be filled. I am an Osage Nation citizen for two branches to work together. That’s what the Osage people want, and that is what I am always working towards. I ask you to support my campaign on March 10, Tom Boone Jr., Number 1 on the ballot.

Raymond Red Corn announces candidacy for Asst. Principal Chief

Today I announce my candidacy for Assistant Chief of the Osage Nation. Two themes dominate my platform – the importance of empowering the Osage Nation workforce, and bridging the gap between the Executive branch, Congressional branch, and the Assistant Principal Chief needs to know the Congress, their procedures, their personalities and their mechanisms to move forward. I am asking for your support for the two branches to work together. That’s what the Osage people want, and that is what I am always working towards.

By now you have noticed that this announcement isn’t about the promise of new benefits and services. That is because eight years of experience have taught me an essential lesson about this organization; the first order of business is to get the fund- ing in place. These fundamental changes include open and direct communication between the branches and a properly functioning Congress. As Assistant Principal Chief and need to know the Congress, their procedures, their personalities and their mechanisms to move forward. I am asking for your support for the two branches to work together. That’s what the Osage people want, and that is what I am always working towards.

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Happy Birthday! Happy 7th birthday to Kinlee Star Fields! Kinlee lives in Hominy and attends the First Grade on Feb. 6. Kinlee loves her family, reading, and playing dress up. We love you too! Your big family!

Congratulations! Carly Carter attends the Texas Women's University and has a partial scholarship for gymnastics. Being selected to the Honor program she had a 3.6 her first semester. She is the daughter of Jeff and Patricia Carter. Jeff was from Pawhuska and Patricia from Puerto Rico, both competed in gymnastics at the University of Oklahoma and currently owns and coaches at Matt Treasures Gym in Oklahoma City.

Carly's paternal grandparents are Pamela and Nelson Carter. Her maternal grandparents are Doro and Miriam Williams of League City, Texas.

Carly is of the Eagle Clan and participates in the June dances.

Josephine Horsechief to compete for Miss Teen Tulsa

Josephine Horsechief of Pawhuska is a candidate in the 2014 Miss Teen Tulsa Pageant competition on Feb. 15. Pageant coordinators announced their selections following an interview in the local Tulsa area. Horsechief submitted an application and took part in an interview session.

Horsechief will compete for monetary prize and special gifts, according to a prepared release. She will be competing in the Miss Teen division, one of four divisions that will have young ladies from ages 7 through 19 competing in modeling routines, which include casual wear and formal wear. She will display her personality and interviewing skills while interviewing with this year’s Tulsa judges panel, according to a release.

The winner will receive the title of Miss Teen Tulsa, and represent Tulsa and the surrounding communities at the National Competition, which will take place in Orlando, Fla. Over $30,000 in prizes and awards will be presented at the National Competition while each winner enjoys an all-expense paid trip of five nights and six days in Orlando. Horsechief is looking for community involvement, organizations and private individuals to help assist her in participating in this year’s competition by becoming an official sponsor. Through sponsorship, each contestant receives all the necessary training, rehearsals, and financial support, which will allow Horsechief to become a very confident and well-prepared contestant this year’s Tulsa Pageant, according to a prepared release.

Any businesses, organizations, or private individuals who may be interested in becoming a sponsor for Josephine Horsechief may contact the Miss Teen Tulsa Pageant Coordinator at (918) 403-6678.

Osage News Election Calendar

FEBRUARY

- Osage ACT Prep Test Date Registration Deadline is March 7
- General Election Information

MARCH

- Primary Election Information
- Primary Election Information

APRIL

- General Election Information
- General Election Information

MAY

- General Election Information

JUNE

- General Election Information
- General Election Information

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Osage Nation Jobs: Applications can be downloaded at www.osagenews.org or obtained at the Osage Nation Human Resources Office, 5111 South Black Horse Highway, Suite 22, Pawhuska, Oklahoma, 74056. Applications must be received in Human Resources no later than 4 p.m. on the specified closing date. Late applications will not be accepted.

R.N. Diabetes Case Manager Pawhuska Diabetes The RN Diabetes Case Manager will operate under the program director’s consistent with prevention of diabetes, pre-

Obituaries

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**Letters to the Editor**

**Dangerous Lack of Interest**

Over the years during my many visits to our tribe and its government offices, I have noted the agency personnel and their excellent work ethic, but it is the people that are behind the government that will tell whether that government meets the goals set for itself or whether that government fails. All is not well in the tribe when I pick up the Osage News and see more advertisements than hard investigative reports on items that are so very important to the welfare of the tribe today. Where are the people during this time? We are facing the removal of our chief from office as cause. We have a Minerals council that sends out quarterly reports that contain little pertinent information of value to the shareholder, but rather is full of superfluous articles that do little but keep the current members names in front of the electorate.

Tonight, I went back to the news and noted in this violent time, there was not one letter to the editor. Is anybody in Pawhuska watching the store? I didn’t realize how bad the lack of interest was until I noted, “Where is the interest?” There is a very important election coming up and your knowledge of the candidates is important in how you vote.

I also hope that managers of the election will increase the candidates time at the microphone. To think a candidate can share enough information with the audience in three minutes is insulting to the candidates and to the electorate. Please take part in your government.

–Gregory Woodell  
West Hollywood, Calif.

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**Osage Nation Burial Assistance Application Process**

- Submit an application **within 30 days** of time of death
- Provide copy of Osage Membership Card 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 the government will notify the heirs of the deceased.

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We need to restore trust, competency and accountability in the Executive Branch of the Osage government.

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“Accountability” is an obligation to accept responsibility for one’s actions or inactions. It starts at the top in any organization. My administration will demand full accountability from me and from all members of the Executive Branch. We will work with the Osage Congress and we will work with each other to deliver the best products and services to the Osage people. We will reward hard work, honest labor, purposeful intent, and goodness toward one another.

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