Osage Nation's first primary set for March 10

By Benny Polacca

The Osage Nation will reach another milestone in March with its first primary election on March 10 with eight candidates vying for the offices of Principal Chief and Assistant Principal Chief. Five candidates are running for the Osage Nation General Election on March 10.

Osages and their families await the results of the 2012 Osage Nation general election at the Congressional Caucus Chambers in Pawhuska. The Nation’s first primary election is scheduled March 10, 2014 with voting at the Wake Ambrose Cultural Center.

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Osage News is mailed to all Osage tribal members who are 18 years of age or older on Election Day and must possess an Osage Nation membership card issued after Oct. 9, 2002, which bears the name of an ON Principal Chief.

In-person voters will be required to present a government-issued photo identification card such as a driver’s license, passport or military ID, for example. Also acceptable are Osage tribal member photo ID cards issued by ON Tax Commission. If an Osage voter does not have a valid ID, he or she will be allowed to vote in-person if two election officials sign an affidavit affirming the voter’s identity.

Absentee ballots due March 10

Osages voting by absentee ballot must ensure their ballot is mailed back to Pawhuska by March 10 to be counted in that day’s vote. At 10 a.m. on the day of the primary election, the election board will collect the absentee ballots from the Pawhuska Post Office, where they are being kept until after polls close.

Fletcher case to be heard at federal courthouse March 6

By Benny Polacca

The 12-year-old case got new life after the 10th Circuit ruled Sept. 13, 2013, that Osage Nation members William Fletcher and Charles Pratt are entitled to an accounting from the United States government on their share of the Osage Nation.

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The 10th Circuit opinion said there is no limitation of dates for an accounting on the case, and that it should go back 100 years. Pratt said the government’s means of accounting was dismissed “as a matter of law” with the 10th Circuit opinion.

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Osage shareowners are urged to attend a federal courthouse hearing on March 6 to hear the recent developments in the Fletcher v. United States case.

Federal Judge Gregory Frizzle in the U.S. District Court of the Northern District of Oklahoma recently granted class-action certification.

“Judge Frizzell recently granted the Plaintiff’s Motion for Class Certification, which makes the case of even greater and direct significance to all Osage shareholders,” said Amanda Proctor, an attorney of record for the class.

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Grayhorse community letter sparks controversy for chief candidate

By Shannon Shaw Duty
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Mary Jo Webb, Grayhorse elder and a founder of the 2006 Osage Constitution, is not supporting Geoffrey Standing Bear for chief. She is supporting Margo Gray, but not for accusations made in a recent letter distributed by Gray’s supporters. The letter, written by Dr. Joe Conner of Fairfax, accuses Standing Bear of breaking promises to the Grayhorse community by failing to hear or consider a proposal brought forth by community members to the Third Osage Nation Congress for a community grocery store.

Conner said in the letter that members of the community worked with a professional grocer to develop a proposal for congress. He said when it was discovered that the proposal wouldn’t be considered and Standing Bear wouldn’t be sponsoring the needed legislation for the grocery store, the Grayhorse and Fairfax communities decided to picket Congress on the last day of the 2012 Tri-Zho Session.

The proposal called for $1.5 million to start a nonprofit entity called 4-Winds and would be operated by Conner and area residents, according to a May 2013 Osage News article.

"In Mr. Standingbear’s (sic) recent campaign advertisement he said, ‘Accountability is an obligation to accept responsibility for one’s actions or inactions.’ He failed to take responsibility for his inaction on the grocery store and therefore to be accountable to the Osage people he was elected to represent!” according to the letter.

The letter was introduced at one of Gray’s recent campaign events in the Grayhorse Indian Village and was signed by 22 people. Also a subject of the letter is an accusation that Standing Bear does not respect elders and accosted one of them at an Osage Congressional meeting last year.

“In almost 40 years of participating in our traditions, Mr. Standingbear (sic) apparently knows little about Osage tradition! That he showed such disrespect to a recognized Osage Elder should alert all Osages everywhere that he is not suited to be Chief of the Osage Nation,” according to the letter.

Webb, who will turn 81 in March, is the Osage elder Standing Bear allegedly accosted in the congressional chambers in 2012. Webb said she was there to protest and picket the meeting with the other members of the Grayhorse and Fairfax communities, having lived in Fairfax all her life, and once inside she sat down in
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Youth learn community service and leadership at ON Boys & Girls Club

By Shannon Shaw Duty

Leading a helping hand, lighting up an elder’s face, providing community services—these are the memories being formed at the Osage Nation Boys & Girls Club.

Leah McCann and Evan Stamper are two of eight members of the Torch Club in Pawhuska. The club is a charter, small-group, leadership and service program for local youth, offered through the Boys & Girls Clubs of America, according to www.bgca.org.

McCann, Stamper, Miya Curry and Jason Duty visited the Pawhuska Nursing Home on Feb. 13 and handed out hand-made Valentine’s Day cards to the 20 residents. McCann, who has taken a leadership role in the group, is a 10-year-old fourth grader at Pawhuska Elementary School and she said she wants to be a nurse when she grows up.

“We went first into the dining room where they were eating and giving them some cards and then we went into other people’s rooms and gave them some,” McCann said. “There was was lady she and she was 10 years old. We was amazed at how old she was and she was still alive.”

“We went into the other people’s rooms and gave them Valentine’s cards. They were happy when we gave them those cards. They liked it.”

The residents love when the kids visit, said Justin Vashon, activities and special services director for the Pawhuska Nursing Home. He said the residents still have their Valentine’s Day cards in their pockets and on top of their TV’s.

The Torch is a 12-year-old sixth grader at Pawhuska Elementary School, and he was too shy to give the cards out but liked the experience all the same. He wants to be in the U.S. Navy when he grows up.

“I liked seeing all the old people and how happy they were,” he said. “I like going on the trips and helping people.”

After school and throughout the summer the Torch Club picks up trash on the Osage Nation campus, they visit the children at KidsKare, they help at the nation’s day care. They also present and sell cards to Osage elders at Tela II, or visit the residents at the Pawhuska Nursing Home.

They also keep the playground equipment at Williams Park looking new by painting the equipment during the winter and summer months. They also plant gardens and clean out flowerbeds around town.

Playtime

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Five-Man on trial for absentee ballot theft

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Joseph and Mashunkashey are each charged with two counts of theft in the four separate cases filed by At- General Attorney Jeff Joe. Their cases were first heard in front of a full in all four.

Cases are due back in court on March 13, which is set by Steen.

Natives representing the Nation in court, agreed that the listing of the defendants have an oppor- nuty to seek legal counsel. Mashunkashey appeared with his Tulsa-based attorney Trevor Reynolds. At issue in these cases is the $680,000 in village revenue according to a September 2012 settlement between the Osage Nation Office for Federal Per- sonnel and the Pawhuska Osage Casino lease bad. The OPPR offered the Pawhuska Osage Casino lease bad a Million Dollar Elm Casino for the period between November 2011 and the beginning of 2013. Mashunkashey, who was the Pawhuska Osage Casino lease bad’s bookkeeper at the time of the 2012 OPPR settlement, refused to take part in the OPPR audit. In its report, the OPPR said the four views of the board member responsible for the village’s bank account at the time; that about $50,000 in money was spent on rental private residential electric bills (over $24,134 for Mas- hunkashey’s own residence)

Grayhorse:

Zha-Zhi Cultural Center, 1449 W. Main, Pawhuska. You may be able to visit the Center during the day, Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and appointments are available. We are located east of Alco, within the Wah- rushka Osage National Tribal Park. You can also Like Us on Facebook: Wah-Zhu-Zhi Cultural Cen- ter. If you have any questions or comments, contact us at (918) 287-5080 or email lcewise@zha-zhi.org.
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Former Osage tribal judge Drew Pierce reappointed to ON Supreme Court

By Berry Feliusa

The Osage Nation Judicial Branch has extended the designation of Associate Justice Drew Pierce to sit on the Nation’s Supreme Court to fill the vacancy on the three-person high court.

ON Supreme Court Chief Justice Meredith Drent issued the designation for Pierce (Osage) in an Oct. 1 administrative order to serve on the Supreme Court on a temporary basis, “to ensure the Court has the appropriate resources needed to administer justice.” She also wrote: “The authority delegated herein shall continue until Sept. 30, 2014 or until the assignment is no longer needed, whichever is sooner.”

Pierce (Osage) previously served as a district judge under the 1994 Osage government. He received his law degree from the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville and now works as an attorney in private practice in Cotter, Ark.

The Judicial Branch initially appointed Pierce to the Supreme Court in spring 2013 to fill the vacancy. He joined Drent and fellow Associate Supreme Court Justice Jeanine Logan for the inaugural declaratory judgment case regarding the initial board appointment of Eddy Red Eagle Jr. to serve on the Osage Nation Emergency Services Board. Red Eagle is the older brother of now-former Principal Chief John Red Eagle, who appointed him.

The case started after several third ON Congress members expressed concern the familial relationship is a conflict of interest. As a result, the Congress filed an April 2013 court complaint and sought to have Pierce sit on the Supreme Court to rule on the issue.

Thanks to the second temporary Associate Justice designation, Pierce became part of the Supreme Court which issued on Dec. 31, 2013 a declaratory judgment ruling that former Principal Chief John Red Eagle, who appointed him, acted outside the process used by the third ON Congress to impeach him from office in January 2014. Red Eagle challenged the process and sought the Supreme Court to rule with a declaratory judgment ruling. With a ruling that would not halt the removal process, the Supreme Court convened for Pierce’s general trial that lasted eight days.

Drent’s designated authority for filling court vacancies is allowed per a September 2013 Osage law passed by the Third ON Congress. The law allows per a September 2013 Osage law passed by the Third ON Congress.

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When it comes to firewood, buy it where you burn it

Public Service Announcement

Oklahoma Forestry Services is asking Oklahomans to buy firewood near the location where they will burn it to help prevent the spread of insects and diseases that can kill trees and devastate recreation spots.

OFS joins other states and national agencies in the effort to educate the public about the dangers of moving firewood. Many people are unaware that insects and diseases can live in healthy-looking firewood and that by moving firewood they are also transporting invasive pests. The “Permit Not to Move Firewood” campaign is focused on asking people to make a conscious decision not to move firewood and, instead, to buy wood cut as close as possible to the location where they will burn it.

“Not all insects can’t travel far, but when you haul firewood from one location to another, the insects that live inside the firewood are transported, sometimes hundreds of miles, and impact trees in the new location,” said George Geissler, Oklahoma State Forester. “In some parts of the country, entire forests have been lost due to firewood movement, and we want to prevent that in Oklahoma.”

One pest of particular concern for Oklahomans is the Emerald Ash Borer, an insect that has destroyed tens of millions of ash trees across the nation, and has now infested ash trees in Colorado, Kansas and Missouri. With a significant ash population, Oklahoma is at risk for an invasion of the Emerald Ash Borer into the state.

“Students who participate in Native Explorers have the opportunity to learn more about anatomy, paleontology and medicine and earn college credit during a special scientific expedition this summer,” said Kent Smith, OSU-CHS associate professor of anatomy and cell biology. “Ultimately they will learn how American Indian cultures interacted with the natural world and create lifelong professional networks and friendships with leading researchers.”

Participants work side-by-side with researchers from OSU Center for Health Sciences and the Sam Noble Oklahoma Museum of Natural History, and archaeologists and biologists from the Bureau of the Land Management and the U.S. Forest Service.

The summer program begins at the OSU Center for Health Sciences in Tulsa with an exploration of anatomy and paleontology before continuing to New Mexico and Utah for visits to museums, archaeological sites and cliff dwellings to learn more about American Indian cultures.

“American Indian traditions and culture are an integral part of this program,” said Smith. “We learn about the Native people that inhabited these regions for more than 15,000 years and examine plant and animal fossils from volcanic sediment that are more than 16 million years old.”

Native Explorers is open to American Indian college students age 18 and older who are enrolled members of a federally recognized tribe. A limited number of spots are open for the scientific expedition. Students must complete an application and submit a letter of reference from an instructor. The deadline to apply is March 15.

Participants may be eligible to earn three hours of college credit. The program is fully funded by the Chickasaw Nation, Whitten-Burrell Law Firm and OSU.

For more information or to complete an application, visit www.nativeexplorers.org.
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2014 Primary Election Notice

NEW – EARLY VOTING DAY 1
DATE: March 7, 2014
TIME: 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. CDT
POLLO LOCATION: Osage Nation Election Office
618 Elechake
Pawhuska, Oklahoma

NEW – EARLY VOTING DAY 2
DATE: March 8, 2014
TIME: 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. CDT
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Pawhuska, Oklahoma

NEW LOCATION – ELECTION DAY
DATE: March 10, 2014
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POLLO LOCATION: Osage Nation Wah-zha-zhi Cultural Center
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   c. Mail to P.O. Box 928, Pawhuska, OK 74056.
   d. Fax to (918) 287-5292; or
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   b. Sign an affidavit stating they received a ballot, but did not vote it.
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VOTING BY ABSENTEE BALLOT:
Instructions for marking and mailing your ballot can be found enclosed with your
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   d. Signing the ballot sign out sheet; and
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   b. Visit our website at www.osagenation.com, click on DEPARTMENTS, click on
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      form and photo identification is FEBRUARY 10, 2014 no later than 4:30 p.m., CDT
      and print, and sign the Absentee Ballot Request form.
   c. Mail to P.O. Box 928, Pawhuska, OK 74056.
   d. Fax to (918) 287-5292; or
   e. Scan and e-mail to electionoffice@osagetribe.org.
2. You can request for the Absentee Ballot Request form to be sent to you by calling the
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3. Return the completed Absentee Ballot Request form along with a copy of a government
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Vote
TERRY MASON MOORE
Assistant Principal Chief

ACTION
Accountability, Community, Transparency in Osage Nation
I have the life experience, work experience and education to bring accountability and transparency to our government and to improve our communities and access to services. My experience in national and state organizations and other tribes over the past 30 years and with the Osage Nation has prepared me to be our next Assistant Chief for going forward in our new government and to make it work for all of us.

I have worked in various capacities with the Osage Nation for 14 years now. I worked for the Osage Tribal Council in 2002. Chief Gray contracted me to represent the gaming commission. I was appointed chief of the tribe in 2003 and served on the tribe’s gaming enterprise in 2003. I was chief of the tribe’s department of education. Then in 2010, Chief Gray appointed me as General Manager of Osage Casino. After Chief Red Eagle was elected, I was appointed to do the general counsel work such as acting contracts, analyzing legislation, gaming board assistance and coordinating with outside litigation counsel. Then, as you know, I was appointed as Assistant Principal Chief and took over as office on January 1, 2014.

I stand for Accountability, Community, and Transparency in Osage Nation. I want to know your needs and suggestions for making it better to serve you and our communities.

This is your Osage government and I am in this position to represent you, as we move forward in a positive way. Please elect me for a 4-year term to work with Chief and Congress to improve what is good for Osage people and our communities.

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Vote Jimmy “Osage” Bailey
Assistant Principal Chief

My Osage Ancestinian Grandparent:
37 (1 Osage [Wah-rua-tah])
100th Legion Harvey Graham (Wah-tan-du-sah)

Election Platform
I am running due to the lack of our reservation and will work on a new designation or clarification of the Osage Reservation.
I will work diligently with the Principal Chief and the Osage Congress.
I bring years of management expertise; six years were spent running three tribes in top senior management.
I bring more expertise and skills in administration, contracting, accounting and Financial Statements, gaming, fund generation, investments, IT skills, IT platform development, economic development, business start-ups, research, and related skills.
Work with the Congress to get the lasting action we need.
Work with the Osage Congress to promote effective tribal government and having complete cooperation between all branches.
I believe in the trust and resources as we do NOT tax any more or any other sovereign Osage assets.
I advocate a higher minimum wage.
I advocate legal and only changes in top management positions.
Advocate for higher Osage education scholarships.
Seek and Suggest the Contracting of all our Indian Health Service Programs.
Prove my process and begin developing a plan for our Osage people sick from cancer. A cancer center and cancer research institute needs to be developed for our people.
Seek funding from other sources will be sought, if so supported by the Osage Congress. This would include reservations and non-reervation Osages.
Provide good communication for the membership on all tribal issues.

Listen to the Osage membership
Listen and work with the Osage Congress and Osage Minerals Council

Osage Shareholders
Thank you for electing me to the 2nd Osage Mineral Council. It has been my pleasure to represent you for the past four years. I will not be a candidate for the 2014 election for personal reasons.
I would urge you to take time to research the upcoming candidates. Also look at the candidates running for re-election. Have they represented the OMC in the best interest of the Osage Shareholder?
I want to thank everyone who attended the support dinner for Geoff Standing-
bear. We appreciated each and every one of you!

-Joseph B. (Sonny) Abbott
Osage Mineral Councilman

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Shayne Watson designs shown at Native Fashion Show in Bartlesville

BARTLESVILLE, OK – Native American designer Shayne Watson showed his designs at the “Native Fashion from Culture to Couture” show Feb. 11. The fashion show took place at the Hillcrest Country Club in Bartlesville. Designs from traditional clothing to footwear, Seminole apparel and modern Native designs were shown. Osage models in the show included Miss Indian Oklahoma Robynn Rulo, Osage Nation Princess Autumn Williams, Blake Sisk, Allison Jones, Davis Daylight, Julia Malar, Ashlee Hartness, John Parker, Darian Leekoutst, Welana Fields, Kristen Pratt and Jaime Butler. To see more photos from the fashion show, visit the Osage News Flickr page.

[Disclaimer: Blake Sisk is Osage News Editor Shannon Shaw Duty’s first cousin.]
Osage Nation Princess Autumn Williams, Dever Wah-wassuck, Miss Indian Oklahoma Robynn Rulo, Dava Daylight and a model pose in traditional clothing at the Native Fashion from Culture to Couture show at the Hillcrest Country Club in Bartlesville, Feb. 11.

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Allison Jones poses on the runway at the Native Fashion from Culture to Couture. Designs from footwear, Seminole apparel and modern designs were shown at the Hillcrest Country Club in Bartlesville, Feb. 11.

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ABOVE: Weluna Fields poses on the runway at the Native Fashion from Culture to Couture. Designs from footwear, Seminole apparel and modern designs were shown at the Hillcrest Country Club in Bartlesville, Feb. 11.

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LEFT: Kristen Pratt poses on the runway at the Native Fashion from Culture to Couture. Designs from footwear, Seminole apparel and modern designs were shown at the Hillcrest Country Club in Bartlesville, Feb. 11.

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LEFT: Jaime Butler poses on the runway at the Native Fashion from Culture to Couture. Designs from footwear, Seminole apparel and modern designs were shown at the Hillcrest Country Club in Bartlesville, Feb. 11.

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The Osage clothing we wear when we dance is important. In many different ways a dancer’s clothes are a personal thing. That is including the Quill Roach, or head piece, the bells and beaded belts and yarn work, and of course, the intricate and beautiful ribbon designs. Not a thing you need to talk about, you just know it is there.

As for the dancing during the month of June, the In-Lon-Schka Dance, I have heard it called a Straight Dance. I do not know for certain, but I have always thought that may be a term born of the contrast with the Fancy Dance, or Fast War Dance that lends itself well to the excitement that most people feel when they experience these dances. Just my opinions, not something that was passed down from those much more qualified to speak than I.

My dance things are important to me, just as a dancer’s clothes are important to any Osage dancer. Not only Osages, but all tribal people that I know of have what I would call a reverence for those objects that are associated with tribal dances. Just as the people involved are important to each other.

I am certain that each person who is a part of one of the three In-Lon-Schka Drums has a good knowledge of where his, or her, dance clothes came from. Each person has a pretty good idea of who measured and cut the broadcloth, and who wove the yarn belt. That person could even know who made the moccasins.

All of our People have elders, either blood relatives and in many cases what some people may very well call adopted, and when they want to talk to us we listen. One evening, years ago, I went to the home of Uncle Wakon Iron. He had something to say and I wanted to listen. After we had talked for a while he said, “There is something I want to give to you.” With that he stood, and with the help of his walking cane he slowly made his way toward his bedroom. When he returned to the living room Uncle Wa- kon was carrying a beaded Dance Stick, and when he had sat down in his chair he said, “I want you to have this.” He explained that he had beaded the dance stick in 1916 when he was the age of 24.

That Dance Stick is important to me, but no more important to me than to other dancers. Like I said, it is a personal thing.

Each of us has an idea of what the dance means to each of us, and to each of us the meaning may be just a little different, while the good and positive thoughts about our dances are the same. All of us have heard our Elders speak of friends and relatives from the past.

Under the Arbor there is that moment when during a Tail Dance, it is that moment at the end of a good song. That is when a Tail Dancer waves his Dance Stick, his I-ga, signaling to other Dancers that the song just ended will be repeated. It is a special moment that I cannot adequately describe.

About the author: Charles H. Red Corn, Osage, is the author of “A Pipe for February” and various other published works. Red Corn received his B.A. in Psychology and his Masters of Education Administration from Penn State. He is a veteran of the U.S. Army and resides with his wife Jeri in Norman, Okla. He is the Osage News culture columnist.
2014 Osage News

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Pawhuska, OK

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Wah-Zha-Zhi Cultural Center
Pawhuska, OK

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Tom Boone, Jr., candidate for Osage Nation Principal Chief

Osage News
Age: 43
Education: Pawhuska High School and attended Northeastern State University for one year and attended Rogers State College for one year.
District: Grayhorse
Family: Married 13 years to Jessica Marie and one daughter, Rachel Marie. He has one brother, Daniel Boone, who is currently serving on the Third Osage Tribal Con-

CANDIDATE PROFILES

Terry Mason Moore, candidate for Osage Nation Assistant Principal Chief

Osage News
Age: 58
Education: Bachelor in Management from Northeastern State University, a Juris Doctor from the University of New Mexico School of Law, and a Masters of Business Administration in Finance from the University of Minnes-

Randolph Crawford, candidate for Osage Nation Assistant Principal Chief

Osage News
Age: 54
Education: Moore High School, 1976; Bachelor’s in Political Science, Northeastern State University.
District: Grayhorse
Family: Single. He is the son of Eugene and Mary Katherine Crawford. He was raised by Kathleen Scott Crawford.

Geoffrey Standing Bear, candidate for Osage Nation Principal Chief

Osage News
Age: 40
Education: Bachelor’s degree from the University of Oklahoma (1998). Earned a Juris Doctorate from the University of Tulsa (2000).
District: Pawhuska
Family: Married to Julie (Brave) Standing Bear since 1997. Father to three sons, Chris, Joseph, Ben and daughter Jennifer (Bighorse); and granddaughter to ten grandchildren.

Margo Gray, candidate for Osage Nation Principal Chief

Osage News
Age: 56
District: Pawhuska
Education: Attended Northeastern State University in Tahlequah and majored in police administration (1976, 1982). Attended Dartmouth College Tuck School of Business for its minority business development agency partnership program in March 2006.
Family: Mother of two sons and grandmother of seven grandchildren. Parents are the late Andrew and Margaret Gray; three brothers and three sisters. Grandparents were Clarence and Jennie Gray and her father was Wy-U-Hah-Kah. Her mother’s people on her maternal side was Gracie Roan, who passed in her 20s and her mother was raised by Grandmother Nettie Lattrell. On mother’s side her grand-

Elected positions held: Five-year term on Pawhuska School Board, currently serves at board clerk.

Work History: A small business owner for seven years. Possesses a class A, CDL (Commercial Driver’s License) for 20 years. Has never failed a pre-employment drug test or random test. One of the founding members of YouthWorks, has been active with the organization for eight years.

Elected positions held: None.

Education: Attended Northeastern State University for one year. Graduated from Rogers State College in 1993 for one year.

Elected positions held: Elected by Chief John Red Eagle to do in-house general counsel work. In 2002 she contracted to represent the Osage Tax Commission for former principal chief Charles Tillman. In 2006 she was appointed to the 31st Osage Tribal Council in Pawhuska; Horizon Engineering Services Co. and Horizon Companies in Tulsa. Currently the President of Pawhuska-based Margo Gray and Associ-

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Elected positions held: President of Pawhuska-based Margo Gray and Associates, LLC, which was founded in 2013.

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Amanda Proctor, candidate for Osage Nation Assistant Principal Chief

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Amanda Proctor

Age: 38
District: Pawhuska
Education: Juris Doctorate degree from the University of Tulsa (2005). She also received a certificate in Native American law from TU. She earned a bachelor of arts degree in anthropology from Harvard University (1999).

Family: Mother of three sons. Her mother, the late Karen Proctor, is Osage and she is Cherokee on her father’s side.

Employment background: Attorney and president of the Shield Law Group, PLC in Jenks (Okla.), which focuses on Indian law and represents several Oklahoma Indian tribes and tribal entities. She is an attorney of record in the ongoing federal court case of Fletcher v. United States, which seeks to require the United States to account for the alienation of the Osage Mineral Estate from Osages to non-Osages. Previously worked as an attorney at Tulsa law firm Snod Logsdon PC. Before practicing law, she worked as a tribal housing director for two tribes and has worked in the tribal housing industry for the past 15 years.

Elected positions held: President of Osage County Bar Association.

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Osage News

Two new Osage associations have sprung up during election season.

The first is the Texas Osage Association, started by Jim Ryan of San Antonio. The second, the Association of Osages in Arizona created by Joe Keene.

“Many people are calling for the Texas Osage Association to discuss tribal issues in Arizona created by Joe Keene. Ryan of San Antonio. The second, the Association of Osages in Arizona created by Joe Keene.

Save the Date!

MARCH
March 1 Osage Nation Prevention Program Fouxou Osage County Fairgrounds Pawhuska, OK Starts at 2 p.m.
March 7 Primary Election Information Early Voting – Polls Open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more information contact (918) 287-5286 or (877) 560-5286
March 8 Primary Election Information Early Voting – Polls Open 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information contact (918) 287-5286 or (877) 560-5286
March 8 Honor Dance for Bobyenee Bone Rulo Osage Event Center Tulsa, Oklahoma Starts at 2 p.m.
March 9 Primary Election Information Early Voting – Polls Open 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more information contact (918) 287-5286 or (877) 560-5286
March 11 State of the Nation Address Congressional Chambers Pawhuska, OK Starts at 10 a.m.
March 12 Sovereignty Day Celebration Wah-Zha-Zhi Cultural Center Pawhuska, OK Starts at 2 p.m.
March 14-15 Generation Information Filming Dates for Members of Congress For more information contact (918) 287-5286 or (877) 560-5286
March 15 Northern California Osage Meeting

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Executive Inn Suites Oklahoma City
Oakridge
For more information

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March 15 Honor Dance for Osage Nation Princess Autumn Williams Wah-Zha-Zhi Cultural Center Pawhuska, OK Starts at 2 p.m. For more information contact (918) 639-0427
April 12 Osage ACT Prep Test Date Registration Deadline is April 3
For more information visit www.actstudent.org
April 20 Osage Neewa Election Debates Debate for Osage Minerals Council Wah-Zha-Zhi Cultural Center Pawhuska, Oklahoma From 3 p.m. to 8 p.m.
May 4 Osage Neewa Election Debate Debate for General Election Wah-Zha-Zhi Cultural Center Pawhuska, Oklahoma From 3 p.m. to 8 p.m.
May 21 United Osages of Southern California Spring Meeting Carlsbad-by-the-Sea Resort Carlsbad, Calif. For more information, email Bill Myers at billmyers725@gmail.com
May 26, 2014 General Election Information Early Voting – Polls Open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information contact (918) 287-5286 or (877) 560-5286
May 31 General Election Information Early Voting – Polls Open 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. For more information contact (918) 287-5286 or (877) 560-5286
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Deadline to Request an Absentee Ballot For more information contact (918) 287-5286 or (877) 560-5286
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OSAGE NATION • Nourishing Our Nation’s Future

Feeding your child’s independent spirit

Do you have a child who is a picky eater? It might encourage you to know that this is a perfectly normal behavior. It may even surprise you to know that this behavior has very little to do with the taste of food and is mostly about wanting control of a situation. Most toddlers learn very early that eating is too easy to control and is likely to get a response out of you. The biggest challenge for you as the parent is to not give in to this behavior and don’t fall into the trap of offering unhealthy foods as an easy alternative.

Around age two a child’s rate of growth starts to decrease. This means that there will be times when your child is growing and will be hungry and times when your child is not growing as fast and will not be very hungry. Their appetite may vary from day to day and even meal to meal. Children have the excellent ability to recognize when they are hungry and full, therefore you should respect their hunger and full signals. The good news is that if they are growing normally there is no need to be concerned about their overall health. It’s important to remember that as a parent you decide what foods go on your child’s plate but they decide how much they will eat.

Helpful Tips for Picky Eaters

• Offer a new food many times even if they don’t try it right away. It may take up to 10-12 times before a child will accept it.
• Only offer one new food at a time. You don’t want to overwhelm them.
• Be a good role model. You cannot expect a child to eat healthy foods if you do not.
• Let your child help pick out healthy foods at the store and help prepare them at home. Children are more likely to eat something they have helped put together.
• Don’t allow your child to fill up on milk and juice throughout the day. They won’t be hungry when it comes to meal times.
• Use cookie cutters to cut foods into fun shapes.
• Turn off the TV and other electronics during meal times. This will help your child focus on eating.
• Don’t become a short-order cook. Making a separate meal for your child after they reject the original meal only promotes picky eating.
• Children don’t like to eat alone. They will eat better when eating with others.

Congratulations! Congratulations to Bryendez “BK” and Ryder Seago! BK, 11, is the Oklahoma State Junior Wrestling Champion in Div. II at 100 pounds. His little brother Ryder, 6, placed sixth in the New Mexico Junior Wrestling Championships in Div. I at 55 pounds. These are the sons of Josh and Amy Seago of Sperry, and the great-grandsons of Patricia Templeton and the late Sunny Jefferis of the Greyhorse District.
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Age: 59
Education: Minor in Man-
gement Science and Infor-
mation Systems, Bachelor of Science, Business Adminis-
tration, 2001, Oklahoma State University; Bachelor in Arts, History, 2001, Oklahoma State University; Masters of Arts, Economic History, 2004, Oklahoma State University; Masters degrees, Public Administration.

Salary: DOE

A current teaching certificate is accepted. Late applications will not be accepted.

Transportation:
- Oklahoma trees and forests healthy:
- Oklahoma Forestry Services, a division of the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food and Forestry, offers programs to make the forest resources of Oklahoma for present and future generations.

• How can you help? Use these key points to help keep Oklahoma trees and forests healthy:
- Buy wood that was cut near where you will burn it – that means the wood was cut within 50 miles of where you will burn it. Whether buying firewood for campings or burning at home, always buy locally.
- Never move firewood from place to place.
- If you can take it to burn it quickly and completely, making sure to take all twigs, leaves and bark into your fire.
- Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food and Forestry, is committed to conserving, enhancing and protecting the forest resources of the state and regions for present and future generations. To learn more about keeping Oklahoma’s forests healthy, visit http://www.forestry.ok.gov

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Age: 58
District: Pawhuska
Education: Cur-
rently a student at Rogers
State University in Bartlesville seeking a bachelor’s degree in business with an em-
phasis on management.

Family: Married to longest (Taylor) Red Corn, father of four sons, stepfather to one son and grandfather of four. Parents were Ray-
mond and Wanda Red Corn; grandfather was Raymond W. Red Corn Sr., great-grandfather was Wy-
e-giblah-in-kah. Both Raymond Sr. and Wy-e-giblah-in-kah were original allotments. Wakan Red Corn Sr., is brother.

Professional Background: Osage Nation Congress
declined to office in 2008; reenlisted in 2010. Prior to Congressional service, career was in construction trade since 1977. Work included carpentry, laborer and con-

Elected office: Served on the First, Second and Third ON Congress since winning election in 2006 and re-elec-
tion in 2010. Served as Second Congressional Speaker and oversaw Congressional staff.

For more information, visit the Osage News at osagenews.org or call (918) 287-5445 or email HR at atrumbly@osagetribe.org. Applications may be downloaded at www.osagetribe.com/main_jobsearch.aspx.
March 18th is the
deadline for all submissions
for the April
issue of the
Osage News

Mark it on your calendars!

www.osagenews.org
619 Kihekah • Pawhuska, OK 74056

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 a letter of approved funds
and check will be mailed to the funeral home.

• Allow 10-14 working days for completed
application to be processed and a check issued.

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

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Attention: W. Jacque Jones, Administrator
621 Grandview • Pawhuska, OK 74056
Phone: (918) 287-5562
Fax: (918) 287-5221 • Fax: (918) 699-5221
Email: jonesw@osagetribe.org

Without Reservations

Upcoming Election

When I ran for the Osage Minerals Board a few years ago, following payment
of a fee to the Election Board, I was given a list of all Osage voters that came to
4,252 voters. Today it is even higher. Every one of these votes is important to
the success of our new constitution and our tribe. Therefore, I am encouraging
all Osages to study the information the candidates provide to us and examine it
carefully before they exercise their right to vote.

I would also like to caution my fellow voters to be very careful about where they
obtain the information in which they plan to vote. I have been involved in the
Osage Tribe politics for well over thirty years. It is unfortunate, but I have found it
to be true that many of the Osage voters acquire their information through
backyard conversations with their neighbors or from unreliable sources making
their information gossip. An excellent example is the anonymous letter sent to
the Osage News to discredit candidate Margo Gray. I am not for or against the
candidate, but will wait until the full story comes out. I am sorry to say, right or
wrong, many people will vote on the information from this article alone. Guard
your vote, it is more valuable than gold or maybe I should say “Oil.”

–Gregory Woodell
West Hollywood, Calif.

2014 Osage Nation
Congressional Hun-Kah Session
starts March 31

The Third Osage Nation Congress will convene for its 2014 Hun-Kah Session
starting Monday March 31 in the Congressional Chambers.
This is the first of two annual Congressional sessions which last 24 days and
may be extended up to these additional days if needed.
According to the ON Congressional Office, the regular session is scheduled to
begin March 31 and will end April 28 but could extend to May 1 if Congress votes
to extend the session as allowed by the ON Constitution.
Also during the Hun-Kah Session, the Congress will consider appointments to
ON boards and commissions. According to Article VII of the Osage Constitution,
the Principal Chief is charged with appointing board and commission members
whose election or appointment is not provided in the Constitution or by law. Re-
garding confirmation, the Constitution states: “Failure of the Osage Nation Con-
gress to confirm the appointment, prior to the end of the session, shall constitute
rejection.”

The Congress will also receive the annual report from the Osage Nation Lim-
ited Liability Company Board regarding the LLC as it has during prior Hun-Kah Sessions.
ON Congressional committees will meet as needed throughout the session to
initially consider bills, resolutions and other matters brought to the legislative
branch’s attention.
For more information and session and committee meeting notices, visit the
Congressional temporary website online at: http://osagenation.co/government/
Congress/.
PROTECTION OF OUR NATION

We will defend the interests of the Osage Nation with proven experience.

WHY I AM YOUR CANDIDATE FOR CHIEF OF THE OSAGE NATION.

There are terrible threats to the Osage from outside the Osage territory. The forces against all Native American tribes in the United States and Oklahoma always place the Osage on alert. I started in the business of fighting for tribal sovereignty before any Indian gaming, license plates, or tobacco shops in Oklahoma existed. Through my work with many tribes for more than 30 years, I know the difference between compromise and surrender. I am ready for the challenge to lead our people to victory.

VOTE STANDINGBEAR CHIEF

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