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Official Osage election results: Geoffrey Standing Bear and Raymond Red Correlated Chief and Assistant Chief

By Benny Polacca
Osage News

At the crack of dawn June 3, after nearly all the candidates and their families had gone home, the Osage Nation Election Office delivered the results of the 2014 general election.

ON Election Supervisor Alexis Rencountre announced the results at 4:41 a.m. in front of 41 spectators and approximately eight hours after the polls closed on June 2 at 8 p.m.

Complete, but official, results show those Osages elected to public office are as follows:

Geoffrey M. Standing Bear is Principal Chief with 5,613 votes or 27.24 percent of the vote and fellow challenger Margo Gray received 482 votes or 2.48 percent.

Raymond Red Corn is Assistant Principal Chief with 1,750 votes or 8.95 percent of the ballots cast and challenger Amanda Price received 958 votes or 4.94 percent.

The top six vote-getters in the Fourth ON Congressional race will serve four-year terms along with the two Executive Branch officials.

Those elected to Congress are:

- Alexis Buffa-Buffalo, elected to serve her second Congressional term, received 1,122 votes or 54 percent of the vote in the Congressional race.
- Dr. Ron Shaw received 1,032 or 50.50 percent of the vote. A former appointed Osage health board officer, this is Shaw’s first time sitting in elected Osage offices.
- William “Kipps” Supernaw, elected for a third consecutive Congressional term, received 789 votes or 42.42 percent of the vote. James Norris received 779 votes or 38.74 percent of the vote. A retired Indian Health Service official, Norris will serve his first term as an elected Osage official.

Election Board air concerns about election results delay at meeting

By Benny Polacca
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A nearly eight-hour wait for the 2014 Osage Nation general election results overshadowed the tradition of Osages waiting to see who will represent the Nation in tribal government.

In the end, a crowd of nearly 200 spectators at 8 p.m. had dwindled to 41 at 4:41 a.m. when the June 2 election results were finally announced.

This sparked concern from Osage candidates and voters who questioned the ballot handling process and job performance of the contracted election company TrueBallot Inc., hired to handle the ballot counting. The Washington, D.C.-based company tended to the ballot counting process, but when a software breakdown occurred, the entire process slowed down.

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Starting June 17, the Third Osage Nation Congress will convene for the final time to consider remaining legislative matters in a special session before the next group of legislative and executive branch leaders take office.

On May 23, Congressional Speaker Raymond Red Corn issued an executive proclamation calling for the legislative body's 14th special session at 10 a.m. that day. The sole item listed on the proclamation is "a resolution to authorize and approve execution of a loan agreement, pledge agreement and related loan documents; agreement, pledge agreement and related loan documents as well. The loan is being used to help support the building costs of sovereign immunity waiver limited to? ... It has to be limited should something go wrong with the loan and what are the legal opinions from legal counsel?" Standing Bear said he believes legal officials including the Attorney General and Congressional legal counsel need to review the loan documents as well.

The resolution also requests the Osage Nation congressional and executive branch to review the plans, thus far, including CEO Neil Cornelius, the Committee voted to endorse the Executive Branch to seek a $10 million loan to complete the first phase narrowly passed on a 7-6 vote after then-Assistant Principal Chief Scott BigHorse broke the 15-vote "yes." The vote put ON Treasurer Collie Catcher in charge of seeking loan proposals that would eventually be brought back to the Congress for consideration regarding the sovereign immunity waiver typically written into loan agreements with major financial institutions.

During a May 21 Congressional governmental operations committee meeting, Catcher said "I started soliciting loans in February when we started turning dirt," referring to the groundbreaking ceremony held at the campus.

Catcher said she ordered the loan documents during the prior week, but they were not ready, prompting concerns by Congress members who preferred to review them before passing the resolution.

Consequently, Standing Bear said he is concerned about the sovereign immunity waiver noting he needs to know questions including "what is the sovereign immunity waiver limited to?... It has to be limited should something go wrong with the loan and what are the legal opinions from legal counsel?" Standing Bear said he believes legal officials including the Attorney General and Congressional legal counsel need to review the loan documents as well.

The June 17 special session will occur during the off-weekend for the annual In-Len-Schka ceremoneal dance. It's unknown how long the session will last, but special sessions are last up to 10 days and may be extended with Congressional approval up to three additional days.

The Fourth ON Congress elected Executive Branch officials will be sworn into office on Wednesday July 2.

Chief pocket-veto resolution to halt Tulsa casino expansion

Also during the May special session, the Congress considered and passed a resolution (ONCR 14-09 sponsored by Red Corn) to request the ON Gaming Enterprise Board to hold off expansion of the Tulsa casino "in absence until the 2015 plan of operation is approved." This resolution passed with an 11-1 vote with a "no" vote from Congressman John Yesh, but was pocket vetoed by Chief BigHorse after the special session ended.

An earlier version of the resolution called for a moratorium before the language was amended. The amended resolution also requests the Gaming Enterprise Board to review the plans, thus far, including CEO Neil Cornelius.

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Behind the Scenes

Election Day

Osage Congressman William “Kugee” Supernaw, who won his re-election bid June 2, helps Osage elder Romaine Shackelford find shelter in the rain. Supernaw won his re-election bid to become the first Osage in the reformed government to win three consecutive terms.

Newly-elected Assistant Principal Chief Raymond Red Corn poses with his family on June 2 during the 2014 Osage Elections. His son Ryan Red Corn of the 1491s does a handstand.

Osage Nation Election Board members Shannon Lockett (left) and Terry Hazen sit by the ballot box during the 2014 general election.

Osage voters come out of the congressional chambers after voting in the Osage Minerals Council election, June 2, 2014.

Voters take photos of the election results at after they were announced at 4:21 a.m. on June 3.

Anita Maker stands with Osage Congresswoman Alice Buffalohead as she and her family learns she has been re-elected to a second term in the 2014 Osage Nation General Election.

Election volunteers stand behind Osage Nation Election Supervisor Alexis Rencountre before she announces the results at 4:21 a.m. on June 3, 2014.

Principal Chief candidate Margo Gray rode around the candidate camps on a golf cart June 2, 2014.

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**ELECTION**

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The Osage News is a proud sponsor of the first-ever Osage News Poll. It was held June 6, 2014. Only Osage citizens 18 years of age or older were eligible to vote. Over 1,800 ballots were cast in the Osage Nation congressional, executive branch, and constitutional language amendment primaries. Official results were published June 4, 2014.

The candidates for Congress were: Prominent Osage, Chief Joe Big Horse; Terry Hilts, of Chicago; O. K. Connelly, of Anadarko; Dennis Brownfield, of Happy Valley; and Daniel Boone, of Anadarko. Chief Joe Big Horse was not opposed in his race.

The candidates for Executive Branch were: Asst. Principal Chief Joe Big Horse;中级族长助理乔·比格霍斯; 24-year-old Anadarko resident Joseph Redcorn; and incumbent Asst. Principal Chief Ray McClain, of Okmulgee.

The candidates for the 28-member Osage Nation Council were: Debora Williams; Mabel Ford; Carla Cate; Carol Jerde; Roberta Wallace; Bobby Shaw; Jason Kuppler; Helen Enko; Sherry Doak; Jodi Wood; Joe Big Horse; John Star Bighorse; Marion Red Eagle; Lora Ehrlich; Myra Ray; Timothy Wilt; Shawnee Young; Albert Shaw; Ray McClain; Tony Cheok; Ricci Hulme; Erwin Waller; Joseph Redcorn; Andrew Yates; and Curtis Bear.

The Osage Nation also held a special constitutional amendment election—Amendment 15—to allow a simple majority (50% plus one) to pass legislation. Amendment 14, the Osage Language Amendment, required a two-thirds majority (66.66%) to pass legislation.

This year’s election was of historic proportions. According to Chief BigHorse’s office on the beautiful Osage Nation, the tribe’s executive branch and Congress faced 50 lawsuits in 2013. The results are a testament to the Osage’s commitment to self-determination and the importance of our own laws. With the new language, we can now address the concerns of the entire Osage tribe.

A “yes” vote on Amendment 15 will mean that the Osage Nation can vote on a new Constitution. Currently, the Osage Nation Constitution is 27 years old and exists only by virtue of a 1990 law. Amendments must pass by a simple majority, which is a challenge for many members of the tribe.

The Osage Nation Generating companies, the Osage Nation Coal Company and the Osage Nation Energy Company, are in the middle of a lawsuit with federal authorities. The companies are challenging the constitutionality of the Osage Nation’s 1990 law, which requires a two-thirds majority to pass legislation.

The Osage Nation is the second-largest Indian tribe in the nation and is one of the poorest. The tribe has a population of about 45,000 and is divided into two branches: the Western Reservation and the Eastern Reservation. The Western Reservation is located in Oklahoma, and the Eastern Reservation is located in Kansas.

The Osage Nation is one of the most culturally rich tribes in North America. The tribe is known for its rich history and traditions, including its contributions to American Indian culture and its role in the history of the American West.

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Osage Foundation accepts gift of 9,000-acre Freeman Ranch

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The 9,000-acre Freeman Ranch given to the Osage Nation is now in the hands of the Osage Foundation through a charitable trust established by former Osage Congressman Mark Freeman Jr. and his wife, Eleanor.

“By the terms of the agreement, we are very limited in what we can do with it,” said Bill Webb, executive director of the foundation, in an email. “We can never sell it. We have to honor the existing two leases that are on the ranch which are 30-year leases. In short, it will remain exactly what it is today, a working cattle ranch. There are no plans for it to be anything different.”

“According to the terms of the agreement, we have to put into reserve a significant amount of the lease income to handle maintenance and upkeep of the property. What is left over will be used to fund Foundation programs.”

Currently, the foundation holds educational summer camps for Osage youth, as well as various sports camps. They have charity events throughout the year and fund matching arts grants and have a cultural donations element as well.

According to a press release from the foundation, the transfer of the land was effective May 1.

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UN-OFFICIAL BALLOT RESULTS
JUNE 2, 2014

JUDICIAL RETENTION

CANDIDATE NAME | ABSENTEE VOTES | EARLY VOTES DAY 1 | EARLY VOTES DAY 2 | ELECTION DAY VOTES | TOTAL VOTES | % OF VOTES
---|---|---|---|---|---|---
Meredith (Quinata) Drent Chief Justice of the Supreme Court | 954 | 92 | 65 | 619 | 1730 | 80.80
Marvin E. Stephon Chief Trial Court Judge | 927 | 89 | 57 | 625 | 1698 | 78.98

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

CANDIDATE NAME | ABSENTEE VOTES | EARLY VOTES DAY 1 | EARLY VOTES DAY 2 | ELECTION DAY VOTES | TOTAL VOTES | % OF VOTES
---|---|---|---|---|---|---
1. ONCR 13-19 | 926 | 66 | 20 | 636 | 1688 | 72.28
2. ONCR 13-20 | 982 | 74 | 52 | 566 | 1674 | 73.81
3. ONCR 13-22 | 788 | 69 | 55 | 566 | 1478 | 69.72
4. ONCR 14-03 | 619 | 72 | 44 | 466 | 1186 | 52.13
5. ONCR 14-04 | 657 | 66 | 45 | 470 | 1213 | 54.41
6. ONCR 14-05 | 661 | 67 | 45 | 477 | 1244 | 54.71

Chairperson:
Vice Chairperson:
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PRINCIPAL CHIEF

CANDIDATE NAME | ABSENTEE VOTES | EARLY VOTES DAY 1 | EARLY VOTES DAY 2 | ELECTION DAY VOTES | TOTAL VOTES | % OF VOTES
---|---|---|---|---|---|---
1. Geoffrey M. Stading Bear | 825 | 94 | 60 | 636 | 1615 | 71.24
2. Margo Gray | 337 | 38 | 25 | 252 | 652 | 28.76

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL CHIEF

CANDIDATE NAME | ABSENTEE VOTES | EARLY VOTES DAY 1 | EARLY VOTES DAY 2 | ELECTION DAY VOTES | TOTAL VOTES | % OF VOTES
---|---|---|---|---|---|---
1. Raymond W. Red Corn | 505 | 79 | 45 | 490 | 1209 | 55.79
2. Amanda S. Proctor | 519 | 51 | 32 | 356 | 958 | 44.21

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1. Alice Buffalohead | 608 | 61 | 44 | 412 | 1125 | 54.00
2. Ronald Shaw, M.D. | 622 | 59 | 30 | 341 | 1052 | 50.50
3. William “Kagger” Supernaw | 345 | 35 | 36 | 243 | 843 | 39.51
4. James Norris | 420 | 53 | 24 | 372 | 777 | 37.39
5. Otto Hamilton | 313 | 49 | 22 | 334 | 718 | 34.17
6. Angela Marie Pratt | 388 | 33 | 25 | 268 | 714 | 34.27
7. Cecelia Talley Callen | 210 | 13 | 26 | 199 | 542 | 25.18
8. John Star Bighorse | 258 | 24 | 36 | 255 | 725 | 34.35
9. Clair Wood | 396 | 27 | 24 | 209 | 656 | 31.49
10. Daniel Boone | 261 | 19 | 27 | 243 | 590 | 28.00
12. Anthony Whitehorn | 329 | 22 | 16 | 142 | 499 | 23.95
13. Michael Kidder | 179 | 35 | 27 | 256 | 495 | 23.76
14. John Fee | 232 | 36 | 24 | 204 | 486 | 23.33
15. W. Jaquece Jones | 178 | 37 | 17 | 219 | 451 | 21.65
17. Beverly Brownfield | 223 | 24 | 13 | 133 | 392 | 18.82
18. Bethesa Terry Sutherland | 206 | 23 | 11 | 199 | 359 | 17.23
19. Joe L. Conner | 179 | 19 | 14 | 144 | 359 | 17.23
20. Rick Luntrell | 141 | 23 | 19 | 133 | 346 | 16.61
21. Doug Cowan | 91 | 5 | 3 | 76 | 175 | 8.40

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Date:
Time:

Election Supervisor:
Scenes from Election 2014

Homer Troy Big Eagle poses with his family on June 2 during the 2014 Osage Elections.

Cynthia Boone and Daniel Boone pose with their family on June 2 during the 2014 Osage Elections.

Dr. Ron Shaw poses with his family on June 2 during the 2014 Osage Elections.
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Osage Nation Principal Chief Scott BigHorse recently appointed nine people to vacant board positions. They are:

1. Gary Burd – Utility Authority Board, sworn in May 29
2. Walter Hopper – Election Board, sworn in May 23
3. Russell Tallchief – Osage Foundation, sworn in May 22
4. Carla Brown – Home Health Board, sworn in May 22
5. Mike Wellner – Utility Authority Board, sworn in May 22
6. Don LaBass – Osage LLC Board, sworn in May 8
7. Tim Tallchief – Osage LLC Board, sworn in May 8
8. Raymond Hankins – Osage LLC Board, sworn in May 8
9. Nancy Keil – Home Health Board, sworn in May 22

Osage Nation Trial Court Judge Marvin Stepson swore in all appointees. All appointees are subject to confirmation by the Osage Nation Congress. Currently, there are nine boards and two commissions. All are paid a minimum of $250 a month and higher, plus per diem. All boards have a budget and can attend conferences and training. All budgets can be found on the Osage Nation’s website on the congressional page.

Boards:
1. Gaming – 5 members – no vacancies
2. Election – 3 members – no vacancies
3. Foundation – 5 members – one vacancy
4. Editorial – 3 members – no vacancies
5. Osage LLC – 5 members – no vacancies
6. Health Authority – 5 members – no vacancies
7. Home Health – 3 members – no vacancies
8. ONES, LLC – 5 members – no vacancies
9. Utility Authority – 5 members – two vacancies

Commissions:
- Gaming Commission – 3 members – no vacancies
- Tax Commission – 5 members – no vacancies

Letters to the Editor
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Tara Madden

Osage students attended their respective universities in Oklahoma and Kansas and also attended their graduate school. The Osage News checked with various colleges and universities in Oklahoma and Kansas and asked how many Osage students attend these schools. The count of the colleges was based on the students who have identified themselves as Osage at their respective universities, and it is believed that the number of Osage students who have received the Osage Higher Education Scholarship (for the education department) and who were enrolled in the 2014 spring semester.

For more information on the Osage Nation Higher Education Scholarship, contact: (918) 287-5200 or email: scho@osagenation-nsn.gov.

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Osage Elders get together for final spring class

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The Osage Language Department held their end of semester Elders Language class on April 24 at the White Hair Memorial museum.

“I want to thank all the Osage Language [students] for taking the time to come to class and hopefully the students will see that the Osage language is in the forefront of every custom and site that we do,” said Scott Lobah, language instructor. “Some day down the road when I go on the other side of grandpa, I want to converse in the Wah-Cho-Zhi i.e. We, our great aunt said it best, ‘I want to converse with my dreams, that many of my tribe members, and I think most importantly, that my tribe is behind me all the way, and that I am an ambassador to folks whose only impression of Osage may be through flash cards on Osage words for money, and the class said handouts provided to them. The class took a group photo and was presented with a class completion award.

“I really enjoy attending the Elder class! I have been taught the symbols, phrases, some hand signs, written language, cultural guidelines and I think most importantly, that Osage is important for the elders to be acquainted with the language because the Osage students attended their final spring class.

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Rebuffed wind farm files appeal in district court by Louie Red Corn

The Osage Nation’s legal petition to the Board of Adjustment in Osage County to reject the Mustang Run wind farm was rejected by the Osage County Board of Adjustment, has filed an appeal in Osage County District Court.

The Kansas company de- clares in the case that it was wrongfully denied a 200-foot air- al use permit that would have cleared the way for it to erect wind turbines on 4,000 acres of tallgrass prairie.

The appeal was filed Thursday, District Court Judge M. John Kaus, who has a lease filed in the courthouse with Mustang Run, immediately recused himself from the case and asked that presiding judge J. Darrell Shorey name a different judge to the case.

Ian Shavitz, the attorney for Mustang Run, said in his request that Mustang Run is seeking an ex- peditious trial on the matter.

A coalition of ranchers, en- vironmentalists and others led by the Osage Nation and Osage Minerals Council fought fiercely to deep-six the industrial wind farm, challenging it on a wide variety of grounds, including legal authority of the Board of Adjustment, the project’s detrimental impact to the backs of taxpayers.

The Osage Nation has challenged the Mustang Run wind farm since May of 2012, and last month, the company announced construction of wind farms.

Kane noted in his request that the notice was temporarily shelved in order to allow more time to study the issue – which he noted to the Corporation Commission will allow.

A map details where a proposed wind farm will be built west of the OMC old Osage Mercantile Building in downtown Pawhuska.

The Nation’s legal petition of the giant Italian power com- pany Enel from TradeWind that Enel entered. A $500 recount fee is also required.

No candidate in the June 2 primary received positive votes in the six Osage constitutional amendments listed on the ballot. The ballot approved a motion that gave us 110%, they were deadlocked by the absentee ballot program that allows us to pull the six Osage constitutional amendments listed on the ballot.

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The Kurds were unable to prevail in their appeal, for which they articulated their reasons.

The public hearing, held in April, was packed with critics of the project, as was the meeting May 6 at which the Board of Adjustment voted 3-0 on the issue to deny the con- ditional use permit TradeWind sought. (Board member Terry Lodin abstained.) The decision was temporary shelved in order to allow more time to study the issue – which he noted to the Corporation Commission will allow.

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Christy RedEagle
Bachelor of Science – Organizational Leadership
Bachelors of Science – Business

Philip Tracy
Bachelor of Science – Psychology
Bachelor of Science Organizational Leadership
Bachelor of Science – Education
Master of Science – Family Life Education
Accredited of Arts – American Indian Studies
Associate of Arts
Associate of Arts – American Indian Studies

Lauren Kathleen Samantha Mass
Bachelor of Science – Psychology
Saint Mary’s College of California

Jason Eric Zaun
Bachelor of Science Organizational Leadership
Rogers State University

James Austin Gross
Bachelor of Science – Education
University of Memphis

Jade Marie Fowler
Master of Science – Family Life Education
University of Central Oklahoma

Junitress JoAnn Smith
Associate of Arts – American Indian Studies
Pawnee Nation College-Bacone College

Mary Brown
Associate of Arts
Pawnee Nation College-Bacone College

Andrea MorningStar Kemble
Associate of Arts – American Indian Studies
Pawnee Nation College-Bacone College

Kyle W. Albritton
Bachelor of Science Organizational Leadership
Rogers State University

Dana Daylight
Bachelor of Science Family Studies and Gerontology

Cheyela Underwood
Bachelor of Science – Psychology
San Diego State University

Samantha Leflore
Bachelor of Science – Psychology
Rogers State University

Melissa Cole
Associate of Science – Psychology
Rogers State University

Kara Boothe May
Associate of Arts
Pawnee Nation College-Bacone College

Robynn Roan Rulo
Associate of Arts
Northeastern Oklahoma A & M

Melissa Cole
Associate of Social Science – Psychology
Rogers State University

Kanis Smith
Associate of Arts
Northwestern Oklahoma A & M

Dana Daylight
Bachelor of Science – Clinical Nutrition

Jason Zaun
Bachelor of Arts

Kimbly Leight
Bachelor of Arts

Taylor Cole Leage
Bachelor of Business Administration

Kimbly Leight
Bachelor of Science

Dana Daylight
Bachelor of Arts

Oliver Beene
Bachelor of Science

Kimbly Leight
Bachelor of Science

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Osage Nation High School Graduates

The following list is registered tribal members who graduated high school this year in Osage County.

Barnsdall High School
• Gay, Brandi
• Gullett, Megan
• Leitner, Lakeisha

Batemans High School
• Bell, Larry
• Bradford, Jason
• Cobb, Morgan
• Ducker, Alex
• Harris, R.E
• Kassell, Kedatsa

Hominy High School
• Kemble, Anthony
• Lookout, Elizabeth
• Maker, Chelsea
• Merrell, Terri
• Unap, Kelsey Lynn
• Wade, Anthony
• Wilson, Dalton

Pawhuska High School
• Bono, Mackenzy
• Cunningham, Blake
• Daylight, Dara
• Jones, Allison Bayes
• Lookout, Darian
• Martin, Alexia
• Chaves, Kailsey
• Walkie, Morgan Pauly
• White, Rachel
• Williams, Autumn Griffin
• Young, Marcus Andrew
• Wahpekecho, Jordin

Shidler High School
• Moore, Dustin
• Murphy, Lane
• Skiatook High School
• Blackwell, Rachel
• Ghosal, Ashley
• Hight, Andrew
• Woodland High School
• Bramley, Cole
• Bramley, Lane
• Burch, Kaylee
• Gragg, Mark
• McConnell, Tia
• McIntyre, Kenny
• Palmer, Ashton
• Pennington, Emmanuel
• Rogers, Tristan

Principal Chief-elect Geoffrey Standing Bear looks at the results with Jason Zaun on election night, shortly after the results were announced at 4:41 a.m. June 3.
Assistant Principal Chief candidate Amanda Proctor visits with Osage voters and their families at her camp site which she shared with her uncle Galen Crum who ran for the Osage Minerals Council during the 2014 Osage elections.

Angela Pratt poses with her family on June 2 during the 2014 Osage Elections.

Otto Hamilton poses with his family on June 2 during the 2014 Osage Elections.
Katelynn Pipestem is crowned the 2014-2015 Osage Tribal Princess at the 10th Annual Osage Tribal Princess Sorority dance at the Osage County Fairgrounds on May 31, 2014.

Dancers intertribal at the 10th Annual Osage Tribal Princess Sorority dance at the Osage County Fairgrounds on May 31, 2014.

Dancers contest at the 10th Annual Osage Tribal Princess Sorority dance at the Osage County Fairgrounds on May 31, 2014.
A construction worker walks along the foundation of what will be the Osage Nation Welcome Center May 28. The center is projected for completion in early 2015.

Construction continues on the Osage Nation Welcome Center, which is the first phase of the Campus Master Plan.
Pawhuska
JOM Powwow

TOP: Jimmy Wildcat, Pehan RedCorn and Vann Wildcat dance at the Pawhuska Johnson O’Malley powwow at Wakon Iron in the Pawhuska Indian Village on April 27.

MIDDLE: Nate Ballard, Antwine Hamilton and Dan Madden dance intertribal at the Pawhuska Johnson O’Malley powwow at Wakon Iron in the Pawhuska Indian Village on April 27. (Madden is the son of Osage News photographer Tara Madden)

BOTTOM: Jacque Jones stands with her daughters and nieces at the Pawhuska Johnson O’Malley powwow at Wakon Iron in the Pawhuska Indian Village on April 27. Her eldest daughter, Allison Jones, is the current Pawhuska JOM Princess.
Osage women who have had sons, husbands, daughters, or who have served in the military, the Grayhorse War Mother’s Soldier Dance on May 10 in the Grayhorse Indian Village.

Raymond Lasley, Benny Hartson, Johnny Williams and veterans bring in the colors at the Grayhorse War Mother’s Soldier Dance on May 10 in the Grayhorse Indian Village.

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Gayle Osewe and Carson Carpenter at the Grayhorse War Mother’s Soldier Dance on May 10 in the Grayhorse Indian Village.

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Grayhorse War Mothers

Osage women who have had sons, husbands, daughter, or who have served in the military, honor Osage veterans at the annual Grayhorse War Mother’s Soldier Dance on May 10 in the Grayhorse Indian Village.

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In the 2014 Hun-Kah Session, the Third Osage Nation Congress received the task of prioritizing appropriation bills to fund proposed spending requests while keeping spending below the 2014 projected revenue threshold. Those proposed appropriation bills would use tribal money received from its revenue sources such as gaming and Tax Commission fees.

The breakdown of the money appropriated to Home Health is: $80,000 for emergency cash flow which will only be utilized if the Home emergency cash flow falls below $30,000 as verified by the Nation’s Treasurer; $127,851 to pay for health insurance costs for the Home Health employees; and $25,000 to hire contract services for marketing and bookkeeping.

The bill passed with a 10-2 vote on April 7 with “no” votes from Congresswoman Shannon Edwards and Congressman John Jeoh. Principal Chief Scott BigHorse signed the bill into law on April 9.

ONCA 14-23 is an appropriation bill to build facilities promoting active lifestyles and community growth. This bill passed with an 11-0 vote and one absence by Edwards on April 10 and Chief BigHorse signed the bill into law on April 15.

ONCA 14-12 (sponsored by Congressman John Maker) is an appropriation bill that provides $75,000 for a one-time contribution to the city of Hominy for water treatment improvements, equipment and installation.

The bill passed with an 11-0 vote and one absence by Edwards on April 10 and Chief BigHorse signed the bill into law on April 15.

ONCA 14-13 (sponsored by Congressman John Maker) and ONCA 14-14 (sponsored by Congressman Ed Logue) appropriates $150,000 for the Nation’s community matching grant program created under the Executive Branch by this bill.

ONCA 13-72 is the Osage Nation Targeted Services Support Act sponsored by Congressman RJ Walker. The legislation appropriates $275,000 to the Targeted Services Support Grant program created under the Executive Branch by this bill.

ONCA 13-14 (sponsored by Congressman RJ Walker) appropriates $18,000 to the Nation’s Capital Asset and Improvement Fund for completion and preservation of the painted murals. In the 2014 Hun-Kah Session, the Congressional Appropriations Committee was anticipating removal of the preserved mural set and needed money to aid in the preservation of the murals.

The murals, painted in the early 1980s, depict the history of the Osage and include several Osage families and officials, living or passed. Osage artist Elverne Polhamus painted the murals and told a Congressional committee in a teleconference on April 10 that her goal in the future was to apply a protective coating onto the murals when they are completed. A timeline on future painting was unknown. Removal of the preserved mural set and needed money to aid in the preservation of the murals.

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The breakdown of the money appropriated to Hominy for water treatment improvements, equipment and installation.

Eligible and targeted entities who may apply for this grant program must be operating entities within the Osage Nation boundaries that include: rural volunteer fire departments – especially those located in communities with populations under 1,500; Emergency Medical Service providers; and groups or organizations that provide accredited trainings in CPR, first aid or purchases of automated external defibrillators.

The breakdown of the money appropriated to Hominy for water treatment improvements, equipment and installation.

Also during the Hun-Kah Session, the Congressional Appropriations Committee voted to recommend no action be taken on these other appropriation bills up for consideration for avoiding spending above the FY 2014 projected revenue threshold of $44.7 million. At the end of the Hun-Kah Session, the Congressional Office reported that unassigned tribal funds total remaining was approximately $840,000.

As recommended by the appropriations committee, the following appropriation bills were not considered:

ONCA 12-86 (Standing Bear), which requested a total donation of $500,000 to the University of Tulsa College of Law Worcester Sovereignty Project.

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Osages celebrate 250th birthday of St. Louis, part of history discussions

ST. LOUIS – In early April, the Osage Tribal Museum hosted a four-day trip to this eastern Missouri metropolis for festivities celebrating the 250th anniversary of the founding of St. Louis.

As part of the commemorations, celebration events were organized to include Osages as part of St. Louis history discussions and lecture events.

In 2013, Dr. Andrea Hunter (Osage), former director of the Osage Nation Historic Preservation Office, and research scholars, including old oral traditions, agree Osage ancestors lived in the St. Louis area and locations exist. While in present-day Missouri, Hunter said the Osage ancestors lived among other people from the present-day tribes, including the Pembe and Osacada.

For the April 2014 trip coordinated by the Osage Tribal Museum, about 25 trip participants visited several historical sites around St. Louis. The group also attended an Osage-themed Catholic mass at St. Francis Xavier College Church. At this event, several Osage singers, including Principal Chief Scott Birdhouse singing in the Osage language during the processions in and out. Officiating leaders at this mass included Fr. Todd Nance (Osage) and Fr. Christopher Daigle, who preaches at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Pawhuska.

This event was recorded by the Osage Nation Communications Department and is available for viewing online at: http://bcove.me/f40tmnyv

More planned 250th celebration events involving the Osage:

• June 21, J. Frederick in involving the Osage celebration events
• July 12, Sean Standing McFinsel, Enrolled Osage and the Osage
• July 28, Felix Diskin, Osage singers, including Principal Chief Scott Birdhouse singing in the Osage language during the processions in and out. Officiating leaders at this mass included Fr. Todd Nance (Osage) and Fr. Christopher Daigle, who preaches at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Pawhuska.

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Osage elder Eddy Red Eagle Jr. speaks at a post-mass luncheon on April 2 at St. Francis Xavier College Church in St. Louis.

An April 2 mass was held with Osage tribal members in attendance to commemorate the 250th anniversary of St. Louis at St. Francis Xavier College Church in St. Louis.

Osage elders and tribal members sing in their native language during the procession at the beginning and conclusion of a mass held April 2 at St. Francis Xavier College Church in St. Louis.

If you have questions about these events, please contact Christy Finzel, Enrolled Osage tribe member and Floresville, Mr. resident, who is voluntarily coordinating events with the tribe. Her email address is chinalvs@gmail.com.
Assistant Chief candidate Amanda Proctor filed an incident report with the Osage Nation Election Board protesting the process in which the ON Election Office handled the candidate campsite drawing for Election Day. The election offices for the Osage Nation and Osage Minerals Council held a draw May 14 for the campaign. The campsites were located in the park area west of the ON Governmental Chambers all day for the June 2 general and OMC elections. For the drawing, candidates’ names were written on pieces of paper that were put into a hopper, drawn randomly. One was drawn by candidates selected the area of the park where they camped.

Proctor was not allowed to participate in the drawing despite physically being there, because she did not turn in a completed form beforehand to the election office—a new requirement this year. The notice of the drawing and the form was mailed to each candidate by certified mail a week prior to the drawing. In the past, the ON Properties Department hosted the drawing and did not require a form. Proctor had camps in both 2010 and 2012 when she ran for assistant chief and the Osage Nation Congress.

Proctor complained she did not receive proper notice of the form because her 12-year-old son signed for the mail on May 10. She also issued with the fact that other candidates did not receive their mail in time for the drawing and that one candidate (Everett Wallis) was allowed to participate even though he did not submit a completed form. As a result, Proctor filed an incident report that was discussed by the ON Election Board at its May 20 meeting. Wallis was running for the Osage Miners Council.

At the meeting, the board discussed her complaint but also took the opportunity to respond to comments made by Proctor about the drawing in incident on Facebook in the days after the drawing.

According to Proctor’s written incident report filed the same day of the drawing: “I drove to Pawhuska and was not permitted to participate in the drawing for a couple of reasons. I did not receive notice. My 12-year-old son signed for the letter, which is not valid service under the law. Regardless, it was not courteous to prohibit the candidates who drove to Pawhuska today to participate, even if we had driven last. I understand my uncle Galen Crum (an OMC candidate) received no notice, as did other candidates. These campsite drawing procedures are not in the established rules or regulations. They let other candidates draw who did not receive notice.”

Nearly a week after the drawing, Proctor told the board she was still upset about the incident and was concerned that for an incident a campsite it would impact the outcome of the election. Proctor is running against Raymond Red Corn. “Certiﬁed mail is not a good method for service for me. I work everyday in Jenkins … there’s no way that I’m home during the day to intercept certiﬁed mail.”

Proctor said she was aware that Crum did not receive his mail in time for the drawing, but ON Election Board Chairwoman Shannon Lockett interrupted Proctor’s point and said she would not address other candidates business noting no other candidate had filed complaints about the drawing.

Proctor then stated she was concerned about her campaign efforts being impacted considering the campsites are the last opportunities to connect with in-person voters when they cast ballots. “I worked very hard in recruiting alternative voters and for me, the election has two components. It has the absentee component and it has the walk-in component and the walk-in component, in my opinion, is driven in small part by the campsite. So for me this was a very, very important thing.”

“I spent $10,000 probably just getting to this point,” said Proctor, “this was a big deal to me and to be given just a couple of days turnaround of time on something like this, to me, is not acceptable. And I’m very angry about it, I feel like this could alter the outcome of the election … I don’t understand why it would be so unfair and it’s not fair because every- one else does, too. I took the day off of work … If I lose a day of work, I lose $1,000 or more.”

Despite not allowing Proctor to participate in the drawing, Lockett advised the May 14 drawing attendees that the campaign drawing would be reopened at a later date for those candidates who weren’t present or Proctor’s case allowed to draw numbers at the initial drawing.

Proctor said at the time she was unsure if she would participate in the second drawing but noted all the campsites closest to the camps were taken and she was concerned about visibility to the voters who will visit the camps on Election Day.

Lockett countered Proctor’s request and noted Proctor’s $1,000 in fines for missing the campaign contribution report deadlines and not attending two candidate workshops held earlier this year for the primary and general election candidates showed a pattern. Lockett also referred to Facebook comments posted by Proctor and said some of them were “inflammatory.”

“I think it’s unfortunate because we seem to see a pattern of people pining to Facebook to air their grievances which solve no problems,” said Lockett, “so if they have a problem, they really need to come to us, we’re willing to listen. Do you have anything else to add to that?”

Proctor said: “I don’t expect anything to change, I just want to air it. I guess I feel that it’s altered the result of the election and it was handled poorly and I believe if you want to send something by certified mail, you should also send a courtesy copy by regular mail or I’ll give you my business address.”

Lockett said: “You certainly could’ve done that if it’s a more convenient place for you to get your mail.” Lockett then said the campsite request form should’ve been taken about five minutes to complete and said Proctor could’ve faxed or emailed a scanned completed form to the election office after opening the mail, “so I think four days notice was for you, I’m sorry you sat through the whole drawing, but you should’ve realized even before you got here that you weren’t going to be able to draw because that was stated in the letter.”

Chairwoman Shannon Lockett then said she would do a second drawing because there were people [unlike you] who hadn’t received their notice,” said Lockett, before she started referring to printout copies of the Facebook posts written by Proctor after the May 14 drawing.

Lockett called some of Proctor’s comments inflammatory and a misrepresentation of the facts “and we don’t appreciate that, Amanda.” At that point, Proctor, “OK, thank you very much,” and left the meeting.

Proctor and fellow board member Terry Hassen then moved to hold an executive session with the board’s attorney (ON Assistant Attorney General Clint Puttersen).

Afterward, the board took no action on Proctor’s complaint noting the second campsite drawing had yet to happen.
In the 2014 Osage Nation General Election, the ON Election Board voted to fine two Congressional candidates $500 each for not submitting their first campaign contribution reports by the deadline.

The election board filed a suit against Doug Cowan and Dr. Ron Shaw during their May 20 board meeting. The first candidates campaign report deadline was May 19.

But in the end, Cowan appealed the fine on May 30 which was reversed when it was determined there was not enough proof he mailed his campaign contribution report late due to no postmark on the envelope received in the Election Office the day after the first reports were due.

Shaw sent in his campaign contribution report the day after the deadline and paid the $500 fine before the May 28 deadline for all fine payments to remain in good standing for their vote to count on Election Day. Also paying $500 fines for missing the campaign contribution report deadline on the primary election race were Political Chief candidates Gay Go Asst Principal, Gay Asst Principal, Amanda Proctor. Both women received the second campaign report deadlines after winning election in the March 10 primary election and needed to also pay fines by May 28.

Candidates running for ON elected offices are required to submit two statements to the ON Election Office at least 15 business days prior to the election date and a second statement is due within 15 days after the election, according to the ON election rules. The statements must report all the candidates' donations from individuals, corporations, LLCs or any business entity whether organized by state, tribal or federal control.

The statements must also report the candidate's expenditures from the campaign to the statement filing date.

The candidates are part of the ON election rules (ONCR 13:04) passed by the Third ON Congress. Lockett said all candidates have three days to submit a campaign contribution reports once they are notified of the deficiencies in submission on their reports.

Also on May 20, the board majority voted to issue a $500 fine to a third candidate, along with Shaw and Cowan but it was later determined the candidate emitted the report on May 13 to the election office. Since the candidates were not due to file the report until May 20 when the candidate during the election meeting, the candidate was not violating the next scheduled election board meeting on May 23.

The Osage Election Office is at fault said Interim-UN and in the next paper this issue is extreme in such a way that the postmark was not determined by the board.

By Benny Polacca

Cowan appeals his $500 fine

Cowan appealed his $500 fine from the election board on May 30 stating he mailed his campaign contribution report two days before the May 20 deadline. However, Cowan's mailed report did reach the election office in Pawhuska by the day after the deadline.

Cowan's report arrived with a postmark date, so there was no proof the date when Cowan mailed the report, leaving the issue up for review by the board.

By the time the report arrived, the election board had already voted to issue two $500 fines to Cowan and Shaw during the May 20 meeting. Cowan appealed this same issue when the board said it had no proof of the date when Cowan mailed the envelope on deadline day or afterward, making this issue a form of its kind for the board regarding the campaign contribution reports.

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Cowan said in prior issues with candidates fined for late reports, there was written proof that those late reports were submitted due to the time or date information not noted on emailed documents or postmark dates after the deadlines.

For the starvation, the Election Board voted unanimously to rescind Cowan's fine and to consider action on the reports not received in the election office by the deadline. It's unknown what caused the mail delay in Cowan's report reaching Pawhuska, but it appears he was directed by area postmasters and was told between Holmey and Pawhuska area postmasters, there was no date when the mail delay occurred. The board said there was no proof he mailed his campaign contribution report the day after the deadline.

The envelope containing Cowan's report arrived with a postmark date, but it also contained the $500 fine for missing the deadline. Without a postmark date, the board said it had no proof that Shaw mailed his envelope on the deadline day or afterward, making this issue a form of its kind for the board regarding the campaign contribution reports.

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Osage tribal member George Shaw, 7, dribbles the soccer ball with a University of Oklahoma women’s soccer player at the NB3 Soccer Clinic held on April 5 at the OU Women’s Soccer complex. (George Shaw is the daughter of Osage News editor Shannon Shaw).

Osage children enjoy NB3 soccer clinic on OU campus

Native American children chase the soccer ball at the NB3 Soccer Clinic held on April 5 at the OU Women’s Soccer complex.

Seven-year-old Candellinn Toehay-Tartsah, Osage/Kiowa, listens to an OU soccer player at the NB3 Soccer Clinic held on April 5 at the OU Women’s Soccer complex. (Candellinn is the daughter of Osage News photographer Chalene Toehay).

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situations can turn potentially dangerous.

Henry also told the girls that they should seek help at the start of abuse and to tell someone and not to wait.

“You are not at fault when abuse is happening to you, you did not cause a rape, the rapist caused the rape and the abuser causes the abuse,” Henry said.

Teens may text LOVE 18 to 22282 if they feel abused or see signs of abuse. Staff members of the Oklahoma Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault receive the text messages.

You can contact Tiffany Henry at www.facebook.com/ knacenmore6045CADVSA.
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Chief candidates get in fender bender a week before election

By Louise Red Corn

Of all the parking lots, in all the towns, in all the world, the two candidates for chief of the Osage Nation managed to find themselves colliding their cars together in Pawhuska at high noon on Wednesday.

Yep. With just a week and a half before the election, Geo-frey Standing Bear and Margie Gray were backing out of their respective parking spots in front of the Osage Congress- nal chambers, each waiting for another car to pass, then unwittingly backing up to smash into each other.

“I got out. She got out. I looked at her and said, ‘You’ve got to be kidding me...’ It’s a sign from heaven,” Standing Bear said. “She thought it was ironic. I didn’t know what to think.”

Gray laughed when she heard the heaven comment on Friday. “That’s not what he said!” she declared. “What are the odds? It’s got to be a sign to me.”

“Then his attorney brain kicked in and he said it was both of our faults,” Gray said. “No one was injured in the collision of would-be chiefs. Standing Bear’s SUV was undamaged, but the bumper on Gray’s car was dented and withdrawn. ‘I can’t be roll- ing like this running for chief,’ she said, referring to the car being in the shop.

Both were insured, and when Standing Bear asked Gray what her deductible was, she replied $1,000. “Why so high?” Standing Bear inquired.

“That’s between me and my insurance agent,” Gray replied.

Both were good sports about the chance mishap, but Gray wound up a little sore with some pulled muscles in her back. And she felt like she lost some time to campaigning.

“What is that quote,” she mused. “‘There are no accidents...’ Yes, it’s a sign of something – it’s a sign of something.”

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My family and I just returned from the Big Apple. Pamela, Victoria (Tsa-Tdoa Men-Tsa-Wah-Spa), Wil (Wa-Win-Ci), Jim (Tsa-Tanka Daj). We had a great time on top of the world (Empire State Building) and brought you guys along too.

Major Todd William Abshire (USA) is currently serving a year in Afghanistan, where he reads his Osage News. He is pictured here next to his aircraft. He is the grandson of original allottee Otis Edward Irvine.

The Great Osage Flood

Our oral history that has been handed down to us tells us the Osage People once lived near a big river and while we do not know for certain which river that was, it was probably the Osage, or the Ohio, Missourri, Arkansas, or maybe the Mississippi.

At that time our ancen- tors lived in one village near that river. During that period the daily lives of Osages were guided by the beliefs and teachings of the Clan and the Life Symbol that gave the tribe a structure that was good for the People.

The term Oral History refers to those Ancient Osages who had the abil- ity to remember the events that make up the story of our People. Those ancient historians kept those sto- ries locked away in their memory, similar, I suppose, to a history book, and they would pass those words on to the next generation of Oral Historians.

It was while living on the banks of that river that one day a rain began fall- ing, and the rain continued to fall and became heavier and it just kept falling un- til the river overflowed its banks. Families were in danger and had to quickly flee to higher and dryer ground where they could be safe. As it was told in Tribal Memory there was no time to move in an orderly man- ner.

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Congratulations! Osage member Jade Marie Fowler graduated Valdosta State University in the fall. She is the daughter of Oskaloosa's St. Luke Free Pitch Team. She is the daughter of Mikki Jeanne LeFlорe, granddaughter of Dale and Jane Jardin. She plans to attend Oklahoma State University in the fall.

Happy Birthday! Joseph Batey Dutie will turn 3 years old on July 5. He is the son of Shaw and Shannon Shaw Dutie and the brother to Julia, Tahlia, George, and经查克。他是2岁的儿子和历史和文化之间的桥梁。我们希望他会继续学习，记住奥萨格民族在重要性的重要性，他们在这个领域的知识，他们不会失去了没有的支持我的家人和奥萨格民族。

Thank You! My name is Tyler Scott Johnson, son of W. Scott and Carol Johnson from Skiatook.

I am writing to thank the Osage Nation, Scholarship and Continuing Education Department for their financial assistance I received while attending school. I received quarterly scholar- ships throughout my schooling at the University of Kansas, Medical Center. I graduate without it and I would not have achieved the high academic success without it.

I am truly blessed to have had this opportunity to continue my education in this field of study. It would have not been possible without the support of my family and the Osage Nation.

The family that eats together

How would you like to improve communication with your kids? Do you even think an academic edge and lower the possibilities that they will use drugs? Research stud- ies have shown that eating together as a family can pro- vide all of these benefits and so much more. Unfortunately, surveys have recently shown that only one-third of families eat together at least once a day. It's important to remember that the more often you eat together as a family, the better emotional, mental, and physical health everyone will enjoy.

Benefits of Family Meals

• Kids’ language and thinking skills improve. A Harvard University study found that family dinners are the most important way kids learn the most words. If you’re concerned that your kids don’t enjoy family meals, research has shown that kids really do treasure this time even if they don’t show it.

Tips for Organizing Family Meals

• If you’re out of practice, don’t worry! Set a small goal like eating together twice a week and build from there. Also try not to get discouraged, family meals will improve with practice and time.

• Keep it simple. Family meals don’t have to be fancy. Try working salads and vegetables into meals. Also try working a recipe and freeze one meal for an evening when you don’t feel like cooking. This will help give you full attention to your family.

• Turn off the television, video games, phones and computers. This will help make it a pleasant experience by leaving the serious discussions for another time.

Look for future nutrition-related articles from Osage Nation WIC in the Osage News. WIC is the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children. WIC is available to low-income pregnant, breastfeeding, and non-breastfeeding postpartum women, and to infants and children up age five who are found to be at nutritional risk.

Have an event? Send event information to the Osage News, Att: Shannon Shaw, 619 Ki- hskah, Pawhuska, OK 74056, email sshaw@osagenews.org or fax to (918) 287-5565. Make sure to include event date, loca- tion, email and Web address (if applicable) and a phone number where someone can be contacted (if applicable) and a phone number where someone can be contacted if necessary. Deadline for the July 2014 issue is June 18, 2014.

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JADE MARIE FOWLER

JULY

July 4 Independence Day – Observed Holiday Offices Closed

July 7 – 11 Osage Nation Foundation Summer Camp Zia Camp Tula Zoo Deadline to register is July 7 For more information contact (405) 415-0383

July 10 – 13 NAA Conference Santa Clara, California For more information go to www.naja.com

July 14 – 15 Osage Nation Foundation Summer Camp Golf Camp Fire at Tula, Mah- hawk Golf Course Deadline to reg- ister is July 9 For more information contact (405) 415-0383

AUGUST

August 4 – 8 Osage Nation Foundation Summer Camp Zia Skeleton Crew Tula Zoo Deadline to register is July 20 For more information contact (405) 415-0383

SEPTEMBER

September 1 Labor Day – Observed Holiday

OCTOBER

October 4 Northern California Osage Fall 2014 Gathering Petaluma Community Center in Lucerne Park 320 N. McDowell Blvd.

Petaluma, California

October 4 2014 National Indian Arts Festival

Pawhuska, Oklahoma

November 11 Veterans Day – Observed Holiday Offices Closed

November 27 Thanksgiving Day – Observed Holiday Offices Closed

November 28 Osagea Heritage Days – Observed Holiday Offices Closed

DECEMBER

December 24 – 25 Christmas Eve and Christmas Day – Observed Holiday Offices Closed

OCTOBER 4

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Petaluma, California

Jade Marie Fowler

Joseph Batey Dutie

LeKeesha LeFlore

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Tyler Scott Johnson and his parents, W. Scott and Carol Johnson.
Teresa Lea Boulanger Blue
was born Jan. 13, 1954 in Pawhuska, Okla. to Eugene and Frances Boulanger. Teresa was a devoting wife for nearly 49 years to her husband Bill for nearly 41 years. Teresa was the most amazing, supportive mother to her three children, Jason, Kenneth and Laura. Teresa and Bill and Teresa made their home together in Pawhuska, Okla. A graveside service was held at Boulanger Cemetery, Pawhuska, Okla. June 7 at 2 p.m.

From her big hair, to her big personality and her big smile in anyone who met her knew what a wonderful woman she was. She was kind, caring and had a welcoming spirit. She was an immediate friend and “Mom” to all her children’s friends. She was Bill’s favorite cook and her children’s biggest fan. She was a shoulder to cry on, a person who could do anything and someone who listened but would chase you around the house with a mop if you did not clean up on time when you needed it. Teresa was working at Prosperity Bank for 11 years and retired with Bill in 2009. Together they enjoyed camping with their multitude of friends, traveling, and spending time together in the great outdoors. Teresa was the most amazing, loving wife for her grand children. She was a doting wife, mother and grandmother to their entire family including her great grandchildren. Bill, the most loving husband, brother, and friend for her grandchildren brought her the most joy.

Teresa was preceded in death by her late husband, Chester Eugene Boulanger. She is survived by her husband, her son, her daughters and grandchildren. Teresa was a devoted and loving wife, daughter, mother, sister, aunt, grandmother, granddaughter, cousin, niece, nephew and friend. She loved all of her children and was known to everyone as Granny. She had an overwhelming love for her grandchildren. Making clothes, quilts, and even toys for her grandchildren brought her the most joy. In lieu of the flowers, the family asks you consider making a charitable donation in Teresa’s name to the American Heart Association or the American Diabetes Association.

Gary Elsberry
Gary Elsberry (War, s/o Keith) was born in Pawhuska, Okla. He died in Pawhuska, Okla., on April 5, 2014. Gary was the youngest of seven children of James Huey Sr. and Anna Boulanger Elsberry. He was preceded in death by his parents and also his sister Ann Louise Gorden. Gary’s surviving siblings are James Jr. (wife Carol), Harry (with Mary), Charles (wife Dorothy), Kay (husband Ron) Bills, and Donald (wife Barbara) Brownfield. Gary is also survived by his children and grandchildren.

Gary’s maternal great-grandparents were Harry and Anna (Maggie Eschrich) Rhodin. Gary’s paternal grandparents were Louis and Pearl (Bolivar) Elsberry. Gary was one of all seven siblings.

John Eschrich
John “Jack” Edw’rd Eschrich, 88, of Ten Sleep, Wyo., passed away April 4, 2014. He was born on Feb. 24, 1926 by his side. Jack was a proud member of the Osage Nation of Oklahoma. Jack was born to Osage parents, Harry and Dot (Pulse) Eschrich of Pawhuska, Okla. and was the middle child of six siblings. Jack was an accomplished videographer with a Bachelor of Science degree in Film Production and a Minor in Business Administration. He was an Air Force Veteran who served in the Korean War.

Jack was a loving and an extremely talented individual. He was an artist at heart and had a thick skin. Jack loved film, music, and his family. He was an avid sports fan and enjoyed fishing in the lake and traveling in his RV. He was a proud member of the American Legion Post 198, member of the Osage Nation of Oklahoma, a member of American Legion, a member of Christ’s Cupboard, and a Mason of the Osage Nation.

Jack was a loving husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother, uncle and cousin. He is survived by his five children; Sharon (and Jim) Mitchell of Minneapolis, four grandchildren; Jake, Josh, John and Taylor Mitchell of Minneapolis, four great-grandchildren; Kaden, Katlynn, Kalleigh and Kaiden Mitchell of Minneapolis, one brother; Larry Sellers and his wife Amy, and two sisters; Dena Sellers of Ten Sleep, Wyo., and Maggie Eschrich of the home. He is also survived by his five daughter; Maggie Eschrich of Ten Sleep, Wyo.; his Aunt Mary Eschrich of Ten Sleep, Wyo.; his Uncle Ted Sellers; and Francis Theodore Rector; two brothers; Robert Sellers and his wife Amy, and one step daughter; Danielle Mitchell of Willmar, Minn.

Martha J. (Todd) Nelson
Martha J. (Todd) Nelson, age 68, of Willmar, died Thursday, May 15, 2014 in Willmar. She was born Jan. 13, 1946 in Willmar, Minn., to Roger and Frances (Horn) Nelson, one brother-in-law, Katherine Tornquist. He is also survived by Nickoli Mitchell, and his Aunt Melody Mitchell of Willmar, one son, husband of 69 years, Roger Nelson, of Willmar, one sister; Ann (and Jim) Mitchell of Minneaplis, four grandchildren; Jake, Josh, John and Taylor Mitchell of Minneapolis, four great-grandchildren; Kaden, Katlynn, Kalleigh and Kaiden Mitchell of Minneapolis. Memorials are preferred to Osage Nation of Oklahoma, at 819 Grand Ave., Pawhuska, Okla. 74056. Arrangements with Peters Funeral Home. (www.petersbrothers.com)
Letters to the Editor

Lack of information could be harmful

In the March issue of the Osage News, a front-page story titled “Osage Minerals Council Request Non-Osages to give Shares Back” caught my attention due to a conversation I had with Kathryn Red Corn when she held a seat on the Minerals Council. Ms. Red Corn knew that several headrights had been willed to the Catholic Church and another headright was willed to the University of Oklahoma. Therefore, the use of these headrights were lost to the interest of the Osage people. Ms. Red Corn also expressed an interest in learning how we might work with these institutions in an attempt to have the headrights returned to the ownership of the Osage Tribe. She also explained that she was concerned that pursuing this idea at that time might negatively affect the Fletcher lawsuit, which involved the return to the tribe of one-third of the original 2229 headrights that had passed into the hands of non-Osages through charity, trickery, violence or murder. We agreed that it would be in the best interest of the tribe to wait on the outcome of the Fletcher lawsuit. Now, I see this article and I have to wonder if members of the current Minerals Council are even aware of the same issues that concerned Ms. Red Corn. By sending out those letters, the Minerals Council may have damaged a lawsuit that could benefit the tribe as a whole. In addition to being dangerous, I find this lack of information on the part of the Minerals Council to be arrogant when I think that such a letter may have been simply been addressed to the Vatican. I would be happy to accompany Ms. Red Corn should she wish to travel to the Vatican as a representative of the tribe to request the return of those of the headrights to the Osage Nation.

–Gregory Woodell
West Hollywood, Calif.

Letters to the Editor

If you would like to submit a letter to the editor, please mail it to the Osage News, Attn.: Shannon Shaw, 619 Kihekah, Pawhuska, OK 74056 or send email to sshaw@osagetribe.org. Letters must be respectful and informative to the reader, and may be edited for grammar, clarity and space.

Without Reservations

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• 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.

June 18th is the deadline for all submissions for the July issue of the Osage News

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