Osage District granted $2.4 million for dance arbor
By Benny Polacca
Osage News

The Pawhuska Indian Village will be home to the largest dance arbor among the three Osage districts as early as In-

Fourth ON Congress voted unanimously for the $2.4 million tax

Principal Chief Govdeefy Standing Bear signed the Pawhuska Arbor

Bill into law Oct. 2. Back row, l to R: Congressman Otto Hamilton, Bruce Cass, Eddie Red Eagle Jr., Berbon Hamilton. Middle row, l to R: Pawhuska Five Man Board member Paula Farid, Almakawake and John Henry Mashunkashap. Congressman Alvie Buffaloface, Con-

gressman Arche Mason. Front row: Assistant Chief Rayed Comon Corn, Chief Standing Bear and Five Man Board Chairwoman Paula Stabler.


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Online Osage Language classes now offered
Osages protest ‘Redskins’ name with FedEx boycott
By Shannon Shaw Duty
Osage News

The Osage Nation has joined the fight against the use of “Redskin” in the National Football League.

Principal Chief Govdeer Standing Bear instructed em-

Pawhuska. Standing Bear said the word is disparaging and offensive to Native Americans.

Standing Bear also said: “It’s not always the popular thing to do to a large group of indi-

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The course selection page on www.osageplanguage.com

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Village embezzlement and open records cases going to trial

By Benny Polacca

In the Osage Nation Treaty Council meeting, four former Pawhuska Indian Village Board members were charged in connection with the allegations of fraud and abuse. The four former members are set to be Trial Court s at the Pawhuska Tribal Court on Sept. 11, 2014.

The charges stem from allegations that the former Pawhuska board members, during their time in office, failed to properly manage the tribe’s funds and that they embezzled funds from the tribe in order to benefit themselves.

The allegations were brought to light during an investigation by the tribe’s audit team, which found evidence of financial irregularities and potential embezzlement.

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By Benny Polacca

A compact between the Osage Nation and Indian Health Service (IHS) will allow the Nation to administer the Osage IHS clinic’s operations pending successful conclusion of the negotiation of a written agreement.

The Fourth ON Congress has directed the ON Board of tribal members to proceed with compact negotiations between the Osage IHS clinic and the ON Board.

The resolution’s passage is one of several instruments governing the health system for a tribe to enter into an IHS compact for health services for the tribe. The resolution’s passage is one of several instruments governing the health system for a tribe to enter into an IHS compact for health services for the tribe.

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Special Trustee for American Indians shares insight

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Special Trustee for American Indians, Vincent Logan, is not involved in this oversight process. The oversight through the Department of Justice and also we have a team internally at the Department of the Interior that works on tribal litigations.

Brian Ross, OST acting CEO, is very clarifying if I may, I do think about the administration and the legal team of the OST. There is a focus in my tenure as Special Trustee if we are going to be able to access the information and to understand the extent we can provide an answer. We're going to introduce a program for young tribal members, we offer programs for kids getting their first job, we offer programs all the way from preschool to high school, coming to a regional gathering meetings go... In the format of two annual meetings, they are ‘excited to carry forward that program’... The letter from St. John and he asked me to participate with the Osage... The letter. ‘This order applies to all of the following BIA requirements before drilling can commence, and the proposed... According to The Journal Record, environmental assessments must be submitted to the Federal Environmental Protection Agency for approval prior to the submission of an Application for Permit to Drill (ADP) as the environmental review document is a mandatory component of the permit application package,’” according to the article. We’re going to work with the Interior’s Standards and Guidelines for Archeology and Historic Preservation and the United States’ recognition... They purchased 16 leases at the minimum bid, only... The Third Osage Minerals Council hosted its annual Oil and Gas sale,…”
move the Tax Commission over to the Nation.

draw monthly stipends and serve.

Red Corn pointed out the five-member Tax Commission over to the Nation.

On Tuesday, Sept. 16.

One of the things the committee made a priority is to 'do all the dance… making sure our dancers are happy.' Todd said the size of the arbor will be around 18,200 square-feet. He also mentioned the arbor will cover the 160-plus people.

ONCA 14-56 passed with a 10-0 majority figure was shared by the architect and those familiar with the project during the Congressional Cultural Committee held Sept. 22.

The metal arbor itself, along with bleacher and seating and power/ sound system is estimated to cost $127,117 for six work includs.

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New HR Director begins work at Nation

By Shannon Shaw Duty

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Changes to elected officials salaries take effect

By Ronny Pelusco

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Chief appoints former ON Supreme Court justice to Gaming Commission

By Shannon Shaw Duty

Jeanette Logan takes oath of of- fice at the Osage Nation tribal courthouse on Sept. 4 for the ON Gaming Commission. The Fourth ON Congress confirmed Logan’s appointment to the Gaming Commission on May 20. Logan served in her judicial capacity until this June when she retired from the bench.

During her Supreme Court tenure, Logan heard cases involving disputes between the Nation’s legislative and executive branches including declaratory judgment cases and provided at the removal trial of former Principal Chief John Red Eagle in January of this year.

According to her profes- sional experience, Logan is an attorney with the Social Security Administration’s Office of Disability Adjudication and Review in Oklahoma City, which hears and adjudi- cates Social Security claims (disability and non-disability) at the hearing level. Logan has worked for the Social Security office since 1989 and currently serves as a supervisory senior attorney.

Logan served as an attor- ney from the University of Oklahoma and holds master’s and bachelor’s degrees from Oklahoma State University.

Logan and Hirtler (also con- firmed by Congress) will join Fred Beartbuck on the Gaming Commission. The terms for former Gaming Com- missioner Nicole Tallich (Tallich) Pratt and Doug Rovda exp- ired this year.

ON Board and Supreme Court appointees confirmed by Congress

During the 2014 Tzi-Zho Session, the Fourth Osage Nation Congress confirmed 13 people to several boards, commissions, and the Supreme Court.

The Congress voted to confirm the 13 individuals after hearing from the Office of the Comissioner of Indian Affairs. The candidates received initial recommendations of being qualified for the positions they were selected for. For ON Constitution, Principal Chief Geoffery Standing Bear appointed the selections, which are now the candidates receive their oath of office before a vote for confirmation status.

The ON Congress voted unanimously or by majority to con- firm the following individuals:

- Elizabeth Homer and Drew Pierce as ON Supreme Court Associate Justices.
- Mark Strate and Fernanda Loges for the three-person ON Gaming Commission.
- Dawn Pratt Harrington and John “Tiny” Goldsberry III for the ON Election Board.
- Nancey Pillbury for the ON Foundation Board.
- Belle Renee Wilson for the ON Election Board.

The ON Congress confirmed Norman Akes, George Shannon, Jerry Shaw and Mary “Lisa” Bicketts to the Traditional Cultural Area Council.

Congress confirmed Chuck Tillman to the Greyhorse Indian Village Five-Man Board.

Osgage News representatives participate in a groundbreaking ceremony for the “Larry H. Fischers Visitor Center” on July 9.

Ogates attend Battle of Honey Springs 151st Anniversary

By Shannon Shaw Duty

On July 17, 1863, the Battle of Honey Springs took place about 13 miles south of Muskogee and is named for the nearby water source of Honey Springs. It was also the first time white soldiers were engaged with the Osage Nation.

The Battle of Honey Springs left a lasting impact on military operations and cultural boundaries. Honey Springs was the largest bat-
Small social changes in diet and activity could have a big influence on halting weight gain among Native Americans—but it often takes transformative personal change to disrupt the behavioral patterns that keep it off, experts say.

"The unique challenge of motivating Americans to move more and eat less is a dominant theme in the four-obesity program for 14 health programs around the country supported by the National Press Foundation and the University of Colorado’s Anschutz Medical Campus in Aurora, a sub-vention of Colorado’s Anschutz Medical Campus in Aurora, a sub-

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Osage ‘Family Farms’ wins big at Osage County Fair

Tara Madden
Osage News

Three Osage tribal members scored 11 ribbons at the Osage County Free Fair this year. Family Farms, owned by Pauline Allred and run by her son George Miller and in-law Thomas Trumbly, won ribbons for their vegetables in the agricultural division this year. The fair was held Sept. 4-6 at the Osage County Fairgrounds.

“We had an abundant year this year with our crops, better growth than the past two years,” Trumbly said.

George Miller (Osage): 1st place Cherry Tomatoes; 4th place Jalapeño Peppers; 8th place Okra.

Pauline Allred (Osage): 3rd place Peppers; 4th place Tomatoes; 6th place Okra.

Thomas Trumbly (Osage): 1st place Jalapeño Peppers; 1st place Garden Art; 2nd place Canned Jalapeños; 5th place Tomatoes; 7th place Okra.

“Family Farms has been in our family for years and has been a hog farm, we had orchards and three gardens,” Allred said. “I have all the ribbons on my kitchen table. It was such a surprise to win in so many categories.”

The Osage County fair is free to everyone in Osage County to participate in and to enter into the various categories from livestock to agriculture to art and much more.

“We have put the appropriate number of specimens in the correct category, so that the fair can be evaluated for visible characteristics that will indicate quality of the specimen,” said Will Cubbage, Osage County Agricultural Educator at the OSU Extension in Pawhuska. “These include things like color and firmness to determine ripeness. Uniformity of shape and size of the specimen(s) is very important as well. Fruit and vegetables are not ‘taste tested.’ Judging is only done by outward appearance and characteristics already mentioned.”

Danas farms has participated in the county fair for the past three years, entering produce grown in their gardens. Trumbly said that farming and gardening is a 24 hour a day job which includes working the land and tilling the garden, pulling weeds, planting and maintaining the garden and keeping rodents and other var- minits out of the crops.

They have jalapeño peppers, tomatoes, cherry tomatoes and okra and several other vegetables planted from new seeds to heirloom seeds, bought and given to the family.

“For the garden art entry I did the evolution of the Jalapeño pepper. I wanted it to be educational and art,” Trumbly said.

Allred stated that since she is getting older and it is harder for her to get in and out of the garden she leaves the gardening to Trumbly and her son Miller. She gives input and advises on the daily operation with the garden and farm.

For more information on the Osage County Free Fair contact the 4-H Extension office located at 628 Kihekah on the 2nd floor in Pawhuska or call Jessica Jantzen or Will Cubbage at (918) 287-4170.

Osage sings Jazz in Colorado

Tara Madden
Osage News

Teresa Carroll lives in Colorado and is a freelance Jazz musician. She started out singing at home with her family when she was young. Her parents and her grandparents helped nurture her love of music and encouraged her to continue it.

“We all have a spark, a something that makes us want to create, to make something better or to give a piece of ourselves for others. Whatever you do, don’t ignore that something. Find your creative spark and you’ll find a path,” Carroll said.

See Jazz —Continued on Page 16

Wah-Zha-Zhi Cultural Center

Is putting together an exhibit to honor our Osage combat Veterans. We are currently looking for Vietnam and Desert Storm/Desert Shield Combat veterans.

If you or anyone you know is a veteran of these Conflicts please contact

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Deadline is November 18th.
CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: Davy Watts, Osage elder (hands on the right), teaches yarn work at Woodland's JOM Cultural Day in the Grayhorse Indian Village, Sept. 25.

A student glues ribbon work patterns onto construction paper.

Stations for ribbonwork, Indian dice, beadwork, yarn work, sweat lodge, Osage language and others were set up for the Woodland JOM Cultural Day.

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U.S. Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor met with Oklahoma's tribal leaders Sept. 11. Osage Nation Principal Chief Geoffrey Standing Bear was among them.

“Justice Sotomayor greatly impressed me with her intellect and insightfulness,” Standing Bear said. “All the Tribal leaders present appreciated her frankness as to the present views of the U.S. Supreme Court on Native Nation sovereignty. She cautioned us on the dangers of adverse decisions against the Tribes under the present Court.”

About the study
The University of Tulsa, Psychophysiology Laboratory for Affective Neuroscience is conducting an IRB-approved research study aimed at assessing pain processing in Native Americans. The goal of this study is to identify potential markers of risk for chronic pain in healthy (currently pain-free) Native-American individuals.

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To Participate, you Must:
* NOT currently have chronic pain or take pain medications.
* NOT have high blood pressure or take antihypertensive medications.
* NOT take antidepressant or anti-anxiety medications.
* Additional eligibility criteria do apply.

Healthy Research Participants Needed
This study is safe and non-invasive. Participants must be able to attend 2 testing sessions (approximately 4-5 hours each), $200 compensation ($100/day) is provided. Depending on distance from the University of Tulsa, you may be eligible for mileage reimbursement.
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Woodland JOM holds Cultural Day at Grayhorse Indian Village

Tara Madden Osage News

The Woodland Johnson-O'Malley program held its Cultural Day at the Grayhorse Indian Village on Sept 25. Middle school students and high school students were there to participate in the Osage meal for lunch and then four different learning stations around Grayhorse.

“It was a beautiful day for the Woodland JOM cultural day,” said Vann Bighorse. Director of the Wah-Zha-Zhi Cultural Center.

Bighorse taught students how to play Indian dice: “I taught students how the dice would be scored and what the Osage words and cultural meaning of Osage clothes were taught Osage words and cultural knowledge within the community and the students got a glimpse of that,” said Avis Ballard, JOM Coordinator for the ON Education Department. “I really enjoyed the language presentation and Mr. Jerry Shaw’s discussion of the sweat lodge. I hope the students enjoyed it as well.”

The day started out with lunch which was provided by the Woodland Native Parent Committee. The lunch consisted of corn soup, meat gravy and fry bread and Destanee Donaldson and staff provided dessert of cake and jello.

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Station four was Indian Sweet, hosted by Jerry Shaw and John Shaw. The students got to look at a Native sweet and learned the importance of Native sweets to Native people. They sat around the sweat lodge and were allowed to look inside so Jerry Shaw explained what exactly a sweet entailed and what one should get out of going to a sweat.

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The middle school first participated in an Osage ribbon work craft station. They were provided red and purple construction paper and given the choice to pick two additional colors of pre-cut ribbon work patterns to create their own ribbon work. Then in groups of six the students used glue sticks to create their ribbon work. Their names were put on the back so the crafts could be given to the teachers to be given back when they returned to school.

“I will do anything I can to help educate our youth and get their participation, I am always grateful to do my part,” said Destanee Donaldson, Child Nutrition Director for Woodland Public Schools. “I helped the cooks and also helped dress my girls in their Osage clothes.”

After the high school finished their craft stations the students were instructed to sit in the arbor and listen to the instructions as to how the day’s activities would be conducted. There were four learning stations set up around the Grayhorse Village. Students were separated into groups to attend each station for 20 minutes and required to move to the next station after the signal notified the students to move on.

Station one was Osage Language and hosted by Tracey Moore and Donna Barrow under the arbor. The students were taught Osage words and shown photos and told in the Osage language what the object in the photo was.

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Students watch as Osage children dance at the Woodland JOM Cultural Day in the Grayhorse Indian Village, Sept. 25.

A student beads a keychain at the Woodland JOM Cultural Day.

A doll wearing Osage clothes sits at a learning station.

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ONCA 14-55
An Act to authorize and appropriate three hundred thousand dollars ($300,000) to the Capital Asset and Improvement Fund for the installation of a fire suppression system and security system in the Osage Nation Museum; and to establish an alternate effective date.
Maker
ENACTED
ONCA 14-56
An act to provide an appropriation in the amount of two hundred thousand dollars ($250,000) to the Capital Asset and Improvement Fund to remove the current arbor and to design and construct a new arbor; to establish an alternate effective date.
Hamilton
Second Reading 9-26-14
ONCA 14-57
An Act to amend ONCA 14-47 that established the Divisions of the Executive Branch of the Osage Nation; and to establish an alternate effective date.
Whitehorn
ENACTED
ONCA 14-58
An Act to authorize the Osage Nation to invest in real property in the original Osage Reservation Area offered for purchase; to create a real property purchase fund; to authorize and appropriate the sum of one million dollars ($1,000,000) to the real property purchase fund; to declare an emergency and establish an alternate effective date.
Tabled in Commerce Committee 9-23-14
ONCA 14-59
An Act to amend the Competitive Bidding Act, 15 ONS §§ 2-411 and 2-421, to require bids to be opened in Pawhuska; to broaden the scope of penalties; and to establish an alternate effective date.
Supernaw
ENACTED
ONCA 14-60
An Act to establish penalties for violation to the Office of Fiscal and Performance Review law; and to establish an alternate effective date.
Supernaw
ENACTED
ONCA 14-61
An Act to amend the open records Act of 15 ONS §8-22-61 to exclude Osage Nation enterprises, including limited liability companies, corporations and any other business entity of the Osage Nation in the definition of a government entity; and to establish an alternate effective date.
Supernaw
ENACTED
ONCA 14-62
An Act to amend the Osage Nation Health Authority Board Act, ONOA 11-118, to remove the requirement to have policies and procedures presented and approved by the Osage Nation Congress; and to establish an alternate effective date.
Shaw
ENACTED
ONCA 14-63
An Act to provide an appropriation to the Office of the Principal Chief of the Osage Nation for fiscal year 2015 in the amount of one million nine hundred fifty five thousand eight hundred eighty two dollars ($1,955,882); and to establish an alternate effective date.
Jech
ENACTED
ONCA 14-64
An Act to provide an appropriation to the Legislative Branch of the Osage Nation for fiscal year 2015 in the amount of two million five hundred forty four thousand seven hundred eighty two dollars ($2,454,782); and to establish an alternate effective date.
Jech
ENACTED
ONCA 14-65
An Act to provide an appropriation to the Judicial Branch of the Osage Nation for fiscal year 2015 in the amount of six hundred one thousand two hundred twenty six dollars ($601,225); and to establish an alternate effective date.
Jech
ENACTED
ONCA 14-66
An Act to provide an appropriation to the Board of the Osage Nation for fiscal year 2015 in the amount of one million one hundred thirty three thousand one hundred seventy nine dollars ($1,133,179); to consent to spending of an Independent Agency; and to establish an alternate effective date.
Jech
ENACTED
ONCA 14-67
An Act to authorize and appropriate four hundred fifty thousand dollars ($450,000) to the Bureau Assistance Fund; and to establish an alternate effective date.
Jech
Sent to Chief for Signature 9-26-14
ONCA 14-68
An Act to provide an appropriation to the Capital Asset and Improvement Fund in the amount of one hundred thousand dollars ($100,000); and to establish an alternate effective date.
Jech
Sent to Chief for Signature 9-26-14
ONCA 14-69
An Act to provide an appropriation to the Child, Family and Senior Community Services Division of the Osage Nation for fiscal year 2015 in the amount of eight million eighty nine thousand nine hundred eighty eight dollars ($8,990,588); and to establish an alternate effective date.
Jech
ENACTED
ONCA 14-70
An Act to provide an appropriation to the Cultural Preservation, Arts, Heritage and Language Division of the Osage Nation for fiscal year 2015 in the amount of two million eight hundred eighty four thousand seven hundred two dollars ($2,884,702); and to establish an alternate effective date.
Jech
Sent to Chief for Signature 9-26-14
ONCA 14-71
An Act to provide an appropriation to the Cultural Preservation, Arts, Heritage and Language Division of the Osage Nation for fiscal year 2015 in the amount of two million eight hundred eighty four thousand seven hundred two dollars ($2,884,702); and to establish an alternate effective date.
Jech
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High School. He is a proud member of the Osage Nation. He has been married 41 years to his wife Carol and they have four children and two grandchildren.

"The Director of Human Re-
sources is one of the most im-
portant positions within the Osage Nation," Standing Bear said in the release. Johnson received his bache-
lor's degree from Okla-
homa State University. His background in HR includes training and development, workers compensation, ben-
efits, health, safety, environment-
al, employee and labor law. He has earned certificates from the professional society of Human Resources Management, accordin-
g to a prepared release from the ON Executive Branch.

Johnson's first days on the job were spent becoming familiar with the Nation's offices, departments and policies and procedures. As HR director he will oversee approximately 20 full-time employees and about 20 part-time employees and temps.

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present status and importance of the treaties and agreements between the U.S. and Indian Nations, according to a pre-
pared release.

"American Indian treaty claims are the 'law of the land' and remain the keystone of pres-
ent day relations between the U.S. government and tribes," Conner said. "Treaties are not rights granted to the tribes but refer to the rights tribes always possessed, and to the obligations which the U.S. government owed tribes in ex-
change for lands and other con-
cessions they made by tribes."

One obligation referred to in the treaties was to provide for the education of the children of American Indian Nations, Conner said. One such effort by the U.S. was the estab-
lishment of Indian Boarding Schools.

In 1879 the first boarding school for Indians was established in Pennsylvania, the Carlisle Indian Industrial School. Over several decades thousands of American Indi-
ans attended Carlisle includ-
ing dozens of Osages. George Johnson (Tse-Da-Ha) attended Carlisle 1885-1890 and again in 1896-1899.
cian American troops carried the day.”

It is believed that Osage members were involved in the battle along with members of the Five Civilized Tribes. It is unknown which side the Osage fought on, but Executive Director of the Oklahoma Historical Society, Bob Blackburn, believes it was with the Union.

“Whether Osage Scouts were there or not, the consequences of the battle and the Union victory would affect Osage history,” Blackburn said. “For siding with the Confederacy, the Five Civilized Tribes were punished through the Reconstruction Treaties of 1866 that allowed the first railroads into the future state.”

Blackburn added, “The allotment and the state-making process gave the federal government the right to assign or sell lands to other tribes, including the Osage. The path to Osage Allotment, head rights and the underground reservation hit a pivot point because of the Civil War and the consequences of the Battle of Honey Springs.”

During the anniversary celebration the battle was reenacted and a groundbreaking for the construction of the “LeRoy H. Fischer Visitors Center” and museum took place. In preparation for the National Day on July 19 was Osage Mineral Council Chairman Everett Waller, Wah-Zha-Zhi Cultural Center Director Vann Bighorse, ON Trial Court Chief Judge Marvin Stepson and Government Affairs Advisor Johnny Williams. Stepson served in the Vietnam War as a Specialist 4th Class and Williams also served in Vietnam with the 23rd Infantry Green Berets in the 5th Special Forces Group.

“I really enjoyed the day and participating in the groundbreaking,” Stepson said. “I would like to go back after the Visitor’s Center is completed.”

The celebration had a Veterans Honor Guard and Color Guard where the period battle dress of both the Union and Confederate armies were worn. Both sides fired weapons during a salute. This was done after recognizing the Veterans in attendance, including Stepson and Williams.

“Being an Artillery Veteran I really enjoyed looking at the cannons,” Stepson said. “I really enjoyed talking to the other Veterans about that time period.”

Food and refreshments were served at the celebration and visitors were offered a tour of the battlefield as well as the upcoming Visitor’s center and museum.

The Oklahoma Historical Society purchased the first 20 acres of land on which the battle was fought in 1964. According to okhistory.org, the Battle of Honey Springs was the largest or more than 107 documented hostile encounters in Indian Territory.

“Cherokee and Creek regiments fought on both sides. There were approximately 9,000 men involved, including other American Indians, Texan regiments, and the 1st Kansas Colored Volunteers (the first black regiment in the Union army),” according to the site.

The OHS holds a reenactment of the battle each year in July at the Honey Springs Battlefield site. The site currently is 1,100 acres, has six walking trails with a total of 55 interpretive signs to guide visitors along.

To learn more about the Honey Springs Battle and the battlefield contact the Oklahoma Historical Society at (405) 522-5302 or blackburn@okhistory.org.

An Act to authorize and appropriate four million fifty thousand dollars ($4,050,000) to the Osage Nation Higher Education Scholarship Fund, and to establish an alternate effective date.
The group traveled to the Chickasaw Nation to tour their hydroponic gardening system and Boe said it was amazing to see a Native nation feeding their own people with the food they’ve grown. After the trip the group had several meetings and Walker introduced the idea for aquaponics. She said Walker showed them a YouTube video of a man who had bought a three-story building and on each floor was nothing but aquaponic systems.

“The things they can do with aquaponics is just amazing. Like here in Osage County, we got a lot of rock, it’s not always friendly to growing gardens,” she said. “I think the whole thing on the food sustainabil- ity and what the chief has all of us working on with the Bird Creek Farms, the possibility the Osage Nation growing it’s own crop, not only for depart- ments, but to be a major sup- plier for the county. Of course that’s a ways down the road but the possibilities are there, we just got to take advantage of it.”

Some facts on aquaponics according to Homestyle Aqua ponics include:

• It uses 90 percent less water than soil-based gardening
• It is four to six times as productive on a square foot basis as soil-based gardening
• It does not rely on the availability of good soil, so it can be set up anywhere
• It is free from weeds, watering and fertilizing concerns
• It enables fish farming

Walker said he first got the idea for the project after he attended a training with the Oneida Nation in Wisconsin and witnessed one of their tribal members having a successful aquaponics project in his basement, growing fish and plants year round.

“So I did some research on the project and thought it was something we could use here and since we’re trying to increase food production and distribution in the Osage I thought this project could work,” Walker said.

He said he hopes to use Americorps workers, college interns, tribal members who want to learn and volunteer. The Pawhuska Business Strategy Center has classrooms, which he hopes to educate tribal members about the project and teach them hands-on skills to use. Oklahoma State University will be helping with the project as well, he said.
Jazz

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way to God, for it is He who gave us that spark," she said.

Carroll’s family moved a lot during her childhood due to her father’s career in the United States Air Force. When they were back in the U.S. they would come visit Oklahoma and her Osage family. She remembers at the age of 12 coming to spend the summer visiting her grandmother and attending the Grayhorse In-Lon-Schka. She says the time with her grandmother was very special to her.

Carroll got voice training at Ithaca College and the Harlem School of the Arts in New York City and with various vocal coaches in New York. She also sang opera in the beginning of her career and classical music. She continued singing opera for about four years when she returned to Denver and she has won many accolades, including best Opera and Jazz Singer for Westword’s "Best Of" edition.

When she lived around the corner from a Jazz club in New York she found her true calling and would sit at with other artists during their jam sessions. Carroll has worked with jazz musicians such as Wynton Marsalis from New York and Philly Joe Jones, Kirk Lightsey and many others.

Carroll freelance and has no sponsors, she schedules her own shows and venues. She performs at weddings, events, concerts and festivals, as well as parties. She has several full-time shows at various restaurants and hotels. She performs at Jazz festivals whenever she can. Carroll stated she would love to come to Osage County and sing for her tribal people one day.

“I feel like I am at the top of my game vocally, so I plan to keep singing as long as I can," said Carroll. "Jazz music inspires me because it is essentially a universal language and it moves me — it is a very feeling based art form.”

Being a freelancer can be stressful at times, she said. She is her own boss and it is a lot of work to keep going. In she puts in a lot of performing in concerts and festivals and negotiates her own contracts, hiring musicians, scheduling rehearsals, and travel, and many more things that need to be done before the show.

The rewards balance out the hard times though, she said. "It’s a joy to sing and an even greater joy to be able to make a living at it and to be recognized for it. When the music works and everybody is on, there is nothing like it in the whole world! It is an amazing feeling!”

Carroll currently has four CDs for sale produced by CIMP Records. She is currently working on two more, which she hopes will be released sometime soon. Her current CDs can be found on Amazon.com and she can be heard on KUVO Denver’s Jazz Station.

Carroll recently came to Pawhuska and toured the Osage Tribal Museum and met Principal Chief George Standing Bear. She said, “I love being Osage, I am so proud of my heritage.”

Carroll is the daughter of Edward Ellison Carroll (Osage) and Delores Dossert and granddaughter to Ruby DeNoya from the Grayhorse District and the great-granddaughter of Josephine Rovan and Louis DeNoya.

To learn more and hear music from Teresa Carroll you can go to her website at http://teresa-sacarroll.com or contact her at teresa@teresacarroll.com.

Pawhuska City Council refuses roundabout with silence

Benny Polacca

Plans to build the Osage Nation’s campus master plan with a roundabout intersection will continue despite no mention from Pawhuska city leaders to close a section of Grandview Avenue as part of the project.

On Sept. 29, the Pawhuska City Council held a public meeting to hear input regarding the proposal to close Grandview at the top of “the hill” where it intersects with Kihhek Avenue before continuing south past the current Osage Nation campus buildings and the Osage County Courthouse before ending in front of City Hall.

That evening, the four-member City Council took no action and remained silent when the opportunity came for members to pass an ordinance to close a section of Grandview at Kihhek for the project. The proposal to close the road died, therefore, for a lack of motion.

According to The Bighorn Times, Associate District Judge B. David Gambill spoke at the meeting and complained the Nation was asking the city, “for ‘She entire use of the road,’ adding ‘People have been using it for over 100 years, it predates the state, everybody knows it … It is the only scenic route we have to overlook Pawhuska. If we lose it, we lose it.’

Osage Nation officials, including Assistant Principal Chief Raymond Red Corn, approached the city with the road closure proposal and the Fourth ON Congress approved a resolution (ONCR 14-17) to support a memorandum of understanding with the city and to authorize a limited waiver of sovereign immunity with regard to the road closure. Red Corn and Bruce Caes, director for the Nation’s Tribal Development and Land Acquisition Department, appeared at several recent council meetings regarding the proposal.

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**OCTOBER**

- **October 7 – October 16**
  - **Gourd Dance**
  - **Celebration of Life**
  - **Enrichment Classes**
  - **Community Ed Pawhuska**
  - **University 2014 Powwow**
  - **Photographs and An Evening of Enrichment Classes**

- **October 7 – October 16**
  - **Classes – Community**
  - **Beginners Genealogy**

- **October 13**
  - **Osage History**

- **October 18**
  - **Variety Classes on Monday**
  - **Variety Classes on Tuesday**
  - **Variety Classes on Thursday**

- **October 23**
  - **Variety Classes on Tuesday**
  - **Variety Classes on Thursday**

- **November 15**
  - **Veterans Affairs visiting for validation if necessary.**

- **November 22**
  - **Veterans Affairs**
  - **Community**
  - **Enrichment Classes**
  - **Community Ed Pawhuska**

- **November 29 – December 2**
  - **December 2**
  - **Holiday Uploscays Class – Community**

**DECEMBER**

- **December 2 – 25**
  - **December 2 – 25**
  - **Christmas Eve and Christmas Day**
  - **Observed Holiday**
  - **Office Closed**

- **December 31**
  - **14th Annual New Years Eve Sobriety Powwow**
  - **Cow Business Center**
  - **101 Civic Center**
  - **Tulsi, Oklahoma**

- **January 1, 2015**
  - **Gourd Dancing begins at 2 p.m.**
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**Save the Date!**

- **October 25**
  - **Red Ribbon Process**
  - **Osage County**
  - **Fairgrounds**

- **November 22**
  - **80th Year Birthday Dance Honoring**
  - **Thomas Morris Jr.**
  - **The-IGS Activity Center**
  - **Strohd, Oklahoma**

- **November 28**
  - **Thanksgiving Day –Observed Holiday**
  - **Office Closed**

- **November 29 – 30**
  - **Onage Heritage Day –Observed Holiday**
  - **Office Closed**

- **December 1**
  - **Veterans Day – Observed Holiday**
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John and Lea Ann Tallchief would like to announce the adoption of Chance Dickinson and Drillery Lane Tallchief of Eno- la, Ark., Mar. 27, 2014. This picture of us on the best day ever.

**Congratulations!**

- **November 3**
  - **Jelly Making Class – Community**

- **November 17**
  - **Veterans Day – Observed Holiday**
  - **Office Closed**

- **December 16**
  - **Phibestivity Classes – Cancer Development Classes**
  - **Community Ed Pawhuska**
  - **Class on Monday**

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William B. Ricketts, Jr.

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- Provide a copy of a death certificate for the deceased individual
- Provide a copy of an itemized Funeral Home statement of the deceased individual

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

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

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In the September 2014 edition of the Osage News, on page 12, Osage Nation Supreme Court Associate Justice, Drew Pierce, was not named in the photo with Jerry Shaw, ON Trial Court Judge Marvin Stepson and Chief Standing Bear. The Osage News regrets the error.

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