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Construction nears completion on the new Pawhuska dance arbor, May 26. Dramatic changes will be seen in the first weeks of June as workers complete the finishing touches before the Pawhuska In-Lon-Schka begins on June 25.



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ON Executive Branch Chief of Staff Jason Zaun stands on the campus of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe Growth Fund in Ignacio, Colo.

Standing Bear administration plans to develop oil and gas

Shannon Shaw Duty
Osage News

Principal Chief Geoffrey Standing Bear is moving the Osage Nation forward to develop oil and gas on the Osage Minerals Estate.

Following a recent trip to the successful Southern Ute Indian Tribe in Ignacio, Colo., he is asking the Osage Nation Energy Sources, LLC, to

implement the Southern Ute model of business. Standing Bear, Congressional Speaker Maria Whitehorn, Chief of Staff Jason Zaun, Adviser John Williams and ONES Chairwoman Jill Jones made up the delegation to Colorado. The group also visited the Jicarilla Apache Nation in Dulce, N.M., and plan to implement their regulatory model for the Osage.

“Our first step would be to have an entity like Southern Ute did, that’s in oil and gas production and distribution and have it approach our Minerals Council to see what they could do in acquiring leases, perhaps orphan wells, leases no one else is quite interested in and start in the business end of this activity,” Standing

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Osage Nation files suit against former Osage LLC management and consultants

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The Osage Nation is suing the former management of the Osage LLC, two consultants and the heads of former companies in Osage County District Court. The lawsuit details an alleged fraudulent investment deal that cost the Nation more than a million dollars.

Carol Leese and Robert Petre, formerly of the Osage LLC; Yancey Red Corn (Osage), Betsy Brown, of Red Eagle Feather Distributing, LLC; New Market Technology Fund I, LLC; New Market Technology Fund, LLC; Howard Hill; TeraDact Solutions LLC; and Christopher Schrichte are named as defendants in the civil suit.

Filed on May 22 by Amanda



Carol Leese, former CEO of Osage LLC.

Proctor, Osage attorney and owner of Shield Law Group PLC, the lawsuit asks for damages, attorneys fees and contains four claims of relief for violation of the Oklahoma

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Osage Minerals Councilmen speak on new oil and gas regs

Shannon Shaw Duty
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The final rules for oil and gas drilling were published in the Federal Register on May 11 and many fear the worst. Osage Minerals Councilmen Galen Crum and Andrew Yates, who sat on the Negotiated Rulemaking Committee in 2013, said staying the status quo was not an option.

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Osage Nation to begin outreach for Land Buy-Back program

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Principal Chief Geoffrey Standing Bear signed initial agreement to begin outreach for the Land Buy-Back Program in the Osage Nation. Outreach efforts will begin in late June and early July.

"The offers won't go out till August, so we'll have two months of outreach," Standing Bear said.

The agreement, signed on May 26 at the Pawhuska Business Strategy Center, gives the Nation \$119,288 for outreach efforts. This will include town hall meetings, mail outs, advertisements, three short-term positions, and a social media push designed to notify restricted landowners of the opportunity to sell their land interest, said Bruce Cass, Tribal Development and Land Acquisition director. Cass, along with Osage attorney Terry Mason Moore, is spearheading the Nation's efforts.

The buy-back program is a stipulation of the Cobell settlement which provided \$1.9 billion to purchase fractional interests in trust or restricted land from willing sellers at fair market value within a 10-year period, according to a U.S. Department of Interior release.

There is roughly 66,000 acres in the Nation with 680-690 individual landowners eligible for the program. However, due to the limited amount of money the Nation expects to receive to purchase the land, the Nation will only be contacting those landowners who own parcels of land in

which the Nation also owns a fractionated interest, Standing Bear said.

Those eligible for the buy-back program are individuals who own an interest in a parcel of land with multiple owners. There must also be a clear land title, and all estates in probate will not receive offers. The BIA has already been working to identify those individuals eligible for offers, Cass said. A majority of the fractionated land lies in the southern part of Osage County.

"The problem is we're only receiving enough money to purchase somewhere between, and this is an estimate, 5,000-6,500 acres," Cass said. "So we've got to really try to narrow down those priority tracts."

Cass said they expect to receive anywhere from \$5 million to \$7 million, which is enough to buy roughly four percent of the fractionated interest in the Osage.

"I've been looking at the maps, I've targeted certain parcels that fit in with the tribal plan we've submitted," Standing Bear said. "It will be land that has good agriculture value and it is not commercial property. It is land that is grasslands, prairie lands, and we're trying to find them as close together as possible."

The Office of Appraisal Service for the buy-back program has been performing appraisals to determine fair market value, as well as land appraisers from the Osage BIA Agency.

Once appraisals are com-



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Principal Chief Geoffrey Standing Bear signs an agreement to begin the outreach efforts for the Land Buy-Back Program. Sitting next to him is Asst. Principal Chief Raymond Red Corn, Bruce Cass and Terry Mason Moore.

pleted the "first wave" of letters will go to all individuals receiving an offer with a 45-day window to reply. If all goes well, the DOI hopes all individuals will accept the offer in the first wave so that all individuals can be paid for their interest. Individuals who choose to sell their interests will receive payments directly in their Individual Indian Money accounts. Since there is a cap on the money given to the Nation, it is important for individuals to reply as soon as possible to ensure payment for their interest.

Cass said it is very important for restricted landowners to make sure their contact information is up to date with

the Office of Special Trustee and the Land Buy-Back Call Center because all offers will be mailed.

The Osage Nation ranks 37th in most fractionated land interests, with more than 38 percent residing in Osage County with the majority aged 50-60 years old.

Fractionated land interest is when an undivided parcel of land has more than one owner and they all own the land together. In worst-case scenarios an undivided parcel of land could have up to 50 owners, as a result of the probate process of allotted land left to heirs. The original parcel of allotted land given by the government to 2,228 individual Osages in

1906 was 657 acres, roughly 1.5 million. A century later a majority of the land is in the hands of non-Osages.

Landowners can contact the Trust Beneficiary Call Center at 888-678-6836 to update their contact information, ask questions about their land or purchase offers, and learn about financial planning resources. Individuals can also visit their local Office of the Special Trustee for American Indians (OST) or Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) office, or find more information at <http://www.doi.gov/buyback-program/landowners> in order to make informed decisions about their land.

ON Congress sets FY 2016 projected revenue mark at \$43.7 million

Benny Polacca
Osage News

With priorities focusing on health benefit and higher education scholarship programs and services available to all Osages, officials from the Osage Nation executive and legislative branches will be tasked with budgeting once again with a tight budget in September.

The Fourth ON Congress set the 2016 fiscal year projected revenue amount at \$43,775,000 during its spring Hun-Kah Session. The projected revenue figure is crucial to the budgeting process because the Congress cannot pass budgets exceeding that amount, per the Osage Constitution.

The \$43.7 million figure is just under \$294,000 less than FY 2015's projected revenue amount. The Nation runs on an October-September fiscal year and will use the September Tzi-Zho Session to consider and approve the FY 2016 budgets.

On April 23, the Congress voted unanimously to set the \$43.7 million for the FY 2016 projected revenue after hearing projected revenue reports and feedback from the Nation's moneymakers, which is the seven-casino gaming enterprise and the Osage Tax Commission, which collects revenue from business fees, tobacco tax and vehicle tag sales.

In his 2015 State of the Nation address, Principal Chief Geoffrey Standing Bear said the Nation will be receiving a distribution of \$40 million from gaming revenue for the next seven years to fund the ON governmental operations. Standing Bear said the \$40 million limit is needed as the Nation's gaming enterprise continues to focus on planning a larger Tulsa Osage Casino project.

Regarding funding priorities, Standing Bear said in his address: "The programs we have set out for all Osages include our higher education scholarship program, our health card, and our burial assistance program ... This year, these three programs alone are approaching \$15 million dollars a year in costs. This leaves \$25 million for everything else. Again, much less than we have had in the past."

"Now, the greatest test is coming. For just these three important programs, there will be a greater demand from Osages who are just now learning they too are eligible for the benefits. This is a good thing, and it is predictable. We also know that we are going to have increases in funding needs for these three programs because our law will require funding from the Osage Congress for a Medicare Supplement and for carry-over money on Osage health

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CASA program in need of more volunteers

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The Court Appointed Special Advocates office for Pawnee and Osage counties, a group of volunteers dedicated to look after the welfare and well-being of Osage and Pawnee children stuck in the state and tribal court systems and foster systems, need more volunteers.

Currently, Osage County only has five CASA volunteers and Pawnee County has 12.

"Volunteering as a CASA is really not that much time, a couple hours on weekends," said Helen Norris, Pawnee/Osage CASA director. "Our current CASAs say it's one of the most rewarding things they've ever done. They see how the children benefit and they learn the court system."

CASA volunteers currently monitor 35 percent of the 200 children in the Osage and Osage Nation court systems. The remaining children have been placed in foster care and some are living in abusive situations with no one advocating on behalf of their rights.

Volunteers don't need to have a law degree, just a willingness to dedicate their time, Norris said. All volunteers receive training and the training can take place in the evenings or weekends. Once the training is complete they are given cases involving at-risk children. The CASA volunteers monitor the children and their living situations, make detailed reports, and are sometimes called upon by judges for recommendations on the children.

It's also very helpful to the



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The Court Appointed Special Advocates logo.

children when the CASA volunteers are Native American, especially Osage or Pawnee, so the children can have someone to continue their cultural education with, Norris said.

"There is such a high turnover with DHS [Department of Human Services], different social workers, therapists," Norris said. "The good thing about CASA volunteers is they provide stability for the child. They make sure the children have a bridge to their culture when they check up on them. It's a plus for the CASA volun-

teers to impart their cultural knowledge on the children."

According to a prepared release, the court system is full of compassionate lawyers, judges, social workers and foster families, but according to recent statistics more than 8,000 children were in the system in Oklahoma. This intense need can strain the system to the point where they are simply unable to protect the rights of each child.

So the little girl who has already suffered in an abusive

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After two major incidents, ONPD moving forward

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The Osage Nation Police Department has been involved in two high-profile cases since February, one has been resolved and the other is still under investigation by the Tulsa County District Attorney's Office.

"ONPD is going to continue conducting professional law enforcement services and continue moving forward in a positive direction and always be transparent to citizens of the community in the daily operations of the Osage Nation Police Department," said ON Police Chief Nick Williams. "We're here to help every which way we can. Different incidents happen, things happen out there, we can't predict the future, but I do always ask my guys to maintain a professional standard, respectfulness and do their job. They represent the Nation and this department."

In February a 41-year-old Tulsa man was shocked with a stun gun during an altercation with an Osage Nation police officer at Osage Casinos-Tulsa. The man died from a sudden cardiac death associated with acute phenylcyclidine intoxication (PCP) and an enlarged heart, according to an Osage Nation release.

The Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation determined the actions of the officers and deputies involved were reasonable and consistent with stan-



Corey Blake Stewart

dard law enforcement training and no excessive force or inappropriate measures were exercised, according to the release.

On May 1, Osage Nation police officer Corey Blake Stewart, 26, hit and killed Shawn Rex Watashe (Creek), 55, while off duty in his ONPD vehicle. Watashe was crossing the street near Admiral and Sheridan when Stewart hit him and allegedly dragged him 100 feet with his police car. He left the scene and later had his wife drive him back where he told authorities he was the person who hit Watashe. He reportedly said he returned because he was unsure if he hit something in the road. Watashe later died from his injuries at the hospital. Stewart was placed on paid administrative leave and terminated on May 12 for violating ONPD policies and procedures.

The case is still under investigation with the Tulsa Coun-

ty District Attorney's Office. Stewart was employed with the Nation approximately one year and was working undercover in Tulsa. It was determined during the investigation he was off duty, Williams said.

"[Our officers] are not allowed out in their vehicles while off duty, unless there is an emergency or I call them out for special duty," Williams said. "For instance, the casinos are having their outdoor concerts, we try to maintain an accurate, adequate coverage within the county covering our property's jurisdiction and I've asked several officers who will be off duty to be in uniform and in their vehicles to help with traffic control and crowd control. If something should arise during these events."

Williams said since the incident involving Blake happened outside of the Nation's jurisdiction, and nothing criminal happened as a result of the Osage Nation, the Tulsa District Attorney's office is handling the investigation.

Misuse of ONPD vehicles or equipment is not tolerated, Williams said.

"It is something I address continuously during departmental meetings, or call immediate supervisors and they disseminate that information on down to their troops," Williams said. "We want to set a standard ... we want to be perceived as one of the best law enforcement agencies out there."

Osage youth crowned 2015-2016 Denver March Princess

Tara Madden
Osage News

Makayla Sage thought it was going to be just another Denver March Powwow with her family. But as one of the largest powwows in the world came to a close, they read the bio of the next Denver March Princess and announced her name.

"She heard the bio and turned to me with a strange, bewildered look on her face," said her mother Laura Sage, Osage. "Then they announced her name as the new Denver March Powwow princess. Her sisters screamed and began to shed tears of joy. It was a moment I will never forget."

Makayla, 17, has been involved in dancing and the powwow culture since she was plumed as an infant during Cheyenne Labor Day Powwow, Sage said. Their Osage family belongs to the Zon-Zo-Li District and they participate in the yearly In-Lon-Schka dances as well.

She will graduate from Ponca City High School this month where she participates in track, softball, basketball, cheerleading and chorale.

The three-day Denver March Powwow, held in Denver, Colo., at the Denver Coliseum, started out as a weekly youth enrichment program but has turned into one of the largest powwows in the world. It brings more than a thousand dancers each year, more than 40 drum groups, more than 150 vendors, all from tribes across the United States, Canada and Mexico.

There are dance categories from "Golden Age" to "Tiny Tots" and winners receive a monetary award and embroidered jackets.

Prior to the announcement of her name at the close of the powwow, Makayla had no clue she had been chosen to be the next princess, a coveted spot by many teen dancers.

The powwow committee had approached her parents during the powwow and asked if they would accept on her behalf. Her mother wrote a short bio and kept it a secret.

"Ms. Sage has been attending [Denver March] since she danced in the junior category. She is an excellent student, actively participates in sports, and conducts herself in a respectful manner, both in the dance arena and everyday life," said Grace Gillette, powwow committee member. "The Denver March Powwow princess committee felt she would be a great ambassador for their next year's event."

According to Gillette, the powwow committee does not hold a pageant to select their princess, the Board of Directors makes nominations and vote. The key to selection is participation and they make discreet inquiries about their nominees regarding scholastic activities.

Makayla will be the Denver March ambassador and will attend as many powwows as she can to represent her new title. She may be asked to give presentations on culture and traditions and serve on panels on the same topics, Gillette said. She will also participate in American Indian dance performances and help judge pageants.

This is Makayla's first princess title and she is very excited to be wearing the crown and title. Her crown and Denver March Powwow Princess sash are fully beaded and match.

"My number one goal is to do my best and represent as best I can for the Denver March Powwow committee and to travel as much as possible so I can represent my title," Makayla said. "I want to make my parents and families proud, at the same time fulfill my goals as a young Native American lady and now as the Denver March Princess."

She is a member of the Osage, Comanche, Otoe-Missouria and Arapaho tribal nations.

She is the daughter of Louie and Laura Sage and has three sisters, Whitney, Catherine, and Rickielynn. Her grandparents are Oliver and Teresa Littlecook, Ronnie and Lillian Goodeagle and JoNeda Sage, the late Bill Sage and the late John Hopper Jr.

"It is such an honor for my daughter to have the opportunity to uphold and represent such a prestigious title. She is truly grateful as well as all our family members," Sage said. "She understands the responsibilities that it will take to be in this position, and we hope she gains and learns life lessons during her reign."

"We try to teach our daughters the best we know how and raise them with attributes that integrates both education and culture."



Courtesy Photo

Makayla Sage, shortly after she was crowned as the 2015-2016 Denver March Powwow Princess.



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Assistant Principal Chief Raymond Red Corn explains the farming methods the Nation is using at Bird Creek Farms.

Bird Creek Farms provides community gardens and organic produce

Shannon Shaw Duty
Osage News

Addie Roanhorse and her eight-year-old daughter Anya are thrilled about their small plot of land they recently acquired at Bird Creek Farms.

"It's awesome, it's exciting. I had thought about doing it [gardening] on my own but the land is already prepped and ready, already tilled. Being in that kind of 'beginning stage,' being part of that starting point of [Bird Creek Farms], I think that's really cool," Roanhorse said. "The grocery store locally, the produce is really sad and it turns green, and not a good green, as soon as you get it home. We're just not used to not having fresh veg-

etables and fruit, so to be able to grow it ourselves and have it here, is exciting."

Roanhorse, who previously lived in Claremore, Okla., said she received a 10x10 plot at Bird Creek Farms and plans to grow tomatoes, cucumbers, habanero peppers, cilantro and squash. Her cousin picked out a plot next to hers and will grow lettuce and other ingredients for salsa and salad. She said she has had a garden of her own in the past and it's very important to her to teach her daughter good eating habits and where her food comes from.

About 15 plots were available to community members this year and next year there's hope for more. In the past three months Americorps workers,

community members and various Osage Nation departments have been working on the land, clearing, tilling and prepping about 70 acres for community use. What began as an overgrown piece of property now has gravel roads, cleared fields for pecan and walnut picking, an arbor, farmable parcels of land, a perimeter fence and farming equipment.

Osage corn

Bird Creek Farms is the result of a 270-acre gift from the Lynn family in the early 1990s. Rediscovered by the Standing Bear administration in August of last year, it is located north

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“The Office of the Inspector General found the Osage Agency’s oil and gas management program fundamentally flawed ... in need of sweeping changes ... It found weaknesses in their oil and gas policies and procedures that guide critical activities affecting royalty payment, it also found their accounting and leasing activities inadequate ... agency staff conducts many activities manually,” Yates said. “Staying the same as before was not an option.”

The NRC was formed as a part of the Osage Trust Case settlement. It required a committee to formulate changes to 25 CFR Part 226 that governs the oil and gas drilling on the Osage Minerals Estate. The committee was made up of members from the Second Osage Minerals Council, BIA officials and officials from the Bureau of Land Management. The 155-page new rules were published online May 8.

Not all of the Second OMC voted to pass the new regulations.

In 2013, in eight public meetings, more than 500 comments from the public were taken into consideration while finalizing the rules, according to BIA director Mike Black who spoke to The Journal Record in May. Many of the small oil producers who drill in Osage County have claimed they think the new regulations are a punishment, retaliation against Osage shareholders for winning the Osage Trust Case.

“What really happened during the Negotiated Rule making process is that the Osage side of the committee introduced over 95 percent of the subjects and the proposed new regulations,” Crum said. “We wanted our oil and gas measured properly and royalties paid at or near the top of their fair market value. We also wanted them kept secure from internal or external theft before they are marketed.”

Producers who are against the new regulations have often complained about the following changes:

- Bonding requirement of \$5,000 per well, instead of per lease
- 120-day nonproduction lease termination policy
- Arduous accounting rules
- Expensive fees and penalties
- New valves required on tank batteries and record keeping systems
- Costly environmental assessment requirements

Crum said the bonding issue is to ensure a well is properly plugged after a producer leaves and the area is returned to a near pristine condition. In the past, wells were abandoned, left unplugged and the ground and area damaged. He said an adequately funded, well run oil company can apply for a surety bond from a bonding company for a yearly fee that is a small fraction of the bond total.

“The previous bond requirement had several flaws ... the \$5,000 dollar amount has been

in place for at least 30 years and would now barely cover the cost of even one well plugging and site reclamation,” he said.

The bonding issue does not affect the larger producers in Osage County because they are nationally bonded, Crum said.

He said the 120-day nonproduction policy gives producers more time to get a lease up and running again. According to the rule, a producer can request an unrestricted extension to show the BIA they are working in good faith. The old rule didn’t have a definite timeframe and the policy terminated a lease after one year of no production, no exceptions. However, in the past it could be five years before a lease was discovered nonproductive or abandoned. Currently, there are thousands of abandoned wells.

The new accounting and auditing rules follow the Office of Natural Resources Revenue and already apply to all Indian and federal lands other than the Osage, Crum said. The Osage agency has entered into an agreement with ONRR to be a subcontractor working for the BIA using ONRR computer capability and expertise, but applying BIA rules and regulations, Crum said.

“This added level of service was not part of the CFR changes, but will bring the Osage agency into the 21st century in their ability to account for and manage the Osage minerals business,” he said.

There are new commencement fees in the new regulations that were raised from \$300 to \$2,500. Those are applied to final damage payments to surface owners, he said, and only come into play when a producer and a surface owner are unable to come to an agreement on how to handle routes of entry onto their property and surface damages.

The new valves required on tank batteries are to prevent internal and external theft. The policy requires two sealed valves on lines that oil is measured and transferred when traveling from tank to tank.

“When the purchaser arrives, sometimes many days later, he will gauge the tank for volume and quality, break the seal on the sales line and remove oil, then place a new seal on the sales line. This is considered the point of sale and the purchasers measurements are what the producer and the Osage are paid on,” Crum said.

Prior to the new rule it was found that some oil purchasers stole oil regularly over many decades.

“We sued the BIA and collected a \$380 million dollar settlement largely because we were able to show that the BIA was not properly measuring, valuing and ensuring the security of our produced oil and gas,” Crum said. “To think the BIA would not be forced to make changes to both regulations and policies that allowed these deficiencies to occur is illogical.”

To read a copy of the changes to 25 CFR Part 226, visit:

http://static.osagenews.org.s3.amazonaws.com/cms_page_media/43/CFRs-Negotiated%20Rules_FINAL2015.pdf.

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Bear said. “I believe we need to find \$3 to \$5 million to invest in [ONES].”

The Southern Ute, who is currently worth more than \$4 billion, have more than 70 LLC companies in oil and gas, real estate, construction, and private equity under their company the Southern Ute Indian Tribe Growth Fund. The Growth Fund got its start in 2000, according to its website, and they invest in offshore drilling in the Gulf of Mexico, have more than 600 tribal employees working for their companies, which span 14 different states, and less than 3,000 tribal members enjoy a per cap off their business revenue.

The Southern Ute’s start in business was small, seven employees with \$8 million coming from a large settlement with the U.S. government. They hired the best in the business but always maintained tribal control and always have tribal management, Standing Bear said.

“They’ve made it a point from the very start to put the right people in the right places. In the realm of business they need experts to do their business and their governmental structure, they all sit at the table and discuss the issues,” Whitehorn said. “They have a Chairman and a council, but they’re not meeting and formulating plans separately, they’re doing it together. That was the most impressive thing to me, they are all moving forward at the same time.”

Whitehorn said the Southern Ute is a very different structured tribe than the Osage, in many ways. For instance, they are under the Reorganization Act and they follow a different set of Code of Federal Regulations for their coal bed methane operations. They follow 25 CFR 225; the Osage follow 25 CFR 226.

Although there are major differences between the Osage and the Southern Ute, she is in favor of moving the Osage Nation forward in producing oil and gas, and agrees with Standing Bear that the only entity within the Nation to possibly do that task is the ONES.

Standing Bear said the Southern Ute business model has two major components the Osage could use:

- Always keep tribal members in control, leaving all major decisions to be made by tribal leadership and then to a managing board. The five-member managing board carries out day-to-day activities.
- Hire the best people possible. The Southern Ute retains a former ExxonMobil executive with 30-plus years of experience but pays him \$250,000 per year with up to \$250,000 in bonuses. They also have petroleum geologists with 20-30 years experience on staff.

“It has nothing to do with headright shares, compacting, with taking away the powers of the Osage Minerals Council or the BIA, it is a tribal production and distribution company, we need to invest now,” Standing Bear said. “I can tell you that Southern Ute and Jicarilla were both a bit amazed we were not doing this and had not been doing this for years.”

Standing Bear said a Southern Ute company named Aka Energy Group, LLC, bid on a lease in the Osage a couple of months ago.

“It is a sign of the times that other tribes are developing our Osage Mineral Estate while we do not,” he said.

Regulatory

Standing Bear and Whitehorn said the Jicarilla Apache

ON Energy Services, LLC, hoping to form holding company and subsidiaries

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The Osage Nation Energy Services, LLC, recently told the Osage Minerals Council it wants to form a holding company and subsidiaries as it moves forward to produce oil and gas.

At a May 15 OMC meeting, ONES Chairwoman Jill Jones, made a presentation and spoke of the recent trip she took to the Southern Ute Indian Tribe’s business headquarters in Ignacio, Colo., with Principal Chief Geoffrey Standing Bear.

She said the trip “was definitely an eye opener, a good experience to see successful tribal companies.”

She said the ONES board is getting into the oil and gas business and she wanted to open communication with all the entities of the Nation. The OMC gets business proposals regularly and she said the ONES board would be happy to look at those.

ONES is looking for projects with federal contracts, Jones said. ONES board member, Chuck Hessert, said ONES is not limited to developing in just Osage County, they can go elsewhere to produce and there are more favorable areas.

“Everyone wants to stimulate oil production in the county and that’s what we’re all about,” said ONES board member Eddy Red Eagle, Jr.

ONES was formed three years ago and have only seen profits from the Enbridge Pipeline that passed through Osage County in 2013-2014, she said. The ONES don’t currently have any projects funded by the Nation but they are developing a strategic plan. They are planning a holding company and subsidiary LLCs for pipeline businesses, oil and gas, and chemical. She said they will also be doing an assessment of all potential leases in the Osage.

The five-member ONES board is made up of Jones, Hessert, Randy Standridge, Eddy Red Eagle and Anthony Webb. All have oil and gas experience in their related fields.

Jones has served in the petroleum industry for 24 years focusing on information technology; Hessert is retired from Conoco Phillips with 30-plus years of experience in project management and quality assurance; Standridge worked for Conoco Phillips for 31 years in procurement and warehousing operations for energy organizations; Red Eagle is retired from CITGO Petroleum Corporation where he held positions in finance, accounting and supply/product logistics; Webb has more than 20 years experience in the petroleum industry and currently runs the Grayhorse Gas Plant in Osage County.

The ONES meet every second Monday of the month at 4 p.m. in the Pawhuska Business Development Center.

model of oil and gas regulation is exemplary. The Jicarilla have developed a tribal code for themselves, Title 18 of the Jicarilla Apache, that mirrors their BIA regulations in 25 CFR 225. However, in specific areas they have tailored it to meet the needs of the Jicarilla and those areas have been approved by the BIA. The BIA also agreed that whenever there is a conflict between the two codes, Title 18 wins, Standing Bear said.

“[BIA Osage Agency] runs things like they own our property. Those tribes, they make it clear they are the owners of their own mineral estate. It’s their property and the BIA is here to serve them,” Standing Bear said. “They don’t need to compact, but they could and the BIA knows it, so they use compacting as something they could do but they say ‘let’s do this instead.’ And I’m con-

vinced this is a great model, a great model for regulation and Southern Ute is a great model from the production so we’re taking the best of both worlds.”

They have a governmental division that functions as a regulatory and compliance office of their oil and gas businesses. Whitehorn said when the tribe is doing a deal that needs BIA approval their divisional office does it and turns it in to the BIA and if it doesn’t get approval by a certain date they’re checking on it and asking questions.

“They’ve taken that BIA function and are doing it in their government, and do it just as good or better,” Whitehorn said. “To me that’s a very smart way to do business, because that division holds the BIA accountable for their actions and that’s a tribal function.”

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Pierce St. John Cemetery expansion complete

Shannon Shaw Duty

Osage News

William St. John has fulfilled his great-grandmother's wish: the Pierce St. John Cemetery has been expanded to its full one-acre capacity.

On Memorial Day, May 25, St. John addressed his family, friends, visitors and community members at the cemetery. Following his address, the Harold Bigheart Smalley American Legion Post 198 performed a gun salute to honor all the fallen veterans.

"This is it, what she envisioned. She never got to see it, just a little part of it, but this is what she sold to the government to allow everyone to be preserved here in case land gets sold in further generations," St. John said. "You can take pictures here but it doesn't really give a full effect unless you're standing here, seeing this."

In 1918, WWI veteran Pierce St. John and his wife Opal set aside one acre of their land for a cemetery, specifically for Native American veterans to be buried there. At the time Native American soldiers could not be buried in national cemeteries because Native Americans didn't become U.S. citizens until 1924.

Before her death, Opal sold the acre to the federal government so as not to lose the cemetery in case her descendants decided to sell the property. Her descendants didn't sell the property and many of them worked to keep the cemetery in good condition over the years. But it was only after William did some research did he find out the cemetery could expand to a full acre.

"I went to the BIA [Bureau of Indian Affairs] and asked for a copy of the [ordinance] and it was signed May 28, 1935," he said. "I took the ordinance to a company that surveyed this out. What you're seeing here is the exact one-acre she sold."

He raised funds to build a fence and included three new

entrances to the cemetery for better access as the cemetery expands. The cemetery is located southeast of Pawhuska just off the intersection of Highways 11 and 99. Prior to the expansion the cemetery was 40 feet by 50 feet and at full capacity with 54 burial plots. Now, St. John hopes there will be enough room to bury veterans for the next 50 years. The cemetery will turn 100 in 2018.

Dana Sellers, who is a great-granddaughter of Pierce St. John, was at the cemetery on Memorial Day with her family and said in her youth she and her brothers would help their father Carl Sellers take care of the cemetery by mowing and fencing off the property. Now that she's older and her father, mother and some of her brothers are buried in the cemetery, she's grateful the cemetery has been expanded.

"This cemetery means a lot to me and my family," she said, and when asked about the expansion she said, "This expansion is wonderful."

Visitors of the cemetery stopped St. John to speak about the history of the cemetery and how they had been coming to the cemetery on Memorial Day for decades and wanted to bring their children to see it, even though they did not have a relative buried there.

"People come every year, from all over. We used to have a State Representative come out every year and lay a wreath in front of the Doughboy," St. John said. "Everyone's welcome to come see and participate."

St. John gave a Pendleton blanket to Post 198 for their \$4,000 donation that helped make the expansion possible. He also gave Pendleton blankets to Kenny and Toby Bighorse for their donations. Many Bighorse veterans are buried in the cemetery as well.

"This is my Thank You for allowing this to happen," St. John said.



SHANNON SHAW DUTY/Osage News

William St. John, great-grandson of Pierce St. John, thanks the Harold Bigheart Smalley American Legion Post 198 on Memorial Day, May 25.



SHANNON SHAW DUTY/Osage News

William St. John gives Pendleton blankets to Kenny and Toby Bighorse for their contributions to the Pierce St. John Cemetery on Memorial Day, May 25.

ON Congress passes resolution for Constitutional amendment

Benny Polacca

Osage News

Osage voters will be asked to consider another constitutional amendment during the next election after the Fourth Osage Nation Congress passed a resolution proposing an amendment to the limitations the Nation's court system may impose.

The resolution (ONCR 15-04 sponsored by Congressional Speaker Maria Whitehorn) will put the question on the next election ballot. If passed, the Nation's tribal court system may issue punishments that are not greater than allowed by federal law.

Currently the 2006 Osage Constitution states the Nation cannot issue punishments that are longer than one year in jail, nor impose fines greater than \$5,000.

Whitehorn said her proposed constitutional amendment resolution will simply state the Nation cannot "require excessive bail, impose excessive fines, inflict cruel and unusual punishments, and in no event impose for conviction of any offense any penalty or punishment greater than allowed by federal law."

Congressman William "Kugee" Supernaw said he supports the amendment, adding he believes the amended Constitution will go with the changing times regarding court punishments.

Whitehorn noted the federal Tribal Law and Order Act

of 2010 allows tribes to issue harsher punishments, so the Nation should go along with federal law. She also noted the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) requires tribes to also be in compliance with the tribal law and order act, prompting the proposed constitutional amendment.

ONCR 15-04 passed with a

unanimous Congressional vote on April 15 during the Hunkah Session. The next general election will be held in June 2015.

Per the Constitution, a constitutional amendment up for voter consideration must receive 65 percent of the votes in favor of the adoption.

Resolution pocket vetoed for a new printed ON Constitution

Chief Standing Bear pocket vetoed a separate resolution (ONCR 15-14, Whitehorn) authorizing and directing the Attorney General's Office to produce a revised Osage Constitution that incorporated the three amendments passed by

Osage voters in the June 2014 election.

A revised Osage Constitution that includes the three voter-approved amendments (in resolutions ONCR 13-19, ONCR 13-20 and ONCR 13-22) has yet to be produced in print and online form. ONCR 15-14 passed unanimously on April 24.

ON Election Board considering revisions to election code

Benny Polacca

Osage News

The next general election will be held in June 2016, but the Osage Nation Election Board is using its interim time to review and propose changes to the election law and rules and regulations.

ON Election Board Chairwoman Shannon Lockett said the election law is being "tweaked" for improvements to the election process in wake of the 2014 election. "During every election cycle, we find there are things that need to be modified, added or deleted in order to make the process better," she said.

For example, the 2013 revision of the election code (ONCA 13-16) added a March primary election for Principal Chief and Assistant Principal Chief candidates if more than two candidates seek those offices. The 2014 election year is also the first time the Nation

used early voting held before the primary and general elections.

Any proposed revisions to the election code and rules and regulations are subject to approval by the ON Congress. Election officials say they plan to present any changes for consideration during the fall Tzi-Zho Session in September.

Thus far, two major suggestions posed to the Election Board include holding a primary election for Congressional candidates and whether candidates should be drug tested. In a December 2014 email to the executive and legislative branches regarding the election law revision possibilities, Lockett said the board would solicit input before developing any language changes to the law.

Regarding the possibility of a Congressional primary, Lockett writes: "The (Election) Board has heard from many voters (several that hold pub-

lic office) that this is desired. It would cause a significant increase in the election budget, but voters say it would help them make better choices by narrowing the field. There are a lot of details that would have to be well thought out in order to do this; such as a threshold of candidates before a Primary would be required and how much the field would be reduced."

On the issue of possibly drug testing candidates, Lockett wrote: "This seemed a bit drastic when first suggested to the Board. Then the question was posed, 'shouldn't our elected leaders be held to the same, if not higher, standard as our Nation's employees?' This issue also has lots of details that would have to be well thought out to implement."

Other changes being considered to the election code include disqualifying people from voting if they are banished by the ON tribal court system.

If approved, those banished from the Nation's jurisdiction by an Osage tribal court "shall be disqualified from voting for the term of their banishment," according to changes proposed thus far during recent Election Board meetings.

ON Assistant Attorney General Clint Patterson, who is the Election Board's legal counsel, said at least one person would be prohibited from voting after the man received a five-year banishment sentence for drug charges in 2013.

Also up for consideration are possible amendments to the election campaign finance law regarding candidate campaign contribution reports. Currently election candidates are required to file expense reports on the campaign contributions/ donations they receive while running for office and after the elections.

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TARA MADDEN/Osage News

Swearing in of Justin Mays and Jeanine Logan for the Osage Nation Gaming Enterprise Board and Lorraine Wilcox for the Osage Nation Gaming Commission on May 7, by Chief Trial Judge Marvin Stepson.

Standing Bear appoints three Osages to Gaming Commission and gaming board

Benny Polacca
Osage News

Changes to the Osage Nation Gaming Commission and Gaming Enterprise Board are now in effect following recent appointments by Principal Chief Geoffrey Standing Bear.

Jeanine Logan and Justin Mays are now serving on the five-person Gaming Enterprise Board as interim board members. Both were appointed as two member seats became vacant. Logan was serving on the Gaming Commission after being confirmed last September, but resigned her seat to serve on the gaming board.

Also, Standing Bear appointed Lorraine Wilcox to the three-person Gaming Commission to fill the vacancy after Logan resigned.

All three Osage interim appointees will be considered for confirmation by the Fourth ON Congress, which convenes for its next regular Tzi-Zho Session in September. The three appointees took their oaths of office at the ON tribal courthouse on May 7 in Pawhuska.

Gaming board chairman Mark Simms announced that Thomas Baconrind resigned his seat during the board's April meeting. Standing Bear

appointed Baconrind to the board in December 2014, but Baconrind resigned before he was to be considered for confirmation by the Fourth ON Congress during its spring Hun-Kah Session.

Standing Bear also appointed Mays to the gaming board to replace Ralph Haymond whose term expired this spring.

Logan is a former ON Supreme Court Associate Justice who served from 2006 until 2014. She is an Oklahoma City area attorney for the Social Security Administration's Office of Disability Adjudication and Review.

Mays, of Ponca City, has owned his automotive/ tire shop business for the past 15 years, according to his resume. He holds a vocational degree from the Arizona Automotive Institute and previously ran for the ON Congress.

Wilcox retired from the Osage Agency Bureau of Indian Affairs in December 2014 after 28 years of service, according to her resume. A graduate of the Tri-County Technical Center, Wilcox served in various BIA positions including as supervisory reality specialist.

The Tzi-Zho Session starts the day after Labor Day for a 24-day run.

ON Congress confirms 13 for board and commission posts

Osage News

The Fourth Osage Nation Congress confirmed 13 individuals for several ON boards and commissions during the 2015 Hun-Kah Session that ended April 27.

Principal Chief Geoffrey Standing Bear appointed the individuals to respective boards and commission posts, which are then subject to confirmation by the Congress during regular 24-day sessions. The appointments received initial consideration by the Congressional committees of jurisdiction before being considered by the entire Congress for a floor vote of confirmation.

The Congress confirmed the following individuals to the Nation's respective boards and commissions after receiving recommendations from the committees stating those people were qualified for the posts with no legal or ethical barriers:

- **Grayhorse Indian Village Five-Man Board:** Carol Kliesen and Mark Freeman IV. Both are reappointments.
- **Election Board (alternate members):** Anita Fields and Gary Weyl. Fields was reappointed for an alternate position and this is the first term for Weyl. Alternate Election Board members serve in case a sitting board member must recuse themselves due to circumstances that include conflicts of interest.
- **Gaming Commission:** Michael Kidder (initial term)
- **Health Authority Board:** Cecelia Tallchief will serve her first term on this board. Previously, Tallchief served on the now-defunct Health and Wellness Advisory Board during the administrations of Chiefs Jim Gray and John Red Eagle. She's also served on the Nation's Home Health Board.
- **Traditional Cultural Advisors Committee:** Charles Red Corn was reappointed to the board and Richard Luttrell will serve his initial term.
- **Foundation Board:** Julie O'Keefe and Alex Skibine were both reappointed to the board.
- **Osage Limited Liability Company Board:** Raymond Hankins and Phillip Morrow. This is the first-time board confirmations for both Hankins and Morrow.
- **Osage Nation Energy Services, LLC Board:** Charles Hessert is a reappointee for the ONES LLC board.

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At its May 19 meeting, the Election Board voted 3-0 to send a letter to the executive and legislative branch officials seeking input and suggestions on the topic of the campaign finance laws.

In other election news, the Election Board is soliciting Requests for Proposals (RFPs) for election services for the 2016 elections. The Election Board is responsible for selecting an outside election firm for providing election services, equipment and software to run the election voting processes in-person and for absentee voters.

RFPs will be accepted until end of business day on June 16 at the ON Purchasing Office. Interested firms should contact the ON Purchasing Office at (918) 287-5354 to request a copy of the detailed Request for Proposal.

Six ON Congressional seats will be up for grabs in the June 2016 election. Voters will also be considering at least one ballot question asking for a Constitutional amendment regarding the maximum penalties the Osage court system may impose on those found guilty of breaking Osage law (ONCR 15-04).

The Osage Nation Election Office can be reached at (918) 287-5286 or via email at electionoffice@osagenation-nsn.gov. The Election Office also has a Facebook page used for posting election-related updates and event notices.

The ON Election Office website is at www.osagenation-nsn.gov/what-we-do/elections.



TARA MADDEN/Osage News

Assistant Trial Court Judge Lisa B. Otipoby Herbert swore Greg E. Carpenter Jr. in May 4 as the Secretary of the Nation.

Greg Carpenter appointed as Secretary of the Osage Nation

Osage News

Osage Nation Tax Commission Director Greg Carpenter is serving as Secretary of the Osage Nation, per Principal Chief Geoffrey Standing Bear.

According to an April 13 executive order, Standing Bear issued the designation for Carpenter effective immediately. On May 4, Carpenter took his oath as secretary with presiding Associate Trial Court Judge Lisa Otipoby-Herbert at the ON tribal courthouse in Pawhuska.

The Secretary of the Nation post is established within the Executive Branch, according to Osage law. The designee is responsible for coordinating activities pertaining to business entity licensing, collecting license fees and maintaining a searchable database of licensed entities.

Also the secretary is responsible for monitoring and regulating the use and maintenance of the Nation's seal emblem. The Secretary is responsible for safekeeping all documents filed through the Secretary and the designee shall perform additional duties as delegated by the Principal Chief or prescribed by Osage law.

The Tax Commission collects business license fees from Osage-owned entities under the Nation's jurisdiction and also monitors usage of the Nation seal. Applications for using the Nation's seal and to apply for business licenses and business/ lodging tax purposes are available from the Tax Commission website at: www.osagenation-nsn.gov/what-we-do/tax-commission.

University of Arkansas student receives Udall Scholarship

Osage News

Osage tribal member Elise Clote is one of 48 students in the 2015 class of Udall Scholars.

Clote, of Glendale, Mo., was selected from 464 candidates nominated by 222 colleges and universities from around the country.

The Morris K. and Stewart L. Udall Scholarship Foundation awards 50 merit-based scholarships of up to \$5,000 and 50 honorable mentions to college sophomores and juniors who have demonstrated outstanding potential and a commitment to pursuing careers related to the environment or to pursuing careers related to tribal public policy or health care, according to a prepared release.

Clote is an honors junior agribusiness management and marketing major in Bumpers College. She currently serves as president of the Native American Student Association, an organization in which she has been active since freshman year, according to the release. Through her involvement with NASA, she has also helped coordinate Native American Impact Day, an event that brings prospective Native American students to visit the U of A. In addition she has volunteered with GroGreen and PRIDE on campus, and she is regularly involved with TriCycle Farms. Clote has also been an active volunteer at the Osage Nation Boys and Girls Club and at the Rosebud Reservation in South Dakota, according to the release.

Upon graduation, Clote plans to pursue a master's degree in agricultural economics or agricultural and extension education at the University of Arkansas. She ultimately plans to work for the Osage Nation by focusing on food security and food sovereignty through their Bird Creek Farms project, according to the release.

"I feel blessed to have been chosen for the Udall Scholarship," Clote said in a press release. "I am very excited to meet the rest of the Udall community in August during orientation. I am so thankful to the University of Arkansas nominating me for this honor."



Courtesy Photo

Elise Clote

Osage Nation Quarterly Report

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OSAGE NATION Combining Balance Sheets March 31, 2015

	General Fund	Special Revenue	Total
Assets			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	17,425,645	15,066,651	32,492,296
Investments	39,798,370	-	39,798,370
Interest receivable	188,553	-	188,553
Accounts receivable	31,568	196,841	228,409
Prepaid expenses	36,941	39,393	76,334
Due from other funds	-	657,060	657,060
Due from other governments	4,046,713	19,134,121	23,180,834
Due from related parties	-	-	-
Total Assets	\$ 61,527,790	\$ 35,094,066	\$ 96,621,856
Liabilities and fund balances			
Liabilities			
Accounts payable	137,534	164,053	301,587
Accrued payroll liabilities	127,874	-	127,874
Due to other funds	617,642	-	617,642
Other accrued liabilities	141,833	324,682	466,515
Deferred revenue	4,169,669	32,870,720	37,040,389
Total liabilities	\$ 5,194,552	\$ 33,359,455	\$ 38,554,007
Total fund balances	\$ 56,333,238	\$ 1,734,611	\$ 58,067,849
Total liabilities and fund balances	\$ 61,527,790	\$ 35,094,066	\$ 96,621,856

OSAGE NATION Combining Statements of Revenue, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance Six Month Ended March 31, 2015

	General Fund	Special Revenue	Total
Revenues			
Intergovernmental	2,987,101	8,172,769	11,159,870
Indirect cost recoveries	-	-	-
Investment revenue	269,823	39,704	309,527
Tobacco tax revenue	936,041	-	936,041
Program/Other revenue	1,985,087	66,415	2,051,502
Total revenues	\$ 6,178,052	\$ 8,278,888	\$ 14,456,940
Expenditures			
Wages & Fringe Benefits	8,884,586	3,715,811	12,600,397
Travel & Training	207,583	175,821	383,404
Contractual	1,856,750	34,034	1,890,784
Direct Services	6,875,742	1,690,450	8,566,192
Donations	382,072	-	382,072
Equipment	1,054,615	70,610	1,125,225
Capital Outlay	5,968,091	52,714	6,020,805
Repairs Maint/Occupancy	311,549	236,693	548,242
Roads Construction	-	1,536,223	1,536,223
Other expenses	1,445,983	419,591	1,865,574
Indirect Cost	1,719,606	839,858	2,559,464
Debt Service			
Principal	3,000,000	-	3,000,000
Interest	72,864	-	72,864
Total Expenditures	\$ 31,779,441	\$ 8,771,805	\$ 40,551,246
Revenues over (under) expenditures	\$ (25,601,389)	\$ (492,917)	\$ (26,094,306)
Other financing sources (uses)			
Transfers in/(out)	(2,845,213)	789,813	(2,055,400)
Distributions to LLC's	-	-	-
Gaming distributions	23,000,000	-	23,000,000
Total other financing sources (uses)	\$ 20,154,787	\$ 789,813	\$ 20,944,600
Net change in fund balances	\$ (5,446,602)	\$ 296,896	\$ (5,149,706)
Fund balances, beginning of year	61,779,840	1,437,715	63,217,555
Fund balances, end of year	\$ 56,333,238	\$ 1,734,611	\$ 58,067,849

OSAGE NATION Statement of Net Position March 31, 2015

	Proprietary
Assets	
Cash and Cash Equivalents	3,945,104
Accounts receivable	58,049
Prepaid expenses	40,330
Inventory	20,401
Due from other governments	-
Capital Assets, Net	9,910,725
Total Assets	\$13,974,609
Liabilities	
Accounts payable	26,443
Accrued payroll liabilities	35,687
Due to other funds	39,418
Other accrued liabilities	16,150
Deferred revenue	-
Total liabilities	\$ 117,698
Net Position	\$13,856,911

OSAGE NATION Statement of Activities Six Months Ended March 31, 2015

	Proprietary
Revenues	
Intergovernmental	39,206
Tax revenue	704,151
Investment revenue	21,434
Program/Other revenue	1,014,153
Total revenues	\$ 1,778,944
Expenditures	
Wages & Fringe Benefits	844,920
Travel & Training	14,532
Contractual	15,489
Direct Services	33,855
Repairs/Maint/Occupancy	100,749
Equipment/Capital Outlay	15,510
Other Expenses	541,055
Indirect Cost	229,602
Total Expenditures	\$ 1,795,712
Revenues over (under) expenditures	\$ (16,768)
Other financing sources (uses)	
Transfers in/(out)	2,055,400
Distributions to LLC	-
Gaming distributions	-
Total other financing sources (uses)	\$ 2,055,400
Net change in net position	\$ 2,038,632
Net Position, Beginning of year	11,818,279
Net Position, End of year	\$13,856,911



Courtesy Photo

Osage tribal member Addie Roanhorse and her eight-year-old daughter Anya hold up their plot number at Bird Creek Farms.

BIRD CREEK

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of Lynn Avenue and directly east of the Clarence Tinker Veterans Park along the bank of Bird Creek in Pawhuska. Currently, Assistant Principal Chief Raymond Red Corn is spearheading the project and can be seen working on the land or riding a tractor at Bird Creek Farms.

The "three sisters" have been planted, which consists of corn, beans and squash, and they're hoping to see the fruits of their labor in midsummer - but most of the crops will come up in the fall, Red Corn said. The first will be corn. If successful, it will be the largest cornfield of Osage corn since the 1920s.

"The earliest produce we'll see is Osage Corn, but we are using some pretty old seeds, the germination rate may not be the best. If we do get a good crop of Osage corn, one of the first things we hope to do is have activities," Red Corn said. "One of the first things we hope to do is teach any interested adults or children how Osages traditionally dried corn. We enjoy lots of corn soup at our feasts and events, but very few Osages living today know the corn drying process for corn today."

A wood splitter is on the way, for cutting seasoned wood for bereaved families, Osage dinners, district committees, and sweat lodge and Native American Church ceremonies. The wood will be palletized and free of charge.

One of the Americorps workers and volunteers, Osage tribal member Scottie Supernaw, said she enjoys working at Bird Creek Farms and her nine-year-old son Tanaka and his dogs sometimes join her on the property. Her son would like to fish on the property, since the property also has access to the banks of Bird Creek.

"In the beginning we had a lot of clearing and cleaning to do on the property, but now we're pulling the Johnson Grass out by the root so the crops can have room to grow. There are no pesticides used out there, everything's organic," she said. "When it's raining or too muddy we don't go out but if it's a nice day, we're usually out at Bird Creek Farms."

Organic produce

Red Corn said the current equipment they are using is surplus property from the Tribal Works Department, which includes a zero-turn radius mower and a tractor. They have also applied for numerous grants for green houses, farming equipment, and cover crop seeds and systems.

"We have used no pesticides out here at all. The fertilizers we are using are composted chicken manure and mushroom compost from Miami, Okla., mushroom farm," Red Corn said.

They are hoping to receive grant

funds for a BCS tractor, a versatile tractor that can till, shape beds, crimp mulch and perform other tasks needed for a market garden, Red Corn said.

For water they are currently tapping into the City of Pawhuska's main water line on the property and are irrigating their crops as needed. They plan to do that for the next two years. But they are applying for a USDA grant to purchase and install an irrigation system that will filter the water out of Bird Creek onto the premises. Red Corn said the reason why the water needs to be filtered is because efficient drip irrigation systems can't tolerate sediment or suspended organic matter in the water.

"Short term we will have some increased cost but we've done the math and long term, we're better off irrigating with city water for a couple of years and qualifying for a permanent irrigation system after that," Red Corn said.

Sustainability

If they are granted money for green houses they hope to plant greens, tomatoes, cucumbers and other mixed warm and cool weather crops.

He said with any piece of property or plan, there is going to be some trial and error. Knowing that, they have employed several individuals to give them free advice such as Steven Bond of the Intertribal Agricultural Council, Osage tribal members Henry Ben Harrison and Joe Hall. Bond and Hall brought their BCS tractors to help plant corn and they got a great amount of work done in a very small amount of time, he said.

They are doing their best to implement a system that has been proven by the Kerr Foundation in Poteau, Okla., which relies entirely on natural and organic methods for raising market crops, Red Corn said.

"Our long-term plans are not fixed, but our long-term possibilities are limited by our resources and the size of this piece of property. Properly developed, this piece of property offers a lot of possibilities for the Osage people. Including the provision of the significant amount of fresh food over time," Red Corn said. "We are right at the beginning and we are not going to feed the Osage Nation overnight, but, if we have a good plan and we take our time, and we work hard, this piece of property could become a very important asset to the Osage Nation."

For more information on Bird Creek Farms, volunteering or community gardens, contact Gail Boe at gboe@osagenation-nsn.gov or call (918) 287-5267.

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.

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Attorneys searching for Osage beneficiaries in Cobell settlement

Osage News

There are still Osage IIM account holders, Osage estates and deceased Osage individuals, attorneys are searching for and their families, as part of the \$3.4 billion Cobell trust fund settlement.

According to Indianz.com, attorney David Smith said there are more than 700 Osage tribal members considered whereabouts unknown or can't be located and are owed about \$9 million.

Nationwide, more than 30,000 settlement beneficiaries can't be found. For more information contact the law firm of Kilpatrick & Townsend at (866) 383-6554.

Below is the list of Osages whereabouts unknown, provided by IndianTrust.com:

ABRAHAM WHITE
ADDIE E WALKER ESTATE
ADDITION JUMP
ADELIA CONNER LADD
AENA M DANIEL ESTATE
AGNES BURNES ESTATE
AGNES D CARR ESTATE
AGNES F FRANCIS ESTATE
AGNES KING PITTS
AGNES L LOVELACE ESTATE
ALBERT DAVID ROY
ALBERT L MARTIN
ALEX REVARD ESTATE
ALEX TALLCHIEF HLU AH WAH KON TAH
ALEXIS J GELONEK ESTATE
ALFONSE P WIEHLE
ALFRED A PRYOR ESTATE
ALFRED HALL SR ESTATE
ALFRED MC KINLEY ESTATE
ALFRED OBERLY
ALFRED PRYOR
ALICE RED EAGLE
ALICE WADE ESTATE
ALLEN WEBB
ALLISON WEBB
ALMA J MAKER ESTATE
ALTON E VAN AERNAM ESTATE
ALVANITA F FIELDS ESTATE
ALVIN S BRADSHAW ESTATE
ALVIN TALLBEAR ESTATE
AMOS ALLEN
AMOS F SHADLOW
AMOS OSAGE ESTATE
AMOS TIGER ESTATE
AMY V WATERS ESTATE
ANDREW BACON RIND
ANDREW E RED CORN ESTATE
ANDREW H NUCKOLLS ESTATE
ANDREW TALLCHIEF
ANDREW TRUMBLY ESTATE
ANITA L WHITLATCH ESTATE
ANITA MILLER
ANNA B WILLIAMS ESTATE
ANNA KATHERINE ROBERTS
ANNA L DOWNING ESTATE
ANNA L MATHEWS ESTATE
ANNA LOUISE ELSBERRY ESTATE
ANNA OTHER ESTATE
ANNE L TAYRIEN
ANNE M THOMAS ESTATE
ANNIE DANIELS ESTATE
ANTHONY BERRYHILL ESTATE
ANTHONY C WARE ESTATE
ARCH D HARROLD ESTATE
ARCHIE LEWIS MASON ESTATE
ARTHUR H LESTOURGEON ESTATE
ARTHUR HUNTER ESTATE
ARTHUR R MURRAY ESTATE
AUDRA L SALINAS ESTATE
AUGUSTINE C WATTS ESTATE
B NO ONE
BARBARA A LEE ESTATE
BARBARA A MOUNT ESTATE
BARBARA B HOBART ESTATE
BARBARA BEAVERS ESTATE
BARBARA J MCKINLEY ESTATE
BARBARA J STANDINGBEAR ESTATE
BARBARA L SHADLOW ESTATE
BARBARA L TIMMONS
BARBARA L WALKER ESTATE
BARBARA WAHLELL MORSE
BARBRA C BURNS ESTATE
BARNEY B WILSON ESTATE
BARRY E CRABTREE ESTATE
BARRY O MOORE ESTATE
BEATRICE H FREEMONT
BEATRICE T BOREN ESTATE
BEATRICE W CHASE ESTATE
BEATRICE WHITEWING
BELLE BIGHEART ESTATE
BELLE M GILCREASE ESTATE
BEN HARRISON ESTATE
BEN J BURNETT ESTATE
BEN MASHUNKASHEY
BEN MASHUNKASHEY
BEN MASHUNKASHEY ESTATE
BENJAMIN F HARRISON ESTATE
BENJAMIN M LECLAIR ESTATE
BENNIE MASON SR ESTATE
BERNICE DEROIN
BERTHA BACON RIND
BERTHA L DUNCAN ESTATE
BERTHA MARIE BURNETT POULTON ESTATE
BERTHA WEBB
BERYL W CALLAHAN ESTATE
BESSIE ATCHISON ESTATE
BESSIE E LANE ESTATE
BESSIE HLA ME TSA HE
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Romaine Shackelford

Romaine Bernard Shackelford was born in San Diego, Calif., on Oct. 2, 1928. He is 87 years old.

He studied two years in college, worked for Phillips Petroleum where he worked in the computing department working with punch cards until he retired. He has five children with Ruth Hopper from Hominy and many grandchildren. His parents are Manuel Romaine Shackelford and Juanita Harrison, his grandparents are Ben Harrison and Minnie Harrison. He is from the Zon-Zo-li'n District from Hominy. He is a life member of Veterans Foreign Wars and a past member of Post 198. He is the last living member of the Osage Gourd Clan.

Osage News: What are some of the most important lessons you have learned in your life?

Romaine Shackelford: Not too many, I made several bad choices. I think probably the best thing that ever happened to me was getting shipped off to the Indian school in Wyandotte, then to Haskell Indian School in Kansas.

ON: What would you say are the major values or principles that you live by?

RS: I try to be honest and kind, to a fault.

ON: How has the Osage Nation evolved in your lifetime?

RS: Well, all the Indians died in my lifetime, there was a lot of full bloods; now they are all gone.

ON: Do you like the new government? What do you think the Osages of your youth would think about the new government?

RS: Yeah, I don't understand all the things they do but you have to trust them. The Osages from my youth probably wouldn't like it.

ON: What are the differences in the In-Lon-Schka today from when you were young? Do you like the changes?

RS: It's a lot bigger. When I started dancing, if they had 20 dancers then they had a lot of dancers. Now it is 200, they have a lot of dancers now but not too many good dancers. When I was young they had good dancers. You didn't invite the other districts to the dances, you told them when it was and they were to come but you didn't invite them.

ON: What District are you from, what is your Osage name and when did you start dancing at In-Lon-Schka?

RS: Hominy District, Zon-Zo-Li'n. La To Ma Sai means Iron Hawk, I started dancing at about 12 or 13.

ON: Who roached you for the In-Lon-Schka?

RS: Harry Redeagle

ON: What is your favorite thing about the In-Lon-Schka and why?

RS: It's tradition and I have always tried to support them, it's about all we have left, is that dance.

ON: What is your favorite Osage food?

RS: Hominy

ON: Who are your heroes?

RS: My granddad, Ben Harrison

ON: What are you most proud of?

RS: I lived to be 87, I guess.

ON: What is your earliest memory?

RS: I remember when I was four, just bits and pieces.

ON: Who or what did you love the most?

RS: I guess the In-Lon-Schka, I did it most for my kids.

ON: What was your favorite thing to do for fun (movies, beach, etc.)?

RS: I liked going to the movies but there wasn't as much to do when I was a kid, we had to find our entertainment outside.

ON: What was your favorite decade and why?

RS: 1940s, I was going to high school and went to the army and to college.

ON: What did you do in the Army?

RS: I was a medic for almost three years in World War II.

ON: What world events had the most impact on you?

RS: World War II

ON: What do you remember about World War II?

RS: It was an exciting time, everything was busy and exciting, the transportation was terrible but something was always going on.

ON: How would you like to be remembered?

RS: It don't really matter.

ON: What would you tell your 20-year-old self?

RS: Don't drink, that is for sure, it will give you problems.

ON: What do you like about art and being an artist?

RS: Well, I have always liked art, it always fascinated me and in my early 20's I decided to see what I could do. I went to a stationary store and didn't know what to buy so I bought a lot of stuff. I taught myself how to paint and then I taught myself how to be a sculptor. Private collectors have bought some of my stuff, so has the Gilcrease Museum and Southwestern Plains Museum. I did the layout for the Osage Seal. I did several sketches of it and the artist did the artwork for it, but he used one of my sketches, sometime in the 1950s.

ON: Do you remember when photos were allowed in the arbor?

RS: Yes, that was when they used flash bulbs and they would leave the glass on the ground and people stepped on it. And then they got out in the dancers way, trying to take a picture so it was stopped. I am sure people still do it but I don't have a problem with it.



Courtesy Photo

Romaine Shackelford and three of his sons. From L to R: Harrison, Anthony and Mike Shackelford.

Osage Elders

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Courtesy Photo

Romaine Shackelford with his sons Anthony, Mike and Harrison.



Courtesy Photo

Portrait of Romaine Shackelford at this home in Pawhuska.



Courtesy Photo

Romaine Shackelford and his son Harrison, with his grandson, Mason Shackelford.



Courtesy Photo

Romaine Shackelford and the late Reuben DeRoin make their way to the dance arbor at Hominy In-Lon-Schka.



Osage Ballet

RECITAL

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TOP: The youngest of the ballet students dance across the stage at Dance Maker Academy's first recital at the Constantine Theater in Pawhuska on May 29.

LEFT: Lilliana Guillen prepares to bow to an adoring public at the Constantine Theater in Pawhuska on May 29. Osage-owned Dance Maker Academy held its first recital for their students.








BOTTOM: Jenna Smith, Osage tribal member and owner/dance instructor for Dance Maker Academy, congratulates her students at their first recital held at the Constantine Theater on May 29 in Pawhuska.



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Native American graduating seniors of Woodland High School received Pendleton Blankets from Tammy and Richard Lux at the Woodland JOM graduation celebration held May 1 in Grayhorse.



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To Participate, You Must:

- **NOT** currently have chronic pain or take pain medications
- **NOT** have high blood pressure or take anti-hypertensive medications
- **NOT** take anti-depressant 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 two testing sessions (approximately 4-5½ hours/sessions). **\$200 compensation (\$100/day)** is provided. Depending on distance to/from the University of Tulsa, you may be eligible for mileage reimbursement.



Stepson, Redcorn, and Brock honored by ON Elders Nutrition program

Benny Polacca
Osage News

This year, the Osage Nation's Elder Nutrition Program recognized outgoing Osage Tribal Museum employees Kathryn Redcorn and Lou Brock as well as ON Trial Court Chief Judge Marvin Stepson for their participation in the senior meal program.

On May 15, the Elder Nutrition Program (previously titled Title IV/ Senior Services) held its annual Honor the Elders luncheon and selected Redcorn, Brock and Stepson as this year's honorees. Those three received personalized plaques from the Elder Nutrition employees.

Also that day, the elder and public attendees of the luncheon gathered in front of the Elder Nutrition building and released about 300 helium balloons into the sky as part of honoring the elders, like in previous years.

Brock and Stepson expressed their gratitude for the awards during the event. Redcorn was absent due to an Osage Minerals Council meeting that day. Redcorn retired this spring as Osage Tribal Museum director but continues to serve on the OMC after winning election in June 2014. She also served on the First OMC from 2006 to 2010.

Brock, who served as museum senior researcher and interim museum director following Redcorn's departure, also announced his retirement and his last day was May 19.

Stepson is serving his third term as Chief Trial Court Judge. The First ON Congress confirmed Stepson as judge after the reformed 2006 Osage government launched. He won the retention vote for judge in the 2010 and 2014 elections.

The Elder Nutrition Program holds the Honor the Elders event each May in accordance with Older Americans Month



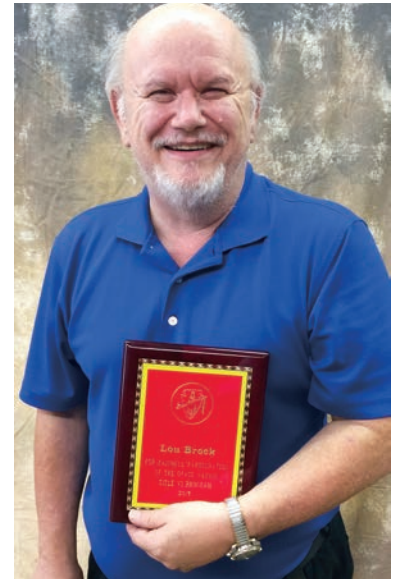
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The Osage Nation's Elder Nutrition Program honored Chief Trial Court Judge Marvin Stepson on May 15.



CHALENE TOEHAY/Osage News

The Osage Nation's Elder Nutrition Program honored Osage Minerals Councilwoman Kathryn Red Corn on May 15.



SHANNON SHAW DUTY/Osage News

The Osage Nation's Elder Nutrition Program honored former Osage Tribal Museum head researcher Lou Brock on May 15.

established by President John F. Kennedy in 1963.

According to the federal Administration for Community Living website: "Historically, Older Americans Month has been a time to acknowledge the contributions of past and current older persons to our country, in particular those who defended our country. Every President since Kennedy has issued a formal proclamation during or before the month of May asking that the entire na-

tion pay tribute in some way to older persons in their communities. Older Americans Month is celebrated across the country through ceremonies, events, fairs, and other such activities."

The ON Elders Nutrition Program cooks and distributes weekday lunch meals to elder Osages and Native Americans living in Osage County. The program also serves congregational meals to the public at its building located at 350 Senior

Dr. in the ON senior housing complex in Pawhuska. Suggested donation fees are collected for those who order congregate meals to-go or eat in-person.

For more information on the Elder Nutrition Program and meals, contact the office at (918) 287-5454 or visit the website for a printable lunch menu for the current month at www.osagenation-nsn.gov/what-we-do/elder-nutrition



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LEFT: Alissa Hamilton, Hominy High School student and member of the Zon-Zo-Li'n District, was crowned the 2015-2016 Osage Tribal Princess at this year's Osage Tribal Princess Sorority Honor Dance held at the Osage County Fairgrounds in Pawhuska on May 31. Katelynn Pipestem ends her reign and will be beginning her freshman year at Oklahoma State University in the fall.

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BELOW: Participants of all ages run, jog or walk during the May 30 Osage Nation Run for the Health of It 5K in Pawhuska, which is sponsored by the Communities of Excellence and health division. This year's participants included Cherise Lookout (center) and Elaine Hight (far right) while Ross Mashunkashey (left) helped patrol the run with other ON health division workers.



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Vietnam Veteran, Corporal John Henry Mashunkashey, was honored as Veteran of the Week by the Oklahoma Legislature on the House floor at the Oklahoma State Capitol on May 5.

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To Native American Farmers or Ranchers or the heir of one who was denied a USDA farm loan or loan servicing between 1981 and late 1999

Some funds paid in settlement of *Keepseagle v. Vilsack* remain unclaimed and will be distributed in accordance with a process established by the Court. The case claimed that USDA discriminated against Native Americans who applied for or tried to apply for farm loans or loan servicing. The Court seeks input from class members about how the remaining funds should be distributed. Of the \$680 million paid to settle the case, approximately \$380 million remains. The Settlement Agreement approved by the Court directs that unclaimed funds be given to non-profit organizations to serve Native American farmers and ranchers.

The deadline to file a claim has passed. **There is no new claims process.**

Who is included?

The Class *includes* all Native American farmers and ranchers who:

- Farmed or ranched or attempted to do so between January 1, 1981 and November 24, 1999;
- Tried to get a farm loan or loan servicing from the USDA during that period; and
- Complained about discrimination to the USDA either on their own or through a representative during the time period.

The class *does not include* individuals who:

- Experienced discrimination only between January 1 and November 23 1997; or
- Complained of discrimination only between July 1 and November 23, 1997.

Proposed use of the Funds

There are several competing options for how to distribute the funds.

First, Plaintiffs propose to modify the Settlement Agreement, subject to Court approval, to distribute the funds as follows:

- \$342 million distributed by a Trust, overseen by Native American leaders, to non-profit groups to serve Native farmers & ranchers over a 20 year period.
- \$38 million be distributed quickly to non-profit organizations serving Native farmers & ranchers, identified by Class Counsel and approved by the Court.

The Trust would make grants to organizations providing business assistance, agricultural education, technical support, or advocacy services to Native American farmers and ranchers, including those seeking to become farmers or ranchers, to support and promote their continued engagement in agriculture. The USDA has agreed with this proposal.

Second, Marilyn Keepseagle proposes to distribute all remaining funds as additional damages paid to successful Track A claimants alone. The USDA opposes this proposal.

Third, other class members have asked to use the funds to pay claims that were initially denied or to permit new claims to be filed.

Fourth, the Choctaw Nation has argued that no changes should be made.

How can I share my views?

If you want to tell the Court of your support of or opposition to any proposal for use of the remaining funds, you may submit written comments, postmarked no later than **June 15, 2015**, to:

Chambers of the Honorable Emmet G. Sullivan
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The Court will hold a hearing on **June 29, 2015** at **9:00 AM EDT** in Courtroom 24A at the address above. If you want to speak to the Court in person, you may attend the hearing. Your written comments will be considered by the Court even if you do not attend the hearing.

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Open Letter to Osage Shareholders

To the Osage Shareholders:

My name is Paul S. Revard. For those of you who don't know me personally; I am an Osage Shareholder and one of George E. Revard's seven children. You may remember my Father serving on the Osage Tribal Council twice, once starting in 1966 and then again in 1982. I am a third generation Osage County producer and have been operating in the county for the past 38 years. We have survived numerous obstacles during the past few decades but have not faced one as serious as what is before us today.

The oil and gas industry in the Osage is under an extreme regulatory attack initiated by the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA). The new requirements, initiated first by a change in the permitting procedure issued by the Osage Agency Superintendent, Robyn Phillips, created many unnecessary and expensive burdens operators must navigate before they can receive necessary permits to drill new wells and to work-over existing wells.

While hundreds of permits have been submitted to my knowledge, zero work-over permits have been issued since July 2014 and only a small number of new well permits have been issued in the same time period.

By making operations more and more difficult for our Osage producers, the BIA continues to fail in their trust responsibility to the Osage Shareholders. Every obstacle placed before a producer by the BIA just gives the producer another reason to leave Osage County and to venture elsewhere to produce oil and gas, thus creating royalty income for someone else, not the Osage Shareholders. Other nearby counties in Oklahoma and Kansas has similar oil and gas development opportunities with much less regulatory burdens.

On Monday May 11, 2015 the BIA published in the Federal Register, the new Code of Federal Regulations (CFR's) governing oil and gas operations in Osage County. The new CFR's are a result of the Negotiated Rule Making process of 2011 through 2012 and are a major departure from the current regulations. The BIA was supposed to create new rules, just for Osage County, Oklahoma production. Instead, they merely grabbed the rules already written by the BLM for an entirely different mineral estate. The BIA is expecting the stripper well production in Osage County to adhere to the same exact rules applied to wells producing hundreds and, in some cases, thousands of barrels of oil per day in other counties and states. The implementation of the new rules guarantees a negative impact on all of our Osage producers, large and small alike. These new regulations will not only discourage new investment funds required for new development, but will also take away funds currently budgeted for Osage County opportunities to maintain current production levels.

The new rules go into effect on July 10, 2015.

The immediate concerns promulgated by these new regulations include, but are not limited to:

- New Bonding amounts of \$5,000.00 per well (currently \$5,000.00 per lease), the State of Oklahoma only requires \$25,000.00 for as many wells as you have in the entire State. For most producers this will require an additional \$75,000 in bonding, money will not be spent on increasing production.
- 120 Day non-production lease termination (this used to be 1 year). With new policies at the Agency requiring a beetle survey for a permit, it's more likely than not that if a well goes down the lease will terminate before the producer can get a permit to work it over. No workover permit no lease. No lease no production, no production NO ROYALTY.
- ONRR Accounting is used on BLM leases. It is very complicated and the penalties for misreporting anything are very stiff and all mistakes are deemed intentional. The BIA still does not know if the producer will have to report on a per lease (as it is now) or on a per well basis as ONRR requires elsewhere.
- Commencement fee for permitting a new well has gone from \$300.00 a per well location to \$2,500.00. The commencement fee is paid to the surface owner regardless if the well is drilled or not. Again, an excessive burden on the producer that when coupled with the added expense of the new EA requirement (around \$10,000.00 each) will prevent producers from being able to permit several locations at a time and develop existing producing leases. Permits are an indicator of potential new activity. Any additional permitting burdens put on the producer inhibit their ability to develop new oil and gas production
- New valves that are capable of being sealed will be required to be installed on all existing tank batteries. These new valves will have to be sealed and a record kept of every time the valve is opened. The seals and records of the valves being opened will have to be kept for six (6) years. This will result in significant expense on the part of the producer. Again, less money dedicated to the actual production of oil and gas.

Our Osage Producers, which were completely excluded from participating in the Negotiated Rule Making process, are on the frontline of this situation and understand the magnitude of what is at stake for them. We, as Shareholders, actually have more at stake than the producer does. They can leave for any other county in the State of Oklahoma or elsewhere, it's the Osage Mineral Estate that is actually being devastated the most by these new rules and regulations.

The Osage Producers Association intends to fight the implementation of the new CFR's and in doing so are also fighting for all of us Shareholders who stand to lose the most from decreasing oil and gas activity within the Osage Mineral Estate which our ancestors paid dearly for and passed along to us to preserve for future generations.

We as Shareholders know well what it means to take on the Department of Interior. The Osage Producers Association will need our help. I am asking you, as a Shareholder, to join me in assisting our producers in their fight to save our Mineral Estate from this sad end.

If you should have any questions in this regard, please contact Tina Cox by calling her at (918) 865-8027 or email her at bugcreekbeauty@gmail.com. Tina is also an Osage Shareholder and an Osage County producer who understands our plight; she has volunteered to assist us in answering any questions you may have; in the event your questions or concerns are beyond her scope of knowledge, she will direct you to someone else who can provide additional information.

I am requesting that you please join me in making a contribution to the Osage Producers Association's legal defense fund today. This is a 501(c) (3) non-profit organization. Please make your check payable to the "Osage Defense Fund" and mail the contribution to the following address:

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Sincerely,

Paul S. Revard

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Securities Act, Common Law Fraud, Constructive Fraud, Conspiracy to Defraud the Osage LLC Board of Directors and the Osage Nation, Negligent Misrepresentation and Breach of Fiduciary Duty.

The lawsuit asks for monetary damages in excess of \$75,000, plus attorney's fees, for each of the four claims.

According to the lawsuit, in 2010 the Osage Nation Congress appropriated \$7.5 million to the Osage LLC to fund various economic development projects. The focus of the lawsuit is an investment in a Delaware-based company named New Market Technology Fund I, that resulted in the purchase of five units of stock at \$50,000 a piece for a total of \$250,000 on June 17, 2010. On August 31, 2010, an additional 15 units of stock were purchased for a total of \$750,000 from TeraDact Solutions, LLC. The units are considered "securities" in Oklahoma law. In a separate transaction, Petre requested the Osage LLC's bank, Bank of Oklahoma, wire \$26,666.67 to Red Eagle Feather Distributing in addition to the \$750,000. Red Corn and Brown acted as consultants for the transaction, according to the lawsuit.

On July 27, 2010, just 30 days after the Osage LLC's first purchase of the stock, New Market Technology Fund I completed a "recapitalization," where the former owners of the company redeemed their stock in exchange for a monetary payment from the company. The recapitalization involved purchasing "the remaining founder's stock" in TeraDact Solutions.

The lawsuit alleges the \$250,000 that was paid to New Market Technology Fund I was

transferred to TeraDact Solutions and the money was given to certain employees, consultants, directors and "certain creditors" of "the Company."

In the Osage LLC's annual report in 2010, to its board of directors and the Osage Congress, Leese reported that Osage LLC held a \$1 million "equity position" in TeraDact. But in TeraDact's financial statements, TeraDact spent \$500,000 during the 2010 calendar year and ended with less than \$8,000 in the bank. However, the company posted a loss of \$573,255.91 on income of \$47,100.00, according to the lawsuit. By the end of the 2011 calendar year, TeraDact posted a loss of \$634,859.45 on income of \$47,100.00, "the identical amount of income shown for 2010."

"OLLC's million-dollar funding of TeraDact via NewMarket-I went straight into the pockets of TeraDact's 'founders' rather [than] into the coffers of TeraDact to fund that company's research and development, operations, or other budget requirements," according to the lawsuit.

The company's performance worsened in 2012 and the name of the company changed numerous times. No profit was ever made from the purchase of the stock and the "OLLC reasonably fears that units purchased in 2010 eventually may prove to be completely worthless," according to the lawsuit. According to Osage LLC records as of April 2014, it showed the owner of the stock as actually Carol Leese, and not the Osage LLC.

The lawsuit alleges that since Leese failed to report the loss in value of the investment of the stock to either the Osage LLC board or Congress, he and the parties named in the lawsuit acted in their own self interest, worked in concert to

actively conspire and fool the Osage Nation and personally profited from the transactions.

"The New Market Units [stock] were sold to OLLC by means of untrue statements of one or more material facts and by one or more material omissions ... The Board did not know of the untruths and omissions and, in the exercise of reasonable care, could not have known of the untruths and omissions," according to the lawsuit.

Defendants

Leese is the former CEO of the Osage LLC and resigned March 31, 2014. During his tenure the Osage Nation Congress appropriated more than \$18 million to the Osage LLC. Leese is believed to be currently working for a tribal nation in Wisconsin, according to the lawsuit. Leese was the CEO for the LLC since its inception in April of 2008.

Petre is the former Chief Financial Officer for the Osage LLC and resigned in August of 2013. Petre resides in Tulsa, according to the lawsuit.

Red Corn is the owner of Red Eagle Feather Distributing, LLC, and served as a consultant for the transaction, along with Betsy Brown, an attorney who works with Red Corn, according to the lawsuit. In one of the exhibits is an email from Brown to Leese detailing the "rosy future" of TeraDact Solutions, citing interest in the company from entities such as Counter Terrorism and Homeland Security, the NSA, the Joint Special Operations Command, LexisNexis, Microsoft Office group, and a bevy of high profile clientele.

Christopher Schricte and Howard Hill are managing partners, executive officers, or directors for the New Market Group entities, according to the lawsuit.



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Primaries

- Λ awe sound as in the word, awesome
- ∩ long e sound as in the word, sleep
- ∅ short e sound as in the word, egg
- ∅ long o sound as in the word, oh
- U long oo sound as in the word, boot
- λ short u sound as in the word, buh
- ^ nasal sound
- Δ blend of Λ and ∩
- ∅ blend of O and ∩
- ∅ blend of ∅ and ∩
- ∅ blend of ∅ and ∩

Modifiers

- ∅ similar to the X sound, but guttural
- ∅ English S
- ∅ English H
- ∅ English W
- ∅ English L
- ∅ English M
- ∅ English N
- ∅ English Z
- ∅ Between the P and B
- ∅ Between the K and G
- ∅ Between the D and T
- ∅ blend of T and H as in the word these
- ∅ blend of S and H as in the word ship
- ∅ blend of C and H as in the word chip
- ∅ blend of Z and H as in the word treasure
- ∅ blend of T and S together as in the word cats
- ∅ blend of the P and r
- ∅ blend of K and Y
- ∅ blend of H and Y

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OSAGE CULTURE

Wa Nah Zhi, The Whip Man

Charles Red Corn
Osage News

Among the ancient teachings and abundant wisdoms those ancient Osages have handed down to Osages of today there is found concept of Order. Without Order there is confusion, the Old Ones have told us. In today's world there is nowhere a more clear and living definition of order exists than at In-Lon-Schka.

It was well over a century ago the Ponca and Kaw people gave to the Osage People the three In-Lon-Schka Drums. Those three Drums have experienced much that is good and positive in mankind.

There are rules and procedures that are a part of the Dance. The Drum came at a time when Osages were putting aside much of traditions that had evolved over the centuries; not because they did not want to continue them, there was simply no way in that period could the animals and other parts of nature be obtained, and they did not want to perform anything less than the true ceremony.

The Committee is formed by the family of a new Drumkeeper, who select a Head Committeeman. He and the family of the new Drumkeeper select Elders to advise the Committee that includes several Dancers, gifted men and women Singers who are keeping the music alive for future generations, and a Town Crier to inform the People of what is happening and to aid those who wish to call out information to those present.

The Committee also has Cooks to prepare traditional foods and Fire Men to create the fire that will cook the food, and that Fire is sacred, the Old People have told us. Also, there are Water Boys to keep the Dancers supplied with drinking water.

Each of the three Drums have four Tail Dancers, each of them are there to assure that each and every song will end in a perfect way.

For each of the three Committees there is a Whip Man. It is the Whip Man's responsibility to maintain Order, and each Whip Man carries a whip as a symbol of his authority.

When Dancers enter the Dance Arbor there is a Whip Man there to greet him. Many Dancers will enter the Dance Arbor as a Committee, or as a smaller family group, or as individual Dancers, or as visiting Dancers from other tribes.

When the Whip Man has greeted the Dancers he will then walk them to benches that are their assigned seating.

When something is not right under the arbor the Head Committeeman will ask the Whip Man to make the situation right.

If, say, a Dancer should drop an Eagle Feather to the ground that is the



Charles Red Corn

Dance Arbor floor, the Dancer will not pick up the Feather. Rather, the Dancer will return to his seat and wait until the song has ended. Then, the Whip Man will return the Feather to the Dancer.

Many years ago during the evening dance under the Pawhuska arbor a photographer set up bright lights and was starting to take pictures of the Dancers. At the direction of the Head Committeeman the Whip Man asked the photographer to remove himself from the Dance Ground, and it all played out in an orderly manner. That is what the Old People meant by Order. The Drumkeeper created a ban on cameras during that time.

Over the years the number of the People who take part in In-Lon-Schka have increased, and the procedures and rules of In-Lon-Schka that are bedded deep in the ancient past have made that growth possible. It is an example of how rules and procedures that were laid down verbally can endure, when the People believe in those who created the rules.

In today's world and during the dance, with the Drum getting stronger, the Women and Men voices singing those ancient songs, with bells ringing in unison, knowing your ancestors are watching, it is quite an experience. I have no doubt that taking part in In-Lon-Schka has aided People to find a deeper sense of meaning for their lives.

Those Old Osages knew what they were doing.

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

Osage medical student receives University of Missouri scholarships

Osage News

Osage tribal member Joseph McGreevy received the Lillie Graham Medical Scholarship and the Medical General Scholarship from the University of Missouri School of Medicine. Both awards will cover his tuition.

McGreevy is pursuing his Doctor of Medicine at MU.

"I would like to thank Dr. Costigan for financing the scholarship as well as the faculty of the MU Office of Medical Education for recognizing my hard work and selecting me for these scholarships," McGreevy said in a prepared release. "I plan to 'pay it forward' to the next generation by someday helping to finance the education of students in similar situations and provide them with some of the same opportunities I was given."

McGreevy conducts research on gene therapy for Duchenne muscular dystrophy and has published articles in academic journals including



Joseph McGreevy

Disease Models and Mechanisms and Reviews in Nanoscience and Nanotechnology, according to the release. In the Columbia community, he participates in the MU Senior Teacher Educator Partnership (STEP) program, which pairs medical students with senior citizens in the Columbia community who volunteer to help teach medical students about the needs of older patients.

He said he wants young Osage people interested in

medicine but may not know how to go about getting into this career (it can be an intimidating process). I'd really like to be able to help those people out as sort of an "adviser", giving them guidance into what they should be/need to be doing in order to get accepted into medical school and become a doctor. If it's possible, could you add a few statements in the news release about me offering this sort of guidance to young students and giving them a way to contact me? I'd be fine with publishing my email (jwm3m8@health.missouri.edu) in the article so that people would have a way to contact me. I just want to help members of the nation and to see the nation as a whole flourish; I feel like this is my opportunity to do that. Also if you have any other suggestions in this regard I'm open to hear them.

Joseph McGreevy is the son of Michael and Denise McGreevy of Brookline Station, Mo.

Osage youth wins nationwide essay contest

Shannon Shaw Duty

Osage News

Eden Knapp, an Osage fifth-grader from Austin, Texas, won the nationwide Ben Carson Scholars Essay Contest and received a \$1,000 scholarship to go toward her college education.



Courtesy Photo

Eden Knapp, 10-year-old Osage fifth-grader from Austin, Texas, who won the Ben Carson Scholars Essay Contest.

Nominated by her 5th grade teacher at Mathews Elementary School, the essay question was to write about a book that had meaningful impact on her life and changed it for the better.

She wrote about the Warriors book series by Erin Hunter. She said the series helped her transition to a new school and new city. The Warrior series is about cats who live in the wild in four different clans and work out a way to live together peacefully. She states in her essay "that it is important to find the right clan that accepts you for you" and because of these books, she has a "clan of wonderful friends."

"Receiving this award is exciting because you feel like you achieved something big and it gives you pride," Eden said.

She attended the Carson Scholars awards banquet on April 19 in Baltimore, Md.

Active in her community, she created the organization Animal Cruelty Prevention, which aims to protect animals and reduce incidences of animal cruelty. She participated in the 30th annual Keep Austin Beautiful Clean Sweep by picking up trash in and around Lady Bird Lake. She also collected cans and coats for the Capital Area Food Bank of Austin and on Halloween she

went "trick or canning" to collect cans for boxes to donate.

According to an Austin Independent School District posting, Mathews Elementary Principal Grace Brewster said Eden is a go-getter and is "always willing to go the extra mile."

A member of the Osage Nation, Eden is part of the district's American Indian Education Program.

"As grandparents, we are very proud of Eden for over-

coming this hurdle of being bullied that is so prevalent among youth of today and hope that sharing this essay will help other children to realize their own strengths," said her grandmother, Frankie Parsons.

She is the daughter of Troy and Linda of Austin, Texas, and a big sister to Noah, 8. She is the granddaughter of Tom

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Remembering Louis Burns' book 'Turn of the Wheel'

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Louis F. Burns was a member of the Osage Mottled Eagle clan. He was born in 1920, and died in 2012 in Pawhuska. Burns was the author of several books dealing with Osage tribal history and other topics. Carole Bennett and Marilee Camblin, his cousins, recently contacted Louis's son Keith to renew interest in a particular book his father wrote 35 years ago: "Turn of the Wheel, a Genealogy of the Burns and Tinker Families."

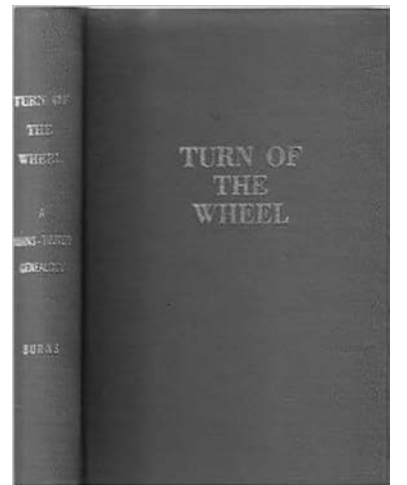
In the 1970's, after Alex Haley's book "Roots" became the basis for a popular television series, many people began to investigate past generations of their families. Louis expanded his knowledge of the Osages to focus on his own roots, researching and interviewing extensively to find out details about his family tree. "Turn of the Wheel" was the result. It presents a mix of information as overview of American frontier history, family ancestry lists, and personal anecdotes.

The original version of "Wheel" comprises 400 pages, about half of which are genealogy lists of names and known birth/death dates for several families. The book tracks twelve generations of the Tinker family alone. In addition to the Tinker records, prominent group listings cover the Burns ancestry, as well as the Roy, Lessert, Revard, Ferrier, Meek, Harness and several other families.

After its completion in 1980, Burns distributed the book to family, friends and various libraries and learning centers. Although several of his other books are for sale, "Wheel" has been generally unavailable for some time, and many Burns-Tinker descendants continue to search for copies. Younger people named in "Wheel" now want the book for their children and grandchildren. A copy of the original "Turn of the Wheel" is available at the Osage Tribal Museum for those wishing to review its contents or look for particular names.

Now, Keith Burns is working with his cousins to have the book reprinted so that additional copies will be available soon for purchase. Persons familiar with or related to the lineages indexed in "Wheel" are those most likely to want to own a copy. "Wheel" is also available at Clifton's Art and Jewelry store on Main Street in Pawhuska.

The Osage County Historical Museum will sell the reprinted book when it becomes available. The museum expects it by late summer, anyone wanting to preorder a copy can stop by or contact them at (918) 287-9119.



Turn of the Wheel



Shane Ekman

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Shane Ekman who graduated from the United States Marines Academy in Camp Pendleton, California. He is currently with the 2nd Platoon Infantry Kilo Company in Iraq.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to John Dane Ekman who graduated from the United States Air Force Academy on May 28. He is a candidate for the degree of Political Science and a commission as a Second Lieutenant in the United States Air Force Academy in Colorado.

Congratulations!

Jeffrey W. Good, a member of the Osage Nation, was promoted to Captain in the United States Coast Guard on May 22nd, 2015 at the National Ar-



John Dane Ekman

Congratulations!

chives in Washington D.C. He is a graduate of Eunice High School class of 1989, and the son of Bill Good and the late Mina K. Ferguson (Good).

On May 13-14th Thomas Trumbly participated in the Oklahoma Special Olympics in Stillwater, Okla., at Oklahoma State University. Thomas is a State Champion by winning a Gold Medal in the 50-yard dash and 4th place in the long jump. He is the son of Thomas and Anna Trumbly from Pawhuska, Okla.

Thank You!

Thank you for your generous contribution to my higher education. It has helped a tremendous amount and I was able to achieve my Bachelor's degree in Finance at the University



Jeffrey W. Good

of Houston with high honors. I was able to concentrate more on my studies and your financial generosity helped me achieve my ultimate goal. So again, I would like to say Thank You and convey my heartfelt thanks to the Osage Nation. —Kelsey Harrold, BBA Finance-University of Houston.

Congratulations!

Samantha Voisan will graduate Magna Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Arts in communicative disorders from California State University, Fullerton on May 17. She is a member of the University Honors Program and National Student Speech Language Hearing Association. During college, she was a volunteer at Casa Colina Hospital as well as St. Jude Rehabilitation Cen-



Thomas Trumbly

ter, helping individuals with speech and language difficulties. Samantha's senior honors project assesses the efficacy of neuromuscular electrical stimulation to treat swallowing disorders in infants and she is passionate about continuing this research in graduate school. This fall, Samantha will attend Loma Linda University to pursue a master of Science in Speech-Language Pathology. Samantha and her family want to thank the Osage Nation for their scholarship support during the past four years.

Congratulations!

Thirteen-year-old Amos Satepauhoodle, seventh grade, won first place in the individual category in Hominy Middle School's talent contest last week. He sang a hand drum song titled, "It's Been Days."

Congratulations!

Proud parents O.J. and Caron Littlecook of Skiatook, Okla., would like to announce the birth of their daughter Shaylynn Jae Littlecook. Shaylynn was born at 6:58 a.m. on May 5, at the Peggy V. Helmerich Women's Health Center at Hillcrest Medical Center in Tulsa, Okla. Shaylynn weighed 6 lbs. 6 oz. and was 19 1/4 inches long. Shaylynn joins her brothers and sisters Wesley, Cody, Olivia and Cedar. Shaylynn is the granddaughter of Oliver and Theresa Littlecook and Wayne and Christie Blalock. She is the great-granddaughter of Irene Lazelle.

Congratulations!

Dillon Paul Bowers, Osage, of Verdigris, OK has been named valedictorian of his 2015 graduating class. He is a member of the National Honor Society and has been accepted



Amos Satepauhoodle



Shaylynn Jae Littlecook



Samantha Voisan

to Oklahoma State University in the fall.

He is a member of the First United Methodist Church in Claremore and has been active in Boy Scouts, achieving the distinctive rank of Eagle Scout.

Dillon is the son of Charles and Julie Boone Bowers of Verdigris, Okla., and the grandson of Danny and Linda Boone of Pawhuska, and Dwight and Mary Bowers of Fairview, Okla.

Congratulations!

Wattie Wildcat graduated from Rogers State University with his bachelor's degree in Fine Arts. His Senior Capstone Project was recently featured at the Foundation's Gallery in Bartlesville. His family wants to congratulate him on all his hard work and they are immensely proud of him. They wish him well in all his future endeavors.

Congratulations!

Jennifer "Katie" Yates graduated from Oklahoma State University in December 2014 with her B.S. in Multidisciplinary Studies. She is the daughter of Andrew Yates and Lisa BigEagle. We want to wish our daughter well in her future endeavors and we are very proud of her academic achievements.



Dillon Paul Bowers



Jennifer "Katie" Yates



Wattie Wildcat

Save the Date!

—Local Events Calendar

JUNE

June 4 – 7

Grayhorse
In-Lon-Schka Dances

June 11 – 14

Hominy
In-Lon-Schka Dances

June 25 – 28

Pawhuska
In-Lon-Schka Dances

June 29 – July 10

Osage Nation
Foundation – Dance Camp
Dance Maker Performing
Arts Academy
400 Palmer Avenue
Pawhuska, Oklahoma
Deadline is June 22
For more information
contact www.osagefoundation.org

JULY

July 3

Independence Day –
Observed Holiday
Offices Closed

July 8 – 12

ON foundation Youth Mad
Science STEM Camp
Science, Technology,
Engineering, Math
Pawhuska Youth Academy
Pawhuska, Oklahoma
For more information
contact www.osagefoundation.org

July 9 – 12

2015 National Native
Media Conference
Hyatt Regency
Crystal City
Washington, D.C.
For more information
visit www.naja.com

July 13 – 15

ON foundation Youth Mad
Science STEM Camp
Science, Technology,
Engineering, Math
Fairfax Youth Academy
Fairfax, Oklahoma
For more information
contact www.osagefoundation.org

ON foundation Youth Mad
Science STEM Camp

Science, Technology,
Engineering, Math
Hominy Youth Academy
Hominy Oklahoma
For more information
contact www.osagefoundation.org

July 20 – 24

Osage Nation
Foundation – Photography
Camp
Pawhuska Youth Academy
220 West 15th St.
Pawhuska, Oklahoma
For more information
contact www.osagefoundation.org

July 27-28

Osage Nation Founda-
tion - Golf Camp
First Tee of Tulsa
Mohawk Golf Course
5223 E. 41st St. North
Tulsa, Oklahoma
For more informa-
tion contact www.osagefoundation.org

July 29-30

5th Annual Dhegiha
Conference
Downstream Casino
Resort
1-888-396-7876
Quapaw, Okla.
[dhegihalanguage@
yahoo.com](mailto:dhegihalanguage@yahoo.com)

AUGUST

August 5 – 8

84th Annual American
Indian Exposition
Caddo County
Fairgrounds
Anadarko, Oklahoma

August 7-9

Kaw Nation Powwow
Kaw Nation Powwow
Grounds
12613 E. Ferguson Ave.

SEPTEMBER

September 7

Labor Day –
Observed Holiday
Offices Closed

September 26

Northern California
Osage Meeting
Petaluma Community
Center

Petaluma, California

For more information
contact [osages@north-
erncaliforniaosage.org](mailto:osages@north-
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OCTOBER

October 12

Osage Day –
Observed Holiday
Offices Closed

NOVEMBER

November 11

Veterans Day –
Observed Holiday
Offices Closed

November 26 – 27

Thanksgiving –
Observed Holiday
Offices Closed

DECEMBER

December 24 - 25 –
Observed Holiday

Christmas Holiday
Offices Closed

Have an event? Send event information to the *Osage News*, Attn.: Shannon Shaw, 619 Kihkah, Pawhuska, OK 74056; email sshaw@osagenews.org, or fax to (918) 287-5563. Make sure to include event date, location, email and Web address (if applicable) and a phone number where someone can be contacted for validation if necessary. Deadline for the July 2015 issue is June 18, 2015.

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and Frankie Parsons of Comfort, Texas.

Retired world-renowned Johns Hopkins Pediatric Neurosurgeon Dr. Benjamin S. Carson, M.D. and his wife, Candy, founded the Carson Scholars Fund, Inc., in 1994 to

address the declining education standards in the United States. Carson Scholarships are given to students grades 4-11 who exemplify academic excellence and humanitarian qualities.

To learn more about the Carson Scholars Fund, visit: <http://carsonscholars.org>.

Randall Brent Kidder

Randall Brent Kidder, 57, passed away Friday, May 8, 2015 in the St. John Medical Center, Tulsa.

Randy was born October 6, 1957 in Cushing, Oklahoma, the son of Dennis and Virginia Lee (Shelly) Kidder. He attended school in Pawhuska, graduating with the Pawhuska High School Class of 1975. Randy later graduated from Rogers State University with a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology. He was a long-time drug counselor for the Osage Tribe.

In his spare time, Randy enjoyed hunting, fishing, gardening, gambling, teaching, exercising and playing fantasy football. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Pawhuska, the Native American Church and the local chapter of AA.

Surviving are: his brother, Dennis Kidder; two sisters, Judith Gale Kidder and Charlotte Kidder; his nieces and nephews, Michael Mashburn, Lisa Luis, Eric and Ty Rainey, Michael, Gregory, Jeffry, Ben and Joe Kidder; along with a multitude of friends who will miss their friend and mentor. Randy was preceded in death by his parents, Dennis and Virginia Kidder.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday, May 12, 9:30AM, at the Indian Camp Chapel, Pawhuska. Johnny Redeagle and Eddie Redeagle will officiate. Interment will be in the Pawhuska City Cemetery.

McCartney's Johnson Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Mike McInroy Sr.

Michael J. McInroy Sr., age 71 and longtime resident of Fairfax, went to be with his Lord surrounded by family on Friday, May 8, 2015 after a short struggle with cancer.

Mike was born October 20, 1943 in Cheyenne, Wyoming, the son of Jackie Newton McInroy and Elizabeth Marie Bates Myers. He was a 1963 graduate of Fairfax High School and attended Northern Oklahoma College in Tonkawa. He was married to Sandra Newport on August 11, 1986 in Winfield, Kansas. Mike was employed as a heavy equipment operator for Osage County for many years.



Mike McInroy Sr

He was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church of Fairfax. His enjoyments included spending time with his grandsons, OSU football, watching golf, watching the Big Bang Theory, Wine and Roses and westerns.

He is survived by his wife of 28 years, Sandra, of the home; children Pamela Metzger and husband Jay of Kirbyville, Missouri, Mike McInroy Jr. and Amy, of Wagoner, Oklahoma, Mikeal McInroy and wife Melissa of Junction City, Kansas and Janna Hart and husband Rusty, of Sheridan, Wyoming.

Granddaughters Racheal Berry and husband Ethan, of Branson, Missouri, Cortney Metzger, Kirbyville, Missouri, Jordan Arrowsmith and husband Mikel of Arkansas City, Kansas, Nikki McDonald and husband Trevor, of Branson, Missouri, Alexis Hart of Sheridan, Wyoming and Sara March and husband Heath of Denver, Colorado.

Grandsons Kenny McInroy of Ponca City, Tyler McInroy of Springfield, Missouri, Zachary McInroy of Fairfax, Brett McInroy, Bradley and Braxton, of Junction City, Kansas, Nick and Travis Lucas of Cleveland, Oklahoma, C.W. Thomas and Bailey Dorr of Wagoner, Oklahoma; also survived by his four-legged companions Fred, Lil Joe, and Shorty Bull; nephews Edmond Shaw, Bates Shaw and their families all of Pawhuska, Oklahoma.

He was preceded in death by his mother Elizabeth Bates Myers on July 21, 2003 and his father Jack McInroy on April

9, 1987; grandparents Ed and Roxie Bates and one daughter, Angie Lucas.

Funeral services for the family will be held at 8 a.m. Monday, May 11, 2015 at the Grayhorse Chapel with traditional services to follow at 10 a.m. at the Sacred Heart

Catholic Church in Fairfax, with Father Bruce Brosnahan presiding. Burial will be in the Fairfax Cemetery under the direction of the Hunsaker-Wooten Funeral Home of Fairfax.

Casket bearers are Kenny McInroy, Brett McInroy, Zach-

ary McInroy, Bradley McInroy, Tyler McInroy, Braxton McInroy, Matt Beartrack and Bates Shaw. Honorary casket bearers are Jerry Shaw, Kenny Bates, Joe Bates, Travis Anson, Ed Shaw, Mikel Arrowsmith and Ethan Berry.

REVENUE

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card benefits. Be it one year, two years or three years, health card carryover creates a funding need, which will have to be appropriated by this Congress in the next few months.”

Also, the Congress was told the Tax Commission is anticipating its FY 2016 projected revenue at \$2,875,000. In a March 5 report to Congress, Tax Commission Director Greg Carpenter said a 5 percent decrease in revenue from vehicle tag/licenses is expected in wake of changes to the Tax Commission law restricting tag sales to Osage membership only.

The decrease in tag sales comes after Congress passed amendments (ONCA 14-83) last fall to the Tax Commission law, which included restricting tag sales to Osage membership. Before, tag sales were also allowed to Osages who only possessed a CDIB card.

The projected revenue figure pertains to revenue from the Nation's moneymaking entities and does not include federal, state or other outside grants the Nation applies for and receives to support certain operations/ budgets including WIC, housing assistance, Roads Department and emergency response crews.

During the April 23 session, the Congress passed the FY 2016 projected revenue figure with the notation that: “There are additional monies set aside in revolving funds and project funds from previous fiscal budgets available for appropriation pursuant to Osage law.”

Day One of the Tzi-Zho Session is Sept. 8.

Employment program for seniors available

Osage News

Elders at an employment disadvantage may be eligible for work thanks to a program in Osage County specifically designed to employ senior citizens.

Grand Gateway Economic Development Association's Senior Community Service Employment Program is now enrolling individuals 55 and older for a paid training program. Qualifications include those seniors who are economically disadvantaged, long term unemployed, and wanting to re-enter the workforce.

Those who qualify will be assigned to local public and non-profit organizations for 20-25 hours per week and are paid a training wage of \$7.25 per hour while preparing for and seeking permanent employment. The goal of the program is to help those 55 and older get back into the workforce by updating skills and providing services that will assist in their job search, while providing an income to help sustain them during their search, according to a prepared release.

For more information about the program and eligibility requirements, contact Grand Gateway staff Karen Geiger at (918) 783-5793, ext. 231.

CASA

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home, enters the foster care system which places her in three or four different homes in just a few months, Norris said. Or the two siblings who lost their mother to incarceration are split up and living on different sides of the same county.

“The CASA program is committed to making sure that every child in need has access to a CASA volunteer,” Norris said. “The Pawnee/Osage CASA organization is holding information events and training to recruit more volunteers to speak for the children in our courts and offer community members an opportunity to help in the fight against child abuse.”

For more information please contact Pawnee/Osage CASA at (918) 762-3776, or send an email to helen@pawneecosage-casa.org.

Osage Nation Surveys

If you are a member of the Osage Nation and at least 16 years of age, add your name to this survey database to help Change Your Nation. You will automatically receive new surveys via email from the Office of the Chiefs.

The Osage Nation needs your feedback about our performance as a government and about the needs in our communities. The Executive Branch plans to periodically send out short 30-second surveys to Osages who sign up to receive them. Click this link for more information: <https://www.osagenation-nsn.gov/news-e.../.../change-your-nation>.

CLASSIFIEDS

OSAGE NATION JOBS: Applications may be downloaded at www.osagetribe.com/main_jobsearch.aspx or obtained at the Osage Nation Human Resources Department located at 621 Grandview in Pawhuska. Interested applicants can also call (918) 287-5445 or email HR at atrumbly@osagetribe.org. Applications must be received in Human Resources no later than 4 p.m. on the date of closing. Late applications will not be accepted.

Controller - Pawhuska Treasury. Minimum education - Bachelor's degree with Accounting major required. Certified public accountant preferred. Minimum ten years accounting and finance experience, preferably in governmental accounting. Regular Full Time. Salary: \$41.86/hr.

Network Engineer II/Storage Administrator - Pawhuska Information Technologies. University degree in computer science or electrical engineering and or 5 years equivalent work experience in related fields. Proven experience and success with LAN, WAN, WLAN, and WWAN design and implementation. Regular Full Time. Salary: DOE

Administrative/Field Assistant - Pawhuska Historic Preservation. Associates' Degree in Business or related field preferred. High School diploma or GED required. At least 2

years' experience in office environment. Some knowledge of and interest in Osage cultural resource management. Regular Full Time. Salary: \$17.04/hr.

Janitor - Pawhuska Janitorial. High School graduate or GED required. At least 6 months experience in janitorial field preferred. Must have knowledge of floor cleaning and buffing machines. Regular Full Time. Salary: \$11.50/hr.

Administrative/Section 106 Assistant - Pawhuska Historic Preservation. High School diploma or GED. At least two years' experience in office setting. Must be able to stand, stoop, bend and squat as job requires. Lifting is minimal but will be a component of the job requirements. Regular Full Time. Salary: \$16.78/hr.

Child Care Provider - Pawhuska WELC. High School diploma or GED. One (1) year previous experience as a day care or child care provider in a licensed day care facility preferred but not required. Child Development Association Certification preferred but not required; must obtain CDA Certification within 6 months of hire. Regular Part Time. Salary: \$11.50/hr.

Child Care Provider - Pawhuska WELC. High School diploma or GED. One (1) year previous experience as a day care or child care provider in a licensed day care facil-

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Child Care Provider - Skiatook WELC. High School diploma or GED. One (1) year previous experience as a day care or child care provider in a licensed day care facility preferred but not required. Child Development Associate Certification preferred but not required; must obtain CDA Certification within 6 months of hire. Regular Part Time. Salary: \$11.50/hr.

Child Care Provider - Skiatook WELC. High School diploma or GED. One (1) year previous experience as a day care or child care provider in a licensed day care facility preferred but not required. Child Development Associate Certification preferred but not required; must obtain CDA Certification within 6 months of hire. Regular Full Time. Salary: \$11.50/hr.

Child Care Provider - Fairfax WELC. High School diploma or GED. One (1) year previous experience as a day care or child care provider in a licensed day care facility preferred but not required; must obtain CDA Certification within

6 months of hire. Regular Part Time. Salary: \$11.50/hr.

Youth Development Staff - Pawhuska Youth Academy. High school diploma or GED. Strong communication skills, both verbal and written. Must have group leadership skills, including an understanding of group dynamics. Must be able to obtain CPR/First Aid Certifications within 90 days of hire. Regular Part Time. Salary: \$11.50/hr.

Curator - Pawhuska Osage Tribal Museum. Bachelor's Degree in Art, Art History, Museum Studies, Anthropology, or closely related field required. At least 5 years working experience in related field. Must have knowledge in Osage history, culture and artifacts. Regular Full Time. Salary: \$23.15/hr.

Case Manager II - Pawhuska Counseling Center. Bachelor's degree in Substance Abuse, Social Work, Psychology or Behavior Health field, required. Must have a Case Manager II certification. Must obtain a CDAC (Certified Drug and Alcohol Counselor) license within one year. Regular Full Time. Salary: \$17.92/hr.

Temp Work - Pawhuska Human Resources. If interested in being considered for temporary positions within the Osage Nation, please apply online at <https://www.osagenation-nsn.gov/opportunities/job-listings/application-form>



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Letters to the Editor

Love the sinner, but hate the sin

I feel it so sad that the proud Osage Nation in order to be P.C (politically correct) is considering legislation to allow same sex "marriage". Marriage, from beginning of time, has been a union between one man and one woman. Anything else is not marriage! Love the sinner but hate the sin.

—Jeanne S. Evans
 Batesville, Texas

Disheartened with scholarship move

It was disheartening to read that the Osage Nation has contracted the educational scholarship services to a third party in Minnesota.

We had a terrific experience with the Education Department who provided both our children scholarships the last four years. That was 20 semesters and quarter-terms without a hitch. The department continually improved, added incentives and increased awards, and was accessible by phone for coaching. I felt their care.

When public services are privatized, it usually means less personal care, less service. If the chief had issues as the article said, his first response should have been to get involved as a CEO and manager. Education is a core service of the Osage Nation, the second highest budget program, and should be controlled internally.

I thank the Osage Nation for the high quality scholarship program we experienced, and for making education a priority. Most of all, I thank the people formerly with the Education Department. For our family, their good work meant two young people will graduate this spring, both with double-majors on the deans list. These supporters of education should be proud of their important work for young people. We are very grateful.

—Randall R. Morton
 Brenham, Texas

Can Osage Nation manage your health care?

As some may know the Osage Nation is seriously interested in taking over the United States Public Health Service's - Indian Health Service - that currently runs the health clinic in Pawhuska. This option was made possible by several laws passed by the United States Congress. The law allows tribes to contract or compact to operate federal programs like the Indian Health Service and the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

To date hundreds of tribes have chosen to contract/compact services that had been provided to them by the Indian Health Service. Tribes may choose to contract/compact all of the services the Indian Health Service provides or may choose only certain ones. For instance, some tribes have only contracted a clinic or hospital, while others have contracted clinics and hospitals and specialty services that the Indian Health Service provides like Contract Health Services (CHS), a program that pays for certain specialty health services the Indian clinic or hospital cannot provide. Contract Health Service pays for specialty care based on priorities, in other words not all the specialty care a patient thinks they need, will be paid for, unless the Indian Health Service

approves. The reason is that the dollars Indian Health Service gets each year for Contract Health is limited.

In the case of the Osage Nation, the tribe could decide to contract the Pawhuska clinic, and/or the Contract Health Service, which in this case includes what is called the Pawnee Benefit Package Program (PBPP). The way it would work is the Osage Nation would negotiate with the Indian Health Service a dollar amount it would get to run programs it compacts. The amount could vary depending upon how the population of Indian patients served by the Indian Health Service is defined. Other factors will also influence the total dollars agreed upon, like dollars spent on IT and administration at the regional and national level.

Two things are critical to the success of a tribe contracting/compacting Indian Health Services. 1) Economic Feasibility: Will the dollars the tribe gets from the Indian Health Service and dollars and collections from insured Indian patients be enough to maintain the level of service patients now receive? Can improvements desired by the Nation be paid for by what the tribe gets from the Indian Health Service or will tribal money be needed? 2) Management Feasibility: Does the Osage Nation have the expertise to operate a healthcare system like that of Indian Health Service, particularly in an environment where growing numbers of Indians have a choice where they go for healthcare? Who at the Nation will decide who gets specialty care and who doesn't when dollars are short?

Our company, Paradox Consulting has conducted feasibility studies such as these for several other tribes and in some cases our research determined the tribe could feasibly compact and in other cases we determined they could not. I hope the contractors now employed by the Nation will point our tribe in the right direction.

—Dr. Joe L. Conner
 Fairfax, Okla.

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.

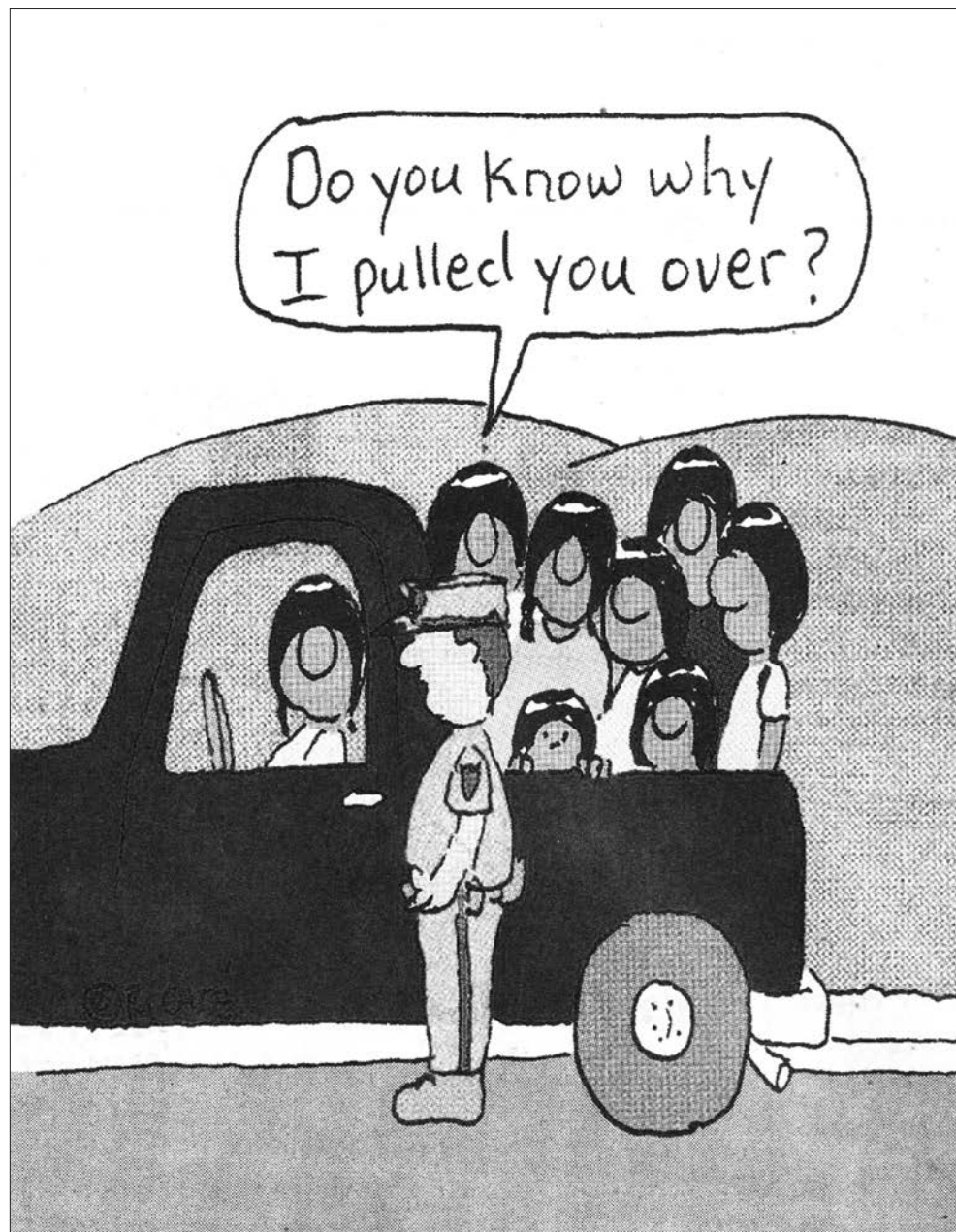
Corrections

In the May 2015 edition of the *Osage News*, Olivia Marciela Margerita Ramirez was not named as a Skiatook High School graduate.

In the May 2015 edition of the *Osage News* two names of veterans were misspelled on the original charter of the Harold Bigheart Smalley American Legion Post 198. The correct spellings of the names are Louis Fronkier and Francis Fronkier.

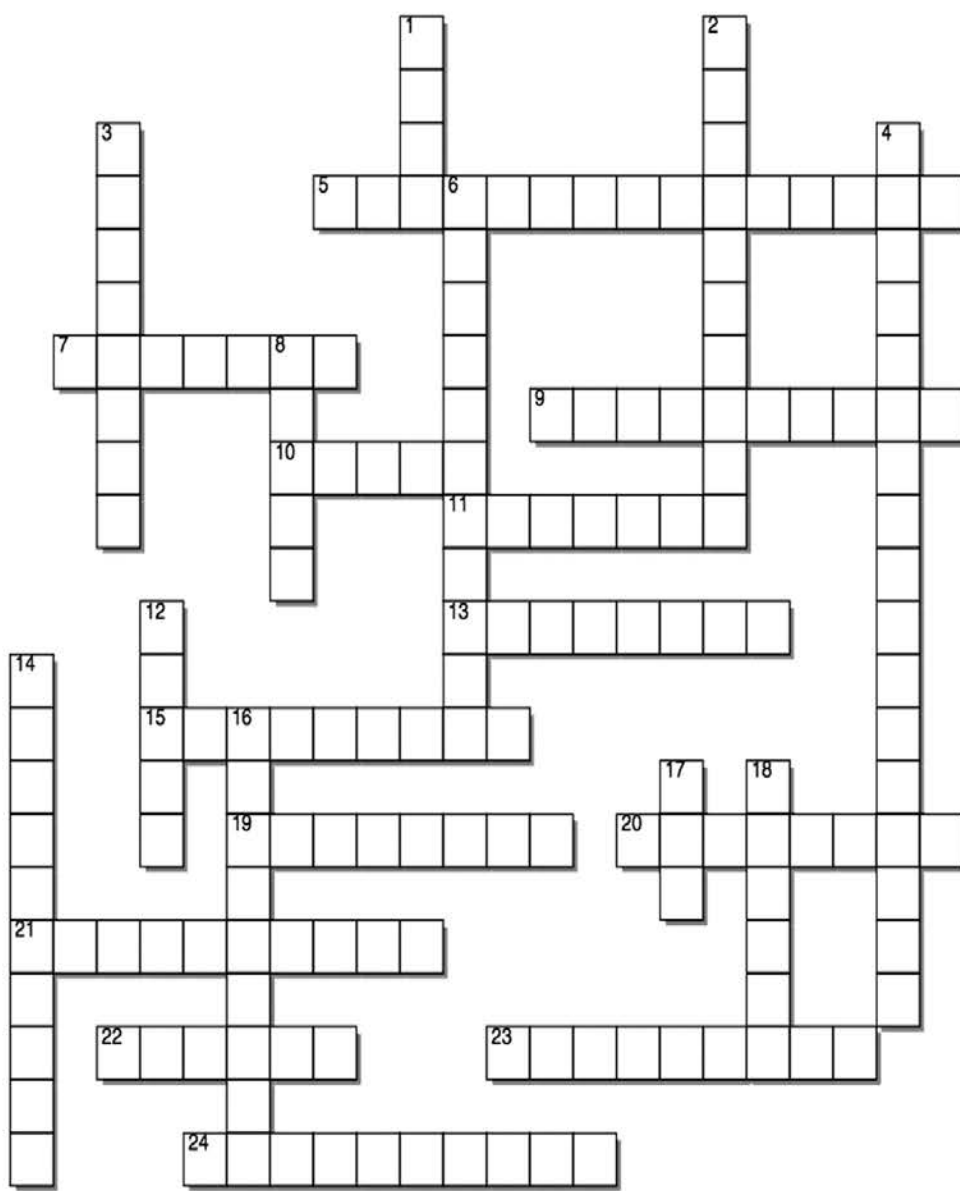
The *Osage News* regrets these errors.

Without Reservations



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In-Lon-Schka



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Across

5. Dried corn, meatgravy, frybread, pork stemfry
7. Essential to the In-Lon-Schka
9. Item worn only by men
10. Where dancers dance
11. Blankets and names are on these
13. Ribbons hang off of this
15. Worn on a Straight Dancer's back
19. Brings the dancers water
20. Wa-Ka-Ko-Li
21. Osage regalia is made from this
22. Zon-Zo-Li
23. Pa-Sue-Li
24. Holds the drum

Down

1. Located in the center of the Arbor stemfry
2. Cross beads worn by men
3. Men wear them on their legs, women wear them on their feet
4. Given away, worn or sat on
6. Held in a dancers hand
8. Worn on a Straight Dancer's head
12. Works hard for four days
14. Rest your legs
16. 1st bell, 2nd bell, 3rd bell
17. Beaded item
18. Made of beads and bones

Answers will be printed in Next Issue

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