Chief charges Fourth ON Congress with Constitution violations

Shannon Skew Duty

Principal Chief Geoffrey Standing Bear is petitioning the ON Supreme Court for a declaratory judgment against the Fourth Osage Nation Congress for alleged Constitution violations.

"The process is similar to the Pawhuska Indian Village’s voting for the village election, which had not been held since 2009. The Election Board opened a polling place at the Four Winds Hominy Indian Village Community Building where they counted the votes at the end of the second night. Now serving on the Five-Man Board are: April Mitte, Reuben Derrin, William Shadlow, Jeff Willems and Lawrence "Larry" Maker.

"The role of the Congress is essential in a three-branched government but their role is to be the legislature. The Congress crosses into the Executive branch when they try to execute and perform the laws they make," Standing Bear in a news release. He also sat on the Second and Third ON Congress. "Such a concentration of power in one branch of government should not be allowed."

In a 10-page petition, Geo- frey M. Standing Bear, Prin- cipal Chief of the Osage Nation v. Maria Whitehorn, Speaker of the Osage Nation Congress, he made his case against the congress and claims injury to his office as chief.

• First count: The unconstitutional determination of individual salaried occupying Execu- tive Branch employees.
• Second count: The unconstitutional Congress- ional determination of job descriptions for certain individual posi- tions within the Human Resources department of the Executive Branch.
• Third count: The unconstitutional Congressional control over Enterprise Boards by molding re- quirements for annual plan content with a delegation that the annual plan is legally binding and cannot be amended without congressional approval.
• Fourth count: The unconstitutional Congressional imposition of requirements on principal chief appoint- ees to the constitutionally authorized Osage Nation Gaming Enterprise Board.

All four counts pertain to arti- cles in the Constitution that include Separation of Powers, the composition and duties of the Executive and Branch and the composition and duties of the Legislature.

"The Congress has been accused of the Chief’s petition seeking declaratory judgment from the Supreme Court of the Osage Nation. This lawsuit is not meritless, as the Assistant Principal Chief promised the Chief would file suit against the Congress several times during the Tzi-Zho Session. Witherspoon said in a congres- sional statement. "As Con- gress reviewed the Fiscal Year 2016 annual operating budget requests in early September, we realized the Chief had pro- posed spending in excess of $50 million."

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Osage culture represented in Christmas tree exhibit in Oklahoma City

Benny Polacca

OKLAHOMA CITY — Osage culture and artistic cre- ativity are showcased here at the Red Earth Art Cen- ter’s inaugural holiday exhibit with five Christmas trees decorated to feature the distinct cultures of five separate Osage tribes.

Starting Dec. 1, the Red Earth Art Center will celebrate See CHRISTMAS —Continued on Page 12

Handmade ornaments used for decorations on the Osage-themed Christmas tree on display at the Red Earth Art Center for December 2015.

Dr. Andrea Hunter (center) gave a successful presentation to the Nation at NAGPRA Review committee on the Osage’s cultural affiliation to the Mound building culture on Nov. 18 in Norman, Okla.

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The ONHPO presented its case to the NAGPRA commit- tee on Nov. 18 in Norman, Okla. After questions arose about the tribal affiliation of human remains and funer- ary objects found in Clarke- ville, Mo., Hunter’s staff, Morgan Curves from the ON Attorney General’s office and three members of the TCIAC committee attended the NAGPRA meeting.

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ON Congress to consider same-sex marriage bill during Hunka-Haug Session

Shannon Shaw Duty

The Fourth Osage Nation Congress will consider the same-sex marriage bill during the upcoming Hunka-Haug Session. Congresswoman Rhan- non Edwards introduced the bill in April of this year. The bill was assigned to the Governmental Operations Committee and there it has stayed.

“I asked the Chair of the Committee of Jurisdiction to bring that legislation off the table so that the last regular Ses- sion so it could be voted on. I understand the decision was made to wait until Spring 2016,” Edwards said in an emailed response. “I am going to push for a vote in that Ses- sion. It has been in the Com- mittee for about a year. I am not still, but I do think there are members that are struggling with the subject matter. Our Congress members is to make decisions about same-sex proposed legislation.”

If the Governmental Operations Committee is Congresswoman Rkad. Waters’ decision, it was sent to the Fourth Osage Nation Congress Committee of Jurisdiction and co-sponsor of the bill, Congresswoman Alice Buffalohead responded. Buffalo- head, and she voted against it.

Rkad. Waters and the Tzig-Tzhie-Tsi tribe’s Senate to advance the bill for a vote of the con- gress. The bill made it to the floor but did not make it to its final vote and was committed to committee.

Although the United States Supreme Court made its his- toric ruling legalizing gay mar- riage in the United States, the law does not apply to tribes. There are federally recog- nized tribes and not many rec- ognize same-sex marriage and there are tribes who have banned it altogether.

Allowing same-sex unions in the Osage would give equal- rights to someone when it comes to the Osage Employ- ment Preference Law, benefits from the Tax Commission for license tags, Housing pro- grams, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, Women Infants and Children pro- gram, decisions on a partner’s healthcare, and more.

A recent Letter to the Edi- tor was posted to the Osage News Facebook page on Nov. 27. Asking why won’t the ON Congress law define marriage the way the majority of the states does. Congresswoman C. Replied, “Why—should it be big business.” But even greater, we do see service to the Osage LGBT community— it exists we live it—we have seen it our entire lives: same-sex, uncle-neph- ness, burling lines. We have proven votes and time, they are people of honor, impor- tance and love. To not recog- nize their lives as vital and important traits to our own—negates our love for them.”

Mary Barrett replied, “WTF is this? The current Osage Nation marriage law defines marriage as a union between a man and a woman arising out of a civil contract to which the consent of par- ties legally competent of con- tracting and of entering into, is necessary, and the marriage relation shall only be entered into, maintained or abrogated as provided by law.”

Currently, there has been a challenge to the marriage statutes in the Nation’s courts. Buffalohead said the same- sex marriage bill will get through the normal course of legislation during the Hunka-Haug Session, which starts on March 28.

For more information about the upcoming Hunka-Haug Ses- sion, contact the congressional office at (918) 287-5558.

NATION HOPING TO PROVIDE HIGH-SPEED INTERNET TO OSArage COUNTY

Shannon Shaw Duty

An opportunity exists to provide High-Speed Internet to Osage County residents and the Osage Nation Utility Au- thority is conducting a feasibility study to make it a reality.

“We believe there is a great opportunity here in Osage County. That’s why we want- ed to have this forum,” said Paul Remore, president of the ONUA, at the Wah Zha Zhi Cultural Center on Nov. 9. “We wanted to inform the com- munity of our vision.

The project would be aimed at serving the need for high-speed Internet service and increase the band- width for the county’s citizens that would have to accept faster Internet speed and Wi- Fi at a low cost.

“The big companies aren’t going to Grayhaze, they’re in it for the return,” Remore said.

Being broadband, more bandwidth, Wi-Fi access, for the county, could provide for smart homes, a smart grid, new businesses, additional job opportunities, telemedici- ne, home schooling, online research, distance learning, home businesses, and better communication for those living in “dead zones” in the county.

The Nation’s Information Technology department direc- tor, said the broadband service would bring broadband to every Osage community at a rate of approximately 24,000 citizens.

Ponca City

Craig Braid, who is proud of the Oklahoma Govern- ment Information Technology Association (OGITA) and the director for Ponca City Tech- nology Services (PCTS), pre- sented the broadband services to the citizens of Ponca City en- ergy. Ponca City has approxi- mately 24,000 citizens.

PCTS has been Ponca City’s main Internet provider for the past 25 years. They provide two Wi-Fi to their 17,500 resi- dents and make their money by selling broadband and data- fiber, which is unused fiber, to customers and make their money.

Buffalohead said PCTS has in- stalled 370 miles of fiber (fiber provides more band- width for faster video and all) and with comfortable business, busi- nesses are connected – reducing their yearly costs from large companies by thousands, he said. Nearly 95 percent of their yearly costs came from larger companies by thousands, he said. Nearly 95 percent of their yearly costs came from larger companies by thousands, he said. Nearly 95 percent of their yearly costs came from larger companies by thousands, he said. Nearly 95 percent of their yearly costs came from larger companies by thousands, he said. Nearly 95 percent of their yearly costs came from larger companies by thousands, he said. Nearly 95 percent of their yearly costs came from larger companies by thousands, he said. Nearly 95 percent of their yearly costs came from larger companies by thousands, he said. Nearly 95 percent of their yearly costs came from larger companies by thousands, he said. 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New Osage Nation campus buildings unveiled on Nov. 2
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Six years after community planning meetings were held to design a new Osage Nation Campus, two of the buildings were officially opened to the public.

Osage Nation officials and community members attended a ribbon cutting and sunrise ceremony for the new Law Building and Welcome Center on the morning of Nov. 2.

The two new buildings – 12th Street in Pawhuska, feature state-of-the-art features and an environmental-friendly design of the buildings will save the Nation thousands over the years. (All photos by BENNY POLACCA/Osage News)

American Legion Post 198 honors veterans at dance

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On Nov. 11, the Harold Brown Memorial American Legion Post 198 hosted its annual Veteran's Day cel-

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Osage artist featured in Red Earth exhibit in Oklahoma City

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OKLAHOMA CITY – Osage artist Clancy Gray says he enjoys working with multimedia art and could paint several hours on canvas before a painting work is finished.

“I try to show a lot of color and movement,” Gray said in describing his painting technique. A long-time art teacher for Tulsa schools, Gray also sculpts, makes pottery, draws, and makes silver and turquoise Native American jewelry.

Through Dec. 30, the public is able to see an exhibit of Gray’s works at the Red Earth Art Center in Oklahoma City showcasing his versatility in creative arts. According to the Red Earth website, the exhibit is intended “to showcase the diversity of Native American artists.”

Several of Gray’s acrylic-painted canvas works, bronze works, and turquoise jewelry are on display at the downtown museum. Gray said he prefers painting with acrylic paint because it dries faster and uses a blade instrument versus paintbrushes.

Gray’s paintings contain images of nature and scenes that are symbolic of Native American life and those paintings are identified with titles including “Crowning of Minds,” “Standing Tall,” and “ Messenger of the Night” and the same genre for other pieces including a sculpture of a bull called “Challenger.” Several sets of silver handmade jewelry are also on display with one set featuring several pieces of turquoise on a necklace, earrings and a bracelet called “Looking Pretty.”

For his paintings, Gray says he uses a pallet knife and follows the impasto painting technique to create his images. According to the Merriam-Webster dictionary, impasto refers to “the thick application of a pigment to a canvas or a panel in painting.”

Also a big part of Gray’s professional life is his 37 years in teaching art in Tulsa where he’s taught thousands of students while working at McLean, Central, East Central and Edison high schools through the years. Gray graduated from the University of Central Oklahoma with an art education degree.

“I try to make sure that the curriculum I give them is challenging enough to make them want to learn more,” Gray said of teaching students. “It’s not like a math class like one plus one equals two – it’s more like one times 10 equals one because you might have to do it 10 times to get it right so it’s a whole different type of teaching… and you want kids to be different and creative.”

“For me teaching is sharing, sharing those things I hold precious… so it is only natural that I care the most about sharing my art through teaching since I get to see it aflame young artists positively every day,” Gray said in a biography statement posted at his exhibit.

He is also a former high school sports coach with other family members who are artistically talented with his brother, Shan Gray, who is a bronze sculptor. According to an Edmond Sun article, Shan Gray’s statue work is on display at various attractions including the University of Oklahoma, Oklahoma City’s Bricktown Ballpark and he also created a statue of Olympic gymnast Shawn Miller in Edmond.

When he’s not teaching, Clancy Gray creates pieces for in-state art and craft shows to sell and showcases his works. Due to his teaching, art work and old coaching schedules, Gray said he participates at nearby annual shows including the Cherokee Art Market, Oklahoma Indian Summer, Greater Tulsa Indian Art Festival and the Red Earth Native American Cultural Festival. Gray, who is 68, said he’s yet to decide on retiring but once he does, he’ll consider travel in out-of-state arts and craft shows to sell his works.

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Children’s art exhibition to show at Osage Nation Museum

Shannon Shaw Duty
Osage News

Osage artists Addie Roanhorse and Kilan Jacobs taught a children’s art workshop at the Osage Nation Museum on Nov. 23 and the produced works of art will be shown at the museum from Dec. 5-19.

The one-day workshop called “Creative Kids – The Blank Canvas Workshop” is funded by money donated from TransCanada to the ON Education Department, according to a news release. Student’s ages 8-17 learned about art forms and techniques and produced a 20-inch work of art on canvas.

“Experiences like this show children that art extends beyond the classroom and allows them to become active participators in the arts from a young age,” said Hallie Winter, ONM curator in a news release. “I have seen many times how life changing it can be for a young person’s creativity to be noticed and celebrated. The [museum] is proud to partner with the Osage Nation Education Department to cultivate creativity and showcase the art of young Osage students.”

The workshop’s theme was Osage Heritage and according to Roanhorse, who is the daughter of the late Osage artist Gina Gray, the first age group 8-13 years old learned about color theory and the various ways ribbonwork designs are used in Osage art.

“It went really well, the kids got way into it, more than I thought they would,” Roanhorse said. “They had fun and I can’t wait to see the final results.”

Roanhorse said she had the older students draw their version of a water bird, and taught them about minimalist and cubism art forms. After the students targeted what they’re most comfortable drawing they produced a painting, she said.

LaSharo Wildcat, 11, said he created a painting about what he liked to do with his favorite colors.

“I like nice shoes, LaBrone, I drew a rocket ship going into an asteroid. I had a nice Indian design and that was it,” he said.

“An art opening will take place at the museum on Dec. 5 from 3-6 p.m. in coordination with the Nation’s Christmas Extravaganza. The exhibition is open to the public. The children’s artwork will be judged on Dec. 5 by a panel of Osage Nation employees and three winners will be announced at 5 p.m. at the museum.

Roanhorse said the winners will receive “some really great art supplies” and the first place winner will go home with something very special. “During the holidays people can go up and look at everyone’s paintings.”

The public is invited to vote for a People’s Choice winner in each age division while the exhibition is showing. The People’s Choice Award winners will be handed out at 7:30 p.m. on Dec. 19 at the museum.

Osage Nation Museum

The oldest tribally owned museum in the United States has changed its name from the Osage Tribal Museum to the Osage Nation Museum.

According to the museum’s website, the museum was dedicated on May 2, 1938. To learn more about the museum visit the website at: http://www.osagetribe.com/who-we-are/osage-nation-museum.

To see more photos of the children’s artwork, visit the Osage News Flickr page at: https://www.flickr.com/photos/osagenews/albums/72157661444007372 and https://www.flickr.com/photos/osagenews/albums/72157661449714602.

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Cultural Center to complete veterans list for Wall of Heroes by Dec. 31

Osage News

The Wah-Zha-Zhi Cultural Center has set a deadline of Dec. 14 for all veterans to submit their information for its Osage Veterans project, Wall of Heroes.

Harrison Hudgins, WCC employee in charge of the project, said the deadline has been set for the next phase to be completed by the new year.

For more information or to register an Osage veteran for the project by Dec. 31, contact Harrison Hudgins at hhudgins@osagenation-nsn.gov or (918) 287-5538.

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Richard Luttrell Sr., 89, was born Dec. 26, 1926 in Hominy, Okla., to Homer and Nettie Luttrell. He is the grandson of Homer Luttrell Sr. He had one sister, the late Margaret Gray. He is from the Zon-Zo-Li district and his Osage name is Pah-Hu-Tha-Li, meaning Pretty Hair.

His family traveled all over the United States when he was young and he attended many different schools. His father owned racing dogs and horses. He graduated from the Oklahoma Military Academy in Claremore, Okla.

He married his wife Carmen in 1947 and they had four children: Allison Luttrell, Anita Fields, Richard Luttrell Jr., and Don Luttrell. He has six grandchildren.

Luttrell served in the United States Army for 12 years, both active and inactive, during World War II and the Korean War. He started out as a Private in the Infantry and was promoted to Captain of the U.S. Infantry.

Upon leaving the military he created and managed both the business order and the actual outfitting of the first commercial river rafting company on the Colorado River. He named it Running RL Outfitters. They offered big game hunting, camps for children, trail rides, and other outdoor activities; he was also a Boone and Crockett guide during this time. He owned and ran the Outfitters for 28 years.

Luttrell has been a member of the American Sportsman Club and has spoken as a guest speaker for the organization on television and radio in many cities. He has also appeared as a principle actor in a super bowl commercial for the Schlitz Beer Company. He has been a pack leader for the Boy Scouts of America as well as a committee member for approximately 17 years. He has been a member of the American Legion, Kiwanis Club, Oklahoma Fly Fisherman's Club, VFW Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Luttrell has received many awards and honors throughout his life, such as receiving one of ten international awards in Montreal, Canada, for conducting a camp for special needs children through the Industrial Kiwanis Club. The 179th infantry honored him with 800 members attending for service in the 45th division. He has been inducted into the St. Maurice Infantry Organization as a member and was honored by the Fairfax War Mothers. He is also a Deputy Grand Knight 3rd Degree in the Knights of Columbus.

Luttrell has sat on the board of the MESA Medical Company and the Osage County Housing Authority.

Luttrell’s most recent work has been planning and executing the building of a shrine honoring St. Kateri Tekakwitha, with plans to build multiple shrines throughout the state of Oklahoma.

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

Richard Luttrell Sr.: To have pride in what you’re doing, know what you’re doing, my father taught me to work hard. Get the job done. I have always worked all my life always worked for something. Do what you’re supposed to do.

ON: What are the principles you live by?

RL: I went to the Oklahoma Military Academy and my wife wrote Courage, Honor, and Loyalty on a piece of paper and put it on the refrigerator for my grandchildren to see. OMA was like a second home. I loved the military and I loved OMA and I try to live by those things Courage, Honor, and Loyalty. To me there

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Richard Luttrell Sr., Osage veteran and member of the Hominy District, at his home in Tulsa on Dec. 1.

Courtesy Photo

Richard Luttrell Sr. posed for a photo in a Pawhuska studio when he was on leave in 1943.

Courtesy Photo

Richard Luttrell Sr., 28 years old, in Troublesome Valley, Colo.
The Christmas season with its month-long Treefest exhibit featuring five trees decorated with handmade Christmas ornaments “created to highlight the diverse Native cultures that make Oklahoma unique,” according to the center.

This year, the Osage Nation will be featured in the exhibit along with the Citizen Band Potawatomi, Chickasaw Nation, Cherokees & Arapaho Tribes and the Comanche Nation.

On Nov. 16, Wah-Zha-Zhi Cultural Center Director Vann Bighorse and Osage designer Chad Renfro decorated the Osage tree at the art center using scores of handmade ornaments that showcase the various elements of Osage culture including many items used during the ceremonial In-Lon-Schka dances held each June. Bighorse said several Osages used their sewing and artistic skills to create the ornaments which include bows made from ribbonwork, finger weaving work used for garland, miniature cedar chests, baby cradleboards, miniature buckets mimicking those carried by waterboy during the dances, and cut-out handprints in red and blue colors.

“We’re showcasing our rich culture,” Bighorse said of the ornaments made with designs that date back to Osage ancestors. “The waterbucket is a significant symbol to us because we use water in a lot of our traditions, we have a cedar chest that we put our clothes in and heirlooms… We have bells up here that our men wear… As we know, it takes rain to make things grow, make our crops grow and it sustains life. So that’s what our tree represents — all of our Osage culture.”

Bighorse said assistance was sought from various Osages who have arts and craft experience, as well as those who make Osage dance clothing including Debbie Cheshewalla, Kilan Jacobs, Janet Emde, Herman Hesper, Bighorse and Renfro.

Renfro tied a man’s roach and feather to the tree top and fresh cut cedar from Debbie Cheshewalla’s residence was used as filler around the faux pre-lit tree to cover gaps. Renfro told museum staff several of the ornaments are miniature versions of items used on Osage dance clothes including the finger weaving and yarn balls used. Renfro, who has a Pawhuska design business office, donated a red and blue Pendleton used in his office décor to serve as the tree skirt.

ON Congresswoman Shannon Edwards, who is a board member for the Red Earth art organization, also helped decorate and applauded the exhibit noting the exhibit and Oklahoma City center “is something near and dear to my heart.”

Eric Oesch, communications director for Red Earth, said the exhibit will be larger next year and other tribes will be invited to participate and decorate a tree. He added the exhibit is inspired by Red Earth’s participation in a similar Christmas tree exhibit when Red Earth was at a prior location.

“Before we relocated to downtown Oklahoma City in 2010, Red Earth was located for over 30 years at the Kirkpatrick Center Museum Complex (now known as Science Museum Oklahoma),” Leslie Blair, president of the Red Earth Board of Directors said in a news release. “One of the most popular annual events we participated in while at the Kirkpatrick Center was their Holiday Treefest. By presenting our new version of Treefest, we hope to carry on the tradition of featuring Christmas Trees adorned with beautiful ornaments representing different cultures.”

The Red Earth Art Center is open free to the public Monday through Friday at 8 Santa Fe Plaza next to the historic Skirvin Hilton Hotel in downtown Oklahoma City. Red Earth is online at www.RedEarth.org or can be reached at (405) 427-5228 for additional information. Red Earth, Inc. is a nonprofit organization with a mission to promote the rich traditions of American Indian arts and cultures through education, a premier festival, a museum and fine art markets, according to its website.
Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

From: Chief Standing Bear, Assistant Chief Red Corn and the Entire Osage Nation Staff!
About the study
The University of Tulsa, Psychophysiology Laboratory for Affective Neuroscience is conducting a University of Tulsa IRE-approved research study aimed at assessing pain processing in Native Americans. The goal of this study is to identify potential markers of risk for chronic pain in healthy (currently pain-free) Native American Individuals.

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 4-5 hours/session). $200 compensation ($100/day) is provided. Depending on distance to/from the University of Tulsa, you may be eligible for mileage reimbursement.

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Three Osages named to Native American 40 Under 40

Osage News

Osages Anne Jacobs, Jon Red Corn and Jeremy Jones were named to the National Congress of American Indians' Development’s prestigious list of Native American 40 Under 40 this past year. The NCAIED honors 40 up and coming Native American leaders in Indian Country who demonstrate leadership, initiative, dedication and have made significant contributions in business or their community.

“Tribal leaders are at the forefront of change in Indian Country and these young leaders are a diverse group of young men and women who are from across Indian Country who have all made incredible contributions to their communities,” said Derrick Watchman, Chairman of the National Congress for American Indians Enterprise Development in a new release. “We are proud to honor this extraordinary group of leaders, and I am excited to see what the future holds for them.”

Anne Jacobs is currently the principal of DCIS in Fairmont, Colo. She is the only Native American principal out of the 223 public schools in Denver. She was assigned to DCIS after she was scheduled to close for poor performance, according to her resume. After one year at the helm, the school was named a Top Performing and High Growth School in Denver, with over 80 percent of the students receiving free and reduced lunches. It is one of six schools in Denver to be named an American Indian Focus School, with a mission to ensure American Indian students have access to an equitable education by providing support in a culturally responsive manner, according to her resume.

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Pawhuska village thanks workers for cleanup efforts

Osage News

The Pawhuska Osage Village would like to acknowledge and thank the crew of people who worked on cleaning up the area around their village. Former Pawhuska Fire Chief Jon Red Corn helped oversee the village worker program, used to move grass and clear trash, leaves and broken tree branches that littered the village. The program employed several people; many of them village residents, who helped clean the grounds under the supervision of the village.

The most recent cleanup project started in the latter part of September and ended on Nov. 25. All of the culverts, run-off ditches, fences, tree lines, trees, and fields were cleared of under brush, debris, dead trees, rocks, metal and trash. The areas that were cleared out include the north side of the Pawhuska Osage Canoe, the west and north side of the village maintenance building, the entire Red Eagle Park area, the corner of State Highway 99 and west 214.

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Osage Tribal Museum exhibit traveling throughout Osage County

Tara Madden Osage News

November is Native American Heritage Month and the Osage Tribal Museum is honoring the indigenous by presenting a mobile museum throughout Osage County.

“The first stop was the Pawhuska Public Library on Nov. 10. It was a very well done exhibit and I really appreciate being able to get this close to the pieces and look at them, there is so much detail on these things and if it is up on a wall or behind a case you really don’t get to appreciate the artistry of things until you get to view it up close,” said Yvonne Rose, director of the Pawhuska Public Library. “I just really appreciate it.”

The mobile museum contains a sampling of the permanent collection from the museum, which is located on the main Osage Nation campus in Pawhuska. The mobile museum will travel to different public libraries in the county every Tuesday and Thursday from 3:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. The museum will be at the Hominy Public Library on Nov. 17, the Barnsdall Public Library on Nov. 19 and the Skiatook Public Library on Nov. 24.

“We want to reach out to people who may not be able to get to Pawhuska, so that they can engage with the museum and possibly make a return visit to the main campus museum,” said Osage Tribal Museum Curator, Hallie Winter. “We want to show people we are here and still open, even though the museum is being renovated, the seat seems it still open to the public.”

The mobile museum is housed in the ON Child Care Resource on Wheels truck and trailer. Inside the trailer the museum staff is implementing Osage moccasins, the Bronze Bust of Henry Pratt, photos, original artwork, work, paintings and more. “I thought it was absolutely wonderful, I learned there we Osage Code talkers, I didn’t know that,” said Lenna Hayes, Pawhuska Public Library Assistant. “I also learned about the Hawchee Osage men wars. Yeah, I enjoyed it.”

The museum’s new Collections Manager, Cali Martin, Osage said, it was challenging putting the mobile exhibit together because the staff is actively going through the existing collection. Martin, who is from Arkansas and previously worked at the National Museum of the American Indian, said they chose materials the public hasn’t seen before.

“There are a lot of things people haven’t seen and we want to make sure that they are seen, that is why we are here for the good of the tribe and for educational purposes,” Martin said.

Winter said she hopes to make the mobile museum a yearly event during the month of November, with hopes of expanding.

Museum renovation

The museum is currently undergoing various changes and renovations, such as the installation of a new lighting system. Winter said the museum will keep hands lights off exhibits and will better preserve them. The museum is implementing an archival procedure and is going through their inventory and cataloguing. They hope to have a public re-opening to showcase the new layout of the museum. The reopening is tentatively scheduled in May. Winter said.

TARA MADDEN/Osage News

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Myron F. Red Eagle is a candidate for the Fifth Osage Nation Congress.

“My platform includes: maximizing profits for the Nation, hiring outside consultants toward those profits, and a new approach toward the overall stability of our Osage Nation economy.”

“After earning a degree in business administration from the University of Oklahoma, I accepted a position at Orona Development as an Administrative Quality Assurance. While working there, my team management implemented a ‘lean manufacturing’ approach which was closely monitored to achieve the lowest overhead while still providing the highest quality product.”

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Fourth ON Congress to meet for ninth special session starting Dec. 9

Benny Polacca Osage News

The Fourth Osage Nation Congress will convene for its ninth special session starting Dec. 9 at 10 a.m. in the Congress Chambers in Pawhuska.

The Legislative Branch is calling itself into a special session per a legislative proclamation issued Nov. 4 after the Congress adjourned its two-day special session that same day.

According to the proclamation, the Congress will consider amendments to two governmental division budgets for the 2016 fiscal year. Those budgets being considered for amendments are the Governmental Operations and the Health, Wellness and Fitness divisions.

The Congress will also revist considering the FY 2016 plan opening the Tulsa Osage Casino-Hotel project announced by Osage Casino and Gaming Enterprise Board officials this past summer. The casino-hotel project includes a new 88,800-square-foot casino, space for 1,500 electronic gaming machines, 30 high-limit machines, 20 table games and a new parking lot that includes a sports bar and grill, a small cafe and an additional casino bar and hotel that will have 112 rooms.

Gaming Enterprise Board Chairman Mark Sims said the Tulsa casino project is about $280 million, which is about 50 percent less than the larger casino project that was being developed by the former casino management.

For the December special session, a resolution proposing an ingress approval is filed (2016-102 sponsored by Congresswoman John Mark) for consideration.

The special session proclamation may be amended as Congress receives other items to consider during the session, which may last up to 10 days. The special session proclamation will be considered when the session starts, according to Osage law OSCA 11-58. The law also states once a special session is commenced, the proclamation may only be amended by two-thirds affirmative vote of the Congress to do so.

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Osage Tribal Museum Director Hallie Winter and Collections Manager Cali Martin.
Osage hairstylist, Amy Farid, recently visited Bora Bora, an island part of Tahiti in French Polynesia for a Victoria’s Secret shoot. Holding the Osage News is Farid and Victoria’s Secret Angel, Candice Swanepoel.

“She is an amazing human being and her beauty goes deeper than just her beautiful face and body,” Farid said.

In the second photo Farid stands with Tahitian Natives holding her Osage News. The men and women are part of a group who sing and drum for tourists on the island.

“The indigenous Tahitians are very much like us. They are sweet, like to eat and laugh a lot! They are very connected to the water and the mountain that is located behind us. What I got from the locals is that their creation story in the simplest of terms, is that they came from the water or they were cut from the mountain.”

Osage Nation Energy Assistance
(Formerly LIHEAP)

Currently assisting eligible households with the following:

- Energy aid applied to Natural Gas & Property bills
- NEW INCREASED BENEFIT AMOUNTS
- Repairing or replacing heating units for homeowners
- Distributing space heaters, weatherization kits & electric blankets
- Cleaning of central heating ventilation & air conditioning duct system

Eligibility factors include:

- Resident of Osage County/ Osage Reservation
- Native American of a federally recognized tribe
- Household member is a TANF, SSL, SNAP or General Assistance recipient
- or meet 60% State Median Income guidelines for Oklahoma

(Net income for households, previous 30 days)

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- Applications must be received 7 days prior to utility due date
- Deposits, disconnect, reconnect or late fees are NOT eligible

To apply contact
Osage Nation Financial Assistance
Welcome Center
239 W. 12th St.
Pawhuska, OK 74056
Toll Free 1-888- 822-1348
Phone: (918) 287-5325
website: www.osagegeneration-snsc.gov/financial-assistance

Seasoned Firewood Donation
The Office of the Chiefs, Through Bird Creek Farms, will prepare firewood for distribution to Osage citizens to assist in continuing traditional customs.

- Renewed Osage Families and Memorial Dinner
- Vital Dance Committees
- Family camps during War Dance
- Naming Ceremonies
- Feasting
- Osage Nation Sponsored Events

For more information contact
Cultural Services
627 Osage Drive • Pawhuska, Oklahoma 74056
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e-mail: culturalservices@osagengenerationsnsc.com

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is nothing like good friends. I don’t have a lot of friends but I have good friends.

ON: You were inducted into the Order of Saint Maurice, Patron Saint of the Infantry. Please tell us about that and what it was like?

RL: It was something I didn’t know existed and I heard about it first. I went to 179th infantry, which is part of the old 45th. I was in the 180th the sister regiment. I was chosen for all my history from the 45th.

ON: What is your favorite memory from your career?

RL: The guys I met, the guys in my outfit, they all become family in the infantry and the clients that would come down with me to go hunting. Some of them stayed with me for 28 years and after 28 years you become good friends.

ON: What are you most proud of?

RL: I am proud of a lot of things, I am proud of my family. I am proud of the guys in my old outfit. I am proud that God has been good to me, gives me much.

ON: What are your fondest memories of In-Lon-Schka?

RL: I enjoyed it; I enjoyed dancing. I have been dancing since I was about seven. I was proud of the fact that I belonged in there.

ON: Your marriage to Car- men is something we all strive for in life. Tell us about your great love affair with your wife.

RL: I came back from the Army and saw her at a dance. I was on leave or something. I asked “who is that?” They told me and through my various ways I managed to meet her and go on a date and that was it. We have been married for 68 years.

ON: What are your fondest memories of your youth?

RL: Running and chasing my horse to catch him, I miss my cousins.

ON: How would you like to be remembered?

RL: Just a good of boy.

ON: What advice would you like to give to Osage youth?

RL: Study hard, learn your job and reach for the stars.

ON: You serve on the Osage Cultural Advisors Committee; what do you think is most important when it comes to protecting the Osage culture and its history?

RL: I think combining the old and the new to get what we need done. A long time ago the older people would decide things for the tribe and I think we should have a bigger hand in that, to help where needed, to further the ambitions of the tribe.

4th Osage Nation Congress

Eighth Special Session

Legislation Tracking as of November 4, 2015

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I later learned the Old Indian Man probably was saying that speaking the truth was, in fact, a part of his definition of being an Indian, and more specifically Osage.

I remember as a child, growing up in Indian Camp, one of three 160-acre tracts of land set aside for Osage residences. As a young person I believed that nature, the young people there seemed to have positive and high opinions of what being an Indian meant, what being an Osage meant.

That kind of thinking leads me to those ancient Osages who found their learning to understand and record the many aspects of nature to be a lifelong endeavor. These Ancients lived in nature and gained the knowledge to predict what turns and directions nature may take important things to know. They learned just much how they could depend upon their understanding of Nature.

These ancient Osages observed the Sun and the Moon, or Day and Night. They observed the stars and the way they came about. They learned the seasons and when the earth was still, and Spring Time. They learned when only one creation indicated it was Summer, a season of growing and the process of Fall when the earth was matured, and then Winter, the season of dying and a time of preparation for being reborn.

Those ancient Osages were wise enough to ask the question of just do human kind fit into the overall picture of nature so people as those were old Indians developed and maybe a social system that matched the personality of the earth and Sky, and all that grew and existed there.

They gained knowledge about how their brothers, the buffalo, deer, wolves, otters, elk, eagles, and hawks operated on land and in the sky, and they could ask Wa Kon’ Ta for his help in doing these things, Wa Kon’ Ta, the one who created all things.

To exist on Earth and Water required that the People have a way of keeping and storing knowledge, and that knowledge must be stored and remembered accurately. It took gifted individuals to fill those difficult and demanding roles of developing and storing the language accurately.

The Osage Language is a beautiful language. It has a richness that I find to be unique. Of course, I am no linguist.

It was a system of language development that had evolved over the centuries. I believe it was the common time that allowed our language to develop into the beautiful thing that it is, and it is unfortunate that during the century of the 1900’s the language came to be used less and less.

Early in the century just passed several Osages saw the danger of losing the language and assumed the responsibility of keeping the language alive. Today, the Osage language has a new generation of dedicated Osages, and friends of Osages, who are not going to let the language drift away into history.

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 Nation officials visit ancestral territory in Missouri

Osage News

Officials from the Osage Nation visited Missouri twice in recent weeks to begin a process of reconnecting with ancestral lands and economic development opportunities.

According to local news reports and an ON news release, Principal Chief Geofrey Standing Bear traveled to Cuba in late October where he provided support for efforts to raise funds for the largest monument ever to be constructed honoring Osage people and visited with economic development specialists from the area. The planned monument is named “The Osage Legacy” and will stand 35 feet tall and is under construction at the intersection of Interstate 44 and Highway 19.

Also, Assistant Principal Chief Raymond Red Corn visited the Ft. Leonard Wood U.S. Army Base on Nov. 15 where he spoke at an event recognizing Native American Heritage Month followed by an exclusive tour of ancestral sites protected by the base’s Cultural Resources Management Program. Red Corn spoke about Osage history in the area and about the traditions of Osage people, even today, that honor and revered veterans and soldiers. Following the event, the Assistant Chief received a tour of Miller’s Cave on the Army base. In the release, Red Corn said he hopes the opportunity he was afforded to learn about and explore the caves can be something Osages interested in the field of archaeology and anthropology can also experience in a cooperative effort with Ft. Leonard Wood CRMP. The tour concluded with a visit to a site that features rock art.

ONC recommends tribal police for stopping credit card fraud ring

Osage News

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Save the Date!

—Local Events Calendar

DECEMBER

Every Thursday Nutrition Warriors Meet

Every Thursday in December
Osage County Health Department
Pawhuska, Oklahoma
10 a.m. to 11 a.m.
For more information contact (918) 542-5600

December 12
ICOP Christmas Present
West YMCA
Tulsa, Oklahoma
1 p.m. to 10 p.m.
For more information contact (918) 578-4494

December 12
Pawnee/Osage CASA
Birdhouse, Apron & Artist Auction
Immaculate Conception Church Parish Hall
Pawhuska, Oklahoma
3 p.m. to 11 p.m.

December 19
28th Annual Cherokee Guard Society
TableQuah Community Building
TableQuah, Oklahoma
For more information contact (918) 436-3637

December 24 - 25
Christmas Observed
Holiday Offices Closed

January 2016

January 1
New Year’s Day
Observed Holiday
Offices Closed

January 9
Peace Tribal Princess Birthday Dance
White Eagle Cultural Center
White Eagle, Oklahoma
Begin at 2 p.m.
For more information contact (918) 716-7342

January 18
Martin Luther King Day –
Observed Holiday
Offices Closed

FEBRUARY

February 15
President’s Day
Observed Holiday Offices Closed

MARCH

March 25
Good Friday –
Observed Holiday
Offices Closed

JULY

July 4
Independence Day –
Observed Holiday
Offices Closed

AUGUST

August 1-6
American Indian Exposition
Caddo County Fairgrounds
Anadarko, Oklahoma
Move information TBA

SEPTEMBER

September 5
Labor Day –
Observed Holiday
Offices Closed

OCTOBER

October 10
Observed Holiday
Offices Closed

NOVEMBER

November 11
Veterans Day –
Observed Holiday
Offices Closed

November 24-25
Thanksgiving Holiday –
Observed Holiday
Offices Closed

December 23-26
Christmas Holiday –
Observed Holiday
Offices Closed

December 30
New Year’s Eve
Holiday Offices Closed at Noon

More information TBA

ONC Prevention is pleased to provide the opportunity for Native American females between the ages of 9-17 to attend Dance Maker Academy located in Pawhuska, OK. Osage Nation Prevention will sponsor up to 15 Native American females between the ages of 9-17 to attend Dance Maker Academy from October – May 2016. Applications will be accepted on a first come first serve basis. Applications will not be approved until all supporting documents have been provided to the Osage Nation Prevention Program. Osage members will receive preferences. Please contact Peaches Hall at (918) 327-5269 or email her at phail@osagenation-nsn.gov to request an application.

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A Nov. 10 news release stated the Gaming Commission notified ONPD of potential illegal activity one week prior and the ONPD formed a task force to investigate associated individuals identified by the Gaming Commission and immediately discovered a fraud ring that had already passed fraudulent credit cards and checks to other non-Osage casinos and other Tulsa businesses.

InVestIgatIOn

courtesy photo/ON Communications
L to R: ON Asst. Principal Chief Raymond Red Corn, Principal Chief Geoffrey Standing Bear, ONPD Officer Jake Branscum, Investigator Michael Kennedy, Officer Mike Anderson, Police Chief Nick Williams, ONG CEO and Director Elizabeth Hembrow and ONG Surveillance Manager Amy Kolb.

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

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COMMUNITY
Lenora Mattie Fields

Lenora Rosa Mattie Fields, age 90, passed away peacefully with her family by her side on November 8, 2015 at the age of 90, six months, and nineteen days. Lenora was born April 20, 1925, in Hominy, Oklahoma. She was the third of five daughters born to Walter and Helen Pratt Mattin.

Lenora was raised in a traditional Osage home where she learned and observed Osage customs. She was an Osage first-language speaker who interpreted for her mother from early childhood. She participated in the Elsahkawaki days and followed Native American Church practices, supporting her father, Walter Mattin, leader of the Bug Creek Camp Freemasonry.

Lenora’s Osage name is Eh-Nish-Ey-Pop, meaning The Only One To Look At and be Kind To. She was a descendent of prominent Osage families. Her paternal Great-grandfather was Wa-Hun-zhe and related to the area of the Osage Reserve for the tribe’s move from Kansas to Oklahoma in 1872. Her great-grandparents were Mah-ash-oh-poh (Iron Necklaces) and Hun-gah-wah, who were the first Osage to make a historical record. Her maternal great-grandparents were Non-pee-wah (Poor Jesty) and Hun-gah-wah, Josephine Chouteau, and Pawhuska.

She began her education in first grade at Hominy’s little rock schoolhouse. She gradu-ated at the age of 16 in 1943. After graduation she supported the war effort, working as a government aircraft radio operator at the Chickasaw, Chicаго, St. Louis, as well as Oklahoma Nebraska.

She later returned to Homini to work for her parents, John Alvin Fields. They united in marriage on June 22, 1948. Lenora and John raised their five children. The two have owned and operated the family farm where they currently reside.

Lenora enjoyed all the hobbies, decorating and cooking for her family. She thanks giving turkey, dressing, and pumpkin pies were her favorites. She loved rock ‘n roll music; especially Elvis, as well as opera and ballet. Lenora and John Alvin were horse racing fans, traveling to their favorite race tracks for many years.

Lenora had been a member of Hominy’s Rebeka Lodge for many years, where she served as Noble Grand.

In addition to her parent, Lenora was preceded in death by her parents, John Alvin Mattin, and sisters, Lu-cretia Robedeaux and Margare-tte Waller.

Survivors are her husband, John Alvin of the home; four children, John Walter Fields and wife Alice of Tulsa, Oklahoma, Marchand Fields of Oklahoma, Oklahoma, and Stephanie Dobins of Hunsaker, Oklahoma; and thirteen grandchildren; eight great grandchildren, and numerous great-great grandchildren.

Cookes for family are Heath Fields, Little-House Fields, Allen Bufisheld, Pam White, Christian Reed, Marilyn Booth and April Thornton.

Firemen are Dale Jesse and Jeffery Kildier.

 Pallbearers are Ted Brines, Clint Carpenter, Joe- ph Fields, Geoffrey Fields, Geoffrey Fields and Patrick Rucker.

Funeral services will be held on Nov- 10 at 10:00 am at the home of Marsha and David Holding. Burial will follow in the Ad- man-Black Funeral Home. A memorial service will be held in the services in the Indian Village. Friends may share a memory with the family online at www.chapman-black.com.

Lenora’s Osage name is Eh-Nish-Ey-Pop, meaning The Only One To Look At and be Kind To.

Ida Katherine Roberts

Ida Katherine Roberts, a long-time Fairfax, Kansas, Newspaper publisher, passed November 13, 2015 in Muskogee, Oklahoma. She was 68 years of age. Ida was born April 20, 1947 in Shidler, Oklahoma, the daughter of Don Conner and Thelma (Carr) Conner (Carr) Conner was preceded in death by her parents; her husband Joe Conner and a son, Joe Conner.

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Letters to the Editor

Time for change

When will the Osage Nation recognize same-sex marriages? Discrimination among our tribe is not the Osage Way. One of the things I am most proud of is that no one in the Osage tribe has ever been left out. Two spirited people were honored in the past. Adam and Eve was a white man’s belief. Isn’t it time we lead, instead of waiting to follow? I am married to a man. My marriage is honored by the U.S. government, but not by my own people. Thank you.

—Thomas Redman, Houston, TX

Standing Bear dissolves ON Water Rights Task Force

Osage News

Principal Chief Geoffrey Standing Bear dissolved the ON Water Rights Task Force on Sept. 28. The task force had not met since Standing Bear had been elected as chief. “The purpose of the Osage Nation Water Rights Task Force has been fulfilled and it is now dissolved,” he said in an executive memorandum. “I thank all present and past members of the Osage Nation Water Rights Task Force. We have turned ideas into actions for the benefit of our people and for the good of justice.”

Standing Bear said in the memorandum the task force was formed from a collaboration with former Principal Chief John Red Eagle. The task force joined together the Executive Branch, the Osage Nation Attorney General, and the Osage Congress in moving forward in protecting the water rights of the Osage Nation. A relationship with the U.S. Geological Survey was formed, producing a significant treasure trove of data on the water located within the reservation. A plan for Osage Nation water rights was formed and recommendations sent to the ON Congress.

Standing Bear said the main entities within the Nation that will be working on water rights issues would be the ON Environmental and Natural Resources Department and the ON Attorney General. “They will be working in conjunction with USGS data, retained hydrologists, and retained legal counsel for the quantification process and assertion of our rights,” according to the memorandum.

The release stated that Assistant Attorney General Clint Patterson sent ONPD Investigator, Michael Kennedy, to meet with the casino management and the OSGC on Oct. 30 to begin the investigation. Kennedy said “(ONPD) did conduct a sting on the fraudulent individuals being used at Osage Casinos. We executed it beautifully and we were able to apprehend three people and apply charges such as fraudulent use of credit cards and impersonation.”

Congratulations!

Joshua J. Bevenue will graduate from Northeastern State University in Tahlequah, Okla., on Dec. 12. He is receiving a bachelor’s degree in General Studies. His parents are very proud of him, Lisa Bevenue and Raymond Bevenue. His maternal grandparents are John Jake and Georgia Jake. Paternal grandparents are Leonard and Mary Bevenue. His maternal great-grandparents are George and Josephine Kipp. Joshua is excited about seeking employment with the Osage Nation.

INVESTIGATION

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“Yet an ongoing investigation and there have been several arrests. At this point in time, there is $14,000 to $16,000 that has been accounted for as possibly lost through this fraud ring,” ONPD Chief Nick Williams said in the release. “We are also working with Tulsa County law enforcement and we are going to pursue federal indictments. That is all we can say at this time.”

Elizabeth Hembree, OSGC Acting Director, said in the release: “(An Osage Casino employee) had discovered some potentially fraudulent credit cards and persons who had been coming on (casino) property using various names to try and get money. Our investigators and security officers had stopped them on different levels and we later found out they had been a number of our other properties. I then called the Osage Nation Attorney General’s office for their assistance.”

Homing Village Five-Man Board provides contact information

Osage News

Newly elected Hominy Indian Village Five-Man Board member April Mitts said the community is free to contact the board at any time with inquiries.

Anyone needing information on Hominy Village or have been promised the Community Building needs to contact the new Five Man Board, Mitts said. Their contact information is as follows:

• Reuben DeRoin, Chairman (918) 798-5011
• Jeff Wilcox, Vice Chairman (918) 619-5903
• April Mitts, Secretary/Treasurer (918) 698-2211
• William Shadlow, member (918) 619-5903

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