Members of the Fifth Osage Nation Congress gather for a portrait in the Congressional Chambers building on Sept. 9. Seated, from left: Benny Polacca, Eaves, Polacca, and Hamilton. Standing, from left: Ron Shaw, Shannon Edwards, Archie Mason, Maria Whitelaw, James Roms, Congressional Speaker Angela Pratt, John Maker, Alice Buf- falohed and Otto Hamilton.

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Congresswoman Alice Buffalohead nominated Pratt. Voting for Pratt were Congress members Buffalohead, Shannon Shaw Duty, Ron Shaw, Benny Polacca, and Hamilton. Congresswoman John Maker nominated Hamilton. Voting for Hamilton were Congressmen RJ Walker, James Tillman, Maria Whitehorn, and John Maker nominated Hamilton. Congresswoman Archie Mason, one of the voting members, abstained from the vote. Chief Standing Bear’s office has not refiled.

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Osage Nation Principal Chief Geoffrey Standing Bear issued a proclamation in support of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe.

"The Osage Nation supports the people of the Standing Rock who are protecting the land and waters," Standing Bear said. "Everyone should think hard about the priorities of our society. Should the earth be used up by the human race or should we respect the limits of the earth?"

Items shipped to those camped at Cannonball River included: 720 blankets, 72 all-weather heavy-duty flashlights and batteries, and 100 hand-held flashlights with batteries. More supplies will be coming from the Nation and Osage Casinos.

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Five Osage elders to be honored at AARP Oklahoma Indian Elder Honors Oct. 10

Shannon Shaw Duty

Five Osage elders will be honored at this year’s 8th AARP Oklahoma Indian Elder Honors. They are Mary Gray-Bighorse, Charles Chuck Hassett, Nancy Keller,8 birthday Record Mowers and Minerals Councilwoman Kathy Red Corn. The event will be held on Oct. 10 in Oklahoma City at the National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum. Doors open at 4:30 p.m. and end at 8:30 p.m. A complimentary buffet meal will be served prior to presentation. An RSVP is required to attend the event by Oct. 5.

The AARP Oklahoma honors 50 Native American elders each year who are selected from a nomination process. This year more than 25 tribes will be represented.

Among the honorees are traditional speakers, veterans, environmental activists, tribal leaders, tribal attorneys, cultural and spiritual leaders, physicians and educators.

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The Five Osage Nation Congress opened their 2016 Tin-Tiho Session with a vote of support for the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe in North Dakota, which is protesting and using an energy company to stop a gas pipeline from going through their reservation and drinking water sources.

The resolution (CNCR 16-36 sponsored by Congressionwoman Angela Pratt) passed with a 9-1 vote after debate and discussion on Sept. 8. It will be presented in Principal Chief Geoffrey Standing Bear for his review and action. The resolution "is to support the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe in defense of their sovereign rights.

Pratt, who filed the resolution on Aug. 28, said she did not see as part of a nation-wide effort by other Native American tribes who have also passed resolutions or issued letters of support to the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, which is protesting construction of the Dakota Access Pipeline in North Dakota just outside their tribe's reservation boundary near the Missouri River and Cannon Ball River.

Congressman Ron Shaw, who cast the lone "no" vote, and said he believes the Nation already expressed its support with the resolution passed by the executive council issued by Principal Chief Geoffrey Standing Bear and another related document is unnecessary. Shaw also said his "no" vote should not be construed as not supporting the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe.

Standing Bear’s proclamation stated: "The Osage Nation through the government and casinos should make contributions to preserve the safety, health and welfare of the people who are encamped for the purpose of peaceful expression of their objections to the dangers facing the waters and lands."

The 9-1 vote was recorded with two absences that will return to Oklahoma on Friday Sept. 9.

The Tin-Tiho continues with the Congress meeting for the Day 4 on Sept. 8. For more information, visit the congressional website at: https://www.osage-congress.com/en/sub/assembly/legislative-branch.
Mason announces resignation as Congressional Speaker

Benny Puloski
Osage News

Citing family concerns and obligations, Osage Nation Congressman Archie Mason announced his resignation from the top post of the Legislative Branch.

“Affirm that this is a letter to all of you, the congressional colleagues, Ma-
son said in a written statement to the Osage News. “Osage Nation policy was not followed on three of these different occasions. I have worked for the Nation for 11 years and never had a disciplinary action against me. I am well respected within the Tribe and community and my funding success.

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The Sacred Stone Camp, the peaceful protest hub that is currently being occupied by thousands of individuals protesting the Dakota Access Pipeline that plans to run through the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe’s reservation, is filled with tents, shades and teepees. Women are cooking and taking care of their campmates, men are carrying wood, and others gather under the shade and look to be sharing stories. People laughing throughout the camp can be heard.

Security waited for the Osage delegation at the entrance. Signs were posted on both sides of the road. Each sign offered the “Water is Life” and “NoDAPL.”

With the events that have occurred during the past couple of days, a private security firm used masks on the protestors and allowed their dogs to bite people, the locals wanted to make sure that everyone has checked in with the proper credentials as far as “Osage” goes. The delegation was told that news stories have been turned around about the peaceful gathering that is Sacred Stone Camp.

The Osages who came along for the trip put out of their vehicles and started looking around. They are Herman Sleeper, Julie and Alaina Maker, Margo Gray, Dava Daylight and Gage McKinley-Gray.

A woman who was sitting in her vehicle began to look at the Osage woman as she put on her Pendleton blanket. She leaned out of her vehicle and asked “Where are you from?”

The Osage delegation turned to look at her and Gray said, “We’re Osage. We came from Oklahoma.” The woman shook her head slowly and smiled at everyone and said, “Welcome thank you for coming.”

With the surroundings unfamilial a very familiar face approached their vehicle. Mary Mashunkashey, former Osage Nation Tax Commissioner, is in the Bismarck area for a Tribal Leadership Meeting, and heard about the Osages who were coming to the camp. The group greeted her with open arms.

Mashunkashey notified the camp coordinators about their arrival. At that point, they were directed to move to the front so that they could be introduced to the crowd.

As the Osages walked up in their Pendleton blankets the crowd began to get silent. Gray greeted everyone and gave a little history on the Osage and about their reason for standing with Standing Rock.

After introductions were made Daylight said a prayer in Osage. At one point her voice became so strong and she prayed. The local tribal members stood up by their chairs and put their heads down and prayed with her.

Sleeper carried the Osage Nation flag at the Sacred Stone Camp on Sept. 6. They drove a U-Haul from Pawhuska to deliver donated items.

Tribal flags line the road heading into the Sacred Stone Camp on the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe’s Reservation that is protecting their water source from the planned Dakota Access Pipeline that could go through their lands. The tribe claims there was not an adequate consultation when the pipe’s route was planned.

Donations from across the United States have been given to help the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe in its legal fight to protect their water sources from the planned Dakota Access Pipeline.

At the end of the day, the delegation began to feel tired from their long journey to North Dakota. But, before retreating for the night, they had to help cook.

For more information about Sacred Stone Camp, visit: www.sacredstonecamp.org

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ON Congress passes Judicial, Legislative and some government division budgets

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Attorneys for Enel and Osage have maintained that their clients’ dig sites were not mining because the rock was left where they found it, just in a different form. However, in his ruling, Payne dismissed the mining definition offered by the federal government and the Osage Minerals Council’s attorney and broad and compared the wind farm construction to a private property project. “A broader reading would mean that any time a surface area opens a hole on or off the land that would disturb any quantity of common minerals, Enel or our clients would have to obtain either a permit or a lease for any digging and backfilling,” he wrote. “A broader reading would also mean that every proposed construction project in Osage County that requires digging and backfilling, including building a single-family home, multi-family apartment building, commercial building, or septic tank, would be subject to approval by the Executive Branch.” Along with the Osage Minerals Council’s appeal, the three-judge panel will consider a challenge from Enel as to whether the body even has sufficient standing to intervene in the case. The Osage Minerals Council, along with its attorney and Enel, originally filed their initial motion after 3:30, 2015, the last day to appeal. In previous court filings, the company’s attorneys have contended that the delay was caused by uncertainty over whether the U.S. Attorney’s Office would go to the Tenth Circuit or allow Payne’s ruling to stand, a notion Enel’s attorneys scoffed at.

“The OMC could have taken many actions in lieu of waiting until the last minutes,” Enel attorney Donna Bennett wrote. “By way of example, the OMC could have informed the United States of the fact that the United States did not appeal, it would, and have requested a decision by a date certain. “The OMC was given the very obvious and should be allowed to now blame the United States or the district court for its failure.”

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Averill expressed before ON Trial Court Judge Marvin Stephon on Sept. 27. He was replaced by Tara Madden.

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In the Sept. 19 complaint, Standing Bear asked the court to issue the supplemental budget that is currently still on hold. The chief also asked for the Congress to provide the Executive Branch with the exact amount of the budget, along with hourly wages for the individuals employed by the Executive Branch, and also hourly wages for those individuals as well as individuals receiving benefits or participating in programs that are funded by the supplemental items.

The supplemental budget that was approved during the Tallgrass Tzi-Zho Session includes several Education Division-related information including numbers of students on academic probation, numbers of students in tenure and numbers of students enrolled in the Sylvan tutoring program.

Congressional Speaker Ar- mund Mason said he had no comment on the complaint. Check back to www. osagenation.navajo for more updates on the budgets and remaining Tzi-Zho Sessions.
Ramona Horsechief and Osage Sisters win at National Indian Indian Taco Championship

Benny Palace Osage News

Two contestant food booths repeated their first place wins in the 2016 National Indian Taco Championship held Oct. 1 in downtown Pawhuska.

Ramona Horsechief (Pawhuska Cherokee) took first place with a $3,000 prize for the fifth time and food booth Osage Sisters (Dana Daylight, Jacque Jones and family) took the $5,000 People’s Choice Award for the fourth consecutive year.

Runners-up were Fraxcis Sancs who took second place ($1,000) and third place went to Fortsman Roland Nosor ($500). Horsechief previously won first place four times with the most recent win in 2014 and 2013 consecutively.

“Amazing!” Daylight said of her reaction after the results were announced. Daylight, Jones and their family members worked one out of 20 food booths set up at the event.

The booths wound around the Triangle Building where they made Indian tacos and Indian dogs for the hundreds who attended the event. Daylight pointed to the growing line after she and Jones accepted their prize check. People were lining up to buy the winning booth’s Indian taco plate.

Jones later expressed gratitude on Facebook: “Thank you to all who voted for People’s Choice at the National Indian Taco Championship today! We appreciate all the patrons who came and waited in line for some of our food. Man, I am so proud humbled right now. It took a whole team of others to win this title for the fourth year in a row.”

The contestants’ dishes faced two rounds of voting by judges who registered and paid a fee to sample the unmarked Indian taco dishes in a secluded empty business building. Those judges then wrote on scorecards to rate each Indian taco and those scores were tabulated. Ten finalists were selected for the final judging round, which included area celebrities and politicians, which included prior years participants Paula Muckshankope State Rep. Sean Roberts, State Rep. Steve Vough and Tulsa TV News on 6 Host Craig Day.

The People’s Choice Award is determined by attendees who pay and sign up to be judges and those judges (with issued badges) are eligible to buy discounted samples of the Indian Taco plates and afterward the judges are given five tickets that are used to insert into the booth contestants’ containers of their choice, according to the contest rules. The booth contestant who receives the most tickets is the winner.

Now in its 12th year, the event sponsors included the Pawhuska Chamber of Commerce, Osage News, Osage Nation Office of Tourism and Travel, Osage Casino, Grand Lake Casino, Enbridge and Tribewatch.

Dancers and contestants and community members ate Indian Tacos, bought local arts wares and danced in the powwow on Oct. 1 at the National Indian Taco Championships in downtown Pawhuska.

Instructor Rebekah HorseChief and Mary Bighorse taught the girls traditional Osage ribbonwork, how to cook Osagemade, sewing and self-empowerment.

“The girls – they taught what roles women had during the In-Loo-Schiks and how they should help the cooks when ever they can, by helping set tables or offer to help some thing; or just offer to help out and how it was important to always acknowledge elders whenever you see one,” Bighorse said.

The girls were given fabric to choose from to make aprons and sewed ribbonwork on the aprons.

“We had conversations about Mary’s [Bighorse] generation and the generation and the generation of the class,” HorseChief said. “Those con versations were very interesting, and I was impressed with students knowledge of their family relations and history.”

During the girls’ final workshop they cooked Osage peach preserves at the Hominy Education building on Sept. 26. They were given aprons for the first time to help in the kitchen. They all get to help in preparing the food by chopping vegetables, mixing meat for the meatpies and preparing the peach. “You always cook with good feelings because it goes into the food,” HorseChief told the girls. “Because you always feel like you are doing something good.”

TARA MADDEN/Osage News

Winners of the 2016 National Indian Taco Championship are First Place: Ramona Horsechief ($1,500), Second Place: Francis Sancs ($1,000), Third Place: Footsman Roland Nosor ($500). The People’s Choice Award ($1,000) goes to Osage Sisters (Dana Daylight and Jacque Jones).

Native American girls attend workshops to learn more about Osage culture

Tara Madden Osage News

The Osage Nation Preservation Program, the Wah-Zhi Cultural Center, Education Department and Grayhorse Five Man Band all sponsored the Strengthening Native Girls workshop this year.

The workshop, which was open to girls ages 9-17 in Fairfax, Pawhuska and Hominy, ran from August to September. Instructors Rebekah HorseChief and Mary Bighorse taught the girls traditional Osage ribbonwork, how to cook Osagemade, sewing and self-empowerment.

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All photos by Tara Madden

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Instructor Rebekah HorseChief explains to the students how to make meatpies on Sept. 29.

Instructor Mary Bighorse helps Tabitha Duty how to grease and sugar Osage peaches. The girls made their own aprons and sewed Osage ribbonwork on them.

Clockwise from above: Olivia Littlecreek greases and sugars Osage peaches to cook on Sept. 29.

Instructor Rebekah HorseChief explains to the students how to make meatpies on Sept. 29.

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Kenneth “Kenny” Hemphill Bighorse, 81, was born in Pawhuska, Okla., on Aug. 24, 1935 to Pete and Florence Bighorse. He is the grandson of Andrew and Laura McDougan Bighorse. He attended school in Indian Camp, then Franklin Grade School till the sixth grade, then to Pawhuska Junior High and then High School where he met his wife Toby Theresa Brown Bighorse. They have been together since their junior year in high school and have been married for 61 years. Together they have four sons: Kenny Jr., Scott, Vann and Pete. They have eight grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren. He attended Tulsa Junior College where he took engineering classes. He worked for Land Operations for the BIA for 35 years. He sat on the 28th and 29th Osage Tribal Councils and was Assistant Principal Chief of the 31st Osage Tribal Council. He took over as Pawhuska Drum Warmer for the Pawhuska In-Lon-Schka District after his father passed away. He passed that responsibility to his son Pete, who has been Drum Warmer for the past 31 years for the Pawhuska District.

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

Kenny Bighorse: To be patient, thoughtful, loyal and speak when you have something important to say.

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

KB: Honesty, Integrity. Don’t be a liar or thief, be on time or early. I believe in my Catholic faith.

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

KB: The dances and working for the Tribe on the hill. When working in Land Operations there were eight of us, downsizing of the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

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

KB: There are parts of it I like and parts I don’t like. I like that we all as Osages get the right to vote. I think the Minerals Council should retain their independence. Some of the Osages would like it, some would not like it.

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

KB: There used to be more fancy dancers. They used to have about 25 dancers. Now we have close to 300.

ON: What District are you from, what is your Osage name.

KB: Pawhuska District, Mah-Zha-Ki-Tah.

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

KB: Ed Red Eagle Sr.

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

KB: Camp, family reunion, family time.

ON: What is your favorite Osage food?

KB: Meatpies.

ON: Who are your heroes?

KB: Ted Brunt Sr. I really liked him, he was my best friend. We worked together till he passed away.

ON: What was the happiest moment of your life?

KB: Going down to our dances and being with my wife and children.

ON: What are you most proud of?

KB: My four sons. They are real good men.

ON: What is your earliest memory?

KB: Going to the softball field and watching the older people play ball and playing with my cousins in Indian Camp, and when we all moved to town. Fishing with Anthony.

ON: What was your favorite decade and why?

KB: The 60’s, when I helped build the golf course with Lawrence. We built it and maintained it. We would mow the grass but then the Osage leased it.

ON: How would you like to be remembered?

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Through the Eyes of a Child
Images from the 2016 Digital Photography Youth Camp held at the Wah-Zha-Zhi Cultural Center and sponsored by the Osage Nation Foundation.
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Osage delegation prepares Osage food for protectors at Sacred Stone Camp

Chalene Truth-Tsahul
Osage News

Across the water other teepees with clouds. Maker had a table was peaceful, the air was nice frybread dough. The setting Maker had begun to make her frying up the meat that was began boiling a pot of water for up at the Pawnee camp.

Walking up the camp, they were riding horses through the mud and standing wa- were set up and men were floating in their canoes. As the food was being pro- duced, Daylight took some time to herself and walk to the monument to look for the Osage Nation flag. She stopped and looked at her surroundings. “This is cool,” she said. Men were riding horses through the camp which the children were playing around on a nearby tree stump. Everywhere they walked they were greeted with a smile. Daylight and Gray had entered into a campsite like they had never had to go, but we would like to say to the delegation and Frejo spoke, “We know that you all want you to have a safe jour-ney back home,” he said.

Walking up to the Pawnee camps they were greeted with the Osage Nation flag. As the sun began to set around Sacred Stone Camp, the food was placed on the tables. The Pawnee camp began to call in their delegation to come and eat, but there were others from surrounding camps that were invited to eat as well. A prayer was said and every- one began to eat their evening meal that had been prepared by the Osage delegation. A small silence set over the Pawnee camp as they enjoyed their meal. “You know? I’ve never had an Osage cook for me,” Prigo said with a smile. The group began to giggle. “Well, I’ve never cooked inside a teepee,” Gray said. The camp was filled with laughter at that point. It was a nice and calm setting, Gray said.

Leaving the camp Around 10:30 p.m. the Sacred Stone Camp had be- come dark. As the delegation looked around, cumplosis lit up the night sky as far as the eye could see. At one point, the delegation commented on how beautiful the night sky was and how bright the stars glowed. One of the members of the Pawnee camp stood up and spoke, “We know that you all have to go, but we would like to say to you off with good feelings. We want you to have a safe jour-ney back home!” he said.

Osage delegation had entered into a campsite like strangers but left with friend- ships. Something they would remember for a lifetime.
Since the 1960s the Bartlesville Beauty College and the Ponca City Beauty College have been staples in the community, a place where thou- sands of students learn the beauty profession and become licensed beauticians and barbers.

Until recently, the two schools were sister schools. Oklahoma State Board of Barbers and Barbering member Re- becca Tigert-Nuttall bought the Bartlesville Beauty College for this summer’s edition. This summer it comes up for sale and leased it to Seren- dity Beauty College. The col- lege will operate under Oklahoma State Board Certified and is no lon- ger affiliated with the Ponca City Beauty College.

“While I was attending the Bartlesville Beauty College in Ponca City there were people coming to the bartlesville college to attend the school and I decided to buy the Bartlesville college when I heard it was going to shutter. Rebecca Tigert said.

This summer the Bartlesville Beauty College will also be known as Serenity Beauty College.

The Serendipity Beauty College will have a student body of about 20. They are in August and they currently have 10 students enrolled. Currently, the Bartlesville Beauty College has a student body of 10. Oklahoma State Board Cer- tified, Christine Kienini is one of the main instructors. Cindy Miller is the lead instructor and has eight years of experience. The school offers education in Cosmetology, Barbering, Manicurist/Nail Tech and Massage Therapy.

The students learn about Theory, practice hair on mannequin heads, and they also service clients who are walk- ins. Since it is a learning environ- ment the prices are lower than the normal.

The Bartlesville Beauty College is a name and she and her mother picked after

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HealthMarkets does not have the following for the individual planners. Information on individual retirement and retirement fitness. For more information, contact the Oasge Nation Prevention Office.

The Nation applied for the grant and said it is using the $800,000 to con- struct a new wellness center to replace the current ON Fitness Center in Fairfax. By the time the ON Fitness Center in Fairfax is ready, the Nation also approved plans to build a new fitness center in the new ON Fitness Center in Fairfax next year. The Nation also approved plans to build a new fitness center in the new ON Fitness Center in Fairfax next year.

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The Executive Branch filed the complaint in ON Trial Court against the production of the subpoenaed information in 11 days would be an undue bur- den, and cited concerns of protecting privacy of employees and Osages who receive services as well.

Passed Legislation

Those in agreement passing with Sept. 28 votes will be sent to Principal Chief Geoffrey Standing Bear’s office for re- view and consideration of action. Those bills (sponsored by Congresswoman Ron Shaw, who currently chairs the Con- gressional appropriations committees) include:

• ONCA 16-95: The budget for the Nation’s disability assistance program. The pro- gram can be reassessed and improved “as what happened to the money is what is supposed to happen to the mon- ey.” The disability assistance program started in June after an initial $50,000 appropriation bill was approved in the spring Hun-Kah Session, but funding was depleted within 17 business days. Edwards said Congress was told this year’s budget includes $150,000 to ad- minister the disability assistance pro- gram in FY 2017.

Edwards said she would like to see the disability assistance program assessed and revised in committee and to add more conditions, if needed. “Without having any checks and bal- ances in here… and for the reason I still cannot find anybody that can tell me what (employees) positions are con- tained within this budget, I’ll be voting ‘no,’” she said.

Congressman James Norris, a re- tired physician assistant, also noted the same issues with the disability as- sistance program. Norris said he spoke with an employee at the Financial Assistance Department, which admin- ister the disability assistance pro- gram, and was told the criteria required a doctor’s note stating the disability. Norris said “in my experience with being disabled, generally you have to at least have a physical examination, get a doctor’s statement, Social Security requires you submit this to them for evaluation,” he said, adding he still be- lieves it’s a good benefit program.

ONCA 16-96: The budget for the Nation’s Child, Family and Senior Services Division set at $4,154,408. The budget passed 11-1 with a lone “no” vote from Edwards.

• ONCA 16-112 (sponsored by Buf- falohead) An act to require that all donations made on behalf of the Nation to be administered and awarded by the nonprofit Osage Nation Foundation. Buffalohead said political and cultural do- nations made on behalf of the Principal Chief should be exempt from this new law.

According to the Internal Revenue Service, all 501(c)3 nonprofit organiza- tions are prohibited from directly or indirectly participating in any political campaign activities and any expenditures may result in denial or revocation of a nonprofit’s tax-exempt status, as well as imposed certain taxes. Buffalohead said she is also spon- soring a companion appropriation bill (ONCA 16-121) for $100,000 to be ap- propriated to the ON Foundation for donation use.

The Congress will continue consider- ation of the budgets and other legisla- tive items with Day 20 of the Tan-Zho-Yet Session starting at 5 p.m. Sept. 28.

To view filed legislation and the Congressional calendar for scheduled sessions and committee meetings, go online to: www.osagefoundation-nsn.gov/who-we-are/ legislative-branch.

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The Fifth Osage Nation Congress unanimously approved $250,000 for the Nation's burial assistance fund for the forthcoming 2017 fiscal year on Sept. 3.

The bill (ONCA 16-73 sponsored by Congresswoman Alice Buffalohead) will go to Principal Chief Geoffrey Standing Bear's office for consideration of action. According to the bill, the $250,000 in tribal funds will be spent out of 2017 fiscal year revenue and will be placed in the Nation's burial assistance revolving fund.

According to a congressional fiscal analysis, the $250,000 is enough to serve 50 Osages who apply for the assistance to pay for a deceased Osage's funeral arrangements at the maximum benefit level of $5,000. The analysis notes there is still funding remaining for burial assistance through September, so 75-to-100 possible applicants would be served in 2017.

The Nation uses revolving funds for direct services including burial assistance, scholarships and the health benefit card program as any remaining money at the end of the fiscal year does not revert back into the Treasury but will remain available for direct services for Osages in the new fiscal year.

As of July 30, the fiscal analysis notes $241,467.51 has been spent out of the burial fund for 2016 and not all recipients received the full amount.

Burial assistance services are available through the Nation's Constituent Services office in Pawhuska. For more information and forms, visit the Constituent Services website at www.osagenation-nsn.gov/member-services.

Save the Date

Grayhorse Village Community Meeting
Sunday, Oct. 9, 2016
Grayhorse Community Building

There will be a meeting of the Grayhorse Village community this Sunday, Oct. 9 at 2 p.m.

To discuss plans for a new community building.

All Osages of the Grayhorse District are invited to attend this meeting.
At one time, Osages were like stars in the heavens

Charles Red Corn

Every Tribe of Indians that I am familiar with has a story to tell and each Tribe has its own way of telling that story. That is something to be respected. Today’s generation of Osage People are fortunate to have a tribal social life and government that grew out of ancient Osage teachings.

According to a U.S. Education Department news release: “These grants will increase support for our Native children by engaging their cultural heritage through language learning activities and encourage them to develop capabilities in more than one language by learning English as well.”

Charles Red Corn of the Osage People found a way to include every individual who had a reasonable claim to being a descendent of those ancient ones to share in the enormous wealth of the tribe. Osages at that time were considered in terms of monetary value to be the wealthiest group of people in the world.

From my point of view I think our ancient ones would have encouraged the Osage People in terms of our clan systems and how they worked in our Osage society as the wealthiest group of people in the world.

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The Osage People received the gift of a Drum. With this new cultural wealth came the teachings and procedures associated with the Drum. The Drum is called Grayhorse, Honiny and Pawhuska, and traditional Osages are from one of these districts.

Osages are blessed with our cultural wealth and with this we are able to celebrate every year during the month of June with our fellow traditional Osages where we gather and celebrate our先民’s teachings. The Osages cul- tural wealth is a good thing.

About the author: Charles H Red Corn, Osage, is the author of “The Drum” and various other novels, short stories and essays on Osage culture and traditions. He is a member of the U.S. Army and the Native American tribe that is recognized by the U.S. Department of the Interior and is recognized by the federal government as a distinct group of people. He is the Osage News culture columnist.

The kitchen and living room of a three-bedroom home in Sky Lodge Estates.

The lighting system in the living room of a three-bedroom home in Sky Lodge Estates.

The Osage Nation Tax Commission has moved to the Welcome Center on the Osage Nation Campus

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Letters must be respectful and informative to the reader, and may be edited for grammar, clarity and space.
Saved the Date—Local Events Calendar

OCTOBER
October 10  Observed October Day Off
October 13–14  Observed Columbus Day Off
October 15–21: 2016 Osage Nation Governmental Openings
October 16  UCO Fall Benefit Powwow High Noon
October 17  Adoptive Family Reunion 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.
October 18–19  Tallgrass Energy Development Conference 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.
October 20  8th Annual Osage Nation Cultural Day 1 p.m. to 10 p.m.
October 21  US Grant High School Presents: 819 Grandview Ave., Pawhuska, Oklahoma
October 23  Veterans Day Observance 8151 Hwy 77, Skiatook, Oklahoma
October 27  The Energy and Economic Development Board of the Osage Nation Council Council pursuant to Public Law 93-638. The Tallgrass LLC em-
November 3  Osage Group Dance Wakan Iron Hall Pawhuska, Oklahoma 2 p.m. to 9 p.m.
November 5  Southern California Osage Nation Carlisle Service Center 706 E. Indian, Tulsa, Oklahoma 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.
November 10  2016 Tribal Fiscal and Adapative Finance 2:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
November 28–30  Haskell Alumni Association 1st Annual Oklahoma Thanksgiving” The Tower Hotel or GED. Formerly of Eagle Lake. She is the daughter of Albert and Harod Thomasson. The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Hankins (Treas-
Barbara Escalier was a member of the Osage Nation. She was born in Kansas City, Mo., and lived there until she and her family relocated to Long Beach, Calif., when she was a teenager. She attended elementary school in Hominy and Mound Valley in Osage County, Oklahoma and the University of California, Los Angeles.

She was a very charitable and giving person. Her husband, Missouri Maker, of Occidental, CA; his father-in-law Melvin D. McInroy, Zachary Rawlings, and Wyatt Webb.

Robin was born in Rawthbone, Missouri in 1935 and was a member of the Osage Nation. His Osage name was, "Tah-N-Ka-Shin-Wah" who means "Little Male Deer". He attended elementary school in Hominy and Mound Valley in Osage County, Oklahoma and the University of California, Los Angeles.

Robin was a very happy and caring individual who lived in California. He was a very charitable and giving person. His brother, Missouri Maker, of Occidental, CA; sister, Richard (Boles) Webb of Ponca City, Ok.; niece, Timberly CallsHim Maker of Occidental, CA; his mother-in-law Mary Wiltford for various education department positions.

Afterward, Standing Bear proposed a compromise on the issues for the 1971 congressional session, Congress, which was declined in Sept. 12. Standing Bear argues the Congress resumes hourly financial reports from the Executive Branch, which is more than adequate budgeting process for the Congress in the legislative budgeting process, and asked for the same salary which was not provide.

In the meantime, the budget meetings in various Congresses on the executive budgeting process, the; the motion to issue the subpeonas was passed by a unanimous 12-0 vote.

A separate subpoena to John Shaw for salary information was also issued within the Education Division; documents regarding cost for medical insurance; documents evidence for health benefits to Oct. 1 for employees.

A subpoena to Director of Operations Casey John- son for minutes of the testimony decision issued by Standing Bear vs. O.C. Ok, and asked for the same salary which was not provide.

A subpoena to Treasurer Samuel Alexander for similar education department positions.

Afterward, Standing Bear and the Congress voted to issue a subpoena to the Members for health benefits to Oct. 1 for employees.

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Letters to the Editor

Are we an Indian association or sovereign Nation?

A local wind turbine is moving in on the Osage Reservation and will irrevocably destroy our heritage. Over 500 turbines are slated to be built pending resolution of a lawsuit before the Oklahoma Supreme Court and an appeal of a lower federal court ruling that paved the way for this destruction.

Wind-energy industrial plants with hundreds of 400 feet tall turbines consume massive tracts of land. They require the excavation of millions of cubic feet of rock and dirt. Over 126 square miles of the Reservation will be needed for 500 turbines and over a quarter of Osage Minerals will be extracted from drill sites at 10 feet deep. Another 200 square miles may be targeted for wind-energy industrial plants that will encroach on Pawhuska and Rockford.

Those familiar with the Reservation know that it is the last vestige of the lost high-plain or Chief-In-Waiting made a public statement honoring our ancestors. I

were the best-preserved Flint Hill Prairie Tallgrass prairie in the nation. Where father Tzi-Zho meets mother earth Hun-Kah on the prairie horizon the people of the sky descended and united with the people of the earth to become one people, the Osage. Industrial wind energy will destroy our heritage and disconnect us from the unspoiled landscape that inspired massive tractions into the live of our ancestors.

Recently our minerals were used without permission to build a wind farm within view of Gray Horse. Excavating hundreds of acres of Osage minerals is not a sovereign corporate decision by a federal judge recently ruled. He was also wrong when he ruled that using our minerals was not for commercial purposes. When a multi-million dollar company uses a natural resource for commercial purposes. When a multi-million dollar company uses a natural resource for commercial purposes. When a multi-million dollar company uses a natural resource for commercial purposes. When a multi-million dollar company uses a natural resource for commercial purposes. When a multi-million dollar company uses a natural resource for commercial purposes.

I have spoken to our Principal Chief, Assistant Principal Chief, Speaker of the Osage Congress, Chairman of the Minerals Council, members of Congress, Min- ority Oppositions in Congress, U.S. Attorney General. All say they oppose our minerals being used for commercial purposes.

Yet as this tragedy is unfolding our tribal government has not even met to discuss the unimaginable loss ahead. We are the sovereign Osage Nation.

October 18th is the deadline for all submissions for the November issue of the Osage News

Without Reservations

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Samuel Alexander is the Osage Na-

tion's next Treasurer after the Fifth Osage Nation voted to confirm him for the post on Sept. 27.

Appointed by Principal Chief Gay-

J. Standing Bear, Alexander (Ow-

age Creek Nation) received a 12-0 unanimous vote during Day 21 of the Tai-Zho Session after briefly visiting with the Congress before the floor vote. He succeeds former Treasurer Callie Cather who stepped down in April.

During questioning, Congresswoman Shannon Edwards noted the ongoing situation with the Congress not receiving all requested information for the budget and asked Alexander for his impression on the issue. Alexander said, "I'm just as disappointed as you are in the way things have gone, I hate seeing the government stressed out like this. I've experienced this before in my own tribe. I came up here on May 1 and the budget process was already ongoing...I think most of the decisions were made before I came here about how the approach was going to occur." On the budget information issue, Standing Bear referred to an April 6 Congressional Appropriations Com- mittee meeting held to discuss the budget- process in weeks of the Standing Bear v. Whitehorn decision issued by the ON Supreme Court in March. That meeting called by former Congress- man John duch who then chaired the committee, sought to discuss future budget plans and if there's any changes to the format.

Chief of Staff Jason Taun told the appropriations committee: "The Execu- tive Branch will submit to the Legisla- tive Branch the summary page for the Executive Branch and all the depart- ments that fall under it, along with a summary for each other division and its programs, so essentially eight piec- es of paper." During the April meeting, Edwards asked Standing Bear if the budget for the budgets would still be kept. Taun said the support documentation would go to the Treasurer's office to be filed, so the accounting clerks can track the funds that will be spent in each pro- gram's department. As Treasurer, Alexander said he would like to help streamline the ac- counting process noting the Nation has over 150 programs “and that’s a mess frankly and it’s complicated and I think we can do better than that, make it easier on everyone.” A state-certifi- ed public accountant, Alexander has 40 years of experience in the field, man- aged his own accounting practices in the Tulsa area and graduated from North- ern State with a bachelor's degree in business accounting. He also served as an elected Muskogee (Creek) Nation National Council representative and has worked as an outside auditor for several tribal and local governments.

According to the Executive Branch, Alexander is also a U.S. Army veteran and served as Speaker while on the MCN National Council. He also served as Tax Commissioner for the tribe and chairman of the MCN Gaming Opera- tions Authority Board.

Other appointments also during the Tai-Zho Session, the Congress considered and unani- mously confirmed the following individ- uals for board/commission appointments:

- Richard Luttrell, Franklin McKin- nes, Hominy
- Mark Mason were absent that day.
- Walker cast the lone "yes" vote and
- Labriola cast the lone "yes" vote and
- "yes," two abstentions and two absent- es that day.

Congresswoman Alix Buffalohid described her colleagues as she is not cam- paigning against Shaw, but said she is obtaining from the confirmation vote because ethically for myself… I do not want to be in a position to vote on any of you sisters, spouse, parent or child. I took the time to call Laos and ex- plained to her how I felt and what my opinion was on the matter and being the professional that she is, she said she understood and wasn’t upset with me about it and she was not going to ask me to reconsider.

Shannon Edwards, Osage Nation, was confirmed for the seat of Osage Nation Treasurer by the Congress on Sept. 30, 2016 by a vote of Law Shaw by majority vote, who was appointed to the Health Authority Board by the Executive Branch. With some members citing conflict of inter- est concerns because Shaw is the wife of Osage Nation Commissioner, the Con- gress voted with seven “no” votes, one “yes,” two abstentions and two absent- es that day.

Congresswoman Alix Buffalohid recalled in the past being asked to vote on two matters that would benefit unnamed fellow Congressmembers' immediate family members and she refused to and believes those events resulted in hurt feelings and I don't want to be put in that position. We are now one step closer to a probability to be asked to vote for spouses, immediate family members, it's too hard.

According to her resume and biog- raphy, Laos Shaw (Cherokee Nation) serves on the Shinnecock Cit- timation and has experience working as a health field consultant and policy ana- lyst. She has worked in health-related posts for the Al & Fox Nation, Cher- nakeekanee Nation and Absentee Shawnee Tribe and holds a Master of Public Ad- ministration degree from the Univer- sity of Oklahoma.

The confirmation vote for Shaw failed with “no” votes from Congress members James Sierra, William "Ken- gee" Superawe, Joe Tillman, Mark Whiteman, Edwards, Maker and Con- gressional Speaker Ron Bigby. Ed Wal- ker cast the lone “yes” vote and Buffalohid and Ron Shaw abstained from voting. Otto Hamilton and Archie Mason were absent that day.
Osage fashion designs featured in Philbrook’s Native Fashion Now exhibit

Shannon Shue Duty
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Wendy Ponca’s name is among today’s top Native American designers. Her designs are being featured right along with Virgil Ortiz, Jamie Okuma, Bethany Yellowtail, Patricia Michaels and Shi Shu Esquir in the Pushshy Keezes Museum’s critically acclaimed exhibition Native Fashion Now, which is now being featured at the Philbrook Museum of Art in Tulsa.

The exhibit has always enjoyed Philbrook and has used the space to showcase indigenous youth during field trips throughout her long career. Philbrook also has a blanket designed by Ponca in their permanent collection.

“The Native Fashion Now exhibit is so progressive and influential that this exhibition will change the world of fashion and perception of American Indian art on a global scale,” Ponca said in an email. “The exhibit is my best response and only positive repercussions have come from this exhibition.”

The Native Fashion Now exhibit is open to the public until August 2016. Philbrook is open Tuesday through Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Museum admission is $9 for adults, $7 for seniors and university students. Philbrook Museum Members and youth 17 and younger are always free. For additional information, visit www.philbrook.org.

To see photos from the exhibit, visit the Osage News Flickr page at: https://www.flickr.com/photos/osageorg/albums/72157674712338005/

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“Motor Oil, Buffalo dress” vinyl and plastic beads was one of the designs featured in Philbrook Museum of Art’s newest exhibit: Native Fashion Now. The exhibit will run from Oct. 2 through Jan. 8, 2017.

Feathers, beads, beadwork, necklaces and patterns painted on the models’ faces mimics the designs of Wendy Ponca for the Philbrook Museum of Art’s newest exhibit Native Fashion Now. The exhibit will run from Oct. 2 through Jan. 8, 2017.

Artist Jamie Okuma used glass beads on headdresses designed by Christian Louboutin.

Far Left: Head pieces made from space shuttle glass adorn the designs of Wendy Ponca for the Philbrook Museum of Art’s newest exhibit: Native Fashion Now. The exhibit will run from Oct. 2 through Jan. 8, 2017.

Erica Pretty Eagle Moore will be walking the runway at the 2016 Fashion Week San Diego.