Osage Strong: Lily Lookout gaining strength in family, friends and school

TARA MADDEN/Osage News

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The Osage Language Immersion School Kindergarten class, with new teacher Teaha Anderson. From left: Emmett Smith, Jacob Ballard, Kit Harris, Joseph Duty, Sam Harding and Luna Jacobs with their new teacher Teaha Anderson. From left: Emmett Smith, Jacob Ballard, Kit Harris, Joseph Duty, Sam Harding and Luna Jacobs with their new teacher Teaha Anderson.

Osage Congress approves $110,000 supplemental appropriation for burial assistance program

Benny Polaca

During the Aug. 25 session, the Osage Nation Congress voted unanimously to appropriate $110,000 to the burial assistance fund to continue the service without the fund depleting. According to an Aug. 9 memo from the Executive Branch, the care of the deceased is one of the most important parts of the burial process. Lily Lookout’s Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia is in remission. Although her caregivers uncle and aunt John and Lauren Leland, say she has genetic markers that indicate a high relapse risk.

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ON Supreme Court issues opinion in Declaratory Judgement case Standing Bear v. Pratt

Shannon Shaw Duty

The Osage Nation Supreme Court issued its opinion in the Declaratory Judgement case Standing Bear v. Angela Pratt. The Court has ruled in favor of Principal Chief Geoffrey Standing Bear.

The role of the Executive Branch and the Legislative Branch when it comes to adjudicating the Nation’s many programs, departments and divisions, has been a growing and contentious battle since the new government began in 2006. Each year the branches test each other in new and different ways.

Standing Bear filed the Declaratory Judgment petition in the Court on Nov. 28, 2016, following the 2016 Ta- Zhao Session. The petition was similar to the petition he filed in 2016 Standing Bear v. Whiteshorne (2016) when Standing Bear successfully used the Fourth Osage Nation Congress in the Supreme Court for constitutio- nal violations. Language from Whiteshorne is here: Osage News

Osage Nation Congress met in the Congressional Office commons and during the Aug. 25 special session while the chambers room is closed for repair work.

The Osage Nation Supreme Court, located on the Osage Nation Campus in Pawhuska.

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“I’m delighted and honored to be here and I think it’s a really incredible opportunity to get to work with children of my own tribe and learn language along with the children and make new friends,” Lookout said. “I’m also pleased to be joining all the other tribes around the country that have Montessori education happening in their schools.”

According to Montessori.com, the Montessori method, for ages 3 to 6 years old, is designed to be an all-inclusive pro-
Chief Standing Bear selected for Joint Civilian Orientation Conference at the Pentagon
Shannon Shaw Duty
Osage News

Osage Nation Principal Chief Geoffrey Standing Bear spent a week at the 2017 Joint Civilian Orientation Conference, the Department of Defense’s oldest orientation program.

The JCOC is a weeklong conference Aug. 6-12, hosted by the Secretary of Defense at the Pentagon in Washington, D.C. The conference is aimed to increase public understanding of national defense and the U.S. Armed Forces among community leaders and civilians, according to the JCOC website. Only 40 participants were chosen from 220 national nominations, according to a prepared release.

The nominations are made by four-star Generals and Admirals of this President’s cabinet members and are chosen based on their geographical, professional and cultural influence in their fields, according to the website. Standing Bear was nominated by U.S. Air Force Lt. Gen. Leo Lee, commander of Tinker Air Force Base.

“I was nominated after passing a physical, security back-ground check, and overall review in June,” Standing Bear said in a telephone interview from Washington, D.C. on Aug. 7. “It is a distinct honor to represent the Osage people and all Native Americans at JCOC.”

Curator discusses ON Museum activities with Northern California Osages
Benny Polacca
Osage News

On Aug 16, Principal Chief Geoffrey Standing Bear experienced the 10th Mountain Division. “They have been sent to Afghanistan and all Native Americans at JCOC.”

More than 40 attendees, including Osages, their families and Osage Nation officials from Oklahoma, met at the city’s community center for the daylong event to hear hearing-aided presentations and to participate in workshops and to view displays at the ON Museum. Language, Department and Wah-Za-Za-Cultural Center Pawhuska delivered presentations or led the workshops. Christopher Cote, a recently hired language instructor, opened the event with an Osage prayer.

Keir Johnson-Reyes, an NCO Executive Committee member said he was glad to see many youth attend the gathering. “It’s a very good turnout for us, because our attendance has been falling, which is why we switched to one meeting this year,” she said. “Amazingly about 80-plus person RSVP’d for which is very rare. Our folks live cultural meetings like this one, and the one we had in March 2013, when we had the drummers, hand games, etc. They are so important because many Osages in California never get to go back to the Nation and experience culture firsthand.”

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In one of the exhibit rooms, Winter said museum objects will be rotated out depending on what other items come in possession. The main point is “to give a brief overview, a general timeline of Osage history so that if you’re unable to make it to the museum, you can get the stories and get a better understanding of our culture.”

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Attends look through t-shirts at the Summer 2017 Northern California Wah-Za-Za Gathering, in Petaluma, Calif. on Aug. 12.

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Osage soldier honored with Hero's Award for evacuating civilians from Ukrainian building fire

On Aug. 10, Principal Chief Geoffrey Standing Bear was at McGuire Air Force Base where over two-thirds of U.S. military supplies are transported. “These aircraft are gigantic and teamwork everywhere! The organizational skills at work are inspiring!” he said.

On Aug. 10, Principal Chief Geoffrey Standing Bear on Aug. 10 watched Chinook Helicopters fly by. They later flew in one HC-130P Principal Chief Geoffrey Standing Bear in the cockpit of a C-130J transport. They later flew back to Andrews Air Force Base in Washington D.C. “What an experience with our military!” he said.

On Aug. 24, Ukraine's Independence Day, Minister of Defense Stepan Poltorak awarded six U.S. National Guardsmen of the 616th Infantry Brigade Combat Team the Hero’s Award for evacuating people from the burning building in the city of Lviv on July 16, according to Ukrainian news outlet 112 International.

The JCOC was established by Secretary of Defense James V. Forrestal in 1948 and was initially a 10-day course for about 60 participants. Participants attend activities over six days, sometimes starting as early as 6 a.m. and going until 7 p.m. daily. According to the website, specific program objectives include:

- Educate and inform participants about the strength and readiness of the U.S. Armed Forces through personal observations of the Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force and Coast Guard operations.
- Provide a better understanding of the challenges faced by men and women in uniform and by the families who support them, both on and off the battlefield.
- Provide the American public opportunities to obtain a better understanding of national defense policies and programs through the eyes of opinion leaders who share their observations and knowledge based on their JCOC experiences.
- Give participants a sense of what a day in the life of a military service member is like, as frequent travel aboard many different aircraft and vessels, little to no free time, hectic schedules; orientations and engagements with military officials and participation in field activities with service members.

The JCOC is attended by Secretary of Defense James V. Forrestal in 1948 and was initially a 10-day course for about 60 participants. Participants have included CEOs of Fortune 100 companies, non-profit organizations, prominent universities, public administrations from metropolitan cities and more, according to the website.

In an Aug. 30 letter, sent from Oklahoma Governor Stitt, Secretary of Defense James Mattis wrote: “I am witness to the success of the United States Department of Defense. Thank you for allowing me to experience the 2017 Joint Civilian Orientation Conference. Since my return, I have shared the knowledge gained with my Osage people and our community via social media and public engagements. The dedication of our men and women in our military is so impressive. This was a life time experience that I am able to share with so many people. "We as civilians must strive to support our military with the same passion and dedication as our military supports and defends our United States Constitution. This conference has changed me forever."
Count One

Count One of the petition asks whether Congress has the constitutional power to confer limited or conditional discretion to the Executive Branch, as it did in ONCA 16-100, to make cuts to certain programs, thereby creating a new position within the Executive Branch; whether it was within the Constitution to allow the President to make such cuts; and whether Congress has the power to interpret its own laws.

Count Two

Count Two addresses the National Capital Planning Act (BPLA), ONCA 17-93. It asks whether the BPLA permits or requires that such projects be included in any appropriation for the fiscal year. Count Two asks specifically whether Congress has the power to interpret the Constitution, as well as to determine what laws, if any, are applicable to a particular program.

Count Three

Count Three pertains to the revised ONCA 16-100 (Edwards), as amended by ONCA 17-93, and ONCA 17-172. It asks whether Congress has the power to authorize the President to create new positions within the Executive Branch.

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Finally, this Court opts to sort page four of the document.
Four Osages to be honored at 9th Annual AARP Indian Elder Honors Oct. 3

Shannon Shaw Duty

Osage elder Jerri Jean Branstetter, Tim Tall Chief, Rosemary Wood and the late Charles Red Corn have been selected for this year’s 9th Annual AARP Oklahoma Indian Elder Honors. The event will take place at the National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum in Oklahoma City Oct. 3.

The Elder Honors is the largest recognition program of its kind and honors elders for contributions to their tribes, communities, state and nation. Since its inception in 2009, AARP Oklahoma has honored more than 40 elders from all 39 federally recognized tribes in Oklahoma, according to a release.

“The AARP Indian Elder Honors recognizes the extraordinary contribution of Indian elders – many of whom have never been recognized before,” said AARP Volunteer of the Year, President and Army Veteran Velma M. Amick. “It’s a privilege being part of a preparation role that allows these elders’ voices to be heard and their legacies to be celebrated.”

Branstetter served a six-year term in the State Legislature, serving at various points in a total of nine sessions. “As a legislative representative, my objective was to enhance the quality of life of people living here, everyone is useful. Everyone is valuable, how ever what people do does change over time. It is important that we recognize the contributions of our elders.”

When visiting the Wah-Ne-Ta-Wan Museum, patients may have noticed Osage elder Maria Watson, whose nursing and doctor’s certificates are kept in one of the central Osage elders’ youth rooms. She was always an active participant in various arts and cultural events in the community. She was born on Feb. 8, 1949, to George Tall Chief and Wynona with her husband Johnny Branstetter.

She was also a member of the Osage Nation Congress and the National Indian Education Association. She was a member of the Osage Nation Congress in 2008. During her tenure as a Congresswoman, Branstetter served on several Congressional committees including the

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Black mold forces ON Congress and OMG to conduct business downtown

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The Osage Nation Principal Chief Standing Bear said (right) discusses the new campus Master Plan with Timothy Johnson, Senior Director of Planning & Design Services for OMG. (Osage News photo by Robin Polhamus)

Benny Polaca

A leaking roof and flooding from recent rains prompted a shutdown of the Osage Nation Congress and OMG administrative offices due to black mold in the 40-year-old building.

As ON officials address the building problems, they are underway to relocate the 2017 Tzi-Zho Session to the former First National Bank building downtown Pawhuska. The main sessions, which typically start at 10 a.m. daily, would be ready. The plan is to meet at the former First National Bank for legislative sessions and committee meetings.

The ON Congress Office plans to continue providing audio and video live-stream coverage of the sessions while they are held in the former bank building. The Nation’s online live-stream address is osagenation-nsn.gov/multimedia/live-media.

Congressional Committee meetings are scheduled as needed during the 24-day session to initially consider bills, resolutions, appropriations and other matters for congressional consideration.

The OMG also uses the chambers for its meetings and its offices are located across the street from the ON Congressional Office. The OMG offices were damaged and affected by the water damage and its offices, along with lobby restrooms, are currently closed off to the public. The Congress, along with the neighboring Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Office Agenc, both remain open in the building.

Still further, the OMG Office is now temporarily relocated in the former Osage Nation Congress building along Main Street.

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I think we are going to have to be making some decisions soon, I don’t think we can keep putting this off,” Buffett said. “And, also we have to reallocate our priorities for Congress and OMG to conduct business downtown.

The Fifth Osage Nation Congress will meet for its 2017 Tzi-Zho Session in the former First National Bank building downtown Pawhuska. The building is located on Main Street, across the historic Tzi-Zho Building.

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Yellow caution tape blocks access to the ON Congressional building on Aug. 25.
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TULSA, Okla. – The 2018
year will start with a new
Osage Nation WIC Clinic to serve
in the southern part of Osage County, as well
as the north part of the state’s
second largest city.

On Aug. 24, tribal officials
held a groundbreaking cer-
emony for the planned 3,000 square-foot WIC clinic along North 36th Street across from
the Nation’s Flagship Osage Casino. Construction is sched-
uled to be complete in December,
said Bruce Case, director of the Nation’s Tribal Devel-
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That day, tribal officials
shared congratulatory re-
marks at the event, which
opened with an Osage prayer
delivered by Osage elder and
master language teacher Hor-
nom "Mogi" Lookout.

Principal Chief Geoffred
Standing Bear said: “Our fu-
ture is with us now, it’s with
us in every pregnant woman
and every child, it’s with us
in this program today. Women,
Infants, Children, that’s what
WIC stands for. And for those
of you who don’t understand that new
prayer, ‘Uncle Mog’ reached
out into these categories and
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categories and among our peo-
ple and all the people in the communities.”

Osage Nation WIC program serves thousands of
women and children through nutrition programs, nourish-
ings foods, education programs and services to its
people. According to the Nation’s WIC Director, Manon
Taylor, said: “They’ve done a great job, they are the
largest county in the state of Oklahoma, they
have several locations and we
need more facilities like this.”

Congress members Otto
Hamilton and Aline Buffalos
head attended the event with
other ON government officials
and WIC employees on hand
for the groundbreaking event.

“Tulsa will leave knowing something
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and Osage artists, she said.

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The other exhibit room is
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exhibit themes, Winter said.
The current exhibit is called Wach-Zhi Spirit: A Celebration of Osage History and Culture
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ON Congress convenes for 2017-Tzi-Zho Session starting Sept. 5
Barney Polaca
Osage News

The Fifth Osage Nation Congress will convene for its 2017-Tzi-Zho Session starting Tuesday Sept. 5 at 10 a.m. at the new First Nation Building.

The Congress will meet in the Osage-owned former bank building during the Tzi-Zho Session as the relocation is caused by recent rains. The relocation could last weeks, pending the progress of repair work.

The former bank building is located at 100 W. Main St., and the 2018 fiscal year begins Oct. 1.

For the Osage Constitution, the Congress shall convene every two years for the purpose of revising the Constitution apart from the second one titled the Tzi-Zho Session. The sessions are limited to 24 days, but may be extended for extra days at the written request of two-thirds of the 12-member Congress.

The Congress will consider legislative bills, resolutions and other matters brought to the Legislative Branch for action. May also consider various matters of concern, focusing on the 2018 fiscal year budgets for the Nation's government operations. The current fiscal year ends Sept. 30, 2018.

Throughout the session, the Congress typically uses minimum meetings to initially consider the budgets for the Nation's government operations divisions, the three government branches, cultural operations and other independent entities and boards' commissions.

The members will meet in Congressional committee meetings, which will be scheduled throughout the session for initial reviews and consideration of legislation. Congressional committee meetings are posted online to the Legislative Branch calendar at: www.osagenation-nan.gov/home/osage-constitution-legislative-branch-calendar

In the 2018 election year, the Nation's executive branch elections will be held in the Congress chambers building, those public meetings will be live streamed at: www.osagenation-nan.gov/live-media

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Lilly Lookout practices with her cheerleading squad for the 5th and 6th grade on Aug. 17.

LOOKOUT

Lilly enjoys riding bikes with her family and she is a cheerleader for the Pawhuska 5th-grade cheerleading squad.

Lookout is the daughter of Taylor Horn and Michael Lookout and the grandchild of Tricia and Renee Morgan and Bobby Horn and Ivy Lookout, and the niece to caretakers of Taylor and Lauren Leklend.

Osage water resources engineer receives lifetime achievement award

Osage News

John W. Labadie is a professor of Civil and Environmental Engineering at Colorado State University. On June 14 he was honored for his work with a Medal of Lifetime Achievement from the Universities Council on Water Resources (UCOWR).

Labadie was presented with the honor during a trip to Oklahoma to back up learning traditional Osage cultures and to see the sights and activities anywhere.

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Belle Hill Wilson was born on Sept. 16, 1935 in Tucson, Ariz., to Raymond Hill and Marguerite Matin Waller. She is the grand-daughter of Walter and Helen Pratt Matin and Rose Neal Hill. She was raised with six siblings, Rita Nyees (deceased), Rose-Rayne Podger (deceased), Regina Hill, Everett Waller, Jake Waller (deceased) and Joe Freeman. She grew up in Hominy, Okla., and attended school in Hominy “On Back.” She graduated from Hominy in 1951 and attended two years of college at Southern Methodist University in Texas.

She has been happily mar- ried to John Wilson for 44 years. They have one daugh- ter, Heather Wilson Little and two grandsons, John Ty- ler Little and Wyatt Little. The family moved around a lot due to her husband’s Air Force career. They have lived in Dallas, San Antonio, Austin, Great Falls, Mont.; Tucson; Upper-Heyford, England; Mildenhall, Eng- land; Oklahoma City; Great Lakes, Ill.; Keflavik, Iceland; and Washington D.C.

She raised their daughter and took care of their home. She spent many years red- uteering with the Osage Casino and is currently a board member for the Osage Nation Elec- tion Board.

She is of the Hominy Dis- trict and her Osage name is Monee Tee-Xe. Her name was given to her by Alfred Obotry. She belongs to the Tsi-Zho Clan.

Osage News: When did you start dancing at In- Lon-Schka?

Belle Wilson: Probably around five years old or so. My mother would line us up and toe our skirres on so tight we could hardly breathe. It didn’t take us long to dance ourselves.

ON: What are the differ- ences in the In-Lon-Schka today from when you were young?

BW: The committees are larger, more dancers.

ON: What is your favor- ite thing about the In-Lon- Schka?

BW: I love the dances, al- ways have. I get a sense of belonging and contentment. Grandma Matin always said, “We’re one peo- ple,” I get that.

ON: How has the Osage Nation evolved in your life-time?

BW: Health, Education, cul- tural programs, jobs, all good things. All Osages should take advantage of what’s available. I hope all eligible Osages will use their right to vote.

ON: What is your favorite Osage food?

BW: Pork-Soam Fry.

ON: Who are your he- roes?

BW: My mother. Not only was she a living book of Osage history, but she was a wonder- ful mom. She taught me fam- ily, loyalty, faith in God and love of family. She had a great sense of style. She said to buy good shoes, because you will need your feet your whole life and cheap shoes will cause problems. Also, my husband John, he Jesus God, his family and country. He grew 33 years to his country in the Air Force and is still helping veter- ans. My mother said he is her only kid who minded her. John is good to not only his family but mine. Mom asked Everett and Jake Waller to adopt him into their Elk Clan.

ON: What was the happiest moment of your life?

BW: I remember jumping off a bed with Rosa when my dad was laying down and it broke. As she got older she would stand in place and out there. As she got older she would stand in place and dance.

ON: What is your earliest memory?

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ON: What is your favorite memory of your dad’s funeral?

BW: Other than my mar- riage and birth of our daugh- ter and grandsons, I am happy when I think back to the danc- es and can remember my mom out there. As she got older she would stand in place and dance.

ON: What are your favorite decade and why?

BW: I really can’t say one in particular; they have all been good. Maybe the 80’s; we were overseas most of that time. Lots of traveling.

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

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ON: What is your favorite place to go?

BW: 30 years ago we used to enjoy the ride and for heaven’s sake get some sleep.

ON: Is there anything else you would like to add?

BW: I laughed when asked to do this Elder Series, until I realized I was the elder of my mother’s children. My elders in my family are Stanlee Ann Mattingly and Janis Carpen- ter, but on both sides of my family we are cousins.
Bird Creek Farms hosts Free Harvest Day for tribal members and employees

Shannon Shaw Duty
Osage News

On a cloudy day in August, the Communities of Excellence staff walked through cornstalks while giving a tour of Bird Creek Farms. The buzzing of honey bees could be heard as the pollinators were doing their job. “The colonies of honeybees came from William St. John, he donated them to the farm,” said Director of Operations Casey Johnson. Just a few yards away he bent over and picked up a white, hill-side watermelon and held it up. “We’re going to grow watermelon, one for all the kids at school.”

Bird Creek Farms is the result of a 270-acre gift from Lynn family in the early 1960s Rediscovered by the Standing Bear administration in 2014, the Communities of Excellence (COE) staff, workers from the Ta-wa Amore is and Amor- corps programs, have been working, clearing, and tilling 70 acres for community use for the past 5 years. The fruits of their labor are beginning to show.

What started out as an overgrown piece of property has been transformed into community gardens, two hoop houses with two more coming, a monarch butterfly habitat, an arboretum and coming soon: walking trails. Currently produce grown on the farm includes five species of tomatoes, cucumbers, watermelon, cantaloupes, lettuce, beets, beans, squash, turnips, okra, honeybee, and three species of corn. Pecan and walnut trees also grew on the property and when the season was there, those will be harvested as well.

Currently, the COE harvests the vegetables and gives what they harvest to the Na- tive American Church, the Native American Church, Sweat Lodge ceremonies, Osage Nation sponsored events, George said. “They love it when they’re out here. It gets them outside.” Johnson said. “They love it when they’re out here. It gets them out of the building, gets them outside.”

Johnson said the Nation’s Osage Language Immersion School, the Wah-Zha-Zhi Early Learning Academies and Head Start will also receive fresh produce in the future.

The wood on the property is cut and split and given to families for funeral or memorial dinners, In-Lon-Schka season firewood is ready for distribution at Bird Creek Farms. The firewood can go to families for funeral or memorial dinners, In-Lon-Schka Dance Committees, Family Camps at In-Lon-Schka, NAC meetings, naming ceremonies and ON sponsored events.

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The only vegetable that wasn’t ready for harvest was the corn.

The next Free Harvest Day is scheduled for Sept. 30, from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m.

The participants thanked Bird Creek Farm for the produce and want to come back. They took pictures and had a great time,” said Margaret Sisk, assistant to the COE director. “They were glad to be here, the Community Garden and wanted to see the little watermelon and cantalupe. Everyone asked about pumpkins. The kids had fun and saw friends and cousins. If we had choices people would have sat and talked. People were introducing themselves to each other. It was fun for me to witness the fellowship of Osages.”

Bird Creek Farms is located at 101 Midland (south of Bird Creek) in Pawhuska. Harvest- ers were encouraged to wear a hat, rubber boots, to bring bug repellent, sunscreen, a basket and a drink.

For more information or to sign up for the next Free Har- vest Day on Sept. 30, call the Communities of Excellence at (918) 287-5267.
Fingerweaving Class

Pawhuska Classes
Osage Nation Cultural Center
Wedgesdays 6-8 p.m.
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Hominy Classes
Osage Nation Education Center
Tuesdays 6-8 p.m.
Sept. 12, 19, 26
Oct. 3, 10, 17, 24
Nov. 7, 14, 21, 28

Osage Moccasins

Pawhuska Classes
Osage Nation Cultural Center
Mondays 6-8 p.m.
Sept. 11, 18, 25

Fairfax Classes
Osage Nation Language Center
Tuesday 6-8 p.m.
Oct. 3, 10, 17

Hominy Classes
Osage Nation Education Center
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Shirts and Shawls

Pawhuska Classes
Osage Nation Cultural Center
Tuesday 6-8 p.m.
Sept. 11, 18, 25

Fairfax Classes
Osage Nation Language Center
Wednesday, 6-8 p.m.
Oct. 4, 11, 18

Hominy Classes
Osage Nation Education Center
Tuesdays 6-8 p.m.
Nov. 7, 14, 21

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Pawhuska Classes
Osage Nation Cultural Center
Mondays 6-8 p.m.
Oct. 2, 9, 16

Open Studio Osage Nation Cultural Center will have open studio
Monday through Friday in
Sept., Oct., and Nov. from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Anyone is welcome to come work on their projects.

Call (918) 287-5538 to Sign Up
Osage Nation Princess Jasmine Phetsacksith gets ready for the parade on Saturday, August 19 in Anadarko.

Osage Nation Princess Jasmine Phetsacksith poses with the Kiowa Black Leggings Society before the parade on Saturday, August 19 in Anadarko.

Osage Nation Princess Jasmine Phetsacksith dances with the Fort Sill Apache princess during the fire dancer exhibition on August 17 in Anadarko.

Osage Tribal Princess Jasmine Phetsacksith showed off her wedding coat at the American Indian Exposition Fashion Show at the Southern Plains Indian Museum on August 18.

Native American Tribal Princesses including Osage Tribal Princess Jasmine Phetsacksith (center left) enjoy their afternoon roller skating in Chickasha at OK Skateland. The young women represent their respective tribal nations at the 2017 American Indian Exposition in Anadarko.

Osage Tribal Princess Jasmine Phetsacksith and Principal Chief Geoffrey Standing Bear represent the Osage Nation in the 2017 American Indian Exposition parade in Anadarko on Aug. 16.

Osage Nation Princess Jasmine Phetsacksith poses with the Kiowa Black Leggings Society before the parade on Saturday, August 19 in Anadarko.

American Indian Exposition
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Three Osages appointed to Osage LLC board subject to Congressional confirmation

Benny Polacca

The Osage Limited Liability Com- pany board is being revamped with new members, including some who are currently serving on the Tallgrass Eco-
nomic Development LLC Board.

Principal Chief Geoffrey Standing Bear recently appointed three Osages to the five-member LLC board and those individuals will be considered for board confirmation consideration when the ON Congress meets for the 24-day 2017 Tzi-Zho Session starting Sept. 5.

The three LLC board appointees are Kay Bills, Tim Clashin and Patsy Stuke. The other two appointees, who are also Tallgrass Economic Develop-
ment LLC board members are Ray-
mond Hankins and Phillip Morrow (Osage). Bills is also a Tallgrass Eco-
nomic Development LLC board member who was confirmed to serve earlier this year during the spring Hun-Kah Session.

During the June special session, the Congress voted to pass ONCA 17- 79 (sponsored by Congressman Ron Shaw), which is a bill amending the Nation’s ethics law “to allow individu-
als to serve on both the Tallgrass Eco-
nomic Development LLC Board and the Osage LLC Board.”

According to her professional re-
sume, Bills served as the first director of the Office of Native American Busi-
ness Development under the U.S. De-
partment of Commerce for four years.

In this position, Bills (who recently moved back to Fairfax/Grayhorse) made recommendations to the Minor-
ity Business Development Agency on Native American issues and built col-
laborative working groups with major federal organizations.

Stuke, of Lenexa, Kans., is also a seasoned businesswoman with her own consulting business Osage Digital Ser-
vice, according to her resume. She’s also worked in sales management and business management positions in Kansas, Ohio and California and New York.

Clashin (Osage/Navajo) is a former ON Information Technologies Depart-
ment director who now lives in Chula Vista, Calif., where he works as busi-
ness development director for Annota Inc., which specializes in IT integrated security software, according to his re-
sume. He also serves as executive vice president for First Nation Corporation, which is a Native American-owned firm based in nearby San Diego with focus on IT professional and managed security services.

Bills, Stuke and Clashin will be sub-
ject to congressional consideration first by the Congressional Commerce, Gam-
ing and Land Committee during the Tzi-Zho Session before being referred to the entire Congress for a confirm-
tion vote.

How to submit a Letter to the Editor

If you would like to submit a letter to the editor, please mail it to the Osage News, Attn: Shannon Shaw Duty, 619 Kihekah, Pawhuska, OK 74056 or send email to sshaw@osagetribe.org.

Letters must be respectful and informative to the reader, and may be edited for grammar, clarity and space.
Tara Madden

Oklahoma farmers have signed contracts with the Osage Nation’s Women, Infants and Children program to host an annual World Breastfeeding Week carnival at the Pawhuska Community Center this year.

“We had approximately 90 people in attendance and everyone provided outreach from their program to the participants. We served food, drinks sundaes, and popcorn along with games for the children in attendance,” said Manon Taylor, WIC nurse practitioner. “Farmers and merchants donated many items to the carnival including gift baskets. The programs gave away items as well. The Shriner’s provided the pop for the event and provided information on their organization.”

Taylor and World Breast-feeding Week (WBI) celebrate working together to produce sustainable results for Osawatomie.” The benefits of breastfeeding within the community are vast. Evidence shows the benefits of breastfeeding shows it aids in the survival of infants and helps them thrive, it has long-term health benefits for women, yields economic stunts and enhances the well-being of children. ON WIC is partnering with the Osage County Health Department, Osage Nation Children’s Services, ON Health Programs, the State Office of Substance Use and Overdose Prevention (SOUS), and OSU Extension staff to achieve goals in this year’s event.

The focus this year was on the important of working together for the common good, and will run to the end of Sep-tember when the grants expire this year. The program will return next summer in June. There is a concern with the number of eligible participants and the vouchers not being utilized by the recipients. The program is a free service and the vouchers are supposed to be used, “if your vouchers expire do not throw them away; bring them into WIC, we can set up an appointment on the next possible date, it could hurt future grant possibilities and services.”

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The Osage Nation WIC is presenting the annual World Breastfeeding Week carnival at the Pawhuska Community Center. The event is free to the public and includes refreshments like popcorn, drinks, and sundaes. It also features local vendors who donated door prizes and beverages. Pawhuska merchants from Perkin’s, O.B. Williams, and the Shriner’s also provided refreshments for the event.

The Osage Nation Women, Infants and Children program has been working with local farmers to provide fresh produce for the carnival. The program has received funding from the United States Department of Agriculture’s (USDA) Farmers Market Vouchers Program and the Okmulgee County Farm Bureau. The program provides fresh fruits and vegetables to the community.

The event aims to raise awareness about the importance of breastfeeding and its benefits for both mothers and infants. It also encourages families to continue breastfeeding beyond the initial stages. The program provides resources and support to breastfeeding mothers and their families.

Reprinted Osage Constitutions now available at ON Attorney General’s Office

Reprinted copies of the Osage Constitution are now available at the ON Attorney General’s Office in handout style.

The Osage Constitution includes three amendments approved by voters during the 2014 and 2016 special elections, and one this year’s special election. In March 2006, Osage voters approved a formed government constitution currently in use today.

The AG’s office reprinted the Constitution last year, but the last page of the document was inadvertently left out, prompting another reprinting with the correction made. The Constitutions are free of charge to the public.

The last page of the document includes the signatures of the 31st Osage Tribal Council and Principal Chief Jim Gray and Assisting Principal Chiefs Kembere H. Bigheart.

DOI awards Osage Nation Historic Preservation with $23,900 grant

The Osage Nation is a recipient of the U.S. Department of Interior’s historic preservation grant it announced on Aug. 17.

In a prepared release from the office of Deputy Secretary of the Interior, Tracy Lehi-Barnard, the DOI and the National Park Service (NPS) announced $4.1 million in additional funds would be awarded to 181 Tribal Historic Preservation Offices. The $4.6 million is in addition to an earlier award in August for $5.7 million, for a total of $11.3 million awarded for the year.

“These grants highlight the Department’s and the Na- tion’s commitment to supporting our mutual heritage and history, and heritage and history, and heritage and history,” said Bernhard in the release. “Through valuable partnerships, we are able to help commu- nities and tribes protect the diverse historic places, cultures, and traditions unique to our nation’s past and future generations.”

The tribal historic preservation grants are administered by the NPS and are funded by an annual appropriation from the U.S. Congress out of the Historic Preservation Fund (HPF), according to the release. The HPF was established in 1977 and also funds State Historic Preservation Offices. The program provides more than $1.2 billion in historic preservation grants to states, tribes, local governments and nonprofits each year, according to the release. The current program has $4.6 million in funding available.

The Osage Nation Historic Preservation Office (ONHPO) preserves the culture and history of the Osage Nation and shares that knowledge with the people, according to their website. The ONHPO works with federal, state, and local agencies on undertakings that require tribal consultation that identifies, protects and preserves archaeological and historic sites and objects within the boundaries of the Osage Nation Reservation and in lands throughout Osage ances- tral territories and homelands, according to their web- site.

Osage ancestral lands include Illinois, Missouri, Arkan- sas, Kansas, Oklahoma, small portions of northwestern and southwestern Colorado, and northeastern Utah and western Colorado and Wisconsin, according to the ONHPO website. The earliest known Osage ancestral lands include portions of the Ohio River Valley states: Kentucky, Indiana, and Ohio, Western Virginia, and Pennsylvania.

Osage Nation WIC and Elder Nutrition Program help bring fresh produce to clients

Home- canned jelly, sundaes, and ice cream and cheese, all on sale at the ON Attorney General’s Market by Toni and Paul Zemp.

On the last page of the document, including the signatures of the 31st Osage Tribal Council and Principal Chief Jim Gray and Assisting Principal Chiefs Kembere H. Bigheart. Other signatures are from those who were on the Osage Government Reform Commission including William S. Fletcher, Prisella H., Arey Jean Brunette, Joe Connor, Marvin Anthony Daniels, the late Henry Edward Lockout, James Norris, Douglas Re- feree, Jean Branstetter, Joe Conner, S. Fletcher, Priscilla Iba, Jerri Roberts, and other Osage Tribal Council and Principal Chief Jim Gray and Assisting Principal Chiefs Kembere H. Bigheart.
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During the July Osage Minerals Council meeting, Minerals Council Director Bill Lynn discussed the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) in association with well data maintained by the BIA.

Well data is considered vital to exploration and production, and has been available to producers for over a hundred years. In 2015, the BIA began requiring formal written requests to access the information. FOIA requests can be time consuming and burdensome. When questioned, Regional Director Del Streater went through the well files and realized that, “The records contain proprietary information.”

Lynn, a geologist and longtime veteran of the Osage oil business, is more familiar than well records. He has worked with well data in both offices and in the oil fields. Lynn said, “The oil and gas exemptions for FOIA include geologic maps and seismic. There has been no ruling on well files. The only thing proprietary about oil and gas fields would be if someone accidentally dropped their wallet in one.”

According to FOIA.gov, agencies are authorized to withhold information only “…when they reasonably foresee that disclosure would harm an interest protected “… exemptions.” Barring a lost wallet, it is difficult to see what the BIA finds “harmful” about allowing oil producers access to well data.

In addition to FOIA, the Bureau has been playing fast and loose with the application of the Endangered Species Act (ESA) and other rules and regulations to the harm and extreme detriment of oil production activity. Lynn said that obtaining authorization for incidental take of the American Burying Beetle (ABB) under Section 10 of the Endangered Species Act is optional.”

So, why ask Lynn, is the Bureau making Individual Certification Programs (ICP) a requirement for Osage County producers?

“Under the ICP, operators must have surveys performed for ABB presence at an approximate cost of $5,000 per well. If ABBs are present then ABB conservation credits must be purchased at a cost of $15,000 to $30,000 per well, and in addition, survey must that will not adversely impact the economic life of many Osage oil and gas fields,” said Fred Storer, Hydraulic Engineer, PLLC. According to Storer, the states of Arkansas, Kansas, Oklahoma, and South Dakota are exempt from the Endangered Species Act, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) because of the small amount of ABBs that occur in the area and gas production in the Osage occupies only about one percent of the total surface, yet the restrictions are significantly and brutally imposed. This is blatant unequal application of the law.

Lynn said, “NEPA (National Environmental Policy Act), ESA (Environmental Impact Statement) – continual push by the BIA for additional regulation change not only suppresses oil and gas activity on the Osage Minerals Estate, but also ignores the sovereignty expression by the Osage through numerous resolutions and letters.”

Councilwoman Stephanie Erwin said, “What we are talking about here, or should be talking about, is breach of trust.” Erwin has long and often stated her concerns over the unequal application of rules and regulation against Osage oil producers. Erwin reminds the up – in-turn harassment coincides with the Osage Trust Settlement.

As reported by the Osage News in a June 16, 2013 article, “The Osage Trust Case Settlement was the result of a 11-year legal battle … that awarded the Osage Tribe approximately $330 million as a result of government mismanagement of their Mineral Estate. The settlement was the result of government mismanagement … as a result of an 11-year legal battle … as a result of government mismanagement.”

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It’s not only members of the Osage Minerals Council who notice the unwarranted knee-jerk kicking in the groin by the BIA. Rob Lyon, Osage County Producers Association, said to the Bartlebie Examine-Engineer in a June 11, 2015 article, “… shortly after the settlement was announced in late 2011 … challenges began to get more complicated for the association’s lessees almost immediately.” He said, “Doing business in Osage County oil fields has been increasingly difficult since this government misclassification, action lawsuit over its historic mismanagement.”

About the author: Rosemary Wood is a former two-time Osage Tribal Councilwoman and graduated from St. John Hospital School of Nursing in 1963, the University of Oklahoma in 1967, and from Barry University 1971 with a Master of Science in Psychiatric Nursing.

Two Texas Osage Associations to hold October meetings

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The North Texas Osage Association will host a meeting on Saturday, Oct. 14, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Metroplex Community Room, located at 4560 Metro Plaza, Grapevine, TX 76051. The Wabash-Chisholm Cultural Center will make a presentation, as well as Susan Forman, Osage natural gas contracting expert. Speakers include Principal Chief Geoffrey Standing Bear and Congresswoman Martha Whitmire. Lunch will be served to those who RSVP.

The South Texas Osage Association will host a meeting on Saturday, Oct. 21, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Texas Osage Berendo Library located at 4018 Thou- sand Oaks, San Antonio, TX 78235. Osage Nation Museum Curator Hallie Winter will make a presentation. Speakers will include Standing Bear and Whitmire.

Please RSVP to Jim Ryan at jimbry61@ymail.com, or call him at (210) 825-6747 or RSVP on the Texas Osage Association Facebook page by Oct. 17.
Community was important to Gina and it is appropriate that the celebratory exhibition in her home-town be a community endeavor.”

Winter said the upcoming exhibition is a cumulative endeavor, incorporating the permanent collection of the ONM and generous private collectors of Gray’s work. The upcoming exhibition embodies the kinship Gray had with her Osage and artistic communities, she said.

An exhibition catalogue will accompany the show and will be available for the suggested donation of $20. All proceeds from the catalogue will go to the Osage Nation Museum to help in fulfilling their mission of educating the public on Osage art, history, and culture, Winter said.

BENNY POLACCA/Osage News
John Horsechief of the Wah-Zha-Zhi Cultural Center leads a workshop on moccasin making during the Aug. 12 Northern California Osage gathering in Petaluma.

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Northern California Osage gathering attendees Josiah Mike and Francesca Martinez make moccasins during a cultural workshop at the Aug. 12 event in Petaluma.
Congratulations! Congratulations to Autumn Watts-Dalman (Osage/Comanche) who recently graduated from the University of Okla- homa, receiving a Master’s Degree in Human Relations. Autumn is the granddaughter of Don and Donna Hight Watts. She is the granddaughter of the late Vivian Hamilton Hight and Bill Hight. She is the great-granddaughter of Elizabeth Pratt and Ira Hamilton. The great-great-granddaughter of Henry and Josephine Littlebear Pratt and Ira and Mas- soil Elvia Hamilton, and her maternal grandmother the late Mary Alice Maddox. Autumn would like to Thank the Osage Nation and the Osage Nation Higher Education Program for their support. Autumn would also like to acknowledge her grandmother Vivian, who was the inspiration to continue her education at OU.

Autumn Watts-Dalman

The Osage News wins 14 Native American Journalists Association awards for 2016 coverage

The Osage News staff and board members Liz King and Jent Jean Brum- tetter at the 2015 NAJA Media Awards Banquet in Washington, D.C.

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The Native American Journalists Association has awarded the Osage News with 14 awards for their 2016 coverage. The Osage News participates in the Professional Division II – Print/ Online division with a circulation of 5,000-10,000. The Osage News staff will travel to Anahim, Calif., Sept. 7-9 to attend the Excellence in Journalism conference, hosted by the Society of Professional Journalists, the National Association of Hispanic Journalists, Radio Television Digital News Association and NAIJ.

The Osage News staff won for the following:
- Professional Division II – Print
- General Excellence
- First Place
- Second Place
- Online - Best Digital Publication
- First Place
- Second Place
- Online - Best News Story
- First Place
- Second Place
- Excellence in Beat Reporting
- Best Feature Photo
- Best Feature Story
- First Place
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Alimeda Melba McClure passed away on August 7, 2017. She was born on January 17, 1942 in Pawnee, OK to Olce Frank McClure. She joined the U.S. Navy in 1961 and served a 1 year term. She met her husband, James Melba Adams in Arlington, Virginia and on March 11, 1967 they were married. She was a proud member of the Osage Nation and was very involved with tribal affairs including dancing and powwows. She enjoyed nature and spent her time fishing, hunting and was a NCCAR voting member. She was an animal lover and adored dogs.

Alimeda was preceded in death by her husband, Johnnie of the home three sons, Johnnie Lee (Bob) Adams, Junior, Keith Adams; five daughters, Janet (Don) Levinge, Dawn Marie (Tommy) Jenkins, Constance (Kevin) Goodridge, Aline (Ren) Grenier; 26 grandchildren and 17 great grandchildren, as well as many sons and nephews.

Alimeda was at the Sacred Heart Church in Pawnee, OK, August 10, 2017. Interment was at Sacred Heart Cemetery. The family asked that friends and family wear black in her memory. She was a member of the Sacred Heart Church as well.

Obituaries

Tina Marie (Chad) Douglass; Johnnie Morton Bradshaw; Buddy Morton Bradshaw

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Paul and Toni Zemp, farmers from Pawhuska, Okla., have traveled to Pawhuska every Monday since June to set up their produce, along with fellow farmer Robena Logan from Fairfax. They have provided produce such as fresh yellow squash, zucchini, tomatoes and Okra, as well as melons and strawberries and other berries. They brought green beans, potatoes and various home- canned jellies and sausas with them.

The plan was to have their produce stand until the end of September, but due to the lack of participation in the community, the cost of fuel and the cost of some of their packaged produce - the loss of participation cost them money and Aug. 28 was their last day to set up. They said they will come back for special events and set out their produce when the occasion arises.

“We started out pretty good but have slowed down considerably. I am not sure if it has to do with school starting or what, but we have enjoyed coming to Pawhuska,” said Toni Zemp.

The Tulsa farmers market has had the most success and Patterson said she hopes the community will take advantage of this opportunity to acquire fresh produce and fruits in the future.

“In coming weeks, we will be holding a big event for Elders here in Pawhuska where several farmers will bring their produce and fruits back and trucks will come with other items to provide food for the Elders. This event is open to all elders in the community and surrounding areas,” she said.

WIC and Elder Guidelines

According to the guidelines set in the WIC farmer’s market manual, the Farmers’ Market Nutrition Program (FMNP) started July 2, 1992, as Public Law 102-314. The program also includes the Seniors Farmers’ Market Nutrition Program (SFMP) for income-based citizens 65 years and older.

The senior’s program is administered by the Osage Nation Elder Nutrition Program.

The rules for the farmer’s market are that the farmers must sign a contract with Osage Nation and be from Oklahoma. They must grow at least one produce item they are selling. The farmers can only sell fruits and vegetables grown from Oklahoma. They can only be used for eligible items. Prices and quality of the product must be extended to those who are not voucher holders. They must follow the voucher redemption and processing procedures and collect no taxes on the vouchers.

For more information on the farm- ers’ markets and their locations, contact Donna Patterson at Osage Nation WIC (918) 287-5365.

PRODUCE

Green Bell Peppers, cantaloupe, and tomatoes, farmed by Rebecca Logan from Fairfax.

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

Mark it on your calendars!

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