Tillman elected Congressional Speaker, Stabler elected Second Speaker

Benny Palusca

Joe Tillman is the new Osage Nation Congressional Speaker.

White House launches task force into IHS facilities

Reports of Osages spending their Health Benefit Fund on car stereos, groceries, vacations, hotel rooms and other non-health-related expenses prompted the sixth Osage Nation Congress to act.

Osage Nation Principal Chief Geoffery Standing Bear gave the State of the Nation address to the 6th Osage Nation Congress on the first day of the 2019 Hun-Kah Session on March 25 in the Capitol Building.

Osage, programs for Osages languages, culture, immersion school and Wah Zhii-Zhi Early Learning Academy provide an Osage environment for our future.

Standing Bear's address comes as the Nation celebrated the 115th anniversary of the reformed Osage government this year. This is Standing Bear's first State of the Nation address during his second term in office.

Regarding the Osage health benefit programs, Standing Bear said: "The growth in our membership has greatly increased the funding needs of the Health Benefit Fund. This fund, which provides for the health benefit card, the Medicare Plan D supplement program and the Medicare Part D program, has needed very large increases every year. Other programs have seen increases of funding needs, but none can match the high demand of the Health Benefit Fund."" Five years ago, in fiscal year 2014, the Osage Nation committed and spent a total of $7,240,000.00 for the Health Benefit Fund,"" Standing Bear said. ""By 2018, the amount increased to $8,994,000.00. This year, $9,775,627.00 was appropriated and spent for the Health Benefit Fund.""
An Osage Nation Congressional bill seeking to establish a fund for home loan and down payment assistance for first-time home buyers to all enrolled members 50 states and U.S. territories failed during the 2019 Hun-Kah Session.

Congress members debated the bill, OS-18-12 sponsored by Congresswoman Alice Goodfox during committee meetings before voting 17 to 13 with three “yes” votes and eight “no” votes.

The bill sought to expand the current down payment assistance program offered through the Nation’s Housing Program. The current down payment assistance program is open to first-time home buyers (who are income-qualifying Osages within Osage County) with that housing assistance coming from federal funds awarded to the Nation. The Housing Program also uses tribal funds to assist enrolled Osages living in the state of Oklahoma who do not qualify for federal housing assistance.

Another proposed change to the home loan down payment program is the maximum loan amount per Approved Osage applicants. ONCA 19-12 sought to offer up to $5,000 each to applicants. The current maximum amount is $2,500 each to approved applicants residing in Oklahoma. ONCA 19-12 proposed granting ONCA 10-15 additional loans on several concerns including the 15% down payment loan program would be feasible, whether the program could be subject to fraudulent activities especially outside of Oklahoma and concerns that other nations of the Nation are not being addressed properly including more under housing opportunities.

In the discussion, Edwards referred to a memo from the National Indian Gaming Commission, which discussed the use of net gaming revenue (intragovernmental operations) for the general welfare of the tribes and its members. She said: “The memo states: ‘The Tribes in their current expansion to tribal nations, Osage Nation wishes to establish a fund for home loan and down payment assistance for first-time home buyers to all enrolled members 50 states and U.S. territories failed during the 2019 Hun-Kah Session.

A former financial advisor to tribal nations, Osage Nation citizen Vince Logan is not really sure where his career would have gone if (NAAF executive director) Joni (Hipp) gave me a call and asked me to come aboard,” he said.

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Osage Attorney General honored for 2019 Women’s History Month

Osage LLC forms new businesses, board awaits new appointee

County road projects to resume after Minerals Council and ODOT strike MOU

Katelyn Pipestem receives Honorable Mention from ALGC

Katelyn Pipestem is a junior at Oklahoma State University majoring in Psychology.

To commemorate this year’s Women’s History Month, the 2019 Women’s History Month Honorary Attorney General Holloway Wells during the Hon. BethanyCrum, Assistant District Attorney, attended the OSU Women’s History Month "Changing the World, One Woman at a Time" panel on March 25. Wells was one of eight women from across the country invited to present the recognition of Native women.

Wells was a guest speaker at the University of Wisconsin-Madison as well as a panelist at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. She has also spoken at the University of Wisconsin-Madison and the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Wells has served as the Assistant District Attorney for the State of Oklahoma and has served as a Special District Judge for the 33rd Judicial District for the State of Oklahoma. Wells has served as the 27th Prosecutorial District Judge for the State of Oklahoma, where –

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On gaming, Standing Bear noted the growth in numbers of gambling facilities in the United States. The Osage Nation, which opened last August, (“Our Gaming Enterprises,” Osage News: “Our Gaming Enterprises,” Osage News) is one of the largest and most successful gaming operations in the United States. The Osage Nation’s gaming facilities are located in the Tulsa metropolitan area and have been very successful in terms of revenue and profits. Standing Bear noted that the Osage Nation has been very successful in terms of revenue and profits. The Osage Nation has been very successful in terms of revenue and profits. The Osage Nation has been very successful in terms of revenue and profits.

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Osage Congress passes legislation, extends Hun-Kah Session

Speaker of the Osage Nation Congress J.C./Walker addresses the sixth Osage Nation Congress during his Legislative Address on the opening day of the 2019 Hun-Kah Session.

OSACA 19-02 (Congresswoman Alice Goodfox) is a resolution to authorize the Attorney General of sovereign immunity from prosecution and jurisdiction to travel commercial air carriers and limited sovereign affairs. Earlier this year, Osage Casino entered into discussions with Expedia and its sister hotel (Photo: Littleton as the Nation’s Treasurer on April 2.)

OSACA 19-04 (Goodfox) is a resolution to adjust the data that Tallgrass Economic Development LLC is designated as a “community bank” of Osage LLC. The resolution passed unanimously on April 11.

OSACA 19-06 (Congresswoman Alice Goodfox) is a resolution to authorize a resolution to extend Osage Casino owned affiliates. Earlier this year, Osage Casino extended 485x1525

OSACA 19-07 (Goodfox) is a resolution to request an average to be passed on the next Osage Tribal Council to due voters whether the Osage Congress may be amended to require candidates for Principal Chief/Secretary/Treasurer to pass on April 11

OSACA 19-08 (Stabler) is a resolution approving a limited waiver of sovereign immunity for the execution of an Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Agreement with Honeywell International Inc. The resolution passed unanimously on April 10.

OSACA 19-11 (Congressman Sheldon Goodfox) is a resolution to extend Osage Casino owned affiliates. Earlier this year, Osage Casino extended 485x1525

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OSACA 19-25 (Congresswoman Maria Whitehorn) amends the Treasurer’s law to establish the “Health Care Benefits Program” within the Nation’s Executive Branch to promote and create interest in healthy choices among Osage enrollees. The program, when established, will be used to establish a benefits fund for employees enrolled in benefit plans. The bill passed unanimously on April 10.

OSACA 19-26 (Congresswoman Maria Whitehorn) amends the Treasurer’s law to establish the “Health Care Benefits Program” within the Nation’s Executive Branch to promote and create interest in healthy choices among Osage enrollees. The program, when established, will be used to establish a benefits fund for employees enrolled in benefit plans. The bill passed unanimously on April 10.
The Sixth Osage Nation Congress wrapped its 2019 Hun-Kah session on April 23, in the 25th day with several bills and resolutions approved. The resolution to congratulate in congressional committees meetings or fast-tracked was approved, the Congress voted to approve the following legislation on April 23:

- ONCR 18-20 is a resolution sponsored by Congressmen John Maleck and co-sponsored by Congresswoman Angela Pratt seeking the Chief to publish the next ballot for Osage voters on whether elected and appointed office holders should be subject to term limits of five consecutive terms in office. On April 22, the resolution came up for vote. ONCR 18-20 passed with a 12-0 unanimous vote. The resolution puts the term limits question before the Osage people for their approval or rejection. Congressmen Maleck and Pratt have individually sponsored prior resolutions asking whether questions should be placed before Osage voters on term limits for members. Maleck passed on the resolution. The Legislation resolution asks Osage voters five full-term limits (plus any initial partial term fulfilled so far) for any one candidate could apply to the ON Congress, Principal Chief, Attorney General and State and Tribal Judicial Branch Judges established in the ON government. Legislation acts that Supreme Court Justices and the Trial Court Chief Judge.

The Sixth Osage Nation Congress considers bills and resolutions in the Capital Building during the 2019 Hun-Kah session.

According to ONCR 18-20, this resolution term limits question before the Osage people for their approval or rejection. The resolution is scheduled for a special election or at a special election if ordered by the Legislature. The resolution ask Osage voters for term limits for any one candidate could apply to the ON Congress, Principal Chief, Attorney General and State and Tribal Judicial Branch Judges established in the ON government. Legislation acts that Supreme Court Justices and the Trial Court Chief Judge.

- ONCA 18-17 is a resolution to amend the Nation's Pay for Service Program and to reduce the tribal executive branch budget to appropriate $69,158. The bill passed with an 11-0 vote.

Stated that she is satisfied with the majority of the bill but said she would vote “no” because the $250,000 threshold is too high. Prout thanked the entities involved in working on the bill including the Congresswoman Shannon Goodfox and Congressman John Maker and co-sponsored by Congressman John Maleck for their efforts in addressing those concerns. The bill passed 10-1 with a “no” vote from Congresswoman Angela Pratt, who expressed concern changes with the current processes and requirements would impact candidates who may not raise sufficient campaign donations and may need to use their personal resources to pay for campaign expenses.

Goodfox said the Election Board worked hard to consider the rules and regulations implemented in an effort to make the election process fair, which includes requiring candidates to open separate bank accounts for election campaign funds. During the campaign time, the candidates are required to submit two campaign reporting statements listing their donations and expenditures for campaign-related costs. "They would be more easier and transparent to the people who are voting into offices that there’s one account for your campaign and everything you pay for that campaign," Goodfox said before the vote from Whitehorn.

- ONCA 19-13 (Whitehorn) is a resolution to amend the Osage Nation Attorney General “to negotiate the Osage Nation’s law” to appropriate agreement protecting certain legal interests, property rights and facilities of the Osage Nation.

For Osage law, the Attorney General is required to negotiate the Osage Nation’s law as requested by the Principal Chief or the Congress in legal interests of the Nation’s dealings and relations outside the Osage Nation. The resolution to the finding pertains to March 2019 confidentiality agreement concerning the Oklahoma Attorney General, which includes the understanding and otherwise facilitate the discussions between the Nation’s Attorney General and the Osage Nation’s legal interests, property rights and facilities of the Osage Nation. The resolution was passed unanimously.

The Sixth Osage Nation Congress considers bills and resolutions in the Capital Building during the 2019 Hun-Kah session.

- ONCA 19-21 (Congresswoman Angela Pratt) is a bill to appropriate $83,076 to the Nation’s Capital Asset and Improvement Fund for Wildland Fire Management equipment purchases. The bill passed with an 11-0 vote.

- ONCA 19-34 (Prout) is an act to amend the Nation’s 2019 Executive Branch budget to appropriate $62,919 for local funding to the Community Health Representatives (CHR) program and to reduce the tribal budget in the same amount of $62,919. The bill passed with an 11-0 vote.

- ONCA 19-33 (Prout) is an act to amend the Nation’s 2019 Executive Branch budget to appropriate $11,634 in federal funds to the Community Health Representatives (CHR) program and to reduce the tribal budget in the same amount of $11,634. The bill passed with an 11-0 vote.

- ONCA 19-31 (Prout) is an act to amend the Nation’s 2019 Executive Branch budget to appropriate $76,946 in federal funds to the Community Health Representatives (CHR) program and to reduce the tribal budget in the same amount of $76,946. The bill passed with an 11-0 vote.

- ONCA 19-30 (Prout) is an act to amend the Nation’s 2019 Executive Branch budget to appropriate $62,919 for local funding to the Community Health Representatives (CHR) program and to reduce the tribal budget in the same amount of $62,919. The bill passed with an 11-0 vote.

- ONCA 19-29 (Prout) is an act to amend the Nation’s 2019 Executive Branch budget to appropriate $11,634 in federal funds to the Community Health Representatives (CHR) program and to reduce the tribal budget in the same amount of $11,634. The bill passed with an 11-0 vote.

All passed legislation will be sent to Principal Chief Geoffrey Standing Bear’s office for consideration to be signed into law. The two approved resolutions to the Principal Chief’s signature and will be placed on the Legislature website at ONleg.org. For more information on the 2019 Hun-Kah session and resolutions that were considered, visit the Legislative Branch website at https://www.osagenation-nsn.gov/who-we-are/legislative-branch.
## Osage Nation Legislative Branch

### Legislation Tracker for the 2019 HunKah Session, Day 20

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Osage veterans ride in motorcade for ‘The Wall That Heals’

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A 375-foot-long traveling replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial passed through the Osage Nation as it made its way to a three-day stop at Oklahoma State University in Stillwater on April 16.

That afternoon, Osage and other local military veterans paid tribute along with fellow area residents as The Wall That Heals mobile exhibit made a stop in Fairfax accompanied by a motorcycle escort of patriot guardsmen and Oklahoma Highway Patrol troopers. Residents and veterans gathered along Main Street to view and take pictures and video of the traveling wall exhibit, which travels by a semi-truck trailer.

Osage military veterans including Marvin Stepson, Johnny Williams, John Henry Mashunkashy, Joe Mashunkashey, Jim Trumbly, Mark Goad and James Norris visited the exhibit at Fairfax.

According to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund, the nonprofit authorized by the U.S. Congress to build the national memorial in Washington, D.C. dedicated in 1982, the traveling version of the memorial “features a three-quarter scale replica of The Wall … The exterior sides of the trailer that carries The Wall That Heals open to become a mobile Education Center. Information cases display photos of service members whose names are found on The Wall, along with items representative of those left at The Wall in D.C. Since it was unveiled in 1996, it has visited more than 400 communities throughout the nation, spreading the Memorial’s healing legacy to millions.”

There are more than 58,000 names of military service members who died during the Vietnam War and their names are inscribed on the Memorial.

According to an OSU news release, there are 987 Oklahomans’ names on The Wall That Heals citing National Archives data. Stillwater was the eighth of 34 stops for the traveling exhibit in 2019, which honors the more than 3 million Americans who served during the Vietnam War.

To learn about the Osage Veterans Memorial Commission, visit: www.osagenation-nsn.gov/who-we-are/veterans-memorial-commission.

Osage Tribal Princess Sorority Honor Dance

ABOVE: Osage Nation Princess Lainie Maker leads her special at the annual Osage Tribal Princess Sorority Honor Dance in Pawhuska on April 14.

RIGHT: Whitney Sage steps on beat during her contest at the annual Osage Tribal Princess Sorority Honor Dance in Pawhuska on April 14.

MIDDLE LEFT: Young Osage women dance during an intertribal at the annual Osage Tribal Princess Sorority Honor Dance in Pawhuska on April 14.

BOTTOM LEFT: Osage Nation Principal Chief Geoffrey Standing Bear and wife Julie (Right) dance at the annual Osage Tribal Princess Sorority Honor Dance in Pawhuska on April 14.
Dancers enter at the Joe Hall Annual Spring Dance in Grayhorse on April 13.

Practice makes perfect. Angela Tautska and her granddaughter dance during the Joe Hall Annual Spring Dance in Grayhorse on April 13.

A group of dancers during the Joe Hall Annual Spring Dance in Grayhorse on April 13.

TOP LEFT: Men dance during a round dance song at the annual Osage Tribal Princess Sorority Honor Dance in Pawhuska on April 14.

TOP RIGHT: A mother dresses her daughter for Grand Entry at the annual Osage Tribal Princess Sorority Honor Dance in Pawhuska on April 14.

LEFT: Head Man dancer Cory Spotted Bear and Head Lady dancer and Osage Nation Princess Lainie Maker, dance side by side during the grand entry at the annual Osage Tribal Princess Sorority Honor Dance in Pawhuska on April 14.
Osage students represent their skills at OK Native American Youth Language Fair

Lacey Kinzel-Barton
Osage News

Add Osage to the list of languages into which the “Baby Shark” has been translated. As part of the 2019 Oklahoma Native American Youth Language Fair, the kindergarten students from Daposka Ahnkodapi performed the viral hit in Osage, earning their place for their work.

Daposka Ahnkodapi teacher Chris Cote admitted afterward that the students’ song was not exactly an exact translation into Osage — think closer to “baby fish” — but that did not bother her charges.

“It’s not designed for an indigenous language,” he said. “But that’s alright. Those kids loved it.”

Launched in 2015, the two-day event at the Sam Noble Museum of Natural History includes four age divisions and 12 categories, including modern song, traditional song, spoken poetry, skit, spoken prayer and essay. Over the years, the event has grown from about 200 participants to more than 1,300.

Held April 1-2, the 2019 theme was “Growing in my Language.” A panel of indigenous elders, speakers and educators judged the entries, with emphasis placed on fluency, language use and for the performance category, stage presence.

Among the Osage students swimming accolades was Stela Seagraves. A senior at Edmund Memorial High School, Seagraves scored big by helping of her school district’s Indiana education efforts, Symphony Yellowfish, and won the high school division’s essay contest during the opening ceremonies on April 2.

A current participant in the tribe’s language program, Seagraves taught Osage language classes as a child, but took an extended hiatus due to school conflicts, something she says she regrets. Citing her grandmother’s English-only schooling experience, Seagraves wrote her essay about how the intricacies of the Osage language have helped her grow both as a person and as a citizen of the Osage Nation.

“I wanted to include how important it is to learn the language,” Seagraves said. “It’s important to remember how we got here and to honor the Osage Nation.

For me, it’s a way to pay homage to my ancestors. In my essay, one of the major things I wrote about is that I don’t have the same activities going on as Osages in any Pawhuska or Hominy being able to participate in language classes has helped me feel more connected to my Osage heritage. By blood, I’m Osage, but there’s a big difference between just being Osage by blood and being cultural Osage. Learning the language has helped me bridge that gap.”

The awards were not limited to high school students. Alex and Emmery Elizondo, both second graders respectively in the middle school division’s individual spoken word category, took home the gold in El Reno and took classes through the Osage Nation’s language department. Additionally, multiple students from Daposka Ahnkodapi and the Wah-Zah-Zhe Early Learning Academy sites in Skiatook and Pawhuska earned top honors, including all-Osage sweeps in the pre-kindergarten through second grade individual spoken word presentation, music group skit and group spoken prayer.

For Cote, the students’ successes serve as validation of the immersion school’s efforts.

“They’re all Osage. To see them thrive in it, it shows that work is starting to pay off. We take a lot of time and dedication to teach the kids, so to see them hold on to what we taught them… it’s pleasing.”

2019 OKNAYLF Winners

PreK-2nd Comics & Cartoons
• 1st Place, Emmett Smith
• 2nd Place, Samuel Greer

PreK-2nd Poster
• 1st Place, Sam Harding
• 2nd Place, Hailie McKinley

PreK-2nd Small Group Modern Song
• 3rd Place, Daposka Ahnkodapi Pre-K “Head, Shoulders, Knees & Toes”

PreK-2nd Large Group Modern Song
• 3rd Place, Daposka Ahnkodapi Kindergarten “Baby Shark”

PreK-2nd Individual Traditional Song
• 2nd Place, Kit Standing Bear “Yellowfish”

PreK-2nd Individual Spoken Language
• 1st Place, Joseph Duty “Who I Am, Joseph Duty”
• 2nd Place, Titan Harris “Who I Am, Titan Harris”
• 3rd Place, Luna Jacobs “Who I Am, Luna Jacobs”

PreK-2nd Small Group Shirt / Short Play
• 1st Place, Daposka Ahnkodapi First Grade “Osages on a Pin”
• 2nd Place, Pre-K “Getting Ready for Dinner”

PreK-2nd Large Group Shirt / Short Play
• 2nd Place, Daposka Ahnkodapi Second Grade “Inmokes: Our Cooks”
• 3rd Place, Daposka Ahnkodapi Pre-K “Mad Hatter’s Tea Party”

PreK-2nd Individual Spoken Prayer
• 2nd Place Emmott Smith “The Lord’s Prayer”

PreK-2nd Group Spoken Prayer
• 1st Place, Daposka Ahnkodapi Kindergarten “The Lord’s Prayer”
• 2nd Place, Daposka Ahnkodapi Pre-K “Bless the Children”

6th-8th Poster
• Honororable Mention, Jade Haynes

6th-8th Individual Spoken Prayer
• 1st Place, Alex Elizondo “My Osage Prayer”
• 2nd Place Emmery Elizondo “I Pray Every Day in Osage”

7th-8th Individual

Traditional Song
• 1st Place, Kristo Rovedov “Let’s me no”

9th-12th Book & Literature
• Honorable Mention, Mackenzie Thomas, Courtesy Dommese “Coyote & Bear”

9th-12th Poster
• Honorable Mention, Mackenzie Thomas & Jade Haynes

12th-Topical Essay
• 1st Place, Estella Seagraves

Above: The Pre-K Daposka Ahnkodapi students won 3rd place for their “Mad Hatter’s Tea Party” skit at the 2019 Oklahoma Native American Youth Language Fair in the Sam Noble Natural History Museum in Norman on April 1.

Below left: Daposka Ahnkodapi 2nd grade class poses with their medals and trophies at the 2019 Oklahoma Native American Youth Language Fair in the Sam Noble Natural History Museum in Norman on April 1.

Middle left: Daposka Ahnkodapi 3-year-old Emmett Smith placed 2nd for individual spoken word presentation in the Pre-K division at the 2019 Oklahoma Native American Youth Language Fair in the Sam Noble Natural History Museum in Norman on April 1.

Below right: Daposka Ahnkodapi teacher Chris Cote with students at enter the 2019 Oklahoma Native American Youth Language Fair in the Sam Noble Natural History Museum in Norman on April 1.

Above right: Daposka Ahnkodapi students line up to enter the 2019 Oklahoma Native American Youth Language Fair in the Sam Noble Natural History Museum in Norman on April 1.
Leigha Easley selected as new Osage Nation Princess

Dance Maker Performing Arts Academy to hold Spring performances May 8-9

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The beauty of Native voices

Baby Hanson Murray

Colorado Osages Association is holding its first meeting soon as organizers Cora Calvertte wrote an introduction to the volume that includes 44 indigenous poets ranging from Craig Santos Perez (Chamorro) to to nanwak skipiks (Koospan-Iimitt) and includes poets living in Japan like Michael Wassen (Nimipu) and Uruguay as Chippewa) edited New Poets of Native Nations, an anthology published by Tupelo Press in 1997, where chances were held in a listing portable. For Dr. who was 17 at the time, it was a first exposure to the long indigenous literary history that grounded her as she faced the Western literary tradition and experienced the complicated relationship of a colonized people to the dominant culture's version of history. I suspect many of us have had the experience of standing outside the school's corridor, of carrying the full context of the history being taught.

Native Voices includes foundational Native poets like Simon J. Ortiz (Acjachemec Pueblo) as well as recent graduates from the Institute of American Indian Arts like Ramsour Seeger (Sac & Fox) and Michaelness Stannestar Kipsey (Chiloe) (Costanoan-Rumsen Carmel Band). Even at 525 pages, Native Voices is only a portion of Native poetry. Heyd E. Erdrich (Ojibwe and an enrolled member of the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa) edited New Poets of Native Nations, an anthology focused on the most recent poetry whose first book was published after 2000. Some of the poets like Laura Da and Lehdnow Howe (Cheyata) are included in volume three. This collection of poets also includes Natalie Diaz (Mohave) and Tommy Pico (Kumeyaay) and Uruguay as Crow artist Wendy Red Star and the star-quilted shawl we made together. Yatika Fields’ residency of Osage artist Yatika Fields’ residencies, celebrating beauty. Seeing photos of Debra Earling (Bitterroot Salish), author of Perma Red, an American Book Award winner, read a visceral and brutal scene from her novel-in-progress, The Lost Journals of Sacajewea. Then, award-winning author Eden Robinson (Haida/Hol- lnuk) read from her Trickster Trilogy set in Kitimat, BC. The presence of these Native women talking and laughing was palpable. The richness of these strong voices sent me back to the pages ready to create something equally beautiful.

Being a writer, an artist, a musician celebrating beauty. Seeing photos of Osage artist Yatika Fields’ residency at Crow Shadow on Unallocated land in eastern Oregon reminded me of a workshop I had there with Crown artist Wendy Red Star and the star-quilted shawl we made together.

Cherish the life’s full of chances, but Osages and other indigenous folk are determined and prepared. I believe the think of esteemed Carlos petty Jett Redcorn who recently used a red arrow to indicate an area in a pile of rubble that remained after a tornado struck the Osage Mounds State Historic Site in Alto, Texas during the annual Osage Festival. “This is where we were buried,” Redcorn wrote simply. We call on generations of strength and perseverance. We say Washakie. Find a copy of Native Voices at www.dpgelooping.org ($24.95). New Poets of Native Nations at usa.govvoices@yahoo.org ($18.00) and ask your local library to purchase a copy.

Colorado Osages Association to hold first meeting at Tocabe

A new organization has formed for Osages living in Colorado. The Colorado Osages Association will hold its first meeting soon as organizers finalize a date. The association, also known as Oaage, was formed for folks, learning and fun, according to its organizers Rebekah HorseChief and Tara Montana. The first gathering will be hosted at Osage-owned restaurant Tocabe.

For more information search for COOsages – Colorado Osages Association on Facebook, or email tucson-they@gmail.com.

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commissioned to design the Momentary, a satellite of Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art in Bentonville, Arkansas. Her movie takes on designs of Osage finger-weaving patterns will be stitched into the glass of The Momentary’s entryway, leading dock and eleva- tor tower. Her work will be the first thing visitors see when they enter the Momentary.

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Unidentified Osage baby on a cradleboard circa 1910

Courtesy Photo/Wahzhazhe Cultural Center

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Joseph Tali Byrd selected as Udall Foundation Intern

Joseph Tali Byrd has been selected for the prestigious Udall Internship and will intern this summer at the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Tribal Justice in Washington, D.C.

The highly-competitive Native American Congressional Internship program provides practical experience with the federal legislative process and understanding of the government-to-government relationship between Indian tribes and the United States.

The internship brings together a community of 12 American Indian and Alaska Native college graduates and law students. They are provided housing, a living allowance, transportation to and from Washington, D.C., and an educational stipend. The interns also enjoy access to a network of Indian professionals and alumni who work on behalf of tribal nations, according to udail.gov.

Byrd is a 2019 Soonias Distinguished Next-Gen from the University of New Mexico School of Law with an Indian Law Certificate. He is currently the president of the USNA Native American Law Student Association, student representative of the New Mexico Chapter of the Federal Bar Association, and member of the Environmental Law Society.

The internship is funded by the Native Nations Institute for Leadership, Management, and Policy. The Udall Internship honors the legacies of Morris Udall and Stewart Udall, whose careers had a significant impact on American Indian self-governance and health care, as well as the stewardship of public lands and natural resources.

Byrd selected for the internship as an gaming experience as a market- ing representative for an Oklahoma Casino Resort for the Quapaw Nation, and later as the compliance manager for Downstream Casino Gaming Experience as a market- ing position in the gaming industry.

He will earn his Juris Doctorate next summer from the University of Tulsa School of Law and is a proud graduate of Baquenah High School.

From Tahlequah, Oklahoma, Byrd is the son of the late Stacey Moses, Osage Quapaw, and Jodi Byrd, current Speaker of the Cherokee Nation. Byrd's Zho-Zhe-Wee name is Xi'Ya Be Zho Tei and he serves on the committee for Wa-Ka Ke-Di District.

When asked what motivated him to pursue a law degree, Byrd replied, "That's easy. Everything I do, I do with my people in mind. It's in my blood. The elders and children in- side our tribal communities provide me the motivation to pursue a law degree. My ancestors fought to pro- tect and assert tribal sovereignty before the word ever existed, and I will honor them by doing the same. I am honored and humbled to be selected as an Udall Intern and look forward to the experience."
**Classifieds**

OSAGE NATION JOB: To apply for a position with the Osage Nation Education Department at www.osagenation-nsn.gov/opportunities job-listings application. Interested individuals are requested to submit a resume and cover letter. Questions should be directed to the Human Resource Department at 918-287-5445 or email tcrawford@osagenation-nsn.gov. Closing date for more specifics is considered.

OSAGE NATION VETERAN / INDIAN PREFERENCES.

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Charles Albert Tayrien Sr. and Delphine (Harragarra) Hopper.

Mary was born on April 3, 1928 in Pawhuska, Oklahoma. She was the daughter of William Thomas Murphy and Mary (Sauceda) Murphy. She met many actors from the golden age of Hollywood. She was also very artistic in applying dimensional drawings that he so impressed with her three-dimensional drawings. She then attended Broken Arrow (BA) High School.

Cecelia Ann Waits

Mr. Hopper was born in Hominy, Okla., to John Sr. and Delphine (Harragarra) Hopper. He was the son of the late Benja-

Charles Albert "Charlie" Tayrien Sr.

Danced and socialized with anyone and everyone that made her feel comfortable. Cady enjoyed being a member of the Senior Pro Rodeo Association.

Helen Marie (McWhirt) Moreland

Catherine Elizabeth "Cathy" Warren

Catherine Elizabeth ("Cathy") Waits entered the gates of Heaven on April 4th, 2019 at the age of 14. We are completely devastated by this news.

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Helen was born on August 27, 1931, to Harold Tay-

Cady was a member of the Traditional Grand of the Pride of Broken Arrow Academy. Cady played the clarinet and was second chair.

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Cady was preceded in death by her parents, William and Helen Knight-Jenkins, her brother, Charles Taylor, her sister, Catherine, her aunt, Emma Sotulka, her uncle, Robert Javaid, her great-uncle and great-aunt, Jack and Sally Lambert, her great-aunt, Marie Short, and her grandparents, Harry Allard and qty.

Charles was a former member of the Senior Pro Rodeo Association. He was a 25 year veteran of the Oklahoma National Guard. He will now enjoy waiting for his favorite lake ride or his big gold heel, Helen, for the next time riding.

Gravestones will be placed in death by its fa-

Kendra McCartney

Kevin K. Hopper, 63, of Hominy, Oklahoma passed away on April 4, 2019 at 8 a.m. at the Home, Hominy. Burial followed at A.J. Powell Cemetery; 309 Avenue E, Hominy. Services were held March 27, 2019, in the Home and Powell Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

Cecelia Ann Waits: Daughter of William Thomas Murphy and Mary (Sauceda) Murphy.

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The Hominy Bucks. He was a graduate of Osage High School and attended Haskell Indian College and OSU Oklahoma.

Helen Marie (McWhirt) Moreland

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Osage Shareholder’s Association meeting scheduled for May 19
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The Osage Shareholder’s Association will hold their quarterly meeting Sunday, May 19, at 1 p.m. at the Osage Skiatook Casino. The meeting will be broadcast on Zoom for those who cannot attend, according to organizers. Dr. Brick gave a heads-up on what will be provided. Lunch is available before in The Grill, the casino’s restaurant.

There will be several speakers to provide information about headrights, how to improve oil and gas production in the Osage, Mineral Council, members will be in attendance to give updates and speak about what they have accomplished thus far with Mineral Estate matters.

Contact Chairman, Lou Wells, for more information at (918) 671-6000.

Without Reservations

We don’t have to go outside to look for Easter eggs because there’s an app for that, say?

May 18th is the deadline for all submissions for the June issue of Osage News

Mark it on your calendars!

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6/1 OLD 97’S
6/15 KENNY LOGGINS
7/12 THE FRAY

MUST BE 18 TO ATTEND

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5/11 CRAIG MORGAN
SKIATOOK
5/18 MONTGOMERY GENTRY
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