

Osage News

Volume 5, Issue 8 • August 2009

The Official Newspaper of the Osage Nation



Courtesy Photo/Kate Shea

Sugarloaf Mound, St. Louis

Chief purchases Sugarloaf Mound

*By Shannon Shaw
Osage News*

Osage Nation Principal Chief Jim Gray bypassed the Osage Nation Congress and bought the property known as Sugarloaf Mound in what some are calling a historic move in the tribe's history.

"The clock was ticking, we had the resources, so the Chief repri-

See **SUGARLOAF MOUND**

—Continued on Page 10

Election Board appointees getting to work

*—Dr. Joe Conner and Martha Spotted Bear
replace Judy Neff and Judy Wilson*

*By Shannon Shaw
Osage News*

The Osage Nation Election Board appointees have met twice since being appointed July 13 and are getting familiar with the Nation's election laws and hammering out qualifications they will look for in an election supervisor.

"Basically we've all got copies of the [Election law] and we've been going through that, copies of the constitution . . . we've gone through the government reform regulations they had [in 2006], gone through protocol and procedures with working with congress," said Sarah Oberly, Election Board appointee. "We've pretty much been getting ourselves oriented in what our duties are and what's expected of us."

Oberly, along with Walter Hopper Jr., Shannon Pease Lockett, Dr. Joe Conner and Martha Spotted Bear are the five appointments Congress will consider in the upcoming Tzi-Zho session. Conner and Spotted Bear have replaced Judy Neff and Judy Wilson who resigned due to time constraints, said Hepsi Barnett, Chief of Staff.

The appointees plan to hold their first public meeting in approximately two weeks but a date hasn't been finalized yet, Oberly said. But once the board gets going the public meetings will be held weekly.

Currently the board is compiling a budget to present to Congress next month to hire the appropriate staff to conduct the June 7, 2010 election. They are also finalizing the date to hire the election supervisor and the date of when that supervisor begins.

"We want [the election supervisor] to start by Nov. 1," Oberly said. "We're going to take applications through Oct. 15, and that could change if we need to have them start sooner. That's going to give us over a month to advertise and get the best candidate we can."

There was some confusion among Congress members when Chief Gray sent five names for the election board for Congress to consider because the election law states that the Chief shall appoint three to the board and name two alternates and the Congress shall confirm three.

"The law doesn't define what the role of the alternate will be," Barnett said. "[The appointees] are still deciding what role the alter-

See **ELECTION BOARD**

—Continued on Page 15

OSAGE NATION
P.O. BOX 779
PAWBUKA, OK 74056
Address Service Requested

Nation's Supreme Court to hear first case Aug. 19

By Benny Polacca
Osage News

The Osage Nation Supreme Court convenes to hear its first-ever case next week, when attorneys for the legislative and executive branches present oral arguments about the constitutionality of a 2008 bill involving the Osage News.

Opening arguments are scheduled for Aug. 19 at 1:30 p.m., according to Carol McIntire, clerk of the Nation's courts. Chief Justice Charles H. Lohah and Justices Jeanine Logan and Meredith Drent will hear the Supreme Court's first case in the Nation's courthouse in Pawhuska.

At issue is the constitutionality of the 2008 Independent Press Act passed by the Nation's Congress but vetoed by Principal Chief Jim Gray. Congresswoman Faren Re-

vard Anderson, who sponsored the bill, said it sought to ensure a fair, more balanced tribal media.

Gray, however, said the bill "attempts to regulate the structure and content of the Osage News and therefore abridges the freedom of the press." In his April 14, 2008, veto message, the chief also objected to funding provisions in the bill stating: "The press can never be free or independent if the funding to support it is subject to legislative appropriations and it is established by Congress."

Congress overrode Gray's veto, the chief asked the Nation's district court to intervene, and it upheld the chief's position. Speaker Archie Mason, acting on behalf of Congress, appealed the case to the Supreme Court earlier this year.

At the Aug. 19 hearing, both sides will receive 90 minutes to

give their arguments and responses, said Loyed Gill, attorney for the Nation's Congress. The Norman-based law firm Pitchlynn and Williams, PLLC will represent the Executive branch.

"We are delighted that the Supreme Court will be hearing the case," Speaker Mason said in a prepared statement Aug. 12. "We remain hopeful that the law will ultimately fall on the side of the Osage Congress."

A second free press bill was introduced during the Congress's Hun-Kah session earlier this year. The legislation called for moving the Osage News from the Executive office to the management of an independent non-profit organization. The bill was tabled in an April 2 congressional committee meeting pending the outcome of the Supreme Court case.

Also at issue in the case is whether the chief has the power to challenge a bill after Congress has overridden his veto, according to Congressman William "Kugee" Supernaw. He said in April that the dispute has become "an issue of whether or not we're going to set the precedent of allowing the executive branch to appeal or challenge every bill that we override."

Gray, Mason and Gill say it's unknown how long the Supreme Court will take to issue a ruling.

Gray announced the Aug. 19 hearing date during a panel discussion at the Native American Journalists Association's annual convention in Albuquerque, N.M. The chief, *Osage News* interim editor Shannon Shaw and Editorial Council member Denny McAuliffe discussed the controversy surrounding the tribal newspaper on an Aug. 1 panel called "Free Press in Indian Country: How to Set Up a Tribal News Outlet in the Modern Era."

Native economic development proponents, business owners attend OBO conference

By Benny Polacca
Osage News

TULSA, Okla. – Tex Hall, an economic development proponent for Native America, encouraged Native entities and businesses to help each other and said he would like to see more inter-tribal trading.

Hall encouraged businessmen and women attending the Nation's Osage Business Owners Conference and Job Fair on Aug. 12-13 to "buy Indian" because "too many Native businesses are trying to put their foot in the door." Hall is chairman of the Inter-Tribal Economic Alliance.

As keynote speaker of the event, Hall advised the attendees to pay attention to economic development topics such as the Native 8 (a) program and economic stimulus funding releases. Hall, a former president of the National Congress of American



Photo by Chalene Toehay/Osage News

Attendees of the 2nd Annual Osage Business Owners Conference and Job Fair.

Indians, comes from the Three Affiliated Tribes in North Dakota where he served as chairman twice and is credited with bringing more than \$230 mil-

lion in funding for projects on the Fort Berthold reservation where he lives.

See **OBO CONFERENCE**

—Continued on Page 8

Osage News

627 Grandview • Pawhuska, OK 74056
(918) 287-5668

www.osagenews.org

Interim Editor
Shannon Shaw

Reporter
Benny Polacca

Editorial Assistant
Chalene Toehay

Editorial Council
Denny McAuliffe

Editorial Council
Tara McLain Manthey

Editorial Council
Teresa Trumbly Lamsam

Osage businesswoman works as 'economic warrior'

By Benny Polacca
Osage News

TULSA, Okla. — Osage businesswoman Margo Gray-Proctor believes working with fellow Native American businesses and tribes is a way of giving back because “economic development is the next phase of tribal sovereignty.”

Gray-Proctor, who is president of New Horizon Enterprises LLC, oversees three Tulsa-based businesses and is passionate about working with other Native people. “When we practice Native-to-Native (business affairs), it’s building and strengthening Indian Country,” she said.

New Horizon Enterprises is made up of Horizon Engineering Services Co., which Proctor-Gray founded in 1998 with her business partner Carl Cannizzaro; a drug testing and background check division for both Native and non-Native companies; and New Horizon Entertainment LLC, which partners with another company to bring IMAX theaters to Native enterprises across the country.

Gray-Proctor, 51, said 75 percent of her companies’ 17-member work force is Native American. She calls those working to bring economic development to Indian Country “economic warriors.”

Gray-Proctor is the sister of Principal Chief Jim Gray. She worked in law enforcement for 17 years before moving into the business sector.

Gray-Proctor has won recognition by several organizations. In March, she was named chairwoman of the Board of Directors of the National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development, a nonprofit organization that helps Native enterprises and tribes with business and economic development.

The Journal Record selected Gray-Proctor as one of the Oklahoma City publication’s “50 Mak-



Photo by Chalene Toehay/Osage News

Margo Gray at her office in south Tulsa.

ing a Difference.” The recognition is for Oklahoma women, one of whom will be named “Woman of the Year” in October.

One other recognition landed

Gray-Proctor in a social studies textbook for elementary school. She appears on the same page with other notable Oklahomans, including former Cherokee Nation Principal Chief Wilma Mankiller.

Gray-Proctor’s companies have worked with tribes and Native-owned businesses nationwide, including 20 percent of the casinos in Oklahoma. Among the Oklahoma tribes she’s worked with are the Cherokee, Eastern Shawnee and Otoe-Missouria. Gray-Proctor said Osage Nation officials were considering a contract for infrastructure work to be performed by Horizon’s engineering company. No decision has been made yet.

Cherrah Quiett, director of operations for Horizon, said the company’s drug testing firm works with 16 companies. She said the company is also working to bring IMAX theaters to tribally affiliated

enterprises in Oklahoma with a focus on the Tulsa area.

Horizon Engineering Services Co. provides civil engineering consultations and designs for major developments such as casinos, hotels, hospitals, airports and infrastructure.

Gray-Proctor said one recent Horizon contract involves a project by the Yavapai-Apache Nation. The northern Arizona tribe hired Horizon Engineering Services to design its Middle Verde District Master Plan, which includes its tribal government and tourist operations.

“I love coming to work,” Gray-Proctor said of her job that has her visiting many tribal communities and learning about their culture. “I beat out the national competition (to bid for Native-affiliated jobs) because I build relationships with (the people).”

Former councilman named ON director of operations

By Benny Polacca
Osage News

John Williams is getting reacquainted with government day-to-day duties after coming out of retirement to work in the Osage Nation’s Executive Branch as director of operations.

Williams, who has supervisory experience in the medical field and previously served on the Nation’s 31st Council, will oversee the Nation’s 32 programs and their directors. The retired director of the Indian Health Service clinic in Pawhuska started his director post on July 15.

Robert Hyatt, who formerly held the director of operations post, has moved to director of the Nation’s Education Department, which had been without a director for several months. Hyatt didn’t respond to



John Williams

an e-mail inquiry before the Osage News went to press.

Williams, 62, said he is getting to know the government opera-

tions by visiting with each department and its employees. He said one item he is focusing on is the government’s 25-year plan strategic plan.

“My job is to start setting directions to get there,” Williams, 62, said. He was director of Pawhuska’s IHS clinic from 1991 to 2002 and worked in other IHS positions, including as a physician’s assistant in other states.

Williams is a military veteran who served in Vietnam from 1969-70 and was trained as a medic in the Special Forces and in an IHS physician’s assistant program when he returned from Vietnam.

From there, Williams worked in IHS facilities with several tribes including the Havasupai and To-

See DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS

—Continued on Page 4

Osage Nation hosts 3rd Annual Film Festival Sept. 12 in Pawhuska

In partnership with the Pawhuska Chamber of Commerce, the 2nd Annual Art Market and Blacksmith Rendezvous will coincide with the film festival on Sept. 12 in downtown Pawhuska.

The film festival will be held in the historic Constantine Theater. The theater was originally built as the Pawhuska House Hotel in the 1880's, according to a prepared release. One hundred years later the Constantine was renovated and reopened in Greek Revival Style with a seating capacity of 589 with

outstanding acoustics. The theatre is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and the National League of Historic Theatres.

There will be no competitive films in this year's event.

The art market will be set up outside, weather permitting, and the blacksmith rendezvous will be held on the lawn of the chamber of commerce.

To register artwork for the art market, e-mail Paula Stabler at pmstabler@osagetribe.org.

DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS

—Continued from Page 3

hono O'odham in Arizona, Alamo Navajo and Jicarilla Apaches in New Mexico, and the Aberdeen Area office and the hospitals in Winnebago (Neb.) and Lawton, Okla.

Principal Chief Jim Gray said Williams' previous leadership experience in IHS is one of his strong assets along with his tribal council term before the tribal government changed into today's three-branch model.

Williams served on the final council before the government reformation began. He lives in the Grayhorse Village where he's served on the five-man board for about 15 years, on and off.

"I felt we needed to make our move toward defending our sovereignty," he said on running for council. He added that he's impressed with the Nation's growth amid some "growing pains. My job is to get us through those."

More photos from In-Lon-Schka dances



Photo by Chalene Toehay/Osage News

Pawhuska district Head Cook, Liz Ricketts, speaks with Pawhuska Drumkeeper Bruce Cass and his wife Dana before the visiting districts arrive for the dinner.

See more photos on pages 12-13

OSAGE TRIBAL MUSEUM

819 Grandview Avenue
Pawhuska, OK 74056

*"Oldest Tribally-Owned Museum
in North America"*

www.osagetribe.com/museum
918.287.5441



"The Osage Ten"

Between now and 2010, a major project, entitled "The Osage Ten," will allow us wonderful additions to our ever-growing museum

You may recall that we have a bust of Albert Penn, located in the east wing, which was donated by the Smithsonian, back in 2005, and Shun-Kamolah was just unveiled at the museum's 70th anniversary on May 2, 2008. We are asking for your help in having all ten busts completed.

The people who had casts made for them are: Albert Penn, Shun-Kamolah, Fred Lookout, Charley Wachrici, Henry Pratt, William Fletcher, Wah-Hrah-Lum-Pah (Margaret Dodd), Charles McDougan, Che-Sho-Wa-Ke-Pah (Fidelis Cole) and Ah-Hu-Shin-Kah (Little Wing).

A plaque will be placed under each bust for those who have donated.

Send your donations to:
Osage Tribal Museum
PO Box 779
Pawhuska, OK 74056

If you are sending a check or money order, please make it out to the "Smithsonian Institution" (not "Osage Tribal Museum") and please put "The Osage Ten" in the memo section. Thank you!

First wave of candidates announce themselves for the June 2010 elections

Osage News

The *Osage News* will be writing in-depth profiles of all candidates seeking office in the coming months leading up to the June 2010 elections. The election is 10 months away but we thought we would give our readers a glimpse of the candidates that have declared themselves so far in this issue of the *Osage News*. For more election coverage visit osagenews.org.

Candidates for Principal Chief

John D. Red Eagle

Elected Assistant Principal Chief in 2006, John D. Red Eagle said he has learned a lot about government in the last three years working with the ON Congress as an ex-officio member and also working with the Executive Branch. His primary focus as Assistant Chief has been the healthcare for the Osage people as he sits on the ON Health and Wellness Advisory Board and has 35 years of experience in the health field.



Roy St. John

Roy St. John, currently the secretary of the Osage Shareholder's Association and a retiree living near Pawhuska, said that if he was to be elected Principal Chief he promises a more representative and open government and promises to "do a better job for the people in the Osage than what's being done at this time." A proud father of three grown sons who live in Texas, St. John comes from a long career with IBM.



Tim Tall Chief

Tim Tall Chief is the Deputy Commissioner of Health for the Oklahoma State Department of Health over Administration. Duties include oversight responsibilities for an annual budget of \$370 million for an agency of 2300 employees with facilities and clinics in 70 Oklahoma counties. He is a faculty member in the College of Liberal Studies Administrative Leadership program at the University of Oklahoma.



Candidates for Assistant Principal Chief

Scott Bighorse

Scott Bighorse served as a U.S. State Representative in Oklahoma's 51st Legislature in 2007 and 2008. He opened up the first goal-facilitated juvenile detention center in Oklahoma and said he mainly focuses on children's issues and senior citizens. His expertise is law enforcement after he spent 14 years at Dick Carter Correctional Facility as a correctional officer, working his way up to administrative assistant to the warden.



Cecilia Tall Chief

Cecilia Tall Chief is the newly elected president of the National Alaska Native American Indian Nurses As-



sociation. After a career in nursing has taken her to work in the Indian Health Service in Santa Fe, N.M., and the Pinault Indian Reservation at their clinic, she has worked as a nurse in Fairfax, Pawhuska, Hominy and Bartlesville hospitals and sits on numerous health and wellness boards across the state.

Candidates for the Osage Nation Congress

Debbie Atterberry

Congresswoman Debra Atterberry is a 53-year-old wife, mother and grandmother. Her husband is Duke Atterberry, a long time coach in Pawhuska. Debby graduated from Northeastern State University with a degree in Business Education. She later received a second degree in Elementary Education. She is certified to teach K – 12 grades. Debby taught 17 years in the Barnsdall, Pawhuska, Wynona and Red Rock school districts.



Jake Heflin

California resident Jake Heflin, a member of the Pawhuska District of the In-Lon-Schka, has had a long career as a Firefighter and Emergency Medical Technician. A member of the eagle clan, sky division, his Osage name means "town maker." "I think it's a challenge to reach out to that Osage off the reservation," he said. "There



Grayhorse Indian Village could get new community building by May 2012

By Shannon Shaw
Osage News

The Grayhorse Five Man Board hosted a public meeting with the Office of Strategic Planning and Grants Management July 23 to discuss the planning stages for a new community building, something which has been a long time in the making.

"We're calling it a multi-purpose community center, not just for Grayhorse [citizens] but other services will be provided by the building," said Jeff Irons, senior grant writer for the OSPGM. "[We're] going for a million dollar project... I know that sounds like a lot of money for a building but there's a lot of infrastructure that needs to be done."

The tribe has applied for an Indian Community Development Block Grant in the amount of \$790,000 to get the project started and Irons estimates the tribe will be notified by January or February of next year if they were awarded the grant.

"We don't want to ask for more than \$790,000 in grant money," said Irons. "The [Osage Nation Congress] said they are willing to match or give more money [for the project]."

Currently there are no schematics or drawings of what the building will look like, only a rough drawing required for the application, Irons said. They have applied for a 7,200 square foot building that they estimate will be built in the area northwest of the building's current location, locally known as the area between the Cecilia Tall Chief camp and the John Tall Chief house.

Carol Kliesen, Judy Johnson, Mark J. Freeman, John "Popper" Holloway and Johnny Williams, Osage Nation director of opera-



Photo by Shannon Shaw/Osage News

Osage Nation Properties Director, Bruce Cass, talks to Grayhorse residents about the Indian Community Development Block Grant July 23 at the Grayhorse community building.

tions, make up the Grayhorse Five Man Board.

There are three areas of trust land on the Osage reservation that make up the Indian Villages. The first one is Grayhorse, which sits approximately five miles from the town of Fairfax. The second Village is located in the town of Hominy and the third is located in Pawhuska. These three Villages are where the Osage In-Lon-Schka dances are held each year. Each Village has a Five Man Board in which they are charged with the upkeep of their Village. Grayhorse's Five Man Board is appointed by the Principal Chief and the individuals remain on the board until the Principal Chief takes them off. Hominy and Pawhuska's Five Man Board's are determined by elections from the residents of their Villages.

Each Village has a community building that is traditionally used for each district's Drumkeeper to feed the members of his district during that district's In-Lon-Schka. The building is also used

for dances, handgames, funerals, mourner's breakfasts, the Drumkeeper's committee meetings, public meetings and dinners.

If the Nation is awarded the ICDB grant for a new Grayhorse

community building then Bruce Cass, director of the Nation's properties office, and the OSPGM will hold more public meetings in Grayhorse to limit confusion and begin the design process with the Five Man Board and the Grayhorse residents, Cass said.

The start of the project has been delayed a year due to the fact that the Nation failed to receive the funds from the ICDB grant last year, even though the tribe qualified for the grant, because the Housing and Urban Development office ran out of money, Cass said. "It's a complicated grant and it's never guaranteed," he said, but the Nation has been successful in getting the grant in the past.

If the Nation receives the grant the grant allows two years for implementation, Cass said. The design process will probably take

See GRAYHORSE VILLAGE

—Continued on Page 9

Osage News

is now online at

www.osagenews.org

Visit us on the Web for the latest news and information! Plus there are new stories and photos every day!



Photo by Chalene Toehay/Osage News

The visiting districts of Hominy and Grayhorse sit down for the committee dinner hosted by the Pawhuska District. See more photos on pages 12 and 13.

**Prairie View Fours
1825 E. Main
Pawhuska, Ok 74056**

2 Bedroom 4 Complexes Coming Soon!!

Tentatively to open mid August

No income restrictions
Fair Market Rates

Features:
Refrigerator
Ice Maker
Range
Garbage Disposal
Washer dryer hook ups
Total Electric

Call (918) 287-1989 for more information

2010 ELECTIONS

—Continued from Page 5

is an increasing desire to learn about our culture and I think that’s what binds us together as a people.”

Raymond Red Corn

Congressman Raymond Red Corn was born and raised in the Pawhuska Indian Village. Working in construction and construction management, he successfully started and operated his own company in Kansas City for seven years before returning to Pawhuska in 2003. In 2004 he became a partner in Red Corn & Myers, purchasing and renovating five historic buildings in downtown Pawhuska.



Doug Revard

Congressman Doug Revard was a State District Court Judge for 22 years in Pawnee and Kay counties in Oklahoma. He was a First Assistant District Attorney in Osage and Pawnee counties as well. He received his bachelor’s degree in business from Oklahoma State University and his juris doctorate from Oklahoma City University. His proudest moment as a congressman was getting \$25,000 appropriated for a Grayhorse chapel.



William “Kugee” Supernaw

Congressman William “Kugee” Supernaw is an award winning artist, jeweler and potter, listed in, “Biographical Dictionary of Native American Artists.” Supernaw is a great-grandson of Tall Chief, the last hereditary chief of the Quapaws. As an Osage congressman he strives to bring accountability to the Nation’s assets and transparency in government. He is a member of the Hominy In-Lon-Schka dance committee.



Undecided Candidate

Jenny Mashunkashey Miller

Jenny Mashunkashey Miller hasn’t decided which branch or office she will be running for but she promises she will “throw her hat in the ring for one or the other.” She promises, if elected, to do forensic audits, propose a constitutional convention, restore the Minerals Estate according to the 1906 Act, implement a spending freeze and encourage a salary cut for elected officials.



OBO CONFERENCE

—Continued from Page 2

Osage Nation Principal Chief Jim Gray said legislation that makes economic development possible in Indian County is one way communities can start growing, giving the Nation's Limited Liability Company as an example. The Nation's Congress passed legislation creating the LLC in 2008 which oversees the Nation's economic development activities which will be independent from politics.

"This is an incredibly important step," Gray said of the LLC bill passage. "The definition of Osage success is to create laws that bring even more jobs."

Under the LLC, its officials get to retain and reinvest its profits for its first five years but must provide quarterly and annual reports, Carol Leese, the LLC's CEO said during a panel discussion. He said the LLC is still focusing on passive investments as well as setting up the organizations infrastructure which calls for hiring a chief financial officer and eventually a chief of operations next year.

Leese said the LLC has made passive investments with two companies this year with a goal set for three investments by year's end. "We will be looking at companies that are profitable," he said.

Several Native-owned businesses or operations were represented at the OBO including the Nation's Gift Shop and Human Resources, Flinco, American Indian Distribution and artsmartclub.com. Osage business owners including graphic designer Ryan Red Corn, New Horizon Enterprises President Margo Gray-Proctor and Ben Jacobs who co-owns Tocabe: An American Indian Eatery in Denver.

Osage Nation appeals to 10th Circuit Court in Denver in reservation case

By Shannon Shaw
Osage News

The Osage Nation has asked the 10th Circuit Court of Appeals in Denver to overturn a federal judge's ruling that the Osage reservation was disestablished by

The eight-year-old case—Osage Nation v. Oklahoma Tax Commission—involves Osage tribal members who live and work on the reservation. Unless reversed, the ruling of the district court would permit the continued collection of personal income taxes by the state of Oklahoma from all Osages who do not live and work on trust land or restricted allotments.

The Osage Nation has argued that since Congress did not disestablish the Osage Reservation in the Osage Act of 1906, the collection of those taxes violates federal law. If successful, all of Osage County would be considered Indian Country, and those tribal members who live and earn their income on the reservation would not be required to pay state taxes on that income.

*"We intend to
continue to fight
for the benefit of
the Osage people
and all of our
neighbors on our
reservations."*

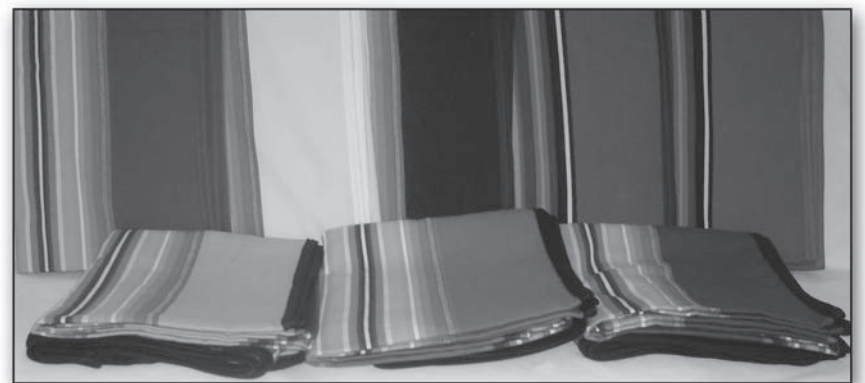
—Principal Chief Jim Gray

Congress in 1907 when Oklahoma became a state.

"The Osage reservation is not something to fear, but is, instead, the most potent economic generator of jobs and economic opportunity in northeast Oklahoma," said Osage Nation Principal Chief Jim Gray. "We intend to continue to fight for the benefit of the Osage people and all of our neighbors on our reservation."

The Nation asked the appeals court to take the case July 23. U.S. District Judge James Payne issued his 27-page decision on the reservation status of Osage County on Jan. 23. The Nation filed a "motion for reconsideration" on Feb. 6, but Payne let stand his "lousy decision," as Gray called it.

SALE! Pendleton Serape Blanket



Top: Cardinal Red, White, Dark Green, Purple, Turquoise.
Bottom: Blue, Coral, Sapphire

Was \$126.50
Now **\$107.50**

OSAGE NATION GIFT SHOP

222 West Main Street • Pawhuska, OK 74056

(918) 287-5442 or (800) 810-8012

GRAYHORSE VILLAGE

—Continued from Page 6

four to six months and once the design is decided upon they will allow two to three months to bid the project out for construction.

“Provided things run smooth,” said Irons, “the realistic goal to have it finished is May of 2012.”

“I think we need a new community building,” said Grayhorse Five Man Board member Carol Kliesen. “We did do some renovations on [the current building] before but I think the size is inadequate.”

“It was too small for the committee dinners this year, we’re growing,” Kliesen said. “That’s a good thing.”

For more information on the ICDB grant or the Grayhorse community building plans, contact Jeff Irons at (918) 287-5633 or Jennifer Tiger at (918) 287-5549.



Photo by Benny Polacca/Osage News

Phillip Cravatt of the Pawnee Nation Environmental and Safety Office helps Boys and Girls Club attendees gather plants and bugs to assess the health of a pond in Pawhuska during Children of the Middle Waters Day.

OSAGE TRIBAL MUSEUM *World War I Exhibit*



The Osage Tribal Museum is currently having a new exhibit created for Osage WWI Veterans. If you have a WWI Veteran in your family please go online or come by the museum to verify that he is on our list of Veterans. Then you can contact the Osage Tribal Museum to be sure we have a photograph of your Veteran that is acceptable to the family.

This exhibit will be permanent and needs to con-

tain the best and highest quality photographs available. Please help us construct this exhibit to honor our Osages who served the United States and the Osage Nation in WWI.

OSAGE TRIBAL MUSEUM

819 Grandview Avenue • Pawhuska, OK 74056
Mailing: Box 779 • Pawhuska, OK 74056

“Oldest Tribally-Owned Museum in North America”

www.osagetribe.com/museum • rkohnle@osagetribe.org

918.287.5441



Boys and Girls Club members get lessons in water pollution

By Benny Polacca
Osage News

About 40 children from the Pawhuska Boys and Girls Club got lessons in protecting water from pollution during the “Children of the Middle Waters Day” on Aug. 4.

“If you pollute the water, you’re going to have a problem with these animals and their going to go away,” Osage Language Program instructor Talee Red Corn told the children. He repeated “Ni” to the children, which is Osage for water and introduced environmental officials who offered hands-on demonstrations of how they protect water bodies.

“Ni-o-ka-ska” Day is a collaboration effort of entities including the Nation’s Language Program, Environmental and Natural Resources Department, Education Department and the Minerals Council. Environmental officials from the Pawnee Nation also participated in the hands-on exercises with the attendees.

The children traveled to the pond on the Osage Nation Campus where they learned how to assess a body of water such as a lake or river to evaluate it.

Danna Washbourne, environmental specialist for the Nation’s ENR, showed the children how to use a multi-parameter probe that measures a water body’s quality which includes its temperature, depth and pH level. She said the department tests five creeks once a month and collects fish from the creeks every other year to measure its health.

Pawnee Nation environmental officials Kelly Kersey and Phillip Cravatt say they collect bugs and fish from the water to assess its health. They taught the children to use nets to collect the water life and the children counted the bugs as part of the evaluation.

SUGARLOAF MOUND

—Continued from Page 1

oritized and took the appropriate action,” said Dr. Andrea Hunter, Osage Nation Historic Preservation Officer and director of the Historic Preservation Office. “I am absolutely thrilled...we’ve worked hard for several months to make this happen and I’m glad [Chief Gray] stepped up and made this happen.”

The Tribal Historic Preservation Office, along with a local St. Louis task force made up of historic preservation specialists, organizations, archaeologists and city officials, plan to fence the property and remove the three houses that are currently located on the top of the mound, the mound’s step and the mound’s base slope. The task force also plans to develop the location as an interpretive educational center from the Osage’s perspective on the mound’s history.

The full mound covers three city blocks and is roughly conical in shape with a stepped slope or platform. The mound measures about 40 feet in height, the mound measures approximately 100 feet north and south and 75 feet east and west and sits just outside St. Louis, Mo.

“Hundreds of years of the Osage people’s past have simply been erased from the landscape,” Gray said. “There is nothing we can do to bring back what was destroyed nor is the Osage Nation attempting to recreate a modern culture or lifestyle based on what has been set aside by our elders; but the Nation can impact what happens to Sugarloaf Mound today and can help educate Osages and the citizens of St. Louis about us and where they live.”

Congress divided on purchase

“The Chief exercised his power and used the money from his budget,” said Archie Mason, Speaker of the Congress. “He didn’t have to get our approval to purchase Sugarloaf Mound.”

Originally Hunter had gone to several congressional committee meetings requesting that Congress appropriate \$235,000 to purchase the mound but was always met with a combination of opinions, negative and positive.

Mason said he was never thoroughly convinced that the mound was Osage but that he respected

tribe (Supernaw is also Quapaw) and his own personal research on the history of the area. He also provided comments from several professors and an Osage historian who all agreed that the Osage involvement with the mound was questionable.

Congresswomen Shannon Edwards and Debbie Atterberry

“Sugarloaf Mound is one of the last remaining mounds on the west side of the Mississippi River, created by this same ancient Osage civilization.”

the work Hunter has done for the Nation. Congressman William “Kugee” Supernaw, who sat on the committee that heard Hunter’s proposal, is threatening legal action against Chief Gray for taking the money to purchase Sugarloaf Mound from the Osage Nation Properties budget. Supernaw alleges that Gray broke the law when he took the money from a line item in the budget that was meant to purchase office space in downtown Pawhuska.

“My opinion is that a case could be made for an abuse of the appropriation process because the purchase is outside the legislative intent; also, this purchase has never been discussed or approved by the whole Congress,” Supernaw wrote in an e-mail newsletter. “A suit could be filed to get an interpretation by the Osage Judicial Branch, but that could take months.”

Supernaw also questions Hunter’s evidence that the mound is Osage, citing a brief stint of his as an assistant for the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act office for the Quapaw

showed their support for the mound purchase by attending the press conference at the Executive Branch chambers and standing beside Chief Gray as he spoke of the purchase.

Strong Evidence

In November of 2008 the office of U.S. Rep. Russ Carnahan of Missouri contacted the historic preservation office regarding the potential to preserve the mound by purchasing the property, according to a prepared release.

That is when Hunter, who taught cultural preservation for 17 years at Northern Arizona State University in Flagstaff, Ariz., joined the local task force in determining if the mound was Osage.

“Our own evidence is oral traditions and migration traditions,” Hunter said. “We have to go back and look at what makes us Osage.”

Migration legends, pre-1673, speak about the Osage being one people with the Ponca, Omaha, Kaw and Quapaw. The legends say we migrated from the East, eventually breaking apart into individual

groups post 1673. Linguists have us speaking Dhegiha Siouyan, one of the three subgroups of Sioux, but say at one time the five tribes all spoke the original Siouyan dialect, suggesting we all came from the same place.

The first known map on record was made by two explorers traveling down the Mississippi River in 1673. Those two explorers mapped the Indian civilizations they encountered and mapped the Osage in Missouri, near the area of what is now the city of St. Louis.

Osage beginnings trace back through historical and oral traditions to the Ohio River Valley and to the Cahokia area.

The Cahokia Mound civilization is documented to have been functioning from A.D. 800 to 1400 and represented the largest urban concentration of people in North America, north of the ancient Aztec cities in central Mexico, according to the release. Cahokia grew from the eastern side of the Mississippi River to the western shores of the river.

The mounds in the St. Louis area, including the extensive mound complex across the river at Cahokia, were built by Osage ancestors, according to the release. Sugarloaf Mound is one of the last remaining mounds on the west side of the Mississippi River, created by this same ancient Osage civilization.

Sugarloaf Mound today is located on what was once the border between St. Louis and the autonomous city of Carondelet. The mound was used as a survey landmark when St. Louis was incorporated in 1809 and during the following 150 years, its position above the riverfront protected it from industrialization. In 1928 the first house was built on the peak of the mound. The property was purchased again in 1962 and according to the past owners no one has tampered with the mound since the 1962 purchase.



SEPTEMBER 29

Golf Tournament

- RSVP to John Star Bighorse, jbighorse@osage-tribe.org (918) 541-8342 or (918) 287-5382 by August 31st

SEPTEMBER 29

Reception Golf Awards

SEPTEMBER 30

Economic Development

- Intergovernmental Agreements
- Federal Tax Incentives
- Structuring Transactions to Optimize Tax Opportunities
- Energy Development
- Gaming Issues
- Tobacco Taxation Issues
- Tribal Taxation of Utilities

OCTOBER 1

- Litigation Update
- Collection of Tribal Taxes
- IRS Audits of Tribal Governments and Enterprises

Seminole Hotel & Casino

1 Seminole Way • Hollywood, FL 33314

(800) 937-0010

code GOSAGE9

*For registration information,
call Kimberly Soliano
(918) 287-5394*

Osage News wins two Native Media Awards from NAJA

*By Benny Polacca
Osage News*

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. – The *Osage News* earned two Native Media Awards from the Native American Journalists Association during its annual convention in the Land of Enchantment.

The newspaper won third place for Best Design Layout in the Newsletter/Tabloid category and also took third for Best Feature story in the Monthly/ Bimonthly category.

Interim Editor Shannon Shaw's



Courtesy Photo/Tetona Dunlap

Osage News reporter Benny Polacca and Interim Editor Shannon Shaw pose for a photo with their NAJA awards.

December 2008 story on Osage graphic design artist and business owner Ryan Red Corn won the

third place feature story recognition.

"Indian Country Responding to Osage's Designs" focused on Red Corn who owns businesses in Pawhuska including his graphic design firm Red Hand Media; Buffalo Nickel Press, a custom shirt maker and distributor; Democratrees.com; and pre-packaged food distributor Red Corn Native Foods.

Red Corn discusses his ventures which heavily

See NAJA AWARDS

—Continued on Page 15

Osage meals are a vital part in tradition

Osage News

Each of the three districts has a Drumkeeper and that Drumkeeper has a committee. On each committee are 20 to 25 women, chosen by the Drumkeeper to cook the meals during the In-Lon-Schka dances and to cook the most important meal of that Drumkeeper's dance, which is known as the Committee Dinner.

The committee dinner, which displays that district's finest plates, table settings, and food, is a dinner for committee members of neighboring districts and the host district. For instance, in the following photos in this issue's center spread, are photos taken from the Pawhuska district's committee dinner.

It is an honor to be on any committee and when attending a com-

mittee dinner women come in their finest blankets and shawls.

The Head Cook of the Pawhuska district prepares all year for this moment. Carefully selecting the menus for each day of the dance and especially planning what is to be cooked for the committee dinner, a well-oiled machine she plans it all the way down to the type of napkins they'll use.

Most of the dishes for the meal are cooked over an open fire in the scorching summer heat but no one complains or quits. Women cook frybread over hot grease, roll out pounds and pounds of dumplings and men watched the fires while the dishes cook to make sure they taste just right. Men of the district barbeque meat for the dinner and help with all the heavy lifting of pots and kettles on the fire, some weighing as much as 100 pounds.

For this year's committee din-

ner meal Head Cook Liz Ricketts oversaw the cooks as they prepared yonka pins, Osage peaches, dried corn, turkey and dressing, frybread, blue corn dumplings, stir fry, sweet potatoes, strip meat and an assortment of fruits and vegetables.

On each plate was a card that listed the individual songs for Sundays dance and on each plate was a piece of fried chicken, grapes, a buffalo shaped cookie and barbeque. Before the meal began the Head Committeeman of the district, in Pawhuska's case Herman "Mogri" Lookout, speaks before the meal and says a prayer. Then as tradition has it, everyone takes a paper sack that was placed underneath their plate and puts everything on their plate in their sack to take home.

Then, it's time to dig in.



Photo by Chalene Toehay / Osage News
Pawhuska committee cooks pose for a photo outside of Wakon Iron Hall Saturday morning of the Pawhuska In-Lon-Schka.

Photo by Chalene Toehay / Osage News
Pawhuska cooks make ready plates full of turkey and dressing to set on tables for the dinner.



Robyn Rulo, left, helps Pawhuska cook Marie Rulo

Pawhuska district hosts Committee Dinner at this year's In-Lon-Schka dances

To view more photos, visit osagenews.org



Chris White stirs the Chicken and Dumplings over the fire. Men of the district handle the fire and make sure the dishes are cooking correctly.



Photo by Shannon Shaw / Osage News
Pawhuska cook Asa Cunningham jokingly throws frybread dough in the air as if tossing a pizza.

Photo by Shannon Shaw / Osage News
Men of the district cook barbecue on grates over fire to serve at Pawhuska's committee dinner.





Photo by Shannon Shaw/Osage News
umsey, right, roll out dumplings.



Photo by Shannon Shaw; Inset by Chalene Tohay/Osage News
Yonka pins, a traditional Osage dish, cook over the fire. Inset photo: The table is set for the feast that some wait for all year.



Photo by Chalene Tohay/Osage News
Sandra Maker, left, and Anita Fields, right, from the Hominy District shake hands with Pawhuska Drumkeeper Bruce Cass as they arrive for the committee dinner.

Photo by Chalene Tohay/Osage News
Ruben DeRoin, from the Hominy District, shakes hands with Osage Nation Principal Chief Jim Gray as they arrive for the committee dinner.



Photo by Shannon Shaw/Osage News
Visitors from other districts received a card with all the individual songs on the back with grapes, barbecue, fried chicken and a buffalo shaped cookie to take home.

Save the Date! Local Events Calendar

AUGUST

August 21-23

32nd Annual IICOT Powwow of Champions

Between 111th and 121st
on Elwood turn at the
White Buffalo

Contact (918) 321-3460
or (918) 838-8276

Every Monday,

Starting August 24

*Free Six Week Tobacco
Cessation Classes*

Osage Nation Tobacco
Prevention Program
Pawhuska Public Library
Starts at 11:45 a.m.
to 12:30 p.m.

Contact Kacee Poteet
(918) 287-5422

August 24

*Finger Weaving Classes
(Weaving will be an
ongoing class)*

Pawhuska Cultural Class
Pawhuska Cultural Center
Contact Addie (918) 287-5539

August 24-September 30

Peyote Stitch Class

Pawhuska Cultural Class
Pawhuska Cultural Center
Contact Addie (918) 287-5539

SEPTEMBER

Saturday, September 12

2nd Annual Osage

Landowners' Symposium

Osage Nation Environmental
and Natural Resources

Contact Jann Rose
(918) 287-5531

Sunday, September 13

2nd Annual Osage Film Festival

For additional information visit
the website at www.osagetribe.com/tourism

Contact (918) 948-5860
or (918) 287-5555

Saturday, September 19

*Lecture 4 in Cultural
Lecture Series*

Osage Nation Historic
Preservation Office
Starts at 2:00 p.m.

Contact June Carpenter
(918) 287-5520

OCTOBER

October 5-28

Beading on Broadcloth Class

Pawhuska Cultural Class
Pawhuska Cultural Center
Contact Addie (918) 287-5539

NOVEMBER

November 2-18

Moccasin Making Class

Pawhuska Cultural Class
Pawhuska Cultural Center
Contact Addie (918) 287-5539

November 3-5

*Indian Energy Solutions
Conference/American Spirit
Award Dinner*

Hosted by the Osage Nation
Tulsa, Oklahoma
Contact (918) 287-5555

November 30-December 16

Shawl Making Class

Pawhuska Cultural Class

Pawhuska Cultural Center

Contact Addie (918) 287-5539

High Electric Bills? Need help paying your bill or need a 110 Dual Heat / Air Conditioner?

If you are:

- A resident of Osage County / Osage Reservation
- Possess a tribal C.D.I.B. or Membership Card
- Qualify by 125% Poverty Income Guidelines
- Or receive TANF, SSI, or Food Stamps

You may qualify for Osage Nation LIHEAP Assistance. Please contact the office below to obtain an application or arrange an appointment to come in the office.

Osage Nation Housing Department

Amy Bohner, Intake Specialist

P.O. Box 147

Hominy, Oklahoma 74035

Toll Free: 1-800-490-8771

Phone: 918-287-5310

Fax: 918-287-5568

www.osagetribe.com/housing

Please act quickly while funding is available!

Letters to the Editor Submissions

If you'd like to submit a letter to the editor, mail it to the Osage News, Attn.: Shannon Shaw, 627 Grandview, Pawhuska, OK 74056; email sshaw@osagenews.org, or fax to (918) 287-5563. Letters must be respectful and informative to the reader, and may be edited for grammar, clarity and space.

ELECTION BOARD

—Continued from Page 1

nate is going to be and once the role is decided they'll make their recommendation to Chief Gray."

Barnett said a power struggle developed among the board members and alternates in 2006 with the Government Reform board and that struggle became a real controversy. So much so that the 31st Tribal Council had to make a resolution, at the board's request, to instate the alternates as board members.

Oberly and the other election board appointees want to avoid any controversy. She said that the general consensus among the five appointees is that they should all be on the board but she understands it's the law.

"We have decided that it doesn't matter who the members or the alternates are because we've decided that the five of us are going to be working together as a board to have this election come off as good as it can be," Oberly said.

According to the election law, candidates running for Principal Chief, Assistant Principal Chief and the six positions for Congress can only file their candidacies between the dates of March 15 and April 1 of next year.

To run for Chief and Assistant

Chief a person must be 35 years old at the date of the election, which will be held June 7, 2010, and has never been convicted of a felony. Once elected those two individuals can't hold any other office, position of profit under the Nation or hold any office, elected or appointed, under any other tribal government, state, county or federal government, according to the law.

To run for Congress a person must be at least 25 years old at the date of the election and has never been convicted of a felony. Once a member they cannot hold any other office or position of profit under the Nation during the term the member is elected or appointed. No member shall hold any other tribal office under another Indian nation during his or her term in office, according to the law.

Members of Congress were concerned that when Chief Gray named the election board appointments with less than a year to the election, he might have jeopardized the results.

"We have a lot of time," Oberly said. "I am very confident that we've got plenty of time to have a fair election."

NAJA AWARDS

—Continued from Page 11

focus on Native American identity, such as his custom shirt designs, and maintaining ties with his Osage culture.

This year marks the first time the *Osage News* has entered the Native Media Awards competition which honors NAJA members, who are Native and non-Native, for their outstanding work efforts.

The newspaper received award plaques during the 25th annual NAJA convention held July 30-Aug.1 in Albuquerque this year.

The Native American Journalists Association is a nonprofit that serves and empowers Native journalists through programs and actions designed to enrich journalism and promote Native cultures. It is based at the University of Oklahoma in Norman.

Osage Nation Language
Orthography Chart



Primaries – Osage Vowels

| | |
|---|---------------------------------------------|
| Λ | 'awe sound' as in the word <u>aw</u> esome |
| ∩ | long e sound as in the word, sl <u>ee</u> p |
| α | short e sound as in the word, <u>e</u> gg |
| λ | short u sound as in the word, bu <u>h</u> ! |
| o | long o sound as in the word, <u>o</u> h |
| u | 'oo' sound as in the word, b <u>oo</u> t |

Nasal Sound

| | |
|---|-------------|
| ^ | nasal sound |
|---|-------------|

Diphthongs

| | |
|---|------------------------|
| Δ | blend of Λ + ∩ + ^ = Δ |
| Q | blend of o + ∩ + ^ = Q |
| α | blend of α + ∩ + ^ = α |
| Λ | blend of Λ + ∩ = Λ |

Modifiers – modify primary sounds

| | |
|---|--------------------------------------------------------|
| ʒ | guttural 'X' sound, like scraping your throat with air |
| ς | english S |
| ʃ | english H |
| ʒ | english W |
| ς | english L |
| ʃ | english M |
| ς | english N |
| ʒ | english Z |

Between

| | |
|---|-------------------------|
| ᐅ | between the 'P' and 'B' |
| ᐆ | between the 'K' and 'G' |
| ᐇ | between the 'T' and 'D' |

Blends

| | |
|---|------------------------------------------------------|
| ᐈ | blend of 'T' an 'H' as in the word, <u>th</u> ese |
| ᐉ | blend of 'S' an 'H' as in the word, <u>sh</u> ip |
| ᐊ | blend of 'C' an 'H' as in the word, <u>ch</u> ip |
| ᐋ | blend of 'Z' an 'H' as in the word, treas <u>ure</u> |
| ᐌ | blend of 'T' an 'S' together |
| ᐍ | blend of 'P' medial and 'R' |
| ᐎ | blend of 'S' an 'K' |
| ᐏ | blend of 'K' an 'Y' |
| ᐐ | blend of 'H' an 'Y' |
| ᐑ | blend of 'S' an 'D' |

This is not an alphabet. The symbols represent sound only. Practice writing and pronouncing these symbols everyday. For more information, please contact the Osage Nation Language Program at (918) 287-5505 (Pawhuska), (918) 642-3185 (Fairfax), (918) 287-5583 (Hominy), (918) 287-5547 (Edmond), and (918) 287-5547 (Skiatook) or visit us on the Web at <http://www.osage-tribe.org/language>.

Johnson O'Malley program provides school supplies to Osage students

By Avis Ballard,
JOM Coordinator

The Osage Nation Johnson O'Malley program distributed school supplies to over 700 Native American students enrolled at schools within Osage County. The largest events were held at Hominy, Pawhuska, Skiatook and Fairfax with food, fun and

“Over 700 Native American students enrolled at schools within Osage County received school supplies from the Osage Nation Johnson O'Malley program.”

entertainment included with the supplies. These activities are organized and hosted by the parent committees at each school.

The Skiatook JOM committee hosted their event at the city pool and gave away backpacks and door prizes along with school supplies for over 150 students. The JOM pool party got cut short when



Courtesy Photo/Erin Casoose, Hominy 7th grade JOM student

Students and their families enjoy the free night swim, sponsored by the Hominy JOM program.

a thunderstorm moved into the area and forced the pool to close early. However, the event was a success for the many students that walked away with their new Skiatook JOM backpack and supplies.

The Hominy JOM committee also held their event at the city pool during a sunny evening with a temperature of over 100 degrees. The hot August weather prompted many families to enjoy the free night swim sponsored by the JOM program. This is the second year for the Hominy JOM parents to host a pool/pizza party for their students.

The Woodland JOM program (Fairfax) gave out school supplies at the elementary and later hosted a pool party for their students. The Pawhuska JOM parents gave out supplies to over 200 students during their event at the Wakon Iron Hall. Several new students were added to these programs and can now receive the many benefits from JOM.

The JOM parent committees work hard to ensure their students are prepared to return to school. They wanted to incorporate fun activities with their necessary school supply distribution for the students and their families to en-

joy. The ON JOM program is for Native American students enrolled at schools within Osage county that include: Anderson, Barnsdall, Bowring, Hominy, McCord, Osage Hills, Pawhuska, Prue, Shidler, Skiatook, Woodland and Wynona. The student must have a CDIB or tribal membership card from a federally recognized tribe.

The JOM committees cannot accept a parent's CDIB card. They can accept a letter from the student's tribe stating their tribal enrollment application is in process.

Please call Avis Ballard at 918-287-5545 for more information about this program.

Osage Nation youth work with endangered beetle

By Jann Rose, Natural Resources Specialist II

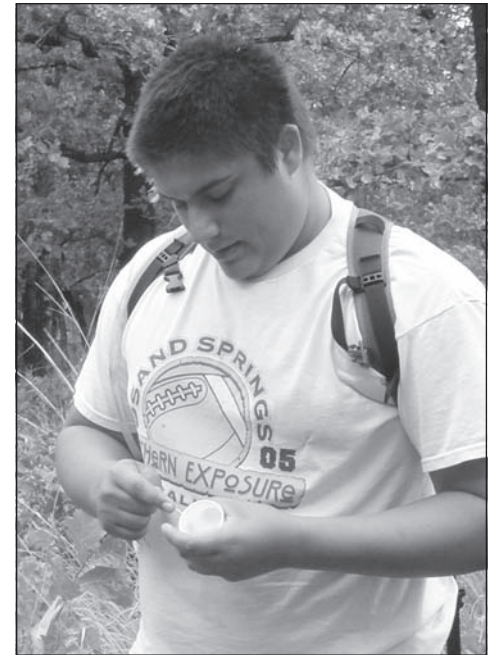
From June 7th to 24th, 2009, Dalton Abrams, a student with the Environmental and Natural Resource (ENR) Department, worked beside Dr. Daniel Howard of the University of Toronto and Carrie Hall of Idaho State University, performing surveillance on the Tallgrass Prairie Preserve for the American Burying Beetle (ABB). The ABB has been listed as an endangered species since 1989. It once ranged across all of the east-

ern U.S., but is currently found in only 6 states, including Oklahoma. The ABB is a nocturnal beetle that plays an important role on the Reservation by breaking down and recycling decaying matter. The ABB is a unique species in that both parents provide care to their offspring, which is an extremely rare trait in the insect world.

Abrams, along with three ENR employees, constructed pitfall traps at 94 sites across the Tallgrass Prairie Preserve. After all the pitfall traps had been prepared,

Abrams was assigned four sites (32 total traps) to bait. When an ABB was successfully collected in the traps, Abrams clipped a small notch in the outer wing, or elytra, and glued a small, numbered tag onto the outer shell, or pronotum. Clipping and tagging the ABB allowed for the individual to be correctly identified if collected later in the surveillance. Abrams also learned how to correctly determine the sex of each ABB. After the ABB's were tagged for identification and sex was determined, they were released.

The ABB surveillance completed on the Tallgrass Prairie Preserve is the largest ever completed in Oklahoma. Working with Dr. Howard and Ms. Hall, Abrams learned more than how to prepare and successfully trap ABB's. Abrams learned there are many important components to a functional ecosystem including the visible fire, rain, wildlife, and plant components as

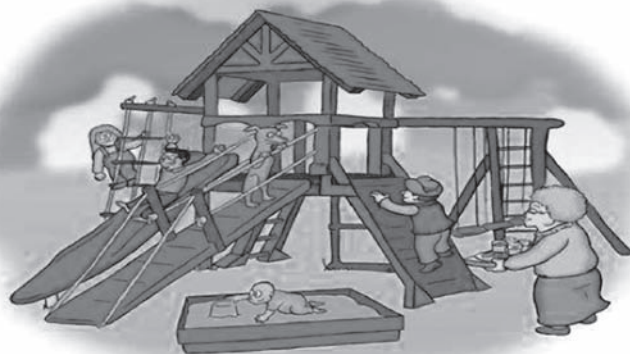


Courtesy Photo/Jann Rose

Dalton Abrams prepares a pitfall trap.

well as the less visible insect components. ENR is proud to have contributed to an effort that will shed light on the intricate fabric of life that makes up our Reservation.

Take The First Step



Be an Adoptive or Foster Parent
for Osage Children

"Why?" you ask. Because...
"Childhood can't wait!"

For more information, please contact
Rebecca Fish
ICW Adoption Specialist
(918) 287-5338



Photo by Chalene Toehay/Osage News

Twin sisters Erica and Elizabeth Moore were crowned the 2009-2010 Osage Nation Princesses July 18 at the Fairfax Language Center in Fairfax, Okla. Erica and Elizabeth are the daughters of Ted and Terri Moore. To view more photos from the day visit osagenews.org.

News in Brief

Toineeta named American Indian Exposition Osage Director

Angela Toineeta has been named the new American Indian Exposition Osage director, replacing Randy Moore who was Osage director for the past three years.

Toineeta has been employed with the Bureau of Indian Affairs for 25 years and is currently an accounts maintenance clerk. The Osage director is in charge of choosing the Osage princesses who represent the Nation at the six-day Exposition fair in Anadarko, Okla. The Fair is one of the biggest powwows in the state during the summer months where eleven to twelve tribes showcase their princesses.

As Osage director, Toineeta makes sure the princesses are chaperoned during the fair and that they fulfill their princess duties throughout the year that include representing the Nation at various functions all over the country as an ambassador.

"It's fun and it's a big responsibility but I enjoy chaperoning the princesses as well as my involvement with the Expo board," Toineeta said.

Toineeta resides in Hominy with her husband and is the mother of last year's Osage princess Allie Toineeta.

Osage participates in basketball showcase

Taylor Murray recently participated in the Top 120 JUCO Showcase held at the University of Tulsa on July 10-11, 2009. The top junior college basketball pros-



Angela Toineeta

pects are welcome by invitation only. The event is sponsored by the College Coaches Network and is a change for college coaches to see the best JUCO talent from around the country.

Taylor will begin her sophomore year at Collin County Community College in Plano, Texas this fall. Taylor is the daughter of Pat and Julie Murray of Howe, Texas, the granddaughter of Mike and Annabeth Murray of Fairfax, and the great granddaughter of Ernest Hood of Fairfax.

Community Announcements

DeRoin receives Bachelor's degree

Congratulations to Mary DeRoin on receiving her Bachelor Degree in Business from the University of Phoenix. Mary's graduation was held August 1, 2009, at the Cox Convention Center in Oklahoma City. Mrs. DeRoin is employed in the Osage Nation Archives Department as the Administrative Assistant. Mary has worked very hard to raise her three children, to work at her job and to finish college. We are very proud of Mary and wish her well in her future endeavors.



Happy Anniversary

Family and friends would like to wish a Happy Anniversary to Homer and Jewell Purcell who were married 11 years ago on August 28.



OSAGE HOME HEALTH

Skilled Nursing • Home Health Aides • Social Services

Physical Therapy • Occupational Therapy • Speech Therapy

Providing Comprehensive In-Home Health Care Services to ALL Residents of North Central Oklahoma

Medicare • Medicaid • Private Insurance Accepted

www.osagehomehealth.com

Phone (918) 287-5645 or (866) 671-3700 Fax (918) 287-9909

128 E. 6th St. Pawhuska, Oklahoma 74056

Osage Nation Burial Assistance Application Process



- Submit an application within 30 days of time of death
- Provide CDIB or Membership Card that verifies Osage Indian Blood for deceased individual
- Provide a copy of a death certificate for the deceased individual
- Provide a copy of an itemized Funeral Home statement of the deceased individual

The application is complete when all pertinent documentation is received by this office; once the application is complete a letter of approved funds and check will be mailed to the funeral home. Notice will also be sent to the applicant informing them of the amount being paid to the funeral home.

- Allow 10-14 working days for completed application to be processed and a check issued.
- Reimbursements checks will only be issued to funeral home and designated grocer only; individual expenses will not be reimbursed.

*For more information, questions,
or concerns please contact the
Osage Nation Constituent Services Office*

Osage Nation Constituent Services Office

Attention: W. Jacque Jones, Administrator

621 Grandview • Pawhuska, OK 74056

Phone: (918) 287-5662

Fax: (918) 287-5221 • Fax: (918) 699-5221

Email: jjones@osagetribe.org

Birthday Celebrations

Jillian Alexa Hamilton

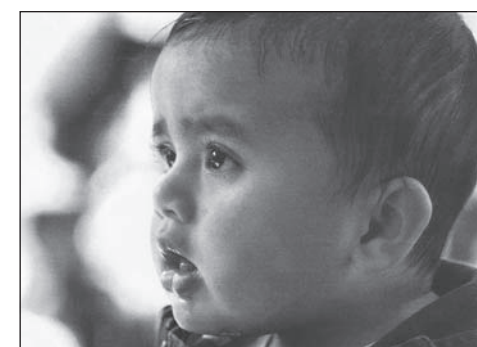
Jillian Alexa Hamilton was born July 30, 2006. She is the daughter of Tiffany Harris Hamilton and Gregory Hamilton. She is the maternal granddaughter of Mary Mashunkashey and RG Harris, the great granddaughter of Carole Bayhille and Almeta Harris. Her paternal grandparents are Randy and Susan Hamilton of Connecticut and the great granddaughter of Ray and Carol Noiva also of Connecticut. Our family would like to wish Jillian a happy, healthy, blessed 3rd birthday and many more happy birthdays to come. We love you Jilly Bean!!!



Jillian Alexa Hamilton

Mya Christina Miller

Mya Christina Miller celebrated turning 2-years-old on July 12, 2009. Mya is the daughter of Benny Miller and Julie Mashunkashey Miller, of Pawhuska, OK. Mya is the little sister to her 5-year-old brother, Maverick Sean Miller. Maternal grandparents are Tommy Joe Mashunkashey, of Bartlesville, OK and Paula Mashunkashey, of Pawhuska, OK. Paternal grandparents are Charley and Nettie Miller, of Pawhuska, OK.



Wheeler Family Birthdays

Homer and Jewell Purcell would like to wish their family a very happy birthday.

Charles Wheeler, son of Jewell Purcell, August 12, Stephe Lookout, daughter of Timmy and Chelle Lookout, August 14, Harold "Banny" Davis, son of Martha Davis, August 18, Thomas Hipp, husband of Jocelyn Hipp, August 21, Britt Burris, daughter of Bobby and Brenda Davis, August 25, Beth Lookout, daughter of Timmy and Chelle Lookout, August 28.

Spartan August Laie

Castillo and Pouniu Laie, Jr. in Oceanside, California. Rachel's name is Mazetsaxi and she is Bear Clan. Spartan's paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Pouniu, Sr. and his maternal grandmother is Francesca A. Clavier-Smith, his maternal great grandparents are Galen and Rachel Clavier and his maternal great-great grandmother was Original Allottee Ethel McGuire Clavier. Spartan is Osage/Samoan.

Spartan August Laie

Spartan August Laie was born on November 20, 2008 to Rachel

OBITUARIES

Victor H. Tuttle III

Victor H. Tuttle III passed away Saturday, July 11, 2009, at his home in Paso Robles. He was born in February 1933 to Victor H. Tuttle Jr. and Florine L. Messiek Tuttle in Hollywood, Calif., and grew up in the San Fernando Valley, where he graduated from Canoga Park High in 1950.

In 1955, he married Jo Ann "Jody" Damron, whom he met while attending the University of Tulsa, where he graduated with a degree in Commercial Art.

He started his career in technical illustration at Rocketdyne in Southern California, then was the Supervisor of Technical Illustration for 24 plus years at Bunker "Raino. Vic and Jody lived and raised their family, Corky, Andi and Gregg, in Thousand Oaks, Calif., for 20 years. The Tuttles moved to Paso Robles in 1984, where he and Corky opened Moms Muffler Works. From his youth, Vic had an avid interest in

classic cars, drag racing, customs and hot rods. He especially looked forward to attending the annual Pismo Beach Car Show with all his friends and family, which he did for the past 20 years. Vic's other interests included collecting vintage model cars and trucks, 50s memorabilia, jewelry making, stained glass, motorcycles and boats.

Vic is survived by his wife of 54 years, Jo Ann "Jody" Tuttle; sons Victor H. "Corky" Tuttle IV and Gregg K. Tuttle; grandchildren Brandon K. Tuttle, Alesha Burke, Damien Burke and Carrie Palmer; son-in-law, Jeffery Makowski; and daughters-in-law Nadine Gentry and Kathryn Palmer, all from Central and Southern California. Vic was preceded in death by his parents; son, Brent David Tuttle; and daughter, Andrea Dawn Tuttle Makowski.

A memorial service was held at 3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 1, 2009, at Kuehl-Nicolay Funeral Home, 1703 Spring St. in Paso Robles.

Osages planning for cultural walk series beginning in October

The Historic Preservation Office and the Osage Museum are planning a series of cultural walks titled, From Kansas to Home, a Cultural Experience.

"You can experience sleeping under the stars; hear the details of our historic movement from the Kansas territory," said Paula Stabler, Osage Nation Communications Officer. "The next morning will be pulling up camp and leading out as we would have done in the 1800's as we moved from camp to camp."

This first walk will be a short commemorative 3 mile walk to the Mullendore Ranch, located outside of Pawhuska. The Mullendore family has given permission for the Nation to use their property for the event and has asked to host the participants at the end of the walk in a Ranch style BBQ at their home.

This event will be the beginning of a series of events leading up to the Grand Event in October 2010.

This will be a great experience for your entire family, so save these dates! Full agenda and registration forms will be posted in the next issue of Osage News and the Osage Nation Web site.

It will be held October 24 and 25 at Northern Osage Reservation. Registration begins September 1. For reservations, contact the Wah Zha Zhi Cultural Center at (918) 287-5537. Forms will be posted to the Osage Nation Web site by September 1.

MILLION DOLLAR CALLING



The Osage Nation is calling you to a new career.

Now's your chance to return home to the friends, family and place you love. Osage Nation is growing and has immediate openings for tribal members ready to begin a rewarding new career. From managers, supervisors and security to restaurant personnel, guest services and dealers, the perfect opportunity is waiting for you.

Check out our benefits! Individual health, life, dental and vision programs, matching 401(k), competitive pay, accrued personal paid time off, excellent management and many opportunities for advancement.

Apply today at www.MillionDollarElm.com.

Must be at least 21 years old.

Tulsa Sand Springs Bartlesville Hominy Pawhuska Skiatook Ponca City



MillionDollarElm.com

Officials considering construction companies to build casino

Osage Nation gaming officials are deliberating which construction company to hire to build its permanent Million Dollar Elm Casino in Ponca City and will be viewing properties this month that were built by the companies being considered.

Officials have interviewed three construction companies, said Chris White, general manager for the MDEC in Ponca City. He did not name the companies but said all have offices in Oklahoma and have built structures in the state that gaming officials, including White, Gaming Commission members and MDEC CEO Neil Cornelius will view.

"We want to make sure we're getting the right firm to design and construct the casino," White said of the property trips. "We're trying to do everything the right way and do not want to rush the process."

White said the trips to the properties will be done in August but it's unknown when a decision will be made on which company to hire. The Gaming Commission will make the decision.

The MDEC will be built on 15 acres west of Ponca City and the Arkansas River.

OPINION

A note on the Federal stimulus funding

*By Jim Gray,
Osage Nation Principal Chief*

President Obama signed the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 on February 17, 2009. This act is commonly referred to as the economic stimulus funding. It is designed to jumpstart the nation's economy, create or save millions of jobs, and put a

"The total amount of funding and applications for both formula stimulus funding, competitive stimulus funding and other grants is \$9,650,014."

down payment on addressing long-neglected challenges so our country can thrive in the 21st century. The act includes measures to modernize our America's infrastructure, enhance energy independence, expand educational opportunities, preserve and improve affordable



Principal Chief Jim Gray

health care, provide tax relief and protect those in greatest need.

The federal agencies responsible for distributing the funds to the prospective recipients immediately began with a round of formula based funding to existing grantees. A second round of funding based on competitive applications began in May.

The Osage Nation executive branch administration organized a task group to coordinate the Nation's response to the applications and funding as they became available. The Osage Nation received funding in the first round for various programs including Housing Department-\$955,000, Title VI Elders nutrition program-\$34,525, and Reservation Roads program-\$4,120,000.

Competitive applications for stimulus funding have been submitted for various programs. The total amount of funding and applications for both formula stimulus funding, competitive stimulus funding and other grants is \$9,650,014.

The administration's response is constrained by limited staff available to respond to the applications. In addition, the staffing limitation potentially restricts our ability to administer the new funding and programs. Current staff is mainly paid by categorical grants that limit their activities to those specific grants. In addition, a hiring freeze imposed upon the administration by the Osage Congress limits the administration's ability to bring in needed staff to manage new or expanded programs.

The administration and the executive staff continue to work to respond to the various funding announcements and will continue to work with the Osage Congress to ensure the Nation takes advantage of the opportunities and funding to meet the needs of the Osage people. Chief Gray announced to his staff that all efforts must be made to ensure that the Nation receives its share of the stimulus funding. Additionally, he stated that it was his hope that the Osage Congress would enable the administration to obtain the needed staff to successfully manage the new funding and programs.

OPINION

A Message from John D. Red Eagle Ki-he-kah O-wah-ta
—Assistant Principal Chief of Osage Nation



Assistant Principal Chief John D. Red Eagle
Vol. 3, Issue #8; August 2009

Major contributor:
John D. Red Eagle
Writer and editor:
Cherri Maker Riding In

Stormy weather blew in during 2008 leaving in its wake a worldwide economic meltdown and a major U.S. health upheaval. Our Osage Nation weathered legal challenges with the State of Oklahoma over our sovereignty regarding taxing Osages living on the Reservation and challenging our Reservation status. Chaos thundered between the ranchers and the Nation for awhile threatening the peaceful relationships we had so diligently built. Internally a whirlwind seethed with lawsuits between the Chief and Congress draining us of precious time, money and energy. I wonder? Will the

headwinds from 2010 continue at typhoon force?
Soon many Osages will be declaring their candidacy for office. In the summer of 2010, we will elect new leaders to guide us through the storm. But what defines a leader? How does a leader differ from a politician or a manager? And, what role does charisma play in leadership, and why can it be dangerous?
The debate between a leader and a politician is an old one. Along with a strong capacity for work, a leader is visionary, champions change, communicates powerfully, and builds relationships. They set strategies, define a goal, motivate

others to follow, and accomplish that goal. They build their community and help their colleagues achieve success. A strong and trustworthy leader enables you to feel safe, secure, and free. On the other hand, a politician is a member of a local or regional government, active in party politics, and influences group opinions. Politicians often engage in mindless discussions, can be corrupted with promises of power, have their own agendas, and seek the political advantage at the expense of others, even their party's platform. Those who seek office are politicians or leaders; very few are both.

How does a manager differ from a leader? Perhaps the answer is the workplace. A corporation or organization grants power to the executive for the good of the corporation; whereas, government officials are elected by the people for the good of the people.
Now it's time to put on your sunglasses or something dangerously superficial will blind you — charisma. This trait refers to charm, glamour, and magnetism, and it is inborn or learned. Charismatic leaders use their personal magne-

See **ASSISTANT CHIEF**
—Continued on Page 23

Got Milk? We Do!

If your child is under 5, if you are pregnant, breastfeeding an infant, or just had a baby, you should come see us. Just bring in proof of income and address, as well as identification on the child and/or mom.

We offer foods including cheese, eggs, cereal, juice, beans, and peanut butter for children and moms. For infants, we offer formula, infant cereals, and infant juices.

Need a special formula?
No problem! Just call us to see if we offer the formula you need. In most cases, we can help. We will require a doctor's request for most special formulas.

Need help nursing?
Breastfeeding can be tough, but with a little help you can be a success. We offer lots of help and support with breastfeeding. We even have a hotline for breastfeeding questions and concerns.

Come in and see one of our clerks: Abbey, Brandy, Shannon, Donna, Dana, or Cheryl; our Office Manager, Debbie; or our Director, Renee, at WIC and we'll get you fixed up.

Our main office is located at 1301 Grandview in Pawhuska.
Office hours are Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
or just give us a call at (800) 460-1006
to see how we can serve you!

WIC Clinic Schedules

| | | |
|-------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|------------------|
| Pawhuska. | Monday-Friday (918) 287-1040 | 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. |
| Skiatook. | Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday (918) 396-7352 | 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m. |
| Fairfax | Every Thursday (918) 642-3943 | 9 a.m.-4 p.m. |
| Hominy | Wednesday & Thursday (918) 885-4123 | 9 a.m.-4 p.m. |
| Newkirk. | 1st & 3rd Thursdays | 10 a.m.-1 p.m. |
| McCord | 2nd Wednesday | 1 p.m.-4 p.m. |
| Tulsa | 3rd Tuesday 4-6 p.m. School Year, 1-4 p.m. Summertime | |
| Bartlesville. . . | 4th Thursday, 3rd Thursday on Holidays | 3 p.m.-5:30 p.m. |

OPINION

Letters to the Editor

Tha Dlee

I would like to say thank you to all the Osages involved in presenting Erica and Elizabeth Moore, our Osage Nation Princesses, to the 78th Annual American Indian Exposition in Anadarko, Okla. Especially to their family for being there through all the hot weather and getting them to the parades, receptions and grand entries on time. I would like to extend many thanks to their extended families for attending our Osage Princess Reception, and a special thank you to Edward and Sydna Yellowfish for presenting a beautiful Pendleton shoulder bag as a door prize that the Delaware Princess won.

Thank you to Thomas "Go Go" and Yvette Goodeagle for providing excellent food Thursday and Friday nights after the dance. It

was great to have the Osage Tribal Princess Sorority representation all day Thursday, thank you for gathering up the gifts (you know who you are!) provided by our tribal programs that were given to the other tribes' princesses at our reception.

Thanks Chalene Toehay, Osage News shutterbug! She was everywhere with the camera, and handed out Osage News t-shirts to all the princesses on Saturday.

Thank you Randy Moore family for your guidance and information in getting this job done. None of this would have been possible without our Osage Nation, and thank you to Archie Mason for the extra donation to the cause.

—Angela Satepauhoodle
Toineeta, American Indian
Exposition Osage Director

ASSISTANT CHIEF

—Continued from Page 22

tism to sway others that their view is the correct one to follow. They are well dressed, project confidence, connect with the people through eye contact, and snow the crowd with smiles. They inspire the crowd with hope telling everyone they can build a future together filled with unlimited opportunities. Walk away. In a sense, charismatic leaders seduce the crowd with false promises while giving them the illusion of power and riches. I see charisma as a two-edged sword enabling a person to lead and influence others for good or for bad. Past President John F. Kennedy possessed strong charisma and used it for the good of the people; by contrast, Dictator Adolf Hitler also had strong charisma and, unfortunately, used it to sway his followers toward unspeakable crimes.

In closing, come with me to the Oklahoma University football stadium in Norman, and I'll show you a leader. Watch the quarterback perform under pressure. He values teamwork and feels the pressure to succeed knowing the measure of success is the win. He'll put the Sooners in the end zone. That's strong leadership.

See you next month.

Without Reservations



Cartoon © Santo Domingo Pueblo Cartoon Artist, Ricardo Caté

How to Submit a Letter to the Editor

Have something on your mind? Let us know!

If you'd like to submit a letter to the editor of the *Osage News*, mail it to the *Osage News*, Attn.: Shannon Shaw, 627 Grandview, Pawhuska, OK 74056; email sshaw@osagenews.org, or fax to (918) 287-5563. Letters must be respectful and informative to the reader, and may be edited for grammar, clarity and space.

Let the good times roll all day, all night.

you Betcha.™

There's nothing better than getting out and meeting friends for some fun. And there's no better place for having a good time than the Osage Million Dollar Elm Casino. With our friendly staff, Poker and Blackjack tables and hundreds of exciting electronic games you can play at your own speed, style and pace.



TULSA BARTLESVILLE SAND SPRINGS PONCA CITY SKIATOOK HOMINY PAWHUSKA
918.699.7777 milliondollarelm.com

©2009 Osage Million Dollar Elm Casino. Age restriction based on Casino location. Gambling Problem? Call 1-800-522-4700.

