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U.S. Supreme Court to decide to hear Osage case Feb. 18

Chief's office submits final land-into-trust application for three Osage casinos in jeopardy if case is denied

By Shannon Shaw
Osage News

The U.S. Supreme Court Justices will meet in conference Feb. 18 to decide whether or not to hear the Nation's case against the Oklahoma Tax Commission. Their decision will be made public Feb. 21.

If the High Court grants certiorari, or the right to hear the case based on merits, the Nation will proceed in a round of briefs, opinions and oral arguments to win the case. If the High Court denies the case than the 11-year battle is over.

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Courtesy Photo/James Elsberry

Osage Nation Maintenance employees plow the roads after a Feb. 1 blizzard that closed Osage operations. Pawhuska was recorded as having received a total of 35 inches of snow in a two week span.

Reservation slammed by winter storms, buried under record numbers of snowfall

By Benny Polacca
Osage News

Osages became handicapped for nearly two consecutive weeks this month after Mother Nature dumped record

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Attorney General Jeff Jones congressional confirmation questioned by Chief's office

Jones unanimously confirmed by Osage Congress Jan. 25

By Benny Polacca
Osage News

The Second Osage Nation Congress unanimously confirmed Jeff Jones as the Nation's first Attorney General on Jan. 25 during the second day of its Fifth Special Session. Roughly two hours later the Chief's Office e-mailed a statement that questioned the validity of Jones's confirmation.

"While the Chief respects that the Congress may read the Consti-

tution and legislation differently, he feels that the language in the Constitution is clear and that confirmation of appointments are to occur during the regular sessions," according to the statement.

The next regular session is the Hun-Kah Session starting March 21.

The email, from Chris White, executive director of governmental affairs for Chief John Red Eagle's office, noted that other interim appointments have been made since the Tzi-Zho Session ended last fall and will also be subject to confirmation. "(Chief Red Eagle) will submit his interim appointments for confirmation during the Hun-Kah Session per the Osage Nation Constitution and in accordance

with ONCA 10-84 (the bill creating the AG's office)."

Congress expected the challenge from the Chief's office of whether or not Jones could be confirmed during a special session but voted to confirm Jones anyway because under ONCA 10-84 the AG's office is independent and not under the Executive Branch.

Independent Office

ONCA 10-84 states "The Attorney General shall be appointed by the Principal Chief under Article VII, Section 15, of the Constitution."

According to Section 15 in the Constitution, "the Principal Chief may appoint executive staff in ac-

cordance with the budget approved by Congress. The Principal Chief shall also appoint, subject to advice and consent by the (Congress), the members of each board, commission or other instrumentality in the Executive Branch whose election or appointment is not provided by this Constitution or by law."

Congresswoman Shannon Edwards questioned whether Jones's appointment and confirmation applies to him under Section 15 of Article VII of the Constitution during the Special Session's opening day Jan. 24. Section 15 of Article VII of the Constitution focuses on appointments made by the Executive Branch.

"I think that because the Attorney General was listed as an independent office, that perhaps Section 15 doesn't apply and I'm concerned that if this is an inter-

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Osage Nation Attorney General Jeff Jones addresses the Osage Nation Congress.

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Road to Osage Million Dollar Elm Bartlesville Casino to undergo repairs

Casino CEO says
casino operations will
continue, dismisses
employee layoff rumors

By Benny Polacca
Osage News

The major road artery connecting the Osage Million Dollar Elm Bartlesville Casino to State Highway 123 will close for construction improvements in March. To offset losses in gaming patronage due to the project, tribal and casino officials are announcing a detour route for casino goers, which is accessible from U.S. 60 west of Bartlesville.

Starting March 1, construction crews will close County Road 2714, which leads west from Highway 123 on Bartlesville's west side (south of ConocoPhillips) for an improvement project by 39 Hill. The road is notorious for cracks and potholes and has been in need of repair for a while, locals say.

During the 39 Hill road project, casino goers coming from Bartlesville will be directed to head west on U.S. 60 and drive about six miles to County Road 2145 then turn left at the intersection. The 4-mile-drive southbound on CR 2145 will take visitors straight to the Bartlesville casino.

The Bartlesville casino road project and its potential impact

on gaming revenue was discussed during the Jan. 26 special session of the Second Osage Nation Congress.

Congressmen Mark Simms and Geoffrey Standing Bear wished to hear from the casino and Roads Department officials on the issues because they have been hearing rumors that the 39 Hill road project would significantly impact gaming revenue from the casino, which could mean employee layoffs as a result of any lost patronage.

Seventy percent of Bartlesville casino traffic comes up 39 Hill, said RJ Walker, who is director of the Nation's Roads Department. He told Congress there are plans to pave gravel portions of CR 2145 for the detoured motorists who will use the road.

As for the employee layoff rumors, OMDEC CEO Neil Cornelius set the record straight.

"We have no plans for any layoffs, we have no plans to do other things at this point," Cornelius said. He said the casino employees and officials will continue to study any potential impacts to the casino operations which will continue with its 24-7 business as usual.

Congressman William "Kugee" Supernaw asked if there was a

"plan B" or if the project could be delayed. Walker replied there is no alternative plan, so the project is scheduled to start between March 1 and March 15.

Chris White, the executive director of governmental affairs for Principal Chief John Red Eagle, told Congress efforts are underway to develop a promotional campaign to alert the public of the road construction/ detour for casino guests.

Walker said developing the road project, which also involves Osage County road officials, has taken years and will be funded with federal dollars awarded to the Nation for the construction. The road project could last up to six months.

Congressman Eddy Red Eagle said he supports the 39 Hill road improvements, noting "we're better off in many, many ways... someone's going to get hurt on the old '39.' It's a dangerous road."

The Bartlesville casino, which currently employs 203 people, opened in spring 2006. The casino is 42,000 square-feet and houses over 600 slot machines, six blackjack tables, and two poker tables, according to the OMDEC Web site.

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submissions for the March issue of the

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Supreme Court

The justices were given all the supporting court documents in the case Jan. 26. The documents include two briefs by the Nation, a brief in support of the Nation from the National Congress of American Indians and a brief by the Oklahoma Tax Commission.

The main argument from the OTC is that the case does not bring a strong question of federal law to be heard by the High Court, which is the basis for the court to hear cases. The Nation makes the argument that because of existing conflicts in opinions from circuit and state courts, the Supreme Court needs to make a defining rule on cases that are to determine whether Native American Reservations were intended to be disestablished by the U.S. Congress when allotment-era legislation did not specifically say so.

“In any event, the question at this juncture is not whether the Tenth Circuit’s . . . test of congressional intent is correct. The question is whether there should be one test for disestablishment or a variety of them that change with circuit- and state-court boundaries,” according to the Nation’s brief. “If [state courts] are wrong . . . and the other governmental and private entities affected by reservation determinations in those jurisdictions need and deserve the same unified national standard that the Osage Nation seeks here.”

The case began 11-years-ago when the Nation sued the OTC for taxing Osage tribal members on land that the Nation claimed was still, and had always been, Reservation land, also known as the boundaries of Osage County. Since that time the case has been to the 10th Circuit Court of Federal Appeals twice, in which the federal court denied to hear a rehearing of the Nation’s case.

Representing the Nation is Patricia Millett of Washington D.C.-based firm Akin Gump Strauss

Hauer & Feld LLP. Millett co-heads the firm’s Supreme Court practice and has argued 28 cases before the Supreme Court and briefed more than 50, according to the firm’s Web site.

Osage Nation v. Oklahoma Tax Commission

The Oklahoma Tax Commission filed a 44-page response to the Nation’s brief Jan. 11. Its argument against the Nation remains much of the same – the 1906 Division Act and the 1906 Enabling Act demonstrates the U.S. Congress’ intent to disestablish the Osage Reservation. The OTC cites historians whose interpretations of those acts and the events that followed were further proof of Congress’ intent to disestablish the Osage Reservation.

The Nation maintains that the language in the 1906 acts never made a clear statement of disestablishment and referenced past court cases where a clear statement was mandatory to disestablish a reservation.

At stake if the Nation’s case should be denied by the High Court are three casinos that aren’t currently on trust land, a requirement for any tribe to operate a gaming facility. At risk are the Tulsa, Skiatook and Ponca City casinos.

Land-into-trust applications submitted

On Jan. 31 the Chief’s Office announced they had submitted the final land-into-trust application for the Tulsa based Osage Million Dollar Elm casino. Now they will wait for approval from the U.S. Department of the Interior for all three casinos.

“We continue to receive very good news from the Department of Interior about the progress of our land-into-trust applications,” Principal Chief John Red Eagle said. “The Department’s approval process, in

this instance, may be a matter of weeks rather than months, barring any unforeseen problems. That is unprecedented. The Osage Nation is extremely grateful to Secretary Salazar and his staff at all levels for this speedy process.”

According to a prepared release from the Chief’s Office, the Tulsa and Ponca City applications are currently being reviewed by the Bureau of Indian Affairs’ regional office in Muskogee prior to being forwarded to Washington, D.C. for approval. The Skiatook application is currently under review in Wash-

ington, D.C., and the Ponca City application could be forwarded there as early as this week.

The Supreme Court hears about 10,000 cases per year and of those chosen approximately 100 are selected to hear oral arguments from attorneys, according to the Supreme Court’s official site. In only about 80 to 90 are formal written opinions delivered. Approximately 50 to 60 additional cases are disposed of without granting plenary review.

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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.

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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.

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Winter Storm

numbers of snowfall on the region, prompting area schools, businesses and government entities to close due to hazardous road conditions and freezing temperatures which dropped below 0.

Two major February snowstorms – including one blizzard – left Pawhuska digging out of a total of 35 inches of snow, according to weather trackers.

Storm prompted school closures, including Osage Nation government offices due to weather hazards

On Feb. 1, a blizzard slammed into Northeast Oklahoma, bringing nearly two feet of snowfall and gusty winds which blew the snow across roads, sidewalks and covered the region's grassy hills with a blanket of white. The winds blew the snow in all directions creating deep snowdrifts which not only covered roads, but also blocked parked vehicles, driveways and doorways,

which trapped many residents in their homes for more than a day while municipal and state-funded road crews were left working overtime to clear the major roadways amid below-0 wind chills which came with the storm.

Weather and emergency response officials warned residents against travel while the storms hit the area creating whiteout conditions on the roads, hampering driver visibility. These hazards left school superintendents, including those in Osage County, deciding to close schools while clean-up efforts were underway until the dangerous wind chills could subside. As a result of the area school closures, many of the Osage Nation government offices were closed for seven business days due to the storms.

When the Feb. 1 blizzard ended, Pawhuska was covered with 17 inches of snow, according to the National Weather Service in Tulsa. Hominy also received 17 inches of snow and 16 inches were reported at Skiatook that day. The Tuesday snowstorm closed the Osage Nation offices for the remainder of the week.

The largest Feb. 1 snowfall recorded by the weather service was 21 inches of snow six miles east of Owasso in Rogers County while nearby Tulsa received 14 inches.

Local news outlets reported on area entities affected by the storm



Courtesy Photo/James Elsberry

ON Maintenance Supervisor Harrison Shackelford shows his support for the University of Oklahoma during the Feb. 1 blizzard.

ranging from select food (bread, milk and eggs, for example) and gas shortages at supermarkets and service stations and a roof collapse in a portion of the Cherokee Nation's Hard Rock Casino Tulsa.

One day before, Gov. Mary Fallin signed a declaration of emergency for all 77 Oklahoma counties, the Associated Press reported on Jan. 31. The declaration provides a mechanism for local government to seek reimbursement for recovery costs through the state's disaster public assistance program as well as federal aid, if necessary.

Round two

On Feb. 9, Mother Nature targeted Northeast Oklahoma again for a major winter storm, which buried some parts of the region with two-plus feet of snow. The weather service reported the most snow fell at Jay in Delaware County, covering the area with 25 inches of snow.

This time around, Pawhuska received 18 inches of snow, the weather service reported. Burbank, west of Pawhuska, received 16 inches of snow; Fairfax received 14 inches; Ralston received 11 inches; six inches fell at Hominy; and nine inches of snow was reported three miles southwest of Bartlesville in Osage County.

A dispatcher with the Osage County Sheriff's Office told the Tulsa World the Feb. 9 storm left U.S. 60 nearly impassable and snowdrifts nearing the six-foot mark were reported. Osage County schools, as well as many Osage Nation offices closed for three days as a result of the Feb.9 storm.



Courtesy Photo/James Elsberry

A pan shot of the Nation's congressional chambers shows the snowfall on the Osage campus.

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im appointment under Section 15 then the office wouldn't be an independent office which is what we put into law," Edwards said.

"I think that in an abundance of caution," said Edwards, "we should be confirming (Jones) because (he) is acting on behalf of the Nation and has made appearances on behalf of the Nation and I think it doesn't make sense to have someone come for a period of two months and act on behalf of the Nation... only to find out that they are not confirmed, and therefore are the actions they have taken during those two months – are those valid? Are they invalid? I think we create more problems by not considering this confirmation than we do by backing it up."

Congressman Mark Simms agreed with Edwards, "so there is a gray area on this and... there's no clear cut definition of 'independence' and that's because we didn't think of everything when the (2006) Constitution was written. I think that maybe we should go ahead and confirm (Jones) today because of that reason we could act in the gray area."

Jones addresses Congress

Jones was appointed by Chief Red Eagle in November as the Nation's first Attorney General and he was sworn in by Osage Supreme Court Chief Justice Charles Lohah on Jan. 4. A reception was hosted in his honor by the Chief's Office following his swearing in.

Jones formally introduced himself to Congress during a committee-of-the-whole meeting on Jan. 25 before the Congressional vote to confirm him.

"For the past eight years," said Jones, who is the former Osage County First Assistant District Attorney, "I've (practiced) criminal law, I've done felony, jury trials, misdemeanor trials, bribe cases, delinquent cases, traffic docket. I've done just everything there



Photo by Benny Polacca/Osage News

Osage Nation Congress applauds Jones's confirmation.

was to do in the DA's office. Before that, I was in private practice in Skiatook. I graduated in 1999 from (University of Tulsa) law school. I was in private practice for two years before I went to the DA's office."

"I'm excited to be here," he said. "I'm excited by the nomination from Chief Red Eagle. I appreciate the trust he put in me to appoint me to this position."

Jones started working for the Nation about three weeks ago and has been meeting with officials, workers and tribal entities within the Nation's three government branches. During his initial days on the job, Jones has heard differing opinions on how the government should operate, which also includes hearing differing interpretations on tribal laws and the Constitution. "I listen to all these people and I'm going to take their suggestions and try to mold it into an Attorney General that the tribe can be proud of," he said.

Jones said he sees several challenges for the AG's office including

"interpreting the Constitution to set out what under the Constitution Congress's role is and what the Executive's role is... One of the bigger challenges also is going to be the Minerals Council with the lawsuit that's in federal court."

Congress members also shared their thoughts on having Jones as an AG.

"He's honest, he's fair and he's no stranger to stress," said Congressman Geoffrey Standing Bear who's known Jones since he was an assistant DA. "I have no concerns about him being able to handle the position. I just want to make sure that Jeff understands that we're all in a new world here and that one reason we asked for this office to be independent is so the political winds don't mess up your office. We need to figure out ourselves what this office is going to be and I think that's a cooperative effort with the Chief and the Congress and I just want to stress the importance of staying in contact... that's going to be a group effort."

"I am very open to suggestions,"

said Jones, "I am open to criticism, I will be available if any of the Congress people or Speaker wants to speak with me... I need your input (from both branches)" to create the AG's office.

"I'm glad you're open to criticism because there will be plenty of that," quipped Congressman William "Kugee" Supernaw.

"I'm excited that we have reached this point of maturity, if you will, as a government," said Congressman Archie Mason, "in developing the infrastructure that is necessary for a government, bureaucracy to function. I think Mr. Jones is an excellent choice."

"I have every confidence in Jeff Jones's professional background and his comments today in working alongside Executive and Congress to help mold the Attorney General's office," said Congresswoman Alice Goodfox.

Those present in the Congressional chambers applauded after the 12-0 confirmation vote for Jones.

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A request for the Attorney General's opinion to be submitted by Congress

After the confirmation vote, Edwards motioned for the Congress to submit a question to Jones's office for an opinion on whether independent agencies are subject to the Nation's open meetings and records laws.

"I move to submit the following question to the Attorney General from the Osage Nation Congress for opinion: Are independent agencies and entities subject to Osage law relating to open meetings and production of agency records?" said Edwards.

According to ONCA 10-84, only elected officials or the Nation's boards can send a certified question to the attorney general.

After discussion, the Congress voted 11-1 to ask Jones for an advisory opinion on Edwards's question. Simms cast the lone "no" vote.

The question comes in the wake of a Jan. 5 closed meeting in which a quorum of the Osage Minerals Council, which is listed as an independent agency in the Constitution, met with Bureau of Indian Affairs officials, oil producers and the Chief's office without posting notice or keeping a record of the meeting. At issue is whether the OMC must follow the Nation's laws and who has jurisdiction over the OMC.

Congress passes six legislative bills during Fifth Special Session

Budget modifications approved during three-day special session

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During the Fifth Special Session of the Second Osage Nation Congress held Jan. 24-26, the following six pieces of legislation were passed by the Congress and signed into law by Principal Chief John Red Eagle:

- ONCA 11-10 (sponsored by Congressman Raymond Red Corn): A supplemental appropriation bill to provide \$2,022 to the Nation's Judicial Branch. Passed unanimously by Congress.
- ONCA 11-11 (sponsored by Congressman Geoffrey Standing Bear, co-sponsored by Congressmen Red Corn and Eddy Red Eagle): An act to change the submission date of the Nation's annual plan and to amend the Nation's Gaming Reform Act of 2006. The bill requires the Gaming Enterprise Board to submit an annual plan to the Congress no later than 90 days prior to the beginning of each fiscal year. Also an estimated range of monetary distribution must be submitted to the Principal Chief and Congress by no later than the first Monday in March prior to the following fiscal year. Congress unanimously passed this bill.
- ONCA 11-14 (sponsored by Congressman Red Eagle): A bill to modify the budget of the Nation's Child Support Services program with no request for additional monies. Passed unanimously by Congress.
- ONCA 11-15 (sponsored by Congressman Red Eagle): A supplemental appropriation bill to provide \$1,078 to the Nation's Constituent Services budget. Passed unanimously by Congress.
- ONCA 11-16 (sponsored by Congressman Red Eagle): A supplemental appropriation bill to provide \$3,000 to the Nation's Historic Preservation office. Passed unanimously by Congress.
- ONCA 11-17 (sponsored by Congresswoman Alice Goodfox, co-sponsored by Congressman Mark Simms): A bill to modify the budget of the Gaming Enterprise Board. The board's FY 2011 budget is reduced from \$194,628 to \$193,235 with reductions in the lodging/ per diem and conferences budget lines. Passed unanimously by Congress.

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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, <u>sl</u> ee <u>p</u>
α	short e sound as in the word, <u>egg</u>
λ	short u sound as in the word, <u>buh</u> !
o	long o sound as in the word, <u>o</u> h
u	'oo' sound as in the word, <u>bo</u> ot

Nasal Sound

^	nasal sound
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Diphthongs

Δ	blend of Λ + ∩ + ^ = Δ
o	blend of o + ∩ + ^ = o
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
Ϸ	english L
ʃ	english M
Ϸ	english N
ʒ	english Z

Between

Ɔ	between the 'P' and 'B'
ʒ	between the 'K' and 'G'
Ɔ	between the 'T' and 'D'

Blends

Ɔ	blend of 'T' an 'H' as in the word, <u>th</u> ese
ʒ	blend of 'S' an 'H' as in the word, <u>sh</u> ip
Ϸ	blend of 'C' an 'H' as in the word, <u>ch</u> ip
ʒ	blend of 'Z' an 'H' as in the word, <u>treasur</u> e
Ɔ	blend of 'T' an 'S' together
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Osage LLC partners with Arizona developer to create Osage West LLC

LLC to pursue construction projects in the Phoenix area using its Osage Manhattan Builders subsidy

By Benny Polacca
Osage News

The Osage LLC is extending its business-seeking efforts into the Southwest desert by partnering with an Arizona-based developer to create Osage West LLC. The newly formed venture is pursuing building projects in the Phoenix metropolitan area with the help of LLC subsidy Osage Manhattan Builders and an Arizona-based CEO to lead those efforts.

The LLC is partnering with Mike Oliver, who is Osage West LLC's CEO. Oliver lives in Peoria, a northwest Phoenix suburb, which is growing population-wise like other Phoenix suburbs where development competition is fierce as the metropolitan cities compete with each other to build shopping, eating and entertainment attractions to create jobs and increase tax revenues.

In Peoria's case, Osage West LLC is exploring the possibility of building an airpark with a municipal airport. Elected city officials gave their initial blessing for discussions to commence on the topic earlier this month.

On Feb. 1, the Peoria City Council voted unanimously to approve an exclusive negotiating agreement (ENA) with Osage West LLC and Oliver. Since the negotiations are a first step in exploring the potential development, it would take years before the airpark is built — pending building studies, contract bidding, operational permit

approvals and other development hurdles associated with the project.

“Osage West LLC has developed a plan to build a municipal airport on a 2,240-acre property in northern Peoria,” Economic Development Services Director Scott Whyte said in a written statement to the City Council dated Jan. 10. “The project includes plans to build a municipal airport on 400 acres and a manufacturing, industrial, business park on the remaining 1,840 acres. The purpose of the ENA is to provide both Osage West and the City freedom to explore this opportunity in depth and to negotiate potential public/private partnership for the financing, acquisition, development and operation of the project.”

News of the negotiating agreement hit Phoenix area news media outlets shortly after its Feb. 1 approval prompting phone calls to the Osage News about Osage West LLC which had yet to be announced by Osage LLC officials in Oklahoma. The Osage News visited with LLC CEO Carol Lease on Feb. 11 who said Oliver reports to the Tulsa-based Osage LLC board of directors and Lease. Osage West LLC is pursuing other development projects in Peoria which would include the expertise of LLC subsidiary Osage Manhattan Builders if those projects get the green light.

Lease said Oliver has been working in his Osage West LLC capacity for about a month, adding the LLC got to know Oliver through recent construction bidding work within the past six to eight months.

The creation of Osage West LLC was prompted by Arizona state law, which requires LLC entities to be licensed by the state. Oliver will be the primary contact for business

conducted by Osage West LLC with Peoria, Lease said.

“He's very well connected and attends the council meetings,” Lease said. The Osage LLC has 51 percent ownership of Osage West LLC while Oliver owns the remaining 49 percent, he said.

On the Peoria airpark development discussion, Lease said “that's way in the future” meaning discussions need to be held on topics outlined in the ENA including:

- The infrastructure needed to support the project, including but not limited to water (supply and treatment); sewer (treat-

ment and disposal); roadways; electricity and gas utilities; and telephone and fiber optic.

- Potential end users for the project appropriate to the city's targeted industries as articulated in the adopted Economic Development Implementation Strategy.
- Proximity, transportation and topography issues including, but not limited to potential impacts caused by having a municipal airport in proximity to Luke Air Force Base, which is about 13

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Any other suggestions or comments please feel free to contact our office any time!

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Osage Nation receives Business Leadership Award

Pawhuska Chamber of Commerce recognizes the Nation for its community contributions, partnerships

Osage News

The Osage Nation is this year's recipient of the Pawhuska Chamber of Commerce's Business Leadership Award.

The Nation received the recognition Jan. 24 during the Chamber's annual Business After Hours Meeting and Awards Ceremony at the Elks Lodge.

"(The Nation) has contributed to the success of several community projects involving business and economic development, tourism and recreational opportunities for our community," said Chamber

board member Jennifer Tiger. She cited recent partnerships and contributions toward projects benefiting the region.

The Nation joined forces with Bartlesville-based Tri County Technological Center, the Pawhuska Chamber, and the Osage County Industrial Authority to build the forthcoming Business Development Center. This business incubator facility will be built in the industrial park west of Indian Camp.

Once completed, the facility will have classroom facilities for TCTC educational opportunities and business space for manufacturing or light-industrial use.

The Nation also partnered with the Chamber, OCIA and the city of Pawhuska to create the Osage Nation Heritage Trail Scenic Byway,

which starts by Ponca City and ends in Bartlesville.

Tiger also cited the Nation's contribution of funding for the Pawhuska skatepark, which was built east of Lynn Avenue by the Osage County Historical Society. The Nation helped contribute toward the building costs along with the Make It Happen in Pawhuska

committee, which sought contributions for the project as well.

Osage tribal member Christy Red Eagle, Osage Congressman Eddy Red Eagle's daughter and Osage Million Dollar Elm employee, accepted the award on behalf of Principal Chief John Red Eagle's office at the event from fellow board member Berbon Hamilton.

ONHPO and Missouri State Parks begin Historic Preservation Consultation

By Historic Preservation Office

Ha Ha Tonka State Park, acquired by Missouri State Parks in 1978, is located at Camdenton in Camden County in south central Missouri. The park encompasses approximately 3,700 acres in the Niangua River drainage. The terrain is a rugged mosaic of rocky upland glades with wooded valleys. The park lands are known to possess many sites significant to the Osage, including caves, shelters, and cairns. Much is not known about the Park lands, however, as the area has not been completely examined for areas and sites of religious and cultural significance. An undergraduate student at Missouri State University, Clarissa Martin, has made inventory and protection measures for the known sites at Ha Ha Tonka the subject of her Senior Thesis. The Osage Nation Historic Preservation Office looks forward to continuing work with her as well as Dr. Liz Sobel, professor of anthropology at MSU.

The Osage Nation Historic Preservation Office is currently participating in discussions with the Missouri Department of Natural Resources, Division of Parks, aimed at creating a Programmatic Agreement that will meet Tribal concerns related to sites of cultural and historic significance and the disposition of human remains found at the Park. Osage Nation attendants for the site visit and consultation from January 5th to the 7th included Dr. Andrea A. Hunter (Director, ONHPO), James Munkres (Staff Archaeologist, ONHPO), and Kathryn Red Corn (Director, Osage Nation Museum). We look forward to revisiting the Park in the near future and hope to include members of the Osage Nation Traditional Cultural Advisory Committee.

Please visit the Photos section of our website for photos depicting various activities participated in by representatives of the Osage Nation.



Courtesy Photo

Christy Red Eagle, Osage Million Dollar Elm employee, accepts the Business Leadership Award from Berbon Hamilton on behalf of Principal Chief John Red Eagle.

A display case full of pipes and pipe bags from a past Osage culture sit in the middle of the Osage Tribal Museum as a new exhibit.

“Not all the pipes and pipe bags are Osage, but most of them are,” said Joe Don Brave, the museum’s technician. “Different tribes had their own different herbs and plants, certain barks from trees they used to make their own tobacco. Some were made for medicinal purposes, some had sedative ingredients; it wasn’t like the tobacco we have today. If it was, the bags would have been resonated and discolored.”

Brave, who spent eight years working for the Smithsonian in New York City working with collections and designing mounts and impact objects, has worked with the Osage museum for nearly a year and was honored to go through the collections and redesign the exhibits.

One of the most prominent collections, which has been with the museum since it opened in 1938, is the John L. Bird Collection. The Bird Collection is where Brave picked most of the new items for display. Among those items is the shield of Hereditary Chief Black Dog.

The descriptive plaque that accompanies the exhibit is a reprint from the book, “Art of the Osage.” According to the plaque, feathers on the broadcloth flap below the shield are from immature bald eagles, and a crescent of golden eagle feathers adorns the front edge of the upper flap. Hawk feathers hang from either end. Several smaller feathers, possibly from the wing of a woodpecker, are attached to the center of the shield along with a silver disc at its center, according to the plaque.

“The loop at the top of the cloth may once have held a sacred object,” according to the plaque. “While many interpretations of



Osage Tribal Museum Technician, Joe Don Brave, explains the differential characteristics among the museum’s collection of pipe bags and pipes.

Revamped museum exhibits showcase a rich Osage history

Black Dog’s battle shield, photos from the museum’s opening day and remnants of a war culture are just some of the new artifacts on display

Story and Photos by Shannon Shaw, Osage News

the shield’s painted surface have been offered, the original intent of the paintings was to strike fear in the heart of the enemy, and in this regard, the shield could be said to emanate the face of death itself.”

To the Osage, like all other activities, warfare had to have a meaning, according to the Warfare exhibit. Warfare was strictly controlled by the clan priests who had to sanction the organization of the war party. The thirteen war

honors, O-don, were awarded only the men upon participation in an organized war party, according to the exhibit.

Museum patrons Rick and Vicki O’Brien, who were visiting the Osage Tribal Museum for the first time on Jan. 28, traveled from Sand Springs to search for a photo of Rick’s mother in the museum’s “2229” exhibit that shows photos of Osage original allottees.

“It’s a nice facility,” said Rick

O’Brien. His wife Vicki was taken with various artifacts on display. “What’s fascinating to me are the different things that I wasn’t aware of, like the woodpecker bills on the headdress and the beads,” she said, referring to the Otter Turban Headdress worn by Osage clan priests.

An exhibit dedicated to Osage

see Revamped Museum

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Important information about the \$3.4 billion Indian Trust Settlement

For current or former IIM account holders, Owners of land held in trust or restricted status, or their heirs

There is a proposed Settlement in *Cobell v. Salazar*, a class action lawsuit about individual Indian land held in trust by the federal government. This notice is just a summary. For details, call the toll-free number or visit the website listed below.

The lawsuit claims that the federal government violated its duties by (a) mismanaging trust funds/assets, (b) improperly accounting for those funds, and (c) mismanaging trust land/assets. The trust funds include money collected from farming and grazing leases, timber sales, mining, and oil and gas production from land owned by American Indians/Alaska Natives.

If you are included in the Settlement, your rights will be affected. To object to the Settlement, to comment on it, or to exclude yourself, you should get a detailed notice at www.IndianTrust.com or by calling 1-800-961-6109.

Can I get money?

There are two groups or “Classes” in the Settlement eligible for payment. Each Class includes individual IIM account holders or owners of land held in trust or restricted status who were alive on September 30, 2009.

Historical Accounting Class Members

- Had an open individual Indian Money account (“IIM”) anytime between October 25, 1994 and September 30, 2009, **and**
- The account had at least one cash transaction.
- Includes estates of account holders who died as of September 30, 2009, if the IIM account was still open on that date.

Trust Administration Class Members

- Had an IIM account recorded in currently available data in federal government systems any time from approximately 1985 to September 30, 2009, **or**
- Owned trust land or land in restricted status as of September 30, 2009.
- Includes estates of landowners who died as of September 30, 2009 where the trust interests were in probate as of that date. This means you have asked a court to transfer ownership of the deceased landowner’s property.

An individual may be included in one or both Classes.

What does the Settlement provide?

- A \$1.5 billion fund to pay those included in the Classes.
- A \$1.9 billion fund to buy small interests in trust or restricted land owned by many people.
- Up to \$60 million to fund scholarships to improve access to higher education for Indian youth.
- A government commitment to reform the Indian trust management and accounting system.

How much can I get?

- Historical Accounting Class Members will each get \$1,000.
- Trust Administration Class Members will get at least \$500.
- If you own a small parcel of land with many other people, the federal government may ask you to sell it. You will be offered fair market value. If you sell your land it will be returned to tribal control.

If you believe you are a member of either Class and are not receiving IIM account statements, you will need to call the toll-free number or visit the website to register.

What are my other rights?

- If you wish to keep your right to sue the federal government about the claims in this Settlement, you must exclude yourself by **April 20, 2011**.
- If you stay in the Settlement you can object to or comment on it by **April 20, 2011**. The detailed notice explains how to exclude yourself or object/comment.

The U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia will hold a hearing on June 20, 2011, to consider whether to approve the Settlement. It will also consider a request for attorneys’ fees, costs, and expenses in the amount of \$99.9 million. However, Class Counsel has fee agreements that would pay them 14.75% of the funds created for the Classes, which could result in an award of \$223 million. The Court may award more or less than these amounts based on controlling law. If approved, these payments and related costs will come out of the Settlement funds available for payment to Class Members.

If you wish, you or your own lawyer may ask to appear and speak at the hearing at your own cost. For more information, call or go to the website shown below or write to Indian Trust Settlement, P.O. Box 9577, Dublin, OH 43017-4877.

For more Information:

1-800-961-6109

www.IndianTrust.com

Revamped Museum

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A display case at the Osage Tribal Museum showcases Osage women and men's clothing as well as an exhibit on Osage law enforcement.

mothers and cradle boards shows photos of babies in cradle boards and Osage women taking care of their infants. Other exhibits showcase Osage beadwork, yarnwork, ribbonwork, men and women's clothing, the evolution of moccasins and the history of the Osage's involvement in the Native American Church.

There is an exhibit dedicated to Osage veterans and an exhibit dedicated to the opening day of the museum in 1938. Photos of Osage women and men practicing archery, women cooking the feast and Osage dignitaries celebrating the opening day of the museum line the exhibit.

The museum has received numerous compliments on the new displays.

"It's good to have everything change," said Kathryn Red Corn, OTM director. "People have commented on the fact that they are seeing new things."

New Web site

A new Web site for the museum can be found at www.osagetribalmuseum.com. The site is built as a research tool and has approximately 6,000 photos in the search

engine. Visitors of the site can look up original Osage allottees by their name or number. The site creators strived to make the search easy by putting in numerous spellings of the Osage names. Osage history is also on the site.



An Osage Tribal Museum exhibit showcases Osage trade items as well as items from Osage warfare.



An Osage mother's exhibit at the Osage Tribal Museum showcases Osage cradle boards used to transport Osage infants and to help keep a baby calm.



Exhibited at the Osage Tribal Museum are artifacts such as an Osage Otter Turban Headdress which was used as the headdress for a clan priest. It is decorated with a woodpecker's bill, beadwork, fur and feathers.

Chief Red Eagle pocket vetoes budget parameters bill

Bill would have revised rules for independent ON government entities during budget setting process, mandated employee salaries be merit-based

By Benny Polacca
Osage News

During its Fifth Special Session, the Second Osage Nation Congress passed a revised budget parameters act for the Nation, which sets guidelines for the Nation's government entities to follow when planning their operational budgets. The updated bill contained revised rules pertaining to budgets of independent ON entities and would've mandated employee salaries be set by the merit-based employment system passed by Congress last year.

A merit-based employment system is mandated by the Osage Constitution as well.

However the law (ONCA 11-12) did not go into effect after Principal Chief John Red Eagle pocket vetoed the bill by not returning a copy of it to Congress with his signature. The 10-day special session started Jan. 24 and only lasted three days after the Congress successfully fast tracked the special session legislation items through the debate and amendment process. Congress adjourned its Special Session on Jan. 26 after passing ONCA 11-12 and five other pieces of legislation.

The *Osage News* learned of the pocket veto while many of the Nation's government offices were closed the following week due to the Feb. 1 blizzard. On Feb. 7, the Congressional office confirmed the pocket veto in which Chief Red Eagle did not return a written veto message stating his reasons and concerns for not signing ONCA 11-12.

According to the Osage Constitu-

tion in Article VI, Section 13, "any bill passed during the last three days of a session may be presented to the Principal Chief during the last three days following the day of final adjournment, and the Principal Chief may sign or not sign. If not signed, the bill does not become law."

Congressional Speaker Jerri Jean Branstetter said she requested that the Chief's office send Congress a written explanation of why ONCA 11-12 was not signed and no response was received.

If passed, the revised budget parameters act would've replaced the most recent one listed as ONCA 09-11.

According to ONCA 11-12, ON government entities independent from the Executive Branch would have been allowed to submit their budgets directly to Congress as submitted to the Executive Branch for that office's review. That would allow the Congress to view those entities' original budgets before any Executive Branch cuts are made. Such independent entities include tribal enterprise boards, the Attorney General's office and the Osage News.

Second Speaker Raymond Red Corn sponsored ONCA 11-12 and addressed concerns of budget oversight on the Osage Shareholders Association blog during the Special Session.

"If the bill does anything, it strengthens the Congress by ensuring independent bodies can get the budget desired before Congress - that's all the measure does in that regard," Red Corn wrote Jan. 24 regarding ONCA 11-12. He dismissed accusations that he filed the bill to allow the independent entities to be exempted from the budget oversight process. He also noted the Executive Branch had a copy of ONCA 11-12 over two weeks prior to the Special Session for review and any feedback.

Also included in ONCA 11-12 is a section regarding salaries which would've mandated that salary and wage increases "shall be made solely according to the provisions of a merit-based system established in Osage law except as otherwise provided by the Osage Constitution."

This is the first pocket veto issued by the Red Eagle Administration and second veto issued since the administration changeover in summer 2010. Chief Red Eagle vetoed a bill setting the Nation's merit-based employment system (ONCA 10-85) on Sept. 27 during the Tzi-Zho Session in the middle of a budget debate over whether his appointed staff members should have job descriptions on file

for Congressional review. One day later, Congress overrode that veto by a majority vote and the law was enacted.

Another Special Session before the regular spring session?

Before the Fifth Special Session ended, Branstetter advised the Congress that Chief Red Eagle may call for another special session this month ahead of the regular spring (Hun-Kah) session scheduled to begin March 21.

By Feb. 14 it was unknown whether a sixth special session would be held due to scheduling conflicts. The *Osage News* will report if a special session is called.

Osage West LLC

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miles southwest of downtown Peoria in Glendale.

Leese also notes Osage LLC West is in talks to build parking structures and renovate a sports facility in Peoria. If those talks are a success, Osage Manhattan Builders will be in charge of the construction projects, Leese said.

Osage West LLC is vying to build three multi-level parking garages as well as renovate the Peoria Sports Complex, which is the spring training facility for Major League Baseball teams San Diego Padres and the Seattle Mariners.

A representative for Osage Manhattan Builders will relocate to Arizona for the projects if the talks are successful, Leese said, adding the decisions should be made within a month. Osage Manhattan Builders is 55 percent owned by the Osage LLC and 45 percent ownership belongs to Manhattan Construction Company, according to the Osage LLC Web site.

LLC predicts 2011 will be "a successful year"

The Osage LLC released a statement Jan. 24 in which the entity - charged with managing the Osage Nation's business activities independent of the tribal government and gaming ventures - predicts 2011 will be "a successful year."

"We've got everything structured, in order, now 2011 starts our revenue-generating years," Leese said adding all of the LLC goals and objectives have been met, including the set-up of the LLC's infrastructure, since he started his post in March 2009. This year the LLC plans to pursue "an aggressive strategy-driven operating plan," he said.

In addition, the LLC plans to launch a "Deal Flow Management System" online to allow the public to electronically submit potential business deals to the LLC. Leese said the LLC hears hundreds of proposed business deals from the public each year and this system "is designed to connect the company with potential business deals that merit investigation," he said.

Historic bust of Fidelis Cole to be unveiled at Osage Tribal Museum

Osage Tribal Museum is the only site in the world where people can view the busts

By Lou Brock,
OTM Senior Researcher

The Osage Tribal Museum invites all Osages to witness a historic celebration of the unveiling of the Fidelis Cole bust, the seventh in a series, at the Osage Tribal Museum, at 11 a.m. on Feb. 16.

The sculptures of a number of Osage individuals were made in 1912 in Pawhuska for the Smithsonian's Department of Natural History.

It is not known why these individuals were chosen, but thirteen molds were made and nine were made into full-size busts.

The one and only instance the busts have been displayed was at the Panama California Exposition in 1915 and 1916 in San Diego.

In June 2005 the Albert Penn bust was presented by the family and Department of Anthropology of the Smithsonian's Museum of Natural History.

The Shun-kah-mo-lah bust was the second one unveiled at the Osage Tribal Museum in May 2008, during the celebration of "Osage Tribal Museum Day" in honor of the museum's 70th Anniversary.

The third bust, Charles McDougan, was unveiled on May 11, 2009; the fourth bust, Henry Pratt, was

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Photo by Shannon Shaw/Osage News

The Osage Tribal Museum has already acquired six of the nine busts that exist.

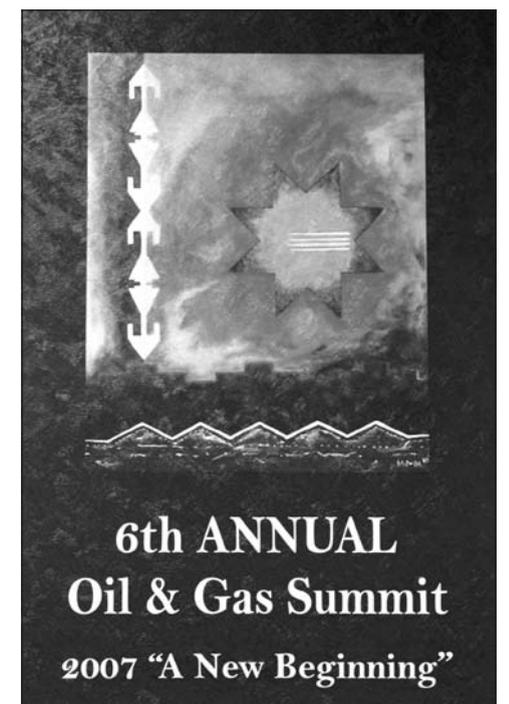
Calling all Osage artists for Oil & Gas Summit event

The Osage Minerals Council and the Osage County Producers are sponsoring the annual Osage Oil & Gas Summit this fall at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in downtown Tulsa. The logo and theme this year will focus on the Million Dollar Elm tree that sat on the Osage campus and was the place for oil producers to bid throughout the mid-1900s. The million dollar elm will be the theme for the Summit, and the artwork chosen will be used on posters, brochures, programs, etc.

The winner of the contest will win \$500. All entries must be in no later than May 1. The winner will

be announced on May 10. Criteria are simple: meet the deadline, submit both a theme and artwork, and be able to prove you are a member of the Osage Nation.

Mail or deliver entries to Attention: Miya McKim, Osage Minerals Council, Post Office Box 779, Pawhuska, OK 74056. For further information, please contact McKim at (918) 287-5433 or Joyce White-wing, Committee Chairman at (918) 693-3577.



Informational meetings on Cobell settlement to be held nationwide

Oklahoma meetings yet to be announced; indiantrust.com Web site launched

By Benny Polacca
Osage News

Informational meetings regarding the Cobell federal court case settlement are being held nationwide for those Native Americans who are potential beneficiaries of the \$3.4 billion settlement recently reached. Meetings have started in tribal communities in California, and are planned for other states, but Oklahoma meetings have been finalized as of mid-February.

A Web site regarding the historic settlement has been established online at www.indiantrust.com where beneficiaries and potential beneficiaries can view information on how to participate in the court case settlement and see a list of confirmed informational meeting locations and times.

The 14-year-old class-action lawsuit (filed by Blackfeet tribal member Elouise Cobell) sought repayment from the federal government for years of mismanaged monies intended for individual Indian trust accounts. A \$3.4 billion settlement was reached by the U.S. Congress last year and was signed by President Barack Obama. The notification process to reach more than 500,000 individual Indian trust account holders is now taking place.

The indiantrust.com Web site lists informational meetings that have been confirmed. As of Feb. 14, a meeting has yet to be announced in Northeast Oklahoma where the Osage Nation and several other federally-recognized tribes are based.

The *Osage News* inquired with indiantrust.com as to when an informational meeting could be held

in the Osage Nation vicinity and was referred to an independent legal notice firm. Washington, D.C.-based Kinsella Media, LLC told the *Osage News* on Feb. 8 that an informational meeting is tentatively planned for mid-March in the Osage Nation's region.

The federal Department of the Interior has started an extensive media campaign to notify individual Indian trust account holders. By late January, Indian trust account holders began receiving notification paperwork regarding the Cobell settlement via mail.

The informational meetings being planned nationwide are intended for Indian trust account holders who have questions and to inform those beneficiaries of their rights and options regarding the settlement. Class counsel authorized to speak on behalf of the case will run these meetings.

According to indiantrust.com, there are two classes of individual Indian account holders who are eligible for a settlement payment:

- **Historical Accounting Class:** for people who had an individual Indian Money (IIM) account open anytime between Oct. 25, 1994 and Sept. 30, 2009 and had at least one cash transaction conducted.
- **Trust Administration Class:** for people who had an IIM account in currently available data in the federal government system anytime from 1985 to Sept. 30, 2009 or owned trust land or land in restricted status as of Sept. 30, 2009.

For more details and information on the Cobell settlement, people may call (800) 961-6109. Those who believe they are beneficiaries and have not received a notification regarding the Cobell settlement in the mail are encouraged to visit indiantrust.com or call the 800-number to register.



Courtesy Photo/John Henry Mashunkashey

John Henry Mashunkashey and Hollis Stabler pose with a bronze statue of Marine Cpl. Ira H. Hayes during the 2010 Iwo Jima Flag Raising commemoration in Sacaton, Ariz. Both are Vietnam-era Marines who are active with the Harold Bigheart Smalley American Legion Post 198 and Marine Corps League Osage Detachment No. 669. Hayes (Pima) was one of six military servicemen who raised the U.S. flag on Iwo Jima in 1945 during World War II.

Osage veterans to attend World War II commemoration in Arizona

Veterans, attendees will honor Native Marine Ira H. Hayes and fellow soldiers who raised U.S. flag on Iwo Jima during WWII battle on Feb. 19

Osage News

Osage County military veterans are planning to participate in a World War II commemoration this month honoring those soldiers who raised the U.S. flag at Iwo Jima during battle – a moment captured in an award-winning photo shot. The late Marine Cpl. Ira Hamilton Hayes (Pima) participated in the 1945 flag-raising and his tribal community is hosting the commemoration in Arizona.

Vietnam-era Marine John Henry Mashunkashey (Osage) said he and

see **World War II Commemoration**

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Sunnie Clahchischiligi

Osage News welcomes new sports writer

Ya'ah'teeh (Hello). I am Sunnie Clahchischiligi from Teec Nos Pos, Ariz., a very small town on the Navajo Reservation. I am the new sports writer for the *Osage News*. For the past two and a half years I was the sportswriter for *The Navajo Times* in Window Rock, Ariz., covering everything from high school basketball to PGA golfers.

Before the *Times* I was a sports intern at the Salt Lake (Utah) *Tribune*, *Sports Illustrated* magazine in New York City, *The Santa Fe (N.M.) New Mexican*, a news/cops intern at the *Albuquerque (N.M.) Journal* and the *St. Cloud (M.N.) Times*.

I am also a 2008 graduate of the University of New Mexico with dual Bachelor's degrees in print journalism and speech pathology. I have been a Phoenix Suns fan since my father took to me to my very first game. I'm often asked about my last name so in short, in the Navajo language it means "Lefty with Curly Hair", it is the description of my great-grandfather. I thank you for having me and I look forward to splashing some more color onto the pages of the *Osage News*.

Save the Date!

Local Events Calendar

FEBRUARY

February 16, 2011

Fidelis Cole Bust to be unveiled at Osage Tribal Museum

Osage Tribal Museum
819 Grandview Ave
Pawhuska

The public is cordially invited to attend this important event. For more information, please contact the Osage Tribal Museum at (918) 287-5441.

February 25, 2011

ESPN2 Friday Night Fights Juan Carlos Vurgos vs. Cristolbal Cruz

Osage Event Center
951 W 36th Street North
Tulsa

Call the casino box office for tickets at (918) 699-7667

February 27, 2011

Osage Shareholders Association
WahZhaZhi Cultural Center
Pawhuska

The Osage Shareholders Association will be having their monthly meeting at 11 a.m., Feb. 27 at the WahZhaZhi Cultural Center in Pawhuska. All are welcome.

MARCH

March 5, 2011

Cedar Chest Party

Cedar Chest
519 Kihakah
Pawhuska

Pendleton blankets, broadcloth, Italian silk, jeweled eyelett fabrics, ribbon for ribbon work, back drop ribbons, brooches, yarn and more!

March 5, 2011

Osage Nation Youth Prevention Powwow

Osage County Fairgrounds
200 Atlantic Field Rd
Pawhuska

Gourd dance will begin at 2 p.m.

Dinner will be served at 5 p.m. and grand entry for the evening dance begins at 7 p.m.

March 11, 2011

Osage Nation Sovereignty Day

Osage County Fairgrounds
200 Atlantic Field Rd
Pawhuska

APRIL

April 4, 2011 - April 5, 2011

Oklahoma Native American Youth Language Fair

University of Oklahoma Sam Noble Natural History Museum
2401 Chautauqua Avenue
Norman

The deadline for registration is March 9

May 21, 2011

Osage Princess Election Dance

The Osage Tribal Princess will be crowned at the Osage Princess Election Dance May 21.

Does your organization have an upcoming event? Let us know and we'll publish it in *Save the Date!* Send your correspondence to the *Osage News*, Attn.: *Save the Date*, 109 E. 6th Street, Pawhuska, OK 74056 or email it to osagenews@osagetribe.org. Send just the pertinent information, such as date, time, location, Web site (if applicable) and any contact information required for the event.

Osage Nation LIHEAP

(Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program)

Currently assisting eligible households by one of the following:

- Paying heating bills / expenses
- Repairing or replacing heating units
- With 110 Heaters
- With Home Weatherization Kits

You may qualify if you:

- are a resident of Osage County / Osage Reservation
- possess a tribal C.D.I.B.
- qualify by 150% Poverty Income Guidelines
- or receive TANF, SSI, or Food Stamps

Please contact the office below to obtain an application or arrange an appointment to come in the office.

Osage Nation Housing Department

Amy Dobbins, Intake Specialist

P.O. Box 147 • Hominy, Oklahoma 74035

Toll Free (800) 490-8771 • (918) 287-5310 • Fax (918) 287-5568

www.osagetribe.com/housing

Please act quickly while funding is available!

Births and Celebrations

Congratulations to Sonny Roam Chief Eppinette and Ralston Moore

Congratulations to Sonny Roam Chief Eppinette and Ralston Moore. Sonny is a sophomore at Salish Kootenai College in Pablo, Mont. According to the Office of the Registrar Sonny has maintained a 4.0 GPA this past fall trimester. Since attending SKC, Sonny has been averaging a 3.5 GPA for the past two years.

He has accomplished being Co-Captain his freshman year and Captain of the SKC Bison Basketball Team, and a student R.A. He has also been a team member of the Winning SKC Bison Basketball team in the AIHEC Tournament held in March every year (All Indian Higher Education Consortium). The team is coached by Head Coach Zachary Camel and Assistant Coach J.R. Camel. Sonny is the proud dad of Cecil and Carol Eppinette. He is the son of Carol Rouwalk and nephew of Margaret Rouwalk and the grandson of the late Cecil and Gladys Rouwalk.

We are proud of you Sonny, good luck for "AIHEC" and happy 27th birthday on February 26. We love and miss you! And can't wait to see you.

Ralston Moore, a freshman from Pawnee, Okla. is also attending Salish Kootenai College and is a fellow team member of the SKC Bison. According to the Office of the Registrar, Ralston has earned a 3.3 GPA for the fall trimester. Ralston is the son of Randy and Melissa Moore of Pawnee, Okla.

Happy 16th Birthday Colby Mathes!

Colby Chance Mathes was born on Feb. 16, 1995 in Bartlesville to DeLanda Rose Mathes-Eckhardt. He is the grandson of Bill L. Mathes Jr. and Brenda L. Pope Mathes of Bartlesville. Colby is



Colby Chance Mathes

the great-grandson of the late Bill L. Mathes Sr. and the late H. Dolores "Dee" Boulanger Mathes of Pawhuska, and the great-grandson of John Pope and the late M. Madeline Scullawl Pope of Bartlesville. Colby is the great-great-grandson of the late Mary Fannie Niblack Boulanger and the late Grover Boulanger of Pawhuska, and the late Naomi Pope of Bartlesville.

Relatives that want to wish Colby a very Happy 16th Birthday with lots of love always, Mom, Papa, Nana, Aunt Brandy, Uncle Charlie, Aunt Dana, Uncle Nathan, Uncle Randy, Aunt Mandi, Uncle Bill, Great Aunt Kellie, Great Uncle David, great-great-uncle Gene, great-great-aunt Frana, your cousins Megan, Taylor, Shelby, Allison, Brendan, Nate, Cassidie, John, Korie and Khloie.

Happy 16th birthday my Colby Chunky Cheese! I love you son, love always Momma.

Congratulations to the Halls!

Ross and Joni Hall of Skiatook are proud to announce the birth of their son, Diesel Hudson Hall. Diesel Hudson was born January 17, at 12:07 p.m. at Saint Francis Hospital in Tulsa. He weighed 6 pounds, 14 ounces and was 21-1/8 inches long. Diesel Hudson was



Diesel Hudson Hall

welcomed home by his big sister, Blythe Hensley Hall and his maternal grandparents, Jeff and Teri Jones of Skiatook, and paternal grandmother, Diana Hall of Bartlesville. Diesel's maternal great-grandparents are Dale and Betty Jones, and Johnette and Richard Rountree, all of Skiatook.

Congratulations!

Adalyn Angela Turley weighed 3 pounds 11 ounces and 16-1/2 inches at 10:01 a.m. and Emmalyn Michele Turley, 3 pounds 13 ounces and 16-3/4 inches at 10:02 a.m. were born on 1-11-11 at Centennial Women's Hospital in Nashville, Tenn. Parents are Gabriele and Chris Turley who reside in Clarkesville, Tenn., stationed at Ft. Campbell. Maternal grandparents are Joe Don and Mary Mashunkashey, paternal grandparents are Benny and Patricia Cottingham of Pawhuska.

Happy Birthday, Caroline!

Special wishes are sent for a happy birthday to Caroline Keene on Feb. 27. Have a day filled with joy and good times. Caroline is the daughter of Joe and Denise Keene of Pawhuska, sister of Joe Keene of Scottsdale, Ariz. and Billy Keene



Adalyn Angela and Emmalyn Michele Turley

of Lawrence, Kan., granddaughter of the late Wiley and Cecelia Red Eagle Thornton of Barnsdall, granddaughter of Louis Long and the late Claud Long of Pershing and the great granddaughter of the late Harry and Mary Red Eagle of Hominy. Best wishes from your friends and family.

Extended birthday wishes to the following individuals

Family and friends would like to send out an extended birthday wish to the following individuals for the month of January. Bridget Rogers and Emily Lookout, January 5, Erica Moore and Elizabeth Moore, January 11, Eddy Red Eagle and Walter Hopper, Jr., January 13, Billy Davis, January 16, Abram Grant Burris and Debbie Littleton, January 17, Jerry Shaw, January 21, Charisse Satepauhoodle, January 23, Tristan Rogers, January 24, and Carter Rogers, January 28.

Also, to the following individuals who celebrate birthdays in the month of February are Chelle Lookout, February 2, Cole Burris February 3, Lavina Clark, February 12, Darian Hinman and Mich Davis, February 16, Steph Hinman, Jenn Holding and Harry

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Kickstarter fundraiser to aid Osage band Aviyn

Osages Ted Brunt and Skyler Hensley are asking for your donations, even if it's only one dollar. Brunt and Hensley are in a band called Aviyn and currently do not have the funding to play for their fans in other states. A fundraising project through an online community called Kickstarter will help aid them so they can play in more places and possibly go on tour.

"The idea behind this is that people look at our online fundraiser page and pledge to help us reach our goal by March 31st," Brunt said. "Any donation from one dollar on will receive something in return."

Learn about the Kickstarter fundraiser and Aviyn at: <http://www.kickstarter.com/e/xssKR/projects/aviyn/fix-our-van-and-repair-our-hearts>

Osage Tribal Princess Sorority invites all Osages to dance March 26

The Osage Tribal Princess Sorority is hosting their 7th Annual Honor Dance March 26. The dance will begin at 2 p.m. with gourd dancing, followed by supper at 5:30 p.m. and grand entry is at 7:30 p.m. There will be contests and arts and crafts. For more information contact Tracey Moore at (918) 698-0479.

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Roy Red Eagle, February 21, Juni Smith, February 24, Adrienne Davis, February 25, Bobby Davis III and Carrigan Presley, February 28.

Wishing everyone a very happy birthday.

Barbara Carey. Jayde's activities include softball, basketball, track, tennis, FCA, leadership and Student Council. Jayde was also selected as Most Athletic Girl by her fellow Senior class members.

Happy Anniversary!

Happy 13th anniversary to Charles and Misty Wheeler. We pray for many more to come.

Jayde Drummond crowned Pawhuska Basketball Homecoming Queen

Jayde Drummond was crowned Pawhuska High School's Homecoming Queen for the basketball season Jan. 14 at Oren Terrill Field House. The coronation took place during halftime of the varsity boys game against Barnsdall High School. The Lady Huskies and the Huskies both walked away with a win.

Jayde is the daughter of Lennet Drummond and Thatcher Drummond and the granddaughter of



Jayde Drummond

5th Annual OSAGE NATION SOVEREIGNTY CELEBRATION DANCE



Friday March 11, 2011
Osage County Fairgrounds • Ag Building
Pawhuska, OK 74056

Chief John Red Eagle will be giving his State of the Nation address at the Osage Nation Congressional Chambers. Time of the address TBA

For more information contact Andrea Kemble at (918) 287-5311 or akemble@osagetribe.org

World War II Commemoration

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fellow veterans from the Marine Corps League's Osage Detachment No. 669 and the Harold Bigheart Smalley American Legion Post 198 will attend the ceremony on Feb. 19 in Sacaton, Ariz. on the Gila River Indian Reservation.

This will be the second year area veterans from both military organizations will attend the annual event. Both Native and non-Native Americans participate in the American Legion Post 198 and MCL Osage Detachment activities.

On Feb. 19, veterans from all walks of life are anticipated to attend the 66th annual Iwo Jima Landing and Flag Raising Commemoration hosted by the Sacaton-based Ira H.

Hayes American Legion Post 84. The day's festivities include a parade, military jet flyover, color guard and wreath-laying ceremonies, and a POW/ MIA service, according to the Hayes Post Web site.

The yearly event crowd estimates are about 2,000 people, according to the Gila River Indian News Web site.

The event honors the five Marines and one Navy Corpsman who raised the flag on Mt. Suribachi in February 1945 during the Battle of Iwo Jima. The moment was caught on film by Associated Press news photographer Joseph Rosenthal who won a Pulitzer Prize for the image.

Cole Bust Unveiled

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unveiled June 13, 2009; the fifth bust, William Fletcher, was unveiled August 1, 2009; and, the sixth bust, Ah-Hu-Shin-Kah (Little Wing) was unveiled December 11, 2010.

The bust of Wa-Xthi-Zhi (Charles Wah-Hre-She) will be unveiled in March, and the bust of Wah-Nah-She-Shin-Ki (Principal Chief Fred Lookout) will be unveiled in April.

The Osage Tribal Museum is the only site in the world where people can view the busts.

The public is cordially invited to attend this important event. For more information, please contact the Osage Tribal Museum at (918) 287-5441.



LET'S GET COOKING!

Send us your favorite Osage dish recipe, along with a photo, and we'll publish it in our **Osage Recipes** section. You can email or mail your entries.

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Osage Million Dollar Elm wins national marketing award

Casino is the first Oklahoma tribal gaming enterprise to win the Barona/ VCAT Award

Osage News

The Osage Million Dollar Elm Casino has won a national Excellence in Indian Gaming Marketing award for 2010.

OMDEC is the first tribal gaming property in Oklahoma to win the Barona/VCAT Award for Excellence in Indian Gaming Marketing, according to a news release. The award was presented during the 13th Annual Raving Consulting National Marketing Conference near Palm Springs, Calif. held Jan. 30-Feb. 1.

The award recognizes the Osage casino's work in linking superior marketing efforts to financial performance; building marketing excellence around guests, employees and communities; and integrating marketing effectively throughout the entire casino operation.

"This award recognizes the strength and strategic vision of the Osage Million Dollar Elm Casino Marketing Team" OMDEC Chief Operating Officer Joe Olujic said in the release. "Their integrated mar-

keting efforts paired with their outstanding work ethic have allowed Osage to accomplish our goals in a minimal amount of time."

For the award, Raving Consulting Company considered the casino's globalized marketing efforts where guests have a possibility of larger winnings at 7 properties. The casino also saved \$1 million in operating expenses in 2010 by streamlining direct mail and integrating promotional communications to a digital format.

"The award is really an incredible accomplishment and a tremendous honor," said Osage Million Dollar Elm casino Marketing Director Jennifer Bighorse. "Our success is directly linked to developing and implementing a marketing strategy that focuses on its players and adheres to our core brand values."

Osage casinos support local businesses, sports teams, schools and social programs including the Tulsa Metro Chamber of Commerce, Tulsa Drillers (AA baseball), Tulsa Shock (WNBA), Tulsa Area United Way, Tulsa Public Schools, the Tulsa State Fair and dozens of local and regional charities and foundations.

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, 109 E. 6th Street, Pawhuska, OK 74056 or email sshaw@osagenews.org. Letters must be respectful and informative to the reader, and may be edited for grammar, clarity and space.

OBITUARIES

Darrell Cunningham

An Osage who loved his tribe's traditions

DARRELL LOUIS "BIG D" CUNNINGHAM, 41, was born on August 25, 1969 in Pawnee, Oklahoma. He was raised in Pawhuska and was a proud member of the Osage Nation from the WA.XAH.KO.LI[^] (Pawhuska) district and a parishioner of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, where he served as an Altar Boy for many years.

Darrell attended Pawhuska Schools and graduated in 1987. While in high school, Darrell played football, wrestled, and was a member of numerous school organizations.

On May 30, 1992, Darrell married Rachel Myers.

Outside of enjoying his Osage Cultures and Traditions, Darrell worked for the Osage Nation TANF Program before he and Rachel moved to Tulsa, where they have made their home for the last 10 years. While in Tulsa, Darrell worked at Wal-Mart. He also sold Tupperware, which was his favorite past time. He loved working with his customers and hostesses.

Darrell was given the right to take care of the Cedar from his Uncle Sonny Cunningham and was taught to never turn anybody away, and he took this position very seriously and was honored to help others. Darrell never met a stranger and was well liked and loved everywhere he went. His infectious smile and sense of humor will be missed, by will be missed most by all of his nieces and nephews who loved him very much and he loved and adored them the most because he was known as the "baby" only by his nieces and nephews.

Although Darrell took dialysis treatments three times a week, he was still full of life and he most enjoyed spending time with his friends and family.

Darrell is survived by his wife, Rachel of the home; his brothers Milton and wife, Tammy, of Pawhuska; Gene and wife, Gloria, of Tulsa; sisters Jackie McCann of Pawhuska; Danna Cunningham of Wynona; Asa Cun-

ningham of Pawhuska; and a host of nieces and nephews, two great nephews and one great niece. Darrell was preceded in death by his parents, Alvin L. (Jack) Cunningham and Rose Ann (Boone) Cunningham; a brother, Lawrence Edward Cunningham, a niece Megan Simone Cunningham, his grandmother Lillie (Bighorse) Cunningham, and a host of aunts and uncles.

Rosary was recited Wednesday, January 19, 7 p.m., at the Indian Camp Chapel. Traditional services were held Thursday, January 20, 8 a.m., at the Indian Camp Chapel. Eddy Red Eagle officiated. Mass followed at 10 a.m. at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Pawhuska. Father Chris Daigle officiated. Interment was in the Pawhuska City Cemetery.

McCartney's Johnson Funeral Home in charge of arrangements. Traditional services were held Thursday, January 20, 8 a.m., at the Indian Camp Chapel.

Mark Clark Hopper

Mark Clark Hopper, 66, passed from this life October 30. Mark was born May 14 1944 to the late Amos and Martha Oberly Hopper of Hominy. Mark was preceded in death by three brothers, Johnny, Homer and Walter, all of Hominy, and his older sister Ruth Shackelford of Pawhuska.

Mark is survived by his children Scott Baker of Tulsa, Kimberly Bond of Skiatook, Michael Hopper of Tulsa and Chad Hopper of Skiatook, Okla. He is survived by grandchildren Jamee (Joshua) Remington of Skiatook, Trevor Bond, Kendall Bond of Skiatook, David and Hilary and Lillie Stubbings of Virginia Beach, Tucker Hopper of Skiatook, Okla. Mason Hopper of Tulsa Okla., Hannah Hopper of Ochelata, and Cade Oberly Hopper of Coweta. His first great grandchild, Miss Ella Brooke Remington of Skiatook. He is also survived by his former wife Frances Jo Brooks of Pawhuska, although divorced for 20 years they kept a very close, comforting friendship. Close cousins Sonny and Ann Abbott

of Hominy and a host of nieces and nephews too numerous to mention.

Mark received his education in the Mound Valley Schools and graduated in Hominy in 1962.

Mark worked for a number of years for St. John and St. Francis hospitals in Tulsa. Later on he became a paramedic and fire chief for the town of Skiatook. He coached soccer teams and started the first men's soccer team in Skiatook known as the Skiatook Blazers. He enjoyed participating in events for the town and gave much of himself to the town. One of his favorite things were Friday night football games in which all of his boys played and his daughter cheered and of course soccer games in which his children played. He enjoyed going to garage sales and Estate sales. He enjoyed drag racing and mud blogging.

The most important thing in his life was family and spending time with family. He loved all of the kids, grandkids, nieces, nephews and all of their families.

He was a member of the Friends Church in Hominy and a member of the Osage Tribe.

Indian services were held November 2 at the Sien Shelton Funeral Home in Skiatook, officiated by Charles Pratt.

Graveside services were held at the Hominy Cemetery at 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, November 3. Officiated by Scott Lohah. Pallbearers were Trevor Bond, Scott Hilton, Jack Rapp, Jerry Ridenour, Lonnie Fisher and Kent Hensley. Honorary Pallbearers were Kendall Bond, Dakota Carpenter, Tucker Hopper and Joshua Remington.

Dinner followed at the village in Hominy and was officiated by Everett Waller.

Friends may contribute to the Oklahoma Cancer Center in Mark's name.

Christopher Todd Miller

A welding student, only 20, he never met a stranger

CHRISTOPHER ANTHONY TODD MILLER passed away Sun-

day, January 23, 2011 from injuries sustained in an auto accident. He was 20 years old.

"Little Chris," or "Catfish" as he was known to his family and friends, was born March 4, 1990 to Phillip "Tony" and Tara (Todd) Miller. He attended schools in Pawhuska and was currently a student in the welding program at Tri-County Technology Center in Bartlesville. In his spare time, Chris enjoyed hunting and fishing. He loved spending time with his friends. He never met a stranger and loved to laugh. He was a member of the Methodist Church.

Surviving family includes: his parents: Tara Todd Hendren and husband, Marty; Phillip "Tony" Miller; his siblings: Phillip Miller, Fredricka Miller, Matthew Miller, Katelyn Miller, Madison Miller, Patricia Hendren, Marty Hendren, Jr., Dusty Hendren and wife, Coutney; Destiny Hendren; and a cousin Catfish considered to be a sister, Amanda Weathers; his grandparents: Bill and Diane Todd, and Pauline Alred; his great-grandmother: Audie Phillips; his best friends: Josh Gray and Skylar Davis; numerous nieces and nephews, aunts and uncles, and a host other family and friends.

Catfish will lie in state at the Indian Camp Chapel, Pawhuska. Funeral services will be Thursday, January 27, 10:00 a.m., at the Pawhuska First United Methodist Church. Larry Brown will officiate. Interment will be in the Pawhuska City Cemetery.

McCartney's Johnson Funeral Home in charge of arrangements

Barbara A. Sharpe

Barbara A. Sharpe, a loving mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, passed away peacefully at her home on Jan. 6, surrounded by her loving family.

She is survived by her daughters, Barbara Glover and husband Robert and Merry Lee Flores and husband, Ray; five grandchildren, Tybi, John, Robert David, and Barbara; six great-grandchildren, Kameron, Abigail,

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Michael, Roman, Madilynne, Talon and nephew Charles Trumbly III, his wife Karen and family.

Barbara was preceded in death by her husbands Lt. Angelo Anthony Garegnani; Maj. Robert M. Polz, James Sharpe, MD; and son, Cmdr. Michael Anthony Gary. Her brothers Charles Trumbly, Jr. and Charlton "Sonny" Trumbly also predeceased her.

She was born and raised in Independence, Kans. She was the daughter of Elaine and Charles Trumbly, Sr. and the granddaughter of Eliza Tinker Trumbly and Julian Trumbly. Barbara was a proud member of the Osage Nation.

Barbara lived in Albuquerque, N.M. since 1951 where she raised her family and later became a member of the Gold Star Wives and Gold Star Mothers.

A memorial service was held in Albuquerque on January 14. Internment followed at the Nation Cemetery in Santa Fe, NM. She will be deeply missed by her family and friends.

Gary Jack Willis

Gary Jack Willis, 66, of Bartlesville, died at his home on January 30, 2011 of congestive heart failure. Gary Jack was born December 10, 1944 in Pawhuska. He is preceded in death by his father Jack Warren Willis and his mother, Dennie Elnora Butler Willis, and aunts Violet Beatrice Willis and Daisy Irene Willis. He lost his elder sister, Shirley Jo Whitman in 2010.

Gary Jack leaves behind his former wife, Kathleen "Kathy" Lumen Willis of Bartlesville, and his children: son Matthew Warren Willis and younger daughter Laura Ellen Willis Coulter, both of Bartlesville, and his elder daughter Meghan Kathleen Willis Norton of Edmond. He also leaves behind his granddaughter Olivia "Lola" Gail Norton and Jack Matthew Coulter, many nieces, nephews, and cousins. Gary Jack had many wonderful,

lifelong friends and acquaintances from Osage County and Bartlesville.

He grew up in Pawhuska, where he graduated from Pawhuska High School in 1963, where he participated in dancing classes, band, baseball and football. Gary Jack began his career in journalism at The Journal Capital at the age of 8, with his first paper route, progressing to junior reporter at the age of fourteen. As a child and adolescent, Gary Jack attended and participated in many activities at Pawhuska First Christian Church, under the careful and ever-watchful eye of his beloved Aunt VI. After graduation from PHS, Gary Jack attended college in Stillwater at Oklahoma State and then at Phillips University in Enid, where in, 1967, he met his wife, Kathy.

After several moves around the state, the family settled in Bartlesville, where they reared their three children and favorite dog, Phoebe. While working in Tulsa for The Tulsa Tribune, his schedule afforded him the opportunity to participate and lead many of his children's activities, serving as coach for soccer teams, and driver to many lessons and events. Gary Jack enjoyed boating at the lake, fishing, watching and playing sports, particularly tennis, travel to the coast with his family, and playing Scrabble, dominoes, and cards. His career took the family to Houston, Texas for many years while he pursued the opportunity to become a graphics liaison editor for The Houston Chronicle.

After retirement in 1995, the family moved back to Bartlesville. Gary Jack was a bright and witty man, whom loved to learn and to laugh. His generous, good-natured disposition and tendency to tease those he liked will be missed. He loved books, and music, and dance, and to write. He loved his family, especially his children and grandchildren. Simply said, Gary Jack Willis loved.

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