Indian Country Responding to Osage’s Designs

By Shannon Shaw
Osage News

Ryan Red Corn believes that if you build an economic infrastructure in the place you live, a community will emerge.

Even though his graphic design talent could let him work anywhere, he chose to move back to his reservation and open his own graphic design firm. After everyone doubted him, Red Corn’s Red Hand Media is now one of the top Native graphic design firms in Indian Country.

“They said it couldn’t be done,” Red Corn said of opening his business in Pawhuska, a town of approximately 3,400. “Our language department’s here, all the Osages are here or around here, why not Pawhuska?”

Pawhuska is probably one of the least likely places someone would find a store like Red Corn’s. A delicate balance of cowboys and Indians, Pawhuska boasts a tall-grass prairie, a buffalo reserve, a yearly cowboy

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Editorial board for Osage News chosen

By Shannon Shaw
Osage News

After much political debate, and a lawsuit, Principal Chief Jim Gray has chosen three Osage journalists to serve on an editorial board that will act as a buffer between the Chief’s office and the Nation’s official newspaper.

“I’m a firm believer in bringing people in with very specific expertise in Native and non-Native journalism in theory as well as practice,” Gray said. “We have people on this board with both qualities.”

“As a former journalist and publisher myself I’m well aware of how important this is for people who rely on the Osage News and the Nation’s Web site to get the right information,” he said.

The Osage journalists chosen are Dennis McAuliffe Jr., Teresa Trumbly Lamsam and Tara McLain Manthey.

McAuliffe, who worked for 15 years as a foreign desk assistant editor for The Washington Post, is also the founder and director of Reznetnews.org, a Native American news, information and entertainment Web site that also trains and mentors Native college journalism students across the country.

For his work on reznet, he was awarded the University of Montana’s 2006-07 Nancy Borgmann Diversity Award and the 2005 Barry Bingham Sr. Fellowship from the National Conference of Editorial Writers, presented annually to a journalism educator committed to preparing minority students for successful careers in journalism.

He is the author of two books: Buried Treasure, a mystery novel for which he’s seeking a publisher; and The Deaths of Sybil Bolton: An American History, an account of the murder of his Osage grandmother during the Reign of Terror against the Osage Indians in the 1920s (republished in paperback as Bloodland: A Family Story of Oil, Greed and Murder on the Osage Reservation).

He is a U.S. Army veteran, and winner of the 1995 Oklahoma Book Award for Non-Fiction, and of Vanderbilt University’s 1968 Grantland Rice Memorial Scholarship for Sportswriting.

Teresa Trumbly Lamsam, who has a doctorate in Journalism from the University of Missouri-Columbia, is an associate professor in the School of Communication and the Native American Studies Program at the University of Nebraska at Omaha. In 2008, she was chosen as one of nine fellows nationally for the Journalism Leadership in Diversity program sponsored by the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication. In addition to an academic career, her professional background includes more than 10 years as a print journalist and communication specialist in the United States, Europe and Southeast Asia.

Since beginning her career in education and social science research, her goal has been to use research to advance projects in Native American communities through communication for development. Lamsam received her bachelor’s in Journalism from Abilene Christian University and her masters in Journalism and Media Management from the University of Missouri-Columbia.

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To have a free press, to inform our Osage citizens of the activities of our Nation, is essential to a lasting democracy for our people.”

–Jim Gray, June 8, 2008
Osage Nation Principal Chief

Correction

On page 17 of the Osage News November issue, the name of Osage councilman D.E. “Bill” Martin was incorrectly labeled as Sam Martin. The Osage News regrets the error.
Some government officials play Scrooge
—No health benefit in January 2009

By Shannon Edwards, ON Congresswoman

In a recent email to some constituents, one member of Congress promised that our people would receive the health benefit passed by Congress in January 2009. Unexplainably, this same Congress member is one of three that continues to hold up the vote on funding which would have made that possible. Unless something changes quickly, our members will not see a health benefit for all beginning in January 2009. Even the Assistant Chief backtracked last month in this publication and offered excuses, questioning whether the benefit should available equally to all members and suggesting the need for more study.

I suspect the same Osage enemy that creeps into many important governmental decisions and defeats so many of the Nation’s opportunities is at work here. That enemy is fear. The fact remains that some in our government are reluctant to undertake initiatives that serve the greater Osage good due to a fear of the unfamiliar. They wrongly believe that this Nation’s health goals are being met by such acts as appropriating money to physically improve the existing Pawhuska clinic, and attempting to undertake an assessment of clinic patient health needs. The fallacy of this approach is that less than a fifth of the Osage population utilizes that clinic, meaning 80% of our members receive no tribally sponsored health services. Furthermore, none of those undertakings fulfill the mandate found in the Osage Constitution at Article XVII Section 1: “the Osage Nation shall provide for the protection and advancement of a health care system for the Osage People by the ongoing development of services for the treatment, management and prevention of illnesses and chronic diseases, and of services that promote mental and physical well being.” Something more is required.

Currently, there is no effort to fulfill that Constitutional directive save the Health Benefit Law—which is now effective but remains unfunded. The excuses made for non-implementation when the Nation has the funds and the ability to do so is in my opinion just that—excuses. Those of us that have worked on this

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Chief Gray and Osage-owned business receive Tulsa awards

The American Indian Chamber of Commerce of Oklahoma had their, “Recognizing Business Excellence,” awards Dec. 5 and awarded Principal Chief Jim Gray with the state Tribal Leadership Award for his excellence in leadership of the Osage Nation.

The Tulsa chapter of the AICCO awarded Ryan Red Corn’s business Red Hand Media with Company of the Year award for excellence in business.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

from the First Osage Nation Congress
Red Corn Designs: An Osage Way of Life

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Red Corn, a 29-year-old Osage tribal member, has built his businesses on graphic design work for entities such as the Native American Rights Fund, National Congress of the American Indian, UNITY and the National Museum of the American Indian. Aside from doing artwork for Native organizations and non-profits, Red Corn takes pride in serving tribes, nations and their language-preservation programs.

"Each project I take on I want it to be a portfolio piece," Red Corn said. "With each project, I take it to the same intensity and want the next one to be better than the last."

The New Look of Native Advertising

Red Hand Media took off when it landed a contract in 2006 with the Native American Rights Fund. The contract was to rebrand the 38-year-old non-profit Native law firm to help it re-emerge into Indian Country's consciousness. The firm's slogan, "Modern Day Warriors," was coined by Native journalist Jodi Rave in the 1980's when she worked for NARF.

Crystal Echohawk, NARF's assistant director of development, said the firm asked Red Corn to work with that. The firm was looking for a fresh and sophisticated feel.

"My favorite always will be his Sitting Bull," Echohawk said. "It was the first one he came out with and it's Sitting Bull in a suit; and that design to this day, when I'm working with Ryan and he asks me what I think I say, 'I'm sorry, Ryan, but this one will always be my favorite.'"

NARF budgeted approximately $24,000 for the campaign and raised more than $104,000 with the help of Red Corn's design.

"We just got such a tremendous national response," Echohawk said. "We got calls from Hollywood asking if they could run the ad and they even said, 'We'll run it for free.'"

Red Corn's designs are a modern take on Native culture and often have a youthful, but sophisticated look that is cross-generational, Echohawk said. Red Corn has worked with NARF ever since and the ad campaign he did for the organization received critical acclaim. He has created similar campaigns using Geronimo, Chief Joseph and current NARF president, John Echohawk. The next one features a Native woman.

"His unique gift is through his design—he's just an incredible talent in terms of recognizing the type of messaging that resonates in Indian Country," said Crystal Echohawk. She said his designs "get to the root of Native identity in a very fresh and contemporary way. It's gotten to such a nice point, he understands our work. It's not a lot of push and pull with him. He's really helped us find our stride and make us look more professional."

Red Corn said things stepped up considerably after the NARF work. Once the Sitting Bull ad broke, he was inundated with referrals. "It exploded into a lot more work for me," he said.

There is competition in Indian Country for graphic design contracts, but most of the competition is from non-Indian companies or from companies that aren't ready for a national playing field, he said. What Red Corn brings to the table is a Native perspective to designs that translate to Natives and non-Natives.

"I would encourage young Natives to get into graphic design because there is so much work going to non-Natives," he said. Since there is such a high demand, he doesn't think Red Hand Media will be going out of business anytime soon. "The demand is too high," he said.

Buffalo Nickel Press

Red Corn owns three businesses: Red Hand Media, Buffalo Nickel Press, a business that prints and distributes custom shirts; as well as Demockratees.com, his politically satirical line of T-shirts. He also distributes Red Corn Native Foods, a line of pre-packaged Native foods.

"First thing we try to accomplish is staying in business," he says with a laugh. But funny business aside, Red Hand Media doubled its business in the last year, while Buffalo Nickel Press tripled.

In 2007 Red Hand Media made approximately $60,000 and is projected to make $120,000 in 2008; Buffalo Nickel Press made approximately $97,000 in 2007 and is projected to make $230,000 in 2008, Red Corn said.

Upon entering Buffalo Nickel Press, patrons see an explosion of color from his Demockratees line, which can either be taken as offensive or genius. On the walls of his store are spray-painted murals of Osages, Osage dancers and Osage chiefs.

"I'm not forcing my opinions on anyone...only if they come to my store and see the front of it," he said, laughing. The front of his store is covered with freedom of the press ads and other political literature.

Red Corn does all of his work for Red Hand Media out of his store. While most of his business is from Natives, non-Native businesses have come knocking. Red Hand Media was selected by the American Indian Chamber of Commerce of Oklahoma, Tulsa Chapter, as the 2008 Company of the Year.
Non-Natives pay attention to that award.

“It probably puts us on the radar, although we do a lot of work for national clients,” Red Corn said. While his job is making other businesses look good, the award will bring attention from businesses in Oklahoma that may not have been aware of Red Hand Media. “We work for everyone; we did work for Sony last month,” he said.

He has only two employees at the moment who hold the place together when he’s out of town, he said. The work is too much for one person and Red Corn said that Todd Vedder, his assistant for the last year and a half, nearly has a panic attack. Vedder is Pawnee/Otoe/Iowa.

“We’ve got clients from all over,” Vedder said. “It gets pretty busy.”

So busy, in fact, that during the summer Red Corn has to hire eight employees and just hired another full-time assistant, Casie Renee, Choctaw.

“I met Ryan about two to three years ago and I had heard about Demockratees,” she said. “I approached him, and we became friends. We’ve been adding some structure and organization to the businesses.”

**An Osage Way of Life**

The main appeal of the Osage reservation to Red Corn is his involvement in the culture here.

“You have to have Osages in proximity to have a community,” he said. Creating a lasting community is important to Red Corn. Most of the clients who come into his store are Osage and he’s proud of that.

Once he moved to Pawhuska, he took the initiative to enroll in the Osage’s growing language program. Mentored by his uncle, Talee Red Corn, one of the tribe’s more fluent speakers, Ryan Red Corn does work for the program and for other Native language programs around the country.

“I am thoroughly invested in making sure that our language continues to survive for future generations,” Red Corn said. “It is the window to a true Wa.zha.zhe (Osage) thought process.”

“Without involvement in language and cultural literacy in our people’s ways by our tribal members, community members and our youth, there is no Osage Nation. These things are the basis for which all extensions of our tribal sovereignty are based,” Red Corn said. “To recognize this is to understand the importance that its existence be concreted.”

Red Corn took it upon himself to learn Osage traditional songs and regularly sings at Osage functions. He dances in the Osages’ three In-Lon-Schka dances and is a member of the Pawhuska In-Lon-Schka dance committee.

“He’s always been willing to listen and willing to do that extra effort so he could learn tradition, learn culture and learn language,” Talee Red Corn said. “He was a good listener and had an open heart to be able to understand, to be able to comprehend the old traditional way of the Osage, if I can say that. I feel real inadequate in saying that myself but I feel he took it to the best level you can go for our family and our tribe.”

Ryan Red Corn continually stays committed to traditional singing and sacrifices his time so he can sing at dances in Oklahoma and learn the songs and learn the meaning, Talee Red Corn said.

“I enjoy singing, dancing and being around the drum and the fellowship that happens during those times,” Ryan Red Corn said. “You can’t get that by living anywhere else in the world than right here (on the Osage reservation). The same goes for the language. The best place to learn and talk Wa.zha.zhe i.e (Osage language) is here at home.”

**All art by Ryan Red Corn**

Clockwise from top: Wazhazhi-pod; Sitting Bull Ad designed by Red Corn for the Native American Rights Fund in 2006; No Per Cap.

Front page image is the new Osage Language Program logo designed by Red Corn.
Osage hosts 7th Annual Oil & Gas Summit

By Caroline Burd,
Administrative Secretary for the Osage Minerals Council

The 7th Annual Osage Oil & Gas Summit was held on Oct. 29, 30th, and 31st at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Tulsa. As in past years, the summit was sponsored by the Oil Producers of Oklahoma. The Oil Producers not only sponsor by financing this summit, but by participating to make this event worthwhile and meaningful. Many of the producers are speakers and relate information to help others in their businesses.

Bobby Wegener, Deputy Secretary of Energy for the State of Oklahoma, was a keynote speaker Thursday at the noon Luncheon. Thursday evening brought Mr. Andrew B. Schmitt, President and CEO of Layne Christensen Co. as a keynote speaker after the delicious Banquet. He showed a film of the company’s operation in Africa and it was very interesting. He spoke of taking care of business in a failing economy.

On Friday, one of the speakers was Susan Foreman with Continental Resources, Inc. in Enid, OK. She manages the Natural Gas Marketing Department for the company. The title of her presentation was Natural Gas Contracts 101 or (What Producers Should Know). The Osage Minerals Council was in attendance and helped out in many ways. Chairman John Henry Mashunkashey gave the Welcoming Speech. Osage Principal Chief Jim Gray was present and spoke to those in attendance. Osage Minerals Councilwoman Kathryn Red Corn closed the summit by thanking the audience for expressing such an interest in the Osage Culture and for attending this year’s Oil and Gas Summit.

Osage Minerals Council Director, Joe Hughlett, did a wonderful job of bringing together this summit and organizing it so that all would enjoy and benefit from attending. As people were leaving the last day, words could be heard, “See you next year!” That leads a person to believe that all had a wonderful and informative time.

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Among her journalism experiences, Lamsam is also a former editor of The Osage Nation News.

Tara McLain Manthey has worked in communications and journalism for 10 years. Currently, she is the communications director for Arkansas Advocates for Children and Families in Little Rock. Previously, she worked as a reporter covering education and local and state governments for the Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, The News Tribune in Tacoma, Wash. and the Statesman Journal in Salem, Ore. An Osage, Tara was born and raised in Colorado and holds degrees in music and journalism from the University of Colorado at Boulder. She lives in Little Rock with her husband Toby and son Lucian.
Osage Million Dollar Elm employees prepare, deliver meals for Osage Head Start families

By Chris Barton, MDE Public Relations Coordinator

SKIATOOK, OK – Osage Million Dollar Elm casino employees in Skiatook cooked and delivered meals to three Osage Nation Head Start families for Thanksgiving.

“We are happy to be able to offer some assistance to the families in need this time of year,” said Byron Bighorse, general manager, at Osage Million Dollar Elm casino in Skiatook.

Head Start is grateful that the Skiatook casino stepped forward to assist the families, said Terry Buffalohead, director of Osage Nation Head Start, for the past 15 years. “The economy is hurting many of the families with job losses and work hours being cut,” she said.

The head start program serves 54 low income families and children with disabilities, Buffalohead said. Head Start relies on canned good donations and is working with families in need of heat and clothing this time of year. Osage Nation Head Start began operations in 1985 at 1801 W. Oak St.

Osage Million Dollar Casino and Travel Plaza, Skiatook, employs more than 50 people and is a member of the Skiatook Chamber of Commerce. Osage Million Dollar Casino is an economic enterprise of the Osage Nation.

For more information contact Chris Barton at 699-7875 or chris.barton@milliondollarelm.com; Terry Buffalohead, Osage Nation Head Start, at 699-5471.
Reservation Status Hinges on Osage Nation’s Support

By Deb Atterberry,
ON Congresswoman

With the future of our reservation status hinging on the decision of a pending lawsuit against the State of Oklahoma, the Osage Nation Congress is considering additional funding to secure a victory.

According to public record, the case seeks to enjoin the State's assessment of income tax on tribal members who are employed by the Osage Nation and reside in Osage County. This would violate federal law only if all of Osage County is deemed to be “Indian Country.” Therefore, the foundation of this case is the areal extent of the Nation’s land, not Oklahoma’s taxing policy.

In 1871, the Nation bought this 1.5 million acre reservation. In 1906, Congress enacted the Osage Allotment Act which allotted the entire reservation surface to tribal members.

In 1907, when Oklahoma became a state, the Reservation was incorporated into the State as Osage County. The State believes the Reservation lost its legal status when it became a county. The state also contends that only trust land and allotments within Osage County are considered “Indian Country.”

We, the Osage Nation, declare all of the land within the County to be Indian Country because the legal status of the Reservation has never been altered by the United States Congress. Therefore, the Reservation exists presently as it did in 1871.

Our ancestors, since the late 1800’s, have upheld and supported our reservation status. The 30th Tribal Council filed this lawsuit in 2001, and the 31st Tribal Council supported it during their tenure also. Osage leadership before us took the threat of losing our reservation status seriously. They knew it was important to the future of our people. This is one reason I am sponsoring and supporting this Act.

Co-sponsor of this Act, Congressman Freeman, believes that by winning this lawsuit, we are setting ourselves up in a position of strength in order to negotiate with city, county and state in a cooperative partnership on issues that will not only retain current revenue for the nation, but it will also generate revenue through future economic development opportunities.

Let your local Oklahoma State Representative know that you support retaining our reservation status.

Chief’s Series Coming Back in January

Due to space limitations, the Osage News will publish the next installment of the Chief’s Series featuring Principal Chief Sylvester J. Tinker in the January issue of the Osage News.

—Osage News Staff
First Ever Flu Shot Drive-thru a Success

By Sharon Griffin, Administrative Assistant Osage County Health Department

On October 28th, over 590 residents within Osage County received a flu shot in the first ever drive-through flu clinic. The average wait time was 10 minutes and for most, the process took less than six minutes. The purpose of this effort, conducted with the coordination, and cooperation of numerous local, county and state stakeholders was to test the Osage County Mass Immunization Preparedness Plan. After just a month of preparation a Drive Thru Flu Clinic was conducted at the Osage County Fairgrounds. The Mass Immunization plan is designed to insure that Osage County is prepared for a major health event that may require vaccinations or dispensing of medications to a large population. Counties all over the state have used their annual flu vaccine as an opportunity to test their plan.

This event would not have been possible without the support provided by the following organizations, community groups and county volunteers:

- Osage County Health Department
- Osage County Emergency Management
- Osage County Sheriff's Office
- Osage Nation: Clinical Medical Services, Emergency Management, Home Health,
- Osage Nation Congress, Grants Management, Executive Department, Drug Prevention, Boys and Girls Clubs of Hominy, Fairfax & Pawhuska, Maintenance, Tobacco Cessation, Director of Operations, CHR, Fitness of Pawhuska, I.T., Social Services, Public Health, Diabetes & Public Health, Osage Nation Police and Child Care
- Oklahoma State Department of Health Preparedness and Response Team; Osage County Commissioner's Jim Clark and Scott Hilton; Tri County Technology Center, Bartlesville
- Osage County E911; Osage County Fairground Staff; Pawhuska Hospital; County Shop District 1; Osage County Housing Authority; Pawhuska Fire Department; Central Med Ambulance Service; Red Cross Tulsa/Ponca City; Addtronic; IT Services – Mark Buchanon.

Donations were made by: Osage County Court Clerk Angie Bruce, County Commissioner's Clarence Brantley, Scott Hilton and Jim Clark, Buffalo Hills Country Club and Carey Portable Toilets.

The Oklahoma State Department of Health Preparedness and Response Division is preparing the After Action Report that will provide the County with information on what improvements should be made to the Plan.

County health workers and volunteers administer free flu shots on October 28th.
Handgame

Counterclockwise, from top: Jasmine Cunningham smiles for the camera.
Delores “Dee Dee” Goodeagle and Allison Luttrell enjoy the handgame.
Children scramble to get their dollar in for the cake walk.
Children line up for the cake walk.
Bill Lynn shows young participants how to play the handgame.
Thanksgiving
Clockwise, from right: Employees gush over Chief Jim Gray’s newborn daughter Annette.
Employees turned out in the hundreds for the meal.
Louis Gray praises the frybread.
Donna Gray, Brandon Gillum and Rhonda Kohnle joke around before dinner is served.

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~Happenings In the Osage~

Honor and Remembrance

Photo at left, from L to R: Jeremy Spotted Bear, featured speaker, returned from Iraq in October after a nine month stint; and younger brother Robert Spotted Bear. Center photo: Angela Toineeta and Cherise Satetpauhoodle dance by with blankets on that remember their father Evans Ray Satepauhoodle. Photo at right: Desert Storm Veteran John Williams Jr., holds the American flag while dancing on a family song.
Osage Tribal Museum Annual Fundraiser

Christmas Tree Auction • Home Tour • Dinner
December 13th at 5:30 p.m.

The Osage Tribal Museum will hold its annual fundraiser at 5:30 p.m., Saturday, December 13. Starting at the Museum and ending at the Wah-Zha-Zhi Cultural Center, the event features home tours, dinner, and a Christmas tree auction. All funds raised go towards the new World War II Exhibit.

Tickets available at the Osage Tribal Museum
$15 Advance
$20 Day of Event

To purchase tickets, contact the Museum at (918) 287-5441
You are cordially invited to a reception celebrating

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5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, December 16
Osage Tribal Museum
Workers add new system to support the 136-year-old Osage Tribal Museum's structure.

Museum Receives New Drainage System and Foundation Support

By Lou Brock, Senior Researcher, Osage Tribal Museum

Just as Pawhuska's Indian Health Services' building is getting renovations completed, visitors have noticed some changes being done on all sides of the Osage Tribal Museum, which started in the month of November. Trees and hedges were removed, and a new drainage system and foundation support was installed, relieving the stress on the building.

Built in 1872, and placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1987, the venerable building has seen several renovations, including having all the sandstone bricks taken down and, piece-by-piece, reassembling the building in 1937, that the visitors enjoy today as the museum.

It was not immediately determined how old the drainage system was; however, what was happening to the museum was very frightening, as large cracks were formed in both guest restrooms and at the east inside walls within the last few years. Attempts at closing the cracks in the walls just two years ago showed no mercy for the museum.

Clearly, a better solution was required.

While the completion date of the current project is not known, just knowing that the first step was taken to relieve the stress on the museum's structure. It’s a great start to protect the precious building, a home for many Osage historical collections, and that thousands of people pass through, annually.

Education Director Attends NIEA Conference

By Butch Marchesoni, ON Education Director

Introduction by Avis Ballard, JOM Coordinator, ON Education Department

The National Indian Education Association (NIEA) held their annual conference in Seattle, Washington on October 23-26, 2008. This year’s theme was “Crossroads- Pulling Together Our Indigenous Knowledge”. The director of the Osage Education Department, Cirillo (Butch) Marchesoni, attended the conference and learned many things about Indian Education.

I approached this conference with eager anticipation. I have been to many conferences over the years in education, as a teacher, and knew I would learn many new things and I was not disappointed. From the ceremonies, to the speeches, workshops and vendors everything was interesting and new to me. I realized very quickly that there were more tribes in the U.S. than I had ever imagined. They faced similar problems and struggled with similar needs and wants. I also understood that they also had unique problems and were there looking for ideas, answers and even sympathy. I met many people and discussed many issues, most like ours, but also listened to others talk of situations we avoid by being self-governed and forward thinking. My hat is off to our ON Executive Branch, ON Congress and tribal elders for working so hard to stay ahead of less fortunate tribes.

I was also fortunate enough to hear three outstanding speeches in the opening ceremonies of each day. Billy Frank Jr. stirred us with his speech about taking care of our natural resources and fishing and hunting rights. He stressed the importance of being stewards of our beautiful country and has long been an activist and says he will remain so as long as he is needed and still breathing. Bless him. Coach Dale Brown, the former coach of Shaquille O’Neal, spoke about drive, determination and the will to continue when things are not going so good. He also discussed pride, self-confidence and hard work and said failure is not an end, but just a stop along the way. He has been an advocate for the American Indian for years. He seemed very proud to speak to us and felt like he was one of us in spirit. Bless him as well. And last, but far from least, was the remarkable and very entertaining Sherman Alexie, the author of “The Lone Ranger and Tonto Fistfight in Heaven” and many other fascinating Indian novels. He regaled us with his life growing up on the “rez” and wanting an education so badly that he willingly left his home in order to attend a better school. He came to this decision, at twelve years old, when he received his own mother’s outdated English book at the reservation school he attended. Education became his dream and getting it became his ambition. He went to a nearby public school where he was not immediately accepted and dealt with racism before making friends. These experiences helped him to be the author he is today.

Seattle was beautiful and I was lucky to have been there during awesome weather and clear days. I will always remember how wonderful the view was from atop the Space Needle. I will also remember the many new friends, new experiences and new ideas I walked away with when I finally had to leave the conference and fly home.
On November 12, 2008 the Pawhuska JOM Program hosted a celebration at Pawhuska High School in honor of Native American Heritage Month. This annual tradition allows students of Pawhuska schools a chance to experience Native culture. The Osage Nation Johnson O’Malley Program (JOM) provides supplementary financial assistance for Native American students enrolled at any of the designated 12 public school systems within the reservation boundaries.

The Native American Day began with an invited guest speaker, Moses Brings Plenty, a six-foot tall striking man with dark brown, waist-length braids. Brings Plenty is a member of the Oglala Lakota Nation originally from the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation. He spoke to the students about Native pride, culture, and respect for each other while reminding the older students to set good examples for the younger generation. He also discussed his career in the entertainment industry as an actor, musician, model and motivational speaker. Some of his films include: Rez Bomb, Hidalgo, Pirates of the Caribbean and Thunderheart. The Pawhuska students really enjoyed his speech and asked him many questions about his acting career, future plans and long hair.

The day continued with Native American demonstration booths featuring finger weaving, roach-making, handgames and autographs by Brings Plenty. The students got up-close information about Native craftsmanship and traditions valued in tribal communities. It is important for them to gain knowledge and awareness of the rich Native American culture that shaped the community they live in today.

Pawhuska Native American Day ended with a small powwow and crowning of the new JOM princesses. About 75 Native students from Pawhuska, Hominy and Skiatook schools dressed in their traditional regalia and participated in the intertribal dance. The drum sang three exhibition songs for the students: a straight song with a tail showcased the young straight dancers, a fancy dance song for Skiatook JOM student Kingston Pipestem and a song for all the young lady dancers. Indian and non-Indian students alike also enjoyed the two-step led by Michaela White and Jamison Cass. The Pawhuska JOM Committee crowned three princesses: Michaela White, Dava Daylight and Eva Harden. These young ladies represent the Osage Nation JOM Program and community as examples of a thriving and dynamic culture.

Students of Pawhuska schools enjoyed the special event sponsored by the Pawhuska JOM Program. Pawhuska JOM President, Asa Cunningham, stated, “JOM works to promote the culture and traditions of Native Americans and their way of life.” The Lakota guest speaker, Osage demonstration booths and intertribal powwow brought to the school a cultural learning experience and celebration of Native heritage. The Pawhuska JOM Parent Committee appreciated the opportunity to host this annual event and hope to continue with it in the future.

For more information about the JOM program, please call Avis Ballard at (918) 287-5545 or (800) 390-6724.
ON Child Care Prevention
Client Recertification Time

By Jennifer Easley, ON Child Care Certification Officer

Hey, Osage Nation Child Care clients—here is a reminder that you will want to mark on your calendars.

Recertification for the Osage Nation Childcare Program clients will be mailed via Certified Mail Dec. 22, 2008 and are due back to our office no later than Friday, Jan. 23, 2009. This means you will have to physically sign for this letter at the post office. This recertification will be for child care assistance during the months of February-May 2009.

We will process and mail the decision letter and timesheets promptly so there will be no lapse in assistance. Also, remember we do not back date timesheets. Therefore, it is of the utmost importance to have your paperwork in on time. If there are any questions, call Jennifer Easley at (918) 287-5306 between the hours of 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.
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Congresswoman Edwards

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initiative do not pretend this is a perfect or comprehensive answer but we do know that it is a much needed start. And while the model is somewhat different than the Chickasaws, who allow their citizens to fill prescription drugs via mail at no cost, or the Citizen Potawatomi, who reimburse their citizens $1,000 annually for medical, health and wellness expenses, it is by no means a unique benefit among gaming Indian Nations, and one that can positively impact the health of all our members with just a little cooperative effort from the Congress and Executive officials.

Hoping that the squeaky wheel gets the Osage oil (or in this case, funding), I continue to write on this subject and urge our government officials to overcome what I believe are unfounded fears. Continue to push for “no excuses.” Our people can improve their health, can manage diabetes, can quit smoking and practice weight control, and must able to best care for our bodies and our minds, our infants and the elderly. And we must demand that this Nation spend even a fraction of its resources to help all Osages achieve their health goals.

A recent email from a constituent to Congress provides no empty promises, “I feel that if you don’t act on this [health benefit funding] bill it will be another travesty on our Nation by members of our own tribe. Finally we have the power and the monies to help all our members with health care throughout the United States. This will be the first time for many tribal members to receive anything from the tribe directly. If left unfunded, you will have hurt the reputation of our new government.” I agree, and believe that with positive reassurance from our people that change is welcome; fear of initiatives such as this can be overcome.

I wish you all a happy holiday season and good health in the coming year.
The Purpose and People of the Osage Nation Historic Preservation Office

By Dr. Andrea Hunter, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer and June Carpenter, NAGPRA Assistant

The mission of the Osage Nation Historic Preservation Office (ONHPO) is to preserve, maintain, and revitalize the culture and traditions of the Osage Nation. The ONHPO ensures the identification, protection, and preservation of archaeological and historic Osage sites and cultural resources within the boundaries of the Osage Nation Reservation and on lands throughout our ancestral homelands, which include Missouri, Kansas, and portions of Oklahoma, Arkansas, and Illinois. All prospective threats to Osage culture or the reservation's archaeological and historic resources receive coordinated responses through consultations, research, and investigations centered in the ONHPO.

The ONHPO is responsible for consultations, investigations, and planning efforts in relation to the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), the National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA), the Archaeological Resources Protection Act (ARPA), the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), in addition to state laws protecting human remains, and Osage laws concerning archaeological and heritage resources. Pursuant to the NHPA, the ONHPO is involved in projects conducted by federal agencies that may affect cultural properties. The ONHPO participates in the mandated procedures of NAGPRA to allow the identification and repatriation of objects sacred to the Osage Nation, the repatriation and reburial of ancestral Osage remains, and the protection of contemporary and ancestral burials.

Dr. Andrea A. Hunter, the Tribal Historic Preservation Officer, began working for the ONHPO in August 2007. The growing department now includes Bunnie Sullins, June Carpenter, Welana Fields, and Ethan Klumpp.

Bunnie Sullins began working as the Administrative/Field Assistant for the ONHPO on September 29th, 2008. She has been working for the Osage Nation for five years, beginning with the 31st Tribal Council, and then as the Administrative Secretary for the first Minerals Council. Bunnie was born and raised in Lynchburg, Virginia, but has lived in Oklahoma since 1981.

June Carpenter began working as the NAGPRA Assistant for the ONHPO on July 21st, 2008. June's family is from the Hominy District, but she was raised in Tulsa. She received a Bachelor of Science Degree from Tulane University and a Juris Doctorate from the OU College of Law. After being accepted to the Oklahoma Bar Association, June worked at the Philbrook Museum in Tulsa.

Welana A. Fields began an internship with the ONHPO June 2nd, 2008. She assists with oil and gas well-monitoring, NAGPRA cases, and department research. Welana is from the Hominy District. She returned to Oklahoma after living in Durango, Colorado for eight years. In January, Welana will return to school to complete her Bachelor of Arts Degree in Cultural Anthropology.

Ethan Klumpp will begin work December 4th, 2008 as the GIS/Computer Technician. Ethan is from Tulsa and is now a resident of Pawhuska. Ethan formerly was the owner of a computer consulting company and IT specialist in Tulsa. We welcome Ethan to the Historic Preservation Office.

In addition to our employees and contractors, the ONHPO solicits advice from the Traditional Cultural Advisors (TCA) who serve as an advisory review board for the department. The TCA is comprised of nine individuals who are knowledgeable of Osage traditions. There are three board members from each of the three reservation districts, Grayhorse, Hominy, and Pawhuska. The TCA advises and provides guidance to the ONHPO staff regarding:

1) NAGPRA issues — repatriation of and research on ancestral remains, sacred objects, objects of cultural patrimony, and funerary objects,
2) ARPA issues — decisions related to disturbance, destruction, and looting of ancestral lands, burial sites, archaeological sites, traditional cultural properties, and sacred sites, 4) National Register of Historic Place nominations, and 5) support of cultural activities throughout the reservation.

The TCA members from the Hominy District include Everett Waller, Alice Jake, and Carole Hutchins. Norma Osage Byrd and John Williams are currently the representatives for the Grayhorse District. The Pawhuska District is represented by Charles Red Corn and Anita West. Chief Gray is currently in the process of appointing members to fill the two board vacancies, one for Grayhorse and one for Pawhuska.

The ONHPO currently has one vacancy in the office and is actively seeking to fill the Archaeologist I position. We encourage individuals to visit the Osage Nation website job postings to view the requirements and application process. This position will remain open until filled. We also encourage those interested in learning more about the ONHPO and current activities to visit our Web page on the tribal Web site, http://www.osagetribe.com/historicpreservation/.

For more information, please contact the Osage Nation Historic Preservation Office, 627 Grandview, Pawhuska, OK 74056 or call (918) 287-5328. Our fax is (918) 287-5376.
**Happy 2nd Birthday!**

Jaydin Shaw’s family and friends celebrated his 2nd birthday Oct. 18 at the Osage Nation Cultural Center to the theme of his favorite TV show, *SpongeBob SquarePants*. Attendees feasted on starfish peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, macaroni and cheese, French fries, sand pail SpongeBob cake and his mother’s famous taco soup for the adults.

Jaydin is the son of Bates and Randa Shaw of Pawhuska and the older brother of Leighton Theodore Shaw; the grandson of Randy and Melissa Moore of Pawnee and Ed and Ruth Shaw of Pawhuska; the great grandson of Jerry and Beth Shaw of Wichita, KS. and George Shannon of Skiatook and the late Mary Agnes Wagoshe Shannon; the great grandson of the late Thomasine Moore and Theodore “Ted” Bravescout; and the great great grandson of the late Mary Osage Green and the late Homer and Cora Bates Shaw. Happy Birthday Jaydin, we love you.

**Happy 18th Birthday!**

Blake Ashley Sisk turned 18 years old on Oct. 5 in Westminster California with family and friends. She is the daughter of Robert and Margaret Sisk of Westminster; the granddaughter of George Shannon of Skiatook and the late Mary Agnes Wagoshe Shannon and Mary Tiblow Sisk (Shawnee/Delaware) of Skiatook and the late Steve Sisk.

**Robinson 2008 Valedictorian**

LAGUNA BEACH, CA – John Wesley Robinson graduated from Laguna Beach High School, California this past June and was the Class of 2008 valedictorian. During his address to the seniors, he spoke of the different paths in life he and his fellow graduates have chosen. There is the “path of least resistance that emphasizes good times with good friends; the path of pain and struggle resulting from poor choices; and the more solitary path of discipline and hard work that promises solid payback in the end.” As a student in high school in an advanced chemical research class and working in the laboratory during summer vacations at Concordia College, he found an interest in trying to make proteins from bacteria. He was the recipient for seven scholarship awards and is now pursuing a degree in biochemistry at Harvey Mudd College in Claremont, California. Robinson is an Eagle Scout and has held multiple leadership positions in the Wiatava Lodge of the Order of the Arrow. John Wes is the son of John and Laura Robinson of Laguna Beach, CA, and the grandson of Angela and the late Wesley Robinson of Pawhuska.

He is a member of the Osage, Kaw, and Blackfoot Indian Tribes.

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To the citizens of the Osage Nation

By William “Kugee” Supernaw, ON Congressman

On Oct. 8 an email was sent by the Executive Branch to all employees of the Nation, and others, that was a purely political letter intent on negatively influencing public opinion. It did not work. However, I was promised that I could respond to the letter using the same source. I did respond, but it was not circulated as promised.

Untrue statements were made about me and another member of Congress who I feel compelled to defend as well as others who voted for the amendment.

The email of October 8 is itself a breach of ethics and a violation of Osage law. That this could be done using the Nation’s resources, without reprimand, should be appalling to citizens. I did ask who authorized the letter and received no answer. But the lack of an answer is in itself an answer and, in my opinion, proof of the need of an independent press.

I have and will continue to push for a free and independent press. You are paying for a newspaper that will print the whole truth, you deserve the truth and you should demand the truth. The majority of Congress supports an independent and free press as evidenced by their vote to override the Chief’s veto of the Independent Press Act. Any fear of a free press, is further proof that one is needed.

The Independent Press Act was stopped by an Osage Trial Court decision. I am confident that decision will be overturned by the Osage Nation Supreme Court. That won’t happen until next spring and a lot of abuse can happen in the interim. Until then, I encourage you to insist on a professional and independent editorial board free of political influence.

You will know you have a free press:

- When all members of Congress regularly contribute articles
- When ideas are challenged with other ideas and attacks against people stop

Reproduced below is my response of Oct. 9, 2008 with updates.

A Sample of What We Have to Put Up With

Tomorrow we will vote on amendments to bills introduced in Congress. One of those bills is ONCA 08-30 Osage LLC Act. This is an Act to set up a board that will hire a CEO who it is hoped will look for opportunities to diversify by possibly starting businesses or investing in business opportunities.

The board will consist of five members. Three have been appointed by the Chief and confirmed by Congress. Two more are to be appointed. To my knowledge, the board had not met, but when they have a full board they will—to develop a budget for the LLC, get an operational plan approved and begin a search for a CEO. That search could take months and when a CEO is hired, it could take many more months for the CEO to select a suitable investment. Why would we want to tie up $3 million when we may never use it for the LLC?

The Act authorized a maximum of $3 million dollars but provided no appropriation. I introduced an amendment to appropriate $250,000 (Amended to $1 million) to get the board organized and to start the enterprise.

Within a few hours, the following letter was sent out by Executive Branch staff on the tribal email. We have inquired as to who authorized this type of attack using the assets of the Nation. We also asked if we use the same resources and public list to respond to the charges. I will let you know if we get an answer. (No answer received.)

The letter follows for your reading pleasure. I have answered each bullet of the original email in bold italics.

From: “Paula M. Stabler” pmstabler@osagetribe.org
To: “Paula M. Stabler” pmstabler@osagetribe.org
Subject: FW: Lobby for Support of LLC Appropriation
Date: Wed, 08 Oct 2008 19:03:39

SUPPORT THE ORIGINAL OSAGE LLC APPROPRIATION BILL
CALL TODAY—THE VOTE IS THURSDAY OCTOBER 9, 2008 AT 10 A.M.—CALL TODAY

Congressman Raymond Redcorn introduced an appropriation bill calling for the full authorized $3 million to begin Osage economic diversification through our Osage, LLC.

Congresspersons Supernaw and Andersen have introduced an amendment to reduce the initial capitalization investment in our Osage LLC from $3 million to $250,000, or one twelfth the original proposal.

Response: I offered the amendment. It was seconded by Anderson. All amendments are seconded and the second is not even recorded. Seconding is a Congressional courtesy, often necessary for discussion. Many times the second will vote against an amendment. You will see this is being written as if there is a sinister conspiracy, this is nonsense.

The Osage LLC was created to fulfill the promise to the Osage people that the Nation would separate politics from business. By underfunding the Osage LLC, the professional Board will have to return to Congress for approval of every business venture causing customers and business partners to go elsewhere to avoid our costly delays and unpredictable outcomes. This is par for the course in Supernaw and Andersen’s consistent attempts to micro-manage the businesses the Nation owns in spite of clear direction from the Osage people to the contrary.

Response: The letter is pure politics and nothing more. The board might have to come to Congress to fund the first enterprise. I’m confident that the board understands this. No individual member of Congress can micro-manage anything. All votes require a majority or more.

Section 1 of ONCA 08-30 defines the Congressional intent to enable Osage LLC to “enter into legally-binding contracts and commercial relationships without the need for formal Tribal Government action.” By reducing the capital budget of the company to a fraction of the

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Obituaries

Paul Anthony Pahsetopah
Paul Anthony Pahsetopah, 53, passed away Tuesday, November 4, 2008 in the St. Francis Medical Center, Tulsa, OK.
Paul was born February 18, 1955 in Claremore, Oklahoma, the son of Loren L. and Virgie (Reed) Pahsetopah. A veteran who had served in the US Marine Corps, Paul was a member of the Chickasaw and Osage Nations. In his spare time, he loved to hunt and fish. Paul was also known as a Native American artist.
Surviving family include: his father Loren Pahsetopah and wife Toni; his brothers and sisters; Lorina Wilkins, Teresa Pahsetopah, Christopher Pahsetopah, Mary Hynes, Monet Pahsetopah, Elaine Taylor, Gwynn Pahsetopah and Tully Smith; his half-brother; Billy Jack Harris; three children Anthony, Anita and Andrea Pahsetopah; two aunts; Diane Simmering and Jean Pahsetopah.
Seven grandchildren, numerous nieces, nephews and cousins, and a host of other family and friends. Paul was preceded in death by his mother, Virgie.
Rosary was recited Sunday, November 9, at 6:30 pm in the Indian Camp Chapel, Pawhuska. Traditional services were held Monday, November 10, at 8 am at the Chapel. Mass followed at 10 a.m. at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church of Pawhuska. Father Chris Daigle officiated. Interment was held at the Pahsetopah Family Cemetery located west of Pawhuska.
McCartney’s Johnson Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Norman James Stewart
Norman James Stewart, 76, died at his home on November 24, 2008 of natural causes.
Norman was born on August 31, 1932 in Ohio. Mr. Stewart was a five year resident of Owings Mills, MD, previously living five years each in Austin, Dallas, and College Station, TX.
Norman was a Geologist for the US Geological Survey. He was editor for an Ocean Drilling Program; Maps & Report Editor for USGS; Army Corp of Engineers; volunteer editor of the SPCA in Texas; member of the Osage Nation; past president of the Association of Earth Science Editors and had a BS in Geology from Oklahoma State University. He enjoyed crosswords, classical music, singing “Tenor,” wines, was an avid reader; football, soccer and volunteered at the Raven’s Stadium.
Norman’s survivors include his loving children, Howard Stewart of Pittsburg, PA; C. Matt Stewart of Owings Mills, MD; and Deanna Golsan of Dallas, TX; dear brother of Michael Stewart of Long island, NY and Eleanor Taylor of Enid, OK; loving Grandfather of ten and Great-Grandfather of four. Norman was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Mary Elizabeth (nee Elliott) Stewart; son, Scott Stewart; and parents, Lucille (nee Atkinson) and Noah James Stewart.
A Celebration of Life was held at the convenience of family at a later date. Arrangements were made by the family owned Kirkley-Ruddick Funeral Home, P.A. in Glen Burnie, MD.

Guillen Selected 2008 Lil’ Miss Christmas
The family of Marina Guillen would like to congratulate her on being Lil Miss Christmas 2008 in the Pawhuska City of Lights Parade.
Marina is the daughter of Adrienne and Brandon Summers, of Pawhuska, and Pablo Guillen of San Luis, Mexico, and the granddaughter of Bill and Edwina Lynn. She attends Pawhuska Elementary School and is in Mrs. Culver’s kindergarten class. She enjoys playing T-Ball and soccer.
authorized amount, the original intent of the Congress will be defeated.

Response: The original intent of Congress was to have a board that operates independently without the interference of the Executive Branch. I'm confident that deals will be funded as needed and nothing has been changed to alter the authority of the board.

One twelfth of the originally proposed appropriation is inadequate because in today’s economy “cash is king,” meaning credit is very difficult to come by; especially for start-ups.

Response: We agree that cash is king and fortunately the Nation has some now. We hope Congress and the LLC Board will protect it and use it wisely.

One twelfth of the originally proposed appropriation is inadequate because Supernaw has introduced a resolution to study per capita payments that could lead to directly competing against future capital from the Tribe, crippling our ability to conduct business.

Response: I submit this statement is pretty silly. A per capita payment study is to avoid anything like a direct competition. It is those who do not do a study that sometimes cripple themselves.

One twelfth of the originally proposed appropriation is a recipe for failure, unless your sights are set on running small retail operations in direct competition with Osage entrepreneurs on the reservation.

Response: Keep this statement in mind because there are indications that the Executive Branch has already approached the new board to do this very thing by taking over the money losing Gift Shop and the Palace Grocery. Certainly not what the Congress envisioned. Our vision was businesses with the potential of growing in to major corporations.

Say NO to Congresspersons Supernaw and Andersen’s arbitrary one twelfth formula, and demand full funding for our LLC.

Response: If anything is arbitrary, it is the $3 million dollar figure. This figure was totally grabbed out of the air.

Say NO to Congresspersons Supernaw and Andersen’s arbitrary one twelfth formula, and demand Congress fulfill its promise to the Osage people to separate business from politics.

Response: If anyone is playing politics it is the Executive Branch and avoiding that is the main idea of the LLC legislation.

Call and email the Osage Congress now to voice your outrage at their anti-Osage proposed amendment.

Response: Call and email the Executive Branch now to voice your outrage at their anti-Congress, anti-Osage rhetoric!

CALL TODAY—THE VOTE IS THURSDAY OCTOBER 9, 2008 AT 10 A.M.—CALL TODAY (Editor’s Note: end of email).

Although the vote has already occurred, I thought you should hear another point of view. I hope this will be printed in the Osage News—the letter of Oct. 8 was already circulated at tribal expense and no reply has been allowed.

On October 9, I submitted an amendment to increase the amount to $1 million dollars and this is the amount that was approved by Congress. Thanks for your support!

Merry Christmas from the Osage Nation Minerals Council
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