Jeri Red Corn’s ‘Intertwining Scrolls’ picked to grace Oval Office

Four Native American artists’ artworks picked by Obama family for White House

By Shannon Shaw
Osage News

Jeri Red Corn is among the 47 artists chosen by the Obama family to have their artworks displayed in the White House. Red Corn’s pot “Intertwining Scrolls” will grace the Oval Office.

“At first I couldn’t think of anything when I found out and then I was just so excited,” Red Corn, 69, said. “When I got off the phone I went running through the house yelling, ‘I can’t believe this, this is heaven!’”

“Later I got to thinking of the significance of it all, that it’s [in the Oval Office] and how many people will see it and that is truly, truly satisfying,” Red Corn said.

The First Couple worked with White House curators who to select works of art on loan from museums across the country. Red Corn’s pot came from the Smithsonian’s National Museum of the American Indian where it had been displayed since 2004. It joins 47 works that include three other Native American ceramists, including the late Maria Martinez of San Ildefonso Pueblo, one abstract painting and 12 paintings depicting Native Americans by the 19th-century ethnographic artist George Catlin.

According to an article by the Washington Post, White House curator William Allman speaks of the Obamas’ borrowings as expressing “probably more interest in truly modern art” than was seen in previous administrations.

Red Corn, Caddo and Citizen Potawatomi, couldn’t agree more.

Health benefit card applications to be mailed out next month

By Shannon Shaw
Osage News

Applications for the $500 health benefit card are scheduled to be mailed out by Mutual Assurance Administrators, Inc., next month.
Pawhuska IHS clinic scheduled to receive H1N1 vaccine at the end of the month

By Shannon Shaw
Osage News

U.S. health officials say that doctor’s offices across the country could be receiving the H1N1 swine flu vaccine as early as Oct. 5. However, the arrival date is unknown for the vaccine to reach the hundreds of Indian Health Service facilities, including the IHS Pawhuska clinic.

“We haven’t been told how many vaccines we’re going to get in the state but we’ve been told that everyone’s going to get one,” said Ken Cadaret, director of field operations for the immunization service for the Oklahoma State Department of Health. “We’ve been told that Oklahoma is to receive 1.8 million doses, and they’re designating as to how to distribute them.”

The state is ordering the H1N1 vaccine Sept. 30 and expects to have the vaccine no later than that following week, Cadaret said. OSDH will then distribute the vaccine to counties, county health departments, and providers that show the greatest need. The initial shipment will be the nasal mist, with the injectable vaccine to arrive in mid-October.

“We’re looking at counties, looking at the numbers of high risk groups, coming up with a percentage,” Cadaret said. “For example, if there is more pregnant women in one county versus another then we’re going to give it to that county, that’s how we’re approaching it statewide.”

The Pawhuska Indian Health Service clinic is on that list to receive the vaccine, said Julie Erb-Alvarez, epidemiologist for the Oklahoma City Area Office for Indian Health Service. She and her team have been coordinating with the OSDH to make sure that as soon as it’s available IHS facilities all over the state will get the vaccine.

“Exact delivery dates, quantities and breakdown is not yet known although estimates of high risk and total population have been given to the OSDH Immunization Service,” she wrote in an e-mail. “Weekly influenza updates are sent out by the IHS Area Epidemiologist each Fri-

At-risk populations include children under age two, people over the age of 65, pregnant women, people with chronic health problems and children under the age of 19 receiving long-term aspirin therapy, because of increased risk of Reye syndrome.

Swine flu on Osage campus
Employees of the Osage Nation have been asked to stay home from work if they are showing flu-like symptoms, which include a fever, sore throat and a cough.

“The employees, during this time, they need to get informed of the dangers of swine flu and take extra precautions,” said Osage Nation Principal Chief Jim Gray in a telephone interview Friday from his home. “Keep your desk clean, wash your hands, for more information refer them to Marie Rumsey [director of the Nation’s Clinical/Medical Department].”

Gray, along with others that work on the Nation’s campus, has been diagnosed with H1N1. Because of the illness, Gray was unable to make the opening remarks at Friday’s U.S. Senate on Indian Affairs Roundtable at the Osage Million Dollar Elm Event Center in Tulsa.

Approximately 300 people work on the main tribal campus and an all-employee meeting is scheduled for 1 p.m. Wednesday to educate employees on how to prevent the illness, as well as educate those that may have to take care of someone with the flu.

Currently the IHS clinic in Pawhuska has no confirmed swine flu cases but the clinic isn’t testing for the illness because the test is expensive to administer and the treatment for swine flu and the seasonal flu are the same, Rumsey said.

“Swine flu is a Type A flu,” Rumsey said. “They’re assuming it’s swine if you test positive for any flu right now.”

For more information about the H1N1 swine flu or to inquire when the Pawhuska IHS clinic has the vaccine, contact the Clinical/Medical Service department at (918) 287-5525.

Editor’s Note: This story was published on www.osagenews.org on Sept. 28. By the time the Osage News went to print on Oct. 14 the Pawhuska IHS clinic had not received the vaccine yet.
Rally draws protests and concerns over tribal scholarships

By Benny Polacca
Osage News

Dozens of Osages, including college students, expressed concern and disappointment over the recent events surrounding the delay in scholarship funds being awarded to the recipients at an Oct. 11 rally in Pawhuska.

Sheryl Hill, a Pawnee Nation College student, spearheaded the rally after she did not receive the remainder of her $3,500 scholarship once her books and tuition were paid and the story behind the scholarship disbursements started unfolding last month through student complaints and congressional committee meetings seeking details on the situation.

Hill told the 40-plus attendees that officials within the Executive Branch “broke a treaty” when the scholarship funds were withheld. She said the treaty agreement was broken because those qualified scholarship recipients who turned in their completed application materials on time did not receive their monies even though the Education Department mailed letters of intent to the schools’ bursar’s offices.

Executive Branch and Education Department officials said the department restructured “how funds are distributed, and what systems are in place to promote accountability in the expenditure of those funds” during congressional meetings last month to make sure students are spending the excess money for room and board, and not spending it irresponsibly. The students must fill out additional applications to receive the remainder of their monies for room and board, and for supplies.

But the new application process has not helped all of this year’s 717 tribal scholarship recipients.

Matthew Shunkamolah returned to New Mexico State University to earn a master’s degree, where he earned his bachelor’s, and hoped the $3,500 scholarship he was awarded from the Nation would help pay for this semester’s expenses because a student loan didn’t work out. Shunkamolah said the paperwork hassles left him making a tough decision just over a month after classes and exams started.

“It didn’t work out so I had to drop out of school because I have car payments like everyone else, I’m an adult and have bills to take care of,” Shunkamolah, 29, said. “It was just a big embarrassment and a defeat for myself,” he said adding he moved back in with his parents.

Shunkamolah said he will support a petition being circulated by Hill calling for action to the situation. The petition was 10 pages long at the time of the rally, but is subject to change pending feedback from interested people. “I want to hear what everyone has to say,” Hill said.

In the petition, Hill wrote: “It is time for a Education Bill to be written and passed into law, to prevent such a travesty from ever occurring again, by the officials that we, the entire Osage Nation, have placed into office by election, or employees of the Osage Nation appointed to a position, by the individual, or group of individuals, that we, as a Nation, have elected into office.”

Parents and grandparents of students also attended and spoke discussing hardships placed on them because of the scholarship situation because some are helping the students cover the remaining fees and expenses with their own money.

“You just don’t do this to your people,” Hill said, adding she will give government officials time to take action because Principal Chief Jim Gray, who is in charge of the Executive Branch, was on the multi-purpose France delegation trip at the time of the rally. The petition asks government officials for a reply by Oct. 30.

Joe Shunkamolah, who attended the rally in Wakon Iron Hall with his son Matthew Shunkamolah, suggested another gathering be held up on the hill at the government campus and ask the chief to speak with them.

See RALLY DRAWS PROTEST
—Continued on Page 24
Caddo pottery is different and I’m glad they did that recognition, that these are exciting designs, modernistic,” Red Corn said. “Although they’re old, they’re good.”

Red Corn’s clay pot “Intertwining Scrolls” is a replica of a 500-year-old Caddo clay pot with swirling, geometric designs, hand-etched into the clay. Red Corn, who tried to stay as true to how the Caddo would have done their pottery 500 years ago, etched the designs using sharp metal tools and sometimes bone. Instead of using a kiln, a modern potter’s way of firing their pot, she built a fire and fired the pot inside of it. Once the pot was set, she rubbed red clay into the designs to make the pattern stand out from the black pot.

“[Pottery] was something that I just fell into,” Red Corn said. “I started loving it and started thinking, [Caddos] as a tribe, need to do more to get this art going and re-

vise it...but art is difficult. I’m not saying it’s not fun to do but this particular art is not quick, it really takes time. Everything is hand detailed, hand coiled, wood fired, it’s not as technically quick as a kiln. A lot of experimentation, a lot of failures and success.”

—Jeri Red Corn

Her husband of 46 years, Osage author Charles Red Corn, never expected this for his wife but is happy to know that all of her hard work has paid off. He said that when she first came to him to let him know she wanted to study ceramics, especially Caddo designs, he thought it was a good idea and that the story of how the Caddo had to give up their art due to the harsh conditions of Removal, he knew it would be something his wife would cherish.

“I think she’s earned the honor and her heart is in her artwork and it’s good for me to watch her be rewarded for what she accomplished,” Charles Red Corn said. “During the last 15 years, there were times when she didn’t know exactly what she was pursuing but there was a drive there and she kept after it and now people are saying she pursued something, she reached it and it was very worthwhile.”

Red Corn, who works out of her home in Norman, sells most of her work to collectors and travels to art shows in her spare time. Her work can be seen in Tribes 131 Fine Arts & Gifts in Norman, the Smithsonian and the George Gustav Heye Museum in New York City. She won first place in pottery recently at the Southeast Art Show and Market hosted by the Chickasaw Nation.

Red Corn was told that her pot will be placed to President Barack Obama’s left, toward the front of the room when he is sitting at his presidential desk. The pot probably won’t be visible in official photographs of the president but it will be something he sees every day.

“I’m sure this means a lot to Native people to have these pieces of art chosen [by the Obama family],” Red Corn said. “Reaching out and including another group of people, a new direction.... We are getting recognized after years of not being included, being almost an afterthought.”
Must have Osage Nation membership card to receive benefit

“We’re hoping the applications are going to be mailed out in November to allow some time, because the way the law is written it has to work on a calendar year,” said Hepsi Barnett, Osage Nation Chief of Staff. “Mutual Assurance [Administrators] will be mailing those applications prior to January so we can have everything ready to go by January, that’s the goal.”

All Osages, regardless of age, are eligible for the $500 health benefit card as long as they have an Osage Nation membership card, not to be confused with a CDIB card, which is a certificate of degree of Indian blood.

Currently the Osage Nation has 17,971 active CDIB holders and 11,109 active membership card holders, according to the Nation’s CDIB office. Having a membership card gives a person access to all the benefits the Nation provides such as the $500 health benefit card and Osage Nation scholarships. A CDIB card is issued by the Bureau of Indian Affairs and states how much Osage blood a person has.

Applications for the health benefit card must be filled out and mailed back to Mutual Assurance Administrators, not the Nation.

Osages that apply for the health benefit will receive a coded debit card that allows payment for all items that the Internal Revenue Service considers tax-deductible medical expenses. The debit card covers most medical expenses except for abortions, which Congress declined to fund.

Some of the items on the IRS-approved list includes eyeglasses, dentures, braces, wheelchairs, alcoholism treatment, insulin treatment, surgery (except cosmetic procedures), hearing aids, medical transportation expenses, prescription costs, some over-the-counter drug costs, vaccines, X-rays, home repair if medically needed and other items. Reimbursement for eligible medical expenses will also be available.

Osages must spend the entire $500 by the end of the calendar year—there is no carryover of unspent funds to the next year. However, Osages can reapply for subsequent years as long as funding is available.

The Osage Nation Congress passed the $5.1 million health benefit plan that will provide Osages everywhere with a $500 medical debit card in the 2008 Tzi-Zho session. Applications will be accepted throughout the calendar year.

For more information on how to apply for an Osage Nation membership card visit the Nation’s CDIB Office Web site at www.osagetribe.com/cdib and click on the Welcome to Membership link and it will take you to an application for the membership card. If for some reason the link doesn’t work, all interested applicants can call the CDIB office at (918) 287-5389.

For more information about the $500 health benefit card, call Constituent Services at (918) 287-5662. To view a complete list of medical benefits an individual can use the health benefit card for look in the September edition of the Osage News or visit the Osage News Web site at www.osagenews.org.
Osage photographer shoots for celebs and Native causes

By Benny Polacca
Osage News

Anthony “Thosh” Collins started shooting photography as a teenager growing up in the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community east of Phoenix before dancing his way onto the big screen then returning to work with a camera.

“I want my photography to always have a message about something,” Collins said in a phone interview from Los Angeles where he now lives. The same goes for Native people in a positive light to counter bad stereotypes, he added.

The 27-year-old has Osage, Pima and Seneca-Cayuga tribal heritage and has scored shooting gigs with celebrities and Native American organizations and causes. His nickname, “Thosh” comes from the Pima word for “day” or “sun.”

Collins’s work has been published in magazines such as Life&Style, US Weekly, the Santa Fean magazine and New Mexico Magazine. He has also shot images for Native-affiliated organizations.

Indigenous celebrities who have had their pictures shot by Collins are film and TV actor Adam Beach and Alex Meraz who appeared in this year’s film, “The Twilight Saga: New Moon.” Collins, himself, also appeared before the camera lens as an extra in the 2005 film “The New World” which focused on the clash of Natives and white settlers in the 17th century.

Collins shot a spread of Meraz photos which will appear in the fall edition of the National Museum of the American Indian’s magazine. His work also appears in galleries and their Web sites including that of King Galleries in Scottsdale, Ariz.

Collins started shooting photos as a teenager and studied photography at the San Francisco Art Institute in the early 2000s before moving to Los Angeles. He is also a dancer and performed contemporary Native and hip-hop dances with a street dance company before focusing on photography full-time.

Shooting gigs for Native-affiliated projects also keep Collins busy. He shot promotional photos of Beach, who is First Nations Canadian, when Beach hosted the National Aboriginal Achievement Awards Foundation in Canada last year.

He believes working with Native organizations helps “to create a positive image of Indian people,” which is demonstrated in his workshops targeting younger people interested in picking up a camera too.

Collins has conducted photography workshops with children during the NVision media training events for children and came to the Pawhuska event earlier this year. “We’ll go out and shoot images and do a slideshow,” he said of his classes.

“I give them a theme like ‘respecting elders and peers,’” and the students go out with their cameras and shoot images with those words in mind, he said.

Collins is enrolled with the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community where his father is from. His mother is Osage and his grandfather is Andrew Turley and his great-grandparents were Brian and Mary Turley.

All photos courtesy of Anthony Collins
These photos were shot by Los Angeles-based photographer Anthony Collins. He is of Osage, Salt River Pima and Seneca-Cayuga tribal heritage. The photo on page nine is of Native actor Adam Beach.
“I want my photography to always have a message about something.”

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

This exhibit will be permanent and needs to contain 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.

---

**Editorial Council member plans return to Washington Post**

McAuliffe accepts job as overnight news editor

By Richard Prince
Special to Osage News

Denny McAuliffe, who created and directs the Reznet journalism training program for Native American college students, is leaving the University of Montana-based project to return to The Washington Post, where he worked for nearly 16 years.

“Never in a million years did I think this would happen,” McAuliffe said via email.

He wrote to colleagues and former Reznet students, “It comes at a perfect time for us — we’re now empty nesters.” He said he and his wife, Fleur, wanted to live closer to their grandchildren in North Carolina, including twins Ella and Davis Getz born Oct. 2.

See McAuliffe Returns —Continued on Page 14

---

**OSAGE TRIBAL MUSEUM**

**World War I Exhibit**

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

This exhibit will be permanent and needs to contain the best and highest quality photographs available. Please help us construct this exhibit to honor our Osages who served the United States and the Osage Nation in WWI.

---

**Osage News**

The Foundation board, which is responsible for the Nation’s non-profit foundation, was confirmed by the Osage Nation Congress Oct. 2.

They are Katsy Mullendore Whittenburg, Monte Boulanger, Bill Kurtis and Alex Skibine. Nancy Pillsbury Shirley was rejected by secret ballot.

Not all members of Congress were ready for the board’s confirmation.

“Bringing forward this vote [on the board’s confirmation] is a little untimely... these people that are going to be on this board are going to affect a lot of people,” said Osage Nation Congressman Eddy Red Eagle during the Oct. 2 congressional session. “We as a Congress need a little more insight as to their vision they have for our Nation.”

“They are all highly qualified, world-class people and I don’t want to take anything away from them,” Red Eagle said.

Shirley is currently president of the Pillsbury Marketing Company. She has served in senior positions on both the Ed & Harriet Pillsbury Foundation and the Harriet Pillsbury Foundation. She is a supporter of the Osage Tribal Museum.

Osage Nation Principal Chief Jim Gray will appoint a fifth nominee for the Foundation Board during the interim period between congressional sessions.

The Foundation Board members are:

- **Whittenburg**, Osage, owns one of the largest historic ranches on the Osage reservation. She serves on the boards of the Woolaroc Frank Phillips Foundation Trustee, the River Oaks Bank in Houston, TX, the Houston Museum of Fine Arts, the American Quarter Horse Association of Amarillo and she is the host of the largest fundraiser for Eldercare of Washington and Nowata counties.

- **Boulanger**, Osage, is the Senior Operations Manager in Bentonville, Ark., for Wal-Mart’s Credit Card and Financial services for the Western United States. He is also the chairman of Tribal Voices and American Indian and Alaska Native Resource Group which advises Wal-Mart on how to appeal to consumers on a cultural and community basis.

- **Kurtis** is the current host of the A&E channel’s “Investigative Reports,” “American Justice” and “Cold Case Files.” He is a former CBS News anchor with more than 30 years of experience in journalism and two Peabody Awards. He also serves on foundation boards

See FOUNDATION BOARD —Continued on Page 26
Election board confirmed
Principal Chief Jim Gray vetoes an amendment requiring a Primary Election

By Shannon Shaw
Osage News

The Osage Nation Congress confirmed the Election Board and one alternate Sept. 25 in congressional session for the upcoming June 2010 elections. The second alternate, Martha Spotted Bear, was rejected by Congress.

“We’re all very shocked and, you know, disappointed,” said Election Board Chairwoman, Sarah Oberly, about Spotted Bear’s rejection by secret ballot. “There was no reason given, we’re a little baffled.”

Confirmed board members are Sarah Oberly, Walter Hopper Jr., Dr. Joe Conner and alternate Shannon Pease Lockett. The Election Board was appointed by Principal Chief Jim Gray in July that originally had Julie Wilson and Judy Neff on the board. Neff and Wilson both resigned shortly after their nomination and were replaced by Conner and Spotted Bear.

In the Principal Chief’s Daily Message on the Nation’s Web site, Gray said he was disappointed that Congress chose to reject Spotted Bear by secret ballot and that he was thankful for the time that she did serve.

“It is also deeply disappointing that Congress chose to reject my appointee using the secret ballot, because the voters, especially the swing vote, have to be accountable for their decision,” Gray wrote in his Sept. 23 message. “By choosing the secret ballot now all Congress members [except Speaker Archie Mason who was absent] can claim they voted for the rejected candidate and avoid having to explain to the people their rationale for their vote.”

Spotted Bear worked for the Osage Nation’s Head Starts in Hominy and then in Pawhuska for more than 30 years. She has served on cultural committees around Indian Country and Gray said she would have been “a great asset and advisor as an alternate to the Election Board; understanding the cultural side of treating people with firmness, fairness and kindness during events such as Osage elections.”

Principal Chief Jim Gray vetoes an amendment requiring a Primary Election

An amendment requiring a Primary Election for the offices of Principal Chief and Assistant Chief was vetoed by Principal Chief Jim Gray on Oct. 5.

The amendment, sponsored by Congresswoman Faren Revard Anderson, would have narrowed down the candidates for Principal Chief and Assistant Chief to two per office for the general election in June.

A second bill sponsored by Anderson, was the Election Campaign Act that would have required all candidates seeking office to report all campaign contributions over $100.

See ELECTION BOARD
—Continued on Page 14
Delegation of authority questioned when Chief Gray visited France

By Shannon Shaw
Osage News

A question as to who was in charge while Osage Nation Principal Chief Jim Gray was in France for nine days has caused discussion among tribal officials and tribal members.

“There was no briefing before he left, he didn’t say anything as to his plans of how he was going to run the Nation while he was out of the country,” said Osage Nation Assistant Principal Chief John Red Eagle. “In my opinion, I was elected by the Osage people, the Chief of Staff [Hepsi Barnett] was not elected by the people nor was [Gray’s] staff.”

The question came to a head when two congressional bills were delivered for Gray to sign into law Oct. 8. Since Gray didn’t return until Oct. 15 the two bills were subject to pocket veto because they were not signed within five days upon delivery.

Red Eagle, who said he should’ve been acting Chief when Gray was out of the country, requested that staff attorney Tosha Ballard show him the bills. Ballard denied the request. The two bills were ONCA 09-44 the Osage Nation Time Calculations Act and ONCA 09-50 an act to amend the Anti-Alienation Act.

“I didn’t ask [Ballard] to bring them to me to sign them into law, I asked her to bring them to me to look at them,” Red Eagle said. “She disobeyed a direct order.”

Ballard could not be reached for comment.

After Red Eagle was denied the request, a memorandum was sent out Oct. 9 to all Osage Nation employees, the Osage Nation Congress, all boards and commissions and Executive Branch staff that said while Gray is out of the country he is still the Principal Chief and he would run the Nation from France.

“Temporary absence means temporary absence from his position, not temporary absence from Pawhuska,” said Hepsi Barnett, Chief of Staff. “If he were to be in the hospital and was unable to perform his duties than that qualifies as a temporary absence . . . If President [Barack] Obama leaves the country he doesn’t cease to be the president, does he?”

Gray was leading a delegation in France representing the Nation at commemorative events in Montauban that celebrated the French-Osage relationship that began in 1829 when the people of Montauban helped stranded Osages return home, wrote Gray in his Daily Message Oct. 3. Twenty years ago the people of Montauban reached out to the Osage to help them revive their culture since the Osage was doing it so successfully, he said. Osage dancers, singers and the Osage princesses were part of the delegation in France as well as some of Gray’s staff.

“Our government team is on an exploratory mission to expand opportunities for economic development, tourism, and possibly education—which has many special nuances in France,” Gray wrote in his Oct. 3 message. “We have arranged meeting with French companies with global reach in the field of energy and aerospace, who are seeking to expand in the United States.”

According to the Osage Nation constitution in Article VII, section seven, the Assistant Chief shall serve in the “temporary absence” of the Chief as Acting Chief and will have all the privileges, duties and powers of the Chief. The constitution does not define what qualifies as a “temporary absence.”

“There appears to be some confusion,” Gray wrote in the memo. “In the very unlikely event that I deem it necessary to be temporarily absent and thereby unable to perform my official duties and responsibilities, I shall expressly delegate, in writing and for a designated period of time, my power and authority as Principal Chief to the Assistant Principal Chief.”

“If anyone should need to contact me on government business while I am away from Pawhuska, I am available and in regular daily contact with my staff by e-mail, fax and phone,” Gray said.

Gray issued two veto messages from France on Oct. 7 and Oct. 8. One for the act that would require a Primary Election and the other for the Open Records Act.

Red Eagle is not satisfied with the memorandum Gray issued and doesn’t know what course he is going to take. Red Eagle said that if something would have happened or a disaster were to happen within the Nation’s boundaries when Gray was away, someone had to deal with it and he believes it should have been the Assistant Chief and not one of Gray’s staff.

“We’re supposed to work together to run this Nation,” Red Eagle said. “If I’m not in charge in his absence then we need to define absence because my definition of absence is obviously different from his.”

Congressman Raymond Red Corn wrote in his e-mail message to tribal members on Oct. 9 that he believes a delegation of authority is not done with a memo and that Congress will have to define “temporary absence.”

“With no disrespect, I believe [Gray] ‘deemed it necessary to be temporarily absent’ when he boarded the plane for a 9-day trip across the Atlantic,” Red Corn wrote. “That is not an ‘unlikely event,’ that is a current event . . . In this instance the constitutional powers of the Assistant Principal Chief have been diminished by constitutional amendment, but by a one page memo.”
Chief Gray vetoes emergency appropriations bill for Executive Branch operations

—Congress overrides the veto, finishing 2010 budgets in special session

By Benny Polacca
Osage News

The Osage Nation Congress overrode a veto by Principal Chief Jim Gray of a bill that authorized emergency appropriations for the Nation’s government to continue operating on 2009 levels this month because the 100-plus budgets that make up the Executive Branch are still in congressional committees.

The 2009 fiscal year ended Sept. 30, but Congress overrode Gray’s veto by majority vote two days earlier and is meeting this month in special session to finish setting the Executive Branch’s 2010 budget.

Gray issued his written veto message of ONCA bill No. 09-61 on Sept. 26 stating he believed “Congress can complete their work (on the 2010 budget) in the time remaining if motivated to do so. Therefore, I believe that this bill is unnecessary and warrants a veto.”

On Sept. 28, Congress, which is holding committee meetings with the Nation’s government departments as part of the appropriations process, overrode the veto with a 10-2 vote.

“We’re still in the process, but we’re running out of time,” Congress Speaker Archie Mason said Sept. 30. “We wanted to keep the government at the Nation afloat in moving forward.”

The 2009 Tzi-Zho Session ended Oct. 8 with congressional select and standing committees still meeting with department officials and requesting additional information on their proposed 2010 budgets, if needed.

Congress reconvened Oct. 13 for their 20th Special Session which is slated to run until Oct. 23.

Under ONCA 09-61, sponsored by Faren Revard Anderson, Congress “authorizes and appropriates the funds necessary to continue the operations of the [Nation’s] government” at the appropriation rates set for the 2009 budget. The emergency appropriations will be made available until Nov. 1 or when Congress passes the Executive Branch’s budget, whichever occurs first.

“There’s always that possibility,” Mason said of Gray’s veto. “But for us, it’s going to be very difficult until we get all expenditure requests” and other documents related to the proposed 2010 budget.

Gray referred to his written veto message for comment to this story, said Julia Lookout, special assistant to the chief. This is the first veto issued by Gray’s office during the 2009 Tzi-Zho Session.

In his veto message, Gray noted the ONCA 09-61 bill was passed by Congress on Sept. 17 and the 2010 budgets for the Nation’s Judicial and Legislative branches were passed less than a week later. He wrote he believes “this to be an unnecessary display of the equal treatment applied to the appropriation process among the three branches of the Osage Nation.”

“Neither bill received the same level of scrutiny or cuts as the Executive Branch appropriation bills,” he wrote. Gray also said the Executive Branch’s budget “was delivered to Congress and filed as a bill in the same time frame as the Judicial Branch budget and before the Legislative Branch budget was delivered and filed as a bill.”

Both the Legislative and Judicial Branch’s budgets are two pages each while the Executive Branch’s budgets take up two four-ringed binders, according to Congressman Raymond Red Corn’s e-mailed Updates newsletter.

Mason said not all of the needed budget information from the Executive Branch arrived in time for the appropriations process, which has resulted in delays of department budget approval recommendations. “We’re handicapped on our side because we don’t have all the pieces of the puzzle to look at,” he said, adding Congress passed

See APPROPRIATIONS VETO
—Continued on Page 14
McAuliffe said his new job should not interfere with his ability to serve on the editorial advisory council of the Osage News.

The Post said it had offered McAuliffe the job of overnight news editor and was waiting for the t’s to be crossed and i’s to be dotted before the hiring becomes official. He is scheduled to start work Oct. 21.

McAuliffe has been at the University of Montana since 1999.

The foundation-funded Reznet program (reznetnews.org), now in its eighth year, hires Native journalism students around the country as print and multimedia reporters. They use the experience—and mentoring by professional editors—to gain internships and jobs at news organizations.

For his work on Reznet, McAuliffe, 59, won the 2005 Barry Bingham Sr. Fellowship from the National Conference of Editorial Writers, presented annually to a journalism educator who has worked to increase diversity in the news business.

—Continued from Page 10

Peggy Kuhr, dean of the School of Journalism, said Montana planned to fill the Reznet position on an interim basis and conduct a national search. The winning candidate will have journalistic credibility, a proven fundraising record and be familiar with Native American issues in journalism.

The salary will be competitive, she said. While the position is considered part of the faculty, sometimes McAuliffe taught and sometimes he did not, she said.

“This is the kind of thing that the president of the university on down has supported. It’s the kind of opportunity to take the project to the next level,” Kuhr said, citing the school’s new Native American Center, opening in the next year, as an added attraction.

Editor's Note: Richard Prince published a version of this story Sept. 23 in his online column, "Journal-isms.” It is used with permission.

ELECTION BOARD

—Continued from Page 11

$200. The bill also gave limits to how much a person can donate to each campaign, but not a limit to how much a person can raise. Anderson withdrew the bill during the Tzi-Zho session but did not reintroduce it in the 20th Special Session by the time the Osage News went to press on Oct. 14.

Gray wrote in his Sept. 23 Daily Message that by adding on a primary election and new laws about campaign contributions with seven months to go before the primary would be held wasn’t enough time for the board and its staff and could overwhelm them.

“Why are we subjecting our people to this complicated and dragged-out process? Do we thrive on arcane rules and never-ending search for control over candidates and individuals?” Gray wrote. “Let’s not have the tortured processes designed by the most rule-loving members of the Congress spill out across our people, and seep into their lives as they attempt to participate in one of the most fundamental rights we have; the right to vote.”

Congresswoman Anderson did not return phone calls or e-mail requests for comment for this article.

APPROPRIATIONS VETO

—Continued from Page 13

the budgets for the Legislative and Judicial branches sooner because they had all the needed information.

Congressman William “Kugee” Supernaw wrote in his Sept. 28 Notes to the Nation newsletter “it became obvious a few weeks ago that due to the Executive Branch failure to deliver the necessary documentation, Congress would not be able to complete the budgets before Oct. 1.”

“The emergency funding bill provides money to continue operations for one month. That should give us ample time to examine and approve all the budgets,” Supernaw wrote in his newsletter which reported the 10-2 veto override vote with Congresswomen Shannon Edwards and Debra Atterberry voting against.

“What we do is oversee how these monies are spent appropriately so that when [the 2011 fiscal year] comes around, the Congress has information to make a decision on that year’s budgets, Mason said in describing the appropriation process. “You have to show and measure that you had success.”
U.S. Senate Committee on Indian Affairs holds energy discussion in Tulsa

By Benny Polacca
Osage News

TULSA, Okla. — The U.S. Senate Committee on Indian Affairs is seeking input from Indian Country regarding energy resource development through roundtable discussions with tribes nationwide and conducted a Sept. 25 session here at the Million Dollar Elm Casino’s Osage Event Center.

The committee is interested in creating legislation that will address Indian energy development and is requesting input from tribal members. A document titled “Indian Energy and Energy Efficiency Concept Paper” was released last month and is being used as a starting point in discussing energy concept ideas with Native people.

“We would like some feedback because there are stakeholders in this process,” said Justin Memmott, one of two attorneys for the committee leading the roundtables across the country. The roundtables held nationwide are beneficial because of the diversity in tribes and energy resources, he said.

The Osage Nation hosted one of the events while others have been held in Bismarck, N.D., Albuquerque, N.M., Palm Springs, Calif., and Denver. Issues raised at the Tulsa meeting touched on oil/gas regulations, water use and the Bureau of Indian Affairs’ involvement in energy matters.

According to the concept paper drafted by the committee, a potential idea to better handle energy issues affecting Natives would be to create an “Indian Energy Development One-Stop-Shop Demonstration Project” within the federal Department of the Interior in up to three regional or agency offices where there are high levels of energy development opportunities.

This project would ensure that tribes, individual tribal members, and the energy industry are provided “coherent and timely information on energy development and to ensure that lease, permit and royalty processing occurs in an efficient and timely manner.”

Washington, D.C.-based attorney Wilson Pipestem, Osage and Otoe-Missouria, attended the event. He said the “One-Stop-Shop” idea has benefits but questioned whether there is adequate staffing within the BIA to handle the project’s responsibilities.

Rollie Wilson, the second committee attorney leading the roundtable, acknowledged staffing and experience issues are ongoing in federal departments such as hiring Natives to work in the Department of Energy as well as having energy experts as BIA employees.

Wilson also raised another concern/scenario stating that tribes may not be well informed about energy funding opportunities which include federal grants. If that happens and a tribe applying for funding does not have enough hard data to apply for funding, the application could be in trouble, he said.

The concept paper is based on a May 2008 committee hearing with testimony from the county’s tribal governments and organizations in which witnesses said newer laws regarding tribal energy development encourage the entities to be more active in developing their resources. These witnesses also said the newer laws “were slow in being implemented” and changes are

See U.S. SENATE
—Continued on Page 26
### Legislation Status of Fall Tzi-Zho Session

The Osage Nation Tzi-Zho Congressional Session adjourned Oct. 8 and this is the status of the legislation as of Oct. 12. The Osage Nation Congress has scheduled a 20th Special Session to finish the Nation’s budgets to start Oct. 13 and end Oct. 23. The Osage News will have the final status of the bills in the November issue.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>BILL #</th>
<th>TITLE</th>
<th>SPONSOR</th>
<th>LOCATION</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>ONCA 07-39</td>
<td>An act to establish a Merit System of Personal Administration; create a Merit System Commission, authorize an appropriation.</td>
<td>Shackelford</td>
<td>Tabled in Governmental Operations</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ONCA 07-58</td>
<td>Osage Nation Art, Culture &amp; Heritage Division Organization Act</td>
<td>Red Eagle</td>
<td>Cultural</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ONCA 08-35</td>
<td>The Osage College Study Commission Act</td>
<td>Simms</td>
<td>Tabled in Education</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ONCA 08-47</td>
<td>An act to authorize and appropriate five million ($5,000,000) dollars to the health benefit plan fund.</td>
<td>Edwards</td>
<td>Tabled in Appropriations</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ONCA 08-54</td>
<td>An act to authorize and appropriate five million dollars ($5,000,000) for per capita payments to all eligible Osage Members.</td>
<td>Revard</td>
<td>Tabled in Governmental Operations</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ONCA 09-05</td>
<td>An act to amend the Osage Nation Ethics Law, ONCA 08-33</td>
<td>Red Corn</td>
<td>Tabled in Governmental Operations</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ONCA 09-06</td>
<td>Open Records Act</td>
<td>Red Corn</td>
<td>Vetoed</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ONCA 09-09</td>
<td>Per Capita Procedure Act</td>
<td>Supernaw</td>
<td>Tabled in Governmental Operations</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ONCA 09-16</td>
<td>Osage Nation Office of the Attorney General Act</td>
<td>Edwards</td>
<td>Tabled in Governmental Operations</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ONCA 09-21</td>
<td>An act to amend the “Fiscal Year 2009 Government Operations Departments and Programs Appropriations Act”, ONCA 08-43, to provide a supplemental appropriation to the Clinical/Medical Service Program in the amount of two hundred thousand dollars ($200,000)</td>
<td>Red Corn</td>
<td>Tabled in Appropriations</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ONCA 09-28</td>
<td>Osage Nation Free and Independent Press Act</td>
<td>Edwards</td>
<td>Tabled in Governmental Operations</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ONCA 09-32</td>
<td>An act to amend the “Fiscal Year 2009 Government Operations Departments and Programs Appropriations Act”, ONCA 08-43, to provide a supplemental appropriation to the Museum/Library in the amount of forty four thousand eight hundred forty four dollars ($44,844)</td>
<td>Red Eagle</td>
<td>Appropriations To Cultural</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ONCA 09-33</td>
<td>Osage Nation Core Services Division Organization Act</td>
<td>Edwards</td>
<td>Tabled in Governmental Operations</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ONCA 09-34</td>
<td>Osage Nation Natural Resources, Properties and Public Safety Division Organization Act</td>
<td>Atterberry</td>
<td>Tabled in Governmental Operations</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ONCA 09-37</td>
<td>An act to amend the “Fiscal Year 2009 Government Operations Departments and Programs Appropriation Act”, ONCA 08-43, to Provide an Appropriation Modification to the Historic Preservation Office by shifting revenue funds from Federal Funding to the line item of Tribal Funding</td>
<td>Edwards</td>
<td>Appropriations To Cultural</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ONCA 09-38</td>
<td>Government Strategic Planning and Performance Measurement Act</td>
<td>Atterberry</td>
<td>Tabled in Governmental Operations</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ONCA 09-44</td>
<td>Osage Nation Time Calculations Act</td>
<td>Branstetter</td>
<td>Delivered to Executive</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ONCA 09-46</td>
<td>Provides an appropriation to Administration for Native Americans (ANA) Commerce in the amount of one hundred fifty-eight thousand one hundred eighty-three dollars ($158,183)</td>
<td>Mason</td>
<td>Appropriations</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>BILL #</td>
<td>TITLE</td>
<td>SPONSOR</td>
<td>LOCATION</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>---------</td>
<td>-----------------------------------------------------------------------</td>
<td>-------------</td>
<td>------------------------</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ONCA 09-48</td>
<td>An act to amend the “Fiscal Year 2009 Government Operations Departments and Programs Appropriation Act”, ONCA 08-43, to provide a supplemental appropriation to Properties in the amount of two hundred thirty four thousand dollars ($234,000) for the purchase of real property known as Sugar Loaf Mound; to provide budget modifications in the form of reductions to Development Fund/Grants Management, Senior Services (Title VI), Boys and Girls Club of Pawhuska and Pawhuska Kids Kampus</td>
<td>Mason</td>
<td>Appropriations</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ONCA 09-49</td>
<td>An act to amend ONCA 06-02, establishing the Department of the Treasury</td>
<td>Red Corn</td>
<td>Signed by Chief</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ONCA 09-50</td>
<td>An act to amend the Anti-Alienation Act, ONCA 09-03</td>
<td>Red Corn</td>
<td>Delivered to Executive</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ONCA 09-51</td>
<td>An act to amend the Osage Nation Election Code, ONCA 08-27, section 2.1(A); to repeal</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ONCA 09-52</td>
<td>An act to establish a one time community matching grant for a maximum of twenty-five thousand dollars ($25,000) per community; to authorize and appropriate a total grant amount of one hundred fifty thousand dollars ($150,000)</td>
<td>Shackelford</td>
<td>Signed by Chief</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ONCA 09-53</td>
<td>Fiscal Year 2010 Executive Branch Appropriation Act</td>
<td>Atterberry</td>
<td>Withdrawn</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ONCA 09-54</td>
<td>FY 2010 Legislative Branch Appropriation Act</td>
<td>Shackelford</td>
<td>Withdrawn</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ONCA 09-55</td>
<td>Fiscal Year 2010 Executive Branch Appropriation Act</td>
<td>Edwards</td>
<td>Tabled in Appropriations</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ONCA 09-56</td>
<td>An act to authorize and appropriate nineteen thousand five hundred dollars ($19,500) as a donation to the Drumkeepers</td>
<td>Edwards</td>
<td>Tabled in Appropriations</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ONCA 09-57</td>
<td>Fiscal Year 2010 Authorities, Boards, Commissions and Foundations Appropriation Act</td>
<td>Edwards</td>
<td>Tabled in Appropriations</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ONCA 09-58</td>
<td>FY 2010 Legislative Branch Appropriation Act</td>
<td>Shackelford</td>
<td>Signed by Chief</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ONCA 09-59</td>
<td>FY 2010 Judicial Branch Appropriation Act</td>
<td>Mason</td>
<td>Signed by Chief</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ONCA 09-60</td>
<td>An act to authorize and appropriate two hundred thirty five thousand dollars ($235,000) to the Pawhuska Indian Health Center for a new telephone system</td>
<td>Shackelford</td>
<td>Appropriations</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ONCA 09-61</td>
<td>An act to authorize and appropriate continuing appropriations for the operation of Osage Nation government at the appropriation rates authorized for fiscal year 2009</td>
<td>Anderson</td>
<td>Veto Overridden</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ONCA 09-62</td>
<td>FY 2010 Cultural Donations Appropriation Act</td>
<td>Anderson</td>
<td>General Order Day 2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ONCA 09-63</td>
<td>FY 2010 Office of the Chiefs Appropriation Act</td>
<td>Anderson</td>
<td>Appropriations to Governmental Operations</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ONCA 09-64</td>
<td>Annual Budget Parameter Act</td>
<td>Edwards</td>
<td>Vetoed</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ONCA 09-65</td>
<td>FY 2010 Boards and Commissions Appropriation Act</td>
<td>Anderson</td>
<td>General Order Day 1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ONCA 09-66</td>
<td>FY 2010 Government Operations Departments and Programs Appropriation Act</td>
<td>Anderson</td>
<td>Appropriations to Jurisdictional Committees</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>BILL #</td>
<td>TITLE</td>
<td>SPONSOR</td>
<td>LOCATION</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>---------</td>
<td>----------------------------------------------------------------------</td>
<td>--------------</td>
<td>----------------</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ONCA 09-67</td>
<td>An act to amend the Charter of the Osage Nation Foundation, as amended, that was granted by Tribal Council Resolution 31-1193; and to amend the Bylaws of the Osage Nation Foundation, as amended, authorized, approved, and adopted by Tribal Council Resolution 31-1193</td>
<td>Anderson</td>
<td>Signed by Chief</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ONCA 09-68</td>
<td>An act to establish a motor pool for the vehicles owned and leased by the Osage Nation government</td>
<td>Anderson</td>
<td>Delivered to Executive</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ONCA 09-69</td>
<td>Election Campaign Act</td>
<td>Anderson</td>
<td>Withdrawn</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ONCA 09-70</td>
<td>An act to provide an appropriation to the Hominy Village in the Osage Nation for construction and furnishing a funeral chapel in the amount of two hundred fifty nine thousand two hundred thirty nine dollars ($259,239)</td>
<td>Anderson</td>
<td>Signed by Chief</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ONCA 09-71</td>
<td>An act to require Congressional approval for the purchase or lease of real property by the Osage Nation</td>
<td>Supernaw</td>
<td>Failed</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ONCA 09-72</td>
<td>An act to provide an appropriation to the Grayhorse Village Five-Man Board for construction and furnishing a funeral chapel in the amount of two hundred fifty nine thousand twenty seven dollars ($259,027)</td>
<td>Revard</td>
<td>Signed by Chief</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ONCA 09-73</td>
<td>An act to establish administrative procedures for agency rulemaking, hearings, and adjudication</td>
<td>Red Corn</td>
<td>Signed by Chief</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ONCA 09-74</td>
<td>An act to amend ONCA 07-30, the “Osage Nation Gaming Reform Act of 2007”</td>
<td>Anderson</td>
<td>Signed by Chief</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ONCA 09-75</td>
<td>An act to amend the Osage Nation Election Code, ONCA 08-27, by adding a primary election requirement for the positions of Principal Chief and Assistant Chief; to give the Election Board authority to administer and enforce campaign laws</td>
<td>Anderson</td>
<td>Vetoed</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ONCA 09-76</td>
<td>Business, Commission, and Advisory Boards Act</td>
<td>Edwards</td>
<td>Governmental Operations</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ONCA 09-77</td>
<td>An act to provide an appropriation to the limited liability company, Osage, LLC, for a capital contribution</td>
<td>Red Corn</td>
<td>Appropriations</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ONCA 10-01</td>
<td>An act to amend the Osage Nation Open Meetings Act, ONCA 0753; to amend the Gaming Reform Act of 2007, ONCA 07-30</td>
<td>Revard</td>
<td>Governmental Operations</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ONCA 10-02</td>
<td>An act to amend ONCA 07-30, to remove the Gaming Enterprise Board budget from the Annual Plan</td>
<td>Shackelford</td>
<td>General Order Day 1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ONCR 08-28</td>
<td>A resolution to approve the job descriptions of the congressional staff positions.</td>
<td>Edwards</td>
<td>Governmental Operations to Congressional Affairs</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ONCR 08-30</td>
<td>A resolution to provide for an election to amend Article III and other section of the Constitution of the Osage Nation.</td>
<td>Supernaw</td>
<td>Tabled in Governmental Operations</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ONCR 08-32</td>
<td>A resolution to approve regulations governing the membership application process, membership card issuance process, membership card issuance process, and release of information</td>
<td>Atterberry</td>
<td>Tabled in Governmental Operations</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ONCR 08-35</td>
<td>A resolution to provide assignments to the Office of Fiscal and Performance Review</td>
<td>Edwards</td>
<td>Governmental Operations</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ONCR 08-36</td>
<td>A resolution to express support for a moratorium on billboard construction and permitting, not to exceed one year, on roads and highways throughout Osage County</td>
<td>Edwards</td>
<td>Tabled in Commerce &amp; Economic Development</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>BILL #</td>
<td>TITLE</td>
<td>SPONSOR</td>
<td>LOCATION</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>---------</td>
<td>----------------------------------------------------------------------</td>
<td>---------</td>
<td>----------</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ONCR 09-08</td>
<td>A resolution to express the consent of the Osage Congress to the appointment of the Foundation Board Members</td>
<td>Edwards</td>
<td>Withdrawn</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ONCR 09-09</td>
<td>A resolution to provide for an election to amend Article XX, Section 2 of the Constitution of the Osage Nation</td>
<td>Red Corn</td>
<td>Failed</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ONCR 09-10</td>
<td>A resolution to provide for an election to amend Article XI, Section 8 of the Constitution of the Osage Nation</td>
<td>Red Corn</td>
<td>Failed</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ONCR 09-11</td>
<td>A resolution to provide for an election to amend Article VI, Section 12 of the Constitution of the Osage Nation, Ratified: March 11, 2006 and Signed May 6, 2006</td>
<td>Red Corn</td>
<td>Failed</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ONCR 09-12</td>
<td>A resolution to provide for an election to amend Article XI, Section 3 of the Constitution of the Osage Nation</td>
<td>Red Corn</td>
<td>Failed</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ONCR 09-13</td>
<td>A resolution to provide for an election to amend Articles III, VI, VII, VIII, XIII and XV of the Constitution of the Osage Nation to change “membership” to “citizenship”, and to change “eligibility for membership” to “right to citizenship”</td>
<td>Supernaw</td>
<td>Failed</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ONCR 09-14</td>
<td>A resolution to provide for an election to amend Article VI, Section 13 of the Constitution of the Osage Nation to change the number of votes of members of Congress required to override a veto or line item veto from three-fourths to two-thirds</td>
<td>Supernaw</td>
<td>Failed</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ONCR 09-15</td>
<td>A resolution declaring Congressional consent and approval of the Osage Nation Gaming Enterprise Board’s Annual Plan of Operations in part for Fiscal Year 2010</td>
<td>Simms</td>
<td>Commerce</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ONCR 09-16</td>
<td>A resolution to request the scholarships for higher education in the amount of three thousand five hundred dollars ($3,500) be sent to the college, university or other higher education institution of each student who was awarded such amount for this semester or year</td>
<td>Revard</td>
<td>Signed by Chief</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ONCR 09-17</td>
<td>A resolution to provide a limited waiver of sovereign immunity for the purpose of receiving a grant from the Oklahoma Tobacco Settlement Endowment Trust</td>
<td>Atterberry</td>
<td>Signed by Chief</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Osage News is now online at www.osagenews.org

Visit us on the Web for the latest news and information! Plus there are new stories and photos every day!
2010 election candidates speak to California Osages

By Benny Polacca
Osage News

OCEANSIDE, Calif. — Discussions of Osage politics filled the atmosphere here at the South Oceanside Elementary School where United Osages of Southern California members met Oct. 3 for their fall gathering.

Seven tribal members who have publicly identified themselves as election candidates spoke at the meeting discussing why they should be elected.

Assistant Principal Chief John Red Eagle is seeking the office of the principal chief and told the 40-plus attendees “our government is transitioning from the old government to the new reformed government.” He is son of the late Assistant Chief Edward Red Eagle, Sr. and has been a member of the dance committee for the In-Lon-Schka dances for the Pawhuska District.

As part of his campaign platform, Red Eagle said he wants to bring more transparency and accountability to the Nation. “If I get elected, I’m going to do an outside audit.” He has established his own MySpace page and Web site at www.johnredeagle.com.

Red Eagle reported the economic impact to the Nation in 2007 was $222 million, which includes revenues from oil and gas, gaming, tobacco and taxation. He wants an audit conducted on all Nation government programs to determine their cost effectiveness and to issue annual reports to all constituents disclosing the status of the Nation’s resources.

Tim Tall Chief, deputy commissioner of administration at the Oklahoma State Department of Health, is also running for principal chief and plans to retire in February to concentrate on the campaign trail after 26 years of working in state government. Tall Chief, son of former Principal Chief George Tall Chief, said he would make sure tribal members have access to information they need including “every check copy available to see” if elected.

Osage Nation Congressman Raymond Red Corn, who is seeking re-election in June 2010, speaks to C. Ann Norris (left) and Mary Davis at the United Osages of Southern California meeting on Oct. 3 in Oceanside. The candidates broke out into groups giving opportunity for tribal members to have one-on-one conversations with the candidates.

See CALIFORNIA OSAGES
—Continued on Page 22
Classes on culture fill up quickly at Wah-Zha-Zhi Cultural Center

By Shannon Shaw
Osage News

More and more Osages are becoming hooked on Osage culture. “The first time I started [finger weaving], I about quit a million times but I’m sticking with it,” Lee Collins said. “My son took to the Peyote stitch and yarn work [finger weaving] . . . we’re taking the moc-casin class next, we really enjoy it.”

“The first time I started [finger weaving], I about quit a million times but I’m sticking with it,” Lee Collins said. “My son took to the Peyote stitch and yarn work [finger weaving] . . . we’re taking the moc-casin class next, we really enjoy it.”

“Yarn work [finger weaving] is an ongoing class because there is so much to learn...there are so many designs...”
—Addie Thomas, fingerweaving instructor

The Wah-Zha-Zhi Cultural Center, located in Pawhuska, started teaching classes in finger weaving in 2006. Once interest grew in the classes the cultural center began offering classes in Hominy and Fairfax last year. From finger weaving to baby boards, the classes now include Peyote stitch, beading on broadcloth, moccasin making, shawl making, how to make Osage shirts and ribbonwork.

“Yarn work [finger weaving] is an ongoing class because there is so much to learn because there are so many designs...we’ve taught seven designs,” said Addie Thomas, finger weaving instructor. “Each student is different, some students just get it and they can pick it up immediately.”

How to make Osage traditional dress isn’t the only class they’re teaching. In the spring the cultural center will offer their second singing class for Osages ages 10 and up. Cultural Center Director Vann Bighorse will be teaching trot songs, round dance songs, war dance songs and handgame songs.

All classes, except for the singing class, is limited to 10 students, designed for more one-on-one time, except for the singing class, which has unlimited participants.

In this photo women are adorned in Osage wedding coats to help the Shunkamolah family pay for the drum at the Hominy In-Lon-Schka dances this past June. Each woman is wearing two finger-woven belts. The women are wearing a finished belt underneath the wedding coat, holding up her broadcloth skirt, and another outside of the wedding coat in which the ends aren’t finished.
Chief is responsible for his department’s budgets, accounting, human resources, information technology and building management. He oversees an annual budget of $370 million for an agency of 2,300 employees with facilities in 70 Oklahoma counties and also teaches at the University of Oklahoma in its College of Liberal Studies Administrative Leadership program.

“Everything I’ve done up to this point has prepared me,” Tall Chief said of his first-time run for tribal office. He serves on the Nation’s Health and Wellness Advisory Board, other committees focusing on health and is also a committee man for the Grayhorse District. His campaign Web site is www.timtallchief.com.

Roy St. John, who is retired following a career with IBM, is seeking the principal chief’s office and is running under the motto: “Putting People First.” He is the son of Ida May St. John who was a member of the UOSC in the 1970s.

“I have a lot of issues with the way our current government is running, I hope I have a plan and I have goal setting,” he told the attendees: “I will represent everyone,” St. John said if he is elected.

St. John said he promises to bring a more open and responsive government touting his experience with IBM’s company policies and management practices. Like Red Eagle, St. John says he would order an independent audit of the Nation’s finances so the constituents are informed of their status.

Raymond Red Corn is seeking a second term as congressman and told the attendees: “I’m interested in knowing what you are interested in.”

“We try to make change in the way we feel is necessary. In doing that, we really must listen to the majority of Osages and what they want from their government,” said Red Corn who is a committee man for the Pawhuska In-Lon-Schka District.

Red Corn described being a congressman as a job “which is challenging. It is, without question, the most interesting job I’ve ever had.” As a congressman, Red Corn has written and sponsored legislation including a bill which established the Nation’s Limited Liability Company for handling economic development opportunities independent of gaming for the tribe and a whistleblower act to protect tribal employees for reporting illegal or unethical activities of fellow employees.

California-born Jake Heflin is also seeking a congressional seat. He is currently a firefighter/paramedic for the city of Long Beach.

Heflin believes the Nation should “look at where other tribes have invested their money” to create infrastructure. “That is how you bring people back,” he said of offering employment opportunities to educated and experienced Osages living away from the reservation.

Myron Red Eagle plans to run for a Minerals Council seat and said if he’s elected, he will “strongly uphold and preserve the Osage Minerals Estate.” His professional background includes manufacturing and working with public utilities including five years with the Public Service Company of Oklahoma in Tulsa.

“I believe the Minerals Council can be a much stronger unit if they could establish a working bond with the Osage Nation Congress not only for the sake of the…voters but for the welfare of our mineral shareholders as well,” Red Eagle said.

Red Eagle lives in Pawhuska and has participated in the In-Lon-Schka dances all his life mostly as a singer. His campaign Web site is www.myronredeagle.com.

Daniel Boone is making a second run for Congress. He is son of Minerals Councilwoman Cynthia Boone and Tom Boone from the Grayhorse District.

“No questions are off limits to me,” he told the attendees. “I look forward to hearing any and all questions you have and if I can’t give you the answer I will research the information and candidate and give you the information you’re looking for.”

This is Daniel Boone’s first trip to meet the California Osages as a candidate. He also sought a seat on the Nation’s 1st Congress in 2006. Cynthia Boone also attended the meeting to answer constituent inquiries but did not announce whether she’ll seek another term on the Minerals Council.

Myers said the next UOSC meeting is slated for April 24 with candidates invited to meet the residents again. He expects the upcoming meeting attendance to double, drawing about 100 people.
United Osages of Southern California keeps area members connected

–Fellowship, laughter and frybread are just some of the joys at the UOSC meetings

By Benny Polacca
Osage News

OCEANSIDE, Calif. – Fellowship, laughter, discussion of Osage politics and the aroma of hot grease from cooking frybread set the stage for the United Osages of Southern California gathering earlier this month where the state's Osage residents and their family members congregated.

Fran Clavier-Smith says she’s attended UOSC meetings since she was a teenager and says they keep her connected to the Nation culturally and politically. “(The meetings) help me understand the politics of the tribe,” she said while helping other volunteers at the Oct. 3 meeting.

More than 40 people came to the South Oceanside Elementary School for the event, which featured a meet-and-greet session with candidates planning to run in the Nation’s 2010 election. Six congressional seats, all eight seats on the Minerals Council and the principal chief and assistant principal chief’s offices are up for grabs in the election next June.

Seven Osages seeking office or reelection spoke to the attendees including incumbents Assistant Chief John Red Eagle and Congressman Raymond Red Corn who informed the constituents of current Osage events, politics and their intentions if elected.

“It helps to hear them speak instead of just reading their opinions,” said Clavier-Smith who lives in Vista.

C. Ann Norris, of La Mirada, came to the meeting prepared to discuss the Nation’s ongoings with a notebook and stack of papers and said: “I’m all into what’s going on this session.” She questioned the candidates about 2009 Tzi-Zho Session topics, which included selecting members for the election and foundation boards as well as the multi-purpose delegation trip to France this month and ongoing court matters.

Former Pawhuska resident Danielle Glenn-Rivera now works for the Los Angeles County Public Health Department in Alhambra. She’s lived out west for 22 years and believes the UOSC gatherings are crucial because “a lot of people don’t know the culture” nor travel back to Oklahoma for festivities like the In-Lon-Schka dances.

The UOSC meets about four times a year with an average of 50 members attending, said its chairman Bill Myers. The meetings focus on topics related to the tribe from politics to culture. For example, the UOSC previously held Osage language lessons conducted by instructors from the Nation’s Language Department.

Myers said the UOSC conducted a survey last year, which revealed
RALLY DRAWS PROTEST
—Continued from Page 3

In addition to Executive Branch officials, the petition is also addressed to officials and leaders with the Nation’s Minerals Council, the Native American Rights Fund, the American Indian Higher Education Consortium, the National Congress of American Indians, the American Indian Movement and all Osage tribal members.

Photo at left: Concerned residents and students attend an Oct. 11 rally at Wakon Iron Hall in Pawhuska Indian Village. The rally was held to protest and raise awareness surrounding the scholarship crisis in which Osage college students did not receive the full amount of their scholarships for the fall 2009 semester.

HALLOWEEN HANDGAME

Saturday, October 31st at
5:00 PM
Wakon Iron Hall
Pawhuska, OK

Come join us for some
ghoulish games, freaky fun, and
frightening food!

Costume contests for all ages

Supper will be served at 5:00 &
Handgame to follow at 7:00 pm with
costume contests

For more info call Asa 918-691-2245

Annual
New Years Eve
Handgame

December 31, 6 p.m.
Wakon Iron Hall
Pawhuska

Supper will be served at 6 p.m. with
Handgame to follow. Cakewalk, 50/50, &
other games to pass the night by. Cedar
will be burned at Midnight to bring in
the New Year

Come join us bring in
the New Year 2010

For more information please call
Asa @ 918-691-2245

Given by Descendants of
Lillie (Bighorse) Cunningham
CULTURAL CENTER
—Continued from Page 21

and is offered twice a week in the cultural center. A person must call ahead and enroll for classes to receive the materials they will be working with. For a complete list of classes visit the cultural center’s Web site at www.osagetribe.com/cultural or call the cultural center at (918) 287-5539.

“Instructor Anita West helps Marcus Young, 13, learn how to do yarnwork at the Cultural Center on Sept. 30.

Finger weaving is one of the most religious types of art done by the Osages, because the finger-woven articles are only worn at tribal dance time...among these finger-woven articles are belts, garters, sacred sashes, and the bags used to carry religious articles.”

—the late Maudie Cheshewalla

Instructors include Anita West, Mary Bighorse, Marjorie Williams, Davy Watts, Chris Brown, Cultural Center Director Vann Bighorse, Pete Buffalohead (Ponca), Cherokee Cheshewalla and Scott Bighorse.

Finger weaving an Osage tradition that dates back to mid-1800s

Finger weaving is used today to make Osage women’s belts and men’s garters for traditional dress worn in the In-Lon-Schka dances. Women wrap the belts around their broadcloth skirts from front to back with the hang downs from the belt hanging down the back of the skirt. The men wear the garters as hang downs that hang on the outside of each leg.

It isn’t known when finger weaving actually began with the Osage but it is agreed that it took place shortly after European contact, according to the book by Alice Anne Callahan, “The Osage Ceremonial Dance In-Lon-Schka.”

“Finger weaving is one of the most religious types of art done by the Osages, because the finger-woven articles are only worn at tribal dance time,” according to Callahan who interviewed the late Maudie Cheshewalla for the book. “Among these finger-woven articles are belts, garters, sacred sashes, and the bags used to carry religious articles.”

“Wool yarn is most commonly used now, but both buffalo hair and human hair were used in the earlier times before wool yarn,” Callahan said.

The method of weaving has never changed and it is a thread interlacing in which the fingers pick up the threads individually through which the horizontal weft is passed, according to Callahan. The weaving is worked from the center to the outside edges and is very tight, giving the same effect as tapestry weaving.

“My grandmother [Julia Lookout] taught me [how to weave] at a very young age, I was about 9-years-old,” said finger weaving instructor Anita West, 70. “I just know this is what I was taught. I think every family back in those days was taught ribbon work and yarn work, everything they needed to know to make Osage regalia.”

West’s grandmother Julia was the wife of late Osage Chief Fred Lookout.

“My aunt Mary Lookout was left-handed and she helped me as much as she could and my aunt Maggie Iron, I learned a lot from her,” West said. “If you look in some of these old pictures you see men with beaver hats on, but if you look closer it’s yarn work.”

Women’s yarn belts vary in sizes from five inches to 10 inches wide and are sometimes interlaced with beads. At times costly, a yarn belt for a woman can cost up to $1,000. Men’s garters are generally two inches in width and vary in length in accordance to the man or boy’s height.

A woman’s yarn belt is a key piece to identifying an Osage woman’s traditional dress. Osage men’s garters are recognizable by the Osage designs on the garter.
USOC

when one member speaks to another Osage, that person is actually speaking to six others in communicating about the tribe. Several hundred Osages are believed to be living in Southern California, which includes the greater Los Angeles and San Diego metropolitan areas, he said.

Oceanside, a city with a population of over 179,000, sits along the Interstate 5 corridor next to the Pacific. It is the southern neighbor of Camp Pendleton – the U.S. Marine Corps base and is 35 miles north of San Diego, 83 miles south of Los Angeles.

Galen Clavier, a former UOSC chairman who led for about 20 years, said the group dates back to the World War II era in the 1940s and recalls his parents bringing him to meetings as a child. One event the UOSC has held in the past is a picnic featuring traditional Osage dishes, said Clavier, a retired educator who lives in Carlsbad.

Myers’s son, Teddy Myers, treated the congregation by making frybread that was served with lunch that day. Several people complimented his cooking, which was his second effort ever at making frybread.

Teddy Myers said he got the recipe and help from his aunt Cynthia Boone, an incumbent Minerals Council member and her son Daniel Boone who is seeking a congressional seat. He said he is interested in learning to make more Osage dishes and will again seek the Boones’ help to cook for the next UOSC meeting scheduled April 24.

Bill Myers said election candidates are invited again to speak at the spring meeting. He expects about 100 people to attend, as was the case at a similar meeting held just before the 2006 tribal election.

FOUNDATION BOARD

for the Field Museum of Natural History in Chicago, the Nature Conservancy of Illinois, the Abraham Lincoln Museum and Library, the National Park Foundation and the Woolaroc Foundation.

Skibine, Osage, is a professor at the University of Utah’s S.J. Quinney College of Law. He has served as deputy counsel for Indian Affairs on the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs in the U.S. House of Representatives. He has served as a regional representative for the Commissioner of Indian Affairs in the Bureau of Indian Affairs and as a staff attorney and project director for the Institute for the Development of Indian Law.

Letters to the Editor Submissions

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

U.S. SENATE

—Continued from Page 15

needed “to overcome a century of bureaucratic federal policies” that create “uncertainty and an unlevel playing field for tribal energy development.”

The committee’s chairman is Sen. Byron Dorgan, D-N.D., and Vice Chairman is Sen. John Barrasso, R-Wyo, and comprises 13 other senators including Oklahoma Republican Tom Coburn. The committee’s Web site is at www.indian.senate.gov where a copy of the Indian Energy and Energy Efficiency Concept Paper can be obtained.

Written comments can be e-mailed to energy@indian.senate.gov with “Energy Concept Paper” in the subject line or via fax to (202) 228-2589.
‘Mr. Vegas’ Wayne Newton played at Osage Event Center Oct. 17

TULSA, Okla. – Wayne Newton was at the Osage Million Dollar Elm Casino Event Center. The entertainer, also known as “Mr. Vegas,” is celebrating 50 years in show business and performed at the Osage Event Center Oct. 17.

Newton is known for musical hits such as “Danke Schoen,” “Red Roses for a Blue Lady,” “Daddy Don’t You Walk So Fast,” and “Years.” He has epitomized the talent, glamour and energy that is Las Vegas. This fall, his successful career and life story will be told through his own lens at Tropicana Las Vegas. Once Before I Go will be an intimate journey through a life spent on stage told by one of America’s most celebrated entertainment icons.

Newton has also performed as a celebrity dancer on the fifth season of the competitive reality series Dancing with the Stars in 2007. Newton’s home has been featured recently on MTV Cribs. He has played respectable cameo roles in such films as The Adventures of Ford Fairlane (1990), Vegas Vacation (1997), and Ocean’s Eleven (2001).

Upcoming events at the Tulsa Event Center include comedian Carlos Mencia, 7 p.m. Thursday, October 29; Freestyle Cage Fighting, 7 p.m. Saturday, November 7; country artist Darius Rucker, 7 p.m. November 13; and country superstar Travis Tritt, 7 p.m. Saturday, November 14. Admission for events vary; please contact the box office for more information.

To purchase tickets for upcoming concerts at the casino’s event center, call (918) 699-7667 or visit the casino box office at LL Tisdale Parkway and 36th Street North.

Official Candidate Listing

The Osage News will publish an Official Candidate Listing for the June 2010 Osage Nation Elections in every issue of the Osage News leading up to the election.

Candidates running for Principal Chief:
- John Red Eagle
- Carl “Chico” Sellers
- Roy St. John
- Tim Tall Chief

Candidates running for Assistant Principal Chief:
- Scott Bighorse
- Cecelia Tallchief

Candidates running for Osage Nation Congress:
- Debbie Atterberry
- Daniel Boone
- Randolph Crawford
- Jake Heflin
- Jenny Miller
- Raymond Red Corn
- Doug Revard
- Joseph Shunkamolah
- William “Kugee” Supernaw

Candidates running for Osage Nation Minerals Council:
- Charles Pratt
- Jewell Purcell
- Kathryn Red Corn
- Myron Red Eagle
- Jim T. Schooling
Osage Nation Enterprises plans for the future

By Freddie Ferrell
Special to the Osage News

Osage Nation Enterprises (ONE) has experienced a significant amount of positive change in the last two years establishing quality programs and financial stability for Osage Home Health. Under the guidance of the ONE Board and new management, Osage Home Health has been able to take a new direction towards fulfilling their values of Excellence, Compassion and Diversity. As stated in its mission Osage Home Health is dedicated to providing the highest quality of patient care with compassion and respect for each person involved in the process.

In a healthcare environment of inevitable change, the home health industry must look towards not only growth in its existing service areas, but also towards diversification into new ancillary services such as Hospice, Long Term Care, Assisted Living services and Durable Medical Equipment. “Osage Nation Enterprises’ future success is dependent on its willingness and determined effort towards growth and diversity”, stated Cecelia Tallchief, RN, ONE Board Chairperson

ONE’s new five year strategic plan is mirrored to meet the goals of the Osage Nation’s strategic plan. Additionally, the plan is addressing the concerns and needs of its tribal citizens. “Elder Care of our citizens is a responsibility of the Osage Nation and our organization is creating a plan to meet those needs.” said Tallchief. Elders who have questions or concerns should contact Cecelia at Osage Home Health or ctallchief@yahoo.com.

Always guided by its mission, Osage Home Health will strive for personal, clinical and technological excellence. For additional information about Osage Home Health, please call 918-287-5645 or visit our website at www.osagehomehealth.com.

Domestic Violence Awareness Month

By Lavina Clark, Domestic Violence Administrator/Advocate

Domestic Violence Awareness Month evolved from the first Day of Unity observed in October, 1981 by the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence. The intent was to connect battered women advocates across the nation who was working to end violence against women and their children. The Day of Unity soon became a special week when a range of activities were conducted at the local, state, and national levels.

These activities were as varied and diverse as the program sponsors but had common themes: mourning those who have died because of domestic violence, celebrating those who have survived, and connecting those who work to end violence.

In October 1987, the first Domestic Violence Awareness Month was observed. That same year the first national toll-free hotline was begun. In 1989 the first Domestic Violence Awareness Month Commemorative Legislation was passed by the U.S. Congress.

In October 1994 the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence, in conjunction with Ms. Magazine, created the “Remember my Name” project, a national registry to increase public awareness of domestic violence deaths. Since then, NCADV has been collecting information on women who have been killed by an intimate partner and produces a poster each October for Domestic Violence Awareness Month, listing the names of those documented in that year.

The Osage Nation Counseling Center’s Domestic Violence program offers services the victims and survivors of Osage County. They have a survivor group every Thursday from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. for location; please call 918-287-5422. On October 15, 2009 they are honoring the victims of Osage County, who lost their lives due to Domestic Violence and celebrate the survivors with a program at the Community Center from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., guest speakers will be Margaret Goldman, Attorney General’s Office, LuAnn Brown, Osage County Undersheriff and a child survivor of Domestic Violence, for more information please call the Counseling Center at 918-287-5422. Public is invited.

OSAGE TRIBAL MUSEUM

World War I Exhibit

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

This exhibit will be permanent and needs to contain the best and highest quality photographs available. Please help us construct this exhibit to honor our Osages who served the United States and the Osage Nation in WWI.

OSAGE TRIBAL MUSEUM

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

“Oldest Tribally-Owned Museum in North America”

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

918.287.5441
Second Annual Osage Landowners’ Symposium
Understanding and Managing Crosstimbers

By Jann Rose, Natural Resources Specialist II

The 2nd Annual Osage Landowners’ Symposium was held September 12, 2009. The Symposium began with a field tour of the Keystone Ancient Forest in Sand Springs followed by an award-winning lunch catered by the 2009 National Indian Taco Champions, then concluded with additional informational presentations. During the tour of the Keystone Ancient forest, topics that were discussed included learning to identify different species of plants, the importance of fire in the Crosstimbers, the uniqueness and history of the Keystone Ancient Forest, habitat requirements for some animal species, cultural features located in the Crosstimbers, invasive species, and many other land management topics.

After the field tour, the participants were welcomed by Chief Jim Gray. Chief Gray emphasized to the participants the importance of understanding and implementing good land management techniques on the Reservation. The keynote speaker, Dr. David Stahle with the University of Arkansas, then addressed the participants on characteristics of the Ancient Forest and the importance of the

See LANDOWNERS’ SYMPOSIUM—Continued on Page 32

Got Milk? We Do!

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

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

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

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

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

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

WIC Clinic Schedules

Pawhuska. .......................... Monday-Friday (918) 287-1040 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Skiatook ......................... Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday (918) 396-7352 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m.

Fairfax .............................. Every Thursday (918) 642-3943 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Hornin .................................. Wednesday & Thursday (918) 885-4123 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Newkirk .................................. 1st & 3rd Thursdays 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

McCord .................................. 2nd Wednesday 1 p.m.-4 p.m.

Tulsa ..................................... 3rd Tuesday 4-6 p.m. School Year, 1-4 p.m. Summertime

Bartlesville . . . 4th Thursday, 3rd Thursday on Holidays 3 p.m.-5:30 p.m.

BIA highway safety grant in action

By Denise Sellers, Office of Strategic Planning and Grants Management

The Osage Nation Community Health Representative (CHR) received a $65,000 grant for infant car seats. The Strategic Planning and Grants Management Department wrote a grant for the Osage Nation CHR to assist with the purchase of infant and toddler car seats. The Department of Health and Human Services, Indian Health Services offered grants up to the $65,000 received for infant car seats to be installed. Two sessions were held by the Osage Nation CHR to help recipients install the car seats with instructions on how to securely buckle the infant or toddler into the car seat. There were also booster car seats for older children. Parents viewed a video, received pamphlets and watched a hands-on demonstration. Lieutenant Charity Webb from the Pawnee Indian Health Service served as the technician/installer along with Osage nation CHR Coordinator Crystal Holt. Over 100 parents and children were served. Although the process took some extra time, parents and children spent their time waiting in line by visiting and enjoying the great weather.
**Save the Date! Local Events Calendar**

**OCTOBER**

October 5-28  
**Beadning on Broadcloth Class**  
Pawhuska Cultural Class  
Pawhuska Cultural Center  
Contact Addie (918) 287-5539

October 13  
**Skiatook JOM Meeting**  
Meets every second Tuesday of the month.  
Starts at 7:00 p.m.  
Family Resource Center in Skiatook  
Contact Avis Ballard  
(918) 287-5545

October 14  
**Breast Cancer Awareness Luncheon**  
Osage Nation Health  
Starts 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.  
Pawhuska Community Center  
Contact Tammy Delaney (918) 695-4658 or Jami Jones (918) 287-5485

October 15  
**Gina Gray-New Works**  
Starts 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.  
Lloyd Gallery, 107 East 6th Street, Pawhuska, Ok  
Contact Gina Gray at artistginagray@yahoo.com or (918) 287-7081

October 23  
**2nd Annual Osage Nation Prevention Youth Encampment**  
Starts 5:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. for 12 and under  
Starts 5:00 p.m. to Midnight for 13 and older  
Live DJ, Guest Speaker, Coloring Contest  
Door prizes-Nintendo Wii, DS Game Systems, DVD Players, TV and much more  
Cultural Center  
Contact Peaches McKinley  
(918) 287-5519

October 24  
**Red Ribbon Powwow**  
Beginning at 1 p.m. and Dinner will be served at 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.  
Contest and raffles are scheduled during the evening.  
All are welcome.  
Wakon Iron Hall

October 24-25  
**Osages Planning for Cultural Walk Series Beginning in October**  
Registration opens September 1 and closes September 30.  
For registration packet go to www.osagetribe.com/culture or by emailing ccheshewalla@osagetribe.org or by calling (918) 287-5538

**November 2-18**  
**Moccasin Making Class**  
Pawhuska Cultural Class  
Pawhuska Cultural Center  
Contact Addie (918) 287-5539

November 3 – 5  
**Indian Energy Solutions Conference/American Spirit Award Dinner**  
Hosted by the Osage Nation  
Tulsa, Oklahoma  
November 3 – 5  
Contact (918) 287-5555

**November 30-December 16**  
**Shawl Making Class**  
Pawhuska Cultural Class  
Pawhuska Cultural Center  
Contact Addie (918) 287-5539

---

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

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

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

**Osage Nation Housing Department**  
Amy Bohner, Intake Specialist  
P.O. Box 147  
Hominy, Oklahoma 74035  
Toll Free: 1-800-490-8771  
Phone: 918-287-5310  
Fax: 918-287-5568  
www.osagetribe.com/housing

*Please act quickly while funding is available!*
Osage Nation Language Orthography Chart

Primaries – Osage Vowels

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Symbol</th>
<th>Sound</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Λ</td>
<td>'aw' sound</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Ω</td>
<td>long e sound</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Ω</td>
<td>short e sound</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Ω</td>
<td>short u sound</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Ω</td>
<td>long o sound</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Ω</td>
<td>'oo' sound</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Nasal Sound

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Symbol</th>
<th>Sound</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Λ</td>
<td>nasal sound</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Diphthongs

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Symbol</th>
<th>Sound</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>ΛΩ</td>
<td>blend of 'aw'</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ΩΩ</td>
<td>blend of long e</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ΩΩ</td>
<td>blend of short e</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ΩΩ</td>
<td>short u sound</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ΩΩ</td>
<td>long o sound</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ΩΩ</td>
<td>'oo' sound</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Modifiers – modify primary sounds

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Symbol</th>
<th>Sound</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Ω</td>
<td>guttural 'x' sound</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Ω</td>
<td>english 's'</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Ω</td>
<td>english 'h'</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Ω</td>
<td>english 'w'</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Ω</td>
<td>english 'l'</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Ω</td>
<td>english 'm'</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Ω</td>
<td>english 'n'</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Ω</td>
<td>english 'z'</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Between

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Symbol</th>
<th>Sound</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>ΩΩ</td>
<td>between the 'p' and 'b'</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ΩΩ</td>
<td>between the 'k' and 'g'</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ΩΩ</td>
<td>between the 't' and 'd'</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Blends

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Symbol</th>
<th>Sound</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>ΩΩ</td>
<td>blend of 't' and 'h' as in 'these'</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ΩΩ</td>
<td>blend of 's' and 'h' as in 'ship'</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ΩΩ</td>
<td>blend of 'c' and 'h' as in 'chip'</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ΩΩ</td>
<td>blend of 'z' and 'h' as in 'treat'</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ΩΩ</td>
<td>blend of 't' and 's' together</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ΩΩ</td>
<td>blend of 'p' medial and 'r'</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ΩΩ</td>
<td>blend of 's' and 'k'</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ΩΩ</td>
<td>blend of 'k' and 'y'</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ΩΩ</td>
<td>blend of 'h' and 'y'</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ΩΩ</td>
<td>blend of 's' and 'd'</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

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

VA to create home-based health care program for Pawhuska vets

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs is using a $3.9 million grant for new initiatives to reach out to military veterans living in rural Oklahoma including Pawhuska.

The grant, issued to the Jack C. Montgomery VA Medical Center in Muskogee by the VA’s Office of Rural Health, will help create four Home Based Primary Care teams to treat eligible veterans, according to a VA news release.

This program is geared at providing health care services for veterans who may not be able to travel to Muskogee for treatment. The VA is partnering with Indian Health Service and the Osage Nation to bring HBPC services to the Pawhuska area, the release said.

The HBPC teams consist of an interdisciplinary team (doctors, nurse practitioners, etc.) who will travel to patient homes for routine clinic-based care. The VA is hiring to fill HBPC positions.

Positions needed for immediate hire are physicians, nurse practitioners, occupational therapists/physical therapists, kinesiotherapists, psychologists and pharmacists. Addition positions (including social workers and dieticians) will be sought at later dates.

For more information, visit the job postings online at www.usajobs.gov or call human resources at (918) 577-3600.

The Jack C. Montgomery VA Medical Center in Muskogee serves about 44,000 enrolled veterans in 25 eastern Oklahoma counties.

Osage dictionary available on Amazon.com

A comprehensive lexicon of the Osage language by the late Carolyn Quintero is now available on Amazon.com.

Quintero researched and documented the Osage language for more than twenty years, according to a press release. Author of “Osage Grammar” and “First Course in Osage,” she was also president of Inter Lingua, Inc., a translating and interpreting service for clients worldwide.

The dictionary includes more than 3,000 main entries, each of which gives full grammatical information and pronunciations. Each entry also provides the English translations of usage. The book’s introductory sections provide a description of syntax, morphology, and phonology, according to a press release. An index provides Osage equivalents for more than 5,000 English words and expressions.

“Quintero interviewed more than a dozen Osage speakers to explore crucial aspects of their language,” according to the release. “She has also integrated into the dictionary explanations of relevant material from Francis La Flesche’s 1932 dictionary of Osage and from James Owen Dorsey’s nineteenth-century research.”

Quintero was raised in Hominy, graduated from Hominy High School and did her Ph.D. dissertation on the Osage language.

All proposed amendments to the Osage Nation Constitution fail

Six proposed amendments to the Osage Nation Constitution failed in Congress this Tzi-Zho session.

Proposed amendments to the Osage Nation Constitution, if passed by five-sixths of the Congress, would go to the people for a vote in the next general election which would be June 2010. If at least 65 percent of Osages voted for the amendment to pass then it would amend the existing provision of the Constitution.

Two Congressmen called for the amendments. Congressman Raymond Red Corn called for four amendments to the constitution while Congressman William “Kugee” Supernaw called for two.

Congressional Bills Round-up

Osage Nation Principal Chief Jim Gray vetoed six bills in total, three by pocket veto with one vetoed bill overridden by Congress. The overridden bill allowed the Nation to continue on 2009 fiscal levels for another month while Congress finishes the Nation’s budgets.

Gray signed into law 11 bills by the end of the Tzi-Zho session, which isn’t counting the 20th special session that was still in session by the time the Osage News went to press Oct. 14.

Thirty bills remain unsigned by the Chief. Out of those bills 15 have been tabled, 11 were still in committee, and three were on General Order and that’s not counting the more than 100 budgets in the Executive Branch budget.

Only one bill failed during the Tzi-Zho session, ONCA 09-75 by Congressman William “Kugee” Supernaw that would have required Congressional approval for the purchase or lease of real property by the Osage Nation.

Money unused by Hominy and Grayhorse Five-Man Boards goes back to treasury

Since the Five-Man boards of Hominy Indian Village and Grayhorse Indian Village didn’t use the money appropriated to them to build funeral chapels by the Osage Nation Congress in the 2009 fiscal year, the money reverted back to the Osage Nation treasury Sept. 30.

Congresswoman Faren Anderson and Congressman Doug Ravid both re-introduced two new bills, ONCA 09-70 and ONCA 09-72, to provide the five-man board of Hominy $259,239 and the Grayhorse five-man board $259,027 to construct and furnish funeral chapels in their respective villages.

To find out the date and time of the next five-man board meetings for the Hominy and Grayhorse Indian Villages call the Osage Nation at (918) 287-5555.

LANDOWNERS’ SYMPOSIUM —Continued from Page 29

Crosstimers ecosystem to the Osage Reservation. Other presentations included invasive species that residents of the Osage Reservation deal with and how to combat these species, presented by Dr. Karen Hickman with Oklahoma State University, and conservation easements, presented by Brad Stumph with Osage Nation Environmental and Natural Resources Department.

There were approximately twenty six (26) people in attendance for the Symposium. After the Symposium, the Osage Nation received excellent feedback from the participants regarding the Symposium. The Osage Nation also received great ideas for topics and locations for the Symposium that is being planned for 2010. The Osage Nation would like to sincerely thank the speakers, guides, and participants that attended the 2nd Annual Osage Landowners’ Symposium, making it a great success.
Happy tenth birthday to Lee Edward Bowman

Lee Edward Bowman turns 10, Oct. 29.
Lee is the son of Mark and Dawna Bowman, big brother to Chase Bowman. His grandparents are Barbara Bowman and the late Larry Bowman and Dennis Heath and Cecelia Daniels-Heath.

In his free time he likes hanging out with friends, hunting, fishing and riding his 4-wheeler.

Happy Birthday Lee!

Happy second birthday to William and Antwine Hamilton

Geneva and Otto Hamilton would like to wish their sons William and Antwine a happy 2nd birthday. Lots of love from the family.

Happy belated birthday wishes

Family and Friends would like to wish belated happy birthday wishes to Sissy Lunsford and Charlene Cozad, September 7, Dresdyn Hinman and Jocelyn Davis, September 11, Fi Davis, September 15, Amber Presley, September 17, Blaine and Bianca Hipp, September 18, Patti McKinney, September 27 and Anthony Davis, September 28.

Also, happy birthday to Dave Hinman who celebrated his birthday October 1.

Birth announcement:
Brynn Adelyn Weathers

Brynn Adelyn Weathers was born on October 5 at St. Johns Medical Center in Tulsa, Ok. She weighed 6 lbs. 13 oz. and was 19 ½ inches long. Her parents are Bill and Aiden Weathers. She has two older brothers Mitchell and Gabriel Weathers of Tulsa, Ok.

Her grandparents are Susie Fletcher of Hominy, Ok., Jacquie Weathers of Ponca City, Ok. and Robert Weathers of Marion, KS.
Cleita L. Hartman

Cleita L. Hartman, age 93 of Joplin, passed away at 12:05 a.m. Sunday, September 6, 2009 at Freeman West Hospital.

Born February 21, 1916 in Barnsdall, OK, she was the daughter of the late Bejamin H. and Eliza Frazzer Javine. She was a homemaker and a member of St. Peter’s Catholic Church.

On September 1, 1948 she married Robert Hartman in Oklahoma. He preceded her in death on June 27, 1983. Three sisters, Maxine Copeland, Zelma Saferite and Ethel Alsup; three brothers, Alfred Calvin Pinney, Benny Joe Javine and Gerald Branstetter; and a granddaughter, Anna-Marie Brown, also preceded her in death.

Survivors include two daughters, Lacreta Gray of Joplin with husband Finn of Apple Valley, CA; two grandchildren, Gina Hartman and Joplin; two great-grandchildren; one great-grandchild.

Funeral mass was held on a Wednesday at St. Peter’s Catholic Church with Fr. J. Friedel, celebrant. Graveside services were at 5:20 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 5, 2009, at Landmark Hospital after a long illness.

Michael Rodda

Michael H. Rodda was born in San Luis Obispo in January 1970, and passed away Saturday, Sept. 5, 2009. Mike grew up in Los Osos with his five older siblings. He attended Mission Grammar School, St. Rose Catholic School and graduated from Atascadero Oak Hills High School. Soon after he moved to Mammoth Lake, where he worked and learned to snow ski. Finding snow skiing to be one of his passions, he spent many winters on the slopes of Aspen, Colo., and Lake Tahoe, Calif., and eventually became a ski instructor.

It wasn’t until 1991 that Mike found the career that drove him - skydiving. He moved to Lodi, Calif., and became a skydiving photographer and eventually a diving instructor. He worked in Florida, Arizona and Hawaii. Mike loved being in the sky and got his pilots license and purchased a Cessna airplane. In 1999, he moved back to Atascadero and worked at the Central Coast Glass of Morro Bay during the week and skydiving in Santa Barbara on the weekends.

Mike is survived by his father, John Rodda of Atascadero; sisters Leslie (Bill) Baier, Kelly (Gale) Leage; brothers Jack (Kelli) Rodda and Patrick (Terri) Rodda of Atascadero; sister, Becky Rodda of Placerville, Calif; 21 nieces and nephews; and four great-nieces. He is preceded in death by his mother, Patricia Rodda; and sister, Carol.

There was a memorial service Sept. 17 at the Santa Margarita de Cortona Catholic Church in Santa Margarita, followed by a graveside service at the Pine Mountain Cemetery in Atascadero. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Catholic Charities and the Prado Day Center of San Luis Obispo.

Billy Slankard

Billy Marvin “Bill” Slankard, age 69, of Joplin, passed away at 5:20 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 5, 2009, at Landmark Hospital after a long illness.

Born Aug. 10, 1940, in Joplin, he was the son of the late Jacob and Margaret Slankard and lived in Joplin his lifetime. He attended Joplin Schools and was active in the Golden Gloves program. He worked as a butcher most of his life and, for a time, drove a truck with Tri-State Motors. Bill raised horses and loved to hunt and fish.

His wife, Lucy England Slankard, preceded him in death April 22, 1994.

Survivors include a daughter, Tammy Lett, of Galena, Kan.; three sons, Billy Slankard and wife, Miranda, Tom Slankard and Delmar Slankard, all of Joplin; three sisters, Jean Bebee, Bea Hicks and Joann Adamson, all of Joplin; special friend, Jenny Daniels; nine grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Graveside services were held at Forest Park Cemetery. Pallbearers were Darrell Hicks, Travis and Troy Bebee, Charlie Felts, Ernie Adamson and Chris Willey.
Tired of the Negativity

I am an avid reader of the Osage News and I never really thought about writing a Letter to the Editor before, that is, until I read the comments posted on www.osagenews.org about Osage Nation Principal Chief Jim Gray.

I was astounded by the things I saw written about him. I know that the election is coming up but I do not believe that will get candidates votes. It’s a sad thing to know that this is what campaigning has come to.

We are still a Nation. We are still supposed to work together and defend each other. We should still have the same focus. So why the arguments? Why place blame? We shouldn’t criticize him for the things he’s done or obligations he has. I do not believe that an election calls for such negative behavior. We need to all stand together and work it out among each other. We should congratulate and thank our Chief for all he has done.

There are some that may say the purchase of the Sugarloaf Mound was foolish. They say the ties aren’t there and the money could have been used on something more important. But I think that the intention behind this purchase is priceless. It was researched to be a part of our history and I believe our history is very important. I feel grateful to know our Chief cares about the preservation of his Nation. I feel that it is the essence of his responsibilities.

I would also like to say that I really appreciate the hard work that Chief Gray has done. I have lived in Osage County all of my life and I have seen the progress made since he has been in office. I can see his dedication to his Osage people. I can’t even begin to think of the work that was laid before him. But he rolled up his sleeves and did it with such pride and grace. He is an inspiration and a true leader in my eyes. If he decides not to run or if he doesn’t get elected I can only hope our next Chief is half the Chief he is. Maybe since I’ve said this some other people can say it, too. I think with the current situations and the upcoming election it would really mean something to say it now. So, thank you Chief Gray for all of your efforts. I would also like to thank his family for supporting him. I recognize the sacrifices it took to be Chief.

In closing, I would like everyone to think about what they are doing to help our Nation. How many people who are getting their degrees paid for are going to utilize them to gain employment through our Osage Nation? How many Osage Nation employees who are being reimbursed for their degrees are promised to stay employed once

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

Osage Nation Constituent Services Office
Attention: W. Jacque Jones, Administrator
621 Grandview • Pawhuska, OK 74056
Phone: (918) 287-5662
Fax: (918) 287-5221 • Fax: (918) 699-5221
Email: jjones@osagetribe.org
Osage delegation travels to France

By Jim Gray, Osage Nation Principal Chief

The office of Principal Chief has many roles to play on behalf of the Osage Nation. As the Nation’s Principal Chief I am also its principal representative to the non-Osage world, and am often required to be in many places in fulfillment of these duties, just as other heads of nations are required to do. This

On the cultural level, the initial basis of this relationship, events are planned which will strengthen our historic bond. Our Osage Princesses, singers, dancers, and cooks will all be represented in a small cultural special-emphasis group

week, I am leading a delegation of Osages to France to represent the Nation at a number of commemorative events sponsored in our honor by the people in the town of Montauban, France.

As most Osages are aware, the people of Montauban reached out to the Osage people twenty years ago, seeking to create a cultural exchange which has blossomed into a more formal relationship over the years.

The people of Montauban reached out to Osages because first there was an historical link. Briefly, around 1829 a group of Osages were taken to France and toured around for the viewing pleasure of the French. The impresario leading this group went bankrupt and abandoned the Osages, who were eventually taken in by the Catholic Bishop of Montauban, who raised the funds for their return trip.

The people of Montauban also reached out to us because they were struggling with cultural and language preservation. They are from a culturally and linguistically distinct region of France, where the central government has been trying to create French language and cultural hegemony over the years, thus putting the native Occitanian language and culture at risk.

They recognized that we also were beginning to engage in language preservation and on the cusp of a cultural renaissance. A small group of Osages, informally led by Mrs. Angela Robinson, has kept this exchange alive with little-to-no official help from the Nation except through Kathryn Redcorn and the Osage Museum’s efforts.

As the news of government reform and political enfranchisement of thousands of Osages was reaching Montauban, we began a dialogue to arrange our first exchange under the auspices of the Osage Nation.

This month we will fulfill our side of the two-decade exchange, take steps toward strengthening and creating more formal relationships in other areas that may also lead to greater, more tangible benefits for Osage people.

On the cultural level, the initial basis of this relationship, events are planned which will strengthen our historic bond. The exchange will win a place in their history books, and in the hearts and minds of France’s people. Our Osage Princesses, singers, dancers, and cooks will all be represented in a small cultural special-emphasis group. There will be many historic re-enactments, cultural demonstrations, lectures, and welcoming ceremonies in Montauban and its historic neighborhoods.

On the government level, our team is planning to expand Osage opportunities for economic development, tourism, and education in France. We have arranged meetings with French companies in the field of energy and aerospace, who are seeking to expand business in the United States. There could be enormous supply chain opportunities during this expansion, but French companies do not have a track record of understanding or working effectively with tribal governments or tribal enterprises.

We will be one of the first tribes in the U.S. to initiate this type of exchange and outreach.

We are also meeting with the U.S. Embassy in Paris who is initiating a new program for States, U.S. companies and organizations interested in building and strengthening economic, tourism, and educational partnerships between the U.S. and France. I believe we will be one of the first federally-recognized tribal governments to meet with our Embassy in Paris to engage them in support of our interests.

While in Montauban the U.S. Chamber of Commerce in France is arranging a regional introductory breakfast for CEO’s in the Toulouse area, which is very close to Montauban. Toulouse is the headquarters of Airbus, and numerous French and American aerospace sector companies. It also happens that Tulsa has a growing aerospace industry, and while we are primarily ambassadors for the Osage Nation, the Tulsa Aerospace Alliance’s hopes go with us as we look for expansion opportunities for the Tulsa market which includes the Osage Nation.

We will accomplish much in one week, after our ten hour flight landing us seven hours off our time zone. Needless to say our purpose-built teams will all be very actively engaged, but in fulfillment of my duties as a head of nation, I made arrangements to conduct the business of my Office while I was in France.

I look forward to sharing our experiences upon our return. I also look forward to the expansion of the Osage Nation’s positive reputation, and strengthened opportunities for growth.
A Message from John D. Red Eagle Ki-he-kah O-wah-ta

—Assistant Principal Chief of Osage Nation

We are a young three-part government, and the fires and tantrums of youth prevail. Sometimes it looks as if our Executive branch is playing the child’s game of King-of-the-Mountain with Congress. The majority of the issues have created a face-off involving over-spending, hidden spending, and unappropriated spending. Our leaders must make hard decisions when dealing with the Nation’s money, and this involves understanding the Congressional budgeting process.

It’s really kind of a simple process. The department, such as Language or Health or Education or Executive, presents a prepared, projected budget before the appropriate Committee to review. The two parties discuss the department’s proposed budget. The Committee may not understand a proposed amount, and if so, they will ask for an explanation as to why a certain amount is a certain sum or why it appears in the budget at all. This questioning is part of the Committee’s duty because, at this point, the Committee is seeking information, justification, and accountability. And, if the department can justify the expense, then Congress may approve the funds. Sometimes Congress asks the department to return another day in order to review the projected budget. In this process, Congress is merely doing their job.

Many times the stress of this process causes a nervous and unprepared presentation to the Committee. As you know, budgets are sent to the Executive Branch before Congress receives them. For this Tzi-zho Session, Congress had requested the budgets from the Executive Branch back in February but did not receive them until three days prior to the first day of this session. Unfortunately delays such as this add more stress to the process resulting in longer working hours for both the presenters and the Committee members, often late into the night. Congress must review and make appropriations for more than 100 budgets, so your time with the Committee is very important. Just be clear, don’t take the process personally, and of course, be prepared.

Congress has the duty to keep the Nation in sound fiscal shape. We voted for a self-governing, democratic process in 2006 enacting the Constitution of the Osage Nation. In fact, the Constitution, Article V - Distribution of Powers of Government, Section 1, Governing Powers, clearly states there are three powers of government: Legislative, Executive, and Judicial. Section 2, Separation of Powers, states each branch has a distinct job to do.

The magnitude of the budgeting process can be overwhelming even causing the occasional emotional outburst. But, when the boundaries of the Separation of Powers are violated, our People get upset because they do not see the leadership they expect; and the direction of the Nation is blurred causing lifestyles to change — and by this I mean the scholarships our students in higher education did not receive and the funds for housing care our elders may never see. Furthermore, this violation weakens our government and builds distrust. Where are the role models? Where is the progress?

It’s time for the officials in the Executive and Congressional branches to build positive alliances with one another. It’s time to rediscover our goals and build a stronger Nation. It’s time to be ahead of our time.

See you next month.
June 2010 Candidate Messages

In accordance with the Osage News Election policy, the Osage News is allowing each candidate 200 words in every issue leading up to the June 2010 election. To read more messages from the candidates, visit www.osagenews.org.

ROY ST. JOHN
Candidate for Principal Chief


The “Basic Four” of leadership are goal setting, communication, trust and accountability.

As your Principle Chief these principles will guide my decision-making.

My Motto: Putting People First

Steps I will support to make it happen: 1) Open Door Policy – Communication is necessary at all levels. I want to hear from everyone and have set the goal of answering all correspondence. 2) Employee Motivation – Encourage all employees to take ownership of their position responsibilities. Implement a reward program for outstanding service to citizens. 3) Annual Report – Publish a State of the Nation report with a full accounting. 4) Expense Justification – “How many Osage people are served?” needs to be the 1st priority. 5) Per Capita Distribution – This is the most economical and fairest method to help all Osage Citizens. Each individual is the best judge of their changing needs. 6) Extend the Education program – I support bringing more young people under the umbrella of this program.

Address: 1093 Elgin Rd., Pawhuska, OK 74056 or E-mail at rstjohn1@totecsi.net.

Government exists to serve the people it represents.

–By Roy St. John

Cecilia Tallchief
Candidate for Assistant Chief

Ha.We. I, Cecilia Tallchief, a registered nurse in Fairfax, am announcing my candidacy for Assistant Principal Chief.

As a registered nurse, working within Indian Health and private systems, I've experienced how efficient, quality healthcare should be delivered. Through cooperative efforts with IHS and shared financial investments, we can create a system that meets the needs of all Osages.

I will base my campaign on three major issues: Healthcare, Economic Development and Education. Improved access to healthcare facilities, elder care and additional health related services are a top priority. I have a strong belief in the Osage people and their right to better healthcare and economic opportunities.

It is our responsibility to determine what type of life our children will enjoy, it begins with well organized tribal administration, business minded leaders and listening to the ideas, needs and concerns of Osage people. We must provide better economic, educational and social programs for all of our Osage citizens.

My family and I are lifelong residents of Gray Horse and we have a distinguished history of Osage Tribal leadership. I graduated from Fairfax High School and received my Bachelors of Nursing from Pittsburg State College. For more information on my campaign please visit www.ceceliatallchief.com.

–By Cecilia Tallchief

See 2010 CANDIDATES —Continued on Page 39
Letters to the Editor

they receive that degree? How many people receiving tribal housing will sell those houses back to the tribe so another member can benefit? BE GRATEFUL.

Samantha Harrison
Skiatook, OK

Who is taking care of mom and dad?

Navigating life’s transitions is something all of mankind will experience as we journey from one stage to another. These transitions range from chronic illness, unexpected health concurs to the normal processes of aging. Often times the need for care occurs without any warning, as when a stroke or another medical condition suddenly happens to you or a family member. Even when the transition is slowly evolving process, many families struggle with how to best provide and care for their relative. Every situation is unique, and the solutions found to deal with the care needs vary. The emotional toll in caring for a loved one is often compounded by the lack of information and the overload of many confusing options that need to be considered. According to a recent United Nations study, the older population is growing at a faster rate than the world’s total population. Not only do the seniors need help; their families need help and support too. Many times the family caregivers simply don’t know where to turn for help and advice.

What type of help is “out there” for the daughters and sons (sometimes called the sandwich generation)? According to a recent study by the AARP, 1 in 4 women are managing the healthcare of an older parent or relative. Navigating through the health care system is often frustrating and can take away valuable time that you want to spend with your loved one. Determining the availability of services is complicated because the delivery system is fragmented, which makes it very difficult and frustrating for the do-it-yourself process. Using care professionals can be a very cost effective and efficient way to provide help for a loved one.

It is important to find a professional who knows what questions to ask to assist in the creation and implementation of a plan that meets the desires and fulfills the needs of the individual. Kathy Noojin, LMSW, Care Navigator at Long Term Care Authority (www.ltca.org) in Tulsa, OK, emphasizes the overall importance of finding the right professional for assistance: “Choosing someone who is competent to guide your loved one through the incredible complex array of long term care services is the single most important decision you will make. With skilled professional services you will avoid a lot of headaches and heartaches in deciding which options make the most sense for your situation”.

The professional you hire can go by many names: Care Navigator, Geriatric Care Manager, Elder Care Manager, Elder Care Referral Service, Senior Care Advisor. The list of names is almost endless. Trying to make the best decisions about care giving can be difficult for you and your aging loved one. Asking for help is a big step. There are many organizations and professionals that can help you. Reduce your stress and make that call!

Mina Phillips
Tulsa, OK

2010 Candidates

Jenny Miller
Candidate for Osage Nation Congress

What an honor and privilege it is to be a potential part of the preservation, resurrection and stabilization of the Osage heritage, culture and government. I am so very grateful to God for creating me a part of this distinct and honorable tribe of Native Americans.

I look forward to meeting and visiting with more and more Osages as we embark on the up and coming election in 2010.

This is an extremely important election, perhaps the most important we have ever experienced.

Today my mission is to inform the public of the many issues facing us. You, the voter are the most important element in determining the future of the tribe. I encourage you to make every effort to become informed and to participate in the voting process.

I invite you to visit my website at www.jenny2010.com. Here you will find Newsletters and HOT TOPICS that will enable you to become aware and stay aware of the many needs of the Osage Nation Government.

It is with great satisfaction that I report to you today my decision to campaign for a seat in the Osage Nation Congress. I ask that you honor me with your support.

—By Jenny Miller

Osage News is now online at

www.osagenews.org

Visit us on the Web for the latest news and information! Plus there are new stories and photos every day!
We’ve got the friendliest folks in town.

There’s nothing better than getting out and meeting friends for some fun. And there’s no better place for having a good time than the Osage Million Dollar Elm Casino — with our friendly staff, Poker and Blackjack tables and hundreds of exciting electronic games to play. You can bet on a good time, every time.

OSAGE MILLION DOLLAR ELM CASINO

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