The Osage Delegation, pictured after the Osage Trust Case Settlement was signed Oct. 21, in Washington D.C. From L to R: John Wilson, Belle Hill Wilson, Everett Waller, Jason Zaun, Maria Powell, Galen Crum, Sara Crum, Cynthia Boone, Andrew Yates, Dudley Whitehorn, Joseph “Sonny” Abbott, Principal Chief John Red Eagle, Melvin Core, Barbara Rice, Loyed Gill, Shannon Edwards, John Free, Cindy Dunlap, Alice Goodfox, Daniel Boone, Curtis Bear and Jerri Jean Branstetter.
Osage Trust Team signs $380 million settlement with U.S. Government

By Shannon Shaw
Osage News

WASHINGTON – The Osage Trust Team sat down with U.S. Department of Interior officials Oct. 21 and signed the $380 million settlement agreement for decades of mismanagement of the Osage Minerals Estate.

The signing of the settlement closes the litigation chapter involving the mismanagement of the Osage minerals estate and opens a new one, filled of prosperity and new relations with the U.S. Government, said Osage Minerals Council Chairman Galen Crum.

“The [negotiations] were never antagonistic,” Crum said during the signing ceremony that took place at the U.S. Department of Interior headquarters Oct. 21. “I always felt we were going to find that good place...a fair and honorable solution.”

The settlement agreement, executed Oct. 14, will pay the tribe $380 million to compensate for its claims of historical losses to its trust funds and interest income as a result of the government’s mismanagement of trust assets. Language in the settlement will implement measures to strengthen management of the tribe’s trust assets and improve communications between the DOI and the Osage, including procedures for delivery of periodic statements of accounts, annual audit information, and information relating to the management of the mineral estate to the tribe.

The settlement agreement also provides dispute resolution provisions to reduce the likelihood of future litigation, according to a prepared release.

U.S. Department of Interior headquarters

More than 40 people attended the ceremonial signing of the Osage Trust Case settlement. An Osage delegation from Oklahoma, the Osage legal team, DOI officials and staff, and Senior Policy Advisor for Native American Affairs to President Obama, Kimberly Teehee (Cherokee).

The ceremony began with a prayer in Osage from Osage Nation Principal Chief John Red Eagle, followed by remarks from David Hayes, DOI Deputy Secretary, speaking on behalf of Ken Salazar, U.S. Secretary of the Interior, who was in Montana attending Eloise Cobell’s funeral.

Hayes said that settling trust issues with tribes was a priority for

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Nation argues proposed wind farm project violates federal law; Trial date set for Dec. 14

By Benny Polacca
Osage News

The fight to keep a 94-turbine wind farm out of Osage County is heading to a Tulsa federal courtroom after the Osage Minerals Council filed suit against Wind Capital Group on Oct. 18.

A trial date has been set for Dec. 14 and 15 in U.S. District Court where the Osage Nation, through the Minerals Council, filed an injunction request to prevent the St. Louis-based company from proceeding with the wind farm construction near Burbank. Wind Capital Group has since stated its Osage County Wind Project construction is scheduled to begin Nov. 19.

At issue is whether the wind farm construction project will impede development of the Osage Minerals Estate. The project will be built on privately owned ranch lands, but the Minerals Estate shareholders own all rights to the subsurface minerals, which is held in trust by the federal government.

According to the complaint filed Oct. 18, The Nation and Minerals Council are asking the court to declare the wind farm project a violation of federal law and requests the court “should issue both preliminary and permanent injunctions prohibiting (Wind Capital Group) from moving forward with the Osage County Wind Project.”

“Federal regulations governing the leasing of Osage Nation’s Minerals Estate guarantee the right to use so much of the surface above the mineral estate as may be reasonable...” the complaint states. “The defendant’s Osage County Wind Project will interfere with the right of surface access, which will in turn cause serious and immediate harm to the Osage Nation, including cancelled leases, inability to attract future leases, and the inability to benefit fully from the mineral estate through the use of new technologies.”

The court filing comes two months after the Osage County Board of Adjustment approved a conditional use permit for the 150-megawatt wind farm project on 8,300 privately owned acres near Burbank. It also comes a month after the Bureau of Indian Affairs sent letters to Wind Capital Group advising similar concerns about having access to oil and gas production in the region, which is north of U.S. 60 near the State Highway 18 intersection.

In a recent development, both parties appeared before a judge for an expedited status and scheduling hearing on Oct. 26 where the December court dates were set. Roger Wiley, the attorney representing the Minerals Council, told the Osage News that Wind Capital Group unsuccessfully asked the court to set the trial date before Nov. 19 and also asked “to limit discovery (fact-finding or research on both sides’ part to prepare for trial) to a two-week period.”

“We asked for at least 45 days to conduct discovery, which is still a very brief discovery period for a federal civil case, and a trial date no sooner than December. The Judge gave us 44 days to complete discovery,” Wiley said of the Dec. 14-15 court dates.

Wind Capital Group spokesman Tony Wyche told the Osage News he had no comment on the pending litigation.

Chris White, executive director of governmental affairs for Principal Chief John Red Eagle, also said the Executive Branch would have no immediate comment on the lawsuit filing. According to the complaint, the Nation is in the process of exploring and developing the Mineral’s Estate in the proposed wind farm area. “Developing and marketing the natural gas will require the construction of...”

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President Obama’s administration, as well as strengthening relationships with tribes and improving communication and accountability.

“Shame on the U.S. for not upholding our sacred trust responsibilities,” Hayes said to the crowd.

Hayes gave special recognition to DOI Solicitor Hilary Tompkins (Navajo) and Ignacia Moreno for reaching a settlement agreement everyone could agree on. He said the agreement wouldn’t have happened without the two women. Moreno is the Assistant Attorney General for the Environment and Natural Resources Division of the Department of Justice.

“You in the Osage have now blazed a path for future settlements,” Hayes said. “This [settlement] has created a template for other tribes to take advantage of, and right the wrongs to other tribes...These just aren’t words on paper, we now live a new relationship.”

Tompkins, who is the first Native American Solicitor in U.S. history and who was also a key-player in the Cobell settlement, gave special recognition to the Osage trust team, “for coming to the table and reaching a settlement that’s fair and honorable.

“This settlement is a testament to our mutual commitment to make amends and work in partnership for a brighter future. We were once adversaries in the courtroom, but today we lay down our arms and celebrate together in peace.”

Chief Red Eagle wore his Red and Blue Osage blanket and carried his eagle fan as he spoke of speaking to his older brother, Osage Congressman Eddy Red Eagle, before the signing. The brothers talked about what the settlement would mean for the Osage People and what changes it would bring to the tribe’s relationship with the DOI. They agreed that it was God who brought the peaceful resolution of the settlement.

“There are times throughout my life when I witnessed [the late] Chief Paul Pitts, [the late] Chief [Sylvester] Tinker, [travel] to Washington, D.C., and work out solutions for our people, and we’re doing it again,” he said. “On behalf of the Osage People, we want to say Thank You and God bless you.”

Osage Trust Team Chairman, Dudley Whitehorn, said that many Osages had called him, friends and relatives, asking him whether or not they were actually going to receive a settlement payment Dec. 5. He said some were sick, or some had waited so long and seen loved ones die waiting for the outcome of the case. He assured them it was true.

“Ladies and gentlemen,” he said to the crowd, “you have a real responsibility to pay out these funds. People are desperate.”


Osage Minerals Councilwoman Cynthia Boone wanted to thank President Obama, former Principal Chief Charles Tillman who originally filed the case in 2000; the legal team for the Osage and told her constituents, “have a Merry Christmas.”

Speaker for the Second Osage Nation Congress Jerri Jean Branstetter wanted to give thanks on behalf of the Second Osage Nation Congress and that she was honored to have been involved in the negotiation process for the historic settlement, which is the largest settlement with a single Native American tribe in U.S. history.

Mike Black, Director of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, said the settlement agreement marked a new era for the relationship between the Osage and the BIA. He said the BIA has taken on responsibilities with the settlement such as providing information and data directly to the Osage Minerals Council and engaging in negotiated rule making in reference to the minerals estate.

He spoke of a meeting with Osage tribal leaders the day before (Oct. 20) to discuss the Nation’s litigation against Wind Capital Group. The Missouri-based company is proposing a wind farm that the Nation says will interfere with oil production on the Osage minerals estate. The Nation filed suit in U.S. District Court in Tulsa, Okla., Oct. 18.

Black said the meeting was a very informative and prosperous one and that relations are already improving.

He said that when he arrived for the Osage Trust Case settlement ceremony Chief Red Eagle asked him how he was doing.

Black said, “Chief, it’s a good day, a truly good day to be here.”
Elouise Cobell dies at 65

By Bill McAllister
Cobell Publicist

Elouise Cobell, an enrolled member of Montana’s Blackfeet Tribe who led a 16-year landmark legal fight to get the federal government to pay an estimated 500,000 Native Americans for mismanaging their trust accounts, died tonight in at Benefis Hospital in Great Falls, Mont.

A great granddaughter of Mountain Chief, one of the legendary Indian leaders of the West, she had been diagnosed with cancer weeks before her class-action lawsuit was given final approval by a federal district judge in Washington on June 20.

Born on the Blackfeet Reservation on Nov. 5, 1945, with the Indian name Little Bird Woman, Ms. Cobell was one of eight children.

Her survivors include: her husband, Alvin Cobell of Blacktail, Mont., a son, Turk Cobell and his wife, Bobbie, of Las Vegas, two grandchildren, Olivia, and Gabriella, a brother, Dale Pepion of Browning, Mont., and three sisters, Julene Kennerly of Browning, Mont., Joy Ketah of Seattle and Karen Powell of Browning, Mont.

In 1996, Ms. Cobell and four other Native Americans filed a lawsuit against the federal government demanding that the government give Native Americans an accounting of billions of dollars it received for oil and gas leases and other uses of individual Indian lands held in trust by the United States.

After a long, tenacious fight with the government, the Obama administration agreed to settle the lawsuit in December, 2009, creating a $3.4 billion fund to, among other things, make payments to individual Indian money account holders. This was the largest class action settlement with the government in American history.

The settlement was ratified by both Houses of Congress and approved by the President of the United States. It then went back to the United States District Court for the District of Columbia for final approval and judgment, which was entered on August 4, 2011.

Ms. Cobell served as lead plaintiff in the lawsuit and tirelessly led the effort from Browning, quietly raising millions of dollars for expert witnesses and other major costs associated with the litigation.

In part, Ms. Cobell used funds from her own 1997 “Genius Grant” from the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation’s Fellows program to fund the cost of the lawsuit.

In 2005, she received a Cultural Freedom Fellowship from the Lannan Foundation, an award that cited


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Financial Literacy workshops being held for Osage shareholders

By Shannon Shaw
Osage News

The Office of the Special Trustee is holding Financial Literacy workshops to help Osage shareholders prepare for the Osage Trust Case Settlement payout Dec. 5.

The first workshop was held Oct. 24 at the Wah Zha Zhi Cultural Center. Eight people attended. The workshops are designed specifically for Osage shareholders, said Brian Ross, OST Fiduciary Trust Officer.

“I customized a lot of information for the settlement audience,” Ross said.

The workshop covered issues such as Sudden Wealth Syndrome; Elder Abuse and Fraud; Credit and Debt; Estate Planning; Investment Options and a general explanation of terms related to shareholders and their IIM accounts.

The OST specializes in information on IIM accounts, the process of quarterly annuity payments, investing of tribal trust funds and financial literacy, Ross said.

For example, a workshop attendee asked whether it was more profitable to leave their settlement money in their IIM account to gain interest or whether it would gain more interest if they transferred it out of their IIM account into a CD or savings account at their bank.

Warren Austin, a former attorney and tax expert who was also giving the OST workshop, said that if the money is left in their IIM account it would have an interest rate of 3.81 percent, higher than any bank in the area because of the current economy.

Austin also explained the ins and outs of tax liabilities, how to minimize taxes on your IIM account money, how to purchase land with

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Concerns raised over changes made to Osage Gaming Enterprise Board

Gaming board Chairman Frank Oberly resigns; Chief Red Eagle appoints two people to expanded board

By Benny Polacca
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The Osage Nation Gaming Enterprise Board is undergoing changes after the Second ON Congress passed legislation during the Tzi-Zho Session to expand the board to five members and remove some of its managing authority. The legislation also places the GEB with Osage Casino management staff.

Congress voted, by majority, to expand the three-member board and passed separate legislation items during the Tzi-Zho Session to amend the board’s duties, some of which include seeking legal counsel representation. In the wake of the changes, gaming board Chairman Frank Oberly resigned from the gaming board. Oberly had no comment.

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During the Tzi-Zho Session, Congress passed ONCA 11-103 (sponsored by Congresswoman Shannon Edwards) to expand the board to five members. But ONCA 11-79, to remove the gaming board’s authority to hire outside legal counsel, and ONCA 11-82, to remove the board’s authority to manage the Osage Casino enterprise and place management with the casino management staff, caused some concern.

Congressman Raymond Red Corn, who opposed ONCA 11-79, took concern with the bill, which passed with a 6-5 vote on Sept. 27. He said the result would be that the gaming board would have to consult the Chief’s office for legal counsel.

In his Sept. 16 Update email newsletter, Red Corn wrote: “Recall that the Osage constitution [sic] prohibits (those elected to executive and legislative branch offices) from sitting on any Enterprise Board. Yet this law puts the Principal Chief squarely in a day-by-day decision making capacity with his/her hand on the valve that allows legal counsel to flow to the Enterprise Board. It follows that in such an arrangement, the nature and quality of that counsel could be controlled by the Office of the Chiefs, and therefore easily politicized.”

Congressman Geoffrey Standing Bear (who sponsored ONCA 11-79) addressed the bill in Congressman William “Kugee” Supernaw’s Sept. 18 Notes to the Nation newsletter stating he wanted to cut spending on outside legal and consulting fees.

“It appears to me that there has been no comprehensive legal and policy strategy for the Osage Nation, yet consultant and attorney fees are rampant expenses throughout the Osage Nation government and

The Osage Nation’s Gaming Enterprise Board is expanding to five members under legislation passed by the Second Osage Nation Congress during the 2011 Tzi-Zho Session. Board members pose for a photo during an Oct. 13 meeting. (L to R) Aaron Bighorse, Stacy Laskey, Candy Thomas and Randy Carnett.
Cobell Dies

her persistence in bringing to light the “more than a century of government malfeasance and dishonesty” with the government-run Indian Trust.

Two years later, she was one of 10 people given an AARP Impact Award (for making the world a better place), and in 2004 the National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development presented her with the Jay Silverheels Achievement Award. This year, she was named “Montana Citizen of the Year” by the Montana Trial Lawyers Association.

She received the 2002 International Women’s Forum award for “Women Who Make a Difference,” in Mexico City.

Ms. Cobell was one of the founders of the Native American Bank, based in Denver. Her professional and civic experience and expertise includes serving as co-chair of Native American Bank NA and as a former trustee of the National Museum of the American Indian, as well as service on other boards. She served for 13 years as treasurer for the Blackfeet Indian Nation in Montana. She also served as executive director of the Native American Community Development Corp, the bank’s nonprofit affiliate.

With her husband, Alvin Cobell, she operated a working ranch that produced cattle and crops. She was active in Montana agriculture and environmental issues, founding the first Land Trust in Indian Country. She also served as a trustee for the Nature Conservancy of Montana.

She graduated from Great Falls Business College and attended Montana State University, from which she later received an honorary doctorate. She also has honorary degrees from Rollins College and Dartmouth College.

Statement by President Obama on the Passing of Elouise Cobell

“Michelle and I were saddened to hear about the passing of Elouise Cobell yesterday. Elouise spoke out when she saw that the Interior Department had failed to account for billions of dollars that they were supposed to collect on behalf of more than 300,000 of her fellow Native Americans. Because she did, I was able to sign into law a piece of legislation that finally provided a measure of justice to those who were affected. That law also creates a scholarship fund to give more Native Americans access to higher education, and give tribes more control over their own lands. Elouise helped to strengthen the government to government relationship with Indian Country, and our thoughts and prayers are with her family, and all those who mourn her passing.”

The Osage News contributed to this report.

Workshops Planned

restricted money and how to minimize risk when making investments.

Austin stressed the importance of Estate Planning. Without the proper estate planning after a shareholder dies, the state of Oklahoma will divide their assets – the OST can help shareholders set meetings up to get the process started, he said.

Whereabouts Unknown

One thing all Osages can do to help the OST before and after the settlement disbursement, said Ross, is to scan the OST’s list of those Osage shareholders that the OST cannot find.

“Millions of dollars the OST is holding for people they cannot find,” Ross said.

A list of people the OST cannot locate is on their Web site, but Osages can also come in to the OST’s office on Grandview in Pawhuska and peruse the list, he said.

Home visit

Officers for the OST can be reached during business hours, Monday thru Friday, or Osage shareholders can ask them to come to their homes and have a one-on-one financial literacy session, Ross said. The shareholder only needs to call and set up an appointment.

The next meetings are scheduled for Nov. 8 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. and Nov. 19 from 9 a.m. to noon, both held at the Wah Zha Zhi Cultural Center in Pawhuska. Documents from the meetings will be posted to the OST’s Web site after Nov. 19, according to Ross.

For more information on the OST visit their Web site at www.doi.gov/ost/fto or contact them at 1-888-678-6836.

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Nation Files Suit

Ben Kelahan, community relations liaison for the Osage County Wind Project, would not comment on the lawsuit while taking questions from the attendees.

“Our position has not changed,” Kelahan said of the project, stating the construction would begin Nov. 19. He said the 94-turbine project would be completed by June.

At the meeting, Kelahan said workers have started preparing the area for construction with dirt being leveled and a construction office trailer has been placed on-site. Efforts were also being finalized to erect a meteorological tower, which is used to test wind in the area, he said.

Kelahan also said a construction project administrator has been hired. He would not name the individual but said it was a “local person.”

In Oct. 26 court documents, Wind Capital Group also supports a speedy trial like the Nation is seeking because “because of the immediate, practical impact of a pending lawsuit on (the wind farm) project financeability [sic] and schedule...Until the plaintiff’s claim for injunctive relief is finally resolved, it will be difficult to obtain the lender’s approval for release of construction funds.”

In seeking a halt to the project, the Nation asks the court to find Wind Capital Group in violation of federal law, citing a Code of Federal Regulation which guarantees the Nation access to the Minerals Estate which is held in trust by the federal government. The Nation is also seeking incurred attorney fees and costs for the lawsuit.

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Road crews closed the County Road 2145/Dave Ware Bridge over Sand Creek and declared it “obsolete” by the state Department of Transportation. CR 2145 provides motorist access to the Bartlesville Osage Casino from U.S. 60. Motorists are encouraged to use the “39 Hill” road off State Highway 123 to access the casino from Bartlesville.

Road crews reopened 39 Hill road to Bartlesville Osage Casino

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Road crews reopened the Bartlesville Osage Casino access off State Highway 123 after it closed earlier this year for construction improvements. The north-south county road access between the casino and U.S. 60 is now closed due for needed bridge repairs.

A one-mile section of County Road 2706 – commonly referred to as “39 Hill” – officially opened Oct. 11 after extensive improvements made by the Osage Nation Transportation Department and Osage County workers. The road was closed in early March for the improvement work.

“We removed the severe curves at the bottom of the hill,” ON Transportation Department Director, RD Walker, said in a news release. “There’s a new shouldered road which is better than some major highways in the county.”

Construction crews along the roadway are still working on driveways, sodding and drainage, so it remains a construction zone with a speed limit of 25 miles per hour, according to the release. The three-way intersection where County Road 2145 meets 39 Hill is temporary and will be moved to the east, allowing thru traffic from the casino and 39 Hill.

While 39 Hill opened, the Oklahoma State Department of Transportation ordered the closure of the CR 2145/ Dave Ware Bridge over Sand Creek, which is south of U.S. 60. The bridge, built in the 1930s, is obsolete and a 190-day improvement project is ongoing, Walker said in the release.

“I want to thank our guests for their patience during this road project,” said General Manager Ressa Files of Osage Casino, Bartlesville. “The new road is much safer for travel and convenient for our guests and employees.”

Concerns Raised Over Board

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not consulted regarding the shift in management duties, which came up during the gaming board’s Oct. 13 meeting – the first one for the four board members together.

Osage Casino CEO Neil Cornelius raised questions about the legislation and where the managing operations should go in moving forward.

“I sense the winds of change,” Neil Cornelius said of the gaming-related legislation at the board meeting. He said he would like assistance in moving forward with operations and requested a legal analysis as a guide.

Cornelius also questioned what the legislation means, but no response was given. “The board is to now provide oversight – what does that actually mean?” he asked. He also questioned why the board changes were made because “we have a fine relationship, I don’t see a big reason to change a lot of things.”

Congressman Mark Simms, who did not reply to an Osage News comment request, sponsored ONCA 11-82 and did not attend the meeting.

At the Oct. 13 meeting with the four board members, members of the Executive Branch, Attorney General Jeff Jones and Executive Branch attorney Terry Mason Moore, a decision was made for a meeting involving casino officials and the two attorneys to discuss the attorney issue for the board and casino operations. A timeline for the meeting was unknown.

The next Gaming Enterprise Board meeting is slated for Nov. 10 at the Casino central offices next to the Tulsa Osage Casino. GEB officers will be selected at the meeting.

Winds of change

Red Corn also noted that Osage Casino management officials were
Two Osages honored at third annual Oklahoma Indian Elder awards

By Sunnie Clahchischiligi
Osage News

When Martha Spotted Bear and JC Elliot reflected on their lives, they were just two people doing what they love. But to a room filled with people whose lives they touched, they were a pair of the most distinguished Native American elders in Oklahoma.

Spotted Bear, who is Osage, Kaw and Ponca, and Elliot, who is Osage and Cherokee, were the only Osages out of 50 Native American elders honored at the third annual 2011 AARP Oklahoma Indian Elder Honors banquet in Oklahoma City on Tuesday.

Spotted Bear said the caliber of the award didn't hit her until she sat and listened to the stories of her peers who were also being honored.

“I really didn't get excited until I got down there, it wasn't like it was real to me,” Spotted Bear said. “I kind of looked around at the people sitting next to me and thought ‘oh my goodness, they are so much more worthier than me,’ they've done so many wonderful things and I got to be with them.”

She was worthy and so was Elliot.

The award ceremony was held at the National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum after a catered buffet-style dinner and a list of speeches from AARP officials.

Spotted Bear, 64, has lived in Indian Camp all her life. She has served as a committee cook for the Pawhuska District for 12 years. She was recognized for her 30-plus years teaching for the Osage Nation Head Start and for volunteering as a PE teacher. She was also the first Native American to receive her Child Development Associate.

She was also a Master Teacher who was in charge for all the cultural teachings in various entities of the tribe. She continues to hold workshops where she shares her Indian stories with children.

Elliott, whose mother was Osage and Cherokee and father who was Cherokee, was perhaps one of the most embellished honorees at the ceremony.

He was the first Native American to earn a physics degree from the University of Oklahoma and is a retired physicist from NASA's Johnson Space Center in Houston.

He played a key role in the flights of the Apollo Moon landings and the return of Apollo 13, as lead Retrofire Officer for NASA's Mission Control Center.

Elliott is also credited with three scientific inventions during his professional career. He is also a producer, director, composer, play write, poet, author, entertainer, recording artist and storyteller. He was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom by President Richard Nixon.

Keynote speaker John Penn, who serves on AARP’s National Board of Directors, said in his speech that after reading about each of the honorees he was overwhelmed by how dedicated the honorees were.

“The men and women who are receiving the medallions today have distinguished themselves through their accomplishments, their commitment, their perseverance for the greater good of Indian nations and our collective nation of the United States,” Penn said. “All are keepers of Native American traditions and continue today to make contributions to all Americans...”

Spotted Bear attended the event with some of her family. She said two of her grandsons were unable to attend but on her purple camp dress she wore a pin with a picture of her Army grandson Jeremy Spotted Bear, who is serving in Afghanistan.

She said she has always made a point to include her family in just about everything that she does.

“I have never done, and don’t do anything, without my family,” she said. “He’s my hero, that’s how come we’re so free to be here to tonight.”

Spotted Bear had the support of her husband, Fred Spotted Bear and her 18 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren, most of who could not

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Osage women send relief to Pine Ridge Reservation

Diane Sawyer’s ‘20/20’ segment on the living conditions of the Pine Ridge Reservation prompted the Pah-Sue-Lee Club to action

By Sunnie Clahchischiligi
Osage News

In the small catholic church hidden in Fairfax a dozen women gathered shoes, jackets, socks, diapers and anything else they could find and packed them into brown boxes bound for South Dakota.

The women, members of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church and the Pah-Sue-Lee Club, decided to take action after a discussion about ABC’s “20/20” special, “The Hidden America: Children of the Plains,” aired on Oct. 14. They decided to collect clothes and anything else they thought the Native American children and families in South Dakota might need.

Millions of viewers, 4.74 million to be exact, tuned in on the 40-plus minute show that showed viewers the lives of a group of promising children and the daily battles they faced while living on the Pine Ridge Reservation.

At least 12 of those viewers were women like Beverly Brownfield.

Brownfield, Osage, a member of the church and the president of the Pah-Sue-Lee Club, heard about the segment and wanted to do something. Brownfield has also been to the Pine Ridge Reservation, as well as Rosebud Reservation.

“I’m aware of what the situation is in that area, I’ve been up in that area, I have some friends from up there that we’ve adopted down here in our area, and so I know what its like up there,” Brownfield said. “Some of the girls got to talking about it and they said they would like to do something for those people up in Pine Ridge and Rosebud.”

Just five days after the segment aired, the group met and a week later were boxing necessities on Oct. 26.

They spread the word anyway they could; text message, Facebook, phone calls, anyway they could. They immediately had people wanting to do anything they could to help, people like Chris Hadlock.

Hadlock, Osage, who lives in Fairfax, said she didn’t hesitate and started looking through things her family no longer needed.

“Just clean the closets, coats, and gloves, this time of year I think they need coats, and jeans, and shirts and just whatever we could give them,” she said. “They need help, I watched the program on 20/20 and my heart went out to them, and I just wish we could do more.”

Sidonie Cannon, also from Fairfax and has a degree in social work, said she too has visited the Pine Ridge Reservation and has known the conditions for some time.

She was introduced to various organizations that collect donations from people all over the country for the Native peoples in South Dakota.

“I just know that the Osages have been blessed throughout the years with an abundance and we need to share our abundance,” she said. “(It’s) very humbling to know that other people have so much and they have so little.”

Cannon found the addresses of places where care packages or donations can be sent on ABC’s Web site and on Facebook.

The boxes are being sent to organizations like the Lakota Pine Ridge Children’s Enrichment Project (on Facebook), Community Action office in Wanblee, S.D., Kyle, S.D., the Head State Prenatal Clinic in Pine Ridge, American Horse School in

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make the event She also made room on the table for a picture of her military grandson.
She said even though she was one of the 50 being honored she couldn’t help but be in awe at all the other honorees.
“To be in that one room, we’re talking about people who’s way up there, who’s kept our tribes going in one way or another, they have made their mark for their tribe,” she said.
“It’s an impressive view if you sat there and looked at each one of them and it didn’t just happen overnight, these people, it was their life.”
Spotted Bear said by the end of the evening she was convinced that she belonged with the group of 50 and was happy to be a part of the celebration.
“It was just a blessing to be there,” she said.

Elliott was also modest about being a recipient.
He moved from the Smokey Mountains of Tennessee back to Oklahoma after the recent death of his mother.
He said the award was a nice reminder of those who did much more before him.
“I don’t know why I deserve this honor because I don’t feel like an elder and I want to accept this honor not in my name but on behalf of all our families our ancestors and our relatives who came before us, who died and sacrificed and gave all so that we can be here today,” he said.
“They are the ones who deserve the honor but I accept it in their name.”
He said it’s been years since his last visit to Osage Country and hopes to make a trip soon.
He said his Osage ties are important to him and are significant in the award he received from AARP.
“A lot of the people I know have passed on now, Ed Red Eagle, Sr., was my mentor and John Matthews, I miss everybody and I’d like to see them again,” he said. “I want to get back up and go to the In-Lon-Schka and feel my roots again, I need to reboot and get back to our people.”

Donations requested for Osage soldiers serving in Middle East

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The Gray Horse War Mothers are asking Osages to help donate items for Care Packages to be sent to Osage troops in the Middle East.
“We will be assembling care packages for our troops in the Middle East,” said Crystal McKinley, Gray Horse War Mothers Angel. “We need your help to supply some of the approved care package items.”

McKinley said those wishing to donate can deliver their donations to boxes located throughout the Osage Nation tribal offices in Pawhuska.
Donations will be accepted from Nov. 1 thru Nov. 14.
“We greatly appreciate your support,” she said.

Donation drop off sites:
• Osage Nation Title VI
• Osage Nation Tax Commission
• Osage Nation WIC
• Osage Nation Prevention, located in First National Bank 2nd floor

For more information contact Margie Burkhart at (918) 718-9471, Mary Elsberry (918) 396-3314, or Crystal McKinley at (918) 287-5370

List of Approved Items:
• Deodorant
• Shower to Shower body powder
• Disposable camera
• Altoids or mints
• Beef jerky
• Sunflower seeds
• Chewing gum
• Nuts
• Long-distance phone cards
• Ziploc bags (for keeping things airtight, watertight, and fresher)
• Coffee
• Playing cards
• Dice
• Music CDs or DVD movies
• Toothbrushes & toothpaste
• Inflatable pillow
• Cookies
• Foot bag/hacky-sac
• Spices (crushed red pepper), salt, pepper
• Pringles chips
• Microwave popcorn
• Ramen noodles
• Macaroni & cheese
• Disposable shower towels
• Cereal bars/granola bars
• Microwave pasta that doesn’t need refrigeration
• Bed pillows
• Hot cocoa mix (individual packs)
• Soup mix or ready to eat soup (pop tops)
• Newspapers
• Magazines or paperback books (these don’t have to be brand new)
• Koozies to keep water bottles and cans cool
• AA batteries
• D size batteries
• Sewing kit
• Baby wipes
• Board games
• Shoe laces for gym shoes and boots
• Brown t-shirts
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Susan Supernaw addresses abusive past at ON Counseling Center luncheon

By Sunnie Clahchischiligi
Osage News

To everyone who knew her, Susan Supernaw had it all.
She was young; she had talent, personality and was crowned Miss Oklahoma in 1971.
She was a Native woman going places but when the crown came off she was a woman carrying an unimaginable past.
As a child she was physically abused by her stepfather and later as wife and a mother. But now the 60-year-old Muscogee Creek and Munsee author has breached her violent past and is sharing it with others.
"First, I was ashamed and then as I saw it happening to more and more people…especially young women (who) need to be aware of what’s out there and what’s going to happen or what can happen…" she said. “I know how it really hurt my self-esteem and how people couldn’t imagine that someone that did everything that I have done would feel so bad about themselves.”
Supernaw was crowned Miss Oklahoma in 1971. She was a Merit Scholar student and now an author, amongst other titles.
She made a visit to Osage Country on Oct. 7 for a book signing and presentation as a part of the Osage Nation Counseling Center’s Domestic Violence awareness month events, held at the Dave Landrum Community Center.
At the event she presented a slide-show with pictures of her life growing up in Hominy and later talked about how she escaped domestic abuse and was finally able to move on with her life.
LaVina Clark, Domestic Violence Administrator for the Osage Nation Counseling Center, said the event had a good turnout and captivated the audience.
"Her coming shows that ladies, it can be done, they can get out of the situation,” Clark said. “And now she writes about her experience, she was really interesting when she told some of her stories.”
Supernaw grew up in Hominy but after years of abuse from her stepfather she ran away from home.
A church family took her in after she collapsed on some church steps in Tulsa soon after she ran away from home. She eventually went to college with the National Merit Scholarship, was a cheerleader, a presidential scholar and earned an internship in Washington D.C.
And by coincidence she was entered into the Miss Oklahoma pageant.
She said while many people looked up to her and envied her accomplished life, on the inside she felt her abusive past lingering.
Not only did she leave her family behind when she ran away, but she didn’t have much support from her extended family.
“I came from a very dysfunctional family, so I didn’t really have a lot of family support that a lot of people might have, and simply because everybody scattered from the violence,” Supernaw said. “It takes a while to get out and talk about your past like that, in the old days you didn’t, you just kept quiet about it.”
After her reign as Miss Oklahoma she too had a shot at the Miss America Pageant, for Miya McKim (left) as Osage Nation Attorney General Jeff Jones looks on. Supernaw was invited to speak about her experience with Domestic Violence at a Domestic Violence Awareness month event held by the Osage Nation Counseling Center on Oct. 7.
Susan Supernaw (right) signs a copy of her book, “Muscogee Daughter: My sojourn to the Miss America Pageant,” for Miya McKim (left) as Osage Nation Attorney General Jeff Jones looks on. Supernaw was invited to speak about her experience with Domestic Violence at a Domestic Violence Awareness month event held by the Osage Nation Counseling Center on Oct. 7.

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Chief Red Eagle to call Congressional Special Session Nov. 10

By Benny Polacca
Osage News

Osage Nation Principal Chief John Red Eagle is calling the Second Osage Nation Congress into Special Session starting Nov. 10 to consider matters including appropriating $8.9 million for the higher education scholarship program and $100,000 for the employee loan program – the targets of two bills he pocket-vetoed following the Tzi-Zho Session.

The Tzi-Zho Session, which included setting the Nation's fiscal year 2012 budgets, wrapped Oct. 6 and shortly after, Chief Red Eagle pocket-vetoed two appropriation bills establishing revolving funds for the higher education scholarship program (ONCA 11-104) and the employee loan program (ONCA 11-114). He objected to certain criteria listed in the proposed bills as well as the plan to move the scholarship funding into a revolving fund.

“My intentions are not to eliminate any program which helps Osage people or employees,” Chief Red Eagle said of the pocket vetoes in an executive message. “I believe both bills establish unnecessary limitations on Executive (branch)'s administration of programs. The Education and Accounting Departments are fully capable of implementing and administering programs to the highest standards.”

In previous years, the scholarship and employee loan program funding were included in the Nation's operational budgets with their respective department's budget. During this year's budget meetings, Congress decided to place those items into revolving fund accounts so each fund could be replenished when needed.

The Executive Branch is concerned that adding criteria for the scholarships into the legislation would not equally serve all Osage students applying for the financial aid. The branch also prefers the scholarship guidelines and criteria continue to be set by the Education Department which oversees the scholarships.

According to ONCA 11-104, criteria for the scholarship applicants to be awarded tribal financial assistance are listed in categories for undergraduate and graduate students. For example, undergraduate students would only be eligible for “scholarship awards up to the number of course hours required by the applicable institution to obtain a four-year degree.”

“Creating unclear mandates while also eliminating equal assistance to students attending tribal colleges such as Haskell (Indian Nations University in Lawrence, Kan.) is the current substance of the legislation,” Chief Red Eagle said of ONCA 11-104 in his Oct. 18 message posted to osagetribe.com. “Congresswoman Shannon Edwards, (ONCA 11-104's sponsor) is correct; the scholarship program should be reassessed in a thoughtful and fair manner in order to best serve students. However, Education Director Ida Doyle and her staff need time to discuss, research, and analyze what is best for all Osage students.”

Students who attend Haskell do not pay tuition costs, but are required to pay fees and on-campus housing and meals (if living in the dormitories), according to the University Web site.

Ashlee Morton, legislative analyst for Chief Red Eagle's office, said Executive and education officials are working on a new scholarship appropriation bill for the November special session.

Edwards said she was disappointed in the pocket veto but still believes scholarship criteria should be set into law. The Executive Branch and Education Department currently set the scholarship guidelines, which can be amended at discretion.

“I just feel like there's got to be some criteria in writing,” Edwards said of ONCA 11-104. “If every time the Executive Branch came to Congress (to request money) and the answer is always 'yes,' why do you need us? To me, requiring some accountability is the right thing to do.”

The bill also requires a student handbook to be published and mailed to all scholarship recipients, which also concerned the Executive Branch. Morton said printing the handbook would be “very costly, so we can post it online” instead.

The scholarship funding covers students attending higher education institutions starting in spring 2012 while this fall's semester scholarship funds were covered in the FY 2011 budget.

Chief Red Eagle also pocket vetoed ONCA 11-114 to establish a revolving fund account for the employee loan program. Like the scholarship bill, Chief Red Eagle objected to the guidelines set in the bill sponsored by Congressman Daniel Boone.

“Our major concern is the number of mandates in this bill,” Morton said of ONCA 11-114. She said the branch is in favor of the loan program being placed into a revolving fund, since it generates income for the Nation through fees paid for its use.

“Executive staff worked successfully with Congress to decrease the request from $605,000 to $100,000 for the employee loan program,” Chief Red Eagle said in his message. “This joint effort was in vain, as Congress insisted on enacting into law policies and procedures for the program... Executive's responsibility is to manage appropriations. Separation of powers becomes an issue when policy and procedures are codified.”

According to ONCA 11-114, the Executive Branch would be required to submit policies and procedures for implementing the employee loan program for Congressional approval by April 2012.

Special sessions of Congress run up to 10 days and committee meetings are scheduled when needed to consider pieces of legislation or special topics. The Congressional Web site is at www.osagetribe.com/congress.

Osage Women Send Relief

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Allen, S.D., and the LaCreek Community Action Program office in Martin, S.D., and others.

Brownfield said the Pah-Sue-Lee Club donated money for shipping costs and so did others.

Brownfield said her children bought and donated items and Julie Mushruch bought and sent diapers because there was a need for infant and toddler clothes and supplies.

Brownfield said it was good to see members of the community help out where they could.

“It’s a community effort,” she said. “It’s extremely poor, you hear that over the news all the time, but it doesn’t seem like they get a lot of help, I’m not sure why, I don’t understand that part of it at all, but we just wanted to do something as a community.”

While boxes filled the church that afternoon Brownfield said the women helping weren’t exactly sure what kind of impact they would have.

But whatever the impact, they’re happy to be able to help.

“I hope that they know that we care down here too . . .” Brownfield said. “I just think they need help, I just think they need help and if I can do a little bit I hope that will make a little bit of difference.”

The women of the Catholic Church plan to send more care packages soon and will continue to take donations of any kind.

To make a donation email Sidonie Cannon at sidscannon@yahoo.com.
Six organizations to receive 2011 Community Challenge Grants

Osage News

Six community organizations in Osage County are recipients of 2011 Osage Nation Community Challenge Grant funding, according to the Nation’s Office of Strategic Planning and Grants Management.

This year, the Nation will award a total of $105,662 in grant funding which will be divided among the six entities.

Established by ON Congressional legislation, the Community Challenge Grant is for a maximum of $25,000 per community, organization or foundation for the purposes of supporting an active lifestyle among reservation youth, to aid in the prevention of diabetes or other diseases and to support the growth of our communities.

According to a news release, the 2011 matching grant award winners are:

- Fairfax Chamber of Commerce: $24,000 match for enhancing the Fairfax pool with an aquatic splash pad.
- Wynona Summer League: $6,752 match for making improvements to the public baseball field.
- Town of Skiatook: $25,000 match

Donations Requested

- Razors
- Ink pens
- Notepads of paper
- Word Puzzle books
- Air activated heat wraps for sore muscles
- Icy hot patches
- Microwaveable plates, bowls, paper plates
- Video games (Nintendo Wii, Play station, Xbox)

for Skiatook Sport Complex assistance with building barrier fencing for newly constructed T-ball and baseball fields.

- City of Pawhuska: $25,000 match for enhancements to Lynn Park, which include picnic shelters, park benches and tables. The city received community grant funding last year for building the aquatic splash pad which opened this summer.
- McCord Public School: $6,510 match for enhancing the McCord Playground with a children’s play tunnel and upgrading the restroom facilities.
- Make it Happen in Pawhuska: $18,400 match for expanding the skate park with a new concrete skate slab, quarter pipe and railing. This committee also received community grant funding last year in addition to grant funding awarded by the Tony Hawk Foundation in 2009.

This year’s grant program funding was established by the Second ON Congress, which passed a $150,000 appropriation bill (ONCA 11-48 sponsored by Congressman Anthony Shackelford) during this year’s Hun-Kah Session.

Last year, the Nation paid out $53,000 for the 2010 Community Challenge Grant program, according to the ON Office of Strategic Planning and Grants Management, which received and evaluated the community grant applications.

Children take a break from the summer heat at Pawhuska’s Splash Pad.

Children take a break from the summer heat at Pawhuska’s Splash Pad.

Supernaw Book Signing

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age, she dealt with domestic abuse, she decided it was time to make a change.

She said most victims, like her, feel helpless. She said she often thought there was nothing that could be done or nothing she could do to the abuser.

Supernaw said it wasn’t until she realized she couldn’t do it alone that she decided to take action.

“I think that you have to believe in yourself...that to me was the key for me to actually to get to a point where I could say I don’t deserve this,” she said. “I wasn’t put on this earth to be abused and I am valuable as a child of the creator, if nothing else.”

In her book “Muscogee Daughter: My Sojourn to the Miss America Pageant”, Supernaw goes into detail on her escape from her abused family in Hominy, her road to the Miss Oklahoma title and Miss America and her lifetime journey toward self and cultural identity.

Clark said she was impressed with Supernaw’s strength even as a child. She said the author was perfect for the event.

“Everybody...they really thought she was interesting, there was a lot of people at the end that was going to buy her book even when we were cleaning up she was still talking to people,” Clark said. “She was approachable.”

A handful of fans stayed after the event for a more personal visit with Supernaw. Some had books signed for their loved ones and others stuck around to give Supernaw praise for courage.

Supernaw said she’s come a long way from the days where help seemed like something far out of reach. As a child telling anyone about the troubles she faced seemed useless but now that times have changed she sees how talking about her past can help others.

“I think it’s good we get the word out that’s why I was really excited about coming here to help people know the words getting out,” she said. “We can all do something.”
Osage LLC acquires technology company for $3 million; has 100 percent ownership

By Benny Polacca
Osage News

The Osage Limited Liability Company has acquired a Tennessee-based technology company for $3 million for 100 percent ownership of the company, which will help the LLC enter the government-contracting arena for revenue generating efforts.

Osage LLC CEO Carol Leese said the LLC signed the management and purchase agreements for Echota Technologies Corporation in October, making it the first company the LLC has purchased for 100 percent ownership. Echota Technologies is a Native American-owned company with experience in obtaining government contracting jobs with entities such as the Department of Defense.

“This is exciting for us, we have this huge opportunity of government contracting,” Leese said. “It takes a long time to buy the right companies,” he said adding the LLC completed a due diligence check of the company which included the company’s finances and visits with company officials.

Headquartered in Alcoa, Tenn., Echota Technologies is a graduate of the 8(a) business development program. The company provides technology and consulting services and is named after a principal Cherokee city where the people came to resolve their issues, according to the company Web site.

Its owner/President/CEO is Randy E. McGinniss. The company has three more offices in Idaho, Kentucky and North Carolina.

“Echota Technologies Corporation is very pleased to be joining the Osage LLC family of companies and expanding the presence and influence of American Indian-owned businesses across the country,” McGinniss said in a news release. “We are confident that our proven track record of service and our success in government contracting will contribute greatly to the success of Osage LLC now and in the future.”

Leese said a big draw for the LLC to Echota Technologies is its 8(a) graduation status, which helps smaller companies compete for contracts with federal government entities.

Created by a U.S. Congressional Act, the Small Business Administration helps award 8(a)-certified businesses subcontracts with the government.

The Echota Technologies acquisition will bring 11 years of the company’s government contracting expertise to the LLC and Osage Nation, according to an LLC announcement.

As a result, Osage LLC plans to start three new companies that will be dedicated to government procurement and will immediately place the companies into the 8(a) application process.

Leese said the LLC is also considering what opportunities Echota could offer in hiring Osages. He said future plans would call for opening an Oklahoma office closer to home for the state’s Osage residents, but did not immediately have a timeline when that would occur.

With regard to Echota’s operations, McGinnis will remain president/CEO of Echota for at least five years, said Leese, adding that Echota will be reporting to him and the LLC.

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Osage ballet production coming to Bartlesville next year

Osage News

A new ballet is coming to town and it’s not, “The Nutcracker.”

A ballet, produced and created by local Osages, will be premiering in Pawhuska, Bartlesville and Tulsa titled, “Wahzhazhe,” which chronicles the Osage Nation’s history through dance.

The production reflects, “the rich culture of the Osage people who controlled a large part of what is now called the United States of America,” according to a prepared release.

The ballet is set to open in August 2012 with the support of the Allied Arts and Humanities Council of Bartlesville and various donors.

“Osages danced: before a hunt, before a raid, to express joy or grief, to prayer songs, to the beat of a drum – what better way to tell the Osage story than through dance?” said project sponsor, Kathryn Red Corn. Red Corn is also the director of the Osage Tribal Museum, the oldest tribally owned museum in the world.

Osages involved in creating, “Wahzhazhe,” are Randy Tinker Smith, director; Roman Jasinski, artistic director; Lou Brock, composer; Ardina Moore, costume designer and Wendy Ponca, set designer.

“Osages have a great heritage of dance,” said Principal Chief John Red Eagle. “We are proud of our own Osage ballerinas, Maria and Marjorie Tallchief, who

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The Osage ballet production, “Wahzhazhe,” chronicles the Osage Nation’s history through dance. The painting is by Osage artist Joe Don Brave for the production.
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Osage collection contains wide spectrum of objects, from textiles to culturally sensitive items

By Shannon Shaw
Osage News

SUITLAND, Md. – Within the Cultural Resources Center of the National Museum of the American Indian are some of the most rare and precious of Native American artifacts.

Within its vast collection is textiles, pottery, beadwork, yarn work, ribbonwork, spiritual items, blankets, hides, canoes, culturally sensitive objects, the list goes on and on.

An Osage Delegation, in Washington, D.C., to sign the historic Osage Trust Case Settlement with U.S. Department of Interior officials Oct. 21, was invited to view the CRC’s Osage collection on Oct. 20.

Fresh from a tour of The White House that morning, the delegation arrived at the CRC and prepared for what they would experience.

They were welcomed by CRC staff and given a short introduction to the collection. The delegation was split into four groups and assigned a research assistant to guide them through the preservation facility.

Upon entering the storage facility, one sees enormous ranges, row upon row, labeled according to region and tribe. The ranges, or storage units, are nearly two stories high and most are lined with shelves that can be easily pulled out to view the objects within.

Each range is split up into “banks” which consist of two large doors. There are nine banks in each range. About 10 banks contain Osage items, making it one of the larger collections in the CRC, said Tony Williams, a researcher who has been with the CRC for 12 years. The CRC is in possession of more than 580 Osage artifacts.

For the delegation, the CRC staff displayed Osage artifacts such as headdresses, a buckskin dress, a wedding coat, war materials, dance clothing, baskets, tools and other items were on display.

“I was surprised that they opened areas to view their exhibits so openly. There were patterns of yarn work I have never seen before,” said Jerri Jean Branstetter, Speaker of the Second Osage Nation Congress and member of the Osage Trust Team. “I was also surprised to see there was more beadwork exhibits. The baskets on exhibit I had never seen before.”

The delegation, made up of the Osage Trust Team, members of the Second Osage Nation Congress and their staff, members of the Osage Minerals Council, members of the Chief’s Office, and attorneys representing the Osage were on the tour.

Preservation

The CRC is the second of three facilities comprising the Smithsonian’s National Museum of the American Indian, home to the extensive collections and research programs of the museum, according to the NMAI Web site. Completed in 1998 and

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Osage Delegation members view an Osage Wedding outfit, donated in 1925 from the John Haines collection. The coat belonged to Mary Red Eagle.

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Dr. Patricia Nietfled explains the differences in the various Alaskan canoes.

Members of the Osage Delegation tour the Smithsonian National Museum of the American Indian Archives facility on Oct. 20 in Suitland, Md. They viewed several pieces of Osage clothing and regalia kept in the museum collections.
Osages celebrate Trust Settlement signing at the Smithsonian NMAI

Wilson Pipestem lauds Trust Team members for their work

By Benny Polacca
Osage News

WASHINGTON – The Oct. 21 ceremonial signing of the $380 million Osage Trust Settlement came to a poignant end with words of gratitude, praise and a few tears shed among those involved in reaching the settlement with the federal government.

More than 50 people joined the Osage Trust Team and their attorneys who represented the elected Osage leaders and shareholders for a reception at the Smithsonian’s National Museum of the American Indian after the signing ceremony that morning at the Department of Interior headquarters.

At the event, people dined on Native foods served in the museum’s Mitsitam Café including wild rice and watercress salad, tacos, cranberry salsa, and blue cornbread.

Wilson Pipestem (Osage/Otoe-Missouria), the attorney who’s worked on the case for eight years, addressed the event attended by fellow Osages, family members, elected Osage leaders and federal officials involved with the settlement efforts. He said those Osages who passed away waiting for the case to end came to mind during the historic day for the tribe.

“There’s generations of people we talk about who have been impacted,” Pipestem said. He acknowledged his family including his late father Browning Pipestem, an attorney who focused on Native American

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Members of the Osage Delegation tour the Smithsonian National Museum of the American Indian Archives facility on Oct. 20 in Suitland, Md. They viewed several pieces of Osage clothing and regalia kept in the museum collections.

Photo by Benny Polacca / Osage News
opened in 1999, the award-winning designed CRC provides state-of-the-art resources and facilities for the proper conservation, protection, handling, cataloging, research, and study of the museum's collections, library holdings, and photo and paper archives.

The researchers at the CRC and their preservation methods and techniques are impressive, but maybe even more impressive is their sensitivity to tribal customs.

The only time CRC preservationists touch an artifact is when they are preparing it for exhibition, said a CRC preservationist.

For example, a Ute cradleboard was being repaired when the Osage delegation toured the preservation lab area. The cradleboard had broken in two places and a female preservationist was discussing with a colleague the best way to go about repairing it so it could go back on display at the NMAI.

She said the small breaks in the cradleboard were easy enough to repair but if it needed major reconstruction, or she needed to do work in Fallujah, Iraq, in 2004. The female Choctaw officer who arranged the powwow donated the drum to the NMAI in 2006 and the NMAI used the drum for a grand opening during one of their powwows on the National Mall, the preservationist said.

By the time the delegation left, she was discussing how to best suspend the drum so the cables holding it in place wouldn’t wear on the metal tub the soldiers had used.

Culturally sensitive

One thing the staff at the CRC wanted to stress is that they make every effort to work with tribes when handling all objects, especially culturally sensitive objects.

The CRC is in possession of Osage objects that are no longer used in Osage ceremonies and the knowledge of how to use those objects is gone, or it’s culturally taboo to talk about it.

“Anything used in ceremonial use the CRC has to get written permission to work with,” she said.

Thousands of Native American artifacts, regalia, art pieces, ritual instruments and clothing comprise the collections of the Smithsonian’s National Museum of the American Indian. Its archive facility (pictured) is in Suitland, Md.
Osage shareholders encouraged to research investment tools before investing

By Benny Polacca
Osage News

Osage shareholders receiving money awarded from the landmark Osage Trust Case Settlement will have a multitude of options for handling their money, including spending it for Christmas, paying bills or investing for the future.

Osages considering investing the settlement would be wise to research the various tools used to invest money. Before a shareholder does anything, we recommend they do their homework and familiarize themselves with the types of investment professionals and the products and terms of the industry,” said Vince Logan (Osage) who is President of The Nations Group Advisors, LLC – a financial services firm focused on Native America.

Another important step when it comes to investing is to develop goals or focuses for the money. As a result of the $380 million trust case settlement, Osage shareholders will receive just over $155,000 per headright.

“It comes down to asking yourself: what is the goal for the money. Is it a nest egg or a retirement savings plan? Is it for sending a newborn to college?” states Alex Xethalis, Vice President at The Nations Group Advisors. “For each of these objectives, a defined risk tolerance is necessary.”

Based in New York City, The Nations Group Advisors is one of the few independent Native American-owned investment companies. One of its focuses is to promote a greater understanding of the critical investment challenges facing Indian Country today, according to its Web site.

“One’s objectives are very important and must be considered before investing,” Xethalis said. “If preparing to retire, one should consider the amount needed to live off of on a monthly basis and the number of working years left before retirement.”

Logan and Xethalis note there is a risk/return relationship in investing: “Greater risk should be rewarded with a higher expected return.” Also, in doing homework, Logan said people should be aware of online tools available for researching the investment world.

One such tool, for example, is the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA) Web site - www.FINRA.org.

“It’s the regulator for all broker dealers doing business in the United States,” Logan said of FINRA. The Web site is a research tool for people seeking information on how to invest and explains various investment vehicles. It also allows investors to check on the backgrounds of FINRA-registered firms and brokers.

Licensure is also required of investing professionals and should be verified by those considering investments, Logan said.

Another investment research tool is the Web site www.investopedia.com, which calls itself “the Web’s largest investor resource.” The site contains dictionary and acronym and “buzzword” search features for any word or term used in the investment world. The Web site also features news articles regarding investing. Most recent articles available for viewing are: “5 Tips to Avoid Investment Fraud,” “3 Top Retirement Savings Tips for 55- to 64-year-olds,” and “The Executor’s Checklist: 7 Things To Do Before They Die.”


Investor.gov contains resources such as guiding principles to assess one’s risk tolerance; calculators to help make investment decisions; publications on investing; and online quizzes.

In the end, after doing homework on investing, investors should visit an investment professional, such as a registered investment advisor.

For more information on The Nations Group Advisors, please forward inquiries to info@tng-advisors.com.
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Minerals Councilwoman Cynthia Boone: “She has been an integral part (through the case’s twists and turns). If you’ve worked with her, you know she’s dang tough.”

Chief Red Eagle: An emotional Pipestem also shared a memory of his Grandmother Rose Pipestem who spoke of Red Eagle’s late father Ed Red Eagle Sr. “I want my boys to grow up and maybe they’ll be great like Eddy Sr.” recollected Pipestem. “Johnny and I have become good friends, he calls me ‘brother.’ He brought dignity.”

Don Pongrace, a Washington-based attorney with Akin Gump Strauss Hauer and Feld LLP, who also worked on the trust case, recognized other attorneys who assisted including Jim Tuite and Merrill Godfrey. He also acknowledged the day’s weather in Washington: sunny skies with temperatures hitting the mid 60s.

“It’s a beautiful day and fitting,” Pongrace said.

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For example, the top three rows of each range can only be reached by ladder and some objects are so sensitive that muslin material is placed over the objects so the researchers when searching for items can’t accidentally see the object when they open the doors, he said. The CRC has CD’s with each object within the CRC, each with a description, because in some cases, it is against tribal customs to take photos of the object.

Some of the Osage delegation came upon an Osage girl’s skirt, circa 1908, with ribbonwork patterns and colors never before seen by the delegation. Upon returning to Oklahoma the Osage News notified the Nation’s Historic Preservation Office of the skirt’s existence and it’s placement within the CRC’s collection. Dr. Andrea Hunter, director of the HPO, deemed it culturally sensitive and said she would be sending a letter to the CRC to have it placed within its culturally sensitive objects.

Walking amongst such powerful objects for only a couple of hours gave some members of the delegation pause, but for the CRC workers who are around the objects all the time is something else. The CRC staff is seasonally blessed off, or goes through tribal cleansing ceremonies, to help them in their jobs of taking care of Indian Country’s most valuable history.

Many tribes still have their ancient religions, with objects they sometimes believe carry ancient powers for healing or other purposes, said Williams.

“Sometimes I’ll be in an aisle and I’ll feel the energy and I’ll just say, ‘Hey, I’m here and I’m only here to protect these things,’” Williams said.

An experience

Members of the delegation expressed thanks to the many CRC staff that came out to say goodbye to them. One such staffer was a Pawnee man named Evan Thomas, who was one of the researchers tasked of showing the Osage delegation the facility.

“The most gratifying part of this job is to get to show people their own stuff,” Thomas said.

Many of the Osage women on the tour fell in love with a beaded shawl that was in the Osage collection, stopping many of them in their tracks and causing them to whip out their smart phones for pictures.

“The staff working at the CRC were not only knowledgeable about numerous items but they seemed to genuinely care about the protection
and preservation of the Native American belongings they were tasked with taking care of,” said Osage Congresswoman Alice Goodfox, who was with the Osage delegation at the CRC. “From the baby boards to the ribbon work, everything they had was beautiful. We were able to see the most beautiful beaded shawl I have ever seen, it was tied 10 times and had beads throughout the fringe.”

Once the delegation was ready to leave the CRC, Cultural Liaison to Principal Chief John Red Eagle, Everett Waller, turned to the CRC staff and said, “Thank You, that was truly wonderful.”

For more photos of the Osage Delegation’s trip to the CRC, visit osagenews.org and visit the Osage News Flickr page.
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**November 28th** is the deadline for all submissions for the December issue of the **Osage News**

Mark it on your calendars!
Football, a tradition

Skiatook Osage, Dakota Murillo, starts for the Skiatook Bulldogs

By Sunnie Clahchischiligi
Osage News

Dakota Murillo doesn’t remember why he wanted to play football.
His dad had a thing about him starting too young but eager Dakota was never one to wait.
“I remember asking my dad, asking him all the time, ‘dad let me play football,’ ‘no, you gotta wait,’ ‘dad let me play football,’ ‘no, you gotta wait,’” Murillo said. “It’s just something you do, it’s kind of hard to explain, it’s just something your family does, when you start playing because you watch everybody else play and you grow up watching people play.”
That’s really all it comes down to for a lot of young players who grow up in a state where football is tradition.
Murillo finally got his chance to play the game when he was in the sixth grade; when his father thought he was mature enough.
The 18-year-old senior at Skiatook High School is now the fullback and linebacker for the varsity team, and the only Osage starter, according to Skiatook head football coach Vince Miller. Drew Hight, an Osage sophomore, plays on special teams for the Bulldogs and Connor Appelburg (Osage) who plays running back and tailback for the Bulldogs.

As a junior Murillo was on his way to a picture-perfect high school football career, but that was until the start of the football season when he tore the UCL in one of his elbows.
It was the first scrimmage of the season and in a matter of seconds he sustained an injury that left him sitting out the first half of the season his junior year.
“It’s probably been the hardest thing to overcome,” he said.
But overcome he did, and continued to be an asset to the Bulldogs.
“The rest of my junior year I played with it (a brace), just try to be the best football player
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Woodland’s Rogers finds his voice in running

By Sunnie Clahchischiligi
Osage News

Tristan Rogers doesn’t say much.
Neither do his facial expressions or his body language.
But when you give the 15-year-old Woodland cross-country runner a pair of running shoes and an open trail, his energy explodes.
“He’s probably the quietest person you’ll ever meet,” his coach Paula Tiger-Martinez said. “Except when he gets to the finish line he just shows it, he turns on his true demeanor.
Although he may be shy, the small-framed kid from Fairfax, has quietly made a name for himself in Oklahoma’s high school running world.
On Oct. 22, Roger’s finished fourth with a time of 17:27 in the 2011 2A state cross country meet at Oklahoma Baptist University.
Rogers is a runner, and he has been since he was in the sixth grade.
He said he started off running track just for fun and when he got to high school his competitive nature kicked in.
Rogers’ mother Carrie Rogers said in junior high Tristan decided to run track and excelled at it.
“I was just kind of going and watching him at the little track meets,” she said. “We just really were proud of him and we’ve just been behind him all the way.”
Carrie Rogers said no one in her family ran competitively but her husband Jason Rogers’ sister did. She said the family didn’t know anything about running but they supported Tristan anyway.

Martinez coached Tristan since he started running. Now a sophomore at Woodland, Roger’s has developed into a top runner almost all on his own, she said.
“He’s always been the most humble and quietest person you ever meet,” Martinez said. “At first he had lack of experience and confidence and this week I would say he’s gained a lot of experience; he learned racing tactics, just through practice and all. He’s really grown.”
As a freshman Tristan qualified for the 2A regional meet then the state meet. At the state meet he finished 15th with a time of 18:21. Boys’ cross-country is a distance of 3 miles.
This past spring about
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Two Osages on team receive conference honors

By Sunnie Clahchischiligi
Osage News

Somewhere toward the end of the fall season the Pawhuska softball team found themselves.

They realized they were a team with little experience, a lot of heart and a chance to be better than most people thought they could be.

They realized they could prove everyone wrong, and they did when they won the district title over Newkirk 3-0 on Sept. 23 and advanced to the regional tournament.

They were eliminated after two games in the regional tournament but accomplished a lot for a team that wasn’t supposed to go very far.

Pawhuska head softball coach Patrick McCarty said he knew he had a young team but not once did he doubt his team’s abilities once they were all on the same page.

“Some people didn’t think we’d make it to districts and we won it,” he said. “They had a little bumpy patches which we knew they could overcome, they were a better team at the end of the year than they were at the start of the year.”

The team started off with four seniors, one was a first-year player and another had only played half of the last season. He knew his team was young so he decided it was best to take the day-by-day approach with them.

He had them set some goals and the young team decided they wanted to win districts, regionals and then a state title. They also decided they were going to work hard, play with effort and attitude.

Katie Malone, a senior who recently rediscovered the sport, said the team knew they were underrated but that’s what drove them to be better. She added that once the team came together as one, she noticed that things changed in a positive way.

“We had a lot of problems along the way and we know that people doubted us and didn’t think we would go far, we just had to overcome some challenges in practice and get our game to where we needed to,” Malone said. “At the end of the season whenever we had districts everything really changed, we kind of knew it was all or nothing, win or lose, our team grew really strong, and everyone was helping pump each other up.”

McCarty said in the regional games the team ran into some error trouble that essentially cost them the game and a chance at the state title.

Once the bats were put away and the helmets were hung he said he was mostly just excited.

“I think we did really good, we came together as a team a lot better then we did my freshman year,” she said. “Regardless of more losses than wins, overall we did pretty good.”

McCarty couldn’t agree more. The three-year coach said his young team has proven that under any circumstances they are capable of pulling through. He said in the end the team found that they are capable of a lot of things, despite the opinion of others.

“When you get to know them they are great kids, they have a good sense of humor, keep you on your toes,” he said. “They’re as good as anybody around, real skilled players, they’re great kids to be around.”

The Pawhuska softball team; (top) Greyson Logan, Tori Perrigo, Paige Ryan, Sadie Sellers, (second row from top) Macy Hurd, Payton Harper, Ashely Youngwolfe, Tanaya Thomas, (third row from top) Haley Malaske, Whitney Hutson, Tara Malaske, Jordyn Wahpekeche, (front row) Bailey Hurd, Karissa Avallone, Katie Malone pose for a photo at Pawhuska High School. The team won the district championship title in September and a handful of players went on to win All-Star and All-Conference awards, including Osages Whitney Hutson (All-Conference) and Jordyn Wahpekeche (All-Star).
News In Brief

Kendall Chapman-Ryan

Texas Osages to host reading event at Cultural Center

BARK (Books Are really Keen) is coming to the Osage Cultural center.

The BARK reading program was created by Kendall Chapman-Ryan to promote reading among Osage youth. The 11-year-old Osage will be hosting the event with her father, Jim Ryan, Nov. 20 at 2 p.m.

“This program is for beginning readers and ‘want to be’ readers,” Ryan said. “Every child who attends will be able to choose a free book and have some fun with music, singing and games.”

There will also be readings by Kendall and her father. Cookies and juice will be served. The program is intended for children age four to seven.

For more information contact Jim Ryan at (210) 804-0687 or jimr812@peoplepc.com.

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three weeks before the regional track and field meet, Tristan suffered from a stress fracture. He told his family and coach that he was fine to run but as he continued it worsened and he couldn’t run anymore.

Martinez said he was a contender in the state meet but wasn’t able to quickly bounce back from the injury until this fall.

As unsure as it was to continue running with an injury, his family thought of it as a testament to Tristan’s love for cross country.

Carrie Rogers said it was then that she saw her son’s true love for the sport.

“He tried to hide it from us and just continued to run on it because that’s how bad he loves running,” she said. “(After the doctor told him to stop running) he said ‘I’m going to run no matter what they say.’”

This year Tristan placed second in the 2A regional cross-country meet with a time of 17:50.92.

Tristan said he loves the thrill he gets from and having the competitive urge.

“(I run) because it’s fun and I like the feeling of it,” he said. “I want to try to win (state) the next two years, I’m just wanting to win.”

And if you ask his mother Carrie, he can.

Carrie Rogers said over the years she’s watched her son immerse himself in the sport. She said he hopes to get recruited by a college and is preparing himself for the next step in competitive running.

“He really watched his diet...he talks about it all the time, he keeps up with all the runners, he knows who all the good runners are in college,” she said. “He’s dedicated to it.”

Before his injury Tristan ran about 12 miles a day, maybe more. He ran before school, in practice and after practice in the evening.

Martinez said when Tristan sets goals he sticks to them. She said what most don’t know is that he is driven and hungry, just as hungry as any other runner, even if he doesn’t show it.

At the state meet Martinez said Tristan wanted to place in the top five and did. He also decided to change his approach to the run and start off slower than usual and it worked.

“That’s what he said was the key (for placing fourth),” Martinez said.

This year Tristan was also selected to run in the Meet of Champions, which

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I could be,” he said. “Then summer came, I decided I wasn’t going to let it affect me, I was going to get bigger, I got stronger, I was going to get faster and I did that, I went in, I worked out just as hard and strengthened my elbow.”

Miller said Murillo’s work ethic is perhaps one of his best assets and a benefit to the team.

He said Murillo demonstrates great effort in just about everything he does, football or not.

“He’s a great kid, never causing trouble or anything like that.”

Murillo said school is important to him where as football is just a game. He said the two could land him a college education and the possibility of playing at a higher level.

“You never know when football’s not going to take you anywhere, you got to have the grade,” he said. “I carry like a 3.5, I always take the ACT to try to better myself and I enjoy learning.”

Now a senior on the team Murillo is thinking and talking college football. He currently is in the recruiting process but hasn’t gotten any offers that interest him.

He’s decided to only take offers from Division I schools and if he doesn’t get any he plans to attend Oklahoma State University and eventually attend law school. He’d like to be a sports agent one day.

Murillo is the eldest of Shea and Esther Murillo’s three children. He has a younger brother and sister and stems from the Big Elk family.

Murillo said he’s proud of where he comes from and how his family, education and football have taken him.

“I love the game, it’s a huge part of my life, it’s where I developed all my friendships, it’s made me the man I am today,” he said. “To me it’s super positive. I don’t know where I would be, to me it’s more than a game, it’s a passion, it takes character; football’s a game of character.”

Woodland High School cross-country runner Tristan Rogers, 15, makes his way to the finish line at the 2A regional cross country championship at Coweta High School on Oct. 15. Rogers, Osage, placed second with a time of 17:50.92 and qualified for the 2A state championship meet where he placed fourth with at time of 17:27 at Oklahoma Baptist University on Oct. 22.

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Births and Celebrations

**Congratulations!**

**Katie Miller**, a 2004 graduate of Pawnee High School, was recently sworn in by the Missouri State Supreme Court and the State of Missouri Federal Courts of Law in Jefferson City, Mo. Katie completed her undergraduate work and graduated with her Bachelor of Science Degree from the University of Notre Dame in 2008. She received her Juris Doctorate Degree and graduated from the Saint Louis University School of Law in May of 2011. Katie is the daughter of Bobby and Suzanne Miller of Pawnee and the granddaughter of John and Linda Murphy, Grainola, Okla.

**Happy Birthday!**

**Joseph Goodfox Jr.** turns 7 years old on Nov. 29th! Joseph attends Hominy Schools and is in the first grade. He makes all A’s and is in advanced reading. Joseph enjoys hanging out with all of his cousins, playing T-ball (he hit three out of the park last summer), kicking his football, and going to powwows. Happy birthday son, your mama and all of your family love you very much and we are all proud of you!

**Happy Birthday!**

**Amos Satepauhoodle** Nov. 2, from your Satepauhoodle family. Go Buck!

**Happy Birthday!**

We’d like to wish Blake Sisk a very happy belated birthday! We love and miss her! We are very proud of her as well. She is living in California and going to school at Santa Monica College. She is also on the track team. She is often homesick, but her life is very good, but he is.

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**Grayhorse Drumkeeper, Jacob Lux, attends leadership conference in Washington**

**Osage News**


Over the course of six days, Jacob was exposed to key leaders in the defense, intelligence and diplomatic communities, explored career options in those fields and developed his personal leadership skills. Jacob was assigned to the Lejeune National Security Action Meeting (NSAM) group that worked on the simulation project entitled Crisis or Crossroads: A Nuclear North Korea and the Future of a Northeast Asian Community.

His NSAM group session explored the issue of ethics in national security, particularly as it relates to nuclear weapons. Jacob had five National Security Strategy Exercises and he attended three career exploration panels featuring leaders in the defense, intelligence and diplomatic communities. In addition, the scholars attended a panel discussion featuring experts on Northeast Asia to gain further insight on the region that helped prepare him for the culminating simulation, taking place on Friday evening.

Throughout the six days, Jacob also had the opportunity to explore the U.S. Capitol building, the Library of Congress, the House and Senate office buildings and the Supreme Court. These locations provided him with a physical backdrop for the matters of national security strategy.

Jacob is the son of Richard and Tammy Mason Lux and is the grandson of Bonnie and the late Joe Bennie Mason, Sr. of Fairfax. He is in the gifted and talented program and is a member of the National Honor Society at Wyandotte High School and as a Junior, attended the Oklahoma School of Science and Math taking Physics and Calculus. He is currently enrolled in Advanced Placement classes at Wyandotte.

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will be held Nov. 5. The meet brings together the top 10 runners from each class to compete with each other for a chance to be one of the top 25 finishers who will then move on to the Oklahoma/Arkansas Duel.

To those close to him there’s no question that the timid Osage runner can go all the way, but to strangers they see his boyish frame and think otherwise. Martinez said for years Tristan has been overlooked because of his boyish appearance, but he lets the running do the talking for him.

“He has the body for a distance runner, real lean, distance frame for a runner, some look at him and think he’s frail,” she said. “He just surprises you with his performance, you can look at him and think he’s not going to be very good, but he is.”

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Osage Ballet Production

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reached international acclaim in the twentieth century.”

Red Eagle added that this ballet, which details the history of the Osage people, “will provide an opportunity for Osage youth and adults to become involved in the creation of an artistic performance that honors their history and cultural traditions.”

The history, according to the release, details the Osages selling their Kansas Reservation in 1870 and purchasing their own reservation in Indian Territory in northeastern Oklahoma.

In 1906 the Osage roll was opened and closed with the government then dividing the reservation into individual allotments called “headrights,” according to the release. The unique agreement provided each Osage allottee with equal shares of a collective interest in the subsurface rights to the reservation. The rights to the Osage mineral estate remain in place and continue to financially bless the Osage People, according to the release.

In 2006 the Osage Nation was formed, giving the Osage People a three-branch form of government – allowing all Osages descended by the original 1906 roll a right to vote in their government, whether or not they owned a share of the Osage mineral estate.

The ballet production is being sponsored in part by Spyglass Energy Group, Michael L. Graves, and Nadel and Gussman, whose contributions total $50,000, according to the release.

“We are looking for additional tax-deductible donations from oil producers, which these sponsors have agreed to match up to $50,000,” Smith said.

According to the release, an anonymous donor has offered to match dollar for dollar any Osage trust money donated to the ballet by Osage Shareholders. For more information about donating to the project, contact Randy Tinker Smith at (918) 704-4668.

LLC Acquires Company

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Launched in 2009, the LLC has entered into business relationships with other companies for passive investments and holds partial ownership with entities including Osage Manhattan Builders and Osage Pinnacle Design Group. Leese said Echota Technologies officials plan to meet with the Osage LLC subsidies to see how the company can work with those entities.

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Blake Sisk

out there now. She is loved and adored by her parents and brother Stephen. Happy birthday to our beloved daughter and sister. Come home soon.
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Without Reservations

Save the Date!

NOVEMBER

November 6
Benefit Handgame to support the Oklahoma Indian All-Star Games
Grayhorse Indian Village
2 p.m.

November 8
Financial Literacy Workshop - hosted by Office of Special Trustee
Wah Zha Zhi Cultural Center
Pawhuska
6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

November 9 & 10
10th Annual Oil & Gas Summit
Hyatt Regency Tulsa
Tulsa
For more information, contact the Osage Minerals Council at (918) 287-5433

November 11
Veteran’s Day Celebration
Wah Zha Zhi Cultural Center
Pawhuska
For more information contact (918) 287-5538

November 14 – 16
Call for Artists
Cherokee Nation, Tahlequah
For more information contact Eddie Screechowl at (918) 729-9315 or escreechowl@oicwa.org or visit www.oicwa.org

November 19
Financial Literacy Workshop - hosted by Office of Special Trustee
Wah Zha Zhi Cultural Center
Pawhuska
9 a.m. to noon

November 20
BARK (Books Are Really Keen) Reading Event
Wah Zha Zhi Cultural Center
Pawhuska
2 p.m.

November 24
Community Thanksgiving Dinner
Wakon Iron Hall
Pawhuska
11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

November 25
Native American Heritage Day (National Holiday)

DECEMBER

December 3
Through the Lens: A Photographic Exhibit featuring images of Pawhuska
Opening Saturday, Dec. 3rd
Townmaker Square
519 Kihekah Avenue
Regular gallery hours Tuesday-Saturday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.
For more information, email sherry@tylercreative.com or call (918) 527-6779.

December 31
Annual New Year’s Eve Handgame & Dinner
Wakon Iron Hall
Pawhuska
6 p.m. – 12:30 a.m.
Blast of Cash

Kick off your holiday shopping spree with $10,000 CASH!

Need an extra $10,000 for the holidays?
Join us for Blast of Cash at Osage Casinos! On Saturday, November 26 at 10pm, seven guests will take home $10,000 cash! Arrive early for your chance to win one of 16 Visa® gift cards from 6pm—9pm! Play with your card November 13–24 at all seven locations to enter. Start your holidays with a bang during Blast of Cash only at Osage Casinos!