



Osage Minerals Council **NEWSLETTER**

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OSAGE STUDENTS AWARDED WAH-TIAH-KAH



Allison Koopman



Blake Bledsoe



Elizabeth Weyl

Allison Koopman is interested in fracking and majoring in chemistry at Rider University in Lawrence Township, NJ.

Blake Bledsoe attends Northern Oklahoma College in Tonkawa and is pursuing an environmental degree at Haskell Indian Nations University in Lawrence, KS.

Elizabeth Weyl, a geological engineering major, is going to the School of Mines in Golden, CO.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

by Everett Waller

Happy New Year!

I hope everyone had wonderful holiday celebrations and were able to spend time with loved ones. For me, holidays are a time to reflect back on the good times I shared with the ones I've lost and try to honor them in my life now. It also makes me appreciate the ones who are still here with me.

The Minerals Council is having a lot of success in receiving grant funding recently. Studies are being done to explore new areas of funding to ensure your Minerals Estate will continue to thrive through an ever-changing industry. The Osage Reservation will be here forever and so will our minerals. We will continue to search for ways to keep our business thriving and make the best decisions for you, our children, and our grandchildren and for all generations to come.

We continue to have a great staff. In our November meeting, Lacey Reynolds was promoted to Chief of Staff. Osage members continue to lead the way for our well plugging program; our workers are even ahead of the state of Oklahoma in well plugging. We selected Billie Ponca to head the 2022 OMC election. I am so proud of our team and the great work they do.

For the safety of everyone, our meetings will continue to be closed to the public. They will be livestreamed on Osage Nation's website. The coronavirus pandemic is on the rise in Pawhuska. With the recent surge of cases, we have to be sure to follow CDC and Osage Nation guidelines. We wear our masks, and we are social distancing. However, we must make sure to keep everyone safe and try to stay healthy. I apologize for any inconvenience this may make. I pray the offices reopen soon. Please try to stay positive. Until we can see each other again face to face, God bless you.



OMC Chairman Everett Waller



Second Chair Myron Red Eagle

OMC AWARDS SCHOLARSHIPS

THREE RECEIVE WAH-TIAH-KAH

by Second Chair Myron Red Eagle

In OMC's regular meeting on January 7, 2022, we voted to approve scholarships for eligible Osage students. Blake Bledsoe, Allison Koopman, and Elizabeth Weyl were awarded the Wah-Tiah-Kah Scholarship. They each received \$1,000 for the spring semester to offset their expenses for college. We are happy to help these students in their educational endeavors and wish them continued success in academics and in life.

History of the Wah-Tiah-Kah Scholarship

The Osage Minerals Council's Wah-Tiah-Kah Scholarship was established to assist students enrolled in higher education in an oil or gas field of study. The purpose of the student award program is to provide higher education assistance to eligible Osage applicants in their educational pursuits in a petroleum-related field of study.

In 1871, the Osage moved to what is now known as the Osage Reservation of Oklahoma. Prior to the move, a tribal member, WahTiahKah--who was adept at surveying--traveled south from our Kansas lands to determine if this was a wise move and view the boundaries of which it would encompass. It was known to our people that the land had a black substance that pooled in many places across our hunting grounds. WahTiahKah walked the land; as he walked, he envisioned his grandchildren prospering. He knew this was good and that WaKonTa had blessed the land for the WhaZhaZhe (Osage). Today, we honor WahTiahKah; for without his wisdom, we would not have the oil that has sustained the Osage for over one hundred years.

Requirements for Eligibility

1. Must possess a Certificate Degree of Indian Blood (CDIB) showing Osage blood quantum or Osage membership card;
2. Must be enrolled fulltime in an accredited post-secondary educational program, including college, university or technical school;
3. Submit, sign, and date completed application and Privacy Statement, on time; and
4. For continued eligibility, previous awardees must apply each semester—up to eight semesters.

How to Apply

Applications are available online at <https://www.osagenation-nsn.gov/who-we-are/minerals-council/wah-tiah-kah-scholarship>.

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Deadlines: FALL – AUGUST 1 SPRING – JANUARY 1

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Aggregate Feasibility Study

The Osage Minerals Council secured a grant from the Bureau of Indian Affairs/DEMD to conduct a feasibility study of the economic value of sand and gravel assets on the Osage Reservation. In addition, the project addresses the "Minerals and Natural Resources" goal in the 2018 Strategic Plan Comprehensive Update to "institute self-management of natural resources."



OMC and DEMD visited Candy Creek Crusher quarry near Skiatook during their aggregate kickoff meetings.

Currently, the Nation receives royalties from mining compa-

nies totaling approximately \$660,000 annually based on 10 percent of the value of products produced and sold from the lease at the nearest shipping point. The Oklahoma sand and gravel business is a \$250 million industry offering the economic potential for the OMC. The study addresses two of the Bureau Division of Energy and Mineral Development (DEMD) allowed activities: (1)

Councilmember Margo Gray



ing potential targets for development and determining the quality of aggregate which meets federal highway and ODOT specifications and (2) performing a market economic analysis to establish production/demand for the resources.

The new \$1.2 Trillion Infrastructure Bill passed and Indian Country will be receiving billions to tribal nations for improvements; consultations are set with the tribes on how and where the monies will be spent. OMC will have the studies, reports, and data to present for funding justification for the need for quality sand and gravel for new roads, bridges, and construction in the future.

On December 7 and 8, 2021, OMC marked the official grant kickoff with an onsite meeting included BIA/DEMD officials, WampWorx team (OMC consultants), several members of the Osage Minerals Council, OMC staff, Osage Nation, the State Geologist, and team members. The group toured several quarries, and the second day was a work session in gathering information, data, and maps. The next phase will consist of evaluations.

Hydrogen Market Analysis – Why does this matter?

Since November 2020, the OMC had requested the DEMD to perform a Hydrogen Market Analysis of the Osage Reservation. The document was completed last fall; it was recommended, from those findings, to apply for an in-depth, comprehensive grant on the viability of hydrogen development on the Osage. OMC passed the resolution to apply for the grant to hire a specialize hydrogen consultant/firm to perform a hydrogen production and infrastructure report. As soon as the Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) is announced, we will be prepared to submit the grant application.

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Councilmember Gray on Oil Woman Cover

Oil Woman is a magazine that showcases women in the oil industry. OMC's own Councilmember Margo Gray was on the cover. Used with permission, the article below is from the November/December 2021 issue.



NATIVE WOMEN IN THE OIL AND GAS INDUSTRY

BY MARGO GRAY, COUNCILWOMAN, OSAGE MINERALS COUNCIL

When I was asked about providing an article for *Oilwoman Magazine*, I contemplated which direction to take to inform readers about the Osage and their oil business. After much deliberation, I decided on a topic that I think is fitting, since this magazine is about oil women.

Let me share a brief history about what happened to many Osage women after the discovery of oil on their lands at the historic North Burbank field. The Osage Nation's oil boom made the Osage people some of the wealthiest in the world in the 1920s. Drove of people moved to Osage County in Oklahoma, attracted by the prospect of wealth and huge oil leases or, in some accounts, just to marry an Osage to obtain money and power.

The oil business attracted successful businessmen like J. Paul Getty, Frank Phillips and others, who wanted to strike it rich with oil. Sadly, it also attracted con men and felons – some of the worst of society – who boldly took advantage of the Osage. The program that was set in place by the federal government also failed the Osage through the guardianship system, which allowed the individual Osage to be assigned a guardian to oversee their financial accounts. Many of the guardians were lawyers, bankers and ranchers, who worked together to devise plans to take millions in money and land for their own.

In 2017, author David Grann's book, *Killers of the Flower Moon: The Osage Indian Murders and the Birth of the FBI*, was released and became a *New York Times* bestseller. The story was finally told about the Osage, their oil and the serial murders of Osage women and men – senseless murders that occurred because of greed and capitalizing on the Osages' money and land. Eventually, there was an investigation by the newly formed FBI.

The as yet unreleased 2021 movie, *Killers of the Flower Moon*, tells the story of the murder of, and greed over, the Osage people, their land and oil. The plotting of the heinous murders of Osage women for money will be depicted in the movie, as well as the murder of

my great-grandfather Henry Roan. Filming wrapped this past September and the film will soon become a major motion picture, directed by Martin Scorsese, starring Leonardo DiCaprio, Robert DeNiro, Jesse Plemons, Brendan Fraser and other A-list actors. What makes the film unique is Osage and other Native Americans actors were cast in lead roles and as extras to portray the real-life people from that time.

The movie creates awareness and provides a platform to discuss the issue of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women (MMIW). According to a report by the Urban Indian Health Institute entitled *Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls*, 5,712 cases of MMIWG were reported in 2016, but only 116 of them were logged into the Department of Justice (DOJ) database. Since the recent oil boom in Native communities, there have been reports of increased rates of human trafficking, sex trafficking, and Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women in their communities.

Workers who go to a region for well-paid oil and gas jobs often set up "man camps." According to one report, sexual assaults on women on the Fort Berthold Reservation, in western North Dakota, home to the federally recognized Mandan, Hidatsa and Arikara Nation (also known as the Three Affiliated Tribes) and part of the Bakken Shale, increased by 75 percent.

Not only is it necessary for the oil and gas industry to become proactive in cultural training but reversing the culture of "man camps" has to be established, and this can be coordinated by working with Tribal leaders to establish a policy and strategic plan. If we are to impact change in human trafficking, sex trafficking, and *Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls*, it is the responsibility of the oil and gas companies to provide the training, awareness and standards for this industry. As women, we have an instinctual duty to protect. These issues will only be addressed when we use our voices, so please help spread the word. Sharing and talking about the issue are the only way to take a proactive stance and stop the violence.

Currently, I serve as a councilwoman for the Osage Minerals Council and, when I make decisions for the benefit of the Osage shareholders on new developments and expanding production on the Osage Minerals Estate, I keep in the back of my mind what happened a hundred years ago. "Behind every great fortune lies a great crime," is a quote attributed to Honore de Blzac. I don't want history to repeat itself. What else can be done to reverse the social issues? Invest in our young people through scholarships, identify STEM students in geology and petroleum engineering, and hire qualified Native Americans – including women – in the oil, gas and minerals industry.

November is Native American Heritage Month

What can you do for Native American Heritage Month? I like how *IllumiNative* put this together, and I approve of "How to be a good ally to Native People in 2021 and beyond."

- Get informed.
- Read books.
- Listen to the news, listen to Indigenous podcasts.
- Find media and stories that center on Native lives and tell accurate histories.
- Amplify Native voices.
- Support Native people in telling their stories.
- Smash stereotypes.
- Call out stereotypes that you see in the media.
- Call out your friends and family who perpetuate negative narratives.
- Visit www.illuminatives.org

Together we can make a difference.



Margo Gray is a councilwoman on the Osage Minerals Council in Oklahoma. www.osagenation-nsn.gov/who-we-are/minerals-council. She is also president of Margo Gray and Associates.

Photo courtesy of Ryan Redcorn. ■

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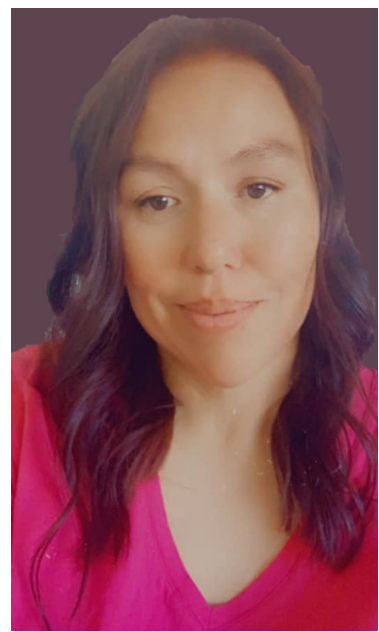
BARREL BOTTOM LINE

by Lacey Reynolds, Chief of Staff

Date: January 18, 2022

Payment for the fourth quarter-December, 2021-was \$4,815 per headright.

Computation: Total Revenue \$11,302,591.62 for the fourth quarter production and collections. (\$11,302,591.62 divided by 2,228.97393 headrights equals to \$4,815 rounded back to the nearest \$5.00)



Lacey Reynolds, OMC Chief of Staff

Major Details of the \$11,302,591.62

Oil and Tank Bottoms Production: 1,058,283 gross barrels or 156,392 royalty barrels

Oil Revenue: \$10,972,954.05

Average price per barrel of oil: \$67.16

Gas Production: 1,246,271 gross MCF or 218,253 royalty MCF and 107,097 gallons

Revenue for MCF: \$436,941.61

Revenue for gallons (liquids): \$24,683.25

Gas Revenue: \$461,624.86

Sand and Gravel Royalty: \$193,372.86

Oil and Gas Rental Collected: \$6,494.97

Oil and Gas Bonus Collected: \$13,700

Water Use Royalty: \$26,499

Gross Production Tax Paid to the State of Oklahoma: \$571,798.31

C 395 Budget Drawdown (miscellaneous disbursements): \$250,000



IMPORTANT NUMBERS TO KNOW

OMC -- 918.287.5346 -- REVOCABLE TRUSTS
BIA-- 918.287.5700 -- LEASE QUESTIONS, PROBATE
BTFA -- 918.287.5791 -- IIM ACCOUNT QUESTIONS

Why is this important to the Osage Minerals Council? The US Senate plans to increase spending on clean hydrogen research development, and they strongly support hydrogen produced from fossil fuels from carbon capture. We need to stand ready to seize opportunities for our Minerals Estate, be prepared to enter the market, utilize tax credits, and monetize the hydrogen market for you, Shareholders.

White House Tribal Nations Summit

On behalf of OMC, Chairman Waller and I attended the White House Tribal Nations Summit in November. The meeting was virtual, and we were addressed by Secretary Deb Haaland, Secretary of the Interior, and Bryan Newland, Assistant Secretary of the Interior. Topics were the new administration, its position, policies, and issues in Indian Country. The DOI committed to rolling out consultations across Indian Country with the passage of the Infrastructure Bill. In addition was a discussion by the Policy Panel about infrastructure, housing, and energy; presenters were Secretary Jennifer Granholm, U.S. Department of Energy and Secretary, and Pete Buttigieg, U.S. Department of Transportation.

Proposing legislation to Osage Nation Congress

We continue to work with Osage Nation Congress in providing proposed legislation that will improve and strengthen the Osage Minerals Council and the Minerals Estate. Last fall, we agreed to develop "The Osage Energy and Minerals Management Act of 2022" to present to Osage Nation Congress. This work is still in draft form with more information to come.

Important dates to remember

Osage Lease Sale March 16, 2022 with a Special OMC Meeting to follow

Save the Date – Osage Oil and Gas Summit April 13-15, 2022, Osage Casino Tulsa

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Councilwoman Margo Gray

Pa.hu.a.ze (Deer Clan)

Wa.xa.koliⁿ (Pawhuska District)



Candy Creek Crusher quarry



Pictured above are members of BIA's Department of Energy and Mineral Development team. They visited the Osage Reservation in December to kickoff the Osage Minerals Council grant performing an Aggregate Feasibility Study. During their visit, several quarries were toured, as well as the Minerals Council office. The study is being conducted with grant funds from a proposal written by Councilmember Margo Gray.

OMC HAS QR CODES



Osage Mineral Council QR codes, above. The first contains three links--(1) OMC's website: www.osageminerals.org, (2) OMC's Facebook page: Osage Minerals Council, and (3) YouTube to view Council meetings. Second is a link to OMC's page on the Osage Nation website. Last is document containing leasing potential on the Osage Reservation.



In October, OMC acquired quick response (QR) codes, not only to step into the modern technology age, but to save money. A QR code is a two-dimensional bar code, which has become the recent standard for sharing information. Codes are used to share all sorts of information from business contact addresses and emails to large documents that would otherwise cost a lot to print or purchase media such as flash drives to place the information.

At the AAPG Conference in October, staff members were able to place one sheet of paper containing OMC QR codes on the OMC booth, instead of several hundred flash drives, which OMC would have paid over \$4 each to purchase.

OSAGE SUMMIT PLANNED

In the December 15, 2021 meeting, OMC voted to have Christy Red Eagle assist OMC with planning an in-person summit for the first time in two years since the pandemic. The hope is that the latest COVID variant will be declining, so the meeting can take place. Originally the meeting was going to coincide with the lease sale in March. With hopes of a public meeting, the date changed to April.

For the safety of everyone involved, Chairman Everett Waller said, "Let's wait until April so the Omicron variant will be on its way out. I don't want anyone risking their safety and health. If the COVID numbers aren't down by April, we won't have it."

Tentative plans for the summit are set for April 13-15, 2022 at the Osage Casino in Tulsa. It is hoped the dates will coincide with the biannual meeting with federal agencies so they can attend, if travel is reinstated by then for federal agencies. Presently, DEMD and BIA are restricted from traveling.

OMC MEETINGS REMAIN **CLOSED** TO THE PUBLIC DUE TO THE RISE IN THE CORONAVIRUS OMICRON VARIANT



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