

Dear ILPOA Members:

Yesterday we received the email below and the information attached to it, regarding the Osage Nation Project that is currently underway in our area. This project has been undertaken to celebrate the history of the Osage Indians and to commemorate their legacy, given what both they and the Osage Trail meant to this area.

Dr. Siebert's email describes several events that are taking place this month related to the project. If you have any interest or passion for this particular segment of our area's history, I hope you will consider attending.

Dr. Siebert has also provided the paper which has been written about the project, as well as several links and photos of what the sculpture will look like when finished.

I hope you find the material informative, and that you will consider attending one or both events to learn more.

Thanks,

Mark Miller

President

ILPOA Board of Directors

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Dr. Sean Siebert" <sean@ruralmo.com>

Subject: Re: Calendar of events

Date: October 1, 2015 at 9:42:48 AM CDT

To: Dennis Roedemeier <ddrcubadev@gmail.com>, Mark Miller <mark.s.miller6@gmail.com>

Dennis, thank you for the introduction.

Mark, it is my absolute pleasure to meet you. I very much look forward to the opportunity of getting to know you better. Per Dennis' message, below I have provided information as it relates to the Osage Trail Legacy and important dates for the month of October. Please feel free to share this information out.

At its completion, the Osage Nation Project will be the largest project in the history of Cuba, MO. The Osage Trail Sculpture is the story of Missouri history, it is a story of the Osage people, and it is a story of the people who now preserve the past.

Once completed, the sculpture will be magnificent in nature. The sculpture will be 35 feet in height, 80 feet in length, and 20 feet in width. The lighting at night will create a cultural beacon to travelers on Interstate 44 from beacon to beacon. Additionally, there will be a mural dedicated to the Osage Nation, painted by renowned Osage artist, Norman Akers, located in the Mural District.

On October 16th, Renowned Osage author and archeologist, Jim Duncan, will be visiting Cuba, MO, to give a talk on the Osage. The event will be from 5pm – 7pm in the Ozark Regional Public Library. Social hour will be from 5-6pm and the talk will begin at 6pm. The event is open to the public and all are welcome to attend. Additionally, if you have an artifact that you would like to have examined for authenticity, we encourage you to bring it with you.

On October 28th, 29th, and 30th, Chief Geoffrey M. Standing Bear, Head of the Osage Nation, will be traveling to Cuba, MO, and Crawford County, to visit our community. Traveling with the Chief will be Jason Zaun (Chief of Staff), Drew Pierce (Osage Supreme Court Justice), Dr. Amdea Hunter (Historical Preservation Director), Van Bighorse (Cultural Director) and Johnny Williams (Advisor to the Chief).

As illustrated by the Chief's willingness to visit, through the Osage Nation Project, Cuba, MO, will become a destination for tourists, historians, and researchers. As a direct result, the future economic impact of the project stands to be significant for our community. The Osage Nation Project: Where past meets present, creating hope and opportunity for the future.

I have attached photos and a project White Paper to this email for your review. Additionally, I am providing the Project web site link, and time lapse video, that also provide detailed information.

Project Web Site: <http://www.osagetraillegacy.com/>

Project Time Lapse Video (An EXCELLENT WATCH, see the actual sculpture being built):

<https://youtu.be/yMedXocjirk>

Thank you kindly for your time.

Sincerely,

Sean