

## Artwork Wanted for Indian Magazine

Indian Gaming magazine is always looking for Native American art and artists to feature on its cover.

Send samples of your work (photos, slides, transparencies, brochures, etc.) with a self-addressed envelope and a contact number to Indian Gaming Magazine, 14205 SE 36<sup>th</sup> St., Suite 100, Bellevue, WA 98006; 425-519-3710; e-mail [info@igmagazine.com](mailto:info@igmagazine.com).

## Language Institute Launches National Endowment Campaign

Native American actor Wes Studi (Cherokee) announced in October that the Indigenous Language Institute, based in Santa Fe, N.M., has launched a \$5 million endowment campaign over the next three years to help the non-profit organization continue its work to preserve and protect endangered Native American languages.

Studi, who serves as honorary endowment chair, is a lifelong speaker and former teacher of his own Cherokee language and an advocate on the issue of endangered Native languages. Study also dedicates time to give motivational talks, especially to young people, about the importance of heritage languages.

ILI was founded in 1992. It strives to preserve and protect endangered Native American languages through grassroots collaborations with American Indian tribal community language programs, linguists serving community language program needs, and American Indian children and youth in tribal communities and elsewhere. ILI also serves as an international clearinghouse of language information.

Funds raised toward ILI's endowment will ensure the continuity and perpetuity of its programs, including teacher training and language materials development; fellowships for grassroots language work; Native language research and field surveys; educational outreach through seminars, symposia and publications; and the Annual Youth Language Fair.

For more information about the institute or to contribute to the endowment campaign, contact Inée Yang Slaughter, executive director, at 505-820-0311 or [ili@indigenous-language.org](mailto:ili@indigenous-language.org).

## Leaking Ducts Cost Consumers

Your home's ducts may be responsible for increasing your heating and cooling bills by as much as 25 percent, according to the Oregon Office of Energy.

"Duct sealing offers potentially large energy savings for the average Oregonian," said Tom Hewes, the Oregon Office of Energy's residential energy analyst. "Industry experts estimate that two-thirds of the ducts in the United States are leaky enough to justify sealing or repair. They can waste a lot of energy, and you aren't even aware of it."

Ducts are used to transport air throughout your home to and from your furnace, air conditioner, or heat pump. Most ducts are made of sheet metal or

flex duct and are located in the attic, crawlspace, garage, or basement.

Repairing leaky ducts also can have a significant benefit in air quality, too, according to Hewes. "Leaky ducts can draw in air that is filled with dust, pollen, or other air pollutants and irritants and spread them through your home," Hewes said.

Finding duct leaks requires a professional technician. A performance test involves pressurizing the duct system with a calibrated fan and simultaneously measuring the airflow through the fan and its effect on the pressure within the duct system. Once leaks are discovered, they can be repaired or replaced as required.



Above: Kitti Hostler and JoAnn Miller get ready to fry elk meat.



Left: Bonnie Petersen slices the meat for cooking and freezing. Opposite page: Edd Wilson cuts meat from the elk's rib cage.

A Cultural tag filled by George Siniscal keeps volunteers busy. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped cut and wrap the elk meat: Kitti Hostler, Robert Kentta, Selene Rilatos, Tami Miner, Bonnie Petersen, JoAnn Miller, Liz John, Glendora Osborne and husband Justin, Rick Leaton, Brandee Logan, Edd Wilson, Shantel Hostler, Kent Kaiser, and Natasha Kavanaugh.

Because of the potential energy savings, the Oregon Office of Energy offers a tax credit for homeowners who seal existing ductwork or install a well-designed and sealed duct system in a new home. The tax credit is 25 percent of the cost of the work, up to \$250.

Work must be performed by a contractor certified by the Oregon Office of Energy to qualify for the tax credit. Certified contractors have successfully completed training in prescribed test protocols and

worksheets. A list of certified contractors is posted on the Office of Energy's Web site at [www.energy.state.or.us/res/tax/ductcont.htm](http://www.energy.state.or.us/res/tax/ductcont.htm).

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