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MCN Princess, Mikayla Buckley, Chief David Hill, Second Chief Del Beaver, Creek District Council Rep. Joseph Hicks and Jr. Miss MCN Jadyn Randall pose with Challenge Bowl Elementary School winners from Glenpool Elementary. (Submission)

## ELEMENTARY CHALLENGE BOWL BRINGS COMPETITION, FUN AND KNOWLEDGE OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION

### THIRD WEEK OF COMPETITION ENDS WITH SWEEP FROM GLENPOOL SCHOOLS

OKMULGEE, Oklahoma - 41 teams entered in to the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Challenge Bowl for the Elementary School Division but in the end, it was all teams from Glenpool that placed.

With Glenpool Kaccv coming in third, Glenpool Tenetke being the runner-up and Glenpool Tvstvnykolke taking home first place for this year's challenge bowl. Glenpool has always had a strong presence in

challenge bowl competition.

Beggs Black took home the Wilbur Gouge Honors Team Trophy for the best team sportsmanship displayed throughout

CHALLENGE BOWL—2

## KEEP CALM AND WASH YOUR HANDS MORE

HEALTH OFFICIAL'S URGE HAND WASHING IS THE KEY TO STAYING HEALTHY DURING COVID-19

Angel Ellis  
REPORTER

OKMULGEE, Oklahoma—Officials on the state and local level have been preparing for COVID-19 through regular communication and helping to inform the public on how to stay healthy. Thorough hand washing to remain healthy and relying on triage to identify those who might have exposure to COVID-19 are some of the tools on which health workers will depend.

Oklahoma State Department of Health's Director of Acute Disease Services Anthony Lee and MCN Department of Health's Aundi Peters and Shoneen Ross continue to emphasize hand washing and seeking out credible sources of information as COVID-19 cases spread across the U.S.

Lee said that some of the symptoms that come from COVID-19 are fever, cough, and possible difficulty breathing. Symptoms of the emerging

pathogen are similar to flu or a cold.

But he says, there is no need for healthy members of the public to rush out and buy up facemasks.

"Masks are not recommended for people who are well to protect themselves from any sort of respiratory disease," Lee said. "Face masks are only recommended for people who might have symptoms so that they might help prevent the spread to others."

"Healthcare workers and those who might be caring for a sick person in close quarters are recommended to use a face mask."

When it comes to staying healthy, Peters recommends careful hand washing.

"The number one thing we try to educate the public on is washing your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds," Peters said. "If you don't have soap and water available, use a hand sanitizer that is at

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Pictured above Indigenous people gather at the Capitol to advocate for MMIP laws that they believe will have a positive impact on the safety and well being of Native Americans in Oklahoma. (Photo by Angel Ellis)

## IDA'S LAW PASSES TO OK SENATE

### IDA'S LAW PENDING SENATE APPROVAL BUT "RED ALERT" LAW FAILS IN THE HOUSE SUBCOMMITTEE

Angel Ellis  
REPORTER

OKLAHOMA CITY— Several laws were introduced into the Oklahoma Legislature in February that focused on the Missing Murdered and Indigenous People epidemic. Of those five pieces of legislation, all but one made it through the House of Representatives successfully.

Ida's Law, named after Ida Beard, a citizen of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Nation who went missing in 1915, has passed the Oklahoma House of Representatives with a 92-4 vote.

The legislation was authored by Mickey Dollens and created a special liaison at the OSBI to focus on MMIP.

The measure now has 18 sponsors as it goes from the House floor to the Senate. Of the 18 sponsors, there is a half split between Democratic and Republican sponsors.

Along with Ida's Law, a bill requesting an hour of Indigenous cultural sensitivity for law

enforcement clet training, a bill requiring the collection of data for those reported missing and a bill allowing the state to maintain a database of school children's photos received a "Do Pass" status in the House subcommittees.

One piece of legislation considered vital to ending the MMIP in Oklahoma never made it through committee.

House Bill 2847, also termed the "Red Alert" bill mirrors the system already in place for Amber Alert and Silver Alert. MCN Citizen Brenda Golden helped write the bill, introduced by Daniel Pae of Lawton.

"The Red Alert is similar to the systems already used by the Department of Public Safety," Golden said.

MCN Chief and National Council formally supported the MMIP legislation.

The tribe provided transportation for those wishing to attend a rally at the State Capitol

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## BRUNER AND HOBIA IN LEGAL LIMBO

BRUNER AND HOBIA CASES ARE STALLED UNTIL NEW JUDGE IS APPOINTED

Angel Ellis  
REPORTER

OKMULGEE, Oklahoma—Without a judge to preside over the hearings, the alleged conspiracy charges filed against Bim Stephen Bruner and Jeremiah Hobia are stuck in limbo. The case is still set for hearing April 23, but whether or not a judge will be in place is unknown.

The most recent hearing was held on Feb. 26. It was originally set as a disposition hearing, but became instead a more informal status conference in which the court could update parties in the case.

When Judge Pittman was not confirmed to continue as one of three district judges for the Muscogee (Creek) Nation District Court in Dec. 2019, the need arose for a judge. While the MCN District Court system currently has two other judges, District Court Judge Gregory Bigler and District Trial Court Family Division Judge Shannon Prescott, they are both recused from presiding over the case.

The MCN District Court has submitted a letter to the MCN Supreme Court requesting a Special Judge appointment for the case. MCN Code Title 26, ss 3-102 outlines a method and procedure for such a special nomination.

'Written notice by a Supreme Court Justice or District Judge must be made to the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court detailing with specifics the necessity for appointing Special District Judge,' the code states. 'The Chief Justice



Both Bruner and Hobia's alleged charges will have to wait until a new judicial appointment is found. Since there are multiple charges and more than one case, MCN Supreme Court cannot appoint a Special Judge. (MN File Photo)

shall select from members of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Bar a member in good standing or a Muscogee (Creek) citizen to serve as Special District Judge.'

The code goes on to state, 'A majority of the Supreme Court Justices must approve the appointment in a written order detailing the specific duties of the Special District Judge and setting out a time limitation for the appointment.'

The MCN Supreme Court (MCNSC) has responded declining to make requested appointment due to MCN Code.

NCA 12-033 authorized as law in April 2012 places some restrictions on the circumstances surrounding special judge appointment. One such restriction is that a special

judge appointment from the MCNSC is only permissible for one case.

'Any appointment of the Supreme Court that appoints a Special Judge for more than one case, matter, civil action or otherwise without following the same nomination by the National Council is null and void,' the law states.

In the matter of Bruner and Hobia, the filings encompass more than one case. According to the MCN District Court, now the appointment of a judge reverts back to the process of judicial nomination and confirmation.

That process is outlined in MCN Code, Title 26, SS 3-201.

The code states, 'Ninety days prior to the expiration of

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least 60 percent alcohol.”

“Try not to touch your face, your nose, your eyes and mouth.”

Peters said that it is also still flu season, and those precautions to avoid the flu also work for COVID.

According to the CDC, the virus is thought to spread mainly from person-to-person, between people who are

in close contact with one another (within about 6 feet). It is believed to spread through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes.

These droplets can land in the mouths or noses of people who are nearby or possibly be inhaled into the lungs.

MCN Department of Health’s Chief Performance Officer Shoneen Ross urged the public to seek out creditable sources such as the Center

for Disease Control’s website when looking for information about COVID-19.

“When listening to the news, make sure you compare the information to credible medical-based sources like the Centers for Disease Control and the State Department of Health,” Ross said.

More information and frequently asked questions are addressed on the CDC’s website at [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov)

**Challenge Bowl**  
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the competition.

MCN Johnson O’ Malley Manager Regina Keith was happy for all the teams that entered. She knows it is a competition, but overall knows the children are taking home knowledge of the MCN history.

“These students work hard

in learning our history,” she said. “While some do not go home as champions, they do go home knowing the history of our culture and to me those are champions.”

She thanked the challenge bowl committee members and all the volunteers that helped with the challenge bowls.

“Without them, none of this would go as smoothly as it

does,” Keith said. “We do have some hiccups but everyone that works adapts and keeps it running for our students.”

Keith said they will have a few weeks off and start getting ready for next year’s challenge bowl.

“We get a little break and then it is back to work getting everything ready for our children,” she said.

**Ida’s Law**  
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and passed legislation on Feb. 29 supporting the laws under consideration by the state.

MCN National Council unanimously approved TR20-034, which states the tribe supports the passage of Oklahoma house Bills 2847, 2848, and

3345.

According to the document, the National Council supported the house bills because Oklahoma is one of the top ten states that have the highest number of MMIWG cases, according to a study done by the Urban Indian Health Institute. Of those top ten states, eight have enacted laws or created task forces

regarding missing and murdered indigenous women and or girls. Alaska and Oklahoma, have yet to pass legislation to tackle the MMIP problem.

While the “Red Alert” law failed in committee, the other MMIP legislation that successfully passed out of the House could be enacted as soon as Nov. 1, if approved by the Senate.

**Bruner**  
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the term of office of a Supreme Court Justice or District Judge, the Principal Chief shall submit a nomination to the National Council.’

According to the code the National Council then has 60 days to approve the nomination. If not approved, ‘the nomination shall be deemed to be rejected and the Principal Chief shall submit a new nomination with 30 days.’

Code dictates that the new

nomination must be a different person than the one previously rejected.

Provisions of the code state, ‘In the event of a vacancy caused by resignation or death of a Supreme Court Justice or District Judge then the Principal Chief shall submit a nomination within 30 days of such vacancy.’

Code also states, ‘A justice or judge whose term of office has expired and who has not been reconfirmed by the National Council shall not be permitted to sit as a justice or judge and

shall receive no compensation.’

Mvskoke Media reached out to the Office of Principal Chief on March 4.

Chief Hill stated that he was in the process of addressing the judicial vacancy.

“I am aware of the need to submit a candidate and am currently in the process of appointing a selection for Council approval,” Principal Chief Hill said.

Once selected by the Chief the appointment will be subject to MCN National Council approval.



## BEAR PINNED HIS NAME AT STATE NOW LOOKING AT WORLD STAGE

### YOUNG CITIZEN QUALIFIES FOR THE WRESTLING WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

**Lani Hansen**  
*REPORTER*

OKMULGEE, Oklahoma– Qualifying for the state wrestling tournament is one thing but going for the world championship is another.

Muscogee (Creek) Nation citizen Ayo Bear, wrestles for the MOJO Grappling Wrestling Club and competed in the 42nd Annual Oklahoma Kids Wrestling Association State Wrestling Tournament. The OKWA state wrestling tournament took place on Feb 14-15 at the Jim Norick Arena in Oklahoma City.

“We took about nine or 10 wrestlers,” Traysa Bear, mother and supporter of wrestler Ayo Bear said. “You have to qualify in regionals in order to get invited to the championships.”

The young wrestler placed first in the Division I category and also his cousin Macy Dobson who wrestles for MOJO Grappling placed fourth in the girls 9 and under division.

State champion Bear attends Wilson (Henryetta) Schools where he is in the first grade. He won his first three matches by pin and his championship match by tech fall. To prepare for state Bear put in several hours of practice with his coaches so he could be ready.

“They practiced three to four days a week after school,” his mother said.

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Eufaula Indian Health Clinic provided dental care to students at the Eufaula Dormitory.

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DENTAL CLINIC HELPS GIVE KIDS BIG SMILES

EUFAULA INDIAN HEALTH CLINIC OFFERED PREVENTATIVE DENTAL SERVICES TO STUDENTS

**Lani Hansen**  
*REPORTER*

OKMULGEE, Oklahoma—The Eufaula Indian Health Clinic recently offered preventative dental care to nearly 50 students from the nearby tribal dormitory as part of the American Dental Association's Give Kids A Smile program.

Since launching in 2003, the American Dental Association's Give Kids A Smile program has helped more than 5.5 million underserved children receive oral health services. The services are provided by volunteers, including approximately 7,000 dentists annually, along with 30,000 other dental team members.

Eufaula Indian Health and Eufaula Dormitory have part-

nered together for a long time where the health clinic serves the students in many ways. The dental care was the first time to do this.

"This was a creation of Dr. Forester and Bret Hayes over at Eufaula Indian Helath Center and they approached us saying they can have three dentists and they had some sponsorship," Tony York, administrator at the dormitory said.

Bret Hayes, administrator at the clinic, hopes to offer it again in September. It is a great way to offer preventative care, he said.

"Some had not had dental services in a while," Hayes said of the students. "We are trying to be preventative, not reactionary."

The dental team offered

restorative services and urgent care. For those who had issues, they were referred for treatment. All the students who took part went through dental exams, cleaning and got their files updated. At the end they were presented with a gift bag.

"It's good for us to be a part of the whole health plan," Hayes said.

The Eufaula dental team consisted of three dentists, one dental hygienist, five dental assistants and two front desk associates. They worked from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and even skipped lunch in order to see all 49 students. The total amount of work conducted was about \$13,000.

"This event went well and we are already planning for next year," York said.

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PATIENTS WILL NOW HAVE SAME-DAY ACCESS TO TREATMENT OF THEIR RESPIRATORY ILLNESS

OKMULGEE, Oklahoma – The Muscogee (Creek) Nation Department of Health has partnered with RespirCare, LLC, a first-of-its-kind, full-service pulmonology clinic based in Tulsa, to provide patients with access to Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) treatment.

Under the agreement, MCNDOH patients will also have access to HGE Health's digital symptom management platform, which allows RespirCare to proactively reach out to patients who may be experiencing worsening systems in an effort to provide relief, often on the same day the symptoms are being experienced.

MCNDOH eligible beneficiaries will have access to innovative services that address chronic health conditions such as COPD, ultimately reducing health disparities and improving the health of tribal populations.

"The combination of remote patient monitoring using the HGE Health solution and same-day care afforded by the RespirCare clinic reduces significant delays in treatment," said Chief Medical Officer of Muscogee (Creek) Nation Department of Health Dr. Billy Beets.

Once enrolled in HGE Health's digital platform, MCNDOH patients will log their respiratory symptoms daily using a smartphone, tablet, computer, or during a live telephone call.

Clinically-validated algorithms will identify worsening symptom trends and allow clinical personnel affiliated with RespirCare to reach out to those patients in need of attention,

often before the patients themselves would seek treatment.

"Our challenge has been how best to scale a small number of pulmonary specialists to address the needs of thousands of patients. This program will greatly increase the scalability of these resources and enable more of our patients to access the best available care, same-day," said Beets.

Interventions by RespirCare can involve remote adjustments to treatment or rescue medications, and patients in need of face-to-face medical attention may be offered a same-day appointment. Patients with respiratory issues typically must wait days to see a pulmonologist, however, MCNDOH patients who take advantage of this new program will now have access to same-day treatment. The entire program is run in coordination with MCNDOH primary care to ensure coordination of care.

"Our patients have widely praised the benefits of logging their symptoms daily in exchange for the immediate relief they receive from same-day treatment" said CEO and staff pulmonologist of RespirCare Dr. Mark Boomer, M.D.

"The daily digital submission of symptoms has engaged patients in their own symptom management, causing most to log their symptoms daily over 80% - 90% of the time. Patients appreciate the peace of mind they receive knowing that they have access to a pulmonologist when they experience changes from their typical COPD symptoms, which helps those patients breathe easier, avoid ER and hospital admissions, and enjoy an improved quality of life."

**Bear**  
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When Bear was announced as state champion for Division I he was excited. During the tournament his mother said it was nerve wrecking. She could not believe he made it.

"During every single match you get the same jitters, and you are just so nervous," Bear's mother said. "You never know how each match will go because you can be the best and then have one off match and that is it. He went out there and gave

it his all every single time. At state he pinned his first three kids and in finals he tech falled the kid meaning it was 15 to zero."


By winning the state championship, Bear now gets to go to the Reno World Championship on April 3-5 in Reno, NV to represent OKWA. Bear is thankful for those who supported him and helped him get to where he is today.

"I thank my coaches, my dad and my MOJO Grappling teammates," Bear said.



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# NYCP OFFERS COLLEGE AND CAREER READINESS TO NATIVE STUDENTS

A PROGRAM THAT HELPS STUDENTS SUCCEED

**Lani Hansen**  
REPORTER

OKMULGEE, Oklahoma– The Muscogee (Creek) Nation Native Youth Community Project (NYCP) has been partnering with three schools to help build up students academics and prepare them for college.

NYCP is a four-year grant program through MCN Department of Education that is designed to give high school students college and career readiness opportunities that they may not have otherwise.

“What we do is we partner with three of our local high schools Dewar, Weleetka and Wetumka,” Elsa Lowe Project Coordinator said. “We provide different field trips, curriculum opportunities, we have designed a curriculum so that we can give our students and build them up.”

According to Lowe, they do social and emotional excercises, give the students an opportunity to connect to their culture and engage the community so that students get support for college or their career field.

NYCP is currently in their third year out of four, Lowe was hired on as project coordinator in 2017. After being hired on, she assembled a team of three education advisors who work at the schools with the students. This program works with Native students in middle and high school.

“This is open to any Native American student,” Lowe said. “Once we get them enrolled in our program, that is when we do one-on-one individual visits to see what they are interested in, what their grades look like, and if there is any way we can support them in those efforts.”

Some other programs or activities NYCP offers is an after-school program that is 12-weeks in the spring and fall so they can provide the curriculum that was designed. They also do after school tutoring throughout the year because the grant is a demonstration grant based on getting the students grades up because they can



NYCP students from Dewar, Weleetka and Wetumka partake in activities and field trips each month.

(Submission)

not really look towards college without getting through high school.

“We have tutors at each of our schools for after school,” Lowe said. “I believe Weleetka has a program in the morning as well. Our number one support for the students is academic support.”

NYCP is serving about 233 students with all three schools combined. For each school they have their own activites or trip depending how many students they have. In addition to those activites NYCP sets up a family engagement with the students, which allows their families to come

to the schools to learn about financial resource and recently they talk about the summer youth employment program.

Back in December NYCP students from Dewar Middle School reviewed the story of the corn husk doll and also did some painting projects. Later in December NYCP students from Weleetka, Wetumka and Dewar High School volunteered at the Oklahoma Regional Food Bank for NYCP Day of Service project.

“They prepared over 4,000 backpack meals for students,” Lowe said.

In January there were ten students

from Dewar Middle School NYCP Program who visited the Tulsa Air and Space Museum to enhance their understanding of Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) career opportunities. In February NYCP students from Dewar did a teacher appreciation activity.

“We bought supplies for them to have a Valentine’s day themed event,” Lowe said. “Which they made crafts, cards and did all these things they were thankful of for their teachers, faculty and administration. They did a come and go brunch in our education advisor’s office, and so they planned

that.”

The Weleetka and Wetumka students went to the Indian youth career day, which is an event put on by the Oklahoma City Indian Education department. This was at the University of Central Oklahoma, and there was college and career resources, workshops and presentations.

NYCP students will continue doing different activities throughout the remaining of the spring semester and into summer.

For more information contact Elsa Lowe at [ellowe@mcn-nsn.gov](mailto:ellowe@mcn-nsn.gov) or 918-549-2617.

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Angel Ellis  
REPORTER

OKMULGEE, Oklahoma– A Muscogee (Creek) Nation Council meeting was held Feb. 29 at the Mound Building in Okmulgee.

The National Council addressed the following legislation, the interpretation of which is attributed to language in the bills.

**TR 20-025** Execute a project funding agreement between the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Department of Health and the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma on behalf of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Department of Health. The bill sponsored by James Jennings passed 15-0.

The project funding agreement with the Choctaw Nation are funds that they apply for a coalition with tribes of Oklahoma. A portion of the funds is \$150,000.00, which will go toward Diabetes Prevention activities.

**TR 20-026** A Tribal Resolution of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation authorizing the Principal Chief to execute an exchange letter amendment for Indian Health Services Project OK 16-U40. The bill, sponsored by Thomasene Yahola Osborn, passed 15-0.

The resolution will allow an additional water main extension of the Creek County Rural Water District #1 to be installed.

**TR 20-027** To Execute a Memorandum of Agreement with the Indian Health Services for Project OK 19-V61 which will provide satisfactory domestic water supply and adequate wastewater disposal facilities for thirty-four existing Native American owned homes in Creek, Hughes, Mayes, McIntosh, Muskogee, Okfuskee, Okmulgee, Rogers, Seminole, Tulsa and Wagoner Counties, Oklahoma. The bill, sponsored by Thomasene Yahola Osborn, passed 15-0.

IHS will fund \$858,000.00 to start the construction of the project to obtain an adequate water supply in rural areas.

**TR 20-028** To Execute a Transfer Agreement between The Muscogee (Creek) Nation and the Indian Health Services on behalf of the United States of America for Indian Health Service Project OK 10-S16.

The bill, sponsored by Thomasene Yahola Osborn, passed 15-0.

The legislation highlights what the agreement is for and what IHS will work on to see that the construction is completed correctly.

**TR 20-029** A Tribal Resolution of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation authorizing the Principal Chief to execute certain agreements with True Digital Security on

behalf of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Office of Child Support Enforcement. The bill, sponsored by Robert Hufft, passed 15-0.

The Office of the Principal Chief introduced the resolution to allow an agreement for managed monitoring services, including case management, collection of child support and asset discovery.

**TR 20-030** A Tribal Resolution of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation authorizing the Principal Chief to submit a grant application to the Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS), 2020 COPS Hiring Program (CHP) grant program for the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Lighthorse Police Department. The bill, sponsored by Robert Hufft, passed 15-0.

The Office of the Principal Chief introduced the resolution to provide funding for the hiring of five additional police officers. The grant is a matching grant at 25%. The grant would require the MCN to commit \$181,166 in matching funds.

**TR 20-031** A Tribal Resolution of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Authorizing the Principal Chief to Execute a Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Muskogee, Oklahoma, for Improvements to Batfish Road. The bill, sponsored by Joyce Deer, passed 15-0.

The project will help the improvement of Batfish road and will repair its current conditions. According to the legislation, the City of Muskogee will agree to maintain the upkeep of the roadway once the project is completed.

**TR20-032** A Tribal Resolution of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation authorizing the Principal Chief to execute a memorandum of agreement between the City of Broken Arrow, the Muscogee (Creek) Nation and Elderheart, INC. D/B/A Mission 22 for Veterans Park Memorial. The bill, sponsored by Charles McHenry, passed 15-0.

The resolution would allow the City of Broken Arrow and the MCN to work together to expand the Veteran’s Park located at 1111 South Main Street, Broken Arrow Oklahoma.

**TR 20-033** To Execute a Memorandum of Understanding with the Oklahoma Department of Transportation for the improvement of a roadway within Okmulgee County, Oklahoma, by the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Tribal Transportation Program. The resolution sponsored by James Jennings passed 15-0.

The project highlights that the MCN Tribal Transportation Program has proposed to improve several roadways in Okmulgee County.

**TR 20-034** A Tribal Resolution

of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation supporting the passage of Oklahoma HB2847, HB 2848 and HB 3345. Mark Randolph sponsored the legislation. It was Co-Sponsored by Anna Marshall, Joyce Deere, Mary Crawford, Randall Hicks, and Robert Hufft. Sponsors added on the floor were William Lowe, Thomasene Yahola Osburn and Charles McHenry. The legislation passed 15-0.

The resolution emphasizes the instances of trending efforts to stamp out the MMIP epidemic by formally supporting Oklahoma legislation on the state level. It states, ‘The Muscogee (Creek) Nation hereby supports the passage of Oklahoma HB 2847, HB 2848 and HB 3345.’ Additionally, the legislation authorizes a copy of the MCN resolution and a letter of support from the Principal Chief be sent to the State of Oklahoma House Representatives and Senators.

**TR 20-035** A Tribal Resolution of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation approving the Native American Agricultural Fund (NAAF) Grant limited waiver of sovereign Immunity and authorizing the Principal Chief to execute a Letter Acknowledging the limited waiver of sovereign immunity in the same form, in favor of NAAF, for the sole purpose of complying with NAAF’s requirements to support execution of a grant agreement between NAAF and the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. The resolution sponsored by Joseph Hicks passed 15-0.

The resolution states that NAARF has awarded a grant to the MCN for \$200,000. To receive the funding, NAARF requires the tribes to provide a limited waiver of sovereign immunity.

**TR 20-036** A Tribal Resolution of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation authorizing the Principal Chief to execute an order form and masters services agreement, (Collectively, the Agreement) with Cision US Inc. The legislation sponsored by Travis Scott

passed 15-0.

The Office of the Principal Chief introduced the resolution to allow the Nation’s Public Relations Department to subscribe to services with Cision US Inc. The legislation did not list the funding amount for the service.

**TR 20-037** A Tribal Resolution of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Amending TR-18-099 (A Tribal Resolution of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Creating a Muscogee Business Assessment Committee) As amended by TR 18-135 and TR 19-070. The legislation sponsored by Travis Scott passed 15-0.

The legislation is set to extend the time for the Committee to fully complete assessments of certain businesses and subsidiaries of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation.

**TR 20-038** A Tribal Resolution of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation approving and Authorizing the Gaming Operations Authority Board to Execute the agreements and Amendments with Shift4 Payments, LLC. The legislation sponsored by Patrick Freeman passed 15-0.

Patrick Freeman introduced the legislation that would allow the Gaming Operations Authority Board (GOAB), to enter into the Gateway Services Agreement and the Merchant Processing Agreement with Shift4 Payments for credit card processing services. The legislation sets the agreement terms to the GOAB, of three years and will automatically renew for successive two-year terms unless terminated earlier.

**TR 20-039** A Tribal Resolution of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation authorizing the Principal Chief to execute an attorney-client professional services agreement with the law firm of Savage O’Donnell Affeldt & Weintraub for legal services on behalf of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. The legislation sponsored by Adam Jones III passed 15-0.

The full legislation, which

provides detailed explanations, was not made available.

**NCA 20-006** Authorizing the expenditure of grant funds awarded from the Choctaw Nation project funding agreement grant for the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Department of Health. The legislation sponsored by James Jennings passed 15-0.

The project funding agreement with the Choctaw Nation is \$150,000.00, which will go toward Diabetes Prevention activities.

**NCA 20-007** A Law of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation amending NCA 13-200 (A law of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Approving and Authorizing the Principal Chief to Execute and File the Articles of Organization with the Office of the Secretary of the Nation to form “OneFire Holding Company, LLC”) as amended by NCA 14-080 and NCA 14-178 and NCA 18-121. The legislation sponsored by Robert Hufft, passed 14-1-0.

The legislation authorizes the Principal Chief to execute and file the Articles of Organization with the Secretary of the Nation. A separate Exhibit “A” is referenced in the legislation. The Exhibit outlines the operating agreement with OneFire Holding Company but was not published.

**NCA 20-009** A Law of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation authorizing the expenditure of grant funds awarded from the Native American Agriculture Fund (“NAAF”) for the benefit of the Mvskoke Loan Fund(MLF). The legislation sponsored by Joseph Hicks passed 15-0.

According to the legislation Mvskoke Loan Fund was awarded the Native American Agriculture Fund Grant of \$200,000. MLF will use the grant funds to provide agriculture and agribusiness lending capital to improve access to credit for Native American farmers and ranchers.

For more information visit the National Council website at [www.mcnn.com](http://www.mcnn.com).

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## MNYC MARCH UPDATE

Hensci Mvskokvlke! Stonkon fullatskat? Hello Mvskoke people! How are you all? Karen McGirt cvhocefkvt os. I am the Second Speaker of the Mvskoke Nation Youth Council (MNYC) and the new author of the monthly article! The MNYC began the month with our elders at the Elder’s Sweetheart dance hosted by MCN Elder Services. We had so much fun seeing dance moves that us even our members began to try.

The February meeting was held at the Muskogee (Creek) Nation Council House in downtown Okmulgee. We were honored to have so many guests sit in on our meeting. Muskogee elementary Indian Education brought 4th and 5th grade students in to ask for help on ideas for a school project. We are so proud of how early they are starting to make a difference in their community. Former Principal Chief James Floyd and his lovely wife Carol were also in attendance. We were able to thank Chief Floyd for his service to our Nation and to thank both of them for their dedication to our Mvskoke Youth.

Youth Council member, Lousia Harjo, was a guest judge for Native Fashion in the City. She was a featured designer last year and was asked to be a judge for the Tulsa auditions this year. Public

Relations Chair Abela Watson made top 10 in the auditions and will be a model in Colorado this year. Congratulations to both of these ladies on representing the Mvskoke Nation while doing what they are passionate about.

MNYC members are helping Mvskoke Nation Youth Services (MNYC) in bringing cultural activities to the Eufaula Dormitory. Already there has been a stickball night and Mvskoke language game night. We are excited to build a closer relationship with the amazing youth residing within the dorm.

MNYC Public Relations is reintroducing a new and improved Meet a Member Monday! The Public Relations Committee will be posting twice a month. Follow our social media and stay tuned to learn all about our outstanding members!

The MNYC meets the 2nd Saturday of each month on the second floor of the Muskogee (Creek) Nation Council House. All meetings are open to the public. Follow us on social media @mvskokeyc2015 or Mvskoke Nation Youth Council and the MNYC program @mvskokeyouth or Mvskoke Nation Youth Services. For more information please call 918-549-2557.

## MCN CITIZEN TO SERVE ON NCAI-ED BOARD

MCN COUNCIL REP WILLIAM LOWE TO SERVE ON THE NCAI-ED BOARD OF DIRECTORS

GALE POSTOAK  
INTERVIEW

OKMULGEE, Oklahoma-William Lowe a citizen of the Muskogee (Creek) Nation, was one of three tribal citizens chosen to serve on the National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development (NCAI-ED) Board of Directors.

In addition to Lowe, Lynn Dee Rapp (Oglala Sioux) and Jana Turvey (Sun’ag) joined the organizations board.

Since being selected Lowe has been formally introduced and participated in his first official board meeting during the Reservation Economic Summit (RES).

The NCAI-ED is a non-profit organization, which assists American Indian tribes and their enterprises with business and economic development.

Their mission is to ‘develop and expand American Indian private sector which employs Indian labor, increases the number of viable tribal and individual Indian businesses, and positivity impacts and involves reservation communities by establishing business relationships between Indian enterprises and private industry.’

“It is one of the largest, if not the largest economic development organizations for Native American businesses,” said Lowe.

The process for becoming inducted into the NCAI-ED took some patience. Lowe first applied two years ago. He went through five interviews; a process that took about six months. At that time he was not selected.

At the end of Oct. 2019, Lowe was contacted by the organization.



William Lowe Citizen of the Muskogee (Creek) Nation was recently appointed to the National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development. (Submission)

“I received a phone call from the CEO of NCAI-ED and was told that some one was rotating off the board and was asked if he was still interested,” Lowe said.

“Yes, of course, very interested,” was his answer.

At that time Lowe said he was the middle of campaigning for MCN National Council.

“Low and behold on Dec. 9, 2019 I was voted in as a board member,” said Lowe.

Currently Lowe is the Human Resources Director at his Alma Mater, Bacone College.

In addition to serving on MCN Council, Lowe serves on the board of the American Indian Chamber of Commerce of Oklahoma, the board of the Okmulgee County YMCA, is

the Vice President of the Lions Club. He is also on the board for the Five Civilized Tribes Museum.

Lowe says he stays motivated by his love for helping people and advocating for children’s programs.

“We are excited to have these three incredible leaders join the Board of the National Center,” said Chris James, President and CEO of the National Center. “They have already made significant contributions to the businesses, entrepreneurs, and communities our organization serves. They will continue this work on the National Center’s Board and ensure that our programming and advocacy benefits and supports the Indian Country economy – from Alaska all the way to Florida.”

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BAD BOYS MARCH 28 · 10PM

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OBITUARIES

COLBERT HILL

Colbert Hill, of Eufaula, passed away Feb. 25 at the age of 74. Born on Feb. 16, 1946 to Siah Leo Hill and Elizabeth Phillips Hill. He was a graduate of Eufaula High School and attended Haskell University and served in the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam War. He was a member of the Creek Nation Community and served on the Creek Nation Health Board. His hobbies included fishing, gardening, television and he was an active elder at Okfuskee Indian Baptist Church.

He is survived by his son, Colbert Hill Jr. 36, and mother Ysabel V. Hill, of El Campo, Tx; his siblings: Levi Hill of Broken Arrow, OK; Betsy Hill, Siah Hill Jr., Commey Hill, and Jeanetta Hill, all of Eufaula, OK; and a host of nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his parents Siah Hill, Elizabeth Phillips Hill; siblings: Juanita Harjo, Dunson Hill, Thomas Hill, and his second wife, Gewndalyn Hill.

Wake Service was held on March



1 at Okfuskee Baptist Church.

Funeral Service was held on March 2 at Okfuskee Baptist Church

Pallbearers were Nathaniel Grayson, William Hill, Steven Hill, Johnathan Hill, David Long, and Chris Belcher.

Honorary Pallbearers were Jack Felling, Harold Williams, Anthony “Tony” Siah Hill, and Nicholas Hill.

Interment took place at Okfuskee Indian Baptist Church and Cemetery under the direction of Hunn Black and Merritt Funeral Home and Crematory.



Six new homes were recently constructed in Redbud Acres east of Okmulgee. (Submission)

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING STARTS OFF YEAR WITH NEW HOMES

MCN CITIZENS HAVE MANY OPPORTUNITIES FOR HOUSING ASSISTANCE

Rita Courtwright  
MANAGING EDITOR

OKMULGEE, Oklahoma – MCN Housing will be holding a ribbon cutting and dedication day at the end of March for the newest set of homes that have been completed east of Okmulgee.

“We built six brand new homes off of Prairieville Road [in Okmulgee] that we are calling Redbud Acres,” said Acting Secretary of Housing Jamie Nichols. “We have one four-bedroom home and five three-bedroom homes completed.”

“We have also built two additional homes in Holdenville as well,” said MCN Housing Admissions Counselor Bethany Harley.

Currently working off of the 2013 waiting list Redbud Acres is the first new addition that the Housing Department has completed in quite some time, according to Nichols.

“Generally, the wait time for a house is about five years, aver-

age,” said Nichols.

The process to apply for housing is to go to the admissions office located at 2959 N. Wood in Okmulgee and complete an application.

“All of our programs are income based,” said Harley. “Applicants must pass a background check, be low-income and a member of a federally recognized tribe.”

Income decision is based off of HUD and NAHASDA guidelines.

“We have housing counseling specialists that are here to help answer questions and explain any part of the application that anyone might need assistance with,” said Nichols

“We are going to build thirteen more homes in 2020,” said Nichols.

The new homes to be built will be in addition to the previous homes just completed, but will be located in the Preston area.

“I think it is important to offer these homes to our citi-

zens because it gives them the chance to have the home ownership experience,” said Harley. “This is a great opportunity for our citizens who might not have the income or credit needed to get a home in the traditional sense.”

“That is what our mission is, to provide safe, stable housing for our low-income families.”

Currently housing is working with a waiting list that includes citizens from every jurisdiction.

“Per our waiting list we are going to go where there is a need,” said Nichols. “The greatest need for homes is north, in the Tulsa, Glenpool, Sapulpa areas.”

In 2019 Housing built 12 and bought 15 homes for citizens.

MCN Housing offers assistance with home ownership, low rent apartment help, mortgage assistance, elderly housing and emergency repair program.

For more information contact 918-549-2500 and ask for the admissions department or log on to [www.mcnhousing.com](http://www.mcnhousing.com)

LEGALS

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE MUSCOGEE NATION  
DISTRICT COURT  
FILED

IN THE MATTER OF THE GUARDIANSHIP OF:

A.C.,  
A minor child, DOB 5-27-2005

A.C.,  
A minor child, DOB 9-20-2007

A.C.,  
A minor child, DOB 7-15-2011

AND

A. J. C.,  
a minor child, DOB 9-1-2013

Case No. GD-2020-02-SP

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

MUSCOGEE CREEK NATION TO: ARCHIE COSEY.

You are hereby notified that RACHEL HARJO has filed in the District Court of the Muscogee Nation of Oklahoma, a petition praying that Letters of Guardianship be issued to her upon the persons and estates of A.C., A.C., A.C., and A.J.C. minor children.

And that the 9<sup>th</sup> day of April 2020, at 9:00 o'clock a.m. in the District Court of the Muscogee Nation, Okmulgee, Oklahoma, has been appointed as the time and place for hearing said petition, when and where any persons interested may appear and show cause, if any they can, why such appointment should not be made.

Dated this 19 day of February 2020.

DONNA BEAVER, Court Clerk

By: [Signature] Deput

Spencer Torbett, OBA #33778; MNBA #964  
Attorney for Petitioners

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION  
OKMULGEE DISTRICT  
DISTRICT COURT  
FILED

IN THE MATTER OF:

L.B.; DOB: 04/18/2019

Alleged Deprived Child.

NOTICE OF HEARING TO:

Natural Father, Zachary Lee Tiger, Father to L.B.

YOU ARE HEREBY GIVEN NOTICE that a Petition to Terminate Parental Rights has been filed against you in the above-styled and numbered cause and will be heard in the District Courtroom of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, Tribal Complex in Okmulgee, Oklahoma on the 20<sup>th</sup> Day of May 2020 @ 1:30 pm.

YOU ARE HEREBY INFORMED that it is sought by the Muscogee (Creek) Nation that the child remains a ward of the Court and custody be continued in the Children and Family Services Administration for continued foster placement of possible pre-adoptive placement. YOU ARE FUTHER INFORMED that you have the right to be represented by legal counsel at this hearing.

FURTHERMORE, failure to appear at the hearing shall constitute a denial of interest in the child which denial may result, without further notice of this proceeding or any subsequent proceeding, in the termination of your parental rights.

[Signature]  
JUDGE OF THE DISTRICT COURT

Legal Notice  
Published in the MVSKOKE NEWS, March 1 and March 15, 2020.

MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION REALTY TRUST SERVICES GRAZING LEASE ON RESTRICTED PROPERTY

Sealed bids will be accepted until 3:00 P.M. on Monday, March 16, 2020. Sealed bids will be opened at that time in the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Realty Office, Tribal Complex, Okmulgee, Oklahoma. The Secretary reserves the right to reject any bid and withhold approval of the lease. The Realty Specialist in charge of leasing shall publicly announce the apparent high-

est acceptable bid. The successful bidder will be notified by telephone and/or mail following the bid opening.

To obtain more information and to obtain the proper bid forms, please contact Brandy Kaler, Realty Specialist II at the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, Realty Office at (918)732-7757, via email at [brandyf@mcn-nsn.gov](mailto:brandyf@mcn-nsn.gov), or write to P.O. Box 580, Okmulgee, Oklahoma, 74447, attention Brandy Kaler-Realty Services.

Property Available and Accepting Bid(s) for a 5-Year Grazing Lease on is as follows:

Legal Description: SW/4 of Section 26-T19N-R9E, Hughes County, State of Oklahoma, containing 160 acres, more or less

Muskogean History Symposium

March 20-21, 2020

Okmulgee, Oklahoma  
MCN Tribal Complex  
Mound Building Auditorium  
8AM – 5PM

SAVE THE DATE!

Topics will include:

- Mississippian Chiefdoms and Mound Centers
- Rise of the Historic Creek Confederacy
- Tribal Town Archaeology
- Creek Civil War / Battle of Horseshoe Bend
- Creek Removal and Arrival in Indian Territory
- Mission Schools in Creek Nation
- Alabama-Coushatta History
- Natchez History
- Seminole History
- Yuchi History

Free Event! Open to the Public! Door Prizes!

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Hosted by Muscogee (Creek) Nation  
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## SUBMISSIONS

### FORMAL WEAR DRIVE

The Muscogee (Creek) Nation Department of Education and Training is collecting new and lightly used formal wear for Mvskoke students. Dresses, Suiting, and Accessories are being accepted. Students who are interested in receiving formal wear can fill out an application and set an appointment with staff for a fitting. For more information contact Savannah Chamberlain at [schamberlin@mcn-nsn.gov](mailto:schamberlin@mcn-nsn.gov) or 918-732-7743, or Mackenzie Lance Jones at [mlance@mcn-nsn.gov](mailto:mlance@mcn-nsn.gov) or 918-549-2963.

### VITA INCOME TAX PROGRAM

This free tax preparation is by appointment only. Please call the MCN Department of Commerce at 918- 549-2607 for more information or to schedule your appointment.

### SUMMER YOUTH NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

The Muscogee (Creek) Nation Employment and Training are taking applications for students ages 16-21. To apply to be a summer youth worker, go to: <http://bit.ly/MCNSY2020> Applications will be taken until March 31. For more information call 918-732-7773.

### TAX COUNSELING FOR THE ELDERLY

Free tax preparation and E-file of Federal and State Taxes will be completed for elderly age 60 or over with a household income of \$54,000 or less. Taxes will be done from 9am until 3m on Friday, March 6 at the Bristow Indian Community Center. For more information contact the Mvskoke Loan Fund at 918-549-2603.

### WILD ONION DINNER

Big Cussetah United Methodist Church will be hosting their Annual Wild Onion Dinner on Sat. March 21 at 3 miles East of Okmulgee on Hwy 62 and 3.5-miles South on Prairie Bell Rd. Dinner is served 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. \$10 for adults and \$6 for children (10 and under). For more information contact 918-645-7426.

### WILD ONION DINNER

Little Cussetah Methodist Church is hosting an All You Can Eat Wild Onion Dinner on March 21 at Little Cussetah Methodist Church, from Hwy 75 between Henryetta and Okmulgee take the Wilson Rd exit West, go 1.5 miles to the 4-way intersection, turn right/ North at the intersection. Go one-mile church is located on the left-hand side of the road on top of the hill. Serving time is from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Adult meals are \$10, kids ages 3 to 10 are \$7 and children ages 2 and under eat for free. For more information call, 918-777-8242 or 918-230-5106.

### THLOPTHLOCCO TRIBAL TOWN CITIZENS MEETING

A Thlopthlocco (Creek) Tribal Town Citizen's meeting has been scheduled for Saturday March 28th at 4pm at the Alabama Quassarte Community Building. Family and friends are welcome and potluck is encouraged. They will review the recent motion filed in the MCN District Court (MCN Case # CV-2007-39 & CV-2011-08) & discuss raising money for our legal team.

Here is a detailed link for review of the federal action:  
[https://narf.org/nill/bulletins/federal/documents/thlopthlocco\\_stidham.html](https://narf.org/nill/bulletins/federal/documents/thlopthlocco_stidham.html)

For more information contact Nathan Anderson at (405) 220-5887.

### BREAKING FREE CONFERENCE

Muscogee (Creek) Nation Behavioral Health and Substance Abuse Services will be hosting MCN Addictions Conference Breaking Free will be on March 24-26 at River Spirit Casino Resort Conference Center, 8330 Riverside Pkwy, Tulsa, OK. Topics include; alcohol, methamphetamine, opioids, marijuana, gambling, pornography, nicotine, recovery, treatment

and wellness. Registration is open at [bit.ly/MCNAddiction2020](http://bit.ly/MCNAddiction2020)

### LANGUAGE IMMERSION CAMP

The Mvskoke Language Program presents the 2020 Language Immersion Camp “Every-day Living” June 8-12 at Sequoyah Lodge State Park, Hulbert, OK. Grades 7th through 12th, students cannot be 18 years of age prior to June 7th. Students must include a typed 200-word essay on “Why the Mvskoke Language is important?” Deadline for application and essay is Monday, April 13 at 5 p.m. send completed applications to P.O. Box 580, Okmulgee, OK 74447 or email [mlowe@mcn-nsn.gov](mailto:mlowe@mcn-nsn.gov) For more information call 918-732-7649 or 918-758-6328.

### ARTS AND CRAFTS SALE

The Holdenville Creek Indian Community (HCIC) will be having an arts and crafts sale on Sat. May 2 at HCIC, 224 E. Poplar St. Holdenville, OK. Deadline for vendor tables will be April 24, doors open at 7:30 a.m. for vendor set-up. No charge for vendors. 50/50 drawing for vendors only. Concession will be available. Contact Shawna at 405-379-3485.

### FREEMAN FAMILY AND FRIENDS REUNION

The Freeman Family and Friends Reunion will be held on Saturday, March 21 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Glenpool Creek Building. Food will be served at noon. A main dish will be provided, but side dishes are needed. They will have grocery bingo at 1:30p.m. For more information contact Katcv Freeman at 405-306-4608.

### COUNCIL HOUSE SPRING BREAK

Creek Nation Council House will be hosting Spring Break Activity's starting Tue. March 17 through Sat. March 21 at the Council House, 100 W 6th St. Okmulgee, OK. Finger weaving, cornhusk dolls make and take, jewelry make and take and more. First come, first served. Limited Supplies and no registration required. For more information contact Creek Nation Council House at 539-286-4663.

### ADULT LANGUAGE CLASS

Mvskoke Language Preservation Program will begin hosting a 6-week beginning Muscogee language and a Muscogee Language Conversational class beginning on Monday, March 9. Beginner class will be held on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and Conversational will be held on Thursday and Fridays. All classes will meet from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. Classes will be held at the Mvskoke Language Program Office Education and Training Building at 2401 Beaver on the Complex Campus in Okmulgee. For more information call 918-732-7649.

### LANGUAGE CLASS

A Muscogee language course for those who need a refresher or those who want to learn for the first time will be held on Mondays in April at 6:30p.m. Classes will be held at the Holdenville Indian Community Center at 224 E. Poplar St. in Holdenville. Incentives will be offered for attendance. All levels and ages are welcome. For more information call 405-379-3485.

### SPRING INTO FOSTER CARE

A Spring into Foster Care and Adoption training for foster parents and those considering becoming foster parents will be held on Sat. March 28 with check-in beginning at 9:30 and the event will be from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Crescent Valley Baptist Church, 25641 S. Crescent Valley Rd. Tahlequah, OK. You will receive 5 hours of training for attending this event. Lunch is provided and door prizes will be given throughout the day. Please RSVP to Rick Hensley at [rick.hensley@okdhs.org](mailto:rick.hensley@okdhs.org) or Jessica Michael at [Jessica.michael@okdhs.org](mailto:Jessica.michael@okdhs.org)



## 2020 MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION Scholarship Pageant

Now Accepting Applications!  
DEADLINE: April 20th, 2020

### Divisions

Jr. Miss: 14-17 yrs (High School Student)  
Miss: 17-24 yrs (Attending/Enrolled in Higher Education)

### Prizes

- Jr. Miss: \$1,500 Cash Prize
- Miss: \$2,500 Scholarship
- Beaded Crown
- Cedar Crown Box
- Woven Basket Purse
- Traditional Clothing

- Two Matching Sashes
- Personalized Luggage
- Flower Bouquet
- Plaque
- Pendleton Blanket
- Traveling Opportunities

The Miss & Jr. Miss Muscogee (Creek) Nation Royalty serve as goodwill ambassadors for the Nation and its people. They promote the Nation throughout their year-long reign through cultural, social, and public appearances. The experience allows young women to expand their cultural knowledge of Mvskoke history and traditions.

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## ONLINE AUCTION

The GSA Department will be launching an online auction program powered by GovDeals.com on excess surplus items.



Open to the General Public.

GSA/Fleet Department will be putting the following list of vehicles and equipment up for auction on the Muscogee Creek Nation GovDeals.com web page. The vehicles and equipment are not operable. Vehicles and equipment sold as is. Buyers are responsible to bring a trailer and help to pick up vehicles and equipment. GSA will not deliver. Each vehicle and equipment will have pictures on the GovDeals.com webpage. You must register by setting up a Profile and Payment Method. Only Credit Cards and PayPal are accepted. Cash, Checks or Money Orders are not accepted. Call 918-732-7627 or 918-732-7648 for any question.

*ASPHALT ZIPPER Milling Machine – AZ500	*Lincoln Welder
*2006 Chevrolet Uplander	*1992 Ford 8000 Dump Truck
*2007 Ford Escape	*1993 Ford F-700 Flat Bed Dump Truck
*1999 Chevrolet School Bus	*2004 Oldsmobile Alero
*2005 Ford Crown Victoria	*1997 Chevrolet 1500 Truck
*2006 Ford Explorer	*2000 Dodge Ram 1500 4x4
*1977 CAT 621 Scraper	*2001 Chevrolet Impala
*2010 Chevrolet Tahoe	

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