



THE

DEC 1, 2020 | "RVFO RAKKO" BIG WINTER MONTH | VOL. 50, ISSUE 23

# MVSKOKENEWS

PRODUCED BY  MVSKOKEMEDIA

## INDIGENOUS RACERS DISCOURAGED BY CULTURAL APPROPRIATION AT NATIONALS

MOTORCYCLE RACING ORGANIZATION CALLED OUT FOR RACISM AND CULTURAL APPROPRIATION

Angel Ellis

REPORTER

HENRYETTA, Oklahoma — The American Historic Racing Motorcycle Association Ltd., (AHRMA) and T & S Racing have come under public scrutiny for giving away trophies featuring Native American regalia replicas. The event was a National Championship Finale held in Henryetta OK., on Nov. 6.

In addition to giving winning racers war bonnets, which were worn by the winners, attendees and participants also noted that organizers of the event dressed up in mock regalia. At least two of the organizations staff was reported to have their faces painted and wearing costumes resembling Native American regalia.

Images surfaced on Facebook of one woman wearing a "Pocahontas type costume," imitating dancing. In the images the woman who has been identified as Deirda Parks wears a sign on her buttocks that reads "Pow Wow."

One photographer at the event posted comments, "The OK Wild West Show had it all (this is the PG rated shot)."

Parks commented on her actions at the event claiming Native American Heritage.

"I am also a federally recognized Native American Indian and this is America and I can do what I choose," Parks said on Facebook. "This is still a free country, I wasn't making fun, I was having fun recognizing my home state of Oklahoma which is Native American territory."



Pictured is the clock keeper of the AHRMA National Championship Finale held in Henryetta, OK on Nov. 6. The misrepresentation of Native American regalia and trophies used in the event took social media by storm over the weekend. (Bob Bean)

But other Indigenous participants and residents of Henryetta did not feel the same way.

Indigenous motocross racer Robin Coyne (Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwe) called organizers about her

Coyne said. "We immediately started posting stuff on Facebook."

"The Executive Director Curt Comer contacted us."

Coyne and her team were told to just focus on the racing.

"He basically told us to cut the Facebook crap out and focus on racing because they don't want to get involved in politics and racism," Coyne said.

Comer was not the only person who justified their actions to Coyne. Sherri Parker of T & S Racing claimed that the tribes endorsed this event.

"So we called Sherri and she claimed even Creek Nation backs them and comes to their events," Coyne said. "My aunt told her she was going to report them and they said they

RACERS-2

## EUFAULA DORMITORY FINDS WAYS TO CELEBRATE HOLIDAYS

THE DORM STUDENTS ARE DOING VIRTUAL LEARNING FROM BUT STILL WILL GET TO EXPERIENCE THE HOLIDAY CELEBRATIONS FROM THE DORM FACULTY

Morgan Taylor

REPORTER

EUFAULA, Oklahoma — The Muscogee (Creek) Nation Eufaula Dormitory finds ways to celebrate the holidays despite the distance between faculty and students.

According to Academic Advisor and LPC Lesa King contact between the students and staff has remained strong as the bond they share.

"We are like one big family," King said. "When they are here, we provide all their needs, and they are around us more than anyone."

The school year has looked different for everyone especially the dorm students who reside there during the school week.

The students that attend Eufaula Dormitory started the school year as virtual learners and are still doing virtual learning through Eufaula Public Schools.

As the Academic Advisor, King keeps an eye on the grades and progress of the students.

"Virtual learning is hard even for those straight 'A' students," King said. "We are traveling to pick up students and bring them here [Eufaula Dorm] for extra help."

Typically, the Eufaula Dormitory holds special celebrations for holidays with the students before they return home on breaks.

The Eufaula Dorm and



The Eufaula Dormitory Christmas celebration from last year.

(Submission)

Eufaula Public Schools feed the students a Thanksgiving dinner with turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes, and other traditional Thanksgiving foods.

This year however, the dorm staff traveled and delivered Thanksgiving dinners to the students and their families which the school helped to provide.

Christmas is also a big celebration at the dorm but will look quite different this year.

Each year the dorm staff takes up wish list from the kids and throws a party where they are handed out and opened.

"There's nothing like being able to watch all the kids open their presents," King said.

Since the kids will be at home, the staff is still taking up the wish list and delivering gifts to the homes of kids on Dec 16 and 17.

"We still want them to feel that Christmas spirit," King said. "We are not sure that we will get to see them open the gifts this year, but we would love too. Faculty members spend a lot of time buying and wrapping gifts for the students. Getting to watch them open them is a part of it usually."

## JOY HARJO APPOINTED TO THIRD TERM AS U.S. POET LAUREATE

HARJO LAUNCHES SIGNATURE PROJECT, "LIVING NATIONS, LIVING WORDS," DURING NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Librarian of Congress Carla Hayden has announced the appointment of U.S. Poet Laureate Joy Harjo to a third term, making Harjo the second laureate to receive this extension since terms for the position were established in 1943.

Harjo's third term, to begin in September 2021, will offer her an opportunity to complete projects and programs whose timelines continue to be affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, including her signature project being launched today in celebration of Native American Heritage Month.

"Throughout the pandemic, Joy Harjo has shown how poetry can help steady us and nurture us. I am thankful she is willing to continue this work on behalf of the country," said Librarian of Congress Carla Hayden. "A third term will give Joy the opportunity to develop and extend her signature project."

For her third term, Harjo will focus on her signature project, "Living Nations, Living Words,." This digital project features an interactive ArcGIS Story Map, developed with the Library's Geography and Map Division, which maps 47 contemporary Native American poets across the country — including Joy Harjo, Louise Erdrich,



(Submission)

Natalie Diaz, Ray Young Bear, Craig Santos Perez, Sherwin Bitsui and Layli Long Soldier.

The map connects to a new online audio collection developed by Harjo and housed in the Library's American Folklife Center, which features the participating poets reading and discussing an original poem. Each chose their poems based on the theme of place and displacement, and with four focal points in mind: visibility, persistence, resistance and acknowledgment.

"This has been a challenging year for the country, for our earth. Poetry has provided doorways for joy, grief and understanding in the midst of turmoil and pandemic," Harjo said. "I welcome the opportunity of a third term

HARJO-2





# LIGHTHORSE POLICE K-9 UNIT RECEIVES GRANT

## THE LHP WAS AWARDED A GRANT FROM AFTERMATH SERVICES TO HELP INVEST IN THE K-9 UNIT

Morgan Taylor  
REPORTER

OKMULGEE, Okla-  
homa – The Muscogee  
(Creek) Nation Lighthouse  
Department was awarded  
the K-9 Grant from After-  
math Services.  
This grant in the amount  
of \$250 will benefit the  
Lighthouse K-9 Unit.  
Aftermath Services pro-  
vides trauma cleaning and  
biohazard services all over  
the nation while provid-  
ing grants including the K-9  
Grant.  
Aftermath Services  
Regional Marketing Man-  
ager Tom Donalson claims  
that the MCN Lighthouse  
Department was the only  
award granted in the state.  
“We do bile clean up to  
help families out in times of  
crisis,” Donalson said. “We  
also support law enforce-



The LHP K-9 Unit Officers are presented with their grant check from Aftermath representatives. Also pictured is K-9 Nitro. (Clinton Sinclair)

ment, where a lot of compa-  
nies have pulled away from  
it, we are moving towards  
it.”  
Aftermath provides three  
grants a year that are law  
enforcement related.

“One is for training, one  
is for K-9, and one is for offi-  
cers that are involved in the  
community,” Donalson said.  
The MCN Lighthouse is  
one of 37 recipients out of  
455 total applicants.

“The choices were very  
tough and we tried to spread  
the love,” Donalson said.  
The MCN Lighthouse  
Special Operations Captain  
and K-9 Unit Captain Pat-  
rick Williams says that grant  
writer Desiree Roberts nom-  
inated the agency to apply  
for this after a big arrest.  
“We had just arrested  
around 25 different people  
in Okfuskee County for traf-  
ficking charges of metham-  
phetamine,” Capt. Williams  
said. “So, Des [Desiree]  
came across this grant and  
put this in there. We are  
trying to build our pro-  
gram and get more canines  
on at our department to help  
our citizens. We are push-  
ing forward, every little bit  
helps, and this greatly helps  
our process. Hopefully, next  
year we will have more dogs  
and be able to help even  
more.”

According to Capt. Wil-  
liams the unit looks to invest  
in dogs for training pur-  
poses, patrolling, and bomb  
detection.  
“When there are big  
events, we want to be able  
to assist those agencies and  
clear those areas,” Capt.  
Williams said. “Like foot-  
ball games at the Ford  
Center, help them clear their  
areas for bombs and things  
like that.”  
The MCN Lighthouse  
K-9 Unit looks forward to  
applying for this grant next  
year and also expanding the  
department.  
“We are trying to make  
our program grow and we  
will apply for it next year,”  
Capt. William said. “We  
were the only ones in Okla-  
homa to receive this so we  
will continue to push for-  
ward and get more dogs  
involved in our department.”

### RACERS

Continued from Page 1

would no longer give out the  
war bonnet trophies.”  
Principal Chief of the  
Muscogee (Creek) Nation  
David Hill issued a state-  
ment on his social media in  
response to the claim that  
the tribe was involved with  
these races  
‘Many citizens were con-  
cerned with cultural appro-  
priation, including Native  
costumes and trophy war  
bonnets presented at a recent  
T & S Racing event held in  
Henryetta,’ Chief Hill said.  
‘Citizens were further dis-

turbed by claims that this  
event had the backing and  
support of the Muscogee  
Nation.’  
‘We have investigated the  
matter and to this point find  
no evidence of the Nation  
having any connection to  
this organization whatso-  
ever or any form of mone-  
tary sponsorship.’  
Chief Hill said, ‘We  
would also like to remind  
everyone that this admin-  
istration rejects any form  
of cultural appropriation  
that includes inappropriate  
imagery, symbolism or mas-  
cots.’  
‘We have reached out to

the leadership of this orga-  
nization to discuss how  
we can avoid these matters  
going forward’  
But for Indigenous racers  
like Coyne and their all  
female all Indigenous team  
some of the damage cannot  
easily be mended.  
“This whole situation  
made us not even want to  
race anymore,” Coyne said.  
“I really hope they apolo-  
gize.”  
Coyne said her aunt  
reached out back in Septem-  
ber to collaborate on appro-  
priate trophies, such as a  
beaded cowboy hat.  
“I have no idea why they

would just start throwing  
together their own Native  
versions into the events,”  
Coyne said.  
She said that the climate  
has been strange since she  
shed light onto the racism.  
“The tension feels very  
weird already,” Coyne said.  
“I’m looking into racing  
with a different organiza-  
tion.”  
The American Indian  
Movement Director of  
Oklahoma AIM Indian  
Territory Cetan Sa Winyan  
also issued a statement and  
asked the organizations for  
an apology.  
“The racism and cul-

tural appropriation towards  
Indigenous People displayed  
at this even is unacceptable  
and will not be tolerated,”  
Winyan said. “We are asking  
for all future events to cease  
use of culturally inappropri-  
ate Indigenous items and a  
public apology be made by  
the T & S Racing Organi-  
zation and the American  
Historic Racing Motorcycle  
Association.”  
According to the AIM  
Statement, “Castrol Oil has  
issued a statement denounc-  
ing this event and stated  
that they had zero involve-  
ment and their name was  
used without permission.”

### HARJO

Continued from Page 1

to activate my project and visit  
communities to share Native  
poetry. The story of America  
begins with Native presence,  
thoughts and words. Poetry  
is made of word threads that  
weave and connect us.”  
During her laureateship,  
which began June 19, 2019,  
Harjo opened her term as the  
nation’s first Native American  
poet laureate with a poetry  
reading and concert in the  
Library’s Coolidge Auditor-  
ium accompanied by a three-  
piece band. Her first-term  
closing event was canceled  
after the pandemic forced the  
closure of the Library’s public  
buildings, and she started her  
second term on Sept. 1.  
Harjo has adapted to the  
virtual world by participat-  
ing in programs such as the  
2020 Library of Congress  
National Book Festival — in  
a video recorded especially for  
the event and by appearing  
in the festival’s accompany-  
ing broadcast special on PBS  
— as well as in “The Poetry of  
Home,” a virtual series devel-  
oped with The Washington  
Post.

# HELP A SISTER IN NEED, END DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

## FVPP HAS HELPED OVER 250 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE VICTIMS JUST IN 2020

Lani Hansen  
SENIOR REPORTER

OKMULGEE, Oklahoma-  
Native American women have  
the highest rates of victimization  
regarding intimate partner and  
sexual assault, according to Acting  
Director of Family Violence Pre-  
vention Program Tania Bardin.  
October is designated for  
Domestic Violence Awareness  
Month. Bardin says they try to put  
more focus on community, educa-  
tion and outreach but this year it  
was difficult since COVID-19  
pandemic impacted their in-per-  
son presentations.  
“This year we are work-  
ing with a radio station to pro-  
vide PSA,” Bardin said. “Annie  
worked with a couple of our staff  
and they created a PSA commer-  
cial that was aired on a couple of  
radio stations to bring awareness  
to both victimization and services  
available to victims.”  
They also used their own  
Family Violence Prevention Pro-  
gram Facebook page to highlight

different areas such as, education  
to the community on domestic  
violence, services to the victims,  
how you can support a victim  
of domestic violence and hold-  
ing perpetrators accountable for  
domestic violence.  
Since the pandemic impacted  
this year, Victim Advocate of  
FVPP Annie Merritt added for  
the future they plan to do a vir-  
tual event. Domestic violence  
is an important topic, just this  
year FVPP has served over 250  
domestic violence victims in the  
Muscogee (Creek) Nation reser-  
vation.  
Although October is the only  
month set for Domestic Vi-  
olence Awareness Month, people  
are still able to show awareness  
throughout the year. FVPP see  
victims who may need support  
from others because those may  
not think they get support from  
family and friends.  
Bardin added, “Often times  
the perpetrator isolates the victim  
from family. But I think the  
important thing is to remember  
that victim has never been in con-

trol, so all responsibility falls on  
that perpetrator.”  
If you know someone who  
is a victim of domestic violence,  
FVPP provides services to those  
in need. It may be hard for the  
victim to leave their perpetrator or  
dangerous for them, and it is up to  
others who may know to get the  
victim in contact with FVPP.  
“They can contact our pro-  
gram 24/7, 365 we have an app  
it’s confidential,” Bardin said. “If  
they want to call and ask ques-  
tions, because a lot of people are  
scared to tell somebody because  
their perpetrator might find out.  
Our program is confidential.”  
FVPP mainly targets MCN  
and Native American sisters, but  
they provide services to anyone  
who has been involved with  
domestic sexual violent or any vio-  
lent crimes. Those services are  
based upon the need such as find-  
ing emergency shelters, assistance  
in filing protective orders, limited  
transportation, limited financial  
assistance, therapist, youth advo-  
cate, child sexual assault advocate  
and SANE program.



(Submission)

“Our services are really based  
off of what are victims tell us what  
they need,” Bardin said.  
FVPP are seeing more vic-  
tims who have been strangled by  
their perpetrator. Merritt added  
with the SANE program they  
do a strangulation exam, because  
it is a lethal violence that needs to  
be looked into when a victim has  
been strangled.  
For more information on ser-  
vices or support for a victim call  
FVPP at 918-732-7979.

### THE MVSKOKE MEDIA

- Rita Courtwright, Managing Editor | [rcourtwright@mvskokemedia.com](mailto:rcourtwright@mvskokemedia.com)
- Lani Hansen, Senior Reporter | [lhansen@mvskokemedia.com](mailto:lhansen@mvskokemedia.com)
- Angel Ellis, Reporter | [aellis@mvskokemedia.com](mailto:aellis@mvskokemedia.com)
- Morgan Taylor, Reporter | [mtaylor@mvskokemedia.com](mailto:mtaylor@mvskokemedia.com)
- Jerrad Moore, Multi-Media Producer | [jmoore@mvskokemedia.com](mailto:jmoore@mvskokemedia.com)
- Clinton Sinclair, Videographer | [csinclair@mvskokemedia.com](mailto:csinclair@mvskokemedia.com)
- Gary Fife, Radio Specialist | [gfife@mvskokemedia.com](mailto:gfife@mvskokemedia.com)
- Chelsie Rich, Mvskoke Markets | [crich@mvskokemedia.com](mailto:crich@mvskokemedia.com)
- Breanna Dawson, Advertising & Sales | [bdawson@mvskokemedia.com](mailto:bdawson@mvskokemedia.com)
- Pauline Randall, Project Specialist/Layout | [prandall@mvskokemedia.com](mailto:prandall@mvskokemedia.com)

MVSKOKEMEDIA

Like MM on Facebook:  
[Facebook.com/MvskokeMedia](https://www.facebook.com/MvskokeMedia)

Follow MM on Twitter:  
[@MvskokeMedia](https://twitter.com/MvskokeMedia)

Follow MM on Instagram:  
[@MvskokeMedia](https://www.instagram.com/MvskokeMedia)

Visit MM online at:  
[MvskokeMedia.com](https://www.MvskokeMedia.com)

NAJA  
Native American Journalist Association  
Members of the Native American  
Journalists Association

The Mvskoke News is an editorially independent publication. Its purpose is to meet the needs of the tribe and its citizens through the dissemination of information. Reprint permission is granted with credit to The Mvskoke News unless other copyrights are shown.

Editorial statements appearing in The Mvskoke News, guest columns and readers’ letters reflect the opinion of the individual writer and not those of The Mvskoke News, its advisors or the tribal administration and are subject to editorial discretion. Editorials and letters must be signed by the individual writer and include a traceable address or phone number to be considered for publication. Please contact our office for deadline of submissions to be considered for inclusion. The Mvskoke News reserves the right to edit all submissions for space, style and grammar. Receipt of submissions does not obligate The Mvskoke News in any regard.

The Mvskoke News is mailed from Stigler, Oklahoma to all enrolled Muscogee (Creek) citizens’ households upon request. Inquiries should be directed to Mvskoke Media.

To submit a change of address or a letter to the editor, call: 918-732-7720 or email: [info@mvskokemedia.com](mailto:info@mvskokemedia.com).



# SKYDANCE BREWERY REPRESENTS THE SPIRIT OF SELF-SOVEREIGNTY

OKLAHOMA’S ONLY NATIVE OWNED CRAFT BREW ENCOURAGES INDIVIDUAL SOVEREIGNTY THROUGH BUSINESS ENTERPRISE

Angel Ellis  
REPORTER

OKMULGEE, Oklahoma —Oklahomans have enjoyed a competitive and robust craft beer brew scene for sometime but they may not realize that one of the emerging brew masters is leading his brand with a purpose that goes beyond selling refreshing beverages to those who love local brew.

Jacob Keyes (Ioway) is the founder and Brewmaster of Oklahoma’s only Indigenous owned brewery, the Skydance Brewing Company. Between Keyes and his fiancé and Director of Operations Bobbi Gabler (Mvskoke), the pair have managed to not only create and distribute their brew but they have done it while embodying the principles of Indigenous resiliency.

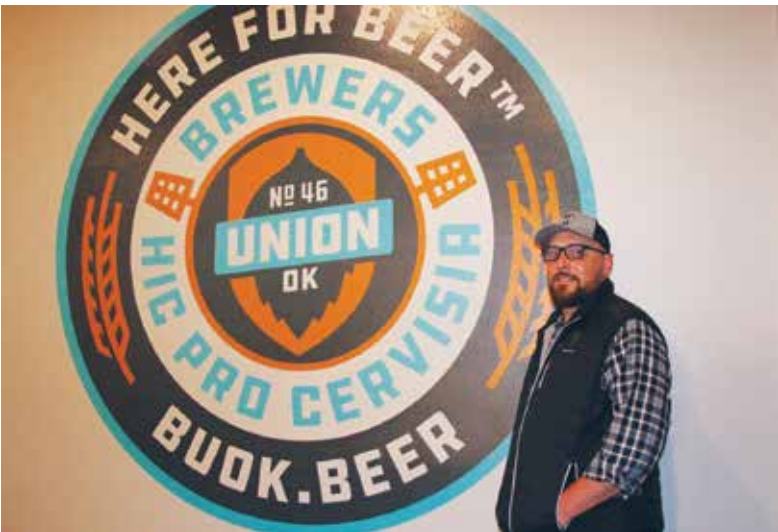
Keyes story is woven with and represented in Native American elements and he says that he uses craft beer as a way to tell the modern story of Indigenous people.

“Our culture and history is a mystery to a lot of people and is often interpreted the wrong way,” Keyes said. “We are using craft beer to tell our story, we want to show the world that we are a people of today and not just the images they see in history books.”

“That is really what our business is about.”

He first became interested in brewing by spending time with his father who was a home brewer.

“Making craft beer is something that I have always been into,” Keyes said. “My dad would make beer at the house and I would mess with it when he



Brewery-1or2 Pictured is Jacob Keyes (Ioway) Founder and Brewmaster at Skydanc Brewing who has pursued his passion as an Indigenous business owner and hopes his example will show other Native Americans they can become sovereigns in themselves. (Angel Ellis)

wasn’t paying attention.” “I’d end up messing up the batch and so he figured he should show me what was really happening so I would know what not to do.”

Keyes says that he was hooked. He even teaches his son, who calls the process magic. It was that special bond with his father that lead to Keyes deciding to go all in on brewing and give up his job working for tribal casinos.

Those who are from an Indigenous back ground may have see distinct elements to the branding that they recognize. But Keyes said for the nonindigenous folks, each brew is an opportunity for a conversation to take place.

One such conversation starter is the Fancy Dance New England Style IPA.

“We all know what a fancy dance is,” Keyes said. “But when non-Natives see fancy dance on a can or on a menu you would be surprised how many people don’t

know the connection.” “So when they come into the tap room, it’s an opportunity for us to tell that story.”

Each of the beers has printed stories on the side of the cans as well. Those wanting to know what a Lighthorse, Mosquito Hawk or a “Rez” Dog is can read and learn the significance.

Even more of a poignant conversation starter is the beer named “Sovereign Nation.”

Never before has that conversation been more important to the Indigenous communities of Oklahoma.

“We have a beer called Sovereign Nation, and why is sovereignty so important to us,” Keyes said. “These are all opportunities for us to talk to people and share our stories.”

“We’ve all lived together in this state and a lot of people still have no idea about what these significant elements of our culture really are, so having people

ask a question or mistakenly pronouncing something becomes an opportunity to have that conversation.”

Keyes said he feels that at times in our history because of the climate it was wise to keep things quiet. But he feels there is a need to educate.

“If we are tired of how our culture is misrepresented, whether it is through mascots or something then we need to tell the story the way it is,” Keys said. “To me one of the best ways to reach people is through entrepreneurship, through business.”

Keyes said that he has yet to create a beer that hasn’t lead to a conversation about his culture, language or indigenous foods. He enjoys the research and old recipes that comes with the process. One of the elements of his beers that touch on the indigenous foods is through use of berries.

“I’m always looking for ways of incorporating those old foods into the flavors we make,” Keyes said.

Another reason that Keyes has pursued his passion for craft beers is to show young people its possible to overcome the barriers as an Indigenous person.

“If you don’t see people like you owning a business or doing things, it puts this thing in your head that makes you think you cant really do it,” Keyes said. “For me I grew up in a mobile home in Little Axe Oklahoma and that idea of being a CEO was never going to be me and I think a lot of youth feel that way.”

“There was this system keeping us from being successful, but that doesn’t mean we can’t overcome that.”

He feels that if people can see

his brand, hear his story then he can make a difference in people’s mindset.

“If they can see a Native American owned company when they look on the shelves, maybe they will think that if he can do it then I can do it,” Keyes said. “Being in the casino business and being around these CEO’s and their mindset of leadership gave me an eye opening experience.”

“You want to have a dream for something and pursue it, you can do it.”

He said he felt that owning his own business has given him a new perspective on sovereignty.

“Do this has allowed me to be sovereign in my own life,” Keyes said. “Covid has been tough on everyone.”

“Entrepreneurship gives you a freedom.”

He feels that really impacting the quality of life of Native Americans would be to make entrepreneurship an attainable goal.

Keyes has been doing just that. He studied up and started brewing beer out of a co-op facility called the Brewers Union. The Brewers Union, located at 520 North Meridian Avenue, OKC is a workspace for aspiring commercial brewers. It’s a place where brewers can establish a market and grow to stand on their own.

Standing on their own is the next big step for Skydance Brewing. Keyes has announced that he will be building a taproom in automobile alley OKC. Skydance’s taproom is currently under construction and hopes to be welcoming beer lovers to their new location around Feb.-March of 2021.

BlueCross BlueShield of Oklahoma

Our local Oklahoma experts are here to help you enroll.

SCAN ME

Call Darci today!

Now through December 15, find the best plan with the largest network and see if you qualify for financial assistance.

CALL: 888-346-9636

VISIT: BlueNearYouOK.com

Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Oklahoma, a Division of Health Care Service Corporation, a Mutual Legal Reserve Company, an Independent Licensee of the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association

611320.1020

MVSKOKEMEDIA • P.O. BOX 580 - OKMULGEE, OK 74447 • 918.732.7720 • MVSKOKEMEDIA.COM • @MVSKOKEMEDIA



# COMMITTEE PASSES MULTIPLE LEGISLATION FOR DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH RECEIVES GRANT FOR DIABETES PROGRAM

Lani Hansen  
SENIOR REPORTER

OKMULGEE, Oklahoma — A Muscogee (Creek) Nation National Council Health, Education and Welfare Committee meeting was held Nov. 10.

All passed legislation went before the full Council during the regular session Nov. 21.

HEW addressed the following legislation, the interpretation of which is attributed to language in the bills:

**TR 20-184** To execute a certain agreement between the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Department of Health and the Southern Plains Tribal Health Board (“Agreement”) on behalf of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Department of Health. Sponsored by Rep. Mary Crawford.

The agreement with Southern Plains Tribal Health Board is to allow MCNDH to accept grant funds from Good Health and Wellness in Indian Country Grant for the Diabetes program to hire nurses. Passed 4-0.

**TR 20-185** To execute a certain agreement between the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Department of Health and VRC Companies, LLC (“Agreement”) on behalf of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Department of Health. Sponsored by Rep. James Jennings.

The agreement with VRC Companies, LLC is to allow MCNDH to access HIPAA compliant record and doc-

ument destruction services. Passed 4-0.

**TR 20-186** To execute a certain agreement between the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Department of Health and Neotract, INC. (“Agreement”) on behalf of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Department of Health. Sponsored by Rep. Jennings.

The agreement with Neotract, INC. is to allow MCNDH access to a certain urology equipment and services. Passed 4-0.

**TR 20-187** To execute a certain agreement between the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Department of Health and RLI Insurance Company (“Agreement”) on behalf of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Department of Health. Sponsored by Rep. Jennings.

The agreement with RLI Insurance Company is for MCNDH Pharmacy to obtain the required surety bond to maintain accreditation. Passed 4-0.

**TR 20-188** To execute a certain agreement between the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Department of Health and the American Heart Association, INC. (“Agreement”) on behalf of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Department of Health. Sponsored by Rep. Anna Marshall.

The agreement with The American Heart Association, INC is to allow MCNDH access to certain quality improvement programs and

services. Passed 4-0.

**TR 20-189** To execute a certain agreement between the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Department of Health and HudsonAlpha Health Alliance, LLC. (“Agreement”) on behalf of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Department of Health. Sponsored by Rep. Jennings.

The agreement with HudsonAlpha Health Alliance, LLC is to allow MCNDH access an integrated suite of genomic health education and patient engagement. Passed 4-0.

**NCA 20-088** Authorizing the expenditure of grant funds awarded from the Southern Plains Tribal Health Board for the good health and wellness in Indian Country grant to the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Department of Health. Sponsored by Rep. Crawford.

The MCNDH is a recipient of the Southern Plains Tribal Health Board grant. Passed 4-0.

**NCA 20-089** Authorizing the expenditure of grant funds awarded from the Oklahoma State University Office of Rural Health for the small hospital improvement program (SHIP) grant. Sponsored by Rep. Jennings.

The MCNDH is a recipient of the Oklahoma State University Office of Rural Health grant for advertisement or projects. Passed 4-0.

For audio of committee meetings visit: [www.mcnn.com](http://www.mcnn.com)

# CARES ACT FUNDING PROVIDES PPE SUPPLIES

MCN HOUSING RESIDENTS RECEIVE COVID-19 DEFENSE SUPPLIES

Morgan Taylor  
REPORTER

OKMULGEE, Oklahoma – On Nov. 6 the Muscogee (Creek) Housing Department distributed bags filled with COVID-19 PPE and sanitization items to all housing program participants.

The bags contained a mask, antibacterial wipes, hand sanitizer, and a spray bottle of Clorox Bleach spray. These items were purchased with CARES Act funding.

The MCN Housing Rental Property Manager Betty Rose distributed to the rental properties for the MCN Housing. These areas include Okmulgee, Okemah, Eufaula, Checotah, and Coweta elderly and rental units.

“We purchased 2,000 each of each item,” Rose said. “Each household will receive one bag that includes one each of the four items purchased.”

The MCN Housing Management and Admissions Department Manager Jamie Nichols and her group distributed bags to homes in the MCN Housing Programs.

“We have 1,075 homes that these will go to,” Nichols said.

According to Rose, who oversees the elderly housing units, the elderly housing residents have had to remain secluded from one another during this time.

“It has been difficult for some during this time to get



MCN Elderly Housing resident Larry Bear receives his bag of COVID supplies. (Morgan Taylor)

out and get supplies,” Rose said. “We have had more request for household supplies during this time than ever.”

The supplies have been bought by expending CARES Act funding that was provided to the tribe by the government.

It has helped fill the need of supplies while taking measure to keep tribal members safe and healthy without having to get out of the house.

Rose has had no reports of sickness in her units thus far.

# FUNDING FOR ROADWORK IN FOUR MCN COUNTIES APPROVED BY MCN-LCN COMMITTEE

## GRANTS TO BE APPROVED BY COMMITTEE FOR HOUSING AND TRANSPORTATION

Morgan Taylor  
REPORTER

OKMULGEE, Oklahoma - A Muscogee (Creek) Nation National Council Land, Natural Resources and Cultural Preservation Committee meeting was held Nov. 10 via teleconference.

All passed legislation is subject to the full council approval during the regular session on Nov. 21.

LNC addressed the following legislation, the interpretation of which is attributed to language in the bills:

**TR 20-190** Resolution of the MCN authorizing the Principal Chief to execute a separate Memorandum of Understanding with the four Oklahoma cities and the Oklahoma Department of Transportation for the Incorporation of Specified Sections of Roadways and Rights-of-Way among the list of tribal routes identified for possible improvement by the MCN Tribal Transportation Program. Sponsored by Rep. Thomasene Yahola Osborn. Motion do pass.

MCN Tribal Transportation Program has funds available to make improvements to various public roadways/bridges located in Holdenville, Kiefer, Okmulgee, Weleetka, and Wetumka, OK. The MCN must execute a separate Memorandum of Understanding with each city and with the Oklahoma Department of

Transportation.

**TR 20-191** Resolution of the MCN authorizing the Principal Chief to execute a digital content agreement with the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation for the MCN Historic and Cultural Preservation Department. Sponsored by Rep. Mark Randolph. Motion do pass.

A grant proposal of \$100,000 for the support of the oral history project titled “A Twenty-First Century Pandemic in Indian Country: The Resilience of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Against Covid-19.” The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation requires a Digital Content Agreement as part of the application process.

**TR 20-192** Resolution of the MCN authorizing the Principal Chief to execute a separate Memorandum of Understanding with the three Oklahoma counties for the maintenance of roadways and associated rights-of-way constructed or improved by the MCN Tribal Transportation Program. Sponsored by Rep. Yahola Osborn. Motion do pass.

The MCN Tribal Transportation Program has an inventory of proposed public roadways and associated rights-of-way located in Hughes, Okfuskee and Okmulgee Counties. The Nation will enter a separate Memorandum of Understanding with each county.

**TR 20-193** Resolution of the MCN authorizing the Principal Chief to submit a 2020 Competitive Indian Block Grant Application to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development. Sponsored by Rep. Yahola Osborn. Motion do pass.

The Nation is in need of energy efficient low-rent housing opportunities to support low to moderate-income tribal citizens. A grant proposal will be submitted in the amount of \$2,539,000.00 for the Rehabilitation Project with leveraged match of \$634,750.00 to be committed by the Nation from the Housing Department’s Program Income for the Rehabilitation Project.

**TR 20-194** Resolution of the MCN authorizing the Principal Chief to execute a Memorandum of Agreement with the City of Dewar, Oklahoma for improvements to 11th Street in the City of Dewar. Sponsored by Rep. Joseph Hicks. Motion do pass.

The Nation and City of Dewar are in need of obtaining satisfactory road conditions by engaging in a project, which includes placement of a two-inch asphalt, overlay 11th Street in Dewar, OK. The estimated cost will be \$20,000.00 paid for through the Tribal Transportation Program.

Meetings and agendas can be viewed at [www.mcnn.com](http://www.mcnn.com).

# SUBMISSIONS

## Thank You from the Family of Toney Buck

In appreciation for the love and care that was shown to the Toney Buck Family, we wish to thank the following departments at the Creek Nation: Social Service, Tribal Roads and the Creek Nation Honor Guard. Toney (Sarge) was a messenger of the Lord and preached in many Creek and Choctaw churches. He was 79 years of age and a full-blood Creek. Thanks to the Kialegee Tribal Town, Wetumka First Baptist Church and the Williamson Funeral Home.

## Summer Youth Employment Program

Youth ages 16-21 can begin applying for the summer youth employment program, on December 1 through March 31, 2021. For more information contact 918-732-7773 or [eta@mcn-nsn.gov](mailto:eta@mcn-nsn.gov)

## Conservation District Offering Free Soil, Hay, and Livestock Water Testing

The Muscogee (Creek) Nation Natural Resource Conservation District is announcing an opportunity for Creek citizens - within the MCN boundary -

who would like to have a basic soil, hay or livestock water test on their property. The District will pay for the cost of up to two tests per landowner. Some restrictions apply. Any interested citizen may call for more information and program details. Contact Julie Norem at 918-732-7814.

## MCN Senior Services

MCN Senior Services to provide COVID-19 Elder Safety Packages to citizens

The Muscogee (Creek) Nation Senior Services to provide COVID-19 Elder Safety Packages for Muscogee (Creek) citizens age 65 or older. Elders living in either the MCN Reservation or At-Large are eligible. Proof of Muscogee (Creek) citizenship is required.

Items in the care package includes: disposable masks, reusable mask, face shield, multi-purpose disinfectant and other assorted items. Please allow 4-6 weeks to process applications. Applicants can request to be mailed an application, complete an application over the phone or curbside pickup. Online applications are for At-Large citizens only. For more information, please contact: 918-732-7765, 918-732-7731 and 918-732-7699 or email at: [elderservices@mcn-nsn.gov](mailto:elderservices@mcn-nsn.gov).



# MCN CITIZENS ATTEND CROSS COUNTRY STATE MEET

OKEMAH PANTHERS GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY TEAM AT-  
TEND STATE, FOUR OF THE SIX MEMBERS ARE MUSCOGEE  
(CREEK) CITIZENS

**Morgan Taylor**  
REPORTER

OKEMAH, Oklahoma - On Nov 4 the Okemah Panthers took their chances at the state cross country meet after a season of facing challenges that were related to the pandemic and other factors.

Coach Melissa Turner has a team of three senior girls and three freshman girls four of which are Muscogee (Creek).

Addyson Bean, Maddie Francis, Keelie Speir and Louisa Harjo are also Muscogee (Creek) citizens and Okemah cross-country team members.

Speir is a freshman and the team's top runner.

"She is going into the state meet at eighth place overall with a time of 12:39," Turner said. "She is expected to do great things."

Since June 11, the team has been working towards the state meet.

"We have been going a long distance of preparing for this day," Turner said. "We usually ran Monday through Thursday and lifted weights and made preparations for this very day."

The team has participated in six cross-country meets this year with success not including the state meet.

"We started out running at a mile and that kind of how the meets start out to prepare the athletes for the heat, distance and for the



L - R: Sophie Turner, Louisa Harjo, Maddie Gaxiola, Coach Melissa Turner, Keelie Speir, Maddie Francis, and Addyson Bean. (Submission)

training part,” Turner said. “The girls were pretty on task for that and they were beating other teams and coming in first. Once we moved up to the two-mile distances it started getting more challenging with injuries and there were also challenges with the COVID.”

The team was placed in the top three going into the regionals meet but had an injury resulting in the loss of team member's participation for the meet.

“We knew going into it we were going to be in the top three with all six girls,” Turner said. “We had to deal with some hardship and we had to run five and we ended up placing fourth overall

which qualified us for state "

With all six girls well, the team attended the state meet.

“Our HS girls team finished 10th out of 21 teams overall in Class 2A,” Turner said. “Individually, we did not fair out like we anticipated. Keelie Speir finished 17th which is still pretty good for a freshman and with the number of runners we had of 158. Addyson Bean finished 40th, Maddie Gaxiola 47th, Sophie Turner 112, Maddie Francis 130, and Louisa Harjo 137. This was the final race for the senior girls and we will continue to build upon the freshman girls for next year. We had a great season despite the challenges of facing a pandemic.”

# REINTEGRATION GRANTS CONSIDERED IN JOINT COMMITTEE

## TWO MAJOR GRANTS PASS COMMITTEE TO EXPAND REINTEGRATION PROGRAM AND SERVICES

**Angel Ellis**  
*REPORTER*

OKMULGEE, Okla-  
homa — MCN National  
Council held an emergency  
joint Business, Finance, and  
Justice and Health, Educa-  
tion and Welfare meeting on  
Nov. 17 via teleconference.

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

**TR 20-197** A Tribal Resolution of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Authorizing the Principal Chief to Execute a quote and terms and conditions with Ultrasource LLC. Equipment for the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Meat Processing Facility. Sponsored by Rep. Will Lowe. Due Pass.

The legislation if approved would allow the Nation to purchase Meat Processing Equipment from UltraSource. The legislation grants a waiver of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation's sovereign immunity with respect to specific enforcement of the quote and terms and conditions.

**NCA 20-091** A Law  
of the Muscogee (Creek)  
Nation authorizing the  
expenditure of the U.S.  
Department of Justice  
Office of Justice Programs

Bureau of Justice Assistance  
Tribal Justice facilities grant  
Program for Indian tribes  
for the benefit of the Rein-  
tegration Program. Spon-  
sored by Rep. Lowe. Due  
Pass. (\$971,630)

The legislation if approved would allow the Reintegration program to access awarded grant funds in the amount of \$971,630.00 to address current gaps in services as it relates to case management services and behavioral health services.

**NCA 20-093** A Law of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation authorizing the expenditure of the U.S. Department of Justice Office of Justice Programs Bureau of Justice Assistance Tribal Justice facilities grant Program for Indian tribes for the benefit of the Reintegration Program. Sponsored by Rep. Lowe. Due Pass. (\$900,000)

The legislation if approved would allow the Reintegration program to access awarded grant funds in the amount of \$900,000.00 to construct a wellness facility and wellness opportunities and to house educational classes.

All legislation will go before the full council on Nov.21.

For a full explanation  
of legislation visit [www.  
mcnn.com](http://www.mcnn.com)



**Stocking Stuffers**

*We're all on Santa's Good list this year!*

*Grab Your Stocking*  
with your share of over  
**\$40,000!**

**SATURDAYS IN DECEMBER**  
every 15 minutes | 6PM–10PM  
Earn one entry for every 50 points played.

**Random \$25 Rewards Play Winners**

**\$1,000 | 6 WINNERS    \$500 | 5 WINNERS    \$250 | 6 WINNERS**

Guests may win one Rewards Play & cash drawing per day. Entries carry over weekly. See Players Club for details on all promotions. Must be 21 to game.



P.O. BOX 1249 MUSKOGEE, OKLAHOMA 74402  
**918.683.1825 • CREEKNATIONCASINOMUSCOGEE.COM**





OBITUARIES



Toney “Sarge” Buck  
August 15th, 1941 -  
October 31st, 2020

Toney “Sarge” Buck was born Aug. 15, 1941 to Roley and Freeda Buck. Toney passed away Oct. 31. Toney went to Wetumka School. He lied about his age in order to join the National Guard. He turned 14 at Ft. Hood, Texas. He came back to Wetumka and went to 11th grade. He then went to Haskell Institute and graduated. Toney attended Bacone College a few semesters. He served in the United States Air Force for two years. Toney married Ella Gibson in 1970. He worked for the Chickasaw Nation in Ada until 1982 and moved to

Sherman, Tx. He was saved at Grace Indian at Calera in 1983. He served as a Sunday School teacher, Sunday School director and Evangelism Director. He later moved back to Ada at Chickasaw Nation. He became a Deacon at Faith Baptist in 1995. In 1996 they were trained as church planters by the Home Mission Board. They started Bible studies with the Sac and Fox at Stroud, Oklahoma. Toney was not a preacher so he asked different preachers to preach and sometimes baptize. Some are here today. The Stroud Mission became Gloryland Baptist in May 1999. They left when a pastor was called and on the field. They came back to Faith

Baptist in Ada. Faith Baptist asked Toney to be their pastor and ordained him in 2001. The church had a ministry with the Alcohol and Substance Abuse Program with the Chickasaw Nation. Many of the clients were saved and attended the church. Toney resigned as pastor January 16, 2016. They joined the First Baptist Church of Wetumka. He taught Sunday School. He had EZ Mart friends, deer hunters and Class of ‘59 classmate friends. He knew no strangers. Toney filled the pulpit at several churches: Belvin Baptist, Cedar, Pine Grove, Thessalonian, Bethel. He was currently at New Hope at Keota, OK. He was also at McAlester First Indian.

We are laborers together with God. Toney’s motto: God First, Move Forward, no retreat, no regrets. Toney is preceded in death by his parents, Roley and Freeda Buck; by his brothers, Alex Buck, William Buck, and Daniel Buck; by sisters, Evelyn Bucktrot and Helen Wetselline. Toney is survived by his wife of 50 years, Ella Buck, by his daughter, Tanya Mrini; by his grandchildren Mehdi and Zahra Mrini; and by his sister, Esther Gee. Funeral services for Toney Buck were held on Nov. 6 at the First Baptist Church of Wetumka. Interment followed at Salt Creek Indian Baptist Church.



James D. Jones  
May 3rd, 1937 -  
November 11th, 2020

James D Jones was born on May 3, 1937 in Pharoah, OK to James and Lena Mae Jones. He passed this life on Nov. 11 in Yukon, OK at the age of 83. While attending Dustin High School, he met the love of his life, Collene Morrison, whom he married at the age of 17. James served 20 years in the military in both US Navy and US Air Force before retiring. After his service, he returned to Okmulgee, OK where he graduated from Oklahoma State University, Okmulgee Tech. Thereafter, he went to work as the Plant Maintenance Manager for Kelco, Okmulgee, Ok for 15 years. Upon retir-

ing from Kelco, James and Collene moved back to the family farm in Dustin where they made their home for 20 years. James enjoyed gathering on the farm with family and friends. He was an active member in his community serving as a Deacon of the Dustin Baptist Church. He was also a member of the local Water Board, Masonic Lodge and VFW. In addition to serving on the Dustin School Board, James and Collene provided yearly scholarships to graduates of Dustin High School. He was immensely proud of his family especially his grandsons, Bryan, Robbie

and Charles. After selling the farm, James and Collene moved to Yukon, OK in 2011 where he became a member of Stable Rock Baptist Church. James is survived by his daughters, Vicki Beals and her husband Bobby Beals, Watonga, OK; Robin Phillips and her husband, Robert Phillips, Bartlesville, Oklahoma; grandsons, Bryan Beals and his wife, Jenny Beals, Lincoln , Nebraska; Robbie Crosier and his wife Mallory Crosier, Edmond, OK; Charles Beals and his wife, Elizabeth Beals, Shawnee, Kansas; great grandchildren, Brooklyn Beals, Emily Beals, Alexia Beals, Cora Crosier, Reid

Crosier, and Lucas Beals; brother, Billy Jones, Springfield, Oregon; and sister, Lana McCalip of Washington, OK. He was preceded in death by his parents, James and Lena Jones; wife of 61 years, Collene Jones; brother, Charles Jones; sisters, Anna Gordon, Patty Masengale and Karen Kindred. Memorial can be made to the Wounded Warriors Project 4899 Belfort Road Suite 300, Jacksonville, FL 32256, in memory of James Jones. Graveside services were held on Nov. 16 at the Hillcrest Cemetery, Weleetka, Ok with Rev. Dale Huckabay, officiating.

WEDNESDAYS @ 10AM CST

FM 106.3 // AM 1240 // 1240THEBREW.COM

## Changing the Straws of Anger

In the last few articles we talked about the importance of recognizing your warning signs “your straws”, blaming statements “it’s others fault and they need to do all the changing not me”, how to accept responsibility “the only person I can change is me”, habits “change causes discomfort”, feelings “do I manage my feelings or do they manage me”, and energy “I have to do something to lower my energy if I am going to stay in control”.

Therapeutic steps listed in these articles can seem difficult, especially when the results do not go as easily or quickly as originally thought. In an effort to help in the understanding and application of each of these steps, I have created a fictitious person from a combination of individuals I have worked with over the past 30 years. Hopefully, this example will help in understanding.

Bob came to the office because his girlfriend said he had to go get some help with his temper, otherwise she was going to leave him. In the first session Bob said he does not get mad that much and when he does, it isn’t his fault. He added there was only the one incident when he really lost his temper but it wasn’t really that bad. He didn’t think it was a problem. At the end of the session he was given the homework assignment to make a list of all the things that make him mad.

Bob returned with a short list of things that make him mad. “When people piss me off, when my boss is a jerk, when my girlfriend is whiney and makes me come to counseling, and when the kids don’t do what they are told”. Taking this list, we dug a little deeper to find out more of the core issues. He discovered triggers for his anger are when: when people don’t do what I want them to do, I feel out of control, when someone gets on to me, when I’ve had a bad day, and when I’m tired. He was given two assignments. He has to read this list out loud two times a day and every time one of these incidents happened, he had to put a tally mark on the corresponding category.

Bob totaled over 100 incidents over the next week. The 100 incidents were not the issue but the blaming others the majority of them was an issue. To him it made sense that if other people would just stop pissing him off life would be better. Worked with Bob on what is and how to be accountable for only himself and not use the lie that others (who he had no control over) make all the changes. This list and statement were added to his daily reading homework.

Even though we had listed off several of the steps Bob continued to have problems with his anger. Though he was not losing it as much or as often he still had moments when he would totally lose it. Worked with Bob on emotional energy and that if not addressed it will build up and eventually lead to a blow up. He was able to list off several signs his energy was building and ways to lower it. As before these were added to his daily reading homework.

Though this was a lot of homework, the more Bob read daily his lists out loud, practiced when he was not mad, and reminded himself of the benefits of making this change, he noticed his relationship with his girlfriend and his kids had greatly improved, his supervisor at work noticed, and he did not lose his temper to a blow up. Most importantly, he realized he was not an angry person, like he always thought. He had spent so many years getting mad when he did not get his way, trying to control others and situation he had no control over and not managing his emotional energy that it had become a bad habit/who he thought he was.

This process did not go as easily or quickly as it appears. Bob struggled, doing his homework (especially early on because he thought it was dumb), not giving into his feelings (which was his habit), being accountable for his feelings (not blaming others and expecting them to do all the changes), and practicing getting his emotional energy out when he was not mad. Through the process he was able to see the more he applied himself the more positive changes he saw. The more he saw those positive changes the more he was willing to apply himself.

If you or someone you know is struggling with anger, anxiety, worry, fear, stress or depression and need to talk to someone, please contact Muscogee (Creek) Nation Behavioral Health at 918-758-1910.

If you or someone you know is in crisis call the National Suicide Prevention Hotline Number at 1-800-273-8255 or Text “Creek” to 741-741.

MVTO

Fiscal Year 2020

In accordance with the following legislation:

**NCA 20-050** A law of the Muscogee Creek Nation amending **NCA 20-038** (A law of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation authorizing the expenditures of **Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act** (“**CARES Act**”) funds received from the United States Department of the Treasury to establish the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Coronavirus Relief Fund Program.)

SECTION 7. REPORTING. A report shall be provided bi-weekly by the Office of the Principal Chief to the Muscogee (Creek) Nation National Council and Mvskoke Media documenting all expenditures of the CARES Act funds.

First distribution of CRF, received 05-06-2020	\$282,266,728.86
Second distribution of CRF, received 6-20-2020	\$22,958,566.24
Third distribution of CRF, received 6-18-2020	\$7,250,073.54
Interest income as of 8-31-2020	\$141,002.78
Total received/earned	\$312,616,371.42

Total expenditures and encumbrances from the CRF funds as of this report date equals, \$138,151,170.89

The following report has been submitted for the publication date of **Dec. 1st**.

ACCOUNT NUMBER	PROGRAM NAME/ ACCOUNT NAME	AMOUNT BUDGETED	EXPENDED	ENCUMBERED	CASH BALANCE
	<b>PRINCIPAL CHIEF</b>				
50000	Salary & Wages-FT	47,723.00	-	-	47,723.00
50020	Salary & Wages-O/T over 1.5	19,900.00	-	-	19,900.00
50100	Salary & Wages-PT/Other	1,107,500.00	1,107,500.00	-	0.00
51000	Fringe-FT	25,488.00	-	-	25,488.00
51100	Fringe-PT/Other	130,125.00	130,124.25	-	0.75
	<b>SECRETARY OF NATION</b>				
59220	Grants	95,000,000.00	89,140,328.37	-	5,859,671.63
	<b>TOURISM &amp; RECREATION</b>				
53000	Supplies	30,000.00	26,646.00	-	3,354.00
	<b>CONTRACTING EMPLOYMENT</b>				
55210	Communications - Other	-	472.58	-	-472.58
59220	Grants	7,500,000.00	674,089.20	-	6,825,910.80
	<b>INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY</b>				
53000	Supplies	1,511,100.00	578,700.08	-	932,399.92
53010	Software/Licenses	2,010,00.00	528,361.40	-	1,481,638.60
54000	Contractual	935,010.00	252,298.25	-	682,711.75
55210	Communications - Other	98,661.57	63,641.42	-	35,020.15
55300	Bldg Maint/Repairs	102,630.43	2,811.48	-	99,818.95
85500	Equipment	4,042,000.00	361,799.20	-	3,680,200.80
	<b>FLEET MANAGEMENT</b>				
50100	Salary & Wages - PT/Other	50,000.00	3,374.80	-	46,625.20
51100	Fringe - PT/Other	6,075.00	394.66	-	5,680.34
53000	Supplies	3,867,925.00	428,759.97	-	3,439,165.03
55300	Bldg Maint/Repairs	1,000.00	685.00	-	315.00
57000	Indirect costs	75,000.00	-	-	75,00.00
	<b>SOCIAL SERVICES</b>				
50000	Salary & Wages - FT	113,107.65	64,168.19	-	48,939.46
50020	Salary & Wages - O/T Over 1.5	1,724.00	1,723.33	-	0.67
51000	Fringe - FT	74,997.53	35,822.87	-	39,174.66
53000	Supplies	4,000.00	2,477.92	-	1,522.08
53010	Software/Licenses	8,000.00	4,000.00	-	4,000.00
54000	Contractual	313,720.00	92,764.09	-	220,955.91
57000	Indirect Costs	-	-	-	0.00
59071	Direct Assist - Income Support	36,198,000.00	4,857,000.00	-	31,341,000.00
59072	Direct Assist - Hardship	30,000,000.00	2,943,000.00	-	27,057,000.00
	<b>SENIOR SERVICES</b>				
53000	Supplies	200,000.00	-	-	200,000.00
	<b>FOOD DISTRIBUTION</b>				
53000	Supplies	530,000.00	42,409.25	-	487,590.75
59050	Food Purchases	450,000.00	248,261.04	-	201,738.96
85170	Construction	50,000.00	11,676.02	-	38,323.98
85400	Vehicles	250,000.00	155,117.61	-	94,882.39
	<b>COMMUNITY RESEARCH &amp; DEVELOPMENT</b>				
55210	Communications - Other	45,000.00	43,093.30	-	1,906.70
	<b>SECRETARY OF EDUCATION</b>				
50000	Salary& Wages- FT	4,934.00	1,935.56	-	2,980.44
50020	Salary& Wages - O/T over 1.5	133,300.00	18,399.90	-	114,900.10
51000	Fringe - FT	77,825.00	10,324.58	-	67,500.42
53000	Supplies	2,560,000.00	487.00	-	2,096,790.84
59073	Direct Assistance - Ed Support	9,600.000.00	8,839,100.00	-	760,900.00
	<b>CULTURAL CENTER &amp; ARCHIVES</b>				
53000	Supplies	2,500.00	2,425.00	-	75.00
	<b>TRIBAL CONSTRUCTION</b>				
50100	Salary & Wages - PT/Other	85,608.00	2,401.20	-	83,206.80
51100	Fringe - PT/Other	10,701.00	262.93	-	10,438.07
53000	Supplies	25,000.00	1,025.00	-	23,975.00
57000	Architect & Engineering	844,140.00	711,898.82	132,241.18	-
85010	Construction	14,552,860.00	263,091.29	5,079,386.71	9,210,382.00
85170	Equipment	73,000.00	-	-	73,000.00
	<b>OFFICE OF TAX COMMISSION</b>				
	Supplies	12,051.00	12,051.00	-	-
53000	Contractual	50,000.00	13,700.00	-	36,300.00
55300	Bldg Maint/Repairs	1,500.00	1,159.20	-	340.80
85500	Equipment	11,700.00	11,698.97	-	1.03
	<b>CITIZENSHIP BOARD</b>				
53000	Supplies	350,485.00	33,687.50	-	316,797.50
53010	Software/Licenses	12,999.00	7,350.00	-	5,649.00
54000	Contractual	551,000.00	500,500.00	-	50,500.00
85500	Equipment	85,516.00	49,258.00	-	36,258.00
	<b>NATIONAL COUNCIL</b>				
50100	Salary & Wares - PT/Other	12,000.00	12,000.00	-	-
51100	Fringe - PT/Other	1,458.00	1,458.00	-	-
	<b>DISTRICT COURT</b>				
53000	Supplies	5,550.00	4,631.77	-	918.23
53310	Equipment Maint/Repair	10,512.00	-	-	10,512.00
85500	Equipment	150,171.68	-	-	150,171.68
	<b>SUPREME COURT</b>				
50100	Salary & Wares - PT/Other	4,500.00	-	-	4,500.00
51100	Fringe - PT/Other	547.00	-	-	547.00
	<b>SECRETARY OF HEALTH</b>				
90110	Transfer Out	-	20,639,179.00	-	-20,639,179.00
	TOTAL	214,028,544.86	132,939,543.00	5,211,627.89	75,877,373.97



Fiscal Year 2021

In accordance with the following legislation:

**NCA 20-050** A law of the Muscogee Creek Nation amending **NCA 20-038** (A law of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation authorizing the expenditures of **Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act** (“**CARES Act**”) funds received from the United States Department of the Treasury to establish the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Coronavirus Relief Fund Program.)

SECTION 7. REPORTING. A report shall be provided bi-weekly by the Office of the Principal Chief to the Muscogee (Creek) Nation National Council and Mvskoke Media documenting all expenditures of the CARES Act funds.

Total received/earned	\$312,616,371.42
-----------------------	------------------

Total expenditures and encumbrances from the CRF funds as of this report date equals, \$61,040,935.20

The following report has been submitted for the publication date of **Dec. 1st**.

ACCOUNT NUMBER	PROGRAM NAME/ ACCOUNT NAME	AMOUNT BUDGETED	EXPENDED	ENCUMBERED	CASH BALANCE
	<b>PRINCIPAL CHIEF</b>				
50000	Salary & Wages-FT	47,723.00	-	-	47,723.00
50020	Salary & Wages-O/T over 1.5	19,900.00	-	-	19,900.00
50100	Salary & Wages-PT/Other	-	1,500.00	-	-1,500.00
51000	Fringe-FT	25,488.00	-	-	25,488.00
51100	Fringe-PT/Other	0.75	144.75	-	-144.00
53000	Supplies	2,500.00	-	-	2,500.00
	<b>SECRETARY OF NATION</b>				
54000	Contractual	8,998,600.00	4,498,585.72	4,498,585.72	1,428.56
58010	Construction	1,400.00	-	1,400.00	0.00
59220	Grants	5,859,671.6	-	-	5,859,671.63
	<b>TOURISM &amp; RECREATION</b>				
53000	Supplies	3,354.00	-	-	3,354.00
59050	Food Purchases	750,000.00	95,638.58	404,361.42	250,000.00
59440	Incidentals	3,500.00	-	154.80	3,345.20
	<b>CONTRACTING EMPLOYMENT</b>				
53000	Supplies	1,700.00	441.47	-	1,258.53
55210	Communications - Other	3,000.00	-	-	3,000.00
59220	Grants	6,825,910.80	829,337.00	-	5,996,573.80
	<b>INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY</b>				
53000	Supplies	866,070.56	4,121.28	373,178.63	488,770.65
53010	Software/Licenses	1,147,630.11	-	495,627.72	652,002.39
54000	Contractual	663,594.25	1,320.00	126,576.25	535,698.00
55210	Communications- Other	42,033.74	1,905.36	-	40,128.38
55300	Bldg Maint/Repairs	99,818.95	-	30,000.00	69,818.95
85500	Equipment	3,210,033.48	31,166.31	2,153,085.26	1,025,781.91
	<b>FLEET MANAGEMENT</b>				
50000	Salary & Wages - FT	20,000.00	-	-	20,000.00
50010	Salary & Wages - Overtime	15,876.00	-	-	15,876.00
50100	Salary & Wages - PT/Other	-3,374.80	2,267.20	-	-5,642.00
21000	Fringe - FT	20,199.00	-	-	20,199.00
51100	Fringe - PT/Other	-394.66	248.25	-	-642.91
53000	Supplies	3,245,728.45	387,617.20	906,916.40	1,951,184.85
53290	Postage/Shipping	50,000.00	-	-	50,000.00
55300	Bldg Maint/Repairs	315.00	-	-	315.00
85400	Vehicles	151,476.00	79,476.00	72,000.00	-
85500	Equipment	75,000.00	50,012.50	-	24,987.50
	<b>SOCIAL SERVICES</b>				
50000	Salary & Wages - FT	48,519.09	14,605.96	-	33,913.13
50020	Salary & Wages - O/T Over 1.5	0.67	1,907.72	-	-1,907.05
51000	Fringe - FT	38,960.72	8,353.18	-	30,607.54
53000	Supplies	5,522.08	1,689.42	1,836.98	1,995.68
53010	Software/Licenses	-	-	-	-
54000	Contractual	220,955.91	-	220,955.91	-
57000	Indirect Costs	-	115.82	-	-115.82
59071	Direct Assist - Income Support	31,344,000.00	5,897,000.00	-	25,447,000.00
59072	Direct Assist - Hardship	27,057,500.00	3,479,000.00	-	23,578,500.00
	<b>SENIOR SERVICES</b>				
53000	Supplies	200,000.00	176,456.08	8,973.70	14,570.22
	<b>FOOD DISTRIBUTION</b>				
53000	Supplies	487,590.75	16,801.94	55,084.73	415,704.08
59050	Food Purchases	201,738.96	47,372.49	154,366.47	0.00
85170	Construction	38,656.48	-	-	38,656.48
85400	Vehicles	94,882.39	-	63,417.60	31,464.79
	<b>COMMUNITY RESEARCH &amp; DEVELOPMENT</b>				
55210	Communications - Other	-	-	-	-
	<b>SECRETARY OF EDUCATION</b>				
50000	Salary& Wages- FT	2,980.44	491.09	-	2,489.35
50020	Salary& Wages - O/T over 1.5	114,900.10	12,482.02	-	102,418.08
51000	Fringe - FT	67,500.42	6,553.46	-	60,946.96
53000	Supplies	1,559,513.00	-	462,722.16	1,096,790.84
57000	Indirect Costs	-	807.26	-	-807.26
59073	Direct Assistance - Ed Support	1,760,900.00	1,321,750.00	-	439,150.00
59220	Grants	1,000,000.00	-	-	1,000,000.00
	<b>MCN MEAT PROCESSING PLANT</b>				
53000	Supplies	100,000.00	-	-	100,000.00
85010	Architect & Engineering	1,000,000.00	361,200.00	498,383.00	140,417.00
85170	Construction	12,000,000.00	-	11,516,653.00	483,347.00
85500	Equipment	1,400,000.00	-	1,189,191.31	210,808.69
	<b>CULTURAL CENTER &amp; ARCHIVES</b>				
53000	Supplies	-	-	-	-
	<b>TRIBAL CONSTRUCTION</b>				
50100	Salary & Wages - PT/Other	85,608.00	6,562.80	-	79,045.20
51100	Fringe - PT/Other	10,701.00	718.63	-	9,982.37
53000	Supplies	25,000.00	3,110.00	4,270.00	17,620.00
85010	Architect & Engineering	-	13,003.70	-13,003.70	-
85170	Construction	9,210,382.00	-	8,931,854.00	278,528.00
85500	Equipment	73,000.00	-	-	73,000.00
	<b>SECRETARY OF INTERIOR AFFAIRS</b>				
58010	Construction	301,092.00	-	-	301,092.00
	<b>OFFICE OF JUSTICE</b>				
53000	Supplies	26,800.00	-	-	26,800.00
54000	Contractual	26,738.00	-	-	26,738.00
	<b>OFFICE OF TAX COMMISSION</b>				
54000	Contractual	36,300.00	-	-	36,300.00
55300	Bldg Maint/Repairs	340.80	-	-	340.80
85500	Equipment	1.03	-	-	1.03
	<b>CITIZENSHIP BOARD</b>				
53000	Supplies	316,797.50	30,245.00	34,839.00	251,713.50
53010	Software/Licenses	5,649.00	-	-	5,649.00
54000	Contractual	50,500.00	5,000.00	-	45,500.00
85500	Equipment	36,258.00	-	-	36,258.00
	<b>DISTRICT COURT</b>				
53000	Supplies	918.23	-	-	918.23
53310	Equipment Maint/Repair	10,512.00	-	10,512.00	0.00
85500	Equipment	170,421.68	-	170,421.68	0.00
	<b>SUPREME COURT</b>				
50100	Salary & Wares - PT/Other	4,500.00	-	-	4,500.00
51100	Fringe - PT/Other	547.00	-	-	547.00
	<b>SECRETARY OF HEALTH</b>				
90110	Transfer Out	0.00	11,279,552.97	-	-11,279,552.97
	TOTAL	121,282,941.51	28,668,561.16	32,372,374.04	60,242,006.31