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SECOND CHIEF RECOVERS FROM HAVING COVID-19

SECOND CHIEF DEL BEAVER SPOKE WITH MVSKOKE RADIO ABOUT COVID EXPERIENCE

Lani Hansen

SENIOR REPORTER

OKMULGEE, Oklahoma- Muscogee (Creek) Nation's Second Chief Del Beaver tested positive for COVID-19 earlier in November, a month later he is doing well.

In an interview with Mvskoke Radio, Beaver talked about his whole experience having this virus. It started when he was in quarantine with his family after his daughter tested positive.

"I believe I caught it from my daughter, because she caught it from school," Beaver said. "Whenever she came down with it, we got her tested on a Saturday and it came back positive. We immediately went into quarantine."



Second Chief Del Beaver tested positive for COVID-19 in November and is recovering well a month (Submission)

A few days later while in quarantine, Beaver came

down with some symptoms but they were minor such as a runny nose and chills. Beaver said when he got the chills that is when he was alarmed, and then he went to get tested. When he learned that he tested positive, Beaver was given medication related to his symptoms.

"I had the chills, runny nose and then I had a headache that developed later," Beaver said "Those were similar symptoms of what my daughter had. So luckily I was already in quarantine, but when I tested positive my daughter and I both were in isolation at home."

While him and his daughter were in isolation, a few days later Beaver's wife had tested positive also. All three of them had similar symp-

"I'm just thankful as soon as we found out my daughter was positive, that I didn't come to work or expose anybody," Beaver said. "I felt bad for about 24 hours, and after that I could have come back to work but I didn't."

When Beaver found out he had tesed positive for COVID-19, he was disappointed. Just like everyone else, he had taken precautions for the last ten months since the number of cases spiked.

Beaver said wearing a mask is more to protect someone else from getting exposed and it depends on the type of mask.

"Wear a mask, wash your hands and practice social distancing," Beaver stated.

Wearing a mask is about being considerate to others, Beaver had added. This virus is a real situation, and people need to take precautions according to Beaver.

Beaver had said after his 10 to 12 days of isolation, he stayed in quarantine afterwards just for precautions. CDC has stated people may still have symptoms a few days after isolation.

Beaver said since MCN does not have the vaccinations yet, he encourages everyone to continue to practice the guidelines. The tribe released a memo in November for their employees to work from home if possible to protect them.

Beaver added, "You can never be too careful. If you feel like you are getting symptoms, go get tested. It is musch better to know then not to know."

MCN ELDER SERVICES PROVIDES COVID **CARE PACKAGES**

CARES ACT FUNDING HAS BEEN USED TO PROVIDE ELDERS WITH COVID CARE **PACKAGES**

Morgan Taylor

REPORTER OKMULGEE,

homa - The Muscogee (Creek) Nation Elder Service Department has made available COVID-19 Care packages for all MCN citizens 65 and older using CARES Act funding.

According to MCN Elder Service Department Director Angella Fish the packages will be dispensed through the drive through food giveaway provided by MCN on Dec 17.

"When a citizen comes through to get their food, they will show their proof of citizenship and age and receive a package," Fish said.

Packages are made up of a bag filled with items for COVID defense such as disposable masks, reusable masks, face shield, multipurpose disinfectant cleaner, hand sanitizer, a door opener, and cleaning wipes.

have been expended to provide supplies to 4,800 MCN elders.

"We are dedicating 2,400 to elders on the reservation and 2,400 for at-large elder citizens," Fish said.



Apply online or pickup at the drive through food giveaway Dec (Submission)

Elders can also apply for packages online or through the MCN Elder Services Department for those who are at -large or cannot attend the drive through

food give away. "We are going to be really busy getting these packages together for the drive through food give away but after Dec 17 we can arrange for curbside pick-up," Fish

Please allow the application four to six weeks to

For more information and to request an online or mailed application call 918-732-7765, 918-732-7731 or 918-732-7699.

MCN VASO RAISES FUNDS FOR ANGEL TREE PROJECT

AN ONLINE SILENT AUCTION WAS HELD TO HELP RAISE MONEY FOR THE ANGEL TREE PROJECT, WHICH PROVIDES GIFTS FOR KIDS IN TRIBAL CUSTODY

Morgan Taylor

REPORTER

OKMULGEE, homa - The Muscogee (Creek) Nation Veteran Affairs Service Office (VASO) partnered with the MCN Children and Family Administration (CFSA) to benefit the annual

Angel Tree Project. An online silent auction was held by MCN VASO. The funds received from the auction will help provide gifts to the MCN CFSA Angel

Tree Project. The Angel Tree Project helps provides gifts for Muscogee children that are in MCN CFSA programs and tribal custody.

Representatives CFSA have reported a hundred children or "angels" this year in the Angel Tree Program.

According to the MCN VASO Director Kellan Bible he believes this is one of the first times the two departments have partnered together to help raise funds for a similar effort.

The auction opened on Nov. 3 and concluded on Nov. 20 with a positive response.

"We raised more money than we had anticipated ini-



Principal Chief Hill poses with an MCN VASO flag that was auctioned for \$100 (Submission)

tially," Bible said.

The auction items included various historical flags including the MCN tribal flag, the MCN VASO flag, different branches of service, and other unique

Some of these flags were unique in that you don't see them around a whole lot," Bible said. "These were things I thought would grab interest because some of them were very distinct."

In total, the auction raised \$985 that will provide for the children participating in the Angel Tree Project.

"This was kind of an experiment to see what kind of response we could get," Bible said. "This is why I kept this internal and simple. Now that I know the outcome, and it has been incredibly positive, next time we will probably open up to the general public and I think it will make even more money for the next cause."

The highest bid that was received on a single item was

"I just want to express my gratitude to Principal Chief

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VASO

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Hill, Second Chief Del Beaver, the National Council, College of Muscogee Nation, Lighthorse Police Department, Judge Bigler, the Cultural Center of Archives, the Children and Family Services

Administration, Public Relations, and all the bidders," Bible said. "I think this was a very positive display of support to make sure our kids are taken care of."

Those interested in adopting an Angel or donating to the Angel Tree Project can contact the MCN CFSA at 918-732-7869.

A WORD FROM **CHIEF DAVID HILL**

GUEST COLUMN: PRINCIPAL CHIEF DAVID HILL

For Immediate Release

OKMULGEE, Oklahoma-At the inception of COVID-19, the Muscogee (Creek) Nation started a health initiative called Protect Our People. As the numbers continue to rise, our initiative is even more important.

Over the last several days, Oklahoma has reached record high COVID-19 numbers. On Monday, the trend continued. The state reported 2729 new cases; on Wednesday the numbers were 3017. These numbers will continue to grow if we do not take precautions to curb the spread. I know some will say, "we've heard this before," but this time things are quite different.

Not only are positive cases increasing, hospitalizations are, too. Oklahoma's hospitals are in danger of being overwhelmed not just in the ICU where beds are scarce, but hospitals may not have the available staff to treat



Chief David Hill (Submission)

the influx of patients. More than 14,500 new cases were reported last week. That is more cases than Oklahoma reported in the first several months of the pandemic. To top it off, we are entering flu

At the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, we are committed to protecting you and your family's health. The MCN requires masks to be worn on our premises. Although our state has yet to issue a mandate, I urge you

HOUSING RUNNING ON MODIFIED SCHEDULE

OFFICES REMAIN CLOSED AFTER RISING NUMBERS **IN COVID-19 CASES**

Lani Hansen

SENIOR REPORTER

OKMULGEE, Oklahoma- Due to the rising numbers of COVID-19 cases the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Department of Housing will be operating on a new sched-

Recommendations from the MCN Department of Health for safety measures will take effect immediately. Those precautions are: the housing building will remain closed. Please call 918-549-2500 or 918-549-2571 to make payments by phone. Payments may also be mailed to MCN Department of Housing at PO BOX 297



MCN Department of Housing and Department of Health are taking safety measures to protect citizens from COVID-19. (Submission)

Okmulgee, OK 74447. Payments/information may also be dropped off in the blue drop box in front of the Housing building.

All business conducted must be done by phone or email at housing@mcn-nsn.gov.

Work orders will be for dire

emergencies only such as water leak, hot water tank, heat/air, sewer back up etc. with elders and disabled taking preference.

If you are unable to make your monthly house payment because of a loss of household income, then MCNDH strongly encourages citizens to call to make adjustments.

The Housing Department is here to offer assistance, so please call them as soon as possible when you are having a change in your household income. The department is committed in helping citizens in this time of need.

For more information or questions contact the Department of Housing at 918-549-

to take appropriate precautions. Please consider the vulnerable populations - your elderly neighbor or maybe the child next door who has a compromised immune

Data and research prove that masking is effective. Several weeks ago, Dr. David Kendrick, CEO of MyHealth Access Network, posed the question, "are you willing to wear a mask for your neighbor?" I am here to ask the same. Please do what you can to protect your loved ones and our vulnerable populations. Wear a mask, wash your hands, and maintain distance between yourself and others.

In order to protect our citizens, the MCN is staying up to date on the most current data. Although a vaccine is not available quite yet, the MCN has created and appointed a COVID-19 Vaccine Task Force. The purpose of which is to track information, collaborate with stakeholders and administer the vaccine when it does become available.

Our Task Force has developed a comprehensive plan to distribute the COVID-19 vaccine within the MCN service area. Utilizing CDC guidance, MCN will deliver the first doses to our healthcare workers and our most vulnerable populations. The vaccine will be administered widely as more doses become available. Through collaboration with Indian Health Services, we have been informed to anticipate the first doses in December. Administration of the vaccine will begin once we have received the ship-

I will close with this, I understand we are all suffering from pandemic fatigue, but please stay vigilant. The holidays are approaching; please remember to wear your masks to protect our citizens, our elders and our entire community. Protect Our People.

UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS NAMED SARAH DEER UNIVERSITY DISTINGUISHED PROFESSOR

CITIZEN SARAH DEER RECOGNIZED FOR OUTSTANDING PROFESSORSHIP

Lani Hansen

SENIOR REPORTER

LAWRENCE, Kansas-The University of Kansas announced four faculty members to receive the Distinguished Professors recognition. Among those four is Muscogee (Creek) citizen Sarah Deer, professor in the Department of Women, Gender and Sexuality Stud-

According to Deer, the Distinguished Professorship is given to those who are among the top scholars in the United States in their field who also have an international reputation of excellence. Major criteria for selection include a record of exeptional scholarship, participation in university affairs and professional organization, service to community and the success of their students, colleagues and instituitions. The University Committee on Distinguished Professorships reviews nominations and forwards it recommendations to the provost



Sarah Deer named one of four University of Distinguished Professor. (Submission)

for final approval, according to KU's website.

"I was nominted by some of my colleagues at KU who solicited letters of support from other Native professors in the United States," Deer

KU has three examples of distinguished professors - Named, University and Foundation Distinguished Professors. The first University Distinguished Profes-

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sors were announced in 1963. The four Distinguished Professors are Shannon Blunt, Sarah Deer, Donna Ginther and Kathleen Lynne Lane.

"I was so pleasantly sur-prised and humbled to receive the recognition," stated about her nomination. "There have only been a handful of other Native women in distinguished professorships."

Deer has been in her current department since 2017, she has a joint appointment in the School of Public Affairs and Administration and serves as a courtesy professor in the KU School of Law. In 2016, Deer was a Langston Hughes Visiting Professor in the Law School.

She is a leading expert on gender-based violence in Native communities. Her work, which bridges scholarship, legal action and advocacy, has earned her several distinguished awards, including the MacArthur Fellowship in 2014. This year she was selected to be in the 2020 class of Andrew Carnegie Fellows. In 2016 she won the Spirit of Excellence Award from the American Bar Association and in 2019 she was inducted into the National Women's Hall of Fame.

Deer said some of her favorite achievements are working with law students to win awards in the National Native American Law Student Association moot court competition, testifying in front of Congress on violence against Native women issues and publishing her first solo-authored book in 2015.

Deer has been to many institutions of higher learning through her academic career. Some of her academic achievements include a juris doctor from the KU School of Law, being admitted to the bars of the MCN Supreme Court, the U.S. District Court and Supreme Court of Kansas and serving as chief justice for the Prairie Island Indian Community Court of Appeals.

Deer has done outstanding work in the Tribal Law, and is well-deserved for this recognition.

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REDW EXPANDS BUSINESS TO OKLAHOMA TRIBAL GOVERMENTS

VICTOR FLORES TAKES LEADERSHIP ROLE TO BETTER SERVE TRIBAL GOVERNMENTS

Lani Hansen SENIOR REPORTER

EDMOND, Oklahoma-REDW an accounting firm located in Albuquerque and Phoenix, has expanded into the Oklahoma market. They have announced Flores to lead the new Tribal Services division, which is located in Edmond,Ok.

REDW is recognized as a national leader for serving tribes, and this investment confirms REDW's commitment to Indian Country. REDW has been a company in Indian Country for over 40 years. The company has national leaders from the Native American Financial Officers Association (NAFOA).

According to new Director of Tribal Services in Oklahoma Victor Flores, for the past 10-15 years REDW has been serving tribes in Oklahoma rang-



Victor Flores is serving as Director of Tribal Services in Oklahoma for REDW LLC. (Submission)

ing from Muscogee (Creek) Nation, Absentee Shawnee and many others.

"I have actually interacted with the Absentee Shawnee as their financial officer many years ago," Flores said. "I enganged them to help me on an audit."

In 2017, Flores started the

Oklahoma Tribal Finance Consortion (OTFC) serving as the president. He brought together all the tribal treasurers, secretary of commerce, finance officers and directors from all 38 federally recognized tribes that have headquarters in Okla-

"REDW was actually one of the founding sponsors of OTFC, so they helped along with a couple of accounting firms and banks helped me get that consortion started," Flores added. "We used to meet quarterly now we meet bi-annually."

The OTFC developed two major things that impacted Indian Country, the first one was they partnered with Oklahoma State University School of Business and University of Oklahoma School of Law to create a Tribal Finance Certificate Program. REDW have adjunct professors who teaches once or twice a year in these programs.

The second thing OTFC did was release the Oklahoma Native Economic Impact Study in 2019. Flores said it made a lot of impact on their stance with the states and government.

Flores has been placed in Oklahoma to recruit finance leaders who will focus in finance, such as an accountant. He is looking for those who have exposure to Indian Country, as far being tribal affiliated or have worked in Indian Country.

"I'm looking for local folks to hire," Flores said. "Mostly because one of the great things about REDW and what sets them apart, is that majority of their business has always been focused on Indian County nationwide."

For OTFC to impact MCN, Flores is looking hiring on a Native American accountance and he feels MCN will have a stronger impact as OTFC services tribal governments and tribal enterprises in Oklahoma. REDW did MCN's audit years ago, so now the company will be competing on a local level to receive better service for health systems, gaming enterprises or tribal government.

One of Flores' main goal, is to re-introduce REDW to tribal governments in Oklahoma. Oklahoma may have some exposure but he wants to carry on their brand.

Flores added, REDW has other services other than finance because that word mat scare people. They have HR consulting, retirement plans, taxes, technology solutions, wealth management options and they do company evaluations.

Flores is excited to be a part of REDW and they are helping him to continue to serve Oklahoma tribal governments and other tribal

ICN REINTEGRATION PROGRAM HOLDS ING SCHOO

REINTEGRATION PARTNERS WITH OSUIT FOR THE BENEFIT OF RIP PARTICIPANTS BY HOLDING WELDING COURSE

Morgan Taylor

REPORTER

HENRYETTA, Oklahoma - An OSHA Certification training and welding courses are being held for the MCN Reintegration Program (RIP) participants.

This course is made possible by partnership between the MCN RIP and Oklahoma State University Institute of Technology (OSUIT).

The class is held on the MCN RIP campus located in Henryetta only and available to MCN programs and citizens.

On Dec 5, participants started OSHA Certification with welding classes beginning on Dec 7.

The MCN RIP Welding School is an eight-week course that leads to the possibility of being selected for an additional four-week advanced course.

MCN RIP Caseworker Andrew Stacy claims that participants in RIP have first "dibs" on the available spots in the pro-

"If we don't have a full class other programs are available to send clients down here," Stacy said. "We have clients from the (MCN) Employment and Training Program and the (MCN) Voc-Rehab program as well."

The amount of spots available

is depending upon the amount of students the instructor is comfortable handling.

"Right now the instructor will accept up to ten students to make sure they get the proper amount of one-on-one time," Stacy said.

A funding source must be determined before entering the course. According to Stacy the MCN RIP funds the amount of \$3,200 per student for all RIP participants.

"We cover all PPE and the cost of the materials that is included with the class," Stacy said. "Other programs will provide funding for their clients so we allow them to do that with the expenditure of their funds."

Clients coming from these programs may be seeking employment or ways to obtain trades and build resumes.

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"I can't speak for everyone that comes to the class but I can say our reintegration clients are in need of employment," Stacy said. "This is one way we can give them a tool to be successful in the work environment while seeking jobs."

It is possible for participants to obtain entry level positions upon completion of the course.

"When we were talking to OSUIT about forming this part-

nership, we wanted to create an entry level program where you just come in and you don't know anything about it," Stacy said. "We want this class to teach you the basics of welding for entry level positions when you do enter that workforce."

The MCN RIP plans to hold multiple courses for MCN program participants through the next year. For those with questions on future courses or seeking information regarding RIP can contact the MCN RIP at 918-549-2620.

MCN NATIONAL COUNCIL HOLDS BUDGET MEETING

OFFICE OF PUBLIC GAMING BUDGET WAS APPROVED, LIGHTHORSE ADMINISTRATION POSTPONED

Lani Hansen

SENIOR REPORTER

OKMULGEE, Oklahoma — MCN National Council held a Business, Finance, and Justice Budget Hearing meeting on Dec. 1 via teleconference.

The Lighthorse Administration postponed, they were unable to meet about budget due to the holiday's. This was moved to regular session for Dec. 10. 3-0

Passed.

The Office of Public Gaming budget approved by Rep. Robert Hufft. 3-0 Passed.

For a full explanation of legislation visit www.mcnnc.

MCN NATIONAL COUNCIL ADOPTS AGREEMENTS FOR HEALTH DEPARTMENT

IMPROVEMENTS FOR HEALTH SERVICES, ROADWAYS AND HOUSING ARE IN THE NEAR FUTURE

Morgan Taylor

REPORTER

OKMULGEE, Oklahoma — A Muscogee (Creek) Nation National Council meeting was held Nov. 21.

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

TR 20-173 Adopting a maintenance policy for Department of Housing NAHASDA Programs. Sponsored by Rep. Thomasene Yahola Osborn.

Revision was made to the current maintenance policy to help promote a decent, safe and healthy environment for homebuyers/residents residing in the MCN Housing and to help hold residents responsible reducing amount of unpaid services. Passed 13-2.

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 Tribal Southern Plains 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 15-0.

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 document destruction services. Passed 15-0.

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 15-0.

TR 20-187 To execute a certain agreement between Muscogee (Creek) Nation Department 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 to MCNDH Pharmacy to obtain the required surety bond to maintain accredation. Passed 15-0.

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

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 15-0.

TR 20-190 To execute a separate memorandum of understanding with 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 Muscogee (Creek) Nation

Tribal Transportation Program. Sponsored by Rep. Yahola Osborn.

MCN Tribal Transportation Program has funds available to make improvements to various public roadways/bridges located Kiefer, Holdenville, Okmulgee, Weleetka, and Wetumka, OK. The MCN must execute a separate Memorandum of Understanding with each city and with the Oklahoma Department of Transportation. Passed 15-0.

TR 20-191 To execute a digital content agreement with the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation for the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Historic and Cultural Preservation Department. Sponsored by Rep. Mark Randolph.

A grant proposal of \$100,000 for the support of the oral history project titled "A Twenty-Frist 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. Passed 15-0.

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 Obsorn.

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. Passed 15-0.

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.

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. Passed

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 Řep. Joseph Hicks.

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. Passed 15-0.

TR 20-196 To negotiate and execute an agreement for the purchase of Trust Property located in Tulsa County, Oklahoma. Sponsored by Rep. Patrick Freeman Jr.

Ten acres of property is currently for sale in Tulsa County, where the Gaming Operations Authority Board is seeking to purchase with gaming funds. If approved the gaming operations will enhance commercial activities for purposes to be determined by the nation and the GOAB. Passed 15-0.

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.

The legislation 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. Passed 15-0.

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. Craw-

The MCNDH is a recipient of the Southern Plains Tribal Health Board grant. Passed 15-0.

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

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 Reintegration Program. Sponsored by Rep. Lowe. (\$971,630)

The legislation approved would allow 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. Passed 15-0.

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. (\$900,000)

legislation 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. Passed 15-0.

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CITIZEN'S BOOK BEING MADE INTO FEATURE FILM

HARMON REACHES FOR THE STARS AS HIS SCREENPLAY IS MADE INTO A FEATURE FILM STARRING DEAN CAIN BEST KNOWN AS SUPERMAN/CLARK KENT

Morgan Taylor

REPORTER

TULSA, Oklahoma - Muscogee (Creek) citizen and author Robert Harmon wrote a children's screenplay that is being turned into a full-length feature film that will star actor Dean Cain.

Cain is known for playing the role of Clark Kent/Superman in Lois and Clark: The New Adventures of Superman.

For Harmon, writing has been mostly a hobby for him while maintaining his family business C.E. Harmon Oil, INC located in Tulsa, OK.

From a young age Harmon enjoyed participating in drama in high school and church.

"I've always been ham I guess you could say," Harmon said. "I was wanting what I wrote to be made into a movie sometime."

After his twin daughters went off to college in 2018, he spent his time trying to write a screenplay that could be made into a movie.

"I was writing two different westerns and decided if I did something more simple than a western that has a town and horses and did something like with a house and church it would be easier for a filmmaker to make into a film," Harmon said. "I did a screenplay and it just did fair so I contacted this Christian writer Kathy Bruins, a lady I met at a Christian writing conference a couple years ago in Michigan."

Bruins helped co-author the book by turning the screenplay into a novel called A Moses Prayer for Easter.



A Moses Prayer for Easter can be purchased on Amazon and will be available for audiobook by early (Submission)

The book is about a family of four approaching the Easter holiday who are tormented by the plagues of Egypt to find the true meaning of Easter. The book highlights the 1956 classic film, "The Ten Commandments."

"This is a new tale on an old story," Harmon said. "This is an Easter story that brings forward a humorous fashion the word of God that Jesus is the reason just like at Christmas. It's more than just Easter eggs and chocolate, as Christmas is the birth this is the resurrection of Jesus."

JCFilms has started production of the film in Bridgeport, WV and will have it ready for a 2021 Easter Release.

"Me and my wife went to visit with the company and we like what they do," Harmon said. "They are an independent film company, they do films cheaply but they do a good job

According to Harmon, the premiere company Pureflex wants to obtain the premiere rights to this film.

with them."

"I did this first to try to get out there," Harmon said. "I wanted a movie and it looks like by golly I'm going to do it."

Harmon's next project is an oilfield western that features a Muscogee (Creek) young man as the hero of the story.

"I consider this a big blessing and I hope it encourages other tribal members that we can do this," Harmon said.

EMERGENCY ELDERLY HOUSING USING CARES ACT FUNDS

THE MCN USES CARES ACT FUNDS TO HELP PROVIDE EMERGENCY HOMES FOR THE **ELDERLY HOMELESS**

Morgan Taylor

REPORTER

OKMULGEE, Oklahoma - The Muscogee (Creek) Nation faces an ongoing crisis within our communities and that is keeping the MCN elders in their homes.

Many of the MCN elders are homeless or face homelessness.

CARES Act funding has allowed for the Nation to build Emergency Elderly Housing.



The Tiny Home Villiage will be in the area outlined just north of the Elderly Housing units in Okmul-(Morgan Taylor) gee, OK. HOUSING-6

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Listen, Learn, and Preserve

Within the past months, many elders passed away as a result of COVID-19. The death of elders affect families, communities, and the overall Nation. Our elders serve as the keepers of our cultural wisdom, history, and traditional ways. Recently, some of our BHS staff arrived at my office saddened and distraught by the on-going trend of death.

Elders can be taken for granted given the abundance of them within our Nation. Their love, passion, and value cannot be fully expressed in words. However, it is important that we recognize and acknowledge all the contributions our elders have made. If we take our elders for granted, we tend to lose sight of their value and importance. Only after our elders are gone, might we realize their true value and importance. George Coser encourages Myskoke people to engage with our very own culture as a way to discover the values and importance of elders.

"There are elders that are ready and willing to pass down their wisdom. I want the younger generations to get involved in our culture, nothing against the dominant culture, but we already have our own culture that we belong to." - George Coser

We must honor and respect elders everyday. Given the on-going pandemic, we acknowledge that adhering to CDC Guidelines serves as a modern form of respecting elders. By looking after their safety and wellbeing, we demonstrate respect and love by protecting them from COVID-19. In the event that you encounter elders this upcoming holiday season and winter here are some ideas on how to safely visit with our elders:

- Phone calls
- Face time
- Zoom gatherings
- Take chairs over and sit in the garage, yard or back porch
- Letters or e-mails
- Go for walks
- Do crafts outdoors or yard work together Make up a list of questions you can ask about
 - History
 - Cultural Teachings Wellness
 - Concerns
 - Struggles Storytelling

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.

The Muscogee (Creek) Nation Department of Health would like to remind us all to be a good neighbor Remember to check on individuals in your community while adhering to social distancing guidelines who are:

- Disables
- Anyone with Special Needs.
- Especially during time of crisis, such as: • Emergent Public Health Concern
 - Extreme Cold
 - Extreme Heat



HOUSING

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MCN According to Tribal Construction Director Steve Emerson \$400,000 of CARES Act funds has been anticipated to be expended on construction.

Plans are being made to build four tiny homes that are 240 square feet in size. The four tiny homes will

be located just north of the MCN Elderly Housing that is behind the MCN Housing building on Highway 75 in Okmulgee.

"These homes are pretty tiny," Emerson said. "They will be made for one possibly two people, like if a husband and wife are stranded and need a place to stay. Its about 236 square feet of living area."

This would allot for a small space for sleeping, a bath-

room, kitchenette, and small living room area. A laundry unit will also be included that will hold two washers and two dryers.

"We are building them in such a way they will be COVID safe," Emerson said. "All the ceilings and walls will be FRP, the floor will be hospital grade, and the furniture and fixtures are going to be cleanable. In other words, when someone moves out of it

someone will be able to clean by spraying the whole inside down and disinfect it."

What is being called the 'Elderly Tiny Home Village' is considered a temporary living situation.

"We have a lot of Creek elders that are homeless at times and don't have a place available for them to move into at Elderly Housing," Emerson said. "It's transitional living, at least they would have a temporary place to stay until they could find them a permanent place."

These units will be multipurpose as they will serve as quarantine units for elders that have been diagnosed with COVID when they are vacant and the need is there.

Mvskoke Media follow this project as it takes place. So far, the Elderly Tiny Home Village is in the beginning stages of planning.

NSU PROGRAMS HOST ART SHOW FOR MMIWG AND METOO MOVEMENT

APPLICATIONS FOR BREAKING THE SILENCE ART EXHIBIT ARE NOW OPEN FOR ARTISTS

Lani Hansen

SENIOR REPORTER

TAHLEQUAH, Oklahoma- The Northeastern State University Center for Tribal Studies, Center for Women's Studies and Violence Prevention team are now accepting artwork for the 3rd Annual Breaking the Silence art show.

According to Student Program Coordinator for CTS Alisa Douglas, they hope to draw attention to the MeToo and MMIWG issues and provide a safe space for artists to voice their story through

The MeToo Movement has drawn national attention to the once silenced voices of survivors of sexual harassment and assault. Many within the Indigenous communities have taken the opportunity to add to this conversation the number of missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls (#MMIWG).

"It is said the number of undocumented cases, Indigenous women and girls experience sexual assault, violence and go missing at higher rates than any other ethnic group. The exhibit seeks to raise

awareness and acknowledge the prevalence of sexual assault and violence," Douglas said.

The exhibit will be on display throughout the month of April which is Sexual Assault Awareness Month. The art show will be on display at NSU's Broken Arrow campus and possibly the Spider Art Gallery in downtown Tahlequah.

Douglas said they are accepting artwork of any medium including: painting, sculpture, beadwork, photography, video, basketry, etc.

"If the artists choose to sell their artwork, a portion of the proceeds go towards the American Indian Emergency Fund," Douglas added.

The Emergency Fund Program is designed to assist NSU American Indian students with an unexpected one-time emergency. These funds are used for personal expenses that may affect a student's ability to be successful in their academic endeavors.

The goal of the show is to provide an opportunity for artists, survivors and advocates to share their story and raise awareness about the prevalence of violence and sexual assault.



A wall mural located in Muskogee, OK was completed by Muscogee (Creek) citizen Maddie Lamb to help bring awareness to the MMIW movement. (Submission)

Applications are now open for artists to submit an entry. The deadline for entry is February 21, 2021. For the entry guidelines and the link to submit artwork can be found at cts.nsuok.edu/events.

If anyone has questions contact Alisa Douglas at tribalstudies@ nsuok.edu or 918-444-4350.



JOIN THE TULSA BALLET TO WATCH THE LOST NUTCRACKER

THE LOST NUTCRACKER HAS REPLACED THE NUTCRACKER FOR THE 2020 HOLIDAY SEASON

Lani Hansen

SENIOR REPORTER

TULSA, Oklahoma- The Coronavirus has made many events get cancelled this year, but the Tulsa Ballet has made a way for those who enjoy watching shows such as The Nutcracker continue on with practicing social distance.

The Tulsa Ballet will perform a holiday showing, but it will not be same Nutcracker performance many have seen in the past. Artistic Director Marcello Angelini, has said they have replaced holiday-favorite The Nutcracker with The Lost Nutcracker.

The show will be performed at the Cox Business Convetion Center's Grand Ballroom. To practice social distance they are allowing 400 audience members at each show. According to Tulsa Ballet press release, the ballet has decided to find a more socially distanced way to bring a version of the holiday tradition to the stage, this year at a new location

with extra spacing for guests.
"The normal Nutcracker runs about 10 to 11 shows at the PAC," Angelini said. "We usually seat about 5,488 people, but we will now be seating about 400

The Lost Nutracker will have five performances running from



The Tulsa Ballet will perform five shows for The Lost Nutcracker running from Dec. 17 through Dec. 20. (Submission)

December 17 through December 20. On Dec. 17 and 18 there will be one show each evening at 7 p.m. on Sat. Dec. 19 there are two shows at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sun. Dec. 20 the last show will be at 2 p.m.

"The Lost Nucracker is brand new, we called it this because we actually lost The Nutcracker this year," Angelini said. "Everything is choreographed around

the COVID-19 rules and regulations."

They are not allowing no more than eight dancers to a scene for this showing. It will still be a holiday magic performance, according to Angelini. The new show will be composed into three different pieces.

The first part is choreographed by Tulsa Ballet Resident Ma Cong, with an act of Amer-

ican music. The middle piece is choreographed by Joshua Peug and the third piece is choreographed by Luciano Cannito.

"The third piece is actually called The Lost Nutcracker," Angelini added.

According to Angelini, during the last piece it will begin with three young ladies who are playing with the nutcracker doll but then the doll disappears. They will be looking for the nutcracker in three different worlds. The first world will be the swan lake world, the second world will be the sleeping beauty world and the third world will be the feliz navidad. The third world will go with the music of Feliz Navidad where the girls will find the nutcracker there.

Tickets will be sold for virtual live stream for those guests who are not comfortable attending the in-person performances and for any sold-out shows. To purchase tickets call the Tulsa Ballet Box Office at 918-749-6006 or visit tulsaballet.org.

For more information visit tulsaballet.org.

HIGHS AND **LOWS OF 2020**

REVIEW OF VIRUS; GOVERNMENT NATIVES; FOOTBALL HELMETS; POET LAURATE 'THREE-PEATS

Gary Fife

Radio Specialist

OKMULGEE, Oklahoma-O.K., thank the Creator 2020 is almost over. Seems there hasn't been a year in decades that kicked our ass as hard as this one. (Pardon the language.)

Floods, fires, earthquakes— Nature is certainly reminding us of Who Is In Charge. As if that wasn't enough, the country is in one of the most divisive eras since the Civil War. Hate and tensions are still being spread through our usual sources: Radio, TV, print and now, the extremely effective social media avenues. Some people became self-appointed vigilantes, carrying guns to threaten those they didn't agree with. Some people got shot.

It's going to take a series of miracles to heal that one.

And our constant companion on all these media, Covid-19 has been the lead story all year. Family members, friends and neighbors have been taken by this pandemic. Several Myskoke and even the Second Chief were infected. It ain't over yet. But, there seems to be some good news on that horizon as development of a possible vaccine is discussed. Even then, it'll be a while before our society adjusts. The Indian Health Service says there were 108,062 positive test results. The Dine (Navajo) Nation has been hardest hit. Oklahoma has 27,964 listed.

Speaking of horizons, big changes are coming for the leadership of the USA. When the new tenant of 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue moves in, a new Native American policy and people will take over our affairs. The national White House consultations with tribal governments are supposed to renewed. There is speculation about that two Presidential Cabinet positions could be filled with Native Americans, but with this writing in early December, that could change. There will, most likely, be a new Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs.

There will be a total of six 'Native Americans' in the new Congress.

O.K, O.K., here's some lighter content. Indian Country Today reports it's Native Americans-2, Disneyland-On-The-Potomac football guys-0. They finally gave up on their old racist slur name, and now, their "Original Americans Foundation." Their 'beads and trinkets' philanthropy never took hold. The team pulled the plug on its money stream to the 'charitable' agency. One tribal chairman even got tossed out of office for accepting their 'donations'.



(Submission)

The team is now the Washington Football team. How's that going to fit on a helmet?

More dropping the R-word? Tulsa's Union High School is dropping the same name after local Tulsa parents kept up their campaign. Yea! Now they are faced the same dilemma as the Big-Leaguers: what to call their teams and the decoration for their

They could take a tip from CNN. During election coverage, CNN showed a graphic of how 'ethnic' voters turn out: Blacks, Asians, etc. There was no Native graphic. Instead, we were listed as "Something Else." Maybe the teams could use that name? "Washington Something Else" and Union "Something Else." The Bureau of Something Else? The National Museum of Something Else?

More on the Entertainment Scene: Mighty movie powerhouse Disney has added a disclaimer to a number of its classic movies that says the films such as "Peter Pan" and "Dumbo" may contain dated stereotypes of minority peoples. Disney does have a few other films they aren't mentioning. "Pocahontas", anyone?

Back to serious stuff: the McGirt Decision. Won't go into the legal intricacies, just the

There have been a lot mentions of the arrests on Creek Reservation lands and those cases being transferred to tribal and/or federal courts. It means that a lot of suspects are remembering, mentioning, or hoping that a tribal membership might be a legal loophole. Nope, it's still the Iron Bar Hotel for crooks.

Almost forgot this one: Back in November, Myskoke writer and poet Joy Harjo was been named as U.S. Poet Laurate for the third time. She is only the second person to serve more than two one-year terms. Harjo is working on her project which would map Native poets and storytellers.

That's it for me for this past year. Hvtvm cehecares in 2021.

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Chief William McIntosh Book for Sale

Billie Jane McIntosh, Muskogee/ Creek author of Chief William McIntosh, Mvskoke/Creek Warrior 1777-1825 is sending signed copies for \$19.95 plus \$5 postage from her home 3475 N. Captain Colton Ln, Flagstaff, AZ 86001. You may call her at 928-440-3296. For holiday reduced prices on the book, contact the publisher, Light Technology, call 928-526-1345.

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

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 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.

MCN Reintegration Welding School

The Muscogee (Creek) Nation Reintegration Welding School will be offering an 8-week welding school course with the possibility of being selected for an additional 4-week ADVANCED welding course. Classes will be held in Henryetta, OK. The training course will be \$3200 per student and each student MUST have a funding source, or proof of funding 2 weeks prior to class starting. For more information contact the MCN Reintegration Office at 918-549-2620.



UPDATE: DEC. 2, 2020

CORRECTION: On Nov. 1 Mvskoke Media published our Veteran's Edition in the bi-weekly newspaper. The submission placed the

photo of Sgt. Lawrence Miller with the bio of Robert Harley. Myskoke Media was notified of these mistakes by Muscogee (Creek) citizen Robert Berryhill and the corrected submission has been placed below.

Name: Sgt. Lawrence Miller Branch: U.S. Army Years Served: 2 years After three months of marriage, Sgt. Lawrence Miller received the famous letter, "Greetings." He went to Ft. Polk for his basic training. After that, he spent a year in Vietnam. In that year, he was known by everyone as, "Indian." He was a friend to all of the children in Vietnam that came to sell soda and beer. While in Vietnam, he had good and bad times. He walked point for his men. He lost some of his best men on patrol; a moment he will never forget. Today, he enjoys spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren.

PLAYING PRETINDIAN: THE CLEVELAND INDIANS NAME CHANGE

Op. Ed. by MCN Citizen, **Frances Danger**

In the wake of the horrific execution of George Floyd a light has finally been shone on the darkest corners of the United States. Important conversations are happening and changes are being implemented on an almost daily basis to address issues of racial justice, inequity, and white supremacy. Many people and businesses have stepped forward committing to addressing these issues through changes in their behaviors and company cultures, including the Cleveland baseball

An important issue having a scientifically verifiable negative impact is the use of Indigenous sports team mascots, names, and logos. Use of Native names and iconography has been de rigueur since the modern inception of sporting events. They have continued to be used despite vocal opposition, most recognizably by the National Congress of American Indians, who formally called for the end of mascots in 1968 and have worked for over 50 years to address the issue. The calls have become more resounding, with IllumiNative, and EONM, originators of the #NotYourMascot movement, joining the chorus of Natives who are standing for change.

On July 13, 2020, following pressure from investors and sponsors, The Washington Football Team announced that they would be retiring their dictionary defined racial slur of a name and stereotypical logo. The change comes after years of protest and scientific studies showing the detrimental nature of all Native sports team names and despite the owner, Dan Snyder, proclaiming in 2013 that, "We'll never change the name. It's that simple. NEVER — you can use caps." That never finally came and the Washington team has successfully rebranded is evidence that these changes are not impossible to accomplish in a timely manner and with fan support.

In the wake of the Washington decision other teams began to examine their names and logos as well. The Atlanta baseball team, Chicago NHL team, and Kansas City football team all doubled down, insisting that their names and logos were honoring Natives. This despite continued use of the Tomahawk Chop, a team logo that is literally a cartoon, and a statement banning redface and headdresses at games respectively.

On July 3 The Cleveland baseball team announced they

would consider a name change. They began the process by meeting with players and management. They announced on July 23 they would also be engaging with Native Americans and other key stakeholders on the

It was reported on October 6 that team President Chris Antonetti could not give a formal update on where the team stood on the name change issue, asserting that the process of engaging with stakeholders was currently ongoing. There was no mention of speaking with any Native people or organizations, nor has there been since the announcement on July 23. Transparency is an important part of change. It's troubling that the team refuses to discuss, even loosely, not only their process in this monumental decision but who they've consulted, especially in terms of tribal members, Nations, and Organization.

Therein lies the problem. There is a loaded history between society and who or what they decide represents Natives and their interests. Whether it's a team name, costume, or festival headdress, over and over Natives are told to be quiet and accept the honor that's benevolently being bestowed upon them. And, like clockwork, there's always someone claiming Native willing to bolster these attitudes that dehumanize Indigenous Peoples.

It's illustrated perfectly in the microcosm of sports where the Indigenous have repeatedly watched as people who have tenuous to no tribal affiliation or kinship are marched out to defend these names and logos. Enticed by a free trip and a once in a lifetime chance to bask in the glory of the love of the fans on a national stage these people, some of whom are not even Indigenous, will say whatever it is that will secure this glorious experience. If history serves then there is a fair chance this could happen in Cleveland. The team could easily address all speculation by being forthcoming. They have shown they understand the importance of transparency when they did not equivocate as they swiftly issued a statement committing to address issues of racial justice and equity. Why now have they chosen to deflect, ruminating on what is the right thing to do even as people have been raising their voices telling them what is right for years. This shouldn't even be a conversation anymore. The change should not be up for debate. If the intent is to honor Natives then the best way to do it would be to not only listen to them but address the issues that affect them in the way

they ask them to be addressed. As it is it is beginning to feel like a shell game, the kind that the dealer always wins because it was rigged from the start.

Antonetti further discussed team efforts to make a difference on October 28, stating that the team "...had been spending a lot of time, internally, reflecting, 'How do we make an impact? How do we continue to grow as an organization and how can we make an impact in our community?'. This also gives pause as the team has been told in no uncertain terms, not only by Native Nations and organizations, but by 50+ organizations in Cleveland that it's time to change the name. Exactly how many more people and entities need to make this clear so they'll finally stop "reflecting" and start "acting"?

Though Cleveland may not be forthcoming on their process there is information available if you know where to look. They may have unintentionally shed some light on this mysterious process in regards to the use of their trademarks. According to August 7 filings with the United States Patent and Trademark Office and the Ohio Secretary of State, the Cleveland Indians Baseball Company, LLC, which currently holds these trademarks for the team, have used their current trademarks as security interest for a loan from PNC Bank, National Association.

The agreement states that should The Cleveland Indians Baseball Club change their name they must notify the Administrator 30 days in advance and gives PNC security interest in any forthcoming patents, trademarks, and copyrights. It also requires that they must preserve their existence as an LLC and continue to use consistent standards of quality in their manufacture of products sold under the trademarks.

According to the UCC financing statement filed with the Ohio Secretary of State the agreement doesn't lapse until August 7, 2025.

While Cleveland rides high on the recognition of their seeming willingness to consider changing their name they've also turned around and leveraged that same name and it's attendant brand recognition for use as security interest on a loan from a bank. The use of the trademarks as collateral begs the question as to the sincerity of the Cleveland team in exploring a name

The Club has a questionable history when it comes to issues of racial equity. Their choices recall the efforts of the Washington Football Team to acquire good press for things like the Original Americans Foundation, which made donations to Native Nations in an attempt to mitigate their name. Cleveland has just been better at their media narrative than Washington was.

In 2019 the Club ceased using Chief Wahoo as a mascot on their uniforms, but only during actual Major League games. They have continued to sell Chief Wahoo merchandise both at Progressive field in Cleveland and online. They maintain that this is so they can protect their intellectual property, however a quick Google search shows hundreds of pieces of unlicensed Wahoo merchandise for sale on both Amazon and independent websites. There appears to be little to no challenge to their fraudulent manufacture at USPTO.gov, challenges one would pursue if their intent was to protect said property.

Additionally, if the only reason that Cleveland sells Wahoo merchandise is to maintain the mark as they claim then the team could do so with minimal amounts of merchandise. Rather they continue to license it for hats, shirts, banners, watches, and so many more forms of merchandise that it would take a phone book to list it all. To say Cleveland profits from Wahoo sales is an understatement. Were Wahoo not profitable the team wouldn't bother with mass amounts of team merch. Knowing all this their reasoning for keeping the mark seems about as real as all that counterfeit Wahoo

Those funds are an important piece of why Wahoo is still around despite what the teams stated motives are. The team could easily donate the funds to a myriad of Indigenous organizations that would somewhat mitigate the damage from the bigoted caricature, something a team positioning itself as an ally to the marginalized should be more than willing to do. Instead they continue to line their pockets with both merch revenue and the PNC loan by trading on the personification of the Tontoesque savage, a dehumanizing trope that sets an unreasonable standard that Natives must continue to fight every day, a trope the team readily take accolades for "retiring".

If indeed the continued use of Wahoo is simply to maintain the trademark then its usefulness, even combined with the other trademarks, would be of little help to secure a loan. That's

not the case. Wahoo is being sold on numerous products both foreign and domestic and generating revenue enough to make it an important piece of collateral, casting a pall on the teams seeming altruism in no longer wearing the logo on the field.

They choose to do this despite being aware that numerous scientific research studies have shown that the name and mascot cause verifiable harm to all youth. They not only lower the self esteem of Native youth, an important component to success, but they dehumanize Natives to non-Native youth, informing their lifelong perceptions of them as relics of the past or caricatures. It's why more children can identify mascots before they can name any contemporary Natives making an impact today. These things should matter to a team who truly wants to have a positive impact on society. If they want to change the world they could easily start in their own backyard. Up to now, and with every passing day, they are just choosing not to.

The Cleveland baseball team began the year wearing their away jerseys which do not have their questionable name emblazoned on them. Chief Wahoo was nowhere to be seen on the field, but step into the team shop just yards away and it's all Wahoo all the time. October 12 was Indigenous Peoples Day and November 1was the beginning of National Native American Heritage Month. Cleveland celebrated them by not bothering to acknowledge them at all.

Is it plausible that a team that continues to make money off of a racist stereotype of Natives would genuinely be exploring changing their problematic name? If the name is an honor why erase Natives from our own days and months dedicated to doing just that?

One day in a changed jersey does not undo the continued monetization of a racist stereotype and the persistent erasure that occurs every day the team keeps their name and mascot. It does not negate the harm that is being done to all youth. Using trademarks that are ostensibly being considered to be made obsolete as collateral for a loan does not breed confidence that the name change is something the team is truly committed to considering.

Cleveland says it stands for racial justice and equity. It's long past time they put their monetization where their mouth is. A great first step would be to change the name.



OBITUARIES



Robert James Berryhill Sr. December 8, 1932 -December 6, 2020

Robert James Berryhill Sr. was born on Dec. 8, 1932 in Okemah, Oklahoma to Roley and Sarah Berryhill. He was an enrolled member of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. Robert served in the United States Army

and was honorably discharged on Nov. 26, 1954. Robert served as a member of First Baptist Church in Wetumka, Oklahoma. He entered into his Heavenly home on Dec. 6 at the age of 87.

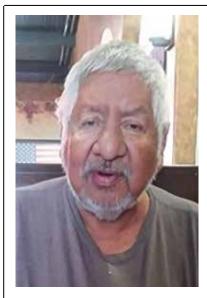
Robert was saved and baptized on April 14,1976. He dedicated his life to serving the Lord and those around him. While living in Kansas, he and his wife Barbara served at both Cornerstone Baptist Church as well as the Haskell Baptist Mission. He loved going on mission trips alongside Haskell. When he and his wife moved back home to Oklahoma, he surrendered his life to ministry and became an ordained minister. While in Oklahoma, Robert served as a member and interim pastor at Little Quarsarty Baptist Church in Cromwell. He also served with the Muscogee/Seminole/Wichita Baptist Association.

As a believer, Robert devoted his life to ministry and enjoyed

helping those he encountered. He loved reminiscing about his life, his time in the military, past mission trips, and memories with family. He enjoyed watching OU and OSU football and the Dallas Cowboys during football season. He loved to stay active by working around his home and volunteering his services to mow grass for his church, neighbors and the MSW grounds. Robert was always enthusiastic in finding ways to minister to those around him wherever he was. He will always be remembered as a great example of a servant of Christ.

He was proceeded in death by his wife, Barbara Berryhill; his son, Robert Berryhill Jr. (Robbie), his daughter, Marian Berryhill and his son Phillip Berryhill; his brothers and sister, Sonny Berryhill, Joe Lee Berryhill, and Nettie Ruth Berryhill. Survivors include his grandson, Kyle Berryhill Sr. and his wife Kelly; granddaughters Krystal, Daryn, and Tiffany Berryhill. He is also survived by his greatgrandchildren, Kyndall and Kyle Berryhill Jr. He was also survived by his brother, Chubby Berryhill, Sisters Peggy Johnson and Linda Berryhill along with numerous nephews and nieces.

Funeral services for Robert Berryhill were held at the First Baptist Church of Wetumka on Friday, Dec. 11 with Randy Colbert officiating. Interment followed at Wiley-Watson Cemetery in Dustin, under the direction of Williamson-Spradlin Funeral Home



John Albert Sloan April 27, 1946 -December 6, 2020

John Albert Sloan, 74, of Eufaula, passed away Dec. 6 at the Hillcrest South Hospital of Tulsa. John was born on April 27, 1946, in McAlester, Oklahoma, the son of Albert and Ella (Butler) Sloan. John graduated from Oktaha High School in 1964. enlisted in the United State Army and was honorably discharged on April 17, 1970. He attended OSU and NSU Tahlequah. In 1997, John married Patricia Ann Moore in Stidham. They were happily married for twenty-three years. He enjoyed watching the news, the history channel and westerns. He also enjoyed showing off his truck. His biggest joy was spending time with his family at family meals.

Survivors include: his daughters, Teresa Dominic of the home, Rachel Eden and husband Fredie of Antlers; his sisters, Phyllis Yahola of Wetumka and Patricia Sloan of Oktaha; his grandchildren, Fredie Eden, Jr., Victoria Eden, Jacob Eden, Johnathan Dominic and Alexis Dominic. He is preceded in death by his

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COMMITTEE APPROVES LAND PURCHASE

LAND PURCHASE IN BROKEN ARROW APPROVED IN JOINT COMMITTEE

Angel Ellis *REPORTER*

OKMULGEE, Oklahoma — MCN National Council held an emergency joint Business, Finance, and Justice and Land Natural Resource and Cultural Preservation meeting in November via teleconference.

The emergency sessions addressed the following legislation, the interpreta-

tion of which is attributed to language in the bills on Nov. 17.

TR 20-196 A Tribal Resolution of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation authorizing the Principal Chief to negotiate and execute an agreement for the purchase of trust property located in Tulsa County. Sponsored by Rep. Patrick Freeman. Due Pass.

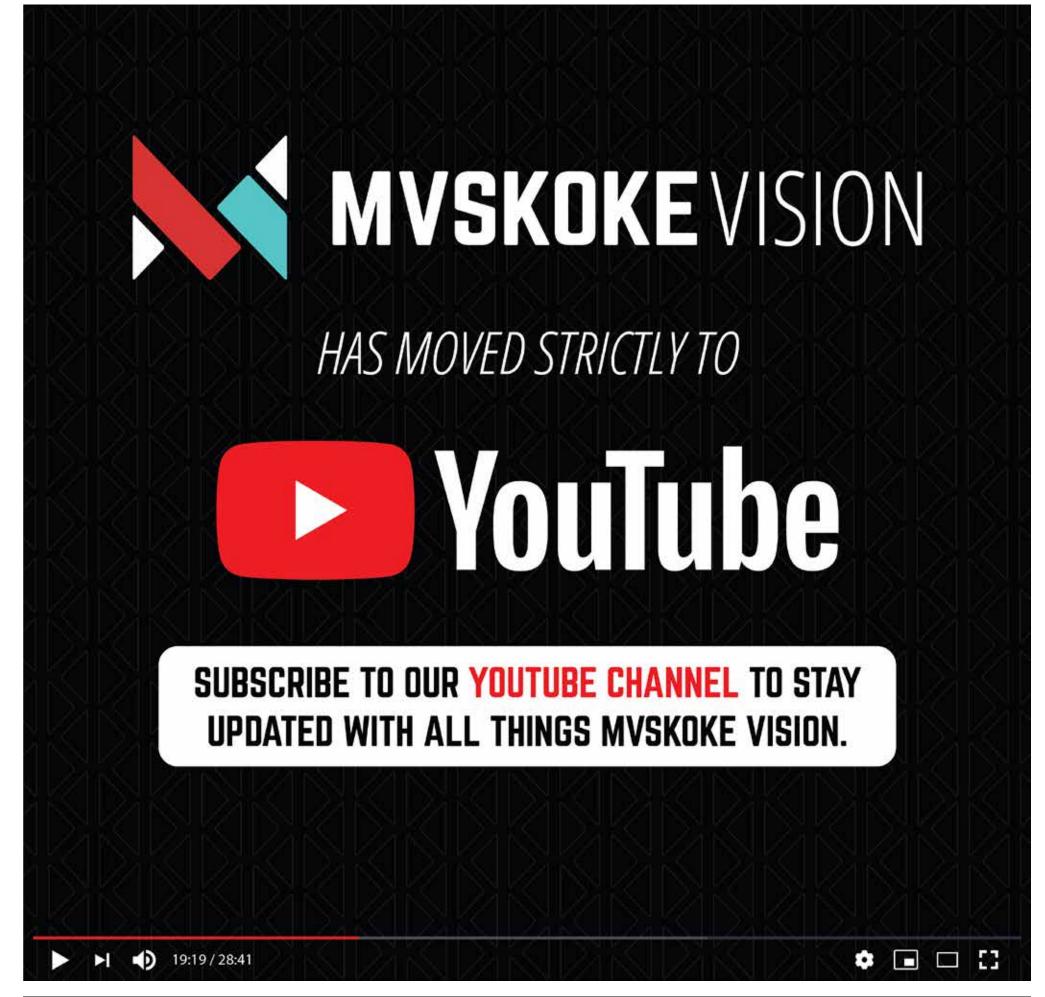
The legislation if approved would allow the Gaming Operations

Authority Board (GOAB) the purchase and expenditure of gaming funds to purchase trust property which will be used by gaming operations to enhance its commercial activities for purposes to be determined by the Nation and the GOAB. The sale price of the property is \$3,000,000. The property is located at 3315 W. Washington Street in Broken Arrow, OK.

For a full explanation of legislation visit www. mcnnc.com



Muscogee (Creek) Nation National Council joint Business, Finance, and Justice and Land Natural Resource and Cultural Preservation meeting was held in Nov. 17 by teleconference. (MNN File Photo)



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parents, his wife, Patricia, a son, John Freeland Dominic and a sister, Sara Boone.

A graveside service was held on Dec. 10 at the Oktaha Cemetery under the direction of Hunn, Black & Merritt Funeral Home & Crematory. Pallbearers were Matthew Pierce and PJ Sloan. Honorary pallbearer was Jonathon Dominic. Online condolences may be made to the family at www.hbmfuneralhome.com



Cho-Wella Franklin January 14, 1946 -October 28, 2020

Cho-Wella "Doby" Franklin passed away peacefully due to complications from

COVID-19 at the age of 74 surrounded by his wife, his children and their spouses on October 28, 2020.

Doby wasn't exactly an obituary appropriate person but here is our best shot at it.

On January 14, 1946 in Checotah, Oklahoma Wil-"Chief" and Nora Franklin welcomed their first child, Cho-Wella Franklin. His favorite little sister, Valerie, joined 7 years later. He graduated high school in Corvallis, Oregon in 1964 and then went to Oklahoma State University. Not that other school in Oklahoma that he greatly enjoyed teasing his baby sister about on game days. He served in the U.S. Army as a training officer during Vietnam and was honorably discharged at the rank of Captain. He completed his Bachelor's degree at OSU in Business Administration. Doby took great pride in being the owner and operator of Franklin & Sons Deckmasters for over 30 years. He was a skilled carpenter with

a creative mind. He was a proud Creek Native American and took pride sharing his culture with his family. He donated his time and work to improve the Pine Ridge Oglala Lakota reservation in South Dakota through various projects including building a playground and a pavil-

Doby enjoyed hunting, motor cross, road trips, boating at the lake, watching old westerns, history, John Grisham novels, cherry pie, playing pool, driving fast and telling a good story. Most of all, he loved his family. He cherished cheering on his family members, celebrating even the smallest accomplish-

Trying to be succinct about a man like Doby is seemingly impossible. There was and will ever be only one Cho-Wella "Doby" Franklin. He knew how to hurt. How to cry. How to laugh. How to celebrate. How to struggle. How to overcome. And, he knew how to be a really, really good friend. His story is one of both struggle and redemption, grief and joy, sin and forgiveness. He was a father figure to many, generous with his time, always asked how you were doing and was invested in what was important to you. He was very attuned to anyone who was struggling. He knew how to comfort people in their pain. Doby loved Jesus but he cussed a lot. He wasn't a pretty evangelist. He was the

Doby was reunited with his son, Wes, his best buddy, Captain Bob Hoffman, his parents and countless others when he went home to be with Jesus. We imagine Doby at the gates of heaven with his arms up high squealing, "Wessssyyyy!" Doby often said he hoped there are projects needed done in heaven because worshiping God for eternity sounded a little boring for him. Although we can't really know what heaven is like, we imagine the Great Carpenter coming alongside

Doby to build some pretty elaborate playgrounds because He knows Doby's heart.

Doby is survived by the love of his life, JoAnn Meason Franklin who he shared 44 years of his life with; his children: Sean Franklin and wife Shayna of Moore, OK; Tabbie Franklin of Austin, TX; Elizabeth Franklin of Broken Arrow, OK; Nathan Franklin and wife Stephanie of Tulsa, OK; grandchildren: Makyla Newberry and husband Cole, Kierra, Kadin, Ellie, Jackgreat-grandchildren: Blakely, Wyatt; Sister: Valerie Morris and Doug of Tulsa, OK; Niece: Ashley Vogel and husband Jonathan of Evergreen, CO; Mike and Bethany Franklin of Temple, TX. Best friends: Chris Busch and Jake Jones; Several other extended family members and dear friends. He is preceded in death by his son, Thomas Wesley Franklin; his parents: William Penn "Chief" and Nora Franklin; and a brother who died at birth: William P. Franklin, III.

ROADWAYS ADDED TO MCN TRIBAL TRANSPORTATION INVENTORY

LAND PURCHASE IN BROKEN ARROW APPROVED IN JOINT COMMITTEE

Morgan Taylor

REPORTER

OKMULGEE, homa - A Muscogee (Creek) Nation National Council Land, Natural Resources and Cultural Preservation Committee meeting was held Dec 8 via teleconfer-

All passed legislation is subject to the full council approval during the regular

LNC addressed the follegislation, interpretation of which is attributed to language in the

TR 20-200 Resolution of the MCN authorizing the Principal Chief to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with the Muskogee City-County Port Authority for the maintenance of roadways and associated rights-of-way constructed or improved by the MCN Tribal Transportation Program. Sponsored by Rep. Charles McHenry. Do pass,

The MCN and the Muskogee City-County Port Authority enter a Memorandum of Understanding for the maintenance of public roadways and associated rights-of-way constructed by MCN Tribal Transportation Program.

TR 20-201 Resolution of the MCN authorizing the execution of a grant agreement with the United States Department of the Interior, National Park Service awarding funds to the Historic and Cultural Preservation Department. Sponsored by Rep. McHenry. Do pass, 4-0.

The MCN Historic Cultural Preserva-Department awarded \$66,126 from the U.S. Department of Interior, National Park Service. Funds will be used to ensure the protection and preservation of valued Mvskoke historic and cultural resources, including sacred places, cultural sites, cultural remains and Myskoke history for future generations.

TR 20-206 Resolution of the MCN authorizing the MCN Department of Housing to purchase a 48-Unit apartment complex in Okmulgee, OK for the purpose of rental housing. Sponsored by Rep. Thomasene Yahola Osborn. Do pass, 4-0.

MCN Housing requesting approval for the purchase of 2800 N Osage Place Okmulgee, OK from Briarwood, LLC for the 48-unit apartment complex for the purpose of providing more affordable rental housing to the citizens of the MCN. The funds will come from the Indian Housing Block Grant CARES COVID-19 funding in the amount \$170,000.00.

TR 20-207 Resolution of the MCN approving the update of the MCN Long Range Transportation Plan with the addition of the routes listed as attachment

"A" - MCN NTTFI 2021. Sponsored by Rep. Joseph Hicks. Do pass, 4-0.

New routes have been identified within Nation's Reservation that the Nation intends to add the Nation's National Tribal Transportation Inventory and plan to utilize funds to assist in the cost o future road design, environmental, construction, maintenance, and planning.

TR 20-209 Resolution of the MCN supporting the addition of new routes, as identified in attachment "A" - MCN NTTFI 2021, to the Nation's existing National Tribal Transportation Facility Inventory and requesting the Bureau of Indian Affairs add these new routes to the Nation's Tribal Transportation Facility Inventory. Sponsored by Rep. Hicks. Do pass, 4-0.

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ity Inventory. The MCN is requesting the Bureau of Indian Affairs to add the requested new routes to the Nation's National Tribal Transportation Facility Inventory.

NCA 20-096 Law of the MCN authorizing the expenditure of the National Park Service Tribal Historic Preservation Officer (THPO) Grant for the benefit of the MCN Historic and Cultural Preservation Department. Sponsored by Rep. McHenry.

Representative McHenry made a motion to amend lines 20-21 to correct legislation. The funds of \$66,126.00 will be used to fund the position of the THPO for the purpose of protection and preservation of valued Mvskoke historic and cultural resources, including sacred places, cultural sites, cultural remains and Myskoke history for future generations.

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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 6-15-2020 \$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, \$132,952,546.70.

	DD CCD AM NAME/	AMOUNT			
CCOUNT NUMBER	PROGRAM NAME/ ACCOUNT NAME	AMOUNT Budgeted	EXPENDED	ENCUMBERED	CASH BALANCE
	PRINCIPAL CHIEF				
50000	Salary & Wages-FT	47,723.00	-	-	47,723.0
50020	Salary & Wages-O/T over 1.5	19,900.00	-	-	19,900.0
50100	Salary & Wages-PT/Other	1,107,500.00	1,107,500.00	-	0.0
51000	Fringe-FT	25,488.00	-	-	25,488.0
51100	Fringe-PT/Other	130,125.00	130,124.25	-	0.7
	SECRETARY OF NATION				
59220	Grants	95,000,000.00	89,140,328.37	-	5,859,671.6
	TOURISM & RECREATION				
53000	Supplies	30,000.00	26,646.00	-	3,354.0
	CONTRACTING EMPLOYMENT				
55210	Communications - Other	-	472.58	-	-472.5
59220	Grants	7,500,000.00	674,089.20	-	6,825,910.8
	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY				
53000	Supplies	1,511,100.00	578,700.08	-	932,399.9
53010	Software/Licenses	2,010,00.00	528,361.40	-	1,481,638.6
54000	Contractual	935,010.00	252,298.25	-	682,711.7
55210	Communications- Other	98,661.57	63,641.42	-	35,020.
55300	Bldg Maint/Repairs	102,630.43	2,811.48	-	99,818.
85500	Equipment	4,042,000.00	361,799.20	-	3,210,033.
F0100	FLEET MANAGEMENT				
50100	Salary & Wages - PT/Other	50,000.00	3,374.80	-	46,625.
51100	Fringe - PT/Other	6,075.00	394.66	-	5,680.
53000	Supplies	3,867,925.00	428,759.97	-	3,439,165.
55300 57000	Bldg Maint/Repairs	1,000.00	685.00	-	315.
57000	Equipment	75,000.00	-	-	75,00.
F 0000	SOCIAL SERVICES	1.0.0.0	~, ~ ~ ~ ~		10.000
50000	Salary & Wages - FT	113,107.65	64,168.19	-	48,939. 0.
50020 51000	Salary & Wages - O/T Over 1.5 Fringe - FT	1,724.00 74,997.53	1,723.33 35,822.87	-	0. 39,174.
53000	Supplies	4,000.00	2,477.92		1,522.
53000	Supplies Software/Licenses	8,000.00	4,000.00		4,000.
54000	Contractual	313,720.00	92,764.09		220,955.
59071	Direct Assist - Income Support	36,198,000.00	4,854,000.00	-	31,344,000.
59072	Direct Assist - Hardship	30,000,000.00	2,942,500.00	-	27,057,000.
c, c, <u>-</u>	SENIOR SERVICES	, ,	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,		
53000	Supplies	200,000.00	-	-	200,000.0
	FOOD DISTRIBUTION				
53000	Supplies	530,000.00	42,409.25		487,590.
59050	Food Purchases	450,000.00	248,261.04		201,738.
85170	Construction	50,000.00	11,343.52		38,323.
85400	Vehicles	250,000.00	155,117.61	_	94,882.
	COMMUNITY RESEARCH &	220,000.00	100,117.01		7 1,002.
	DEVELOPMENT				
55210	Communications - Other	45,000.00	43,093.30	-	1,906.
	SECRETARY OF EDUCATION				
50000	Salary& Wages- FT	4,934.00	1,953.56	-	2,980.4
50020	Salary& Wages - O/T over 1.5	133,300.00	18,399.90	-	114,900.
51000	Fringe - FT	77,825.00	10,324.58	-	67,500.
53000 59073	Supplies	2,560,000.00	487.00	-	2,559,513.
39073	Direct Assistance - Ed Support	9,600.000.00	8,839,100.00	-	760,900.
53000	CULTURAL CENTER & ARCHIVES	2,500.00	2,425.00		75.
33000	Supplies	2,300.00	2,423.00	-	/3.
70100	TRIBAL CONSTRUCTION	C= 200 10			0.0
50100	Salary & Wages - PT/Other	85,608.00	2,401.20	-	83,206.
51100 53000	Fringe - PT/Other	10,701.00	262.93 1,025.00	-	10,438.
57000 57000	Supplies Architect & Engineering	25,000.00 844,140.00	711,898.82	13,003.70	23,975. 119,237.
37000 35010	Construction	14,552,860.00	263,091.29	13,003.70	14,289,768.
35170	Equipment	73,000.00	200,071.27	<u> </u>	73,000.
	OFFICE OF TAX COMMISSION	, 0,000,00			, 5,000.
53000	Supplies	12,051.00	12,051.00		
54000	Contractual	50,000.00	13,700.00		36,300.
55300	Bldg Maint/Repairs	1,500.00	1,159.20	_	340.
85500	Equipment	11,700.00	11,698.97	-	1.
	CITIZENSHIP BOARD				
53000	Supplies	350,485.00	33,687.50	-	316,797.
53010	Software/Licenses	12,999.00	7,350.00	-	5,649.
54000	Contractual	551,000.00	500,500.00	-	50,500.
85500	Equipment	85,516.00	49,258.00	-	36,258.
F 0100	NATIONAL COUNCIL	10.000.00	10.000.00		
50100	Salary & Wares - PT/Other	12,000.00	12,000.00	-	
51100	Fringe - PT/Other	1,458.00	1,458.00	-	
-2 000	DISTRICT COURT	F FF0 00	1 (21 77		010
53000	Supplies	5,550.00	4,631.77	-	918. 10,512.
53310	Equipment Maint/Repair	10,512.00 150,171.68	-	-	10,512. 150,171.
85500	Equipment	130,1/1.00	-	-	130,1/1.
E0100	SUPREME COURT	4 500 00			4.500
50100	Salary & Wares - PT/Other	4,500.00	-	-	4,500.
51100	Fringe - PT/Other	547.00	-	-	547.
90110	SECRETARY OF HEALTH		20,639,179.00		-20,639,179.
70110	Transfer Out			-	
	TOTAL	214,028,544.86	132,939,543.00	13,003.70	81,075,998.

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ACCOUNT NUMBER	PROGRAM NAME/ ACCOUNT NAME	AMOUNT BUDGETED	EXPENDED	ENCUMBERED	CASH BALANCE
NUMBER	PRINCIPAL CHIEF	BUDGETED			
50000	Salary & Wages-FT	5,667.00	-	-	5,667.00 19,900.00 -12,000.00 25,488.00
50020 50100	Salary & Wages-O/T over 1.5 Salary & Wages-PT/Other	5,667.00 19,900.00 37,500.00	49,500.00	-	-12,000.00
51000 51100	Fringe-FT Fringe-PT/Other	25,488.00 4,556.75	4,776.72	-	-219.9/
53000	Supplies	2,500.00	-	-	2,5000.00
54000	SECRETARY OF NATION Contractual	9,218,383.00	4,498,585.72 1,400.00	4,718,368.72	1,428.56
58010 59220	Construction Grants	1,400.00 5,859,671.63	1,400.00	-	5,859,671.63
53000	TOURISM & RECREATION	3,354.00	-	1,077.38	2,276.62
59050	Supplies Food Purchases	750,000.00 3,500.00	95,901.79 1,760.00	404,361.42 154.80	2,276.62 249,736.79 1,585.20
59440	Incidentals CONTRACTING EMPLOYMENT	3,300.00	1,/60.00	134.60	1,303.20
53000	Supplies	1,700.00	441,47	720.60	537.93 3,000.00
55210 59220	Communications - Other Grants	3,000 6,825,910.80	1,620,471.40	-	5,205,439.40
53000	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY				
53010	Supplies Software/Licenses	716,070.56 847,630.11	43,801.06 445,161.14	337,357.10 166,672.33	334,912.40 235,796.64
54000 55210	Contractual Communications- Other	463,594.25 42,033.74 99,818.95	15,711.25 8,456.76	62,185.00	385,698.00 33,576.98 68,618.95
55300	Bldg Maint/Repairs	99,818.95	11,096.42	20,103.58	68,618.95
85500	Equipment FLEET MANAGEMENT	3,860,033.48	331,066.10	2,994,568.49	534,398.89
50000	Salary & Wages - FT	20,000.00	87.17	-	19,912.83
50010 50100	Salary & Wages - Overtime Salary & Wages - PT/Other	15,876.00 -3,374.80	5,049.20	-	15,876.00 -8,424.00
21000 51100	Fringe - FT Fringe - PT/Other	20,199.00 -394.66	46.84 580.09		20,152.16 -974.75
53000	Supplies	3,245,728.45	712,374.20	632,657.99	1,900,696.26
53290 55300	Postage/Shipping Bldg Maint/Renairs	50,000.00 315.00	- -	-	50,000.00 315.00
85400	Bldg Maint/Repairs Vehicles	151,476.00	79,476.00	-	72,000.00
85500	Equipment SOCIAL SERVICES	75,000.00	50,012.50	-	24,987.50
50000	Salary & Wages - FT	48,519.09	28,821.66	-	19,697.43
50020 51000	Salary & Wages - Ö/T Over 1.5 Fringe - FT	0.67 38,960.72	2,718.97 16,146.67		-2,718.30 22,814.05
53000	Supplies Software/Licenses	5,522.08	3,490.40	1,707.21	324.47
53010 54000	Contractual	220,955.91	168,295.3300	47,927.14	4,733.44
57000 59071	Indirect Costs Direct Assist - Income Support	31,344,000.00	263.65 8,927,500.00		-263.65 22,416,500.00
59072	Direct Assist - Hardship	27,057,500.00	5,437,600.00	-	21,619,900.00
53000	SENIOR SERVICES Supplies	200,000.00	176,456.08	8,973.70	14,570.22
53000	FOOD DISTRIBUTION Supplies	397,590,75	23,942.87	54,411.80	319,236.08
59050	Food Purchases	397,590.75 201,738.96 90,000.00	85,726.20	54,411.80 116,012.76 7,628.80	82,371.20
85170 85400	Construction Vehicles	38,656.48 94,882.39	- -	- 1	38,656.48
03 100	COMMUNITY RESEARCH &	94,882.39	-	63,417.60	31,464.79
55210	DEVELOPMENT Communications - Other	-	_	-	-
50000	SECRETARY OF EDUCATION	2 222 44	1 010 10		1 2 5 2 2 1
50000 50020	Salary& Wages- FT Salary& Wages - O/T over 1.5	2,980.44 114,900.10	1,010.63 22,907.57	-	1,969.81 91,992.53
51000 53000	Fringe - FT Supplies	67,500.42	7,327.73		60,172.69
57000	Indirect Costs	1,559,513.00	2,065.58	532,653.90	1,026,859.10 -2,065.58
59073 59220	Direct Assistance - Ed Support Grants	2,260,900.00 500,000.00	2,056,829.61	-	204,070.39 500,000.00
53000	MCN MEAT PROCESSING PLANT		-		
85010	Supplies Architect & Engineering	100,000.00 1,000,000.00	591,630.38	267,952.62	100,000.00 140,417.00
85170 85500	Construction	12,000,000.00 1,400,000.00	2,000.0000	267,952.62 11,516,653.00 1,189,191.31	481,347.00 210,808.69
03300	Equipment REAL ESTATE SERVICES	1,100,000.00		1,107,171.51	210,000.07
54000	Contractual	9,628.00	810.00	-	8,818.00
53000	CULTURAL CENTER & ARCHIVES Supplies	-	-	-	-
	CULTURAL PRESERVATION	2 000 00			
53000 59220	Supplies Grants	2,000.00 2,725,000.00	249,998.95	-	2,000.00 2,475,001.05
50100	TRIBAL CONSTRUCTION Salary & Wages - PT/Other		,		, ,
51100	Fringe - PT/Other	85,608.00 10,701.00	12,466.80 1,443.86		73,141.20 9,257.14
53000 85010	Supplies Architect & Engineering	25,000.00	3,110.00 13,003.70	4,270.00 -13,003.70	17,620.00
85170	Construction	9,210,382.00	1,746,954.57	8,452,989.70	-989,562.27
85500	Equipment SECRETARY OF INTERIOR AFFAIRS	73,000.00	-	-	73,000.00
58010	Construction	301,092.00	-	301,092.00	-
53000	OFFICE OF JUSTICE Supplies	26,800.00		26 800 00	300.60
54000	Contractual	26,800.00 26,738.00	_	26,800.00 26,738.00	2,000.00
54000	OFFICE OF TAX COMMISSION Contractual	36,300.00	-	-	36,300.00
55300 85500	Bldg Maint/Repairs	340.80 1.03	-	-	340.80 1.03
	Equipment CITIZENSHIP BOARD				
53000 53010	Supplies Software/Licenses	316,797.50 5,649.00	30,815.00	34,269.00	251,713.50 5,649.00
54000	Contractual	50,500.00	10,000.00	-	40,500.00
85500	Equipment LIGHTHORSE ADMINISTRATION	36,258.00	_		36,258.00
85500	Equipment	60,000.00	-	28,500.00	31,500.00
F2000	NATIONAL COUNCIL	(25.00		623.34	1.66
53000	Supplies DISTRICT COURT	625.00		023.34	1.66
53000 53310	Supplies	918.23 10,512.00 176,011.68	-	10,512.00	918.23 0.00
JJJ10	Equipment Maint/Repair Equipment	176,011.68	-	10,512.00 170,421.68	5,590.00
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