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MCN DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CONTINUES TO DISTRIBUTE COVID VACCINATIONS

SECRETARY OF HEALTH SHAWN TERRY SHARES INFORMATION ABOUT THE ROLLOUT OF VACCINES

Lani Hansen
SENIOR REPORTER

OKMULGEE, Okla-
homa– The Muscogee (Creek) Nation Department of Health are busy pushing out vaccinations weekly.

During a LiveWire with Mvskoke Vision, MCN Secretary of Health Shawn Terry released information from the first round of vaccination distributions up until week three on Jan. 5. The first round there was about 460 doses of Pfizer vaccine, this went out to the MCNDH employees.

Week two there was about 1,500 doses of Moderna vaccines, finishing up with health employees and beginning the distribution



COVID vaccinations are being pushed out weekly beginning with MCNDH employees and ending with citizens. (Submission)

to tribal employees.

“We started working through a list of our elders too,” Terry said. “Each of our facilities has a list of patients that are over the age of 65 or they have some high risk factors. The list goes from the oldest to the youngest.”

Now that most of the schools are returning to in-person, Terry said they have been working with schools asking them to start putting a list together in case there is leftover vaccinations.

“In the beginning of week three we received another 1,500 doses of Moderna vaccinations,” Terry said. “So this round we will vaccinate elders and more employees.”

During week three there

was a hold on Wednesday Jan. 6 where health did not distribute vaccinations. The same week for round two they started distributing Pfizer vaccinations again but to the same health employees who received it first.

“In the first two weeks we gave out roughly 1,900 doses of vaccines,” Terry said.

Since they are still working with employees and elders, there is no scheduled date to when citizens will get vaccinated. Terry said they hope to give out vaccinations to citizens who do not fall under the higher risk within a few weeks.

The Pfizer vaccines they have received have only been for the health employ-

ees, and once the shipment comes they have five days to distribute. The Moderna vaccines can be stored up to one month.

Terry added how important the vaccine is by saying, “We had both Okemah and Okmulgee hospitals full. Our emergency room and hospital beds were both full and we could not transfer any patients to Tulsa. We have seen many of our citizens pass away. This has been a devastating virus, and we need people to get vaccinated.”

With this vaccine, they are wanting to help and protect MCN citizens.

For more information about the COVID vaccine through MCN, call 918-758-3601.

DEWAR TAKES HOME GOLD BALL

THE DRAGONS WIN THE STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS FOR THE FIRST TIME EVER FOR DEWAR PUBLIC SCHOOLS



The Dewar Dragons and their head coach Joshua Been hoist their Class B gold ball state championship into the air after beating their rivals the Levern Tigers on Dec. 18th. (Submission)

REINTEGRATION PROGRAM RECEIVES GRANT FROM DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

THE GRANT FUNDS WILL BE USED FOR A NEW WELLNESS CENTER AND HELPING CLIENTS

Lani Hansen
SENIOR REPORTER

HENRYETTA, Okla-
homa– The Muscogee (Creek) Nation Reintegration Program received funds to help better services and began a building project.

The funding came from the Department of Justice, they received a grant that will be used in two different purpose areas. Purpose area three grant will be used for case management services and behavior health services. The funds spent will be for clients and sending them to rehab.

“If the clients who come through our office don’t have anywhere to stay or they can’t pass the drug test, we’ll give them the option to go into rehab,” Outreach Specialist Mark Harjo said. “Or if we have someone who has been in the program a little while and they go away for a weekend, when they come back they have to take a drug test and if they fail we send them to rehab.”

Sending their clients to rehab is the main reason reintegration went after the grant, and utilizing behavior health services. They use

MCN behavior health currently and will continue to use it as much as they can, but sometimes they may use other outside resources.

“We will also utilize this grant in helping citizens pay for drug court fees,” Harjo added.

Drug tests costs every time a citizen goes in to take it, which could be four to six times a week and may cost up to a couple hundred dollars. They also add on paying for monthly fees, which could get expensive according to Harjo.

“Like I said that is why we’re going to use that grant for that purpose area to utilize case management services,” Harjo said. “It’s very broad, we don’t have specific detail on what it can and can’t be used for so we just left it open.”

Some of the reasons they left the grant open is to help clients get their birth certificates, state ID, driver’s license, reinstatement fees and help with finding their clients a job.

Citizens who wish to receive help from the Reintegration Program must be enrolled Muscogee (Creek), pass a drug screening, new criteria must have a negative result from COVID-19

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Morgan Taylor

REPORTER

DEWAR, Oklahoma – On Dec. 18, the 21-man football team Dewar Dragons traveled down to Alva, OK in the new MCN Charter bus, to meet their rivals Laverne Tigers for the Class B football state championship.

Dewar Public Schools have a high number of Native American students. Over half

of the football team is made up of Muscogee (Creek) citizens as well the Head Coach Joshua Been.

Been is a Dewar Alum and just finished his fifteenth year coaching the Dewar Dragons with an overall record of 163-52.

Heading into the championship game, the Dragons had gone undefeated all season long, 13-0.

“This is definitely one of those situations where we had fallen short the last few years and felt like we had big opportunities,” Been said. “Our expectations were

extremely high; we had a lot of returning starters and felt like we had a lot of pieces to the puzzle to make it happen.”

In 2007 was the last time the Dragons went to the state finals where they were runners-up, until this year where they took home their first ever gold ball with a win of 38-20 against the Laverne Tigers.

Defensively, the team only allowed 5.3 points per game over the course of the season. “That’s something we are extremely proud of,” Been adds.

For the season, offensively, the team averaged 109 yards passing per game and around 320 yards rushing per game.

Dragons quarterback Joey Fowler was named Class B Football Offensive Player of the Year. Fowler accounted for 64 touchdowns and 3,842 yards for the season pre-championship game.

Shawn Maxwell, Tylor Maldonado, Thomas Brownfield, Baylor Selby, Micah Cloud, and Marshall Been were other players named by Coach Been for their hard work for the 2020 season.

“We are pretty excited about this win and doing this for the community,” Been said. “We are so proud of them and happy for them and as a coach I thank God for the opportunity to be the coach of Dewar where I graduated.”

“I came back home 15 years ago with a plan and over the course time and a lot of football games, I am excited this group could be the ones to finish it,” Been said.

According to Coach Been, he has high hopes for next football season.

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test, no warrants out in any county, must have a felony conviction and reside in the MCN jurisdiction.

Harjo said numbers vary on how many clients they help a day, because they do receive phone calls from family members or those who are incarcerated. In Henryetta, the program has living facilities for their cli-

ents and right now due to the pandemic there are six clients who live in those facilities compared to the 25 they started with.

Harjo added they are looking to expand the facilities with the other part of

the grant in purpose area four which will be utilized for construction. They plan on building a wellness center for their clients.

“The wellness center will be like a workout facility,” Harjo added. “It will have a

half-court basketball court, there will be a weight room, a recreational room for a pool table and other games as well.”

For more information contact the Reintegration Program at 918-549-2620.

CITIZENS WIN AWARDS IN ART SHOW

THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES MUSEUM HOLDS ANNUAL ART SHOW FOR ELITE MASTER ARTIST

Morgan Taylor

REPORTER

MUSKOGEE, Oklahoma – The Five Civilized Tribes Museum held its 47th Annual Master Artist Show through the month of Nov. The show included 46 master artists from each of the Five Civilized Tribes: Cherokee, Chickasaw, Choctaw, Muscogee (Creek), and Seminole tribes.

Out of 46 master artists who participated in the show, two Muscogee (Creek) citizens took home awards. Jon Mark Tiger of Eufaula and Sandy Wilson of Morris were both

awarded the Spirit of Oklahoma Awards.

According to Five Civilized Tribes Executive Director Sean Barney, master artist is a special category of artists that are considered established in their career.

“The Masters show started in 1973,” Barney said. “There was a group that would always win at competitive shows so they came up with the idea to start a Masters Artist Program and the only way the could compete was with other master artist.”

Master artist are only allowed to compete in this show at the museum and

according to Barney the criteria to qualify is outrageous.

“Jon Mark Tiger has been a master artist since 2012,” Barney said. “Sandy Wilson is our newest master artist. She became a master artist in 2017.”

Artist talent varies from painting, carving, textiles, sculpting and even weaving.

“Sandy does a lot of finger weaving, she also does a lot of shell carving,” Barney said. “She had two shell piece in and two finger weavings in the show.”

Wilson’s piece that won the award was a shell carving called “Cetto Mekko – Rattlesnake”.

“Everything Jon Tiger had in the show is three dimensional art,” Barney said. “The piece that won was an acrylic.”

Tiger’s acrylic painting that won the award is called “Moondance”.

Barney explained that winners are chosen based on their pieces and how they relate to the mission of the Five Civilized Tribes Museum.

“Either culturally or historically and how it relates to our mission statement,” Barney said.

According to the website of The Five Civilized Tribes Museum their missions states that they shall

preserve the history, culture, and traditions of the Five Civilized Tribes... through the acquisition and preservation of works of art, artifacts, documents, books, correspondence, and other materials pertaining to the Five Civilized Tribes, and to promote interest, knowledge, and appreciation of tribal heritage through exhibits, tours, programs, writings, and other media to all people.

The Masters Artist Show ended on Nov 30.

For more information about the Five Civilized Tribes Museum visit the website at www.fivetribes.org

MCN CHEF TRAVELS AND TEACHES TRADITIONAL FOODS

CITIZEN USES HIS SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE TO TEACH TRADITIONAL FOOD MAKING



Anthony Warrior enjoys teaching a traditional meal at the Santee Health Center in NE. (Submission)

Morgan Taylor

REPORTER

MACY, Nebraska – Anthony Warrior is a citizen of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation and a chef of traditional foods.

Warrior currently lives in Macy, NE where he works at the Nebraska Indian Community College as well as owns his catering business called Warrior’s Palate.

Being chef, Warrior enjoys traveling around to different areas not only learning but also teaching traditional ways of cooking and eating.

“I cook traditional foods for many different nations,” Warrior said. “I’ve had the opportunity to travel across the United States and work for many tribes.”

Warrior has worked with tribes across Oklahoma all

the way to New York.

“The whole thing of teaching as a chef you really have to show them ingredients are available in that area, which ones you can forage and educate people on the traditional ways of eating instead of all the preservatives and processed foods we have now,” Warrior said. “It definitely has it perks of being healthier and learning to make it in such a way that it is palatable.”

As a teacher, Warrior tries to incorporate nutrition into meal making. He claims he used nutritional and traditional cooking to fight off his diabetes.

According to Warrior, each tribal nation has somewhat of its own cuisine, which he has learned through his traveling experiences.

“The journey of corn from South America across

the west and to where it is now, we have a lot of variations from what it once was,” Warrior said. “I will say that Mvskoke people have played a really big hand in making corn palatable to eat and we can utilize this nowadays. All the way across the nation, we have been able to find different remedies and different things to eat.”

When Warrior started cooking 25 years ago things were much different.

“We are bringing back a lot of items like beaver, beaver tail and we have eaten a lot muskrat in the North,” Warrior said. “We have been using stuff like gator in the south. Different regions have brought different experiences in life.”

Warrior gets his Creek heritage from his grand-

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mother.
Some of his meal preparations include traditional game meats but does not beat making his favorite meal.
“I do a lot of traditional meats,” Warrior said. “A lot of deer, a lot of squirrel soups but one of the things I really enjoy making and what most from ceremonial grounds

know me for is making sofke. Over the year’s I’ve never been able to perfect it but I’ve done my best. I personally really enjoy the traditional corn drink.”
Warrior claims that he even prepares Native American dishes for his family during the holidays.
“We just did what we refer to as blue bread which includes grapes and corn,” Warrior said. “We also had grape dumplings to add some

sweetness to the meal. We do wild onions for the spring and for the fall we did some quail and pheasant. Last year we had cat tail soup.”
Warrior says for those interested in seeking recipes, the easiest way is to join a group on social media where they share those recipes with each other. He himself can be found on Facebook as Anthony Warrior for those with further questions on recipes or where to find groups.

MCN DEPARTMENT OF
EDUCATION AND TRAINING
RECEIVES GRANT FUNDING

THE ACE GRANT WILL PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHOICES IN
EDUCATION FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Morgan Taylor
REPORTER
OKMULGEE, Oklahoma - The Muscogee (Creek) Nation Department of Education and Training was awarded the ACE Grant in the amount of \$4,371,256 to be dispensed over the next five years. The ACE “Accessing Choices in Education” grant was awarded by the U.S. Department of Education.

According to MCN Department of Education and Training Federal Programs Administrator Sarah Price, it is an expansion of the Native Youth Community Project Demonstration Grant.
“ACE is all about accessibility for choices that support academic needs for students,” Price said. “We are looking to support about 2,000 students within our whole reservation.”
Price explains for this first

year of the grant, lasting until Sept 30, 2021 is considered a year of non-service planning and will expend just under \$600,000 of the grant funds.
“This planning year is so we can get the services set up,” Price said. “We will have a multitude of outside contractors for services. We have not named those contractor yet but everything we are offering will be research
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UNION PUBLIC SCHOOLS
MASCOT UPDATE

UPS IS REACHING OUT TO COMMUNITY MEMBERS FOR IDEAS ON
A NEW MASCOT

Morgan Taylor
REPORTER
TULSA, Oklahoma – Tulsa area community members are getting involved in a team mascot debate that hits close to home.
Union Public Schools (UPS) is a large school with 19 sites located in Tulsa and southeast Broken Arrow. For many years, the mascot of UPS was the ‘Redskins’. This was represented by an image of a Native American in a head dress.
An issue for some for many years the mascot has been seen as racist toward the Native American culture. With the recent changing of the mascot from the Washington NFL team, the Union School Board recognized the need to re-evaluate their own mascot.

Since UPS is located on the Muscogee (Creek) Reservation, Watson believes it should incorporate the Muscogee language.
“Because of where we are geographically and jurisdictionally, I would like to lean towards a Creek word,” Watson said. “Like anytime I’ve ever gone to a reservation whether it be South Dakota, Arizona, Montana, New Mexico, even Canada and on and on; local folks would say ‘You’re here on our Rez so you’re going to speak our language and were going to teach you something today,” Watson said.
Watson reiterates, “Since the opportunity has presented itself, let’s use it to educate people.”
According to the UPS Chief Communications Officer Chris Payne, there are many things to consider in the upcoming changes.

artworks and things that are not Redskin’ related sprinkled throughout the buildings.”
UPS does not intend to get rid of everything that resembles Native Americans.
“It’s not about cleansing or to get rid of Native American culture at all,” Payne said. “We are hoping to get tribal representatives to help assist in those decisions on things were not sure of. We do want to be respectful and for us that’s been a really big consideration on this.”
Although some have found offense to the name, some have not.
“Many alumni that are Native American have said they do not find the mascot offensive, but then there are many who have,” Payne said. “If even one person feels offended then that’s divisive and that’s not something Union should be.”
The overall goal has always been to be sensitive and respectful for all tribes according to Payne.
“We are taught to show honor to Native American heritage because that’s such a strong presence in our state,” Payne said. “I think that’s been our honest feelings about it. Regardless, we are friends to the tribes and we just want to be respectful. That does not mean everything Native American has to go away.”
As far as the decision making for the mascot, Payne said another committee will be formed along with input from students.

In a meeting held on July 13, the UPS Board of Education met with this item on the agenda. It was decided that a board of 35 people would be formed for the single purpose of deciding if UPS would continue to use the mascot.
After spending many hours of research and delegation, on Nov. 9 another meeting was held where the use of their current logo and mascot would be erased. Now begins the process on what the next steps will be in choosing a new mascot.
Concerned citizen and employee of MCN Julian Watson hopes to see the Mvskoke language incorporated into the decision of the new mascot. Watson was pledged as a Goodwill Ambassador by former Principal Chief A.D. Ellis, an unpaid position.
“We could have the students pick an animal or element and have that be the mascot,” Watson said. “We could use traditional language to you know, educate people. I haven’t ever heard of a school that went about educating on that level.”

“The board was very clear from the beginning that we were going to make this a two-step process,” Payne said. “They really did want input from the committee whether to keep the name or get rid of it and then we would revisit it in the event it was decided to get rid of it, which they did do.”
The next step of the process has yet to be discussed but Payne expects it to be something for the year 2021.
“We are going to take some time for this decision,” Payne said. “Union has a strong name on its own, and there has been thought of moving forward just as Union with no mascot at all, but I think we will want to have a mascot.”
Currently, one of the main focuses of UPS is the existing structures, artifacts, and logos already in place in the buildings.
“For example, in our high school we have a tile floor that has the word ‘Redskin’ on it,” Payne said. “We are questioning if we will be removing things like that. There are other things like

“We want people involved in this decision,” Payne said. “We have got a lot to think about. We don’t want do anything that’s going to cause disrespect. We are just starting down this road. I would love to find other meaningful ways to engage with the Native American heritage.”
Concerned community members are welcome to email input, ideas, or comments to mascot@unionps.org



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EXPANSIONS FOR DISTRICT COURTROOMS PASS THROUGH NATIONAL COUNCIL

FUNDING FOR MANY PROJECTS HAVE BEEN APPROVED FOR VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS

Lani Hansen
SENIOR REPORTER

OKMULGEE, Okla-
homa — A Muscogee
(Creek) Nation National
Council meeting was held
Dec. 19.

The National Council
addressed the following leg-
islation, the interpretation
of which is attributed to lan-
guage in the bills:

TR 20-198 To execute a
project agreement between
the Board of Trustees of
Western Michigan Uni-
versity and the Muscogee
(Creek) Nation. Sponsored
by Rep. Joyce Deere.
The project agreement
sets out terms and condi-
tions for the service of MCN
WIC Program to provide the
nutrition education require-
ment. Passed 13-0.

TR 20-199 Confirm-
ing the nomination of Dean
Hughes to serve on the Col-
lege of Muscogee Nation
Board of Regents. Spon-
sored by Rep. James Jen-
nings.

If approved the Principal
Chief’s nomination Dean
Hughes, will serve on the
Board of Regents beginning
upon the confirmation and
expiring on Sept. 30, 2025.
Passed 13-0.

TR 20-200 Resolution of
the MCN authorizing the
Principal Chief to execute
a Memorandum of Under-
standing with the Muskogee
City-County Port Author-
ity for the maintenance of
roadways and associated
rights-of-way constructed
or improved by the MCN
Tribal Transportation Pro-
gram. Sponsored by Rep.
Charles McHenry.

The MCN and the Musk-
ogee City-County Port
Authority enter a Memoran-
dum of Understanding for
the maintenance of public
roadways and associated
rights-of-way constructed by
MCN Tribal Transportation
Program. Passed 13-0.

TR 20-201 Resolution of
the MCN authorizing the
execution of a grant agree-
ment with the United States
Department of the Inte-
rior, National Park Service
awarding funds to the His-
toric and Cultural Preserva-
tion Department. Sponsored
by Rep. McHenry.

The MCN Historic
and Cultural Preserva-
tion Department was
awarded \$66,126 from the

U.S. Department of Inte-
rior, National Park Service.
Funds will be used to ensure
the protection and preserva-
tion of valued Mvskoke his-
toric and cultural resources,
including sacred places, cul-
tural sites, cultural remains
and Mvskoke history for
future generations. Passed
13-0.

TR 20-205 Confirming
the nomination of Carmin
Tecumseh-Williams to serve
as Secretary of Community
and Human Services of the
Muscogee (Creek) Nation.
Sponsored by Rep. Mark
Randolph.

If approved the Principal
Chief’s nomination Carmin
Tecumseh-Williams, will
serve as the Secretary of
Community and Human
Services beginning upon the
confirmation and ending
with the term of the current
Principal Chief. Failed 4-9.
Those against were Lucian
Tiger III, Mary Crawford,
Joyce Deere, Joseph Hicks,
James Jennings, Adam Jones,
William Lowe, Anna Mar-
shal and Thomasene Yaho-
la-Osborn.

TR 20-206 Resolu-
tion of the MCN authoriz-
ing the MCN Department
of Housing to purchase a
48-Unit apartment complex
in Okmulgee, OK for the
purpose of rental housing.
Sponsored by Rep. Thom-
asene Yahola Osborn.

MCN Housing is request-
ing approval for the pur-
chase of 2800 N Osage Place
Okmulgee, OK from Briar-
wood, 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. Passed 13-0.

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.

New routes have been
identified within the
Nation’s Reservation that
the Nation intends to add
the Nation’s National Tribal
Transportation Facility
Inventory and plan to utilize
funds to assist in the cost
of future road design, envi-
ronmental, construction,
maintenance, and planning.
Passed 13-0.

TR 20-208 Confirm-
ing the nomination of Selina
Jayne-Dornan to serve on the
Muscogee (Creek) Nation
Election Board. Sponsored
by Rep. Randall Hicks.

If approved the Principal
Chief’s nomination Selina
Jayne-Dornan, will serve on
the Election Board Position
4 beginning upon confirma-
tion anf ending on May 31,
2025. Passed 10-3. Those
against were Lucian Tiger
III, Joyce Deere and Joseph
Hicks.

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 Facil-
ity Inventory and requesting
the Bureau of Indian Affairs
add these new routes to the
Nation’s Tribal Transpor-
tation Facility Inventory.
Sponsored by Rep. Josphe
Hicks.

New routes have been
identified within the Nation’s
Reservation that the Nation
intends to add the Nation’s
National Tribal Transpor-
tation Facility Inventory.
The MCN is requesting the
Bureau of Indian Affairs to
add the requested new routes
to the Nation’s National
Tribal Transportation Facil-
ity Inventory. Passed 13-0.

TR 20-210 Execute an
Attorney-Client agree-
ment for legal services with
the Law Firm of Connor
and Winters LLP on behalf
of the Muscogee (Creek)
Nation. Sponsored by Rep.
Robert Hufft.

The Muscogee (Creek)
Nation Office of the Attor-
ney General is seeking to
secure specialized legal ser-
vices. With the Tulsa law
firm of Connor and Win-
ters LLP, it has a legal staff
possessing significant expe-
rience with tax matters.
Passed 13-0.

TR 20-211 Execute a
Memorandum of Under-
standing between the
United States Department
of Veteran Affairs, East-
ern Oklahoma VA Health
Care System and the MCN
Lighthorse Police Depart-
ment. Sponsored by Rep.
William Lowe.

There is a need to
establish general work-
ing relationships between
the Eastern Oklahoma
VA Healthcare System
(EOVAHCS) Police Service
and the MCN Lighthorse
PD as a means of reinforc-

ing interagency coordina-
tion and responsibility concern-
ing law enforcement, emer-
gency response, requests for
assistance and physical secu-
rity access control operations
at EOVAHCS locations
with the MCN Reservation.
Passed 13-0.

TR 20-212 Execute var-
ious agreements and adden-
dums with the United States
Department of Justice for
participation in the Tribal
Access Program and approv-
ing policies for participation
in the Tribal Access Pro-
gram. Sponsored by Rep.
Lowe.

This will allow the
Nation’s Office of Attor-
ney General, Lighthorse
PD, Children and Family
Services, Child Support
Enforcement, Child Protec-
tive Services, District Trial
Court, Head Start, Child
Care, and Lighthorse Police
SORNA with direct access
to the Department of Justice
Criminal Justice Informa-
tion Network. Passed 13-0.

TR 20-213 To submit
a 2020 Energy and Min-
eral Development Program
(EMDP) Grant application.
Sponsored by Rep. Joseph
Hicks.

This program provides
financial assistance to fed-
erally recognized tribes
and Indian allottees on
trust lands to evaluate their
energy (conventional and
renewable), and mineral
resource potential on their
lands. Passed 13-0.

TR 20-214 Confirming
the nomination of Daniel
Wind III to serve as the
Chief of the Lighthorse
Administration. Sponsored
by Rep. Thomasene Yahola
Osborn.

If approved the Principal
Chief’s nomination Daniel
Wind III, will serve as Chief
of the Lighthorse Adminis-
tration beginning upon con-
firmation and ending with
the concurrent term of cur-
rent Principal Chief. Failed
4-9. Those against were
Travis Scott, Lucian Tiger
III, Mary Crawford, Pat-
rick Freeman, Joseph Hicks,
James Jennings, Adam
Jones, William Lowe and
Anna Marshall.

TR 20-215 To execute an
outlease agreement between
the Muscogee (Creek)
Nation, by and through the
District Court, and the
United States Postal Ser-
vice for the lease of certain
real property located at 111
W. 4TH Street, Okmulgee,

Oklahoma 74447. Spon-
sored by Rep. Patrick Free-
man.

The Outlease Agree-
ment is a contract between
the Nation, District Court
and UPS, to allow addi-
tional courthouse space for
the District Court on the
second floor of real property
located in the above address.
Passed 13-0.

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

Representative McHenry
made a motion to amend
lines 20-21 to correct leg-
islation. The funds of
\$66,126.00 will be used
to fund the position of the
THPO for the purpose of
protection and preserva-
tion of valued Mvskoke his-
toric and cultural resources,
including sacred places, cul-
tural sites, cultural remains
and Mvskoke history for
future generations. Passed
13-0.

NCA 20-098 Amending
MCNCA Title 16, substi-
tute 1-108, entitled “Com-
missions no substitution for
joint approval of appoint-
ments.” Sponsored by Rep.
Lucian Tiger III.

The new law emphasizes
no individual that is tempo-
rarily appointed by commis-
sion for more than 30 days
will be recognized by the
National Council as prop-
erly commissioned. Passed
11-2. Those against were
Thomasene Yahola-Osborn
and Travis Scott.

NCA 20-099 Law of the
MCN appropriating addi-
tional funds for the con-
struction of the Okmulgee
Indian Community Center.
Sponsored by Rep. James
Jennings.

Due to an increase in
the cost of materials for the
construction project for the
new center, there is an addi-
tional need of funds in the
amount of \$784,780.00.
This will put the total cost
thus far at \$2,669,080.00.
Funds are available through
Capital Improvement Funds
and \$2.8 million remain
in the account after fund-
ing \$784,780.00. Postponed
Indefinitely 13-0.

For audio of committee
meetings visit: www.mcnn.com

ACE

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based.”

As of right now, the MCN
Department of Education and
Training has partnered with
four districts for the purpose
of the ACE Grant. Districts
include Bearden, Ryal, Dewar
and Eufaula along with other
potential partnerships.

“We did a needs assessment
to determine where the needs
were,” Price said. “There were
a lot of services available to ser-
vices in urban school districts
and a lot of services that aren’t
in the rural areas. We looked at
some indicators like the percent-
age of native students, economi-
cally disadvantaged, percentages
of absences, truancies, ACT
scores and those sort of things.”

Though these partner-
ships exist, funding regard-

ing this program is available to
any Native American/Alaskan
Native student living within the
Muscogee Reservation.

“At this moment, we have
identified six options for ser-
vices,” Price said. “Concur-
rent or dual enrollment, books,
materials or education technolo-
gies, tutoring, testing and appli-
cation fees including testing
preparation, and a high school
native studies class that is after
school.”

Price says by Oct 1, 2021 a
website will be developed where
students and parents can access
information and applications
regarding the ACE Grant.

As of right now, details about
the funding are being researched
for specific uses and ways to
determine funding limitations.

Price believes this grant will
promote the success of current
students and the future of the
MCN.

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INTRODUCING NEW CABINET MEMBER

REVIS STARTED HER NEW POSITION AS CHIEF OF STAFF ON DEC. 9

Morgan Taylor
REPORTER

OKMULGEE, Okla-
homa – The Muscogee
(Creek) Nation welcomes
new cabinet member Tracie
Revis as Chief of Staff.

Revis has worked for the
tribe in various capacities
starting with an internship
with the MCN National
Council during her time in
law school. After graduating
law school, Revis clerked for
the MCN National Council.
“A Chief of Staff is
the gatekeeper between
the Executive Branch and
everyone else,” Revis said.
“Right now, my capac-
ity will involve two roles as
Chief of Staff and somewhat
the Tribal Administrator.”

As Chief of Staff, Revis
is responsible for pushing
full agendas in the legisla-
tive meetings, is a member
of the cabinet and advising
the Chief.

As a Tribal Administra-
tor, Revis oversees different
departments which include
IT, Human Resources, and
Facilities.

Revis is citizen of the
MCN and has Uchee heri-
tage and grew up in Tulsa,
OK.

“Growing up I was always
told go out into the world and
get your education and come
back,” Revis said. “My gen-
eration is some of the first
to be non-boarding school
kids and to have opportuni-
ties to have another type of
life.”

“After traveling from



Tracie Revis confirmed Chief of
Staff for the MCN.
(Submission)

D.C. to California and back
from California, I am bring-
ing back home the experi-
ences I learned,” Revis said.

Through travels and
experiences, Revis says she
has always worked in Indian
Country until recently.

“I worked in a different
setting to see if I could learn
new ways of leaderships and
innovation to bring back to
my tribe, especially during
this pandemic to look at
how we can do business dif-
ferently,” Revis said. “Its
an opportunity to see how
we can stretch our creative
thinking powers, be better
more innovative about tech-

nology, different roles and
positions, trainings, and
whatever we can do and
things that I hope I can
bring back.”

Stepping into this posi-
tion during the middle
of the pandemic has been
somewhat nerve-racking
Revis claims.

“I was in California mon-
itoring everything going on
and seeing the communities
and community members
that were impacted, it was a
scary thought coming back
home,” Revis said. “But for
me, it was an opportunity
to come back and be smart
about it by masking up and
bringing that public aware-
ness wherever I can go.”

Revis is assured that the
MCN citizens and staff can
be confident with her in
position.

“One thing I can say is
I understand Indian Coun-
try,” Revis said. “I grew up
traditional, I grew up on
my ceremonial grounds, so I
come with that part and the
ambition that wants to be
the best. I think that comes
from training, making sure
we give our staff the best
opportunities and the tools
to take an honest look some-
times at what everybody is
doing that we step back and
see the full picture and asses
the problem.”

Revis started her new
position on Dec. 9 after
being confirmed in the
prior MCN National Coun-
cil meeting.

Mvskeke Media wel-
comes and congratulates
Revis on her new position.

AT-LARGE CITIZEN TAKES CARE OF COVID PATIENTS IN OHIO HOSPITAL

MUSCOGEE CITIZEN SHARES HER EXPERIENCE WORKING THE COVID UNIT

Lani Hansen
SENIOR REPORTER

YELLOW SPRINGS,
Ohio– Muscogee (Creek) citi-
zen Chasilee Crawford is an ICU
nurse working in the COVID-
19 unit at Springfield Regional
Medical Center.

After a day of working on the
COVID unit floor, she went to
Facebook and shared a post about
her life working with COVID
patients and how they are fighting
for their lives. She had described it
as sadness, weariness and frustra-
tion according to a Yellow Springs
news article.

In her post she has said, ‘I had
two patients, one younger than
me and one only a few years older.
Both fighting for their lives from
the coronavirus,’ the post went
on. ‘I thought I was going to lose
my young patient yesterday after
we intubated her. But between
the respiratory therapists and my
coworkers, we managed to prone
her immediately and she survived.
I spent the rest of the day stabiliz-
ing her.’

She had continued in the post
explaining before they intubated
the patient, that the husband
called begging to see his wife not
knowing if she was going to make
it. The best she could do was Face-
Time or zoom call. Through-
out that day she could hear codes,
helicopters in the air and her
coworkers running the halls. At

the end of that day she sat down
and was able to say a prayer for her
patients, coworkers and everyone
affected by the virus.

“I actually made this post right
before work the next morning,”
Crawford said. “I told others that
it was just another one of those
hard days, just seems like we’ve
had a lot of those lately.”

They have patients who are
much younger than Crawford,
and she is caring for them and
helping them fight for their lives.
This virus that has brought in so
many patients has taken a mental
and physical toll on Crawford and
her colleagues. There are days she
goes home and cries, wondering if
she is doing the right thing for her
patientns.

With the restrictions hospitals
have for not allowing families to
come in, the nurses are the ones
who are holding a patients hand
who is on a ventilator and telling
them to fight.

“It is so hard and mentally
exhausting, because again some-
times I go home and cry,” Craw-
ford said. “It has been day after
day since March.”

At Springfield Regional Med-
ical Center they have eight desig-
nated ICU rooms. Crawford said
since the second wave of COVID
hit, they had to make shift the
step-down beds for ICU rooms.
They had to double their ICU
beds since the virus. At one time,

CITIZEN - 6



Now Is the Time...Don't Wait



June was an active 63-year-old woman. She volunteered at community events, visited weekly homebound friends, helped care for her grandkids, and didn't slow down for much. All this ended one afternoon when June passed out while cooking at a community event.

She was rushed to the hospital. Friends and family filled the waiting room impatiently waiting to find out what had happened. After what seemed like an eternal wait, the Doctor walked out and let them know she had a stroke. Due to the severity of the stroke several medical, long term care, and financial decisions needed to be made. That is where the real problem arose. June did not have an assigned Durable Power of Attorney (POA) to make all these important decisions.

What would you do if one of your loved ones became incapacitated and were unable to make medical decisions? How would you prove you were their choice for making decisions for them? A POA is one of the most important documents we can execute. Without a signed notarized POA in place, most states will not allow parents of adult children nor spouses to make medical decisions without legal documentation due to privacy concerns.

When the power of attorney is durable, it allows you to give another person or persons permission to make medical and/or financial decisions on your behalf. It is important to make sure the POA is durable because there is language within the document which gives authority if you become incapacitated. Also make sure it is for financial and medical not just one or the other.

Accidents happen no matter the age or we could experience an unexpected illness. Both could cause us to be unable to sign legal documents for ourselves or make appropriate medical or financial choices. Having a POA in place gives the person of your choosing, the power to assist with important matters such as long-term medical care, rehabilitation, or paying a financial payment. It is important to assign at least two representatives in case your first choice is unable or unwilling to serve.

A durable power of attorney will typically go in to effect at the time of signing the document and stay valid until the creator revokes it and it is automatically terminated upon the death of the creator. Choose a responsible person(s) over the age of 18 that you feel is accountable and trustworthy to manage your affairs.

You do not have to go through an attorney to complete a POA. You may choose to use one of the free forms on-line (see links below) to complete your medical and financial POA. Carefully review each portion of the document to make sure it reflects your desires related to medical and financial decisions. The POA will need to be singed in front of a notary and witness to be valid and legal.

<https://eforms.com/power-of-attorney/ok/> (There is a video at the bottom of this link)
<https://powerofattorney.com/oklahoma/>
<https://powerofattorneyforms.com/ok/>
These sites do not have a combined Durable Power of Attorney (POA) that covers medical and financial, so you will need to complete one for each.

You don't want to find yourself in a situation where you are waiting weeks to months for the courts to help after a loved one's incapacitation. Being proactive now, will help you and your loved ones in the event something happens.

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.

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Chasilee Crawford is an ICU nurse working in the COVID-19 unit in Yellow Springs, Ohio. (Submission)

Crawford said they had up to 18 patients on ventilators at one time. "We seen more COVID patients during the fall," Crawford said. "My hospital is talking about adding a third COVID unit."

With so many COVID patients coming in and also working in the COVID unit, Crawford must wear appropriate gear. She wears a N95-style face mask and a paper mask over it, a surgical gown, surgical cap to cover her hair, goggles or a face shield. She is suited up in this for at least 12 hours a day.

After work she takes her gear off, her ID badge, phone and anything else that might have been exposed throughout her shift and places them in the ultraviolet oven which will destroy the germs. They have a "clean room" where Crawford and her colleagues wipe their shoes down with bleach, scrub their hands with antibacterial wipes and many take showers.

Before leaving to go home Crawford puts on clean clothes and shoes. Sometimes when she gets home, she will take her shower at home instead of the hospital leaving her clothes from the hospital in her garage.


Crawford added, "Front-line workers are working everyday making sure patients are being cared for and families are making sure we are doing the best we can. I couldn't do this without my coworkers. We have some really special nurses that I work with and we have all been working hard. Nurses and healthcare workers deserve to be recognized for all their efforts."




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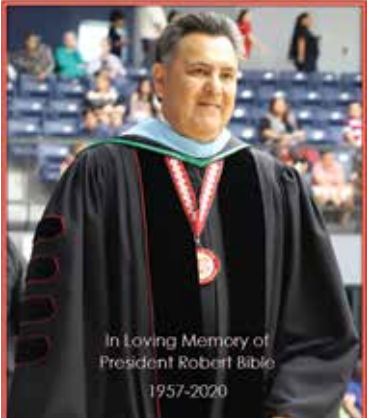
OBITUARIES





Philip Mose Berryhill
September 22, 1974 - November 12, 2020






Phillip Mose Berryhill was born Sept. 22, 1974 in Lawrence, Kansas. He was the son of Robert and Barbara Berryhill. He was an enrolled member of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation and Thlopthlocco Tribal Town. Phillip was a member of Sovereign Grace Bible Church of Ada, OK where he served with the worship teams. Phillip graduated from Haskell Indian Nations University in Lawrence, KS with his Associates Degree and from East Central University in Ada, OK with a Bachelor of Science degree in Music Performance in Vocals. Phillip served the Chickasaw Nation for thirteen years. Phillip loved working for the Chickasaw Nation as the Children's Choir Director and took pride in being a part of the annual Arts Academy held during the summer. Phillip's choir had the privilege to perform at several large events where they sang the National Anthem. A few of these places included the Oklahoma State Capital, Chesapeake Energy Arena for the Oklahoma City Thunder and Arrowhead Stadium for the Kansas City Chiefs. Phillip loved each of his students and their families through the years who were apart of his choir and those who were apart of the arts academy. He grew up in Lawrence, Kansas where he made a profession of faith while attending Haskell Baptist Mission. He was active very active with missions as well as the Baptist Student Union while in college. Phillip loved being able to worship by singing as well as playing the piano. Phillip also served at Little Quarsarty Baptist Church in Cromwell, OK where he taught the youth classes in discipleship training. He loved being able to serve those around him throughout the duration of his life. Phillip will be remembered most for his love and compassion and for his incredible singing voice. He was proceeded in death by his mother, Barbara Berryhill of Wetumka, OK, his brother Robert Berryhill Jr. (Robbie) of Lawrence, KS and his sister Marian Berryhill of Wetumka, OK. Survivors include his father Robert Berryhill Sr. of Wewoka, OK, his nephew Kyle Berryhill Sr. and his wife Kelly Berryhill of Wewoka, OK, nieces Daryn Berryhill of Wewoka, OK, Krystal Berryhill and Tiffany Berryhill of Anadarko, OK, nephews William Washington of Pratt, KS and Adam Washington of Eufaula, OK. He is also survived by a great niece Kyndall Berryhill and great nephew Kyle Berryhill Jr. of Wewoka, OK, numerous cousins, uncles, aunts and his adopted Geisler families whom he loved very much. Funeral services for Philip Berryhill were held on Nov. 19 at the First Baptist Church of Wetumka.

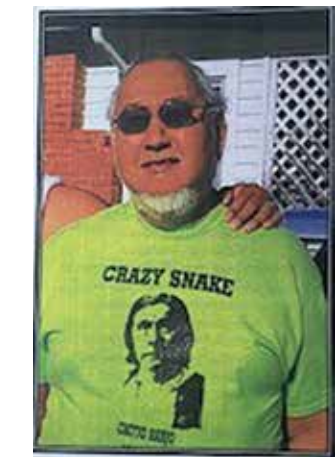


Robert Foster Bible
December 10, 1957 - December 20, 2020

Robert was born in Claremore, OK on Dec. 10, 1957 to Andy and JoAnn Bible. Robert graduated from Glenpool High School in 1976 where he enjoyed playing basketball, baseball, and football. He later graduated from Northeastern State University in Tahlequah, OK after studying Social Studies and completed his Master's degree in School Administration. Robert taught and coached at Tulsa McLain High School and was an assistant basketball coach as they became state champions in 1990. He was an Assistant Principal at Tulsa Central High School and Union Public Schools. He then served as the Principal at Checotah Public Schools and was later promoted to Superintendent while joining the College of Muscogee Nation as a Regent Member. Robert became the President of the College of Muscogee Nation in 2009 and was the longest serving President in the college's history. At the time of his passing, he was completing his studies at Grand Canyon University as a Doctoral Candidate in Organizational Leadership. He was an advocate for educational leadership for native students and adults throughout Indian Country. He served on multiple advisory boards, committees, commissions, consortiums, and clubs to promote equitable educational opportunities for the students he served. Robert enjoyed playing golf with his friends, family and wife nearly every week and watching all sports involving the University of Oklahoma. Going to the casino with Dr. James King was a favorite past time along with attending activities for his grandchildren. Robert was preceded in death by his parents, Andy Tiger, and his brothers Timmy and Phillip Bible. Robert is survived by his wife Melissa Bible, of the home; son Kellen Bible of Warner, OK and Kory Bible and his wife Whitney of Warner, OK; brother and best friend Larry Bible and his wife Shelly of Sand Springs, OK and David Bible of Okmulgee, OK; sister Billie Childers of Bixby, OK; grandchildren Landon, Kaden, Jett, Briley, Brooks, Addison, Knox and Isabelle; and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews. Arrangements were entrusted to Schaudt Funeral Service. A funeral service to honor the life of Robert was held Dec. 29, 2020 at Faith Church in Glenpool, OK. A visitation was held on Dec. 28, 2020 at Schaudt's Glenpool Chapel. Family and friends may send memories and condolences to the family online, www.schaudtfuneralservice.com

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Eddie Jacobs
Septemeber 20, 1944 -
October 28, 2020

Eddie Jacobs, a member of the Muscogee Creek Nation and resident of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, passed away on Oct. 28, 2020 at St. Anthony's Medical Center in Oklahoma City following a brief illness. Funeral ser-

vices were held on Nov. 4, 2020 at Checotah Funeral Services in Checotah. Visitation prior to the funeral was held on Nov. 3 with burial being held at the Pierce Cemetery following the funeral.

Eddie was born on Sept. 20, 1944 at W.W. Hastings Indian Hospital in Tahlequah, Ok to his parents, Johnny and Edith Walker Jacobs. Eddie attended Pierce, Oklahoma Elementary and High School where he graduated as valedictorian of his class. He attended Northeastern State University in Tahlequah where he majored in Business Administration.

Eddie devoted much of his life to Native American Indian and Five Civilized Tribes' legal issues. He served as Oklahoma Indian

Mineral Owners Association Chairman, Oklahoma Indian Land Mineral Associated Nations, Board Member of Muscogee Creek Nation Association, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, Vice-Chairman of the Creek Nation Task Force on Natural Resources, Muscogee Creek Nation, Mineral Management Service Member, and served as a member of the Royalty Management Advisory Committee (RMAC), appointed by various Secretaries of the United States Department of the Interior from 1988 through 2006. Eddie's life work was inspired by his great grandfather, Chitto Harjo also known as Crazy Snake.

Eddie was also a veteran, serving in the United States Army from 1965-1967. He

was a Payroll Finance Clerk and E-4 Specialist. Eddie was employed by and retired from Jasco Products Company on Oct. 31, 2019.

Surviving Eddie are his wife Marcianna Littleman Jacobs, their son Damien Jacobs, four grandchildren, Cecilia Jacobs, Damien Jacobs, Jr., Ra'el Jacobs, Gianna Jacobs of Oklahoma City, and one great grandson Kye McIntosh. He is also survived by stepson Anthony Walking Bear, stepdaughters: Vanesa Smith, Michele Snow, Shauna Barnett, Gladys Sweezy, and Denise Meshaya, all of Oklahoma City, and numerous grandsons and granddaughters.

Surviving also are two sisters: Betty Prince of Sequim, Washington and Faith Pemberton Castles of Walnut Creek, Califor-

nia, one niece, Susan Hope Combs, Oklahoma City; nephews Dennis Prater, Oklahoma City, Vincent Prince Sequim, Washington, Gregory Prince, Seattle Washington, James Pemberton, Jr. of South Fork, Colorado, and Brad Pemberton of Brentwood, California. He also leaves behind special cousins and their families. Preceding him in death were his parents and sister Eula Jane Prater.

He spent numerous hours with and enjoyed all of his children, grandchildren, nieces, and nephews. They enjoyed fishing and picnicking together at his home place in the Pierce Community where he will be laid to rest near his beloved mother, father, sister, aunt, uncles, and nephew.



Miles Vincent Sala
May 18, 1953 -
December 21, 2020

It has been said that, "You do not raise heroes, you raise sons. Yet, if you treat them like sons, they will turn out to be heroes, even if it is in your eyes."

To Miles Sala, nothing could have been greater than being called Dad. It truly was his greatest accomplishment, that is until his grandchildren were born. In that moment, his sons became his heroes. He saw that love and devotion carried on to the next generation as it had been for him. His family was his world.

Prague resident and Paden native, Miles Vincent Sala beloved father and cherished grandfather was carried from Durant, Oklahoma to Heaven on the back of a white steed as a warrior at the age of 67 to be reunited with his family in Heaven on Dec. 21, 2020.

Miles was born on May 18,

1953 in Claremore, Oklahoma to Mildred Sala. He was lovingly raised in Paden by his grandparents Marie (Chisholm) and Buster "Bud" Sala. It was in this home he learned the lessons that made him the man he we knew and loved. It was working side by side with Bud during his childhood and young adult years that would allow Babe to flourish and be known as hardworking, dedicated, and helpful by many in the community. Along with his Uncle Michael "Poke" Saturday mornings were spent taking care of the town of Paden. It was also known far and wide that if you had a water problem to contact the Sala Boys. Something that to this day has been true with people still stopping to ask him questions or get advice.

Raised on family land, Miles was a proud member of the Muscogee Creek Nation. He was also a proud Paden Pirate graduating with the class of 1971 and still actively cheering on the sports teams at playoff games. He was extremely proud of his heritage and took joy in telling others about it. Especially the fact that the town of Paden had been established upon his great-grandmothers allotment and he was a direct descendant of the famed trailblazer, Jesse Chisholm and his wife Sah-kah-kee. With great love of his family heritage, he also took on the role of being the caretaker for the Chisholm family cemetery and worked to make it recognized as a historical part of

the Creek tribal lands.

Besides his community service, Miles was employed by the state of Oklahoma where he was a painter and a member of the asbestos crew. He also was a successful business owner having owned the Paden Dairy Freeze with the boys' mother, Rhonda before moving to Prague in 1995. You could quite often catch him flipping burgers for customers or for his three growing boys and their friends. It was here that his love for people shined a bit more. It was also here that his boys were watching and learning the importance of friends, family, and a strong work ethic.

This was their Dad at his best. He was that Dad throwing a baseball or football in the yard or even a free-throw shootout. He was that Dad volunteering to coach a little league team or pick up a friend for a game. He was not just a Dad seen in the bleachers. He was active on the sidelines talking to coaches and getting advice on how to help his boys. He encouraged his sons, but he also disciplined them. He fought for them, and he let them find their own way. Most of all he loved them. He did not just tell them how to live. Instead, he lived and let them watch. He gave them guidance and words of encouragement to chase those goals and dreams.

He showed them the secrets to enjoy life to its fullest. He taught them to cherish the small moments while celebrating the large. He taught them to take

the time to breath whether it be taking a drive in his sportscar or traveling to a destination on his motorcycle. His motto of enjoying all that life has to offer while sharing it with those you love is what we should do from this day forward in Miles' honor.

The goals, dreams, and aspirations he set for not only himself, but for his family speaks highly of the father that he was to Matt, Miles and Chad. It also speaks highly of the fathers that they have become. Each being there to encourage and guide their own children whether it be the dream of hitting the road to be a drummer or be a young girl wanting to step foot upon a football field in a jersey instead of holding pom-poms. These young men have become the heroes that Miles raised and those grandchildren became the crown of glory upon Mile's head.

Once again, he was back in the bleachers at baseball, football and basketball games cheering on grandsons and granddaughters, taking them out for pizza to celebrate a win or to discuss a plan for the next game. Most importantly, he was always there. Whenever a child's eye would glance towards the crowd this gentle giant that they called Grandpa could be seen. He was all that a Grandpa was meant to be. Spoiling them with words of love, encouragement, hugs, lots of laughs and fun in all that they did together. It was during this time that his young men fully stepped back,

measured his greatness, and will forever cherish it as will his grandchildren. In this moment God determined his work on earth was complete and to be carried on by his sons.

Miles was preceded in death by grandparents that raised him Marie (Chisholm) and Bud Sala, his mother and step-father Mildred and Junior Bullard, his uncles Sammy, Bobby and Michael, nephew Kyle Bullard, the mother of his children Rhonda (Rogers) Stephens and his beloved grandson Bryce.

Left to cherish his memory are his three sons, Matt Sala and Jennifer Downs of Prague, Miles and Brandie Sala of Prague, and Chad Sala of Oklahoma City. His precious grandchildren Shayna Young, Drake Yeager, Brayden, Kadence, Breann, Jase, Casen and Maizy Sala. He is also survived by brothers Buster "Buck" Bullard of Paden, and Chris Bullard of Okmulgee, along with nephews Shane and Gaylon Sala and Caleb Bullard. He is also survived by a host of cousins, friends and family that will continue to keep his love of family and friends alive through stories and laughter the way Miles would want to be remembered.

Family visitation were held on Dec. 27.

Memorial services were held Dec. 28 at Prague First Baptist Church with Bro. Tim Emmons officiating

Miles was laid to rest at Prague Cemetery.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

It has been almost two years since the Oklahoma City Muscogee Creek Association was shut down. During that time, 3,514 Oklahoma City Metro area citizens have not had a gathering place.

With this letter, I wish to let Metro area Creeks know that they have a place to meet if they so wish. Deer Clan Books at 3905 N. College in Bethany is a bookstore with a meeting room. While large group meetings are discouraged due to the pandemic, the meeting room at Deer Clan Books is large enough for citizens to observe social distancing if they want to meet.

Also, to let citizens know, we carry new and used books with a section on American Indian history and current events. Citizens may call 405-495-9005 for more information.

Thank you for your attention.

Claudette Robertson,
Creek Citizen

Rise My People

Looking back on our past, (Pre-Casino Era) and a Poverty-stricken existence. We tend to make fun and smile at our pain with native style jokes that tend to reflect our sense of humor.

I don't call this dysfunction- alism in the least – "But optimism at its finest" what has been inflicted on us as Natives of the Americas. Being in the way of so called, Progress: i.e., Maximize Profit.

May we continue to strive at Remaining Humans who do not subscribe to the philosophy that the, "Political has nothing to do with the moral".

If EVER, the tables were to turn may we know and use this to discern. Also; never forget A GOODHEART, DOES NOT MEAN: A WEAK HEART. LIVE, LOVE, FORGIVE and always play your part.

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Hesci Tribal leaders,

Lou Randall cv hocefkvt os, momen Mvskoke Etlvwt os. My name is Lou Randall, and I am a Muscogee Creek Nation (Voting) Citizen.

I am submitting a complaint, and I will get to the point. I disagree with MCN's decision to place an income restriction on the CARES Act money disbursement to citizens. My complaint is that many do not qualify for assistance, including myself, based on your income guidelines. I have several issues with your decision to place restrictions on CARES Act funding intended to benefit the entire tribe.

I am a hard worker, and next month I will have 18 years in law enforcement. I love my job! However, officers are not paid what they are worth. Therefore, I work a full-time job and part-time job. I choose to make that sacrifice for my family and home. As a result, I do NOT qualify for any program within MCN. I am married, but my income alone is still over the income guidelines. I think MCN should create programs that incentivize the hard work and success of their citizens. Instead, we dis-

enfranchise citizens with higher education degrees or good jobs because we are not rewarded for our hard work or, in this case, we are dismissed as not having a "need." COVID-19 has no income restrictions! Anyone can be affected and get this dreadful disease regardless of their income. This pandemic has created a financial burden on everyone with higher utilities, gas, and food prices, creating a greater need for all tribal citizens.

Several months ago, MCN was promotion and encouraging all tribal citizens to complete their census applications. There are several benefits for a census that include collection our people's demographics and because those numbers indicate our level of federal funding for specific programs. I did not provide my income level when I completed the census, but I proudly marked Muscogee (Creek)! I genuinely hope that doing my part can assist the tribe as a whole. I don't expect much, but I expect my elected officials to help everyone during a pandemic.

I understand that if MCN does not spend all of the CARES Funding, the remainder of the money must be returned. Imagine that your employer provided you with additional funds and required you to return all the money that was not spent. You would be hard-pressed to find

anyone that would not spend all the money on their family and home. To me, this is the same philosophy. Is that not what tribe means, "my people, my family?"

Chief Hill once said, "The Muscogee (Creek) Nation's ancestors never gave up on our sovereign rights, and neither will I." Sovereignty is the people's right to govern themselves. But, if your people are suffering and do not have the resources they need to live, you have lost sight of why our ancestors fought to survive. They didn't struggle to survive to be counted on a census. They fought so they could provide for one another now, and in the future.

If you are reading this, then you are an elected official, and IF you do nothing to help ALL the citizens of MCN, then you should consider a new position. You most likely made a statement of statements about how you were going to work for your people and to help your tribe in one way or another. My grandparents used to say this to us down at our camp house when there were so many people to feed, etehvmke, (we are one). If one Creek is hungry, we all are hungry. If one Creek has food, we all have food. Sadly, this is not the case today.

Sincerely,
Lou Randall

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, \$132,730,918.42

The following report has been submitted for the publication date of **Jan. 15th**.

ACCOUNT NUMBER	PROGRAM NAME/ ACCOUNT NAME	AMOUNT BUDGETED	EXPENDED	ENCUMBERED	CASH BALANCE
	PRINCIPAL CHIEF				
50000	Salary & Wages-FT	5,667.00	-	-	5,667.00
50020	Salary & Wages-O/T over 1.5	19,900.00	-	-	19,900.00
50100	Salary & Wages-PT/Other	37,500.00	51,500.00	-	-14,000.00
51000	Fringe-FT	25,488.00	-	-	25,488.00
51100	Fringe-PT/Other	4,556.75	4,969.72	-	-412.97
53000	Supplies	2,500.00	-	-	2,500.00
56010	Donations/Contributions	50,000.00	10,000.00	-	40,000.00
	SECRETARY OF NATION				
54000	Contractual	9,218,383.00	4,498,585.72	4,718,368.72	1,428.56
58010	Construction	1,400.00	1,400.00	-	-
59220	Grants	1,005,310.85	120,767.32	-	884,543.53
	TOURISM & RECREATION				
53000	Supplies	3,354.00	1,537.38	-	1,816.62
59050	Food Purchases	748,000.00	319,042.79	181,220.42	247,736.79
59440	Incidentals	5,500.00	3,994.85	0.00	1,505.15
	CONTRACTING EMPLOYMENT				
53000	Supplies	1,700.00	1,162.07	192.93	345.00
55210	Communications - Other	3,000.00	-	-	3,000.00
59220	Grants	6,825,910.80	2,925,341.82	-	3,900,568.98
	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY				
53000	Supplies	716,070.56	265,846.90	108,136.10	342,087.56
53010	Software/Licenses	847,630.11	516,967.84	427,595.80	-96,933.53
54000	Contractual	463,594.25	30,891.25	47,005.00	385,698.00
55210	Communications- Other	42,033.74	17,334.36	-	24,699.38
55300	Bldg Maint/Repairs	99,818.95	21,996.37	29,138.35	48,684.23
85500	Equipment	3,860,033.48	906,991.50	2,467,176.09	485,865.89
	FLEET MANAGEMENT				
50000	Salary & Wages - FT	20,000.00	517.48	-	19,482.52
50010	Salary & Wages - Overtime	15,876.00	-	-	15,876.00
50100	Salary & Wages - PT/Other	-3,374.80	7,077.20	-	-10,452.00
21000	Fringe - FT	20,199.00	278.11	-	19,920.89
51100	Fringe - PT/Other	-394.66	802.16	-	-1,196.82
53000	Supplies	3,242,728.45	818,200.52	715,407.29	1,709,120.64
53290	Postage/Shipping	50,000.00	4,535.21	-	45,464.79
55300	Bldg Maint/Repairs	315.00	-	-	315.00
85400	Vehicles	151,476.00	146,021.00	-	5,455.00
85500	Equipment	78,000.00	50,012.50	27,703.50	284.00
	SOCIAL SERVICES				
50000	Salary & Wages - FT	48,519.09	48,090.14	-	4,428.95
50020	Salary & Wages - O/T Over 1.5	0.67	5,352.01	-	-5,351.34
51000	Fringe - FT	38,960.72	25,325.05	-	13,635.67
53000	Supplies	5,522.08	4,940.45	545.31	36.32
53010	Software/Licenses	-	-	-	-
54000	Contractual	320,955.91	205,451.99	10,970.89	104,533.03
57000	Indirect Costs	-	474.93	-	-474.93
59071	Direct Assist - Income Support	49,344,000.00	44,182,500.00	-	5,161,500.00
59072	Direct Assist - Hardship	34,057,500.00	27,241,400.00	-	6,816,100.00
	SENIOR SERVICES				
53000	Supplies	200,000.00	184,194.33	1,280.00	14,525.67
	FOOD DISTRIBUTION				
53000	Supplies	397,590.75	63,791.64	14,773.18	319,025.93
59050	Food Purchases	201,738.96	131,577.64	70,161.32	-
85050	Renovations	90,000.00	-	7,628.80	82,371.20
85170	Construction	38,656.48	-	-	38,656.48
85400	Vehicles	94,882.39	-	63,417.60	31,464.79
	COMMUNITY RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT				
55210	Communications - Other	-	-	-	-
	SECRETARY OF EDUCATION				
50000	Salary& Wages- FT	2,980.44	1,789.93	-	1,190.51
50020	Salary& Wages - O/T over 1.5	114,900.10	30,896.05	-	84,004.05
51000	Fringe - FT	67,500.42	11,810.16	-	55,690.26
53000	Supplies	1,559,513.00	337,960.90	194,693.00	1,026,859.10
57000	Indirect Costs	-	3,046.72	-	-3,046.72
59073	Direct Assistance - Ed Support	2,260,900.00	2,189,392.97	-	71,507.03
59220	Grants	500,000.00	-	-	500,000.00
	MCN MEAT PROCESSING PLANT				
53000	Supplies	100,000.00	-	-	100,000.00
85010	Architect & Engineering	1,000,000.00	687,624.58	171,958.42	140,417.00
85170	Construction	14,800,000.00	374,190.82	11,144,462.28	3,281,347.00
85500	Equipment	1,400,000.00	1,070,272.18	118,191.13	210,808.69
	REAL ESTATE SERVICES				
54000	Contractual	9,628.00	4,339.82	6,354.18	1126.00
	CULTURAL CENTER & ARCHIVES				
53000	Supplies	-	-	-	-
	CULTURAL PRESERVATION				
53000	Supplies	2,000.00	-	-	2,000.00
59220	Grants	2,725,000.00	2,139,998.95	-	585,001.05
	TRIBAL CONSTRUCTION				
50100	Salary & Wages - PT/Other	83,206.80	17,938.80	-	65,268.00
51100	Fringe - PT/Other	10,438.07	2,043.06	-	8,395.01
53000	Supplies	23,975.00	3,110.00	4,270.00	16,595.00
85010	Architect & Engineering	132,241.18	54,494.77	-13,003.70	90,750.11
85170	Construction	14,289,758.71	2,729,700.71	7,561,341.06	3,998,716.94
85500	Equipment	210,110.00	-	130,110.00	80,000.00
	SECRETARY OF INTERIOR AFFAIRS				
58010	Construction	313,297.00	-	301,092.00	12,205.00
	OFFICE OF JUSTICE				
53000	Supplies	26,800.00	-	26,499.40	300.60
54000	Contractual	26,738.00	-	24,738.00	2,000.00
	OFFICE OF TAX COMMISSION				
54000	Contractual	36,300.00	19,000.00	-	17,300.00
55300	Bldg Maint/Repairs	340.80	-	-	340.80
85500	Equipment	1.03	-	-	1.03
	CITIZENSHIP BOARD				
53000	Supplies	316,797.50	50,413.80	92,317.00	174,066.70
53010	Software/Licenses	5,649.00	-	-	5,649.00
54000	Contractual	50,500.00	10,000.00	-	40,500.00
85500	Equipment	36,258.00	-	-	36,258.00
	LIGHTHORSE ADMINISTRATION				
85500	Equipment	60,000.00	56,790.00	-	3,210.00
	NATIONAL COUNCIL				
53000	Supplies	625.00	-	623.34	1.66
	DISTRICT COURT				
53000	Supplies	918.23	-	-	918.23
53310	Equipment Maint/Repair	10,512.00	-	-	0.00
85500	Equipment	176,011.68	159,761.68	16,250.00	0.00
	SUPREME COURT				
50100	Salary & Wares - PT/Other	4,500.00	-	-	4,500.00
51100	Fringe - PT/Other	547.00	-	-	547.00
	SECRETARY OF HEALTH				
90110	Transfer Out	0.00	11,279,552.97	-	-11,279,552.97
	TOTAL	152,758,450.49	104,059,573.02	28,671,345.41	20,027,532.06