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## MCN HISTORIC AND CULTURAL PRESERVATION RECEIVES GRANT

THE ANDREW W. MELLON FOUNDATION GRANTS \$100,000 FOR ORAL HISTORY PROJECT

**Morgan Taylor**  
REPORTER

OKMULGEE, Oklahoma – The Muscogee (Creek) Nation Historic and Cultural Preservation Department was awarded grant funding of \$100,000 from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation.

The funds will be used towards a new oral history project titled “A Twenty-First-Century Pandemic in Indian Country: The Resilience of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Against COVID-19.”

The MCN Historic and Cultural Preservation Oral Historian Midge Dellinger says the grant will help with the purchase of oral history recording supplies and fund other developments including the creation of a digital archive and website which will be accessible to citizens once created.

Forty interviews will be collected and recorded over the course of this project from MCN citizens who will tell their stories and how their lives were affected during the pandemic.



The Historic Council House has been a part of preserved culture for the Muscogee people located in Okmulgee, OK the capitol of the MCN. (Clinton Sinclair)

“This project is going to allow us to create a historical record about the COVID-19 pandemic in the Muscogee (Creek) Nation,” Dellinger said. “Our ancestors experienced, suffered, and survived many adverse events during their lifetimes including pandemics but this time through this project we are going to be able to add to our historical narrative and record what the Muscogee people of 2020 and 2021 have experienced and suffered because of COVID-19.”

This project will take course over the next two-years before being presented to the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation.

Dellinger adds, “We all know that Mvskoke oral traditions have played a key role in our survival since time immemorial. Given our current global situation with the COVID-19 pandemic, and the uncertainty of life and economic stability, projects such as the COVID-19 project are critical to the very existence of Mvskoke Peoples.”

Mvskoke Media plans to report on upcoming events regarding the oral history project.

## EFFORTS MADE IN SUPPORT OF MMIP

INVOLVEMENT AND COOPERATION HELP BRING EFFORTS TO SUPPORT THOSE WHO FALL VICTIM TO BEING MISSING PERSONS



Photo from MMIP Advocacy Day 2020 at the OK State Capitol. (MCN Communications)

**Morgan Taylor**  
REPORTER

OKMULGEE, Oklahoma – On Jan. 6, U.S. Attorney Trent Shores visited Mvskoke Radio to discuss the impact of the McGirt Decision and the impact it has made on the initiative to support the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons Initiative formerly known as

the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women Initiative.

With the decision of the McGirt case back in July, the Muscogee (Creek) Nation reservation was recognized as never had been disestablished and was now able to assert tribal jurisdiction over tribal members. This is also meant that the state of OK lost criminal jurisdiction over any case involving an Indian victim

or an Indian defendant and it was shifted to the United States.

“That means for us at the U.S. Attorneys office where we are the chief federal law enforcement officials in our neck of the woods, we have seen a 300 percent increase in total cases per month,” Shores said.

These numbers reflect total criminal cases. Shores adds, “We have had to prioritize by looking at major crimes, any crime involving an in-custody defendant, any violent crime, any crime involving a child victim making sure every victim experiences a measure of justice.”

Shores is a member of the Choctaw Tribe and throughout his career has worked in Indian Country as criminal prosecutor dealing with domestic violence victims and child victims.

According to Shores, the change of the name from MMIW to MMIP was due to the high numbers of not just women but men that are also considered missing and murdered. In OK particularly, the cases in missing persons for men are currently higher than that of women.

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## RESERVE OFFICER PHILLIPS STEPS INTO NEW LEADERSHIP FOR DEPARTMENT

RICHARD PHILLIPS SERVES AS ACTING CHIEF OF LIGHTHORSE DEPARTMENT



Newest Acting Chief of Lighthorse Richard Phillips receives pin for his new role. (Submission)

**Lani Hansen**  
SENIOR REPORTER

OKMULGEE, Oklahoma – On Dec. 28, 2020 Richard Phillips was selected to be the acting Chief of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Lighthorse Police Department.

Phillips has been with MCN Lighthorse for 21 years as a reserve police offi-

cer. After MCN National Council did not pass Daniel Wind III to serve as Chief of Lighthorse, Phillips had then applied for the acting Chief position.

“I had found out that I got the position on Monday, December 28,” Phillips said.

Phillips career started at Drumright Police Academy in 1999 under Lighthorse.

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# FX NETWORK ORDERS A WHOLE SERIES FOR RESERVATION DOGS

RESERVATION DOGS IS A COMEDY PRODUCED BY MUSCOGEE CREEK CITIZEN STERLIN HARJO

Lani Hansen

SENIOR REPORTER

OKMULGEE, Okla-  
homa— FX has handed a series order for the Native American Comedy Reservation Dogs, after a successful pilot showing.

According to Native American filmmaker and Muscogee (Creek) citizen Sterlin Harjo, Reservation Dogs is about four kids who live in rural Oklahoma. It is based on his and his co-producer Taika Waititi's childhood.

"It's about these kids getting into trouble and getting out of trouble," Harjo added. "It's really about the beauty of our world, the humor, lost, home and other things."

The title "Reservation Dogs" relates to reservoir dogs. Harjo said it is more of a joke, because the kids in the show do not live on a reservoir since the court ruling of the McGirt case they are now living on a reservation. The four kids in the show name their small



Producer and Muscogee Creek citizen Sterlin Harjo, on set of the newest FX series Reservation Dogs, checks a scene before shooting. (Submission)

group "Reservation Dogs," because of where they live according to Harjo.

Just like the pilot episode, the filming for the rest of the show will be shot in Okmulgee. D'Pharaoh Woon-A-Tai, Devery

Jacobs, Paulina Alexis and Lane Factor star as the four teens in the pilot show and will play them in the regular series. The pilot episode featured some guest stars like Zahn McClarnon, Kirk Fox, Lil Mike and Funny

Bone and others according to IndieWire.

"We haven't shot the whole series yet, but we have some exciting new young actors," Harjo added.

When "Reservation Dogs" was picked up by FX

it was no surprise for Harjo. He had been in contact with the production since working on this show, so when they shot the pilot episode he was excited when FX eventually wanted this to go into series.

"I had been waiting on that information for a while, because I've been working on that series for a long time," Harjo said. "It wasn't a shock, because I knew I was going to find out soon if it was going to go to series or not. I was obviously excited because it's a cool story and I wanted to tell it."

Harjo is planning to begin filming the rest of the show around March or April, depending on the COVID situation. They will be looking to cast extras again, when it gets closer Harjo said they will make an announcement.

Harjo added, "I'm excited, working in Okmulgee was amazing. People were nice and everyone loved it there. Okmulgee is a beautiful town, it had so many cool locations and I'm excited to go back."

## MMIP

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"As we began looking at the issue and pulling numbers from the state of OK about missing indigenous people and missing native Americans we found that there were a lot of native boys and men missing and we wanted to make sure we didn't leave out any group of people and victims in Indian Country," Shores explains. "We have addressed that here by hiring an MMIP Coordinator, Patty Buell who is a career law enforcement officer in Indian Country and a member of the Cherokee Nation."

As the MMIP Coordinator, Buell will hold accountable those who are supposed to be investigating cases of MMIP victims and work with community groups by improving communications between investigators and victims' families and friends.

"As we dig into this, these are things we find that these are small common sense decisions that can be made to improve the delivery of public services, law enforcement, and helping to find the missing persons before they fall into that category of murdered persons," Shores said.

A study published by the Seattle Indian Health Board's Urban Health Institute in 2018 ranked the state

of OK 10th nationally for the number of cases regarding MMIW without involving cases in men and boys.

"We experiences many challenges with numbers and rankings," Shores explains. "We have looked into to find a total of 67 open cases of missing Native Americans that dates to the first one back in 1976. Out of those we have found 29 female and 38 male that are currently open, we have to recognize that this transcends across Indian country. When people go missing, doesn't mean they are in the same place they went missing from."

Shores says making sure that communication stays open between agencies is one way to help locate victims.

On Nov. 23, with efforts from the Department of Justice MMIP Initiative, the MCN, the Cherokee Nation, and the U.S. Attorney's office the Tribal Community Response Pilot Programs was established to implement culturally appropriate guidelines when investigating cases.

OK was the first state in the country to launch the program.

Concerned MCN citizen and lawyer Brenda Golden has partnered with OK State Representative Daniel Pae on legislation what will be known as the Aubrey Alert Initiative are making fur-

ther efforts on the issue.

Previously, Golden had worked on a similar legislation in 2020 called the "Red Alert" with the purpose of sending text message notifications when a Native American woman was reported missing much like the Silver Alert for elders and the Amber Alert from children.

Along with COVID, Golden said she experienced much resistance as legislators had made comments that Native Americans were requesting special treatment. "I tried explaining to them that we are treated differently in these situations," Golden said.

After testifying on three different occasions on Operation Lady Justice and telling her own personal experience regarding her daughter and saving her just before being a potential victim of human trafficking in Amarillo, TX; the director of the taskforce reached out to Golden informing her of the Ashanti Alert. This federal policy provides education and helps agencies set up local alert systems for adults who go missing under questionable or suspicious circumstances.

Upon learning of this policy, Golden reached out to the director of the Ashanti Alert program along with Rep. Pae after his reelection in Nov. for help and he gladly accepted.

"The last couple months we have working on tweaking the language of legislation. Now, legislation has been finalized to establish an alert system for local and state wide law enforcement agencies when someone goes missing," Golden said. "It will be introduced on Jan 21 where it will receive a house bill number."

Though it is similar legislation to the Red Alert, the name has changed to help bring awareness and honor to Aubrey Dameron.

"After contacting the family, we have decided to call it the Aubrey Alert," Golden said.

Dameron, member of the Cherokee Nation, went missing in March 9, 2019 from her family home in Grove, OK. At the time she was 25. She was reported missing two days after her disappearance with little to no regard from local law enforcement.

Golden says they have chosen to honor her for many reasons and one being that her case was like that of many native women that go missing. Though Dameron was transgender, her disappearance was taken very lightly and not treated with urgency.

Family and friends took it upon themselves to search for her for many months before law enforcement took action. No sign of Dameron was ever detected and she

still remains missing.

"When developing this alert system, we wanted to make sure that law enforcement agencies and the media would take our cases more seriously," Golden said. "Many times they make excuses for the person by saying they are out partying or laying up with their boyfriend and just blow them off."

Golden explains that the need for this alert system is dire in OK as there are many major interstates that cross each other and victims can be transported out of state quickly. Oklahoma remains a high trade route for traffickers.

The Aubrey Alert will cover all adults that go missing ages 18-59 and not just towards victims of MMIP.

"My hope is that this alert system will bridge the gap between law enforcement agencies, the media and community members to look for not just victims of MMIP but all victims," Golden said.

Mvskoke Media will continue to follow and report on efforts made regarding MMIP.

Save the date as MMIP Advocacy Day at the OK State Capitol approaches on Feb. 17.

Last year, the MCN took a charter bus of supporters to the event, but due to COVID-19 will not this year.

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According to Phillips, tribal agencies were not recognized by the State of Oklahoma. He was then commissioned to the Glenpool Police Department under former Chief of Police Larry Bible.

"I was with Lighthorse and Glenpool Police Department for about a year

and a half," Phillips said. "I have been with Lighthorse off and on with different administrations for my entire career. Some administrations didn't use reserves and some did."

He was with Morris Police Department beginning in 2005, working his way up becoming Chief of Police at Morris towards the end of 2014 and resigning in 2016. In 2016 he left for MCN District Court to

serve as a bailiff/police officer for the courts.

"I worked alongside Judge Bigler protecting our court system as well as our court clerks," Phillips added. "With the McGirt case passing there was an opportunity to apply for one of the captain positions for Lighthorse."

With his Chief of Police experience and being with Lighthorse for so many years, Phillips sought an

opportunity for the acting Chief of Lighthorse.

"Thank the good Lord they put me as acting right now," Phillips said.

One of his main goals as acting Chief for the department is to make it a top-shelf department. With the McGirt ruling, MCN Lighthorse is under a microscope for the State of Oklahoma and the Nation. He wants to set a precedent for other tribes who may want

to follow suit.

"I want us to be that top-shelf agency, where agents will come along behind us and see what we are doing so they can call us for questions," Phillips said.

Phillips wants to be a good leader for the department. He believes he can do some good things for them.

"We have an outstanding group of officers and I'm blessed to work alongside of them," Phillips said.

# NATIONAL COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES RECEIVE VACCINATIONS

## AS A PART OF THE COVID-19 VACCINATION PLAN, MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL DO THEIR PART BY TAKING THE VACCINE

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REPORTER

OKMULGEE, Oklahoma – Various members of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation National Council get their first round of the Coronavirus vaccine including Muskogee District Representative Joyce Deere, Okmulgee District Representative William Lowe, and Wagoner District Representative Charles McHenry.

Representative Joyce Deere received her first round of the vaccine on Dec. 23, at the Koweta Indian Health Center in Coweta, OK.

It was in early Dec., when Deere learned she would have an opportunity to get the vaccination and just a week or two later received an email asking for her participation.

"We were sent an email before asking if we wanted to take the shot," Deere said. "I requested at that time to do it, that I would participate."

After her reply to the email, she received a call on Dec. 22 asking her to be at the Koweta Clinic the next morning.

"For me it was like taking a flu vaccine," Deere explains. "I know there is always a chance for some type of reaction. We don't really know if it's going to be us or anybody. Of course, we hope that no one has a bad reaction to it but there's always a chance though I didn't have any reservations about it."

Deere claims she was not nervous to get the shot and had no side effects, "I had no reaction except a little soreness just like any other shot," Deere said.

As of right now, the vaccination is not a mandate but Deere claims it is a part of her responsibility.

"I think it's each persons choice and I'm glad they have the choice, but I feel like it's important, it's a recommendation from the medical field and this is what we have been waiting for," Deere said. "We all hope this vaccine will help the virus numbers go down. I



Seated L-R: James Jennings, Robert Hufft, Mary Crawford, Joyce Deere, Thomasene Yahola Osborn, Anna Marshall, Mark Randolph, Joseph Hicks. Standing L-R: Adam Jones III, Darrell Proctor, Charles McHenry, Randall Hicks, Travis Scott, Lucian Tiger III, William Lowe and Patrick Freeman Jr. (Submission)

would recommend taking the vaccine myself."

Mid-pandemic, Deere was exposed at one time and was tested with negative results.

"I would not have believed that this has gone on as long as it has," Deere said. "For a full year we have had to change the way we've done business and it's made it hard on the majority of the country, not just Creek Nation. I hope we can get back to what was normal to us before, sooner than later."

On Monday Dec. 28, MCN National Council Representative William Lowe received his Covid-19 vaccination at the Okmulgee Hospital parking lot drive through vaccination service.

As a Marine Representative Lowe had been given many vaccinations throughout his military career and claims he had no side effects to the Covid-19 vaccine.

"I've become somewhat of professional vaccine taker," Representative Lowe said jokingly. "My wife got vaccinated at the same time I did and she experienced some redness and soreness on her arm where she was vaccinated."

When vaccinations became available Representative Lowe was concerned for those at-risk and elderly citizens.

"I wanted to make sure they were a priority," Representative Lowe said.

"When we were in our National Council meeting and the Secretary of Health mentioned National Council as a Tier 1, that's when I knew I was going to get it," Representative Lowe said. "Regardless of what the media says, I think the vaccination is a good preventive for this."

Since the start of the pandemic, Representative Lowe has avoided the virus and hasn't experienced symptoms of any sort.

Representative Lowe says it is priority in his role of leadership to get vaccinated.

"I think for myself as a tribal legislator it is very important not only to show that it's okay and set the standard for my district, but I'm living proof that a vaccination doesn't harm you."

As Representative Lowe just approached his one-year anniversary on the National Council, he hopes the council

can resume to in-person meetings at some point after vaccinations are distributed.

"Of course, we go by the guidance of our health department, I would like to see us go back," Representative Lowe said. "I think our last in-person meeting was in March so we have had about nine months of video meetings which gets the job done and you still have the opportunity to voice your opinion but to me it's that being in-person and getting to know more about the people and tribal citizens."

Representative Lowe has used his own social medias as outlets to reach out to citizens about vaccinations as well as letting the people know he is vaccinated himself.

Sharing his experience is one way the Representative can encourage citizens to get vaccinated even for those who have reservations about vaccinations.

"Getting over that fear and getting the vaccination is vital," Representative Lowe exclaims. "When you get there, nurses and staff are available and ready to answer any questions one may have

about the vaccine and I would advise citizens to ask them and explain their concerns."

The Representative claims, "it's just like getting a flu vaccine or any other vaccine."

Representative Charles McHenry received his first vaccination at the Koweta Indian Health Center on Jan. 7.

Though Representative McHenry has not had the flu vaccine before, he had no prior reservations or nervousness going in to get his Covid-19 shot.

"I didn't even realize they had given me the vaccine," Representative McHenry said. "There was no poke, no prick, no nothing! Next thing I knew they were done. They rubbed this thing on my arm then it was over."

Representative McHenry wants the citizens to know that it's okay.

"We just want to be the ones to take the first steps and say 'Hey, were doing it,' Representative McHenry said. "I didn't have any nervousness or any apprehensions about it but I feel like as we move forward it's probably the best thing for us."

It was just a week before that Representative McHenry found his opportunity to get vaccinated, "I knew that the opportunity was coming up and that's when I knew I was going take it."

Once vaccines are distributed, Representative McHenry hopes to return to an in-person setting.

"I am totally looking forward to it and I think the vast majority of people are looking for ward to it," Representative McHenry said. "As long as it's safe, as long as it healthy, I am totally for it. I think with time, once we see the success of the vaccine it will start to open up a lot of things for us."

Citizens and patients can call the automated line for 24-hour information on distribution or to sign up for the vaccine with the Covid-19 Vaccination Hotline at 918-758-3601.

# MCN PAGEANT COMMITTEE IS BACK

## THE PAGEANT COMMITTEE IS MADE UP OF VOLUNTEERS TO MAKE THE PAGEANT SUCCESSFUL

**Lani Hansen**

SENIOR REPORTER

OKMULGEE, Oklahoma – It has been a couple of years but the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Pageant Committee is back again for the upcoming 2021 year.

"In November there was legislation to put the royalty program under Youth Services," Director of Mvsokke Nation Youth Services Nancy Mason said. "We were on the committee, but it was all volunteer work."

When the royalty coordinator



Mvsokke Nation Youth Services takes over royalty program and brings back the pageant committee. (Submission)

position was placed, the pageant committee was no longer needed. Mason said those who volunteered for the committee were doing some tasks the coordinator does, plus doing their own job. With the pageant committee and royalty coordinator, Mason hopes it will make the pageant a success.

Mason laughed and said "We were laughing and saying we're getting the band back together."

Having the pageant committee back together, will help with all of the tasks that must be completed. Accord-

ing to Mason the pageant is more than a one-person job.

"A couple of years ago there were three people in my office, who all were on the pageant committee and we dedicated a portion of our time to helping with various activities for the pageant," Mason said.

It is important to have a collaboration to make the pageant successful, according to Mason.

In a recruitment meeting held in December, some of the topics discussed were

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about moving forward and planning for the next pageant. Not knowing when the pandemic will end, Mason said they talked about hosting the pageant virtually with the date set for June 5, 2021.

They also discussed utilizing the current Jr. Miss

MCN to help her engage in the community virtually, and talk about her platform which is Literacy.

"We talked about what we would like to see her do as far as using that platform," Mason said. "Promoting the program as we begin to recruit girls for the competition this year. But we are giving her an opportunity to tell us what she would like to see in the last half of

her reign."

Some of the other things that were brought up in the meeting was publicity for the current Jr. Miss and a timeframe for when to begin ordering things for the pageant.

"We usually start planning 10 months before the pageant, but now we are working with five months so there is a lot to be done," Mason said.

The pageant committee is made up of MCN employees and others who are interested in volunteering. Some volunteers from the previous committee are willing to help again, former royalty have joined and about twelve people signed up as of Dec. 11.

"I feel like we are going to have a good size committee," Mason said.

Some of the criteria to volunteer for the pageant committee are confidentiality, liability waiver and some other expectations.

To volunteer for the pageant committee register at [www.mvskokeyouth.com/event-registration](http://www.mvskokeyouth.com/event-registration).

For more information contact Nancy Mason at 918-549-2557 or email at [mcnpagant@mcn-nsn.gov](mailto:mcnpagant@mcn-nsn.gov).

## MCN AG YOUTH TAKES CAUTION DUE TO VIRUS

### DECISIONS WERE MADE TO CANCEL EVENTS FOR THE MCN AG YOUTH PROGRAM



Belt buckle from last years All-Indian Livestock Show. (Submission)

Morgan Taylor

REPORTER

OKMULGEE, Oklahoma – The Muscogee (Creek) Nation Ag Youth Program has decided to cancel the MCN All-Indian Livestock Show that was previously scheduled for the last weekend of January.

This cancellation is a result of the COVID-19 pandemic according to MCN Ag Youth Program Director Billy Haltom.

"We hold our show in Okfuskee County, and they have a high number of COVID outbreaks," Haltom explains. "With our numbers like they are we thought it would better to be on the side of caution and safety and to cancel for one year until we get on top of this virus."

Typically, winners of the show receive prizes from

attending.

"We have already ordered 37 belt buckles and banners and we will come up with a creative way to get those to the participants."

There are no plans to make the show virtual but Haltom says there are virtual livestock shows out there for students who are interested.

The cancellation of the show will not have an effect a student's standings in livestock events.

The MCN Ag Youth Program has had to cancel and postpone most all the programs for the year, including the new shooting sports programs, the speech contest, and the poultry show.

"I think us not having the livestock show is a big step in the direction of trying to get things under control," Haltom adds.

For questions and concerns citizens can contact Haltom at 918-732-7628.

## CITIZEN APPOINTED TO A NEW COMMISSION WITH WORLD LACROSSE

### JUSTIN GILES APPOINTED TO THE DIVERSITY AND OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION

Morgan Taylor

REPORTER

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colorado – In Oct. Muscogee (Creek) citizen Justin Giles was nominated as an appointee on one of the new developing commissions for the World Lacrosse Organization.

Giles joins four other appointees on the Diversity and Opportunity Commission. Giles is the only Native American on his commission while the other members come from all over the world.

Giles currently works for the Bureau of Indian Affairs, US Department of the Interior as a Curator for the Museum Management Program while coaching with the Cavalier Lacrosse Program in Northern Virginia. He serves on the US Lacrosse Native American Advisory Council and 4 the Future Foundation Advisory Board.

Giles involvement with game started at an early age. It was his fourth-grade year where he signed up to play lacrosse for the first time. He claims the interest of lacrosse comes from his heritage.

"Growing up with my older and younger brother, we were raised to play the Muscogee stick ball game," Giles said. "Being raised in DC there weren't any other Muscogee kids around." After playing lacrosse in high school, while playing at the University of Virginia, Giles went on to play internationally for the Iroquois Nationals Lacrosse Team.

"My brother and I were the first non-Iroquoian, Muscogee (Creek) to ever make the team," Giles said.

Through Giles experience on the lacrosse team, he met many coaches, players, and mentors.



Justin Giles ties his love for lacrosse with his Muscogee roots.

(Submission)

"It was through these connections how I got where I am today," Giles explains. "I was nominated by all these different individuals involved in the lacrosse community to be on this board."

Giles says his place on the board gives Native Americans a voice on worldly level in the game of lacrosse.

"This is a new development to World Lacrosse and what their trying to do is further develop ways to get all the voices around

the world to know and experience this game and also know the roots and the history of the game," Giles said.

The World Lacrosse Board of Directors interviewed Giles on Dec. 8 2020 and he is expected to begin his work for the commission in January 2021.

"This game is a gift to be shared from the creator and my role is to make sure that gift is shared and that everyone's voice is heard," Giles said.

## BEATING THE ODDS, CITIZEN RELEASES HIS FIRST BOOK

### MCN CITIZEN WRITES AUTOBIOGRAPHY TO BRING HOPE TO OTHERS LIKE HIM

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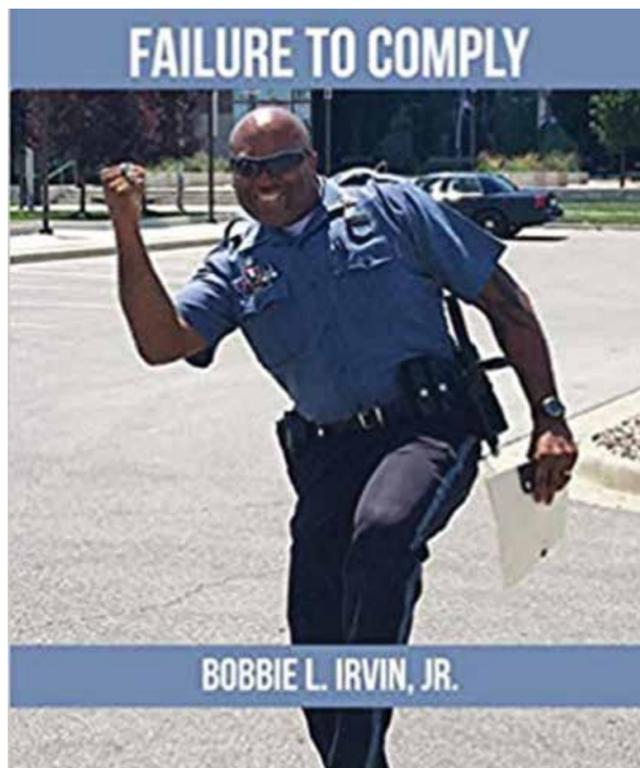
CAPE CORAL, Florida – Muscogee (Creek) citizen Bobbie Irvin Jr. is an author releasing his first publication, an autobiography called Failure to Comply.

Failure to Comply is the story of Irvin's life and how he beat the odds as a young adult with a tumultuous childhood.

Irvin is a retired police officer from Kansas City, MO where he grew up.

"I started writing back in 2008," Irvin said. "I took about three years off and during that time I was contacted by a social worker that was responsible for locating family members for my cousin who was facing capital murder charges. Her job as a defense attorney was to collect information about his life and childhood and what kind of environment he grew up in."

What was supposed to be



Failure to Comply by Bobbie Irvin Jr. can be purchased on Amazon.

(Submission)

a quick phone call, turned into a long conversation between Irvin and the attorney.

"I told her the full story about my upbringing and how my cousin was involved and at the end of the discussion she says, you really should write a book," Irvin said.

After hearing those words, Irvin was inspired to start his writing.

"The book starts out in my teen years and talks about some of the things I witnessed growing up," Irvin said. "I was doing drugs, stealing cars, and just hanging out with the wrong people," Irvin said. "I told myself if I stayed around here I would either end up dead or in prison."

The book also mentions the relationship between Irvin and his alcoholic, abusive father.

"We spent a lot of time going back and forth to Oklahoma to visit my father which is where I get my

[Muscogee] Creek heritage," Irvin said. "I have a lot of memories of spending summers in Beggs, Oklahoma."

After graduating high school, Irvin joined the Marine Corps.

"That was one of the best things I've ever done," Irvin said. "I got out in four years and was looking for a job. My mom told me about the officer job open. I considered it though I had never thought about law enforcement because I had spent most of my childhood avoiding the police."

During his service as a police officer in his hometown, Irvin would see many peers and family members come through the justice system leaving him to deal with emotional trauma through the years.

"Sometimes it would be people I grew up with or family members that I would

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be taking to jail,” Irvin said. Irvin ended up serving

26 years as a Kansas City Police Officer.

The message Irvin hopes to convey is that no matter the obstacles one faces, they still can make something of

themselves.

“Don’t get this idea that just because you come from a poor family or come from the inner-city that’s where you’re going to stay and

that’s the lifestyle you’re going to live,” Irvin said.

The book is published by Dorrance Publishing Co. and can be found on [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com)

Irvin claims upcoming ventures on turning his story into a film.

More information can be found at [www.Failureto-comply.us](http://www.Failureto-comply.us)

# THE MCN YOUTH SERVICES PROMOTES WELLNESS

## MVSKOKE YOUTH WELLNESS PROGRAM USES GRANT FUNDS TO PROVIDE VIRTUAL WELLNESS PROMOTIONS TO YOUTH AND CITIZENS

**Morgan Taylor**  
REPORTER

OKMULGEE, Okla-homa – The Muskogee (Creek) Nation Youth Services Program is offering a program dedicated to Wellness through a grant recommendation from Nike N7 through CAF America.

The program started Dec. 1 will last a total of 16 weeks and will include weekly virtual workouts and wellness webinars that cover different topics through the end of March.

According to MCN Youth Services Youth Mentor Gina Powell, sign ups for the program ended in Nov. but others can still participate by following the MCNYS Facebook page.

Those participants who registered received a wellness package that included a t-shirt, bag, water bottle, jump rope, fit bit, and other small items to promote wellness that was purchased with the grant funding.

Youth participants 12-24 and adults 25 and up are encouraged to view the programs videos.

“This is our second year to



Contents of packages that were given to registered participants.

(Submission)

receive the grant and our second year to hold the Wellness Program,” Powell explains. “This time around we have about 45 registered participants and they range from the reservation boundaries and even out of state.”

Weekly workouts are held each Tuesday at from 4-5 pm and the wellness webinars are held every other Wednesday from 4-5 pm and can viewed via live stream on the MCNYS Facebook page.

“The weekly workouts include an intense 30-minute boot camp with Dr. Nicole Been as well as yoga for the younger kids,” Powell said. “For one of the segments we had Kim Little (with Eufaula Indian Clinic) lead aerobics. We have different presenters that will do the presentations and we broadcast them. We have activities like Zumba and Bringing in a Healthy New Year.”

The staff is collecting data monthly from participants and giving out incentives for points earned during the program.

“At the end of the program we hope to give away a pair

of the Nike N7 tennis shoes,” Powell said.

The Wellness Webinars will cover areas over emotional, physical, spiritual, cultural, social, and occupational wellness, along with other topics to come and already covered like music.

“One way we got every one involved with the music webinar, was for them to send in videos of them dancing,” Powell said. “Even if they were alone dancing in their rooms it lets us know they were involved and we got a lot videos submitted and each person who submitted got a sweatshirt.”

The program is also utilizing an app called Band that allows participants to follow the program and turn in data.

“The mission of the Mvsokke Youth Wellness Program is to increase physical activity and promote cultural connection,” Powell said. “We hope to continue to get this grant every year and do this each year.”

Powell encourages citizens to check out the MCNYS Facebook page for participation and feel free to reach out at 918-549-2557.



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# CMN IMPLEMENTS COVID-19 POLICY

## BEFORE STUDENTS RETURNED TO IN PERSON CLASSES, CMN IMPLEMENTED A POLICY TO PROTECT EACH PERSON ON CAMPUS

**Morgan Taylor**  
REPORTER

OKMULGEE, Okla-  
homa – After spending the majority of 2020 online, the College of Muscogee Nation (CMN), returned to in-person classes as of Jan. 6.

Before allowing students to return, faculty of the CMN developed a COVID-19 Policy to ensure the safety of staff and students.

The CMN Dean of Student Affairs Krystal Wind played a helping hand in developing the policy with the help of the Acting CMN President Dr. James King, Director of Business Affairs Jan Hart, Dean of Academic Affairs Mekko Tyner, Registrar Mackie Moore, and the IT Department along with input from other faculty and



Staff and faculty are working hard to prevent the spread of the virus while returning to in-person classes. (MN File)

department.

“The purpose of our COVID-19 policy is to put the safety of our students, faculty and staff first,” Wind elaborates. “We wanted to make sure everything was still safe prior to opening up.”

The policy led to the development of a COVID-19 taskforce with input from all departments on campus.

“One of the biggest things is that everyone wears a mask at all times and anyone who enters the building get their temperature taken,” Wind said. “We do have temperature taking machines that a person can just walk right up to and get their temperature taken.”

Wind says that anyone who displays a high temperature (100.4) will not be

allowed admittance in the building and will be recommended to see a doctor immediately.

Screening questions are to be answered by each person who enters the building. Hand sanitizer stations have been placed at each entrance of all buildings and classrooms.

Classroom sizes have been cut in half to allow space for social distancing.

“Normally we would have class sizes of up to 31, and that has been cut down to 12-15,” said Wind.

For areas of large gatherings, signage has been placed to remind students of social distancing guidelines.

CMN is offering housing to students at half capacity. According to Wind each student has his or her own room and own bathroom.

“Normally we are able to house up to 84 students but we have allowed up to 42.” Though, Wind says there are currently 32 students in housing for this semester. Each housing student was required to have a negative COVID test upon moving in.

According to Wind, if a student is exposed to or tests positive for COVID-19 they are to quarantine and can return to campus after doing so. A doctor’s note is not required upon return but is highly encouraged.

Wind says CMN is not excepting outside visitors and everyone is working extra hard to ensure the safety of those who are on campus.

For more information regarding the CMN COVID-19 Policy, visit [www.cmn.edu/coronavirus/](http://www.cmn.edu/coronavirus/)

## AMENDMENTS MADE TO LEGISLATION TO HELP CEREMONIAL GROUNDS

### AMENDMENTS MADE TO GIVE PURPOSE TO UNUSED LANDS IN OKFUSKEE COUNTY

**Morgan Taylor**  
REPORTER

OKMULGEE, Oklahoma – A Muscogee (Creek) Nation National Council Land, Natural Resources and Cultural Preservation Committee meeting was held Jan. 19 via teleconference.

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

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

**TR 21-007** Resolution of the MCN authorizing the Principal Chief to execute an engagement letter and terms of engagement with the law firm Foster Garvey for legal services on behalf of the MCN Historic and Cultural Preservation Department. Sponsored by Rep. Thomasene Yahola Osborn. 4-0. Motion do pass.

The MCN Historic and Cultural Preservation Department is seeking legal assistance with reviewing applicable historic and preservation laws implicated by the *McGirt v. Oklahoma* court case and assisting the department with any transition issues that may arise.

**TR 21-008** Resolution of the MCN authorizing the MCN Natural Resource Conservation District to enter into a cooperative agreement with the Oklahoma Association of Conservation Districts. Sponsored by Rep. Darrell Proctor. 4-0. Motion do pass.

The purpose of this agreement is to carry out the tribal districts long-range natural resources plan. The Conservation and Agriculture Reach Everyone (CARE) Project is to increase the number of farmers/ranchers participating in conservation planning and programs in order to improve soil, health, water quality and the viability of working lands.

**TR 21-009** Resolution of the MCN authorizing the Principal Chief to execute a United States Department of Indian Affairs Right-of-Way application and the granting of a Conservation Easement located in Muskogee County, OK, on behalf of the MCN. Sponsored by Rep. Proctor. 4-0. Motion do pass. 4-0. Motion do pass.

The MCN is creating a Con-



National Council LNC Committee meeting is held via teleconference. (MN File)

servation Easement on owned property known as the Bureau of Indian Affairs Building on Peak Blvd site. The MCN Constitution grants National Council the power to legislate matters involving the management, leasing, and other dealings regarding tribal lands, communal resources or other interests belonging to the MCN or reserved for the benefit of.

**TR 21-010** Resolution of the MCN authorizing the Principal Chief to execute a contract with Wilson Excavation, LLC for the civil construction of the Berryhill Acres Housing Project in Okmulgee, OK. Sponsored by Rep. Yahola Osborn. 4-0. Motion do pass.

The civil construction (site grading, road and house pads) costs for nine homes is \$327,127.00 and will be funded with NAHASDA funds.

**TR 21-013** Resolution of the MCN amending TR 13-015 (Resolution of the MCN authorizing Principal Chief to execute a contract for the purchase of property located in Creek, County, OK). Sponsored by Rep. Proctor. 4-0. Motion do pass.

There is a need to amend TR 13-015 to change the use of the property and its facilities from the MCN Behavioral Health Building to a multi-purpose building.

**TR 21-014** Resolution of the MCN amending TR 13-095 (Resolution of the MCN authorizing the Principal Chief to execute a contract for the purchase of property located in Okfuskee County, OK). Sponsored by Rep. Proctor. 4-0. Motion do pass.

There is a need to amend TR 13-095 to change the use of the property that previously operated as an adult substance abuse center

and will now be for agricultural purposes.

**NCA 21-003** Law of the MCN authorizing the expenditure of the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation 2020 Community Based Archives Grant for the benefit of the MCN Historic and Cultural Preservation Department. Sponsored by Rep. Mark Randolph. 4-0. Motion do pass.

The grant funds in the amount of \$100,000 will be used for an oral history project titled “A Twenty-First-Century Pandemic in Indian Country: The Resilience of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Against COVID-19.” The two-year project will include forty oral history interviews form the Muscogee citizens and community members concerning their experiences with the COVID-19 pandemic. The grant will also aid in the purchase of oral history recording equipment and supplies, creation of digital archive, Oral History research station, and creation of website.

**NCA 21-005** Law of the MCN amending MCNCA Title 5, Chapter 1 entitled “Protection and Preservation of Ceremonial Sites” and Chapter 2 entitled “Financial Assistance” to add Land Acquisition Assistance and Emergency Assistance. Sponsored by Rep. Mark Randolph. 4-0. Motion do pass.

This will allow Ceremonial Grounds to apply for assistance that was not previously outlined in the legislation whereas before the National Council had issues with help with funding in these particular areas. Reps. Joseph Hicks and Charles McHenry requested to be a co-sponsor of this legislation.

Live meetings and agendas that include full legislation can be viewed at [www.mcnnc.com](http://www.mcnnc.com)

## MCN DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SEEK BETTER CITIZEN CARE

### GRANT RECEIVED TO HELP FOSTER FAMILIES IMPACTED BY PANDEMIC



A Muscogee (Creek) Nation National Council Health, Education and Welfare Committee meeting was held Jan. 20 by teleconference. (MN File)

**Lani Hansen**  
SENIOR REPORTER

OKMULGEE, Oklahoma – A Muscogee (Creek) Nation National Council Health, Education and Welfare Committee meeting was held Jan. 20.

All passed legislation will go before the full Council during the regular session Jan. 30.

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

**TR 21-001** Execute a certain agreement with the International Health Terminology Standards Development Organization. Sponsored by Rep. Anna Marshall.

The agreement with International Health Terminology Standards Development Organization allows MCNDH to access a free download of Systematized Nomenclature of Medicine-Clinical Terms. Serves several purposes including problem list and public health reporting. 4-0 Passed.

**TR 21-002** Execute certain agreements between the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Division of Health and Third-Party software companies in order to fully implement the epic electronic health record software system, (“Agreements”) on behalf of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Department of Health. Sponsored by Rep. Marshall.

The agreement with Third Party Software Companies will allow MCNDH to implement the Epic Electronic Health Record System, to better and more efficiently provide health-care services to the citizens. Postponed Indefinitely, 4-0 Passed.

**TR 21-003** Execute a certain agreement between the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Division of Health and Connectwise, LLC on behalf of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Department of Health. Sponsored by Rep. James Jennings.

The agreement with Connectwise, LLC will allow MCNDH access to new software programs to allow the MCNDH better services for citizens. 4-0 Passed.

**TR 21-004** Execute a memorandum of understanding between the UNLV William S. Boyd School of Law and the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. Sponsored by Rep. Joyce Deere.

The UNLV School of Law Practicum will assist MCN in revising a Juvenile Code through the Memorandum of Understanding. 4-0 Passed.

**TR 21-005** Approving the Casey Family programs letter agreement for grant funds awarded for the benefit of Children and Family Services Administration. Sponsored by Rep. Marshall.

The Casey Family Programs Grant of \$45,000.00 will provide support for children in foster care and for the families in crisis due to the pandemic. 4-0 Passed.

**TR 21-006** Execute a certain agreement with CVENT on behalf of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Department of Health. Sponsored by Rep. Jennings.

The agreement with CVENT will allow MCNDH access to virtual Webinar Wednesday for Behavioral

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Health. 4-0 Passed.

**NCA 21-001** Authorizing the expenditure of grant funds awarded from Casey Family programs for the benefit of Children and Family Services Administration. Sponsored by Rep. Marshall.

The Children and Family Services Administration will use the grant funds to provide support for children in foster care and for families in crisis due to the pandemic. 4-0 Passed.

**NCA 21-002** Authorizing

the expenditure of the American Indian College Fund, Native Pathways to College, Spring 2021 Higher Pathways grant for the benefit of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Youth Services. Sponsored by Rep. Deere.

A grant of \$3,000.00 was awarded to the MCN Youth Services that will provide educational support and mentoring to Native American students, their family members and other supportive adults, within MCN reservation. 4-0 Passed.

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

**OBITUARIES**

Annie Mae  
December 8, 1926 -  
January 9, 2021

Annie Mae departed this earth on Jan. 9 at home surrounded by her family. Annie lived a long and fulfilled life until her later years when she suffered from various illnesses and aging. Born on December 8, 1926 at home in Okmulgee County, she was the youngest of 6 children born to Guy and Fannie (Bruner) Whitecotton. Annie Mae graduated from Twin Hills School where she played basketball. She was the only child in her family that graduated from high school. For the last 43 years, she resided on her mother's original allotment land in Okmulgee County where she grew up. Prior to moving back to Okmulgee County, Annie Mae lived in Sand Springs, with her husband, Richard O'Field. This is where they raised their 4 children, Barbara, Jackie (Jack), Linda and Karen. She and Richard were married on July 7, 1948. They were married for 49 years at the time of his death in December 1997.

Annie Mae was a housewife

her entire married life. She did the normal duties of keeping house, cooking and caring for her children; and sewing clothes for the 3 daughters when they were younger. She always made sure her family had home cooked meals, a clean home, and had clean clothes to wear. Annie Mae loved to embroider kitchen towels and pillowcases. She also had a passion for making hand-made quilts, which she learned from her mother at an early age. She made numerous quilts for her family through the years until her health prohibited her to do so in 2018. As her family grew, she continued to make quilts mostly for grandchildren, and great grandchildren. She was always modest about her quilting. In 2000 at the Muscogee (Creek) Annual Festival, she entered 3 quilts into the contest. One quilt was the "Creek Nation Seal" where she hand-quilted and embroidered the details. Annie won first place for one of the quilts that year called "Grandmother's Fan."

Annie Mae attended church most of her life until sickness prevented her from attending in person. While growing up, she attended Concharty Indian Methodist Church. During her married years, she and her family attended Free-will Baptist churches in Sand Springs, West Tulsa Area, Sapulpa and Liberty Heights. Annie Mae always had her family in church whenever the doors were open.

Annie Mae was preceded in death by her husband, Richard O'Field; and her parents, Guy Whitecotton and Fannie (Bruner) Whitecotton; her 5

siblings: brothers, Lee, Rider, and Johnnie Whitecotton; and her sisters, Gladys (Whitecotton) Baker, and Mary (Whitecotton) Summerfield; one son-in-law, Reverend Jimmy Layne; and several nieces and nephews.

Surviving family include her 4 children: her daughter, Barbara O'Neal and husband, Shawn of Twin Hills Community; grandchildren, Richard Condit and wife, Darcie of Dibble, Sherri Brown and husband, Shannon of Mounds, Shawna O'Neal of Twin Hills Community, and Garrett O'Neal of Twin Hills Community; son, Jack O'Field and wife, Janie of Bartlesville; grandchildren, Brian O'Field and wife, Linsey of Durango, CO, Rodney Vernon and wife, Connie of Nixa MO, Jayna Williams and husband, Aaron of Tulsa; daughter, Linda Oberly and husband, Martin of Mustang; grandchildren, David C.E. Williams and wife, Sasha of Moore, Lydia McDonald of Noble, Evan Oberly and wife, Heather of Edmond, Andrea Oberly of Frisco, TX, and Robin Oberly of Orlando FL; daughter, Karen Layne of Wagoner; grandchildren, Joe Layne of Bartlesville and his sister, Kristen Layne of Oklahoma City; 15 great grandchildren; 1 great-great grandchild; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A funeral ceremony was held on Jan. 13 at the Bixby Free Will Baptist Church. Interment will followed in the Haskell Cemetery.

The family would like to acknowledge Okmulgee Hospital and Grace Hospice for the diligent care of Annie Mae.

**SUBMISSIONS****Happy Birthday**

The family of Martha "Tootsie" Chalakee Reece invites cards and notes in honor of her 90th birthday, to be sent to: 28485 E. 137th St. South, Coweta, OK 74429. Mvto.

**Thank You**

Dear Honor Guard Commanders and Members:

I am Eddie Jacobs' sister and want to thank you on behalf of my brother's family for the magnificent service you performed at his funeral on Nov. 4, 2020 at the Pierce Cemetery. Eddie's family is incredibly grateful to you for honoring Eddie with such a special veteran's service. We appreciate your giving so generously of your time.

I was unable to attend but

one of the family members made a video which allowed me to feel that I was a part of the special service. I shall never forget it and am eternally grateful to the Mvskoke Nation Honor Guard. What an exceptional and outstanding group of veterans! Eddie can rest proudly to be honored in such a beautiful and remarkable way.

Sincerely,

Faith Jacobs Pemberton  
Castles  
Eddie Jacobs' Family

**Last Will and Testament**

Judy an energetic 77-year-old mother of 4, grandmother of 13 and great grandmother of 3 passed away in her sleep last Friday. Her husband, a successful business man, died 15 years earlier leaving her a thriving business and several lucrative investments....

Bob and Marry died in a car accident last Wednesday on their way home from a community event. They were the parents of two young boys ages 3 and 5....

Sadly, these are obituaries we may see in the paper. The part that is not noted and rarely discussed is did they have a Will. In the scenarios above Judy did not have a Will thus her family spent years in court (probate) fighting over who got what of her investments and the company. This divided the family and cost the family thousands. Bob and Marry did not have a Will, nor did they have any siblings thus their kids went into the DHS system and the State decided who would raise their children.

One of these important documents that is often put off, is called a Last Will and Testament also known as a will. A will is one of the most vital documents that all adults should consider creating, earlier rather than later, in their lifetime. A will is a legal document reflecting the creators wishes about how they want their assets and personal property to be distributed; custody of minor children and pets; and funeral and burial options upon their death. Everyone over the age of 18 should consider drafting a will while they are of sound mind and body to ensure their wishes are enforced by the courts and that their property is distributed how and to whom they wish.

There are several types of inheritance wills that are recognized in the state of Oklahoma but the most common two are a testamentary will and a holographic will. It is important to seek legal counsel to discuss the differences and help you make the best decision for you and your family. This will help alleviate any confusion or disputes later on.

A testamentary will can be used to transfer assets and property to assigned beneficiaries upon death. The creator can also appoint a guardian for minor children in a testamentary will. There is certain language and technicalities that need to be included in a will to increase the likelihood of the creators wishes to be fulfilled. It is advised that the creator seek legal support in drafting to ensure it contains the proper information needed according to the state law. It is best to have your will signed in the presence of a witness. The witness should not be someone that could benefit from your death.

A holographic will is one that is written and signed by the creator but is not necessarily witnessed. In the state of Oklahoma, a holographic will is valid if it is written in the creators handwriting, signed and dated in its entirety. It must contain no printed nor typed information in order to be valid. To decrease the possibility of disputes later on, there are certain requirements that need to be met in order for the document to be valid, including proof the creator drafted it and held mental capacity at the time of signing.

Although both testamentary and holographic wills are recognized in Oklahoma, it is recommended that you consult with your legal advisor to increase the validity of the will. Often times the problem lies with what the creator often fails to say rather than what they do say. Without legal consultation, the creator may leave out vital information from the document. Remember, to always file an updated copy with the probate division of the county courthouse.

Muscogee (Creek) Nation Legal Services provides Simple Will assistance for eligible participants. For more information, visit <https://www.mcn-nsn.gov/services/legal-services/> or call (918) 295-9720.

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

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

**MVTO**

**Fiscal Year 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 Mvsokke 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, \$140,019,096.81.

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

ACCOUNT NUMBER	PROGRAM NAME/ ACCOUNT NAME	AMOUNT BUDGETED	EXPENDED	ENCUMBERED	CASH BALANCE
<b>PRINCIPAL CHIEF</b>					
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
<b>SECRETARY OF NATION</b>					
54000	Contractual	9,245,034.70	4,498,585.72	4,745,020.42	1,428.56
58010	Construction	1,400.00	1,400.00	-	-
59220	Grants	1,005,310.85	120,767.32	-	884,543.53
<b>TOURISM &amp; RECREATION</b>					
53000	Supplies	3,354.00	1537.38	-	1,816.62
59050	Food Purchases	748,000.00	319,042.79	181,220.42	247,736.79
59440	Incidentals	5,500.00	4048.79	-	1,451.21
<b>CONTRACTING EMPLOYMENT</b>					
53000	Supplies	1,700.00	1,355.00	-	345.00
55210	Communications - Other	3,000.00	80.40	-	2,919.60
59220	Grants	6,825,910.80	3,226,212.42	-	3,599,698.38
<b>INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY</b>					
53000	Supplies	716,070.56	298,617.50	75,365.50	342,087.56
53010	Software/Licenses	847,630.11	626,167.84	318,395.80	-96,933.53
54000	Contractual	463,594.25	39,723.75	38,172.50	385,698.00
55210	Communications- Other	42,033.74	17,334.36	-	24,699.38
55300	Bldg Maint/Repairs	99,818.95	26,238.82	24,895.90	48,684.23
85500	Equipment	3,860,033.48	1,407,285.28	1,966,882.31	485,865.89
<b>FLEET MANAGEMENT</b>					
50000	Salary & Wages - FT	20,000.00	594.71	-	19,405.29
50010	Salary & Wages - Overtime	15,876.00	-	-	15,876.00
50100	Salary & Wages - PT/Other	-3,374.80	7,857.20	-	-11,232.00
21000	Fringe - FT	20,199.00	320.86	-	19,878.14
51100	Fringe - PT/Other	-394.66	889.91	-	-1,284.57
53000	Supplies	3,242,728.45	1,253,439.45	218,191.99	1,771,097.01
53290	Postage/Shipping	50,000.00	28,136.57	-	21,863.43
55300	Bldg Maint/Repairs	315.00	-	-	315.00
85400	Vehicles	151,476.00	146,021.00	-	5,455.00
85500	Equipment	78,000.00	77,716.00	-	284.00
<b>SOCIAL SERVICES</b>					
50000	Salary & Wages - FT	48,519.09	51,089.07	-	-2,569.98
50020	Salary & Wages - O/T Over 1.5	0.67	6,819.73	-	-6,819.06
51000	Fringe - FT	38,960.72	29,793.65	-	9,167.07
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	-	551.54	-	-551.54
59071	Direct Assist - Income Support	49,344,000.00	47,720,000.00	-	1,624,000.00
59072	Direct Assist - Hardship	34,057,500.00	29,791,900.00	-	4,265,600.00
<b>SENIOR SERVICES</b>					
53000	Supplies	200,000.00	184,212.01	1,280.00	14,507.99
<b>FOOD DISTRIBUTION</b>					
53000	Supplies	397,590.75	74,989.69	1,335.72	321,265.34
59050	Food Purchases	201,738.96	146,239.79	-	55,499.17
85050	Renovations	90,000.00	-	9,218.80	80,781.20
85170	Construction	38,656.48	-	-	38,656.48
85400	Vehicles	94,882.39	-	63,417.60	31,464.79
<b>COMMUNITY RESEARCH &amp; DEVELOPMENT</b>					
55210	Communications - Other	-	-	-	-
<b>SECRETARY OF EDUCATION</b>					
50000	Salary & Wages- FT	2,980.44	2,049.69	-	930.75
50020	Salary & Wages - O/T over 1.5	114,900.10	34,270.58	-	80,629.52
51000	Fringe - FT	67,500.42	13,711.55	-	53,788.87
53000	Supplies	1,559,513.00	370,213.00	162,440.90	1,026,859.10
57000	Indirect Costs	-	3,423.49	-	-3,423.49
59073	Direct Assistance - Ed Support	2,260,900.00	2,189,392.97	-	71,507.03
59220	Grants	500,000.00	-	-	500,000.00
<b>MCN MEAT PROCESSING PLANT</b>					
53000	Supplies	100,000.00	-	-	100,000.00
85010	Architect & Engineering	1,000,000.00	728,177.58	131,405.42	140,417.00
85170	Construction	14,800,000.00	1,576,137.91	9,942,515.09	3,281,347.00
85500	Equipment	1,400,000.00	1,070,272.18	118,919.13	210,808.69
<b>REAL ESTATE SERVICES</b>					
54000	Contractual	9,628.00	6,228.30	4,525.70	-1,126.00
<b>CULTURAL CENTER &amp; ARCHIVES</b>					
53000	Supplies	-	-	-	-
<b>CULTURAL PRESERVATION</b>					
53000	Supplies	2,000.00	-	-	2,000.00
59220	Grants	2,725,000.00	2,139,998.95	-	585,001.05
<b>TRIBAL CONSTRUCTION</b>					
50100	Salary & Wages - PT/Other	83,206.80	19,234.80	-	63,972.00
51100	Fringe - PT/Other	10,438.07	2,188.86	-	8,249.21
53000	Supplies	38,975.00	13,360.00	4,270.00	21,345.00
85010	Architect & Engineering	132,241.18	73,886.45	-13,003.70	71,358.43
85170	Construction	14,289,758.71	5,053,419.37	6,153,354.64	3,082,984.70
85500	Equipment	195,110.00	119,985.00	10,125.00	65,000.00
<b>SECRETARY OF INTERIOR AFFAIRS</b>					
58010	Construction	313,297.00	297,631.64	3,460.36	12,205.00
<b>OFFICE OF JUSTICE</b>					
53000	Supplies	26,800.00	26,799.29	-	0.71
54000	Contractual	26,738.00	-	24,738.00	2,000.00
<b>OFFICE OF TAX COMMISSION</b>					
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
<b>CITIZENSHIP BOARD</b>					
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
<b>LIGHTHORSE ADMINISTRATION</b>					
85500	Equipment	60,000.00	56,790.00	-	3,210.00
<b>NATIONAL COUNCIL</b>					
53000	Supplies	625.00	623.34	-	1.66
<b>DISTRICT COURT</b>					
53000	Supplies	918.23	-	-	918.23
53310	Equipment Maint/Repair	10,512.00	10,512.00	-	-
85500	Equipment	176,011.68	159,761.68	16,250.00	-
<b>SUPREME COURT</b>					
50100	Salary & Wares - PT/Other	4,500.00	-	-	4,500.00
51100	Fringe - PT/Other	547.00	-	-	547.00
<b>SECRETARY OF HEALTH</b>					
90110	Transfer Out	-	11,279,552.97	-	-11,279,552.97
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>152,785,102.19</b>	<b>115,712,866.11</b>	<b>24,306,230.70</b>	<b>12,766,005.38</b>

