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MUSCOGEE SOLDIER HONORED IN DEDICATION PARTNERS BETWEEN ORGANIZATIONS AND A FATHER'S ADVOCACY HELP TO FIND A HOME FOR MUSCOGEE VETERAN MICHAEL K. COON'S MEMORIAL

Morgan Taylor
REPORTER

BROKEN ARROW, Oklahoma – May 8 was a special day for the Mission 22 organization, in particularly Muscogee citizen and Mission 22 Advocate Michael D. Coon as a dedication was held for his son, Michael K. Coon also a veteran, who lost his life to suicide in 2015 due to PTSD after his third deployment overseas.

Since that tragedy, father and veteran Michael D. Coon has dedicated many hours to honoring his son while advocating for the Mission 22 organization.

Due to his advocacy and through the partnerships with organization like the Broken Arrow Military History Center, there is now the permanent home for the Army Staff Sgt. Michael K. Coon Memorial.

"You have to continue the fight and that is what I have

done with Mission 22 and becoming the steward of the memorial to bring it here to Broken Arrow to make it a National Monument," Coon said. "This is the first of it kind for our Veterans."

Coon said he carries great pride in being a steward of the memorial and for the Mission 22 organization. With the organization, Coon travels around the country telling the story of his son and spreading awareness for veteran suicide.

"I am really excited about this," Coon said. "We are finally getting the word out about veteran suicide awareness and for our Gold Star families, it's a huge priority to get the message out for the families that are going through the same tragedy we went through 6 years ago."

"We just want to be a shoulder for them and share how we learned to cope."

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The Michael K. Coon Memorial was surrounded by the whole family including his wife, four children, four sisters and several nieces and nephews who were there to honor the loving father, son, brother and uncle.
(Staff photo by Morgan Taylor)



HONOR WALK HELD TO RAISE AWARENESS FOR MMIP CITIZENS CAME TOGETHER TO HONOR VICTIMS AND BRING AWARENESS TO MMIP

Morgan Taylor
REPORTER

OKMULGEE, Oklahoma – In recent years, May 5 has been recognized as a day of recognition for Missing and Murdered Indigenous People.

A proclamation came from President Biden, stating that May 5 would be the dedicated national day of recognition. The Muscogee Nation was mentioned in the proclamation for the efforts put forth in the initiatives and projects regarding MMIP.

The Muscogee Nation held an honor walk to support and spread the awareness of MMIP. Supporters were asked to wear red that day and many sported masks that pictured a red hand print

over the mouth, a well-known image that represents victims of MMIP.

Citizens, employees and community members were invited to participate in an the walk around the trail located at Muscogee Nation Complex.

According to Muscogee Nation Family Violence Prevention Program Director Shawn Partridge, the number regarding MMIP have risen significantly since the reservation ruling.

"This is not because now that we are reservation more violence is happening, it was already happening," Partridge explains. "Now our Lighthorse are often the first responders to our citizens so they are able to link victims

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THE 2021 MCN SCHOLARSHIP PAGEANT TO BE HELD VIRTUAL SIX MVSKOKE WOMEN WILL COMPETE TO SERVE AS THE NEXT AMBASSADOR FOR THE MUSCOGEE NATION

Lani Hansen
SENIOR REPORTER

OKMULGEE, Oklahoma – The 2021 Muscogee (Creek) Nation Scholarship Pageant will be held virtually this year to continue safety measures.

According to the Mvskoke Royalty Facebook page, the pageant was created to provide an educational scholarship opportunity for young Mvskoke women. Through this pageant Mvskoke women develop their sense of self confidence, poise, public speaking skills, social skills, further cultural knowledge and knowledge of Muscogee history, customs and traditions.

Weeks before pageant time, the royalty coordinator and committee gathered the contestants for a weekend of retreat. This year the royalty retreat was held at the College of the Muscogee Nation. The theme name was 'Royaltea Retreat.'

"We named it Royaltea, with a tea setting for our girls like they were going to a tea," Royalty Coordinator LuAnn Bear said. "We had different classes to get them ready. They were given handouts over impromptu questions, what to expect and what not to do. We gave a quiz and essay which gets them ready for the pageant."

Some of the past royalty joined the retreat and was able



Pictured from left to right top row are Miss MCN's contestants Tema Yargee, Katee Colbert and Claudia McHenry. Pictured from left to right bottom row are Jr. Miss MCN's contestants Gabrielle Noriega, Sutv Harjo and Kayton Bruner.
(Submission)

to provide feedback and information of what their experience was like. Bear said the girls felt at ease when the past royalty spoke to them and provided guidance.

As the coordinator, Bear wants to make sure "the pageant this year is easy on the eyes so people can watch it." The pageant is going to be online only due to COVID-19 policies. Bear said they have six young ladies who will be competing this year in the pageant.

"Because this is a scholarship pageant, the winners will receive money," Bear said about the Miss and Jr. Miss pageant. "They receive a silver

crown to borrow until the end of term, a beaded crown, a trophy, a sash, a pendleton blanket, a cedar crown box to carry the crowns in, a backpack and dufflebag. Later on they will get a jacket."

The role of the Miss and Jr. Miss is to serve as the ambassadors of the Muscogee Nation. They are to serve as ambassadors of education, promote their platform, be a role model and inspiration to others, relate well to people of all ages, make personal appearances and do public speaking.

The pageant will be held on Friday, June 4 at 7 p.m. It will be broad cast live on Youtube at Mvskoke Youth channel.

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with necessary advocacy.”

Partridge says that resources and law enforcement play a vital role in prevention. “Our law enforcement and advocates play such a tremendous role,” Partridge said. They are working everyday to

prevent our people from going missing or being murdered.”

Partridge said that the responsibly is a shared effort among the whole community. “We want to encourage people that it is not just about wearing red or a mask with a hand print,” Partridge said. “It is so important that all of us today, take responsibility and

we do what we can to help ensure that our families, our communities, and our nation are safe.”

Programs in place at the Muscogee Nation FVPP help prevent domestic violence, sexual abuse and other forms of family/relationship disputes.

“If we can build safer com-

munities, we can help prevent people from going missing or being murdered,” Partridge said.

Though recent changes have left victims, survivors, and families with many questions, these changes have required increased communications among tribal, state, and federal partners.

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Michael K. Coon was a third generation army veteran behind his father, Michael D. Coon, Vietnam-era Army paratrooper and his late grandfather, World War II veteran, ex-prisoner of war, Bataan Death March Survivor, Phillip Coon.

“I know my father would be proud of what my son, his grandson turned out to be,” Coon said.

Michael K. Coon was just 33 at the time of his death. He had served 10 years of military service including deployments included Iraq, Afghanistan and the Persian Gulf.

“Of all the stories I heard of my son in the military, he took care of his squad and his soldiers,” Coon said. “When they reached out on the day we lost him in 2015, it was all good praise of how good of a soldier he was.”

Michael D. Coon helped design and organize the unveiling of his son’s memorial with help for funds from the Muscogee Nation. Coon commended Second Chief Dell Beaver for his advocacy for the project.

According to Coon, the Muscogee Nation donated \$57,000 toward the project, along with the Broken Arrow Chamber of commerce with a donation of \$160,000 and Mission 22 with a donation of \$260,000.

Coon’s efforts will fund another project related to his son’s memorial. Broken Arrow’s Veterans Park will be the home of the Mission 22 War at Home National Memorial. It will feature 20 steel silhouettes of fallen veterans who have lost their lives to suicide.

Coon said that about 20 veterans take their own life each day.

“We need to step up to help our brothers and sisters in arms. We don’t even lose that many in battle a day,” Coon said. “We need to reach out to our vets and show them they have our support.”

“When they come home they often feel like they aren’t worthy anymore, but they are worthy because they signed on the dotted line to give their lives for our country.”

Special guests included two-time Purple Heart Recipient, Korean War Veteran Bill Chisholm. Desmond Doss Jr., the son of Desmond Doss who was WWII Medal of Honor Recipient and the subject of the famous war movie, Hacksaw Ridge, Chris Spence, former Green Beret, 9/11 Responder who inspired the movie 12



The Muscogee Nation Honor Guard participated in the posting of the colors ceremony with Blackfeet Nation Warrior Society, Seminole Nation Honor Guard, and the Kiowa Black Leggings Society.

(Staff photo by Morgan Taylor)



The Muscogee Nation Transit provided transportation for those special guests who had flown in from around the country to be with Coon as he honored and dedicate the day to his son. A few of the special guest included, Piestawa Family, Desmond Doss Jr, Chris Spence, Bill Chisholm, Jim Belcher, Loren Corpus, members of the Blackfeet Nation Color guard and other veterans and their spouses.

(Staff photo by Morgan Taylor)

Strong, Jim Belcher Jr., son of honorary USS Indianapolis survivor James Belcher. Family of Lori Piestawa, the first Native American Woman to die in active combat, Percy Piestawa (mother), Carla Piestawa (daughter), and Brandon Whiterock (son), Principal Chief David Hill attended along with members of the National Council including Rep. Joyce Deere, Rep. Thomasine Yahola Obsorn, Rep. Mark Randolph, and Rep. Charles McHenry who led the dedication in prayer.

These special guests along

with many more were in attendance including veterans, tribal nation officials and city officials.

Coon gave a special thanks to Broken Arrow Mayor Debra Wimpee for accepting the memorial into the city, which also lies on the Muscogee Reservation.

The Broken Arrow Military History Center is located at 112 N Main St Broken Arrow, OK. The 1000 pound steel silhouette is now on displayed outside the building.

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Special guests were bused from the River Spirit with a surprise stop and the Broken Arrow Veterans Park. The guests viewed the park where Coon’s next project is coming and where the Lori Piestawa Memorial is engraved into marble.

(Staff photo by Morgan Taylor)



The children of the fallen soldier Michael K. Coon sat front row in their reserved seating as their father was honored on Sat. The soldier left behind three young boys who are seated with their aunt, Coon’s sister. He also left behind a daughter who is not pictured.

(Staff photo by Morgan Taylor)



Pictured in front the Michael K. Coon Memorial from left to right stand the Muscogee Nation Veteran Affairs Director Kellan Bible, Principal Chief David Hill, Broken Arrow Mayor Debra Wimpee, and Michael D. Coon who is the father of Michael K. Coon and steward of the Michael K. Coon Memorial.

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TULSA BALLET CENTER AUDITIONS FOR THE NUTCRACKER

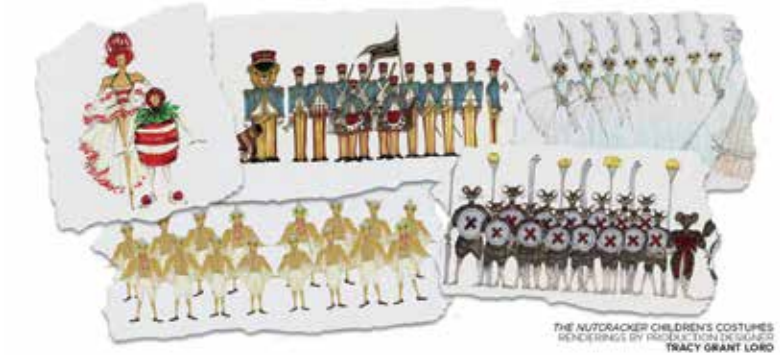
A BRAND NEW PRODUCTION OF THE NUTCRACKER IS COMING TO THE TULSA BALLET CENTER AND IS CALLING ON STUDENTS TO PREREGISTER TO AUDITION

Morgan Taylor
REPORTER

TULSA, Oklahoma – On May 24-26 and July 18, the Tulsa Ballet will hold open auditions for local children ages 6-17 for a brand new production of The Nutcracker. Auditions will take place at the Tulsa Ballet’s Brookside Campus with safety protocols in effect. Preregistration is required along with a \$15 fee per child for auditions. Students can preregister until the day of auditions. The new production will make its World Premiere at the Tulsa Performing Arts Center on Dec. 10-23. Students will have the opportunity to audition for over 100 available roles including baby mice, toy soldiers, baby hawks and hawk angels, party children, plum pudding cupcakes and Fritz. With the new production

comes new costumes, sets and choreography. “From the beginning of the process,” says Artistic Director Marcello Angelini. “The new Nutcracker was envisioned and engineered to provide plenty of roles for our community’s young dancers.” According to Angelini the process is designed to be inclusion. “In fact, during the planning process, we made sure we had every age, from six to seventeen, covered in the casting,” Angelini said. “I believe the interaction between the professional company and young, aspiring dancers in the community is an essential function of any Nutcracker.” “This collaboration fulfills a vital role in the mission of our organization, that of inspiring awareness for the arts, and appreciation for dance, for future generations of dancers, dance lovers and theater goers.” According to Tulsa Ballet

Center Marketing Manager Bethany Kirby, there are currently around 100 students that have preregistered but no roles have been filled yet. Kirby said the Tulsa Ballet has many Native students try out for their productions. “We typically reach out to these organizations through our Center for Dance Education,” Kirby said. “It the part of our organization that reaches out to other organizations like that (Muscogee Nation) for performances.” The pandemic has changed things somewhat for this upcoming production. “This year is going to be pretty different because of social distancing and protocols,” Kirby said. “Even though the mask mandate has lifted we are still going to be requiring safety protocols.” “In the past we have had an open audition but the pre-registration helps us monitor how many auditions we will have and allows us to create




Pictured are sketches of the costumes for the The Nutcracker. (Submission)

time slots so we can create more distance.” There is an orientation for parents and guardians that is required. She said, “We will begin rehearsals in July, typically we begin those a lot closer to time but since this is a completely different production then the last 15 years with a lot more roles than in the past the choreographer will come in early to start working with the children.” Kirby said Tulsa Ballet Center does encourage those students without a ballet background who have wanted to try it to come audition. “This is a great opportunity for anyone who has wanted to try ballet, they are going to be working with professional artists of Tulsa Ballet.” “This could absolutely open opportunities for some” Call (918) 749-6030 or visit <https://tulsaballet.org/classes/the-nutcracker-auditions/> for more information.

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THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION



The 1000-lb steel silhouette of the Muscogee Soldier Michael K. Coon is now on permanent display at the Broken Arrow Military History Center. The memorial project was led by the fallen soldiers father Michael D. Coon, with funding assistance from Muscogee Nation, Broken Arrow Chamber of Commerce, and the Mission 22 organization. (Staff photo by Morgan Taylor)



At the foot of the memorial, words to Michael K. Coon from his family and from fellow soldiers are preserved in a placard. Coon was an army staff sergeant who served in the military for 10 years, which included 3 tours. According to father, he was well respected among his soldier brothers and sisters. (Staff photo by Morgan Taylor)

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NEW BRANDING CAMPAIGN LAUNCHED BY MUSCOGEE NATION

THE TRIBE IS REMOVING “CREEK” FROM IT’S MARKETING MATERIALS AS PART OF A DECOLONIZED REPRESENTATION STRATEGY

Angel Ellis
DIRECTOR

OKMULGEE, Okla-
homa— The Muscogee Nation has announced the launch of a new brand identity that coincides with the affirmed status as a reservation.

“The identity of the Nation and how we’re viewed in the public has been discussed several times over the years,” Principal Chief David Hill said. “With this announcement coinciding with our new era as an affirmed reservation, we thought the timing was right for an update on our brand.”

This campaign is not an official name change or a removal of the tribe’s seal, both of which are protected by the Constitution. The seal is intended for legal documents and anything representing the government, such as legislation, proclamations and executive orders. In many places, the seal and logo will appear together. The name in all official business will still be the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. This initiative is solely focused on the marketing and branding of the Nation to the public.

“We’re changing the general public’s perception of who we are and what we do,” Muscogee Nation Creative Manager Brian OnTheHill said. “The British coined the misnomer ‘Creek.’ When this alias appears in parentheses alongside the proper name of the Nation it creates confusion among the general public. In order to solidify the Nation’s identification and keep the connection to the tribal seal, we focused the brand on Muscogee.”

OnTheHill, a Muscogee citizen, created the new logo and took inspiration from Mississippian design on pottery and shell carvings, to



Pictured above is a photo of t-shirts sporting the new logo that is on sale now with tourism and recreation. (Submission)

connect the Nation’s current status to its history.

Each of the logo’s four components has a longer limb and each of them reach toward the other, just as many Mississippian motifs intertwine, to form a whole. This is in reference to the union of the Muscogee-speaking tribal towns to create the Creek Confederacy and our maintained connectedness as a people. The four pieces of the logo refer to the sacred number within traditional Muscogee doctrine. Four represents balance, as in the symmetrical shape of the logo.

“We are not denying our history,” OnTheHill said. “We are declaring our own identity.”

The URL of the tribe’s website has also changed (www.muscogeenation.com) to reflect consistency with the branding update, and a new website design is in process. The Nation celebrated the reveal with new television spots, branded masks for all employees and other marketing initiatives to be announced.

Mvskoke Media conducted a public survey on the topic to see what tribal citizens thought of the new branding effort.

Of the 135 people who participated in the survey online,

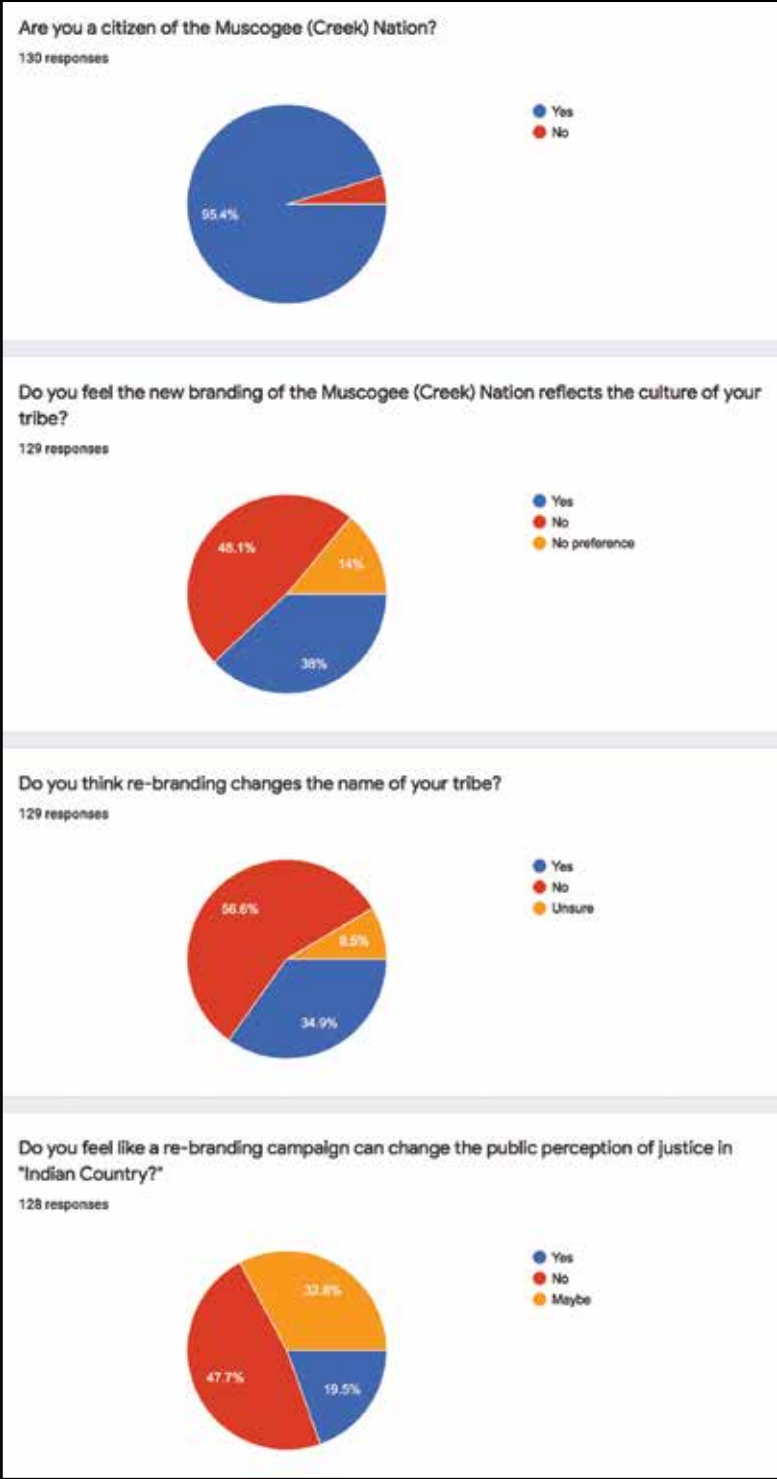
more than 95% percent of those surveyed self identified as citizens of the tribe.

Of those polled, 48% said that they thought the branding reflected the culture of the tribe. About 34% did not think it was accurate and 14% had no preference on how the Nation pursued branding commercial interests.

One of the complaints that citizens took to social media was that they wondered if the branding efforts changed the name of the tribe. Of those participating in the survey, more than 56% of the citizens understood the branding was relegated to marketing purposes, 34.9% thought that the branding was an official name change of the tribe, 8.5% were unsure.

Citizens participating in the survey were asked if they thought rebranding efforts would have an impact on the public perception of justice in “Indian Country.” Over 56% of those surveyed did not believe the branding efforts would affect public perception of justice, 19.5% percent thought that it could and 32.8% were unsure of the effects.

One of the survey participants commented saying, “Advertising hasn’t caused conversation like a new iPhone, but I was asked about



Pictured is the results and chart data of a survey conducted by Mvskoke Media on the topic of the new branding logo launched by the Mvskoke Nation. (MN File Photo)

the rebranding by a stranger today who was curious while I was in Oklahoma City. With the McGirt case still fresh nationally, now seems like a good time to strike.”

Another stated, “I think re-branding is probably the least of our priorities at a time our sovereignty is being bom-

barded by the State of Oklahoma.”


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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor,

I am not an easily offended person. You want to call me an “Apple” fine! But removing the “Creek” part of my heritage to appease the meek sensibility of a few overly sensitive tribal members is removing my national and natural Indian tribal Identity.

Many times I have been in the Hall of Flags at the US Capital. I have searched



out the flags of the “Creek” Nation, my tribe. As well as the flags of the Cherokee, Seminole (formerly Creek’s), Chickasaw and Choctaw nations, all members of the “Five Civilized Tribes.”

I certainly don’t think we as native people referred to ourselves as the “Civilized” tribes. What about the “Five Civilized Tribes Museum” a common trip for most Creek

children to get a good glimpse into their heritage. Will this now be changed as well, to appease the overly sensitive minority of fear mongering citizens?

What about the Seminole? They were once “Creeks,” who did not chose to surrender after the battle at Horse-shoe Bend (Tohopeka) in

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Alabama. A battle field that my daughter and I have walked without tour guides or state officials. And we talked about the flood and how the tribe was trapped in the bend of the creek after two days of heavy rain in 1814. We have stood on the very banks that were once flooded with the swollen creek at their backs and the cannons of Andrew Jackson’s Army at their front.

Some “Creeks” took to the creek to avoid capture or death. Some drowned in the creek, those who survived and fled to Florida, those who would not surrender were called the “Red Stick Creeks,” now known as the Seminole.

Perhaps, our tribe will once again lose the fighting spirit of its people and those who will not be ruled

by lambs will become the 6th member of the Civilized Tribes and be known merely as “Creeks.” I take great pride in my native ancestry; I do not understand the need to conform to the will of others.

We should be fighting for legal rights to our lands opened by the McGirt ruling. We should be pushing for legal rights to collect ad valorem taxes on these lands and we should not be negotiating for beads from Governor Stitt for the price of our land, our heritage and our sovereignty.

If the Creek people want to remove the “White” ways from their past then do it by changing the future. Start “Forward” thinking instead of being bound by the chains of the past. Take pride in the fact that a sports team has a mascot called the “Indians” or “Red Skins” or “Chiefs.” These are symbols

of pride and power for those teams and are used in a positive ways to instill pride and power into the supporters of those teams.

It would be one thing if these names were being used in a derogatory manor but they aren’t, they are being used as symbols of pride and power. My “CREEK” ancestry is a name that means pride and power to me. The creek gave us water, fish, irrigation and during the attack in 1814 it gave life to those who overcame its power. If tribal government would take the time to ask its citizens, I would think, several other tribal members, as I have talked to several today, would feel the same way I do. We ARE Muscogee “CREEK” Indians.

You may print this in your paper if you want.
Jason McPeak
Muscogee “Creek” Nation Citizen

TO THE EDITOR,

Good morning, I hope this letter finds you well. My name is Maleah Coffey, and I am a student at the University of Oklahoma Tulsa campus. I just completed an assignment that requires me to reach out to a media outlet that would be interested in the publication of a bill that we were required to advocate for. The bill that I am advocating for is House Bill 3345, Ida’s Law.

This bill is relating to missing and murdered indigenous persons. This bill is directed for the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation to coordinate with United States Justice; directing Bureau to pursue federal funding; directing Bureau to create Office of Liaison between the nations in the state and federal authorities in assisting to help families and tribal agencies with cases that continue to pile up.

There is more to this bill and with the right channels we can bring light to others about how important it is to locate the men,

women, and children that are missing or to help solve the cases for those who have lost their lives. Not just within our home state but other states across the country. This whole country was built with the solidarity and the rich cultures of Native and Indigenous people far and wide.

I personally have experienced the beginning signs of abuse and trauma that fortunately did not end in tragedy. I however, suffered from being turned away from other nations because I was not of their tribe or the tribe located where I was living during my abuse, held members of the family that knew I was being abused and did nothing or turned their heads from me.

I want to let others know how important it is to know that they matter. Help is out there and that they will not be turned away and that they will be heard. I have a daughter who is a product of domestic violence and has seen things that most children her age do not. I want to protect her from

situations that enabled my abuser and teach her to never stay silent.

I just ask if you could please take the time out to look at the information I have provided about this bill so many of our citizens and fellow tribes will know how important it is to save the lives of our people and provide closure to the families who are hurting. We all need to heal during this difficult time we live in.

I have attached some publications that we created in our Social Problems class at the University of Oklahoma Tulsa with instructor Dallas Pettigrew. I am excited to have provided this information to you at this time, especially with the proclamation for Murdered and Missing Indigenous Peoples day that was just given by the President of the United States. I want to thank you for your time and consideration. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out.

MVTO,
Maleah Coffey

OBITUARIES



Robert Fixico Jr
April 22, 1948 - April 24, 2021

Robert Fixico Jr was born in Spaulding, Oklahoma on April 22nd, 1948 and was nicknamed “Watty” after his grandpa. Wyney Bruner gave him his nickname. Watty grew up on “Fixico Hill” in Spaulding, OK in the old timey ways where the homestead language was all Mvskoke “Creek” and English was non-existent until he attended school in Spaulding.

Watty graduated from Holdenville High School and then went on to OSU A&M Okmulgee where he studied drafting and boiler technology for 4 terms. In 1968, Watty joined the United States Navy and was a proud Vietnam Veteran. He was honorably discharged in 1972. Upon returning from the military, he settled back in Oklahoma where he continued to

get back to the normal way of life. He eventually married, had two kids and made a career at Tinker Air Force Base from where he retired from.

Because of his military background, talents, skills and trades, Watty was a natural leader. In 1984, he was chosen to be a traditional 2nd Chief at Apekv-Talladegi ceremonial ground, a lifetime position. Watty also served a term of 4 years at New Tulsa Ceremonial Grounds as the Helish-hya as he was asked to help their ground out and get it going. Watty was always willing to help and loved the ceremonial grounds. He sacrificed a lot of summers, weekends, ball games and time away from his family to carry the traditional way of life on. Watty returned to his position at Apekv-Talladegi for a period before his health declined and could no longer partake.

You could find Watty outside at his house he built, remodeling projects, fabricating tools and fine tuning his carpentry craft. He enjoyed buying dirt cheap trucks and restoring them in his garage. He had good vision and shot for perfection. His final project was his beautiful tiny house he built from scratch. He loved his family dearly and especially enjoyed the family get togethers the most when everybody came down to hang out with him on Sundays. He was looking forward to his birthday get together with his family.

He loved to laugh and crack jokes.

Watty is proceeded in death by his father, Robert “Spahecha” Fixico Sr., mother, Mamie (Thompson) Fixico, younger brother Johnny Fixico, younger sister Jannette Fixico, and nephew Preston Meely.

He is survived by his two older sisters; Elizabeth Meely, Anna Culley, younger sister Susie Wind and Delois Raulston, who grew up with his family in Spaulding. Also, two children, Robby Fixico, Brooki Fixico, 5 grandkids, Nya Beasley, Tarran Beasley, Jackson Fixico, Kayden Fixico, Macen Fixico, and one daughter in-law Kristi Fixico. Plus, his nephews, nieces and a host of close family members who he liked to call on the phone.

Pallbearers: Nephews: Mekko Ray Meely, Robert “Bon” Culley, Arnold Meely, Travis Wind, Jason Fixico, William Fixico, Russell Wind, Martin Wind, and Alex Tainpeah. Honorary Pallbearers: Louis Hicks, Joe Hicks, Jeremiah Hicks, Robert Hicks, Ray Jackson, Kevin King, Jess Freeman, Ralph Gray, and Mekko George Thompson.

Wake service was held April 26, at Hudson-Phillips Funeral Home Chapel.

Graveside service were April 27, at Holdenville Cemetery, Holdenville, Oklahoma with Rev Frank Moppin officiating. Services under the direction of Hudson-Phillips Funeral Home.

LEGALS

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

CHARLES WESLEY MCHENRY,
Petitioner,

vs.

CRISTA RENEE HUTCHISON,
Respondent.

Case No.: CV-2020-71 SP

SUMMONS

To the above-named Respondent: CRISTA RENEE HUTCHISON

TAKE NOTICE that you have been sued in the District Court of Muscogee (Creek) Nation, Okmulgee District by the above-referenced Petitioner. The action alleges that the Petitioner is seeking certain relief and requesting the Court enter a Order granting such relief.

You are notified that you must answer the *Petition* filed by the Petitioner or appear at the hearing on the 15th day of June, 2021 at 9:00 A.m. at the Muscogee (Creek) Nation District, Tribal Courthouse, Okmulgee, Oklahoma. Failure to respond and/or attend will result in the allegations contained in the *Petition* being taken as true and judgment will be entered against you and in favor of Petitioner as prayed for in the *Petition*.

Given under my hand and seal this 4th day of March, 2021.

Donna Beaver, MCN Court Clerk.
By: Julie King
Deputy Court Clerk.

Prepared by:
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YOU MAY SEEK THE ADVICE OF AN ATTORNEY ON ANY MATTER CONNECTED WITH THIS SUIT OR YOUR RESPONSE. SUCH ATTORNEY SHOULD BE CONSULTED IMMEDIATELY SO THAT A RESPONSE MAY BE FILED WITHIN THE TIME LIMIT.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE MUSCOGEE CREEK NATION
DISTRICT COURT
IN THE MATTER OF:
THE GUARDIANSHIP OF:
Charleigha Abygail Lovell
A Minor Child.

Case No. GD-2018-49

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DONNA BEAVER
COURT CLERK

ORDER AND NOTICE OF HEARING ON APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GENERAL GUARDIANS

Notice is hereby given that Nicole D. McKeeman and Timothy R. McKeeman have filed in the District Court of the Muscogee Creek Nation, an Application requesting their appointment as Co-Guardians of the person and property of Charleigha Abygail Lovell in place of the current Guardians, Megan and Ryan Borneman.

And that the 10th day of June, 2021 at the hour of 10 o'clock, A.m., in courtroom of the Muscogee Creek Nation District Court has been appointed as the time and place for hearing the petition, when and where any persons interested may appear and show cause, if any they have, why such appointment should not be made.

DATED this 28 day of April, 2021.

Shirley
JUDGE OF THE MUSCOGEE CREEK NATION

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

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DONNA BEAVER
COURT CLERK

In the Adoption of:
A.A.T. dob 12/23/2010
C.D.K. dob 8/9/2012

CASE NO. AD-2021-6 SP

NOTICE OF PROCEEDINGS FOR APPLICATION FOR ORDER DETERMINING CHILD ELIGIBLE FOR ADOPTION WITHOUT CONSENT

TO: JAROD DANIEL KING and DAVID EARL KEMP

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that proceedings for your putative rights of the Minor Child, A.A.T. (Jarod Daniel King, Putative Father) and C.D.K. (David Earl Kemp, Putative Father) for an order determining said children eligible for adoption without your consent(s), which has been filed in the District Court, Muscogee (Creek) Nation, Okmulgee District.

Petitioner's Application as to Jarod Daniel King alleging that minor child A.A.T., a female child dob 12/23/2010 born at Hillcrest South in Tulsa, Oklahoma was born out of wedlock and requesting that the parental rights of you as the putative father be eligible for adoption without your consent due to abandonment, your failure to maintain a positive and substantial relationship and/or provide support for the minor child immediately preceding to the commencement of this action and that an order be entered determining said child eligible for adoption without consent, all as more fully stated in the Petition and Application of Adoption without Consent on file in the Office of the District Court Muscogee (Creek) Nation, Okmulgee District, by Petitioners, George Daniel Boone and Courtney Boone.

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

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DONNA BEAVER
COURT CLERK

IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION OF:
ALEXIS BETH-ANN WHITCRAFT,
DOB 10/09/2008
A Minor Child.

Case No. AD-2021-
AD-2021-05 SP

NOTICE OF HEARING

THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION

TO: COLBY JORDAN WHITEHORN
Biological Father

On the 24th day of March, 2021, an Application was filed in this Court for an Order Determining Child Eligible for Adoption Without Consent of Biological Father, Colby Jordan Whitehorn, biological father of Alexis Beth-Ann Whitcraft, born October 9, 2008 at SouthCrest Hospital in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Said Application is set for hearing on the 10th day of June, 2021 at 10:00 A.m. in the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Tribal Courtroom, 2501 Lvnthvike, Okmulgee, Oklahoma 74447.

Petitioner has alleged in the Application that said child is eligible for adoption in that you, Colby Jordan Whitehorn, biological father of Alexis Beth-Ann Whitcraft, born October 9, 2008 at SouthCrest Hospital in Tulsa, Oklahoma, have failed to exercise parental rights or duties over said child, including:

1. Pursuant to Title 6 MCNA §1-901.2, the biological father has failed to establish and/or maintain a significant relationship with the minor child through visitation or communication for a period of six (6) consecutive months out of the last fourteen (14) months immediately preceding the filing of this *Petition for Adoption*; and

2. Pursuant to Title 6 MCNA §1-901-4, the biological father has willfully failed, refused, and neglected to contribute to the support of the minor child for a period of six (6) consecutive months

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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 **\$312,681,466.95**

Total expenditures and encumbrances for FY20 and FY21 as of this report date equals, **\$300,138,396.80**

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

ACCOUNT NUMBER	PROGRAM NAME/ ACCOUNT NAME	AMOUNT BUDGETED	EXPENDED	ENCUMBERED	CASH BALANCE
	PRINCIPAL CHIEF				
50000	Salary & Wages-FT	0.00	-	-	-
50020	Salary & Wages-O/T over 1.5	0.00	-	-	-
50100	Salary & Wages-PT/Other	86,000.00	86,000.00	-	-
51000	Fringe-FT	0.00	-	-	-
51100	Fringe-PT/Other	10,449.00	10,449.00	-	-
56010	Donations/Contributions	49,187.20	10,000.00	-	39,187.20
	SECRETARY OF NATION				
54000	Contractual	9,245,034.70	7,394,884.91	1,848,721.23	1,428.56
58010	Construction	1,400.00	1,400.00	-	-
59220	Grants	305,310.85	180,114.32	-	125,196.53
	TOURISM & RECREATION				
53000	Supplies	1,537.38	1,537.38	-	-
59050	Food Purchases	681,025.44	670,043.79	-	10,981.65
59440	Incidentals	4,048.79	4,048.79	-	-
	CONTRACTING EMPLOYMENT				
53000	Supplies	1,700.00	1,691.75	-	8.25
55210	Communications - Other	3,000.00	80.40	-	2,919.60
59220	Grants	6,825,910.80	5,009,292.89	-	1,816,617.91
	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY				
53000	Supplies	716,070.56	418,797.10	231,949.41	65,324.05
53010	Software/Licenses	1,047,630.11	923,310.84	59,879.00	64,440.27
54000	Contractual	363,594.25	54,626.40	98,269.85	210,698.00
55210	Communications- Other	250,620.89	50,620.89	-	200,000.00
55300	Bldg Maint/Repairs	124,818.95	49,897.92	48,293.43	26,627.60
85500	Equipment	3,535,033.48	1,753,689.22	1,764,508.59	16,835.67
	FLEET MANAGEMENT				
50000	Salary & Wages - FT	20,000.00	1058.13	-	18,941.87
50100	Salary & Wages - PT/Other	13,291.20	13,291.20	-	-
51000	Fringe - FT	20,199.00	637.74	-	19,561.26
51100	Fringe - PT/Other	1,600.96	1,600.96	-	-
53000	Supplies	3,159,942.83	1,452,903.70	117,165.00	1,589,874.13
53290	Postage/Shipping	50,000.00	33,148.50	-	16,851.50
55300	Bldg Maint/Repairs	315.00	-	-	315.00
85400	Vehicles	151,476.00	146,021.00	-	5,455.00
85500	Equipment	158,000.00	85,016.00	-	72,984.00
	SOCIAL SERVICES				
50000	Salary & Wages - FT	94,073.60	94,073.60	-	-
50020	Salary & Wages - O/T Over 1.5	14,175.00	14,175.00	-	-
51000	Fringe - FT	61,228.22	61,228.22	-	-
53000	Supplies	5,502.79	5,466.79	36.00	-
54000	Contractual	465,411.29	407,128.64	9,294.24	48,988.41
57000	Indirect Costs	-	14,329.74	-	-14,329.74
59071	Direct Assist - Income Support	56,333,581.41	56,230,500.00	-	103,081.41
59072	Direct Assist - Hardship	36,119,588.07	35,810,900.00	-	308,688.07
	SENIOR SERVICES				
53000	Supplies	200,000.00	185,364.01	0	14,635.99
	FOOD DISTRIBUTION				
53000	Supplies	79,999.64	75,214.69	-	4,784.95
59050	Food Purchases	146,239.79	146,239.79	-	-
85050	Renovations	130,000.00	5,870.00	119,932.80	4,197.20
85170	Construction	308,871.53	67,498.04	67,506.00	173,867.49
85400	Vehicles	63,417.60	63,417.60	-	-
85500	Equipment	525,000.00	262,500.00	262,500.00	-
	ELDERLY NUTRITION				
85170	Construction	540,000.00	97,281.43	394,888.50	47,830.07
	SECRETARY OF EDUCATION				
50000	Salary& Wages- FT	3,018.44	2,871.38	-	147.06
50020	Salary& Wages - O/T over 1.5	73,329.31	73,195.99	-	133.32
51000	Fringe - FT	42,925.42	43,845.82	-	-920.40
53000	Supplies	779,513.00	539,918.88	2,157.84	237,436.28
56030	Stipends/Honorariums	25,000.00	10,000.00	-	15,000.00
57000	Indirect Costs	-	10,884.72	-	-10,884.72
59073	Direct Assistance - Ed Support	2,180,488.29	2,177,938.27	-	2,550.02
	MCN MEAT PROCESSING PLANT				
53000	Supplies	100,000.00	-	-	100,000.00
85010	Architect & Engineering	1,165,012.00	1,058,925.18	106,086.82	-
85170	Construction	14,800,000.00	5,640,156.29	9,158,611.71	1,232.00
85500	Equipment	1,234,988.00	1,070,272.18	118,919.13	45,796.69
	REAL ESTATE SERVICES				
54000	Contractual	12,374.00	9,519.94	2,854.06	-
	CULTURAL PRESERVATION				
59220	Grants	2,189,999.00	2,189,998.95	-	0.05
	TRIBAL CONSTRUCTION				
50100	Salary & Wages - PT/Other	19,234.80	19,234.80	-	-
51100	Fringe - PT/Other	2,337.03	2,337.03	-	-
53000	Supplies	38,975.00	32,490.00	-	6,485.00
85010	Architect & Engineering	145,244.88	107,210.39	-	38,034.49
85170	Construction	14,594,850.53	11,780,142.63	2,792,875.90	21,832.00
85500	Equipment	130,110.00	127,985.00	2,125.00	-
	SECRETARY OF INTERIOR AFFAIRS				
58010	Construction	313,297.00	297,631.64	3,460.36	12,205.00
	OFFICE OF JUSTICE				
53000	Supplies	26,799.29	26,799.29	-	-
54000	Contractual	24,738.00	24,738.00	-	-
	OFFICE OF TAX COMMISSION				
54000	Contractual	36,300.00	19,000.00	-	17,300.00
55300	Bldg Maint/Repairs	340.80	-1,159.20	1159.20	340.80
85500	Equipment	1.03	-	-	1.03
	CITIZENSHIP BOARD				
53000	Supplies	177,704.50	130,620.80	34,585.00	12,498.70
54000	Contractual	231,500.00	142,900.00	-	88,600.00
	LIGHTHORSE ADMINISTRATION				
85500	Equipment	56,790.00	56,790.00	-	-
	NATIONAL COUNCIL				
53000	Supplies	623.34	623.34	-	-
	DISTRICT COURT				
53310	Equipment Maint/Repair	10,512.00	10,512.00	-	-
85500	Equipment	176,011.68	159,761.68	16,250.00	-
	SECRETARY OF HEALTH				
90110	Transfer Out	-	11,279,552.97	-	-11,279,552.97
	TOTAL	160,506,303.67	148,940,048.35	17,262,029.07	-5,695,773.75