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THE MUSCOGEE NATION LOOKS TO EXPAND HEALTH THE MCN NATIONAL COUNCIL VOTED UNANIMOUSLY ON THE PURCHASE AGREEMENT FOR THE FACILITY IN AN EMERGENCY SESSION



The Muscogee Nation to consider purchasing the former Cancer Treatment Centers of America facility in Tulsa for community hospital conversion. (Submission)

Lani Hansen
SENIOR REPORTER

OKMULGEE, Oklahoma—The Muscogee National Council came together on June 10 for an Emergency Session, where they voted unanimously on the purchase agreement for the former Cancer Treatment Center in Tulsa.

The Cancer Treatment Centers of America (CTCA) announced in May that it was closing their Tulsa hospital. According to a news release, they have proudly served the community and

cancer patients in Tulsa for over 30 years. The closure of the center in Tulsa was reported that they saw no path moving forward due to limited patient treatment.

The National Council then approved a measure for the Muscogee Nation to evaluate the opportunity to purchase the former CTCA facility in Tulsa. Authorization enables the health system to pursue the potential acquisition of the CTCA Tulsa campus.

“We are looking to expand operations in Tulsa

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MCN ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES DUMPSTER STOLEN CHURCH EXPERIENCES CONSTANT THEFT AND DAMAGES LEFT BY TRESPASSERS



Lighthouse searching for stolen government property and urging citizens to report information. (Submission)

Morgan Taylor
REPORTER

OKEMAH, Oklahoma – Sometime during the night of Friday June 11, a 10-yard black dumpster-trailer was stolen from Greenleaf Missionary Baptist Church

located just west of Okemah on Hwy 56 and 1 mile south on N3740 Rd.

The church is a pillar of Muscogee culture and operates traditionally.

The dumpster belonged to the MCN Environmental Services Department and was a part of the equipment

ment the department would loan out to the churches and ceremonial grounds upon request, according to the Environmental Specialist I, Brett Sands.

John Fish, a lifelong member of Greenleaf and a commissioned community impact chaplain claims it was Saturday morning when he received the call from one of the elders who maintains the church grounds stating that the dumpster was gone.

After receiving the call, Fish claims he called MCN Lighthouse to make the report. The following Tuesday, Fish had made a Facebook post about the dumpster which had circulated around to Brett Sands.

Sands had reached out to Fish about the dumpster via Facebook Messenger. Sands provided Fish with photos of the dumpster which were added to the initial post from Fish.

According to Sands and

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PFIZER VACCINES NOW OFFERED TO AGES 12 TO 15 MCNDH CLINICS BEGAN VACCINE DISTRIBUTION FOR MVSKOKE YOUTH



MCNDH is now offering the Pfizer vaccine to those from 12 to 15 years of age. (Lani Hansen)

Lani Hansen
SENIOR REPORTER

OKMULGEE, Oklahoma—As public areas are slowly opening up again and many of the healthcare workers and elders have received the

COVID vaccines, Muscogee (Creek) Nation Department of Health is now distributing vaccines to ages 12 and older.

When the FDA approved of vaccines being given to

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CIRCLE OF RESILIENCE PROJECT BRINGS TOGETHER INDIGENOUS OPERA ARTISTS

PRODUCED BY INTERMOUNTAIN OPERA BOZEMAN, CIRCLE OF RELIANCE BRINGS TOGETHER ARTISTS FROM MANY TRIBES TO CONTRIBUTE IN A SPECTACULAR PERFORMANCE

Jake Wilson
MEDIA INTERN

BOZEMAN, MONTANA—Talent throughout the indigenous community has been expressed in a variety of ways. Art, music, writing, and etc.

have been used to express culture and celebrate it. But now talented artists in the indigenous community are coming together to express their culture through opera.

Circle of Resilience aims to bring together indigenous opera artists

from many tribes. Produced by Intermountain Opera Bozeman, Circle of Resilience will show off the talents of the artist's works and contributions to make this project come to life.

Jerod Tate (Chickasaw), Katelyn Morton (Cherokee), Dr. Shane Doyle (Crow), and Kirsten C. Kunkle (Mvskoke) are some of the artists who contributed to the project.

Kunkle writes libretto for operas and runs an opera company in Wilmington, Delaware.

Tate, a professional

classical composer recommended her for the project. One of Tate's compositions, “Hojo” was one of the many compositions played in the performance.

Doyle and Tate have worked together before,

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to better serve our citizens and the public,” Secretary of Health Shawn Terry said. “Tulsa represents a significant portion of the Muscogee Reservation, and we are focused on bringing high quality health care to our citizens and the broader community.”

According to Muscogee Nation Department of Health release, in the purchase agreement there will be a 90-day evaluation period for the Health System to further assess the

facility and related equipment. During the evaluation process, the Muscogee Health System will lease the facility. The lease officially began on June 15.

The decision of the purchase agreement was made because; MCNDH was unable to transfer patients to Tulsa who required a higher level of care during the pandemic. This acquisition would increase services for specialty care, addressing some of the long-term effects of COVID-19. It would also ensure that citizens have access in times of a pandemic or bed-shortage crisis.

The location is convenient for the large population of Muscogee citizens and Native patients that reside in the Tulsa area, and is close to the Coweta and Sapulpa primary care clinics. The acquisition will enable MCNDH to expand healthcare for Native people and strengthen its services to the Tulsa community.

The Muscogee Nation has always had a progressive approach to healthcare. The Muscogee Nation was the first tribe to partner with communities to provide healthcare in the 1970s with the launch of their Okemah hospital. They also oper-

ate a community hospital in Okmulgee.

MCNDH is assessing all specialty services to best serve the needs of citizens and patients. The health system will evaluate partnerships with local specialty clinics and opportunities to develop in-house services. They will be offering outpatient services soon, and plan to open inpatient services in early 2022.

Terry said, “the health system plans to add an estimated 100 new jobs on campus within the first year. This will include healthcare professionals and support staff. Additional jobs

will be added as the services grow. The health system is financially stable, with healthy operational reserves and strong revenue generated from Medicare, Medicaid and private insurance.”

The 336,385 square feet facility is on a 20-acre campus that includes inpatient and outpatient accommodations. It also includes a 30,386 square-foot medical office building. In addition to the facilities, there are 153 hotel rooms on campus to accommodate family members and patients.

The new name for this facility will be announced soon.

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Fish, once the photo of the dumpster had been added to the post, it had generated more reactions which led an Okemah citizen to reach out.

It was Brian Walls who reached out to Fish and Sands to give the latest information on the Dumpster.

Walls apparently spotted the dumpster at his neighbor’s house just east of Okemah around 12:50 a.m. Saturday morning. Walls had drawn suspicions about the sudden appearance but at the time, did not know at the time the equipment was stolen.

On Saturday evening,

Walls was headed out to dinner and noticed the dumpster had been moved around the neighbors yard in a peculiar manner, so Walls proceeded to take photos of the dumpster.

On Sunday morning, Walls noticed the dumpster was gone.

After Fish’s post on Tuesday, Walls was able to correlate his information with Fish and it was determined by Sands that the dumpster Walls saw can be identified as the stolen item from the church.

“We didn’t find out until Tuesday so we were a couple days behind already,” Sands said. “Whenever I did get this detailed information from Brian Walls on Tues-

day, I called Lighthorse and informed dispatch and gave him all the information for Brian and Lighthorse contacted him.”

Given the amount of time since the last known location, Sands claims it could be anywhere.

“It could be north, it could be south,” Sands explains. “If you’re on social media and you see the post please share it.”

“If you see our trailer please contact the police station, the sheriffs office, or Lighthorse immediately before calling our offices.”

Fish claims the church is subject to thefts frequently,

“Not only did they damage the trailer, but they messed with stuff inside the

church houses as well looking for copper or other things to sell,” Sands said.

Fish said thieves come by the church stripping the camp houses of copper and robbing the church of items that range from the pews outside to the sound system inside.

“We just pray for these people that do this to us,” Fish said. “It does not deter us from keeping on.”

Fish has started spending nights out at the church grounds since this has been happening. He claims he scared someone off during a potential theft one night and had called Lighthorse to make a report.

“They responded quickly but whoever it was had gotten

in their car and drove away before they got there,” Fish explained.

The church has applied for COVID related grants and received \$25,000, which they plan to use for a security system, lighting, and other measures of protection, as well as try to repair damages, according to Fish.

“We are trying to preserve this place,” Fish explains. “It’s a part of our heritage and culture.”

For information regarding the dumpster-trailer please call Lighthorse 918-732-7800 or local law enforcement agency.

For information regarding robberies or thefts on ceremonial churches please call Lighthorse.

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those from ages 12 to 15 years old, MCNDH took the chance and started giving it to those who came in the Okmulgee Pediatrics Clinic. The distribution began in late May, other clinics such as Eufaula, Okemah, Sapulpa and Koweta have been giving vaccinations out also for those ages.

According to MCNDH Lt. Commander Sam Hubler, FDA approved the Pfizer vaccine for pediatric patients. The vaccine doses are the same as what

the adults received. Hubler said the vaccine schedules are also the same, where the patient receives the first dose and about 21 days later receives the second dose.

“We can do it as early as 17 days from the first dose, or as late as six weeks,” Hubler stated about the vaccine schedule.

Because the vaccinations are the same between the adults and those who are ages 12-15, the symptoms remain the same. Hubler said most of the younger ones who have received the vaccine have done well not having any symptoms. He said there has only been a

few who reported having symptoms within a day following the injection.

According to Kanati Strategies Partner Cheena Pazzo, as of June 1 MCNDH has administered 123 vaccinations to those 12 to 15 years of age. The number is expected to rise in the coming weeks with events planned for school districts in Broken Arrow, Sand Springs, Bristow and Glenpool. As of June 1, MCNDH has administered a total of 32,063 COVID-19 vaccines.

Hubler said they are giving the vaccines out daily at all of the MCNDH clinics. For those who fall in the

age group of 12 to 15, Hubler encourages them to get vaccinated as he says, “the earlier, the better.”

“It takes about two weeks after your first dose to reach full potential of immunity,” Hubler said. “So if we’re looking at getting back into school, sports camps, church camps and any other activities the sooner you get that started the better.”

After receiving both of the vaccine doses, the antibodies typically last in a person’s immune system anywhere from six to nine months.

“It’s my projection that in the fall, the adults who have

received the vaccine will need to receive a booster,” Hubler said. “We will be doing it in a rolling fashion as the pediatrics population are joining us in vaccines. Looks like we will be getting these for the foreseeable future.”

Hubler believes it is important for the youth to get vaccinated to help protect the elders. Working in healthcare, he has heard a lot about protecting the elders and taking care of them. He said if you want to honor your elders or take care of them, getting vaccinated is an opportunity to do so.

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he narrated another piece of Tate’s, “Spirit Chief Names the Animals”.

Doyle is a Plains Indian singer who has worked with Intermountain Bozeman, by lending his voice to many of the compositions shown in the project.

Morton has a double major in vocal performance and musical theater. She is currently a junior at Oklahoma City. Being the youngest out of the crew Morton explained what it was like working with such experi-

enced artists.

“I kept telling Jerod, Kirsten, and Shane the whole week that I was learning so much.” Morton said. “I understood that these people are in a position where they have a lot more knowledge than me.”

“My favorite thing about this experience was the people that I got to work with and being able to learn so much from everyone...I was certainly asking questions and it was just a really incredible opportunity for me.”

Kunkle shared her thoughts on the overall experience of being able to express their culture through their work

“Something that was really exciting for us as performers was that we were able to kind of branch out and show our heritage through the works that were part of our culture and part of our modern opera,” Kunkle said. “But we also were able to showcase what we do on a daily basis as performers to show all facets of what we do.”

“This project demonstrates that opera is for everyone.”

The Circle of Resilience will be available for free from June 16th to June 30th on the Intermountain Opera Bozeman website.



Shane Doyle, Kirsten C. Kunkle, Holden Madagame, Katelyn Morton, Jerod Tate, and Grand Youngblood performing in the Circle of Resilience. (Intermountain Opera Bozeman) (Submission)

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PROPERTY PURCHASE CONSIDERED AS PART OF MASTERPLAN

IHS AND TRIBE TO REHAB WATER SUPPLY AND DISPOSAL FOR FORTY HOMES

Morgan Taylor
REPORTER

OKMULGEE, Oklahoma – A Muscogee (Creek) Nation National Council Land, Natural Resources and Cultural Preservation Committee meeting was held June 8 at the Mound Building Auditorium. 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 21-091 Resolution authorizing the Principal Chief to submit a bid to purchase real property located in Okmulgee County, OK which will be sold at a public auction. Sponsored by Rep. Charles McHenry.

The National Council authorizes bids of up to \$850,000.00 for the property. Property is critical to the MCN Omniplex and will allow for future use of the property in accordance with the MCN Master plan. Failed.

TR 21-092 Resolution authorizing the Principal Chief to execute a Memorandum of Agreement with the National Association of Conservation Districts for the benefit of the MCN Natural Resources Conservation District. Sponsored by Rep. Charles McHenry

MCN Natural Resources Conservation District was awarded the 2021 NACD Assistance Grant (\$75,000.00). Funds will be



Forty homes throughout the Nation will receive needed updates.

(MN File Photo)

used to identify and support citizens who currently have agricultural interest and have not participated in similar programs. Postponed indefinitely

TR 21-093 Resolution authorizing the Principal Chief to execute a Memorandum of Agreement between the MCN and the Indian Health Service for the construction, improvement, and installation and rehabilitation of domestic water supply and wastewater disposal facilities for forty native American homes in Creek, Hughes, Mayes, McIntosh, Muskogee, Okfuskee, Okmulgee, Rogers, Seminole, Tulsa and Wagoner Counties. Sponsored by Rep. Thomasene Yahola Obsorn.

Obtain satisfactory domestic water supply and adequate

wastewater disposal facilities for 40 homes throughout the counties listed above. IHS will fund construction, contingency, and technical support necessary to construct water supply and waste disposal facilities and contribute \$350,000.00. MCN will contribute \$125,000.00. Do pass.

TR 21-094 Resolution authorizing the Principal Chief to execute a Memorandum of Understanding regarding archaeological site 1cal90 and Ram Oxford Hospitality, LLC – Hotel Development Oxford, Calhoun County, AL

Memorandum will recognize, protect, and preserve the interests of the MCN in any development within the Archaeological Site. Do pass.

TR 21-095 Resolution authorizing the Principal

Chief to execute a Temporary Operating Permit with Entertaining Angels for the operation of one temporary fire-works sales facility on tribal trust land. Sponsored by Rep. James Jennings

The Nation agrees to waive rental fee and surety bond for Entertaining Angels. Do pass.

TR 21-096 Resolution authorizing the Principal Chief to execute a contract accepting a donation of land located in Hughes County, OK. Sponsored by Rep. Thomasene Yahola Osborn

The land is adjacent to the Nation's Southern Regional Office in Wetumka, OK and contains 0.65 acres that will be used to improve parking at existing facilities. Do pass

NCA 21-062 Law authorizing the expendi-

ture of 2021 NACD Technical Assistance Grant funds awarded from the National Association of Conservation Districts for the benefit of the MCN Conservation District. Sponsored by Rep. Charles McHenry

MCN Natural Resources Conservation District was awarded the 2021 NACD Assistance Grant (\$75,000.00). Funds will be used to identify and support citizens who currently have agricultural interest and have not participated in similar programs. Do pass.

NCA 21-063 Law authorizing the expenditure of Computer-aided Scheduling/Dispatched and Wireless Technologies Implementation Project Grant Funds awarded from the U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Transit Administration for the benefit of the MCN Tribal Transportation Program. Sponsored by Rep. Charles McHenry

Technologies will help the Transportation Program operations. Do pass

NCA 21-064 Law appropriating funds to be used to accept donated real property and transactional cost related to accepting donated real property located in Hughes County, OK. Sponsored by Rep. Thomasene Yahola Osborn

Land located at Tiger Mountain consists of approximately 1300 acres. The acquisition of the land will allow for the development of a nature preserve and visitors/educational center for the Nation. Do pass.

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for CRIME VICTIMS on the MUSCOGEE NATION RESERVATION



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COMMITTEE APPROVES CERTAIN AGREEMENTS FOR MCNDH

OKMULGEE FOOD DISTRIBUTION REQUESTS MODIFICATION FOR EXPANSION

Lani Hansen
SENIOR REPORTER

OKMULGEE, Oklahoma — A Muscogee (Creek) Nation National Council Health, Education and Welfare Committee meeting was held June 9.

All passed legislation will go before the full Council during the regular session June 26.

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

TR 21-085 Approving the absentee workers for the 2021 Muscogee (Creek) Nation primary and general elections. Sponsored by James Jennings.

The Election Board submitted a list of absentee workers to be utilized in the upcoming 2021 Primary and General Elections. Passed 4-0.

TR 21-086 Execute a certain agreement between the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Department of Health and Zoom Video Communications, Inc. on behalf of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Department of Health. Sponsored by Rep. Mary Crawford.

The agreement with Zoom is to allow the MCNDH access to a certain software to utilize in the full implementation of the Epic Electronic Health Record System. Passed 4-0.

TR 21-087 Execute a certain agreement between the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Department of Health and



A Muscogee (Creek) Nation National Council Health, Education and Welfare Committee meeting was held June 9 at the Mound Building in Okmulgee, Oklahoma. (MN File Photo)

XPS Ship, LLC on behalf of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Department of Health. Sponsored by Rep. Mary Crawford.

The agreement with XPS Ship, LLC is to allow the MCNDH access to certain shipping services to mail medical testing kits to rural areas that are not serviced by other shipping companies. Passed 4-0.

TR 21-088 Execute a certain agreement between the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Department of Health and Google LLC on behalf of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Department of Health. Sponsored by Rep. Mary Crawford.

The agreement with Google LLC is to allow the

MCNDH access to a certain software to utilize in the full implementation of the Epic Electronic Health Record System. Passed 4-0.

TR 21-089 Execute a certain agreement between the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Department of Health and Cox Business on behalf of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Department of Health. Sponsored by Rep. Mary Crawford.

The agreement with Cox Business is to allow the MCNDH access to a certain software to utilize in the full implementation of the Epic Electronic Health Record System. Passed 4-0.

TR 21-090 Confirming the nomination of Kaila Harjo to serve as the Secretary of

Education, Employment and Training of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. Sponsored by Rep. Joyce Deere.

The Principal Chief has nominated Kaila Harjo to serve as the Secretary of Education, Employment and Training with a term beginning upon confirmation and ending concurrent with the term of the current Principal Chief. Passed 4-0.

NCA 21-058 Authorizing the expenditure of the Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Marylee Allen promoting safe and stable families program funds for the benefit of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation's Children and Family Service Administration

(CFSA). Sponsored by Rep. Anna Marshall.

The funds awarded from the program will be used to provide community-based support, family preservation, family reunification and adoption promotion and support services. Passed 4-0.

NCA 21-059 Authorizing the expenditure of grant funds awarded from a Cares Act Emergency Medical Services grant for the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Department of Health. Sponsored by Rep. Anna Marshall.

The CARES Act Emergency Medical Services Grant shall carryover until fully expended, the grant was awarded to MCNDH. Passed 4-0.

NCA 21-060 Authorizing a budget modification in excess of ten percent (10%) for the Food Distribution Program. Sponsored by Rep. Anna Marshall.

The Food Distribution wished to make the modification to help cover the cost increase of the Cooler/Freezer Expansion Project at the Okmulgee Food Distribution Center. Passed 4-0.

NCA 21-061 Authorizing the expenditure of grant funds awarded from an AARP Grant to the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Department of Health. Sponsored by Rep. Joyce Deere.

The AARP Grant in the amount of \$5,000.00 is needed to expend to the recipient MCNDH. Passed 4-0.

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CHILDREN REMEMBERED, IMAGES, WET POET

LOST CANADIAN CHILDREN REMEMBERED, NEW MANKILLER QUARTER, MAYFLOWER FAILS, WET POET

Gary Fife

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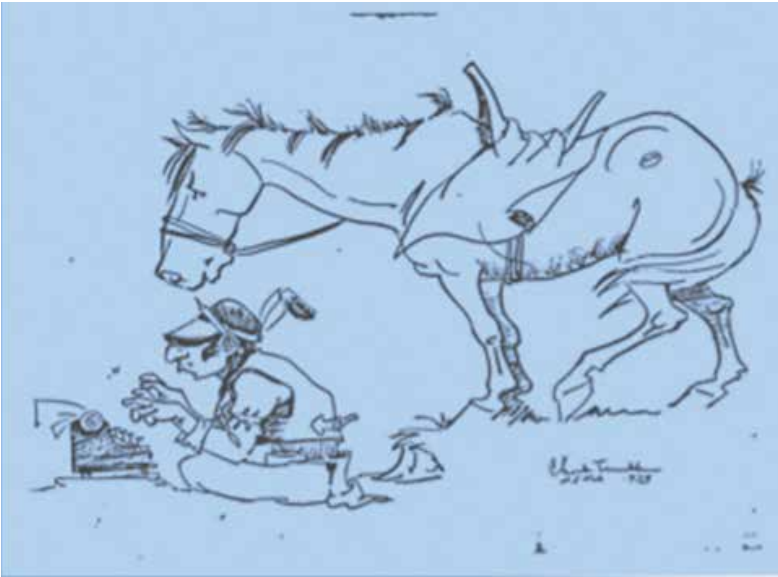
Okmulgee, Oklahoma— Weather forecast for the month: Hot.

Starting with a national item, the Dakota Access Pipeline in North Dakota has been halted. According to an internet search and news reports, the Keystone Pipeline XL had secured full funding through 2022, only 8% of it had been built by the time President Biden revoked the project's permit in the United States. That's after a federal court had ruled against it.

2,000 mvtos to all the people who withstood some pretty brutal winters to protect the water supply for the Standing Rock Lakota. This might be just a bit dated story but worthwhile sharing anyway.

An international item also worth sharing was the news that the graves of 215 Canadian Native school children were found on the grounds of a boarding school in Kamloops, Canada. Nothing much has ever been reported about their deaths, but stories of harsh treatment and lack of care are nothing new to many Native people who have had that experience. None of the graves were marked or identified.

Canadian officials have acknowledged the tragedy, as have many other Canadians. Many memorials and observances in the children's honor were conducted around the nation, flags



MN File Photo)

were lowered to half-mast, flowers laid out, songs were sung and prayers offered.

One of the most moving ceremonies was at a professional hockey game between two Canadian teams. As the teams prepared to begin, the number "215" was shown on the scoreboard. Indigenous singer Don Amero was called on to deliver their national anthem, "Oh, Canada." A Native elder couple stood behind Amero. The woman held out a pair of baby moccasins and the man, with trembling hands, held out tobacco and an eagle feather. With a slow and steady pace, Amero lifted up the words as an honor song to the lost children.

Television cameras showed spectators at attention. Many, including some of the hockey players shed tears.

Amero received a stand-

ing ovation.

More on Native American imagery.

A new U.S. quarter will soon be available bearing the image of the late Wilma Mankiller, according to the U.S. Mint. That quarter will among five new coins available in 2022. Here's a nice sign of progress: KOTV Channel 6 News cited Indian Country Today as the source for that story. I don't remember any local TV news agency using a Native journalism organization as a source for material. I could be wrong, but that's a nice sign of change.

Still more...Union High School in Tulsa is still searching for a new mascot to replace the "R-skins" name and logo that they retired a bit ago. They're asking the public, so maybe if you've got an idea, you should give 'em a call. (I still like the 'Fighting Ham-

sters'.)

And...in Connecticut, CNN reported some local schools in that state could lose their financial support from Native owned gaming enterprises because they still use Native mascots and logos. The Moheicans and Pequots contribute \$51 million to local budgets. The tribes say they've got two years to make the changes. Money talks,...etc. etc...

More images to be removed now include a wooden horse that's part of a carousel (you know, a merry-go-round) in a park in Thorton, Colorado. The 1920's carved horse depicted a Native American head in a saddlebag. KMGH News reported a park patron noticed the 'disheartening' carving and reported it to city authorities. To their credit, the carousel horse was quickly removed. They are planning to replace it with something more comfortable. Perhaps a wooden hamster?

The New York Daily News and several other news sources reported that a second Mayflower ship failed in its journey to cross the Atlantic Ocean and returned to England. This one was not crewed by a bunch of estehvtke (white folks) in funny hats, but by artificial intelligence units, in essence, robots. Mechanical issues were cited as the problem. Now, if that had only happened with the first one!

The U.S. Attorney's office and local news reports

say that a an Oklahoma man has been arrested by federal authorities for sending e-mails to KOTV threatening to kill the President and a number of Congressional Representatives unless Congress moved to "hand a check over to the State of Oklahoma, the Muscogee Nation and my family in accordance with a signed agreement as set forth in the Treaty of 1866." He wrote that this was in compensation for tribes being forced on the Trail of Tears." The man has been verified as an enrolled Mvskoke tribal member.

How did we get mixed up in this?

Finally, how many of you have been caught in the rain with a U.S. Poet Laureate? Well, that honor is now mine. Joy Harjo was at the Mvskoke capital to address a group at the tribal observance of National Day of Prayer. As her presentation was ending, a light sprinkle started to get more serious and everyone in attendance ducked to find shelter.

As Oklahoma weather goes, that 'serious' sprinkle soon had everyone wet. I gave Harjo a ride back to her car, and a short walk to find some dry clothes. That's an experience not too many people will ever have.

Hvtvm cerecares—stay cool.

Disclaimer: The views expressed are those of the author and not necessarily those of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation or Mvskoke Media.



WE'RE GRILLIN' UP YOUR SHARE OF

\$10,000!

SATURDAY CASH DRAWINGS

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\$250 | 6PM–7:15PM

\$500 | 7:30PM–9:15PM

\$1,000 | 9:30PM–9:45PM

\$2,500 GRAND PRIZE | 10PM

Random \$25 Rewards Play Winners

Earn one entry for every 50 points played.

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

COUNCIL APPROVES PURCHASE OF FORMER CANCER CARE CENTER

PROPERTIES PURCHASED BY THE MCN TO EXPAND DEPARTMENTS AND SERVICES

Morgan Taylor
REPORTER

OKMULGEE, Okla-
homa – A Muscogee
(Creek) Nation National
Council Emergency Session
meeting was held June 10 at
the Mound Building Audi-
torium.

LNC addressed the fol-
lowing legislation, the
interpretation of which is
attributed to language in
the bills:

TR 21-095 Resolution
authorizing the Principal
Chief to execute a Tempo-
rary Operating Permit with
Entertaining Angels for the
operation of one temporary
fireworks sales facility on
tribal trust land. Sponsored
by Rep. James Jennings

Entertaining Angels will
sell fireworks to raise funds
for the less fortunate on
tribal property with a lease
for four days to a month.
Do pass, 12-0

TR 21-097 Resolu-
tion authorizing the Prin-
cipal Chief to execute a
non-binding Letter of
Intent for the purchase of
land located in Okmulgee
County, OK. Sponsored by
Rep. Adam Jones III
Located north of Gun
Club Rd and N3990 Rd/
Prairie Bell Rd. Approx.



Meetings return to at the Mound. (MN File Photo)

5,570 acres to be used for
the expansion of Division
of Agriculture and Natu-
ral Resources programs and
future site for commerce
opportunities. Do pass,
12-0

TR 21-098 Resolution
authorizing the Principal
Chief to execute a certain
agreement between Expe-
dition Properties LLC and
the MCN Dept. of Health.
Sponsored by Rep. Lucian
Tiger III

The MCNDH desires to
enter into an “Agreement”
to allow a purchase of cer-
tain real property to allow
for the expansion of hospi-
tal services. Do pass, 12-0

NCA 21-066 Law
amending MCNCA Title
31, 3-101 entitled, “Com-
pensation for certain offi-
cers or employees of the
MCN.” Sponsored by Rep.
Lucian Tiger III

Amendment allows for
Health Department Profes-
sionals to be added to the
list of certain officers and
employees of the MCN. Do
pass, 12-0

NCA 21-067 Law
appropriating funds to
be used for the operating
budget for the newly pur-
chased hospital, formerly
known as the Cancer Treat-
ment Centers of America
– Tulsa, Located in Tulsa,

OK for the remainder of
the fiscal year 2021. Spon-
sored by Rep. Lucian Tiger
III

Funding is needed in the
amount of \$16,775,515.00
to cover the operating
budget for the remainder of
the fiscal year for the new
hospital appropriated from
the Health Third Party
Investment Fund account.
Do pass, 12-0

NCA 21-068 Law
authorizing a budget mod-

ification in excess of 10%
for the Muscogee Nation
Youth Council. Sponsored
by Rep. William Lowe

The MNYC wishes to
make this modification in
order to reallocate certain
excess funds for traveling
and use the funds for other
expenses such as youth
activities and program sup-
plies. Do pass, 12-0

Full agendas and legisla-
tion can be viewed at www.mcnnc.com.

LEGALS

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

IN THE MATTER OF:)
H.F.; DOB: 08/14/2012)
R.S.; DOB: 07/27/2010) Case No. JV-2021-04
Alleged Deprived Children.)

JUVENILE SUMMONS

THE MUSCOGEE NATION to: Unknown Father

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a Petition has been filed in the Court of The
Muscogee (Creek) Nation alleging that the above-named children are deprived children and
that, as the parent of said child, R.S., you have been named as the Respondent, all as
more fully set out in the Petition.

YOU ARE THEREFORE ORDERED TO APPEAR at the Courtroom of the District
Court of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, Okmulgee, Oklahoma, on the 17th day of
Sept. 2021 at the hour of 9:00 a.m. for an **Adjudication Hearing** and to there remain
subject to the call of the Court until discharged so that you may be advised of the
allegations and may answer that you admit or deny the allegations of the Deprived Petition.

You may seek the advice of any attorney on any matter relating to this action at your
own expense. Or, if you are qualified as indigent, an attorney can be appointed for you.

**IF YOU FAIL TO ATTEND THIS HEARING, YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS MAY BE
ADVERSELY AFFECTED AND YOU MAY BE CITED FOR CONTEMPT OF COURT AND
A BENCH WARRANT MAY BE ISSUED FOR YOUR ARREST.**

Issued this 17th day of JUNE, 2021.

[Seal] *Debbie King*
Deputy Court Clerk
Muscogee (Creek) Nation District Court

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION OF:)
PEYTON ALLAN SMITH,)
DOB 06/11/2012) Case No. AD-2021-04
A Minor Child.)

**NOTICE OF HEARING ON BEST INTEREST
AND FINAL DECREE OF ADOPTION**

THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION

TO: **DARIAN GEORGE A/K/A DARIAN SMITH**
Biological Mother

NOW on this 13th day of May, the Petitioner, Katherine Marie Allen, by and through her
attorneys, Catherine Z. Welsh and Jim C. McGough, Welsh & McGough, PLLC, having filed her
Application for Setting of Best Interest Hearing and Final Decree of Adoption herein, the Court
FINDS that the *Application* should be granted and that the same should be set for hearing on best
interest and entry of final decree.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Court that this matter be, and it is hereby set for
hearing on the 17th day of Sept. 2021 at 10:00 o'clock A. m. in
the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Tribal Courtroom, 2501 Lvnwllke, Okmulgee, Oklahoma 74447,
for determination of best interest and entry of a final decree of adoption, and that notice thereof be
given to all interested parties.

YOU ARE, THEREFORE, NOTIFIED THAT THE COURT WILL HEAR
EVIDENCE IN SUPPORT OF AND IN OPPOSITION TO THE GRANTING OF THE
APPLICATION AT THE TIME AND PLACE SHOWN ABOVE WHERE YOU WILL
HAVE THE RIGHT TO BE PRESENT AND HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD.

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

IN THE ADOPTION OF:)
A. B. T.-P.,)
DOB: 10/11/2007) Case No. AD-2021-1
A Minor Child.)

**2nd AMENDED NOTICE OF HEARING APPLICATION FOR ORDER DETERMINING
CHILD TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR ADOPTION WITHOUT
CONSENT OF NATURAL FATHER**

TO: Brandon Talkington

On the 1st day of June, 2021 an Amended Application was filed
in this Court for a determination that A. B. T.-P., a minor child born out of wedlock in Tulsa,
Oklahoma, on October 11, 2007, to Brandon Talkington, and Stacy Lyn Pritchard Harmon seeking
that the child be declared eligible for adoption without the consent of the Natural Father, so that
the adoption of said child may occur. Said Application is set for hearing on the 2nd day of
September, 2021 at the hour of 10:00 O'clock a.m. in the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, Okmulgee
District Courtroom, located in the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Mound Building, in Okmulgee,
Oklahoma, before the Honorable Judge at the District Court.

Petitioners have alleged in the Petition that you are the biological father. Petitioners allege
that your consent to this adoption should be deemed unnecessary and your parental rights
terminated because you failed to pay child support for the child in accordance with the order of
the Court during the preceding year and that you failed to establish and/or maintain a significant
relationship with the child for a period of six (6) consecutive months out of the last fourteen (14)
months immediately preceding the filing of the Petition for Adoption.

YOU ARE, THEREFORE, NOTIFIED THAT THE COURT WILL HEAR EVIDENCE

SUBMISSIONS

Hesci!
The recent issue of The
Mvskoke News featuring grad-
uates was awesome! So many
young people successfully
earning degrees portends well
for them, their families and the
Mvskoke Nation. I am certain
many leaders will emerge from
the group in the years ahead.

I missed sending infor-
mation about my daugh-
ter, Mariah McIntosh, and
so I want to use this letter to
applaud her achievement, as
well as thank the MCN for the
assistance she received during
COVID. She graduated from
the University of Arkansas in
May with “highest distinc-
tion” with a 3.96 GPA. She
received a Bachelor of Arts in
Psychological Sciences. Also,
she was an active participant in
the Native American Student
Association (NASA) during
her years at the university, serv-
ing as President at the begin-
ning of the Quarantine so that

the Association could remain
an official student organiza-
tion. Her primary role was to
reach out to Native Students to
let them know that there was
a Native presence on campus,
and that they have support and
resources available to them,
despite the obstacles COVID
presented. During her time
with the NASA, she discov-
ered the importance of com-
munity and belonging.

Currently, she is an
intern at the Alaska Native
Tribal Health Consortium
(ANTHC), a tribal health
institution that serves all Alas-
kan Native peoples in the state
of Alaska. The ANTHC
values holistic health treat-
ment that embraces a multi-
faceted approach to health and
healing in the physical, mental,
emotional and spiritual
dimensions of life. The mis-
sion of ANTHC is to incor-
porate an indigenous world-
view into western science and

technology to achieve a cul-
turally-specific service to heal
Alaska Native people. Her
specific internship is a project
called “Tell Your Heart Story,”
which is a suicide prevention
program, and helping out with
the Injury Prevention Program
of their ATV safety program.

Finally, I want to express
my appreciation for the
COVID grant the MCN
gave my daughter so that she
could purchase a new laptop
to replace a desktop purchased
years ago. The new machine
boosted her ability to partici-
pate effectively in the Family
and Community Intervention
Lab with Dr. Lauren Quetsch
as a mentor for children who
were victims of bullying at ele-
mentary school. It is good to
see that the MCN supports,
encourages and celebrates the
educational achievements of
our young people.

Mvto,
The Rev. Ken McIntosh, PhD

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Cemetery Concern
If you have someone buried
in the cemetery located at
Grant Chapel UMC, 5 miles
west and 1/4 mile south of
Welty, it would be appre-
ciated if you or your family
would tend to the upkeep
of the grounds around your
loved one. The church does
not have and cannot afford to
have a caretaker. The history
of this cemetery is unknown;
does it belong to the church
or was it a community cem-
etery? If it is specifically the
property of the church then
when a death occurs and the
family wishes to have their
loved one buried in this cem-
etery they will need to con-

tact the church for per-
mission for burial. Should
anyone have information
pertaining to this cemetery,
could you please share with
the church?

Josephine Deere
Pastor
918-906-3668

**Social Security Assis-
tance**

The Muscogee (Creek)
Nation Social Security Assis-
tance Program will be provid-
ing services and information
to MCN citizens regard-
ing Social Security bene-
fits such as disability, Medi-
care Part A and B, retirement
and survivor benefits at the
Southern Regional Office

located at 333 S. Washita in
Wetumka, Ok. Social Secu-
rity Service Outreach office
hours are going to be every
second Wednesday of the
month from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
For more information contact
Social Security Assistance
Program Manager, Cindy
Miller at 918-549-2476, Case
Manager Sallie Ortiz at 918-
549-2477 or 918-549-2475.

TCIC Bingo
TCIC will be having a
Bingo Night on July 2. Food
Sale begins at 6 p.m. and
Bingo at 7 p.m. Address:
8611 S. Union Ave Tulsa,
OK 74132. Call TCIC if you
have any questions, 918-298-
2464.

Fiscal Year 2021

In accordance with the following legislation:

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

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

Total received/earned **\$312,684,448.48**

Total expenditures and encumbrances for FY20 and FY21 as of this report date equals, **\$307,408,686.00**

The following report has been submitted for the publication date of **JULY 1ST**.

ACCOUNT NUMBER	PROGRAM NAME/ ACCOUNT NAME	AMOUNT BUDGETED	EXPENDED	ENCUMBERED	CASH BALANCE
	PRINCIPAL CHIEF				
50100	Salary & Wages-PT/Other	86,000.00	86,000.00	-	-
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				
53000	Supplies	2,700.00	-	2,504.00	196.00
54000	Contractual	9,245,034.70	9,243,606.14	-	1,428.56
58010	Construction	1,400.00	1,400.00	-	-
59220	Grants	302,610.85	300,114.32	-	2,496.53
	MARKETING & TOURISM				
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	5,051,053.89	-	1,774,856.91
	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY				
53000	Supplies	806,070.56	738,234.66	21,738.01	46,097.89
53010	Software/Licenses	1,207,630.11	983,189.84	22,949.46	201,490.81
54000	Contractual	73,594.25	54,626.40	0.00	18,967.85
55210	Communications- Other	250,620.89	162,764.00	-	87,856.89
55300	Bldg Maint/Repairs	164,818.95	104,804.76	45,335.93	14,678.26
85500	Equipment	3,535,033.48	2,845,438.34	677,861.47	11,733.67
	FLEET MANAGEMENT				
50000	Salary & Wages - FT	5,000.00	1,444.31	-	3,555.69
50020	Salary & Wages - O/T Over 1.5	25,000.00	13,899.51	-	11,100.49
50100	Salary & Wages - PT/Other	13,291.20	16,242.20	-	-2,951.00
51000	Fringe - FT	20,199.00	1993.41	-	18,205.59
51100	Fringe - PT/Other	1,600.96	1,966.52	-	-365.56
53000	Supplies	3,149,942.83	1,503,443.45	80,000.00	1,566,499.38
53290	Postage/Shipping	50,000.00	35,374.69	-	14,625.31
55300	Bldg Maint/Repairs	315.00	-	-	315.00
85400	Indirect Costs	0.00	117.6600	-	-117.66
55300	Vehicles				
85500	Equipment				
	SOCIAL SERVICES				
50000	Salary & Wages - FT	94,073.60	94,556.13	-	-482.53
50020	Salary & Wages - O/T Over 1.5	14,175.00	9,404.41	-	4,770.59
51000	Fringe - FT	61,228.22	65,973.69	-	-4,745.47
53000	Supplies	5,502.79	5,466.79	-	36.00
54000	Contractual	465,411.29	456,117.05	9,294.24	-
57000	Indirect Costs	-	15,320.22	-	-15,320.22
59071	Direct Assist - Income Support	56,333,581.41	56,122,500.00	-	211,081.41
59072	Direct Assist - Hardship	35,934,588.07	35,765,900.00	-	168,688.07
	SENIOR SERVICES				
53000	Supplies	200,000.00	185,364.01	-	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	29,933.00	95,869.80	4,197.20
85170	Construction	493,871.53	310,072.54	179,559.50	4,239.49
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	167,589.95	324,579.98	47,830.07
	SECRETARY OF EDUCATION				
50000	Salary& Wages- FT	3,018.44	2,801.83	-	216.61
50020	Salary& Wages - O/T over 1.5	73,329.31	39,638.80	-	33,690.51
51000	Fringe - FT	42,925.42	66,457.30	-	-23,531.88
53000	Supplies	779,513.00	545,116.77	-	234,396.23
56030	Stipends/Honorariums	25,000.00	10,000.00	-	15,000.00
57000	Indirect Costs	-	10,835.23	-	-10,835.23
59073	Direct Assistance - Ed Support	2,180,488.29	2,176,831.53	-	3,656.76
	MCN MEAT PROCESSING PLANT				
53000	Supplies	100,000.00	-	-	100,000.00
85010	Architect & Engineering	1,165,012.00	1,085,510.28	79,501.72	-
85170	Construction	14,800,000.00	8,683,145.27	6,115,622.73	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	11,470.83	-	903.17
	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	14,385,537.88	81,842.65	127,470.00
85500	Equipment	130,110.00	130,110.00	-	-
	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	25,503.00	0.00	10,797.00
55300	Bldg Maint/Repairs	340.80	-1,159.20	1,159.20	340.80
85500	Equipment	1.03	-	-	1.03
	CITIZENSHIP BOARD				
53000	Supplies	177,704.50	138,535.80	26,670.00	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	-	17,958,502.74	-	-17,958,502.74
	TOTAL	160,506,303.67	165,260,309.44	8,212,057.18	-12,966,062.95