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## NAMING CEREMONY FOR FORMER CANCER CENTER HELD

### THE MUSCOGEE NATION HEALTH SYSTEM PURCHASED A NEW FACILITY TO SERVE THE TULSA AREA



Secretary of Health Shawn Terry presents the newly named hospital and speaks of future plans for the facility.  
(Morgan Taylor/Reporter)

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## “DOGS” RUN THROUGH THE RESERVATION

### FX SERIES “RESERVATION DOGS” SCREENINGS HELD AT RIVER SPIRIT, CIRCLE CINEMA



A red carpet event was held for the screening of “Reservation Dogs,” at Circle Cinema in Tulsa, Oklahoma.  
(Liz Gray/Managing Editor)

**Liz Gray**  
MANAGING EDITOR

TVLSE, Oklahoma – The Muscogee Nation hosted a community screening of the first two episodes of the latest production focusing on Native people and culture. At River Spirit’s Paradise Cove Aug. 1, audience members showed up in their best ribbon skirts, shirts and vests for the occasion.

Screenings for the new FX series on Hulu, “Reservation Dogs” were held at River Spirit Casino and Circle Cinema in Tulsa,

Oklahoma.

During the event, it was announced that a scholarship had been made in honor of co-creator and executive producer Sterlin Harjo (Seminole/Muscogee) for aspiring Mvskoke filmmakers and artists interested in the filmmaking industry. FX then pledged to contribute a match to the \$10,000, making it a \$20,000 scholarship for young storytellers.

“What he is inspiring in our Native youth, we want to make sure we are putting the support behind that and making sure we are invest-

ing in them,” MN Chief of Staff Tracie Revis said.

“Rez Dogs” raises the bar in Indigenous entertainment. The show depicts an authentic experience that feels specific to the Oklahoma Native American experience, yet has an all-inclusive Indigenous quality.

Chief TV critic Daniel D’Addario from entertainment news source Variety, called the series, “a lovely, eminently watchable triumph. It’s an overdue tribute to a sort of community it doesn’t mythologize.

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(L-R) Shianne Dill, Ailanee Hicks, and Taylan Starr at a meet and greet accepting donations.  
(Morgan Taylor/Reporter)

## MUSCOGEE SOFTBALLERS HEAD TO LITTLE LEAGUE WORLD SERIES

### TEAM OKLAHOMA’S MAJORITY NATIVE AMERICAN ROSTER TO PLAY FASTPITCH ON NATIONAL STAGE

**Morgan Taylor**  
REPORTER

OKMULGEE, Oklahoma – Three Muscogee (Creek) girls with a love for softball are representing Oklahoma in the Little League World Series in North Carolina after winning the Southwest Regional Champion-

ship game in Waco, Texas.

Taylan Starr (short-stop) of Preston, Ailanee Hicks (first/third baseman) of Henryetta, and Shianne Dill (centerfield) of Oktaha will be part of the first team in history to represent the state at the Little League World Series.

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## PATRICK DWAYNE MURPHY FOUND GUILTY BY FEDERAL JURY

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

MUSKOGEE, OKLAHOMA - The United States Attorney’s Office for the Eastern District of Oklahoma, announced today that Patrick Dwayne Murphy, age 52, of Vernon, Oklahoma was found guilty by a federal jury of Murder – Second Degree in Indian Country, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1111, 2, 1151 and 1153; Murder in Indian Country in Perpetration of Kidnapping, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1111(a), 2, 1151 and 1153; and Kidnapping Resulting in Death, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1201(a) (2), 2, 1151 and 1153. The defendant was acquitted on one count of Kidnapping Resulting in Death. The jury trial began with testimony on Tuesday, August 3, 2021 and concluded on Thursday, August 5, 2021 with the guilty verdicts. The defendant faces imprisonment for life for the crimes the jury found he committed.

During the trial, the United States presented evidence that the defendant, two days prior to the murder, stated he would kill George Jacobs. Later, on August 28, 1999, the defendant found George Jacobs and Jacobs’ friend, M.S., traveling on a road in rural McIntosh County. The defendant chased after M.S. and George Jacobs in his vehicle and ultimately forced M.S. and George Jacobs to stop. After stopping George Jacobs and M.S., the defendant, along with two others, attacked George Jacobs. After beat-

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TULSA, Oklahoma - A naming ceremony was held for the recently purchased healthcare facility. The new facility, Council Oak Comprehensive Healthcare is formerly known as the Tulsa Cancer Treatment Center of America located at 10109 E. 79th St.

NCA 21-067 authorized the funds in the amount of \$16,775,515 from the Health Third Party Investment Fund Account to purchase the facility in early June. Since then, the Nation has been leasing the former cancer center and a purchase agreement is in place and expected to close in September.

According to Muscogee Nation Secretary of Health Shawn Terry, the new campus will bring specialty care much closer to citizens. The campus includes a 336,385-square-foot building with accommodations for inpatient and outpatient services, as well as a medical office building and 153 hotel rooms for patients and family members.

“Council Oak will enable us to expand healthcare for Native people and strengthen our services for the Tulsa community,” Terry said. “Starting out it will be limited to just our native patients.”

Council Oak Comprehensive Health Center will be open to patients as soon as August 2021. Services will include outpatient services such as urgent care, HIV and Hepatitis clinic, with plans to add additional specialty services soon.

Inpatient services

are expected to begin in early 2022. The facility is expected to generate an estimated 100 new jobs within the first year of operation.

Terry said Dr. Amanda Reed from the Koweta Indian Health Clinic in Coweta would be moving services to the facility immediately to offer specialty services in infectious diseases.

“We will have an urgent care available and we are trying to keep that open from 7-7 5 days a week and 9-5 on the weekends,” he said. “We will have neurology clinic, pain clinic, and

pulmonology clinic.”

Terry claimed there are no specific dates for these services, but they will be developing through the month of August.

“More services will develop as we find the right opportunities,” Terry said.

The services offered will be available to tribal members and anyone with a referral can also use the services.

Legislation regarding the purchase can be viewed at: <http://www.mcnn.com/images/pdf2021/bills/NCA21-067.pdf>.

REZ DOGS

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Instead, the show treats the reservation and its residents on their own terms, as worthy of being explored for just what it is, and just who they are.”

FX Vice President of Media Relations John Solberg said the network was blown away by the production.

“It all begins with empowering the people you hired to do the show,” Solberg said.

He explained how the network has made a significant effort to support representation behind the camera and on screen.

“We want to tell stories that represent the world,” he said.

Devery Jacobs (Mohawk), who plays Elora Danan, explained how the cast leaned on Harjo and his experience growing up in

the Holdenville area of the Muskoke Reservation.

“I think it was very much finding the specificity from this place that will inevitably make it universal for Indigenous people and non-Indigenous people alike,” Jacobs said.

Harjo said the series gives Native people the opportunity to tell their own stories in an industry where Natives are often overshadowed by non-Native leads.

“I feel like we’ve just blown them all out of the water,” he said.

Harjo credited the Native American comedy group, 1491s when taking on writing for a non-Native audience.

“They are trained to watch sad documentaries about Native people,” Harjo said. “You have to give them permission to laugh and let them in on the joke.”

“Reservation Dogs,” is now available on FX on Hulu.

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Team Oklahoma’s roster is 80 percent Native American with players from the Muscogee (Creek), Choctaw, Cherokee and Kiowa tribal nations, making it the biggest demographic of Natives playing at the highest level of softball against all nationalities.

The team flew out Aug. 8 and started to play the first game of the pool on Aug. 11, which aired on ESPN+.

The pandemic has presented other challenges for the girls. They have had to practice alone until the World Series to prevent contracting the disease. Parents claim they don’t want to risk losing the team’s spot.

Erick said the Muscogee Nation has been supportive and how National Council Representative James Jennings backed the team from the beginning.

The Muscogee Nation transported the team on the new charter bus to Waco and also funded 80 percent of the fuel.

River Spirit Casino donated a raffle basket with items including a night’s stay, \$50 food voucher, and other small gifts. The Nation’s Reintegration program purchased advertisement from the team for their banner, which they put up at the Regional game and will take with them to Worlds.

Belinda Hicks, grandmother of Ailane Hicks, commended the community and employees of the Muscogee Nation during this time.

“Creek Nation has been so supportive of the whole team and never asked who’s Creek and who’s not,” Hicks said.

Being part of the team required the girls to compete for their positions. A workout process was implemented to test the skills of

the players to qualify for the national team.

To get to the regional game, the team played a season of 12 games that went undefeated.

The regional game was aired on ESPN+. In this televised game, each of the girls displayed their outstanding talent and sportsmanship.

“We were all pretty nervous at first but once we started to get the hang of things it all kind of clicked,” Taylan said.

Taylan’s highlighted play included her hitting triple RBI, which scored three runs for the team. Hicks hit the winning homerun in the regional championship and Dill played her position defensively the whole game.

The Little League World Series allows the girls to build their individual athletic profiles and opens the doors for different recruitment opportunities.

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ing and kicking Jacobs, the defendant cut the victim’s throat with a knife and cut off the victim’s penis and testicles. The next day, deputies of the McIntosh County Sheriff’s Department and agents with the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation apprehended and arrested the defendant.

The case was originally tried in McIntosh County, Oklahoma where the defendant was convicted and received the death penalty. However, after the United States Supreme Court ruling in McGirt v. Oklahoma, the case had to be retried in federal court because the murder happened within the boundaries of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation’s Reservation and the defendant was a member of a federally recognized Indian Tribe.

“I am thankful Patrick Murphy has been held accountable for the vicious killing of George Jacobs,” said Acting United States Attorney Christopher Wilson. “Justice was interrupted for a period of

time due to the jurisdictional challenges raised by the defendant, but justice was not thwarted. Through the excellent work of the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation, the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the United States Attorney’s Office, the evidence was presented to the jury and the guilty verdicts were returned. I know it has been a tumultuous time for the family of Mr. Jacobs, but they can now rest assured the defendant will pay for his crimes.”

The Honorable Ronald A. White, U.S. District Judge in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Oklahoma in Muskogee, presided over the trial and ordered the completion of a presentence report. Sentencing will be scheduled following completion of the report. Murphy was remanded to the custody of the United States Marshal pending the imposition of sentencing.

Assistant United States Attorney Jarrod Leaman and Special Assistant United States Attorney Robert Reeves represented the United States.

RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY  
HELD AT MUSCOGEE (CREEK)  
NATION MEDICAL CENTER  
MUSCOGEE NATION DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
REVEALS NEWLY UPDATED HOSPITAL FLOOR



(L-R) Secretary of Health Shawn Terry, Chief Operating Officer Tim Hicks, Principal Chief David Hill, Second Chief Dell Beaver, State Representative Scott Fetgatter performing ribbon cutting ceremony. (Morgan Taylor/Reporter)

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH STRIVES TO KEEP STUDENTS SAFE

MCNDH PARTNERS WITH JENKS SCHOOLS TO DISTRIBUTE COVID-19 VACCINES

Lani Hansen

SENIOR REPORTER

JENKS, Oklahoma—The Muscogee (Creek) Nation Department of Health hosted two drive-thru COVID-19 vaccination events at Jenks Middle School in July.

The FDA approved the Pfizer vaccine to be administered to pediatrics early in the summer to start preparing for back to school. MCNDH began distributing vaccinations to the younger population back in May. The vaccine dosage remained the same as what the adults received. MCNDH saw a number of COVID cases rising and scheduled events with schools.

The first dose of the vaccine was given at Jenks MS July 8 and the second dose was given July 26. Students, families and community member’s ages 12 and older received the Pfizer vaccine. Students between the ages of 12 and 17 had to be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian.

“We continue to encourage the vaccination be accepted in that age group of 12 to 15, we are still seeing lots of folks who are unvaccinated,” MCNDH Chief Performance Officer Shoneen Alexander Ross said. “We want to make sure that they



On July 26 at Jenks Middle School, Muscogee (Creek) Nation Department of Health distributed 120 Pfizer vaccinations. (Lani Hansen/Senior Reporter)

are able to get their vaccine prior to going back to school, so we are continuing

Mvskoke Reservation. They have also partnered with Bristow, Sand Springs and

to that group to say ‘we are here, we know that there is going to be students in your

“WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE VACCINATION RATES INCREASE ACROSS THE STATE, BUT SPECIFICALLY WE WANT TO SEE VACCINATION RATES ACROSS THE MCN RESERVATION INCREASE,” -MCNDH CHIEF PERFORMANCE OFFICER SHONEEN ALEXANDER ROSS

to partner with schools.”

According to Ross, 109 doses were distributed on the July 8 event and 120 vaccinations during the July 26 event.

The Jenks event made it the fourth school partnership for MCNDH in this particular area of the

Glenpool.

In scheduling these vaccine events with the schools, MCNDH spoke with then acting Secretary of Education Sarah Price to see if she could direct them to the schools in the reservation boundaries.

“We wanted to reach out

school system that are probably unvaccinated and we would like to partner with you on an event,” Ross said. “So we held a couple of zoom calls with the school leaders, and through that group we were able to schedule these events. A couple of the small schools want to do an event

right before school starts.”

The school events were open to Native and non-Native members of each community. Ross said getting the vaccination helps make the environment safer for all. MCNDH knew both Native and non-Native students would be sharing the classroom and wanted to make sure to vaccinate those who wanted to be.

As of July 19, they have administered 33,046 total of the COVID-19 vaccination. The number of vaccinations administered will increase as they continue to go out into the communities or when people come in to the clinic.

“We would like to see the vaccination rates increase across the state, but specifically we want to see vaccination rates across the MCN reservation increase,” Ross said. “We have plans to continue to give the vaccine as long as we get it.”

According to the Oklahoma State Department of Health, as of July 27 there were 733 new COVID-19 cases in Oklahoma with 9,177 active cases in the state and a total of 66 cases in Okmulgee County.

With COVID cases rising again, MCNDH strongly encourages anyone regardless of age to get vaccinated. For more information about getting vaccinated visit, [www.creekhealth.org](http://www.creekhealth.org).

CITIZEN COMPLETES DOCTOR OF PHYSICAL THERAPY PROGRAM

MUSCOGEE (CREEK) CITIZEN OVERCOMES HARDSHIPS TO ACHIEVE GOALS

Morgan Taylor

REPORTER

LANGSTON, Oklahoma – Mark Zachery II walked across the stage May 15 to accept his degree in completing the Doctor of Physical Therapy Program from Langston University.

Zachery grew up in Oklahoma City where he graduated high school. He is the son of Kim-

financial needs and his family moving states.

“It was definitely not easy,” Zachery said. “I’ve gone through struggles and I’ve had to dig myself out of holes in school but with hard work and perseverance I was able to graduate.”

Zachery claimed graduating was the best thing that happened to him and hopes to set an example.

“No matter how many obsta-

“NO MATTER HOW MANY OBSTACLES ARE PUT BEFORE YOU IT’S ALL ABOUT OVERCOMING THOSE OBSTACLES AND BETTERING YOURSELF AS AN INDIVIDUAL.” – MUSCOGEE (CREEK) CITIZEN MARK ZACHERY II

berly Zachery, grandson of Lois L. Mosley and great grandson of Jewel and Lena Crabtree Lyday.

As a young man, Zachery always had a passion for working with his elders and is what ultimately guided him to do physical therapy.

“I have a passion for helping people out and I have an interest in geriatrics, I want to have a career where I can give back to the elders,” Zachery said.

Eventually, he said he wants to work for the tribe or start his own practice.

During his academic journey, Zachery faced many obstacles including a hand injury from a car accident, academic probation,

cles are put before you it’s all about overcoming those obstacles and bettering yourself as an individual,” he said.

Zachery claimed the hardest thing about his journey was missing out on events.

“I had to learn to tell people ‘no,’” Zachery said. “I had to miss out and it sucked but I had to realize this is just temporary and I’ll be in a better place soon.”

There were many times Zachery wanted to give up, but kept persevering.

“Seemed like every week there was something and I just wanted to throw my hands up,” he said.

“If I could tell people one thing, it’s ‘there’s going to be times



Mark Zachery II graduated from Langston University. (Submission)

you want to give up, there’s going to be long nights and sleepless nights but keep going.”

Zachery received support from the Muscogee Nation Scholarship Foundation.

He claimed the grant helped

him with tuition, books, materials and overall financial hardship.

Currently, Zachery has received many job offers, but has not accepted a position due to intense studying for an upcoming state test.

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# LIGHTHORSE POLICE COMMISSION ACT ADOPTED

## CITIZENSHIP BOARD MEMBER, GAMING COMMISSIONER APPROVED

**Liz Gray**  
MANAGING EDITOR

OKMULGEE, Oklahoma – A quarterly session for the Muscogee (Creek) Nation National Council meeting was held July 31 at the Mound Building in Okmulgee.

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

**TR 21-103** Confirming the nomination of Cecelia Wittman to serve on the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Citizenship Board. Representative James Jennings sponsored the resolution, which was adopted 13-0.

The nomination of Muscogee (Creek) citizen Cecelia Wittman to serve on the MCN Citizenship board. The term will begin upon confirmation and expire on June 1, 2026.

**TR 21-104** Authorizing the Principal Chief to execute a certain agreement with Appriss Health, LLC on behalf of MCN Department of Health. Rep. Anna Marshall sponsored the resolution, which was adopted 13-0.

The agreement would allow MCNDH access to a certain software interface services to fully implement the Epic Electronic Health Record System.

**TR 21-105** Authorizing the Principal Chief to execute a memorandum of understanding between the Nation and Wainwright Public Schools on behalf of the MCN Tribal Education Agency. Rep. Marshall sponsored the resolution, which was adopted 13-0.

The MCN Tribal Education Agency seeks to coordinate their resources, skills and exper-

tise with Wainwright Public Schools in order to provide further high-quality education to better serve the needs of Native children.

**TR 21-106** Authorizing the Principal Chief to execute a programmatic agreement among Eglin Air Force Base, the Florida State Historic Preservation Officer, and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation regarding the management of historic properties at Eglin Air Force Base. Rep. Charles McHenry sponsored the resolution, which was adopted 13-0.

Agreement will recognize, protect, and preserve the interest of the MCN in any ongoing operations, maintenance, repair/replacement, alteration, new construction, demolition and ground disturbing activities within Elgin AFB or its area of potential effect.

**TR 21-107** Confirming the nomination of Barry W. Brandon to serve on the Public Gaming Commission. Rep. Jennings sponsored the resolution, which was adopted 13-0.

MCN law authorizes one member of the PGC to be appointed and confirmed by National Council. The National Council nominated Barry W. Brandon, a Muscogee citizen to serve on the Public Gaming Commission. Term will begin upon confirmation and expire July 31, 2025.

**NCA 21-074** Authorizing the expenditure of grant funds awarded from the Department of Health and Human Services Administration for Children and Families for the benefit of the MCN Office of Child Care. Rep. Marshall sponsored the legislation, which was adopted 13-0.

The funds awarded would

be used to construct a new child care facility; purchase supplies, provide start-up grants to new providers and subgrants to existing ones, provide direct payments for child care services, provide technical assistance and provide health education training to child care and provider staff.

**NCA 21-075** Authorizing the expenditure of the DHHS ACF consolidated appropriations act, 2021 low-income household water assistance program funds in the amount of \$6,343.00 for the benefit of the MCN Social Services Program. Rep. Marshall sponsored the legislation, which was adopted 13-0.

The funds awarded to MCN Social Services Program would be used to provide operation funds for the Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program.

**NCA 21-076** Authorizing a budget modification in excess of 10 percent for the Department of Justice Office for Victims of Crime FY 18 CTAS Purpose Area 6: Children's Justice Act Partnership for Indian Communities Program grant funds in the amount of \$449,999.00 for the benefit of the MCN Children and Family Services Administration Program. Rep. Marshall sponsored the legislation, which was adopted 13-0.

MCN CFSA requested a budget modification to reallocate certain funds and increase the supplies and contractual line items.

**NCA 21-078** Authorizing the expenditure of federal funding in the amount of \$988,200.00 from the Tribal Transportation Program for the M. Berryhill road construction project. Rep. Mark Randolph



sponsored the legislation, which was adopted 13-0.

The estimated cost of the project is \$988,200 with federal funds from the Nation's Tribal Transportation Program to be used to pay for the project.

**NCA 21-079** Appropriating funds to be used for the operating budget for the Muscogee Nation Resource Center located in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, for the remainder of Fiscal Year 2021. Rep. Thomasene Yahola Osborn sponsored the legislation, which was adopted 8-5 with Reps. Mary Crawford, Joyce Deere, William Lowe, Anna Marshall and Lucian Tiger voting no.

The Nation is wanting to repurpose the building into a resource center for various programs that want to do outreach to citizens in the Oklahoma City and surrounding areas.

**NCA 21-082** Authorizing a budget modification in excess of 10 percent for MCN Office of Environmental Services. Rep. Yahola Osborn sponsored the legislation, which was adopted 13-0.

The modification will reallocate funds to cover the increase in costs associated with the use of the Dumpster Containers Program and Portable Toilet Rental Program for churches and ceremonial grounds.

**NCA 21-083** Amending MCN Code Annotated Title 5 Entitled, "Church camp house/ Ceremonial Ground camp/ fellowship hall grant award requirements and restrictions." Randolph sponsored the amendment with co-sponsors Reps. Joe Hicks, McHenry, Yahola Osborn and Darrell Proctor, which was adopted 13-0. Grant award total will be amended from \$7,000.00 to \$10,000.

Eligibility includes a completed application, a letter from the Ceremonial Ground Mekko or Pastor stating the need for assistance, a line item budget of total cost of repairs/renovation and no less than two itemized quotes that match line item budget for total cost of repairs/renovation.

**NCA 21-084** Repealing MCNCA Title 16 Chapter 4 and creating a new law in a new Title 50, entitled, "Lighthorse Police Commission," and authorizing an appropriation in the amount of \$92,372.00 for the Lighthorse Police Commission. Rep. Adam Jones III sponsored

IMPORTANT POINTS OF CONTACT

for CRIME VICTIMS on the MUSCOGEE NATION RESERVATION



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The Muscogee (Creek) Nation is committed to working with State and Federal Partners to ensure public safety on the Reservation. The change in jurisdictional authority and dismissal of cases by State Courts, to be filed in either Tribal and/or Federal Court, is likely to leave victims/survivors/families with many questions. These changes require increased communication amongst Tribal, State and Federal partners and ultimately require increased communication to victims and their families, of which the MCN is committed to providing.

For questions regarding cases, updates, supportive services or other information, please refer all crime victims to:

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- Access to civil legal assistance
- Serve as Liaison with courts and prosecutors to keep updated on case status
- Provide access to safe housing
- Referrals for counseling and other supportive services
- Sexual Assault/Domestic Violence Exams
- Information and referral to meet survivor needs

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the legislation with co-sponsors Rep. Patrick Freeman Jr., which was adopted 13-0.

The purpose of the Lighthouse Police Commission Act is to provide for independent supervision of the Chief of Police for the MCN Lighthouse Police Department.

The commission shall supervise the Chief of Police and con-

sist of five members, two of whom shall be appointed by the Principal Chief, two nominated and confirmed by the National Council, and one shall be selected by the four seated Commissioners by a majority vote within 45 days.

**NCA 21-085** Authorizing the expenditure of the 2021 United States Department of Treasury-Community Development Financial Institutions Funds Rapid Response Program grant in the amount of

\$324,000.00 for the benefit of the Mvskoke Loan Fund. Rep. Jones sponsored the legislation, which was adopted 13-0.

The Mvskoke Loan Fund was awarded grant funding in the amount of \$324,000.00 to provide lending capital to respond to the economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic in distressed and undeserved communities and people.

**NCA 21-086** Authorizing the expenditure of grant funds in the amount of \$650,872.00 from

the Bureau of Indian Affairs Office of Tribal Justice Support for program support services. Rep. Robert Hufft sponsored the legislation, which was adopted 13-0.

The BIA grant funds in the amount of \$650,872.00 was awarded to the MCN District Court for judicial support and enhancement.

The funds would help the MCN District Court to enhance tribal court services in light of the recent U.S. Supreme Court deci-

sion to accommodate the docket increase and the need to enhance communication with the public.

**NCA 21-087** Authorizing a budget modification in excess of 10 percent for the District Court FY 2021 budget. Rep. Hufft sponsored the legislation, which was adopted 13-0.

The modification would help the District Court reallocate certain excess funds for other priority expenses.

Rep. Joe Hicks was excused from the meeting.

NATIONAL COUNCIL TO ENGAGE LAW FIRM FOR REPRESENTATION IN COURT CASE

LETTER OF CONSENT PASSED TO HIRE JEFF DAVIS AS SPECIAL PROSECUTOR

Morgan Taylor

REPORTER

OKMULGEE, Okla-homa - A Muscogee (Creek) Nation National Council Emergency Session and Land, Natural Resources, Cultural Preservation and Health Education Welfare Joint Committee Session was held July 27 at the Mound Building in Okmulgee.

All legislation passed in joint committee is subject to the full council approval during Quarterly Session.

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

**NCR 21-008** Approving the terms of engagement with Barnes & Thornburg, LLP. Representative Patrick Freeman Jr. sponsored the legislation, which was adopted, 13-1 with Rep. Mark Randolph voting against.

The National Council has



been sued and needs representation. NC desires to utilize Barnes & Thornburg, LLP.

**TR 21-109** Repealing TR 21-064 (Authorizing Principal Chief to execute a contract accepting a donation of land located in McIntosh Co.) and authorizing the Principal Chief to execute a revised contract accepting a donation of land located in McIntosh County. Rep.

Mark Randolph sponsored the resolution, which was adopted, 14-0.

The property owner refused to sign the Real Estate contract since it required him to pay to update and certify the abstracts for the property. The contract has been revised to give the Nation fiscal responsibility.

**TR 21-110** Authorizing the Principal Chief to execute a wholesale supply

agreement with World Fuel Services, INC for the Twin Hills Convenience Plaza. Rep. James Jennings sponsored the resolution, which was adopted, 14-0.

This new agreement will allow the Travel Plaza to purchase fuel from WFSI, ability to obtain Upgrades/Image Allowance for the Plaza which required execution of Promissory Note and the ability of the Nation to assign its rights and obligations to purchase fuel, make payment for fuel purchased, and comply with all Brand Requirements through an Assignor-Assignee Limited Assignment Agreement to the Twin Hills Indian Community for its Plaza.

**TR 21-111** Approving consent letter with Barnes & Thornburg LLP. Rep. Patrick Freeman Jr. sponsors the resolution, which was adopted 13-1 with Randolph voting against.

National Council seeks to engage Mr. Jeff Davis to act as the Special Prosecutor

to the Special Impeachment Committee and Mr. Davis is employed with the law firm. The firm represents a client adverse to the MCN in the lawsuit. A consent letter will waive a conflict of interest between parties.

HEW/LNC agenda:

**NCA 21-079** Appropriating funds to be used for the operating budget for the Muscogee Nation Resource Center located in Oklahoma County, OK for the remainder of the Fiscal Year. Rep. Thomasene Yahola Osborn sponsored the legislation, which passed 8-1 with Rep. Joyce Deere voting against the legislation.

The Nation wants to re-purpose the building into a resources center for various programs that want to do outreach to citizen in the Oklahoma City and surrounding areas. Funding is needed to operate and maintain the building and hire two positions for the remainder of the fiscal year in the amount of \$43,681.00.

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# CITIZENS TO VOTE ON CONSTITUTIONAL FREE PRESS DURING PRIMARY ELECTION

## MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION 2021 PRIMARY ELECTION TO HAVE ONE BALLOT QUESTION FOR VOTERS

Liz Gray  
MANAGING EDITOR

OKMULGEE, Okla-homa – This September, Muscogee (Creek) voters will be given the opportunity to vote on a constitutionally protected free press.

The ballot question would add Article XIV to the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Constitution, titled “Independent Free Press” and reads as follows:

Section 1. The Muscogee Creek Nation shall have an Independent Press that shall be free from political interest or undue influence, harassment, censorship, control or restrictions from any department of the government of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation in order to provide unbiased news and reports objectively to the Muscogee (Creek) citizens.

Section 2. For the purposes of this legislation, Independent Press is meant to include all editorial outlets: Television, Radio and Creative.

Section 3. Editorial Board. The Independent Press shall be governed by an Independent Editorial Board. The Editorial Board alone shall have the power to hire a Director. The Director shall over see Mvskoke Media personnel, including hiring staff.

Section 4. Funding. The Muscogee (Creek) Nation shall fund day to day opera-

tions and publication of the Independent Press.

Full legislation of the question comes from NCA 21-053, which was passed in May 22 during regular session of the MCN National Council and was signed by Principal Chief David Hill on June 2.

The amendment to the constitution requires two-thirds majority vote in the Sept. 18 election to be fully ratified.

If passed, MCN would become the first tribal nation to add constitutional free press for its tribal news.

Established in the late 1970s, Muscogee Nation News has been a pillar in providing information to Muscogee (Creek) citizens in relation to the tribal nation and celebrating accomplishments of its citizenship over the years. The newspaper has made tremendous strides in Native American journalism, yet has still had to face the reality of political influence when reporting about the Nation.

In 2015, the National Council passed legislation that established freedom of the press for Mvskoke Media and separated the department from Public Relations which had direct oversight from the Principal Chief.

However, in 2018 an Emergency Session was held where Council repealed the free press law with a vote of 7-6 citing negative news coverage and budget discrep-

ancies, but did not specify which department was under scrutiny for their budget. The repeal included three departments to be placed under the Secretary of the Nation: Mvskoke Media, Tourism and Recreation, and Public Relations.

The discrepancies mentioned would manifest themselves through criminal charges of the PR director Neely Tsoodle during that time, which were eventually dismissed through MCN District Court.

According to a Letter from the Editor published in the December 15, 2018 edition of Mvskoke News, an approval process was set into place “to ensure that what is reported is accurate and truthful.” This process included the pipeline of news to be filtered through the Secretary of the Nation.

In 2019, National Council passed the “Shield Act,” which established an Editorial Board to review all editorial content, yet financial oversight and budgeting still remained under the Secretary of the Nation.

The Society of Professional Journalists, Oklahoma Pro Chapter and Native American Journalists Association raised concerns in a press release over the legislation allowing an executive branch employee’s direct involvement in managing the department’s budget.

“In this instance and with many tribal outlets, we rec-

ognize the complexity of an independent entity that still receives tribal funds, but also believe that editorial and fiscal oversight are not mutually exclusive as it pertains to this structure.”

Mvskoke Media operated under the Secretary of the Nation until July 2020, when free press was restored through the “Independent Muscogee (Creek) Press Act,” which eliminated oversight from the executive cabinet member.

A new Editorial Board was placed over editorial, department policies and budget for Mvskoke Media with the passage of the 2020 Act.

NAJA membership manager and OKSPJ President Sterling Cosper served as the MM Director prior to the 2018 repeal and resigned in protest after the vote came down eliminating free press.

“Adding protections to the constitution would ensure that free press cannot be repealed again without citizen consent. Guaranteed funding ties up the other major area of concern where the tribe could cut off or significantly diminish fiscal support for the department, crippling its editorial operations,” Cosper said.

Arguments have risen that Mvskoke Media should be funding themselves as an independent free press, but Cosper raised his own concerns about this way of thinking regarding funding, something not typically asked of

an independent agency at the tribe.

“MM continues to pursue its own enterprises to generate revenue. However, for the foreseeable future, this income will not be sufficient to sustain the level of quality needed to pursue all the major stories happening and that will happen regarding MCN,” he said.

“Citizens have the right to ask for a guarantee that the information they receive from Mvskoke Media is unfiltered by the tribal government. This is to give them the full picture of tribal affairs so they are able to best instruct their elected officials about their civic priorities as the ultimate rulers of the tribe.”

Observations of the 2019 MCN elections from the Carter Center resulted in the recommendation of constitutional guarantees for freedom of expression and for law to provide sufficient safeguards to ensure the political independence of the tribal-owned media.

The not-for-profit non-governmental organization, which promotes the protection of human rights and advancement of democracy, also recommended a constitutional amendment guaranteeing free press supported by the people would reduce the frequency of legislative changes.

The question will be located on the back side of the ballot.

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2021 Primary Election  
September 18, 2021  
Muscogee (Creek) Nation

Please use a black or blue ink pen to mark your ballot. To vote, complete the square to the LEFT of your choice like this ☐

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National Council Seat B - McIntosh

PLEASE VOTE FOR ONE

☐ ADAM JONES

☐ GALEN CLOUD

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PLEASE VOTE FOR ONE

☐ JOYCE DEERE

☐ SANDRA PARISH

National Council Seat B - Okfuskee

PLEASE VOTE FOR ONE

☐ SAMUEL DEERE

☐ TRAVIS SCOTT

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☐ SANDRA GOLDEN

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PLEASE VOTE FOR ONE

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☐ LANISSA JACK-MELTON

☐ TERRA BEAVER

☐ NELSON HARIO

National Council Seat B - Tukvpytce

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☐ EDWIN MARSHALL

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☐ JULIAN WATSON

National Council Seat B - Wagoner

PLEASE VOTE FOR ONE

☐ MARK RANDOLPH

☐ DIERDRA THOMPSON

Precinct: Bristow

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TRIBAL QUESTION

National Council Referendum No. NCA 21-053

PLEASE VOTE YES OR NO

Shall the Constitution of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation be amended by adding a new Article XIV as follows:

Article XIV - INDEPENDENT FREE PRESS

Section 1. The Muscogee Creek Nation shall have an Independent Press that shall be free from political interest or undue influence, harassment, censorship, control or restrictions from any department of the government of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation in order to provide unbiased news and reports objectively to the Muscogee (Creek) citizens.

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☐ YES, For the Amendment

☐ NO, Against the Amendment

Precinct: Bristow

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Read Both Sides of the Ballot

RIBBON  
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Morgan Taylor  
REPORTER

OKMLUGEE, Oklahoma – The Muscogee Nation Department of Health held a ribbon cutting ceremony celebrating the newly renovated third floor of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Medical Center.

The updated acute med surge floor offers 41 private rooms where the center can house more patients and expand services.

“This has been a long time coming and we are extremely excited for the way it turned out,” said MN Medical Center Chief Operating Officer Tim Hicks.

Members from the Okmulgee Chamber of Commerce, Okmulgee Area Development Corp Board, Highland Park Health Care, Baptist Village, along with tribal officials and Muscogee Nation Department of Health Administration.

“In a rural health care setting it truly takes a strong a community to keep a rural health setting alive,” Hicks said. “I know a lot of the community partners here today that refer to our hospital and

vice versa.”

The Muscogee Nation Secretary of Health Shawn Terry claimed just eight years ago the hospital was “on its last leg.”

“Creek Nation came to the rescue,” Terry said. “Over the course of the last eight years, we have renovated the third floor of our Geri-psych (geriatric psych) program here. It had a complete remodel, we now have a completely remodeled surge floor, imaging department, we have made a lot of investment into our equipment, we have board certifications emergency room physicians, and we have stroke team and increased our ability to

manage stroke care.”

According to Terry, the Medical Center is the closest hospital from south Highway 75 to Idabel.

“We have a lot to be proud for Okmulgee and for Muscogee (Creek) Nation Department of Health,” he said.

“Our top priority of the Nation should always be the health, wellness, and long prosperous futures for our youth. Today’s ribbon cutting is just another step in our commitment to those we serve,” Principal Chief David Hill said. “Commitment is the key word. We can’t just talk about our goals and visions, we have to execute with sound, planning, and stra-

tegic decisions. We have to make choices and move forward.”

Hill stated the Muscogee Nation made a choice in 2013 to acquire the hospital as a commitment to the community.

“Our investment now hasn’t only been to our citizen but to the general public who receives care here also. We have grown, updated, expanded and we will continue to seek out ways to continue this progress,” he said. “If the COVID-19 pandemic has taught us anything its that our Muscogee Nation Department of Health can handle anything thrown its way and we are in good hands moving forward.”



# BRUNER COMMITS TO HASKELL INDIAN NATIONS UNIVERSITY

## CITIZEN SIGNS TO CONTINUE BASKETBALL CAREER IN COLLEGE

Lani Hansen  
SENIOR REPORTER

OKMULGEE, Okla-  
homa— A local Native  
owned basketball program  
by the name of Elevate Your  
Game has given a Muscogee  
(Creek) citizen the oppor-  
tunity to be recognized and  
recruited by Haskell Indian  
Nations University basket-  
ball program.

Muscogee (Creek) citi-  
zen Luke Bruner signed his  
letter of intent July 23 to  
play basketball at HINU.  
He was surrounded by his  
support system on this spe-  
cial day.

Bruner is the son of  
Broken Arrow resident  
Stephanee Bruner. He has  
four siblings, three sisters  
and one brother. He gradu-  
ated from Summit Christian  
Academy, which is a private  
school located in Broken  
Arrow. Throughout high  
school Bruner played foot-  
ball, basketball, baseball,  
soccer and lacrosse.

According to his mom,  
Bruner missed out on play-  
ing sports his first two years  
of high school. He was  
involved in a wreck as a pas-  
senger of a church van and  
broke his shoulder during  
his freshman year and had to  
sit out for two years. When  
his junior year began, they  
started him out on the JV  
team and he worked hard to  
get on the varsity team.

Bruner worked hard  
whether it was on the field  
or court. His senior year he  
made All-State for soccer,



Luke Bruner is surrounded by his support system as he signed his letter of intent. Pictured from L-R back row are Jennifer Sisson (Mother of Girlfriend), Clarissa Sisson (Girlfriend), Randy July Jr. (EYG Coach) and Michael Lantz (Grandpa). Front row; Stephanee Bruner (Mother) and Luke Bruner (Clinton Sinclair/Videographer)

offensive player of the year  
in football, All-Conference  
in football and All-District  
in basketball.

“It felt good, it’s been a  
long time coming,” Bruner’s  
mother said about watch-

ing him sign his letter of  
intent. “He’s worked hard,  
and had a lot going against  
him growing up. These last  
few years he was indecisive  
on what he was going to do  
but I’m glad he chose bas-

ketball.”

As a basketball player  
Bruner looked up to his  
coach Randy July Jr. who is  
a former HINU basketball  
player and founder of the  
EYG program.

“He is the closest person  
I have to a father figure,”  
Bruner said about July.

Bruner’s mom has enjoyed  
watching the close bond  
of July and her son. After  
losing his father, Bruner’s  
mom said when July started  
helping him out his fresh-  
man year and it felt like he  
had a father figure along the  
way.

EYG is the program  
that helped Bruner get  
recruited by HINU. He  
started attending this pro-  
gram about four years ago  
as he was going into high  
school. Before working with  
July, Bruner said some of his  
basketball skills were terri-  
ble. After a year of working  
with July his skills were way  
better.

There were a couple of  
years he did not partici-  
pate in the program because  
there was no age group for  
Bruner.

“I had then went back,  
and a couple of months ago  
Randy told me that Has-  
kell was looking at me  
and wanted to talk to me,”  
Bruner said. “I’ve always  
wanted to go to Haskell  
since he went there, so that  
was really big for me.”

For Bruner, getting this  
opportunity to go to college  
will give him a life lesson of  
what life will be about. He  
is looking forward to seeing  
what college is about, being  
on his own and playing bas-  
ketball for another four  
years.

“I can’t wait for him to  
get back out on the court and  
play,” Bruner’s mom said.

pregnant

I'm so angry

I think i might b pregnant

panic attack

I'm worried i might cut again

house

My friend died n I don't know what to do

I just had a huge fight. R u there?

I'm sad all the time :(

I'm so angry

I think i'm having a panic attack

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FEDERAL INITIATIVE WILL INVESTIGATE INDIAN BOARDING SCHOOLS AROUND  
THE COUNTRY

Morgan Taylor  
REPORTER

WASHINGTON – The Federal Indian Boarding School Initiative was announced June 22 by Secretary of the Interior Deb Haaland to vigilantly review the harsh actualities of federal boarding school policies in lieu of the recent discovery of unmarked graves located at residential schools in Canada.

“The Interior Department will address the inter-generational impact of Indian boarding schools to shed light on the unspoken traumas of the past, no matter how hard it will be,” Secretary Haaland said. “I know that this process will be long and difficult. I know that this process will be painful. It won’t undo the heartbreak and loss we feel. But only by acknowledging the past can we work toward a future that we’re all proud to embrace.”

A memo was released along with the announcement from Secretary Haaland that directs the Department of Interior to prepare a detailed report of available historical records that include an emphasis on cemeteries and potential burial sites related to boarding schools for future work on the sites.

The site work will be under the supervision of the Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs.

“We must shed light on what happened at federal Boarding Schools,” Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs Bryan Newland said. “As we move forward in this work, we will engage in Tribal consultation on how best to use this information, protect burial sites, and respect families and communities.”

The initiative will function as an investigation regarding the loss of Native American children and the lasting consequences of Indian boarding schools.

The main goal will be to identify boarding school sites, the location of known and possible burial sites, and the identities and Tribal affiliations of children buried at such locations.

Data compiled by the National Native American Boarding School Healing Coalition at one time concluded that there were a total of 357 schools across the United States and 64 remain open today. Data claims there was once a total of 78 schools in Oklahoma.

According to the Muscogee Nation Cultural and Historic Preservation Manager RaeLynn Butler, there has been no formal request made from the Department of Interior to begin work on this project.

Butler said the department owns equipment for detecting possible unmarked graves called ground-penetrating radars and will be prepared to investigate sites



Nuyaka Mission was once boarding school for Muscogee children located just west of Okmulgee (capital of Muscogee Nation Reservation).

(Morgan Taylor/Reporter)

on the Muscogee Reservation when a request comes.

During the Inter-Tribal Council Meeting in early July, the Five Civilized Tribes met and discussed the topic.

The Council passed a resolution in support of the initiative.

This can be viewed at: <http://www.fivecivilizedtribes.org/Docs/Resolutions/2021/ITC%20R21-25.pdf>.



(Morgan Taylor/Reporter)

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Jaden Jenkins pictured with his restoration project he completed to earn his Eagle award.

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**Morgan Taylor**  
REPORTER

ENID, Oklahoma -Mus-cogee (Creek) citizen and Boy Scout Jaden Jenkins earned his Eagle for his “Little Sister” project in Enid, Oklahoma.

In the 1950s, Boy Scouts of America led a project placing around 200 “Little Sisters of Liberty” across the country.

Enid was home to one of those statues, but in 2014 the statue suffered damages due to a storm and was placed into storage.

Jenkins had learned about the “Little Sisters of Liberty,” which was a replica of the Statue of Liberty purchased by the Scouts of the Great Plans Council, predecessor to today’s Cimarron Council.

After approval from the Cimarron Council Board and Garfield County Commissioners, Jenkins took on the challenge of restoring the statue as his Eagle project.

He found storage for the statue during repairs and coordinated efforts with local and area companies to repair and restore the statue and create a new frame. Jenkins also did his part on weekends to clean and repair both the statue and the base.

On March 27, the “Little Sister” restoration was complete and placed back to its original location on the courthouse square.

Jenkins earned a bronze palm and a gold palm. In order to earn the rank of Eagle Scout, youth must

earn 21 merit badges. The bronze palm is presented for earning 5 additional merit badges. The gold palm is presented for earning 10 additional merit badges.

Over Jaden’s Scouting career, he attended summer camps in Oklahoma, Nebraska, New Mexico, and South Dakota. He led Scouts on treks at all four BSA High Adventure Bases.

He hiked 118 miles over 10 days at Philmont Scout Ranch in Cimarron, New Mexico. He sailed over 50 miles throughout the U.S. Virgin Islands. He canoed 63 miles from Minnesota into Canada in the boundary waters. He also led a 60-mile whitewater-kayaking trip in West Virginia.

By completing those treks, he became the first person in Cimarron Council history to earn the Boy Scout’s “Grand Slam of High Adventure.”

In addition to those adventures, he attended the World Scout Jamboree at Glen Jean, West Virginia. He was also one of only 13 Scouts selected nationwide to present the “BSA Report to the Nation” to President Donald Trump and leaders of Congress in the Oval Office.

“You would be hard pressed to find another Scout who has done more,” Cimarron Council President Brad Waken said. “He’s a fantastic young man. We need more like him.”

According to Jenkins it has been a busy time for him but a memorable one, and the experience he has had Scouting as a whole has been rewarding.

Jenkins has signed with Bacone College on a golf scholarship and will be attending in the fall.



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Other Party Attorney: Waisner, Renee  
Hearings on 07/19/2021 for Judge Bigler, Gregory H.  
Waterdown, Dillion T  
Arraignment  
CF-2021-0433  
Prosecutor Attorney: Thetford, Mark  
Watts, Michael Arraignment  
CF-2021-0439  
Prosecutor Attorney: Thetford, Mark  
Wilde, Shawn Arraignment  
CF-2021-0466  
Prosecutor Attorney: Thetford, Mark  
Wise, Thunder Arraignment  
CF-2021-0441  
Prosecutor Attorney: Thetford, Mark  
Wolfenbarger, Sonny Arraignment  
CF-2021-0440  
Prosecutor Attorney: Thetford, Mark  
Hill, Joel Albert Arraignment  
CF-2021-0477  
Prosecutor Attorney: Thetford, Mark  
Hill, Joel Albert Disposition  
CM-2020-0041  
Prosecutor Attorney: Thetford, Mark  
Hill, Joel Albert Disposition  
CF-2021-0066  
Prosecutor Attorney: Thetford, Mark  
Roughface, Kenneth Wayne Arraignment

CF-2021-0700  
Prosecutor Attorney: Thetford, Mark  
Juneau, Jeremy Arraignment  
CF-2021-0483  
Prosecutor Attorney: Thetford, Mark  
Defense Attorney: Wilson, Clint  
Thomas, Jeffrey Brent Arraignment  
CF-2021-0295  
Prosecutor Attorney: Thetford, Mark  
\*\*\*\*\* SEALED \*\*\*\*\* Pretrial Conference  
JV-2019-0003  
Other Party Attorney: Eagan, Courtney L.  
Matthew J.  
Other Party Attorney: Toppah, JoEtta  
Subject Attorney: Archer, Trisha L.  
\*\*\*\*\* SEALED \*\*\*\*\* Pretrial Conference  
JV-2018-0001  
Prosecutor Attorney: Toppah, JoEtta  
Other Party Attorney: Eagan, Courtney L.  
Subject Attorney: Archer, Trisha L.  
Hearings on 07/20/2021 for Judge Prescott, Shannon L.  
Amanda Ayers vs. Allan Ayers Final Protection Order  
PO-2021-0081  
Ashleigh Allen, et al. vs. Taylor Cooper Final Protection Order  
PO-2021-0065  
Emily Ann Britt vs. Perry Dewayne Britt Status Conference  
DV-2020-0001  
Janie Morgan vs. Mekko Louis Wayne Morgan Final Protection Order  
PO-2021-0101  
Joshua Douglas Baker vs. Kristina Ryley Shipman Temporary Order

CV-2021-0050  
Megan Rena Francis vs. Brian LeRoy Crawl Final Protection Order  
PO-2021-0084  
Melissa Moss vs. Mark Luna Final Protection Order  
PO-2021-0033  
Tacia Lynette Hicks vs. Derrick Riley Disposition  
CV-2021-0023  
Zachary Aaron Mitchell vs. Ashley Nicole Fisher Review  
CV-2020-0052  
\*\*\*\*\* SEALED \*\*\*\*\* Motion  
GD-2018-0026  
Other Party Attorney: Stanley, June  
Summer Dean vs. James Dean Final Protection Order  
PO-2021-0003  
Summer Dean vs. James Dean Final Decree  
DV-2021-0004  
Defense Attorney: Grober, Mark A.  
Plaintiff Attorney: Robertson, Peary L  
Alexandra Martin vs. Mark Justin Hall Final Protection Order  
PO-2021-0124  
Brandilyn Marsh vs Jacolby Lee Gordon Final Protection Order  
PO-2021-0089  
Kaci Burns vs. Dusty Lee Burns Motion to Transfer  
PO-2021-0090  
Defense Attorney: Harlin, Caleb A.  
Sara Gonzalez, et al. vs. Kevin Lee Essary Final Protection Order  
PO-2021-0057  
Valerian Grass vs. Sharodi Al Smith Final Protection Order  
PO-2021-0093  
White, Paige Pretrial Conference  
CF-2021-0043  
Prosecutor Attorney: Thetford, Mark  
Defense Attorney: Hall, Matthew J.  
\*\*\*\*\* SEALED \*\*\*\*\* Adjudication NF  
JV-2020-0018  
Other Party Attorney: Gore,

Matthew S  
Other Party Attorney: Toppah, JoEtta  
Subject Attorney: Eagan, Courtney L.  
\*\*\*\*\* SEALED \*\*\*\*\* Pretrial Conference  
JV-2017-0005  
Prosecutor Attorney: Toppah, JoEtta  
Other Party Attorney: Archer, Trisha L.  
Other Party Attorney: Gaither, Luke  
Other Party Attorney: Harrison, Shelly  
Other Party Attorney: Locke, Chad  
Other Party Attorney: Waisner, Renee  
Subject Attorney: Eagan, Courtney L.  
Hearings on 07/22/2021 for Judge Prescott, Shannon L.  
\*\*\*\*\* SEALED \*\*\*\*\* Show Cause  
GD-2021-0026  
Other Party Attorney: Bernhardt, Kirsten I.  
Amberli Danyel Taylor vs. Toni Cochran Final Protection Order  
PO-2021-0138  
Danialle Hughes et al. vs. Elijah Hughes Final Protection Order  
PO-2021-0143  
Daryl Kaiser vs. Dylan Leslie Final Protection Order  
PO-2021-0141  
Iman T. Clark vs. Eran Barnett Final Protection Order  
PO-2021-0144  
Joe G. Martel III vs. Loyd Davis Jr. Final Protection Order  
PO-2021-0130  
Kathy Conley, et al. vs. Robert Lame Final Protection Order  
PO-2021-0125  
Kimberly Pilkington vs. David Shane Caywood Final Protection Order  
PO-2021-0142  
Larissa Goodman vs. Anna Mariah Birdtail Final Protection Order  
PO-2021-0136  
Nancy Sanchez vs. James Sanchez Final Protection Order

PO-2021-0145  
Nancy Sanchez vs. Rayes Sanchez Final Protection Order  
PO-2021-0146  
Phyllis Crook vs. Ariyana Mitchell Final Protection Order  
PO-2021-0140  
Tiffany Sue Lee vs. Vincent Navarro Temporary Order  
CV-2021-0061  
Vincent Navarro vs. Tiffany Sue Lee Final Protection Order  
PO-2021-0139  
Plaintiff Attorney: Hall, Matthew J.  
Xavier Hampton vs. Anna Mariah Birdtail, et al. Final Protection Order  
PO-2021-0137  
\*\*\*\*\* SEALED \*\*\*\*\* Guardianship  
GD-2021-0001  
Other Party Attorney: Wilson, Clint  
\*\*\*\*\* SEALED \*\*\*\*\* Review  
GD-2020-0032  
Other Party Attorney: Matheson, Mark D.  
Other Party Attorney: Waisner, Renee  
Subject Attorney: Price, Jessalyn  
\*\*\*\*\* SEALED \*\*\*\*\* Review  
GD-2019-0006  
Other Party Attorney: Seacat, Robert V  
Elizabeth Leigh Ulrey vs. Joshua Allen Ulrey Final Protection Order  
PO-2021-0107  
Gloria Jobe vs. Michael A. Factor Temporary Order  
CV-2021-0002  
Defense Attorney: Ramirez, Javier  
Plaintiff Attorney: Burlison, Cynthia  
James Vaughn vs. Markayla Lawrence Paternity/Maternity  
CV-2021-0033  
Plaintiff Attorney: Ramirez, Javier  
Phillip Diggs vs. Kelsey Rene Pickett Disposition  
CV-2021-0009  
Defense Attorney: Ramirez, Javier  
Plaintiff Attorney: Lile, Jason M

LEGALS

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION

FILED

IN the Matter of the Adoption of, JUL 27 2 55 PM '21  
DENVER WEST, (DOB: 11/19/2013) MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION  
A Minor Child. DONNA BEAVER COURT CLERK Case No. AD-2021-08 SP

**ALIA ORDER and NOTICE OF HEARING TO ADOPT WITHOUT CONSENT**

To: Amber Melina Rose West:

You are notified that Tonya Michelle Lakey and Michael Wayne Lakey, filed a Petition before the above-named Court, praying that they be allowed to adopt the minor named in the caption hereof without your consent.

Take notice that the Application to determine your consent not necessary for the completion of this adoption is on file with the Clerk of this Court; that a copy of the Application is attached hereto, and that, among other things, it is alleged in the Application that:

1. The natural mother has abandoned the minor child in that she has failed to maintain a significant relationship with the 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 a petition for termination of parental rights and has further willfully failed to pay contribute to the support of the child as provided in a decree of divorce or in some other court order during the preceding year or, in the absence of such order, consistent with the parent's means and earning capacity; and

and, therefore, your consent to the adoption is not necessary, and that Petitioners are the proper parties to adopt.

A hearing on the Application to determine whether your consent to the adoption is necessary is set for 10:00 o'clock A.M., on the 14th day of October, 2021, in the District Courtroom of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, Okmulgee, Oklahoma.

**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 ABOVE SHOWN WHERE YOU WILL HAVE THE RIGHT TO BE PRESENT AND AN OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD AT SAID TIME AND PLACE INCLUDING THE RIGHT TO OBJECT TO THE ADOPTION OF YOUR CHILDREN.**

YOUR FAILURE TO APPEAR AT THIS HEARING SHALL CONSTITUTE A DENIAL OF YOUR INTEREST IN YOUR CHILDREN WHICH DENIAL MAY RESULT, WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE OF THIS PROCEEDING OR ANY SUBSEQUENT PROCEEDINGS, IN YOUR CHILDREN'S ADOPTION WITHOUT YOUR CONSENT THEREBY ULTIMATELY TERMINATING YOUR RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILDREN IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAWS OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION.

Dated this 21 day of July, 2021.

Judge of the District Court

Prepared by:

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Tulsa, Oklahoma 74133  
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Attorney for Petitioners

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

OFFICE OF CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT  
EX. REL.,  
KRYSTAL COOK,

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MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION  
PETITIONER  
COURT CLERK

VS.

KAREFFREN D. BAGBY,

RESPONDENT.

CASE NO.: CV 2009-168  
FGN:  
MCN: 3531-001

KAREFFREN BAGBY  
OBLIGOR

KRYSTAL COOK  
CUSTODIAN

**NOTICE BY PUBLICATION**

MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION OFFICE OF CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT TO:  
KEYAN-KEYVON D'MONTEE BUTLER

**TAKE NOTICE** that you have been sued for Establishment of Child Support in the Court listed above by the Petitioner. You must appear in the District Court for the Muscogee (Creek) Nation on the 5th day of October, 2021 at 9:00am, or the Petition for Establishment of Child Support will be taken as true and the court will enter the Order and other relief sought will be granted to the Petitioner.

Given under my hand and seal this 26 day of July, 2021.

By: [Signature]  
Court Clerk/Deputy

(SEAL)

April S. Buck, OBA# 18921, MCN# 294  
Susan Arkeketta, OBA# 20456, MCN # 273  
MCN Office of Child Support Enforcement  
P.O. Box 100  
Okmulgee, OK 74447  
Telephone: (918) 295-0800  
Facsimile: (918) 295-0880

OBITUARIES



Velma Lee Carder  
November 22, 1970 -  
August 3, 2021

Velma Lee Carder, a resident of Eufaula, passed away August 03, 2021 in Eufaula, OK at the age of 50. She was born Sunday, November 22, 1970 in Okmulgee, OK to Cecil Carder & Peggy (Harjo) Carder.

She was preceded in death by her parents, and one brother, Bill Morris.

Velma is survived by her three daughters; Tia Lee Roberts of Coweta,

Valerie Carder of Henryetta, and Gina Chisholm of Okmulgee, companion, Donald Chisholm of Eufaula, grandchildren, Reign and

Raven Roberts, sister, Vickie Mead of Wetumka, Oklahoma, brother, Bobby Harjo & wife Nicole of Liberty-Mounds, brother, Johnny Harjo & family of Ardmore, as well as a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Wake Services are scheduled for 7:00 PM, on Friday, August 6, 2021 at Alabama Quassarte Indian Baptist Church in Weleetka.

Funeral services are scheduled for 2:00 PM on Saturday, August 7, 2021 at Alabama Quassarte Indian Baptist Church in Weleetka with Rev. Mark Smith, officiating. Interment will follow at Wiley-Watson Family Cemetery near Graham. Services are under the direction and care of Integrity Funeral Service.

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SUBMISSIONS

Attention: Candidates for National Council Seat B.

Deer Clan Books in Bethany, Oklahoma invites candidates to present their platform to Creek Citizens living in the Oklahoma City Metro Area. There are over 5000 Creek Citizens in the metro area who will be interested in your position on key issues. Deer

Clan Books offers the Colonel William Robison Conference Room as a place for candidates to greet the people. For details call Deer Clan Books at 405-495-9005, or Claudette Robertson at 405-826-2424. deerclanbooks@gmail.com. Deer Clan Books, 3905 N. College Ave., Bethany, OK 73008.

NOTICE OF FILING PERIOD FOR ELECTION OF MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION CONSERVATION COMMISSION

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED:

Notice is hereby given that any person who is a Muscogee (Creek) registered voter and a resident of the Muscogee (Creek) boundaries of the MCN Conservation District and has entered into or will enter into a Cooperator Agreement with the said District, may have their

name placed on the official ballot of the District Commission Election of said District for “Seat C” – restricted landowner and “Seat E” – fee landowner by filing a Notification and Declaration of Candidacy with said District located at the MCN Housing building Room 220 or call 918-549-2609 between the dates of August 18-31, 2021. Notification and Declaration of Candidacy forms may be obtained at the above location and must be returned to the same location before close of business on the last day of the filing period. The Election will be held the end of September 2021.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Letter to the Editor  
Dated: August 8, 2021  
Dear Mvskokvlke,

We are writing to express our concern about our Nation’s failure to follow the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA). The Indian Child Welfare Act was established so that tribal courts could exercise exclusive jurisdiction over Indian Children and for the purpose of keeping our native families together. We are extremely concerned that neither of these directives of ICWA are being followed or adhered to by our Nation.

Title 6 of the Nation’s Tribal Code directs the Children and Family Services Department (CFSA) to provide culturally oriented preventive and treatment services to at-risk Indian families within the jurisdiction of the Nation, including parenting skills training and education of the Indian community on child protection issues. It is our experience and understanding that the CFSA – ICWA Department at the Nation is NOT providing any services to our families to help them keep their chil-

dren who are at risk or are taken into foster care.

In State Court proceedings, according to Title 6 § 1–205, the Nation is directed to intervene and CFSA shall conduct and prepare home studies; provide supervision; provide rehabilitative services to the child and his family; prior to each hearing, prepare reports and recommendations to the appropriate Court; and attend all Court hearings in said matter. CFSA staff attend court hearings for Mvskoke children in custody but do nothing else to assist families to get custody of their children returned or for native families of the children to gain custody.

ICWA has a direct relationship to tribal sovereignty. Tribal sovereignty defined is the control and determination of citizens’ health, education, and welfare. ICWA is under attack from multiple fronts, our tribal sovereignty is under attack from the State of Oklahoma. If we don’t stand up for both now, we are at risk of losing them both and we will have no one to blame but ourselves.

OBITUARIES



William Lance Sampson  
November 12, 1974 -  
July 25, 2021

William Lance Sampson, 46 of Okmulgee, Oklahoma passed away on Sunday, July 25, 2021, in Bixby, Oklahoma.

William was born November 12, 1974 in Yakima, Washington. He was so many things to so many people, a husband, a father, a brother, an uncle, a friend, and an inspiration... he was the free spirit that we all long to be, with a deep love for life. He wore a smile that could light up any room and brighten any day. His creativity gave him many natural talents, his morals gave him strength of character, and his seemingly unlimited potential and passion were something to admire. He had a natural charisma that made him an impossible presence to ignore, and anywhere he went, he was a walking lesson on how to enjoy and appreciate the life around you. He touched so many lives in so many ways, and most anyone would agree, that it was a privilege to have had him in theirs. He

will be as deeply and devastatingly missed, as the sun would be if it were to fall from the sky, or the moon, if it ceased to shine.

He is preceded by Father Will “Sonny” Sampson and Brother Tim Sampson

Survived by wives Terra Ward Sampson and Katirre Elena Sampson and Children Janie Lynn, William James Warren, Zaden Joshua & Shane Sampson, as well as numerous other family members and friends.

Viewing for William will be on Thursday, July 29, 2021 at Integrity Funeral Service from 2 PM till 8 PM.

Funeral services will be held on Friday, July 30, 2021 at 10 AM at Integrity Funeral Chapel.

Services are under the direction of Integrity Funeral Service, 410 E. Trudgeon, Henryetta, Oklahoma.

MVSKOKE MEDIA SURVEY

Please complete this survey for Mvskoke Media to help us have a better idea of our subscribers. Please fill out this form and **mail to PO Box 580 Okmulgee, OK 74447 by August 27, 2021**

All of this information is strictly for the use of Mvskoke Media and will not be shared. This is to help us understand our subscribers'/listeners' needs and interests, in regards to advertising, giveaways, news stories, radio and television broadcasts.

1. Name:

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☐ Prefer not to say

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☐ 46-55

☐ 56-65

☐ 66 or older

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☐ Pocket Casts

☐ Overcast

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☐ 2-5 hours

☐ 6+ hours

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☐ In the car

☐ Online

☐ On your phone

8. What programs/interests do you listen to?

CLASSIFIED ADS

Nashville Friends Meeting · 530 26th Avenue North · Nashville TN 37209  
nashvillefriendsmeeting.org · 1 august 2021

**N O T I C E** The Nashville Friends Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends (also known as Quakers) believes it is our responsibility as settler-colonial descendants to acknowledge the Yuchi and Mvskoke peoples, known as the Muscogee/Creek Nation of Okmulgee, Oklahoma, as the people of the Nashville/Davidson County area around the year 1400 CE, and to tell other people of the Yuchi and Mvskoke history here. We also intend to aid in the Yuchi and Mvskoke return to the Nashville/Davidson County area, and to return local land to the Yuchi and Mvskoke. We plan to post the following land acknowledgement on our building and to read it aloud monthly to keep us mindful of whose land we live on, and to whom it should be returned: We

acknowledge that we are on the traditional lands of Mississippian peoples and their descendants, including the Yuchi and Mvskoke tribes.

Nashville Friends Meeting is located between the ancient city of Mound Bottom, the 6,000 stone box burials along ‘Browns’ Creek, Castalian Springs mounds, and the ‘Sellars Farm’ town site.

The descendants of Yuchi and Mvskoke peoples currently reside in Oklahoma. We are working on and hopeful of their return. If you have any concerns or more accurate information on the historical relationship of this land to these tribes or others, we would appreciate hearing from you. We are open to considering any recommended changes based on historical record. Respectfully,

Samantha Singer  
<ssinger05@gmail.com>  
Peace & Justice Committee chair  
Nashville Friends Meeting

PRIMARY ELECTION DATES FOR NATIONAL COUNCIL SEAT B

Early In-Person will be held Sept. 15 7 a.m.-7 p.m. and then the regular primary is Sept. 18 7 a.m.-7 p.m.

Early in-person for the General Election is Nov. 3-4 and the actual Election Day will be Nov. 6



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 **\$312,684,599.45**

Total expenditures and encumbrances for FY20 and FY21 as of this report date equals, **\$307,131,142.21**

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

| ACCOUNT<br>NUMBER | PROGRAM NAME/<br>ACCOUNT NAME        | AMOUNT<br>BUDGETED | EXPENDED       | ENCUMBERED   | CASH BALANCE   |
|-------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------|----------------|--------------|----------------|
| 50100             | <b>PRINCIPAL CHIEF</b>               |                    |                |              |                |
| 51100             | Salary & Wages-PT/Other              | 86,000.00          | 86,000.00      | -            | -              |
| 56010             | Fringe-PT/Other                      | 10,449.00          | 10,449.00      | -            | -              |
|                   | Donations/Contributions              | 49,187.20          | 10,000.00      | -            | 39,187.20      |
|                   | <b>SECRETARY OF NATION</b>           |                    |                |              |                |
| 53000             | Supplies                             | 2,700.00           | 2,504.00       | -            | 196.00         |
| 54000             | Contractual                          | 9,245,034.70       | 8,861,922.14   | -            | 383,112.56     |
| 58010             | Construction                         | 1,400.00           | 1,400.00       | -            | -              |
| 59220             | Grants                               | 302,610.85         | 300,114.32     | -            | 2,496.53       |
|                   | <b>MARKETING &amp; TOURISM</b>       |                    |                |              |                |
| 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       | -            | -              |
|                   | <b>CONTRACTING EMPLOYMENT</b>        |                    |                |              |                |
| 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   |
|                   | <b>INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY</b>        |                    |                |              |                |
| 53000             | Supplies                             | 806,070.56         | 749,178.75     | 21,070.39    | 35,821.42      |
| 53010             | Software/Licenses                    | 1,207,630.11       | 1,073,950.12   | 33,402.84    | 100,277.15     |
| 54000             | Contractual                          | 73,594.25          | 54,626.40      | -            | 18,967.85      |
| 55210             | Communications- Other                | 250,620.89         | 193,390.01     | -            | 57,230.88      |
| 55300             | Bldg Maint/Repairs                   | 164,818.95         | 106,004.76     | 44,135.93    | 14,678.26      |
| 85500             | Equipment                            | 3,535,033.48       | 3,008,225.81   | 514,474.00   | 12,333.67      |
|                   | <b>FLEET MANAGEMENT</b>              |                    |                |              |                |
| 50000             | Salary & Wages - FT                  | 5,000.00           | 1,676.00       | -            | 3,324.00       |
| 50020             | Salary & Wages - O/T Over 1.5        | 25,000.00          | 15,920.99      | -            | 9,079.01       |
| 50100             | Salary & Wages - PT/Other            | 23,291.20          | 18,322.20      | -            | 4,969.00       |
| 51000             | Fringe - FT                          | 20,199.00          | 9870.41        | -            | 10,328.59      |
| 51100             | Fringe - PT/Other                    | 2,890.96           | 2,214.34       | -            | 676.62         |
| 53000             | Supplies                             | 2,988,652.83       | 1,503,443.45   | 80,000.00    | 1,405,209.38   |
| 53290             | Postage/Shipping                     | 50,000.00          | 35,374.69      | -            | 14,625.31      |
| 55300             | Bldg Maint/Repairs                   | 315.00             | -              | -            | 315.00         |
| 85400             | Indirect Costs                       | -                  | 253.14         | -            | -253.14        |
| 55300             | Vehicles                             | 151,476.00         | 146,021.00     | -            | 5,455.00       |
| 85500             | Equipment                            | 308,000.00         | 75,893.00      | 33,762.00    | 198,345.00     |
|                   | <b>SOCIAL SERVICES</b>               |                    |                |              |                |
| 50000             | Salary & Wages - FT                  | 94,073.60          | 93,187.71      | -            | 885.89         |
| 50020             | Salary & Wages - O/T Over 1.5        | 14,175.00          | 9,404.41       | -            | 4,770.59       |
| 51000             | Fringe - FT                          | 61,228.22          | 65,179.10      | -            | -3,950.88      |
| 53000             | Supplies                             | 5,502.79           | 5,466.79       | -            | 36.00          |
| 54000             | Contractual                          | 465,411.29         | 456,117.05     | 9,294.24     | -              |
| 57000             | Indirect Costs                       | -                  | 15,249.11      | -            | -15,249.11     |
| 59071             | Direct Assist - Income Support       | 56,333,581.41      | 56,137,500.00  | -            | 196,081.41     |
| 59072             | Direct Assist - Hardship             | 35,934,588.07      | 35,782,400.00  | -            | 152,188.07     |
|                   | <b>SENIOR SERVICES</b>               |                    |                |              |                |
| 53000             | Supplies                             | 200,000.00         | 185,364.01     | -            | 14,635.99      |
|                   | <b>FOOD DISTRIBUTION</b>             |                    |                |              |                |
| 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   | -              |
|                   | <b>ELDERLY NUTRITION</b>             |                    |                |              |                |
| 85170             | Construction                         | 540,000.00         | 167,589.95     | 324,579.98   | 47,830.07      |
|                   | <b>SECRETARY OF EDUCATION</b>        |                    |                |              |                |
| 50000             | Salary& Wages- FT                    | 3,018.44           | 2,610.77       | -            | 407.67         |
| 50020             | Salary& Wages - O/T over 1.5         | 73,329.31          | 39,638.80      | -            | 33,690.51      |
| 51000             | Fringe - FT                          | 42,925.42          | 66,214.09      | -            | -23,288.67     |
| 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                       | -                  | 10,770.61      | -            | -10,770.61     |
| 59073             | Direct Assistance - Ed Support       | 2,180,488.29       | 2,175,981.53   | -            | 4,506.76       |
|                   | <b>MCN MEAT PROCESSING PLANT</b>     |                    |                |              |                |
| 53000             | Supplies                             | 100,000.00         | -              | -            | 100,000.00     |
| 85010             | Architect & Engineering              | 1,165,012.00       | 1,102,638.40   | 62,373.60    | 0.00           |
| 85170             | Construction                         | 14,800,000.00      | 10,388,275.28  | 4,410,492.72 | 1,232.00       |
| 85500             | Equipment                            | 1,234,988.00       | 1,070,272.18   | 118,919.13   | 45,796.69      |
|                   | <b>REAL ESTATE SERVICES</b>          |                    |                |              |                |
| 54000             | Contractual                          | 12,374.00          | 11,470.83      | -            | 903.17         |
|                   | <b>CULTURAL PRESERVATION</b>         |                    |                |              |                |
| 59220             | Grants                               | 2,189,999.00       | 2,189,998.95   | -            | 0.05           |
|                   | <b>TRIBAL CONSTRUCTION</b>           |                    |                |              |                |
| 50100             | Salary & Wages - PT/Other            | 19,234.80          | 19,234.80      | -            | -              |
| 51100             | Fringe - PT/Other                    | 2,337.03           | 2,337.03       | -            | -              |
| 53000             | Supplies                             | 45,683.00          | 45,683.00      | -            | -              |
| 85010             | Architect & Engineering              | 145,244.88         | 129,162.23     | -            | 16,082.65      |
| 85170             | Construction                         | 14,588,142.53      | 14,423,379.53  | 4,001.00     | 160,762.00     |
| 85500             | Equipment                            | 130,110.00         | 130,110.00     | -            | -              |
|                   | <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                             | 26,799.29          | 26,799.29      | -            | -              |
| 54000             | Contractual                          | 24,738.00          | 24,738.00      | -            | -              |
|                   | <b>OFFICE OF TAX COMMISSION</b>      |                    |                |              |                |
| 54000             | Contractual                          | 36,300.00          | 25,503.00      | -            | 10,797.00      |
| 55300             | Bldg Maint/Repairs                   | 340.80             | -1,159.20      | 1,159.20     | 340.80         |
| 85500             | Equipment                            | 1.03               | -              | -            | 1.03           |
|                   | <b>CITIZENSHIP BOARD</b>             |                    |                |              |                |
| 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      |
|                   | <b>LIGHTHORSE ADMINISTRATION</b>     |                    |                |              |                |
| 85500             | Equipment                            | 56,790.00          | 56,790.00      | -            | -              |
|                   | <b>NATIONAL COUNCIL</b>              |                    |                |              |                |
| 53000             | Supplies                             | 623.34             | 623.34         | -            | -              |
|                   | <b>DISTRICT COURT</b>                |                    |                |              |                |
| 53310             | Equipment Maint/Repair               | 10,512.00          | 10,512.00      | -            | -              |
| 85500             | Equipment                            | 176,011.68         | 159,761.68     | 16,250.00    | -              |
|                   | <b>SECRETARY OF HEALTH</b>           |                    |                |              |                |
| 90110             | Transfer Out                         | -                  | 17,958,502.74  | -            | -17,958,502.74 |
|                   | TOTAL                                | 160,506,303.67     | 167,004,079.37 | 6,241,974.69 | -12,739,750.39 |



MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION

NATIONAL COUNCIL

SEAT B CANDIDATES


CREEK



**Patrick Freeman I**

Patrick Freeman Jr was elected as the Muscogee (Creek) Nation National Council Seat B Representative for the Creek District in 2017. Since Freeman is running unopposed, he will automatically win his district for the 2021 MCN elections.

He has an extensive background in building sciences and experience in areas of construction management from various types of projects. He has a Bachelor of Architecture & Urban Planning degree and Masters of Architecture & Construction Management degree, both degrees come from the University of Kansas.




**Anthony Beaver**

**NUYAKA ETVLWV - HOTVLKVLKE**

**NUYAKA Ceremonial Ground - Wind Clan**

Career speaking, I'm an employee of the Muscogee Nation Citizenship Board Office (since 2012). My current title is an Enrollment Specialist. Verifying Muscogee ancestral lineage for applicants applying to become Tribal Citizens of the Nation is my primary job duty for the office. In doing so, the Nation's Constitution, Tribal Code, and the offices' Policies and Procedures all play a vital part in that overall process. Furthermore, I'm also currently the Chair of the Johnson O'Malley Jenks Public Schools Indian Education Committee and the Vice-Chair of the Title VI Committee. Educationally speaking, I'm an alumnus of Tahlequah-Sequoyah Indian High School. While there, I was fortunate to receive the Gates Millennium Scholarship. In addition, I received my Bachelor's Degree in Corporate Communications at Rogers State University and my Masters of Legal Studies Degree in Indigenous Peoples Law at the University of Oklahoma.



**Leonard Gouge**

**Ceremonial Ground: Apeka**

**Clan: E-co**

Currently at Cherokee Nation for 26 years and having worked with Indian Child Welfare over 31 years I have Worked at Mvskoke Nation, Seminole Nation as well as Oklahoma Indian Legal Services.

I was a Drill Sargent at Ft Sill, OK our mission was to get more troops trained to support 9/11. In 2006, I went to Afghanistan for 15 months and was award a Bronze Star. I retired from the Army as a decorated, combat Army Veteran with the rank of Master Sargent after serving 28 years.

I served as Community Chairman for Koweta Indian Community also served as Chairman for Tulsa Indian Community. As well as Mvskoke Nation Citizenship Board as Chairman and Mvskoke Nation Commission on Indian Child Welfare.

My wife of 28 years is Johnna Deere-Gouge we have one daughter, the late Melinda Gouge. I am the son of the late Felix and Minnie Gouge.

Why are you running for National Council?  
My goals for running for National Council Representative are to assist and protect Native American Families and Children. Doing what is right and what is fair,

has always been my motto. I respect the religious beliefs of Tribal members and will strive to ensure a healthy lifestyle for all. This has enabled me to make decisions on what is best for Native families and children that I have worked within my career. I support doing what is best for the Nation while not forgetting the daily needs of the people. My career shows that I have always been serving for the greater good of all people, whether it is in military uniform, at the ceremonial grounds, the church grounds, or advocating in the court room for the best interest of all Native people, children and families across the country. I can guide our Nation into a better tomorrow while preserving our past and protecting our sovereignty.

Website/Social Media: Leonard Gouge for MCN National Council Tulsa District Seat

Why are you running for National Council?

I'm running for National Council because you and I share the same history and moving forward, we will share the same future. We come from a long line of strong people that fought and gave their lives for us all so that we may have a life and a future to look forward to. We owe it to our ancestors to be proud of who we are, keep our languages and cultures thriving, help our people, and set a solid foundation for our children and generations to come. I believe a seat at the table for our Legislative Branch is the right start to use such a position for just that. Our Nation's Reservation is made up of eight districts, but we have citizens worldwide. The people need help, from our youth to our elders to one hemisphere to the other. We must work with one another and not be divided as we make this journey together. That is why I'm asking for your vote this upcoming September because if elected, I'll represent you, the people. After all, without the people, there is no Nation nor no future. It all starts with you, and with your help and support, we can change and create a dearly needed MVSKOKE Nation that we all want to see. That said, to my MVSKOKE and YUCHI people, this election let us look within ourselves and make the right choices you see fit for our Seat B National Council Representatives. MVTO/s/nIA K'ayasOTa Take Care & Stay Safe Website/Social Media: Facebook (Beaver 4 Tulsa); Twitter (@Beaver4Tulsa); InstaGram (Beaver4Tulsa); SnapChat (beaver-4tulsa); TikTok (@beaver4tulsa)

Tulsa



**John W. Killingsworth**

**Tribal Town - Tuckabache**

**Clan - Wotko/Raccoon**

I was born and raised in Stroud, OK. I attended Oklahoma City University; graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Business, with an emphasis in Marketing. I have worked in the Oil & Gas industry for the last 27 years. I started at the bottom and worked my way up to an executive level. I am currently operating as an independent business consultant and I help businesses increase revenue, improve operational efficiencies and maximize income growth. I have been married to my wife, Lisa, for 24 years and have two children. My son, Cabe, is 22 years old and my daughter, Kylie, is 19 years old. I have been an active member at Asbury United Methodist Church since 2004. Our family has volunteered at The Little Light House for many years, post my daughter's graduation from there and my wife and I also served on the school board for several years.

Why are you running for National Council?  
To serve and improve the quality of life for all Muscogee Creek Nation citizens.



**Robert L. Hawkins**

**Church: Greenleaf Indian Baptist Church**

**Tribal Town: Fishpond**

**Ceremonial Grounds: Greenleaf**

**Clan: Vlpvtvlke (Alligator)**


My family originated in the Okemah/Mason area before moving to western Oklahoma in the 1950's. I am the grandson to Jess and Leah Hawkins and the son of Robert and Sandra Hawkins. I am engaged to be married to Mary Hawk and between us we have 8 children and 17 grandchildren, with our 18th due April, 2022.

Graduated from Altus High School in 1988, continuing my education at Western Oklahoma State College and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. In 2016, I received my Associates Degree in Police Science at the College of the Muscogee Nation. I have received advanced law enforcement training certifications through the Bureau of Indian Affairs, State of Oklahoma, Federal Law Enforcement Training Center, FBI Law Enforcement Executive Development Association, National Advocacy Center, and the University of Louisville-Southern Police Institute.

Why are you running for National Council?

I have a 24 year law enforcement career, 9 of which I had the honor of protecting and serving our citizens with the Lighthouse Police Department. In 2016, I was appointed Chief of Police, holding that position for 4 1/2 years. I was an integral part of helping establish the law enforcement plan with the attorneys representing the Nation, which ultimately resulted in the United State Supreme Court's decision in the historic McGirt Ruling. The Nation is strong and resilient and we will do whatever needs to be done to protect our sovereignty. During my time as Chief of Lighthouse, I prided myself in insuring my officers put the needs and wants of the Mvskoke people first. If elected to the National Council, I will work diligently to bring the best resources to our citizens, to hear their voices, to be their voice, and do what's right them, which in turn will help move the Nation forward. One of the main reasons I'm running for National Council is to increase accountability and transparency within the administration and within the departments providing services. It's about doing the right thing, working together, putting the needs of our citizens first and what's in the best interest of the Nation.

Social Media: Facebook Robert Hawkins for MCN National Council Tulsa District Seat B; Email: rhawkins4nc@gmail.com



**Lucian Tiger**

**Clan: Wind**

I was born and raised on the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Reservation. I graduated from Kellyville High School in 1987 and attended Connors State College and Oklahoma State University. I have owned and operated local businesses for nearly three decades in the Tulsa area.


The role of a Legislator is a serious one that I have proudly served in for two consecutive terms. During my time on National Council, I have served as the Speaker of the Council and Chairman of the Health, Education, and Welfare Committee. I have successfully sponsored legislation to provide support to Citizens, to diversify the Nation's economic development opportunities, to protect our culture, and to assert our sovereign rights.

Why are you running for National Council?

There are only a few instances in our collective history that rival the moment our government is currently experiencing. Between the challenges that the COVID-19 Pandemic and additional responsibilities that are associated with the historic McGirt decision, it is critical that our government have strategic, continuous leadership.

As an experienced Legislator with a track record of success, I am committed to continuing an innovative and purposeful agenda that will capitalize on the challenges and opportunities of this era in our government. If re-elected, I will introduce and support legislation that builds governing capacity in response to the demand of McGirt, promotes citizen and employee success, invests and protects our culture, and diversifies economic opportunities.

It has been an honor and privilege to serve the Nation and I know that there are many competing needs during these times. I know together we can rise to meet the demands internally and externally. Given my experience, I am positioned to provide leadership, to execute necessary legislation, and to make critical decisions.



**Elizabeth Thompson**

Traditional religion Nuyaka/Apeka Bird Clan Parents: The late Russell Thompson & Cherokee (Wildcat) Thompson Siblings: 4 sisters & 1 Brother Children: 2 daughters & 2 sons Married to Terry Lunsford

High School Graduate American Welding Institute Draughton's College University of Central Oklahoma Central Vo-tech

I, Elizabeth K Thompson am announcing my candidacy for Tulsa District, Seat B because of a lack of representation for our citizens. I have struggled with the rest of our grassroots people and heard all the complaints from health system's careless representation to our stompgrounds suffering.

Our virtual line has been drawn, the day McGirt v Oklahoma was declared in our favor. As your council representative I vow to always fight for your rights as a sovereign nation. People that know me, know that I am passionate in my beliefs with a caring heart, honesty, and loyal to our Mvskoke nation. Whatever is requested of me, I will research to find the answers and respond in a timely manner, and not say, "I'll get back to you and then leave you hanging" or by not responding at all. Now that I'm retired, as your representative, I shall advocate for you by making this my main job.

My background includes, being raised as grassroots just southwest of Hickory Grounds and all up and down that road lived my Thompson family which was commonly known as Ryall Bottom. My parents are the late Russell L Thompson, Sr. and Cherokee (Wildcat) Thompson and they have always instilled within me to uphold our tradition religiously and whichever we chose to do, either the church route or stompdance...COMMIT!

As your Representative, enacting laws to exempt taxes, make car tags available throughout the state, and for at large citizens, by creating special legislation to accommodate your cultural experience.

All citizens matter and by exercising your right to vote in September, it will show our unity as a nation, mvto.

**PRIMARY ELECTION DATES FOR NATIONAL COUNCIL SEAT B**

*Early In-Person will be held Sept. 15 7 a.m.-7 p.m. and then the regular primary is Sept. 18 7 a.m.-7 p.m.*

*Early in-person for the General Election is Nov. 3-4 and the actual Election Day will be Nov. 6*



Tulsa



**Julian B Watson**  
**Clan:** Tribal Town: Tukvpttce  
**Ceremonial Ground:** Arbekv Talladega  
**Clan:** Bear/Nokosvlke

I grew up in the southern regional area of our jurisdiction. I graduated from Henryetta High School, shortly after that, signed my first recording contract at nineteen. At the same time, I became more rooted in our ceremonial ways and what it means to fast and touch medicine. Indigenous communities have welcomed my works for the last 30 years. I have attended council meetings as a citizen, so the council procedure is not foreign to me. Non-profits organizations have been a pillar in my foundation to direct community action. I know what it means to be a contractor, as well as a board member. I remember Uncle Russell saying, "People power will always work." At first, I didn't know this was how to love a community, but now I do. My labor of love stems from my passion for helping my community. Short and cmpe,

that is all I know.

Why are you running for National Council?  
My responsibility is to run with compassion, knowledge, and intelligence based on Indigenous teachings and oral traditions. I know I can bring some fire to the table. I want to support our council by stoking its flame of protection, wellness, and sovereignty. My platform is WELLNESS and CULTURE. I love stomp dance; it is a call and response. I hear the people's call, and I am responding. We have to be WELL to protect and provide for our families. We have to be WELL to preserve our community and CULTURE. If elected, I vow to be committed to bringing healing, dignity, and revitalization to our Nation.

Website/social media: Facebook: Julian B Watson for Muscogee Nation Council, Tulsa District Seat B  
https://www.facebook.com/Julian-B-Watson-for-Muscogee-National-Council-Tulsa-District-Seat-B-715663089244303

**Samuel Deere**  
**Tribal Town:** Alabama Quassarte  
**Ceremonial Ground:** Alabama Quassarte, but raised at Nuyaka  
**Clan:** Nokose

My name is Samuel Deere, but most know me by the nickname Bonnie. I'm currently the Director of Social Services for Alabama Quassarte (AQ) Tribal Town. I am a lifelong area resident Okemah (Okfuskee District) who grew up in the Nuyaka community and went to school in Weleetka. After attending some college and working in various positions, I returned to Okemah because there is no other place I would rather live and work to be with family and friends. After serving on the MCN commission on Indian Child Welfare and my various community involvement, I realized that I'd like to be able to do more for the Mvskoke people. I was raised to always help people, as a representative, I will listen to the voices of my community and fulfill the goals of our people through hard work, persistence, and involvement. To me, running for office is about serving and ensuring that every Mvskoke counts. Being your National Council Rep comes with a lot of responsibility and I promise to always do my best representing our Nation and its people.

Why are you running for National Council?  
Stongo. Vote for me, Samuel "Bonnie" Deere because I will be the voice for all Mvskoke people. In the past and even recently, I have been working to assist our elders, community members, MCN legislative issues, and other Native issues as an expert, interpreter, or consultant. This elected position would make it official and open the doors to provide even more support and assistance to the community. If elected, my top priorities will be our future sovereignty, language, culture, government, and seek to expand ICW issues, future elder care, compacts with the state, and uniting tribes for the betterment of our people and nation. I hope to support and lead my Mvskoke people during these tough times and continue to lead as a proud Mvskoke leader. Mvto!

Website/Social Media: Facebook: Samuel "Bonnie" Deere for MCN National Council; Twitter: SBonDeere@SBonDeere4N-CRep; Instagram: sbdeere; Website: sbdeere.com

**Sandra Golden**  
**Church:** Springfield Methodist Church  
**Tribal Town:** Nuyaka

Sandra (Sandi) Golden is an enrolled member of the Muscogee Creek Nation. Sandi received her AA degree from Bacone College, and a bachelor degree from SWOSU in Weatherford before receiving her MPH degree from UC Berkeley, she worked in program administration and clinical services in the field of alcoholism and substance abuse for Native Americans. Ms. Golden's passion is working for the betterment of Native Americans and to make a contribution to the future by working with youth. She has experience with several national organizations, tribal groups collaborating with national, state and other tribal groups in the areas of policy, prevention and the legislative process. For the last 10 years, she has worked with the local schools and Mvskoke communities, coordinating football camps within the Muscogee Creek Nation. Sandi was recently nominated and selected as one of the AARP OK Indian elders to be honored in the fall of 2021.

Why are you running for National Council?  
I am running because I believe I can make a contribution. This would be my only full time job and I am committed to work for all citizens. To be a prosperous Nation our citizens must also prosper.

Website/social media: FB Elect Sandra Golden; Email: imgoldsandi@yahoo.com

**Travis Scott**

I am currently serving my 3rd term as the Okfuskee District Representative. Attended Seminole State College, own & operate family owned business for past 6yrs. I have been employed & working for the public for last 27yrs. I am a member & lay speaker of Springfield United Methodist Church of Okemah. I am of the Wind Clan. I seek re-election to bring consistency & equality amongst our branches of government. The citizens deserve leaders not followers to help promote the welfare & future of this great Nation. All citizens regardless of residency & blood quantum deserve the opportunity to have influence on decisions made for future.

Why are you running for National Council?  
To serve and improve the quality of life for all Muscogee Creek Nation citizens.

Okfuskee



**Russell David Wind**  
**Church:** High Spring Indian Baptist Church  
**Tribal Town/Ceremonial Ground:** Apekv-Talledeki  
**Clan:** Bear

Tribal Administrator, Alabama-Quassarte Tribal Town, from January 2020 – May 2021; Community Administrator, Okemah Indian Community from February 2019 – January 2020; SBA/Counselor, Muscogee (Creek) Nation from March 2015 – March 2018. Compliance Manager, Manager-On-Duty, Shift Supervisor, and employee for various Casinos from 2005 – 2015. Federal Aviation Administration Student Electronic Tech 2002 – 2005.

Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration emphasis in Tribal Management Haskell Indian Nations University, Class of 2008. Tahlequah-Sequoyah High School - Class of 2001. I took most of my undergraduate courses from 2001 – 2005 at Southwestern Indian Polytechnical Institute, but due to a few courses not being offered due to low enrollment. I was not able to graduate with my Instrumentation Technology degree during that time and I moved onto HINU.

Why are you running for National Council?  
I am seeking office to provide legislative leadership for our people on behalf of our ancestors that gave their lives and paid the ultimate sacrifice to ensure the legacy of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation is sustained and preserved for future generations to come.

This past year when everything was shut down, these thoughts and concerns resonated within me all year. I watched our culture and history slowly being erased as I seen a lot of the ceremonial elders, language speakers, church leaders, family members, close friends, go on due to the COVID-19 virus. Although our tribe did their best with limited services due to COVID, I felt like as your elected Tribal Councilman, I would have legislated the COVID funds with less red tape for a quicker response, to help our people with cash assistance and covid supplies.

If elected, not only will I protect and uphold our constitution to the fullest. I will develop, propose, and support Tribal Laws that will strengthen our tribal sovereignty rights within our reservation. Below is what I would address for the next 4 years as your representative.

- Take on the Tax Issue with real and personal property taxes within our Muscogee Nation Reservation to support and fund our tribal government.
- Support MCN Constitution, Article 1, Section 1..." Muscogee (Creek) Indian by blood..."
- Support No Tax Compacts with the State of Oklahoma.
- Support No Tag Compacts with the State of Oklahoma.
- Support Tribal tags for the At-Large community living within Oklahoma.
- Support the At-Large Community services.
- Support the Muscogee Nation Reservation transition of services at all levels of government post McGirt ruling.
- Support less red tape and paperwork to access COVID and ARPA funds.
- Support Freedom of the Press.

Thank you for your time and consideration. 'Moh-wano!

Website/Social Media: facebook

**Terra Beaver**  
**Tribal Town -** Nuyaka  
**Church -** Church of Christ  
**Clan -** Hotvlkvlke

I was raised in Okmulgee and with my four siblings. My grandparents are Lucille and the late Lee Roy Joshua, Sr. My family has inspired and instilled in me the importance of selflessness, grace, and connection to people.

Today, I am a very proud mother and actively engaged in our community. I am a graduate of the College of the Muscogee Nation. In 2013, I earned my bachelor's degree from Northeastern State University and mostly recently graduated with a Master of Science in Leadership with a focus in American Indian Leadership.

My professional experience has included entrepreneurship, track coach, and advocate. I have worked in the Muscogee Nation Social Security Assistance Program, owned several small businesses including a semi-pro football team and now partner to insurance business. Currently my career is with the Department of Veterans Affairs as a Veteran's Claim Examiner.

I would love to connect with you! I can be reached at terrasteam2021@gmail.com or 918-758-9769.

Why are you running for National Council?  
I am stepping up to lead to give back to our tribe for all they have done for me. I have always been a grassroots influencer, fueled by serving people. I am committed to being voice and addressing the issues our tribe faces. I seek to rise to the challenge in the hopes to impact change by utilizing my qualities of innovation, efficiency, and collaborative and servant leadership.

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**Lanissa Jack-Melton**

**Clan:** Kono (Skunk)

Lanissa Jack Melton married to Christopher Melton. We have four children Dylan Melton, Ryan Melton, Nathaniel Melton and Alyssa Melton. I am originally from Dustin, Oklahoma. I am and have been a long time resident of Beggs, Oklahoma.

Grandparents are the late Mitchell Jack and Louma Piegon Jack of Dustin, Oklahoma.

Bilingual in Muscogee Creek and English.

High School Graduate of Dustin Public School. Graduated from Oklahoma State University (OSU) with four Degrees.

Oklahoma State Certified Teacher. Former Ward District IV for the City of Beggs, President of the City Council for the City of Beggs, Former Chairman and Vice Chairman for the Okmulgee Indian Community for many years. Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA)/Muscogee Creek Nation Realty Trust Services. Office of Special Trustee (OST).

**James Jennings**

**Clan:** Bear (Nokosvlke)

**Tribal Town:** Arbeka

**Church:** Second Baptist, Okmulgee

I have been a resident of Okmulgee all my life. My mother was the late Pearline Day and grandparents were Henry Day and Yoner Watson Day. I am one half Creek. I have been married to my wife, Joyce for 53 years, we have three sons, six grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

Beginning in the first grade, I attended Indian Boarding School for 12 years, graduating from Sequoyah High School in 1967. Immediately after graduating, I entered the United States Army, serving for three years (1967-1970) in the capacity of Military Police, Upon being honorably discharged, I began my 42 year career as a cabinetmaker, achieving the level of journeyman at Southern Millwork in Tulsa before retiring. I have always wanted to serve Creek people in my district and felt that the best way was to file for office in the Okmulgee District. Since being first elected, I have served on the National Council for a total of 14 years. My assignments on the council include working on the committees for: (1) Health, Education and Welfare (HEW); (2) Fact Finding; (3) Internal Affairs; and (4) Ex Officio of Regents at the College of Muscogee Nation. I was elected by my legislative peers to serve as Sergeant of Arms for the Council.

Why are you running for National Council?

I am running for Council to ensure that our Sovereignty and our Reservation remain intact for the future of our Mvskoke Creek Citizens and I remain strongly committed to Health, Education and Elder and Youth Services.



Okmulgee



**Adam Jones III**

**Clan:** Bear

**Tribal Town:** Koweta

**Church:** Little Coweta Indian Baptist Church

I serve on the Business Finance and Justice committee. Also serve as ex-officio for Mvskoke Loan Fund. I have an associate degree in business from Connors State College. My wife Amanda and I have 6 children and have been married for 20 years. We own Jones Construction for 14 years, residential, commercial and industrial construction. It has been an Honor to serve our citizens. We have many accomplishments. I have always held myself accountable and hold administration, employees, staff and employees to that same standard. The McGirt Ruling is huge impact on our citizens and strive to create and amend law for the betterment of our tribe. SOVEREIGNTY is what I Fight for.. and I will continue to work with my legislative colleagues to create and promote opportunities to expand our healthcare, employment opportunities, increase elder services and affordable housing for our citizens. MVTO

Why are you running for National Council?

By working as a National Council Representative for the past 14 years, this experience gives me knowledge to continue growing as your Representative... The People of our nation demand accountability. I will continue to work hard for our Muscogee Creek Citizens.

Social Media: Electadam.jones.com; AJ3council Facebook

**Galen Cloud**

**Church:** High Spring Indian Baptist Church

**Tribal Town:** Thlopthlocco

**Ceremonial Ground:** Nuyaka

**Clan:** Ecovlke

I was raised in a traditional home in the Olive Community on our original allotted land. I am a father of 3 and have 1 grandson. I have attained 36 hours toward my degree in Native American Studies at the College of the Muscogee Nation, attended Bacone College acquiring 40+ hours for General Studies and graduated from Olive High School. I currently serve on the MCN Reservation Preservation Committee — General Governance Committee and I am currently the Tribal Historic Preservation Officer for the Thlopthlocco Tribal Town. I have been involved with my Tribal Town and with the community by attending Business meetings and volunteering my time during sports and class activities at my son's school as well as other youth or communities who invited me to their activities.



McIntosh



**Joyce Deere**

Joyce C. Deere is a life-long resident of Muskogee, OK. Her father is the late N.B. Moore, from Morris, OK. Her mother is the late Narcissa Wilson, Fullblood Choctaw. Her Clan is Nokose and her Tribal Town is Kvetstv. She attends Fife Indian Methodist Church in Muskogee, OK. She has three children, five grandchildren, and one great grandchild.

As a National Council Representative, she has served as a member of the Land, Natural Resources, and Cultural Preservation, Fact Finding, and Internal Affairs Committees. She currently serves as the Vice-Chair of the Health, Education, and Welfare Committee. She is a Board Member of the Muscogee Historical and Cultural Foundation; an active member of the United Methodist Women, and a Board member of the Murrow Indian Children's Home. She is honored to serve and represent the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. MVTO!

I am running for re-election to the National Council because I have experience and knowledge of the issues facing the MCN, a good attitude to serves as a positive role model for our citizens, and the willingness to serve the Muscogee (Creek) Nation.

Contact information: joyce\_deere@yahoo.com or 918-230-4734

Why are you running for National Council?

I have been a speaker for many great men and for many great causes but I feel it is time to be a speaker of the people. That is one of the reasons I am running for National Council. Being out in the community and speaking with the citizens who were both young and old, ceremonial and church goers, who spoke of issues that affected them made me realize that I can use my voice for more than teaching. That I can use my voice to help the citizens address their needs and make sure that legislation is fair and just to all. I want to be their voice when citizens think they don't have one. I want to help citizens when they are in need. I want to do right by the citizens of the Muscogee Creek Nation.

Website/Social Media: Facebook: @votegalencld; Instagram: @mcnmcintoshdistrictcloud; Email: @cloudseatb2021@gmail.com

**Sandra Parish**

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My name is Sandra Parish. I am a proud 4/4 Muscogee (Creek) Citizen. My clan is raccoon and Peach Ground is my Tribal town. My parents were the late Willie (Bill) Parnosky and Nancy Sue Fields. I was born in Sapulpa and raised in Tulsa. In 1995 I moved to Muskogee. I have 4 children and eleven grandchildren.

I am running for Muskogee District National Council Seat B to make a change. There is laws that the Council don't follow. Being a Representative is a 24/7 job. We need to meet the needs of all citizens.

I am currently employed at the Murrow Indian Home. I have worked for the Oklahoma Department of Correctional in Taft. I was elected Chairperson of Muscogee Indian Community. I am very active in my community.

In conclusion to all my fellow citizens, I ask that we move Muscogee Nation forward together. I encourage you to exercise your rights to vote in the 2021 MCN Primary Election on September 2021.



Muskogee



**Edwin Marshall**

**Church:** Alabama Coushatta Indian Baptist Church

**Tribal Town:** Tukvpvtce Tribal Town

**Ceremonial Ground:** Tukvpvtce Ceremonial Ground (inactive)

**Clan:** Fuswvlke (Bird Clan)

Estonko? I'm Edwin Marshall, candidate for National Council, Seat B, Tukvpvtce District. With 25 years experience in tribal government and programs administration, I've been encouraged by many citizens to seek this office because our Nation, more than ever, needs stability, unity and positive growth. With a diverse background (former Election Board Chairman/National Council Representative/Director of Community Services/Constitution Commission Vice-Chair/Chief of Staff, and Public Relations Manager), I've amassed a wealth of knowledge and experience to be proactive and effective for ALL citizens, regardless of residency, blood quantum, religion or belief. In fact, diversity and not differences will, ultimately, be our success!

I have a Bachelor's Degree in Social Work and currently employed by the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma. I've been married for 41 years to my wife Cheryl Marshall. We have one son, Jordan, who lives in Yukon OK and is married to Lacey. They have one child, Madalyn Elizabeth.

Why are you running for National Council?

From my multiple perspectives as (1) a private citizen, (2) a former employee and (3) a former official (elected and appointed), I've observed our tribe falling in stature and faltering in service to its citizens due to partisan political division. I feel that our focus as elected officials has fallen away from teamwork and growth for the sake of our people to power struggles. The Muscogee (Creek) Nation has unlimited potential if we (all branches) refocus our efforts and work towards a unified goal of growth and service to all our citizens everywhere.

Website/Social Media: Elect Edwin Marshall Facebook page

**Thomasene Yahola-Osborn**

**Church:** Wetumka Assembly of God/Wind

My Indian housing career spans 27+ years. It's important to have representatives who bring their career, knowledge, wisdom, experience, and the compassion to serve our citizens, to the table. I currently serve as the Chairwoman for the Fact Finding & Investigations Committee and Vice-Chairwoman for the Land, Natural Resources and Cultural Preservation Committee. In 2019, I received the Mvskoke Women's Leadership "Woman of the Year."

In the fifth month of my first term, our only son, Cameron, was killed in a motorcycle accident. My husband and I established two \$500.00 memorial education scholarships in his name. One of the endowments is through the MCN Scholarship Foundation.

With your vote, I can continue to listen and assist citizens with questions/issues/concerns. It has been an honor and a privilege to serve the MCN citizens. I humbly ask for your vote September 18.



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Mark Randolph

Church: Broken Arrow Indian United Methodist Church  
Tribal Town/Ceremonial Ground: Tulsa Canadian  
Clan: Fuswv

I am the son of Brenda (Noble) Walker and Thomas Ray Randolph; maternal grandparents are Gertie (Tiger) Noble and Elmer Noble; my maternal great-grandparents are Sally (Smith) Tiger and Benjamin Tiger; my paternal grandparents are Patsy (Gray) Randolph and Ward Randolph; my paternal great-grandparents are Manoah (Bemo) Gray and Mose Gray.

I have an Associate of Arts Degree from Haskell Indian Junior College; Bachelor Degree and Master Degree in Social Work from the School of Social Welfare-University of Kansas.

Chairman of the Land, Natural Resources, and Cultural Preservation

Committee-National Council.

My background as a seasoned Master Degreed Social Worker helped prepare me for the challenge of being seated on the National Council. I'm trained in Policy/Law, Advocacy, Case Management, Critical Analysis, Multi-Tasking, Grief & Loss, and Resource Management. My life is dedicated to serving People.

Why are you running for National Council?  
There are many reasons I am running for National Council. The main reason is to continue to be a Voice and experienced Advocate for the Mvskoke People.  
As a Legislator I have the honor to orchestrate and introduce laws to empower the Muscogee Creek People. The People are always my priority.  
I believe in a Strengths Perspective and provide Servant Leadership. As National Council Representative's we must be knowledgeable, resourceful, respectful and approachable. We must keep our modes of communication and outreach open. We must be constructive and have the ability to work and serve respectfully, be a leader but also a team player that values cooperation and shared success.  
We must continue to cling to everything that makes us Mvskoke. Our language, our values and beliefs, our sacred places of worship, reverence, reflection and refuge.  
We must exercise our Sovereignty and protect it at all costs.

Website/Social Media: Vote for Mark Randolph

Dierdra Thompson

Tribal Town: Nuyaka  
Ceremonial Ground: Arbeka  
Clan: Bear (Nokose)

My name is Dierdra M. Thompson. I grew up in the Ryal/ Salem community on our grandparent's allotment. I have 3 children- Aaron, Laurisa and Emery. I have 3 grandsons- Xayvior, Kian and Ezekiel. My grandparents are the late Newman Sr and Cinda (Sootawakeky) Thompson. My parents are the late Newman Jr. and Lois (Baker) Thompson. I graduated from Dewar High school and received my Associates degree in Tribal Services from the College of Muscogee. I have worked in various capacities within the tribe and through this experience and community involvement, it has prepared me to be a voice of Mvskokvlke and work on their behalf.



Why are you running for National Council?  
According to Article IV Section 7(a) of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Constitution it is the sworn duty of National Council, "to promote the public health and safety, education and welfare that may contribute to social, physical well-being and economic advancement of citizens of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation." I believe it is important to focus on the social, physical well-being and economic advancement of Mvskokvlke. I will work to bring our Nation back to the people where it belongs.

Website/Social Media: Facebook: Elect Dierdra M Thompson; Twitter: @electdierdra; Instagram: Dierdra M Thompson



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