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## TULSA COUNTY, MCNDH ANNOUNCE COVID-19 HEALTHCARE PARTNERSHIP

FUNDING WILL SUPPORT OPERATIONAL COSTS WITH TRIBE'S MONOCLONAL ANTIBODY INFUSION CENTER

by **LANI HANSEN**  
SENIOR REPORTER

TULSA, Oklahoma – Tulsa County Commissioners and Muscogee (Creek) Nation leaders announced Nov. 3 a funding partnership to support operational costs associated with the tribe's monoclonal antibody infusion center, located at Council Oak Comprehensive Healthcare Center. Tulsa County Commissioners allocated \$500,000 toward these operations.

"We're incredibly excited to partner with Muscogee Nation on their investment into COVID-19 treatment and research," Tulsa County Commission Chairman Stan Saltee said. "This facility treats both Native and non-Native patients right here in Tulsa County, helping prevent our hospitals from being overrun. This was a great opportunity that we're proud to support, and it furthers a long partnership between Tulsa County and its tribal neighbors."

The Muscogee Nation-owned clinic provides monoclonal antibody infusions, which are an FDA-approved treatments for mild-to-moderate COVID-19 symptoms. The infusions are by appointment only and available to the general public.

"I want to thank Tulsa County for its incredibly generous contribution toward our antibody infusion efforts at Council Oak Comprehensive Healthcare Center," MCN Principal Chief David Hill said. "At Muscogee (Creek) Nation we have stressed the importance of collaborative efforts with our local, state and federal partners when it comes to making Oklahoma the very best it can be. If we all work together, we're safer, healthier and more prosperous for generations to come."

According to MCN Secretary of Health Shawn Terry, before there were infusions, the tribe started with COVID-19 testing, followed by immunizations with MCN setting up space in different areas for vaccination events. The monoclonal



Tulsa County Commissioners and leaders of Muscogee Nation came together to announce the funding partnership of the tribe's monoclonal antibody infusion center. (Lani Hansen/Senior Reporter)

antibody infusion has reduced hospitalization in the Tulsa area.

"We greatly appreciate the Tulsa County Commissioners and the ARP Committee for this allocation," Terry said. "We know this treatment is very effective in reducing hospitalizations and deaths from COVID-19 if administered early in the course of the disease. To date, we

have infused more than 800 patients from Tulsa and the surrounding communities. We will continue to operate the Council Oak infusion center as long as needed."

Tulsa County received the first of two ARP annual funding installments May 25. In total, Tulsa County will receive \$126.5 million through 2022.

Tulsa County established five priorities for ARP funding; respond to COVID-19, support economic recovery and development, generate equity in undeserved populations and communities, build infrastructure, and replace lost revenue.

Tulsa County has approved \$31.7 million, or 24% of the total anticipated funds.



Pediatric doses arrived to MCN Health Centers on Nov. 4.

(MM File)

## CDC APPROVES VACCINES FOR CHILDREN AGES 5-11

MCN DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH PLANS FOR DISTRIBUTION

by **MORGAN TAYLOR**  
REPORTER

OKMULGEE, Oklahoma – Mvskoke Media Live Wire invited Muscogee (Creek) Nation Department of Health Chief Performance Officer Shoneen Alexander-Ross and Director of Outpatient Pharmacy Services for Okmulgee Indian Health Center Samuel Hubler to discuss COVID vaccine boosters and the roll out of the children's vaccine.

On Nov. 2, CDC Director Rochelle P. Walensky, M.D., M.P.H., endorsed the CDC Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices' (ACIP) recommendation that children 5 to 11 years old be vaccinated against COVID-19 with the Pfizer-BioNTech pediatric vaccine. The CDC now expands vaccine recommendations to about 28 million children in the United States in this age group and

allows providers to begin vaccinating them as soon as possible.

Hubler claimed the pediatric vaccine had arrived on site as of Nov. 4.

"We plan on making sure that all staff is aware of all the changes," Hubler said. "The formulation is different, storage is different, the amount of doses that come per vial is different, and the length of time once you draw in a syringe is different."

After intensive training and testing, Hubler claimed the vaccines will start rolling out as early as Tuesday, Nov. 9.

"We encourage people that have kids of that age (5-11) to go ahead and reach out to their pediatricians at the clinics," Hubler said. "They are going to be the one that are handling most of those doses."

According to Hubler, MCNDH is currently distributing various forms of vaccines to patients.

"We are in the thick of it," he said.

"We are giving out plenty of first and second doses but now have really started in heavily with the third dose and booster doses for all of our patients here at Muscogee Nation Department of Health."

Hubler claimed the third doses were designed for those with immune compromises and administered within 28 days of the second dose.

Booster shots are more directed for the general public and can be taken at least 6 months after the initial series, according to Hubler.

"Those people that have had the third dose will be eligible for a booster after six months as well," Hubler said. "In essence, they will have four doses of either Pfizer or Moderna."

Alexander-Ross said the booster is eligible to those who are 65 and older, 18 and older and are in long-term care settings or have underlying health conditions, and those who are 18 and older who live and work in high-risk settings.

According to Alexander-Ross, high-risk settings can include first responders, school workers, correction workers, postal workers, and transit workers.

"We are still encouraging those who have not come forward to get those vaccine, we are still handing out primary doses so please reach out to your clinic," she said. "We want to move forward and out of this pandemic."

Alexander-Ross stated those who are hesitant can receive consultation at their clinic from medical professionals.

"This is still an opportune time to get the vaccine and protect yourself," she said.

As the holidays approach, Alexander-Ross urges citizens to consider the safety of family members and take precautions.

For more information citizens can reach the automated hotline at: 918-758-3601 or visit [www.creekhealth.org](http://www.creekhealth.org).



Okemah Community Member Simian Lee receiving assistance from Secretary Terra Branson-Thomas. (Pauline Randall)

## MUSCOGEE (CREEK) CITIZENS SPEAK OUT ON NETSPEND

ARPA DIRECT ASSISTANCE OUTREACH EVENTS SEEK TO ASSIST CITIZENS

by **MORGAN TAYLOR**  
REPORTER

OKEMAH, Oklahoma – Inside the Okemah Elderly Nutrition Center, the American Rescue Plan Act Direct Assistance Support Team helped Muscogee (Creek) citizens with application for the Direct Assistance program, Vaccine Incentive and NetSpend cards during a Community Outreach event on Nov. 4.

According to a Muscogee (Creek) citizen and Okemah Community member, Nancy Watson, there are many members in her community struggling with the process.

Watson claimed a meeting was held discussing the NetSpend cards prior to the application. Okfuskee District Representatives Travis Scott and Speaker Randall Hicks were in attendance listening to citizens' concerns.

After the explaining how funds would be distributed on NetSpend cards, Watson said citizens' response to the certain type of distribution was not

one of satisfaction.

For Watson, the biggest concern is taking care of "her elders."

"I am an elder," Watson said. "So, the ones that are older than me, I try to help them."

Watson took the time to read over the NetSpend guidelines and discovered things that worried her.

"It's too difficult," Watson said. "There's too many fees associated with NetSpend and we aren't getting our full amount."

Muscogee (Creek) citizen and Okemah Community member Simian Lee agreed with Watson's statement.

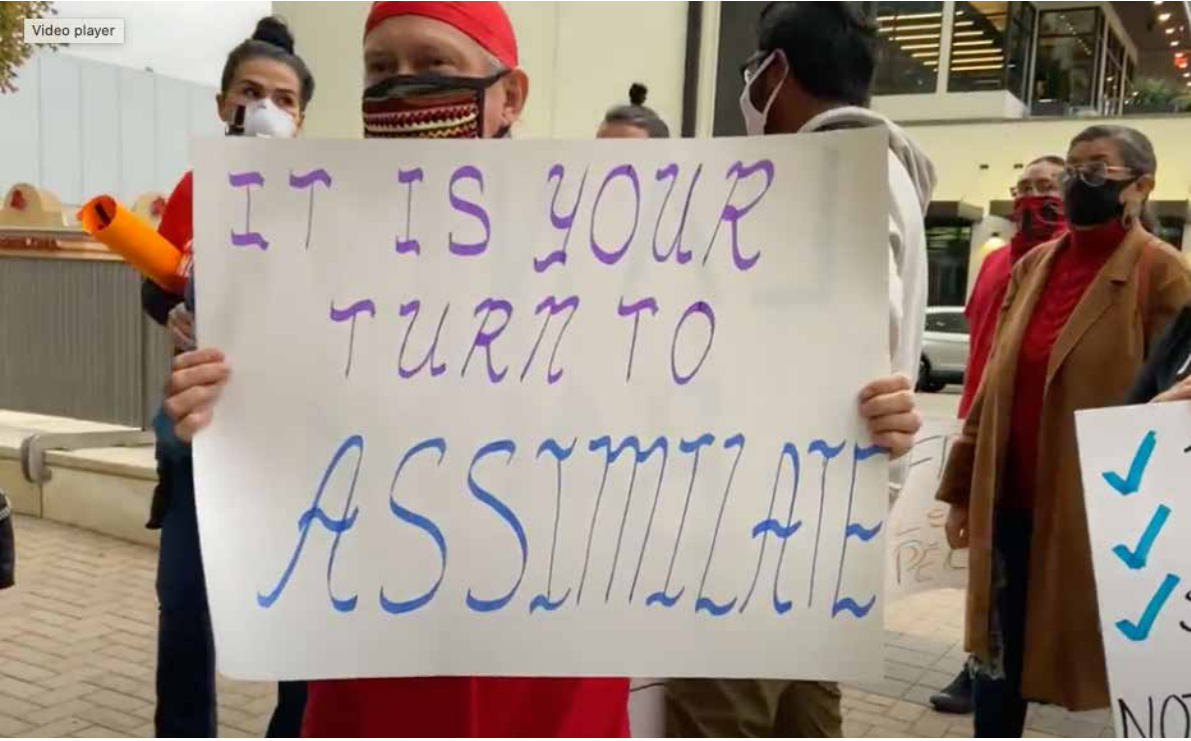
Lee claimed he had help in submitting his application on the first day and still had not heard anything from the tribe or NetSpend.

"That's why I came here today," Lee said. "I want to know where my money is."

Watson and Lee were called to be helped by representatives on their particular issues and both were resolved quickly. Each of them had felt better

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The Greater Tulsa Area Indian Affairs Commission held an emergency meeting on Oct. 26

(MM File)

## EDITORIAL: TRIBES DEFEND RESERVATIONS AMID CONTINUED ATTACKS

TULSA AND OWASSO JOIN STATE IN ATTEMPTING TO OVERTURN MCGIRT

by **LIZ GRAY**  
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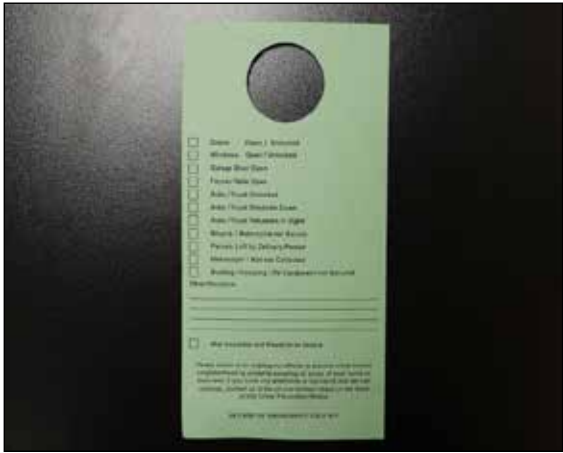
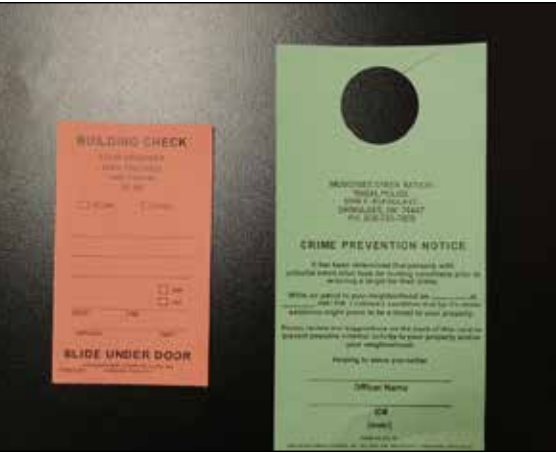
TVLSE, Oklahoma – As the United States Supreme Court ruling reaffirming the reservation status of tribes in Oklahoma extends its application to the Quapaw Reservation, the state is actively attempting to diminish the ruling made in July of last year. The same song of chaos has been sung by the state since oral

arguments of the McGirt case, but the orchestrator of disruption has not been the ruling itself as much as it has been Oklahoma Governor Kevin Stitt’s reaction to it. The state of Oklahoma’s systemic attack on tribal sovereignty by releasing post-conviction criminals into the general public to substantiate their argument of a criminal dystopia has since been resolved with the OCCA decision on State ex rel. Matloff

v. Wallace that McGirt does not apply retroactively. Cases requiring reprosecution have been narrowed down to those that were on direct appeal when the July 9, 2020 decision came down and a defendant has wanted to apply McGirt to their case at the risk of being reprosecuted with more intense federal sentences. The state is the petitioner of several cases in the Court of Criminal Appeals of Oklahoma in an attempt to overturn the

landmark decision. Now the cities of Tulsa and Owasso have joined Stitt’s fantastical strain. Tulsa and Owasso boldly claim in their brief that absolutely no case referred to federal or tribal courts has been tried. Though according to the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Attorney General Office, in the fifteen months immediately following McGirt, the Nation has prosecuted 2,771 felony and misdemeanor cases. While the state tries to pin down solid evidence that concisely shows “McGirt doesn’t work,” police officers have cross deputized and adjusted, funding from the Department of Justice has become available federally and tribally, and MCN has adopted traffic code deliberately mirroring the state. The City of Tulsa’s participation with the state came as a shock to many, including tribal leaders, city council and the city’s own Indian Affairs Commission. Tulsa’s history is rooted in tribal nations, with the city located on Muscogee (Creek), Cherokee and Osage reservations. IAC announced an emergency meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 26 where Native Americans and their allies marched to have their voices heard. The commission opened up the meeting for public comments, where tribal leaders and members of the Native American community expressed how the shocking news had marinated over the weekend. Cherokee Nation Principal

Chief Chuck Hoskin Jr. led with his comment on the questionable move by Tulsa Mayor GT Bynum. “I have no idea why any leader in this state would throw in with Kevin Stitt when it comes to Indian affairs, because Kevin Stitt is a failure on Indian affairs,” Hoskin stated. MCN Principal Chief David Hill released an impassioned statement on the disappointment in Bynum’s decision. “The City of Tulsa’s insertion of itself into the Governor’s unrelenting and untethered-to-facts push to provoke the U.S. Supreme Court to overturn its McGirt ruling seems to be little more than political theater,” Hill’s statement read. “We are disappointed, but not surprised.” At one point, a Muscogee citizen stood up and shared her story about how McGirt gave her family a second chance to seek justice when Tulsa’s District Attorney failed to do so. Tribal members and citizens pointed out how Tulsa Mayor GT Bynum’s tone has changed in a little over a year when he released a statement after McGirt that the City remained committed to the strong cooperative relationship with MCN. After almost an hour of taking comments, IAC voted to send a letter asking for the City of Tulsa to withdraw its amicus brief in Oklahoma v. Castro-Huerta. Instead of accepting a lapse of consideration for his constituents, Bynum has double-downed claiming cases are not being tried when referred to the federal and tribal courts.



(Submission)

## ATTENTION MVSKOKE CHURCHES AND CEREMONIAL GROUNDS

Have you seen one of these items at your church or ceremonial ground? This is a standard procedure by Lighthorse Police Department doing building checks and crime pre-

vention notices, there is no need to call Lighthorse if you receive one of these notices. If you have any further questions, contact LHPD at: 918-732-7800.

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with the process upon leaving, but still wish the Nation had decided to issue checks for Direct Assistance payments. Even with the direct help of the APRA Support Team, those with complicated applications have run into barriers which could be turned in for further review. Dustin Truce is a non-elder community member but did not have the same experience with the event as the elderly members. Truce did not have an issue with his application, but with his card. Truce claimed he had received his card three days prior to the event and it had maintained a zero balance. After talking with a representative, Truce said he still was not able to resolve the problem with the balance on the NetSpend card. NetSpend had required Truce to provide identity documentation, which he claimed he did and got approval from the card company. However, the card still did not receive funding. Truce said after talking with NetSpend, they sent him an email stat-

ing MCN had denied his application. “I showed them (ARPA Rep.) the email from NetSpend where they claimed it was on them (MCN),” he said. Truce stated he was not happy with his results of the event and is not sure what to do. National Council Legislative Communications Specialist Richard Anderson has been attending these outreach events and gathering written statements from citizens regarding issues with the application or NetSpend process. Anderson claimed the statements were gathered and given to Speaker Randall Hicks which are then turned into Principal Chief David Hill for further review. Dozens of elderly citizens or other community members who attended the Okemah event were able to receive assistance with generally little to no trouble. There are no further outreach events scheduled at this time beyond the event scheduled at the Glenpool Indian Community Center on Nov. 9 from 5 p.m. – 8 p.m. For more information regarding ARPA funds and programs, call the hotline at: 918-549-2885.

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# RECYCLING EVENT TO BE HELD NOV. 19

FREE RECYCLING EVENT IN CELEBRATION OF NATIONAL RECYCLING DAY

by MORGAN TAYLOR  
REPORTER

OKMULGEE, Oklahoma – The Muscogee Nation Office of Environmental Services is hosting an upcoming event in recognition of Recycling Day on Nov. 19.

The first Recycling Day was celebrated nationally on Nov. 15, 1997, but it can be traced back to three years before in the state of Texas as the brainchild of two employees of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Kevin Tuerff and Valerie Davis.

According to National Geographic, Americans send 64 tons of waste to landfills during their lifetime, totaling 246 million tons of waste each year.

Okmulgee County residents and Muscogee (Creek) citizens can participate in Recycling Day by bringing e-waste items for the Curbside Recycling Event on Nov. 19 at the MCN Recycling Center from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

E-waste consists of TVs, monitors, cell phones, small appliances and other electronics.

Other items accepted can be white goods (washer and dryer), automobile batteries, alkaline batteries, tires, cardboard, paper, plastic bottles 1 and 2, and aluminum cans. Plastic can be determined with a number on the bottom of the bottle.

MN Environmental Specialist Kristy Lawson claimed e-waste



MCN Recycling Center is located at 12675 Gun Club Rd. (Morgan Taylor)

items can be harmful for the soil and water.

“Not only can it be harmful for the environment to allow these items to break down but its ultimately a waste of resources,” Lawson said.

She said recycled e-waste is sent to companies specializing in salvaging the items’ parts for reuse.

Free document shredding will take place 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The department is requesting all documents be free of staples, clips, and binders.

Materials such as hazardous waste including paint, medications, glues, fluorescent bulbs, chemicals, pesticides, cleaners, and insect repellants will not be accepted.

Participants must bring a MCN citizenship card or utility bill with an Okmulgee County address.

Partnerships include Shredders INC., Fastenal, MCN Conservation District, and RTR Services Inc.

For more information regarding the events, call MN Environmental Services at: 918-549-2580.



TANF offices can be located at the Safe Space Facility. (Morgan Taylor)

# TANF RECEIVES ARPA

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT GRANTED THE NATIONS’ TANF PROGRAM PANDEMIC EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE FUNDS (PEAF) TO ASSIST THE PROGRAMS’ PARTICIPANTS

by MORGAN TAYLOR  
REPORTER

OKMULGEE, Oklahoma – The Muscogee Nation Social Services Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program has been awarded funding in the amount of \$805,692.72 from the Department of Human and Health Services, Administration for Children and Families, American Rescue Plan act of 2021, Pandemic Emergency Assistance Funds.

According to NCA 21-101, the PEAF grant funds will allow the TANF program to provide non-recurrent, short-term (NRST) benefits to assist needy families impacted by the pandemic.

Tribal TANF Program Manager Mark Pendergrass claimed the program has developed a plan for distribution once funds are available.

“First, we are going to give a one-time assistance to all our current TANF participants,” Pender-

grass said.

The PEAF grant funds will also benefit the tribe’s Women, Infant and Children program.

“They (WIC participants) are categorically eligible for TANF,” Pendergrass said. “So we are able to provide them with some subsidy.”

Pendergrass claimed since WIC provides nutritional benefits, the PEAF funds will be able to provide a different form of benefit.

“We want to make sure they can get other items that they may need like bottles or diapers,” he said.

According to Pendergrass, the department had conversations regarding the PEAF Funds and will make determinations on what needs participants are lacking.

He said the third and final plan for distribution is a “back-to-work” assistance for current TANF participants.

“We are going to give a one-time payment if they gain employment,” Pendergrass said. “If they keep that employment

for more than six consecutive months, they will receive another one-time payment.”

He stated this makes participants eligible to receive up to \$1,000 for the “back-to-work” assistance.

At this point, TANF’s plan has been submitted to make sure it complies with federal regulation.

The grant also requires the non-recurrent, short-term benefit must be expended by Sept. 30, 2022.

The department plans to hire two temporary staff members who will help with workload of the PEAF grant.

Although this is part of ARPA funds, Pendergrass reiterated these grant funds were made available for application for tribal TANF programs.

“They have to be enrolled in our program to receive assistance from us,” Pendergrass said. “We do encourage citizens and non-Muscogee tribal citizens in our area to reach out and see what we can assist them with.”

The MN TANF Program assists all federally-recognized tribal members within the Muscogee Reservation boundaries.

For more information regarding the TANF program or the PEAF Grant Funds, contact the TANF office at: 918-732-7985, or email tanfsecretary@muscogeenation.com to request an eligibility form for the TANF program.



Project Specialist Jordan Squire will help assist and lead projects regarding the grant. (Morgan Taylor)

# ARPA FUNDS TO LANGUAGE

FLUENT SPEAKERS ARE NEEDED FOR A VIDEO SERIES REGARDING THE PANDEMIC

by MORGAN TAYLOR  
REPORTER

OKMULGEE, Oklahoma – The Mvskoke Language Department was awarded the Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, ANA American Rescue Act Emergency Native Language funds in the amount of \$82,609.

During the Sept. National Council Regular Session, the council voted 15-0 to allow the department to expend the funds.

Manager Judy Montiel has been with the department since 2012 and believes this is the first grant the department has received.

According to legislation NCA 21-102, the funds were awarded to increase the number of citizens listening and becoming familiar with the language by listening to elders tell stories in Mvskoke language as well as documenting fluent elders in regards to the pandemic and their predictions of what is to come.

According to Montiel, there were 200 awardees of the grant.

“It was based on fluent speakers and elders that went through the pandemic and the effects that it had in their community, churches, or ceremonial ground,” Montiel said. “They (grantors) want to get a feel on what elders

might predict for the future.”

She said the department would be developing a series of eight episodes a year for the next three years in accordance with the grant objectives.

The videos will contain Mvskoke fluent speakers telling their story of the pandemic.

“They want us to broadcast by livestreaming,” Montiel said. “We are doing some things to vamp up our social medias.”

Project Specialist Jordan Squire has played a major role in developing the department’s social media presence.

Squire claimed the grant requires the department to reach out to 22,000 Mvskoke citizens within the three years and social media will help them reach that goal.

The department now has an Instagram and still existing Facebook account.

Montiel and the department will be accepting fluent elders who would be willing to volunteer their time. A total of 24 volunteers are needed to complete the video series for the next three years.

According to Montiel, projects will initiate once the grant funds have been released to the department.

For more information, contact the Mvskoke Language Department at: 918-732-7649.

To view legislation regarding the grant, visit: www.mcnn.com

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# LIGHTHORSE COMMISSIONER CONFIRMED BY COUNCIL

HOUSING RECEIVES OVER 3 MILLION IN ARPA

by **MORGAN TAYLOR**  
*REPORTER*

OKMULGEE, Oklahoma - The Muscogee (Creek) Nation National Council Quarterly Session was held Oct. 30 via teleconference.

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

**NCR 21-010**

Confirming Denise Henry to serve on the Lighthouse Police Commission. Representative Adam Jones III sponsored the legislation, which was adopted 14-1 with Rep. Thomasene Yahola Osborn voting no.

Henry will serve a term beginning upon confirmation until Sept 25, 2024.

**TR 21-133**

Authorizing the Principal Chief to execute the Victims of Crime Act Certified Assurances associated with the District Attorneys Council 2021 Victims of Crime Act grant funds for the MCN Family Violence Prevention Program. Rep. Joyce Deere sponsored the resolution, which was adopted 15-0.

The grant funds will be used to aid victims in applying for victim compensation. The MCN must execute the VOCA Certified Assurances 2021 to accept the funds in the amount of \$102,723.00

**TR 21-134**

Authorizing the Principal Chief to execute the Victims of Crime Act Certified Assurances Associated with the District Attorneys Council 2021 Victims of Crime Act grant funds for the MCN Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner Program. Rep. Anna Marshall sponsored the resolution, which was adopted 15-0.

The grant funds will be used to

aid victims in applying for victim compensation. The MCN must execute the VOCA Certified Assurances 2021 to accept the funds in the amount of \$65, 237.00

**TR 21-135**

Authorizing the Principal Chief to submit an Indian Community Development Block Grant – American Rescue Plan Act application to the Department of Housing and Urban Development to Prepare, Prevent and Respond to COVID-19 for the benefit of MCN citizens. Rep. Thomasene Yahola Osborn sponsored the resolution, which was adopted 15-0.

The Nation has been informed of funding to prepare, prevent and respond to COVID-19. The Nation is in need of providing relief to overcrowding, homelessness, and COVID-19 related assistance. Application will be prepared and executed for funds in the amount of \$3,450,000.00.

**TR 21-138**

Amending the Procurement Policy for the Expenditure of Indian Housing Block Grant Funds. Rep. Yahola Osborn sponsored the resolution, which was adopted 15-0.

The need to amend the Procurement Policy for the Expenditure of Indian Housing Block Grant Funds under General Provisions, Approval of Contracts in order for contracts not to exceed the simplified acquisition threshold allowed by the OMB Memorandum without further approval by the NC by duly enacted Tribal Resolution and amending the Procurement Policy under Micro-Purchase Procedures, Indian preference section to include the extend available in order to comply with HUD Program guidance 2019-03.

**TR 21-139**

Execute a separate Memorandum of Understanding with four Oklahoma Counties for the maintenance of roadways and associated rights-of-way constructed or improved by the MCN. Rep. Joseph Hicks sponsored the resolution, which was adopted 15-0.

The Nation and Hughes, Muskogee, Okmulgee, and Rogers Counties have memorialized their understanding that should the Nation construct Tribal Transportation Program Routes in an aforementioned County, each County agrees to maintain such routes and rights-of-ways and the Nation will enter into a separate Memorandum of Understanding with each County.

**TR 21-140**

Authorizing the Principal Chief to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with the National Indian Gaming Commission regarding criminal history record information. Rep. Patrick Freeman Jr. sponsored the resolution, which was adopted 15-0.

Memorandum of Understanding memorializes the National Indian Gaming Commission's and the Public Gaming Commission's understandings and responsibilities of the noncriminal justice fingerprints and the transmittal, receipt, storage, use and dissemination of Criminal Justice Information and Criminal History Record Information.

**TR 21-141**

Allowing the Principal Chief to execute grant awards and cooperative agreements with General Terms and Conditions for Fiscal Year 2022. Rep. Robert Hufft sponsored the resolution, which was adopted 15-0.

The U.S. government requires that all federally funded awards adhere to the Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements upon receipt and acceptance of the award.

**TR 21-143**

Authorizing the Gaming Operations Authority Board (GOAB) to execute the Okemah Generator and Switch Gear Upgrade Project Proposal with Building Electrical Systems, Inc. Rep. Freeman sponsored the resolution, which was adopted 15-0.

The GOAB determined that it is necessary to commence a generator and witch gear upgrade project with Building Electrical systems, Inc. (BESCO). The BESCO proposal total cost is \$364,795.00. The proposal requires National Council approval since the total cost is over the \$300,000 threshold hold for GOAB approval.

**TR 21-144**

Approving and authorizing the International Swaps and Derivatives Association, INC. 2002 Master Agreement with BOKF, NA "BOK".

Rep. Freeman sponsored the resolution, which was adopted 15-0.

The NC determine it is necessary for the Nation to enter into one or more interest rate hedge transactions with BOKF "BOK" due to fluctuation in interest rates. The Nation has designated Andy Langston or Pat Crofts with the authority to enter into any transactions between the MCN and BOFK, NA constituting an interest swap. The Agreement contains State of New York governing law and venue in the jurisdiction of the courts of the State of NY and the U.S. District Court located in Manhattan.

**TR 21-145**

Authorizing the GOAB to execute the River Spirit Casino Re-Roofting Service Agreement (phase 1) with Chamberlin Dallas, LLC. Freeman sponsored the resolution, which was adopted 15-0.

The GOAB determined it is necessary to enter into the River Spirit Casino Re-Roofting Service Agreement (phase 1) with Chamberlin Dallas, LLC. For labor, materials, equipment and insurance to perform PVS roofing work in the amount of \$2,912,011. The proposal requires National Council approval since the total cost is over the \$300,000 threshold hold for GOAB approval.

**TR 21-146**

Authorizing the GOAB to execute contracts for the Universal Power Supply Project. Freeman sponsored the resolution, which was adopted 15-0.

The GOAB determined it is necessary to commence a Floor Universal Power Supply Project that will ultimately solve current power outage issues involving gaming machines, save on costs, and ensure power and continuity of operation in the event of an unexpected power outage. Project budget is \$2,500,000. The proposal requires National Council approval since the total cost is over the \$300,000 threshold hold for GOAB approval.

**TR 21-148**

Authorizing the Principal Chief to execute a Gift Agreement with the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia. Deere sponsored the resolution, which was adopted 15-0.

The MCN has contracted with artist Dan Brook for a sculpture reflecting the heritage of the MCN. The MCN wishes for the sculpture to be placed at the University of Georgia's Laboratory of Archaeology where the sculpture is intended to provide cover to a Native American Petroglyph boulder. The MCN is the lawful owner of the Sculpture and has paid all sums due to the artist.

**NCA 21-107**

Authorizing the Expenditure of grant funds awarded from the U.S.

Department of Health and Human Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration for Medication-assisted Treatment-prescription drug and opioid addiction. Deere sponsored the legislation, which was adopted 15-0.

The grant funds in the amount of \$1,050,000 will be used to expand and enhance access to medication-assisted treatment (MAT) services for persons with an opioid use disorder (OUD) seeking or receiving MAT.

**NCA 21-110**

Approving the Indian Housing Plan for the Indian Housing Block Grant – American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. Yahola Osborn sponsored the legislation, which was adopted 15-0.

The purpose of this Act is to approve the 2021 Indian Housing Plan – American Rescue Plan for submittal to the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

**NCA 21-111**

Authorizing an appropriation for the 2022 Mvskoke Art Market. Rep. Mark Randolph sponsored the legislation, which was adopted 15-0.

The Mvskoke Art Market will allow tribal artisans the opportunity to share and display their talents and skills with the general public while promoting our culture. The total cost for expenses associated with hosting the event is \$52,582.

**NCA 21-112**

Creating a new subchapter seven entitled "MCN Floodplain Advisory Board" in MCNCA title 28, Chapter 11. Rep. Charles McHenry sponsored the legislation, which was adopted 15-0.

The new law covers the General Function, Membership, Mode of Operation, Compensation, and Administrative Services. The new law shall be codified in Title 28 Chapter 11 of MCN Code of Laws. Effective immediately upon proper approval and execution in accordance with the requirements of the MCN constitution.

**NCA 21-122**

Amending NCA 21-116 (Amending MCNCA Title 19 Section 1-102 entitled "General Elections" and appropriating funds to expedite the return of Absentee Ballots). Rep. Darrell Proctor sponsored the legislation, which was adopted 15-0.

The Election Board is requesting \$215,000 for expedited return of the absentee ballots and other election costs.

Added, Section 1 102 4, all unexpected funds appropriated by implementation of this Act shall be returned to the Tribal Treasury and shall be available for future appropriation by NC.

To view full agendas and legislation, visit: [www.mcnn.com](http://www.mcnn.com).

# EMPLOYEE INCENTIVE PASSED DURING EMERGENCY SESSION

CHIEF JUDGE NOMINATION FAILED

by **LIZ GRAY**  
*MANAGING EDITOR*

OKMULGEE, Oklahoma – The Muscogee (Creek) Nation National Council held an Emergency Session Nov. 4 via teleconference.

During the meeting the following legislation was addressed, an interpretation of which is attributed to language in the bills:

**NCA 21-114**

Amending MCNCA Title 19 entitled "General elections," "Dissemination of information," "Appearance of candidate's name," "Absentee ballot affidavit," "Time for issuing lists or certificates," "Lighthorseman to provide security for ballot boxes," "Times for filing contest or recount," "Petition for fraud or irregularities," "Request for absentee ballot," "Transmittal of ballot to voter," "Return of ballots," "Handing of returned absentee ballot," "Exam-

ination of signatures; removal of outer envelope" and "Counting procedures." The legislation was returned as a Veto on Oct. 29 from Principal Chief David Hill, which was voted to stand 14-0.

The veto message stated its objections to the bill was the General Election date being set to Dec. 11, 2021 along with enacting several drastic amendments to the Election Code, absentee ballot collection, and counting procedure in the middle of an ongoing election.

On Oct. 25, Chief Hill signed NCA 21-116, which extends the General Election one week to Nov. 13. He stated the legislation is a more sensible approach to the ongoing problems with slow delivery of ballots by the U.S. Postal Service.

**TR 21-157**

Confirming the nomination of Shannon Prescott to serve as the Chief Judge of the District Trial Court of the Muscogee (Creek)



The Muscogee (Creek) Nation National Council held an Emergency Session Nov. 4 via teleconference. (MM File)

Nation. Rep. Mark Randolph sponsored the resolution, which failed 5-9 with Reps. Lucian Tiger III, Mary Crawford, Joyce Deere, Joe Hicks, Robert Hufft, Adam Jones, Anna Marshall and Darrell Proctor voting no.

MCN laws require the appointment of a Chief Judge by the Principal Chief with confirmation by the National Council.

Principal Chief has nominated Shannon Prescott to serve upon confirmation as the Chief Judge for the MCN District Court until

Dec. 31, 2027.

**NCA 21-130**

Amending MCNCA Title 19 entitled "Compensation of inspectors, judges, clerks and precinct workers." Rep. Darrell Proctor sponsored the legislation, which passed 13-1 with Rep. Anna Marshall voting no.

The amendment would add "Tribal employees shall be eligible to be inspectors, judges, clerks and precinct workers, but shall only be eligible for flex time

for the number of hours worked. Tribal employees shall not be paid a stipend," to subsection 2-117 of MCNCA Title 19.

**NCA 21-131**

Appropriating incentive funds to MCN tribal employees for Fiscal Year 2022. Rep. Lucian Tiger III sponsored the legislation, which passed 14-0.

MCN is interested in providing incentives to MCN full-time and part-time employees.

The incentives will be given to full-time and part-time employees that are off probation as of Oct. 1, 2021. Full-time employees will receive \$500 and part-time employees will receive \$250.

**NCA 21-132**

Authorizing the expenditure of the Coronavirus Relief Funding for COVID-19 related funding. Rep. Robert Hufft sponsored the legislation, which passed 14-0.

There are current COVID-19 projects and activities that require additional or new funding to complete. Authorization from the Council is required in order to expend the Coronavirus Relief Funding.

Rep. James Jennings was excused from the meeting.



CELEBRATING  
“ROCK YOUR  
MOCS”

CMN HOSTS MOCCASIN  
MAKING CLASS FOR  
NATIVE AMERICAN  
HERITAGE MONTH

by LANI HANSEN  
SENIOR REPORTER

OKMULGEE, Oklahoma–November is known as Native American Heritage Month. It is a time to celebrate cultures, traditions, and histories while acknowledging the important contributions of Native people. As a part of NAHM, many tribal nations take part in an event known as “Rock your Mocs.”

According to a Native Hope blog post, Rock Your Mocs began in 2011 when Jessica “Jaylyn” Atsye of Laguna Pueblo started this as a social media event. During NAHM she encouraged all Indigenous people worldwide to wear their moccasins in unity and post the images on social media. Since then, the event has grown into a weeklong celebration of unity and diversity with organizations holding events worldwide.

On Nov. 4, the College of the Muscogee Nation hosted a moccasin workshop with Muscogee (Creek) citizen Britteny Cuevas for NAHM. Cuevas has taken interest in making moccasins, bow making and basket weaving. She recently started learning how to make flat reed baskets.

This workshop was her first time teaching others how to make moccasins. Cuevas had learned by going through a couple of classes and just by having friends help her.



Be sure to wear your moccasins during the worldwide event of Rock your Mocs Nov. 15-21. (Lani Hansen/Senior Reporter)

“I have never taught moccasin making until this year,” Cuevas said. “I love it. It’s a journey, the people love it and I got to do a private class. It was just three of us girls hanging out and making moccasins, it was cool.”

Cuevas went and taught Berryhill High School Indian Education students. She said the students felt good leaving the class with the moccasins they made. A few of her influences on moccasin making are Jamie Bennett, Ben Yahola and Matt Anderson.

She started teaching others because it’s importance when connecting with culture.

“I like to teach and if I know how to do something, I like to share my culture,” she said. “So if I learn this and I like it, I am going to break it down into simpler steps and teach other people.”

Materials to make moccasins include; deer hide, sinew and scissors.

As NAHM is celebrated, Cuevas said it is important to outreach, influence, educate people and tell others that Native American people are still here. “Rock your Mocs” week is celebrated Nov. 15-21.

“I look forward to seeing other people wear their moccasins,” she added.

For more information on booking or buying from Britteny Cuevas, visit her website at: <https://www.4locv.com>

JOM PROGRAM CONTINUES THE ADVANCED  
PLACEMENT INCENTIVE

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS CAN RECEIVE ASSISTANCE TO PAY FOR AP EXAMS

by Lani Hansen  
SENIOR REPORTER

OKMULGEE, Oklahoma–On October 26, 2013 Muscogee (Creek) Nation National Council passed legislation NCA 13-252, a law of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation amending MCNCA Title 18, subchapter 1-102 entitled ‘Administration of programs’ and creating a new Title 18, subchapter 1-104, entitled ‘Advanced Placement Test Incentive’ for the Johnson O’ Malley program to assist Muscogee (Creek) high school students with costs associated with Advanced Placement testing fees.

“It was in 2014 when we opened the applications for the AP incentive,” JOM Field Specialist Brittany Kesler said.

The incentive provides a service to Muscogee (Creek) high school students enabling them to participate in Advanced Placement tests in order to receive college level credits.

MCN JOM program will pay for up to five AP exams per citizen, per year. The applicants may apply for the incentive annually. All checks will be made out to the applicant’s site or reimbursed to the place in which they will take the exam.

There is an exception for parent reimbursement in the event the parent pays for the exams instead of the school.

Students who do not attend the required testing date will be responsible for the unused testing fee as well as any fees paid on behalf of the Nation. Students who fail to attend required testing dates will be ineligible to receive further incentives until the JOM office

ADVANCED PLACEMENT INCENTIVE

The purpose of the Advanced Placement Test Incentive is to provide a service to Muscogee (Creek) High School students that will enable them to participate in advanced placement tests in order to receive college level credits.

**Program Information:**

- The Muscogee Nation will pay up to (5) five advanced placement exams per citizen, per year.
- The applicant(s) may apply for the incentive annually.
- All checks will be made out to the applicant’s site or reimbursed to the place in which they will take the exam. (Exceptions for parent reimbursement in the event the parent pays for the exam(s) instead of the school.)
- Students who do not attend the required testing date will be responsible for the unused testing fee as well as any fees paid on behalf of the Muscogee Nation.
- Students who fail to attend required testing date(s) will be ineligible to receive further incentives until the Johnson-O’Malley office receives payment.

**Eligibility Requirements:**

- The applicant must be an enrolled Muscogee (Creek) citizen and possess a citizenship card.
- The applicant must reside in the United States.
- The applicant must be currently enrolled in advanced placement courses.
- Completed application
  - The following documents must be submitted with completed application:
    - Copy of Muscogee Nation citizenship card.
    - Proof of enrollment in advanced placement course(s) such as a class schedule.
- Student must submit exam results within two weeks of notification date.

**Deadline for submission**  
**FEB. 4, 2022**  
Application link below:  
[https://eforms.mcn-nsn.gov/lincdoc/doc/run/muscogeeh/JOM\\_AdvancedPlacementIncentive](https://eforms.mcn-nsn.gov/lincdoc/doc/run/muscogeeh/JOM_AdvancedPlacementIncentive)

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THE MUSCOGEE NATION

MCN Johnson O’Malley offers AP incentive. (Submission)

receives payment.

Eligibility requirements for applicants include: enrolled as a Muscogee (Creek) citizen and possess a Muscogee (Creek) citizenship card, must reside in the United States, but does not have to reside in the MCN reservation boundaries. Applicants must be currently enrolled in Advanced Placement courses.

With the completed application, a copy of MCN citizen-

ship card and proof of enrollment in AP courses, such as class schedule, must be submitted. Students must submit exam results within two weeks of notification.

The applications can be found at: [https://eforms.mcn-nsn.gov/lincdoc/doc/run/muscogeeh/JOM\\_AdvancedPlacementIncentive](https://eforms.mcn-nsn.gov/lincdoc/doc/run/muscogeeh/JOM_AdvancedPlacementIncentive)

Deadline for submission is Feb. 4, 2022.

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# THE MUSKOGEAN CONFEDERACY RISES: FOR OUR ANCESTOR’S SAKE

MUSCOGEE NATION, HISTORIC AND CULTURAL PRESERVATION DEPARTMENT  
by TURNER HUNT

The Muscogee Nation’s Historic and Cultural Preservation Department (HCPD) is dedicated to fulfilling the responsibilities under section one of Article XI of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Constitution - The tribal government shall participate in the reburial of disinterred Muscogee persons and all objects removed from the original burial site. Since its founding in 1995, the Historic and Cultural Preservation Department has repatriated and reburied 881 individual Muskogean and Yuchi ancestors, 65,550 associated & unassociated funerary objects under the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) and we currently have 33 pending NAGPRA cases. It is important to understand that a necklace made of 250 shell beads is counted as 250 associated funerary objects under NAGPRA, as opposed to a single necklace, to know why that number is so high. In 2017, due to the ever increasing responsibility of cases, HCPD established a full-time NAGPRA coordinator.

Under NAGPRA law, museums and federal agencies are required to inventory the presence of Native American human remains, funerary objects, sacred objects, and objects of cultural patrimony, which I will simply refer to as ancestors and their belongings. Once the inventory is published, Native American lineal descendants and federally recognized Indian Tribes that are culturally affiliated can make a claim for repatriation where the ancestors and their belongings are laid to rest.

### Problem

Over the course of the years, HCPD has witnessed a multitude of various ways different agencies and museums implement NAGPRA. Institutions were required to have inventories completed five years after the passing of the act – yet many museums have failed to complete inventories as the law

turns 31 this year. According to National NAGPRA individuals that were excavated within the state of Alabama, only 505 individuals have been culturally identified and repatriated with 9,750 that have yet to be culturally identified. With both complete and pending numbers from National NAGPRA, only 507 ancestors have been culturally affiliated with 18,105 determined to be culturally unaffiliated. (Figure 1).

One of the more devious ways in which collections of ancestors and their belongings have been retained (mostly by academic research institutions) is by not establishing or disagreeing with cultural affiliation which keeps the ancestors and belongings in a limbo – allowing for continued curation for the potential for future studies. This begs the question, what is cultural affiliation? How is cultural affiliation used against tribes? What are those benefits for institutions in keeping ancestors culturally unidentifiable?

Using the regulations from NAGPRA, cultural affiliation means that there is a relationship of shared group identity that can be reasonably traced historically or prehistorically between members of a present-day Indian tribe and an identifiable earlier group. Cultural affiliation is established when the preponderance of the evidence (51%) - based on geographical, kinship, biological, archeological, anthropological, linguistic, folklore, oral tradition, historical evidence, or other information or expert opinion - reasonably leads to such a conclusion.

How is cultural affiliation used against Tribes? Without getting into the weeds too much about Western perspectives, ethno- & Eurocentrism, and the history of archaeology, I can say that there are disagreements between museums’ perspectives and Tribal views about our past. The academic literature for archaeology has been

building upon itself for over a hundred years and in order for them to understand time better, they break time into periods. For example, Colonial interactions are considered to occur during the Historic or Protohistoric period (removal – 1550 CE). The Muskogean mound building traditions are said to have taken place during the Mississippian period (1000 CE – 1600 CE), and often referred to, generally, as Mississippian Culture. When Spanish explorers documented Mississippian towns in the mid-1500’s, they document Coosa, Thewathle, Chiaha, Kowassate, Ochesee, Tulse, the Yuchi and others; all known Tribal Towns and constituent members of the Muscogee Nation. Prior to that, the Woodland period (1000 BCE-1000 CE), which highlights long distant trade networks spanning all of the eastern modern-day U.S. – the invention of ceramic pottery during the Archaic period (8000 BCE – 1000 BCE) and the hunting of megafauna during the Paleo-Indian period (10,000 BCE – 8000 BCE). These time periods were created by academics as categories to situate time.

With the passing of NAGPRA in 1990, the way in which western science viewed time – to help them understand a past that was not theirs, became institutionalized in federal law and policy. Since many, if not all, of these categories of time were created by non-Indigenous academics with very little to no input from descendant communities, they reflect an inherent bias that western views of time and cultural – developed in a vacuum of consenting voices, mind you – should be how everyone views time and culture.

The use of the R-word invokes many emotions in today’s society. So let me define exactly what I mean. When the inherent bias of non-Indigenous academics is aggregated and institutionalized in law, it becomes a system. When that system is used to marginalize a

group of people based on ethnic or racial lines, it is called systemic racism. NAGPRA, a law meant to repatriate collections of Native Americans, had the unfortunate consequence of creating the racist system that the University of Alabama has been utilizing to thwart tribal efforts on repatriation.

Let me briefly provide an example of this system. A non-Indigenous researcher, unaware of the future, writes in 1997, “there is no simple, linear relationship connecting sixteenth-century [groups] with eighteenth-century [groups].” This leads another unknowing archaeologist in 2000 to use the term collapse and discuss how different social and political organizations arose during this same time. Non-Indigenous archaeologists are handicapped while making these types of claims because they are looking at broken pottery, stone tool production, and plant & animal remains – while relying on books written by an ethnographer in the early 1900’s. These manuscripts end up becoming pivotal works within archaeology and many archaeologists working for institutions are familiar with this view of the past. While not subject to NAGPRA, the Federal Museum (Smithsonian Museum of Natural History), used these views to separate individuals from the Ocmulgee repatriation collection in 2017 and retained 52 ancestors and their belongings. The reason was because one group was associated with the Historic and Protohistoric period while retained ancestors were from the Mississippian period. What was meant as a way to view and understand time became a way to disconnect Native peoples from their heritage. Institutions began making archaeologist determine culture affiliation through their own system and most have drawn an arbitrary line between these two cultural periods and claimed that ancestors from the Mississippian period and further back in time are culturally unidenti-

fiable.

What benefits do institutions have by keeping collections unaffiliated? To answer the question quickly, they get to keep the funerary objects. It is one of the most disrespectful acts that I can think of – I tend to think of the funerals I’ve attended lately due to COVID and the possessions that are placed with them as they are laid to rest. Muskogean people did the same thing a long time ago and buried their loved ones with tools, pottery, and various other things to accompany them on their journey. Those are the objects most likely to be retained, studied, and displayed by the institution. The University of Alabama, by owning the Moundville site and for-profit museum, is an institution with a vested interest in retaining objects for display. Unfortunately, the Museum is also responsible for culturally affiliating ancestors. It is a recipe for conflict.

### From Conflict We Rise: The Moundville Claim

The University of Alabama owns the Moundville Archaeological Park and Museum and has resisted claims for individuals from a number of tribes for several years. They currently hold 5,892 individual ancestors and an untold number of funerary objects that have been excavated from burials at Moundville. When asked by the Tribes to repatriate, they gave us excuses for it taking several years and not wanting to return the funerary objects. Any attempt to consult was on the Tribes’ part, and when they did consult with us, it was unfair and, at times, blatantly disrespectful.

While I have been working in this field for less than five years, this conflict with the university over our ancestors took something that was precious to me, a site my ancestors built that was a marvel of the Muskogean world – and quickly turned it sour. When I hear Moundville, I am not filled with awe at their dedication, I am reminded of greedy people who choose profit over respect and a white male academic asking if we planned on just throwing them [ancestors] down a hole and if we would be respectful during the reburial. A complete slap in the face to HCPD personnel that were there – knowing we treat these individuals with the utmost respect and consider them our grandparents – but the self-proclaimed best osteology lab in the Southeast curated Muskogean ancestors in brown paper bags on overcrowded curation shelves and stuffed in buckets along the floor.

Then the winds shifted... the Tribes started working together under the STARR (Southeastern Tribal Alliance for Repatriation and Reburial) coalition and coordinating efforts, seeking counsel, and working together to present a new front to the University of Alabama and insist that ancestors are repatriated along with their belongings. Muskogean-speaking tribes, the Choctaw, Chickasaw, Alabama Quassarte Tribal Town, the Coushatta Tribe of Louisiana, the Seminole Tribe of Florida, the Seminole Nation, and the Muscogee Nation formed a confederacy of federally recognized Tribes with longstanding ancestral ties to the modern State of Alabama to make a joint cultural

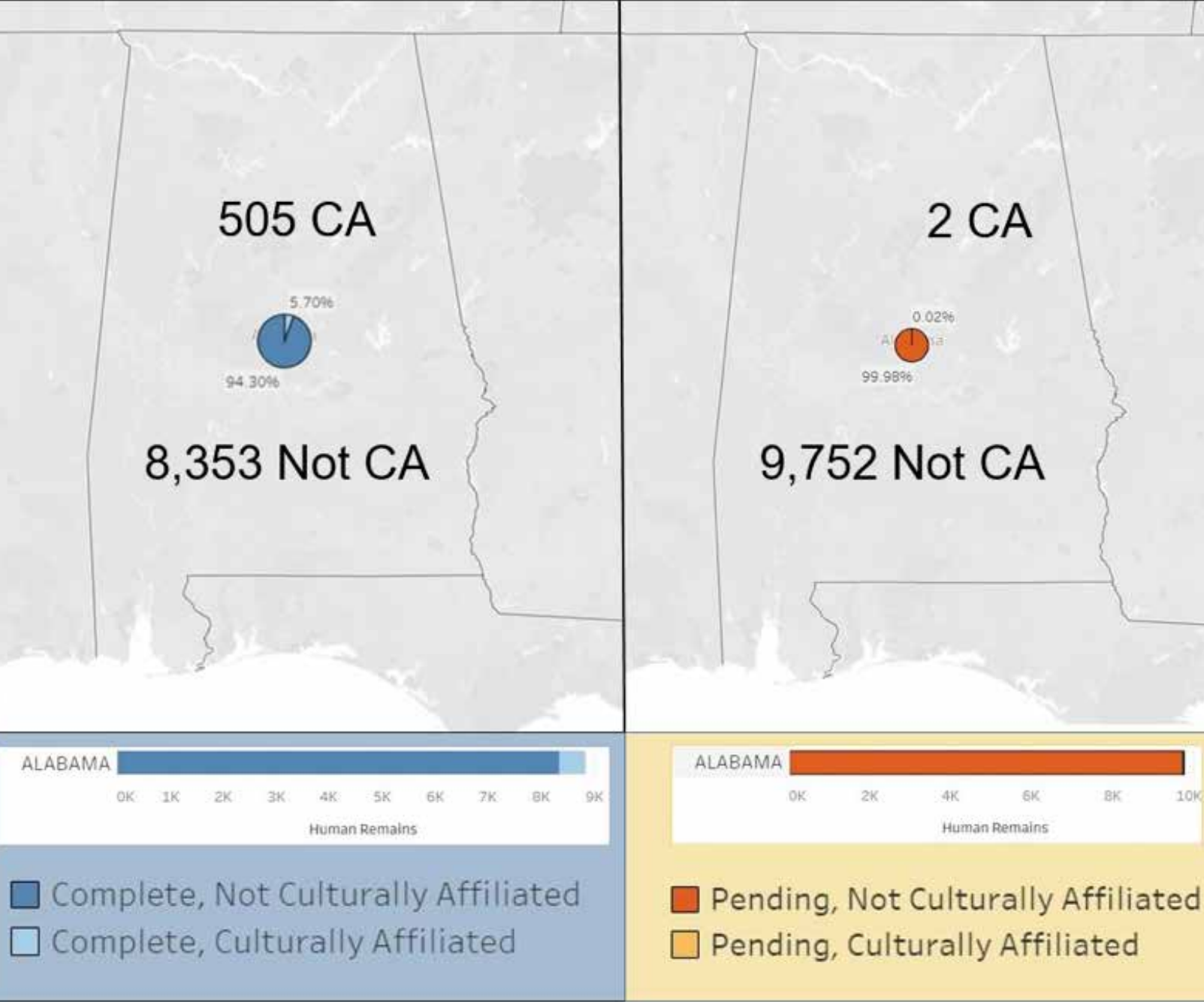


Figure 1.

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affiliation claim.

The approach is simple, eliminate as many avenues that the University of Alabama may take to resist culturally affiliating the Moundville and associated collections. The seven different tribes all have unique and diverse histories but one commonality is the language we all speak - while speaking the dialects of Mvskoke/Creek, Hichiti, Appalachee, Alabamu, Koasati, Chickasaw, and Choctaw – they are all considered to be a part of the Muskogean language family. Understanding our own confederacy’s past as an example; each Tribal Town possessed their own words, songs, and languages – yet still able to converse in a lingua

franca of Mvskoke. It is our firm belief that the language spoken at Moundville would have been Muskogean and with that comes a shared worldview and belief system that cannot be separated. (Figure 2)

Muskogean Confederacy and U. of A.

In an historic display of unity, a coalition of Muskogean-speaking Tribes has recently joined forces to demand the repatriation of our ancestors and their belongings from the University of Alabama. Moundville is a Muskogean cultural site and after 30 years, it is time for the University of Alabama to do what is right – and required under the law.

From there, each Tribe made their own case for cul-

tural affiliation in a joint letter. HCPD was able to address each line of evidence based on our understanding of their connection to Moundville. The Muscogee Nation is, of course, a confederacy of independent Tribes, known as Tribal Towns, so HCPD focused on the connections with the strongest ties to Moundville. While there are countless other Tribal Towns that have connection to Moundville, HCPD works on connections that could not be easily ignored and have created a compelling argument for cultural affiliation.

As the process moves forward, members of HCPD will be presenting MCN’s case for cultural affiliation to the National NAGPRA Review Committee and requested a finding of fact in this case along with

the seven other Tribes. While the finding of fact cannot necessarily compel the University of Alabama to comply with NAGPRA, it is a necessary step to prepare for litigation.

The hard work of our allies has led to a number of supporting resolutions. The Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes recently passed Resolution No. 21-36 calling on the University of Alabama to recognize that Moundville is culturally affiliated to Muskogean-speaking Tribes and expeditiously make ancestors and their belongings available for reburial. Additionally, the National Congress of the American Indians, with the help of NAGPRA author and activist Suzan Shown Harjo, passed resolution #SAC-21-007 that supports the Muskogean

joint cultural affiliation.

HCPD has been working on this NAGPRA case for many years – unwavering in our goal to rebury and facilitate our ancestors returning to rest. With the NAGPRA Review Committee finding of fact approaching in a couple of weeks, it is important to note that at the barest minimum – the ancestors currently being held by the University of Alabama are more culturally affiliated with any of the seven tribes than any member of the University of Alabama’s Board of Regents, faculty, staff, or researchers. It’s time for Muskogean ancestors to rest.

National NAGPRA finding of act will be Nov. 23 at 1 p.m. CST. Pre-register at: <https://www.nps.gov/orgs/1335/events.htm>

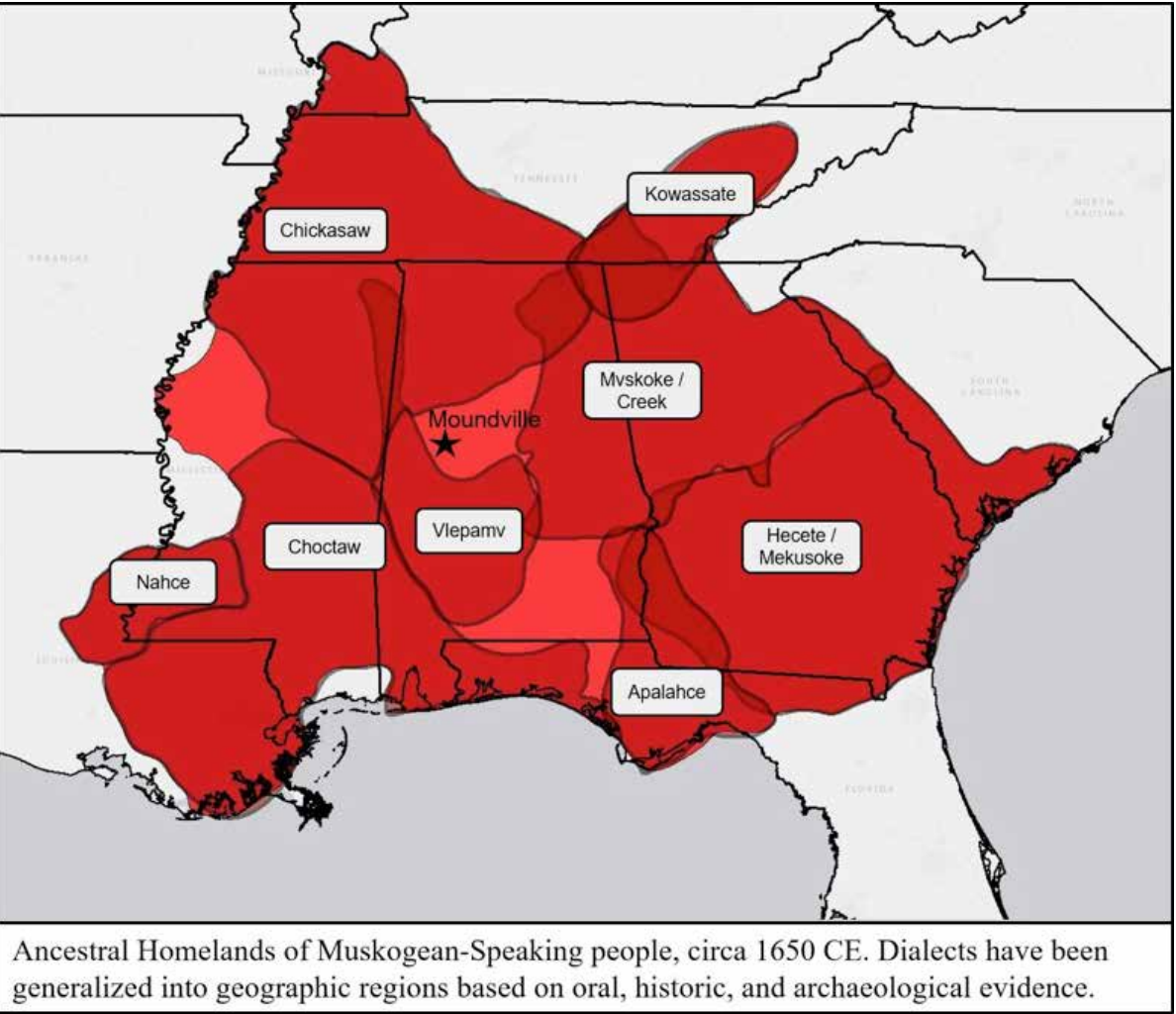


Figure 2.

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MCN ESTABLISHES MEMBERSHIP IN NCAI

THE NATION WILL HAVE 180 VOTES WITH NCAI BASED ON ENROLLMENT

by MORGAN TAYLOR  
REPORTER

OKMULGEE, Oklahoma – The Muscogee (Creek) Nation National Council passed a resolution establishing tribal membership in the National Congress of American Indians.

TR 21-128 was addressed during the September Regular Session. The legislation was sponsored by Okmulgee District Representative William Lowe and passed with a 15-0 vote.

The legislation states, pursuant to Article III – Members, Section B of the Constitution and Bylaws of the NCAI, the MCN meets all requirements for Tribal Membership.

The Nation will be required to pay \$30,000 in membership dues as stated in Article III – Members, Section C 2 of the Constitution. This amount is based on the Nation’s citizenship.

Based on enrollment numbers of 92,116 citizens, the MCN will have 180 votes in accordance with membership bylaws.

The resolution legislated a single delegate along with alternate delegates to fulfill responsibilities of the organization on behalf of the MCN.

Principal Chief David Hill is the primary delegate and alternate delegates include: Second Chief Del Beaver, Speaker Randall Hicks, Second Speaker Darrell Proctor, Rep. William Lowe, Rep. Lucian Tiger III, and Rep. Mark Randolph.

‘NCAI members establish the organization’s positions on issues that affect tribal nations and Native people through a resolu-



(Submission)

*“They (NCAI) are quite often the first group that the federal administration will look to when they want to know what Indian County’s position is on a given matter.”* – MCN AMBASSADOR JONODEV CHAUDHURI

tions process. NCAI resolutions are one of the policy mechanisms used to express the organizational positions on tribal, federal, state, and/or local legislation, litigation, and policy matters that affect tribal governments or communities,’ stated on NCAI website.

MCN Ambassador Jonodev Chaudhuri claimed this organization provides a voice for tribes while helping bridge the gap between Federal and Tribal governments.

“Being engaged with NCAI is important for the Muscogee Nation,” Chaudhuri said. “They

are quite often the first group that the federal administration will look to when they want to know what Indian County’s position is on a given matter.”

According to the NCAI website, the establishment of the NCAI in 1944 was ultimately a response to the policies forced by the U.S. attempting to assimilate and terminate tribes, contradict treaty rights, and undermine the sovereignty of Tribal Nations.

NCAI claims to be the oldest, largest and most representative American Indian and Alaska Native organization.

CITIZEN PURSUES DREAM AS VISUAL MERCHANDISER

TIFFANY CUMMINGS MOVES TO THE BIG APPLE TO WORK WITH J. CREW

by LANI HANSEN  
SENIOR REPORTER

NEW YORK – In the midst of many buildings, noisy streets of people going amongst their daily lives, vehicles honking at each other on a day-to-day basis down the Big Apple’s most famous street “Fifth Avenue” is where the five-story unique J. Crew shop stands.

Being a New Yorker has been one of Muscogee (Creek) citizen Tiffany Cummings goals and has accomplished it with her new job as J. Crew’s visual merchandiser.

Cummings is the daughter of Tommy Cummings (Mvskoke/Menominee/Potawatomi) of Mansfield, Texas and Ramona Cummings (Choctaw) of Muskogee, Oklahoma. Her paternal grandparents were the late Thomas and Mildred Cummings of Hanna. Her maternal grandparents were the late Leroy and Stella Anderson of Talihina.

Cummings’s father previously served as Communications Director for Muscogee Nation before becoming a journalist for different companies.

“He was my inspiration to get out of Oklahoma and pursue my dreams,” Cummings said. “My mom has been a rock my entire life, she’s been the strongest person I know. She recently defeated cancer for the second time and she’s still going strong. She’s probably someone I look up to after everything I’ve been through in my life.”

Her journey to becoming a visual merchandiser began in college when she was manager for Gap. Cummings was going to school for art history at the time, but when she was working at Gap she realized she was really good at standardizing clothes. She was only an associate for a month and a half before they made her manager.

“It was a branding experienced manager at Gap for seven years,” she said. “I’ve merchandised a \$15 million Gap store, and then I decided I wanted to take a break from retail. I ran an art gallery in Tulsa at Brookside for about a year, and worked at the Philbrook Museum as an docent which is to teach people how to give tours.”



Tiffany Cummings at Dover Street Market, a retail store that sells high fashion products. (Submission)

Later on, an opportunity in Austin, TX arose for Cummings from her friend Elizabeth who was one of her assistants at Gap. Elizabeth was a merchandiser at J. Crew, so Cummings made the move to work at J. Crew in Austin for about 12 years.

“I started as a merchandiser there then became a part of the NSO team, which is New Store Openings,” Cummings said. “I traveled to open up new stores, did remodels for merchandising, I was the women’s and men’s merchandising expert and operations expert for several different NSO’s. Basically they go in and set the store up for the companies standard and then we have to make adjustments for the architectural of the building.”

When she was on an NSO trip to Seattle, her district manager called and asked if she could take over an Austin store. This meant she would become the store director, so she moved back and her store was successful in consistently hitting their numbers even during Covid. Cummings’s store was number one in their district and region for J. Crew cards for top volume and spread.

“I had a lot of success with J. Crew as the store director, which you have to work through your people and hire people to be your merchandiser,” she said.

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Fund Number	Program Name	Receipts	Expended	Encumbered	Cash Balance
Tribal Funds					
1000	GAMING	\$ 112,615,229	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 103,519,131
1005	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	5,358,763	-	-	4,862,024
1010	CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	5,506,810	-	-	5,010,070
1020	DEBT RETIREMENT FUND	16,139,757	-	-	14,649,539
1025	HEALTH SERVICES FUND	5,552,757	-	-	5,056,017
1030	TAXES & LICENSES	4,170,018	-	-	4,170,018
1035	HEALTH EDUCATION FUND	8,976	-	-	50,640
1040	MOTOR VEHICLE	3,076,107	-	-	3,076,730
1045	MOTOR FUEL	2,852,445	-	-	2,079,488
1100	MCN GAMING	94,433,480	64,277,677	755,078	58,267,084
1105	ECONOMIC DEVELOP/LAND	28,140,818	24,866,363	-	3,409,250
1120	DEBT RETIREMENT FUND	10,931,774	13,140,117	-	7,563,207
1125	72 HOUR (438,658)	(438,658)	(438,658)	-	-
1126	72 HOUR (407,084)	(407,084)	2,762,474	(16,736)	12,177,482
1130	GENERAL TAXES & LICENSES	4,795,063	6,086,327	1,977	2,588,943
1131	MCN GENERAL TAXES & LICENSES	-	-	7	760,706
1135	HEALTH EDUCATION	-	-	-	0
1136	HEALTH EDUCATION	-	-	-	39,162
1140	MOTOR VEHICLE	2,657,301	1,929,413	4,948	2,215,108
1141	MOTOR VEHICLE	-	21,175	-	310,334
1145	MOTOR FUEL TAXES	2,946,498	-	-	4,656,200
1146	MOTOR FUEL	-	35,653	-	413,280
1150	GENERAL CONTRACT HEALTH "MNBE"	-	-	-	(44,000)
1151	GENERAL CONTRACT HEALTH - MNBE	-	-	-	66,274
1160	TREASURY	356,037	-	-	1,505,390
1166	HEALTH ADMINISTRATION	20,460	15,000,000	-	1,169,149
1200	WORKER'S COMPENSATION	405	-	-	84,671
1202	LEGAL DEFENSE FUND	1,414	-	-	116,941
1203	ALCOHOL/DRUG PREVENTION	104,715	-	-	683,706
1204	LIQUOR/BEVERAGE	363,830	-	-	2,757,904
1205	GAMING RESERVE	15	-	-	1,261
1206	ONE FIRE HOLDING CO	661	-	-	54,629
1207	MUSCOGEE INTERNATIONAL	3,203	-	-	264,879
1208	MNBE	-	-	-	1,423
1209	TRIBAL TRADE & COMMERCE	-	-	-	126
1210	ACTIVITY ACCOUNT	-	-	-	3,897
1211	PRIVATE DONATIONS	-	-	-	267
1212	LITIGATION & LOBBYING	297	-	-	24,523
1213	RAMAH CONTRACT SUPPORT	34,168	-	-	2,825,840
1214	JEWELL CASE	59,499	806,774	-	4,236,721
1215	CN FESTIVAL	559,091	131,753	2,600	972,346
1217	CONSUMER LOANS OPERATION	-	-	-	6,394
1218	LEGAL SERVICES OPC	2,949	-	-	243,878
1220	BOK SETTLEMENT	-	-	-	450
1221	CODIFICATION	158	-	-	13,097
1222	MCN OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE	1,137	7,775	8,991	33,452
1223	ECONOMIC DEV COMMITTEE	55	-	-	4,578
1224	COURT ORDER RESTITUTION	-	-	-	357
1225	TRIBAL BUDGET	245,018	247,366	-	18
1226	MCN FLAGS & ETC	79	-	-	6,492
1227	COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	87	-	-	7,182
1228	WOMENS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE	104,628	-	-	676,491
1300	FLEET MANAGMENT	336,964	322,159	17,020	532,743
1301	PAGEANT COMMITTEE	742	709	-	508
1303	CONSERVATION DISTRICT REVOLVING	20,586	-	-	148,962
1304	ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES	11,949	-	-	34,557
1305	BOB ARRINGTON TRUST	3,033	-	-	250,824
1306	LESLIE BRUENING TRUST	1,870	-	-	154,660
1307	ANGEL TREE	1,810	2,698	-	21,321
1308	UNCLAIMED FUNDS	1,404	-	-	146,561
1309	UNRESTRICTED TRIBAL OIL & GAS LEASES	708	-	-	58,598
1310	HEADSTART	473	-	-	39,143
1311	TERO	8,692	24,793	1,852	64,597
1312	MVSKOKE MEDIA REVOLVING	155,266	106,474	5,174	491,831
1313	PUBLIC RELATIONS	-	-	-	7,985
1314	GAMING REVOLVING	1,173,713	1,821,191	20,865	2,408,551
1315	CULTURAL PRESERVATION	29,747	525,212	(209)	2,061,946
1316	4-H CLUB	-	-	-	(569)
1317	NICWA	-	-	-	44
1318	LIGHTHORSE	16,083	(240)	-	130,667
1319	LIGHTHORSE EXPLORER	-	-	-	202
1320	LIGHTHORSE FORFEIT/SEIZURE	-	-	-	15,822
1321	INSURANCE LOSS FUND	2,295,252	1,662,760	-	970,146
1324	MVSKOKE LANGUAGE	1,377	1,143	-	2,182
1325	DISTRICT COURT	99,566	1,041	614	818,846
1326	SUPREME COURT	-	-	-	13,680
1327	REDSTICK GALLERY	58,343	29,138	-	88,639
1328	POST GRADUATE EDUCATION	113,491	28,201	-	95,570
1330	REINTEGRATION	-	363	-	17,752
1331	YOUTH SERVICES	647	1,362	-	1,544
1332	ATHLETIC COMMISSION	-	-	-	21,358
1333	ELDERLY NUTRITION PROGRAM INCOME	292	-	-	11,821
1334	ELECTION BOARD	405	7,500	-	32,246
1335	CITIZENSHIP BOARD	53,012	51,674	520	328,520
1336	SECRETARY OF NATION	5,500	-	-	27,652
1337	CODE BOOKS not grant program income	-	-	-	14,425
1338	KING COAL DEPOT not grant program incom	2	-	-	150
1341	#N/A	-	27,281	-	23,379
1342	BH PI	-	84,245	-	(37,175)
1345	HIV PI	-	30,643	-	-
1346	DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PROGRAM IN	10,000	-	-	10,000
1347	NCTSI	-	253,533	-	(12,430)
1348	FOUNTAINHEAD PROGRAM INCOME	198,016	103,262	727	58,281
1900	PERMANENT FUND	14,772,670	6,100,254	683,433	3,033,838
1910	MERRILL LYNCH	-	1,228	-	-
1915	BOKF CAVANAL HILL	272,382,799	15,343,932	-	440,921,138
1920	WELLS FARGO (15,850,340)	(15,850,340)	175,471,653	-	-
1970	MCN EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	50,438	10,326	-	369,378
1990	MCN TAXES & FRINGE	-	-	-	(56,187)
1995	Control Fund	-	-	-	1,940,326
Federal Funds					
2003	FOOD DISTRIBUTION 20	5,556	5,556	-	626
2004	FOOD DISTRIBUTION 21	960,150	1,012,237	-	(2,844)
2010	FOOD DISTRIBUTION CARES	-	-	16,500	-
2020	NRCS	56,645	-	-	(3,106)
2021	NRCS 19	-	2,526	-	(4,000)
2022	NRCS 20	-	36,732	-	(34,860)
2025	NACD 20	-	25,060	-	-
2026	NACD 20	37,500	42,533	-	(1,602)
2064	BREAST PEER COUNSELOR 19	29,618	30,130	-	(459)
2084	WOMEN INFANTS & CHILDREN 19	-	-	(92)	-
2086	WOMEN INFANTS & CHILDREN 21	1,477,773	1,624,152	4,193	(101,507)
2120	NYCP	391,230	419,769	4,060	(3,127)
2130	ACE	321,570	394,316	2,264	(1,101)
2140	STEP PROGRAM	5,000	5,000	-	-
2160	TEDNA	63,514	86,794	-	(17,971)
2182	VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION 20	472,176	502,784	-	(17,798)
2220	COLLABORATIVE OPEN DUMP	40,575	40,545	-	30
2241	EXCHANGE NETWORK	38,399	38,399	62,460	-
2262	GAP 19	139,927	148,971	80	(326)
2280	128A TRIBAL RESPONSE	72,185	76,211	2,847	(881)
2320	VASH	25,801	35,642	-	460
2321	VASH 18	106,802	107,533	-	(287)
2322	VASH 20	43,100	43,655	-	(555)
2330	ROSS SC	62,028	65,313	150	(3,062)
2335	ICDBG Eufaula Apartments	361,509	361,509	-	-
2336	IHBG COVID19	2,588,687	2,588,844	60,054	(1,828)
2337	ICDBG COLG	16,171	24,893	-	-
2340	NAHASDA 11	50	150,394	-	(83,160)
2341	NAHASDA 16	531	528,598	-	13,052
2342	NAHASDA 17	408,558	620,349	9,618	(21,399)
2343	NAHASDA 18	2,358,470	2,459,546	(401,876)	(80,500)
2344	NAHASDA 19	5,323,290	5,386,253	307,564	(384,211)
2345	NAHASDA 20	5,743,335	5,966,862	26,530	(320,707)
2346	NAHASDA 21	630,577	705,174	6,808	(64,927)
2347	NAHASDA 22	-	3,250	-	-
2400	SELF GOVERNANCE	14,874,566	5,973,439	200,314	20,028,419
2420	PL477	12,602	-	-	1,042,246
2421	PL477	6,388	305,178	10,072	271,174
2422	PL477 20	3,240	762,236	134	340,534
2440	EUFULA DORM 12	-	-	-	302
2441	EUFULA DORM 13	-	-	-	523,419
2442	EUFULA DORM 14	-	99,384	171,216	288,329
2443	EUFULA DORM 15	-	11,020	-	552,351
2444	EUFULA DORM 16	-	10,646	-	104,097
2445	EUFULA DORM 17	-	3,635	-	71,942
2446	EUFULA DORM 18	-	139,525	-	(109,159)
2447	EUFULA DORM 19	-	520,738	22,913	382,668
2448	EUFULA DORM 20	253,427	732,127	57,295	498,276
2449	EUFULA DORM 21	-	21,244	3,680	(11,053)
2482	JOM EARLY CHILDHOOD 19	-	4,487	4,053	6,658
2502	JOM 19	-	771,989	-	63,208
2543	THPO NP 19	2,897	223	-	2,674

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Number					
Tribal Funds					
2544	THPO NP 20	31,728	33,834	26,615	(55)
2560	FEDERAL ROADS 12	-	-	-	8,303
2562	FEDERAL ROADS 14	-	-	-	32,381
2563	FEDERAL ROADS 15	-	526,725	-	40,599
2564	FEDERAL ROADS 16	-	2,797,304	395,354	690,867
2565	FEDERAL ROADS 17	-	1,047,772	1,671,241	1,891,913
2566	FEDERAL ROADS 18	-	1,762,681	2,233,661	3,106,017
2567	FEDERAL ROADS 19	-	5,378,192	1,052,867	3,201,337
2568	FEDERAL ROADS 20	-	2,555,898	767,498	7,998,790
2569	FEDERAL ROADS 21	12,859,643	-	-	12,859,643
2660	TED	28	-	(3,000)	2,331
2661	TED 19	1,038	32,346	4,590	60,373
2671	TEDC - 2	-	33,653	33,210	33,210
3000	BRIDGES TO HOME	-	47,130	-	(14,816)
3023	CHILDRENS JUSTICE ACT J22	68,465	109,904	70,994	(2,575)
3040	JUSTICE/ALCOHOL & SUBSTANCE	-	-	-	2,215
3041	JUSTICE/ALCOHOL & SUBSTANCE	(10,175)	-	(22,400)	-
3042	JUSTICE/ALCOHOL & SUBSTANCE 21	-	82,424	-	(80,909)
3060	SEXUAL ASSAULT SERVICES	-	-	-	(0)
3061	SEXUAL ASSAULT SERVICES	63,602	89,801	-	(281)
3105	OVC SET AS	187,168	296,209	3,385	(18,598)
3110	TRIBAL VIC	(38,316)	10,704	-	-
3122	VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN 17	78,749	149,427	1,635	(12,680)
3130	#N/A	-	-	82,500	6,875
3131	BODY CAM	-	1,650	722	746
3132	COPS - 19	486,341	570,637	-	(43,883)
3134	SORNA 21	84,200	90,893	43,400	-
3199	TRANSIT CARES ACT	-	4,347	-	(22,918)
3203	HOMELESS VETERANS HVRP 19	55,257	50,890	-	4,367
3204	HOMELESS VETERANS HVRP 20	200,691	215,624	394	(2,962)
3301	DOT TRANSIT PROGRAM 15	-	-	-	485
3302	DOT TRANSIT PROGRAM 16	-	-	-	1
3303	DOT TRANSIT PROGRAM 17	36,576	36,576	-	-
3305	DOT TRANS PROGRAM 17	9,392	10,696	12,329	(561)
3306	DOT TRANS PROGRAM 18	681,078	616,256	45,767	67,917
3307	DOT TRANS PROGRAM 19	15,395	175,253	71	(123,321)
3308	DOT TRANS PROGRAM 20	10,855	12,444	410	(503)
3309	DOT TRANS PROGRAM 21	-	2,795	-	(2,795)
3310	SOLAR BUS SHELTERS	-	-	-	36
3311	DOT-CASDW PROJECT	-	80,133	134,597	(80,133)
3400	NACA PROGRAM	-	-	-	0
3401	CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUND	51,458	171,871,128	2,221,830	7,569,794
3402	CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUND	17,966,029	35,818,615	779,717	1,760,881
3403	EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE FUND	20,871,622	4,085,691	40,488	17,068,060
3404	AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUND	493,325,316	1,989,867	45,256	465,051,945
3405	HOMEOWNERS ASSISTANCE FUND	1,234,615	-	-	1,234,615
3410	NACA PROGRAM 20	540,000	4,750	-	270,277
3421	NALS 19	-	1,976	41,775	(9,035)
3432	TCE 21-T	-	1,576	-	(1,576)
3510	NANH	-	26,821	-	(69,589)
3601	HOSPITAL PREPAREDNESS PROGRAM	-	-	-	(2,262)
3602	HOSPITAL PREPAREDNESS PROGRAM 20	27,883	27,883	-	(18,325)
3639	OSU RURAL HEALTH COVID19	-	78,236	-	263
3602	HOSPITAL PREPAREDNESS PROGRAM 20	27,883	27,883	-	(18,325)
3642	SHIP PROGRAM 19	-	-	-	10,086
3643	SHIP PROGRAM 21	10,077	10,077	-	-
3650	OKAMA EMS	25,901	25,901	-	-
3999	ENMPIPPA19	5,360	5,360	-	-
4003	AOA-ENP 20	154,889	154,889	2	-
4023	AOA-NSIP 20	86,979	86,979	-	-
4031	AOA-NAC5	12,879	13,723	338	-
4043	CCDBG DISCRETIONARY 18	218,591	207,292	39,117	-
4044	CCDBG DISCRETIONARY 19	5,264,052	5,728,884	178,229	(8,594)
4045	CCDBG DISCRETIONARY 20	67,387	70,841	-	(71)
4078	CORONA RESPONSE RELIED SUP ACT	285,207	301,617	-	(16,410)
4079	CHILD CARE CARES FUND	1,391,446	1,684,028	22,268	(4,038)
4083	CCDBG MANDATORY	1,306	-	(1,966)	-
4084	CCDBG MANDATORY 19	1,804,880	1,947,770	2,846	(13,541)
4087	CCDBG MANDATORY 22	-	1,040	-	(1,040)
4122	CHILD SUPPORT 19	-	-	(7,586)	-
4124	CHILD SUPPORT 21	1,603,439	1,687,184	58,803	(5,442)
4139	CPSA CARES ACT COVID19	30,436	52,197	-	(418)
4142	FAMILY PRESERVATION 18	(1,152)	-	(370)	-
4143	FAMILY PRESERVATION 19	8,146	469	-	-
4144	FAMILY PRESERVATION 20	402,679	437,432	4,124	(6,900)
4163	FAMILY VIOLENCE 19	2,221	173	-	-
4164	FAMILY VIOLENCE 20	800,174	846,362	71,958	(7,285)
4179	FAMILY VIOLENCE CARES ACT	200,186	217,386	53,087	-
4183	HEAD START 19	-	-	(6,790)	-
4184	HEAD START 20	623,960	620,556	-	-
4185	HEAD START 21	1,863,212	1,992,485	24,401	32,863
4186	HEAD START CRSSA/ARP	6,558	42,447	155,493	(35,889)
4219	LIHEAP CARES ACT	86,534	86,534	-	-
4224	LIHEAP 20	31,837	31,890	-	(53)
4225	LIHEAP 21	284,422	307,639	14,210	(117)
4300	NATIVE AMERICAN CAREGIVER	-	-	(1,517)	-
4303	NATIVE AMERICAN CAREGIVER 20	69,848	70,118	3,420	(270)
4322	TANF	-	-	-	12
4325	TANF	5,331	5,331	-	-
4326	TANF	219,665	222,282	3,878	(531)
4327	TANF	6,525	6,525	225	-
4328	TANF	1,244,310	1,247,921	67	(1,700)
4329	TANF	738,915	824,943	203	(2,903)
4331	TANF 20	19	19	-	-
4362	TITLE IV B	(1,062)	-	(30,595)	-
4363	TITLE IV B FY19	2,403	426	-	-
4364	TITLE IV B FY20	234,879	255,202	2,612	(2,689)
4380	TITLE IV E	50,127	50,127	105,450	-
4390	FFTA TRIBAL	27,665	30,197	-	(163)
4519	TBH COVID19	18,244	18,244	-	-
4521	NTV CONN	192,472	198,174	16,993	(3,886)
4560	MSPI METHAMPHETAMINE	76,847	80,017	-	(1,176)
4580	MSPI SUICIDE PREVENTION PROJECT	116,601	122,127	(3,314)	(3,459)
4600	PHN CASE MANAGEMENT	119,824	125,137	4,141	(2,153)
4640	PROJECT PROTECTING THE FUTURE - SUICUI	-	-	(630)	-
4645	Y SUICIDE	664,639	701,329	-	(10,679)
4684	MCN TOR	485,390	486,248	-	(421)
4685	SAMSHA-CMH1 019	167,667	163,151	-	4,516
4686	NCTSI-19	248,839	259,313	3,580	(6,395)
4687	TCE-HIV-19	470,016	504,221	10,320	(14,901)
4688	MAT	234,111	234,897	-	(348)
4690	COVID PREPARE AND RESPONSE 20	862,177	1,091,242	18,560	(229,065)
4700	SBIRT	1,384,805	1,437,983	8,924	(12,521)
4722	SDPI	2,014,415	2,184,445	152,037	(45,904)
4724	TELLIGEN GRANT 20	-	-	-	2
4725	STROKE PREVENTION DIABETES	94,227	120,053	-	(21,464)
4726	CHOCTAW NATION DIABETES GRANT	150,000	-	148,610	148,610
4740	BH2I	280,550	284,347	(245)	(1,374)
4787	STPRVPLN19	117,060	146,629	648	(2,038)
4788	TRIBAL MANAGEMENT	4,483	4,483	-	-
4801	VOCA 16	-	-	-	117
4805	VOCA 20	47,548	70,589	307	3,950
4830	NAAF20	-	211,503	-	3,208
4831	NAAF21	255,560	-	-	255,560
4850	NAHC	27,000	27,000	-	-
4865	NIKE N7	-	25,006	(454)	619
4869	RURAL HEALTH INNOVATION	-	1,000	-	-
4910	AICF HIGHER PATHWAYS 21	-	3,000	-	(3,000)
4920	M-POWER	-	-	-	(57,310)
4930	ANDREW MELLON FOUNDATION	-	19,787	-	(14,292)
4939	SPHB COVID19	100,000	100,000	-	-
4941	VOLKSWAGON SETTLEMENT	1,692,801	1,213,251	759,978	1,170,610
4942	CASEY FAMILY FOUNDATION COVID19	90,000	869	-	134,731
4943	NCAI 21	-	4,500	-	(4,500)
4952	VOCA 18-H	-	-	-	(0)
4953	VOCA 19-H	7,395	-	-	-
4954	VOCA 20-H	67,044	82,561	-	(42,796)
4970	M-POWER 18	-	-	-	(13,084)
4971	M-POWER 19	-	-	-	(141,103)
4980	OK STATE DEPT OF HEALTH EPRS	-	-	-	262
4981	CRISIS EMERGENCY RESPONSE CV19	-	1,803	-	(272,990)
4982	OK STATE DEPT OF HEALTH LTCH	20,610	20,577	-	33
4991	THSGP	-	338,530	-	(338,530)
Program Income					
5000	37 ACT RESERVE-MHH	-	-	-	(2,827)
5020	CHARTER SERVICES	34,481	110	-	726,782
5040	CHILD CARE USDA REIMBURSE	67,695	28,175	8,819	98,736
5060	DEA	-	-	-	1
5080	EUF DORM USDA REIMBURSEMENT	-	-	-	244
5100	EUFULA DORM ACTIVITY FUND	40,872	19,674	585	177,726
5120	FAMILY VIOLENCE	-	-	-	438
5141	FEMA 20	454,243	163,276	-	290,930





## STATE OF OKLAHOMA SEEKS TO OVERTURN MCGIRT V OKLAHOMA

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

The State of Oklahoma has filed actions with the United States Supreme Court, seeking to overturn the 2020 McGirt v Oklahoma decision. In October 2021, other parties joined these petitions, including the city of Tulsa. Governor Stitt and some state officials are actively promoting a disinformation campaign, one in which tribal law enforcement is portrayed as putting Oklahoma at risk of becoming a modern-day, lawless “wild West.” This, while the Governor ignores situations in some Oklahoma counties, where over 70% of domestic violence case filings are dismissed.

McGirt held that the United States Congress never disestablished the Muscogee (Creek) reservation. Post-McGirt, Congress has not returned to century-old policies, to resume attacks on tribal sovereignty. Rather, Congress has acted to honor the spirit of the decision, and provide resources to implement renewed tribal government law enforcement functions. Increased appropriations for US Attorney staffing needs, consideration of new judgeships for the Northern and Eastern federal judicial districts in Oklahoma, new tribal/local law enforcement cooperative agreements, new and increased appropriations

## MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION NATIONAL COUNCIL

for Muscogee (Creek) Nation judicial and legal needs, all comprise results in the first year after the landmark decision. As the legislative branch of the tribe, the Muscogee (Creek) National Council has had an active role in addressing tribal law enforcement impacts, while simultaneously addressing pandemic-related emergencies.

The National Council challenges the State of Oklahoma and the City of Tulsa to end the waste of valuable time and resources, in efforts seeking to overturn McGirt. The Supreme Court has spoken; tribal, federal and local agencies have responded. State efforts to continue to engage in ineffective, fruitless legal challenges to tribal sovereignty, to the detriment of public safety for tribal and state citizens, is the wrong response at the wrong time.

The Five Tribes of eastern Oklahoma have achieved considerable results, in their respective law enforcement efforts, addressing the consequences of the McGirt decision, and expect continued progress in year two. The National Council will continue to pursue efforts to improve public safety, and speak out against actions that jeopardize real progress.

Muscogee (Creek) Nation					
Schedule of Receipts, Expended, Encumbrances, Unencumbered and Cash balances - By Fund					
As of September 30, 2021 and the Nine Months Ended September 30, 2021					
Fund Number	Program Name	Receipts	Expended	Encumbered	Cash Balance
Tribal Funds					
5142	FEMA MITIGATION	-	220,807	128,247	(205,934)
5160	FOOD DISTRIBUTION	4,684	-	-	22,956
5180	HA EMERGENCY REHAB	226,287	339,284	7,700	428,424
5200	HEAD START USDA REIMBURSEMENT	153,148	134,978	99,800	221,160
5220	HOUSING PROGRAM INCOME	3,119,885	1,745,747	69,763	15,342,208
5240	INDIAN ROADS (IRR)	420,724	455,513	49,220	1,738,364
5260	JOHNSON O'MALLEY	6,757	3,068	-	57,052
5280	JOM EARLY CHILDHOOD	180	-	-	5,201
5300	MCN CHILD DEVELOP. CENTER	825,378	16,544	95,430	3,485,819
5340	PROCEEDS OF SALE	129,336	63,123	-	1,903,656
5360	REALTY	16,489	-	-	48,569
5380	SELF GOVERNANCE	193,897	-	-	1,397,499
5400	TRANSIT	20,215	78,264	23,253	298,828
5420	TRANSP. IMPROVE. (TIP)	796	-	-	65,864
5440	WIC PROGRAM INCOME	2,078	-	-	171,876
5900	BEHAVIORAL HEALTH	-	-	-	14,534
7000	INVESTMENT TRUST	-	245,000	-	13,325,405
Capital Project Funds					
7120	CNG	10,075	-	-	833,245
7122	HOLDENVILLE COMMUNITY CENTER	-	-	-	(0)
7124	TRANSITIONAL LIVING CENTER	-	-	-	823
7125	VETERAN & TRIBAL CEMETERY	-	-	-	3,996
7127	OKMULGEE INDIAN COMMUNITY	666,864	1,677,894	428,431	1,462,216
7128	ELDERLY HOUSING	21,644	-	-	4,521,644
Enterprise Funds					
8000	37 ACT	2,798,232	3,117,158	-	(141,071)
8005	AG & NATURAL RESOURCES	466,665	358,580	3,449	355,192
8010	BIA BLDG RESERVE	1,149	-	-	95,032
8015	CDFI	455,273	148,209	62,447	507,856
8020	DUCK CREEK BUS ENTERPRISE	-	-	-	(297,074)
8025	ECONOMIC DEVELOP/LAND	1,319	-	-	109,067
8030	FOUNTAINHEAD CREEK GOLF	558,917	741,952	(423)	101,856
8040	IHS BUILDING RESERVE	447	-	-	36,975
8045	IHS OFFICE BUILDING	38,710	4,101	-	612,122
8055	IRP	12,496	2,545	-	185,762
8065	MUSKOGEE OFFICE BLDG	700,838	127,783	947	5,606,429
8070	RIVERWALK CROSSING	345,889	-	-	(125,439)
8075	ROADS EQUIPMENT POOL	19,302	258,489	56,798	941,572
8080	TOURISM & RECREATION	883,386	1,016,146	31,805	267,424
8081	RECREATION	992,692	736,280	16,232	289,422
8300	INDIAN HEALTH SERVICES	80,093,889	69,416,593	1,457,815	22,850,319
8301	IHS SAP	-	-	-	1,700,000
8302	IHS ARPA	71,253,291	328,854	-	70,577,697
8304	IHS 105 LEASE	4,324,398	-	-	4,324,398
8305	HEALTH 3RD PARTY	126,393,297	86,428,792	6,841,502	43,691,572
8315	EUFAULA JOINT VENTURE CONSTRUCTION	-	326,132	-	21,663
8320	CNCH CONSTRUCTION FUND	-	-	-	1,436,832
8355	MCN MEDICAL CENTER	-	-	-	(863)
Internal Service Funds					
8700	ADMIN/INDIRECT	6,733,565	9,024,220	(2,350,419)	(1,829,563)
8705	CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	3,730,133	956,049	2,734,904	6,056,460
8710	FLEET MANAGEMENT	708,015	780,052	(101,169)	147,539
8715	IT COMMUNICATIONS	199,908	163,583	36,326	141,896
8720	NAHASDA FORCE ACCOUNT	690,927	783,343	(137,550)	(134,688)
8725	NAHASDA MAINTENANCE	15,098	17,550	(2,452)	-
8730	ROADS FORCE ACCOUNT	217,036	223,542	(62,151)	(9,659)
8735	SELF-INSURED HEALTH FUND	40,178,003	31,760,455	8,417,548	33,198,141
8745	TRIBAL REAL PROP & FACILITY	1,836,058	1,946,241	(124,359)	181,264
8900	ADMIN/INDIRECT	9,197,670	7,966,401	971,533	3,690,680
Private Purpose Trust Funds					
9000	BELVIN HILL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP	100	2,000	(1,900)	(1,430)
9005	C.N. FOUND. SCHOLAR FUND	89	-	89	81,337
9010	DORM SCHOLARSHIP FUND	49,263	-	49,263	419,826
9015	HIGHER ED SCHOLARSHIP FUND	83,876	72,086	11,790	168,964
9020	NEIL CAMPBELL SCHOLARSHIP	13	-	13	2,063
9700	MERRILL LYNCH/BOA	14,600,000	19,700,000	(5,100,000)	-

## ADA MAN FOUND GUILTY OF SEXUAL ABUSE AND SEXUAL CONTACT OF TWO MINORS IN INDIAN COUNTRY

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MUSKOGEE, OKLAHOMA - The United States Attorney’s Office for the Eastern District of Oklahoma, announced today that Montelito Sanchez Simpkins, age 36, of Ada, Oklahoma was found guilty by a federal jury of Sexual Abuse of a Minor in Indian Country, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 2243(a), 2246(2) (D), 1151 and 1152 and Abusive Sexual Contact in Indian Country, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 2244(a)(3), 2246(3), 1151 and 1152.

The jury trial began with testimony on Tuesday, October 19, 2021, and concluded on Wednesday, October 20, 2021, with the guilty verdicts returned by the jury after approximately 30 minutes of deliberation. Based on the jury’s verdicts, the defendant is facing over 10 years of imprisonment.

The United States presented evidence that on July 15, 2020, Simpkins touched the genitals of a then 12-year-old girl (not through the clothing). During the same incident, he exposed his genitals to the child and told her he wanted to put it in her. She refused at which point he told her when she was 18, she would be his.

A second, similar incident occurred on September 27, 2020. During a sleepover involving two teenage girls, Simpkins approached a second victim in the middle of the

night. He rubbed his hand over the 13-year-old girl’s legs, inner thigh, and genital area – through her clothes. The child woke her friend, disclosed what had happened and called a family member to pick her up. Parents of both girls became aware of what had happened and confronted Simpkins. Simpkins ran away from the home in Ada and remained at large for more than two months before law enforcement officials were able to locate and arrest him.

The guilty verdicts were the result of an investigation by the Ada Police Department with assistance from the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The United States Attorney’s Office for the Eastern District of Oklahoma prosecuted the case because the child victims in this case are members of federally-recognized Indian tribes and the crimes occurred in Pontotoc County, within the boundaries of the Chickasaw Nation Reservation, and within the Eastern District of Oklahoma. This case was also brought as part of Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative launched in May 2006 by the Department of Justice to combat the growing epidemic of child sexual exploitation and abuse. Led by the United States Attorneys’ Offices and the Criminal Division’s

Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section, Project Safe Childhood marshals federal, state, and local resources to locate, apprehend, and

prosecute individuals who sexually exploit children, and to identify and rescue victims. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit [www.usdoj.gov/psc](http://www.usdoj.gov/psc). For more information about internet safety education, please visit [www.usdoj.gov/psc](http://www.usdoj.gov/psc) and click on the tab “resources.”

The Honorable David Cleveland Joseph, United States District Judge out of the United States District Court for the Western District of Louisiana, temporarily assigned to the Eastern District of Oklahoma, presided over the trial and ordered the completion of a presentence report. Sentencing will be scheduled following the completion of the report. Simpkins was remanded to the custody of the United States Marshal pending the sentencing hearing.

Assistant United States Attorney Edith Singer and Special Assistant United States Attorney Jo E. Lawless represented the United States.



John Daniel McIntosh

John McIntosh, age 67, of Morrilton, Arkansas, passed away Thursday, October 7, 2021. He was born August 27, 1954 in Wichita, Kansas, son of Sian McIntosh and Lillie Scott McIntosh. He was a truck driver for 38

years, and a devoted father and grandfather.

He is survived by the love of his life Lori Henderson McIntosh of Morrilton; daughters Rachel McIntosh of Morrilton, Johnna (Glen) Smith of Glenpool, Oklahoma, and Danyele (Charlie) Harper of Springdale, Arkansas; son, Shane McIntosh of St. Petersburg, Florida; sisters, Joan (Allan) Grider of Glenpool, Oklahoma, Helena Girod of Broken Arrow, Delores (Buster) Mozingo of Tulsa, Oklahoma, and Phyllis Tattershall of Inola, Oklahoma; seven grandchildren; and two great grandchildren He was preceded in death by his parents, Sian and Lillie Scott McIntosh, and his son, Jason Allen McIntosh.

Arrangements are by Harris Funeral Home of Morrilton.

## SUBMISSIONS

<b>Indian Taco Benefit</b>	30925 E 141 St. S, Coweta, OK 74429
Help Braxton represent Muscogee (Creek) Nation and the state of Oklahoma in OKUSA at Virginia Holiday Wrestling Duals on Dec. 9-11.	Date & Time: Nov. 20th from 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Koweta Indian Community Center	Cost: \$8.00 Includes Indian taco, dessert and drink!



In Memoriam



Lydia Fish

Lydia “Jimmie” Ruth Fish, age 78, resided in Oklahoma City. Jimmie was born September 10, 1943, in Wetumka, Oklahoma. She gained her angel wings on October 31, 2021. Her parents are Watie Thomas Wells and Martha Lee Marshall Wells. Her husband was Mitchell Francis Fish.

Jimmie had 3 sons Mitchell Francis Fish Jr., Terry Wayne Fish, and Jimsey Ray Fish. She two daughters Amya Beautiful Fish and Misti Dawn Hines. Jimmie had 17 grandchildren: Mitchell Fish III, Patric Fish, Jeremy Fish, Cara Levario, Lydia Fish, Angel Fish, Matthew Fish, Terry Fish Jr., Joshua Fish, Dagan Ramirez, Molly Ramirez, Natalie Fish, Charli Ahhaitty, Jimsey Fish Jr., Michael Fish, Trever Fish, and Rim Basma.

She had 4 great children: Elizah Fish, Gwendolyn Fish, Nevaeh Fish, and Lyla Huff.

Jimmie had 1 sister Peggy Mundy and 6 brothers: Dillard Wells, Lyle Wells, Ronnie Wells, Billy Dale Wells, Tommy Wells, and Jerry Wells. She had a host of nieces and nephews.

Jimmie worked as an Immunization Coordinator for Variety Health Center until she retired in 2020.

Jimmie was preceded in death by

her parents Watie and Martha Wells, her husband Mitchell Fish, and brothers Dillard and Billy Dale Wells.

Jimmie is survived by her sons Mitchell Fish Jr., Terry Fish, Jimsey Fish, Daughters Amya Fish and Misti Dawn Hines, sister Peggy Mundy, and brothers Lyle, Ronnie, Tommy, and Jerry Wells.

Jimmie loved serving God. She served on the hospitality committee at Glorieta for several decades. She enjoyed spending time with her kids and grandchildren. She loved to cook, sew, and make things. She liked to donate to events that Glorieta sponsored. She had a servant’s heart. She loved family get togethers and watching OU football. She was Amya and her grandkids biggest cheerleader.

Pallbearers are: Jimsey Fish Jr., Michael Fish, Trever Fish, Samuel Hines, Ronnie Wells Jr., and Aaron Wells.

Flower girls are Amya Fish, Misty Dawn Hines, Rim Basma, and Lynnelle Roberts.

Wake Service will be Thursday, November 4, 2021 from 7:00 to 8:00 PM at Glorieta Baptist Church in Oklahoma City, OK with Brother Ledkey McIntosh officiating.

Funeral service will be Friday, November 5, 2021 at 1:00PM at Glorieta Baptist Church in Oklahoma City, OK with Brother Ledkey McIntosh officiating. Lunch will be served prior to service at 11:00 AM at Glorieta.

Burial services will follow funeral services at Kialegee Cemetery Wetumka, OK.

Remember the last words Grandma always said to us whenever we departed, “Love you forever and a day!”

Glorieta Baptist Church  
Kialegee Cemetery  
7308 S. Western Ave  
Oklahoma City, OK 73139  
Wetumka, OK

CORRECTION



Howard L. Cooper

**Branch: U.S. Marine Corps.**

**Years Served: 1966-67**

Howard is a graduate of Sapulpa High School 1965. He enlisted in the Marine Corps and served in Vietnam in 1966-67. He Was awarded a Purple Heart and numerous other awards and citations and is a 100% Disabled Veteran.

After the service, he working and owning several different companies in the construction field. He has been married to his high school sweetheart, Paulette Cooper, for 54 years. Howard has two daughters, Emily Cooper and Melissa (her husband Chris) Francis; three grandchildren Jessica Place, Austin and Lynzie Francis; and two great grandchildren Madilynn and late Brayden Hudson. He is the son of the late Joel A. (Fay) and Nevada (Ralston) Cooper.

He is a member of Bristow Indian Community Center.



James H. Lowe

James H. Lowe passed away October 10, 2021 in his home surrounded by family, and loved ones. He was born December 3, 1950 in Maud, Oklahoma to Reverend Howard and Edna Lowe. People who knew him called him Kono or Coon. He enjoyed watching ball games, telling stories, playing poker, fishing, and going to the casino.

James was a caring and loving

man. He encouraged us with his words of wisdom, love and support. He was proud to be part of the Yeager community. He was a member of the United States Marines Corps. We leaned on him for strength, love, and motivation.

Preceding him in death are his parents Reverend Howard Lowe, Edna Lowe, son Scotty Ray Lowe, sisters; Patsy (Lowe) Harjo and Herriette Lowe.

Survivors are his wife Pat of the home, children; Stacia (Bryan) Goodnight of Tahlequah, Stephen (Cherokee) Lowe of Tahlequah. Galynn Lowe of Yeager, Russell (Nancy) Lowe of Holdenville, and sister Susanna (Elliot) Barnett of Henryetta.

Grandchildren; Luis (Den-nice), Jonathon (Heather), Michael, Joshua, Angel, Kevin (Kandice), Samantha (Cody), Channse, Shannace, Stephen Lowe Jr. (Feather), Jr, Pax, Oske, Maniyah (Jaden), Wecate, Ten-etke, RJ and Taylon Ramirez. 20 great grandchildren, one on the way, and many nephews, nieces, cousins, and friends.

Pallbearers are Luis Navarro, Jonathon Lowe, Michael Lowe, Joshua Kirk, Angel Navarro, Kevin Lowe, Stephen Lowe Jr, Jr Acosta, Wecate Lowe, Tenetke Lowe, RJ Lowe, Taylon Ramirez and Jordan Harjo. Honorary pallbearers are Bunny Powell, Danny Powell, Leo Moppin, Fred Lowe, Chris Franks, Ron Franks, Norman Franks, Channse Lowe and Oske Lowe.

Viewing will be 1:00pm-7:00pm Tuesday, October 12, 2021 at Hudson-Phillips Funeral Home, Holdenville, Oklahoma. He will be taken to the church at 10:00am Wednesday, October 13th.

Wake service will be 7:00pm Wednesday, October 13, 2021 at Tokvbvche Methodist Church in Holdenville.

Funeral service will be 2:00pm Thursday, October 14, 2021 at Tokvbvche Methodist Church in Holdenville with Rev. Paul Fixico officiating assisted by Rev. Frank Moppin and Rev. Mike Deere.

Services are under the direction of Hudson-Phillips Funeral Home, Holdenville, Oklahoma.



DeWayne Holland

DeWayne Holland, age 76, of Seligman, Missouri passed away Wednesday, October 6, 2021 at Mercy Hospital Northwest Arkansas in Rogers, Arkansas.

He was born December 1, 1944 in Houston, Texas, the son of William Lester and Elsie Mae (Huckaby) Holland. On June 21, 1999 in Eureka Springs, Arkansas he was united in marriage to Vicki Porter, who survives. Also surviving are four sons, Marion Holland and his wife Patty of Rogers, Arkansas, Melvin Holland of Jonesboro, Arkansas, Rick Holland and his wife Regina of Bentonville, Arkansas and Casey Hancock and his wife Alica of Joplin,

Missouri; four daughters, Becky Shideler and her husband Clark of Drumright, Oklahoma, Gayla Plank and her husband David of Rogers, Arkansas, Alisha Irvine and her husband Dave of Neosho, Missouri and Teresa McNeil and her husband Bill of Joplin, Missouri; one brother, Lloyd Holland and his wife Jean of Manning, Arkansas; three sisters, Norma Wilkerson of Okmulgee, Oklahoma, Lavon Jackson of Okmulgee, Oklahoma and Sharon Rucker and her husband Jerry of Bismarck, Arkansas; thirty grandchildren; thirty-six great grandchildren and special friend Teresa Caldwell.

Preceding him in death were

his parents; one son, Carlin Hancock; four great grandchildren and three sisters, Joyce Shell, Donna Roberts and Dorothy Standlee.

DeWayne graduated from Diamond High School in Diamond, Missouri. After graduating he started his family while working at several Ford dealerships in Arkansas and Missouri, including Bob Maloney Ford in Rogers Arkansas. Later he would go to work for his son at Holland Advanced Auto, then in 2006 he opened and operated Hollands Mobile RV Service up until he passed away. Going hunting, fishing, exploring caves and walking in the

woods were some of his favorite pastimes. He enjoyed going to Jimmy Swaggart Camp Meetings and would go prospecting when in Colorado. He was an animal lover, especially cats, loved building things with his hands and was a proud member of Muscogee (Creek) Nation.

Services will be held at 10:00 A.M. Monday, October 11, 2021 at Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville. Pastor Euel Bilderback and Pastor Cliff Copher will conduct the services. Burial will be at Corinth Cemetery in Cassville.

The family will receive friends from 2:00 until 4:00 P.M. Sunday at Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville.

LEGALS

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

IN THE MATTER OF: )  
T.B.; DOB: 10/18/2020 )  
Alleged Deprived Child. )

NOTICE OF HEARING TO:

Mvpettv Berryhill, Natural Mother to T.B.

YOU ARE HEREBY GIVEN NOTICE that a Petition to Terminate Parental Rights has been filed against you in the above-styled and numbered cause and will be heard in the District Courtroom of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, Tribal Complex in Okmulgee, Oklahoma on the 10th day of February, 2022 @ 9:00 a.m.

YOU ARE HEREBY INFORMED that it is sought by the Muscogee (Creek) Nation that the child remain a ward of the Court and custody be continued in the Children and Family Services Administration for continued foster placement of possible pre-adoptive placement. YOU ARE FURTHER INFORMED that you have the right to be represented by legal counsel at this hearing.

FURTHERMORE, failure to appear at the hearing shall constitute a denial of interest in the child, which denial may result, without further notice of this proceeding or any subsequent proceeding, in the termination of your parental rights.

*[Signature]*  
JUDGE OF THE DISTRICT COURT

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE MUSCOGEE CREEK NATION

IN THE MATTER OF )  
THE GUARDIANSHIP OF: )  
ERIC J. BEMORE, )  
Minor Child. )

Case No. GD-2009-31-SP

**ORDER AND NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GENERAL GUARDIAN**

NOTICE is hereby given that Tiffany L. Ellis has filed in the District Court of the Muscogee Creek Nation, a petition requesting the appointment of a General Guardian of the person and property of Eric J. Bemore.

THAT the 7th day of December 2021 at the hour of 11 o'clock, a.m., via Bluejeans has been designated as the time and place for hearing the petition, when and where any persons interested may appear and show cause, if any they have, why such appointment should not be made.

DATED this 28 day of October 2021.

*[Signature]*  
JUDGE OF THE MUSCOGEE CREEK NATION



Fiscal Year 2022

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 \$312,692,414.48

Total expenditures and encumbrances for FY20, FY21, and FY22 as of this report date equals, **\$308,016,981.73**

The following report has been submitted for the publication date of **NOVEMBER 15TH**.

ACCOUNT NUMBER	PROGRAM NAME/ ACCOUNT NAME	AMOUNT BUDGETED	EXPENDED	ENCUMBERED	CASH BALANCE
	<b>FLEET MANAGEMENT</b>				
50000	Salary & Wages - FT	-	46.34	-	-46.34
50020	Salary & Wages - O/T Over 1.5	-	695.98	-	-695.98
51000	Fringe - FT	-	391.33	-	-391.33
53000	Supplies	-	-	-	-
54000	Contractual	-	-	-	-
57000	Indirect Costs	-	40.32	-	-40.32
	<b>SOCIAL SERVICES</b>				
50000	Salary & Wages - FT	885.89	-	-	885.89
50020	Salary & Wages - O/T Over 1.5	4,770.59	-	-	4,770.59
51000	Fringe - FT	-	-	-	-
53000	Supplies	36.00	-	-	36.00
57000	Indirect Costs	-	-	-	-
59040	Burial	270,000.00	-	-	270,000.00
59050	Food Purchases	30,000.00	-	-	30,000.00
59071	Direct Assist - Income Support	223,181.41	-	-	223,181.41
59072	Direct Assist - Hardship	183,188.07	-	-	183,188.07
	<b>TOTAL</b>	712,061.96	1,173.97	-	710,887.99
	<b>CONTRACT HEALTH</b>				
50090	Salary& Wages- FP	63,635.41	-	-	63,635.41
51100	Salary& Wages - PT/Other	9,837.80	-	-	9,837.80
53000	Supplies	21,000.00	-	-	21,000.00
54100	Non-Medical	10,523.00	0.00	-	10,523.00
59070	Direct Assistance	36,208.12	-14,480.84	-	50,688.96
99980	CHS Accrual	-	-545.73	-	545.73
	<b>FACILITIES MANAGEMENT</b>				
53000	Supplies	7,496.03	-	-	7,496.03
85010	Architect & Engineering	2,700.00	-	-	2,700.00
85050	Renovations	142,651.31	-	-	142,651.31
	<b>HEALTH INFO MANAGEMENT</b>				
50000	Salary & Wages - FT	-	107,558.21	-	-107,558.21
51000	Fringe - FT	-	54,822.00	-	-54,822.00
	<b>OKEMAH HOSPITAL</b>				
53000	Supplies	44,866.46	-	-	44,866.46
53050	Medical Supplies	10,625.03	-	-	10,625.03
85500	Equipment	194.03	-	-	194.03
	<b>OKMULGEE MEDICAL CENTER</b>				
53000	Supplies	256,969.47	-	-	256,969.47
53050	Medical Supplies	18,027.33	-	-	18,027.33
53290	Postage/Shipping	50,000.00	-	-	50,000.00
85500	Equipment	19,851.53	-	-	19,851.53
	<b>LTACH</b>				
53000	Supplies	4,277.85	-	-	4,277.85
85500	Equipment	324.03	-	-	324.03
	<b>SKILLED NURSING FACILITY</b>				
53000	Supplies	5.09	-	-	5.09
85500	Equipment	889.39	-	-	889.39
	<b>TOTAL</b>	700,081.88	147,353.64	-	552,728.24