



Braleigh King signs her letter of intent with parents Clint and Lisa King along with Assistant Softball Coach Anthony Wisenhunt. (Morgan Taylor/Reporter)

MOSS SENIOR SIGNS LETTER OF INTENT

FIRST BASEMAN
BRALEIGH KING SIGNS
TO PLAY SOFTBALL AT
EASTERN OKLAHOMA
STATE COLLEGE

by MORGAN TAYLOR
REPORTER

HOLDENVILLE, Oklahoma – Moss High School Senior and Muscogee (Creek) citizen Braleigh King spent the morning of her birthday signing her Letter of Intent to play softball at Eastern Oklahoma State College in Wilburton.

King is a first baseman and talented batter. She is going to major in Early Childhood Education.

The Oklahoma Fast Pitch Coaches Association for the All-State games which takes place in

June 2022, announced King as a player on Nov. 2.

It has been a dream of King's to play at the next level.

Over the course of her softball career, King has acquired several trophies, medals, awards and recognition. She is four-time medalist from the Top Gun Invitation.

For the last three years, King has played on Force 03 and previously played with Angels and Oklahoma Athletics.

Parents Lisa and Clint King said Braleigh has spent her childhood playing softball, starting with little league and even playing on several traveling competitive teams.

King's father Clint remembers her first over-the-fence homerun when she was just eight years old.

King said it was a good day to sign her letter, which happened to be her birthday.

"I am just thankful for all the support and for everyone who has been there," she said.

King stated she is nervous to be moving away from home but excited for her journey.

CITIZEN FIGHTS FOR QUALITY OF LIFE

KASECA OPPOSES HAVING A MEDICAL MARIJUANA SITE BUILT IN MUSKOGEE NEIGHBORHOOD

by MORGAN TAYLOR
REPORTER

MUSKOGEE, Oklahoma – Muscogee (Creek) citizen Patricia Kaseca has been protesting the City Council of Muskogee's decision to re-zone 5028 W. Okmulgee in order to operate a marijuana dispensary or a grow farm at this location.

Kaseca will attend a meeting that will decide to proceed with the rezone or to quit on Jan. 10.

It was sometime in August when Kaseca receive a notice from the City of Muskogee stating the property would be rezoned.

After attending a City Council meeting in September, Kaseca discovered the intentions of the city was to put in a dispensary at the site. "I signed up to talk and told the council I was opposed to them putting a dispensary so close to my house," Kaseca said. "Because of the odor and toxic chemicals that come out of these places."

Kaseca went to City meetings regularly upholding her opposition along with others who live in the same neighborhood.

A local neighbor partnered with Kaseca to learn the city's ordinances to see what they could find.

Kaseca claims the City of Muskogee is in violation of its own ordinances, specifically Article 16 - Medical Marijuana, Section 22-675 and Section 22-676.

In her interpretation of ordinance 675, Kaseca said that it specifies dispensaries and grow farms are "public nuisances."

"A "Public Nuisance" is one that interferes with the health, safety, and welfare of Muskogee citizens and there are 39 of them



The property to be rezoned for the new development 5028 W. Okmulgee St. Muskogee, OK. (Morgan Taylor/Reporter)

(dispensaries/grow houses) all over the city," Kaseca said.

Article 16, Medical Marijuana - Section 22-676 cites, "Buildings where medical marijuana is stored or dispensed must be equipped with ventilation and air filtration systems so that no odors are detectable off premises."

Kaseca claimed according to this ordinance, every marijuana dispensary and grow farm in Muskogee is in violation of this ordinance because the city has an odor problem.

"The City Council must take action to correct this infraction," she said.

When Kaseca asked the City Council why they are violating their own ordinances, she said she did not receive an answer.

"This site is within 300 feet of my home," Kaseca said. "The re-zoning order will greatly impact the quality of life for me by jeopardizing my health, safety and welfare. There are several reasons why this entire project is out of order."

It is Kaseca's belief this was the plan all along even before notifying the residents.

"The reason I believe this is because at the October 12, 2021, meeting, the City Attorney stated several ways that he would establish the marijuana dispensary at 5028 W. Okmulgee," she claimed. "His plan involves modifying the ordinance pertaining to marijuana shops and grow farms that define "public nuisances," so that they are no longer nuisances."

Kaseca said her own district representative is in favor of marijuana businesses in Muskogee.

"...Which means my neighborhood," Kaseca said. "Council Representatives usually try to help the residents in a community when it comes to their health, safety, and welfare."

After a meeting on Nov. 22, Kaseca gave an oral statement in front of the council stating her opposition.

The council then decided to table the discussion until the Jan. 10 meeting. This is a developing story.

OLD FIGHTS, NEW ONE, CHANGES

BATTLES WITH THE GOVERNOR, PEOPLE NEWS, NAME CHANGES

by GARY FIFE
RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

OKMULGEE, Oklahoma—With the start of a new year, new challenges and changes face the Nation. But we still have to deal with some old ones and some that never seem to go away.

First of all, there's the growing split with Oklahoma Governor Kevin Stitt. Although there are many who will still say that's not the case. There are major issues that have been raised in the last year.

The State has called for and received another review of the McGirt case by the U.S. Supreme Court, questioning the legal existence of Mvskoke reservation jurisdiction. Lately, it's been new arguments over hunting and fishing licenses, oil and gas regulations, and mining authority.

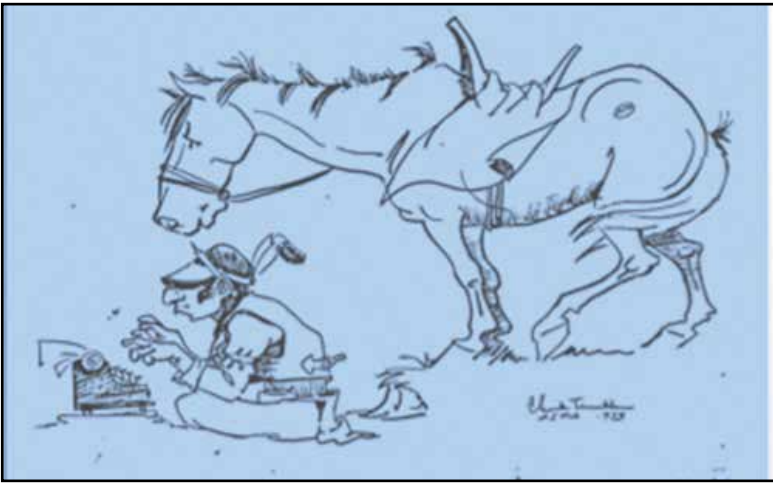
All this Stitt said, would be good for "all Oklahomans." But it seems like for that 'benefit' to happen, tribes must give up the right to determine what happens on the lands that the U.S Supreme Court has reaffirmed fall under

tribal control. Hey Man, we've been playing by your rules, why can't you abide by them?

On to some more stuff. Native peoples have lost some of our treasured cultural icons. Famed ballerina Marjorie Tallchief has passed on, according to the Tulsa World. Once part of the group known as the "Five Moons", the Osage dancer had a career that graced stages around the world. She died at her home in Delray Beach, Florida at the age of 95.

Also passing from us, singer and musician Joanne Shenandoah died at the end of November. She was recognized as one of the leaders in the growth of Native music and philosophy. An Oneida, according to a report from Native News Online, Shenandoah had a string of honors including 14 Native American Music Awards and a Grammy.

On the brighter side...The new Native produced TV series, "Reservation Dogs" has been nominated for Golden Globe Award for 2022. It is in the Best Television Series-Musical or Comedy.



The award is given out by the Hollywood Foreign Press Association. It is unusual for a TV series to receive such a nomination in its first year of production. Winners are announced January 9th.

Speaking of awards, Executive Producer Sterlin Harjo has been named as one of the Tulsans Of The Year by the Tulsa World Magazine. And, to add to that, Mvskoke Principal Chief David Hill is among the local chiefs also named as Tulsans of the Year. Also named were Chuck Hoskin Jr. of the Cherokee Nation and Geoffrey Standing Bear of the Osage.

Canada has conferred an honor on Cree singer and activist singer. Buffy Sainte-Marie's image has been added to a commemorative postage stamp. The image

used is from her album 'Coincidence and Likely Stories.'

U.S. Interior Secretary Deb Haaland has issued a directive and formed a committee to eliminate the names for federal lands that use names offensive to Native Americans. An Interior news release said, "Racist terms have no place in our vernacular or on our federal lands. Our nation's lands and waters should be places to celebrate the outdoors and our shared cultural heritage – not to perpetuate the legacies of oppression." Her action will include 660 federal sites.

Well done, Ms. Haaland. The National Congress of American Indians added its voice to the call. NCAI stated: "The use of hateful and derogatory rhetoric prevents

our fellow Americans from valuing the rich histories and vibrant cultures of the many thriving, contemporary sovereign nations that still exist today."

More old derogatory names for our peoples are being tossed out. A ski lodge in Maine is discarding its old name: "Big S...w" Mountain Resort. A replacement has not been announced, according to Native News Online.

But, not everybody is happy on this issue. In Connecticut, a school board member got knocked down by a community member in an argument over a tomahawk. Imagine, two stehvtke fighting over an 'Indian' symbol for a school logo. My, my...

New National Council members are being sworn in right about now. Three incumbents were unseated in the last election. This should produce some new dynamics and possibly, direction for our tribe.

I hope so. There are a lot of big and tough challenges on the agenda facing them.

Have a good 2022. Hvtvm cerecares—I will see you. Disclaimer: The views expressed are those of the author and not necessarily those of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation.

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AG ROGER WILEY NOMINATED TO SERVE AS CHIEF JUDGE

LIGHTHORSE RECEIVES GRANT FUNDS FROM DOJ

by **MORGAN TAYLOR**
REPORTER

OKMULGEE, Oklahoma - A Muscogee (Creek) Nation National Council Business, Finance and Justice Committee meeting was held Dec. 13 at the Mound Building.

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

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

NCR 21-013
Approving the Consulting Agreement between the MCN National Council and Jeff Fife. Representative Adam Jones III sponsored the legislation, which failed 1-3. Reps. Patrick Freeman, Robert Hufft and Travis Scott voted no.

Rep. Jones made a motion to go into Executive Session with no action taken. Rep. Jones claimed that he proposed this legislation because he believes Fife has experience in working with McGirt.

Rep. Hufft said that he believes Fife would be a good asset but would like to present this to the new council in a few weeks.

TR 21-158
Upholding and enforcing the official name and seal of the MCN. Rep. Jones sponsored the legislation, which was postponed to be addressed until Dec. 18 with a vote of 4-0.

According to Kyle Haskins, he claimed since the official name is the Muscogee (Creek) Nation that any legal binding documents, contracts, etc.

using any other name would not be legal.

Kyle Lee claimed the new name Muscogee Nation is for branding purposes only not legal purposes.

Rep. Adam Jones made a motion to postpone until Dec. 18, which passed with a vote of 4-0.

TR 21-165
Approving extension of the Management Agreement between Ruth's Hospitality Group, INC and the Gaming Operations Authority Board. Rep. Patrick Freeman Jr. sponsored the legislation, which passed 4-0.

The GOAB desires to renew the Management Agreement for an additional five-year term.

TR 21-170
Confirming the nomination of Roger Wiley to serve as the Chief Judge of the District Trial Court for the MCN. Rep. Jones sponsored the legislation, which passed 4-0.

The National Council will interview Wiley during the Dec. 18 Pre-Agenda.

NCA 21-153
Authorizing the expenditure of funds in the amount of \$288,413 for the benefit of the MCN Lighthorse Police Department for the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services 2021 Cops Office Tribal Resources Grant Program – Equipment and Training. Rep. William Lowe sponsored the legislation, which passed 4-0.

Funds will be used to pay for trainings, vehicles, uniform and equipment for two officers.

NCA 21-154
Authorizing the expenditure of funds in the amount of \$600,359 for the benefit of the MCN Lighthorse Police Department for the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services 2021 Cops Office Tribal Resources Grant Program – Equipment and Training. Rep. Lowe sponsored the legislation, which passed 4-0.

Funds will be used to hire two officers for a period of five years.

NCA 21-155
Repealing MCNCA Title 17, Chapter 8, entitled "Gaming Operation Authority Board." Rep. Patrick Freeman Jr. sponsored the legislation and co-sponsored by Reps. Jones and Robert Hufft, which passed 4-0.

Replacing the GOAB with a Tribal Limited Liability Company to administer and manage the Nation's gaming facilities and operations.

NCA 21-156
Authorizing the Execution and File Articles of Organization with the Office of the Secretary of the Nation and Commerce to form "Muscogee Nation Gaming Enterprises, LLC" under the MCN Limited Liability Company Act and approving the operating agreement for "Muscogee Nation Gaming Enterprises



A Muscogee (Creek) Nation National Council Business, Finance and Justice Committee meeting was held December 13 by teleconference. (MM File)

LLC." Representative Patrick Freeman Jr. sponsored the legislation and co-sponsored by Reps. Jones and Robert Hufft, which passed 4-0.

Creation of Muscogee Nation Gaming Enterprises, LLC would contribute to the social, physical well-being and economic advancement of the citizens of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation by providing funds for governmental services, programs, health centers and general welfare activities.

NCA 21-157
Amending MCNCA Title 37, 2-203 to alter the distribution of funds. Rep. Lowe sponsored the legislation, which passed 4-0.

The amendment adds FY

2022 gaming revenue so that no funds shall be deposited into the Permanent Fund but instead shall be deposited into the Gaming Fund.

NCA 21-158
Approving a Continuing Budget Ordinance and providing appropriations and authorization for expenditures for FY 2022. Rep. Hufft sponsored the legislation, which passed 4-0.

Continuing Budget Ordinance is needed to provide funding to all three branches of government until such time that the FY 2022 Comprehensive Annual Budget is approved. Meetings and agendas can be viewed at www.mcnncc.com.

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LUCINDA HICKORY INSTITUTE PRESENTS TO COMMITTEE

OKMULGEE, Oklahoma - A Muscogee (Creek) Nation National Council Land, Natural Resources and Cultural Preservation Committee meeting was held Dec. 7 via teleconference.

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

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

TR 21-164

Authorizing the construction of the Tribal Master Site Plan Capitol Complex Project for the MCN. Representative Darrell Proctor sponsored the legislation, which was postponed indefinitely with a 3-0 vote.

The MCN engaged New Fire Design Group PLLC to complete the Tribal Master Suite Plan in

2018, which included conceptual plans for all tribal properties with the approximate five- to seven-mile radius surrounding the existing Tribal Complex.

The project consists of five new buildings and other associated site elements and infrastructure as required to support the facilities and connected existing building with central plazas, sidewalks, outdoor gathering space, etc. in order to implement a connected, walkable and safer campus as described in the MCN Master Plan Site.

The project will include a four-story Tribal Services/Member Services building, a single-story Court House, a three-story Education and Training/Cultural Archives and Preservation Building, a two-story Lighthorse Administration Building, and a Central Utility Plan with size to be determined.

MCN Secretary of Interior Affairs Jesse Allen made request to

indefinitely post-poned and revisited legislation at the beginning of the year. According to Allen, a separate piece of legislation is in the development stages that will go along with this resolution.

In other business, Tatianna Duncan presented to the Council on behalf of Lucinda Hickory Research Institute. Duncan is the Founder and Executive Director for the Institute. She is requesting office space from the National Council for research purposes.

MCN Cultural Preservation Manager RaeLynn Butler and Archaeological Technician Turner Hunt request to update the committee on property in Georgia, which went into executive session.

Yeager Mission Baptist Church sent an email to the committee members, an email that Chairman Mark Randolph requested that they read and reply.

Full meetings and agendas can be viewed at: www.mcnn.com.

Dear Mvskoke Media,
The following dates are of transactions, applications, portals used to receive the Direct Assistance Recovery Money from Muscogee Nation.

September 10, 2021

Completed the direct assistance application on the Camphouse Portal.

October 1, 2021

Completed the vaccination incentive application on the Camphouse Portal.

November 19, 2021

Many citizens have been trying to reach the Camphouse Hot line for over a month. Calling ARPA Direct Assistance — 918-549-2885 many times. November 19, 2021, my call was answered after a 2 hour 10 minute wait. Other wait times were 3, 4 5 hours without success. I verified myself and asked the employee to speak with my wife about the card issue. We were told the NetSpend card was mailed out September 30, 2021. We were told we must call NetSpend at 877-562-2235. After the application is sent to NetSpend Muscogee Nation is no longer involved.

We asked about the \$500 vaccination incentive. At first were told no vaccine application was received. Then told no vaccine verification card had been submitted. After research the employee found both. We asked if the \$500 would be placed on the NetSpend Card and when. The employee said the vaccination application now went to the Vaccination Verification Department and did not know anything else.

We then called NetSpend. They asked for social security number which we did not give. We did give them the last four of the social security number. We were told the card was mailed September 30, 2021 and had not been activated. They asked if we wanted a 2 to 3 day mail out for a fee of \$25, or free for an 8 to 10 day mail out. We opted for the free mail out. The agent then said she would waive the \$5 fee to replace the lost card and if a new card was not received within 8 to 10 days we should call NetSpend again for yet another replacement card.

November 26, 2021

Finally, November 26, 2021 the card was received. I called the number to activate the card, was asked for the last four of my social security number.

Then was asked to ACCEPT NetSpend's terms and conditions and that the funds would not be released if they were not accepted.

A threat of not receiving funds from a company that no citizen chose to do business with is alarming. No citizen of Muscogee Nation has applied for a card with NetSpend for the Tribal Recovery money. I activated the card.

November 29, 2021

Received an e-mail from SmartOne Disbursement<cardfieinail.netsnend.coin asking: How was your Activation? E-mail address, birthdate, social security numbers, addresses and tribal enrollment number all in the hands of NetSpend without authorization?

November 29, 2021

I went to my financial institution for assistance. They do not do business with Netspend. They directed me to Arvest Bank. Went to Arvest Bank and was charged \$3 to get the funds.

Questions:

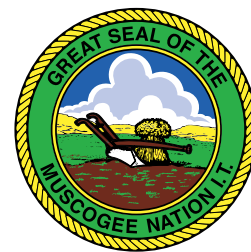
1. Who authorized citizens personal information to be given to NetSpend?
2. Was there a contract with NetSpend?
3. Who signed the contract?
4. Did the National Council approve the contract?
5. How much was paid to NetSpend?
6. Are the millions and millions of dollars in NetSpend control?
7. Who gets the fees charged when using NetSpend's card?
8. Has the \$2,000 been sitting in NetSpend's account for the two months the card was lost?
9. If cards are not activated, where does the \$2,000 go?
10. Is there any information from NetSpend on total dollars distributed to our people?
11. Who has control of the citizens funds since after the application process MCN is out of the loop?

Mvto,

Former Principal Chief A.D. Ellis



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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

I have read articles after articles about the McGirt case ruling of the United States Supreme Court ruling on July 9th of 2020 that the State of Oklahoma does not have jurisdiction in Indian Country. Governor Stitt and now John O'Connor have been challenging the landmark ruling of the U.S. Supreme Court. There two top leaders seem not to understand that this is Indian Territory before statehood (Oklahoma) and it will always be Indian Country, 1907 when Oklahoma became statehood, state of Oklahoma, Kansas, Louisiana, and Nebraska overstepped its authority to take over federal and tribal government into their justice system and exercise the state jurisdiction over Native American reservation and prosecute Native American and non-natives for crimes that were committed in and on native reservations for over 113 years. Throughout

most of the 1800s courts recognized that states had no jurisdiction over crimes committed within Indian Country, in 1953, Congress enacted Public Law 83-280, what is commonly referred to as the Termination Era, under PL 280 Note: Oklahoma does not have PL 83-280. In 1968, Congress enacted the Indian Civil Rights Act (ICRA); the act extended certain federal rights to Indians in Indian Country, Tribal Government are not subject to the Bill of Rights. In addition to extending certain rights to Indian Country, the ICRA restricted the sentencing power of tribal courts, when originally passed, the act limited tribal courts sentence to six months in jail and 5,000 for any offense. In 1986, Congress increased the sentencing authority under (ICRA) Congress, reinstated felony-sentencing authority, in 2010 by passing the Tribal Law and Order Act (TLOA). TLOA allows tribal courts to sen-

tence defendants to jail or prison for offenses that are committed on Indian land or reservations. In 1990, the Supreme Court held in *Duro v. Reina* that tribal criminal jurisdiction only extended to Indians who were members of that tribe. In response, Congress quickly enacted legislation clarifying that tribes have the inherent sovereign authority to prosecute any Indian, regardless of tribal affiliation.

The *Duro* legislation fix was upheld in *United States v. Lata* in which a majority of the court held that the implicit divestiture doctrine is a pronouncement of federal common law not constitutional law. 19th of June 2021, Elizabeth Prelogat, in which she agreed with Bosse, that Oklahoma lacks power to try him for offenses against Native Americans, there is no basis, Prelogat wrote to reverse the long held understanding of the division of federal, state and tribal jurisdiction in Indian Country to the contrary she concluded this court has reaffirmed the established rule that

a state does not have jurisdiction over offenses by non-Indian against Indian in Indian Country, the courts would deny Oklahoma request.

There is not basis for state of Oklahoma in Eastern Oklahoma and the surrounding area for 113 years. This is Indian Territory, Governor Stitt and Attorney General John O'Connor needs to understand Precedent. 1. A judicial decision that should followed by a judge. When deciding a later or similar case, 2. Dictum – to serve as for a pending case, 3. state decides [to stand by things that have been settled] (as to prevent the perpetuation of injustice) of Notice; bar Attorney General John O'Connor under frivolous, no basis of merits in either law or facts. A court is authorized to impose sanction for violation of the Rule 11 – federal. Oklahoma Attorney General John O'Connor has filed over 30 petitions challenging the landmark ruling in the U.S. Supreme Court. Inmates in correctional centers only can file one appeal to the court of appeals, if

denied, can't file anymore on same basis. So what gives the Attorney General the right to file 30 challenges t the Supreme Court of the same basis? Oct 21, 2021, the Oklahoma Court of Criminal Appeals made a ruling in a case involving Jeremy Lawhorn, a Cherokee Nation citizen. The appellate court agreed with Lawhorn's assertion that the state did not have jurisdiction to try him because he was a member of a federally-recognized tribe charged with committing a felony within Quapaw Nation Reservation. The ruling in McGirt governs this case and requires us to find the State of Oklahoma is without jurisdiction to prosecute Lawhorn.

Governor Stitt needs to stand aside and let the tribes of handle their business with their own tribal members and their justice system. Tribal Nations can handle the case-loads of Oklahoma of their wrong doings over 113 years. Respectfully, let the tribal nation run their reservation as the always did.

Anonymous Writer



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School with take place Feb. 11, Middle School Feb. 18 and Elementary Feb. 25. Competition times will be 7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

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IN THE ADOPTION OF: **FILED**
S. R. B., **2021 NOV 03 A 3 26**
DOB: 07/03/2020 **MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION**
A Minor Child. **DISTRICT COURT**
Case No. AD-2021-23

**ORDER AND NOTICE OF HEARING APPLICATION FOR ORDER
DETERMINING CHILD TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR ADOPTION
WITHOUT CONSENT OF UNKNOWN FATHER**

TO: Unknown Father

On 1 day of November 2021, an Application was filed in this Court for a determination that and S. R. B., a minor child born out of wedlock in Tahlequah, Oklahoma on July 3, 2020, be declared eligible for adoption without the consent of the Unknown Father, so that the adoption of said child may occur. Said Application is set for hearing on the 8th day of February 2022 at the hour of 9:00 a.m. in Muscogee (Creek) Nation District Court.

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

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YOUR FAILURE TO APPEAR AT SAID HEARING SHALL COMMUNICATE YOUR DECISION NOT TO OPPOSE THE APPLICATION TO DETERMINE THE CHILD ELIGIBLE FOR ADOPTION WITHOUT CONSENT AND SHALL COMMUNICATE A DENIAL OF YOUR INTEREST IN THE CHILD, WHICH DENIAL SHALL RESULT, WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE TO YOU OF THIS OR ANY SUBSEQUENT PROCEEDING, IN THE GRANTING OF THE APPLICATION FOR ADOPTION WITHOUT CONSENT AND IN THE CHILD'S ADOPTION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAWS OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION. YOU ARE ALSO NOTIFIED THAT YOUR DUTY TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE SUPPORT OF THE CHILD STILL CONTINUES AFTER YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS HAVE BEEN TERMINATED UNTIL ADOPTION HAS BEEN FINALIZED.

Signed and dated this 10th day of December 2021.

JUDGE OF THE DISTRICT COURT

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

IN RE THE MARRIAGE OF: **DISTRICT COURT FILED**
Austin Jones **2021 NOV 29 P 3 51**
Petitioner **MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION**
vs **Case No. DV-2021-22-5P**
Johnda Jones
Respondent.

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE:

To the above-named Respondent: Johnda Jones, whereabouts unknown and all interested persons take notice that Austin Jones has petitioned to dissolve his marriage to Johnda Jones. A Hearing on said petition is set for 9:00 a.m. on the 16th day of January 2022, before Judge Shannon Prescott in her courtroom located in the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Mound Building, Okmulgee, OK. Should you know of some reason why this dissolution of marriage should not be allowed, you must file a written protest in the above styled and numbered cause prior to the above date with the Clerk of this Court. Should you fail to do so, the Petition for Dissolution of Marriage will be granted as prayed. Witness my hand and seal this 29 day of November, 2021.

Donna Beaver, Court Clerk
By:
Deputy Court Clerk

ATTORNEY OF RECORD:
Brenda S. Golden, MCN #792
P. O. Box 741
Okmulgee, OK 74447

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

IN RE: **DISTRICT COURT FILED**
Name Change, Adult **2021 NOV 29 P 3 58**
Mark Maxey, Petitioner **MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION**
Case No. NV-2021-112SL
DONNA BEAVER COURT CLERK

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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, **\$305,507,768.16**

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

ACCOUNT NUMBER	PROGRAM NAME/ ACCOUNT NAME	AMOUNT BUDGETED	EXPENDED	ENCUMBERED	CASH BALANCE
	PRINCIPAL CHIEF				
56010	Donations	39,187.20	-	-	39,187.20
	SECRETARY OF NATION				
53000	Supplies	196.00	-	-	196.00
54000	Contractual <5K	383,112.56	-	-	383,112.56
59220	Grants	2,496.53	-	-	2,496.53
	MARKETING & TOURISM				
59050	Food Purchases	10,981.65	-	-	10,981.65
	CONTRACTING EMPLOYMENT				
53000	Supplies	8.25	-	-	8.25
55210	Communications - Other	2,919.60	-	-	2,919.60
59220	Grants	1,824,856.91	-	-	1,824,856.91
	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY				
53000	Supplies	102,193.91	574.39	(556.20)	102,175.72
53010	Software/Licenses	804,417.40	85,036.38	179,834.75	539,546.27
55210	Communications - Other	100,000.00	12,801.60	-	87,198.40
55300	Bldg Maint/Repairs	34,291.23	-	34,221.32	69.91
85500	Equipment	100,000.67	-	-	100,000.67
	FLEET MANAGEMENT				
50000	Salary & Wages - FT	2,906.94	355.29	-	2,551.65
50020	Salary & Wages - O/T Over 1.5	3,293.77	4,693.19	-	(1,399.42)
50100	Salary & Wages - PT	1,888.00	-	-	1,888.00
51000	Fringe - FT	6,800.00	2,604.96	-	4,195.04
51100	Fringe - PT	290.47	-	-	290.47
53000	Supplies	1,143,903.95	23,815.68	206,570.00	913,518.27
53290	Postage/Shipping	13,775.14	5,781.38	-	7,993.76
54000	Contractual <5K	16,229.80	4,474.24	3,376.78	8,378.78
55300	Bldg Maint/Repairs	1,315.00	-	800.00	515.00
57000	Indirect Costs	(101.52)	430.68	-	(532.20)
85400	Vehicles	5,455.00	-	-	5,455.00
85500	Equipment	125,792.06	-	-	125,792.06
	SOCIAL SERVICES				
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	(3,950.88)	-	-	(3,950.88)
53000	Supplies	36.00	-	-	36.00
54000	Contractual <5K	9,294.24	-	-	9,294.24
59040	Burial	263,370.64	262,797.97	-	572.67
59050	Food Purchases	1,423.29	-	-	-
59071	Direct Assist - Income Support	223,181.41	4,425.00	-	218,756.41
59072	Direct Assist - Hardship	183,188.07	3,500.00	-	179,688.07
	SENIOR SERVICES				
53000	Supplies	14,635.99	-	-	14,635.99
	FOOD DISTRIBUTION				
53000	Supplies	4,784.95	-	-	4,784.95
85050	Renovations	2,712.52	-	-	2,712.52
85170	Construction	282,262.30	-	180,698.50	101,563.80
85500	Equipment	131,250.00	-	131,250.00	-
	ELDERLY NUTRITION				
53000	Supplies	1,048.00	339.96	-	708.04
55100	Utilities	1,431.00	-	-	1,431.00
85170	Construction	25,028.07	-	-	25,028.07
	SECRETARY OF EDUCATION				
50000	Salary& Wages- FT	407.67	-	-	407.67
50020	Salary& Wages - O/T over 1.5	33,638.14	-	-	33,638.14
51000	Fringe - FT	19,109.43	-	-	19,109.43
53000	Supplies	234,396.23	-	-	234,396.23
56030	Stipends/Honorariums	15,000.00	-	-	15,000.00
59073	Direct Assistance - Education Support	4,506.76	-	-	4,506.76
	MCN MEAT PROCESSING PLANT				
53000	Supplies	21,360.43	3,322.86	(1,722.86)	19,760.43
85010	Architect & Engineering	30,237.18	7,975.53	(7,975.53)	30,237.18
85170	Construction	1,339,411.71	-	-	1,339,411.71
85500	Equipment	150,511.47	-	-	150,511.47
	REAL ESTATE SERVICES				
54000	Contractual <5K	903.17	-	-	903.17
	CULTURAL PRESERVATION				
59220	Grants	0.05	-	-	0.05
	TRIBAL CONSTRUCTION				
85010	Architect & Engineering	16,082.65	-	-	16,082.65
85170	Construction	124,763.00	-	-	124,763.00
	SECRETARY OF INTERIOR AFFAIRS				
58010	Construction	15,665.36	-	-	15,665.36
	OFFICE OF TAX COMMISSION				
54000	Contractual <5K	10,797.00	-	-	10,797.00
55300	Bldg Maintenance	1,500.00	-	-	1,500.00
85500	Equipment	1.03	-	-	1.03
	CITIZENSHIP BOARD				
53000	Supplies	5,813.70	-	-	5,813.70
54000	Contractual <5K	88,600.00	-	-	88,600.00
	DISTRICT COURT				
85500	Equipment	16,250.00	-	-	16,250.00
	TOTAL	8,000,517.58	424,352.40	726,496.76	6,849,668.42
	CONTRACT HEALTH				
59070	Direct Assistance	9,702.41	(50,691.03)	-	60,393.44
99980	CHS Accrual	-	(922.03)	-	922.03
	SECRETARY OF HEALTH				
59070	Direct Assistance	57,000.00	-	-	57,000.00
85500	Equipment	6,134.68	-	-	6,134.68
	FACILITIES MANAGEMENT				
85010	Architect & Engineering	2,700.88	-	-	2,700.88
85050	Renovations	-	(3,086.62)	-	3,086.62
85500	Equipment	162,056.53	75,527.07	-	86,529.46
	HEALTH INFO MANAGEMENT				
50000	Salary & Wages - FT	65,171.77	178,521.17	-	(113,349.40)
51000	Fringe - FT	36,691.70	(5,401.87)	-	42,093.57
53000	Supplies	0.75	475.71	(475.71)	0.75
53060	Supply - Computer/Print/lpad	108.99	-	-	108.99
53320	Software Maint Contract	109,398.36	-	-	109,398.36
54100	Non-Medical Service Contract	1,317,754.52	-	-	1,317,754.52
	OKEMAH HOSPITAL				
50000	Salary & Wages - FT	6,977.69	-	-	6,977.69
50090	Salary & Wages-Float Pool	367.08	-	-	367.08
51000	Fringe - FT	3,816.30	-	-	3,816.30
51100	Fringe - PT	8.10	-	-	8.10
53050	Medical Supplies Non-Billable	7,683.70	-	-	7,683.70
53290	Postage/Shipping	135.26	-	-	135.26
54370	Nursing Contract	205,060.18	73,181.13	-	131,879.05
57000	Indirect Costs	1,034.88	-	-	1,034.88
	OKMULGEE MEDICAL CENTER				
50000	Salary & Wages - FT	107,759.64	-	-	107,759.64
50010	Salary & Wages - OT	14,325.56	-	-	14,325.56
50090	Salary & Wages-Float Pool	10,157.27	-	-	10,157.27
51000	Fringe - FT	64,866.47	-	-	64,866.47
51100	Fringe - PT	716.20	-	-	716.20
53050	Medical Supplies Non-Billable	14,940.53	-	-	14,940.53
53290	Postage/Shipping	4.44	-	-	4.44
53490	Medical Supplied Billable	8,482.00	-	-	8,482.00
54280	Medical Service Contract	16,848.09	-	-	16,848.09
54370	Nursing Contract	138,935.49	55,597.29	-	83,338.20
57000	Indirect Costs	19,321.20	-	-	19,321.20
85500	Equipment	1,989.63	-	-	1,989.63
	COUNCIL OAK COMP HEALTH HOSPITAL				
53420	Property Taxes	890,604.00	-	-	890,604.00
	MCN REFILL CENTER				
53040	Pharmaceuticals	23,331.16	-	-	23,331.16
	TOTAL	3,304,085.46	323,200.82	(475.71)	2,981,360.35