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RIBBON CUTTING HELD FOR NEW OKMULGEE INDIAN COMMUNITY CENTER

NEW FACILITY LOCATED NORTH OF OLD COMMUNITY CENTER

by **MORGAN TAYLOR**
REPORTER

OKMULGEE, Oklahoma – The Okmulgee Indian Community Center opened the newly constructed facility with a ribbon cutting ceremony on December 17.

The new building is located just north of the old building at 2710 N Miami Ave in Okmulgee.

OIC Chairperson Virginia Thomas expressed her excitement over and over, giving credit and praise to the board members.

"I feel so privileged to work with these people," Thomas said. "It was really a team effort."

Treasurer Missy Sanders claimed the old building was falling apart.

"We had our last meeting (in the building) with no heat," Sanders said.

She stated there are plans in place to build a playground behind the building.

"As long as I have been attending the meetings over the years with my mom, we have never had a playground," Sanders said. "We have big plans here."

Principal Chief David Hill said he was serving on the Muscogee (Creek) Nation National Council at the time the legislation for the OIC Center was introduced.

"We supported it," Hill said. "We support all community centers that want to grow and prosper. We are very proud of this community center and it's

going to do nothing but grow."

Second Chief Del Beaver was also on Council at the time of introduction as an Okmulgee District Representative.

"It's been a long time coming," Beaver said. "The community deserves this building. They truly care about their community."

The board commended Representative James Jennings for being the original supporter of the legislation.

"I know that some have gone on that put in the request for a new building," Jennings said. "As Second Chief Beaver said, 'it's been a long time coming.'"

Thomas and the OIC Board presented Rep. Jennings with a plaque from the community that read:



MCN National Council Representative James Jennings cuts the ribbon with Principal Chief David Hill, Second Chief Del Beaver and members of the community. (Morgan Taylor/Reporter)

"In recognition of Muscogee (Creek) Council Representative James Jennings for your many years of service to the Okmulgee Community Indian Center, Mvto. We appreciate you."

Jennings stated it had been an honor to serve the Okmulgee community.

"James was a very active part of this," Thomas said. "He's always been active in our community, he lives in our community, he's always there."

Thomas asked Jennings to cut the ribbon, which he accepted.

The event was catered by The Charcuterie Divas.

SHUTDOWN SCARE DURING EXTRAORDINARY SESSION

PRINCIPAL CHIEF HILL RETURNS NCA 21-166 SIGNED

by **LIZ GRAY**
MANAGING EDITOR

OKMULGEE, Oklahoma – The Muscogee (Creek) Nation National Council Extraordinary Session was held December 27 via teleconference.

During the session, the Council addressed two pieces of legislation.

NCA 21-166 Approving the Comprehensive Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2022 and providing for appropriations. Representative Mark Randolph sponsored the legislation, which was adopted 13-1-1 with Rep. Travis Scott voting no and Rep. Randolph abstaining.

During discussion, Representative Lucian Tiger raised concerns over five positions' salaries in the Department of Health, one position in Employment, Education and Training and one position in Community and Human Services that were not approved by the Health, Education and Welfare committee that were presented in the CAB by Principal Chief David Hill.

Tiger made a motion to amend the legislation changing the amounts for Education, Employment and Training from \$34,695,890 to \$34,558,290, Community and Human Services from \$60,009,554 to \$59,854,754 and Department of Health from \$254,573,280 to 254,124,532. The amendment passed 13-1-1 with Rep. Travis Scott voting no and Mark Randolph abstained.

NCA 21-167 Approving a continuing budget ordinance and providing for appropriations and authorization for expenditures for FY 2022. Randolph sponsored the legislation, which was postponed indefinitely 14-1 with Scott voting no.

Prior to addressing the legislation, Hill stated he would be vetoing NCA 21-166 and without having to stop operation of the Nation would like for NCA 21-167 be passed.

Tiger expressed disappointment in Chief Hill's statement stating, "That is very disappointing to hear that seven individuals prioritize over 2,000 employees at the Nation."



The Muscogee (Creek) Nation National Council held an Extraordinary Session December 27 via teleconference. (MM File)

Hill has since signed NCA 21-166 and released the following statement:

"The Office of the Principal Chief was pleased to present to the National Council a balanced comprehensive annual budget of over \$542 million for this fiscal year.

I am disappointed that the National Council voted to amend the proposed budget over my objections and without negotiating with the Executive

Branch as required by the Constitution and MCN Supreme Court rulings. Despite that, the Executive Branch will make the necessary adjustments to ensure that no jobs will be lost. Although I object to the National Council's amendments to the proposed budget, I signed the legislation on December 30, 2021, to ensure that the government continued uninterrupted. However, our work with this year's budget is not over.

I look forward to working with the National Council in the upcoming session on funding raises for all employees, on resolving the remaining budget issues that should have been negotiated, and on developing a progressive legislative agenda to strengthen the Nation's sovereignty over our Reservation lands."

To view the full video of this meeting, visit: <http://www.mcnc.com/2021-council-sessions/>.

SCOTUS WILL NOT HEAR PARISH V. OKLAHOMA

OKLAHOMA BOMBARDS SUPREME COURT WITH CHALLENGES

by **JERRAD MOORE**
ASSIGNMENT EDITOR

OKMULGEE, Oklahoma – The United States Supreme Court will not hear Parish V. Oklahoma, which challenged an Oklahoma Criminal Appeals court ruling that had determined the McGirt ruling was a procedural one, and thus not retroactive.

For cases to be heard at the United States Supreme Court, the first step is for a writ to certiorari to be

filed with the high court by one of the parties. The Writ of Certiorari is a request for the case to be heard by the high court.

Next, law clerks for the Supreme Court Justices review the case and prepare a brief memorandum describing it, and the case is scheduled for conference.

The Justices then hold a conference to discuss whether to grant or deny certiorari for the cases. If certiorari is granted, the case is heard, if it is denied, it is not and any cases that a



The state of Oklahoma has filed for writs of certiorari in 48 cases with the U.S. Supreme Court. (MM File)

decision is not made on will be redistributed for a later conference.

A petition for writ of certiorari was filed by Parish on September 27, 2021.

The case was scheduled to be dis-

cussed at the January 7 conference and denied certiorari on the January 10 order list issued by the court.

Currently Oklahoma has filed for writs of certiorari with the Supreme Court in 48 cases, 33 of

which were distributed for the January 7 conference. One is scheduled for the January 14 conference, and four are distributed for the January 21 conference, leaving 10 yet to be distributed.



LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

by LIZ GRAY
MANAGING EDITOR

As we enter into the new year, I wanted to take a moment and reflect about coverage from our newsroom. The presence of social media has allowed consumption of news and information to occur at a lightning speed rate. I encourage our citizens to stay informed and always remain critical of sources.

Mvskoke Media by law follows standards and ethics from the Society of Professional Journalists. Every member of the editorial staff is required to uphold this code of ethics to provide information that is accurate, fair and thorough.

There are four principles from SPJ as the foundation of ethical journalism and encouraged to be practiced by all people in all media: seek truth and report it, minimize harm, act independently, and be accountable and transparent.

I am proud to say that our editorial team, as stated in the preamble of this code, are ethical journalists that act with integrity. Each time we approach a story, these principles guide us.

The past six months of covering the impeachment of former Okfuskee District Representative Travis Scott has shown providing accurate and thorough information is not as fast or simple as logging onto Facebook and going live.

News gathering at the Muscogee Nation versus tradi-



Managing Editor Liz Gray (MM File)

tional avenues of information acquisition have proven to be complicated and often times frustrating as an editor. I am not offering up any excuses, only commitment to staying as connected as possible to verify the news for the Nation.

Citizen features are a major part of what keeps us connected to the community. I want to provide our deadlines for the year 2022 in case there are any stories out there that need attention.

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CITIZEN DEMPSEY GILLMAN COMMITS TO WICHITA STATE UNIVERSITY BASEBALL TEAM

METRO CHRISTIAN ACADEMY SENIOR SIGNS LETTER OF INTENT TO WICHITA STATE

by LANI HANSEN
SENIOR REPORTER

TULSA, Oklahoma– Metro Christian Academy’s very own Dempsey Gillman signed his letter of intent to Wichita State University as a member of the Shockers men’s baseball team.

Dempsey is a Muscogee (Creek) citizen, he is the son of Jimmy and Missy Gillman. His grandparents are Lynda and Lonnie Gillman.

Dempsey will be graduating in May 2022 and is currently carrying a 4.2 GPA.

As he succeeds in his academic work, Dempsey also receives recognition in sports such as baseball and football. He plays baseball for the Metro Christian Patriots and traveling team Sandlot with Coach Dylan Taylor.

During his freshman year, the Patriots won the state championship in Oklahoma City. Dempsey then made another appearance in Oklahoma City with Sandlot where the team brought home a state championship.

As he helped out his baseball team in bringing home state championships, during football season Dempsey is being recognized for his outstanding athleticism. The linebacker received honorable mention in 2020, Tulsa World Player of the Week twice in 2021, Tulsa World 2020 All-state football honorable men-



Dempsey Gillman signed his letter of intent to Wichita State. (Submission)

tion and Tulsa World Defensive Player of the Year.

At the end of 2021, Dempsey signed on to play baseball at Wichita State. He is looking forward to competing and trying to win championships with WSU.

On his decision to play at WSU Dempsey said, “I liked

the culture there, and they brought back the coaches and players who won the national championship. I really think we have a good chance of winning a national championship.”

He plans to major in Homeland Security and enter into the FBI academy after graduation.

RESERVATION DOGS OPENS UP IMPORTANT CONVERSATION TOPIC

THE SEVENTH EPISODE REVEALS A TRAUMATIC SCENE THAT MAY CAUSE TRIGGERS FOR SOME

by MORGAN TAYLOR
REPORTER

Trigger/Content Warning: this story contains the subject of suicide.

OKMULGEE, Oklahoma - Sterlin Harjo’s FX on Hulu Series “Reservation Dogs” has made big news in Indian Country since it’s August 9 premiere.

Many issues of oppression concerning Native Americans have been addressed during the series through the lens of those who have first-hand experience.

Many can relate to the story of the four young kids growing up in rural Oklahoma with nothing to do but cause mayhem in the neighborhood due to the influence of the surroundings.

It may be easy for someone to relate to Bear, Elora, Willie Jack or Cheese .

There are so many questions when it comes to the absence of the fifth friend, Daniel. Each character had expressed the impact their individual friendship with Daniel had made on their lives.

Eventually, in episode seven, “California Dreamin’” Daniel’s tragic death is revealed to be caused by suicide.

For those who have seen the episode, know the strong depictions

of the scene and for those who have not, fair warning because it may cause emotional reactions as a result of the depictions and upon finding out after seven episodes what had taken Daniel’s life.

According to the Center for Disease Control, suicidal thoughts and ideations can be triggered by (but are not linked too) the holidays.

Thoughts of loneliness and hopelessness during times of gathering can lead to anxiety and depression as well.

Native communities experience higher rates of suicide compared to all other racial and ethnic groups in the U.S., with suicide being the eighth leading cause of death for American Indians and Alaska Natives across all ages, according to National Indian Council on Aging (NICOA). For Natives youth ages 10-24, suicide is the second leading cause of death.

CDC data (updated as of May 2021) suggest that 33.6 percent of Native American men died of suicide in 2018, and 11.1 percent of Native American women. Compared to the 28.6 percent of non-Hispanic white men and 8.0 percent of women.

As tribal communities are aware of the role that suicide plays in communities and the impact amongst Native youth, the depictions and storytelling



Native communities experience higher rates of suicide compared to all other racial and ethnic groups in the U.S. (MM File)

in this episode open up a conversation to be had between youth and/or those who struggle with suicidal ideations and their advocates and supporters.

Devery Jacobs (known for her role as Elora Danan Post oak) wrote in TIME, “How Reservation Dogs is opening up a crucial conversation about suicide in Indigenous Communities.” <https://time.com/6097570/reservation-dogs-suicide-indigenous-communities/>.

She mentioned how the show approaches the topic with “care and directness.”

“...when I was filming the seventh episode of Reservation Dogs—have I had an out-of-body experience or cried out involuntarily,” Jacobs wrote.

“This time, my body took over. I was shaking, adrenaline coursing through my body as all my nightmares of losing loved ones were unearthed to haunt me anew.”

According the article, Jacobs said filming this particular episode was the most challenging role in her career thus far.

She claimed suicide among Native Americans isn’t “merely a storyline” but it is something that has affected her own “rez” in Cananda.

Refer to Mvskoke Media’s latest article regarding Suicide Prevention Month that took place during the month of September: <https://www.mvskokemedia.com/mcn-behavioral-health-promotes-suicide-awareness/>.

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If you or someone you know is struggling with an emotional or mental health crisis, contact the National Suicide Prevention Helpline at: 1-800-273-8255 (TALK).

The free service is open 24/7 and is confidential.

Citizens can also text NATIVE or CREEK to 741741 to be immediately connected to a trained Crisis Counselor 24/7.

LGBTQ citizens who are struggling are encouraged to use the Trevor Project Hotline at: 1-866-488-7386 also open 24/7 or text START to 678678.

MCN Behavioral Health can be reached at: 918-758-1910.

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MCN ELECTION BOARD MANAGER DISCUSSES VOTER TURNOUT

LATEST NATIONAL COUNCIL SEAT B ELECTION PROVES LOW VOTING NUMBERS

by MORGAN TAYLOR
REPORTER

OKMULGEE, Oklahoma – The 2021 election for the Muscogee (Creek) Nation National Council Seat B has concluded and resulted in changes to four Districts to the National Council as well as reseating four incumbents.

Each of the 11 counties within the reservation are represented by two Representatives known as Seat A and B in eight Districts with 16 total MCN National Council Representatives that make up the legislative branch of the Nation.

These Representatives are responsible for making decisions on behalf of the Muscogee (Creek) citizens of the district.

Representatives casts their votes on bills in their respective committee and in the Regular Session typically held on the last Saturday of each month.

Each and every election tends to have its own distinct characteristics.

MCN Election Board Manager Nelson Harjo Jr. appeared on Mvske Radio to discuss final numbers and distinctions of the Seat B election.

Harjo is not a member of the Election Board but manages operations for the board and elections.

According to Harjo, voting numbers tend to be low and this can be seen in National elections as well.

Voter turnout is usually lower in these types of elections than in a Principal Chief election, Harjo claimed.

“If you look at this past presidential election for example, where there were record breaking numbers versus other presidential elections in the past, it’s still very low for the amount of registered voters that there are across the country,” Harjo said. “It’s not just a Creek Nation problem, it’s a voting problem that we are seeing in general for everybody.”

Harjo claimed out of the estimated 90,000 enrolled Muscogee (Creek) citizens, about 18,000 are registered to vote and of that 18,000 less than 3,000 voted in this past election.

Data collection by the board showed that the highest number of the votes cast were absentee ballots.

Harjo said the high absentee numbers could possibly be a result of the ongoing pandemic.

According to Harjo, the Election Board had an opportunity to engage in research with the



The MCN Election Board uses downtime to prepare and improve for the next election. (MM File)

Carter Center a few years ago. An institution that peer reviews elections across the country and even internationally.

“Out of all the studies that are out there, there is not really one smoking gun solution to voter participation,” he said. “People vote for different reasons; those reasons vary dramatically from individual to individual why they do or do not participate in elections.”

Harjo claimed even experts are stumped as to why citizens do not exercise their right vote.

He stated the MCN Election Board has discussed developing a survey in hopes of gathering information for Muscogee (Creek) citizens that will help determine factors regarding voter participation and help develop strategies to improve the election board and process.

“I can’t give you a definite date of when these things will happen but they are going to take place,” Harjo said. “I think it will happen sooner than a lot of people expect.”

The COVID-19 pandemic has been a struggle in outreach for the MCN Election Board Harjo claimed.

“We had started a very aggressive campaign in back in 2018 and 2019, with going out to all of our communities to different facilities and different locations throughout our tribe,” he said. “I think we had done more out of state outreach to our at-large citizens then we have ever done in the past but whenever COVID came around it really shut down our outreach schedule.”

Harjo said he along with Board hope to move forward and get more outreach opportunities scheduled.

For updates on future outreach events and information on how to register to vote as a Muscogee (Creek) citizen follow MCN Election Board on their Facebook page or call their office at: 918-732-7631.



The event will take place during the last weekend of January on the 28th-30th at Okfuskee County Fairgrounds, 999 E Columbia St. Okemah, OK. (Submission)

ALL-INDIAN LIVESTOCK SHOW RETURNS

ALL-INDIAN LIVESTOCK SHOW WILL RETURN TO ITS NORMAL SCHEDULE THIS YEAR AFTER BEING RESCHEDULED TO AUGUST LAST YEAR

by MORGAN TAYLOR
REPORTER

OKMULGEE, Oklahoma – After a year of canceling and rescheduling events due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Ag Youth Program announced the 9th Annual All-Indian Livestock show will return to its normal schedule this year.

The event will take place January 28th – 30th at Okfuskee County Fairgrounds,

located at 999 E Columbia St. Okemah, OK.

According to MCN Ag Youth Program Manager Billy Haltom, the event was canceled last year due to COVID-19 and then later rescheduled to August.

After purchasing over 30 buckles, the program decided to hold the event for 2021.

Haltom claimed the event has taken place the last weekend January of each year since its start which was around the time he started working for the program.

“It’s hard to believe we are

getting close to doing it for double digit years,” Haltom said. “It’s by far the biggest activity that we do through the course of the year.”

The Livestock Show is open to all Muscogee (Creek) citizens 18 years and under youth residing in Oklahoma and all 18 and under youth enrolled in a federally recognized tribe living within the Muscogee Reservation boundaries.

Weigh ins will start Friday night at 5 p.m. for the sheep and goats and Saturday will lead with swine at 9 a.m.

Haltom said the hog show portion has grown so large that the whole Saturday is dedicated to it, leaving the steer and heifer shows on Sunday.

“We show two different varieties of swine,” he said. “We have a market hog show just for those animals that will be used to produce food or enter the food chain.”

“Also, we have a breeding gilt show that judges the female swine that judges their characteristics of becoming a mother or a sow in the future or in other words an animal that’s going to reproduce offspring.”

Pre-entry is required to receive a free t-shirt by Jan. 14. Entry fees are to be paid upon entry at the event location.

“I am proud to say that we are a hundred percent payback at our livestock show,” Haltom said. “We are not trying to make any money. We are there to provide an opportunity and service to young people.”

He said that first, second and third places of each category will be rewarded with \$250, \$200, and \$100 along with other smaller cash prize opportunities as well.

The MCN Ag Youth Program aids 4-H and FFA students as well as county and local systems across the reservation.

For more information, contact Billy Haltom at: 918-732-7628.

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WILEY CONFIRMED AS NEW CHIEF JUDGE FOR DISTRICT COURT

UPHOLDING AND ENFORCING OF OFFICIAL NAME AND SEAL PASSED DURING REGULAR SESSION

by **MORGAN TAYLOR**
REPORTER

OKMLUGEE, Oklahoma – The Muscogee (Creek) Nation National Council meeting was held December 18 at the Mound Building in Okmulgee, Oklahoma.

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

NCR 21-012

Confirming Michael Coon to serve on the Cemetery Advisory Committee. Representative Randall Hicks sponsored the resolution, which was adopted 14-0.

The National Council selected Muscogee (Creek) citizen Michael Coon to serve on the Cemetery Advisory Committee.

NCR 21-014

Approving the Legal Services Agreement between the MCNNC and Fletcher Law, PLLC. Representative William Lowe sponsored the resolution, which was adopted 12-2 with Reps. Mark Randolph and Travis Scott voting no.

The Council requires independent legal counsel for various duties separate from the duties of the Attorney General and the Department of Justice.

TR 21-158

Upholding and enforcing the official name and seal of the MCN. Rep. Adam Jones sponsored the legislation, which was adopted 14-0.

The legislation states the Executive Branch shall not utilize any name, seal or likeness not consistent with Article I Sections 1-3 of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Constitution for any communication or official correspondence and no other name, seal or likeness shall be used without an amendment of the MCN Constitution.

TR 21-161

Authorizing the Principal Chief to execute a certain agreement between the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Department of Health and Tierpoint, LLC on behalf of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Department of Health. Representative James Jennings sponsored the resolution, which was adopted 14-0.

MCNDH desires to enter into an agreement with Tierpoint, LLC to allow MCNDH access to certain software for disaster recover services for networks and systems.

Tierpoint imposes an indemnification obligation upon the Nation, limits some claims and remedies, requires application of the laws of the State of Texas.

TR 21-162

Confirming of Lucinda Myers to serve on the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Election Board. Rep. Anna Marshall sponsored the resolution, which was adopted 14-0.

MCN Election Board Position 3 is vacant. Principal Chief has nominated Muscogee (Creek) citizen Lucinda Myers to serve on the MCN Election Board Position 3.

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 resolution, which was adopted 14-0.

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

TR 21-168

Authorizing the construction of a new Public Education/Lecture Hall for the College of the Muscogee Nation. Rep. James Jennings sponsored the resolution, which was adopted 14-0.

The building will be approximately 14,750 square feet with laboratory space, two classrooms

spaces, two office spaces, and a common area and lecture hall/storm shelter.

The new lecture hall will be located on the campus at the College of the Muscogee Nation.

TR 21-169

Authorizing the Principal Chief to execute a certain agreement between the Muscogee (Creek) Nation and the Oklahoma Turnpike Authority. Representative Marshall sponsored the resolution, which was adopted 14-0.

MCN Council Oak Comprehensive Healthcare Hospital recommends hospital staff vehicles to have Pikepass available so staff can travel from the hospital to various locations for the purpose of patient care.

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 resolution with co-sponsors Robert Hufft, Lucian Tiger, James Jennings, Joseph Hicks, Joyce Deere, Mary Crawford and Darrell Proctor, which passed 13-1 with Rep. Scott voting no.

Wiley will now serve as the Chief Judge of the District Trial Court for the MCN.

TR 21-171

Authorizing the Principal Chief to execute a MCN Department of Housing contract with Machill Tribal Construction, LLC. Rep. Thomasene Yahola-Osborn sponsored the resolution, which was adopted, 14-0.

Machill Tribal Construction will do construction of housing projects under agreements.

TR 21-172

Authorizing the Principal Chief to execute a MCN Department of Housing contract with Machill Tribal Construction, LLC. Rep. Yahola-Osborn sponsored the resolution, which was adopted 14-0.

Machill Tribal Construction will do construction of housing projects under agreements.

TR 21-173

Authorizing the extension of the Secretary of the Nation and Commerce to continue operations of the Onefire Holding Company, LLC. Rep. Lucian Tiger III sponsored the resolution, which was adopted 14-0.

This grants the Secretary of the Nation and Commerce authority over the board for a period of 90 days.

NCA 21-139

Authorizing the expenditure of grant funds awarded from the District Attorneys Council for the benefit of the Family Violence Prevention Program. Rep. Marshall sponsored the legislation, which was adopted 14-0.

The grant funds in the amount of \$102,723 will be used to expand current program services to better meet the needs of victims/survivors of violent crime within the MCN reservation boundaries.

NCA 21-140

Authorizing the expenditure of grant funds awarded from the U.S. Department of Justice Office on Violence against Women for the benefit of the Family Violence Prevention Program. Rep. Marshall sponsored the legislation, which was adopted 14-0.

The grant funds in the amount of \$450,000 will be used to provide intervention, advocacy, accompaniment, support services and related assistance for adult, youth and child victims of sexual assault, non-offending family and household members of victims and those collaterally affected by the sexual assault.

NCA 21-141

Authorizing the expenditure



The meetings are now being conducted in-person at the Mound Building. (MM File)

of grant funds awarded from the U.S. Department of Justice Office on Violence against Women for the benefit of the Family Violence Prevention Program. Rep. Marshall sponsored the legislation, which was adopted 14-0.

The grant funds in the amount of \$900,000 will be used to respond to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, sex trafficking and stalking to decrease the incidence of violent crime against women.

NCA 21-142

Authorizing the expenditure of the U.S. Department of Justice Coordinated Tribal assistance solicitation purpose area 6: Children's Justice Act Partnerships for Indian Communities grant funds for the benefit of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Children & Family Service Administration. Rep. Marshall sponsored the legislation, which was adopted 14-0.

The grant funds in the amount of \$449,992 to CFSA will be utilized to improve child abuse or neglect investigations, decrease case-loads, increase public community outreach and update policies and tribal code.

NCA 21-143

Authorizing the expenditure of the American Indian College Fund, Native Pathways to College, 2021-2022 Higher Pathways grant for the benefit of the Youth Services. Rep. Jennings sponsored the legislation, which was adopted 14-0.

The grant funds in the amount of \$3,000 will be used to provide educational support and mentoring to Native American students at the Eufaula Dormitory, as well as other students within the MCN reservation.

NCA 21-144

Authorizing the expenditure of grant funds awarded from a project Echo grant for the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Department of Health. Rep. Jennings sponsored the legislation, which was adopted 14-0.

The Project Echo Grant in the amount of \$6,000 is for nursing home funding for the facilities in Oklahoma City.

NCA 21-146

Authorizing the expenditure of grant funds awarded from the United States Department of Health and Human Services Administration for Children and Families for the benefit of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Children and Family Services Administration. Rep. Mary Crawford sponsored the legislation, which was adopted 14-0.

The grant funds in the amount of \$451,172 will go to the MCN Children & Family Services Administration to be utilized to promote the Safe and Stable Families Program.

NCA 21-147

mending NCA 21-097 (A law of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation authorizing the expenditure of American Rescue Plan Act ("ARPA") funds received from the United States Department of the Treasury for the Muscogee (Creek) Nation citizen vaccine incentive). Rep. William Lowe sponsored the legislation and co-sponsored by Rep. Charles McHenry, which was adopted 14-0.

The age requirement to receive the ARPA vaccine incentive for MCN changes from twelve years to five years of age or older.

NCA 21-148

Authorizing the expenditure of funds for the benefit of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation's Youth Services Program for the 2021 U.S. Department of Justice coordinated Tribal Assistance Purpose Area 9 grant. Rep. Lucian Tiger III sponsored the legislation, which was adopted 14-0.

The grant funds in the amount of \$508,245 was awarded to the MCN Youth Services will be used to develop a new Tribal Youth Program to decrease juvenile court involvement for Native American youth within the MCN Reservation by 25 percent.

NCA 21-149

Authorizing the expenditure of the U.S. Department of Justice 2021 OJJDP FY 2021 Delinquency Prevention Grants Program funds for the benefit of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Juvenile Justice program. Rep. Tiger sponsored the resolution, which was adopted 14-0.

The grant funds in the amount of \$500,000 will be used to develop a strategic plan to establish best practices for implementing services internally and hire a juvenile justice advocate providing assistance in responding to youthful offender calls.

NCA 21-153

Authorizing the expenditure of funds in the amount of \$288,413 for the benefit of the MCN Light-horse 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 was adopted 14-0.

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 Light-horse 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 was adopted 14-0.

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, Hufft and Lowe, which was adopted 14-0.

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 LLC." Representative Patrick Freeman Jr. sponsored the legislation and co-sponsored by Reps. Jones, Hufft and Lowe, which was adopted 14-0.

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 was adopted, 13-1. Rep. Jennings voted against.

Rep. Jennings made a motion to change from 20% to 10% which no action was taken.

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 was postponed indefinitely 10-4. Rep. Hufft, Rep. Yahola-Osborn, Rep. Randolph and Rep. Scott voted against the motion to postpone.

Rep. Tiger made the motion to postpone and was second by Rep. Hicks.

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.

NCA 21-160

Authorizing the expenditure of grant funds awarded from the Internal Revenue Service Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program for the benefit of the Office of the Secretary of the Nation and Commerce. Rep. Marshall sponsored the legislation, which was adopted 14-0.

The VITA grant will be used to provide assistance in preparing income tax returns for individuals who are age 59 and younger.

NCA 21-161

Authorizing the expenditure of matching funds for the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program for the benefit of the Office of the Secretary of the Nation and Commerce. Rep. Marshall sponsored the legislation, which was adopted 14-0.

The IRS award funding terms and conditions require MCN to provide one-to-one matching funds.

NCA 21-162

Terminating the Repayment Agreement between the Muscogee (Creek) Nation and Twin Hills Indian Community. Rep. James Jennings sponsored the legislation, which was adopted 14-0.

Funds for the Twin Hills Indian Community is for construction and other costs associated with the opening of the Twin Hills Indian Community Convenience Plaza.

NCA 21-163

Authorizing the expenditure of self-governance funds for the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Tribal Utility Authority for the benefit of the Office of the Secretary of the Nation and Commerce. Rep. Joseph Hicks sponsored the legislation, which was adopted 14-0.

A grant fund in the amount of \$334,507.00 from the Department of the Interior Self-Governance will help establish a Tribal Utility Authority, to address the serious need for adequate public utility regulations and management.

NCA 21-164

Authorizing the expenditure of American Rescue Plan Act ("ARPA") funds from the United States for the Climate Resiliency Project at River Spirit Casino Resort. Rep. Patrick Freeman sponsored the legislation, which was adopted 14-0.

The funds from ARPA will be used for the Climate Resiliency Project, to provide adequate water and sewer infrastructure to prevent water pollution to the Arkansas River and its tributaries caused by climate related flooding.

Full meetings and agendas can



Somer Rae Rogers won various awards with her goats from different fairs her biggest accomplishment was at the Okmulgee County Fair. (Lani Hansen/Senior Reporter)

MUSCOGEE CITIZEN WINS MULTIPLE AWARDS AT LIVESTOCK SHOWS

SOMER RAE ROGERS HAS A DAILY ROUTINE OF TAKING CARE OF HER GOATS LEADING UP TO SHOW DAYS

by LANI HANSEN
SENIOR REPORTER

BEGGS, Oklahoma– In Northwestern Okmulgee County about thirteen miles Northwest of Okmulgee and thirty-one miles south of Tulsa is a small community called Beggs. In this community there is a small barn that sits on about ten-acres of land, where Muscogee (Creek) citizen Somer Rae Rogers can be found tending to her goats.

Rogers is the 16-year-old daughter of Amy and John Rogers. She was introduced in goat showing by her aunt and uncle, Kara and Corey Lansdale who has 20 years of goat experience.

As a home-schooled student, Rogers balances her schoolwork and taking care of her goats around a set schedule.

“Normally I would get prepared for the day before I go outside,” Rogers said. “Once I go outside, it’s a long time before I come back in.”

Once she is ready for the day, Rogers heads to the barn and turns on the lights to get the goats up. She said they are normally lying down and being lazy, but she wants to get them moving around before eating so they can digest their food.

Rogers mom added, the wether goats train before they eat. A wether is a male or castrated ram, Rogers has three of them.

“Sometimes I will pretend show outside the yard,” Rogers said. “I’ll show them a show halter, and then

sometimes I will run them around as exercise, I also have a treadmill they can run on. But normally I will just feed and get them ready for the day, also I will hug on them and just make sure they are okay.”

“Uncle Corey designed a training mechanism that she uses with weights and everything, and she attaches it to a wether,” Rogers mom said. “She will go down an acre to the gate and back, and sometimes she will let them loose to run around.”

Rogers would drench or give minerals to her goats after they eat, if needed. When she gets done feeding and tending them in the mornings, she goes back inside to do homework but still checks on the goats. After about noon or one in the afternoon, Rogers lets them loose outside to play.

“That’s when I work the doe’s,” Rogers said. “The doe’s are a little different to work because when I work them they want posture, you want them to be very feminine walking. It’s very different to work a wether, which is a boy and a doe, which is a girl.”

When Rogers takes them out, she gives them water and hay. After working with the doe’s which she walks them around to make sure they are show prepared, she will let them play. She has two doe’s.

“On days when I’m getting ready to show, I will normally shave my animals which will be the wethers,” she said. “I wash them before I shave them. They have a routine before the show, but when I get to the show it’s mainly about how they look and how they act. Once you get there, if they don’t act good or look good there is nothing you can do about it. It takes about two weeks to properly prepare for one show, but when you are rushing it takes three days.”

For Rogers goat showing is more than just an activity, it takes responsibility for taking care of something, of getting up every morning and having a routine.

“I do say they are a little harder to work with because they are goats, but not as hard as bigger animals,” Rogers said.

So once it hits evening time, Rogers continues her duties of taking care of her animals. She makes sure the goats have exercised and are fed. She goes through the same routine every day except on show days.

Rogers makes sure she knows the time of showing before checking in, has a spot for her animals and that it is clean, she makes sure the animals are taking care of and are prepared for show.

“She has a two-page list of everything she has to take for the show,” Rogers mom added.

With her goats, Rogers has attended and competed in multiple shows and placing. Her first show was Summer Splash at Mayes County Fairgrounds where she

received Division III reserve champion, and grand champion with her doe. Rogers had two of her goats in the grand division. She also attended leadership goat camps, where the Nation paid her way.

“She went to Youth in Action with 4-H also,” Rogers mom said.

Rogers gives MCN credit for assisting her to attend camps and also agricultural goat supplies such as feed, spray and supplements.

After the Summer Splash show, Rogers took her goats to the Creek Nation jackpot in Okemah, where she received reserve grand in her division. She then went to Wagoner goat jackpot, where she got grand and reserve. She went to Collinsville Tri-County.

“That was difficult she had one day from being in Wagoner, come home and unload, wash everything and the goats,” Rogers mom said.

“It’s a lot of hard work,” Rogers added.

Luckily for Rogers she has a great team behind her, called the Rocky Top show team. But at the Collinsville Tri-County fair she got reserve champion with her wether.

“That was the first time I got something with my wether,” Rogers said. “Normally I’ll get something with my doe’s but that was the first time this year that I placed with my wether. So that was a proud moment.”

Many of her awards she received with her goats came from the Okmulgee County Fair. In first class she got champion on her smallest doe. In Division II she got champion on market goat, in Division III she got champion on her doe goat.

“I got grand champion on my small goat, medium goat and oldest goat,” Rogers said. “I got champion in showmanship with my doe which was the very last show.”

With her smallest wether she got reserve champion in Division I.

One of her last shows was at the Tulsa State Fair where she got 12th out of 50.

“To place at the Tulsa State Fair was a big deal for me,” Rogers said.

By January 2022, Rogers has done 13 shows total.

MNYS RECOGNIZES NATIONAL MENTORING MONTH

DEPARTMENT HAS FULL CALENDAR OF EVENTS TO CELEBRATE MENTORS AND MENTEES

by LANI HANSEN
SENIOR REPORTER

OKMULGEE, Oklahoma– During the month of January the Mvskoke Nation Youth Services is helping to recognize National Mentoring Month.

MNYS Youth Services Specialist Samantha Coon said National Mentoring Month is a celebration to express and elevate the power of relationships between mentors and mentees. The month highlights the benefits of mentoring of how to support young people and showing inspiring stories from all over the United States.

Based on the mentoring campaign website, this movement was started in 2002 and recognized yearly by the U.S. president and administration. The month is dedicated to celebrate the power of mentoring and encourage others to explore how mentoring programs can enable organizations.

According to Coon, one in three young people in the United States who are growing up with a mentor outside of their family. Young people who have a mentor are 52% less likely to skip school, 78% are more than likely to volunteer in their community and 130% are more likely to hold a leadership position.

MNYS joined the movement, because they too have a mentoring program within their services. They kicked off National Mentoring Month on January 4 with a panel of mentors and mentees called “Mvskoke Youth Talks.”

“They discussed what mentoring means to them, how to get involved in mentoring, how to become a mentor



Mvskoke Nation Youth Services celebrates National Mentoring Month. (MM File)

or mentee and the process for other people on how to sign up,” Coon said.

Later in the month there will be a “Lunch and Learn” provided by the College of the Muscogee Nation students and staff. The panel will be on Jan. 20 via Zoom from 12 - 1 p.m.

“We really want to utilize local individuals to become mentors for Mvskoke Mentors Program,” Coon added.

Throughout the month MNYS will be posting games on their social media page such as trivia questions and quizzes.

Coon highly encourages everyone to check out MNYS social media @MvskokeYouth to find out more information about mentoring. MNYS is on Facebook, Twitter, Snapchat, Instagram, Youtube and TikTok.

MNYS currently has eight mentors in their program who work with the youth at Eufaula Dormitory. They are always looking for more mentors to be in the program.

To apply to become a mentor, MNYS has an online application at: www.mvskokeyouth.com/mvskokementors



Sterlin Harjo director of “Reservation Dogs” (MM File)

RESERVATION DOGS RECEIVE GOLDEN GLOBES NOMINATION

GROUNDBREAKING INDIGENOUS-BASED SERIES

by LANI HANSEN
SENIOR REPORTER

OKMULGEE, Oklahoma– The Hollywood Foreign Press Association released the 79th Golden Globe Awards nominations on December 13, 2021.

Nominations were announced by rapper Snoop Dogg and HFFA President Helen Hoene, the awards will honor the best in film and American television of 2021. According to a social media post from Native film director Sterlin Harjo (Mvskoke), his latest series “Reservation Dogs” was nominated for Best Television Series – Musical or Comedy.

“Reservation Dogs” was nominated under the same category as “The Great,” “Hacks,” “Only Murders in the Building” and “Ted Lasso.” This was the only category the series was nominated in for the Globes, but the series has been recognized with other award nominations by the Broadcast Film Critics Association for Best Comedy Series, Film Independent Spirit Awards for Best New Scripted Series with

a win for Best Ensemble Cast in a New Scripted Series, and wins from the Gotham Awards for Breakthrough Series – Short-form and AFI Awards for TV Program of the Year.

The FX on Hulu show produced by Taika Waititi and Sterlin Harjo, was filmed in Oklahoma. It is based on four indigenous teenagers in rural Oklahoma who steal, rob and save in order to get to the exotic, mysterious and faraway land of California.

Harjo commented, “I’m very proud to be nominated a Golden Globe award and all the awards nominated. I’m excited to represent Indian Country and Oklahoma, to be able to share our stories and lives on a global stage.”

Although the Golden Globes award ceremony will take place on Jan. 9, 2022, HFFA has announced that there will be no audience at the ceremony. They have taken precaution due to the rise of the ongoing pandemic.

Award winners will still be announced on Sunday, Jan. 9 starting at 8 p.m. CST.



(MM File)

MCN NATIONAL COUNCIL INAUGURATION POSTPONED

OFFICIAL CEREMONY TO BE HELD JAN. 15

by **LIZ GRAY**
MANAGING EDITOR

OKMULGEE, Oklahoma – The Muscogee (Creek) Nation National Council 22nd Session Inauguration was postponed from its original date of January 8 to be held Jan. 15.

The decision was made based on multiple cases/exposure of COVID-19 within the MCN Legislative Branch and the Mound Building.

According to a press release, the Inauguration had already been closed to the public due to rising COVID infections along with recent tribal health and safety responses limiting attendance to National Council Representatives and their guests, Principal Chief David Hill, Second Chief Del Beaver, members of the Executive Cabinet, MCN Supreme Court Justices, MCN District Court Judges and tribal government staff.

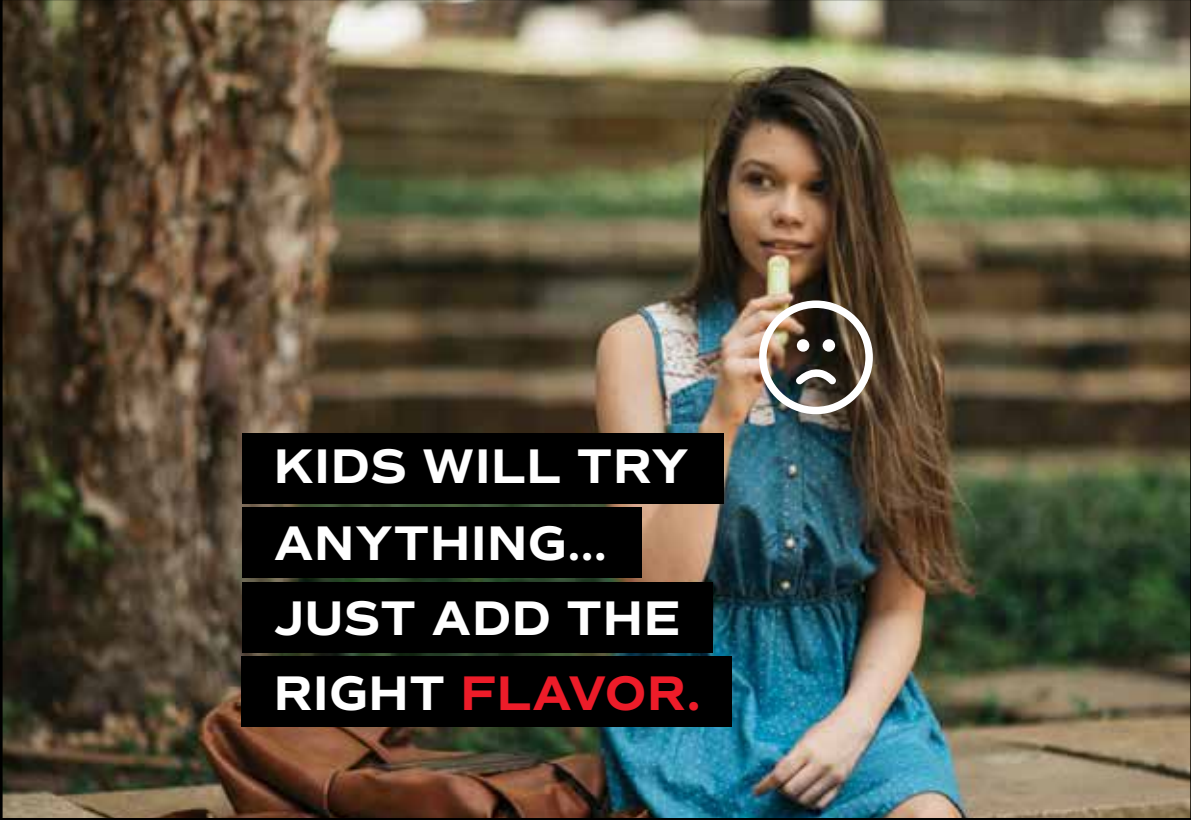
MCN National Council Seat

B Representatives were sworn in virtually Jan. 10.

The Representatives seated during the virtual seating were Patrick Freeman for Creek District, Galen Cloud for McIntosh District, Joyce Deere for Muskogee District, Sandra Golden for the Okfuskee District, Nelson Harjo Sr for Okmulgee District, Thomasene Yahola Osborn for Tukvptce District, Leonard Gouge for Tulsa District and Mark Randolph for Wagoner District.

Standing Committees for the 22nd Session has yet to be announced. The new Session will vote on officers including Speaker who shall preside over the Council but shall have no vote unless the National Council is equally divided as well as Second Speaker who shall preside in the absence of the Speaker.

The official Inauguration Ceremony is set to be streamed virtually and will be available to view at: www.mcnnc.com.



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EDITION	AD	SUBMISSION
Jan. 1	Friday, Dec. 17	Monday, Dec. 20
Jan. 15	Monday, Jan. 3	Wednesday, Jan. 5
Feb. 1	Wednesday, Jan. 19	Friday, Jan. 21
Feb. 15	Friday, Feb. 4	Tuesday, Feb. 8
Mar.1	Thursday, Feb. 17	Monday, Feb. 21
Mar. 15	Friday, Mar. 4	Tuesday, Mar. 8
Apr. 1	Monday, Mar. 21	Wednesday, Mar. 23
Apr. 15	Monday, Apr. 4	Wednesday, Apr. 6
May 1	Tuesday, Apr. 19	Thursday, Apr. 21
May 15	Wednesday, May 4	Friday, May 6
Jun. 1	Wednesday, May 18	Thursday, May 19
Jun. 15	Friday, Jun. 3	Tuesday, Jun. 7
Jul. 1	Friday, Jun. 17	Monday, Jun. 20
Jul. 15	Tuesday, Jul. 5	Wednesday, Jul. 6
Aug. 1	Wednesday, Jul. 20	Friday, Jul. 22
Aug 15	Wednesday, Aug. 3	Friday, Aug. 5
Sept. 1	Monday, Aug. 22	Wednesday, Aug. 24
Sept. 15	Tuesday, Sept. 6	Wednesday, Sept. 7
Oct. 1	Tuesday, Sept. 20	Thursday, Sept. 22
Oct. 15	Monday, Oct. 3	Tuesday, Oct. 4
Nov. 1	Wednesday, Oct. 19	Friday, Oct. 21
Nov. 15	Thursday, Nov. 3	Friday, Nov. 4
Dec. 1	Friday, Nov. 18	Monday, Nov. 21
Dec. 15	Monday, Dec. 5	Wednesday, Dec. 7
Jan. 1	Friday, Dec. 16	Monday, Dec. 19

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Signed and dated this 10th day of December 2021.

Stewart
JUDGE OF THE DISTRICT COURT

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STATE OF OKLAHOMA OKMULGEE COUNTY
The undersigned hereby certifies this instrument
to be a full, true and correct copy of the original,
as the same appears on the record in the District
Court Records *OKM*
Witness this *04th* day of *Jan.* 20*02*
[Signature]

Muscogee (Creek) Nation Schedule of Receipts, Expended, Encumbrances, Unencumbered and Cash balances - By Fund As of September 30, 2021 and the Year Ended September 30, 2021					
Fund Number	Program Name	Receipts	Expended	Encumbered	Cash Balance
Tribal Funds					
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)
3100	TRIBAL RESOURCES PROGRAM	-	-	-	-
3105	OVC SET AS	187,168	296,209	3,385	(18,598)
3110	TRIBAL VIC	(38,316)	10,704	-	-
3121	VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN	-	-	-	-
3122	VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN 17	78,749	149,427	1,635	(12,680)
3130	LH BODY CAMERA 19	-	-	82,500	6,875
3131	LH BODY CAMERA 20	-	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)
3202	HOMELESS VETERANS HVRP 18	-	-	-	-
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	-	-
3304	DOT TRANSIT PROGRAM 18	-	-	-	-
3305	DOT TRANS PROGRAM 17	9,392	10,696	12,329	(561)
3306	DOT TRANS PROGRAM 18	681,078	616,256	45,767	67,817
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
Fund Number	Program Name	Receipts	Expended	Encumbered	Cash Balance
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)
3501	LIBRARY SERVICES	-	-	-	-
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	ENPMIPPA19	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)
4046	CCDBG DISCRETIONARY 21	-	-	-	-
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)
4082	CCDBG MANDATORY	1,306	-	(1,966)	-
4083	CCDBG MANDATORY	-	1,947,770	2,846	(13,541)
4084	CCDBG MANDATORY 19	1,804,880	-	-	(1,040)
4087	CCDBG MANDATORY 22	-	1,040	-	-
4122	CHILD SUPPORT 19	-	-	(7,586)	-
4124	CHILD SUPPORT 21	1,603,439	1,687,184	58,803	(5,442)
4139	CESA 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)
4162	FAMILY VIOLENCE 18	-	-	(1,649)	-
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 11	-	-	12	-
4325	TANF 14	5,331	5,331	-	-
4326	TANF 15	219,665	222,282	3,878	(531)
4327	TANF 16	6,525	6,525	225	-
4328	TANF 17	1,244,310	1,247,921	67	(1,700)
4329	TANF 18	738,915	824,943	203	(2,903)
4331	TANF 20	19	19	-	-
Fund Number	Program Name	Receipts	Expended	Encumbered	Cash Balance
4362	TITLE IV B	(1,062)	-	(30,595)	-
4363	TITLE IV B FY19	2,403	426	-	(2,689)
4364	TITLE IV B FY20	234,879	255,202	2,612	-
4380	TITLE IV F	50,127	105,450	-	(163)
4390	FFTA TRIBAL	27,665	30,197	-	-
4519	TBM COVID19	18,244	18,244	-	-
4520	ENSURING HOPE	-	-	-	-
4521	NTV CONN	192,472	198,174	16,993	(3,886)
4560	MSPI METHAMPHETAMINE	76,847	80,017	-	(1,176)
4570	SG COOP AGREEMENT H19	-	-	-	-
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 - SUICIDE P	-	-	(630)	-
4645	Y SUICIDE	664,639	701,329	-	(10,679)
4660	SAMHSA - LAUNCH	-	-	-	-
4684	MCN TOR	485,390	486,248	-	(421)
4685	SAMSHA-CMHI 019	167,667	163,151	-	4,516
4686	NCSTI-19	248,389	259,315	3,580	(6,395)
4687	TCE-HIV-19	470,016	504,221	10,320	(14,910)
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	20,14,415	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	-	-
4800	CDI NETWORK	-	-	-	-
4801	VOCA 16	-	-	117	-
4805	VOCA 20	47,548	70,589	307	3,950
4825	CENSUS 2020	-	-	-	-
4830	NAAF20	-	211,503	-	3,208
4831	NAAF21	255,560	-	-	255,560
4850	NAIHC	27,000	27,000	-	-
4860	AT&T FOUNDATION GRANT	-	-	-	-
4865	NIKE H7	-	25,006	(454)	619
4869	RURAL HEALTH INNOVATION	-	1,000	-	-
4810	ACEF HIGHWAY PATHWAYS 21	-	3,000	-	(3,000)
4820	M-POWER	-	-	-	(57,310)
4830	ANDREW MELLON FOUNDATION	-	19,787	-	(14,292)
4839	SPHB COVID19	100,000	100,000	-	-
4941	VOLKSWAGON SETTLEMENT	1,692,801	1,213,251	759,978	1,170,600
4942	CASEY FAMILY FOUNDATION COVID19	90,000	869	-	134,131
4943	NCAI 21	-	4,500	-	(4,500)
4951	SANE 17	-	-	-	-
4952	VOCA 18-H	-	-	-	(0)
4953	VOCA 19-H	7,395	-	-	-
4954	VOCA 20-H	67,044	82,561	-	(42,796)
4961	SUSAN G KOMEN 19	-	-	-	-
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
Fund Number	Program Name	Receipts	Expended	Encumbered	Cash Balance
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	98,436
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	-	290,966
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	-	-	56,864
5440	WIC PROGRAM INCOME	2,078	-	-	171,876
5800	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

Muscogee (Creek) Nation Schedule of Receipts, Expended, Encumbrances, Unencumbered and Cash balances - By Fund As of September 30, 2021 and the Year Ended September 30, 2021					
er	Program Name	Receipts	Expended	Encumbered	Cash Balance
Tribal Funds					
8045	IHS OFFICE BUILDING	38,710	4,101	-	612,122
8050	INDUSTRIAL PARK	-	-	-	-
8055	IRP	12,496	2,545	-	185,762
8060	MCN HEALTH ASSETS	-	-	-	-
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

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, **\$307,348,176.30**

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

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	27,193.91	574.39	(556.20)	27,175.72
53010	Software/Licenses	804,417.40	135,596.38	360,107.31	308,713.71
55210	Communications - Other	100,000.00	12,801.60	-	87,198.40
55300	Bldg Maint/Repairs	209,291.23	-	34,221.32	175,069.91
85500	Equipment	0.67	-	-	0.67
	FLEET MANAGEMENT				
50000	Salary & Wages - FT	2,906.94	432.53	-	2,474.41
50020	Salary & Wages - O/T Over 1.5	3,293.77	5,798.88	-	(2,505.11)
50100	Salary & Wages - PT	1,888.00	-	-	1,888.00
51000	Fringe - FT	6,800.00	3,330.61	-	3,469.39
51100	Fringe - PT	290.47	-	-	290.47
53000	Supplies	1,143,903.95	104,393.56	126,080.80	913,429.59
53290	Postage/Shipping	13,775.14	10,707.46	-	3,067.68
54000	Contractual <5K	16,229.80	5,587.99	2,263.03	8,378.78
55300	Bldg Maint/Repairs	1,315.00	800.00	-	515.00
57000	Indirect Costs	(101.52)	710.43	-	(811.95)
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	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	13,359.60	(1,722.86)	9,723.69
85010	Architect & Engineering	30,237.18	7,975.53	(7,975.53)	30,237.18
85170	Construction	1,339,411.71	1,338,179.71	(1,338,179.71)	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	1,912,734.89	(513,813.34)	6,601,596.03
	CONTRACT HEALTH				
59070	Direct Assistance	9,702.41	(65,266.14)	-	74,968.55
99980	CHS Accrual	-	(2,659.28)	-	2,659.28
	SECRETARY OF HEALTH				
23220	Fees	-	-	-	-
85500	Equipment	-	-	-	-
	FACILITIES MANAGEMENT				
85010	Architect & Engineering	2,700.88	-	-	2,700.88
85050	Renovations	42,629.46	18,647.95	-	23,981.51
85500	Equipment	119,427.07	75,527.07	-	43,900.00
	HEALTH INFO MANAGEMENT				
50000	Salary & Wages - FT	-	-	-	-
51000	Fringe - FT	7.33	7.33	-	-
53000	Supplies	0.75	475.71	(475.71)	0.75
53060	Supply - Computer/Print/Ipad	108.99	-	-	108.99
53320	Software Maint Contract	33,993.21	33,150.00	-	843.21
54100	Non-Medical Service Contract	957,982.70	603,689.00	-	354,293.70
	OKEMAHA HOSPITAL				
50000	Salary & Wages - FT	7,977.69	6,977.69	-	1,000.00
50090	Salary & Wages-Float Pool	878.35	367.08	-	511.27
51000	Fringe - FT	3,816.30	3,767.95	-	48.35
51100	Fringe - PT	38.54	38.54	-	-
53050	Medical Supplies Non-Billable	7,683.70	7,683.70	-	-
53290	Postage/Shipping	135.26	135.26	-	-
54280	Medical Service Contract	40,000.00	2,457.08	-	37,542.92
54370	Nursing Contract	373,060.18	324,859.96	-	48,200.22
57000	Indirect Costs	82,786.07	-	48,188.27	34,597.80
	OKMULGEE MEDICAL CENTER				
50000	Salary & Wages - FT	142,391.92	107,759.64	-	34,632.28
50010	Salary & Wages - OT	19,777.30	14,325.56	-	5,451.74
50090	Salary & Wages-Float Pool	12,393.55	10,157.27	-	2,236.28
51000	Fringe - FT	92,617.67	65,926.01	-	26,691.66
51100	Fringe - PT	1,066.51	1,066.51	-	-
53050	Medical Supplies Non-Billable	23,074.06	14,940.53	-	8,133.53
53290	Postage/Shipping	4.44	4.44	-	-
53490	Medical Supplied Billable	8,482.00	8,482.00	-	-
54280	Medical Service Contract	17,476.86	16,848.09	-	628.77
54370	Nursing Contract	210,961.72	135,676.53	-	75,285.19
85500	Equipment	84,775.70	-	48,188.27	36,587.43
	COUNCIL OAK COMP HEALTH HOSPITAL				
53000	Supplies	6,577.13	-	4,123.46	2,453.67
53290	Postage/Shipping	803.00	-	-	803.00
53420	Property Taxes	890,604.00	-	-	890,604.00
54100	Non-Medical Service Contract	20,100.00	-	20,100.00	-
85500	Equipment	68,430.71	-	32,087.38	36,343.33
	EUFAULA CLINIC				
85500	Equipment	21,620.00	-	21,620.00	-
	MCN REFILL CENTER				
53040	Pharmaceuticals	-	-	-	-
	TOTAL	3,304,085.46	1,385,045.48	173,831.67	1,745,208.31