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MCN MAKES TREK TO HOMELANDS IN ALABAMA

FIRST REYICEPES FESTIVAL CELEBRATED

by **BRADEN HARPER**
REPORTER

OXFORD, Alabama - After an almost 200 year absence, Muscogee (Creek) Nation leaders returned home to host the event that celebrated the tribe's culture, educated festival participants on the history of the ancestral land and re-established the nation's presence in Oxford.

The inaugural event was located at the original Arbeka ceremonial grounds in present day Choccolocco Park. It was hosted in partnership with the City of Oxford. Event activities included booths, speakers and walks along the ancestral trails. Festival vendors featured Mus-

cogee artists, cultural information, craft tutorials, and traditional weaponry demonstrations.

Planning for the event spanned three years, dating back as early as 2019. Reyicepes in Muscogee translates as "we have come back". The festival was open to the public and was attended by Muscogee citizens and non-citizens of all ages.

Principal Chief David Hill said this event is just the beginning of many opportunities to work with local schools and organizations to re-establish the Muscogee (Creek) Nation's presence in the area. Not only did the event serve as a cultural celebration, but a historical lesson as well.

Second Chief Del Beaver was surprised to learn that some festi-

val participants were unaware of why the tribe left the homelands in the first place. This was due to the gradual forced removal of the tribe stemming from the Indian Removal Act of 1830.

"History is history and it's meant to be told," Beaver said.

He described the festival as a "healing process" because some Muscogee citizens have never been to the homeland before. Many found the event to be deeply emotional and meaningful. To further preserve the true history of the Arbeka ceremonial grounds, MCN partnered with local schools to provide educational materials in their classrooms.

MCN Ambassador Jonodev Chaudhuri, spoke on the greater



Festival goers explore the many booths Reyicepes had to offer. (MM File)

purpose of the event.

"We're coming home to assist the people who are now here in helping shape the lands, the government and the future of this community in a spirit of healing and a spirit of vision for a better tomorrow together." Chaudhuri said.

On the topic of the tribe's current day disconnect from the homeland, Chaudhuri said the

event was hosted in a spirit of positivity rather than negativity, the main goal serving as a bridge between remembering the past and celebrating the present.

While the event only lasted two days, its symbolic significance marks a turning point in the tribe's efforts to spiritually reconnect with the land and establish relationships in the Oxford community.



Haskell Indian Nations University makes credit hours transfer easily from the College of the Muscogee Nation through articulation agreement. (Submission)

COLLEGE OF THE MUSCOGEE NATION SIGN ARTICULATION AGREEMENT WITH HASKELL

CMN GRADUATES WILL BE ABLE TO TRANSFER TO HASKELL WITHOUT ANY HASSLE

by **LANI HANSEN**
SENIOR REPORTER

OKMULGEE, Oklahoma - The College of the Muscogee Nation has signed an articulation agreement with Haskell Indian Nations University to help credits transfer easily for CMN students.

CMN is a two-year institution of higher education for the Muscogee (Creek) Nation emphasizing Native culture, values, language and self-determination. It's a positive learning environment for tribal and non-tribal students as citizens of a tribal and global society. The college is dedicated to helping students achieve their academic and career goals by providing a quality environment sensitive to the rich tribal culture, language and history.

According to CMN President

Dr. Monte Randall, the articulation agreement is a standard agreement between community colleges of two-year programs and four-year programs. The agreement ensures that the receiving institution with the bachelor's degree program will receive the graduate's entire credits from their associate's degree.

"As a tribal college offering associates degrees our students transfer on to bachelor degree programs," Randall stated. "While you don't need an articulation agreement, it helps our graduates to ensure them to be able to transfer their credits from the associates degree into that institution."

While CMN is a two-year college with certain credit hours and classes, many colleges are unable to accept those credits and by this partnership

with HINU being a four-year institution the credit hours earned will be accepted.

"We will review this articulation after a year and see if there will be any modifications that we need to make," Randall said for the term of the agreement.

The articulation agreement is now effective for students.

He added, "This is one of the first articulations between two tribal colleges, so we're excited to help our graduates move on to that bachelor's degree and we're very appreciative of Haskell and all the support we've had from Chief's office and National Council."

Randall, Dean of Academic Affairs Mekko Tyner and Data Specialist Mackie Moore being Haskell alumni put the articulation agreement together and met with HINU's president to make this possible for their students.

"We're looking forward to hosting Haskell in the summer on campus and bringing in alumni to have an event," Randall said.

A date has not been set yet for this event with Haskell, but during the event CMN graduates will be able to pre-enroll and get to know some faculty and staff of Haskell.

WISNER APPOINTED AS ATTORNEY GENERAL

MCN HAS FILED OVER 5,000 CRIMINAL CHARGES SINCE MCGIRT RULING

by **MORGAN TAYLOR**
REPORTER

OKMULGEE, Oklahoma - The National Council confirmed Chief David Hill's nomination of Geraldine (Geri) Wisner to serve as the MCN's Attorney General during the Regular Session on March 26.

The Council vote ended in a seven to six with one abstention. Rep. Galen Cloud, Mary Crawford, Joyce Deere, Joseph Hicks, Anna Marshall and Patrick Freeman voted against the resolution. Rep. Sandra Golden abstained.

Wisner's term will begin immediately upon confirmation and end concurrently with the Chief's term.

The tribal resolution was sponsored by Representative Thomasene Yahola Osborn and introduced during the monthly Business, Finance and Justice Committee meeting.

Chief stated the administration is thrilled to have Wisner on board.

"Her extensive background and credentials in Indian Law inspire confidence that she is the right choice at the right time to lead our efforts in advancing our Nation's justice system," Hill said.

Wisner is a Muscogee (Creek) citizen and a former U.S. Marine; she served as president of the MCN Bar Association and served as the first Ambassador for MCN at the United Nations.



Geri Wisner served at the first Ambassador to the United Nations for the MCN. (Submission)

She is a board member of the American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children and serves the Native American Children's Alliance as the Executive Director, while overseeing Wisner Law Firm

Her passion for protecting Native children translates as she has served on several U.S. Congressional committees whose primary focus improved the tribal justice systems concerning the protections of Native children while promoting safer communities in Indian Country.

APPOINTED - 2

LOCAL SCHOOL HOSTS FUNDRAISER RUNNING EVENT

THE EVENT IS OPEN TO ANYONE WHO WOULD LIKE TO PARTICIPATE OR DONATE

by **MORGAN TAYLOR**
REPORTER

PRESTON, Oklahoma - Preston Public Schools is holding a fundraising event "Kicks for Kids" on May 12 to provide the Preston elementary students with gym shoes.

The event will include a one-mile walk or "fun run" starting at 8:15 a.m. and a 5k run following at 8:45 a.m.

The fun run is targeted for the Pre-K and kindergarten aged students along with those who want to

participate without competing.

The 5k will be for anyone in first grade or older but will award divisions by grades 1-8, high school and adult for the first three places.

According to third grade physical education teacher and Muscogee (Creek) citizen Bobbie Fox, the event is open to anyone who would like to participate, not just Preston students.

It is \$25 per person to participate or one may donate the entry fee for a student to participate and other donations are being accepted.

While Fox and her colleague Kellie Wynn were training for a 5k run, they thought about how they could incorporate this event within the school.

"We were trying to figure out a good fundraiser for our school to have a 5k," Fox said. "Then we realized our kids were in desperate need of gym shoes."

As a physical education teacher, Fox wants to promote a healthy lifestyle through fitness and she claims that kids need adequate

shoes to do so.

"This race is a way that we can do both," she said.

The funds from the event will be gathered and saved until the kids come back to school for the fall.

Fox said that during school enrollment they would take the shoe sizes of each elementary student in hopes of supplying everyone if the funds allow otherwise, shoes would be distributed on a needs basis.

Fox and the Muscogee (Creek) Nation are gathering the numbers to supply shoes for the Native students.

Businesses around Okmulgee including Ausbrooks, Stewart Martin Kubota, Mike Bailey Motors, and Okmulgee Nutrition have donated towards the event.



The fun run will begin at 8:15 a.m. at the Preston track. (Morgan Taylor/Multimedia Producer)

To request a registration or donation form, please contact bfox@preston.k12.ok.us or kwynn@preston.k12.ok.us.

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Previously, Wisner served as the attorney general for the Kickapoo Tribe of Oklahoma and as a prosecutor for several tribal nations.

"There is no greater honor than to be selected by my own tribal leadership to protect and serve the people and to guard and strengthen our Muscogee (Creek) Nation sovereignty," Wisner said.

She succeeds former AG Roger Wiley, who stepped down from the position upon his confirmation to serve as the Chief Justice of the Nation's District Court.

The Nation's justice system also

added Lisa Otipody-Herbert as a new criminal-court judge.

"We are pleased to have these and many other talented individuals who each bring a wealth of experience that is key to the continuing implementation of our sovereignty, as affirmed by the U.S. Supreme Court's McGirt ruling," Hill said. "With this most recent addition of Geri Wisner as attorney general, we are bringing to bear the resources to continue addressing the increased volume of cases that are within our rightful jurisdiction."

The Muscogee (Creek) Nation Office of the Attorney General has filed 5,439 criminal charges since the landmark ruling in July 2020.



Former MCN Chief James Floyd, MCN Lighthorse Police Chief Richard Phillips, MCN Chief of Staff Jeff Fife and Author/Activist Rebecca Nagle sat on the panel for CMN. (Lani Hansen/Senior Reporter)

COLLEGE OF THE MUSCOGEE NATION HOSTS MCGIRT RULING PANEL

STUDENTS FROM PHI THETA KAPPA BROUGHT IN MCGIRT EDUCATED PANELISTS TO PROVIDE INFORMATION TO THE COMMUNITY

by LANI HANSEN

SENIOR REPORTER

OKMULGEE, Oklahoma— On March 30 students of the College of the Muscogee Nation brought in educated panelists to discuss the McGirt ruling in regards to meaningful research in the Indigenous community.

Phi Theta Kappa-Beta Chi Rho Chapter is an honor society at CMN. According to CMN Tribal Services Instructor and PTK Advisor Matthew Yates, there was an initiative in 2021 where they were trying to do meaningful research in regards to education. The McGirt Ruling impacted Indigenous communities and public education combined.

"One of our sources pointed out there was an intentional omission of this knowledge to the public," Yates explained. "So the students were supposed to propose a solution, the panel was their answer to "how do we provide an educational event to the community?"

A little bit about the McGirt Ruling and what the panelists had discussed was about the 2020 Supreme Court ruled in McGirt v. Oklahoma by a vote of 5-4 that a large portion of eastern Oklahoma, which was reserved for the Creek Nation in the 19th century will remain a reservation.

Some topics discussed on the panel was about the criminal Indigenous cases, the Treaty of 1866 between the United States and the Muscogee (Creek) Nation used to influence the U.S. Supreme Court, how the ruling

affected interagency cooperation with federal, state and local officials (law enforcement and political), tribal nation sovereignty and level of respect and recognition for tribal nations.

Panelists included former Chief James Floyd, Chief of the Lighthorse Department Richard Phillips, Author/Activist Rebecca Nagle and Chief of Staff Jeff Fife.

"With Chief Floyd in office during the initial pursuit of McGirt, it gave him a unique perspective that nobody has heard since he left office," Yates said on the decision of choosing panelists. "We wanted to get multiple perspectives which is why we included Lighthorse Chief Phillips since he has knowledge of impacts of the ruling on law enforcement. We wanted a voice from someone in Executive Office currently so we brought in Chief of Staff Jeff Fife, and an outside multiple tribal perspective that's why we had Rebecca Nagle."

Yates explained how wonderful it was to see how many people showed up to support the idea of communicating information about ongoing things in the Muscogee (Creek) Nation.

"The panel was an accumulative effort, the college is a family so it wasn't just the PTK members," he said. "I was humbled that everyone pitched in to make this happen in short notice and confirm all the panelists. Everybody was working extra to make sure that it was well presented."

To view video of the panel, visit: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wez8ZTHIGE>.

APOLOGY, BUFFALO, CHANGES, NEW AG

TOP CHURCH OFFICIAL ADMITS, ANTHROS ADMIT, TRIBES GET BUFFALO, LOCAL STUFF

by GARY FIFE

RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

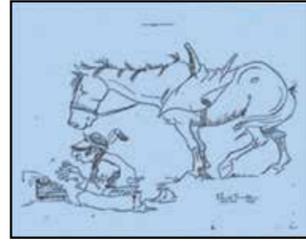
Okmulgee, Oklahoma—You might want to start taking a good look at your change from a purchase in the near future. The Wilma Mankiller quarter is due to be issued about now. According to the U.S. Mint, "Mankiller was the first woman elected principal chief of the Cherokee Nation and an activist for Native American and women's rights."

The head of the Catholic Church has "expressed his sorrow" for the Church's role in being responsible for a portion of the abuse and forced assimilation suffered by Indigenous children kept in the church's residential schools in Canada. Pope Francis's statement was issued some months after the remains of hundreds of Native children were discovered in unmarked graves on the grounds of several of the Catholic-run boarding schools.

Canadian Indigenous leaders travelled to the Vatican calling for an apology but felt that didn't happen. Other such schools are being investigated and some have been found to contain more unreported graves.

In other such mea culpa, the journal "Scientific American" reports, in 1901, the President of the American Anthropological Association wrote "the savage stands strikingly close to sub-human species in every aspect." That statement seemingly legitimized the continued exploitation of Native communities and cultures in the name of science.

But, thinking has changed, at least somewhat. At the end of last



year, the Association did issue an apology for the years of "extractive research" and other intellectual abuse.

In reaction, one staff member of the National Museum of the American Indian quipped, "It's about damn time."

Channel 2 News has reported that the City and County of Denver, Colorado over 30 Yvnsv (Bison) to three tribal nations to support their efforts to conserve the species. Wyoming and Colorado will receive the bulk of the donation, but the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes in Oklahoma will receive 17 of the sacred animals. Denver Mayor Michael Hancock called the donation a "an opportunity to help establish, support, and sustain Native American conservation herds across the country."

The latest news in the world of name changes comes from the Akwesasne Mohawk Nation on the 'St. Regis' reservation of upstate New York. According to Native News Online, the tribe has scheduled a vote in early June to change the name of the reservation. Their lands actually lie on both sides of the U.S. — Canadian border. The Canadian is known as Akwesasne, and the U.S. side is known as 'St. Regis', after a Jesuit priest.

Local Mohawks say the name 'St.

Regis' is a holdover from the colonial days. A poll of reservation residents showed that they preferred the name "Akwesasne Mohawk Tribe." One citizen commented, "Ultimately, Saint Regis was somebody else's name for us. We have always had our own. It was, is, and always will be Akwesasne."

Come June 4th, it will be again. More power to them!

The Muscogee (Creek) Nation has a new Attorney General—Geri Wisner. A release from the Public Relations Office says the new AG is an expert in the protection of Native children. That's a position that needed to be filled.

Since the McGirt decision was put into effect, the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Office of the Attorney General has filed 5,439 criminal charges since the U.S. Supreme Court's McGirt ruling in July 2020. Wisner is going to have her hands full.

Nominations for the Living Legends Ceremony are open. The Committee is looking for nominations of Mvskoke citizens who have brought recognition to the quality of life and development of the Nation. Nominations are due at 5:00p.m. May 27, 2022

We're all anxiously anticipating the return of the annual Mvskoke Nation festival, June 23-26. Details and entertainers are still being lined up. More details to come. Let's hope the COVID virus doesn't pop up again and cancel this one.

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MCN TO HOST ALL SPORTS TRAINING CAMP

PARTICIPANTS TO LEARN IMPORTANCE OF PHYSICAL ACTIVITY

by LANI HANSEN

SENIOR REPORTER

OKMULGEE, Oklahoma— In the last nine years, the Muscogee (Creek) Nation has sponsored football camps in different schools within the reservation boundaries. This will be the second year the camps will focus on all sports.

"We have always endeavored to include the communities to volunteer and help with these camps," Camp Coordinator and Okfuskee District Representative Sandra Golden stated. "The schools and communities have been outstanding supporters of the youth."

The plan of the All Sports Training Camp is to conduct camps at five schools this summer. The current five locations are Okemah, Eufaula, Weleetka, Bristow, Okmulgee and Glenpool.

Camp dates include Okemah-June 1; Eufaula- June 2; Okmulgee-June 9; Weleetka- June 16; Glenpool- June 17; and Bristow- June 23. Camps will run half days from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for less exposure of the summer heat. Students, girls and boys, grades first through twelfth are invited to participate. No fee is included.

This year, the football group led by Thomas Lott and Sandra Golden, have teamed with the schools within the reservation boundaries. The Muscogee (Creek) Nation Diabetes Prevention and Wellness Program will sponsor the All Sports Training Camp for a second year.

"With the impact of the pandemic, we understand the importance of a healthy community," Golden said.

She said they believe that children thrive with physical activity and have a much better chance to living a healthy life. The football camp was then revised to focus on all sports in 2021. The impetus is to increase physical skills and to provide more access for female youth, focusing on all sports training. The training was developed by Lott, which he presented for twenty years after his professional football career.

During these camps the Diabetes Wellness program will conduct health screenings for each of the participants. Adults are able to participate in the health screenings as well.

"This will not only help their program with their objectives in the community, but more importantly will help the youth learn and understand their physical aptitude,"



The MCN All Sports Training Camp will be hosted at five different schools with Head Coach Thomas Lott. (Submission)

Golden said.

All youth are invited to be a part of this event to get healthy and stay well. Golden and camp workers are excited to work with the students and schools again.

Pre-registration and on-site registration is available. For more information and questions contact, Sandra Golden at: imgoldsandi@yahoo.com.

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The Violence Against Women Act was reauthorized by President Biden in March. (Shutterstock)

VAWA REAUTHORIZATION GROWS STRONGER FUNDING THROUGH VAWA PROVIDES BETTER SERVICES FOR THE NATION

by LANI HANSEN
SENIOR REPORTER

OKMULGEE, Oklahoma—The Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) has been reauthorized and funding is going in effect with Muscogee (Creek) Nation’s Family Violence Prevention Program.

VAWA creates and supports comprehensive, cost-effective responses to domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence and stalking according to the National Network to end Domestic Violence website.

In an interview with Mvskoke Radio, MCN Family Violence Prevention Program Director Shawn Partridge stated each reauthorization grows stronger providing funding for critical programs that are providing services throughout the nation and communities.

“The new reauthorization expands tribes’ ability to hold non-Native offenders accountable for various crimes,” Partridge said.

According to Partridge, the 2013 reauthorization re-

stored criminal jurisdiction over non-Natives that commit crimes of domestic violence, dating violence and violation of protective orders that has been renewed with the 2022 reauthorization.

In a statement made by MCN, the new reauthorization demonstrates the value of strengthening tribal authority and capacity to enforce the law within MCN borders. When tribal nations are empowered to bring resources to the fight against crime, share the workload with other agencies and make the tribes communities safer everyone benefits. The tribe has advocated further restoration of tribal jurisdiction through VAWA.

The current VAWA contains historic provisions regarding the scope of tribal criminal jurisdiction restored. In the tribe’s statement, they applaud the hard work of the Judiciary Committee and the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs for their input.

Questions still arise from MCN about provisions to this

bill that could establish standards for tribal court convictions separate from those applied to state court convictions.

“There are a lot of changes but great changes,” Partridge said. “The Nation is working hard amongst our department to strengthen our responses. There are lots of challenges but lots of great work.”

This reauthorization will renew VAWA grant-funded programs and provides increase in funding. FVPP has been able to utilize these financial resources, which is being used to increase staff and increase services.

“We’re really happy to be working with the Executive Branch and to have the support of leadership on developing our first shelter for victims and survivors,” Partridge added.

With the reauthorization of VAWA programs in the tribe are bettering their services, and with convictions sent to tribal courts, according to Partridge the MCN court is growing by adding on two judges.

SUMMER MVSKOKE LANGUAGE IMMERSION CAMP TAKES PLACE IN JUNE

APPLICATION DEADLINE FOR THE CAMP IS MAY 13

by LANI HANSEN
SENIOR REPORTER

HULBERT, Oklahoma— The Mvskoke Language Program Summer Language Immersion Camp will be making its return in June for students willing to learn the Mvskoke language.

The camp was first held at the Preston district center when it first started in 2007, but years later was moved to the Sequoyah State Park.

The Mvskoke Language Department designed this camp to help instill cultural ways to children in grade 7-12.

Every year the department picks a theme for the camp, last year was called “Elder Ways” and this year the theme is “Knowing Your Family.” The students will learn more about their family tree.

This four-day camp will focus on the language, culture and history of Muscogee (Creek) Nation. The importance of church settings will be shared with the students as well, for example how in traditional churches men sit on one side and women are on the other side.

“One night we will have a ceremonial night to show the campers how a ceremonial dance is,” MCN Language Department Clerical Assistant Koko Lowe said.

Camp will run from June 13-16. Students will start arriving at 7:30 a.m. in Okmulgee at the Language Department in the Education and Training building the morning of the 13th.

“We will be feeding them breakfast upon arrival,” Lowe said. “There will also be a nurse



Students going in grades 7-12 willing to learn the language can now apply for the Mvskoke Language Immersion Camp. (Submission)

on-site doing head lice check for each camper.”

Students applying to attend the camp must be entering grades 7-12 and cannot be 18 years old by the beginning of the camp. Each student must be enrolled Muscogee (Creek) citizens and have the desire to learn the Mvskoke language. A 200-word essay must be submitted pertaining to the importance of preserving the language.

The camp will have a girls’ dorm and a boys’ dorm, with a female adult watching the girls’ side and a male adult watching the boys’ side.

Three meals will be provided each day. There is no cost to attend this camp.

Applications are now available. For more information contact the Mvskoke Language Department at: 918-732-7649 or jsquire@muscogeenation.com.

Application deadline is May 13, 2022 by 5 p.m.

The Summer Language Immersion Camp will take place June 13-16 2022, at Sequoyah State Park in Hulbert, OK.

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National Council selecting Holly Dunn to the Board of Directors of MCN DME, LLC. (MM File)

NATION SEEKS TO “ASSIMILATE” STATE AND MUNICIPAL LAWS

OPIOID SETTLEMENTS EARN MCN OVER \$15 MILLION

by **MORGAN TAYLOR**
REPORTER

OKMULGEE, Oklahoma – The Muscogee (Creek) Nation National Council held an Emergency Session at the Mound Building on April 5.

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

NCR 22-007

MCN National Council

selecting Holly Dunn to the Board of Directors of MCN DME, LLC. Representative Randall Hicks sponsored the resolution, which was adopted 15-0.

The MCN NC selected Dunn to serve a term until April 5, 2025.

TR 22-067

Authorizing the Principal Chief to execute a Tribal Participation Form in order to participate in the Tribal Distributors

Tribal Settlement. Rep. Mark Randolph sponsored the resolution, which was adopted 15-0.

The MCN opioid lawsuit settlement is an estimated \$12,205,345 of the \$515 million to tribes to be paid over a six-year period.

TR 22-068

Authorizing the Principal Chief to execute a Tribal Participation Form in order to participate in the Johnson & Johnson Settlement. Rep. Randolph sponsored the resolution, which was adopted 15-0.

The MCN opioid lawsuit settlement with Johnson & Johnson is an estimated \$3,697,011 of the \$150 million to tribes to be paid over a two-year period.

TR 22-069

Authorizing the extension of the Secretary of the Nation and Commerce to continue operation of the OneFire Holding Company, LLC. Rep. Patrick Freeman Jr. sponsored the resolution, which was adopted 15-0.

In accordance with NCA 21-109, operating agreement for OneFire Holding Company, LLC; in absence of a duly seated board, the Secretary of the Nation and Commerce will have all authority of the board for 90 days.

NCA 22-039

Amending Title 22, 2-102, entitled, “Property subject to

forfeiture,” requiring owner/custodian reimbursement of costs to the MCN related to the care of animals seized due to allegations of animal cruelty, requirement of a bond and/or civil forfeiture. Representative William Lowe sponsored the legislation, which was adopted 15-0.

Due to McGirt, it is necessary to amend Title 22 so it is analogous to federal and state law 18 U.S.C. 981 – Civil Forfeiture, and title 21 O.S. 1680.4 – Custody of Abused or Neglected Animals –Bond Euthanasia.

This is a result of an animal incident that involved a Cherokee citizen living in a Muscogee Housing home.

This is an example of the “Assimilation law” using the state’s law and local municipalities law where the MCN lacks precedence.

NCA 22-040

Amending MCNCA Title14, Chapter 2, Subchapter 2 of the Criminal Offenses Code of the MCN, authorizing creation of Section 2-206 entitled an assimilative Crimes Act Incorporating Oklahoma’s criminal code and the criminal codes of those municipalities existing within the Reservation boundaries of the MCN. Rep. Lowe sponsored the legislation, which was postponed until April 12 with a vote of 9-6. Reps. Joyce Deere,

Patrick Freeman, Sandra Golden, Joseph Hicks, Anna Marshall and Darrell Proctor voted against the postponement.

This act authorizes the assimilation of Oklahoma’s criminal code and the criminal codes of those municipalities existing within the Reservation and adopting those crimes into the Criminal Offenses Code of the MCN. View the act here.

The assimilation laws will serve as temporary gap filler for the laws that MCN justice systems do not have in place.

The Nation has previously practiced “law assimilation” by replicating the state’s hunting and fishing license for the Nation’s programs and other departments are soon to follow.

NCA 22-041

Amending NCA 21-166 (Approving the comprehensive annual budget for FY 2022 and providing appropriations.) Rep. Lowe sponsored the legislation, which was adopted 14-0-1. Rep. Randolph abstained.

The Nation has funds to give employees a four percent increase to wages, retroactive to Oct. 1, 2021 with the exception of employees who had an increase during the fiscal year. This Act amends NCA 21-166 to fund the increase for employees.

This emergency session can be watched at www.mcnc.com.

COMMITTEE APPROVES ROADWAY MAINTENANCE

MCNDH OWNS PROPERTY THAT IT WISHES TO CONVEY TO THE MCN

by **MORGAN TAYLOR**
REPORTER

OKMULGEE, Oklahoma - A Muscogee (Creek) Nation National Council Land, Natural Resources and Cultural Preservation Committee meeting was held April 12 at the Mound Building.

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 22-060

Authorizing the Principal Chief to execute a General Warranty Deed Conveying Property from the MCN Department of Housing to the MCN. Representative Charles McHenry sponsored the resolution, which passed 4-0.

MCN Housing owns property that it wishes to convey property in Wagoner County to the MCN so the land can be placed into trust.

TR 22-061

Authorizing the Principal Chief to execute a General Warranty Deed Conveying Property from the MCN Department of Housing to the MCN. Rep. Nelson Harjo Sr. sponsored the resolution, which passed 4-0.

MCN Housing owns property that it wishes to convey property in Okmulgee County to the MCN so the land can be placed into trust.

TR 22-062

Approving the Dome and Safe Space Building parking lot asphalt overlay project. Rep. McHenry sponsored the resolution, which passed 4-0.

The estimated cost of the asphalt overlay project will be \$350,000 from the Nation’s Tribal Transportation Program.

TR 22-063

Authorizing the Principal Chief to execute a Memorandum of Agreement with McIntosh County for improvements to three county roads. Rep. Galen Cloud sponsored the resolution, which was postponed until next month 4-0.

The estimated cost of the



Supplemental appropriation to the Nation’s Facilities Department. (MM File)

asphalt overlay project will be \$335,000 from the Nation’s Tribal Transportation Program.

TR 22-064

Authorizing the Principal Chief to execute a Memorandum of Agreement with Hughes County for improvements to two county roads. Rep. Harjo sponsored the resolution, which passed 4-0.

The estimated cost of the asphalt overlay project will be \$310,000 from the Nation’s Tribal Transportation Program.

TR 22-065

Authorizing the Principal Chief to execute a Memorandum of Agreement with Okmulgee County, OK for improvements to two county roads. Rep. Harjo sponsored the resolution, which

passed 4-0.

The estimated cost of the asphalt overlay project will be \$310,000 from the Nation’s Tribal Transportation Program federal funding.

TR 22-066

Authorizing the Principal Chief to execute a Memorandum of Agreement with the City of Holdenville for improvements to three city streets. Rep. Harjo sponsored the resolution, which passed 4-0.

The estimated cost of the asphalt overlay project will be \$84,000, funded by the Interest Funds from the Nation’s Tribal Transportation Program federal funding.

TR 22-070

Authorizing the Principal

Chief to execute a United States Department of the Interior, Indian Affairs, National Indian Oil & Gas, Energy and Mineral System End User License Agreement. Rep. Mark Randolph sponsored the resolution, which failed due to lack of a second motion.

The MCN seeks to gain access to the National Indian Oil & Gas, Energy and Mineral System. An End User License Agreement between the agencies must be initiated waiving sovereign immunity.

NCA 22-038

Supplemental appropriation to the Nation’s Facilities Department for fiscal year 2022. Rep. McHenry sponsored the resolution, which passed 4-0.

Nation’s Facilities Department is requesting \$282,538 for the fiscal year for increased cost of utilities, two additional staff, fringe and indirect cost.

In other business, the Committee discussed funding Hickory Ground Ceremonial Ground for the Christmas activities held at the grounds.

The Committee decided to postpone the discussion since there was no representation present on behalf of the ground.

A motion was made to add Peach Ground to other business, in which the Committee passed a \$50,000 grant for the ceremonial grounds.

The full agenda can be viewed at www.mcnc.com.

MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION TO HOST MVSOKKE LANGUAGE SYMPOSIUM

COMMITTEE APPROVES FUNDING FOR COUNCIL OAK INFUSION CENTER

by **LANI HANSEN**
SENIOR REPORTER

OKMULGEE, Oklahoma — A Muscogee (Creek) Nation National Council Health, Education and Welfare Committee meeting was held April 13 at the Mound Building in Okmulgee.

All passed legislation will go before the full Council during the regular session April 30.

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

TR 22-056

Authorizing the Principal Chief to execute a certain agreement between the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Department of Health and Ted Conferences, LLC. Representative Mary Crawford sponsored the resolution, which was postponed for one month with a vote of 4-0.

An agreement between MCNDH and TED Conferences LLC will allow MCNDH to license TED Talk Videos for use by the Behavioral Health Service.

TR 22-057

Authorizing the Principal Chief to execute a certain agreement between the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Department of Health and Philips North American, LLC. Rep. Crawford sponsored the resolution, which passed 4-0.

An agreement between MCNDH and Philips North America, LLC will allow MCNDH to purchase a BiPAP machine and a ventilator.

TR 22-058

Authorizing the Principal Chief to execute a certain agreement between the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Department of Health and Fujifilm Sonosite, INC. Rep. Crawford sponsored the resolution, which passed 4-0.

An agreement between MCNDH and FUJIFILM Sonosite, Inc will allow MCNDH to purchase ultrasound equipment.



A Muscogee (Creek) Nation National Council Health, Education and Welfare Committee meeting was held April 13 at the Mound Building in Okmulgee. (MM File)

TR 22-059

Authorizing the Principal Chief to execute a Data Exchange Request Form (DXFR) Request for information from the Social Security Administration. Rep. Anna Marshal sponsored the resolution, which passed 4-0.

A Data Exchange Request Form Request for Information from the Social Security Administration, a federal agency, must be submitted to complete benefit verifications and obtain status on claims filed.

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HEW

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NCA 22-035

Authorizing the expenditure of the Department of Health and Human Services Administration for Children and Families low-income Home Energy Assistance program funds for the benefit of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Social Services program. Rep. Crawford sponsored the resolution, which passed 4-0.

MCN Social Services Program was awarded \$263,226.00 from the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program, to be used for cooling and crisis funds.

NCA 22-036

Authorizing the expenditure of funds awarded from Tulsa County Health Department to the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Department of Health for the Infusion Clinic at Council Oak Comprehensive Hospital. Rep. Crawford sponsored the resolution, which passed 4-0.

MCNDH is in receipt

of \$500,000.00 from Tulsa County Health Department for the Health Infusion Clinic at Council Oak.

NCA 22-037

A law of Muscogee (Creek) Nation creating a new subchapter 7, entitled "Muscogee (Creek) National Council Scholarship" in MCNCA title 18 chapter 4 entitled "Higher Education and Vocational Scholarships and Grants." Rep. Thomasene Yahola Osborn sponsored the resolution, which passed 4-0 and will be forwarded to the Business, Finance and Justice Committee for funding source.

The scholarship will be for a Post-Graduate student who has demonstrated leadership skills while obtaining his/her degree.

Two of these scholarships shall be awarded, one for the spring semester and one for the fall semester. Must meet the requirements of enrolled MCN citizen, pursuing first-time Master's/Doctorate either full time/part-time, must adhere to the application requirements

by the Scholarship Foundation and provide support documentation demonstrating leadership skills.

NCA 22-047

A law of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation authorizing an appropriation for the Muscogee (Creek) Nation to host the "Mvskoke Opunvkv Kerretv Vtelokv (Mvskoke Language Symposium). Rep. Marshall sponsored the resolution, which passed 4-0 and will be forwarded to the BFJ committee for funding source.

The Mvskoke Language Symposium is dedicated to providing access to the Mvskoke Language community by fostering an inclusive environment of community outreach efforts to discuss current trends and issues in language revitalization, promotion and acquisition.

The two-day program will be held at the College of the Muscogee Nation, dates and times to be determined.

For video of committee meetings visit: www.mcnc.com.



MCN seeks to gain access to the NIOGEMS. (MM File)

NATION SEEKING FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

SUPPLEMENTAL CRIMES ACT WILL ALLOW THE MCN COURTS TO USE STATE LAWS IN NEW CASES

by **MORGAN TAYLOR**
REPORTER

OKMULGEE, Oklahoma - A Muscogee (Creek) Nation National Council Emergency Session meeting was held April 12 via teleconference.

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

TR 22-070

Authorizing Principal Chief to execute a United States Department of Interior, Indian Affairs, National Indian Oil & Gas, Energy and Mineral System End User License Agreement. Representative Mark Randolph sponsored the legislation, which was adopted 14-0.

The MCN seeks to gain access to the NIOGEMS, and End User License Agreement with U.S. Department of Interior, Indian Affairs which waves sovereign immunity.

TR 22-073

Authorizing Principal Chief to submit a 2022 Tribal Energy Development Capacity (TEDC) Grant application. Rep. William Lowe sponsored the legislation, which was adopted 14-0.

The Nation has interest in evaluation of certain capacity development opportunities, specifically the exploration and continuation of the Phase III Tribal Authority Feasibility Study.

TR 22-075

Authorizing Principal Chief to

submit a 2022 Energy and Mineral Development Program (EMDP) Grant application. Rep. William Lowe sponsored the legislation, which was adopted 15-0.

The Nation owns producing and non-producing oil and gas mineral rights through the 11 counties. The Nation seeks to explore the opportunities for further oil and gas development.

NCA 22-040

Amending MCNCA Title 14, Chapter 2, Subchapter 2 of the Criminal Offenses Code of the MCN, Authorizing creation Section 2-206 entitled an Assimilative Crimes Act incorporating Oklahoma's Criminal Code and the Criminal Codes of those municipalities existing within the reservation Boundaries of the MCN. Rep. William Lowe sponsored the legislation, which was postponed indefinitely 15-0.

This act was to adopt laws of the state of Oklahoma in the case that Muscogee Nation had no law in place for such crime.

NCA 22-048

Amending Title 14, Chapter 2, Subchapter 1 of the Criminal Offenses Code of Laws of the MCN, authorizing creation of section 2-114 - A Supplemental Crimes Act. Rep. William Lowe sponsored the legislation, which was adopted 15-0.

This law was drafted to replace the Assimilative Laws Act to avoid using the word "Assimilative" which could be interpreted as a link to the assimilation of tribal nations.

This act will adopt laws of the state of Oklahoma in the case that Muscogee Nation had no law in place for such crime.

The full agenda and recorded meeting can be found at: www.mcnc.com.

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OBITUARY



Lawrence F. ROBINSON

Larry passed away peacefully on April 9 in Bend, Oregon. He is survived by his wife Irma, to whom he was married for over 52 years and described as "the sunshine of my life" and his endless source of pride, daughter Bonnie Robinson. He was preceded in death by his daughter Cyndi Moore, brother Price Robinson, and sister Willene Robinson.

Larry (or "Sonny" to his family and hometown friends) was born in Riverside, California, the son of William and Nancy (Manley) Robinson who ventured to California from Oklahoma. Most of his childhood was spent in Banning, California where he excelled and was widely known for his athletic accomplishments in football, basketball, baseball, diving, and track and field to name a few. His leadership capabilities surfaced very early in life when he graduated as the Student Body President of Banning High.

Larry obtained both a Bachelor's and Master of Public Administration from Pepperdine University, Los Angeles, California.

At the early age of 21, he was recruited by the Banning Chief

of Police to join the force as a police officer there. In 1963 Larry joined the Torrance Police Department, where he steadily progressed up the ranks to Captain. A career highlight was in attending the F.B.I. National Academy with law enforcement leaders from around the globe. Larry's career in law enforcement, at its core, was about leading with common sense and integrity, demonstrating high moral character, protecting the safety and well-being of others, and achieving trusted relationships both within the organization and the community whom he was proud to serve. Following his retirement, Larry shared "My thirty-two-year career in law enforcement allowed me a front row seat to the full spectrum of this existence we call life."

Larry was very proud to be a member of the Muscogee Creek Nation and, although not being of a particular religious faith, felt a deep spirituality which he believed came from his Native American roots.

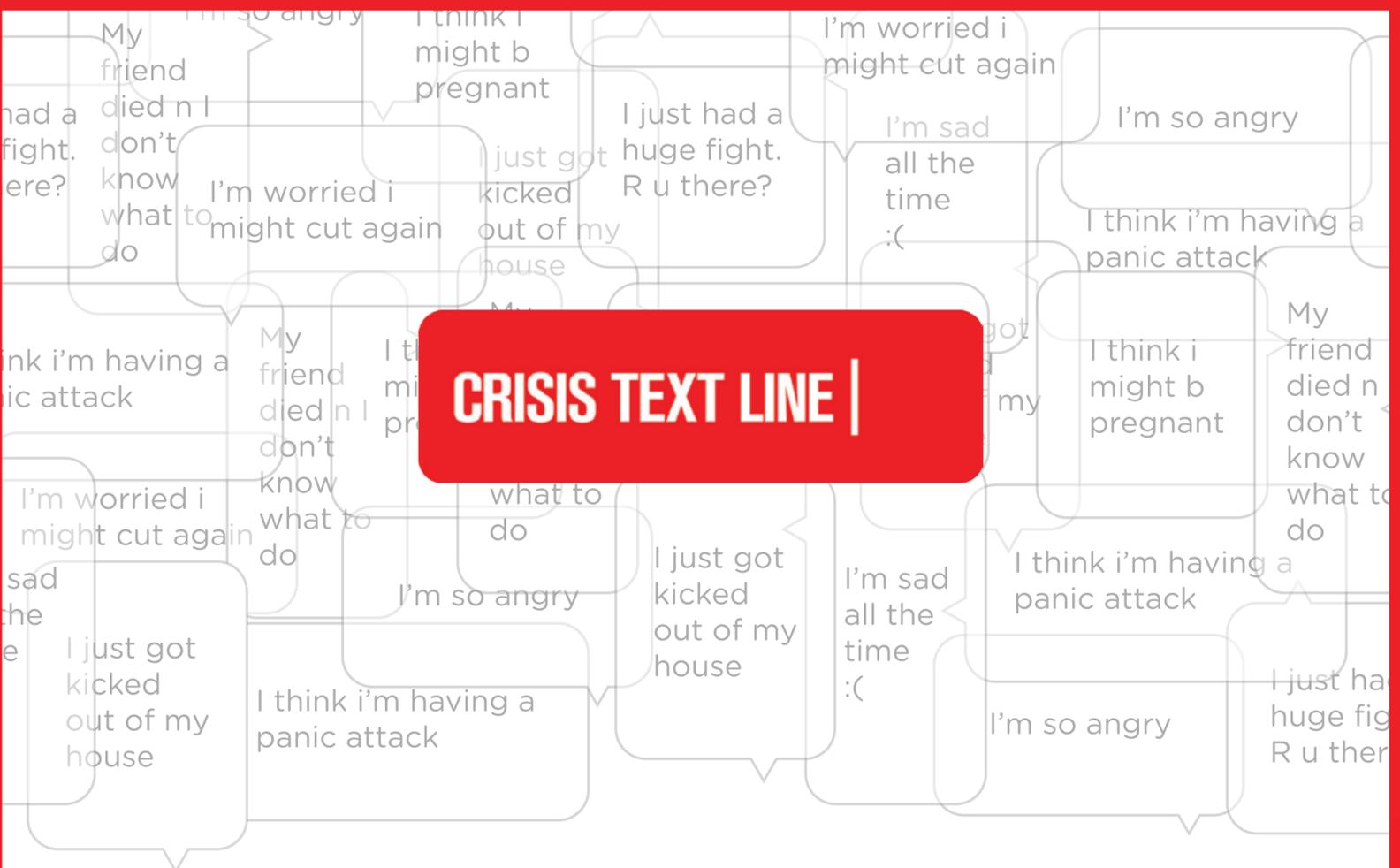
With his zest for adventure, Larry traveled the world extensively with Irma, and pursued his passion for flying by becoming a licensed pilot. A personal highlight was in completing the 1982 Honolulu Marathon. Larry always appreciated reading about history and the latest best-selling thrillers. His love of the written word led him to author some of his own short stories.

Walking in nature, kayaking, and riding his bike always provided him with abundant joy. Larry also enjoyed strumming his banjo and ukulele, and in his earlier years hitting the high notes with his trumpet.

Life was never complete unless he had a pet at his side. Up until the end, his hand was lovingly nuzzled by his grateful dog McNabb, who came to him from Brightside Animal Shelter in Redmond, Oregon.

In honor of Larry's wishes, there will be no memorial service.

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Bethel Jean (Smith) Atkinson

Bethel Jean (Smith) Atkinson, 93 of Sand Springs passed away at her home on Sunday April 10, 2022.

Beth was born on September 11, 1928 in Eufaula, OK to Rashie Curtis and Bethel (Ferguson) Smith. In 1945, the Smith family moved from Eufaula to Tulsa,

where Beth graduated from Will Rogers High School in 1946.

Beth married Barb Alexander Atkinson in August 1952 making their home in Tulsa, until moving to Sand Springs in 1977. Beth sold real estate for over 50 years. Beth enjoyed gardening and sports, particularly University of Tulsa athletics.

Survivors include her son, Barb Alan Atkinson; two daughters, Barbette Veit (Clinton), Jeanette Harris; six grandchildren, Mariah Judd, Nicole Sigmon, Danielle Veit, Christian Hollaway, Blair Hollaway and Ty Hollaway; 6 great grandchildren, Dominic Judd, Gabriella Judd, Stafford Sigmon, Adalyn Ray, Ivy Hollaway, Laythan Hollaway and other relatives.

Beth was preceded in death by her parents, husband, Barb; daughter, Karen Hollaway; granddaughter, Dhani Atkinson and two brothers, Otto Smith and Curtis Smith.

Funeral Services will be held on Friday April 22, 2022 at Mobley-Groesbeck Funeral Service at 2:00 p.m. in Sand Spring, OK.



Katie Hawkins

Katie was born on July 1, 1920, in a tent by Middle Creek #2, an Indian church west of Holdenville, Oklahoma in Hughes County. She was a member of the Muscogee (Creek) tribe and was dedicated to her Christian faith. Katie celebrated her 100th birthday in 2020 surrounded by family and friends in Stillwater, Oklahoma where she passed away on Wednesday,

March 30, 2022. Services were held Tuesday, April 5, 2022 at Lost Creek United Methodist Church, officiated by Reverend Max Rudd of Lost Creek UMC and Pastor Jimmy Anderson of Many Springs Baptist Church in Holdenville, OK.

Katie attended a one-room school where she was deemed a capable and responsible student. We know this because she was given the responsibility of lighting the fire in the pot belly stove on cold mornings. After the 8th grade, she went to Holdenville High School which required her to walk 2 1/2 miles every day. Katie graduated on May 20, 1941, with great distinction. She was among the ten students who made the highest grades during their three years at Holdenville High School and graduated magna cum laude. It was during these years in Holdenville that Katie became the capable, independent woman that we knew. After high school, Katie considered going to college, choosing instead to take a 6-week manicuring course in Tulsa which led to a career that supported her and

family until she retired in 1985.

In 2000, on her 80th birthday, Katie moved to Stillwater and lived her remaining years in the country next to her son Tom and his wife Cara. She loved to garden; new flower beds popped up everywhere. Katie was self-sufficient, not likely to ask for help and learned to fix and care for her household in a time before Google. Tree-trimming was a specialty of Katie's until Tom caught her on a ladder in the bed of a golf cart trimming a limb. She was 99 at the time. Katie lived independently until she was 101.

Katie is preceded in death by her parents Kizzie Taylor-Hawkins and Jackson Hawkins; half-brother Willie Sewell; and son Larry Hawkins.

She is survived by son Tom Hawkins (Cara), grandchildren Rachele Wilson (Bo), Phil Crouch (Emily), Bart Crouch (Jamie), Robbin Richey (Aaron), and Monica Munro (Kris), fourteen great grandchildren and four great-great grandchildren. Katie's extended family includes many loving cousins and their families.

SUBMISSION

Who's Being Served? Muskogee, it is time to get Priorities in Order

by PATRICIA KASECA MUSCOGEE (CREEK) CITIZEN

What defines a city and makes it great, is the quality of life that its citizens enjoy. "The U.S. Constitution" ensures that each citizen has the freedom to pursue the best that life has to offer. Freedom to pursue life, liberty, and happiness, without governmental interference. However, a substantial percentage of Muskogee district representatives and city council staff have forgotten that it is the people of Muskogee who appointed them to conduct the governmental affairs of the community, one which benefits the people and two, increases their quality of life. Yet everywhere one looks there is a marijuana dispensary on every city block and Muskogee citizens are fed up with them taking over the city and their neighborhoods.

Pro-marijuana proponents on the city council are the culprits: the planning commission, the city manager, the city attorney, and district representatives are responsible for the number of dispensaries coming into neighborhoods and lowering the quality of life for citizens. Constituents want safe and peaceful neighborhoods - not prioritizing and establishing more marijuana businesses, which are nothing more than public nuisances: Article 16-Medical Marijuana Section 22-675. City council, and representatives should also possess a high standard of leadership with an unbiased viewpoint on marijuana, zero conflicts of interest concerning the drug, and a positive serve-the-people attitude.

Serving the public requires district representatives actively participating with citizens to improve the condition of their neighborhoods. Yet, week-after-week, citizens attend council meetings objecting to rezoning laws that are forced upon them. Rezoned areas allow dispensary owners to sell marijuana at least three hundred feet of homes. Children are especially at risk for violence because dispensaries and grow houses have round-the-clock armed security on the premises and near their homes. Pro-marijuana district representatives promote marijuana businesses to make money, and they believe it is what Muskogee citizens want. However, in a recent mayoral race, the conservative incumbent won by a landslide indicating that Muskogee citizens want more conservative values.

The city council staff are also

responsible for converting C-1 commercial zones to C-2 general zones. Rezoning makes it possible for a dispensary to open a business near neighborhood areas. A Special Use Permit (SUP) is a new ordinance applicable to C-2 zones. A marijuana grower completes this application and waits to be reviewed.

One interesting aspect of the zoning issue is that churches do not have a special status in the city ordinance: Article 07. Agricultural District, Section 09-07-02, entitled Permitted and special uses for agricultural districts. Places of worship are considered "permitted" under this ordinance. A permitted status allows a dispensary to operate as close as next door. Muskogee churches must have the status changed to "special."

Schools are protected from dispensaries by 1,000 feet, whether private or public. Marijuana is a Schedule 1 drug and millions of dollars have been spent on Muskogee schools' anti-drug campaigns before the days of "Just Say No to Drugs." According to the Muskogee Public School's website, there are approximately 5,600 students attending Pre-K through high school. Countless educators, family counselors, parents, and pastors have spent decades warning children about the dangers of drugs. Teaching children about dangerous drugs is one thing but reinforcing the concept that marijuana is an okay drug after it has been labeled as dangerous for so long, children have learned that adults do not mean what they say.

On February 7, 2022, Governor Kevin Stitts delivered a State of the Union Address, in which he stated, "Oklahoma has too many marijuana businesses, with approximately 8,300 growers in Oklahoma. This is a real problem, and something will be done about it." He further stated, "in Oklahoma, it only costs \$2,500 for a grower's license, but in California, it costs \$181,000," paraphrased. Growers flock to Muskogee because the fees are low and because of the availability of farmland. Rural areas are often a breeding ground for criminal activities such as human trafficking and drug smuggling.

According to Oklahoma.gov, last month there were thirty-six (36) dispensaries and seventy plus (70+) applicants who are wait-listed to open new marijuana businesses in Muskogee. Marijuana businesses are violating city ordinance Article 16, Medical Marijuana Section 22-676 if they do not have proper ventilation systems installed. Odors and greenhouse emissions cannot be detected off the premises if ventilation systems are up to code. Referencing Article 16, Medical Marijuana Section 22-675, the city manager, or his designee has the power to revoke a grower's license until it comes into compliance with the

city ordinance. One grower in the downtown area has been out of compliance for a time. Failure to follow through with legal action causes citizens to distrust city leadership. It also sends a message that Muskogee citizens and their quality of life is not as important as marijuana businesses.

A house is a major investment to citizens and upkeep is expensive. They pay property taxes and citizens do not want to see the value of their homes decline just so dispensaries can prosper. No homeowner wants more traffic or crime in their neighborhoods. They do not want to experience the health risks associated with the use of pesticides and poisonous emissions from grow houses, and armed security, which has a

potential for gun violence on the streets.

Speaking out and writing articles will remind city staff that they are expendable and pro-marijuana district representatives can be voted out of office. Ideally, Muskogee citizens have better things to do with their time than spend it in a city council meeting defending their viewpoints and arguing their case before a pro-marijuana council. Electing new representatives would be much easier than debating city council about their zoning ordinances because it is a win-lose situation for constituents. Citizens want to enjoy their homes and to focus on their priorities which are families, education, and livelihood. City staff should be focused on these priorities as well.

NOTE OF GRATITUDE

The Family of Thomas Lee Little would like to extend our appreciation to the following in no specific order; Greenleaf Indian Missionary Baptist Church, Parks Funeral Home, Muskogee Creek Nation Tribal Driveways Program, Wayne Harjo & Harry Douglas. We are thankful for Greenleaf Church & members for opening up the church for service and fellowship hall for serving meals. The crew of the Tribal Driveways Program was very helpful and cooperative for the opening & closing duties for the grave. Our family is grateful for friends, thoughts and prayers received during this time of sorrow."

Fiscal Year 2022

In accordance with the following legislation:

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

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

Total received/earned **\$312,692,414.48**

Total expenditures and encumbrances for FY20, FY21, and FY22 as of this report date equals, **\$308,699,013.01**

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

ACCOUNT NUMBER	PROGRAM NAME/ ACCOUNT NAME	AMOUNT BUDGETED	EXPENDED	ENCUMBERED	CASH BALANCE
FEDERAL GRANTS/CONTRACTS					
40490	Interest Income	-	(61.76)	-	61.76
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	2,193.65	(2,193.60)	27,193.86
53010	Software/Licenses	804,417.40	490,122.11	5,581.58	308,713.71
55210	Communications - Other	100,000.00	19,202.40	-	80,797.60
55300	Bldg Maint/Repairs	209,291.23	400.33	33,820.99	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	3,364.97	-	3,435.03
51100	Fringe - PT	290.47	-	-	290.47
53000	Supplies	1,143,903.95	262,890.06	(15,199.20)	896,213.09
53290	Postage/Shipping	13,775.14	13,402.70	-	372.44
54000	Contractual <5K	16,229.80	7,497.73	-	8,732.07
55300	Bldg Maint/Repairs	1,315.00	800.00	-	515.00
57000	Indirect Costs	(101.52)	729.32	-	(830.84)
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	5,925.00	-	217,256.41
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	201,988.80	-	80,273.50
85500	Equipment	131,250.00	131,250.00	-	-
ELDERLY NUTRITION					
53000	Supplies	1,048.00	339.96	-	708.04
55100	Utilities	1,431.00	110.00	-	1,321.00
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	36,360.43	13,429.84	(1,793.10)	24,723.69
59050	Food Purchases	15,000.00	-	-	15,000.00
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	120,511.47	114,594.11	(114,594.11)	120,511.47
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	(6,710.00)	-	131,473.00
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	88,335.00	-	265.00
DISTRICT COURT					
85500	Equipment	16,250.00	-	-	16,250.00
TOTAL					
		8,000,517.58	2,969,973.89	(1,440,532.68)	6,471,076.37
CONTRACT HEALTH					
59070	Direct Assistance	9,702.41	(73,858.66)	-	83,561.07
99980	CHS Accrual	-	(2,659.28)	-	2,659.28
SECRETARY OF HEALTH					
54100	Non-Medical Service Contract	22,200.00	22,200.00	-	-
FACILITIES MANAGEMENT					
55020	Storage	3,315.00	3,315.00	-	-
85010	Architect & Engineering	-	-	-	-
85050	Renovations	31,253.68	31,253.68	-	-
85500	Equipment	119,427.07	119,427.07	-	-
HEALTH INFO MANAGEMENT					
53000	Supplies	-	7,279.71	(7,279.71)	-
53320	Software Maint Contract	266,642.64	266,642.64	-	-
54100	Non-Medical Service Contract	1,824,879.00	1,824,879.00	-	-
OKEMAH HOSPITAL					
50000	Salary & Wages - FT	8,577.69	8,577.69	-	-
50090	Salary & Wages-Float Pool	367.08	367.08	-	-
51000	Fringe - FT	4,631.95	4,631.95	-	-
51100	Fringe - PT	38.54	38.54	-	-
53050	Medical Supplies Non-Billable	9,133.95	9,133.95	-	-
53290	Postage/Shipping	135.26	135.26	-	-
54220	Physician Contract	3,277.50	3,277.50	-	-
54280	Medical Service Contract	18,165.56	18,165.56	-	-
54370	Nursing Contract	583,315.30	583,315.30	-	-
85500	Equipment	48,188.27	-	-	48,188.27
OKMULGEE MEDICAL CENTER					
50000	Salary & Wages - FT	174,602.70	174,602.70	-	-
50010	Salary & Wages - OT	26,650.22	26,650.22	-	-
50090	Salary & Wages-Float Pool	13,860.45	13,860.45	-	-
51000	Fringe - FT	108,676.58	108,676.58	-	-
51100	Fringe - PT	1,455.35	1,455.35	-	-
53050	Medical Supplies Non-Billable	19,767.95	19,767.95	-	-
53290	Postage/Shipping	4.44	4.44	-	-
53490	Medical Supplied Billable	8,482.00	8,482.00	-	-
54220	Physician Contract	3,277.50	3,277.50	-	-
54280	Medical Service Contract	17,476.86	17,476.86	-	-
54370	Nursing Contract	398,658.44	398,658.44	-	-
85500	Equipment	48,188.27	48,188.27	-	-
LTACH					
50000	Salary & Wages - FT	1,100.92	1,100.92	-	-
50090	Salary & Wages-Float Pool	565.44	565.44	-	-
51000	Fringe - FT	594.50	594.50	-	-
51100	Fringe - PT	59.37	59.37	-	-
SKILLED NURSING FACILITY					
50000	Salary & Wages - FT	1,392.10	1,392.10	-	-
50090	Salary & Wages-Float Pool	5,795.69	5,795.69	-	-
51000	Fringe - FT	751.73	751.73	-	-
51100	Fringe - PT	608.55	608.55	-	-
COUNCIL OAK COMP HEALTH HOSPITAL					
53000	Supplies	4,123.46	4,123.46	-	-
53420	Property Taxes	496,195.23	496,195.23	-	-
54100	Non-Medical Service Contract	20,100.00	4,400.00	-	-
85500	Equipment	32,087.38	32,087.38	-	-
EUFALA CLINIC					
85500	Equipment	21,620.00	20,826.00	-	794.00
TOTAL					
		4,359,346.03	4,215,723.12	(7,279.71)	150,902.62