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The MCN Lighthouse Police Department building received damage from flood waters. (Braden Harper/Reporter)

MCN RESPONDS TO NATURAL DISASTERS

PRINCIPAL CHIEF DECLARES STATE OF EMERGENCY FOR MVSKOKE RESERVATION

by **LIZ GRAY**
MANAGING EDITOR

OKMULGEE, Oklahoma – Storms wrung out a massive amount of rainfall on the evening of May 4 which resulted in flooding that affected several parts of

the Mvskoke Reservation, including the tribal nation’s capital of Okmulgee. On the morning of May 5, Principal Chief David Hill signed Executive Order 22-01 declaring a State of Emergency as part of the tribal hazard mitigation plan so

that the Nation could maximize recovery and restoration with federal FEMA funding for disasters. At MCN headquarters, the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Lighthouse Police Department, Office of Child Care, Human Services and Mvskoke Media buildings

took on water. “We did have a good response in having a better plan than we did a year ago,” MCN Press Secretary Jason Salsman said. “Because unfortunately this happened last year.”

The area is a known flood-plain for the tribal complex. MCN Emergency Management’s Bobby Howard had been briefing tribal leadership throughout the week of chances for severe weather. By Wednesday afternoon, Howard started tracking storms which led to the department, first responders and LHPD deploying to edges of the Mvskoke Reservation.

As impacts have occurred, MCN responders have provided water rescues by boats, by officers with coordination with Choctaw, Cherokee and Osage Nations along with other tribal emergency managers.

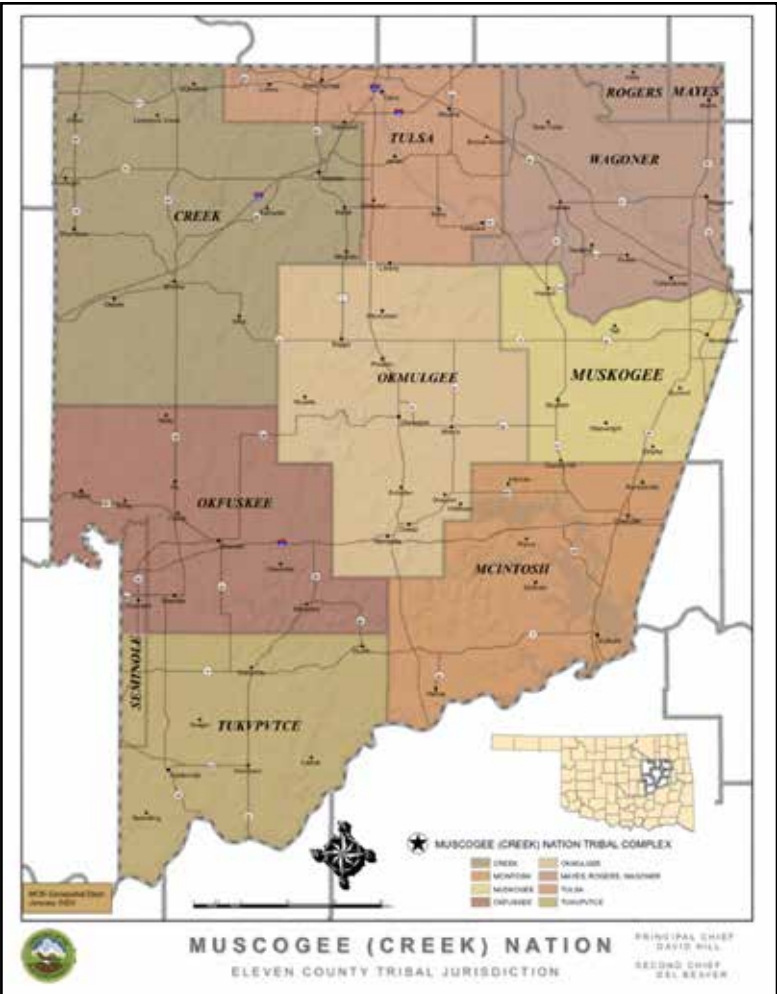
The area of Seminole was hit by a tornado, where Howard said his department along with LHPD officers have worked with Seminole Nation and Seminole County

to provide assistance. Water was moved to Cromwell to support the lack of water due to power outages within Seminole County as well as a water buffalo made available at one of the Muscogee (Creek) baptist churches in Okemah.

“We have a plan, it’s worked very well during this event and continues to keep the Nation moving forward,” Howard said. Last year, MCN National Council amended legislation for the Natural Disaster Assistance Program through MCN Social Services for Muscogee (Creek) citizens affected by natural disasters, which includes floods.

Assistance includes replacement of necessity items such as clothing, personal hygiene, groceries, furniture, and/or emergency shelter and utility costs. Assistance is up to \$7,500 per fiscal year.

For more information, citizens can visit: <https://www.muscogeenation.com/services/social-services/natural-disaster-assistance/>.



Alicia Strobble appeal her tribal income tax exemption denial from OTC. (Submission)

JUDGE MAKES OK TAX COMMISSION DECISION

MCN EMPLOYEE AND CITIZEN WINS CASE IN FIGHTING FOR TAX EXEMPTION

by **MORGAN TAYLOR**
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OKMULGEE, Oklahoma – Administrative Law Judge Ernest H. Short conceded Alicia Strobble’s appeal agreeing that the state was wrong in denying her claim of the Tribal Income Exemption for the tax years of 2017, 2018 and 2019. Short’s decision is a recommendation to the Oklahoma Tax Commission to grant Strobble the exemption which the Commission in turn must chose to adopt or not. Native American law attorney Kirke Kickingbird told The Oklahoman the case is likely to be headed to the Oklahoma Supreme Court.

“We are a long way from any

kind of final result on this,” Kickingbird said.

The state law that allows tribal members to be exempt from income taxes has been in place for nearly two decades.

An individual must have all three basic standards to be considered for the exemption: member of a federally recognized tribe, reside in tribes’ boundaries and earn income derived from the sources within the residing jurisdiction.

As a Muscogee citizen living within the Muscogee Nation reservation who works for the Muscogee Nation, Strobble met all requirements necessary to be granted the exemption as defined

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Delegation from the Muscogee Nation along with various tribal leaders from the state on Montana outside of the United States Supreme Court building. (Jason Salsman/Press Secretary)

MCN GIVES STATEMENT ON SCOTUS OKLAHOMA V. CASTRO-HUERTA

ORAL ARGUMENTS WERE HELD APRIL 27

by **LIZ GRAY**
MANAGING EDITOR

WASHINGTON – Oral arguments were held April 27 at the United States Supreme Court for Oklahoma v. Castro-Huerta. Victor Castro-Huerta is a non-Indian who was tried in the state court upon which he received a state conviction of child neglect and a 35-year prison sentence. The crimes committed were against a minor enrolled in a federally-recognized tribe inside of the Cherokee Nation Reservation.

The Muscogee (Creek) Nation had the following statement:

“Today’s arguments at the U.S. Supreme Court shed light on the misleading arguments and gross exaggerations in the State of Oklahoma’s case to expand its jurisdiction. It is long past time for the State to focus on reality and cease the costly, distracting litigation that rides on these fictions.

The State is overdue to begin working in earnest – as do other entities – with us and other sovereign tribal nations

to protect public safety and ensure justice is served for all.

We are hopeful that the U.S. Supreme Court will continue steadfast in its Constitutional role to interpret the law, not legislate. And, we look forward to working with Congress to align public-safety funding to reflect the redistribution of caseloads away from the State to federal and tribal governments – as we continue to make our own significant investments in capacity and resources.”

SCOTUS heard arguments from the state of Oklahoma and tribal nations residing within the state on whether the state can prosecute non-Indians for crimes involving Indians in Indian Country.

Oklahoma Attorney General also released a statement following oral arguments:

“Today, the State of Oklahoma asked the U.S. Supreme Court to confirm that the State has the authority to prosecute non-Indians who commit crimes against Indians in eastern Oklahoma, which is now the expanded Indian country under the McGirt decision. The State has been prosecuting such

criminals since 1907.

Right now, we have two sets of rules when Indians are victimized, those that apply when perpetrator is non-Indian and a different set of rules when the perpetrator is Indian. On the ground in eastern Oklahoma, we have victims without justice and crimes without punishments.

The federal government is leaving thousands of tribal victims of crime in eastern Oklahoma without justice, and as many criminals unprosecuted and free to victimize others around the State. This has dramatically damaged public safety in eastern Oklahoma.

Clearly, a win for Oklahoma in this case is a win for these Native American victims.

No matter the outcome, I will continue to reach out to the leaders of the Indian nations to engage in constructive conversations seeking resolutions that will benefit all Oklahomans.

I want to thank our outside counsel Kannon Shanmugam, Oklahoma Solicitor General Mithun Mansinghani, and the

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by Oklahoma’s Administrative Code Section 710:50-15-2, Application of the Oklahoma Individual Income Tax to Native Americans.

Stroble’s attorney, Michael Parks believes this could set precedence for similar cases.

When McGirt was decided in 2020, the matter at hand was in-

volving criminal jurisdiction ultimately modernizing tribal courts and allowing the jurisdiction to be rightfully belonging to the tribes.

According to Parks, if Stroble’s case reaches the high court, there is potential for “huge ramifications.”

The underlying question is whether the Supreme Court’s reaffirmation decision extends beyond criminal jurisdiction to taxing power.

The OTC insists it does not.

The Tax Commission said in a 2020 report that it would collect nearly \$73 million less in income taxes a year if it could no longer tax tribal citizens living and working on the Five Tribes’ reservations.

A study released by the Oklahoma Tribal Finance Consortium said tribes had over \$15 billion impact on the state.

This is a developing story.

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entire team of attorneys representing Oklahoma for their countless hours of preparation and hard work. I am grateful for the support of Oklahoma sheriffs, chiefs of police, district attorneys, the City of Tulsa, business groups like

the Farm Bureau, Cattlemen’s Association, and Petroleum Alliance, and states like Texas, Kansas, Nebraska, Louisiana, and Virginia, all of whom filed briefs in support of State criminal jurisdiction in eastern Oklahoma.”

The Castro-Huerta arguments come less than two years after the landmark decision

made by SCOTUS reaffirming reservation status for MCN that has since expanded to other tribal nations, including Cherokee Nation. Oklahoma Governor Kevin Stitt has been publicly vocal about his opposition to the decision.

News reports from the nation’s capital expect a decision by the end of June.



Environmental Services took in used electronic devices. (Braden Harper/Reporter)

MCN ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES CELEBRATES EARTH DAY

SERVICES INVOLVED DOCUMENT SHREDDING TRUCK AND LARGE ITEM RECYCLING

by **BRADEN HARPER**
REPORTER

OKMULGEE, Oklahoma - Citizens and community members gathered on April 22 to dispose of various recyclable items and learn about responsible recycling habits. The event was hosted by Muscogee (Creek) Nation Environmental Services.

The annual spring and fall event provide an opportunity to recycle large items as well as shred information sensitive paper documents. Large recyclable items accepted included television monitors, washers/dryers, stoves, refrigerators, and car batteries. Traditional recyclables including paper, plastic and aluminum were also accepted.

Environmental Services director James Williams says the event has grown over the past decade with accessibility making it easy for anyone to participate.

“They can just pull up, guys will unload it, tell them thanks and they don’t have to get out of

the car, they can just pull through there and open their trunk,” Williams said.

Recyclable items were taken in through a curbside drop off method. Participants hand delivered paper documents with sensitive information to make sure they were properly destroyed. MCN citizens and community members look forward to these recycling events because it allows them to engage with their community and take care of the environment.

The recycling events also allow for the responsible disposal of electronic clutter. Older electronic devices, such as VCRs and antenna phones are still found in recycling bins today.

Whatever the conditions, Williams said MCN Environmental Services is there to collect your recyclables.

“Regardless of rain or shine, we can have them always pull through the garage,” he said. “There are so many people who like to see us get out and visit around”.

The purpose of the event is important because it keeps unnecessary materials from ending up in landfills, and keeps the environment healthy. It also helps prevent illegal dumping; a problem found in rural Oklahoma communities according to Williams.

While these events give MCN Environmental Services a chance to engage with the public every spring and fall, they also offer conservation services year-round such as element quality testing, environmental reviews, and a free recycling center.

The recycling event preceded the Community Clean Up Event, also hosted by MCN Environmental Services. A follow up Earth Day event on April 29, will bring together a group of volunteers to pick up trash along predetermined routes and enjoy a cookout afterward.

MCN Environmental Specialist Kristy Lawson said she enjoys the people that attend MCN Earth Day events.

“My favorite part is seeing the community come together and work towards making it a better place for us all to live in,” Lawson said.

What makes the events all the worthwhile to her is the camaraderie and fellowship with others.

The next MCN recycling event will be hosted in November to celebrate National Recycling Day.



(Submission)

CMN ANNUAL GRADUATION

30 STUDENTS GRADUATE FROM CMN

by **MORGAN TAYLOR**
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OKMULGEE, Oklahoma - The College of the Muscogee Nation held its 13th annual graduation ceremony last month, graduating 30 students within the various degree programs at the Mvskoke Dome on April 22.

Dean of Academic Affairs Mekko Tyner wanted to thank the CMN graduation committee, Mvskoke Dome staff, Chief David Hill, Second Chief Dell Beaver, and the MCN National Council.



Miss Muscogee Nation Claudia McHenry earned her certificate. (Submission)

“For all their help and support for a successful graduation,” Tyner said.

Miss Muscogee Nation Claudia McHenry earned her certificate in the Mvskoke Language and gave the invocation for the special ceremony.

Tyner wanted to recognize graduate Aaron Wesley who served as the CMN Honor Society Phi Theta Kappa President, Vice-President of the Tribal Leader Circle and Vice-President of the Student Senate.

Wesley provided a passionate student response to his fellow graduates at the ceremony.

Student nominated Faculty of the Year with Tribal Services Instructor Matthew Yates being named this year.

Tyner said that the typical number graduates ranges from 30-40 graduates.

The student population is about 90 percent Muscogee, according to Tyner.

CMN has paved the way for Muscogee citizens to earn two-year degrees and other higher education opportunities.

According to collegtuition-compare.com, graduation Rate at College of the Muscogee Nation is 27 % within 150% normal time, the retention rate is 54%, and the transfer-out rate is 4 %, as of August 31, 2021.

“When we look at the data there’s always room for improvement, but we are improving,” Tyner said.

Tyner believes that the pandemic caused some of those numbers to shift due to limited capacity guidelines as required by the Centers for Disease Control.

Tyner said the dorms have been closed during this time and the classrooms have been at half capacity.

“As we get fully opened, we will be able to reach more students,” he said. “We’re moving in the right direction.”

The ceremony can be watched on the CMN YouTube page.



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LACROSSE PLAYERS SPEAK AT COLLEGE OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION

THOMPSON BROTHERS PRESENT LACROSSE EQUIPMENT TO MCN STUDENTS



Muscogee students meet with professional lacrosse players at the College of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. (Braden Harper/Reporter)

by **BRADEN HARPER**
REPORTER

OKMULGEE, Oklahoma – The Thompson brothers paid a visit to the College of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation and donated lacrosse equipment to MCN students April 25. The brothers came on the behalf of the 4 the Future Foundation, an organization dedicated to “engaging the benefits of an active and healthy lifestyle while promoting the attributes of the student-athlete and a call for generational leadership”. The brothers spoke on their careers, performed a lacrosse demonstration and played with students afterward.

The charity strives to serve indigenous and underserved communities where lacrosse meets culture

in order to create opportunities for students. Programs the charity offer include lacrosse camps/clinics, speaking engagements, health and wellness education, and fundraisers.

The Thompson brothers consist of Jeremy, Jerome, Miles and Lyle. They are of the Onondaga Nation, which is part of the Iroquois Confederacy. Growing up, lacrosse played an important role in the Thompson household.

“When we were younger, we grew up without running water or electricity until I was about 13 years old and there was one thing that kept our family together and that was lacrosse,” Lyle said. “We were always out in the yard, playing, picking up our sticks, this is one thing we’ve always had in our hands”.

The sport not only brought the Thompson family closer together,

it provided the brothers opportunities to attend college and play on professional lacrosse teams.

While lacrosse is not a traditional sport played in the Muscogee (Creek) culture, it bears a lot of similarities to stick ball. The Onondaga Nation refers to lacrosse as the Medicine Game, due to its spiritual connection to the Creator.

“We’re very blessed and honored to be here and share this game. I think there are a lot of opportunities here to cross bridges,” Jeremy said.

Starting Indigenous students on cultural sports like lacrosse early is an important goal set by the 4 the Future Foundation. “If we can put a stick in a kid’s hand, there’s going to be a ripple effect to other kids,” Lyle said.

The College of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation was grateful for the opportunity to host the engagement. CMN President Monte Randall believes that the event served as a wonderful opportunity for student athletes to engage with professional players.

“Being recognized by people at that level, professional athletes, those who have that desire to serve these types of communities, I think that recognition is going to be very beneficial to our students, our campus and the Muscogee Creek Nation,” Dr. Randall said.

After the speaking engagement was over, the brothers played lacrosse with students. The Thompson brothers are well aware of their image and the impact they have on young students.

“I feel honored to be that good example, set a good footprint for generations to come up, just to poetically listen to it, feel it, see it, that’s good to hear when we get feedback like that. It’s such a great feeling,” Jeremy said.

For more on the Thompson brothers, visit: <https://www.4thefuturefoundation.org/>.



Randy Kemp enjoys playing the flute at festivals and markets across the country. (Submission)

MUSCOGEE ARTIST HELPS KICK OFF INAUGURAL MVSKOKE ART MARKET

RANDY KEMP DISPLAYS PERSONAL WORKS AND SERVES AS ART JUDGE

by **BRADEN HARPER**
REPORTER

TULSA, Oklahoma - If you can name any medium of art, chances are Randy Kemp has produced a piece in that format. Kemp is a multidisciplinary artist, and has produced works in painting, print-making, installation, music, film and performance. Some of those works were found on display at the inaugural Mvskoke Art Market April 23 and 24.

Kemp lives in Phoenix, Arizona with his wife Beverly, his son Raven and his daughter Rykelle. His children are artists as well, and appeared in the Mvskoke Art Market alongside their father.

Kemp is a Muscogee (Creek) Nation citizen, as well as a member of the Choctaw, and Euchee tribal nations. He resides as a Senior Environmental Graphic Designer at Arizona State University.

Originally from East Los Angeles, Kemp grew up in Bell Garden. Kemp discovered his passion for art at an early age.

“I attribute that to my brother, who would draw imagery on the back wall of our home, I would go

in and do highlights and shading,” Kemp said. “It was kind of like school tuition without the school tuition cost.”

Although Kemp enjoyed drawing throughout his childhood, the thought of an art career did not cross his mind until high school. He would later go on to earn an Associate of Art degree from Bacone College and a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from Arizona State University.

“I really enjoyed it because it gave me empowerment, it really helped me understand where I stood in society as an artist and the views that you take on and paint about,” he said.

The tools available at Arizona State allowed Kemp to expand his talents in graphic design and computer arts, leading to a 30-year career as a commercial artist.

Although his talent can be viewed in many different mediums, Kemp’s favorite to work in is acrylic paints due to its versatility and quickness.

He is also a musician, and can be found playing the flute in various art markets and festivals across the country.

Like other artists working

through the COVID-19 pandemic, Kemp has had to readapt his approach to exhibiting his works.

“We had to grow a new leaf,” Kemp said. “That meant that we had to do a lot of online presentations, we had to fill a lot of shows online. Having to work with other artists was difficult, you have to do more on computers, programs, send in files back and forth. It was a different reality for sure”.

Large events like the Mvskoke Art Market have started to symbolize a turning point for Muscogee (Creek) artists looking to exhibit their works and fellowship with other artists.

“This really is an important show,” Kemp said. “It’s important for the Muscogee people and artists to be recognized as part of the show.”

Not only did Kemp exhibit his art works at the event, he also served as an art competition judge. He said the Mvskoke Art Market is significant because it allowed Muscogee citizens and artists to engage in an event that is on par with any other major Indigenous art market in the country.

When asked what his proudest achievement as an Indigenous artist is, he firmly replied it was raising his children. His son Raven currently studies art and technology at the Chicago Art Institute, and his daughter Rykelle is a metalsmith who makes jewelry for her small business. Kemp had the pleasure of presenting alongside his children at the Mvskoke Art Market.

Kemp has also created works in the visual arts producing short films like “Metropolitan Reservation”.

When asked about his thoughts on Indigenous media today, Kemp said with the making of Reservation Dogs it’s a good indicator that “we’re going in the right direction”.

The show was significant to him because it presented opportunities in theater and filmmaking for Indigenous artists that were not available when he was younger.

Kemp’s talents have provided him with opportunities to serve in Native American art markets across the country including New Mexico, California, Oklahoma and Arizona.

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TRIBAL COURT SYSTEM EVOLVING

MCN COURTS WILL APPLY THE SUPPLEMENTAL CRIMES ACT IN CERTAIN CASES

by **MORGAN TAYLOR**
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OKMULGEE, Oklahoma – The Muscogee (Creek) Nation National Council adopted the Supplemental Crimes Act to supplement the MCN Criminal Offenses Code of Laws listed in Title 14 of MCN Code for future cases tried in the tribe’s court due to McGirt.

The decision of the Supreme Court in 2020 reaffirmed the Muscogee Reservation status and the tribal justice system has since been evolving.

With affirmation came quick and haste responsibility from the Nation including immediate expansion of law enforcement, going into agreements with local, state and federal municipalities,

prosecution in the courts, and the need to consider the scope of criminal law.

According to the bill, NCA 22-048, the MCN Code has not undergone significant revision since 2010.

Furthermore, the bill states that the existing MCN laws are inadequate to address all acts of criminal misconduct that are occurring under the jurisdiction of the Nation.

The Act was originally introduced as bill NCA 20-040, the Assimilation Crimes Act but was redrafted as the Supplemental Crimes Act (NCA 20-048) to eliminate using language that could trigger trauma.

During an April 5 Emergency Session, MCN National Council General Counsel Kyle Haskins said it was an odd name for a

piece of legislation that was made to fill gaps.

According to Haskins, this was done at the request of the MCN Attorney General’s Office to help expand prosecutorial duties.

Laws are being drafted and created by Haskins along with a small team and approval from the MCN National Council. These laws are being adopted and added to MCN Code slowly, but can be a long process.

“Some day we will have the staff to be able to revisit our laws,” Haskins said. “But right now, we don’t have anybody dedicated to that and it would take multiple people.”

Haskins explained the Act as a temporary solution; he said this would allow prosecutors to move forward with cases while laws are still in creation phases and would help by setting precedence in the courts.

“Since McGirt we have had a number of cases that have been referred to us by state agencies



MCN will use laws in place by other entities to prosecute when necessary. (Morgan Taylor/Multimedia Producer)

and we could not prosecute those crimes,” he said.

Due to the lack of judicial precedence in tribal courts for certain crimes, the stockpile of stagnant cases awaiting prosecution from the MCN needs assistance by using the state and local municipalities preceding law.

“It does not violate any sovereignty issues,” Haskins said.

The legislation states that MCN law would remain the primary prosecuting agency for each case.

NCA 20-048 was adopted by the National Council during the April 12 Emergency Session with full support.

The legislation and previously recorded meetings can be viewed at: www.mcnnncc.com.

FESTIVAL WILL EXPERIENCE MINOR CHANGES

THE FESTIVAL WILL BE THE LAST WEEKEND IN JUNE (23-25)

by **MORGAN TAYLOR**
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OKMULGEE, Oklahoma – According to Principal Chief David Hill, the Muscogee Nation Festival is projected to attract around 40,000 visitors during the last weekend of June after a two-year hiatus due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

For the Tourism and Events Manager Ryan Logan, the last few months before the festival are typically busy months for him.

Logan was able to talk about the Festival on an April 5 Mvskoke Live Wire, then gave another update on an episode of Mvskoke Radio on April 27.

Unfortunately, Logan could not yet give an update on entertainment but they hope to announce that mid-May.

Logan and his department want to make this years festival the biggest yet.

“When we get to June 23, it will be three years since we had our last festival,” Logan said.

People can expect to see changes in the Festival’s agenda and operations, which are results of COVID, according to Logan.

The most significant change might be the loss of loved ones over the course of the pandemic.

“We are trying to find ways to not only honor those folks but to unite us,” he said.

Those who have attended before might remember the social stomp dance that takes place the Thursday evening before the festival weekend that has been led by Mekko David Proctor.

Proctor unfortunately passed



Muscogee Nation Festival is projected to attract around 40,000 visitors (Submission)

away in May 2021.

Logan said he might shed tears having to fill the empty spots of those who have passed.

He claimed to have confirmation for the next dance leader to fill the shoes of Proctor, but did not provide the name as to who that would be.

Festival news can change daily according to Logan, specifically entertainment.

“I’ve booked someone hap-

pily on a Friday,” Logan said, “and get a notification on that following Monday that they have pulled out.”

To keep in the good graces of the entertainment world, Logan does not release any names until mid-May per contractual agreements.

“Our entertainment contracts are open-ended for up to 30 days,” he said.

The Festival will include 21

events aside from the stomp dance and entertainment that will take place over the course of the weekend celebration that will kick off with the Miss Muscogee Nation Scholarship Pageant on June 4.

Other activities will include Living Legends Ceremony, the All-Indian Rodeo, a parade, carnival rides, various sports tournaments, cultural exhibitions, arts and crafts, food vendors, with more announcements to come.

Many at-large citizens travel from all over the country back to the Reservation’s capital city to participate in the cultural fun.

For Logan, the Festival is the Muscogee People’s way of celebrating prosperity and sharing it with communities near and far.

Mvskoke Media will report on Muscogee Nation Festival updates as they come available.

Follow the Muscogee Nation Festival Facebook Page for the fastest update.

Interviews with Logan can be found on the Mvskoke Vision and Mvskoke Radio YouTube channels.



A Muscogee (Creek) Nation National Council Quarterly Session was held April 30 at the Mound Building in Okmulgee. (MM File)

MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AUTHORIZES LAWSUIT OVER STATE INCOME TAX

SUIT FILED ON THE BEHALF OF MCN CITIZENS

by **BRADEN HARPER**
REPORTER

OKMULGEE, Oklahoma - A Muscogee (Creek) Nation National Council Quarterly Session was held in person April 30 at the Mound Building.

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

NCR 22-008

Selecting Chester Pittman to the Board of Directors of Fountainhead Creek Golf Course, LLC. Representative Randall Hicks sponsored the bill, which passed 15-0.

Pittman is a Muscogee (Creek) Nation citizen and was

selected by the National Council. His term will run through April 30, 2025.

NCR 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. Mary Crawford sponsored the bill, which passed 15-0.

The agreement 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 bill, which passed 15-0.

The agreement will allow MCNDH to purchase ultrasound equipment.

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 Marshall sponsored the bill, which passed 15-0.

The form will complete benefit verifications and obtain status on claims filed.

TR 22-060

Authorizing the Principal Chief to execute a general warranty deed conveying property from the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Department of Housing to the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. Rep. Charles McHenry sponsored the bill, which passed 15-0.

Property will be conveyed to the Muscogee (Creek) Nation to be put into a trust.

TR 22-061

Authorizing the Principal Chief to execute a general warranty deed conveying property from the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Department of Housing to the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. Rep. Nelson Harjo Sr. sponsored the bill, which passed 15-0.

Property will be conveyed to the Muscogee (Creek) Nation to be put into a trust.

TR 22-062

Approving the Dome and Safe Space Building parking lot asphalt overlay project. Rep. McHenry sponsored the bill, which passed 15-0.

The project’s estimated cost is in the amount of \$350,000. Funding will be provided with the Nation’s Tribal Transportation Program federal funding.

TR 22-064

Authorizing the principal chief to execute a memorandum of agreement with Hughes County, Oklahoma for improvements to two country roads. Rep. Harjo sponsored the bill, which passed 15-0.

The project’s estimated cost is in the amount of \$310,000. Funding will be provided with the Nation’s Tribal Transportation Program federal funding.

TR 22-065

Authorizing the Principal Chief to execute a memorandum of agreement with Okmulgee County, Oklahoma for improvements to two county roads. Rep. Harjo sponsored the bill, which passed 15-0.

The project’s estimated cost is in the amount of \$760,000. Funding will be provided with 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 bill, which passed 15-0.

The project’s estimated cost is in the amount of \$84,000. Funding for the project will be provided with interest funds from the Nation’s Tribal Transportation Program.

TR 22-071

Confirming the nomination of Luann Hudson to serve on the

Mvskoke Loan Fund Board. Rep. Randolph supported the bill, which passed 15-0.

Principal Chief nominated Hudson to serve a term of 3 years that will end April 30, 2025.

TR 22-072

Approving the United States Department of Treasury Community Development Financial Institutions Fund Assistance Agreement terms and conditions for the benefit of the Mvskoke Loan Fund. Rep. Randolph sponsored the bill, which passed 15-0.

The Grant awarded to the Mvskoke Loan Fund will provide general lending capital in the amount of \$500,000 and additional lending capital and technical assistance in the amount of \$196,000.

TR 22-074

Authorizing the Principal Chief to submit a U.S Department of Justice Bureau of Justice Assistance FY 2022 Body-Worn Camera Policy and Implementation program to support law enforcement agencies grant application. Rep. Randolph sponsored the bill, which passed 15-0.

The Grant requires 1:1 matching funds over a three-year period. The Muscogee (Creek) Nation will match the Grant in the amount of \$81,455.

TR 22-076

Authorizing the construction of a new community center for the Glenpool Creek Indian Community. Rep. Robert Hufft sponsored the bill, Leonard Gouge cosponsored the bill, which passed 15-0.

The building will be located at 181st and Union, just off of Hwy 75.

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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 bill, which passed 15-0.
The funds will be used to provide cooling and crisis funds for the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program in the amount of \$263,226.

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 bill, which passed 15-0.
The receipt of funds is in the amount of \$500,000.

NCA 22-037
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 bill, which passed 11-4.
The Program will provide financial assistance to MCN students who have demonstrated leadership skills while obtaining their post-Graduate degree. Financial Assistance will be award-

ed in the amount of two \$1,000 scholarships, one for the spring and fall semesters.

NCA 22-038
Authorizing a supplemental appropriation to the Nation’s Facilities Department for fiscal year 2022. Rep. McHenry sponsored the bill, which passed 15-0.
The supplemental funds come in the amount of \$282,538. They will be used for the increased cost of utilities, two additional maintenance staff, fringe and indirect costs.

NCA 22-042
Amending MCNCA Title 36, Chapter 3, entitled “Motor Vehicle Tax and License Code”. Rep. Sandra Golden sponsored the bill, which passed 15-0.

The amendment codifies car tags, vehicle conditions, license plates, and vehicle classification. It also amends code to include vehicle registration tax charges with defined fees for specific citizen tag classifications.

NCA 22-043
Authorizing the expenditure of the American Rescue Plan Act fiscal recovery funding for the benefit of the Fountainhead Creek Golf Course. Rep. Golden sponsored the bill, which passed 15-0.
Final guidance regarding ARPA funding has encouraged recipients to aid impacted tourism and hospitality industries, including deferred maintenance due to revenue loss. FCGC closed during the earliest part of the pandemic for nearly two months. Maintenance for the pump station was deferred

during this time.
The National Council authorized the Principal Chief or his designee to expend \$125,801 to assist with the cost of maintenance for the pump station.

NCA 22-044
Authorizing the expenditure of the U.S. Department of Treasury Community Development Financial Institutions Fund Assistance Agreement Grant for the benefit of the Mvskoke Loan Fund. Rep. Randolph sponsored the bill, which passed 15-0.
MLF was awarded the U.S. Department of Treasury Community Development Financial Institutions Fund Assistance Agreement Grant in the amount of \$696,000.

NCA 22-045
Authorizing an appropriation to the office of Environmental Services to complete the plan forward for the Fountainhead Creek Golf Course. Rep. Golden sponsored the bill, Rep. Cloud co-sponsored the bill, which passed 15-0.

The appropriation will be authorized in the amount of \$118,581.

NCA 22-046
Amending MCNCA Title 36, Chapter 3, entitled “Motor Vehicle Tax and License Code”. Rep. Yahola Osborn sponsored the bill, which passed 10-5.

The amendment includes all Muscogee (Creek) citizens who reside within the geographical boundaries of the State of Oklahoma.

NCA 22-047
Authorizing an appropriation for the Muscogee (Creek) Nation to host the “Mvskoke Opunvkv Kerretv Vtelokv (Mvskoke Language Symposium). Rep. Marshall sponsored the bill, which passed 15-0.

The Symposium is a two-day program dedicated to providing access to the Mvskoke Language community. The appropriation will allow the Symposium to purchase a video game demo and an electronic pdf Mvskoke Bible and Hymnal in the amount of \$100,000.

NCA 22-049
Authorizing the expenditure of the U.S Department of Justice FY 2022 targeted support for the Muscogee (Creek), Cherokee, Chickasaw, Choctaw and Seminole Nations in Oklahoma special invitation to apply grant award for the benefit of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Lighthorse Police Department. Rep. Patrick Freeman Jr. sponsored the bill, which passed 15-0.

The grant awarded MCN LHPD in the amount of \$502,000 will go toward an increased capacity to respond to sexual assault, domestic violence, stalking, sex trafficking calls and crimes against Native American women. It also permits the LHPD to hire two investigators.

NCA 22-051
Authorizing an appropriation for the construction of the Glenpool Creek Indian Community Center. Rep. Hufft sponsored the bill, Rep. Gouge co-sponsored the bill, which passed 15-0.
The total construction cost

for the Glenpool Creek Indian Community Center is in the amount of \$2,295,360.00.

NCA 22-052
Authorizing a lawsuit to be filed in Federal Court in the name of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation seeking relief on behalf of the Nation and Muscogee Citizens against unlawful state taxation within the boundaries of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Reservation and appropriating funds for this action. Rep. Randolph sponsored the bill, Rep. Hicks and Rep. Yahola Osborn co-sponsored the bill, which passed 9-6.

The lawsuit would designate \$500,000 from the Interest on Permanent Fund Account to file against the Oklahoma Tax Commission on the behalf of Muscogee (Creek) citizens. The suit asserts that the State of Oklahoma lacks jurisdiction to assess, levy and collect state taxes upon the income of tribal members who reside and earn income from sources within the Indian Country to which the tribal member belongs.

This comes after the U.S Supreme Court McGirt ruling that MCN reservation lands through various treaties were never disestablished and are still classified as Indian Country lands for the Nation under federal law.

A tribal resolution will be submitted to the National Council for approval when the Attorney General’s Office seeks to retain legal services to assist with the filing of the federal lawsuit.
The meeting, agenda, and full legislation can be viewed at www.mcnn.com.



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OBITUARY



Maria Suzette Gillespie

Maria Suzette Gillespie, 50, passed away April 12th, 2022 in Coweta, Oklahoma. Maria was born December 10th, 1971 in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Maria graduated Union High School in 1990, she then went on to receive her associates degree at Community Care in Tulsa, OK. She married Bill Gillespie on April 23, 2005, in Tulsa, OK. Maria enjoyed crafting and loved March Madness. She attended Battlecreek Church in Broken Arrow, OK. Maria was always a busy individual even from a young age when she started taking dance lessons. She even taught dancing for a few years. A couple of years, Maria played basketball and had to remember which way to hold her hands. Dance hands or basketball hands. She even played soccer for two seasons. Maria also sparked a love with movies starting with Grease. Which she

watched three or four times after school. This lead to other movies such as Troy, Twilight, and the whole horror genre as a whole. She enjoyed watching soap operas such as Young and the Restless. Maria also had many hobbies such as fishing, baking, crafting and decorating for the holidays. Some favorite holidays to decorate for were Halloween and Christmas as she went all out to make them a spectacle. She was great at crafting little decorations and crocheting scarfs and blankets. Maria managed to transform her crafting endeavors into a little household business. Even shopping for the supplies for her craft was enjoyable and she loved to go look for different things to craft with especially at Dollar Tree. She loved her family dearly. From her husband, her mom and dad, all of her kids, grandkids and her brother, she loved all of them with all of her heart. Maria also loved all of her aunts, uncles, and cousins. She will be missed tremendously.

Maria is survived by her husband Bill of the home, mother; Helena Girod of Broken Arrow, sons, Tristan Gillespie of Ft. Smith, AR, and Marc Gillespie of Republic, MO, daughter; Christina Noelle of Tulsa, OK, brother; Gerald Girod and wife Cynthia of Broken Arrow, grandmother; Barbara Girod, in-laws; Edward and Joy Gillespie, grandchildren; Eli, Liam and Payton. She is preceded in death by her father Russell Girod, paternal grandparent; Roy Girod, and maternal grandparents; Siah and Lillie McIntosh.



Marshall (March) Thompson

Marshall (March) Thompson, 82, of rural Idabel, OK, went home to be with the Lord on Monday, May 2, 2022, in Idabel.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, May 7, 2022, at Campbell-Lewis Chapel in Marshall. Burial will follow in Arrow Rock Cemetery in Arrow Rock. Visitation will be from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Saturday at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers the family asks that you donate to your favorite charity or plant a tree in his memory. An online guest-

book is available at www.campbell-lewis.com

Marshall was born in Pierce, OK, on March 16, 1940, to the late Newman Thompson Sr. and Cynda Sootawakey Thompson. On October 18, 2008, he married Nancy Edwards who survives of the home. Marshall was a Marine veteran and a proud member of the Muskogee Creek Nation, Nokosvlke (Bear Clan). He was baptized at his family's church in Braggs, OK as a young man. He had a passion for sports and played basketball, baseball, and softball.

He is preceded by his father, Newman Thompson Sr.; his mother, Cynda Sootawakey Thompson; five brothers: Emanuel, Henry, Russell, Daniel, and Newman Jr.; and two sisters, Ethel and Bessie.

He is survived by his wife, Nancy Edwards, of the home; two sisters, Etta and Sarah; his daughter, Andrea (Manuel) Franco; his son, Rodney (DeLaura) Thompson; other children include: Dyron, Michaelynn, Michelle, Derek, and OJ; four granddaughters, Natasha (Scott) Mathis, Taleah Hernandez, and Keilani Franco, four grandsons: Jamond Hernandez, Aiden Franco, William and Joseph Thompson; as well as many nieces and nephews.



Darlene Stratton

Darlene Stratton, a resident of Okmulgee, passed away April 30, 2022 in Okmulgee, Oklahoma at the age of 68. She was born Wednesday, June 10, 1953 in Temple, Texas to Joshua Starr &

Jennie Mae (Scott) Starr.

Darlene is preceded in death by her parents, sisters: Betty Scott, Karen Starr, Rhonda Starr, Jeanie Starr, Helen Starr and brother, David Butler.

On April 28th, 2000, Darlene married Monte "W" Stratton. She was a member of Second Baptist Church in Okmulgee and worked as a cashier for the Muskogee Creek Nation Travel Plaza in Okmulgee for over six years. Darlene had no children of her own, her nieces and nephews were her children, she was a big part of their lives. She loved buying gifts for her family and friends. She loved her dogs, she called them her babies. She was a woman of many wonderful qualities and loved helping anyone in need. Her hobbies included camping, fishing, floating the Illinois River and taking trips all over. She also loved playing cards, dominoes, bingo and the slot machines. She was also a gardener and lucky enough to have a green thumb.

SUBMISSION

Resignation of Pastorship:

Many Springs Baptist Church will be hosting a pastor appreciation service for Rev. Jimmy Anderson. Service will be held May 28 at 2 p.m. Lunch served at 12 p.m. Guest speaker Tim Green. Native Praise will lead choir. EVERYONE IS INVITED! 7375 E 137 RD Holdenville, OK 74848

Haikey Chapel UMC will be having an Indian Taco Sale on June 4, 2022 from 11 am till 3 pm. Tacos will cost \$ 10.00, it will come with a cup of tea. Looking forward to seeing everybody again. Mvto. Haikey Chapel UMC is located at 8501 E 101st St, Tulsa.

Muscogee Veterans, please join us at the Muscogee Nation Veterans Affairs building on the tribal complex in Okmulgee, OK every second Thursday of each month from 8AM to 12PM for coffee & donuts. We will periodically have guests from various state and federal agencies as well as Muscogee Nation tribal departments in attendance to inform and assist Muscogee Veterans of the various services and programs available to you and answering any questions you may have. We look forward to your attendance and Mvto for your service.

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IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION OF:)
ADLEY WILLOW FORRESTER,)
DOB 07/09/2020,)
A Minor Child.)

Case No. AD-2021-00125 A & 47
Judge Shannon Prescott
CYNTHIA FREEMAN
COURT CLERK

ALIAS NOTICE OF HEARING ON BEST INTEREST
AND FINAL DECREE OF ADOPTION

THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION

TO: TUFFANY LYNN POTTER-HEYMAN
Biological Mother

NOW on this 25 day of April, 2022, the Petitioner, Andrea Yvonne Potter, by and through her attorneys, Catherine Z. Welsh, Jim C. McGough, and Matthew J. Hall, Welsh & McGough, PLLC, having filed her Application for Setting of Best Interest Hearing and Final Decree of Adoption herein, the Court FINDS that the Application should be granted and that the same should be set for hearing on Best Interest and entry of a Final Decree.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Court that this matter be, and it is hereby, set for issuance of a Best Interest and Final Decree of Adoption on the 14th day of June, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. in the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Tribal Courtroom, 2501 Lymbvike, Okmulgee, Oklahoma 74447, and that notice thereof be given to all interested parties.

YOU ARE, THEREFORE, NOTIFIED THAT THE COURT WILL HEAR EVIDENCE IN SUPPORT OF AND IN OPPOSITION TO THE GRANTING OF THE APPLICATION AT THE TIME AND PLACE SHOWN ABOVE WHERE YOU WILL HAVE THE RIGHT TO BE PRESENT AND HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD. YOUR FAILURE TO APPEAR AT SAID HEARING SHALL CONSTITUTE A DENIAL OF YOUR INTEREST IN THE CHILD, WHICH DENIAL MAY RESULT, WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE OF THIS PROCEEDING OR ANY SUBSEQUENT PROCEEDINGS, IN THE ADOPTION OF THE CHILD WITHOUT YOUR CONSENT. ALL IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAWS OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION.

Signed and dated this 25 day of April, 2022.

HONORABLE SHANNON PRESCOTT
JUDGE OF THE DISTRICT COURT

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THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION

TO: ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN INDIVIDUALS WHO MAY BE A PUTATIVE FATHER OF ADLEY WILLOW FORRESTER, INCLUDING CHRISTOPHER WILLIAM FORRESTER Putative Father

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IN THE MATTER OF: 2022 MAY -2 P 1:00
H.F.; DOB: 08/14/12 MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION
R.S.; DOB: 07/27/2010 CYNTHIA FREEMAN
N.T.D.; DOB: 03/11/2021 COURT CLERK

Case No. JV-2021-04
Case No. JV-2021-07

Alleged Deprived Children.)

NOTICE OF HEARING TO:

Unknown Father, Natural Father to H.F., R.S. & N.T.D.

YOU ARE HEREBY GIVEN NOTICE that a Petition to Terminate Parental Rights has been filed against you in the above-styled and numbered cause and will be heard in the District Courtroom of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, Tribal Complex in Okmulgee, Oklahoma on the June 9, 2022 at 9:00 O'CLOCK A.M.

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

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

HONORABLE SHANNON PRESCOTT
JUDGE OF THE DISTRICT COURT

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NOTICE OF HEARING TO:

Matthew Fisher, Natural Father to H.F., R.S. & N.T.D.

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JUDGE OF THE DISTRICT COURT

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IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION OF: 2022 APR 20 P 2:32
Z.M.K. MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION
DOB 01/25/2013. CYNTHIA FREEMAN
A MINOR CHILD. COURT CLERK

Case No. AD-2022-02

ORDER AND NOTICE OF HEARING ON
TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS OF UNKNOWN FATHER AND
FINAL DECREE OF ADOPTION

TO: Unknown Father

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a Petition has been filed for the adoption of Z.M.K., born out of wedlock in Tulsa, Oklahoma on January 25, 2013 to be eligible for adoption without the consent of Unknown Father. The Hearing on the matter is set for the 14th day of June 2022 at 9:00 a.m. in the Muscogee (Creek) Nation District Court.

The Petitioner in the application has asked that the Court grant the adoption without the consent of the Unknown Father because:

a. Title 6-1-901(b)(2)(c) ABANDONMENT: It is alleged that mother's parental rights should be terminated in that she has "failed to maintain a significant relationship with the child through visitation or communication for a period of six (6) consecutive months out of the last fourteen (14) months immediately preceding the filing of a Petition to Terminate Parental Rights. Incidental or infrequent visits or communications shall not be construed or considered in establishing whether a parent has maintained a significant relationship with the child."

b. Title 6-1-901(b)(4) FAILURE TO CONTRIBUTE TO SUPPORT: The Court may terminate parental rights upon a finding that a parent who does not have custody of the child has willfully failed to contribute to the support of the child as provided in a Court order during the preceding year or, in absence of such order, consistent with the parent's means and earning capacity.

YOU ARE THEREFORE NOTIFIED THAT THE COURT WILL HEAR EVIDENCE IN SUPPORT OF AND IN OPPOSITION TO THE GRANTING OF THE PETITION AT THE TIME AND PLACE SHOWN ABOVE, WHERE YOU WILL HAVE THE RIGHT TO BE PRESENT AND HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD. YOUR FAILURE TO APPEAR AT SAID HEARING SHALL CONSTITUTE A DENIAL OF YOUR INTEREST IN THE CHILD, WHICH DENIAL MAY RESULT WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE TO YOU OF THIS OR ANY SUBSEQUENT PROCEEDING IN THE GRANTING OF THE PETITION FOR ADOPTION AND PETITION TO TERMINATE PARENTAL RIGHTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAWS OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION. YOU ARE ALSO NOTIFIED THAT YOUR DUTY TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE SUPPORT OF THE CHILD STILL CONTINUES AFTER YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS HAVE BEEN TERMINATED UNTIL ADOPTION HAS BEEN FINALIZED.

Signed this 20 day of April 2022.

HONORABLE SHANNON PRESCOTT
JUDGE OF THE DISTRICT COURT

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

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IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION OF: 2022 MAY -6 P 1:26
JAKOB TYLER BROOKS, MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION
BO ADLER BROOKS, Case No. AD-2022-03
and ALICE RENEE BROOKS, COURT CLERK
Minor Children.)

NOTICE AND ORDER SETTING HEARING ON
FINAL DECREE OF ADOPTION

Now, on this 6th day of May, 2022, the Court, after reviewing the pleadings herein, and being otherwise fully advised on the premises, finds that Petitioner's Petition for Adoption should be set for final hearing.

IT IS THEREFORE, ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED, by this Court that A hearing on the above mentioned Petition for Adoption is set on the 14 day of June, 2022, at the hour of 9 O'clock, P.m., in courtroom of the Muscogee Creek Nation District Court.

YOU ARE THEREFORE NOTIFIED THAT YOUR FAILURE TO APPEAR AT THE HEARING SHALL CONSTITUTE A DENIAL OF INTEREST IN THE CHILDREN, WHICH DENIAL MAY RESULT, WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE OF THIS PROCEEDING OR ANY SUBSEQUENT PROCEEDING, IN THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND IN THE CHILDREN'S ADOPTION.

DATED this 6th day of May, 2022.

HONORABLE SHANNON PRESCOTT
JUDGE OF THE MUSCOGEE CREEK NATION

Fiscal Year 2022

In accordance with the following legislation:

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

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

Total received/earned \$312,692,414.48

Total expenditures and encumbrances for FY20, FY21, and FY22 as of this report date equals, **\$308,692,023.43**

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

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	-	314,295.29
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	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	(1,446,114.26)	6,476,657.95
	CONTRACT HEALTH				
59070	Direct Assistance	9,702.41	(75,266.66)	-	84,969.07
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	-	-
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	-	15,700.00
85500	Equipment	32,087.38	32,087.38	-	-
	EUFULA CLINIC				
85500	Equipment	21,620.00	20,826.00	-	794.00
	TOTAL	4,359,346.03	4,214,315.12	(7,279.71)	152,310.62