



JUNE 15, 2022 | “KVCO HVSE” BLACKBERRY MONTH | VOL. 52, ISSUE 12

MVSKOKE NEWS

PRODUCED BY  MVSKOKE MEDIA



Muscogee (Creek) Nation Representative Joe Hicks currently serves on the National Council. (MM File)

COUNCILMAN FACES CHARGES IN TRIBAL COURT

DUI CHARGE OF ELECTED OFFICIAL
DOWNGRADED DUE TO FILING ERRORS

by **BRADEN HARPER**
REPORTER

OKMULGEE, Oklahoma - Mvskoke Media received a tip from a concerned citizen that Joseph Hicks had been charged with a DUI in MCN District Court on March 26. The citizen was concerned that it was MCN National Council Rep. Joseph Hicks.

Mvskoke Media was able to locate the case in the online court calendar for the MCN District Court.

Mvskoke Media requested the Charging Documents to identify the individual in the case and substantiate whether it was the council member in question. Court and AG officials told Mvskoke Media no documents were available for the case.

Mvskoke Media continued to check with the court weekly over the next month and finally obtained the charging documents

in the case on May 6.

A previous conviction in Okmulgee County on May 8, 2015, is listed in the charging documents.

Mvskoke Media utilized the OSCN.Net system to find the court records for this prior conviction and found that the case listed is for a different individual, Joseph Charles Hicks, who has a different date of birth.

Since there appeared to be an error on the charging documents, Mvskoke Media contacted the MCN Attorney General Geri Wisner to see if corrected charging documents would be filed in the case. The AG Office did not respond to this inquiry.

Mvskoke Media was in court on June 6 to visually identify Rep. Hicks at his arraignment because the charging documents' criminal cases created confusion. Mvskoke Media's reporter was removed from the court by the bailiff before Rep. Hicks arrived. Media staff left the court-

room but not the premises and was able to identify Rep. Hicks entering the building for the scheduled hearing in district court.

Mvskoke Media reached out to Rep. Hicks for comment, to which he replied that he had no comment on this case.

Mvskoke Media has received information indicating that Rep. Joseph Hicks' felony charges will be dropped and refiled. According to Mark Thetford of the MCN Attorney General's Office, MCN AG will refile the charges because of clerical errors in the charging documents. The charges were amended to a misdemeanor because the charging documents wrongly stated this was Rep. Joseph Hick's second DUI offense.

"We've dismissed the felony but are amending it to a misdemeanor," Thetford said.

Mvskoke Media requested official court documentation on the case dismissal from MCN District Court but was told by court staff the documents would not be available until the presiding judge signed the papers.

As of June 8, no further filings on this case have been updated on the Muscogee (Creek) Nation District Court Website.

Mvskoke Media will have ongoing coverage of this developing story.



Several local and federal law enforcement agencies including MCN Lighthorse Police responded to an active shooter threat at Saint Francis Tulsa. (Source: Shutterstock)

GUNMAN KILLS FIVE, INJURES MULTIPLE IN TULSA MASS SHOOTING

MCN LIGHTHORSE ASSIST IN SECURING SCENE OF SHOOTING AT ST. FRANCIS

by **BRADEN HARPER**
REPORTER

TULSA, Oklahoma - A gunman killed five people, including himself, and injured multiple people in a shooting at Saint Francis Hospital at 61st and Yale on June 1. Tulsa Police identified the shooter as Michael Louis.

The victims were identified as Dr. Preston Phillips, Dr. Stephanie Husen, Amanda Green, and William Love. Dr. Phillips was an Orthopedic Surgeon, and Dr. Husen was a Sports Medicine Specialist with Saint Francis Medical. Green was an office receptionist, and Love was a visitor in the building at the shooting time.

Tulsa Police said Louis targeted the second floor of the Natalie Building on the medical campus because Dr. Phillips' office was located there. Louis was a patient of Dr. Phillips. Louis' motive for the shooting was the severe back pain he believed was caused by a procedure performed by Dr. Phillips. Louis had just seen Dr. Phillips for a follow-up treatment to the procedure on May 31, according to Tulsa Police Chief Wendell Franklin.

On Wednesday at 4:52 PM, a

911 active shooter call was made. According to Tulsa Police, the shooter committed suicide by a self-inflicted gunshot wound shortly after law enforcement officers entered the building. By 4:56 PM, Tulsa Police Officers were on scene at an approximate response time of three to four minutes.

Officers then swept the medical building to evacuate occupants safely and secure the perimeter.

A bomb threat at Louis' residence in Muskogee connected to the shooting was investigated by Oklahoma Highway Patrol. Upon investigation, no explosive materials were found.

Guns used in the shooting involved a semi-automatic rifle and a semi-automatic handgun. Both were purchased legally. The rifle was purchased just a few hours before the shooting. The handgun was purchased just days prior, on May 29.

Federal agencies, including the Federal Bureau of Investigation, U.S Marshals and the Bureau of Alcohol, Firearm, Tobacco, and Explosives, were called to the site in Tulsa to assist in the situation.

Law enforcement from across Tulsa County and neighboring

counties, including MCN Lighthorse Police, responded to the call about an active shooter situation. According to Captain of Investigations Jere Lee Smith, patrolmen from the Lighthorse Northern Division were the first from the MCN law enforcement to respond to the threat.

Once secure and the area was determined to be safe, Lighthorse was divided into teams to help conduct searches. Lighthorse officers also relieved Tulsa Police Officers from the crime scene so they could return to their regular patrols, according to Smith.

"It was very organized. Every agency that was out there knew what to do," Captain Smith said.

Lighthorse Officers assisted authorities by shutting down Yale Avenue and diverting traffic away from the area. Many law enforcement and emergency response vehicles were seen at the medical building.

No law enforcement officers from any local or federal department were injured during the shooting.

The shooting location was

MASS SHOOTING - 2

VIRTUAL OPTION FOR FESTIVAL 5K

THE FESTIVAL 5K RUN WILL ALLOW THOSE WHO CAN'T ATTEND TO PARTICIPATE VIRTUALLY

by **MORGAN TAYLOR**
MULTIMEDIA PRODUCER

OKMULGEE, Oklahoma - This year's Muscogee Nation Festival 5k run will offer a virtual option for those who cannot appear at the in-person celebration during the weekend of June 23-26.

The Director of Family Violence Prevention Program, Shawn Partridge, assists in coordinating the Festival's fun run along with Tania Bardin and Anthony Bird.

"We see this as an opportunity to allow citizens that live beyond the reservation and their families and friends to participate and be able to do their walk or run on their own time," Partridge said.

Limited to 150 spots, virtual participants must register by June 21 with a fee of \$20 to receive a commemorative tee and finishers medal by mail.

Clicking the word register above will direct individuals to the website to sign up for the race. There they will enter the necessary information, or they may mail in a registration form with a check or money order payable to Muscogee (Creek) Nation/ Muscogee Nation Festival 5k Attention: Shawn Partridge PO Box 580 Okmulgee, OK 74447.

Forms can be requested at 918-732-7992 or online at https://creekfestival.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/5KEntryForm-Flyer_MCNFest22.pdf.

Once registered, runners can complete the race/run/walk in their own time and location.

Racers will be responsible for turning in the finishing time and 5k-completion status.

"It provides a flexible opportunity for citizens and people to participate when it's convenient for them to do so," Partridge said.



The 5k run expects to have around 300 participants between the virtual and in-person race forms. (Submission)

The in-person registration deadline is June 21 with a fee of \$10, and the cost will go up to \$15 on race day, which is Saturday, June 25 at 7:30 a.m.

Pre-registered participants should pick up their packet on Friday, June 24 at 11-2 east of the Mound building, and those who register the day of should pick up a packet at the same place Saturday morning.

The fun run/walk is free, and participants will register on the race day, beginning immediately after the race.

No tribal membership is needed to participate in the virtual race, in-person race, or fun run/walk.

Partridge said there are about 60 participants registered online as of May 13.

According to Partridge, runners may show up on race day, so the number will fluctuate each day.

Fees go into the Festival 5k fund account, which helps fund next year's race event.

"It can be pretty expensive to host a 5k," Partridge said. "We generally spend more than allocated, so the registration fees help

5K - 2

5K

Continued from Page 1

cover those expenses.”

As a long-distance runner, Partridge participates in long-distance races such as 5ks as a hobby outside of her director role and claims that virtual racing became popular during the pandemic.

According to Partridge, virtual participants should consider safety measures while out on their course.

Several emergencies can happen while running, including injury, dehydration, accident, getting lost, and in an extremely rare and dangerous case, may result in an abduction or death.

Firstly, drink plenty of water before running or walking in the summer heat.

“It’s good to make sure and

carry water with you,” Partridge said. “It is really important to stay hydrated.”

If alone, the individual should have a plan and share location via phone or even notify at least one friend or family member of said plan.

“That way, they will know what to expect on when to hear from them and when they should return.”

She claims that running in the morning or evening can help avoid the sun and heat.

“Try to stay in well-lit and populated areas,” Partridge said.

Even asking a friend to tag along can be a measure of safety in the case of an emergency.

Information can be found at www.mcnn.com, or if you have questions about the 5K, call 918-752-5431.

MASS SHOOTING

Continued from Page 1

within the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Reservation jurisdiction. It is unknown whether the shooter or the victims were MCN Citizens.

Saint Francis was the second major shooting Lighthorse Police responded to within a week, the first being the shooting in Taft over Memorial Day Weekend. That shooting left one dead and injured seven others.

In light of the recent local shootings, MCN Lighthorse Officials have begun to organize active shooter protocols and emergency preparedness plans. “Once we get stuff in place for our daycares, schools, clinics, hospitals, we have a lot in front of us, but we will get there,” Chief Phillips said.

According to Captain Smith,

coincidentally, members from the Lighthorse Police Department underwent active shooter training the week prior. “It’s very surreal just coming back from the active shooter conference and then witnessing it now and being firsthand involved,” Captain Smith said.

In a statement released on Thursday, MCN Principal Chief David Hill said the recent tragedies have deeply affected the Nation.

“In the past few weeks, the Muscogee Nation, along with the world, has been saddened and dismayed by the senseless acts of mass violence in the United States. Most recently, our worst fears have been realized, with incidents in Tulsa and Taft occurring here on the Muscogee Reservation. While we are thankful for the swift and collaborative efforts of inter-agency law enforcement work with our

Lighthorse Police Department in responding to these matters, we no doubt are left with grief and despair for the lives lost and those forever changed by these crimes.”

Gun Violence Archive, an online nonprofit organization, marks the Tulsa shooting case as the 233rd mass shooting in the United States this year.

The Saint Francis shooting comes just over a week after the Uvalde mass shooting in Texas when a gunman opened fire, killing 21 people, including two teachers and 19 children.

President Biden is scheduled to give remarks on the recent national mass shootings at 7:30 PM (ET) on June 2.

If you would like to learn more about mass shooting statistics in the United States visit: <https://www.gunviolencearchive.org/>.



Softball throwing was one of the games that elders could participate in (Morgan Taylor/Multimedia Producer)

ELDERS COME TOGETHER FOR FRIENDLY COMPETITION

THREE MCN DEPARTMENTS HELP SPONSOR THE ELDER GAMES 2022

by MORGAN TAYLOR
MULTIMEDIA PRODUCER

OKMULGEE, Oklahoma – Over 200 Muscogee elder citizens gathered at the Claude Cox Omniplex for the 10th Annual MCN Elder Games 2022.

As a part of the Festival celebration, there will be another event for the elderly on Friday, June 24, at the Elderly Nutrition Center, 2975 Martha Berryhill Ave. Okmulgee, OK.

Elder games are sponsored by the Elder Services Department in partnership with the Diabetes Program and the Youth Services Program, which assist with games and events.

All enrolled elders that are 55 and older were eligible to participate.

The event kicked off with a half-mile walk and included corn hole toss, free throw contest, softball throwing contest, horseshoes, and jacks.

Each event had a first, second, and third place for men and women 55-65 and 66 and older.

Panera Bread catered the breakfast with McAlister’s Deli

for lunch.

According to Office Manager Christy Boone, her last count was 225 participants, an average number for this event in the past.

“This is one of our most successful events,” Boone said.

It gives the elders a chance to socialize, but it allows them to have a friendly competition.

“They are very competitive,” Boone said, laughing.

She claims to get nothing but positive feedback from the participants.

“We just like to get them together to visit, have fun with physical activity, just come out to have a good time,” Boone said.

Due to COVID, the event has been on stand-by over the last couple of years.

Boone claims that COVID is not a worry for them at this time.

“Since everything is outdoors, we didn’t have any requirements,” Boone said.

She said the only suggestion was for each elder to do what makes them comfortable.

Community of Health and Wellness Coordinator Duane

Meadows works with the Diabetes Prevention Program and recognizes many faces of the elders.

He claimed his role was the “umpire or referee” to help score and judge the games.

The elders who participated in the event were able to receive bonus points for the Walking Program and their overall fitness test score.

“As Native Americans, we are already at risk for diabetes,” Meadows said.

Many of the events were tailored for elder participation while allowing them to be still physical enough to promote diabetes prevention.

According to Meadows, this is typically the last of events of the season for his department, but he claims it feels like the first event in a while due to COVID.

The DPP usually has several events that help promote diabetes prevention for all ages around the reservation.

The DPP spoke with Mvskoke Media Livewire about the Walking Program on April 6.

For more information, visit www.creekhealth.org/services/diabetes-prevention/.

MUSCOGEE ELDERS BEGIN TO RAISE MONEY TO GO TO NIOCA

MVSKOKE ELDERS PREPARE FOR NIOCA CONFERENCE TO BE HELD IN NORTH CAROLINA IN 2023



From Left: Luther Factor, Esther Gee, Darlene Hames, Lillian Thomas. (Submission)

by BRADEN HARPER
REPORTER

OKMULGEE, Oklahoma - Muscogee (Creek) Elders are preparing to go to the National Indian Council on Aging Conference with fundraising events. The NIOCA Conference is set for September 2023 at the Harrah’s Cherokee Casino Resort in Cherokee, North Carolina. This is the first time the conference has been hosted since the COVID-19 pandemic began.

Elders from the Muscogee (Creek) Nation will begin their fundraising efforts with an Indian taco sale. Although the elder group does not have a precise goal regarding how many people they would like to take to the conference, Esther Gee said they are looking to take a bus or a van load, taking somewhere within the range of 20 to 30 people.

According to Gee, the fundraiser’s goal lies in the ballpark of \$25,000. Registration alone for an individual starts at \$500.

Elders from tribes all over Oklahoma attend the conference. Gee has gone four times.

“It’s held in different parts of the United States, where the tribes want to be a host. I went

to Niagara Falls just myself, and that was great.” Gee said.

NIOCA is a nonprofit organization that advocates for the health and well-being of Native Indian and Alaska Native elders. They work closely with the U.S. Department of Health to provide programs and services to Indigenous Elders across the United States.

The conference acts as a forum that allows elders to have their voices heard. Here, elders can provide recommendations and concerns on policies that affect them.

Indigenous Elders across many different tribes attend the NIOCA Conference. It features workshops on caregiver support, elder abuse prevention, health, transportation, employment, and financial assistance.

Gee says her favorite part of the conference trip is the camaraderie and sharing her Muscogee culture. “There’s usually a style show, you wear your Native dress, and at times we’ve shared our Creek songs with a talent contest. It’s just a great gathering,” Gee said.

To learn more about the NIOCA 2023 Conference, visit: <https://www.nioa.org/biennial-conference/>.



MVSKOKERADIO

WEDNESDAYS @ 10AM CST

FM 106.3 // AM 1240 // 1240THEBREW.COM

THE MVSKOKE NEWS

- Angel Ellis, Director | aellis@mvskokemedia.com
- Jerrad Moore, Assignment Editor | jmoore@mvskokemedia.com
- Morgan Taylor, Multimedia Producer | mtaylor@mvskokemedia.com
- Braden Harper, Reporter | bharper@mvskokemedia.com
- Gary Fife, Contributor | gfife@mvskokemedia.com
- Chelsie Rich, Mvskoke Market | crich@mvskokemedia.com
- Breanna Dawson, Advertising & Sales | bdawson@mvskokemedia.com
- Pauline Randall, Layout | prandall@mvskokemedia.com
- Mercedes Dunn, Summer Youth



MVSKOKEMEDIA

Like MM on Facebook:

Facebook.com/MvskokeMedia

Follow MM on Twitter:

@MvskokeMedia

Follow MM on Instagram:

@MvskokeMedia

Visit MM online at:

MvskokeMedia.com



The Mvskoke News is an editorially independent and constitutionally protected publication. Its purpose is to meet the needs of the tribe and its citizens through the dissemination of information. Reprint permission is granted with credit to The Mvskoke News unless other copyrights are shown.

Editorial statements appearing in The Mvskoke News, guest columns and readers’ letters reflect the opinion of the individual writer and not those of The Mvskoke News, its advisors or the tribal administration and are subject to editorial discretion. Editorials and letters must be signed by the individual writer and include a traceable address or phone number to be considered for publication. Please contact our office for deadline of submissions to be considered for inclusion.

The Mvskoke News reserves the right to edit all submissions for space, style and grammar. Receipt of submissions does not obligate The Mvskoke News in any regard. The Mvskoke News is mailed from Stigler, Oklahoma to all enrolled Muscogee (Creek) citizens’ households upon request. Inquiries should be directed to Mvskoke Media.

To submit a change of address or a letter to the editor, call: 918-732-7720 or email: info@mvskokemedia.com.



HEAD START HOLDS FAMILY EVENT

by MORGAN TAYLOR
MULTIMEDIA PRODUCER

Earlier in the year, the program held a “dad and me” event to promote fathers’ participa-

The program has nine locations throughout the reservation, including Okmulgee, Okemah, Checotah, Tulsa, Eufaula, and Wetumka, along with

Applications and information can be found at <https://www.muscogeenation.com/services/education-training/headstart/>.

MCN RIP GIVES AWAY PLANTS TO ELDERS

REINTEGRATION PARTICIPANTS HELP KICK START SUMMER GARDENING



by MORGAN TAYLOR
MULTIMEDIA PRODUCER

The program is designed for tribal citizens with felony convictions up to two-years post-imprisonment in need of assistance. For more information contact 918-549-2620.

My friend died n I don't know what to do

I'm so angry

I think I might b pregnant

I just had a huge fight. R u there?

I'm worried i might cut again

I'm sad all the time :(

I'm so angry

I think i'm having a panic attack

My friend died n I don't know what to do

I think i might b pregnant

I'm worried i might cut again

I just got kicked out of my house

I'm so angry

I think i'm having a panic attack

I just got kicked out of my house


I'm sad all the time :(

I think i'm having a panic attack

I'm so angry


I just had a huge fight. R u there?

CRISIS TEXT LINE |

**MUSCOGEE NATION**
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
ESTABLISHED 1970

Text CREEK to 741-741

A free, 24/7 text line for people in crisis.





College of the Muscogee Nation will now offer a Mvskoke Language Teaching Certificate and a Tribal Leadership Certificate to strengthen cultural leadership in the workforce. (Submission)

CMN ADDS NEW CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS

MVSKOKE LANGUAGE TEACHING AND TRIBAL LEADERSHIP PROGRAMS ARE NOW OFFERED

by **BRADEN HARPER**
REPORTER

OKMULGEE, Oklahoma – The College of the Muscogee Nation will offer two new certificate programs this year. CMN will offer a Mvskoke Language Teaching Certificate, and a Tribal Leadership Certificate will start in the fall 2022 trimester. The certificates will help with efforts to revitalize and preserve the Mvskoke Language. The Certificate Programs were approved by the Tribal College’s regional accrediting agency, the Higher Learning Commission.

The programs will be offered through traditional in-person classroom instruction and a virtual environment.

The Mvskoke Language Teaching Certificate is a 27-credit hour program that will build on language knowledge at an advanced and conversational level. The curriculum, digital resources, and language teaching methods to instruct students.

The new curriculum will prepare students for the workforce in a cultural setting. It will also support the development of qualified teachers of the Mvskoke Language. The curriculum will instruct on how to teach the Mvskoke language through different methods such as

in-person and virtual classes. The Mvskoke Language Teaching courses will include Methods for Teaching the Mvskoke Language, Mvskoke Language Practice Teaching, Observation and Evaluation.

Norma Marshall, Native American Studies and Mvskoke Language Instructor, says this certificate program is more significant than obtaining a degree.

“Teaching the Mvskoke Language is more than the college credit hours; the identity of the Mvskoke people is in the language and culture. Indigenous multimedia through digital technology extends the cultural classroom beyond physical limitations and brings the cultural curriculum to the cutting edge through elders and youth learning together,” Marshall said.

The Tribal Leadership Certificate is a 24-credit hour program that will focus on combining tribal core values of leadership with current organizational management methods. The certificate’s leadership skills include communication, team management, critical thinking, and problem-solving.

This certificate addresses the need for leaders within Native American tribes by building on the knowledge of history and cul-

ture. The curriculum will be taught through the lens of tribal politics and historical trauma that affect Native American communities today.

The Tribal Leadership Certificate offers Required courses, including Theories and Practices of Tribal Leadership, Political Factors in Tribal Leadership, and Tribal Community Development.

Dr. Monte Randall, President of the College of the Muscogee Nation, believes the Tribal Leadership Certificate Program is vital for cultural preservation.

“As tribal nations, we need to reclaim our traditional leadership training practices. The United States government tried to destroy us and intentionally targeted many aspects of our identity through assimilation, and we are still feeling those effects of historical trauma,” Dr. Randall said.

These curriculums will also be included as specializations within existing CMN associate degrees.

For more information on these certificate programs, visit www.cmn.edu.

To view prior coverage on the College of the Muscogee Nation, visit: <https://www.mvskokemedia.com/?s=College+of+the+Muscogee+Nation>

MUSCOGEE (CREEK) DOCTORAL STUDENT NAMED COBELL FELLOW

TIMOTHY FISH RECIPIENT OF THE COBELL GRADUATE SUMMER RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP

by **BRADEN HARPER**
REPORTER

MADISON, Wisconsin – Timothy Fish was one of just five recipients to receive the distinguished Cobell Graduate Summer Research Fellowship in May. Fish is a doctoral student at the University of Wisconsin and a citizen of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. He is pursuing his Ph.D. in Civil Society and Community Research.

Fish was selected from a pool of over 100 graduate applicants. The Fellowship awards \$25,000 to five fellows, each receiving \$5,000 for their research projects. This is the sixth year the Fellowship has been awarded.

In addition to the \$5,000 stipend, fellowship recipients will receive support from the Director of Research and Student Success at Indigenous Education Inc. This provides opportunities for fellowship recipients to network with other fellows worldwide.

Fish’s research is titled: “Case Study on the Reflections and Lessons Learned from Community-Led Initiatives Leading to the Construct of the Yungtun Language Proficiency Test using Narrative Inquiry.” The research aims to see how Yup’ik educators and stakeholders developed the Yungtun language proficiency test.

This research will look at the collaborative efforts of the Yup’ik tribal community to see how they pooled resources, experience, and knowledge to convert and develop language proficiency instruments into the Yup’ik worldview using epistemology and language.

Although Fish does not descend from Yup’ik heritage, his research recognizes the cultural importance of preserving the language. Studies on the Yup’ik language and culture can be applied to other Native American tribes.

The purpose of the Cobell Fellowship Scholarship is to support high-achieving student researchers who otherwise might not have ac-



Timothy Fish currently studies Civil Society and Community Research at the University of Wisconsin (Courtesy: Indigenous Education, Inc.)

cess to research funds during the summer months.

Melvin Monette-Barajas is the Chief Executive Officer of the Cobell Scholarship Program Administered by Indigenous Education, Inc. He is proud of the Indigenous academic research conducted through the program.

“We are excited to continue supporting Native scholars representing a variety of tribes and working to indigenize higher education in their respective academic fields,” Monette-Barajas said.

Fish joins fellow Muscogee (Creek) Citizen Rochelle Werito as a Cobell Scholarship Recipient. Werito became a recipient while pursuing her Master’s Degree in Teaching, Learning, and Leadership at Oklahoma State University in 2020.

Indigenous Education Inc. has supported over 4,000 students with more than \$30 million in scholarships.

If you would like to learn more about IEI and the Cobell Scholarship, visit: <http://cobellscholar.org/>

To view prior Mvskoke Media coverage of the Cobell Scholarship, visit: <https://www.mvskokemedia.com/muscogee-creek-citizen-receives-cobell-scholarship/>



Youth learn how to shoot a bow and arrow at archery camp. (Submission)

MCN AGRICULTURAL YOUTH ARCHERY CAMP RETURNS

EVENT OFFERS CULTURAL ACTIVITIES DURING THE SUMMER

by **BRADEN HARPER**
REPORTER

OKMULGEE, Oklahoma – The Muscogee (Creek) Nation Agricultural Youth Archery Camp returns after a successful year in 2021. The camp is accessible to all nine and older students and features cultural activities, 3D targets, Native longbow shooting, stationary targets, and fishing.

The camp is hosted in collaboration with the MCN Division of Agricultural & Natural Resources, MCN Conservation District and the Okmulgee County Extension Office.

Last year’s camp was the first time it had been hosted in three years. Event organizers anticipated 25, maybe 30 students to

sign up. The actual number was closer to 75.

According to MCN Agricultural Youth Program Director Billy Haltom, his phone was ringing off the hook this past spring about whether the Archery Camp was returning. Haltom received calls from places as far as Pouteau and Moore.

“Archery has become so popular in schools. You know in after-school programs, beacon programs, those types of activities they have really gotten into shooting a lot of archery,” Haltom said.

The event is a great way to reach students who might not be engaged in other programs or activities. “They might not be athletes. They might not be FFA members, it kind of draws

a group of young people that might not be standing out in a school system, so to speak,” Haltom said. “We get a different group of kids, we get a bunch of them, and they’re really just looking for an opportunity or chance to showcase what they can do.”

Archers will be grouped with peers in their skill level at the camp. The skill levels of camp participants range from novice to advanced. According to Haltom, the camp has seen skilled archers who own their equipment and beginners who may have never picked up a bow before.

Haltom’s favorite aspect of the camp is the people it draws and the hard work that goes into hosting it. “When it’s all over, and we’re all just sitting around smiling at each other looking and saying ‘Look at the wonderful job we’ve done,’” Haltom said.

The camp will be found in a new location, the Looped Square Ranch in Okmulgee. This will allow for more space for courses and targets.

Registration will close once the number of signed-up participants reaches 100. According to Haltom, the camp can not safely accommodate students above that quantity.

The Archery Camp will be held July 12 from 9 AM-2 PM. Lunch and snacks will be provided.

The pre-registration deadline to receive a free T-shirt is June 24.

Registration can be completed by mail, email, or phone call. Contact Billy Haltom at (918) 732-7628 or by email: whaltom@muscogeenation.com for more information.

MVSKOKE ANGLER CASTS WIDER NET

TIGER JUGZ CAN BE FOUND ON SHELVES IN 13 STATES

by **MORGAN TAYLOR**
MULTIMEDIA PRODUCER

AFTON, Oklahoma – In the Walmart fishing section, a new product catches the eye of anglers and fish. Muscogee citizen Tiger Wayne Carman is the inventor of the product Tiger Jugz. This Stackable, Strike Indicating, Depth Adjustable Fishing jugz was one of the few chosen from Walmart’s Annual Open Call for products made, grown, or assembled in America.

Carman and his team mass-produced 8,000 Tiger Jugz in just four months to stock 200 Walmart Stores over 13 states, including Oklahoma, Texas, Missouri, Arkansas, Louisiana, Alabama, Georgia, Mississippi, Tennessee, Indiana, Illinois, Kentucky, and South Carolina.

While the manufacturing took months, the prep work for this product took nearly a decade before it would be ready for the shelves.

“I have been in deep waters since I started this,” Carman said.

He quit his day job last year to focus on his product and devotes his time to his business. Mvskoke Loan Fund assisted Carman in getting his LLC in 2014 for Tiger Jugz.

According to Carman, the development and promotion of his product has kept growing the business exponentially in the last year.

As a fisherman, he has used several different techniques and ingenuities to get that big catch.

“I started out making the jugs in my garage using cheap foam and PVC pipe,” Carman said.

Carman said that it has evolved into a one-of-a-kind, high-quality product. It is more durable than the



Tiger Wayne Carman is the inventor and main producer of Tiger Jugz. (Submission)

early prototypes.

The Tiger Jugz package comes with a jug, 60-plus feet of 80-pound monofilament fishing line, two offset circle hooks, two snap swivels, two strips of 60-pound braided nylon, and an eight-ounce no roll lead bank sinker.

Carman claims his biggest catch weighed 35 pounds using his product.

“How do I know it works,” Carman said. “I haven’t had a single bad review yet.”

Carman has always loved the outdoors, and fishing was a big part of his life growing up on Grand Lake of the Cherokees.

“Oh yeah,” Carman said. “The whole family fishes.”

He has memories of fishing from childhood into adulthood with each family member.

After his 8,000 pieces sell out at Walmart, he plans on growing his business to sell it online at www.tiger-jugz.com and on walmart.com.

Carman has an Instagram where he can be followed and see more about him and his product @tiger_jugz or on Facebook at Tiger Jugz.

PICK UP/DROP OFF
Gift Shop/Restrooms, Omniplex
North Parking Lots, Complex
Housing Administration

MCN NATIONAL COUNCIL APPROVES TAX COMMISSION EXPANSION

CAR TAG SERVICES ARE NOW AVAILABLE TO ALL MCN CITIZENS LIVING IN OKLAHOMA

by **BRADEN HARPER**
REPORTER

OKMULGEE, Oklahoma – A Muscogee (Creek) Nation National Council Regular Session meeting was held in person and via teleconference on May 21 at the Mound Building.

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

TR 22-063

Authorizing the Principal Chief to execute a memorandum of agreement with McIntosh County, Oklahoma, for improvements to three county roads. The bill was sponsored by Representative Galen Cloud, which passed unanimously 15-0.

The Maintenance Overlay Project includes placing an asphalt overlay on three roads in a combined total of four miles. The project costs \$335,000, and funding will come from the MCN’s Tribal Transportation Program Federal Funding. Once completed, McIntosh County will be responsible for maintenance, upkeep, and repair.

TR 22-078

Authorizing the Principal Chief to execute a contract with Nihon Kohden on Behalf of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Department of Health, Council Oak Comprehensive Health. Representative Anna Marshall sponsored the bill, which passed unanimously 15-0.

The contract will provide specific intensive care unit monitoring equipment for the MCN Department of Health.

TR 22-079

Confirming the nomination of Elizabeth Yahola to serve on the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Citizenship Board. Representative Robert Hufft supported the bill, which passed with 13 in favor, one opposed, and one abstained vote.

Principal Chief Hill nominated Yahola. Her term will begin upon confirmation and expires on June 1, 2027.

TR 22-080

Authorizing the Principal Chief to submit a grant application to the administration for community living administration on aging Native American Elder Justice Initiative Grant Program for the Elder Services Department. Rep. Marshall sponsored the bill, which passed unanimously 15-0.

The bill will develop tribal codes that protect Native American seniors, identify tribally-produced elder abuse prevention resources, and add three new positions to manage the program and conduct outreach activities.

TR 22-081

Authorizing the Principal Chief to execute a memorandum of agree-

ment with Creek County, Oklahoma, for improvements to the Bristow Airport Road. The bill was sponsored by Representative Nelson Harjo Sr., which passed unanimously 15-0.

The project’s estimated cost is \$1,150,000.00 and will be funded with the Nation’s Tribal Transportation Program Federal Funding.

TR 22-082

Authorizing the Principal Chief to execute a memorandum of understanding between the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, Alabama Quassarte Town, Kialegee Tribal Town, and Thlopthlocco Tribal Town for the method of allocation for the Nation’s proportional share of funding for housing and urban development funds and the FY-2023 Indian Housing Block Grant. The bill was sponsored by Rep. Harjo Sr., which was passed unanimously 15-0.

The understanding will proportionally share the Indian Housing Block Grant needs between the Tribal Towns and the MCN.

TR 22-083

Honoring the Legacy of Lanakay Harjochee, founder of Raising Native Hope, and proclaiming the Second Saturday of September “Raising Native Hope Day of Service.” Representative Sandra Golden sponsored the bill, which passed unanimously 15-0.

Ms. Harjochee is an MCN citizen and founded Raising Native Hope in 2017. Its mission is to end Native homelessness and bring awareness to Native homeless people living in Tulsa.

TR 22-084

Authorizing the Principal Chief to execute a temporary operating permit with Entertaining Angels to operate one temporary fireworks sales facility on tribal trust land. The bill was sponsored by Rep. Harjo Sr., which passed unanimously 15-0.

The permit will allow the Nation to lease the tribal trust land for a “consecutive period of four (4) days to a month”. The Nation will waive the surety bond and rental fee for Entertaining Angels to operate the Temporary Sales Facility. The trust land is located at 2971 N. Wood Drive, Okmulgee, Oklahoma.

TR 22-085

Authorizing the Principal Chief to execute a certain interlocal agreement with the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Pawnee to hold criminal defendants at the Pawnee County Sheriff’s Office Detention Center in Pawnee County, City of Pawnee, Oklahoma. The bill was sponsored by Representative Mark Randolph., which passed unanimously 15-0.

MCN will pay for the housing of Native Criminal Defendants at \$45.00 per day, not including the cost of specific medical care.

TR 22-086

Authorizing the Principal Chief to execute a real estate contract for the purchase of property in Creek County, Oklahoma. Representative Joseph Hicks sponsored the bill, which was also co-sponsored by Representative Patrick Freeman Jr. The bill passed unanimously 15-0.

The property will include 19.7 acres located in Bristow, Oklahoma. MCN intends to utilize the property for the Bristow Indian Community Center.

TR 22-087

Authorizing the Principal Chief to execute a purchase and sale agreement for property located in Okmulgee County, Oklahoma. The bill was sponsored by Representative Joyce C. Deere, which passed unanimously 15-0.

The property is located in Okmulgee, Oklahoma, and will be used to benefit the MCN Tribal Government Operations.

NCA 22-050

A law of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation authorizing a supplemental appropriation to the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Secretary of the Nation and Commerce FY 2022 Budget. The bill was sponsored by Rep. Freeman Jr., which passed 9-6. Debate on the bill revolved around the creation of a new deputy secretary position within the Secretary of the Nation and Commerce Department.

The MCN Secretary of the Nation and Commerce will receive appropriations of \$127,268.00 to supplement salary, fringe telephone/fax, communications, fees and sponsorship line items.

NCA 22-053

A law of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation authorizing the expenditure of the American Rescue Plan Act Fiscal Recovery funding for the benefit of Children and Family Services. The bill was sponsored by Rep. Hufft, which passed unanimously 15-0.

Children and Family Services will receive an expenditure of \$2,200,000.00. The expenditure will go toward the Foster Care and Kinship Home Recruitment and Retention Program.

NCA 22-054

A law of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Authorizing the expenditure of funds awarded from the United States Department of Health and Human Services for the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Department of Health. The bill was sponsored by Rep. Hufft, which passed unanimously 15-0.

MCN Department of Health will receive an expenditure in the amount of \$397,772.00 to be used to improve the physical and mental health status of people with behavioral health issues by developing an integrated and coordinated system of care.

NCA 22-055

A law of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation authorizing the expenditure of the Department of Health and Human Services Health Resources and Services Administration Family-to-Family Health Information Centers Grant Funds for the benefit



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

of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Department of Community and Human Services. The bill was sponsored by Rep. Marshall, which passed unanimously 15-0.

The Grant awards MCN Community and Human Services in the amount of \$93,175.00. MCN Community and Human Services will use the funds to create an MCN Family-to-Family Health Information Center.

NCA 22-056

A law of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation authorizing the expenditure of grant funds awarded from the U.S. Department of the Interior for the benefit of the Agricultural and Natural Resources Division. The bill was sponsored by Rep. Harjo Sr. and passed unanimously 15-0.

The Division of Agriculture and Natural Resources was awarded funds in the amount of \$199,597.00 from the Tribal Wildlife Grant. Funds will be used to restore and preserve the wild turkey (Meleagris Gallopavo) population on properties within the MCN Reservation.

NCA 22-057

A law of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation amending NCA 22-011 (A law of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation appropriating funds to the Nation’s Facilities Department for equipment). The bill was sponsored by Representative Charles McHenry, which passed unanimously 15-0.

MCN Facilities Department will receive an appropriation of \$264,357.00 to cover the costs of a compact loader and trailer and increased equipment and vehicle costs from the time that the funds were appropriated.

NCA 22-060

A law of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation appropriating funds on behalf of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation District Trial Court to pay for GPS monitoring, continuous alcohol monitoring and breath-alcohol testing services offered by Recovery Monitoring Solutions Corporation. The bill was sponsored by Rep. Freeman Jr., which passed unanimously 15-0.

Appropriations will benefit the MCN District Trial Court in the amount of \$100,000.00 from the Interest On Permanent Fund. The funds will be used to provide release from detention services to tribal members arrested and jailed to provide public safety and reduce incarceration costs.

NCA 22-061

A law of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation authorizing a supplemental appropriation for the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Tax Commission for Fiscal Year 2022. The bill was postponed from the May 10 Emergency Session. It was sponsored by Rep. Osborn, which passed 11-4. Debate on the bill revolved around the supplemental appropriation amount. Two plans for the bill were on the table. One would have expended appropriations in the amount of \$445,956.00, the other in the amount of \$137,576.00. The National Council approved the latter.

The supplemental appropriation will be used to open new office locations in Jenks, Okemah, and Coweta and hire additional staff.

NCA 22-062

A law of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation amending NCA 20-060 (A law of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation authorizing an appropriation to match the Fiscal Year 2019 and 2020 Indian Community Development Block Grant to support the construction of the College of the Muscogee Nation Public Facility Exhibit/Lecture Hall). The bill was sponsored by Rep. Marshall, which passed unanimously 15-0.

CMN will benefit from the appropriations in the amount of \$4,440,000.00.

NCA 22-063

A law of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation appropriating funds to be used toward the purchase of real property located in Creek County, Oklahoma. The bill was sponsored by Rep. Hicks and co-sponsored by Rep. Freeman Jr. The bill passed unanimously 15-0.

The sum of \$220,000 will be appropriated for the real property purchase. The property includes 19 acres of land located in Creek County, Oklahoma.

NCA 22-064

A law of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation appropriating funds to be used toward the purchase of real property located in Okmulgee County, Oklahoma. The bill was sponsored by Joyce C. Deere.

Federal funds of \$1,400,000.00 will be appropriated to purchase the property.

The meeting, agenda, and full legislation can be viewed at www.mcnn-c.com.

OKMULGEE ER SET FOR \$10M EXPANSION

FUNDS TO BE USED FOR AN EMERGENCY ROOM EXPANSION AT MEDICAL CENTER IN OKMULGEE APPROVED BY MCN NATIONAL COUNCIL

by **BRADEN HARPER**
REPORTER

OKMULGEE, Oklahoma – A Muscogee (Creek) Nation National Council Emergency Session meeting was held in person and via teleconference on May 31 at the Mound Building.

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

TR 22-094

Authorizing the Principal Chief to execute a lease agree-

ment with Okmulgee Public Schools for the use of a building at the Okmulgee High School for the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Lighthorse Police Department. The bill was sponsored by Representative Nelson Harjo Sr., which passed unanimously 13-0.

The building will be used for the MCN Lighthorse Police Investigations Unit and will be provided free of charge by Okmulgee Public schools.

TR 22-095

Authorizing the Principal Chief to submit a grant application to the Department of Health and Human Services Ad-



A Muscogee (Creek) Nation National Council Emergency Session was held May 31 at the Mound Building in Okmulgee. (MM File)

ministration, Administration for Children and Families, Administration on Children, Youth, and Families-Family and Youth Services Bureau Street Outreach Grant Program for the benefit of the Mvskoke Nation Youth Services. Representative Anna Marshall sponsored the bill, which

passed unanimously 13-0.

The Grant will award MCN in the amount of \$426,635.00. If the Grant is received, MCN will match ten percent of it in the amount of \$47,405.00.

The Grant will hire a Street Outreach Coordinator and Street Outreach Specialist. It will

also provide outreach services, including essential need items, resource referral, and case management to runaway and homeless youth. MCN will partner with Okmulgee County Homeless Shelter to connect youth with emergency shelters or safe and stable housing.

NCA 22-071

A law of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation authorizing the expenditure of the American Rescue Plan Act Fiscal Recovery Funding for the benefit of the Department of Health. Rep. Marshall sponsored the bill, which passed unanimously 13-0.

The MCN Department of Health receives funds from ARPA of \$10,288,000.00. The funds will be used for an emergency room expansion at the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Medical Center in Okmulgee.

The meeting, agenda, and full legislation can be viewed at www.mcnn-c.com.




MEGA MONEY
Win Your Colossal Share of
\$60,000

SATURDAYS IN JUNE
Cash Drawings Totaling \$15,000

\$250 | 6PM–7:15PM
\$500 | 7:30PM–8:45PM
\$1,000 | 9PM–9:30PM
\$2,500 | 9:45PM
\$5,000 | 10PM

Random \$25 Rewards Play Winners
Qualify Daily June 1-25
Earn one entry for every 50 points played.

See Players Club for details on all promotions. Must be 21 to game.



**CREEK NATION
Casino
MUSCOGEE**

P.O. BOX 1249 MUSKOGEE, OKLAHOMA 74402
918.683.1825 • CREEKNATIONCASINOMUSCOGEE.COM



IT'S Festival TIME!

**GET YOUR BUSINESS CARDS, BROCHURES,
FLIERS, CAR MAGNETS, BANNERS + MORE!**

**ALL MUSCOGEE
(CREEK) NATION
CITIZENS RECEIVE
10% OFF!**

ORDER BEFORE JUNE 17 AT 5PM!
MCN Festival orders after JUNE 17 will NOT be accepted!
**WE DO NOT OFFER SHIPPING.*

**CONTACT US
FOR QUOTES!**

**QUICK TURN
AROUND TIMES!**

**COMPETITIVE
PRICING!**

**DISCOUNTS
& PROMOTIONS!**

**OPEN M–F
8AM–5PM**

**LOCATED IN
OKMULGEE, OK
1010 E. EUFAULA**

LEGALS

IN THE DISTRICT COURT IN AND FOR TULSA COUNTY
STATE OF OKLAHOMA

RIIONDA RENEE SMITH, as Personal Representative of the Estate of Sharon Andrea McWhitney a/k/a McWhitney a/k/a McWhitney, Deceased,

Plaintiff,

vs.

(1) BERTHA McINTOSH;
(2) BERTHA SMITH;
(3) Heirs, Executors, Administrators, Devises, Trustees, Assigns, and Unknown Successors of BERTHA McINTOSH, a/k/a BERTHA SMITH;
(4) MANLEY E. SMITH;
(5) Heirs, Executors, Administrators, Devises, Trustees, Assigns, and Unknown Successors of MANLEY E. SMITH; and
(6) THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Defendants.

DISTRICT COURT
FILED
MAY 19 2022
DON NEWBERRY, Court Clerk
STATE OF OKLA. TULSA COUNTY

Case No. CJ-2022-01507
Judge Douglas Drummond

NOTICE OF QUIET TITLE PETITION

To all Defendants:

You and each of you are hereby notified that the Plaintiff Rhonda Renee Smith, as Personal Representative of the Estate of Sharon Andrea McWhitney a/k/a McWhitney a/k/a McWhitney, Deceased, has filed in the District Court of Tulsa County, State of Oklahoma, her Petition against Bertha McIntosh a/k/a Bertha Smith and against Manley E. Smith, if living, and against the heirs, executors, administrators, devisees, trustees, and assigns, immediate and remote of Bertha McIntosh a/k/a Bertha Smith and of Manley E. Smith, if deceased, alleging that Bertha McIntosh a/k/a Bertha Smith and Manley E. Smith, may claim an interest in the following described real property:

Lot Five (5), BLANKENSHIP THIRD RESUBDIVISION OF LOTS 6 AND 7, BLOCK 4, GREENFIELD ACRES ADDITION to the City of Tulsa, Tulsa County, State of Oklahoma, according to the recorded plat thereof

Physical Address: 4729 South Waco Avenue, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74107

Plaintiff's Petition alleges that Sharon Andrea McWhitney, in fact, is the owner of said real property and has actual and peaceable possession thereof by and through her Personal Representative; that defendants Bertha McIntosh a/k/a Bertha Smith and Manley E. Smith, if living, and the unknown heirs, executors, administrators, devisees, trustees, and assigns, immediate and remote, of Bertha McIntosh a/k/a Bertha Smith and Manley E. Smith, if deceased, and the United States of America, may claim some right, title, or interest in and to said real property adverse to the Plaintiff which constitutes a cloud on the Plaintiff's title; that there has been no judicial determination of heirship of said Bertha McIntosh a/k/a Bertha Smith or of Manley E. Smith; and praying that the Plaintiff have judgment against the defendants, and each of them, that the unknown heirs, executors, administrators, devisees, trustees, and assigns, immediate and remote, of Bertha McIntosh a/k/a Bertha Smith and Manley E. Smith, if deceased, and the United States of America, be required to show what right, title, or interest, if any, that they now have in and to said real property adverse to the right, title, and interest of Plaintiff; that they be adjudged to have no right, title, interest, or estate therein, and that the title of the Plaintiff in and to said real property be quieted against Bertha McIntosh a/k/a Bertha Smith and Manley E. Smith, if living, and against the heirs executors, administrators, devisees, trustees, and assigns, immediate and remote, of Bertha McIntosh a/k/a Bertha Smith and Manley E. Smith, if deceased, and against the United States of America, and the defendants, and each of them, be perpetually barred and enjoined from setting up or asserting any right, title, or interest in said real property.

Plaintiff's Petition requires that said defendants, and each of them, must answer the petition filed by the Plaintiff on or before the 1st day of September, 2022, or said petition will be taken as true and judgment rendered adjudging and decreeing Sharon Andrea McWhitney a/k/a McWhitney a/k/a McWhitney to be the owner of said real property and entitled to the possession thereof, and that the defendants have no right, title, or interest therein, and quieting the title of the plaintiff against all adverse claims of said defendants.

RICHARD A. SHALLCROSS & ASSOCIATES, P.L.L.C.

By:

Richard A. Shallcross, OBA #10016
The Wrightsman
1645 South Cheyenne Avenue
Tulsa, Oklahoma 74119
(918) 592-1645

Attorney for the Plaintiff
Rhonda Smith, as Personal Representative of the Estate of Sharon Andrea McWhitney a/k/a McWhitney a/k/a McWhitney

I, Richard A. Shallcross, attorney for the Plaintiff, being first duly sworn, on oath state that on the 19th day of May, 2022, I deposited in the United States Mail in Tulsa, Oklahoma, enclosed in a pre-addressed, postage paid envelope a true and correct copy of the foregoing Notice to the following persons, to wit:

Clinton J. Johnson
United States Attorney for the Northern District of Oklahoma
110 West 7th Street, Suite 300
Tulsa, Oklahoma 74119

Merrick B. Garland
Attorney General of the United States
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20530-0001

Superintendent of the Five Civilized Tribes
c/o Regional Director
Eastern Oklahoma Regional Office Bureau of Indian Affairs
P.O. Box 8002
Muskogee, Oklahoma 74402-8002

RICHARD A. SHALLCROSS

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 19th day of May, 2022.

9/28/2022
My Commission Expires

Notary Public

Commission #1009798
CYTHIA P. HALL
STATE OF OKLAHOMA

MCN AND LWII FOUNDATION TEAM UP

NATIVE TEENS HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN FROM THE PRO

by MERCEDES DUNN
SUMMER YOUTH

OKMULGEE, Oklahoma – Muscogee Nation has partnered with LWII Foundation to bring Lindy Waters III to hold a clinic at the 2022 Muscogee Nation Festival. This clinic will be held on June 18, 5PM - 8:30PM, at the Mvskoke Dome. Waters is the rookie forward on the OKC Thunder that has caught everyone's eye this NBA season. Waters is Kiowa and Cherokee, which he is very proud to show. He is a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.

This clinic is a great opportunity for 120 native teens who play basketball, so make sure you register. Waters will teach drills and display some skills for the players to develop their game. Waters will be meeting all the youth during this clinic as well.

To register you can go to MuscogeeNationFestival.com/Clinic. The clinic is for Ages 13-18, and open to all CDIB holders. You'll need a copy/photo of citizenship/CDIB card MUST be either uploaded to a registration form; emailed to mvsoketourism@gmail.com, or texted to 918-777-8048 at the time of paid registration. Remember there are only 120 so register today!

// **LINDY WATERS III CLINIC** //

MEET & GREET DRILLS INDIVIDUAL PLAY

5:00PM-8:30PM
JUNE 18, 2022
MVSOKKE DOME | OKMULGEE

\$3 REGISTRATION FEE
INCLUDES HOT DOG, CHIPS AND DRINK MEAL
MUST BE REGISTERED BEFORE EVENT
Tribal Citizens Only

AGES 13-18
ONLY 120 SPOTS AVAILABLE

GAME ON

WWW.MUSCOGEENATIONFESTIVAL.COM/CLINIC
TO REGISTER

Registration is now open for basketball clinic feature pro talent instruction. (Submission)

SUBMISSION

Dear Muscogee Nation National Council Land, Natural Resources and Cultural Preservation Committee,

Over the years, Broken Arrow Indian United Methodist Church has received financial support through Muscogee Nation grants and/or appropriations.

These funds have allowed us to:

- Supplement the cost of electric utilities
- Perform much needed repairs or improvements to church buildings and property
- Care and protect our congregation and visitors from the spread of the COVID virus
- Share the gospel through audio and visual equipment via social media
- Celebrate the Christmas seasons through fellowship and giving of gifts and treats

Members of the BAIUMC wish to express our heartfelt gratitude to

the Muscogee Nation for their generosity. We also appreciate the Muscogee Nation Lighthorse Police who patrol the area of our church property and the surrounding community.

Your support has afforded BAIUMC continued opportunities to make disciples of Jesus Christ, fellowship and nurture one another and create a legacy sharing the love of God.

Thank you,
Rev. Eli McHenry, Pastor

OBITUARY

Jasmine Renee Jean Swift

Jasmine Renee Jean Swift, five weeks old, passed away, Tuesday, May 31st, 2022 in Henryetta, Oklahoma. Jasmine was born April 21st, 2022 in Tulsa, Oklahoma to Stephanie Renee Grimes and Edward George Swift Jr.

Jasmine is preceded in death by maternal great grandmother ,Betty Ellen Scott maternal great grandfather, Albert Lee Harjo Sr. maternal great grandparents, Elsie and Lee Allen Lowery paternal great grandmother, Frances Jean Christenberry paternal great grandfather, Joseph Masny aunt, Tamara Renee Grimes great aunt, Darlene Stratton and "Bobby" Albert Lee Harjo.

Jasmine, one month and 10 days old passed into the arms of Jesus on Tuesday morning in

Henryetta. Beloved daughter of Stephanie and Edward, Baby Jasmine was a delight and blessing to her entire family

She loved to visit, always smiling when her family spoke sweet words to her. Her colors were green and pink. Her beautiful blue eyes always smiled and brought a smile to all in her presence. She loved being in her baby swing. She never liked to be messy and would let you know, but would be back smiling once she was taken care of. She always enjoyed her nap time. She brought so much joy to her parents, brother James Allen Wayne.

Those left behind to cherish Jasmine's memory are her parents Stephanie and Edward and brother James Allen Wayne, of the home.

Maternal grandparents, Sonja and Lee Allen Jr and Michael Lowery of Henryetta, paternal grandparents Christine and husband David Delgado of Tiger

Mountain, and Edward and Bethany Swift of Washington State uncles, Aaron Grimes and Aaliyah of Henryetta, Brent Grimes of Henryetta, Ray Haag and wife Liza of Tulsa, Michael Haag of Okemah, Zack Britt aunts, Mona Haag of Dewar, Francine Haag of Henryetta, Christina and Zach Hall of Checotah, great-uncles ,Charles Lowery and wife Susan, James Masny, Joseph Masny, Stanley and wife Betty Harjo of Okmulgee great-aunts-Virginia Harjo of Arkansas, Pamela Corley of Henryetta

Those serving as Pallbearers: Daniel Smith and Kelly Reed

Honorary Pallbearers: Brent Grimes, Aaron Grimes, James Masny, Sam Brewer, Zach Hall, Zack Britt, and Brandon Maxwell.

Viewing and Visitation is scheduled for 3-4PM Monday, June 6th, 2022 at Integrity Funeral Service, 410 E. Trudgeon, Henryetta, Oklahoma

Carl "C.J." Clay West Jr

Carl "C.J." Clay West Jr. was born April 16, 1977 to Carl & Barbara (Taryole) West in Tahlequah, Oklahoma and left this

life on May 22, 2022 in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Preceding him in death are his paternal grandparents, Calvin & Agnes West; Paternal aunts, Wanda West and Kathleen West; paternal uncle, David West; maternal aunt, Norma "Shorty" Taryole.

Those left to cherish the memories of C.J. are his parents, Carl & Barbara West; son, Mason Jai West; two brothers, Brandon & Michael West; niece, Peyton Elise; nephew, Colby Coolidge as well as many aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends.

C.J. graduated from Weleetka High School in 1995 where he lifted weights and played football and was known as "Cheeta". He loved to cook, especially for his nephew Colby. He liked doing crossword puzzles and play casino games on his cellphone while listening to

music. He also liked to fish and play softball and basketball. He worked for Sherwood Construction for eight years.

Wake services will be held May 26, Thursday at 7:00PM at the Buckeye Creek Baptist Church. Funeral services will be held May 27, Friday at 2:00PM also at the Buckeye Creek Baptist Church. Burial will follow at the West Family Cemetery. Pallbearers will be Bryant Beaver, Adam West, Chris West, David "Joe" West Jr., Tyrone Barnett, Matt West, Kenric West and Dominique West; Honorary Pallbearers are Norman Taryole, Newman Taryole Jr., Ryan Taryole, Trevor Taryole, Dedrick West, Tra West, Jordan West, Devlin West, Joe Hogner, Dereck West and Thomas Barnett. Services are under the direction of Hutchins Maples Matherly Funeral Home.

MVSKOKEMEDIA • P.O. BOX 580 - OKMULGEE, OK 74447 • 918.732.7720 • MVSKOKEMEDIA.COM • @MVSKOKEMEDIA