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MCN REMEMBERS 210TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BATTLE OF HORSESHOE BEND

COMMEMORATION MARKED WITH WORDS OF UNITY AND STRENGTH



MCN dignitaries, employees, and legislators commemorate the 210th Battle of Horseshoe Bend. (Courtesy: MNC Communications)

by **MEREDITH JOHNSON**
REPORTER

DAVISTON, Ala. - Wednesday, March 27 marked the 210th anniversary of the Battle of Horseshoe Bend. Muscogee (Creek) Nation Tribal leaders, dignitaries and community members commemorated the

event at the Horseshoe Bend National Military Park during the site's annual memorial event on March 22-23.

The National Park Service, which runs the site, held its annual memorial activities which included educational programming for local elementary children, Mvskoke arts

and crafts booths, and cultural and educational information.

On Saturday, after speeches, song, and prayer 857 luminaries were placed on the battle site to remember the men, women, and children who died

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MVSKOKE MEDIA PARTNERS WITH DOWNTOWN TULSA NEIGHBORHOODS TO HOST MAYORAL TOWN HALL

TULSA MAYORAL CANDIDATES PRESENT THEIR POSITIONS ON CITY-TRIBAL RELATIONSHIP WITH MCN



Riverview Neighborhood Association Chris McCabe moderates the Tulsa Mayoral Townhall. Candidates pictured from right include Jayme Fowler, Monroe Nichols, and Karen Keith. Tulsa, Okla. March 25, 2024. (Braden Harper/Mvskoke Media)

by **BRADEN HARPER**
MANAGING EDITOR

TVLSE, Oklv. - The air in the Venue Shrine was filled with robust conversation and enthusiastic engagement as Tulsans came out to the Mayor Candidate Town Hall on March 25. The town hall was a collaboration between the Tulsa Riverview Neighborhood Association, the Maple Ridge Neighborhood, the Venue Shrine and Mvskoke Media.

The Historic Riverview Neighborhood (RVNA) lies adjacent to the Council Oak Tree Park in downtown Tulsa. Within the past year the Riverview Neighborhood Association has collaborated with the Muscogee (Creek) Nation to preserve and restore the Council Oak Tree Park.

According to RVNA President Chris McCabe, the night

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OKMULGEE COUNTY JAIL OFFICIAL COURT APPEARANCE DELAYED

MATTHEW DOUGLAS' ARRAIGNMENT IN TRIBAL COURT POSTPONED BY STAY



In December of 2023 Okmulgee Jail Officials and Muscogee (Creek) Nation Lighthorse Police were involved in a physical altercation over a booking proceeding involving a non-tribal citizen for drug possession. (Courtesy: MCN Communications)

by **MEREDITH JOHNSON**
REPORTER

MVSKOKE RESERVATION - On Friday March 15, Muscogee (Creek) Nation District Court Judge Lisa Otipoby-Herbert ordered a stay in the case of MCN v. Matthew Douglas. The stay postponed Douglas' scheduled March 27 arraignment in tribal court on felony assault charges, specifically felony-protected status battery.

As noted in MCN court documents, the stay suspends MCN District Court proceedings until a decision is made in the case of Douglas v. Wisner, a result of a writ of habeas corpus filed by Oklahoma Attorney General Genter Drummond in the U.S. Eastern District of Oklahoma Court.

Drummond filed the civil petition Feb 19 on behalf of Douglas. It names Commissioned MCN Attorney General Geri Wisner, MCN Criminal Prosecutor Mathew Hall, and MCN Judge Lisa Otipoby-Herbet as respondents. A writ of habeas corpus is used in federal court to determine the lawfulness of imprisonment. Drummond argues in the petition that while Douglas has yet to be arraigned on those charges, he is

technically "detained".

The petition also asks the Eastern District Court to dismiss the case on the grounds that MCN Tribal Jurisdiction does not apply to Douglas and that MCN tribal court has no authority to prosecute non-Indians. It asserts Douglas' prosecution is happening ultra vires, or beyond the authority of the Nation.

Wisner has argued that the authority granted to tribes in the 2022 Violence Against Women Act expanded tribal authority to prosecute non-Indians.

On March 19, Magistrate Judge for the Eastern District Court D. Edward Snow granted a motion of extension, giving the MCN time to respond to the petition by April 30.

Douglas' charges in tribal court arose after a conflict between MCN Lighthorse Deputy Chief Dennis Northcross and Douglas during the booking procedure of a non-tribal citizen at the Okmulgee County Jail. Douglas is being charged with protected status battery, per MCN code Title 14 section 2-303, "The crime of protected status battery is a felony and occurs when all of the elements of

battery are present and, in addition, it is knowingly committed against: 1. Law enforcement officials, referees or umpires, teachers or school officials, during performance of or relate to their duties."

In response to Drummond's court filing, Principal Chief David Hill made the following statement, "Muscogee (Creek) Nation is aware that Attorney General Drummond's office has filed a federal lawsuit challenging the authority of the Nation to file criminal charges in its own court and under its own laws against a non-Indian defendant for acts occurring within the Muscogee Reservation, even though Congress has already affirmed the authority of tribal nations to exercise this authority in certain situations. The Nation has yet to be served with the petition, but the Nation will respond appropriately when the time comes. It is unfortunate that AG Drummond will spend the State's resources challenging the authority of the Nation to prosecute crimes in its own reservation when that defendant has his own attorney and is free to make those challenges for himself in court."

JENKS RIVERWALK OPENS NEW CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND

8 FT. EXTRA-WIDE SLIDE ALREADY A POPULAR FEATURE



A ribbon cutting ceremony for the newly opened Riverwalk playground happened on Thursday, April 4. (Meredith Johnson/MM)

by **MEREDITH JOHNSON**
REPORTER

JENKS, Oklv. - The Jenks Riverwalk has a new feature for young visitors to enjoy. On Thursday, April 4 the riverfront entertainment and dining destination opened a new children's playground.

On the first day of its opening the park appeared to be a success, as comments made during the opening ceremony were often overshadowed by the sound of children playing, often running through the gathering of adults.

The 4,000 sq/foot fenced space features an 8 ft. extra-wide slide and plenty of areas to climb, run, and play. It also features HappyPlay Turf, a safety-surfacing groundcover. The area is located north of the stage and runs along the Tulsa Riverparks Trail System.

Riverwalk partnered with Happy Playgrounds, a local company that designs and installs playgrounds, play-area shelters, shade structures, and amenities. Happy Playgrounds,

a Native American-owned company, is operated by Kelli Collins. Happy Playgrounds has partnered with tribes, local municipalities, churches, schools, and HOAs in Oklahoma and Arkansas. During the event, Collins noted, "Together we created this amazing playground and I just want to say that today is the best part of what I do. I'm grateful for the Muscogee Nation, you give so much to the community and we owe you all a huge round of applause. Thank you."

Heather Turner, President of the Jenks Chamber of Commerce stated during the ribbon cutting, "This is a celebration for OneFire and Riverwalk. We are thrilled about this new park and the benefit it's going to add to our community."

Representatives from the MCN National Council were present at the opening and included Speaker Randall Hicks, Representative Galen Cloud, Representative Dode

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there. Raelynn Butler, MCN Secretary of Culture and Humanities, traveled with the MCN delegation and related the solemn, reflective nature of the trip. "This was many people's first time at the park and it was very moving and emotional to hear this difficult history and be at this sacred place, the last resting place of more than 857 Mvskokvlke who died here," Butler said.

National Council Representative Dode Barnet attended the commemoration this year and spoke about the trip as profound. She stated, "It's a really heavy experience to stand somewhere where you know that something so horrible happened. I mean, the battle is quite heroic. The Red Stick Warriors were smart, capable, fierce warriors. And I think that they were so intelligent with the barricade that they built... but to realize that children and women and elders were also killed... And so, it is a heavy thing. It is a really heavy thing."

Despite the anniversary commemorating a dark chapter of history, MCN Principal Chief David Hill's speech encouraged unity and healing. "Fight the good fights, simply because it is right to do so. Division gave birth to the atrocities committed here 210 years ago. Unity can once again heal us. Because it remains as true today as it was two centuries ago - we are better together." Chief Hill said.

Secretary Butler shared the importance of a continued Mvskoke presence at the site, relating that the Nation is working toward placing a Mvskoke memorial there. She said, "We are working to get approval to place a monument at the park to honor our ances-

tors who fought, died, and survived the battle. The park has a monument for Andrew Jackson but there is nothing similar for us."

The 1814 battle led to the massacre of over 800 warriors, women, and children at the fortified village of Tehpeka, located on a peninsula along the Tallapoosa River in Alabama. The battle ended the Creek War and led to land cessations of 23 million acres and catapulted General Andrew Jackson to national prominence.

On this history, Chief Hill related that it ultimately united Mvskokvlke. In his keynote address during the commemoration ceremony, he said, "The slaughter of men, women and children at Horseshoe Bend launched Andrew Jackson to fame and ultimately the Presidency, where he signed the Indian Removal Act in 1830. However, in seeking to divide and destroy us, the U.S. Government ultimately united us. Bound by shared anguish, our ancestors endured the Trail of Tears and the early years in Oklahoma. Combined, these events caused the death of 8,000 of our people. We stood together to battle allotment policies and unflaggingly confronted every effort to extinguish our Nation."



The site of Horseshoe Bend is commemorated by luminaries set on the ground at night. (Photo Courtesy:MCN Communications)

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presented an opportunity for the hosting organizations to ask questions on behalf of the

citizens they represent.

"We have issues that are unique to our neighborhoods and we wanted to come together to present these candidates for mayor." McCabe said. "Our issues and the things that we deal with in this little pocket of Tulsa might be different in other parts of Tulsa. All the questions that we have for the candidates have been brought to them by the neighbors within Riverview and Maple Ridge with the exception of Mvskoke Media."

The three Tulsa mayoral candidates present at the town-hall included Tulsa County Commissioner Karen Keith, Oklahoma State Representative Monroe Nichols and Tulsa City Councilman Jayme Fowler. The town hall featured three segments hosted by a moderator who represented a sponsoring organization. Questions ranged in topics including homelessness, education, mass transit and tribal relations with the Mvskoke Nation.

In opening remarks the candidates outlined their purpose for running. Fowler, a Tulsa native, remarked that he simply wants to continue to add to the growth Tulsa has enjoyed over the past decade. Keith, currently in her fourth term as county commissioner, exclaimed that if elected she plans to simply continue her efforts to collaborate with citizens to make Tulsa a better place to live. Nichols stated that wants to take the leadership values he has learned from serving in the state legislature and apply them in tackling the challenges and issues Tulsa currently faces.

Candidates on Tribal Affairs

During Mvskoke Media's segment of the night, questions regarding Hooper v. Tulsa,

Muscogee (Creek) Nation v. Tulsa, campaign contributions by tribes, and Council Oak Tree Park were asked of each candidate. Hooper v. Tulsa pertained to whether the city has the jurisdiction to prosecute Native Americans who are enrolled citizens of a federally-recognized tribe on the MCN Reservation. That case was dismissed by the 10th Circuit of Appeals in December 2023. In response to the Hooper case, Muscogee (Creek) Nation filed suit against Tulsa, claiming that the city was unlawfully prosecuting enrolled tribal citizens on the MCN reservation.

Keith's position on the suits detailed cooperation on behalf of municipal and tribal leaders. "This decision (Hooper v. Tulsa) means that now more than ever we have got to work with our tribes, City of Tulsa and tribal nations to resolve these questions as they linger." Keith said. She further asserted that she respects the rule of law, as well as tribal sovereignty.

Nichols' stance on tribal affairs is that it is simply part of the job, a responsibility included with the oath of office. He claimed that he has even developed a strategy to co-govern with the tribes whom Tulsa's jurisdiction lies within. "This is the largest city to exist wholly on a Native reservation," Nichols said. "I think it's important that we don't just think about this one court ruling in a vacuum, but really think about how we co govern with our tribal nations."

Fowler said that he wants to streamline the process regarding justice for tribal citizens that commit crimes on the reservation. He stated that this is necessary for the general safety of all Tulsans. "I want to make it work not only for our tribal brothers and sisters, but our citizens also," Fowler said.

"When we all work together we have a much better outcome. Negotiations are not always easy but they must be done out of respect."

Keith and Nichols stated that they have met with tribal leaders regarding co-governing issues and have received donations from tribal partners for their campaigns. Fowler stated that he has not received any campaign donations from tribal partners, but is open to meeting with tribal leaders.

The Tulsa Mayoral election will take place on August 27.

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Barnett, and Representative Mark Randolph.

Rep. Barnett echoed as well the importance of collaboration and working together. She stated, "I think this is a great example of collaboration and cooperation of what governments can do when they work together. We can be successful and it really showcases everything about ourselves, our history, and who we are as a people because our children are important to us."

The project began in 2022 with funding through NCA 22-138. The legislation authorized \$2.2 million from the Nation's American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds for Riverwalk improvements. The ARPA funds were specifically utilized for improvement projects to increase tourism and recreation at the Jenks destination. Other improvements, in addition to the new play area, include murals, signage, and nature-watching telescopes along the river. According to Debbie Severson, CEO of OneFire Holding Company, more improvement projects will be coming. OneFire is the MCN subsidiary that manages the Nation's commercial portfolio, including Riverwalk.

MVSKOKE HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETE TAKES BASKETBALL TEAM TO SECOND PLACE DURING 2A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

KALEIGH STRANGE IS ALREADY LOOKING FORWARD TO NEXT YEAR'S SEASON



Kaleigh Strange dribbles a basketball down the court during a game. (Photo Courtesy: Lisa Strange)

by SHAYLN PROCTOR REPORTER

Her team received second place in the Class 2A girl's basketball state championship in March.

Strange's maternal grandparents are the late Kelly Bell (Mvskoke/Seminole), also known as "Mekko Bell" from Fishpond and Esther Bell (Mvskoke). Her paternal grandfather is Jim Strange, her parents are Lisa Strange (Mvskoke/Seminole) and Tyson Strange.

Kaleigh Strange has played basketball since she was in fifth grade. Ever since she started playing the sport she has always looked up to her dad, who taught her different basketball skills and techniques. A typical school week during a season sees a lot of practices that consist of different drills including conditioning and shooting. Kayleigh

Strange's team practices after school, during school breaks and occasionally on weekends when it gets closer to the playoffs.

When she first started playing basketball, Kayleigh Strange learned a lot about teamwork. "Probably the most important thing you need to have for a team is the chemistry to work together to help you win," Kayleigh Strange said.

Kayleigh Strange tore her anterior cruciate ligament (ACL) during her 9th grade basketball season. The injury took nine months of physical rehabilitation. Kayleigh Strange was not able to return to the court until her sophomore year. During the whole year she had to wear a brace after completing rehab, but eventually returned back better than ever to play on the court without the brace.

Throughout the championship game Kayleigh Strange was filled with emotions and excitement. Although her team did not end up winning the championship, Kayleigh Strange still looked up to her friends to keep pushing through the entire game.

Kayleigh Strange's advice for athletes is to keep moving forward. "if you think you're doing bad just keep your head up and everything will be okay and it'll work through. Work hard and all the work you put into it, it's going to work out," Kayleigh Strange said.

Moving forward Kayleigh Strange is hoping to one day become a college student athlete, however she does not know which college she will attend yet. When she becomes



Kaleigh Strange poses with last year's championship medal and her runner-up medal from this year. (Photo Courtesy: Lisa Strange)

a senior next year she hopes to become a great leader to her teammates and carry this year's momentum to win next year's state championship.

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ESTE CATE HOKTVKE SULETWAY HONORS THE LATE SPC LORI PIESTEWA AT THE PIESTEWA CHALLENGE

THE MVSKOKE NATION WOMEN'S HONOR GUARD REPRESENTED MCN IN ARIZONA



The Mvskoke Nations Women Honor Guard presents the colors at the Piestewa Challenge event. (Photo Courtesy: Este Cate Hoktvke Suletawv)

by SHAYLN PROCTOR
REPORTER

PHOENIX, Ariz.- Este Cate Hoktvke Suletawv (Native Women Warriors), the Muscogee (Creek) Nation's Women Honor Guard attended this year's Piestewa Challenge. This year marks the event's 21st anniversary, which is hosted on March 23. It was located at the Ocotillo Ramada at the start of the Piestewa Peak trailhead on the Phoenix Mountain Preserve.

According to the official Piestewa website, "This event honors the 179 women who have given their lives in combat operations around the globe since 9/11, 177 of which died during the Global War on Terrorism Campaign (GWOT), as well as ALL women who have died while in service to our nation. This effort is inspired by the sacrifice of SPC Lori Ann Piestewa. SPC Piestewa is the first Native American

woman service member to be killed in combat on foreign soil, as well as the first female service member killed in Iraq."

MCN Public Outreach Officer Kaylea Berry (Mvskoke) attended the Piestewa Challenge event. Berry is a member of the Mvskoke Nation Women Warriors. She served in the U.S. Air Force for four years, from 2017-2021. Berry was inspired to enlist because of people close to her who enlisted, including her friend and her cousin.

"I wanted to be part of something bigger and I prayed about it and it was something that God was calling me to. It was just an opportunity for me as well to get out of Oklahoma to travel and just to do something different," Berry said.

The Mvskoke Nation's Women Honor Guard was chartered in November 2022. They traveled to the Piestewa Challenge last year, which was their first year to attend. This year they were honored

to return to pay respects to their fellow women warriors in arms.

"It's such an amazing event to be able to honor a woman who not only served her country but was the first Native woman to first give her life overseas," Berry said. "Lori Piestewa's family is a Gold Star family because she gave her life during service so they try to not only remember her, but I think it also brings awareness to other people of what sacrifice really means and I think it's just a great way to honor her and the services."

Piestewa Challenge

This year's Piestewa Challenge had a sunrise ceremony. Piestewa's grandson ran to the highest of the peak of the mountain and renamed the peak in honor of her. The event saw different tribes and speakers from all over the country. Lori's close friends and family spoke as well. According to Berry she saw somewhere between eight to nine total honor guards that participated, and estimated that the event saw at least a couple hundred in attendance.

Berry saw familiar faces in the honor guards, former performers and Phoenix Mayor Kate Gallego. She remarked that she was glad to see familiar faces and new ones alike. Fundraisers are periodically held throughout the year to raise money for event organizers. According to Berry, she is impressed with the work they do to host the challenge every year.

"It was an honor not only to represent being a veteran but also a women veteran and a Mvskoke women veteran. It's just an amazing opportunity for us as the Mvskoke Nation's Women's Honor Guard to go and represent the Nation not only on our own reservation

but also on a reservation across the U.S. and to be able to build relationships with those that we came in contact with" Berry said.

The Mvskoke Nation's Women Honor Guard has attended and participated in numerous events, but according to Berry, she believes this is the biggest out-of-state event the group has attended thus far. Berry said that she is grateful for the invitation to represent the Nation in a positive way.

Currently the Mvskoke

Nation's Women Honor Guard has 12 members, but they are always looking for more Mvskoke women veterans to join the group.

For information about requests for honor guard appearances at events or for general membership, follow their Facebook page, Este Cate Hoktvke Suletawv. The page features attached links to fill out.

To learn more about the yearly challenge, visit the Wear Blue to Remember website.

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DYLAN ANTHANY DUNN



Berryhill, several aunts, uncles, relatives, and remembering the spirit of Papa, Timothy Lowe, who baptized Dylan after he accepted Christ as his Lord and Savior at Indian Falls Creek.

Educated at Lone Star School, where he met with teachers whom he prized dearly, he succeeded as a scholar, and voted the class clown. Later, he became a great friend to many at Sapulpa High School where he graduated in May 2022. With dedication, Dylan worked and served at Propak's warehouse in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Dylan enjoyed the company of his dear ones, playing basketball for several seasons for various teams and then sitting in the bleachers cheering on his family. Dylan enjoyed going out and hanging with his friends, being with family, playing video games, eating spaghetti, and watching the occasional crazy dance video. The bonds of love, gentle words and friendly smiles shall be Dylan's lasting testament. Dylan has left an imprint upon the hearts of those he held dear, and his spirit shall remain a beacon of kindness and love into eternity.

In the early years of his youth, Dylan Anthany Dunn, a kind soul, had departed our world on January 18, 2024. Born in Tulsa, Oklahoma on August 16, 2003 Dylan, known to all by his smiles, friendliness, and relaxed spirit has gone through life's stage with love. Raised by his beloved Mother, Alicia Lowe, and his father, Eric Dunn, Dylan was cherished by his loving family that included his devoted grandmother Regina Lowe, and his younger sisters, the gentle Audrina and Ryleigh McKinney. His tribe includes his aunts Katrina and Brandi Lowe, along with his cousins: Kayla Pritchett, Keilan Josie, Lucas, Boston, Amelia Lowe, Woodrow Haney, and Elijah

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LNC COMMITTEE PASSES LEGISLATION FOR MCN WELCOME CENTER TO FULL COUNCIL

CENTER WILL ALLOW FOR ARTISAN AND EDUCATIONAL SPACE

by MEREDITH JOHNSON REPORTER

MVSKOKE RESERVATION- On March 26, the Land, Natural Resources, and Cultural Preservation Committee held an in-person meeting. Passed legislation will go on to a full council meeting, unless otherwise noted.

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

TR 24-036 A tribal resolution of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation authorizing the Principal Chief to execute a real estate contract for the purchase of property in Okmulgee, Oklahoma passed with

a vote of 4-0. It was sponsored by Representative Nelson Harjo Sr.

The property address is at 5395 North Wood Drive, Okmulgee. The tribe intends to use the property as additional office space.

TR 24-039 A tribal resolution of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation authorizing the construction of a new Muscogee (Creek) Nation Welcome Center for the benefit of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Museum Cultural Center passed with a vote of 4-0. It was sponsored by Representative Galen Cloud.

The resolution authorizes the construction of a new facility west of Highway 75 on tribal property near the industrial park. The

MCN Welcome Center will provide educational, business, and culturally-centered activities for tribal citizens.

During discussion, MCN Cultural Center and Archives Program Manager ShaVon Agee stated that there is a lack of space for artisans and classrooms and a need for collection space. She stated, "There is a huge need for collection space... it has been stored in Jenks for 11 years and it really needs to be down in Okmulgee, with our people, a big part of this is collection space."

TR 24-040 A tribal resolution of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation authorizing the Principal Chief to execute a lease agreement with the City of Tulsa on behalf of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation for installing and maintaining improvements to the property for the benefit of the Nation passed with a vote of 4-0. It was sponsored by Representative Robert Hufft and co-sponsored by Representative Patrick Freeman Jr.

This legislation pertains to TR

24-042 and is for a 25 year lease agreement on property near the Southern Villa Development Site between 81st and 91st in Tulsa, between Riverside Dr and Lewis Ave in Tulsa. The property is east of the 86th street entrance for the property and will be the main focal and entry point to the development. The MCN will be responsible for care and maintenance of the property. There is no monetary value associated with the lease.

NCA 24-025 A law of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation authorizing the expenditure of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) fiscal relief funding in the amount of \$270,000 for the purchase of real property located in Okmulgee county, Oklahoma passed with a vote of 4-0. It was sponsored by Rep. Harjo.

This legislation pertains to the property in TR 24-036. Space will allow for office space and a child care expansion.

NCA 24-028 A law of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation authorizing



The Land, Natural Resources and Cultural Preservation subcommittee held a meeting on March 26. (MM File)

ing the expenditure of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) fiscal relief funding received from the United States Department of the Treasury in the amount of \$4,757,979.13 for the benefit of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Museum Cultural Center to establish the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Welcome Center passed with a vote of 4-0. It was sponsored by Rep. Cloud.

This legislation pertains to the authorization in TR 24-039. When completed, the building will be a 10,000 sq foot space facility.

To view the full agenda, visit mcnc.com.

JOINT BFJ/LNC MEETING PASSES ENERGY RESILIENCE GRANT TO FULL COUNCIL

SOUTHERN VILLA PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT ALSO PASSED

by MEREDITH JOHNSON REPORTER

MVSKOKE RESERVATION- On March 27 the Business, Finance, and Justice committee and the Land, Natural Resources, and Cultural Resources committee held a joint meeting in person. Passed legislation will go on to the council, unless otherwise noted.

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

TR 24-041 A tribal resolution of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation authorizing the Principal Chief to submit a Department of Energy, Grid Deployment Office, National Energy Technology Laboratory, BIL - Preventing Outages and Enhancing the Resilience of the Electric Grid Formula Grants to States and Indian Tribes for the benefit of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Tribal Utility Authority passed with a vote of 9-0. It was sponsored by Representative Nelson Harjo Sr.

The grant is estimated to provide \$181,815.15 to shore up the Nation's utility grid resilience. It requires a tribal match of 15%.

TR 24-042 A tribal resolution of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation authorizing tribally-owned real property known as the "Southern Villa Property" to be utilized for a development agreement to be negotiated with the city of Tulsa and for the benefit of the commercial and economic development of the Nation passed with a vote of 7-2. Representative Mark Randolph and Representative Sandra Golden voted against the bill. It was sponsored by Representative Robert Hufft and co-sponsored by Representative Patrick Freeman Jr.

The "Southern Villa Property" is located in the city of Tulsa between 81st Street and 91st Street



The National Council held a Health, Education and Welfare committee session via teleconference and in person. (MM File)

and Riverside Dr and Lewis Ave. The MCN seeks to develop the property for mixed use.

This legislation follows TR 22-182 and the MOU with the City of Tulsa and the City of Jenks

for the "Low-Water Dam Project," in which the MCN pledged \$8.2 million to the project for a TIF agreement.

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MCNC FULL COUNCIL

NEW MCN WELCOME CENTER RECEIVES FUNDS TO PRESERVE LANGUAGE AND CULTURE

INCREASES FOR ASSISTANCE, GRANTS AND PROGRAMS FOR MVSKOKE CEREMONIAL GROUNDS AND CHURCHES ADOPTED



The Muscogee Creek National Council held a regular session in person on March 30. (MM File Photo)

by SHAYLN PROCTOR REPORTER

OKMLKE, Okv. - The Muscogee (Creek) National Council held a regular session in person on March 30.

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

TR 24-031 A tribal resolution of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation (MCN) confirming the nomination of Lucinda Myers to serve on the MCN Election Board. Representative Thomasene Yahola Osborn and Representative Leonard Gouge sponsored the bill, which was adopted 14-0.

TR 24-033 A tribal resolution of the MCN authorizing the Principal Chief to execute a cooperative agreement with the MCN and Oklahoma Department of Rehabilitation Services on behalf of the MCN Vocational Rehabilitation Services. Representative Mary Crawford sponsored the bill, which was adopted 14-0.

TR 24-034 A tribal resolution

of the MCN amending TR 19-076 (A tribal resolution of the MCN to suspend all special appropriations and donations) as amended by TR 20-150, TR 21-080, TR 22-128, TR 22-143, TR 22-150, TR 22-155, TR 22-170, TR 23-045, TR 23-066, TR 23-096 and TR 24-005. Representative Mark Randolph sponsored the bill, which passed 14-0.

TR 24-035 A tribal resolution of the MCN authorizing the Bureau of Indian Affairs, on behalf of the MCN, to execute a utility Right-of-Way agreement with the City of Coweta on, over, or across certain property held USA in trust for the MCN located in Wagoner County. Rep. Randolph and Representative Charles McHenry sponsored the bill, which was adopted 14-0.

TR 24-036 A tribal resolution of the MCN authorizing the Principal Chief to execute a real estate contract for the purchase of property in Okmulgee, Oklahoma. Representative Nelson Harjo Sr. sponsored the bill, which was adopted 14-0.

TR 24-037 A tribal resolution of the MCN authorizing the Principal Chief to execute an updated compact of self-governance and a multi-year funding agreement between MCN and the Secretary of the Interior. Representative Dode Barnett sponsored the bill, which was adopted 14-0.

TR 24-038 A tribal resolution of the MCN confirming the nomination of Tim Good Voice to serve on the Mvskoke Loan Fund Board. Rep. Harjo sponsored the bill, which was adopted 14-0.

TR 24-039 A tribal resolution of the MCN authorizing the construction of a new MCN Welcome Center for the benefit of the MCN Museum Cultural Center. Representative Galen Cloud sponsored the bill, which was adopted 14-0.

TR 24-040 A tribal resolution of the MCN authorizing the Principal Chief to execute a lease agreement with the City of Tulsa on behalf of the MCN for installing and maintaining improvements to the property for the benefit of the Nation. Representative Robert Hufft and Representative Patrick Freeman Jr. sponsored the bill, which was adopted 14-0.

TR 24-041 A tribal resolution of the MCN authorizing the Principal Chief to submit a Department of Energy, Grid Deployment Office, National Energy Technology Laboratory, BIL - preventing outages and enhancing the resilience of the Electric Grid Formula grants to states and Indian tribes for the benefit of the MCN tribal utility authority. Rep. Harjo sponsored the bill, which was adopted 14-0.

TR 24-042 A tribal resolution of the MCN authorizing tribally-owned real property known

as the "Southern Villa Property" to be utilized for a development agreement to be negotiated with the City of Tulsa and for the benefit of the Commercial and Economic Development of the Nation. Rep. Hufft and Rep. Freeman sponsored the bill, which was adopted 14-0.

NCA 24-020 A law of the MCN authorizing a supplemental appropriation to the MCN Disaster Assistance Program fiscal year 2024 budget. Representative Anna Marshall sponsored the bill, which was adopted 14-0.

NCA 24-021 A law of the MCN authorizing the MCN Department of Health to create a new budget for the health system and authorizing the Principal Chief to expend MCN Department of Health third party, Indian Health Service (IHS), and Opioid funds for the MCN Health System. Representative Joyce C. Deere sponsored the bill, which was adopted 14-0.

NCA 24-022 A law of the MCN authorizing a donation to the KH Heavenly Corporation. Rep. Randolph sponsored the bill, which was adopted 10-4.

NCA 24-023 A law of the MCN amending MCNCA Title 5, Chapter 2 entitled "Financial Assistance" and amending MCNCA Title 37, Chapter 2 "Budget and Finance". Rep. Randolph and Representative Robyn Whitecloud sponsored the bill, which was adopted as amended 11-3.

NCA 24-024 A law of the MCN authorizing a supplemental appropriation for the MCN Head

Start Program fiscal year 2024 budget. Rep. Deere sponsored this bill, which was adopted 14-0.

NCA 24-025 A law of the MCN authorizing the expenditure of American Rescue Plan ACT (ARPA) fiscal relief funding for the purchase of real property located in Okmulgee County, Oklahoma. Rep. Harjo Sr. sponsored this bill, which was adopted 13-1.

NCA 24-026 A law of the MCN authorizing the expenditure of the ARPA Fiscal Year Relief Funding and Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency funding (LATCF) received from the United States Department of the Treasury to establish a revolving fund with the Mvskoke loan fund for the fiscal relief funding of MCN instrumentalities. Rep. Harjo sponsored the bill, which was adopted 14-0.

NCA 24-027 A law of the MCN amending MCNCA Title 37, § 2-229 Entitled "Mvskoke Loan Fund Revolving Fund Account and Loss Reserve Account" and creating a new business revolving fund account. Rep. Harjo sponsored this bill, which was adopted 14-0.

NCA 24-028 A law of the MCN authorizing the expenditure of ARPA fiscal relief funding received from the United States Department of the Treasury for the benefit of the MCN Museum Cultural Center to establish the MCN Welcome Center. Rep. Cloud sponsored the bill, which was adopted 12-2.

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MCN BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PROVIDES COMMUNITY RESOURCES FAIRS TO HELP CITIZENS IN NEED

FAIRS FEATURE DIFFERENT RESOURCE BOOTHS THROUGHOUT THE COMMUNITY CENTERS

by SHAYLN PROCTOR
REPORTER

OKMULKE, Okv.- Muscogee (Creek) Nation Behavioral Health is providing community resource fairs at different community centers throughout the year. These fairs address and support different mental health needs for tribal citizens.

MCN Behavioral Health Case Manager Kim Morrison (Mvskoke) has been with the department for over two years now, and is currently hosting

the community resource fairs monthly. Morrison works under the suicide prevention grant within her department. One of her responsibilities is providing community outreach for Mvskoke citizens.

“Our mission under this grant is to help the citizens with barriers that they may have in their life that can prevent them from leaning toward depression or suicide,” Morrison said.

When organizing the events, Morrison sends out emails to all MCN staff and health depart-

ments to see who can appear at the fairs. Some MCN departments that have made appearances at past resource fairs included Victim Services, Behavioral Health and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF).

Morrison said citizens have enjoyed seeing departments that provide activities at the fair like MCN Diabetes Prevention. “I feel like our goal has been accomplished as we are able to provide these resources to them and we bring it to the citizens instead of them trying to travel out to Okmulgee,” Morrison said.

Resource fair turnouts depend on the location they are hosted at, or if there is another event happening on the same day. Each fair usually sees 10-12 different MCN departments. Morrison tries to spread out the fairs throughout the community centers across the reservation. However, despite their best efforts to make the fairs accessible to all citizens, obstacles can still arise.

“I feel like the main barrier is transportation,” Morrison said. “I know they can benefit a lot from these resources, but with not having transportation I feel they give up. If we are giving the resources to them, to their community, they will more than likely get the resources that they will need,” Morrison said.

For further informa-



MCN Behavioral Health is spreading awareness for mental health and providing resources through fairs hosted at various community centers across the Mvskoke Reservation. (Shutterstock)

tion regarding the community resource fairs, or for MCN Community Centers interested in hosting, contact Kim Morrison at 918-758-1910, or by email at kimberly.morrison@creekhealth.org.

NATIVE AMERICAN INDIAN VETERANS ASSOCIATION OFFICIALLY BECOMES FEDERALLY CHARTERED

MVSKOKE VET AND ADVOCATE MICHAEL COON SHARES ABOUT THE HISTORIC SIGNING



Mvskoke citizen and veteran Michael Coon recently made the trip to Washington D.C. to see the official signing of the Native American Indian Veterans federal charter. Coon has worked tirelessly with the NAIIV for the past couple years to serve Native American veterans on a national level. (Courtesy: Michael Coon)

WASHINGTON D.C. - The i's are dotted, the t's are crossed and the ink has dried on the Native American Indian Veteran federal congressional charter signed on March 14. The charter was originally introduced before Congress in 2020, however the idea

for a NAIIV federal charter was requested as early as 2004. The process to get the federal charter approved has taken 20 years in the making. One of the Native Americans veterans who has advocated for the NAIIV to receive a federal charter is NAIIV Region Five Com-

by BRADEN HARPER
MANAGING EDITOR

mander Michael Coon. After years of advocacy and lobbying, Coon witnessed the historic signing for himself. Now, Native American veterans, regardless if they live on or off their reservation will have access to veteran services.

The signing ceremony featured remarks from legislation sponsors Senator Mike Rounds, Senator Ben Ray Lujan and U.S. Veteran Affairs Secretary Denis McDonough. It also featured a Presentation of Colors and Ceremony Drum Group by the Kiowa Black Leggings Warrior Society, the Kiowa Women Warriors, the Kiowa, Comanche and Apache Veterans Organization, as well as the Kiowa-Comanche-Apache Drum Society. Senator Rounds remarked that the charter will serve the best interest of all Native American veterans.

“Your hard work has paid off and the (NAIIV) Charter is now a reality,” Senator Rounds said. “Now that the National American Indian Veterans’ Congressional Charter has been signed into law, hundreds of thousands of Native American veterans across

the country are represented by an organization that can meet their needs.”

Coon remarked that the journey to getting the NAIIV a congressional charter was a long one. It involved advocacy efforts on behalf of representatives from many tribes from across the nation. According to Coon, he was very impressed with the support the charter received from the Oklahoma tribes.

“You couldn’t ask for better representation from the state of Oklahoma,” Coon said. “It was overwhelming the emotion that I felt.”

“It felt like a dream come true, one that you thought that you would never see in your lifetime.” - Native American Indian Veteran Region Five Commander Michael Coon

NAIV National Commander Don Loudner (Hunkpati Sioux) was presented with the NAIIV Charter documents. The 93-year-old is a Korean War veteran and was one of the early advocates for the NAIIV to become federally chartered. Loudner’s appearance at the signing was particularly meaningful for fellow veterans because they were unsure if Loud-

ner would be able to attend due to his health.

“His (Loudner) health and spirit are good,” Coon said. “He was really excited and everything for this. All the representatives from the Senate told Loudner ‘job well done.’”

Although the federal charter is a huge milestone for the NAIIV, the work is not over for Coon, Loudner and other Native American veteran advocates. Now each NAIIV Vice Commander and Region Commander will consult with each of the 574 federally-recognized tribes and address their specific needs for veteran services. Coon foresees rapid growth of the NAIIV within the future. One of the next goals for the organization is to select a location for headquarters. According to Coon, the organization is looking at Oklahoma because it is centrally located.

As for Coon’s next goal in regards to his advocacy efforts, he is working on granting recognition for each Oklahoma tribe as a Purple Heart Reservation. Currently he is working with the Iowa and Choctaw Nations. Coon is in talks with Thlopthlocco Tribal Town’s leadership in becoming a Purple Heart Reservation next.

OBITUARIES (CONT.)

BRENT ALLEN ROBERTS



Brent Allen Roberts, known fondly to friends and family as Brent, passed away peacefully on March 29, 2024, in Weleetka, Oklahoma, after a courageous battle with cirrhosis and liver cancer.

Brent's life was one of dedication, love, and creativity. A skilled welder by trade, he spent many years constructing and repairing with a level of craftsmanship that spoke to his attention to detail and his hands-on approach to life's

challenges. His work was not just a job, but a testament to his belief in the value of hard work and the importance of contributing to the community.

Outside of his professional life, Brent was an enthusiastic team roper as a young adult, a hobby that showcased his competitive spirit and love of animals. His passion for the sport transitioned into a lifelong love for tinkering. Brent could often be found in his workshop, immersed in a new project or fixing up old treasures, always emerging with a sense of accomplishment and a story to tell.

An avid fan of the Oklahoma Sooners, Brent's loyalty to his team was unwavering. Whether it was football, basketball, or any other sport, he cheered with the same fervor and hope that defined his approach to life. His enthusiasm was infectious, and it was a rare occasion to find him without a piece of Sooners memorabilia in hand or a game on the television.

Brent was the embodiment of creativity, loving kindness, and

handiness. His ability to envision and bring to life his ideas was matched only by his capacity to love and care for those around him. He was a devoted husband to his wife, Rhonda, and a proud father to his daughter, Mackenzie, both of whom he adored and cherished deeply.

Brent's legacy is one of unwavering love, creativity, and the enduring strength of the human spirit. He will be remembered for his warm smile, his hearty laugh, and his willingness to lend a hand to anyone in need. His presence enriched the lives of all who knew him, and his memory will continue to inspire and comfort those he has left behind.

Brent's life will be celebrated by his beloved wife Rhonda, his cherished daughter Mackenzie, and a community of friends and family who were fortunate to know and love him. As we say goodbye to Brent Allen Roberts, we hold tight to the memories and the lessons he imparted, knowing that his spirit will remain with us, guiding and encouraging us in the days to come.

DELORES JEAN JOYNER



Delores Jean Joyner came into this world on January 20, 1937 and exited over 87 years later on March 27, 2024. If you were lucky enough to know her, you already understand the type of person she was; a real wildcat. Pretty sure God broke the mold when he made Grandma Jean. She was a survivalist in all aspects of life, a jetsetter, a St. Anthony's trained nurse, a life-

long learner, a compassionate soul that loved her family, her neighbors, and especially her dogs. Death is a sad thing for many, but Grandma used to say, "throw a big party when I die. Celebrate my life, do not mourn my passing." Based on that, I want to share a story that might seem quite unbelievable to the average person.

About fifteen years ago, Jean decided to join the Israeli Defense Force as a volunteer. She received a sponsorship by a New York Rabbi that she met while volunteering for the Red Cross in the aftermath of 9/11. She was granted "Friends of the IDF" status and spent two weeks peeling potatoes for IDF soldiers. She even had her own uniform. You may wonder why she did this and the simple answer is that life is worth living.

She had a roundtrip ticket to Israel that allowed her to tour the country after her "mandatory service." It was all about the experience for her. From the dampness of Bourbon Street in New Orleans to the frigid temperatures of Barrow, Alaska, Jean Joyner wanted to see it all. Days before her death, she was still planning her next trip.

Jean is preceded in death by her parents and one brother. She is survived in death by her sister, Mary Oliver, son, Mike Joyner, and loving daughter, Terri Wrigley... and don't forget her favorite grandson Chris and the rest of the grandchildren and great-grandchildren that she cherished until her last breath. Today is a sad day because we no longer have the person we all love, but it is a day filled with the happiness of a life well lived. Not everyone can say that.

SUBMISSIONS TCIC SPECIAL ELECTION

Tulsa Creek Indian Community Special Election Notice

Special Election Date Set for TCIC Board of Directors Vacancies

When: 4/24/2024

Time: 3:00PM-8:00PM

Voting will be done by secret ballot

Candidate Applications are due by 4:30PM on 4/17/2024 to the

Community Research & Development Department

600 N. Mission Okmulgee, OK 74447

CR&D will be on-site at the Tulsa Creek Indian Community Center on 4/12/24 from 9AM-3PM to accept any Candidate Applications

Vacancies include - Vice Chairman - Secretary - Treasurer - Sergeant-At-Arms

All Community members interested in voting or becoming a Candidate for Office must have:

- 1) Show proof of residency within Community boundaries, and 2) Copy of Muscogee (Creek) Nation Citizenship card prior to 4/17/2024.

REQUIREMENTS TO HOLD OFFICE

- Must be an enrolled citizen with a minimum of a 1/4 degree blood quantum as defined by the Muscogee (Creek) Nation constitution
Must be at least 21 years of age
Member of Tulsa Creek Indian Community (TCIC) as defined by the community's constitution.
Must present a current Muscogee (Creek) Nation citizenship card.
Must not have been convicted of a felony within past 10 years as of the date of filling for candidacy in a court of competent jurisdiction.
Must provide proof of residency within TCIC's boundaries for one year.
Must submit to background check to be paid for at own expense. Must provide \$15.00 Money Order or Check with Candidate Application.

In order to avoid conflict of interest, immediate family members (i.e., mother, father, brother, sister, spouse, aunt, uncle) shall not hold an elected position on the TCIC Board of Directors at the same time.

Per TCIC Constitution page 12 Section 2: If a Board of Directors Officer is subject to removal or resigns, they are not eligible to run for any Board of Director positions for one calendar year.

REQUIREMENTS FOR VOTING MEMBERSHIP

- Muscogee (Creek) Nation citizen
Established residency within the boundaries of the Tulsa Creek Indian Community
Must be at least 18 years of age

For additional information, contact the Community Research & Development Department at: 918-732-7963 or 918-732-7964

SUBMISSIONS

ALI SALYER



Ali is a Mvskoke citizen and has had tremendous support from Billy Haltom and the MCN Ag Youth Program since she joined 4-H at 9 years old. She is a senior at Morris High School and holds an officer position for the Morris

FFA Chapter as reporter. She has accepted a scholarship at Eastern Oklahoma State College in the fall to be on their soil judging team. There was a viral Tik-Tok video posted by Oklahoma Youth Expo that was shared by multiple

people on Facebook of an emotional father/daughter moment. The duo in the video was Ali, and her father, Okmulgee Fire Department Captain Tim Salyer. Ali had just won Breed Champion Berkshire Barrow at the Oklahoma Youth Expo. This earned her a spot in the Grand Drive and the Sale of Champions. This was a dream come true for her. OYE is the largest junior livestock show in the world! She exhibited one gilt and three barrows, and not only placed with each of them but also had the Breed Champion Berkshire Barrow and the 5th Overall Hereford Barrow. The winning breed champion was truly special since she raised this pig herself. Ali and her dad started breeding pigs a few years ago. She said this one stuck out to her ever since he was born.

CODY CANARD



Weber State University Senior Cody Canard (Mvskoke/Oneida) competed in his season opener at the Utah Tech Invitational in the Javelin event. He threw four throws over the 70 meter mark. This is a huge accomplishment. His best throw was 78.07 meters

(256 ft 1 in). This was his personal best, which broke the Weber State record and the Big Sky Conference record. This is the second-longest throw in the NCAA this season and it ranked him as number three in the Nation for NCAA Javelin. It also qualified him for the Olympic trials in June. Cody is an enrolled citizen of the Muscogee/Mvskoke (Creek) Nation and is of Oneida Nation (WI) descent. He is the great-great grandson of the former Principal Chief of the Muscogee Nation, Roly Canard, he is also a direct descendant of the late Oneida Chief Daniel Bread. Our family is so proud and will be in the stands cheering him on in Eugene, OR in June. It is so awesome to see our Native youth excelling at this level!

GENESIS FIXICO

Genesis Fixico is five years old and was born on April 27, 2018 to Bradley and Tesha Fixico. He has three older siblings, Lovie, Avery, and Ayden. He is of the Raccoon Clan & Eufalagee Tribal Town. He attends Prairie Springs Baptist Church with his family in Okemah, OK, and attends Bearden Public Schools. Some of his favorite hobbies include singing the U.S. States in alphabetical order, naming all their capitals, and singing the names of all the Presidents of the United States. He sang the President Song

for his school's Veterans Day program. After his performance, he was invited to sing at a Memorial Day program for the community. If you ask him who his favorite U.S. President is, he will gladly say Abraham Lincoln! He learned all of this beginning at the age of four years old! The Okemah Muscogee (Creek) Nation Head Start was a huge success for this boy. He was a two-year student in the program and excelled drastically. His parents are very grateful for the program, and for keeping him excited to learn.



HAIKEY CHAPEL UMC TULSA



The Haikey Chapel UMC Tulsa is now acquiring addresses of members to send out invitations for their 120th homecoming. (Shutterstock)

Haikey Chapel UMC Tulsa will be celebrating their 120th Homecoming on Saturday, Oct. 5 2024, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. with a potluck lunch. Haikey Chapel would like to invite all of their families and members past and present to this event. They are requesting addresses to send their save the date and invitations soon. Please email this information to haikeychapelumc@yahoo.com. The church is also asking that if anyone has pictures or stories to email them as well. The church can also be found on Facebook, OIMC Haikey Chapel United Methodist Church.

EUFALA INDIAN COMMUNITY



(Shutterstock) The Eufala Indian Community has recently changed it's main phone number. The previous phone number was 918-689-5066. The new main phone number is 918-617-7587.

HUTCHE CHUPPA CHURCH CEMETARY



(Shutterstock) The Hutche Chuppa Church will no longer accept non-member bodies to the cemetery due to the fulfillment capacity of the cemetery. Mvto.

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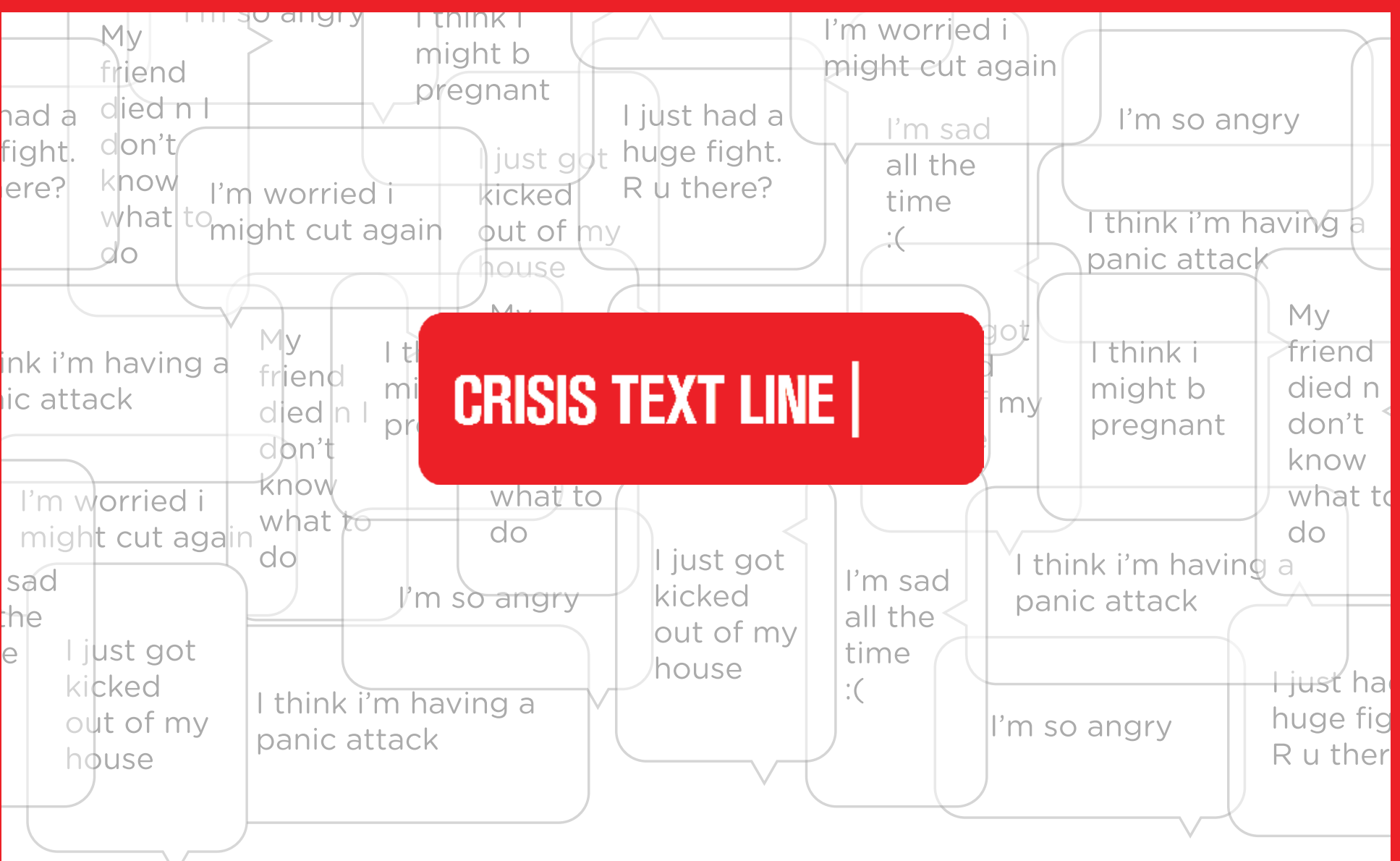
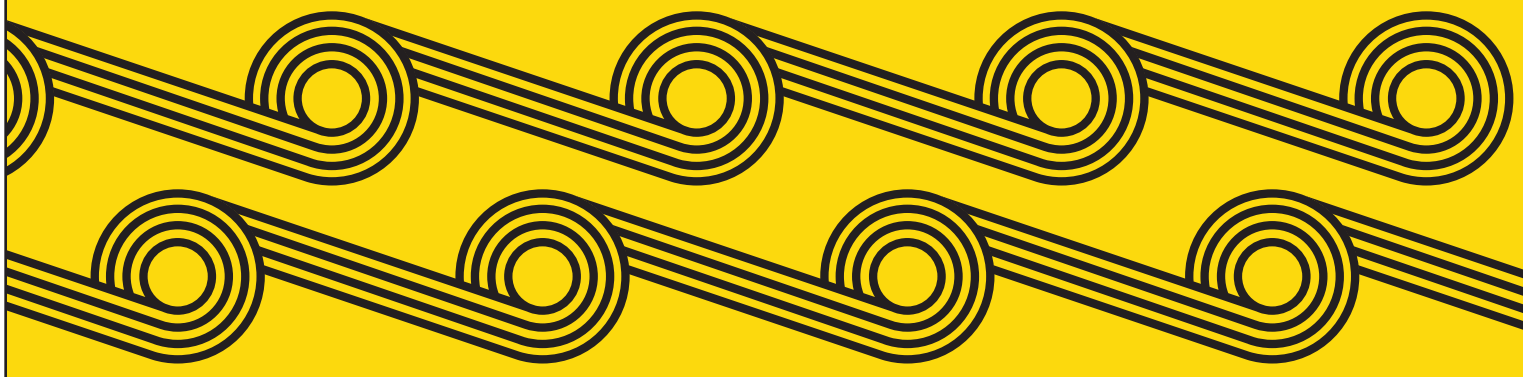


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BEE SQUARE ENERGY RESOURCES, LLC,)
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 SPRINGTIDE PETROLEUM, INC., if said corporation,)
 partnership, or limited liability company be in existence,)
 or if said corporation, partnership, or limited liability)
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CASE NO. CV-20-93
JUDGE: _____

PETITION TO QUIET TITLE

BEE SQUARE ENERGY RESOURCES, LLC., an Oklahoma Limited liability Company, by and thru Bill J. Hill, Pro-Se, and for its cause of action against defendant Springtide Petroleum Inc, alleges states as follows:

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

1. Plaintiff BEE Square Energy Resources, LLC., an Oklahoma Limited Liability Company("BEE"), is a domestic limited liability company organized and existing under the laws of the State of Oklahoma. BEE is authorized to do business in the state of Oklahoma.
2. Defendant, Springtide Petroleum Inc. ("Springtide"), is an expired Oklahoma Corporation. By virtue of its expired status, Springtide is not authorized to do business in the State of Oklahoma.
3. This quiet title action concerns real property located in Okmulgee County.
4. This court has jurisdiction over the parties and claims asserted herein and venue is proper in Okmulgee County.

FACTS

5. Bee re-alleges and incorporates the foregoing Paragraphs 1-4
6. Bee is the current holder of Oil and Gas Lease covering the following described real property in Okmulgee County, Oklahoma ("Property"), to-wit:
Lot 4 and the Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter(W/2 of the NW/4) located in Section 03 Township 15 NORTH Range 11 EAST.
7. Bee acquired the oil and gas lease by assignment from Springtide, which was filed September 04, 2018, in Book 2212, Page(s) 0340-0342. By assignment from William Joseph Hill, which was filed December 13th, 2013, in Book 2087, Page(s) 0095-0096. By assignment from Hill Family Limited Partnership, which was filed December 13th, 2013, in Book 2087, Page(s) 0093-0094. By assignment from Hill Family Limited Partnership, which was filed August 9th, 2013, in Book 2078, Page(s) 0661-0662. By assignment from William Joseph Hill, which was filed August 9th, 2013, in Book 2078, Page(s) 0663-0664. Bee went into possession of the leasehold and now is the owner and in possession of the oil, gas, and minerals in and under the property, subject to the payment of rentals and royalties provided to be paid under the Lease, all of which have been paid in accordance with the terms of the Lease.
8. Bee acquired the Oil and Gas Lease from By Oil and Gas Lease from Gary B. Honeycutt, which was filed March 8th, 2012, in Book 2043, Page(s) 0919-0920. By Oil and Gas Lease from Sheila Allen Colby AIF for Nancy Allen Clover, which was filed March 27th, 2012 in book 2045, Page(s) 0118-0119. By Oil and Gas Lease from Bradley and/or Alice Lumpkin, which was filed December 13th, 2013 in book 2087, Page(s) 0083-0084. By Oil and Gas Lease from Hilda Armour, which was filed December 13th, 2013 in book 2087, Page(s) 0085-0086. By Oil and Gas Lease from Raymond G. Neely, which was filed December 13th, 2013 in book 2087, Page(s) 0087-0088. By Oil and Gas Lease from Susan G. Neely, which was filed December 13th, 2013 in book 2087, Page(s) 0087-0092. By Oil and Gas Lease from Suzanne Minnis Ciesiel, which was filed December 30th, 2013 in book 2088, Page(s) 0137-0140. By Oil and Gas Lease from David B. Minnis, which was filed December 30th, 2013 in book 2088, Page(s) 0141-0144.
9. Prior to granting the Lease to Bee, Bradley and/or Alice Lumpkin, granted an Oil and Gas Lease to Defendant Springtide Petroleum Inc. ("Springtide Lease") covering the property. Said Springtide Lease was filed of record on November 05th, 2010 in book 2012, Page(s) 0758-0759. Suzanne Minnis Ciesiel, granted an Oil and Gas Lease to Defendant Springtide Petroleum Inc. ("Springtide Lease") covering the property. Said Springtide Lease was filed of record on November 01st, 2010 in book 2012, Page(s) 0347-0348. David B. Minnis, granted an Oil and Gas Lease to Defendant Springtide Petroleum Inc. ("Springtide Lease") covering the property. Said Springtide Lease was filed of record on October 27th, 2010 in book 2012, Page(s) 0035-0036. Hilda Armour, granted an Oil and Gas Lease to Defendant Springtide Petroleum Inc. ("Springtide Lease") covering the property. Said Springtide Lease was filed of record on October 21st, 2010 in book 2011, Page(s) 0668-0669. Raymond G. Neely, granted an Oil and Gas Lease to Defendant Springtide Petroleum Inc. ("Springtide Lease") covering the property. Said Springtide Lease was filed of record on October 21st, 2010 in book 2011, Page(s) 0664-0667. Susan G. Neely, granted an Oil and Gas

Lease to Defendant Springtide Petroleum Inc. ("Springtide Lease") covering the property. Said Springtide Lease was filed of record on November 16th, 2010 in book 2013, Page(s) 0355-0356.

10. The Springtide Lease(s) are invalid due to false "EFFECTIVE DATE" not agreed to by mineral owner(s) or lessor(s), falsification of documents notarized without mineral owner(s) or lessor(s) present in front of notary. Affidavits from mineral owner(s) or lessor(s) stating the fact that they do not know or was not in front of the notary at time of notarization.
11. On or about July 24th, 2008, having no ownership, recorded lease assignments, New Oil and Gas leases, summary judgement or bankruptcy filing from district court. Defendant Springtide submitted a transfer of operator to the Oklahoma Corporation Commission, identifying Springtide as the new operator.
12. Because the Springtide Lease(s) have no validity on statutory laws of Oklahoma and mineral owner(s) or Lessor(s) terms. Springtide's submission of the transfer of operator forms was without right, which has caused Bee unnecessary expense in connection with the matter, and has clouded Bee's title to the oil, gas, and mining lease and leasehold estate to the property, and has damaged and depreciated the marketability of the leasehold estate, impeding Bee's control and disposition of such oil and gas lease and leasehold estate.
13. Defendant has prevented Bee from exercising his rights under the lease and activities of the defendant has greatly damaged and depreciate the value of the plaintiff's mineral estate, and plaintiff is without an adequate remedy at law.

CAUSE OF ACTION

14. Bee re-alleges and incorporates the foregoing Paragraphs 1-13.
15. Defendant each of his claim, or may claim, some right, title, lien, estate, encumbrance, claim, assignment or interest in the property by virtue of the above referenced Springtide Lease(s) and/or the transfer of operator forms, all of which constitute a cloud upon Plaintiff's title. However, Defendant have no right, title, lien, estate, encumbrance, claim, assessment or interest either in law or in equity in the property.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff, Bee Square Energy Resources, LLC., requests:

1. Judgement that Defendant have no have no right, title, lien, estate, encumbrance, claim, assessment or interest either in law or in equity in the property;
2. Judgement that Plaintiff is the owner and holder of the Oil and Gas Lease covering the property;
3. Judgement that the clouds cast by claims, operations, and activities of the defendant and the instruments under which they claim be removed from the record, and the instruments cancelled;
4. Defendant be permanently enjoined from continuing any and all of their above-mentioned activities, placing instruments of record clouding the title of Plaintiff, and from further interfering with plaintiff in the possession, use, and development of the premises;
5. Plaintiff be awarded costs in this proceeding; and
6. Such other and further relief as the court deems just and proper.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,
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CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I CERTIFY THAT A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY OF THE ABOVE PETITION WAS SERVED FIRST CLASS MAIL, POSTAGE PAID, ON SEPTEMBER 1, 2020 TO:

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PO-2023-277

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

JULIE MAGERS,)
Petitioner,) Case No.: PO-2023-277
)
vs.)
) Judge: Campbell
AARON SCHUPP,)
Respondent.)

PUBLICATION NOTICE

MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION TO:
AARON SCHUPP

You WILL TAKE NOTICE that you have been sued in the Muscogee (Creek) Nation District Court, Case No. PO-2023-277, by Petitioner, JULIE MAGERS, for an Order of Protection, and that unless you answer the Petition filed by this Petitioner in said Court on or before the 28th day of May, 2024, said Petition will be taken as true and judgment will be entered against you and in favor of Petitioner as prayed for in her Petition.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of said Court this 22nd day of March, 2024.

First Published: _____ By: *Julie Magers*
Muscogee Nation District Court Clerk

Respectfully submitted,
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CV-2023-125

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

ONEFIRE HOLDING COMPANY, LLC,)
A Muscogee (Creek) Nation Limited)
Liability Company,)
)
v.) Case No. CV-2023-125
)
PARAGON MORTGAGE, LLC,)
)
Defendant.)

NOTICE

TO: PARAGON MORTGAGE, LLC

You have been sued and must answer the complaint filed by the plaintiff, Onefire Holding Company, LLC, on or before May 10, 2024, or judgment in the amount of \$12,461.52 plus associated expenses, pre-and-post-judgment interest, court costs, and reasonable attorney's fees will be rendered accordingly. The court may be contacted at P.O. Box 652, Okmulgee, Oklahoma 74447 and (918) 758-1400.

ISSUED this 4th day of March, 2024.

CYNTHIA FREEMAN, COURT CLERK
Mandy Puryear

MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION
The undersigned hereby certifies this instrument to be a full, true and correct copy of the original, as the same appears on the record in the District Court Records
Witness this _____ day of _____, 2024
Court Clerk

CV-24-34

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

BEE SQUARE ENERGY RESOURCES)
PLAINTIFFS,)
)
V.)
)
TARWATER OIL AND GAS LLC,)
SILVERTIN FARM PRODUCTION LLC,)
if said corporation, partnership, or limited)
liability company be in existence, or if said)
corporation, partnership, or limited liability)
company be dissolved, the unknown officers,)
trustees, managers, successors, or assigns of)
said corporation, partnership, or limited)
liability company.)
DEFENDANTS.)

CASE CV-24-34
JUDGE: *Veneard*

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IN DISTRICT COURT
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OKMULGEE COUNTY, OKLAHOMA
CHARLY CRINER, Court Clerk
By _____ Deputy

PETITION TO QUIET TITLE

PLAINTIFF, BEE SQUARE ENERGY RESOURCES, LLC AN OKLAHOMA LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, BY AND THROUGH BILL HILL, PRO - SE AND FOR ITS CAUSE OF ACTION AGAINST DEFENDANTS TARWATER OIL AND GAS LLC, SILVERTIN FARM PRODUCTION LLC, ALLEGES AND STATES AS FOLLOWS:

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

1. PLAINTIFF, BEE SQUARE ENERGY RESOURCES, LLC, AN OKLAHOMA LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY("BEE"), IS A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY ORGANIZED AND EXISTING UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA. BEE IS AUTHORIZED TO DO BUSINESS IN THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA.
2. DEFENDANT, TARWATER OIL AND GAS, LLC IS AN EXPIRED OKLAHOMA LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. BY VIRTUE OF ITS STATUS, TARWATER IS NOT AUTHORIZED TO DO BUSINESS IN THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA.
3. DEFENDANT, SILVERTIN FARM PRODUCTION LLC, IS AN EXPIRED OKLAHOMA LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. BY VIRTUE OF ITS STATUS, SILVERTIN IS NOT AUTHORIZED TO DO BUSINESS IN THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA.
4. THIS QUIET TITLE ACTION CONCERNS REAL PROPERTY LOCATED IN OKMULGEE COUNTY.
5. THIS COURT HAS JURISDICTION OVER HE PARTIES AND CLAIMS ASSERTED HEREIN AND VENUE IS PROPER IN OKMULGEE COUNTY

FACTS

6. BEE RE-ALLEGES AND INCORPORATES THE FOREGOING PARAGRAPHS 1 - 5
7. BEE IS THE CURRENT HOLDER OF AN OIL AND GAS LEASE COVERING THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED REAL PROPERTY IN OKMULGEE COUNTY, OKLAHOMA("PROPERTY"), TO WIT:

SEC: 22 TWP: 14N R: 11E - SE/4 - 160 ACRES, SEC: 23 TWP: 14N 11E - S/2 OF THE NE/4, N/2 OF THE SE/4, NW/4, SEC 24 TWP: 14N R: 11E - S/2 NW/4, SEC: 27 TWP: 14N R: 11E N/2 OF THE NE/4 CONTAINING 800 ACRES MORE OR LESS.
8. BEE ACQUIRED THE OIL AND GAS LEASES BY ASSIGNMENT FROM PANAMERICAN OIL COMPANY. BEE WENT INTO POSSESSION OF THE OIL GAS, AND MINERALS IN AND UNDER THE PROPERTY, SUBJECT TO THE

PAYMENT OF RENTALS AND ROYALTIES PROVIDED TO BE PAID UNDER THE LEASE, ALL OF WHICH HAVE BEEN PAID IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TERMS OF THE LEASE.

9. PANAMERICAN OIL COMPANY AQUIRED LEASES FROM MINERAL OWNERS FOR THE PROPERTY. LEASES CONVEYED ALL OF THE OIL, GAS, AND MINERALS IN, ON, AND UNDER THE PROPERTY.
10. TARWATER LEASE EXPIRED ON ITS OWN TERMS ON OR ABOUT 2016 FOR FAILURE TO PRODUCE AND SELL OIL AND GAS IN PAYING QUANTITIES.
11. ON OR ABOUT 2017 NOTWITHSTANDING THE EXPIRATION OF THE TARWATER LEASE, DEFENDANT TARWATER SUBMITTED A TRANSFER OF OPERATOR FORM TO THE OKLAHOMA CORPORATION COMMISSION, IDENTIFYING SILVERTIN FARM PRODUCTION AS THE NEW OPERATOR FOR THE INJECTION WELL.
12. BECAUSE TARWATER LEASE HAD EXPIRED ON ITS TERMS, TARWATER'S SUBMISSION OF TRANSFER OF OPERATOR FORMS WAS WITHOUT RIGHT, WHICH HAS CAUSED BEE UNNECESSARY EXPENSE IN CONNECTION WITH THE MATTER, AND HAS CLOUDED BEES TITLE TO THE OIL, GAS, AND MINING LEASE AND LEASEHOLD ESTATE TO THE PROPERTY, AND HAS DAMGED AND DEPRECIATED THE MARKETABILITY OF THE LEASEHOLD ESTATE, IMPENDING BEE'S CONTROL AND DISPOSITION OF SUCH OIL AND GAS LEASE AND LEASEHOLD ESTATE.
13. DEFENDANTS HAVE PREVENTED BEE FROM EXERCISING HIS RIGHTS UNDER THE LEASE, AND THE ACTIVITES OF THE DEFENDANTS HAS GREATLY DAMAGED AND DEPRECIATE THE VALUE OF PLAINTIFF'S MINERAL ESTATE, AND PALINTIFF'S MINERAL ESTATE, AND PLAINTIFF IS WITHOUT AND ADEQUATE REMEDY AT LAW.

CAUSE OF ACTION

14. BEE RE-ALLEGES AND INCORPORATES THE FOREGOING PARAGRAPHS 1 - 14.
15. DEFENDANTS AND EACH OF THEM CLAIM, OR MAY CLAIM, SOME RIGHT, TITLE, LIEN, ESTATE, ENCUMBERENCE, CLAIM, ASSIGNMENT OR INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY BY VIRTUE OF THE ABOVE REFERENCED TARWATER LEASE AND/OR THE TRANSFER OF OPERATOR FORMS, ALL OF WHICH CONSTITUTE A CLOUD UPON PLAINTIFF'S TITLE. HOWEVER, DEFENDANTS HAVE NO RIGHT, TITLE, LIEN, ESTATE, ENCUMBERENCE, CLIAM, ASSESSMENT OR INTEREST EITHER IN LAW OR IN EQUITY IN THE PROPERTY.

WHEREFORE, PLAINTIFF, BEE SQUARE ENERGY RESOURCES, LLC. REQUESTS:

1. JUDGEMENT THAT DEFENDANTS HAVE NO RIGHT, TITLE, LIEN, ESTATE, ENCUMBERENCE, CLIAM, ASSESSMENT OR INTEREST EITHER IN LAW OR IN EQUITY IN THE PROPRTY DEFENDANTS HAVE NO RIGHT.
2. JUDGEMENT THAT PLAINTIFF IS THE OWNER AND HOLDER OF THE OIL AND GAS LEASE COVERING THE PROPERTY.
3. JUDGEMENT THAT THE CLOUDS CAST BY THE CLAIMS BE REMOVED FROM THE RECORD, AND THE INSTRUMENTS CANCELLED;
4. DEFENDANTS BE PERMANETLY ENJOINED FROM CONTINUING ANY AND ALL OF THEIR ABOVE-MENTIONED ACTIVITIES, PLACING INSTRUMENTS OF RECORD CLOUDING THE TITLE OF THE PALINTIFF AND FROM FURTHER INTERFERING WITH PLAINTIFF IN THE POSSESSION, USE, AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE PREMISES;
5. PALINITFF AWARDED COSTS AND ANY MONIES IN SUSPENSE IN THIS PROCEEDING; AND
6. SUCH OTHER AND FURTHER RELIEF AS THE COURT DEEMS JUST AND PROPER.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,
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