

# SENATE APPROVES BILL IMPROVING ACCESS TO ALZHEIMER'S SERVICES

The full state Senate has given approval to a measure to make it easier for Oklahomans to access information and services for Alzheimer's and other forms of dementia. Senate Bill 1428, by Sen. Mark Mann (D-Okla. City), creates the Office of Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementia Service Coordination in the State Department of Health.

"Forty-two percent of Americans over age 55 will eventually develop dementia, and those numbers are projected to rise in the coming decades. There are important advancements in early detection and medications that can slow dementia progression, but many Oklahomans may not know about them or how other services are available," said Mann. "SB 1428 will help patients and caregivers more easily access information about tests for detection, medication, and support services."

The Office of Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementia Service Coordination will provide statewide coordination, service system development, and information on education, support, and other available services for those with Alzheimer's or other forms of dementia, and for caregivers. The dementia services coordinator will also recommend strategies to improve coordination of dementia-related services and resources throughout the state; help identify grant opportunities to expand services; and support dementia-specific training across all relevant state agencies and organizations.

SB 1428 now moves to the House of Representatives for further consideration. Rep. Nicole Miller (R-Edmond) is the principal author for the House.



# Measures addressing state superintendent and education board

Rep. Mike Osburn (R-Edmond) passed two measures that he says are aimed at modifying governance and oversight of the Oklahoma State Board of Education through committee.

House Joint Resolution 1055 would create a state question asking voters whether to make the state superintendent of public instruction an appointed position beginning in 2034. House Bill 3327 would increase the board's membership and give two appointments each to the Speaker of the House and Senate President Pro Tempore.

"Oklahoma has witnessed extreme volatility at the State Department of Education and its board in recent years, and our constituents are demanding improved stability and oversight," Osburn said. "By involving the Legislature and the governor in appointments of the superintendent and board members, we can align the department and board with the constitutional responsibility of the

people's elected representatives. Most importantly, these measures will reinforce public trust in one of Oklahoma's most critical agencies. Best of all, we will let the people themselves decide whether the state superintendent remains an elected position or an appointed one."

HJR1055 proposes a state question that, if approved by voters, would change the process by which the state superintendent of public instruction is selected. Under the proposal, the State Board of Education would gather applications, conduct interviews and produce a list of three to five candidates. The governor would appoint the superintendent from that list, subject to confirmation by the Senate.

The resolution also outlines removal procedures for the superintendent. The superintendent could be removed from office by a two-thirds vote of both the House and Senate, or by order of the governor combined with a two-thirds vote of either legislative chamber.

"Over the past three years, Oklahomans have witnessed the efficiencies, or lack thereof, of both elected and appointed state superintendents," Osburn said. "I believe now is the perfect time to ask the people whether they're satisfied with the current election process or if they want the position to be appointed."

Under HB3327, legislative leadership would each appoint two members to the board. The state superintendent would continue to chair the board, and the governor would also appoint four additional members. The bill also specifies that members may only be removed for cause by the official who appointed them.

If both measures take effect, the governor would appoint a total of five of the nine seats on the Board, including the State Superintendent. Both measures now can be considered on the House floor.

# Ottawa County Court Report

## Marriages

Johnathan Troy Behrmann and Monika Roxann Clark  
David Paul Brobeck and Tara Lynn McPherson  
Eugene Michael Calabrese and Kellie Dawn Morgan  
Noah Lane Warren and Brooklynn Ryleigh Crawford  
Jeremy Lee Ferova and Jolene Andrea Newton  
Brandon Zachary Tyndall and Jessica Ashley Geisler  
Osamo Isao Manuel and Judy George  
John Wesley Potter and Ameri Shae Griffitt  
Aaron Lee Parman and Megan Leanne Hartje  
Tyson Wayne Howard and Alissa Lewann Terrapin  
Isaac Richard Jonnes and Hailey Dawn Lake  
Billy Wayne Tyler Jr. and Cassandra Denise Lenard  
Jack Thomas Melton and Amanda Susan Maaele  
Christopher Robin Million and Amanda Jo McIntyre  
Michael John Payne and Cassandra Lynn Walker  
Josh Randall Shaddon and Peggy Suzett Taylor

## Divorces

Micheal Allen McDaniel vs. Taneaia Nickole McDaniel  
Shawneese Margurite Ochoa vs. Juan Antonie Ochoa Jr.

## Protective Orders

Kaylee Rose Johnson et al vs. Gregory Scott Bellard  
Sadie Ann Harrison vs. Kacy Jean Chance  
Autumn Taylor-Hodges vs. William Everett Hill

## Misdemeanors

State of Oklahoma vs. Mahammed Bayatena for transporting open container  
State of Oklahoma vs. Bradley Wayne Benton for failure to pay all taxes due state

State of Oklahoma vs. Hunter Crain for failure to comply with compulsory insurance law  
State of Oklahoma vs. Torance Olivia B. Douthit for possession of controlled substance – marijuana  
State of Oklahoma vs. Christifer Emberson for larceny of merchandise from retailer  
State of Oklahoma vs. Nicholas Edward Endres for assault and battery  
State of Oklahoma vs. Maria Rosario Flores de Romero for child restraint violations  
State of Oklahoma vs. Addison Jewel Fornelli for possession of controlled dangerous substance – marijuana  
State of Oklahoma vs. Michael Fulgham for fail to comply with compulsory insurance law  
State of Oklahoma vs. Mark J. Godinez for operating vehicle with expired/improper tag/decal  
State of Oklahoma vs. Joshua Thomas Graham for public intoxication  
State of Oklahoma vs. Donald Lynn Gross for threaten to perform act of violence  
State of Oklahoma vs. Kelson Hall for carrying weapons  
State of Oklahoma vs. Leighla R. Haynes for assault and battery  
State of Oklahoma vs. Kristopher Sean Keith for driving under the influence  
State of Oklahoma vs. Jerry W. Kelley for petit larceny  
State of Oklahoma vs. Lindsay Rose Lawson for driving a motor vehicle under the influence of drugs  
State of Oklahoma vs. Jennifer Lynn Milne for larceny of lost property  
State of Oklahoma vs. Robert S. Oehler for driving

without a valid driver's license  
State of Oklahoma vs. Jason M. Parks for driving with license cancelled/suspended/revoked  
State of Oklahoma vs. Wayne Reed for disturbing the peace  
State of Oklahoma vs. Lynn Marie Smith for larceny of merchandise from retailers  
State of Oklahoma vs. Michael Allen Teague Smith for failure to maintain insurance or security  
State of Oklahoma vs. Brooklyn Paige Tate for breaking and entering dwelling without permission  
State of Oklahoma vs. Kaisha Deshea Tate for breaking and entering dwelling without permission  
State of Oklahoma vs. John Joseph Waytausky for driving without a valid driver's license  
State of Oklahoma vs. Kelton Regun Williams for possession of controlled dangerous substance – marijuana  
State of Oklahoma vs. Tyson Lee Williams for driving with license cancelled/suspended/revoked

## Felonies

State of Oklahoma vs. Rosa Lorene Boyd for driving under the influence – aggravated  
State of Oklahoma vs. Kacy Jean Chance for stalking  
State of Oklahoma vs. Mark Edward Chimel for grand larceny  
State of Oklahoma vs. Johnathan C. Garrett for sex offender living within 2,000 feet of school after former conviction of felony  
State of Oklahoma vs. Johnny Eugene Stiles Jr. for possess firearms after conviction or during probation after former conviction of felony

# LEGALS

## SHAWNEE TRIBE NOTICE OF FILING REQUIREMENTS AND CALL FOR DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY

found at shawnee-nsn.gov.

Filing Fees:  
Treasurer - \$200  
At-Large Council Seats - \$150

In accordance with the Constitution of the Shawnee Tribe, and Title 6 - The Shawnee Tribe Elections Act, the Election Committee of the Shawnee Tribe announces an election shall be held on Saturday, September 19, 2026, for the following elective offices:

- Treasurer, 4-year term, currently held by Mark McDowell
- Business Council Seat 7, 4-year term, currently held by Keni Hood

Candidate Filing Period:  
Opens Monday, May 4, 2026, and closes Friday, June 19, 2026

Manner of Filing:  
Complete and sign the Candidate's Declaration of Intent form as provided by the Election Committee. All filings must be received by June 19, 2026, either by hand delivery or by mail. To obtain the Candidates Declaration of Intent form visit shawnee-nsn.gov/elections or phone 918-325-6341.

Qualifications:  
Refer to the Shawnee Tribe Constitution and the Shawnee Tribe Elections Act, which may be

Tribal staff will receive filings by mail or by hand delivery brought to the Tribal Office located at 32 A. St. SE, Suite 200, Miami OK. The filing fee must be included with the declaration form. Only cash, personal checks, cashier's checks, or money orders will be accepted.

Mail all Candidate Filings to:  
Shawnee Tribe  
C/O Election Committee  
P.O. Box 1208  
Miami, OK 74355  
918-325-6341

/s/ Cindy Witherspoon  
Chair of the Shawnee Tribe  
Election Committee

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## IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF OTTAWA COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MARIA CHRISTINE NICHOLS, DECEASED.

## Case No. PB-2026-3 NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To the Creditors of Maria Christine Nichols, Deceased:

All creditors having claims against Maria Christine Nichols, Deceased, are required to present the same with a description of all security interests and other collateral (if any) held by each creditor with respect to such claim, to Marcello Nichols, Personal Representative, at the law offices of J. Wayne Kennon, 211 East Central, Miami, Oklahoma 74354, addressed to J. Wayne Kennon, attorney for Marcello Nichols, on or before the following presentment date: May 8, 2026, or the same will be forever barred.

DATED this 4th day of March, 2026.

/s/ Marcello Nichols  
Marcello Nichols, Personal Representative

Approved as to form:  
/s/ J. Wayne Kennon  
J. Wayne Kennon OBA #18950  
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## Representative

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## IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF OTTAWA COUNTY, OKLAHOMA

In the Matter of the Estate of DEANN SUE PANNELL, Deceased.

## No. PB-2026-13 ORDER AND NOTICE OF HEARING PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION, APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE, AND DETERMINATION OF HEIRS

On the 12th day of March, 2026, Clay Wilson, one and the same person as Michael Clay Wilson, filed in this Court his Petition alleging that DeAnn Sue Pannell, died intestate on or about the 3rd day of March, 2026, leaving property within the jurisdiction of this Court. His Petition alleges that petitioner is the adult child of the decedent, DeAnn Sue Pannell, and asks for the appointment of Clay Wilson as Personal Representative of this estate, that Letters of Administration issue

thereon to Clay Wilson, that the heirs of the decedent be judicially determined, and further asks that a day of Court be appointed for hearing thereon.

IT IS ORDERED AND NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that this Petition for Letters of Administration, Appointment of Personal Representative, and Determination of Heirs be, and the same hereby is, set for hearing before the Honorable R. Matt Whalen, Judge of the District Court, in Courtroom Number 3 of the Ottawa County Courthouse, Miami, Oklahoma, on the 2nd day of April, 2026, at 11:30 A.M., and that notice of this hearing be given as required by law.

Dated this 12th day of March, 2026.

/s/ R. Matt Whalen  
Judge of the District Court

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