

LEGAL NOTICES

IN THE DISTRICT COURT
OF OKLAHOMA COUNTY
STATE OF OKLAHOMAIN THE MATTER OF THE
ESTATE VALETA MARIE CHITTY,
Deceased.Case No. PB-2023-691
ORDER FOR HEARING
APPLICATION FOR SALE OF
REAL PROPERTY

It appearing to the satisfaction of the Court from the Petition of the Personal Representative of the above referenced estate, on file herein that it would be in the best interests of the estate to sell the real property belonging to

said estate and described in said Petition.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Court that all persons interested in the above captioned estate shall appear before the District Court at the Oklahoma County Courthouse, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, on the 2nd day of March, 2026, at 1:30 o'clock P.M., then and there to show cause, if any they have, why an order should not be granted to allow the sale of the real property of said deceased at either public or private sale for the reasons and purposes mentioned in said Motion.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED

9. 4108 N. Redmond Ave.
a. Legal description: Part of Block TEN (10), in COCKRELL PLACE, to Oklahoma County, Oklahoma, according to the recorded plat thereof. Said part being more particularly described as follows: Beginning at a point 59 feet South of the Northwest corner of said Block Ten (10); Thence East 166 feet; Thence South 50 feet; Thence West 166 feet; Thence North 50 feet to the Point of Place of Beginning

10. 4200 N. Redmond Ave.
a. Legal description: The West 100 feet of the South 60 feet of the North 203 feet of Block Seven (7), COCKRELL PLACE ADDITION, being a sub-division of a part of the Southeast Quarter (SE/4), of Section Sixteen (16), Township Twelve (12) North, Range Four (4) West of the Indian Meridian, Oklahoma County, State of Oklahoma, according to the recorded plat thereof

11. 4206 N. Redmond Ave.
a. Legal description: The West Half (W/2) of the South Fifty (50) feet of the North Ninety-three (93) feet of Block Seven (7), in COCKRELL PLACE, Oklahoma County, Oklahoma, according to the recorded plat thereof

12. 4208 N. Redmond Ave.
a. Legal description: The South 32 feet of the West Half (W/2) of Block Two (2) and the North 43 feet of the West Half (W/2) of Block Seven (7) in COCKRELL PLACE, an Addition in Oklahoma County, Oklahoma, as shown by the recorded plat thereof

13. 6300 NW 41st Street
a. Legal description: Part of Blocks Seven (7) and Ten (10), in COCKRELL PLACE ADDITION, a subdivision of part of the North Half (N1/2) of the Southeast Quarter (SE/4) of Section 16, Township 12 North, Range 4 West of the Indian Meridian, more particularly described as follows: Beginning at a point 243 feet South and 30 feet West of the Northeast Corner of Said Block 7; Thence South 100 feet; Thence West 73 feet; Thence North 100 feet; Thence East 73 feet to the point or place of beginning, Oklahoma County, Oklahoma, according to the recorded plat thereof

14. 6302 NW 41st Street
a. Legal description: A part of Blocks Seven (7) and ten (10), in COCKRELL PLACE, a subdivision of the North Half (N1/2) of the Southeast Quarter (SE/4) of Section Sixteen (16), Township Twelve (12) North, Range Four (4) West of the Indian Meridian, more particularly described as follows: Beginning at a point 243 feet South and 103 feet West of the NE/Corner of Block 7, thence South 100 feet; thence West 73 feet; thence North 100 feet; thence East 73 feet to the point of beginning, Oklahoma County, Oklahoma, according to the recorded plat thereof

15. 6305 NW 41st Street
a. Legal description: East Seventy-six (76) feet of the West One Hundred Seventy-Six (176) feet of the North Two Hundred three (203) feet of Block Seven (7), in COCKRELL PLACE to Oklahoma County, Oklahoma, according to the recorded plat thereof

16. 4105 N. Wheeler Ave.
a. Legal description: A part of Block TEN (10), in COCKRELL PLACE, to Oklahoma County, Oklahoma, according to the recorded plat thereof; more particularly described as follows: Beginning at a point 259 feet North and 30 feet West of the Southeast corner of said Block 10; thence West 146 feet; thence North 52 feet; thence East 146 feet; thence South 52 feet to the Point of Beginning

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that a copy of this Order to show cause shall be published once in a newspaper of this County, the publication of which shall not be less than ten (10) days before the time fixed for said hearing.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of this Order shall be mailed to all known heirs, legatees and devisees of the Decedent or the guardians thereof at their last known addresses not less than ten (10) days before said hearing.

DATED THIS 5th day of February, 2026.

MICHELLE C HARRINGTON
JUDGE OF THE DISTRICT
COURT

RICK WARREN, Court Clerk
By Deputy
(SEAL)

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT
OF OKLAHOMA COUNTY
STATE OF OKLAHOMA

IN RE THE ESTATES OF VON
ARTHURADUDELL,

Case No.: PB-2026-105
NOTICE OF HEARING ON
PETITION FOR LETTERS
APPOINTING PERSONAL
REPRESENTATIVE AND
DETERMINATION OF HEIRS

Notice is hereby given to all persons interested in the Estate of VON ARTHURADUDELL, Deceased, that on the 5th day of February, 2026, there was filed with this Court the Petition For Letters Appointing Personal Representative And Determination Of Heirs, praying that Letters of Administration be issued to VON CALEB ADUDELL, appointing him as Personal Representative of the Estate, to serve without bond, for a judicial determination of the heirs of the Decedent.

Pursuant to the Order of this Court the Petition will be held on the 4th day of March, 2026, at 1:30 p.m., at the Oklahoma County District Court, 320 Robert S. Kerr Ave., Oklahoma City, OK 73102, and all persons interested may appear and contest the same.

Witness, the undersigned, Judge of the District Court of Oklahoma County, State of Oklahoma, this 5th day of February, 2026.

MICHELLE C HARRINGTON
JUDGE OF THE DISTRICT
COURT

RICK WARREN, Court Clerk
By Deputy
(SEAL)

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

On March 5th, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. the Bethany Planning and Zoning Commission will, during its regular session, hold a public hearing at Bethany City Hall, 6700 N.W. 36th St., Bethany, OK 73008 for the following: Consider a request by Box Law Group, PLLC, on behalf of the Applicant and John Thephaham, Property Owner, to rezone 2200 N Flamingo Ave from E-1 (Educational Institutional) to PUD (Planned Unit Development).

Following the public hearing the Bethany Planning & Zoning Commission will vote on the request and forward a recommendation to the Bethany City Council, which in turn will hear this case on March 17, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. At that meeting a second public hearing will be held and following the hearing the Council will vote to approve or deny the request.

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT
OF OKLAHOMA COUNTY
STATE OF OKLAHOMAIN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE
OF Martin Zavala, (aka Martin
Zavala Morales) Deceased.CASE NO. PB-2026-116
NOTICE OF HEARING
PETITION FOR LETTERS
OF ADMINISTRATION,
APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL
REPRESENTATIVE AND
DETERMINATION OF HEIRS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to all persons interested in the Estates of Martin Zavala (aka Martin Zavala Morales), that on the 5th day of February, 2026, Barbara Zavala Renteria filed a Petition for Letters of Administration, Appointment of Personal Representative and Determination of Heirs of the above referenced estate, to serve without bond.

Pursuant to an Order of this Court, notice is hereby given that on the 4th day of March, 2026 at 2:00 o'clock P.M., the Petition will be heard before Judge Oakes at the Oklahoma County District Courthouse in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma and all persons interested may appear immediately to parties who have appeared in this action, in accordance with Arizona Rules of Civil Procedures, Rule 5. The copies of the papers must be served at least 5 days before the hearing.

Parties may appear virtually if they provide this Court's Judicial Assistance Chris: (520)866-5503 or cdillard@courts.az.gov at least three (3) business days prior to the hearing to provide a valid e-mail address to receive a virtual link.

The hearing shall be set for 15 minutes, and the Court will not hear or take evidence at this hearing.

Requests for reasonable accommodation for persons with disabilities must be made to the office of the Judge or Commissioner scheduled to hear this case five days before your scheduled court date.

1/21/26
Date

/s/ Jessica K. Dixon
Judge/Commissioner of the
Superior Court

READ ME: This proceeding shall not exceed 15 minutes with the Court. The Court will determine if more time is needed. All parties, whether represented by attorneys or not, must be present. If there is a failure to appear, the Court may make such orders as are just, including granting the relief requested by the party who does appear. If the petition seeks to establish, modify or enforce child support, and you fail to appear as ordered, a child support arrest warrant may be issued for your arrest.

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NOTICE OF SALE OF BONDS

In accordance with 62 O.S. 2021, § 354, notice is hereby given that the Board of Education of Independent School District Number 1 of Oklahoma County, Oklahoma will receive bids by sealed bid, facsimile bid, electronic (Parity®) bid or similar secure electronic bid on the 24th day of February, 2026, until 11:45 o'clock a.m., and the Board of Education will award said Bonds at 12:00 o'clock p.m. on the 24th day of February, 2026, at the Gail LoPresto Board Room, Putnam City Public Schools Centennial Building, 1914 Centennial Parkway, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, for the sale of \$32,000,000 of General Obligation Combined Purpose Bonds of said School District, which Bonds will mature \$32,000,000 annually in two (2) years from their date until paid.

Said Bonds shall be sold to the bidder bidding the lowest rate of interest the Bonds shall bear and agreeing to pay par and accrued interest for the Bonds. Each bidder shall submit with his bid a sum in cash, cashier's or certified check, electronic (wire) transfer or surety bond payable to the Treasurer of the District, equal to two (2%) percent of the amount of his bid. The Board reserves the right to reject all bids.

WITNESS my official hand and seal this 12th day of January, 2026.

(SEAL)
/s/ STEPHANIE KNOX
Clerk, Board of Education

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT
IN AND FOR OKLAHOMA
COUNTY
STATE OF OKLAHOMACARRINGTON MORTGAGE
SERVICES, LLC; Plaintiff,

vs.

THE HEIRS, PERSONAL
REPRESENTATIVES, DEVISEES,
TRUSTEES, SUCCESSORS AND
ASSIGNS OF GLYNDY JOYCE
MULLINS, DECEASED, AND THE
UNKNOWN SUCCESSORS; et al.
Defendants

No: CJ-2025-6700
ALIAS NOTICE BY
PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA
TO: Mandie Rake

TAKE NOTICE that you have been sued by the above named Plaintiff, and that you must answer the Petition of said Plaintiff on file in said cause on or before March 20, 2026, or the allegations of said Petition will be taken as true and judgment rendered, foreclosing any interest you may have in the following-described real estate (property) situated in Oklahoma County, Oklahoma, to-wit:

LOT THIRTEEN (13), IN BLOCK
SEVEN (7), OF TWIN OAKS 1ST
ADDITION, TO THE CITY OF
OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA
COUNTY, OKLAHOMA,
ACCORDING TO THE RECORDED
PLAT THEREOF.

Case No. CJ-2025-4502
Judge Mai, Natalie
NOTICE OF SALE OF LAND
UNDER EXECUTION

THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO

COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY
INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL
BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

Notice is hereby given that on the 17th day of March, 2026, at 10:00 o'clock A.M. to 12:00 o'clock P.M., conducted at www.bid4assets.com/okcserserif, the undersigned Sheriff will offer for sale and sell for cash to the highest and best bidder, subject to real estate ad valorem taxes, superior special assessments and all interests of record, if any, except the Mortgage and interests foreclosed herein on the following described real property, to-wit:

All of Lot Three (3) and the West Five (5) feet of Lot Two (2) in MARTHA ADDITION, Oklahoma County, Oklahoma, according to the recorded plat thereof, commonly known as 6604 NW 31st St., Bethany, OK 73008 (the "Property")

Sale will be made pursuant to a Special Execution and Order of Sale issued out of the office of the Court Clerk in and for Oklahoma County, Oklahoma, and pursuant to said judgment reserving the right of Plaintiff to recall said execution by oral announcement and/or order of the Court, prior to the sale, said judgment entered in the District Court in and for said County, State of Oklahoma, in Case No. CJ-2025-4502, entitled Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC, Plaintiff, vs. Glynda Joyce Mullins, et al., Defendants, to satisfy:

FIRST: The costs of said action accrued and accruing;

SECOND: The judgment and first lien of the Plaintiff, Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC, in the sum of \$93,298.68 plus future advances for monthly servicing fees, mortgage insurance premiums, taxes, property preservation costs and other costs as set forth under the terms of the aforesaid loan documents, to be added to the principal/loan balance, plus compounding interest at the monthly-adjustable rate as provided for in the Note; abstracting expenses, accrued and accruing; bankruptcy fees and costs, if any; and an attorney's fee, plus costs, with interest thereon at the same rate, until paid.

Persons or other entities having interest in the property, including those whose actual addresses are unknown and persons or other entities who have or may have unknown successors and such unknown successors are hereby notified are: The Heirs, Personal Representatives, Devisees, Trustees, Successors and Assigns of Glynda Joyce Mullins, Deceased, and the Unknown Successors; Occupants of the Premises a/k/a Barry Mullins; United States of America, ex rel. Department of Housing and Urban Development; Putnam City Convalescent Center, L.L.C. d/b/a The Grand at Bethany.

The property has been duly appraised in the sum of \$96,000.00.

WITNESS MY HAND this 4th day of February, 2026.

By: /s/ Tommie Johnson III
Deputy

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FRANCIS

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT
WITHIN AND FOR
OKLAHOMA COUNTY
STATE OF OKLAHOMAPENNYMAC LOAN SERVICES,
LLC

Plaintiff,

vs.

UNKNOWN SUCCESSORS
OF CHRISTOPHER E. RAKE,
DECEASED, et al.

Defendant(s)

No: CJ-2025-6700
ALIAS NOTICE BY
PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA
TO: Mandie Rake

TAKE NOTICE that you have been sued by the above named Plaintiff, and that you must answer the Petition of said Plaintiff on file in said cause on or before March 20, 2026, or the allegations of said Petition will be taken as true and judgment rendered, foreclosing any interest you may

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for the sum for:
Reason:
Unpaid Principal Balance
Amount:
\$136,556.40
Date of Default
January 1, 2025
Interest Due From
December 1, 2024
Interest Rate(s)
7.37500 %
*or as adjusted by the Note and
Mortgage

including all advances by Plaintiff, if any, for taxes, insurance premiums, or expenses necessary for the preservation of the subject property, all costs of this action, reasonable attorney's fees and costs as the Court may allow, and the costs of foreclosing your interest in the property and ordering said property sold with or without appraisal as Plaintiff may elect, all of which you will take due notice.

WITNESS my hand and official seal this 20th day of January, 2026.

Oklahoma County Court Clerk,
By: DEPUTY COURT CLERK

Don Timberlake - # 9021
Kim S. Jenkins - # 32809
Gina D. Knight - # 12996
Chynna Scruggs - # 32663
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IN THE DISTRICT COURT
WITHIN AND FOR
OKLAHOMA COUNTY
STATE OF OKLAHOMA

GITSIT SOLUTIONS, LLC, NOT
IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY
BUT SOLELY IN ITS CAPACITY
AS SEPARATE TRUSTEE OF GV
TRUST 2025-1
Plaintiff,

vs.

UNKNOWN SUCCESSORS
OF ROBERT L. VAUGHN,
DECEASED, et al.
Defendant(s)

No: CJ-2026-442
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF OKLAHOMATO:
Unknown Successors of Robert L.
Vaughn, Deceased, Spouse of
Robert L. Vaughn,

TAKE NOTICE that you have
been sued by the above named
Plaintiff, and that you must answer
the Petition of said Plaintiff on file
in said cause on or before March
27, 2026, or the allegations of said
Petition will be taken as true and
judgment rendered, foreclosing
any interest you may have in the
following-described real estate
(property) situated in Oklahoma
County, Oklahoma, to-wit:

All of Lot Three (3), in Block Three
(3), in Tompkins Terrace, Section II,
an Addition to Bethany, Oklahoma
County, Oklahoma, as shown by
the recorded plat thereof

for the sum for:
Reason:
Unpaid Principal Balance
Amount:
\$152,423.53

Date of Default
May 18, 2022

Interest Due From
November 20, 2025

Interest Rate(s)
5.14000 %

*or as adjusted by the Note and
Mortgage

including all advances by Plaintiff, if
any, for taxes, insurance premiums,
or expenses necessary for the
preservation of the subject property,
all costs of this action, reasonable
attorney's fees and costs as the
Court may allow, and the costs of
foreclosing your interest in the
property and ordering said property
sold with or without appraisal as
Plaintiff may elect, all of which
you will take due notice.

WITNESS my hand and official
seal this 16th day of January,
2026.

Oklahoma County Court Clerk,
By: DEPUTY COURT CLERK

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Kim S. Jenkins - # 32809
Gina D. Knight - # 12996
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ORDINANCE NO. 2087

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING
THE ZONING ORDINANCES,
MAP, AND COMPREHENSIVE
PLAN OF THE CITY OF BETHANY,
OKLAHOMA, BY INCLUDING
IN I-L, INDUSTRIAL LIGHT, THE
PROPERTY LOCATED AT 6006
N. ROCKWELL AVENUE FROM
C-G (COMMERCIAL GENERAL)
IN BETHANY, OKLAHOMA AS MORE
PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED

HEREINAFTER.

The undersigned hereby certify
that the foregoing ordinance was
introduced before the Bethany
Planning and Zoning Commission
on Jan. 15, 2026, and the Bethany
City Council on the Feb. 3, 2026,
and was duly adopted and approved
by the Mayor and City Council of
the City of Bethany on the 3rd Day
of February, 2026, after public
hearing, and after compliance with
notice requirements of the Open
Meeting Law (25 OSA, Sections
301, et seq.

/s/ Amanda Sandoval
MAYOR

ATTEST:
/s/ Michael Vaughn
CITY CLERK
(SEAL)

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT
OF OKLAHOMA COUNTY
STATE OF OKLAHOMA

In the Matter of the Estate of
ESTHER ANN QUINTERO,
Deceased.

Case No. PB-2025-1583
NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TO THE CREDITORS OF
ESTHER ANN QUINTERO,
DECEASED:

The Creditors of the above-
named decedent are hereby
notified that the undersigned was,
by the District Court of Oklahoma
County, Oklahoma, appointed
Personal Representative of the
estate of said decedent and that
all creditors having claims against
Esther Ann Quintero, 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 the attention
of the undersigned Personal
Representative at the law offices
of ELIZABETHA. RICHARDS,
112 WEST COMMERCE, OKLAHOMA
CITY, OKLAHOMA 73109, the
place for the transaction of
business of said estate, on or
before the following presentment
date: March 30, 2026, or the same
will be forever barred.

/s/ Gloria Robles
Personal Representative

Elizabeth A. Richards,
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Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
73109
Tel: (405) 319-9696
Fax: (405) 319-9464
ATTORNEY FOR PERSONAL
REPRESENTATIVE

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*OKC nurse
pleads guilty in
child porn case*

Christian Ismael
Soto Retamosa, 35,
of Oklahoma City,
has pleaded guilty to
possession of child
pornography, announced
U.S. Attorney Robert J.
Troester.

According to court
records, in March 2024,
the mobile messaging
application Kik
submitted a tip to law
enforcement regarding a
user distributing videos
containing child sexual
abuse material (CSAM).
The FBI determined that
the user was exchanging
CSAM with Retamosa,
a registered nurse who
was then working in
Oklahoma City. Court
records further indicate
that Retamosa exchanged
CSAM with Robert John
May III, a former state
representative for South
Carolina. May III was
charged separately in the
District of South Carolina
and was recently sentenced
to 17 years in federal
prison for distributing child
pornography.

On February 3, 2026,
Retamosa pleaded guilty
and admitted he knowingly
possessed several electronic
devices containing CSAM,
including images of
prepubescent children.

Letters from Dale

Winter of love

*Historic Oklahoma blizzard couldn't freeze the love
between young couple on their wedding day*

Dale German
Tribune Columnist

It's February in the Winter of Love. Happy Valentine's Day everybody.

Robert Gaylord and Chaise Tillett are in love, and they could not wait until Valentine's Day to get married. Forecasted subzero arctic blast temperatures and the 100 percent prediction of a historic blizzard on Sunday, January 25 could not derail Robert and Chaise's wedding day.

It's true, churches were closed, the next week's school days were cancelled, and people everywhere stayed home because roads that day were piled high with snow on top of ice. Brrrrrr... it was cold.

On a deceivingly warm Monday night before the Friday-Saturday-Sunday blizzard, Robert and Chaise came to our house to hear my wife play on her keyboard Robert's choice of song for the wedding, "Desperado."

We anticipated a beautiful wedding, but the threat of a blizzard was an unspoken concern because the wedding would take place in Luther, Oklahoma at Esperanza Ranch forty-five miles away in the country on county roads. It advertises itself as, "A ranch venue that hosts weddings and special occasions. Nestled on 50 acres of spectacular grounds with picturesque countryside surroundings, this location contains a historic barn that dates back to the 18th century."

The Friday night wedding party rehearsal dinner at the bride's grandparents' house was high spirited. Chaise was so happy. Her face blushed with glowing radiance. We were all so happy. The threat of a blizzard had turned into flurries of snow that Friday night as we were leaving Tillett's house. I dusted snow off my windshield.

I was worried about driving to Luther on Sunday. Saturday - night Sunday morning would be the heaviest snow falling hours of the blizzard. At 8 p.m. Saturday evening the driver I had arranged to drive us to Luther called and cancelled our transportation to the wedding with the keyboard.

Lionel, the bride's grandfather, called his next-door neighbor Paul Lee who agreed to drive us. Sunday morning Paul arrived on time with his wife Angela in a warm truck with big snow tires, comfortable back seats, and plenty of room for the keyboard.

Along the way we saw five cars on the side of the road and thought people were stuck in snow. But as we got closer, we saw children from those cars playing in the snow and sledding down the other side of the hill.

On snow plowed roads we safely arrived at Esperanza Ranch's gated entrance into a long winding single lane road, pre-plowed all the way to the barn door. We were early enough to set up the keyboard before wedding guests began arriving.

The historic barn was impressive in its setting among the trees. It was big and tall and beautifully decorated inside for the wedding. Its sealed and polished cement floor was practical for all kinds of special events informal and formal.

We entered through a modest wooden door opening directly into an unimpressive small but practical area with food freezers and cupboards lining its two walls.

The far end led directly into the barn where the atmosphere changed completely. This service area is where the bride will arrive from a guest house. A curtain of the (behind the scenes' entrance everybody walked through to enter the barn), will open, and wedding guests waiting on the other side will get their first glimpse of Chaise.

The barn's ceiling was very high with fans pushing down warm air in the winter, and circulating hot air in the summer.

The barn was meticulously decorated with golden stars hanging from above. Twelve wooden tables, each seating eight, in remarkably comfortable and roomy heavy brown wooden chairs, were formally decorated with burning candles in glass chimneys resting on folded maroon cloth at tables covered with white tablecloths.

Each place setting was set with white plates on black chargers trimmed in white. Disposable golden knives, forks, and spoons neatly placed on white napkins gave the casual wedding experience a dignified formal atmosphere.

Nearly one hundred wedding guests sat at these tables throughout the marriage ceremony, and the dinner followed from two self-serve buffet tables.

The atmosphere this created was of a big family get-together.

Everything exuded first class amenity for a

first-class wedding in an incongruous barn. The

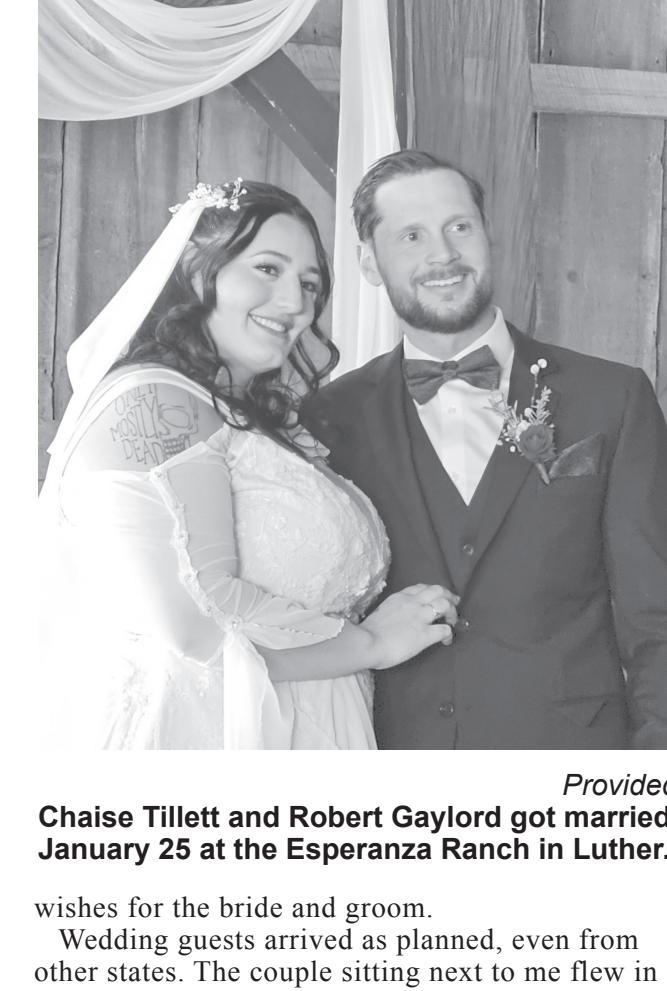
subtle humor of it all was delightful in its deceitful

encouragement for social mixing among many

people who did not know each other. The homey

atmosphere mixed us together in joyful unity and

common interest, encouraging us to share our best



Provided
Chaise Tillett and Robert Gaylord got married
January 25 at the Esperanza Ranch in Luther.

wishes for the bride and groom.

Wedding guests arrived as planned, even from other states. The couple sitting next to me flew in from somewhere on the last airplane out before that-somewhere airport closed, and they landed in Oklahoma City on the last airplane before Will Rogers International airport closed.

The wedding ceremony began. Emmalyn played Desperado as the groom, dressed in a formal black suit with three like-dressed groomsmen and three bridesmaids dressed in sleeveless green gowns took their place at the front of the barn with the glowing fireplace behind them. The slow music of Desperado accompanied their every step.

As the music changed from Desperado to a traditional wedding fanfare, heads turned to the opening curtain at the entrance to the barn and saw the bride standing there in her flowing white gown covered with a white furry cape keeping her warm with her right arm resting on the left arm of her grandfather.

Immediately the music changed again to "Concerning Hobbits" from "Lord of the Rings" and beautiful Chaise began her long awaited walk to Robert, nervously waiting for her. The moment was joyful beyond words for everybody.

There they were, all together in front of us before God and witnesses and then the officiating pastor asked, "Who gives this woman to be married to this man?"

Releasing his granddaughter's hand from his arm and placing her hand in the hand of Robert, Grandfather Lionel said, "I do, her grandmother does, her father does. Speaking for the Tillett family, and all the wedding guests, we all do. Respectful laughter briefly wafted across the room as Lionel backed away and took his seat.

The bride's father, Brian Tillett, was the pastor standing before them marrying them with a most satisfying smile on his face. I wish I had recorded the wedding vows Chaise and Robert wrote to each other promising in specificity the depth of their love and pledge to live faithfully, exclusively, as husband and wife for the rest of their lives together.

The audience clapped, and laughed, and cheered when the pastor said, "You may kiss your bride," and stepped aside while they kissed, and we thought they would never stop! Eventually, the wedding kiss ended, and the grinning bride and groom stood together for all to have a good look and take pictures.

On cue with triumphant volume the traditional "Wedding March" filled the barn and the bride and groom, followed by three couples of bridesmaids and groomsmen, arm in arm joyfully walked to the back of the barn where wedding guests turned and greeted them with hugs and kisses and all the affection anyone could ever say whishing the bride and groom congratulations.

As Emmalyn I were leaving for the drive home before dark, music from a disc jockey was playing and the atmosphere was changing appropriately from ceremonial to celebratory.

We drove away satisfied knowing that neither snow, nor sleet, nor freezing temperatures, not even jumping the gun on Valentine's Day could keep Robert Gaylord and Chaise Tillett from becoming Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gaylord.

In their wedding guestbook I wrote, "Thank you for giving Emmalyn the privilege of playing for your wedding. I hope your marriage is hotter than your wedding day in a blizzard in a barn in Luther, Oklahoma on January 25, 2026."