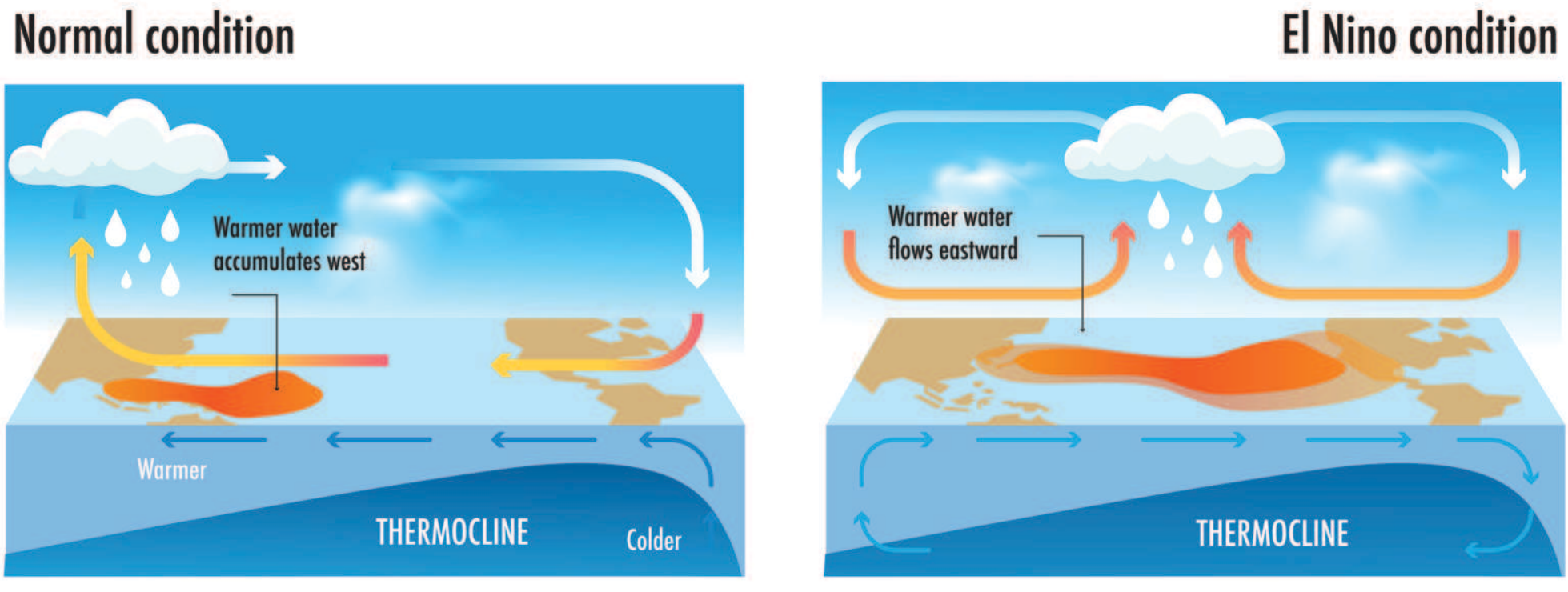

Climate experts sounding alarm for anticipated 'Super El Niño' event

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With an exceptionally strong El Niño expected to peak later this year and last into 2027, climate experts are saying conditions are in place for a multi-year drought that could threaten crop yields and the water supply. A July AccuWeather report showed a 70% chance this event becomes a Super El Niño.

"After El Niño ends, the following two to three years can end up being significantly drier in parts of the Plains from Texas into the Dakotas, which are already experiencing extreme drought conditions," said long-range expert Paul Pastelok. "The stronger the upcoming El Niño conditions get, the longer it takes for weather patterns to return to their historical average."

El Niño is a climate phenomenon characterized by unusually warm ocean surface temperatures in the central and eastern tropical Pacific. It disrupts normal trade winds, forcing global weather shifts that can trigger extreme events like droughts in some regions and heavy rainfall in others, according to the National Oceanic and Atmosphere Administration (NOAA)'s National Ocean Service.

Under normal conditions, trade winds blow steadily from east to west along the equator, pushing warm surface water toward Asia and allowing cooler water to upwell near the Americas. During an El Niño event, these easterly winds weaken or even reverse, allowing the massive pool of warm water to slosh back toward the coast of South America. According to NOAA, this shift alters atmospheric pressure systems and displaces the jet stream, cascading global weather impacts.

El Niño events occur irregularly every two to seven years and typically last nine to 12 months. Depending on the magnitude of sea-surface temperature anomalies, the cycle is classified as weak, moderate, strong, or super. A Super El Niño" occurs when sea surface temperatures in the equatorial Pacific Ocean rise by 2.0°C (3.6°F) or more above historical averages.

NOAA forecasters are currently tracking a rapidly strengthening El Niño that has a substantial chance of reaching this rare super status by late 2026 into early 2027. Because these extreme events dump an incredible amount of ocean heat into the atmosphere, this event is highly likely to make 2026 and 2027 the hottest years on record globally, according to NOAA.

El Niño is well known for above-average rainfall production across the southern U.S. during its peak, but dryness and drought are common in parts of the northwest and other northern areas of the nation.

Current drought conditions compared to 2025

The cumulative percent area of Oklahoma experiencing "extreme drought" conditions one year ago was 0% according to the June 17 AccuWeather report. This year, on June 16, "extreme drought" conditions are at 30%. Compared to last year, this indicates there was a 30% increase in "extreme drought" conditions. Key Midwestern growing areas that have year-to-date precipitation running 40% or more below normal are causing a worsening drought and threatening crop production in the current growing season.

According to AccuWeather, El Niño events in 1965-66, 1982-83, and 1997-98 are three of the strongest events in recorded history and are defined as Super El Niños. Following those events, especially dry conditions led to or exacerbated drought across many areas of the Plains. In some cases, those conditions remained for years, even after the El Niño ended. AccuWeather experts believe there is a 70% chance the current El Niño could become a Super El Niño later in 2026.

AccuWeather experts say this El Niño, which began in early June, is expected to be one of the strongest in history and peak later this year. El Niño disrupts weather patterns and can amplify extreme rain in some areas and extreme drought in other areas. AccuWeather experts say this El Niño event is expected to remain through early 2027.

"If the long-term drought is as bad as it could be, and you are starting off already with severe drought, this raises the real possibility of a 'mini-Dust Bowl'. Soybeans will be stressed further in the months and years ahead, and yields on some of these crops will be reduced in parts of the country," Dr. Meyers with AccuWeather said. "If that happens, it will have a negative impact on food production, leading to price inflation. Furthermore, water supplies will be harmed, as well."

Meyers said that earlier this year, climate experts released an important study of climate trends for the contiguous United States. According to the report, if the climate trends identified continue, they are likely to have major impacts on the U.S. economy, food and water supply, human comfort levels, energy needs, and the health and welfare of citizens over the coming decades.

Delaware County Court Report

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LEGALS

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

IN RE: The Application of
1972 Elk River Mobile Home
To Issue Title

Case No. CV-2026-101
APPLICATION
FOR COURT ORDER

COMES NOW the applicant, Ashley Denise Carter of Kansas, Oklahoma, and hereby makes Application to the District Court of DELAWARE COUNTY to issue an order directing Service Oklahoma to issue an Oklahoma Title bearing the VIN #3-1470-1516 in the name of Ashley Denise Carter for a 1972 Elk River Mobile Home

In support of this application, the Applicant would state under oath that he is the Owner of said vehicle. That the above described property is not stolen. That he/she claims ownership to the above described property as follows:

Property was purchased at Delaware County Treasurer Auction in 2017.

That ownership of the above described property is not disputed or that an ownership interest may be claimed by _____, whom I will have served with a copy of this application along with summons notifying them of the allegations of this application and date and time of the hearing.

Dated this 29 day of June, 2026.

/s/ Ashley Carter
Applicant's signature
342 Secret Valley Trail
Kansas OK 74347

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

In the Matter of
1972 Elk River Mobile Home
3-1470-1516
Property and VIN#

Case No. CV-2026-101
ORDER OF SETTING

Now on this 29 day of June, 2026 the Court finds this matter should be set before me the 10 day of August, 2026, at 2:30 p.m.

/s/ Nicholas Lelecas
Judge

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

IN RE: The Application of
1993 Schult Mobile Home
To Issue Title

Case No. CV-2026-100
APPLICATION
FOR COURT ORDER

COMES NOW the applicant, Charles Luther Hart of Kansas, Oklahoma, and hereby makes Application to the District Court of DELAWARE COUNTY to issue an order directing Service Oklahoma to issue an Oklahoma Title bearing the VIN #P259018AB in the name of Charles Luther Hart for a 1993 Schult Mobile Home

In support of this application, the Applicant would state under oath that he is the Owner of said vehicle. That the above described property is not stolen. That he/she claims ownership to the above described property as follows:

Property was sold at Delaware County Sheriff auction in September 2025 to Patrick and Stacy O'Kelly. In January 2026 Hart purchased from O'Kelly.

That ownership of the above described property is not disputed or that an ownership interest may be claimed by _____, whom I will have served with a copy of this application along with summons notifying them of the allegations of this application and date and time of the hearing.

Dated this 29th day of June, 2026.

/s/ Charles Hart
Applicant's signature
633 Blue Sky Trail
Kansas OK 74347

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

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT
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BOKF, N.A. DBA BANK OF OKLAHOMA
Plaintiff,

vs.

JEFFERY A HENDRIX
Defendant.

No. CS-26-233
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

JEFFERY A HENDRIX you are hereby noticed that you have been sued by BOKF, N.A. DBA BANK OF OKLAHOMA and you must answer plaintiff's petition on or before the 12th day of August, 2026 or a money judgment in the amount of $345.50 plus interest will be rendered accordingly.

Dated this day June 15, 2026

By: /s/ Ashlynn Roberson
DEPUTY COURT CLERK
FOR DELAWARE COUNTY
DISTRICT COURT CLERK
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