

EXPANDED VISION SCREENING MEASURE PASSES HOUSE

Rep. Mike Dobrinski (R-Okeene) passed a measure in the House that would create a two-year pilot program to expand vision screening for early childcare students.

The program created by House Bill 3016 would provide additional convergence screening for students in kindergarten through third grade in the first 30 days of the school year. The measure also would create a binocular screening revolving fund.

“As we focus and emphasize our need for improved literacy across our state,” Dobrinski said, “we know that many factors affect a child’s ability to learn, and vision is a critical one.”

Dobrinski said this bill is rooted in personal experience from his own family going back about 25 years. Dobrinski explained that one of his sons was identified by his first-grade teachers as struggling. The teacher encouraged further vision testing.

“Having that additional test identified a diagnosis of convergence insufficiency,” Dobrinski said. “Once he received treatment, the improvement in his learning was immediate and significant. Witnessing this firsthand, showed me how standard vision screening in our public schools does not always detect issues that can lead to learning challenges. It’s my hope this legislation will help more children like my son.”

The pilot program created by the measure would be administered by the State Department of Education and the State Department of Health. Screenings would be performed by trained professionals.

The measure passed the House and now moves to the Senate where it is authored by Sen. Carri Hicks (D-Oklahoma City), a former public school teacher.



House advances proposal to expand property tax relief for seniors

The Oklahoma House of Representatives passed legislation by Rep. Robert Manger (R-Oklahoma City) that he says aims to ease property tax burdens for seniors across the state.

House Joint Resolution 1081 seeks voter approval of a constitutional amendment to remove the income requirement for seniors to qualify for Oklahoma’s property tax freeze program, allowing more seniors to freeze their home’s taxable value and avoid increases tied to rising property values.

“This is about recognizing that many seniors are living on fixed incomes, even if they do not fall under an arbitrary income cap,” Manger said. “They have worked their entire lives, paid into their homesteads, and should not be priced out of their homes because of rising property values.”

Under current law, seniors age 65 and older may freeze the taxable value of their homestead, but only if they meet certain income limits. HJR1081 would eliminate that income threshold, allowing eligibility to be based primarily on age and residency.

The measure would require homeowners to be at least 65 years old, have occupied the property as a homestead for at least seven years, and have a fair cash value of \$700,000 or less. Manger said the decision should ultimately rest with the people, since it is their money.

“This ultimately comes down to letting the people decide,” Manger said. “This is their money, and they deserve a say in whether this protection is expanded to more Oklahoma seniors.”

Manger said he has worked on ad valorem tax relief affecting seniors for

more than six years during his time in the House and believes the proposal reflects a commonsense approach to tax relief.

“When property values go up, it may look good on paper, but it can create real pressure for seniors trying to stay in their homes,” Manger said. “This is why I have worked on property tax relief for several years. This is a meaningful step toward helping more seniors stay in their homes with stability and peace of mind by ensuring their property taxes do not continue to climb year after year.”

If approved by the Senate, HJR1081 would be placed on a statewide ballot for a vote of the people. The measure is now eligible to be heard in the Senate, where it is authored by Sen. Dave Rader (R-Tulsa).

Ottawa County Court Report

Marriages

Chayton Ryan James Barber and Brecken Payge Wofford
Richard Lee Bell and Monna June Warren
Alexander Martin Brown and Sharon Aslee Munday
Dustin Allen Brown and Reagan Cheyenne Jenkins
Andrew Mark Putnam and Megan Rene Kress
Derek Ryan Larson and Kyleigh Annmarie
Cody Dale Tullis and Taylor Faith Rhoads

Divorces

William McCaine vs. Akisha McCaine
Chester Duane Morton vs. Janet Lee Morton

Protective Orders

Suzy Crawford vs. Tony Lynn Sharp Jr.
Jocelyn Denielle Jameson vs. Zachary Beau Walker
Wendy Joy Jordan vs. Jonny Poe
Milissa Leann Valdez et al vs. Justin B. Opdyke

Milissa Leann Valdez vs. Jayme Lee Opdyke-Ward
Jazlyn Reyna vs. Raymond Reyna
Erik Tylor Stovall et al vs. Will Euwing Sampson
Savannah Shaeffer vs. Gaila Louise Smith

Misdemeanors

State of Oklahoma vs. Quinten Aust for public intoxication
State of Oklahoma vs. Samantha Marie Berry for larceny of merchandise from retailer
State of Oklahoma vs. Ethan Jaden Isaac Coombes for driving a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol and drugs
State of Oklahoma vs. Breana Ilyn Dyer for aiding/abetting minor in need of supervision
State of Oklahoma vs. Holly Leann Gardenhire for aiding/abetting minor in need of supervision
State of Oklahoma vs. Erika Green for aiding/abetting minor in need of supervision

State of Oklahoma vs. David Chesley Rantz for larceny of lost property
State of Oklahoma vs. Randy Wayne Ware for obstructing an officer

Felonies

State of Oklahoma vs. Quentin Robert Cahoon for unlawful possession of schedule I or II controlled dangerous substance with intent to distribute after former conviction of felony
State of Oklahoma vs. Meixa Chen for furnishing false information on a document filed under the uniform controlled dangerous substance act
State of Oklahoma vs. Tyrone Lee Doolittle Jr. for escape from arrest or detention
State of Oklahoma vs. Tyrone Lee Doolittle Jr. for possession of stolen vehicle
State of Oklahoma vs. Paula E.J. Patterson for conspiracy

LEGALS

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR AN ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE

In accordance with Title 37A, Oklahoma Statutes, Section 2-141, DJRS Enterprises LLC 1415 E Steve Owens Blvd Miami, Ottawa County Ok. a/an limited liability company hereby publishes notice of their intention to apply within sixty days from this date to the Oklahoma Alcoholic Beverage Laws Enforcement Commission for a Mixed Beverage License under authority of and in compliance with the said Act: That they intend(s), if granted such license to operate as a Mixed beverage establishment with business premises located at 1415 E Steve Owens Blvd in Miami, Ottawa County, Oklahoma under the business name of Route 66 Tavern

Dated this 1st day of April, 2026.

/s/ Dustin Foster

/s/ Ralph Bailey Jr

County of Ottawa, State of Oklahoma.

Before me, the undersigned notary public, personally appeared: Dustin Foster, Ralph Bailey Jr to me known to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing application and acknowledged that they executed the same as their free act and deed.

/s/ James L. Collins, Notary Public Comm. #22016909
My Commission expires December 26, 2026.

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF OTTAWA COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA

HSBC BANK USA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE FOR WELLS FARGO HOME EQUITY ASSET-BACKED SECURITIES 2006-1 TRUST, HOME EQUITY ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-1, Plaintiff,

v.
LINDA LEGRAND; SPOUSE, IF ANY, OF LINDA LEGRAND; JOHN DOE, OCCUPANT; DUSTIN FOSTER; AND CORA FORSTER Defendant(s).

Case No. CJ-2024-95
Judge Jennifer McAffrey
NOTICE OF HEARING MOTION TO CONFIRM SHERIFF'S SALE

NOTICE IS GIVEN TO: Linda Legrand; Spouse, if any, of Linda Legrand; John Doe, Occupant; Dustin Foster; Cora Forster, and their unknown successors and assigns, that the hearing on the above Motion to Confirm Sale is set on the 20th day of May 2026, at 10:00 o'clock a.m., before Judge McAffrey, at the Ottawa County Courthouse, Miami, Oklahoma.

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

LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC; Plaintiff,

vs.

Zachary L. Tyner; et al. Defendants.

Case No. CJ-2025-92
Judge McAffrey, Jennifer
NOTICE OF HEARING MOTION TO CONFIRM SALE

THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA TO: Zachary L. Tyner; Spouse of Zachary L. Tyner, if married; Occupants of the Premises; State of Oklahoma, ex rel. Oklahoma Tax Commission

TAKE NOTICE that the Plaintiff has filed herein a Motion to Confirm Sheriff's Sale in the above-entitled cause. That said Motion to Confirm will be heard before Judge McAffrey in said Judge's Courtroom of the Ottawa County Courthouse on the 20th day of May, 2026, at 10 o'clock, A.M. You must appear at said time and present any objections to the said sale proceedings or the Motion to Confirm Sale will be sustained and the sale confirmed.

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

In the Matter of the Estate of PATTI A. HENSON, Deceased

Case No. PB-2026-09
NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TO: The Creditors of Patti A. Henson, Deceased

All persons having claims against Patti A. Henson, Decedents, 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 named Personal Representative at the law office of Johnathan Preston, Preston Law, PLLC, 103 East Central Ave, Suite 500, Miami, Oklahoma, 74354, on or before the following presentment date: 12th day of June 2026, or the same will be forever barred.

DATED this 26th day of March, 2026.

Crystal Wofford,
Personal Representative

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Council Meeting and Election

Date: June 6, 2026
Time: 10:00 AM

Location: Seneca-Cayuga Nation Community Building, 24805 South 660 Road, Grove, Oklahoma

The Seneca-Cayuga Nation will hold its Annual General Council Meeting on June 6, 2026.

In conjunction with this meeting a Regular election will be conducted to fill the following positions:

Second Chief - term expires June 1, 2030
Secretary-Treasurer - term expires June 1, 2030
Second Councilperson - term expires June 1, 2030
Fourth Councilperson - term expires June 1, 2030

Grievance Committee
Member term expires June 1, 2030
Member term expires June 1, 2030

Election Details
Polling Hours: 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Polling Location: Seneca-Cayuga Nation Community Building

Voting Method: In-person and Electronic Ballot

Eligibility: Any enrolled member of the Seneca-Cayuga Nation who is 18 years or older as of June 6, 2026, is eligible to vote. **MUST HAVE PHOTO TRIBAL ENROLLMENT CARD**

List of candidates can be found on the tribal website www.sctriben.com and Seneca-Cayuga Tribal Newsletter.

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