

LEGAL NOTICES

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF OKLAHOMA COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA

In the matter of the Guardianship of Paradise Brock, Deneion Burt, Minor children

Case No.: PG-25-406 NOTICE FOR HEARING PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN

You are hereby notified that Winnettie Daughtry has petitioned this Court to be appointed guardian of the person and/or estate of the above-named minor(s), Paradise Brock, Deneion Burt, and that said Petition will be heard in the courtroom of Judge Martha Oakes, Room 217 in the Oklahoma County Courthouse located at 321 Park Ave., OKC, OK 73102, on the 22nd day of January, 2026, at 9:00 o'clock am at which time you may appear and show cause if any, why said Petition should not be granted.

Witness my hand and seal of said Court this 4th day of December, 2025.

MARTHA F. OAKES JUDGE OF THE DISTRICT COURT

RICK WARREN, Court Clerk By Deputy (SEAL)

Winnettie Daughtry

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DISTRICT COURT OF OKLAHOMA COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA

IN RE: The Name of: Gabriel Malachi Tew

Case No. CV-2025-2942 NOTICE OF HEARING ON CHANGE ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

TO: All interested parties.

Take notice that Gabriel Malachi Tew has petitioned to change his/her name to Gabriel Malachi Espinosa.

A Hearing on said petition is set for 11:00 o'clock A.M. on the 29th day of December, 2025, before Judge Palumbo in his/her courtroom in the Oklahoma County Courthouse. Should you know of some reason why this change of name should not be allowed you must file a written protest in the above styled and numbered cause prior to the above date with the Clerk of this Court. Should you fail to do so, the petition for change of name will be granted as prayed.

RICK WARREN, Court Clerk BY DEPUTY (SEAL)

APPROVED: /s/ Gabriel Tew

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF OKLAHOMA COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION OF:

J.R.H., Born October 13, 2013, Minor Child.

No. FA-2024-129 Attorney's lien claimed and attached NOTICE OF HEARING

THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA TO: NICHOLE ANN GIDCOMB

On the 8th day of October, 2024, an Application to Terminate the Parental Rights of Nichole Ann Gidcomb and Elvis Aranz Hale, was filed in this Court. Said Application is set for hearing on the 23rd day of January, 2026, at 9:00 o'clock a.m., in the District Courtroom of The Honorable Martha Oakes at the District Court of Oklahoma County located at: 321 Park Ave., Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73102. Petitioners have alleged in the Application that said consent to the adoption of J.R.H. by Petitioners is not necessary in that:

1. This Court has already found that the consent of Nichole Ann Gidcomb as to the adoption of J.R.H. by Petitioners is not necessary.

2. This Court has already found that it is in the best interest of J.R.H. that he be adopted by Petitioners.

3. Petitioners are asking that this Court terminate the parental rights of Nichole Ann Gidcomb as to J.R.H.

YOU ARE, THEREFORE, NOTIFIED THAT THE COURT WILL HEAR EVIDENCE IN SUPPORT OF AND IN OPPOSITION TO THE GRANTING OF THE APPLICATION AT THE TIME AND PLACE SHOWN ABOVE WHERE YOU WILL HAVE THE RIGHT TO BE PRESENT, HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD AT SAID TIME AND PLACE, AND HAVE THE RIGHT TO OBJECT TO THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS. YOUR FAILURE TO APPEAR AT SAID HEARING SHALL CONSTITUTE A DENIAL OF YOUR INTEREST IN THE CHILD, WHICH DENIAL MAY RESULT, WITHOUT FURTHER

NOTICE OF THIS PROCEEDING OR ANY SUBSEQUENT PROCEEDINGS, IN YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS BEING TERMINATED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA.

Signed at dated this 17th day of November, 2025.

MARTHA F. OAKES JUDGE OF THE DISTRICT COURT

RICK WARREN, Court Clerk By Deputy (SEAL)

Respectfully submitted: Lisa R. Howard, OBA #21040 Lisa R. Howard, P.L.L.C. P.O. Box 12428 Oklahoma City, OK 73157 (405) 943-2500 Lisa@AttorneyLisaHoward.com Attorney for Adoptive Petitioners

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ORDINANCE NO. 2084

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 158.092 TO THE BETHANY CODE OF ORDINANCES TO OUTLINE PROCEDURES FOR PRESENTATION OF APPEALS TO THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT.

The foregoing ordinance was introduced before the Bethany City Council on the 2nd day of December, 2025, and was duly adopted and approved by the Mayor and City Council on the 2nd day of December, 2025, and after compliance with notice requirements of the Open Meeting Law (25 OSA, Sections 301, et seq.)

MAYOR /s/ Amanda Sandoval

ATTEST: /s/ Michael Vaughn CITY CLERK SEAL

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF OKLAHOMA COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE ESTATE OF THE ESTATE OF DONALD BRUCE AYLER, Deceased.

No. PB-2025-1230 NOTICE TO CREDITORS TO PRESENT CLAIMS

All creditors having claims against Donald Bruce Ayler, deceased, are required to present the same, with a description of the basis of the debt, and the security interest and other collateral (if any) held by each creditor with respect to such claim, to the named personal representative at the personal residence of Karen Alyce Factor, 104 NE 6th St., Moore, OK 73160, on or before the following presentment date: February 3, 2026 or the same will be forever barred.

Dated on the 5th day of December, 2025.

/s/ Karen Alyce Factor, pro se Personal Representative 104 NE 6th St. Moore, OK 73160 Phone: (405)921-3373

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Former bank president indicted for fraud

A federal grand jury in the Western District of Oklahoma has returned an indictment charging the former President and Chief Executive Officer of the First National Bank of Lindsay, DANNY SEIBEL, 54, of Lindsay, Oklahoma, for his role in a conspiracy to commit bank fraud, bank fraud, making false entries in the books and records of a financial institution, obstructing the examination of a financial institution and failing to implement an anti-money laundering program.

According to the indictment, Seibel served as the President and Chief Executive Officer of the First National Bank of Lindsay from in or about February 2007 until his termination in September 2024. Seibel also held other management roles at the bank during that time, including Chief Financial Officer and Bank Secrecy Act Officer.

Counting the invisible



Provided

Sarah Frye, director of Ada Homeless Services, poses inside the agency’s soon-to-be-completed day center.

Rural homelessness in Oklahoma remains hidden

Ginnie Graham Oklahoma Watch

For the first time, Ada is building a day center where people who are homeless have a place to hang out and to get resources, a reflection of a trend in rural Oklahoma of more people having a harder time staying in stable housing.

Sarah Frye, director of Ada Homeless Services, views the center as a positive move by directly addressing a community problem rather than being in denial. It provides a safe shelter for vulnerable people and gives the nonprofit a central place for outreach.

A bonus will be getting more accurate data on how many people are homeless in the city of about 16,500 residents.

“We have a set amount of money for our homeless prevention programs and are seeing more applicants seeking more assistance each year,” Frye said. “Without a doubt in the last 12 months, we have seen more new people facing homelessness and new people falling into homelessness.”

“The problems are the same for urban and rural homeless people,” she said. “The difference is a lack of resources in rural areas. We’re hoping the day center will be the answer to failed street outreach. It’s hard doing street outreach. A tent may pop up but is gone by the time we can get there.”

Data about the depth of homelessness in rural areas is such a challenge that an accurate number doesn’t exist, according to frontline homeless outreach workers in rural Oklahoma.

The federally mandated Point-In-Time Count from the U.S. Housing and Urban Development is a single-day count of homeless people held during the last two weeks in January. The first PIT report was produced in 2007 and involves asking a series of questions about demographics, health status and housing history.

In metropolitan areas, an army of volunteers is trained to do the census with partner nonprofits such as shelters, food pantries, meal centers and other outreach locations. Urban city officials use the PIT in public policy decision-making.

That’s not the case in rural Oklahoma.

To get the count, HUD divides the country into Continuum of Care based on population. The nation’s largest cities may have several Continuum of Care, while some rural areas span multiple counties. Ada is part of the Southeast Continuum of Care with 21 counties, totalling about 17,730 square miles that includes the dense forest of the Ouachita Mountains.

By comparison, the Oklahoma City PIT covers just its city limits

(621 square miles), and the Tulsa PIT includes the county of about 587 square miles.

The 2025 PIT for the Southeast Continuum of Care shows 372 unsheltered people (24 of those younger than 18) and 329 in emergency shelter (89 of those younger than 18).

“The Point-In-Time Count is completely inaccurate for rural areas,” Frye said. “It’s a lot harder to count 21 counties than a single city that can put out coffee and doughnuts to get a count. You could take the rural numbers, multiply by 10 and still not even be close to right. There are some counties that probably don’t get counted at all.”

“With this being in January, during winter, homeless people disappear around here,” she said. “They tend to have a friend or family that lets them stay during the cold months. By the HUD definition, they aren’t homeless, but we know that they are.”

The HUD definition of unsheltered homelessness is sleeping overnight in a place not intended for human habitation, such as cars, tents, parks and streets. Sheltered homelessness is defined as adequate nighttime residence but supervised as public or private shelters, which could be emergency shelters or transitional living programs.

Those definitions mean people who are couch surfing with friends and family or staying temporarily in motels are not considered homeless. Some towns have anti-homeless ordinances that make it illegal to sleep in public spaces. If those areas have no shelters, then people who are homeless tend to hide, making it difficult for a PIT census.

The PIT results are reported to HUD, which considers that as part of a formula determining overall grant funding. This algorithm makes it difficult to know if, or how many, dollars are lost based on an undercount. Most rural housing and homeless advocates say other factors such as poverty rates hold greater weight, but it’s unclear, says Amanda Ewing, executive director of the Oklahoma Association of Community Action Agencies.

“The Point-In-Time count is really more geared for urban and suburban areas and not well suited for Oklahoma,” Ewing said.

Smaller populations mean fewer ranks of volunteers. Frye said she pulled in game wardens to let her know on the PIT day if they see any homeless people. Mostly, the census is based on volunteers and staff of agencies responsible for the count.

The Northeast Oklahoma Continuum of Care has 11 counties covering about 6,840 square miles, including the Ozark mountains. Some cities, such as Vinita and Tahlequah, have concerted efforts,

while counties such as Delaware are difficult to cover, said Lindi Conover, planner with the Northeast Oklahoma Community Action Agency, who is in charge of the count. On a strong year, she will have 70 volunteers, but it usually hovers closer to 45.

The PIT from this year showed 128 unsheltered people and 65 sheltered individuals.

“Most people hear that and say, ‘That’s impossible, that’s wrong, I can find more people than that right now,’” Conover said. “Our area is vast. We don’t have the resources, the organization or the volunteers to do this sort of thing. Homelessness is not visible in rural areas. We don’t have encampments like in cities or shelters where people gather. If people are in tents, it’s way off the beaten path where they can’t be found.”

Conover said the undercount hurts on grants specifically relying on PIT to gauge need, but she is more concerned about a recent HUD announcement that would limit spending on permanent supportive housing programs to only 30% of its allocations to agencies. There has previously not been any restriction.

Permanent supportive housing programs offer indefinite rental assistance and supportive services for people with disabilities who are also homeless.

“There are partner groups that use 100% of the allocation for permanent supportive housing because we know that’s what helps people here the most,” Conover said.

Another consequence of inaccurate PIT leads to a lack of community awareness.

In Atoka, City Councilor Erica Pogue, who is also the director of the Inca Community Action Agency, says it’s difficult to advocate for public resources for homelessness without facts to show the problem.

“Too many people don’t think there are homeless people here,” Pogue said. “I’ve practically taken them to where homeless people live. We’ve turned a blind eye to our homeless in rural places. I’m not sure how many there are, but it’s too many. We do not have shelters to get a count. It’s hard to convince people about homeless issues when they can’t see it.”

Atoka is also in the Southeast Continuum of Care, and Pogue’s agency leads the PIT effort for Atoka County and three other counties.

“We will have people looking for homeless people, but you’re not going to find them in the daytime,” Pogue said. “We use staff to drive around and mark down what they see, but that’s not an efficient way to do this. You really need to go to where they are, but we’re not going to ask staff to go into some areas because it’s dangerous.”