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experienced similar trends. During a time of year when illness is typically widespread, Badgett noted, "The Flu and COVID are here, but their patients just aren't as sick."

Beyond its financial gains, the hospital is continuing to expand its physical footprint. CEO Darin Farrell announced that the new clinic in Hydro is officially operational, with a grand opening and ribbon-cutting ceremony scheduled for

March 25 from 3-5 p.m.

"The Hydro community has been very welcoming," Darren noted, adding that Dr. Kerby Lamb and nurse practitioner Angela Pope-Bailey are already seeing a steady stream of patients.

The medical staff is also poised to grow. A new husband-and-wife duo is planning to expand their services to the Weatherford area. Dr. Blake Christensen, a pain management specialist, and wife

Sarah, a rheumatologist, are expected to begin providing services once or twice a month.

Despite the positive local outlook, Cosby expressed caution regarding changes in state and federal funding. Trustees discussed the Rural Health Transformation Program, a state-led initiative funded with federal dollars.

Cosby noted that while the structure of the grants is still being finalized, the

hospital is positioning itself to secure funding opportunities. One early success is funding for a Community Health Worker — a role described as a hybrid of a social worker and health navigator who will help local residents connect with needed resources.

While leaders celebrated a strong fiscal year and steady expansion, trustees acknowledged that evolving funding mechanisms could shape the hospital's

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collaboration pushes against partisan rhetoric at the national level.

"We can't have these pendulum swings back and forth, depending on who's in the White House," Stitt said. "Most Oklahomans think like me that, sure, the climate's changing, but the question is, what's causing it? How do we stay as a world leader in energy? How do we make sure that we have an affordable electricity grid? Because most Americans just want to take their kids to piano lessons, soccer practice, heat their homes, their businesses."

A point of friction involved a dispute over a White House gathering that initially threatened to exclude certain governors based on party affiliation. While the White House eventually extended invitations to all governors for the formal business breakfast, the Friday meeting was cut short by the U.S. Supreme Court's ruling on President Trump's tariff authority. Trump exited the breakfast early to address the

decision. Stitt explained the situation when he sat down with CBS news after the breakfast.

"First we see Susie (Wiles) leave, then Rubio, and Bondi. I looked at my phone and saw it had just come out. The president was disappointed, but we support the president in trying to bring manufacturing back to Oklahoma. We've benefited from some of the tariff policies," Stitt told CBS.

Stitt's "more free" approach could be noted during discussions on immigration, when he said rural Oklahoma business owners are more interested in work authorizations than political posturing.

"The immigration issue that we've talked about, we think that the governors need a seat at that table," Stitt said. "We have to have a strong border. But the state should be in charge of workforce permits. And so I think we, as governors, believe in the idea of federalism and state's rights, instead

of a one-size-fits-all from the federal government, I think that's the best way."

The NGA heard from veteran pollster Frank Luntz, who has spent three decades as a professional "temperature taker" for the American public. Luntz said his data shows that 40% of Americans have lost personal relationships over politics. But he also noted that state elected officials remain the only group that still hold a majority of the public's trust.

"You're the ones who can solve this," Luntz told the assembled governors. "You can do this. No one else can. This is not going to come from the White House, it's not going to come from the mayors, it's going to come from you all around this table."

Stitt agreed with Luntz's sentiment, offering a metaphor for his opinion on the current state of the country's morale.

"It feels like we're a country that's in a car. We're just speeding towards the

cliff. And right now our party's driving and the other parties are in the passenger seat. And we're worried about what's on the radio." Stitt said. "Its almost like we can't make decisions we feel are best because the other side is going to weaponize it against us."

Stitt will host the NGA summer meeting in Oklahoma City before his term as NGA chairman officially ends and he is succeeded by Moore. Stitt has made it clear he is not seeking a permanent role in Washington or a spot on a future national ticket. Stitt said in January he plans to return to the private sector once his term concludes in early 2027, viewing his time in office as a "limited engagement" rather than a career in politics.

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF CUSTER COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF GARY WAYNE DUGGER, DECEASED

COMBINED NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND NOTICE OF HEARING PETITION FOR SUMMARY ADMINISTRATION, DETERMINATION OF HEIRS, AND FOR APPROVAL OF FINAL ACCOUNT, DISTRIBUTION AND DISCHARGE PB-2026-9

TO: THE CREDITORS OF AND TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ESTATE OF GARY WAYNE DUGGER, DECEASED

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that Gary Ellis Dugger of 6027 Central Ave., Gwynn Oak, MD 21207, Petitioner of the Estate of Gary Ellis Dugger Deceased, (collectively "Decedent" or the "Estate") represented by Lacey L. Egbert and Myla C. Brown of HARTSFIELD & EGBERT, PLLC, 764 N. Santa Fe Avenue, Edmond,

OK 73003, has petitioned the Court for Summary Administration of the Estate.

ESTATE OF GARY WAYNE DUGGER

Petitioner alleges that Gary Wayne Dugger ("Decedent") died intestate on January 23, 2021, domiciled in Killeen, Bell County, Texas. Petitioner alleges the total value of the Estate is less than \$200,000.00. Petitioner further alleges that the names, ages, and last known addresses of the administrators, executors, non-petitioning co-nominees, heirs, legatees, and devisees of Decedent, so far as known to the Petitioner, are as follows:

Name: DATED this 19th day of February 2026.
Relation:
Age:
Last Known Address:

KE Choi Dugger a/k/a KE Chol Dugger
Wife
Adult
6205 Taree Loop Killeen, TX 76549

Gary Ellis Dugger
Son
Adult
6027 Central Ave. Gwynn Oak, MD 21207

Jerian Moeller
Daughter
Adult
1212 Montgomery Dr. Glen Burnie, MD 21061

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Hearing will be held on the 11th day of May 2026 at 9:00 o'clock A. M. at the District Courthouse in Custer County, in Arapaho, Oklahoma, before the Judge of the District Court. At the hearing, the Court will decide whether to approve the Petition for Summary Administration and the Petition for Approval of the Final Account and for Determination of Heirs, Legatees and Devisees, and Distribution (collectively "Petitions"). The Petition for Approval of the Final Account and Determination of Heirs, Legatees and Devisees, and Distribution will be filed herein on the or before the 22nd day of April 2026.

Persons receiving this Notice

must file any objections they have to the Petitions at any time before the Hearing and send a copy to the Petitioner in care of his attorney or you will be deemed to have waived any objections to the Petitions. If an objection is filed before the hearing, the Court will determine at the Hearing whether summary proceedings are appropriate and, if so, whether the Estate will be distributed. Claims of creditors will be forever barred unless the claim is presented to Lacey L. Egbert, attorney for Petitioner, at the law offices of HARTSFIELD & EGBERT, 764 N. Santa Fe Avenue, Edmond, OK 73003, no more than thirty (30) days following the granting of the order admitting the petition and combined notice.

DATED this 19th day of February 2026.

/s/Dana J. Hada
Judge of the District Court

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF CUSTER COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MARY ETTA STATSER, Deceased.

COMBINED NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND NOTICE OF HEARING SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE, DETERMINATION OF HEIRSHIP, DISTRIBUTION & DISCHARGE PB-26-7

You are hereby notified that on the 19 day of February, 2026, Petitioner, George Wesley Statser,

filed in the District Court of Custer County a Petition for Summary Administration. The Petition alleges that Mary Etta Statser, died testate on February 21, 2025 in Custer County, Oklahoma, and that the total estimated value of the Decedent's property in Custer County, Oklahoma is less than \$200,000.00. At her death, the Decedent was 90 years of age and her residence was at 1308 Chestnut Place, Weatherford, Oklahoma 73096. The names and address of the administrator, executor, non-petitioning co-nominees, heirs, legatees and devisees of Mary Etta Statser, deceased, so far as known to the Petitioner, are as follows:

George Wesley Statser
1308 Chestnut Place
Weatherford, OK 73096

Janalyn Carol Taylor
2900 Abramson Lane
Clinton, OK 73601

Kathy Ann Neufeld
115 W. 5th Street
Custer City, OK 73639

Susan Waynett Rollins
120 Montgomery Court
Buda, Texas 78610

Sandra Gail Teasley
P.O. Box 431
Weatherford, OK 73096

Rex Aaron Statser
P.O. Box 850657
Yukon, OK 73035

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the 27 day of April, 2026, at 9:30 a.m. in the courtroom of the undersigned Judge in the Custer County Courthouse in Arapaho, Oklahoma has been set for the hearing on the Petition, the final accounting, and the determination of heirs, devisees and legatees, and distribution. All persons interested in said estate are hereby advised that you must file objections to the Petition prior to the hearing and send a copy to the undersigned attorney or you will be deemed to have waived any objections. If an objection is filed prior to the hearing, the Court will determine at the hearing whether summary proceedings are appropriate, and if so, whether the will on file shall be admitted to probate, whether the estate will be

distributed and to whom the estate will be distributed.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that all creditors having claims against the Decedent 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 Petitioner's Attorneys, Recker & Recker, PC, 109 South Broadway, Weatherford, Oklahoma 73096, on or before the following presentment date: March 19, 2026, or the same will be forever barred.

Dated this 19 day of February, 2026.

**Dana J. Hada
Judge of the District Court**

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Attorney for
Special Administrator**

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF CUSTER COUNTY, OKLAHOMA COURTHOUSE, ARAPAHO, OKLAHOMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF KARISSA LYNN HUDDLESTONE, Deceased.

NOTICE OF HEARING PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION AND DETERMINATION OF HEIRSHIP PB-2026-10

The State of Oklahoma to:

The heirs, next of kin, and creditors of Karissa Lynn Huddlestone, Deceased.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that Otis Dale Davenport of Spiro, State of Oklahoma, has filed a Petition in the County Court of said Custer County and State praying that Letters of Administration on the Estate of Karissa Lynn

Huddlestone, deceased, be granted and issued to Otis Dale Davenport of Spiro, State of Oklahoma, and for a determination of the identity of all heirs, devisees and legatees.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that said petition will be heard and determined on the 16th day of March, 2026, at 11:00 o'clock a.m. of said day, in the Courtroom of said Court, in the Courthouse of said Custer County, at which time and place any person interested in said estate may contest said petition, file written objection thereto, and show cause, if any there be, why the prayer of said Petitioner should not be granted.

FURTHER, that the Court make a determination of the identity of all heirs, devisees and legatees for purposes described in Title 58 O.S. §240 et sec.

Witness my hand and seal of said Court this 19th day of February, 2026.

/s/Dana J. Hada
Judge of the District Court

**M.L. Minton, III, OBA #6255
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