



The City of Grove will host a beam signing ceremony for Grove area residents at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 9, at the new police station. The beam will then be placed in the roof of the building, symbolizing support for the project, which is funded by sales tax. Everyone is invited to the ceremony. A fire department beam signing ceremony will be held at a later time.

# CLEORA EMERGES AS TOP SCHOOL IN NORTHEAST OKLAHOMA

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Once again, Cleora Schools is the only school in the far corner of the state to receive top marks. The Oklahoma state report card indicates how individual schools perform in several areas and includes student demographic information.

The 167-student population at Cleora scored significantly higher in English, math, and science than the rest of the state. The rural Delaware County school offers classes for students from pre-kindergarten through eighth grade.

After eighth grade, students transfer to Grove, Miami, Ketchum, Afton, and Fairland to finish their academic careers.

The state earned a “D” for the composite academic grade, but improvements were seen in English, math, and science scores, the report showed.

According to the state report card, 697,186 students were enrolled in Oklahoma schools during the 2024-2025 school year. The report card includes information and grades on academic achievement, academic growth, and graduation.

In Ottawa County, 5,356 students attend 22 schools; in Craig County, 2,365 students attend 13 schools; and in Delaware County, 6,246 students attend 20 schools.



# OSDE releases 2025 Public School Report Card

The Oklahoma State Department of Education (OSDE) has published the 2025 Public School Report Card, now available at Oklaschools.com. The report provides a statewide snapshot of how public schools are serving students in academic performance, growth, and opportunity, offering educators, families, and communities the data needed to support student success.

## Overall Highlights

- 1,734 public schools received report card grades, up from 1,723 last year.
- A small number of schools did not receive a grade due to insufficient student enrollment for required metrics.
- Compared to 2024, three fewer schools received an “F,” though overall grades declined slightly, with more schools earning D’s.
- English Language Arts showed progress, and graduation rates improved.

## Performance Indicators

- Academic Achievement: 26% of students met proficiency targets in ELA and math; 30% in science (“D”).
  - Academic Growth: 56% of students demonstrated growth, up 3% from last year.
  - ELPA Progress: 34% of English learners are on track to meet language acquisition goals (“B”).
  - Postsecondary Opportunity: 54% of 11th and 12th graders participated in early college and career experiences (“B”).
  - Chronic Absenteeism: 81% of students maintained good attendance (“D”).
  - Graduation Rate: Four-year graduation rate rose to 82.2% for the class of 2024 (“D”), below the 90% goal.
- OSDE issued a statement thanking educators, administrators, and staff

across the state for their “dedication to data quality, which makes the report card possible and ensures families and communities have the information they need to support students.”

## Policy Update

Under SB711, Chronic Absenteeism will be removed as a required measure of school success in the accountability system starting in 2025–2026, pending federal approval of Oklahoma’s ESSA Plan Amendment. Attendance improvements may still be counted for bonus points.

For the full report, visit Oklaschools.com.

“Your efforts make the Oklahoma School Report Card possible and ensure that families and communities have the information they need to support student success,” stated OSDE.

# LEGALS

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

CARRINGTON MORTGAGE  
SERVICES, LLC  
Plaintiff,

vs.

VICTOR A OTT, et al.  
Defendant(s)

No: CJ-2025-208  
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA  
TO: Spouse of Barbara J Ott,  
Unknown Successors of Barbara  
J. Ott, Deceased

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 January  
21, 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 Delaware  
County, Oklahoma, to-wit:

Lot Twenty-Three (23), Jackson  
Heights Addition, a subdivision  
in Delaware County, Oklahoma,  
according to the recorded plat  
thereof.

for the sum for:  
Reason:  
Unpaid Principal Balance  
Amount:  
\$70,256.46  
Date of Default  
May 1, 2025  
Interest Due From  
April 1, 2025  
Interest Rate(s)  
3.37500 %  
\*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 14th day of November,

2025.

Delaware County Court Clerk,  
By: Ashlynn Roberson  
DEPUTY COURT CLERK

Don Timberlake - # 9021  
Kim S. Jenkins - # 32809  
Gina D. Knight - # 12996  
Chynna Scruggs - # 32663  
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BT #: 209235-02

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## IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF DELAWARE COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA

JASON GAINES ETZEL, TRACY  
ROCHELLE ETZEL, BRENT  
JACKSON TIPTON, LESLIE  
IVANN TIPTON, JARED LEE  
FUSER, and MINDI JEAN  
FUSER, Plaintiffs,

v.

EVERETTE FRANKLIN MARTIN  
and CARROL ROSS MARTIN,  
deceased, et al., Defendants.

Case No. CV-2025-00165  
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA  
TO: The unknown heirs, executors,  
administrators, devisees, trustees  
and assigns, immediate and  
remote, of Everett Franklin  
Martin, deceased, and Carrol  
Ross Martin, deceased, and all  
other persons claiming any right,  
title, or interest in the following  
described real property:

Lot Three (3), Block Three (3) in  
Leisure Shores, Delaware County,  
Oklahoma  
Property ID: 25N22E-12-0-00427-  
003-0003

You are hereby notified that  
Plaintiffs Jason Gaines Etzel,  
Tracy Rochelle Etzel, Brent  
Jackson Tipton, Leslie Ivann  
Tipton, Jared Lee Fuser, and Mindi  
Jean Fuser have filed a Petition  
in the District Court of Delaware  
County, Oklahoma, Case No.  
CV-2025-00165, claiming title by  
adverse possession to the above-  
described real property.

The Petition alleges that  
Plaintiffs have been in actual,  
open, notorious, exclusive, hostile,  
and continuous possession of said  
property since June 30, 2018, have  
paid all taxes thereon, and have  
made substantial improvements to  
the property.

You are further notified that  
unless you answer the Petition on  
or before January 31, 2026, the  
allegations of said Petition will be  
taken as true and judgment will be  
rendered accordingly, quieting title  
to said property in the Plaintiffs.

Brent Tipton  
Pro Se Plaintiff  
10309 Ashewood Drive  
Oklahoma City, OK 73151  
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## PUBLIC NOTICE OF FILING AN APPLICATION FOR A NEW PERMIT TO SUPPLY RECLAIMED WATER

This is notice that Grand Lake  
Public Works Authority, 27761 S.  
Hwy 125 Afton, OK 74331, has  
filed an application on December  
3, 2025 for a permit to supply  
reclaimed water from a facility  
located at 27761 S Hwy 125 Afton  
OK 74331. The supplied Category  
4 reclaimed water will be used for  
Golf Course Irrigation located at  
24N 23E Sections 4, 5, 8, 9, 16  
in Delaware County OK. If further  
information is needed, please  
contact Grand Lake Public Works  
Authority, 27761 S. Hwy 125,  
Afton OK 74331, (918)257-5833.  
The application may be reviewed  
at the Grand Lake Public Works  
Authority, 27761 S. Hwy 125 Afton,  
OK 74331.

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## DISTRICT COURT OF DELAWARE COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE  
ESTATE OF DON LAVERNE  
BURCHAM, DECEASED

No. PB-2025-104  
NOTICE TO CREDITORS

All persons having claims  
against Don Laverne Burcham,  
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 Michael Burcham, Personal  
Representative of the Estate,  
c/o Randall G. Vaughan, Davis  
& Thompson, PLLC, P.O. Box  
487, Jay, OK 74346, on or before  
the following presentment date:  
February 10, 2026 or the same  
will be forever barred.

DATED this 3rd day of  
December, 2025.

/s/ Randall G. Vaughan  
Randall G. Vaughan,  
OBA #11554  
DAVIS & THOMPSON, PLLC  
Mail P.O. Box 487;  
Physical 314 S. Fifth Street  
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Attorneys for Personal  
Representative

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

In the Matter of the Estate of  
JANA RAY KIMBALL, deceased.

Case No. PB-2025-38  
NOTICE OF HEARING FINAL  
ACCOUNT, PETITION FOR  
DETERMINATION OF HEIRS,  
LEGATEES, AND DEVISEES,  
DECREE OF DISTRIBUTION  
AND DISCHARGE

Notice is hereby given that Kristy  
Lynn Beamish and Kerry Lee Jolly,  
the duly appointed and qualified  
Co-Personal Representatives of  
the Estate of Jana Ray Kimball,  
deceased, have filed in this  
Court a Final Account of the  
administration of said estate and a  
Petition for Determination of Heirs,  
Legatees, and Devisees, Decree  
of Distribution and Discharge;  
hearing of the same has been fixed  
by the Judge of the District Court

of Delaware County, Oklahoma for  
the 30th day of December, 2025,  
at the hour of 1:30 o'clock p.m.,  
at the Courtroom of said Court,  
in the County Courthouse at Jay,  
Delaware County, Oklahoma, and  
all persons interested in  
said estate are notified then and  
there to appear and show cause,  
if any they have, why said Final  
Account should not be settled  
and allowed, heirs, legatees and  
devisees determined, said estate  
distributed and the Co-Personal  
Representatives discharged.

/s/ David Crutchfield  
JUDGE OF THE DISTRICT COURT

LOGAN & LOWRY, LLP  
101 South Wilson Street  
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Attorneys for the Co-Personal  
Representatives

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# PUBLIC AUCTION

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2025**

Address: 59300 E.170 RD. • FAIRLAND, OK 74343

Directions: From the East Side of Fairland, OK @ the Jnct of Hwy 60 & 170 Rd, Turn West on 170 Rd. Go 2/10 mi. Turn Right (N) to Auction Property. Pasture Parking

# STARTS @ 9:36 AM

LIVE ONSITE and ONLINE for  
**LOTS 2-45 @ 11:01 AM**

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Stan Chupp  
(918) 638-1157

Dale Chupp, Realtor  
Coldwell Banker Select  
(918) 630-0495

Jonathan Miller  
(918) 237-7582

**BASS BOAT, TRAVEL TRAILER, POLARIS, PICKUPS, CARS, BUGGY, TRACTOR, IMPLEMENTS, TRAILERS, GENERATOR, WOOD SPLITTER, TOOLS, TOOL BOXES, TACK, FUEL + WATER TANKS, ANTIQUES AND COLLECTIBLES, GRILL AND SMOKER, HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE AND MORE!**

**OWNERS**  
**JAY and VELDA MILLER**  
**MENNO and EDITH EICHER**

Lunch will be served by the Grand Lake Mennonite Church.  
All proceeds will be donated to the medical needs for 2 children in the Community.

**Auctioneer's Note:** The Millers & Eichers are downsizing and selling surplus items not needed. Don't miss this sale! Follow us on Facebook for updates or visit our website for pictures at [www.chuppsauction.com](http://www.chuppsauction.com)

TERMS: Cash – Pay Day of Auction – Most Credit Cards Accepted – Check with Proper ID – Concession NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR ACCIDENTS. ANY ANNOUNCEMENTS DAY OF SALE SUPERSEDES PREVIOUS ADVERTISING.