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## PUBLIC NOTICE

Published in the Nowata Star on Wednesday, January 7, 14, 21, and 28, 2026.

## NOTICE OF AGRICULTURAL LEASE SALE

The Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation is accepting cash bids for six agricultural leases on the Oologah WMA in Rogers and Nowata counties. For additional information on the leases contact the area biologist, Russell Perry at 918-629-2286.

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## NOTICE OF PROPOSED PRESCRIBED BURNS

The Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation will be conducting prescribed burns on portions of the Oologah WMA in Nowata and Rogers counties. The prescribed burns will take place between the dates of January 20<sup>th</sup> and April 1<sup>st</sup>, inclusive. For additional information or a copy of the proposed burn plan contact the area biologist, Russell Perry at 918-629-5286. Burn plans are also on file with the Fire Department in Delavan, Rogers County and the Rogers County Sheriff's Office.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

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## NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

CASE NO. CR-2025-00049P

Notice is given that on the 18th day of February, 2026, at 10:00 o'clock a.m. at the Nowata County Courthouse, 122 N. Main Street, Nowata, OK 74048, the Sheriff of said County will offer for sale and sell with or without bid, for cash, at public auction, to the highest bidder, all certain real property in Nowata County, Oklahoma, to-wit:

THE NINETEEN FEET OF LOT # 9 IN BLOCK 63, CITY OF NOWATA, NOWATA COUNTY, OKLAHOMA, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT OF THE NOWATA CITY OF NOWATA, OKLAHOMA, Property Address: 349 S. Sycamore St., Nowata, OK 74048

Subject to: Unpaid taxes, tax assessed by the Plaintiff for taxes insurance premium and expenses necessary for the preservation of the subject real property, if any, and all prior liens, taxes, and other duly appraised at \$45,000.00. Sale

NOTICE OF FINAL SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that Terri Hamit and Wayne H. Hughes, Jr. Co-Personal Representatives of the Estate of Thad Austin Wickham, deceased, have filed in this Court their petition for determination of the ownership of the deceased, for distribution of the estate, and for discharge, and such matters will be heard in the District Courtroom in the County Courthouse at Nowata, Nowata County, Oklahoma, on the 17th day of February 2026, at 9:00 a.m. of said day, at which time and place the heirs of the deceased, and all persons interested, will be present to appear and show cause, if any, why said administration should not be approved and said Petition granted or denied.

DATED THIS 8<sup>th</sup> day of January 2026.

/s/ Carl Gibson

Judge of the District Court

Todd A. Cone Law Offices

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT IN AND FOR NOWATA COUNTY, OKLAHOMA

In the Matter of the Estate of

MARGARET S. HUGHES, deceased.

Case No. PB-2025-13

NOTICE OF FINAL SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that Terri Hamit and Wayne H. Hughes, Jr. Co-Personal Representatives of the Estate of Margaret S. Hughes, deceased, have filed in this Court their petition for determination of the ownership of the deceased, for distribution of the estate, and for discharge, and such matters will be heard in the District Courtroom in the County Courthouse at Nowata, Nowata County, Oklahoma, on the 17th day of February 2026, at 9:00 a.m. of said day, at which time and place the heirs of the deceased, and all persons interested, will be present to appear and show cause, if any, why said account should not be approved and the Petition granted as

Case No. PB-2025-17

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

All persons having claims against estates of Delwood Curtis Sales, deceased, and Marie Elaine Sales, deceased, are required to present in writing to the Court all their exceptions writing to such return and contest the same. Reference is hereby made to said return for further particulars.

Dated this the 13<sup>th</sup> day of January 2026.

/s/ Carl Gibson

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P.O. Box 1066

Bartlesville, Oklahoma 74005

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## Legals

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

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RESOLUTION NO. 2026-002  
 RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF SOUTH COFFEYVILLE, OKLAHOMA  
 NOWATA COUNTY, OKLAHOMA  
 A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR A VOTE OF THE REGISTERED VOTERS OF THE TOWN OF SOUTH COFFEYVILLE THE QUESTION OF APPROVING AN ADDITIONAL ONE AND ONE-HALF PERCENT (1.5%) SALES/USE TAX FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES, WHEREAS, the Town of South

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Published in the Nowata Star on Wednesday, January 21, 2026.

**BEFORE THE CORPORATION COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA  
COURT NO. 2026-001**

APPLICANT: JEREMY HODGES, DIRECTOR  
 OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION DIVISION  
 OKLAHOMA CORPORATION COMMISSION

RELIEF SOUGHT: AN ORDER TO USE STATE FUNDS AND/OR OTHER FUNDS TO PLUG ONE (1) OIL, GAS, INJECTION, AND/OR DISPOSAL WELL.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Unknown Well No. 2, SW1/NE4/SE4/SE4, Section 17, T28N, R15E, Nowata County, Oklahoma

**NOTICE OF HEARING**

STATE OF OKLAHOMA: To all persons having an interest in the above-described relief.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Application to obtain an order authorizing the use of state funds and/or other funds to plug the above-described wells located at the above-described legal descriptions, and any other relief that the Commission deems appropriate, has been filed at the Oklahoma Corporation Commission and will be heard before an Administrative Law Judge of the Pollution-Enforcement Docket at 8:30 a.m. on February 6, 2026.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the Commission's Oklahoma City office relocated from the Jim Thorpe Office Building to the Will Rogers Memorial Office Building located in the Capitol Complex, 2401 N. Lincoln Blvd., Oklahoma City, OK, 73105. All docket calls and hearings will be conducted in the Courtroom E in the basement of the Will Rogers Memorial Office Building. Should scheduling conflicts for that room arise, the location may be moved to Courtroom F located next to Courtroom E, or the Concourse Theater located in the tunnel between the Will Rogers Memorial Office Building and the Sequoyah Memorial Office Building, and parties will be notified. For any questions regarding the location of the proceedings, you may contact the City Clerk at (405) 521-2234 or email at [okcor@ok.gov](mailto:okcor@ok.gov). The information may also be found on the docket page of the website at <https://oklahoma.gov/occourt/dockets.html>.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that for information concerning this action, interested persons may contact Hannah Lunsford, Telephone number (405) 521-2904, Email: [hannah.lunsford@ok.gov](mailto:hannah.lunsford@ok.gov), Oklahoma Corporation Commission, 2401 N. Lincoln Boulevard, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, 73105.

OKLAHOMA CORPORATION COMMISSION  
 Kim David, Chairman  
 Todd Hiett, Commissioner  
 Brian Bingham, Commissioner  
 Hannah Lunsford, OBA #34533

Coffeyville's emergency the necessity of providing reliable, properly equipped, and adequately funded emergency services for the protection, safety, and welfare of its citizens. WHEREAS, the Town currently requires additional funding to acquire, maintain, and operate essential emergency services equipment, including the Town Fire Department, Emergency Management, and Town Police Department, and operational services for the emergency services functions; and WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Town of South Coffeyville deems

it in the best interest of the Town to in its best interest of the Town to its registered voters, the question of levying an additional one and one-half percent (1.5%) sales and use tax, to be dedicated exclusively to emergency services equipment, Operational Needs, and services.

WHEREAS, the Resolution shall be voted on or after the 7th day, April, 2026, subject to approval of the registered voters of the Town of South Coffeyville voting on the same in the manner prescribed by law and shall terminate the 7th day of April, 2036, or earlier if the voters of the Town of South Coffeyville Council provided all indebtedness payable from such tax has been paid off satisfied.

**NOTICE: THIS PROPOSAL BE IT**

RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of the Town of South Coffeyville, Oklahoma:

1. Electoral Contest: An election shall be held for the registered voters of the Town of South Coffeyville to vote on the proposal to sales tax.

2. Ballot Question:

The following proposition shall be submitted to the voters:

**PROPOSITION:**

Shall the Town of South Coffeyville, Nowata County, Oklahoma, levy and collect an additional sales and use tax of one-half percent (1.5%) sales/use tax upon the sale of goods and services within the Town, said tax to be used exclusively for acquisition and maintenance of emergency services equipment, including the Town Fire Department, Emergency Management, and Town Police Department, and operational services for the emergency services functions for the Town of South Coffeyville.

**FOR THE PROPOSITION - YES  
 AGAINST THE PROPOSITION - NO**

3. Use of Funds: All revenues generated by this additional sales/use tax shall be restricted and dedicated solely to emergency services equipment, including vehicles, protective gear, communications systems, facilities, operational needs, and necessary emergency services operational needs.

4. Effective Date: If approved by a majority of the qualified electors voting on the proposition, the sales/use tax shall take effect on the earliest date permitted by law.

5. Filing and Publication: The Town of South Coffeyville shall publish this resolution as required by law and shall take the ballot question to the appropriate election authorities.

PROPOSED APPROVAL: On this 5th day of January, 2026, by the Board of Trustees of the Town of South Coffeyville, Nowata County, Oklahoma.

/s/ Jerome Gnatke  
 Mayor/Chairman

/s/ Jessica Mansfield  
 Town Clerk

LPXLP

**Across**

1. Bavarian range
5. Baltic port
9. Ultimate principle of the universe
12. Bird's beak
13. Keat's muse
15. Beach cover
16. Actor Bridges
17. Yiddish automation
18. Before mobile or mat
19. Ladder step
20. Asst. prof.
21. Neither male or female
23. Strong, as meat
25. Canary or wren
26. Gaming place
29. Temperance
33. Beast of burden
34. Chinese dynasty
35. Bandeau, for short
36. Retired
37. Choice assignments
38. Persuade
39. Mr. Ziegfeld
40. Bleeds
41. Leonardo's hometown
42. Dwelling house
45. Is impudent
46. Trace
47. Bakery bite
48. I trouble
51. D.C. internet domain
52. Alternative word
56. Harmony
57. Sanskrit term for universal energy
59. Bamboo like grass
60. Filthy stuff
61. Macrame work
62. Appoint
63. 19th of 26
64. Helm position
65. Body cover

**Down**

1. Shortened form, for short
2. Stead
3. Architect's design
4. Lazy one
5. Government in power
6. Ferric
7. Dames
8. Breakfasted
9. Drawn tight
10. Add to the pot
11. Bouquet
14. Kind of bill
15. Mecca man
22. Drop the ball
24. Big whoop
25. Floating barriers
26. Rearward, at sea
27. Currency of Tajikistan
28. Antigone's king
29. Railroad switch
30. Very dark blacks
31. Follow a line
32. Geometry term
34. Held fast
37. Appropriate
38. Vats
41. Vietnam region
43. Kingly decree
44. Bridal title
45. Barbaric
47. 1000 kilograms
48. Being, in philosophy
49. Exercise areas
50. Encumbrance
51. Writer Sheeny
53. Escape hole
54. 18-wheeler
55. Biblical garden
58. Hand woven rug

world's legal systems, in all times, in all places, and in all cultures, have always been contingent upon eyewitness testimony in the arbitration of justice. Historical claims are different. Although eyewitness testimony has its critics, there is no rational reason to believe that eyewitness testimony is corrupt. New Testament Scholar Richard Bauckham is helpful here, noting, "Trusting testimony is not an irrational act of faith that leaves critical rationality aside; it is, on the contrary, the rationally appropriate way of responding to authentic testimony, and the entirely appropriate means to the historical reality of Jesus." How else could we ever know anything from the past?

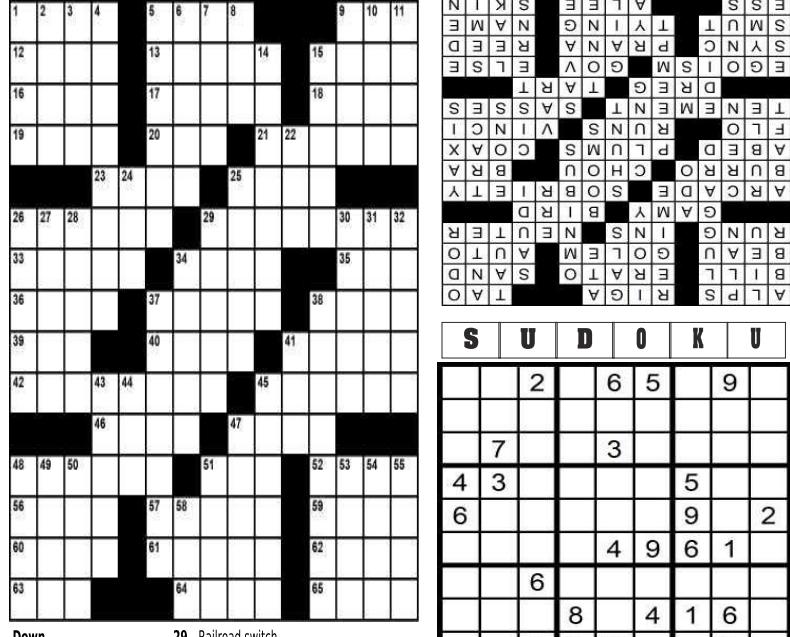
However, modern-day critics of Christianity in general, and atheist Bart Ehrman in particular, argue that the Gospels are not eyewitness accounts but are distorted stories from faulty and failed memories that were not written down until decades later. And even then, the Gospels were written not by eyewitnesses but by anonymous people recording "nineteenth-hand" stories. Unfortunately, Ehrman seems not only to discount the eyewitness testimonies captured in the Gospels wholesale but also to discount key aspects of first-century Middle Eastern oral tradition. Ehrman states, "Traditions in oral cultures do not remain the same over time but change rapidly, repeatedly, and extensively. That is especially important when considering traditions about Jesus in circulation in

the early church, among people who were by and large illiterate, during the first forty to sixty-five years of Christianity, before the Gospels were written."

It turns out that the oral transmission of stories in first-century Palestinian culture was a highly regulated tradition, especially in terms of historical recollections. One reason is that early Christians identified themselves through the words and teachings of Jesus. To corrupt the oral transmission of Jesus stories was to corrupt their own identity. Beyond that, the oral transmission of Jesus stories was viewed as the historical basis of their beliefs and stood as a permanent historical record. Ancient oral culture (still in practice today in many Middle Eastern cultures) allowed for some flexibility in reciting oral histories to allow for the storyteller's style. However, the central truths of the story could not be changed. Consequently, all of the listeners stood as protectors of the accuracy of the main lines of the story. As a result, this type of oral transmission was, and can be repeated over and over again by a multitude of people, and the central story remains unchanged. This means Ehrman's caricature of Middle Eastern oral transmission by his modern, Western eyes as a version of the "Telephone Game" is simply inaccurate.

*Gloria in excelsis Deo!*

By B. Kerley, DMin., is an ordained minister who teaches Christian apologetics and relief preaches in Southern Oklahoma. You can contact him at [drkerley@isGoddad.com](mailto:drkerley@isGoddad.com).

**S U D O K U**

2	6	5	9
7	3		
4	3		5
6		9	2
	4	9	6
6			
8	4	1	6
4	3	9	8

Sudoku uses pure logic and requires no math to solve. It is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the number 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once.

7	1	4	3	9	6	2	8	5
5	2	3	8	7	4	1	6	9
8	9	6	2	5	1	7	3	4
2	8	7	5	4	9	6	1	3
6	5	1	7	8	3	9	4	2
4	3	9	6	1	2	5	7	8
1	7	5	9	3	8	4	2	6
9	6	8	4	2	7	3	5	1
3	4	2	1	6	5	8	9	7