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Alcoholic Beverage Laws Enforcement Commission

Notice Of Intention To Apply For An Alcoholic Beverage License

In accordance with Title 37A, Oklahoma Statutes, Section 2-141, Forge Inc 59801 E Hwy 60 Fairland OK 74343, a/an Limited Liability Company, hereby publishes notice of its intention to apply within sixty days from this date to the Oklahoma Alcoholic Beverage Laws Enforcement Commission for a CMB License under authority of and in compliance with the said Act: That it intend(s), if granted such license to operate as a CMB establishment with business premises located at 27600 S Hwy 125 in Afton, Delaware County, Oklahoma under the business name of Forge.

Dated this 25 day of July, 2026.
/s/ Dale Esh
County of Ottawa, State of Oklahoma.

Before me, the undersigned notary public, personally appeared: Dale Esh to me known to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing application and acknowledged that he executed the same as his free act and deed.

/s/ Kallee Reyes, Notary Public Comm. #23007693
My Commission expires June 5, 2027.

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Karyn Pesich
City Clerk

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

Flint Ridge Property Owners Association, Inc., an Oklahoma Corporation, Plaintiff,

vs.

Keith Dwain Smith and Larissa Smith, husband and wife and the Delaware County Treasurer, Defendants.

Case No. CS-2026-223
Judge Jennifer McAffrey
ALIAS NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 14th day of September, 2026 at 10:00 o'clock a.m., at the front door of the Courthouse at Jay, Delaware County, Oklahoma, the undersigned Sheriff of said County of Delaware will offer for sale and sell for cash at time of sale at public auction to the highest and best bidder, with appraisement, that certain real property situated in Delaware County, Oklahoma, to-wit:

Lot 104, Block 17, Berryhill Area, Flint Ridge No. 4. a subdivision located in Delaware County, State of Oklahoma, according to the recorded plat thereof, TOGETHER with the buildings, improvements, appurtenances, hereditaments and all other rights thereunto appertaining or belonging.

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Sale will be made pursuant to an Order of Sale issued upon a Judgment entered in the District Court of Delaware County, Oklahoma, in Case No. CS-2026-223, in favor of Flint Ridge Property Owners Association, Inc. and against Defendants Keith Dwain Smith and Larissa Smith, husband and wife, in personam and in rem, and all other Defendants, in rem, in the amount of $7,155.00, together with additional assessments accruing from and after July 1st, 2026, penalties, interest, costs and attorney fees in the amount of $4,000.00 together with costs of $779.24 and costs accruing; and a further judgment finding that the lien of Flint Ridge POA is a valid, subsisting first and prior lien upon the real property above described and ordering that if said judgment be not paid, that a Special Execution issue from the office of the Court Clerk, directed to the Sheriff of Delaware County, commanding such Sheriff to levy upon, advertise and sell said real property, with appraisement, as provided by law; and whereas, the judgment in favor of the Plaintiff remains wholly unpaid and the Plaintiff has requested a Special Execution and Order of Sale to issue in accordance with said judgment.

WITNESS my hand this 22nd day of July, 2026.

/s/ Thurman Ray Thomas
Ray Thomas, Sheriff of Delaware County, Oklahoma

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

CAROL A. LINN, Plaintiff,

v.

ERNEST E. SOARD and PHYLLIS J. SOARD, Trustees of THE ERNEST E. SOARD and PHYLLIS J. SOARD REVOCABLE TRUST UTD 07-02-1996, if living, or if either be deceased, their Unknown Successor Trustees, if any, including, VICKI SOARD CLINE, and ERNEST SOARD, JR., Successor Trustees of THE ERNEST E. SOARD and PHYLLIS J. SOARD REVOCABLE TRUST UTD 07-02-1996, Defendants.

Case No. CV-2026-114
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA, TO: ERNEST E. SOARD and PHYLLIS J. SOARD, Trustees of THE ERNEST E. SOARD and PHYLLIS J. SOARD REVOCABLE TRUST UTD 07-02-1996, if living, or if either be deceased, their Unknown Successor Trustees, if any, including, VICKI SOARD CLINE and ERNEST SOARD, JR., named Successor Trustees of THE ERNEST E. SOARD and PHYLLIS J. SOARD REVOCABLE TRUST UTD 07-02-1996;

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that you have been sued in the District Court of Delaware County, State of Oklahoma, in Case No. CV-26-114, by the above-named Plaintiff, wherein the Plaintiff alleges that she is the sole owner of and is in the actual, open, notorious and adverse possession of the following-described real property situated in Delaware County, Oklahoma, to-wit:

Lot 5, Block 2, Iron Horse subdivision, Final Amended Plat, according to the recorded Plat thereof, Delaware County, Oklahoma, subject to restrictions and easements of record, TOGETHER with all and singular the improvements thereon and the appurtenances thereunto belonging ("the subject property").

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that, unless you answer the Plaintiff's Petition on or before September 11, 2026, the allegations contained in said Petition will be taken as true, and a Judgment entered quieting Plaintiff's title in and to the subject property determining that the above-named Defendants, each and all, have no right, title or interest in or to the above-described subject property. You are referred to the Petition on file for more details.

WITNESS my hand this 23rd day of July, 2026.

Karma Sapp, Court Clerk
By: /s/ Amber Dudley
DEPUTY CLERK

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Attorneys for Plaintiff

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING 4 THE LANDINGS MARINA, LLC

The Grand River Dam Authority (GRDA) is in receipt of an application to transfer the existing permit for Wings to Water into the name of 4 The Landings Marina, LLC. The project is located in Delaware County, Oklahoma. The applicant has no plans to modify the existing 8 docks with a total of 123 slips that are located on the property. As part of the application, the applicant is requesting the addition of a 12' X 100' breakwater.

A public meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 25, 2026, at 9:30 AM at GRDA's Ecosystems & Education Center, located at 420 E Hwy 28, Langley OK 74350.

GRDA wishes to solicit comments on this proposed project from all interested individuals and businesses. If you would like to submit written comments or have any questions, please contact Jacklyn Smittle at jacklyn.smittle@grda.com or 918-981-8473.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING AFTON LAND LEASE COMMUNITY, LLC

The Grand River Dam Authority (GRDA) is in receipt of an application to transfer the existing permit for Hudson Bay Resort into the name of Afton Land Lease Community, LLC. The project is located in Delaware County, Oklahoma. The applicant has no plans to modify the existing 4 docks with a total of 8 slips that are located on the property.

A public meeting is scheduled for Friday, August 14, 2026 at 10AM at GRDA's Ecosystems & Education Center, located at 420 E Hwy 28, Langley OK 74350.

GRDA wishes to solicit comments on this proposed project from all interested individuals and businesses. If you would like to submit written comments or have any questions, please contact Jacklyn Smittle at jacklyn.smittle@grda.com or 918-981-8473.

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

In the Matter of the Estate of: JANICE M. BRYANT, deceased.

Case No. PB-2022-70
AMENDED NOTICE OF HEARING FINAL ACCOUNT, PETITION FOR DETERMINATION OF HEIRS, DISTRIBUTION AND DISCHARGE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Andrew T. Doney the duly appointed and qualified Personal Representative of the above captioned estate, has filed in this Court a Final Account, Petition for Determination of Heirs, Distribution and Discharge; said hearing of the same has been fixed by the Judge of the Court for the 24th day of August, 2026, at 2:00 o'clock p.m. at the courtroom of and before the Honorable David Crutchfield, Judge of the District Court in the County Courthouse at Jay, in the County and State aforesaid, and all persons interested in said estate are notified then and there to appear and show cause, if any they have, why said estate should not be distributed and the Personal Representative discharged.

Dated this 30th day of July, 2026.

/s/ David Crutchfield
HONORABLE R. DAVID CRUTCHFIELD
JUDGE OF THE DISTRICT COURT

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

In the Matter of the Estate of SHARON KAY KNUDSON, Deceased.

Case No. PB-2025-45
NOTICE TO CREDITORS

All creditors having claims against Sharon Kay Knudson, 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 estate, to the named personal representative, care of:

Joyce & Graddy, PLLC
515 S. Main St., Suite 300
Tulsa, OK 74103-4489

On or before the presentment date of September 17, 2026, or the same will be non-suited, void and forever barred.

/s/ Kevin B. Joyce
Kevin B. Joyce,
Attorney for the Personal Representative

Filed July 20, 2026
Karma Sapp
Delaware County Court Clerk

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DISTRICT COURT OF DELAWARE COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ALETA SUE RHODES, DECEASED.

No. PB-2026-1
ORDER AND NOTICE OF HEARING PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE'S FINAL REPORT AND PETITION FOR ORDER ALLOWING FINAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTING, DETERMINATION OF HEIRS, FINAL DECREE OF DISTRIBUTION AND DISCHARGE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the duly-appointed and qualified Personal Representative of the above-captioned Estate has filed in this Court a Final Report and Petition for Order Allowing Final Report, Determination of Heirs, Final Decree of Distribution, and Discharge of Personal Representative, and which the Court finds should be set for hearing.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the Personal Representative's Final Report and Petition for Order Approving Final Report, Determination of Heirs, Final Decree of Distribution and Discharge is set for hearing on the 11th day of August, 2026, at the hour of 1:30 p.m. in the Courtroom of the District Court of Delaware County, Oklahoma in the city of Jay, Oklahoma, and that all persons interested in said estate are notified then and there to appear and show cause, if any they have, why such Final Report should not be settled and allowed, heirs determined, the estate distributed, and the Personal Representative discharged. This Order and Notice of hearing shall be given as required by law.

DATED THIS 23rd day of July, 2026.

/s/ David Crutchfield
JUDGE OF THE DISTRICT COURT

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

In the Matter of the Estate of JAMES L. MCGUFFEY, deceased.

Case No. PB-2026-16
NOTICE OF HEARING FINAL ACCOUNT, PETITION FOR DETERMINATION OF HEIRS, LEGATEES, AND DEVISEES, DECREE OF DISTRIBUTION AND DISCHARGE

Notice is hereby given that James Francis McGuffey, the duly appointed and qualified Personal Representative of the Estate of James L. McGuffey, deceased, has 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 8th day of September, 2026, 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 Personal Representative discharged.

/s/ Nicholas Lelecas
JUDGE OF THE DISTRICT COURT

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

In the Matter of the Estate of HELEN STEUBING, deceased.

Case No. PB-2026-59
NOTICE TO CREDITORS

All creditors having claims against FREDDIE F. HUDSON, deceased, are required to present the same, with the description of all security interests and other collateral (if any) held by each creditor with respect to such claim, to the named Personal Representative, Keith Finley, c/o Kay Lyn Beauchamp, P.O. Box 451987, Grove, Oklahoma 74345-1987, on or before the following presentment date: September 30, 2026, or the same will be forever barred.

Dated this 27th day of July, 2026.

KEITH FINLEY,
Personal Representative

By: /s/ Kay Lyn Beauchamp
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IN AND FOR THE DISTRICT COURT OF DELAWARE COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA

In the Matter of the Estate of MICHAEL E. LAWRENCE, deceased.

Case No. PB-2026-65
NOTICE TO CREDITORS

All creditors having claims against MICHAEL E. LAWRENCE, deceased, are required to present the same, with the description of all security interests and other collateral (if any) held by each creditor with respect to such claim, to the named Personal Representative, Amanda E. Handle, c/o Kay Lyn Beauchamp, P.O. Box 451987, Grove, Oklahoma 74345-1987, on or before the following presentment date: September 30, 2026, or the same will be forever barred.

Dated this 27th day of July, 2026.

AMANDA E. HANDLE,
Personal Representative

By: /s/ Kay Lyn Beauchamp
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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF DELAWARE COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF HELEN STEUBING, DECEASED.

Case No. PB-2026-70
NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To the Creditors of Helen Steubing, Deceased:

All creditors having claims against Helen Steubing, 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 Ronald Steubing, Personal Representative, at the law offices of Harp Law 33 W. Third Street, Grove, OK 74344, addressed to Bryce P. Harp, attorney for the Personal Representative, on or before the following presentment date: September 19, 2026, or the same will be forever barred.

DATED this 14 day of July, 2026.

/s/ Ronald Steubing
Ronald Steubing
Personal Representative

Prepared by:
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IN THE DISTRICT COURT WITHIN AND FOR DELAWARE COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JOHNNY M.

PLEASE SEE **LEGALS** *PG 7*

House leadership blocks hearing on controversial proposed Inola smelter project

State Rep. Tom Gann (R-Inola) condemned Oklahoma State House leadership Tuesday, July 28, for rejecting three key interim-study requests, including a proposed hearing on the controversial Inola aluminum smelter, as well as the ongoing rollout of automated AI surveillance technology, and a study on reforming the rules governing House activity and conduct.

Gann also said House officials prevented the House press office from distributing his public statement criticizing the denials. Members ordinarily submit news releases through the taxpayer-funded office for distribution to news organizations and publication on the House website.

"This is censorship, plain and simple," Gann said. "House leadership first used its power to prevent an elected representative from studying matters of enormous public importance. It then used its control of a taxpayer-funded press office to suppress criticism of that decision. That is an abuse of institutional power, and it shows a disregard for the people, the free press, and the principles of open and free discussion of policy."

Gann said House Speaker Kyle Hilbert told him the three requests were denied because the topics had been discussed previously. Gann said that Hilbert's explanation ignores significant new developments and misunderstands the purpose of interim studies.

"An issue does not cease to exist merely because it has been discussed before," Gann said. "When the facts change, the law changes, or new threats emerge, legislators have a responsibility to continue asking questions. Otherwise, interim studies become a privilege granted only to members and subjects approved by leadership."

Hilbert rejected Gann's request to examine the latest revelations related to the proposed $4 billion smelter in Inola, an issue that is dominating the dialogue of the 2026 gubernatorial election.

A massive state subsidy for the project was passed in 2025 after the proposal was first filed over a weekend and rushed through the House with final consideration by Tuesday, July 28. The state attorney general has since filed a lawsuit seeking to stop the project, citing environmental and public-health concerns.

Gann said residents have organized in opposition, local officials have faced demands for a moratorium, and citizen-led petition efforts have been launched. A joint committee of the Muscogee Nation National Council also recently advanced a resolution opposing the construction and operation of an aluminum smelter on the Nation's reservation lands. The committee approved the resolution 9-0 after its authors warned of the potential for "generational environmental trauma."

"This proposal implicates public health, agriculture, tribal interests, national security, foreign control of critical infrastructure, and hundreds of millions of taxpayer dollars," Gann said. "Regardless of whether a legislator ultimately supports or opposes the project, the people of Oklahoma deserve a public examination of the facts before state policy officials follow through with a decision of this magnitude."

Hilbert also refused to allow a public hearing on the continued rollout of automated license plate readers, commonly known as ALPRs, and the increasingly large databases recording the movements of motorists who are not suspected of committing a crime.

Gann previously led interim studies on ALPR technology, but he said important legal and technological developments have occurred since those hearings.

On June 29, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in Chatrie v. United States that law enforcement conducts a Fourth Amendment search when it accesses a person's historical cellphone-location information, even when the information covers a limited period and is maintained by a private technology company.

The case involved a geofence warrant rather than license plate readers. The Supreme Court did not expressly rule on ALPR systems. However, civil-liberties attorneys, including attorneys with the Institute for Justice, have said the court's reasoning could have significant implications for litigation over warrantless searches of ALPR databases.

"A major Supreme Court decision involving government access to privately maintained location data is exactly the kind of development that warrants additional legislative study," Gann said. "If a new ruling with nationwide implications is not sufficient justification to revisit Oklahoma's mass-surveillance policies, it is difficult to imagine what would be."

In previous hearings, Gann has demonstrated that the devices are not specifically authorized by state law, and he believes the continued refusals of public safety authorities to operate within the constraints of legal authorization greatly diminish the standing of these officials in the public's perception of their commitment to following the law, and thus their moral authority to enforce it. Essentially, as a requirement of enforcing the law, they must first abide by it, he said.

Finally, in what Gann calls the ultimate irony, a third requested study would have examined whether the parliamentary rules of the Oklahoma House allow all 101 elected representatives to meaningfully represent their constituents.

Gann said the current rules concentrate authority in a small group of leaders and limit the ability of individual representatives to offer motions, obtain recorded votes, challenge leadership decisions, and place issues before the full House.

"The denial of this study demonstrates the very problem the study was intended to examine," Gann said. "The rules concentrate power in leadership, and then that same leadership structure prevents members from publicly studying whether too much power has been concentrated in leadership. It is a system designed to protect itself from scrutiny."

House leadership has described interim studies as an important legislative tool that allows lawmakers to gather information, evaluate policy proposals, and question experts before legislation is considered. Gann said that tool loses its value when leadership determines which elected representatives may use it and which questions may be asked.

"The people did not elect 101 representatives merely to provide 101 votes for decisions made by a few," Gann said. "They elected us to investigate



government, debate policy, ask difficult questions, and carry the voices of our districts into the Capitol."

An interim study does not enact a law or commit the state to a particular policy. It provides a public forum in which lawmakers can gather evidence, hear competing viewpoints, and consider whether legislation is needed.

Gann said the rejection of the studies and the effort to prevent his response from being distributed will not end his examination of the issues.

"If House leadership will not provide a committee room in which these matters can be examined, and if it will not allow the House press office to tell the public that the requests were denied, then I will take the facts directly to the people of Oklahoma," Gann said. "These questions do not become less important because leadership refuses to place them on an agenda or allow them into an official news release."

Gann urged Oklahomans to ask their representatives whether they supported the current House rules and whether they believe leadership should possess the power to prevent individual members from studying issues affecting their constituents.

"The people deserve answers," Gann said. "They also deserve legislators who are not afraid to ask the questions."

Nine charged in scheme to take donations meant for children in crisis

After an investigation by Oklahoma Attorney General Gentner Drummond's office, nine people have been charged in connection with an embezzlement scheme at OKCity Crisis Nursery.

The investigation found that Jennifer Lynn Roberts, 43, the nonprofit's founder and executive director, embezzled more than $50,000 in charitable donations for personal use. According to Drummond, that spending included cosmetic procedures, salon visits, a gym membership, clothing, and vacations. Investigators also found Roberts moved more than $200,000 in funds to other charged individuals through Venmo and Cash App.

"Oklahomans open their wallets to organizations like this because they believe they're helping children, not funding someone's lifestyle," Drummond said. "When a person exploits that trust and turns a charity into a personal slush fund, my office won't look the other way when vulnerable kids are used as cover for personal greed."

Roberts faces a felony racketeering charge under the Oklahoma Racketeer-Influenced Corrupt Organization (RICO) Act, in addition to embezzlement, charitable solicitation fraud, false preparation of exhibits as evidence, and multiple counts of receiving unlawful proceeds and endeavoring to distribute a controlled substance. The other eight defendants and their charges are:

- Kaleb Roberts — Embezzlement
- Myra Hargrove — Embezzlement
- Chelsea Fowler — Embezzlement; Accessory after the fact for allegedly creating a fake board of directors to help Jennifer Roberts evade prosecution
- Tyler Maness — False preparation of exhibits as evidence, for allegedly falsifying community service records used in an unrelated court case
- Lauren Langley — Receiving unlawful proceeds
- Avery Parker — Receiving unlawful proceeds (two counts), including a vehicle allegedly purchased with Crisis Nursery funds for personal use
- Noel Crow — Receiving unlawful proceeds, tied to the same vehicle purchase
- Christopher Roberts — Endeavoring to distribute a controlled substance

According to charging documents, Roberts founded the nursery in 2018 to help children in crisis situations and served as its sole authorized signer on its bank, Cash App, PayPal, and Venmo accounts. Investigators say she continued soliciting tax-deductible donations after the nursery's IRS tax-exempt status was revoked in 2024, and that she and others used nursery funds to obtain controlled substances, including Norco, from family members and other contacts.

Eight people are in custody. Roberts and the eight co-defendants are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

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STONECIPHER, Deceased

Case No. PB-2026-82

NOTICE AND ORDER FOR HEARING PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION; APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR; DETERMINATION OF HEIRS; AND ISSUANCE OF LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION

Notice is hereby given to all persons interested in the Estate of JOHNNY M. STONECIPHER, Deceased, that on the 23 day of July, 2026, JOHNITA LEA STONECIPHER filed in the District Court of Delaware County, Oklahoma, a Petition praying that Letters Testamentary be issued thereon to JOHNITA LEA STONECIPHER, and requesting that the Court determine the identity of all heirs, devisees and legatees.

Pursuant to an Order of said Court made on the 23 day of July, 2026, notice is hereby given that on the 25 day of August, 2026, at the hour of 1:30 o'clock p.m. of said day has been appointed as the time of hearing said Petition at District Courtroom No. #2 in the Courthouse located at 327 South 5th Street, in the City of Jay, County of Delaware, State of Oklahoma, when and where all persons interested may appear and contest the same.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of said Court this 23 day of July, 2026.

/s/ David Crutchfield
DISTRICT COURT JUDGE

By: _____
Deputy Court Clerk

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DISTRICT COURT OF DELAWARE COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF CHARLOTTE ROSS, DECEASED.

PB-2026-84
ORDER AND NOTICE FOR HEARING PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL, APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE, DETERMINATION OF HEIRS, LEGATEES AND DEVISEES, AND ISSUANCE OF LETTERS TESTAMENTARY

NOW on this 28th day of July, 2026, there having been filed in this Court an instrument purporting to be the Last Will and Testament of Charlotte Ross, Deceased with a Petition alleging that the instrument be admitted to probate, that Letters Testamentary issue to the Petitioner, Michael Ross, appointing him as Personal Representative of the Estate of Charlotte Ross, and that the heirs, legatees and devisees of the Decedent be judicially determined. The original Will is attached to the Petition.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the Petition is set for hearing on August 17, 2026 at 1:00 p.m. in the District Court of Delaware County, Jay, Oklahoma, when and where all persons interested in the Estate may appear and show cause if any why the relief requested in the Petition should not be granted. Notice of the hearing shall be given by mailing a copy of the Order and Notice of Hearing to the heirs, legatees and devisees of the Decedent, postage prepaid, at their last known place of residence, not less than 10 days prior to the date set for hearing, and by publication, as required by law.

/s/ David Crutchfield
JUDGE OF THE DISTRICT COURT

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF WILLIAM JAMES MARLAR JR, Deceased

Case No. PB-2026-86

NOTICE AND ORDER FOR HEARING PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION; APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR; DETERMINATION OF HEIRS; AND ISSUANCE OF LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION

Notice is hereby given to all persons interested in the Estate of WILLIAM JAMES MARLAR JR, Deceased, that on the 30th day of July, 2026, KAITLYN NICOLE MARLAR filed in the District Court of Delaware County, Oklahoma, a Petition praying that Letters Testamentary be issued thereon to KAITLYN NICOLE MARLAR, and requesting that the Court determine the identity of all heirs, devisees and legatees.

Pursuant to an Order of said Court made on the 30th day of July, 2026, notice is hereby given that on the 17th day of August, 2026, at the hour of 1:00 o'clock p.m. of said day has been appointed as the time of hearing said Petition at District Courtroom No. #2 in the Courthouse located at 327 South 5th Street, in the City of Jay, County of Delaware, State of Oklahoma, when and where all persons interested may appear and contest the same.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of said Court this 30th day of July, 2026.

/s/ David Crutchfield
DISTRICT COURT JUDGE

By: /s/ Dollie Roberts
Deputy Court Clerk

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