

OTTAWA COUNTY COURT REPORT

Marriages

Jimmy Charles Beeler II and Kaela Corrine Swope-Smith
Craig Alan Blankenship and Jennifer Rae Bradley
Jacob Lloyd Marchant and Tonmi Jo Boomershine
Cody Wayne Simmons and Penny Renea Brown
Dylan Cyle Frazier and Ashley Dawn Burdige
Earl Frank Crew III and Krista Lyn Pierce
John Doe and Jane Doe
Kenneth Ray Pollard III and Blanca Marbelis Hickman
Cody James Kesinger and Kassandra Marie Messerly
Travis Eugene Pritchett and Karen Kay Lamb
Walker Levi Lutes and Kayla Renee Paxson
Christopher Edwin Williams and Kayla Renee Palmer
Colton Enrique Silva and Micah Renae Tunnell

Divorces

Joanna Elizabeth De Leon vs. Israel De Leon
Latisha Marie Mitchell vs. Dennis Raymond Mitchell Jr.

Protective Orders

Abigail Marie Clements et al vs. Dakota Justice Severs
Alexis Paige Nelson et al vs. Coleman Joseph Bahrke
Jennifer M. Brock vs. Israel Zane Keener
Brittany Sylvia Brooks vs. Rex Junior Burtrum

Misdemeanors

State of Oklahoma vs. Beau H. Garrett for operate a vehicle without a valid driver's license
State of Oklahoma vs. Lucas W. Holland vs. failure to maintain insurance or security
State of Oklahoma vs. David Lee Jackson for driving under the influence
State of Oklahoma vs. Jaynar Joseph for domestic abuse – assault and battery
State of Oklahoma vs. Ralph L. Kelley for driving without a valid driver's license
State of Oklahoma vs. Raymond Lewis Lewis III for possession of controlled dangerous substance – methamphetamine
State of Oklahoma vs. Cody Jackson Lindsey for domestic assault and battery in the presence of a minor
State of Oklahoma vs. Nickole Ann Mahurin for assault and battery
State of Oklahoma vs. Dennis Ray Rakestraw for operate vehicle without a valid driver's license
State of Oklahoma vs. Ashley Sullivan for larceny of merchandise from retailer
State of Oklahoma vs. Toby Lynn Tyler for neglect or refusal to compel child to attend school
State of Oklahoma vs. Brian Lee Waits for possession of controlled dangerous substance – marijuana
State of Oklahoma vs. Daniel Robert Ward for failure to maintain insurance or security

Felonies

State of Oklahoma vs. Joshua Michael Brumley for burglary in the second degree
State of Oklahoma vs. Braiden Henry Fahnestock for possession of contraband in a penal institution or jail
State of Oklahoma vs. Ryan Anthony Hall for false making of credit card
State of Oklahoma vs. Tallen Kamunro for child endangerment by driving under the influence – methamphetamine, after former conviction of felony
State of Oklahoma vs. Patrick McCurley for possession of controlled dangerous substance – methamphetamine, after former conviction of felony
State of Oklahoma vs. Christopher Joseph Prater for stalking

Early-elementary reading improvements proposed in Oklahoma READS Act

Rep. Rob Hall (R-Tulsa) and Sen. Michael Bergstrom (R-Adair) have filed legislation to address Oklahoma's reading crisis. Hall introduced the Oklahoma Reading Excellence through Accountability, Development, and Standards (READS) Act in House Bill 2944, while Bergstrom filed mirror legislation, Senate Bill 1271.

"Reading is the foundation on which all other learning rests," Hall said. "If we do not ensure students have sufficient reading skills by third grade, we are hampering their ability to achieve academically. This could ultimately lead to fewer opportunities for them in the workforce and their careers."

The measures introduce early intervention for K-3rd students who have a reading deficiency, re-implement the policy of retaining third graders who do not read on grade level, and assign literacy coaches to districts with low reading scores.

"Oklahoma is failing our children. By almost every metric, our state is facing a literacy crisis, and it is our kids and our grandkids who are going to suffer," Bergstrom said. "On top of that, this could severely hamper our state's ability to compete and prosper."

The changes are modeled after Mississippi's Literacy-Based Promotion Act (LBPA), approved in 2013. Since the implementation of the LBPA, Mississippi has climbed from 49th to ninth for fourth grade reading, as measured by the National Assessment of Educational Progress.

"The reforms we are proposing have a proven track record of success. In fact, the groundwork was laid down in the Strong Reader's Act," Bergstrom said.

"However, if we want to see significant progress, we must pass these changes and stick to them. Oklahoma cannot afford another decade of illiteracy."

The Oklahoma READS Act would increase opportunities to screen public school children in kindergarten and first, second and third grades for reading deficiencies throughout the school year.

Additionally, the measure would require that if a student's reading performance is not on grade-level, the student will remain in the third grade, beginning in the 2027-2028 school year. Under the bill, those students will be provided intensive intervention services. The legislation does include specific "good-cause" exemptions under which a school district may promote a student to fourth grade, including students with individualized education programs (IEPs) and English language learners who have had less than two years of instruction.

The Oklahoma READS Act also requires the State Dept. of Education (SDE) to employ and assign literacy coaches to districts identified by SDE as having many students who received low reading assessment scores.

"We have an opportunity for serious gains in childhood literacy," Hall said. "Reforms and results in other states have shown that widespread illiteracy is a policy choice. We must make the necessary policy changes here in Oklahoma to put our students on a trajectory of success."

The Oklahoma READS Act is eligible for consideration during the upcoming legislative session, which begins Feb. 2, 2026.

LEGALS

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD FOR THE 2026-2025 STATEWIDE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM.
The Oklahoma Department of Transportation is seeking public comment on the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) for federal fiscal years 2026 through 2029. The full proposed FFY 2026-2029 STIP can be viewed online at www.ODOT.org by clicking the Programs and Projects tab and then clicking Transportation Programs. Comments can be submitted using the comment form on the website. Comments will be accepted through Thursday, January 8, 2026. LPXLP

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT IN AND FOR OTTAWA COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA
In the Matter of the Estate of CORINNE R. SMITH, Deceased
Case No. PB-2020-33 NOTICE OF HEARING PETITION FOR ORDER DETERMINING HEIRSHIP, DISTRIBUTION AND DISCHARGE

NOTICE is hereby given that Corinne R. Nelson, Personal Representative of the Estate of Corinne R. Smith, Deceased, have filed in this Court her Petition for an order determining heirs, determining distribution and discharge of the Personal Representative.

Notice is further given that the hearing on the same is hereby fixed by the undersigned Judge of said Court for the 8th day of January, 2026 at the hour of 9:30 a.m. in the Ottawa County Courthouse in Miami, Oklahoma, and all persons interested in said estate are then and there to appear and show cause, if any they have, why such Petition should not be settled and allowed, the heirs of Corinne R. Smith, deceased be determined, the assets of the estate distributed and the Personal Representative thereupon discharged.

DATED this 17 day of December, 2025.

/s/ R. Matt Whalen
Judge of the District Court

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

In the Matter of the Estate of ARCHIE JAMES ROWDEN, Deceased

Case No. PB-2025-52 ALIAS NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TO: The Creditors of Archie James Rowden, Deceased

All persons having claims against Archie James Rowden, 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 the named Personal Representative at the law office of John W. Thomas, Attorney at Law, 207 East Central, Miami, Oklahoma 74354, on or before the following presentment date: February 12, 2026, or the same will be forever barred.

DATED this 10th day of December, 2025.

/s/ Trinity Blizzard
Trinity Blizzard, Personal Representative

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

In the Matter of the Estate of ROBERT WHITEBIRD, III, Deceased

Case No. PB-2025-57 NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TO: The Creditors of Robert Whitebird, III, Deceased

All persons having claims against Robert Whitebird, III, 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 the named Personal Representative at the law office of John W. Thomas, Attorney at Law, 207 East Central, Miami, Oklahoma 74354, on or before the following presentment date:

February 20, 2026, or the same will be forever barred.

DATED this 18th day of December, 2025.

/s/ Rayvin Whitebird
Rayvin Whitebird, Personal Representative

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

In the Matter of the Estate of CHARLOTTE FELICIA HOFFMAN, a/k/a Charlotte F. Hoffman, a/k/a Charlotte Hoffman, Deceased

Case No. PB-2025-58 NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TO: The Creditors of CHARLOTTE FELICIA HOFFMAN, Deceased

All persons having claims against Charlotte Felicia Hoffman, 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 the named Personal Representative at the law office of John W. Thomas, Attorney at Law, 207 East Central, Miami, Oklahoma 74354, on or before the following presentment date: February 20, 2026, or the same will be forever barred.

DATED this 18th day of December, 2025.

/s/ Joseph J. Tyner
Joseph J. Tyner, Personal Representative

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THE DISTRICT COURT IN AND FOR OTTAWA COUNTY

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

In the Matter of the Estate of CARIE FISHER, Deceased

Case No. PB-2025-63 NOTICE OF HEARING PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

TO THE HEIRS, NEXT OF KIN AND CREDITORS OF: CARIE FISHER

NOTICE is hereby given to all persons interested in the Estate of Carie Fisher, that on the 16th day of December, 2025, Samantha Hendricks produced and filed in the District Court of Ottawa County and State of Oklahoma, an instrument in writing purporting to be the Last Will and Testament of Carie Fisher, Deceased, and also filed in said Court her petition praying for the probate of said Will, and that Letters Testamentary be issued thereon to Samantha Hendricks as the Personal Representative and the Court determine the heirs, devisee and legatee of Carie Fisher, Deceased.

THAT said Petition will be heard at the courtroom of said Court in the City of Miami, in said County on the 8th day of January, 2026 at the hour of 9:30 o'clock a.m. when and where all persons interested may appear and show cause, if any they have, why such petition should not be granted.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of said Court here unto affixed this 16th day of December, 2025.

/s/ R. Matt Whalen
Judge of the District Court

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CALL FOR A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE SENECA-CAYUGA NATION GENERAL COUNCIL TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY, January 10, 2025

In accordance with ARTICLE III – MEETINGS AND SPECIAL MEETINGS Section 2 of the By-Laws to the Constitution of the Seneca-Cayuga Nation, and having received required amount of written requests, I Charles Diebold, Chief do hereby call a special meeting of the General Council to be conducted on Saturday, January 10, 2026 as requested. The special meeting of

the General Council shall be held in the Nation Community Building located at 24805 South 660 Road, Grove, Oklahoma. The special meeting will begin at 10:00 AM.

The principal object of the special meeting is for the General Council to address General Council Resolution# 01 -060708, #01 -060207 with respect to the ambiguous, outdated and misinterpretation of said resolutions pertaining to elections and for the transaction of other business that may be presented.

AGENDA
I. Call to Order
II. Prayer
III. Declaration of Quorum
IV. Approval of Minutes 2025 Annual Meeting
V. Unfinished Business
a. Ad-Hoc Committee - Motion#2 from 2024 GC meeting, all job/contingent employees shall be subject to vetting and a background check.
VI. New Business
a. Rescind Resolution# 01 -060708
b. Rescind Resolution# 01 -060207
c. Other business as presented
VII. Adjournment

/s/ Charles Diebold
Chief Seneca-Cayuga Nation

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