

# 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 Tommi Jo Boomershine  
 Cody Wayne Simmons and Penny Renee Brown  
 Dylan Cyle Frazier and Asley Dawn Burdge  
 Earl Frank Crow 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. Jaynor 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 Kamuno 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 Education 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 2026-2029 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 2026-2029 STIP can be viewed online at [www.ostp.state.ok.us](http://www.ostp.state.ok.us) under 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.

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

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 Attorneys for Plaintiff

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JOE A. DOTTREICH, SPOUSE,  
 IF ANY, OF JOE A. DOTTREICH,  
 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
 EX REL SECRETARY OF  
 VETERANS AFFAIRS;  
 OCCUPANT(S) OF THE  
 PREMISES, Defendants.

**CASE NO. CJ-25-30  
 NOTICE OF HEARING TO  
 CONFIRM SHERIFF'S SALE**

PLEASE ADVISE that the Plaintiff in the above-captioned matter seeks the Court's confirmation of the Sheriff's sale of the following described real property:

THE SOUTH 50 FEET OF LOT  
 2 IN BLOCK 8, IN MOIWILLAMS  
 ADDITION TO THE CITY OF  
 MIAMI, OTTAWA COUNTY,  
 OKLAHOMA, ACCORDING  
 TO THE RECORDED PLAT  
 THEREOF.

Common Address: 423 G St NE,  
 Miami, OK 74354  
 The Sheriff's sale was duly conducted on December 3, 2025. A hearing for the confirmation of this sale has been scheduled to occur at the Ottawa County Courthouse on the 21st day of January, 2026, at 10:00 a.m.

At said hearing, Plaintiff will request this Court to issue an Order directing the Sheriff to execute a deed for the above-described property in favor of PLAINTIFF.

Respectfully submitted,  
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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  
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**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 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

John W. Thomas, OBA #22445

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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 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 10, 2026, or the same

will be forever barred.

DATED this 18th day of

December, 2025.

/s/ Joseph J. Tyner

Personal Representative

John W. Thomas, OBA #22445

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

In the Matter of the Estate of  
 CARRIE FISHER, Deceased

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

TO: The Heirs, Next of Kin  
 And Creditors of: CARRIE  
 FISHER

NOTICE is hereby given

to all persons interested

in the Estate of Carrie Fisher,

Deceased, that on the

16th day of January, 2025,

the Court will hear the

Petition for Probate of the

Will of Carrie Fisher,

Deceased, and the Court

will then determine the

probate of said Will.

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**STATE OF OKLAHOMA**

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

DATED this 18th day of  
 December, 2025.

/s/ Raylyn Whitebird  
 Raylyn Whitebird, Personal  
 Representative

John W. Thomas, OBA #22445

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**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 inconsistent language  
 and resolutions pertaining to elections  
 and for the transaction of other  
 business that may be presented.**

## AGENDA

I. Call to Order

II. Prayer

III. Approval of Quorum

IV. Approval of Minutes 2025

Annual Meeting

V. Unfinished Business

a. Ad-Hoc Committee - Motion#2

from 2024 GC meeting, all job/

contracting candidates shall

be subject to vetting and a

background check.

VI. New Business

a. 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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MEETING OF THE SENECACAYUGA NATION GENERAL COUNCIL TO BE HELD SATURDAY, January 10, 2025

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