What Oklahomans can hope for the future of SNAP benefits and nutrition programs

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Oklahoma lawmakers conducting an interim study say the most recent certified State Food Assistance Programs (SNAP) payment error rate is 11.04 %, and the future of SNAP and the need to expand accessibility for nutrition programs call for more discussion.

Members of the House Appropriations and Budget – Human Services Committee said during a recent hearing that the study is designed as an opportunity to improve challenges within SNAP and discuss long-term solutions for improving nutritious food access in homes and schools.

Alexina Cather, director of policy and communications for Wellness in Schools, discussed the impact of school meal programs.

"Meal quality isn't a side issue," Cather said, emphasizing the need to find a solution for food insecurity. Research presented through the study indicates that healthier school meals could improve public health outcomes.

According to Hunger Free Oklahoma, more than one in four Oklahoma children experience food insecurity and nearly 70% of public school students qualify for free or reduced-priced meals.

The study also explored statewide programs featuring home-delivered meals, specifically tailored for older adults and people with disabilities or worsened health conditions. Committee members said the program could help people remain in their homes and potentially improve their health outcomes.

Tara Seales, director of business development for Mom's Meals, a private business, said she delivered more than 630,000 meals in Oklahoma during the past year, providing assistance to more than 8,500 clients across the state.

Also attending the hearing was Jeff Barteau, CEO of Homestyle Direct, a national company that provides home-delivered meals, said meals eaten a home are critical.

"For an older or disabled Oklahoman living alone, the inability to prepare reliable, appropriate meals is often the first thing that makes their home unsafe," Barteau said.

Barteu said home-delivered meals can help provide relief for food insecurity as well as supporting people who want to remain in their homes, rather than being placed in institutional care.

Jeffrey Cartmell, director of the Oklahoma Department of Human Services, said the agency prevented more than $5 million in erroneous SNAP benefit payments over the past year by increasing employee training.



Oklahoma lawmakers dive deeper into how Oklahoma can provide better access to SNAP benefits.

Cartmell also said he expects that 11.04 percent SNAP error rate to go down when it's next calculated.

Sara Marlow Fulks, advocacy and public policy officer for Food Bank of Eastern Oklahoma, said "SNAP truly is the first line of defense when it comes to serving food insecurity. It's the most dignifiable way to serve our food-insecure neighbors."

Marlow said Oklahoma's two food banks served more than 2 million meals during the summer of 2026.

Some people who receive SNAP benefits, primarily able-bodied adults within a certain age range, are required to engage in 80 hours a month of paid or unpaid work or participate in a work program. National studies have shown that enrollment in SNAP is down since the One Big Beautiful Bill Act mandating the work requirement was passed in 2025.

Lawmakers say the legislative study could help improve the enrollment decline for SNAP benefits and lead to additional funding to give more families access to SNAP benefits and food assistance programs.

DELAWARE COUNTY COURT REPORT

Divorces

Jill Jolene Carbajal vs. Anthony Campos Carbajal
Stephanie Anne Espitia vs. Clemente Martinez-Espitia
Anthony N.E. Goedereis vs. Lauren Goedereis
Douglas D. Moore vs. Doris E. Moore
Lucinda Joy Nixon vs. Brent Edward Nixon
Samantha Post vs. Craig A. Post
Debbie Sue Thomas vs. Jack Dean Thomas

Protective Orders

Adriane Sanders et al vs. Josh Blevins et al
Tawny Michelle Wright vs. William Chaney Matthews
Ashely Dawn Moorman vs. Ryan Michael Moorman

Misdemeanors

State of Oklahoma vs. Tucker O. Barber for minor in possession of alcohol
State of Oklahoma vs. Joshua E. Demitro for public intoxication
State of Oklahoma vs. Caiden Troy Jones for reckless driving
State of Oklahoma vs. Thomas Leon Maute for reckless conduct with firearm
State of Oklahoma vs. Antonio Montes De Oca for minor in possession of alcohol
State of Oklahoma vs. Jeremy Lee Olmstead for public intoxication and disturbing the peace
State of Oklahoma vs. Stone Franklin Taylor for possession of alcohol by person under 21

Felonies

State of Oklahoma vs. John Garland Dempsey for home repair fraud
State of Oklahoma vs. Lauria Shirley Rayann Farrar for knowingly receiving/concealing stolen property
State of Oklahoma vs. James Dewayne Luper for aggravated driving a motor vehicle while under the influence
State of Oklahoma vs. Gary Zulel for domestic assault, battery, or assault and battery with a dangerous weapon

LEGALS

SOLICITATION TO BID

Date: November 4, 2026

Project: Kansas Public Schools Restroom Building Remodel

Sealed proposals will be received by Kansas Public Schools at the Superintendent's office located at 700 N. Woods Ave., Kansas, OK 74347 (this is also the mailing address), until 10:00am, on December 2, 2026 for furnishing all labor and materials for the project as shown on the drawings and specifications.

Bids received more than ninety-six (96) hours, excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays before time set for opening bids, as well as bids received after time set for opening bids, will not be considered and will be returned unopened. PLEASE MARK THE ENVELOPE: "BID FOR KANSAS PUBLIC SCHOOLS RESTROOM BUILDING REMODEL; DELIVER TO MR. STEELE". The bids will be opened publicly.

A pre-bid conference will be held on site on November 11, 2026 at 10:00am. The pre-bid meeting will be held at the project location, located at the jobsite, at 275 Main St., Kansas, OK 74347. Attendance at the pre-bid meeting is non-mandatory for any general contractor wishing to submit a bid on the project.

The architect for this project is:

Michael Allen Riley Architecture, PLLC
28899 Brookenhill Road
Shady Point, OK 74956
918-839-6032
mrileyarch@gmail.com

Interested bidders may obtain PDF files of all bid documents by emailing Jaclyn at jrileyarch@gmail.com.

Additionally, complete sets of the Drawings, Project Manual, and other Bidding Documents may be obtained by bidders at the plan rooms listed below:

Southwest Construction News
5031 South 33rd West Ave, Suite 210
Tulsa, OK 74107
(918) 493-5066

A cashier's check, certified check, or surety bond in amount of five percent (5%) of the bid shall accompany the sealed proposal of each bidder, for all bids over $100,000, or as otherwise applicable by State Law. Checks or surety bonds will be returned to unsuccessful bidders. No bidder may withdraw his bid for a period of forty-five (45) days after bid opening date. The owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive any informalities.

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF DELAWARE COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA

In re the Marriage of:
Kimberly Kay Folk aka Kimberly Kay Burris, Petitioner
and
James Raymond Folk,
Respondent.

Case No. FD-26-163
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA TO: James Raymond Folk (Respondent), whose whereabouts are unknown.

You are hereby notified that Kimberly K Folk aka K K Burris, Petitioner, has filed a Petition for Dissolution of Marriage against you in the District Court of Delaware County, Oklahoma, Case No. FD-26-163, on the ground of incompatibility. You must answer the Petition on or before the 20th day of November, 2026, or the Petition will be taken as true and a Decree of Dissolution of Marriage will be entered against you, dissolving the marriage, and dividing property described as: fair and equitable division (if any).

WITNESS my hand and seal this 6 day of November, 2026.

Karma Sapp
Court Clerk
By: /s/ Dollie Roberts
(SEAL)

Petitioner, pro se:
Kimberly K Folk - K K Burris
406 Hazel St.
Grove OK 74344
620-238-6811

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NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION TO EXPAND MONKEY ISLAND FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

To: The resident, qualified voters who reside within the following described unincorporated area of Delaware County, Oklahoma:

AREA COMPRISING THE PROPOSED EXPANSION OF MONKEY ISLAND FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT DELAWARE COUNTY, OKLAHOMA

That portion of Delaware County, Oklahoma commonly referred to as Bernice including approximately four (4) square miles north of the Monkey Island Bridge excluding any area within the city limits of the Town of Bernice and more particularly described as follows:

SECTION 7, TOWNSHIP 25 NORTH, RANGE 23 EAST OF THE INDIAN BASE AND MERIDIAN, DELAWARE COUNTY, OKLAHOMA.

AND
SECTION 24, LYING EAST OF THE GRAND RIVER DAM AUTHORITY TAKING LINE, TOWNSHIP 25 NORTH, RANGE 22 EAST OF THE INDIAN BASE AND MERIDIAN, DELAWARE COUNTY, OKLAHOMA.

AND
THE EAST 1/2 OF THE EAST 1/2 OF SECTION 23, LYING EAST OF THE GRAND RIVER DAM AUTHORITY TAKING LINE, TOWNSHIP 25 NORTH, RANGE 22 EAST OF THE INDIAN BASE AND MERIDIAN, DELAWARE COUNTY, OKLAHOMA.

AND
SECTION 13, LYING EAST OF THE GRAND RIVER DAM AUTHORITY TAKING LINE, TOWNSHIP 25 NORTH, RANGE 22 EAST OF THE INDIAN BASE AND MERIDIAN, DELAWARE COUNTY, OKLAHOMA.

AND
THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 AND THE NORTH 1/2 OF SECTION 12, LYING NORTH AND EAST OF THE GRAND RIVER DAM AUTHORITY TAKING LINE, TOWNSHIP 25 NORTH, RANGE 22 EAST OF THE INDIAN BASE AND MERIDIAN, DELAWARE COUNTY, OKLAHOMA.

AND
THE EAST 1/2 OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 11, LYING EAST OF GRAND RIVER DAM AUTHORITY TAKING LINE, TOWNSHIP 25 NORTH, RANGE 22 EAST OF THE INDIAN BASE AND MERIDIAN, DELAWARE COUNTY, OKLAHOMA.

AND
SECTION 8, TOWNSHIP 25 NORTH, RANGE 23 EAST OF THE INDIAN BASE AND MERIDIAN, DELAWARE COUNTY, OKLAHOMA.

AND
SECTION 9, LYING WEST Of STATE HIGHWAY 125, TOWNSHIP 25 NORTH, RANGE 23 EAST OF THE INDIAN BASE AND MERIDIAN, DELAWARE COUNTY, OKLAHOMA.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF DELAWARE COUNTY WILL HOLD A HEARING ON THE PETITION FOR EXPANSION OF THE MONKEY ISLAND FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

The County Commissioners will hold the hearing November 17, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioners Meeting Room at the Delaware County Courthouse in Jay, Oklahoma. Any person may appear and protest the expansion of the district or the proposed boundaries thereof.

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

In the Matter of the Estate of CARL LEROY DENNY, deceased

Case No. PB-2025-105
NOTICE OF HEARING FIRST AND FINAL ACCOUNT, PETITION FOR DECREE OF DISTRIBUTION, AND DISCHARGE OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE (58 O.S. § 553)

Notice is hereby given that Tina Denny, the duly appointed and qualified Personal Representative of the Estate of Carl Leroy Denny, Deceased, has filed her Final Account, Petition for Decree of Distribution, and Discharge of Personal Representative. A hearing has been fixed by the Judge of the Court for the 24th day of November, at 1:30 p.m., in the District Courtroom, County Courthouse, Jay, OK, Delaware County, Oklahoma, and all persons interested in the Estate are notified to appear and show cause, if any they have, why the Account should not be settled and allowed, the Estate distributed, and the Personal Representative discharged.

DATED this 30th day of October 2026.

/s/ David Crutchfield
JUDGE OF DISTRICT COURT

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OKLAHOMA CLASSIFIED AD NETWORK

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WORLD'S LARGEST GUN SHOW – November 14 & 15 – Tulsa, OK Fairgrounds. Saturday 8-6, Sunday 8-4. **WANENMACHER'S TULSA ARMS SHOW.** Free appraisals. Bring your guns! www.TulsaArmsShow.com

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REAL ESTATE AUCTION

Saturday, November 14, 2026 @ 11 AM
32901 S 630 Road, Grove, OK

Selling 5 Acres with 2 bed, 1 bath home, detached garage, older barn, gazebo and storage building

NO MINIMUM – NO RESERVE AUCTION
5% Buyer's Premium

Directions: From Grove, OK (Honey Creek Bridge) go South 2.5 miles to E 330 Road (Stan Waite Road), then East 1 mile to S 630 Road, then North to Sale Site.

OPEN HOUSE: Sunday, Nov. 8 - 2 to 3 PM

Also selling: Cherry Picker, Tool Boxes, Hand Tools, some garden tools, concrete boxes, and other misc.

Auctioneer's Statement: This property will be sold to settle an estate. Property sells "AS IS, WHERE IS" with no warranties or guarantees.

See ucpostproperties.com or auctionzip.com, #15982 for pictures.

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