



# Senate approves bill for optional stipends for school board members

Sen. Regina Goodwin (D-Tulsa) has received Senate approval for a bill to update the stipend school districts can opt to provide to school board members for attending board meetings. Under the provisions of Senate Bill 63, the stipend, which has not been updated since 1972, would be raised from \$25 up to \$190 per meeting for up to four meetings each month.

“Under current law, school districts are not required to offer a stipend – for those that do, this change reflects what that \$25 stipend would be 54 years later when you adjust for inflation,” said Goodwin.

SB 63 next moves to the House of Representatives for further consideration. Rep. Ronny Johns (R-Ada) is the principal House author.

“The people who step up to serve on school boards are taking time away from their own lives and families to serve on behalf of our students, teachers, and patrons,” Goodwin said. “This is a long overdue update to our statutes, and again, it is not mandatory for any district to offer the increase. I hope the House will join the Senate in giving school districts the ability to update the stipend amounts for their dedicated, hard-working school board members.”

# UNANIMOUS PASSAGE OF COMMON CENTS ACT IN HOUSE

The Oklahoma House of Representatives unanimously passed the Common Cents Act, which would allow and later require certain public cash transactions to be rounded to the nearest nickel.

Authored by Rep. Derrick Hildebrant (R-Catoosa), House Bill 3075 would apply only to public payments made in cash, or the portion of a payment made in cash, and would not affect private sector transactions. Payments made by check, debit card, credit card, or other electronic methods would not be subject to rounding.

“This is a simple, practical solution that reflects how people are already using cash today,” Hildebrant said. “This idea came directly from a constituent of mine, Rogers County Treasurer Jason Carini, who recognized the need for clear statutory authority allowing state agencies and political subdivisions to round cash transactions following the discontinuation of the penny. I appreciate my colleagues for their unanimous support in moving this forward.”

Under the measure, political subdivisions could choose to implement cash rounding from the bill’s effective date through July 1, 2027. Beginning July 1, 2027, rounding would become mandatory for applicable cash transactions unless directed otherwise by Congress.

The bill also outlines accounting provisions for ad valorem tax payments and allows political subdivisions to determine how any overages or shortages are managed within their funds.

HB3075 now moves to the Oklahoma Senate for further consideration.

# Senate unanimously approves bill to prohibit underage marriage

The Oklahoma State Senate unanimously approved a measure by Sen. Warren Hamilton (R-McCurtain) to prohibit marriage before the age of 18.

Hamilton stated he filed Senate Bill 504 to continue the state’s efforts to protect children from exploitation, following his successful legislative initiative in 2025 to raise the state’s age of consent from 16 to 18.

“Eliminating the ability to marry before the age of 18 ensures that no child is forced into a marriage or

a relationship that is not safe for them,” Hamilton said. “This is another step to protect minors from predators that seek to subject them to human trafficking or other forms of harm.”

Current state law permits 16- and 17-year-olds to marry with parental consent. Hamilton’s legislation would eliminate this provision to ensure that no minor is able to marry.

“Oklahoma children deserve to grow up free from coercion and exploitation, and it is

our duty to ensure such protections are in place. This legislation closes harmful loopholes and ensures no minor, even those nearing adulthood, is placed in a marriage that puts their safety at risk,” Hamilton added.

Senate Bill 504 now advances to the House of Representatives, where it is authored by Rep. Nicole Miller (R-Edmond). Upon SB 504 becoming law, Oklahoma will join more than a dozen states that have outlawed child marriage since 2018.

# OTTAWA COUNTY COURT REPORT

## Marriages

- Samuel Edward Bradley and Tina Michelle Thompson
- Kenneth Lopez and Sonia Raya Carter
- Brian Carl Rawson and Courtney Elizabeth-Ann Castor
- Nathan Thomas Fanning and Quenshella Leilani Johnson
- Kristopher Alan Goewert and Autumn Renee Sparlin
- Samuel Aaron Yount and Sierra Louise Maddox
- Douglas Wayne Pearish and Marsha Sue Moss
- Jostyn Levi Pierson and Elizabeth Gabriella O’Berry
- Benjamin Lee Wagner and Breanna Suzanne Utley

## Divorces

- Sara Baldino vs. Victor James Baldino
- Subrina Marie Bell vs. Henry Lee William Bell

## Protective Orders

- Ashley Katelin Wright et al vs. Michael Tapper

- Carol Marie Benton et al vs. Charles Frank Benton
- Collette Kalia Kalama et al vs. Denise Trejo Ruiz
- Isaiah Elesio Butterfly et al vs. Denise Trejo Ruiz
- Denise Trejo Ruiz vs. Isaiah Elesio Butterfly
- Erica Leigh Christiansen vs. Nancy Westfall
- Patience Lorene Cody vs. Kyl Benjamin Frantz
- Kimberly Marie Lynch vs. Richard R. Kincaid Jr.
- Janet Lee Morton vs. Nancy Westfall

## Misdemeanors

- State of Oklahoma vs. Ryan Steven Inman for driving with license cancelled/suspended/revoked
- State of Oklahoma vs. Bryan Mateo Juan Juan for driving under the influence
- State of Oklahoma vs. Michael Anthony Moore for public intoxication
- State of Oklahoma vs. Donovan Shawn Parrish for driving under the influence – driver under 21

- State of Oklahoma vs. Aaron Hunter Paxson for failure to maintain insurance or security
- State of Oklahoma vs. Cherrie A. Stanley for driving with license cancelled/suspended/revoked
- State of Oklahoma vs. Glorie Janette Thacher for driving under the influence
- State of Oklahoma vs. Ryan Thomas for unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia
- State of Oklahoma vs. Galen A. Watkins for actual physical control

## Felonies

- State of Oklahoma vs. Cooper William Craig for unlawful possession of schedule I or II controlled dangerous substance with intent to distribute
- State of Oklahoma vs. Steven E. Weeks for falsely personate another to create liability

# LEGALS

## IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF OTTAWA COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA

In the Matter of the Application of JAKI LEANN BLEVINS to Change her Name.

## Case No. CV-2026-31 NOTICE OF FILING PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME

TO Whom It May Concern:

Take Notice that Jaki Leann Blevins has filed in the above Court a Petition to have her legal name changed on her birth certificate from Jaki Leann Merit to Jaki Leann Giles; and that the same will be heard by the District Court of Ottawa County, State of Oklahoma, in the Ottawa County Courthouse, at Miami, Oklahoma, before the undersigned Judge, on the 13th day of April, 2026, at 9:30 o’clock a.m.; and that any person may file a written protest in the case prior to the date set for hearing.

Dated this 26th day of March, 2026.

/s/ R. Matt Whalen  
HONORABLE 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 PATTI A. HENSON, Deceased

## Case No. PB-2026-09 NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TO: The Creditors of Patti A. Henson, Deceased

All persons having claims against Patti A. Henson, Decedents, 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 Johnathan Preston, Preston Law, PLLC, 103 East Central Ave., Suite 500, Miami, Oklahoma, 74354, on or before the following presentation date: 12th day of June 2026, or the same will be forever barred.

DATED this 26th day of March, 2026.  
Crystal Wofford,

Personal Representative

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## Self-Storage Auction (ONLINE AUCTION)

Note: this auction is being held online at www.storage-treasures.com

Facility Location: Garrett’s Mini Storage  
56050 E 50 Rd,  
Miami, OK 74354  
(918) 675-5005

Auction End Date: Thursday, April 16th, 2026 - 10:00 AM CST

Description of Contents:

- #29 - Furniture, crib, box, stroller, lamp, bag (Leasee: Dillion Pittman)
- #31 - Rake, tv (Leasee: Haley mains )
- #84 - Totes, clothes, mics items (Leasee: Brenda,s,Crane )

#156 - Furniture, boxes, bed, washing machine, refrigerator, personal items. (Leasee: Corinthian D Bowin)

#130 - Parts, bed, furniture, boxes, totes, mics items(Leasee:Tiffany Johnson)

#167 - Furniture, television, totes,tv (Leasee: Mason Jones)

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

In the Matter of the Estate of LISA RENEE LUTHER, deceased.

## Case No. PB-26-14 AMENDED NOTICE OF HEARING PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL, APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND DETERMINATION OF HEIRS, DEVISEES AND LEGATEES

Notice is hereby given to all persons interested in the estate of LISA RENEE LUTHER, deceased, that on March 19th, 2026, Iris Perry produced in the District Court of Ottawa County, Oklahoma, an instrument in writing purporting to be the Last Will and Testament of LISA RENEE LUTHER, deceased, and also filed

in said Court his Petition, together with a copy of said Will praying for the probate of the Will and asking that the Letters Testamentary issue to Iris Perry as Personal Representative named in the Will and for a judicial determination of the heirs, devisees and legatees of said decedent.

Pursuant to an order of this Court made on March 26th, 2026, notice is hereby given that on the 16th day of April, 2026, at 9:30 a.m., the Petition will be heard at the District Courtroom, Ottawa County Courthouse, Miami, Oklahoma, when and where all persons interested may appear and contest the same.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this 26th day of March, 2026.

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

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