

Legislature adopts resolution to honor Toby Keith with turnpike naming

A concurrent resolution by Rep. Jason Blair (R-Moore) and Sen. Lisa Standridge (R-Norman) honoring Oklahoman and country music icon Toby Keith and supporting the naming of a planned turnpike in his memory was heard on the Senate floor on Thursday, Feb. 26, and adopted.

House Concurrent Resolution 1019 recognizes Keith's "lasting impact on music, his deep Oklahoma roots, and his legacy of service to the nation." The measure proposes naming the new turnpike corridor the Toby Keith Expressway. The measure was heard and adopted on the House floor on Feb. 25.

"Toby Keith was more than a country music star. He was a proud Oklahoman who never forgot where he came from," Blair said. "Naming this turnpike in his honor is a fitting way to recognize a man who represented our state with ultimate patriotism and generosity."

The planned route is part of the ACCESS Oklahoma Long-Range Plan and would extend from Interstate 44 east to Interstate 35 near Indian Hills Road, continuing east and north to Interstate 40 at the Kickapoo Turnpike. The bill's authors said the project is intended to improve safety, strengthen regional connectivity, and support economic growth across the Oklahoma City metropolitan area.

"Over the course of his legendary career, Toby Keith never forgot where he came from or what he stood for," said Standridge. "His Oklahoma roots shaped him, and his love of America defined him. He was a country music superstar and a true patriot. I can think of no better way to honor his memory than by naming this future stretch of Norman turnpike in his honor, creating a lasting tribute to the legacy he leaves behind."

Born in Clinton and raised in Moore, Keith rose to national prominence

with a career that included more than 40 million albums sold and over 20 No. 1 hits. His songs, including "Should've Been a Cowboy", "Courtesy of the Red, White and Blue (The Angry American)", and "American Soldier" earned widespread acclaim and a loyal fan base.

In addition to his musical success, Keith was known for his unwavering support of the U.S. military. He performed more than 300 shows on USO tours in combat zones, offering encouragement to American service members stationed overseas.

Keith also made a lasting impact through his charitable work. After a devastating tornado struck his hometown of Moore in 2013, Keith organized the OK Twister Relief Concert to support families who lost their homes and faced significant hardship in the storm's aftermath.

He also created the Toby Keith

Foundation, which has helped children with cancer since 2006, focusing on providing no-cost housing for families during treatment. In 2014, the foundation opened OK Kids Korral, a cost-free home for pediatric cancer patients receiving care at The Children's Hospital at OU Medical Center, the Stephenson Cancer Center and other nearby facilities.

"Toby Keith's legacy goes far beyond music," Blair said. "He spent years supporting our troops and helping families and children in some of the toughest moments imaginable. This turnpike designation is just a small way to ensure his impact will be remembered by generations to come."

Keith died Feb. 5, 2024, following a battle with cancer. The resolution honors his life, patriotism, and enduring contributions to Oklahoma and the nation.

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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR AN ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE

In accordance with Title 37A, Oklahoma Statutes, Section 2-141, Gilly Shucks LLC 30690 S 565 Rd, Suite 2, Afton, OK 74331, a 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 Mixed Beverage / Caterer Combination License under authority of and in compliance with the said Act: That it intend(s), if granted such license to operate as a Mixed Beverage / Caterer Combination establishment with business premises located at 30690 S 565 Rd, Suite 2 in Afton, Delaware County, Oklahoma under the business name of Whitecap

Dated this 19th day of February, 2026.
/s/ Lori Stanphill
County of Delaware, State of Oklahoma.

Before me, the undersigned notary public, personally appeared: Lori Stanphill to me known to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing application and acknowledged that she executed the same as her free act and deed.

/s/ Robert Thomas Bemis, Notary Public Comm. #22013515
My Commission expires October 5, 2026.

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF DELAWARE COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA

DENISE WHITSON and ROBERT WHITSON, individuals v.

BOBBY GENE ELI, individually, his spouse, heirs, executors, administrators, devisees, trustees, successors, and/or assigns, immediate and remote, both known and unknown

Case No. CV-2026-19 Judge David Crutchfield NOTICE OF SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

STATE OF OKLAHOMA TO: BOBBY GENE ELI, individually, his/her spouse, heirs, executors, administrators, devisees, trustees, guardians, successors, and/or assigns, both known and unknown.

You and each of you are hereby notified that you have been sued in the District Court of Delaware County, State of Oklahoma, in the case entitled DENISE WHITSON and ROBERT WHITSON, individuals, Plaintiff, v. BOBBY GENE ELI, individually, his/her spouse, heirs, executors, administrators, devisees, trustees, guardians, successors, and/or assigns, both known and unknown, Defendant(s), alleging that Plaintiff, including successor(s) and/or assign(s) prior to and/or after this suit, is/are/were the record owner(s) of the fee simple title and is/was in possession of the following described real property (surface rights), to wit:

Lot Eleven (11) in CORDRAY'S ESTATES, a Subdivision in the City of Bernice, Delaware County, State of Oklahoma, according to the recorded Plat thereof.

Physical Address: 26981 South 540 Road, Bernice, OK 74331 (collectively the "real property")

Said Petition alleges that you have clouded the real property and that you have no right, title, lien, estate, encumbrance, claim, assessment or interest, either in law or in equity, in and to said real property. You are hereby notified that unless you answer said Petition of the Plaintiff filed herein against you on or before April 20, 2026, the allegations of the Petition will be taken as true and judgment will be entered and a Decree quieting Plaintiff's title, including Plaintiff's successor(s) and/or assign(s), to the above-described real property will be entered against you.

Dated: February 9, 2026.

/s/ Natasha Isaac, Deputy COURT CLERK

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Notice of Self Storage Sale

Please take notice Keep It Here Storage located at 36077 S 620 Rd, Grove, OK, 74344 intends to hold a sale to sell the property stored at the Facility by the below list of Occupants whom are in default at a Auction. The sale will occur or otherwise disposed as an online auction via www.storage-treasures.com on 3/20/2026 at 12:00PM. Unless stated otherwise the description of the contents are household goods, furnishings and garage essentials. Brooke Hajek units #A11 & #A13 last known address: 57730 E 345 Rd., Jay, OK 74346; Sandra Spencer/Sandra J Spencer unit #C11 last known address: 1029 N Main Street, Jay, OK 74346. This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Certain terms and conditions apply. See manager for details.

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DISTRICT COURT OF DELAWARE COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF NELVA J. RICHARD, DECEASED.

PB-2025-78 ORDER AND NOTICE OF HEARING PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE'S FINAL REPORT AND PETITION FOR ORDER ALLOWING FINAL REPORT, DETERMINATION OF HEIRS, LEGATEES AND DEVISEES, FINAL DECREE OF DISTRIBUTION AND DISCHARGE OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

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, Legatees and Devisees, 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 and Accounting, Determination of Heirs, Legatees and Devisees, Final Decree of Distribution and Discharge of Personal Representative is set for hearing on the 24th day of March, 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 19th day of February, 2026.

/s/ David Crutchfield JUDGE OF THE DISTRICT COURT

Presented by: Randall G. Vaughan, OBA #11554 Pray Walker, P.C. 21 N. Greenwood, Suite 400 Tulsa, OK 74120 rvaughan@praywalker.com Attorneys for Personal Representative

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

In the matter of the estate of Royce D. Carter, deceased.

Case No. PB-2026-13 COMBINED NOTICE FOR HEARING: NOTICE TO CREDITORS, PETITION FOR SUMMARY ADMINISTRATION, DETERMINATION OF HEIRS, LEGATEES AND DEVISEES, FINAL ACCOUNT AND DISTRIBUTION AND DISCHARGE OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

To all creditors, heirs and any others having interest in the estate of Royce D. Carter deceased, please take notice of the following:

1. Royce D. Carter (the "Decedent") age 70, departed this life on March 14, 2023, and at the time of his demise she resided at 62251 E 391 Rd., Grove, Delaware County, OK 74344.

2. The petitioner, Lisa A. Parton, resides at 62251 East 319 Rd., Grove, Delaware County, OK 74344.

3. Decedent left a Will bearing the date of the 27th day of January 2022, which Petitioner believes to the best of her knowledge to have been validly executed, and after the exercise of due diligence, Petitioner is unaware of any instrument revoking said Will, that the original of said Will is attached to the Petition on file herein and is believed to be Decedent's Last Will and Testament.

4. Pursuant to Decedent's Will, Petitioner is nominated and appointed to serve as Personal Representative and Petitioner consents to serve in that capacity

5. That the names, ages, and residences of the heirs at law of Decedent, so far as known to your Petitioner, are as follows:

Name/Address, Age/Relationship

Larry Carter 270 Abrahames Rd E Moriarty, NM 87035-8102, Adult/Sibling

Judy Dobbs 3583 S Greenwell Rd Safford, AZ 85546-9206, Adult/Sibling

Cynthia Carter, Deceased/ Sibling

6. That the names, ages and residences of the legatees and devisees of Decedent are as follows:

Name/Address
The Royce Dean Carter Revocable Living Trust dated January 27, 2022 c/o Lisa Parton, Trustee 62251 East 319 Rd. Grove, OK 74344

7. The probable value of the Decedent's estate is less than \$200,000.00.

8. Any person receiving notice, or any interested party may file objections at any time before the final hearing and send a copy to Petitioner or that person will be deemed to have waived any objections to the petition.

9. The claim of any creditor will be barred unless the claim is presented to the personal representative no more than thirty (30) days following the granting of the order admitting the petition and combined notice.

10. The final hearing on the Petition for Summary Administration, Determination of Heirs, Legatees and Devisees, Final Account and Distribution and Discharge is set for the 14th day of April 2026 at 1:30 o'clock p.m. before the undersigned Judge at the Delaware County Courthouse, Jay, Oklahoma.

/s/ Dave 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 JOHN PAUL ORKWIS, Deceased

Case No. PB-2026-15 NOTICE AND ORDER FOR HEARING PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL; APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE, DETERMINATION OF HEIRS, DEVISEES AND LEGATEES, AND ISSUANCE OF LETTERS TESTAMENTARY

Notice is hereby given to all persons interested in the Estate of JOHN PAUL ORKWIS, Deceased, that on the 23rd day of February 2026, JARED PETER CROFT filed in the District Court of Delaware County, Oklahoma, a Petition praying that Letters Testamentary be issued thereon to JARED PETER CROFT and requesting that the Court determine the identity of all heirs, devisees and legatees. Pursuant to an Order of said Court made on the 23rd day of February, 2026, notice is hereby given that on the 24th day of March, 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 of the Courthouse in the City of Jay, Delaware County, 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 23rd day of February, 2026.

/s/ David Crutchfield DISTRICT COURT JUDGE

By: _____ Deputy Court Clerk

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Pelivan Transit & the Northeast Oklahoma Tribal Transit Consortium

Pelivan Transit owned and operated by Grand Gateway EDA and the Northeast Tribal Transit Consortium consisting of the Eastern Shawnee, Miami, Modoc, Peoria, Ottawa, Quapaw, Seneca-Cayuga, Shawnee, and Wyandotte Nation and Tribes of Oklahoma are currently receiving funds through the Federal Transit Administration for the purpose of operating a Section 5311 Rural Transportation Program and Section 5311(c) Tribal Transit Program, along with State Revolving Fund, 5310, 5339, and a number of other Federal Transit Administration grant opportunities,

Pelivan Transit and the Northeast Oklahoma Tribal Transit programs are giving public notice that we will continue to abide by the policies set forth by the U.S. Department of Transportation for the administration and operation of integrated public rural transit and tribal transit systems.

The following is a list of purchases that will be made by the Pelivan Transit System and the Northeast Tribal Transit System during FY-2025

1. Vehicle Insurance
2. Office Supplies/Equipment
3. Audit
4. Advertising/Marketing
5. Computers/Printers
6. Training
7. Fuel/Oil
8. Vehicle Maintenance
9. Vehicles
10. Communications Equipment

DBE's and WBE's interested in details for these purchases may write Pelivan Transit, P.O. Drawer B, Big Cabin, OK 74332, email to llemasters@grandgateway.org or call 918-713-9929.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC FORUMS

Pelivan Transit will be conducting public forums to discuss their rural public and tribal transit programs for the following areas of Craig, Delaware, Mayes, Ottawa, Nowata, Rogers and northern Tulsa County and ten tribal jurisdictional areas for the tribes of Cherokee Nation, Eastern Shawnee, Miami, Modoc, Ottawa, Peoria, Quapaw, Seneca-Cayuga, Shawnee and Wyandotte Nation.

If any person desires to attend these public forums they will be able to do so at the following locations and dates:

Monday, 03/09/2026 11:00 am, Owasso Community Center, 301 S Cedar, Owasso, OK

Tuesday, 03/10/2026, 10:00 am, Claremore Senior Center, 475 E Blue Starr Dr, Claremore, OK

Wednesday, 03/11/2026, 11:00 am, Grove Senior Center, 145 E ODaniel Pkwy, Grove, OK

Monday, 03/16/2026, 11:00 am, Pryor Card Nutrition, 851 SE 9th St, Pryor, OK

Wednesday, 03/18/2026, 11:30 am, Vinita Citizens Center, 222 W Sequoyah Ave, Vinita, OK

Thursday, 03/23/2026, 10:00 am, Miami City Hall, 129 5th Avenue NW, Miami, Oklahoma

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Opportunity for Public Hearing

All interested persons are hereby given notice that Pelivan Transit owned and operated by Grand Gateway EDA and the Northeast Oklahoma Tribal Transit Consortium are seeking financial assistance from the U.S. Department of Transportation, (Federal Transit Administration) for the purpose of operating an integrated rural public and tribal transit system. The Federal Transit Administration's Section 5311 and 5311(c) grant funds, along with State Revolving Fund, 5310, 5339, and a number of other Federal Transit Administration grant opportunities, will be used to operate the Pelivan Transit system in certain areas of Craig, Delaware, Mayes, Nowata, Ottawa, Rogers and (northern) Tulsa. This transit system will provide transportation services from points of origin to destination for the general public and tribal citizens based on demand responses during scheduled hours of operation. The demand response services will be operated through the Mobility Management Center located at Grand Gateway EDA in Big Cabin and various Dispatch hubs in the cities of Claremore, Grove, Miami, and Owasso.

If any person desires a public hearing to discuss the social, economic and/or environmental effects of the proposed projects, they may contact the Transit Director at Grand Gateway at 918-713-9929. A copy of the grant application will be available for public inspection at Grand Gateway, 333 South Oak Street, Big Cabin, OK on 07/01/2026.

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