

A Spring Thesis

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Contributor

After leaving the Miami Tribe Guest House, closing the gate, I walked down Oak Street in Oxford, Ohio, that spring morning. My first stop was the Myammia Center in the Bonham House on the Miami University campus. I had been there before and loved the growth the center had seen over the decades of the Miami Tribe's relationship with Miami University. I continued my walk to Alumni Hall, a library built with funds from alumni and Andrew Carnegie, a fitting place for the architects of the future to learn.

I had been invited to speak during the lunch break to those attending the Department of Architecture and Interior Design Master of Architecture Program Spring Thesis Presentations. But my purpose was to be a witness one.

After arriving and listening to the first two students, Craig Hinrichs, a faculty member, led me to a quiet place to allow me time to put my thoughts together. Quite honestly, my mind instead wandered in that space.

He had opened a glass door to a tiny balcony and while standing on it, I asked about the tree that towered over us. He identified it as a Ginkgo, one of many that were gifts to the university from China over 100 years ago. Almost immediately he led me out of that quiet room, round the corner, down the stairs, to an office whose occupant had the key that unlocked an adjacent door so I could see a particular framed photo on the wall. I saw yellow leaves on the ground surrounding that very tree. The Ginkgo drops all her leaves at once in autumn creating a carpet that

sculptor Terry Welker's students had raked into geometric shapes that fall, preserved in that image.

When I returned to the atrium, it was time to begin speaking to those assembled. I briefly looked at the words Niall Kirkwood had texted and hoped they would flow as was his design. Speaking of my connection to place and drive for us to have clean water challenged them to protect the waters and lands they love from extraction with the rush to mine new essential elements upon us.

I relayed a woman's recollections who had been the kid who loved Tar Creek and fished and found arrowheads and when it changed colors wasn't allowed to go back, but lives close enough to SEE children doing what she had done – taking their towels and fishing poles to her loved creek she knows is dangerous because she got a card in the mail from the state telling her! They want the joy she had experienced and should have, and are having but not safely, not yet.

I returned to architects. None are more obvious in Ohio than newly recognized World Heritage site, Hopewell Earthworks. Land shaped over a 500-year period stands 2,000 years later, built so every 18.6 years a lunar cycle perfectly aligns.

Faculty in the room had been involved with getting the site recognized. They had come to realize those Indigenous landscape architects' efforts are visible from space.

The small Bangladeshi woman, Saida Akhter, stood confidently as the last to present her semester's long project: Architectural Interventions for Post-Industrial Landscape Restoration and

Community Resilience.

Her exhibits and posters were on the wall and on the bench. Her slides lit the screen. She began revealing her architectural intervention for our damaged landscape known first as an industrial site, later abandoned, used for recreation, and accepted as our landscape – later known as a dangerous, toxic and an undermined place, threatening collapse while simply standing upon it.

Saida had little time to show the plan but her graphic depictions showed what we have not seen before. What is beneath us? What's missing from the layers of the earth? The slice of the earth, much like a slice of pie with a crust, a filling, and meringue on top. Her image shows caverns in each layer of the earth by geological name and the age. Hollow spaces empty except for miners and the aquifer that filled them.

Another slide with symbols from the periodic table depicting elements we know we are exposed to, linked with illnesses known from those exposures. These connections brought to mind people we have known who have, are, or did experience those diseases. Do we ask what and how would they have lived differently had we known these relationships?

The little woman from Bangladesh saw us, saw this place, and reflected it back. She was moved to include our children's clay Tar Creek fish and their drawings of the future fish they long for. A future we must demand for them. Her work will be shared, we will see what lies beneath us, and what surrounds to poison us.



DUE PROCESS PROTECTION ACT SIGNED INTO LAW

A bill by Rep. Erick Harris (R-Edmond) has been signed into law that he says will strengthen Oklahoman's constitutional rights and enhance transparency within Oklahoma's criminal justice system.

House Bill 3742, known as the Due Process Protection Act of 2026, updates Oklahoma's criminal procedure statutes by modifying timelines and requirements related to discovery in criminal cases. Harris said these changes will ensure both prosecutors and defense attorneys have adequate time to review evidence prior to trial.

"House Bill 3742 will provide clearer guidelines for courts and attorneys, reduce delays, and improve the overall integrity of criminal proceedings across our state," Harris said. "At its core, this law reinforces the fundamental principle that every Oklahoman deserves a fair and transparent legal process which is required by the constitution. By improving how discovery is handled before trial, justice can be served efficiently while protecting the due process rights of all parties involved."

HB3742 addresses procedures surrounding preliminary examinations and disclosure, which Harris says will help promote consistency and protect the constitutional rights of individuals involved in the judicial process.

The bill passed both legislative chambers unanimously and was signed into law on April 27. It takes effect Nov. 1.

Ottawa County Court Report

Marriages

Hunter Dewayne Payne and Breanna Nicole Ash
Jorge David Brena Escobedo and Patricia Mora Sanchez
Austin Leroy Johnson and Hunter Cheyenne Burrow
Clinton Wade Lansaw and Lela Jean Donley
Marcus Lee Henson and Latisha Marie Roberts
Adam Edward Keller and Carrie Ann Keller
Kendric Wade King and Tanya Rose Zimmerman
Christopher Wade Stone and Barbara Ann Lockhart
Hayden Rylee White and Kali Morgan Maxton
Sayre David Weaver and Anastasia Cheree Talley

Protective Orders

Cheyenne Desirae Collins vs. Colten James West
Cody Allen Drosche vs. David William Drosche
Amber Renee Dyer vs. Andrew Mark Freeman
Yomaris Liani Francisco vs. Connor Munson
Marah I. Mills vs. Brittany Dyan Tyree

Misdemeanors

State of Oklahoma vs. Trevor Lane Apodaca for failure to carry security verification
State of Oklahoma vs. Lloyd Garth Ball for no valid driver license
State of Oklahoma vs. Shawn Alexander Gregory Cox for malicious injury to property under \$1,000
State of Oklahoma vs. Erin Michelle Edmisten for larceny of lost property
State of Oklahoma vs. Jose J. Irizarry for failure to maintain insurance or security
State of Oklahoma vs. Albany Diane Mattick for larceny of merchandise from retailer
State of Oklahoma vs. Christy Dawn Mounger for driving under the influence
State of Oklahoma vs. David Scott North for public intoxication
State of Oklahoma vs. Caleb Zane Austin Ragsdale for domestic abuse – assault and battery
State of Oklahoma vs. Randy Neil Wilson for operate vehicle while driver license suspended
State of Oklahoma vs. Teresa Ann Wood for

driving with license cancelled/suspended/revoked

Felonies

State of Oklahoma vs. William Michael Armstrong for larceny of lost property after former conviction of felony
State of Oklahoma vs. Roy Kenneth Bailey for burglary in the third degree
State of Oklahoma vs. Brandon Joshua Hilton for driving under the influence – aggravated
State of Oklahoma vs. Victor Tyrone Mygatt for eluding/attempting to elude police officer
State of Oklahoma vs. Clancey Dewayne Pierce for driving under the influence – aggravated
State of Oklahoma vs. Caleb Zane Austin Ragsdale for possession of stolen vehicle
State of Oklahoma vs. Rayray Santiago for driving under the influence aggravated – second and subsequent
State of Oklahoma vs. Jaryn Ray Wyrick for stalking

LEGALS

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ALIAS NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE CJ-2023-79

Notice is given that on the 24th day of June, 2026, at 10:00 am, in the Lobby of the Sheriff's office, in the City of Miami, Ottawa County, Oklahoma, the Sheriff will offer for sale and sell, with appraisal, at public auction, to the highest and best bidder, all that certain real estate in Ottawa County, Oklahoma,:

TRACT OF LAND IN THE NE1/4 OF THE SE1/4 OF SECTION 26, TOWNSHIP 29 NORTH, RANGE 24 EAST OF THE INDIAN MERIDIAN, OTTAWA COUNTY, OKLAHOMA, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS, TO-WIT:

BEGINNING AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE NE1/4 OF THE SE1/4; THENCE NORTH 0°01' WEST 253.42 FEET; THENCE NORTH 89°03' WEST 277.38 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 1°43' WEST 255.60 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 89°29' EAST 285.70 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

subject to unpaid taxes, and all amounts set forth in the judgment granted herein, said property having been duly appraised at \$62,000.00. Sale will be made pursuant to an Alias Special Execution and Order of Sale issued in accordance with judgment entered in the District Court of Ottawa County, Oklahoma, in Case No. CJ-2023-

79, titled Freedom Mortgage Corporation vs Mason Shores and United States of America, ex rel. Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, being all of the Defendants and persons holding or claiming any interest in lien in the subject property.

Ottawa County Sheriff
Ottawa County, Oklahoma
/s/ David A. Dean
Sheriff David A. Dean

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF OTTAWA COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA

UNITED AUTO CREDIT CORPORATION Plaintiff,
vs.

JACQUELINE SUSANN MCKIBBEN AKA JACQUELINE BRUHN Defendant.

No. CJ-2025-149 NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

Jacqueline Susann Mckibben Aka Jacqueline Bruhn you are hereby noticed that you have

been sued by UNITED AUTO CREDIT CORPORATION and you must answer plaintiff's petition on or before the 25th day of June, 2026 or a money judgment in the amount of \$10,660.06 plus interest will be rendered accordingly.

Dated this day 4-27-26.

By: /s/ T Curry
DEPUTY COURT CLERK FOR OTTAWA COUNTY DISTRICT COURT CLERK CASSIE KEY

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

IN RE: The Application of Andrew Darnell To Issue Title

Case No. CV-26-42 APPLICATION FOR COURT ORDER

COMES NOW the applicant, Andrew Darnell of Miami, Oklahoma, and hereby makes Application to the District Court of OTTAWA COUNTY to issue an

order directing Service Oklahoma to issue an Oklahoma Title bearing the VIN #JF1ZCAC18F9606018 in the name of Andrew Darnell 2015 Subaru BRZ

In support of this application, the Applicant would state under oath that he is the Owner of said vehicle. That the above described property is not stolen. The he/she claims ownership to the above described property as follows:

Bought the car 11-29-24 in Nixa, MO Walmart parking lot. Paid cash

That ownership of the above described property is not disputed or that an ownership interest may be claimed by Edward Guzun, whom will have served with a copy of this application along with summons notifying them of the allegations of this application and date and time of the hearing.

Dated this 10th day of April, 2026.

/s/ Andrew Darnell
Applicant's signature

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

In the Matter of Andrew Darnell JF1ZCAC18F9606018 Property and VIN#

Case No. CV-26-42 ALIAS ORDER OF SETTING

Now on this 7 day of May, 2026, the Court finds this matter should be set before me the 28 day of May, 2026, at 10:00 a.m.

/s/ Andrew Meloy
Judge

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Date of Meeting: Saturday, May 30th, 2026
Time of Meeting: 12:00 PM (Noon)
Place: Ottawa-Peoria Cultural Building, 2331 E. Eight Tribes Trail, Miami, OK 74355
Principle Purpose: Phase 1 and 2 of the Workman Forensic Audit

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