## Local news

# *Oklahoma survivor advocates for domestic violence registry, prevention education*

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A domestic violence survivor is turning her experiences into a statewide advocacy movement, calling for stronger protections, prevention education and a registry designed to help protect future victims.

Haylee Marie is organizing a domestic violence awareness movement from 1 to 4 p.m. Oct. 30 at the Oklahoma State Capitol. The event will be available to attend in person or online and aims to bring attention to the challenges survivors face while encouraging people experiencing abuse to seek help.

Marie's primary goal is to establish a domestic violence registry in Oklahoma, with the hope of eventually expanding the effort nationwide. She believes such a registry could help identify patterns of abuse, prevent future victimization and strengthen protections for people experiencing domestic violence.

Her advocacy is rooted in her own experiences as a survivor and her ongoing healing process. Marie said the movement is not solely about her personal circumstances, but about helping others who may feel trapped, intimidated or afraid to report abuse.

She also hopes to become the director of a proposed Oklahoma domestic violence registry, using her experiences to represent survivors who may not feel comfortable speaking publicly about their situations.

Marie believes prevention education should begin in elementary school, with lessons appropriate for children's ages and understanding. Similar to existing school programs that teach fire safety and other preventative measures, domestic violence education could help children recognize harmful behaviors and understand when and how to seek help.



**Haylee Marie speaks to WDN Reporter Liliana Walker about her domestic violence movement after surviving her own experiences.**

She emphasized that abuse can occur in many settings, including homes, workplaces and health care environments. It can affect people of any age or background and is not limited to physical violence. Emotional abuse, manipulation, intimidation and threats can also

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# Weatherford author's debut novel imagines a frozen future

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A science fiction story years in the making is preparing to reach readers as Weatherford resident Joe Fouquet brings his first novel, "Bubbles," to publication Oct. 31.

The 305-page novel imagines a future in which humanity's conflicts and environmental destruction leave Earth vulnerable to an unusual catastrophe from outer space. Fouquet first developed the concept in 2015, drawing inspiration from his lifelong interest in science fiction and his curiosity about what could happen if the planet's natural protections failed.

Set in 2077, "Bubbles" takes place in a world where traditional national borders have disappeared and widespread warfare has consumed humanity's attention. As people continue fighting, a meteor shower brings a different kind of threat to Earth.

Instead of a single massive asteroid destroying the planet, smaller pieces of space debris penetrate the atmosphere and introduce a phenomenon involving frozen nitrogen. The resulting bubbles merge and expand, freezing everything in their path.

The novel begins with approximately 10.2 billion people living on Earth. By the end of the story, only 200,000 people remain, leaving humanity facing the possibility of extinction.

At the center of the story is Dr. Emily Carter, a scientist whose fascination with bubbles began during a childhood near-death experience. When Carter was 6 years old, she was capsized from a boat and began drowning before her father rescued her. As she sank, she noticed the bubbles from her breath rising toward the surface.

The experience sparked questions that would follow Carter into adulthood, eventually shaping her scientific career and research into bubbles.

As the frozen phenomenon spreads across the planet, Carter discovers a dragonfly trapped inside one of the first frozen bubbles. The insect appears to be adapting to the new atmosphere, giving her a potential path toward saving humanity's remaining population.

Fouquet developed the story after considering how the frozen conditions of outer space might affect Earth if that matter entered the atmosphere.




**Joe Fouquet speaks about his Science Fiction Novel "Bubbles" before its release date Oct. 31.**

He drew inspiration from science fiction films depicting astronauts freezing when exposed to space and expanded the concept into a fictional disaster unlike a typical asteroid-impact story.

Beyond its science fiction premise, the novel examines how humanity can overlook larger dangers while concentrating on conflict. The

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IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF NORMA J. BEARSHIELD, Deceased.

**NOTICE OF HEARING FINAL ACCOUNT, PETITION FOR DISTRIBUTION, DETERMINATION OF HEARSHIP, CONFIRMATION AND DISCHARGE PB-2025-51**

Notice is hereby given that Alexis F. Arriaga, Personal Representative of the Estate of Norma J. Bearshield, deceased, having filed in this Court her final account of the administration of said estate, and her Petition for distribution of said estate, determination of heirship, confirmation of Family Settlement Agreement and for final discharge of said Personal Representative, the hearing of the same has been fixed by the Judge of said Court for the Representative, the hearing of the same has been fixed by the Judge of said court for the 16 day of November, 2026, at 9:00 o'clock A.m., in the Courtroom of said Court in the County Courthouse in Arapaho, Oklahoma, and all persons interested in said estate are notified then and there to appear and show cause, if any they have, why the said account should not be settled and allowed, the heirs of Norma J. Bearshield, deceased, determined, said estate distributed, and the Personal Representative discharged.

Witness my Hand this 19th day of October, 2026.

**/s/Dana J. Hada**
**Judge of the District Court**

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