

Pallbearer - honor & privilege

Did you ever wonder what the word pall actually meant?

By Ron Jacobs
Contributor

When we read an obituary in the newspaper, the article usually lists the casket bearers or the pallbearers. We know what both terms mean. Casket bearer is self-explanatory, but how does the word pall fit into a funeral service?

What is a pall? It is a large cloth placed over the casket. Some can be quite elegantly decorated with religious symbols. An example is when an American flag is draped over the casket of someone connected to the military, that is a pall.

Some religious groups use palls to signify that all are equal in the sight of God. You might equate using the pall with the same reason gowns are used at graduations, making all graduates of equal importance.

The word pall has an interesting history; it probably dates back to Roman times and the word "pallium", meaning a cloak or cape.

When a soldier died, the cloak was often used by his fellow soldiers to cover the body. Over time the word was shortened to pall. The term was used then just as we use casket bearers today; they do the same thing, transport the casket.

Often the pallbearers wear a boutonniere or a ribbon on their sleeve to indicate they are part of the funeral service.

Both men and women may act as pallbearers. Honorary pallbearers



Pall-covered casket.

Photo provided

walk either behind or directly in front of the casket when it is being moved.

Casket bearers in the United States, Canada and Australia carry the casket by the handles at waist high. In the United Kingdom, Ireland and most Asian countries, the coffin is often

carried on the shoulders of the pallbearers.

To be asked to be a casket bearer is an honor and a privilege. He/she is expected to perform the duties with respect, dignity, and strength as they walk slowly and steadily.

Public Notice

LOVE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE SEIZED VEHICLE

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Public Notice

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF LOVE COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF LISA LARAE MCENTIRE, Deceased CASE: PB-2026-11

NOTICE OF HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to all persons, trustees, or entities interested in the Estate of LISA LARAE MCENTIRE, Deceased, that there has been filed in the above-entitled cause a Petition alleging that LISA LARAE MCENTIRE died intestate, and praying that Petitioners CYNTHIA ANN HICKS & TONY CLYDE HICKS, be appointed Personal Representatives, and that the heirs at law of the decedent be judicially determined and notice is further given that the 9th day of April, 2026, at 9:00 A.M. has been appointed as the day and time for hearing said Petition before the undersigned Judge of the District Court of Love County, Oklahoma, when and where all persons interested in said estate may appear and contest the same, if they so choose.

SIGNED this 24th day of February 2026.

/s/ Todd Hicks
HONORABLE JUDGE OF THE DISTRICT COURT

ATTORNEY FOR PETITIONERS:
Larra Williams 34193
215 Stanley St. SW
Ardmore, OK 73401

Public Notice

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF LOVE COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DONALD BARNES RICHARDS, DECEASED) Case No. PB-2025-33

ORDER AND NOTICE OF HEARING

NOTICE IS GIVEN that James Edward Richards, the Personal Representative, has filed herein his First and Final Account and Petition for Order Allowing First and Final Account, Determination of Heirs, Devisees, and Legatees. Distribution and Discharge, for the above-entitled Estate of Donald Barnes Richards a/s/a Donald Barnes Richards, Deceased.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, AND IT IS ORDERED that said Petition is set for hearing in this court in the Love County Courthouse, 405 West Main Street, Marietta Oklahoma 73448, on the 5th day of March, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. in the courtroom of the undersigned Judge. All persons interested in said Estate are notified then and there to appear and show cause at said hearing, if any they have, why the following should not be granted: The approval of the First and Final Account, the determination of the heirs, devisees, and legatees, the distribution of property as requested, and the approval of any other necessary and equitable relief.

Dated: February 11, 2026.

/s/ Todd Hicks
TODD HICKS, JUDGE

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF LOVE COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA

GSB INVESTMENTS, LLC,
PLAINTIFF,

Case No. CV-2026-14

v.

JOHN L. GUNTER, Deceased, and P. DIANE GUNTER, BARBARA KELLER, CENTRAL FARM CREDIT, GP, DANIEL G. RANDAL, Deceased, CATHERINE E. RANDEL, also spelled CATHERINE E. RANDAL, TRANSVERSAL REAL ESTATE HOLDINGS, LLC, THE TREASURER OF LOVE COUNTY, OKLAHOMA, THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF LOVE COUNTY, OKLAHOMA, THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, SUCCESSORS, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, DEVISEES, TRUSTEES AND ASSIGNS OF JOHN L. GUNTER, Deceased, and DANIEL G. RANDAL, Deceased,

DEFENDANTS.

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA TO:

John L. Gunter, Deceased, P. Diane Gunter, Barbara Keller, Central Farm Credit, GP, Daniel G. Randal, Deceased, Catherine E. Randal, also spelled Catherine E. Randal, Transversal Real Estate Holdings, LLC, and the Unknown Heirs, Successors, Executors, Administrators, Devisees, Trustees and Assigns of John L. Gunter, Deceased and Daniel G. Randal, Deceased

The above-named Defendants will take notice that in the District Court of Love County, Oklahoma, in the above-styled and numbered case, an action has been filed by GSB Investments, LLC, to quiet any right, title, or interest in the real property described hereinbelow which you have or may claim to have, and you must answer the Petition of said Plaintiff on file in said cause on or before April 17, 2026 or the allegations of said Petition will be taken as true and judgment rendered accordingly, adjudging and decreeing that the Plaintiff is the owner of, and that the Plaintiff is the actual owner of the surface of the following described real property situated in Love County, Oklahoma, to-wit ("the Property"):

Lot 8, in Block 1, and Lot 1, in Block 3, Unit 8, Phase 2, Falconhead, Diamondhead Corporation, Burneyville, Love County, Oklahoma, according to the recorded plat thereof; and

Lot 9, in Block 2, Phase 2, Unit 8, Falconhead, Diamondhead Corporation, Burneyville, Love County, Oklahoma, according to the recorded plat thereof; and

Lot 8, in Block 1, Unit 8, Phase 2, Falconhead, Diamondhead Corporation, Burneyville, Love County, Oklahoma, according to the recorded plat thereof;

free and clear of all liens, claims and encumbrances of John L. Gunter, Deceased, P. Diane Gunter, Barbara Keller, Central Farm Credit, GP, Daniel G. Randal, Deceased, Catherine E. Randal, also spelled Catherine E. Randal, Transversal Real Estate Holdings, LLC, and the Unknown Heirs, Successors, Executors, Administrators, Devisees, Trustees and Assigns of John L. Gunter, Deceased and Daniel G. Randal, Deceased, have no right, title, interest, lien, estate, encumbrance, claim, or assessment in the surface of said hereinabove described real property, and a Decree quieting and confirming the Plaintiff's title and possession thereto, as against said Defendants and their unknown successors, and forever barring and enjoining the Defendants and their unknown successors from any and all right, title, estate, interest or equity of redemption in and to the surface of said lands and premises, or any part thereof.

WITNESS MY HAND AND OFFICIAL SEAL this 18th day of February 2026.

(Seal)

Love County Court Clerk
By: /s/ Kim Chavarria
Deputy Court Clerk

APPROVED:

/s/ James B. Blevins, Jr.
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Carrie Kopp, OBA #21731
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Public Notice

February 17, 2026 Board of County Commissioners Regular Meeting

Agenda was posted February 12, 2026 12:00 PM on the door of the Courthouse Annex and at exit doors of the Courthouse.

Present: Commissioners David Magee, Mike Mayes and Stacy Rushing; Minutes by Deputy County Clerk Meagan Wilson; Sheriff Andy Cumberledge, Chad McMillan, Bryan Rieck, Darrell Holland, Trent Barrick, Dianna Dandridge-Rystrom, Carol Wolfe, Assessor Missy Tunnell, Allan Ogle, Jenny Williams, Chris Munn. Called to order by Chairman Mike Mayes.

Quorum Call. Present Magee, Mayes and Rushing.

Board approved the minutes and proceedings of Board of County Commissioner's February 9, 2026 meeting. Motion Magee Second Rushing. Vote Yes - Magee, Mayes and Rushing.

Ratify and Affirm Proclamation of February 9 through February 13, 2026, Farm Bureau Week. Motion Magee Second Rushing. Vote Yes - Magee, Mayes and Rushing.

Board approved the Standard Agreement Between Owner, Love County and Construction Manager, Fenix Constructors, Inc. for the following project: Love County Health Department Project, 200 CE Colston Ave, Marietta, OK. Motion Magee Second Rushing. Vote Yes - Magee, Mayes and Rushing.

OEM/911 Management Authority Grant Agreement, State - Local Agreement was approved. Motion Magee Second Rushing. Vote Yes - Magee, Mayes and Rushing.

Service Agreement with Standley Systems for Assessor Office; 418569: SAVIN IM C300F Color Copier & 419348: RICOH IM C2510 Copier, was approved. Motion Magee Second Rushing. Vote Yes - Magee, Mayes and Rushing.

Re-Appointment of Randy Thompson to the Love County Fair Board Directors, District #1 Seat #1; term to commence on March 1, 2026 and expire on February 28, 2029. Motion Magee Second Rushing. Vote Yes - Magee, Mayes and Rushing.

Re-Appointment of Rodney Pierce to the Love County Fair Board Directors, District #2 Seat #1; term to commence on March 1, 2026 and expire on February 28, 2029. Motion Magee Second Rushing. Vote Yes - Magee, Mayes and Rushing.

Re-Appointment of Larry Hice to the Love County Fair Board Directors, District #3 Seat #1; term to commence on March 1, 2026 and expire on February 28, 2029. Motion Magee Second Rushing. Vote Yes - Magee, Mayes and Rushing.

Requisition-Purchase Order-Claims presented for payment the week of 2/5 - 2/12, 2026 were approved. Motion Magee Second Rushing. Vote Yes - Magee, Mayes and Rushing.

911 Phone #65, OSU COUNTY TRAINING PROGRAM, 30.00, training #66, COPS PRODUCTS LLC, 409.50, shirts #67, JASON HILLTOP GROCERY, 32.99, fuel #68, HOGANS JIF-E-LUBE, 64.95, service #69, APCO INTERNATIONAL INC, 391.00, membership #70, SOUTHWEST MSP LLC, 395.00, service #71, LANGUAGE LINE SERVICES, 119.97, subscription #72, CANON FINANCIAL SERVICES INC, 224.65, contract #73, HUBER & ASSOCIATES, 582.00, subscription #74, GEOSAFE INC, 3750.00, service;

County Clerk-ST #114, EMBASSY SUITE NORMAN, 440.00, hotel #115, RENICK, TINA, 180.02, travel #116, QUILL, 539.90, supplies;

Extension-ST #50, SPRING HOUSE WATER CO INC, 10.00, service;

General #1139, PITNEY BOWES, 115.50, service #1140, SPARKLIGHT BUSINESS, 175.03, service #1141, LEAF, 147.82, contract #1142, AMAZON BUSINESS, 189.99, chair #1143, JASON HILLTOP GROCERY, 24.81, fuel #1144, HOGANS JIF-E-LUBE, 59.95, oil #1145, OG&E, 146.62, service #1146, OG&E, 116.77, service #1147, OG&E, 55.78, utility #1148, OG&E, 1548.81, service #1149, OG&E, 113.21, service #1150, OG&E, 141.27, service #1151, REA, 2629.21, utility #1152, REA, 37.18, service #1153, OG&E, 818.02, service #1154, OG&E, 243.72, service #1155, STANDLEY SYSTEMS, 88.56, contract #1156, AMERICAN NATION BANK VISA, 0.10, balance #1157, BURTON TIRE COMPANY, 20.00, service #1158, LOVE COUNTY E-911 DISTRICT, 937.50, service #1159, PIKE PASS, 8.64, toll #1160, LAKE COUNTY PETRESORT LLC, 75.00, service #1161, COPS PRODUCTS LLC, 185.22, supplies #1162, PCS SOLUTIONS LLC, 86.80, service #1163, SABER TRANSPORTATION SUPPORT, 80.00, test #1164, SABER TRANSPORTATION SUPPORT, 80.00, test #1165, OTA PLATE PAY, 4.95, toll #1166, TRANSLATION RISK AND ALTERNATIVE DATA SOLUTIONS, INC, 130.00, service #1167, SOUTHWEST MSP LLC, 2060.00, service #1168, COMDATA FLEET FUEL CARD, 2870.97, fuel #1169, COPS PRODUCTS LLC, 94.50, supplies #1170, MARIETTA

MONITOR, 115.50, publication #1171, JCAUTO PARTS LLC, 74.33, parts #1172, CANON FINANCIAL SERVICES INC, 156.88, contract #1173, SOUTHWEST MSP LLC, 2060.00, service #1174, BURTON TIRE COMPANY, 110.00, parts #1175, BENCHMARK GOVERNMENT SOLUTIONS LLC, 13366.08, service #1176, OG&E, 176.07, service;

General Gov't-ST #369, LEXIS NEXIS, 200.00, service #370, STANDLEY SYSTEMS, 60.16, service #371, TERMINIX PROCESSING CENTER, 176.00, service #372, AMAZON BUSINESS, 68.39, supplies #373, AT&T, 39.77, service;

Health #108, EIZABETHANN JOY, 112.52, travel #109, SANGOMA, 193.51, service #110, AT&T MOBILITY, 40.54, service #111, SANGOMA, 26.91, supplies #112, MCKESSON MEDICAL, 333.87, supplies;

Highway #998, THACKERVILLE WATER & SEWAGE, 34.27, service #999, REA, 223.62, service #1000, UNITED AG & TURF, 397.66, parts #1001, JCAUTO PARTS LLC, 130.20, parts #1002, MARTIN PETROLEUM INC., 317.51, hose #1003, OK DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION, 684.51, lease #1004, OK DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION, 1447.34, lease #1005, MAYES, MICHAEL O., 133.98, travel #1006, JACS LLC, 492.50, parts #1007, HUGHES NETWORK SYSTEMS, 102.33, internet #1008, C L BOYD INC, 161.54, parts #1009, MARTIN PETROLEUM INC., 5200.00, fuel #1010, REA, 128.25, service #1011, REA, 61.74, service #1012, JACS LLC, 139.90, supplies #1013, HILTON GARDEN INN NORMAN, 110.00, conference #1014, OK DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION, 1420.01, lease #1015, WELCH STATE BANK, 1547.04, payment #1016, RUSHING, JOHN STACY, 163.85, travel #1017, EMBASSY SUITE NORMAN, 110.00, hotel #1018, JAMES SUPPLIES & RENTAL CO, 82.00, supplies #1019, REA, 398.73, service #1020, MARTIN PETROLEUM INC., 2591.18, diesel #1021, SABER TRANSPORTATION SUPPORT, 80.00, tests #1022, OK DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION, 3441.53, lease #1023, OK DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION, 1598.92, lease #1024, SECURITY STATE BANK, 2416.66, lease;

ML Fee #31, OKLAHOMA STATE BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, 19.00, notary;

Rural Fire-ST #249, ACTIVE 911 INC, 405.00, service 911 #250, AMAZON BUSINESS, 2790.00, supplies #251, REA, 335.02, service #252, REA, 82.09, service #253, REA, 14.24, service #254, REA, 177.44, service #255, RED RIVER PROPANE, LLC, 612.90, propane #256, REA, 53.62, service #257, REA, 96.80, service #258, ACTIVE 911 INC, 405.00, service 911 #259, OG&E, 71.18, service #260, REA, 158.40, service #261, OG&E, 595.81, service #262, REA, 147.35, service #263, REA, 198.73, service #264, REA, 168.67, service #265, OG&E, 162.70, service #266, REA, 191.98, service;

SH Commissary #16, BENCHMARK GOVERNMENT SOLUTIONS LLC, 400.00, supplies #17, BENCHMARK GOVERNMENT SOLUTIONS LLC, 300.00, supplies #18, BENCHMARK GOVERNMENT SOLUTIONS LLC, 514.43, supplies #19, PRODIGY SOLUTIONS INC, 475.33, service #20, BENCHMARK GOVERNMENT SOLUTIONS LLC, 1322.40, commissary;

SH Svc Fee #127, SABER TRANSPORTATION SUPPORT, 40.00, testing #128, SABER TRANSPORTATION SUPPORT, 40.00, testing #129, OK SHERIFFS ASSN, 600.00, membership #130, BURCH BROTHERS AMERICAN LEGION POST 0136, 55.00, flag #131, SOUTHWEST MSP LLC, 1168.00, service #132, COMDATA FLEET FUEL CARD, 1435.49, fuel #133, CANON FINANCIAL SERVICES INC, 156.88, contract #134, SOUTHWEST MSP LLC, 1168.00, service;

SR Cit-ST #31, SPARKLIGHT BUSINESS, 372.09, service #32, REA, 180.63, service;

Use-ST #95, LOVE COUNTY CLOSING LLC, 115000.00, land #96, LOVE COUNTY CLOSING LLC, 1150.00, fees

Blanket Purchase Orders were approved. Motion Magee Second Rushing. Vote Yes - Magee, Mayes and Rushing.

Adjourn. Motion Magee Second Rushing. Vote Yes - Magee, Mayes and Rushing.

Approved this 23rd day of February, 2026.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

/s/ Mike Mayes
Chairman

/s/ Stacy Rushing
Member

/s/ David Magee
Member

(SEAL)
ATTEST:

/s/ Shelly Russell
Shelly Russell, County Clerk

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Join us this Sunday



Old Fashioned Singing & Bible Preaching
10:30 a.m., Sunday Morning

Shady Dale Baptist Church

12522 Shady Dale Road
2 miles south of Marietta, 1.5 mile west of Hwy. 77