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## Barresi stresses importance of reading achievement

**From Staff Reports**  
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OKLAHOMA CITY — Calling it a significant step forward in combating illiteracy in Oklahoma, state schools Superintendent Janet Barresi today urged parents to make themselves aware of the third-grade reading law taking effect this school year.

The measure, part of the Reading Sufficiency Act, designates that students who score Unsatisfactory in the reading assessment cannot be promoted to fourth

grade until they can demonstrate what typically would be deemed a second-grade reading level or higher.

The third-grade reading law is aimed at curbing Oklahoma's nearly 30-percent illiteracy rate. Oklahoma joins 10 states and the District of Columbia in establishing similar policy.

"We do no favors for students who are passed on to the next grade without having the most fundamental ability to read," Barresi said. "The ability to read is a gateway to success in aca-

demics and in life. Reading isn't just a subject, but the foundation of all learning.

"It is a tragedy when a child in our public schools cannot read. In tomorrow's world, the inability to read is a sentence to a lower quality of life. That won't happen on my watch. Oklahoma has great teachers who will help make this law succeed."

She made her remarks in a Monday, Jan. 27, news conference at the Oklahoma State Capitol.

Education experts have noted that being unable

to read at an appropriate grade level can lead to an array of other problems. According to the Annie E. Casey Foundation, 88 percent of 19-year-olds who could not read proficiently by third-grade are likely to drop out of high school. Seventy percent of U.S. prison inmates cannot read above a fourth-grade level.

The RSA is designed to ensure that third-graders are promoted to fourth grade with the reading skills necessary for the challenges of school and life.

Gov. Mary Fallin signed

the third-grade reading amendment in 2011.

"The Reading Sufficiency Act will help make sure that Oklahoma children have the reading skills necessary for school, work and life," she said. "The purpose of the third-grade reading law is to provide successful reading intervention for children who are struggling. We owe it to future generations of Oklahomans to end the cycle that perpetuates illiteracy and limits opportunities."

"All learning, whether academic or technical,

is predicated on the ability to read," said Dr. Robert Sommers, Oklahoma Secretary of Education and Workforce Development. "The third-grade reading law guarantee assures all children can read and, in turn, learn. Reading is essential to success in school, in CareerTech programs, in higher education, and in the workplace. Nothing in education is more important than assuring every child can read. Without the ability to read, success in school and in the workplace is hampered severely."

### FROM THE LIBRARY

## Deadline approaching for adult creative writing contest

**By Linda Wallace**  
*Children's Library Associate*  
*Skiatook Public Library*

Attention, all Tulsa County creative writers.

The deadline for the 37th annual Adult Creative Writing Contest is fast approaching. All entries must be submitted by Jan. 31.

This contest is open

to any person 18 years old, or older, who lives, works, or attends school in Tulsa County, or has a nonresident TCC L card, or is not a previous winner.

Only unpublished manuscripts are accepted. The entry form is available at the library, and also on our website: [www.tulsalibrary.org/friends](http://www.tulsalibrary.org/friends).

Each entry requires a \$6 fee.

Prizes will be awarded in the following categories: short story; children's fiction; informal essay; and poetry.

All entries are judged based on content, originality and quality of expression.

Each entrant, not just the winners, will receive an invitation to the

awards ceremony. The awards ceremony and reception is scheduled for 2:30 p.m., Saturday, April 12, 2014, at the Rudisill Regional Library, 1529 N. Hartford.

A cash prize of \$100 and a certificate are awarded to the best work within each category. Second-place winners will receive a cash prize of \$50 and a certificate. Cer-

tificates are awarded to those receiving honorable mention.

If you have a different kind of writing assignment in mind, namely filling out Uncle Sam's tax forms, we have some information for you about that, as well. We will be receiving the federal tax forms, 1040, 1040a, and 1040EZ at the end of January.

Instructions for the federal forms will not be available at the library until mid-February. We will not receive any state tax paper forms. We are able to print both state and federal tax forms at 10 cents a page right now. Always remember that we are here to help. Come on by for your copying, printing, and faxing needs.

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County, Oklahoma, January 15, 22 & 29, 2014.  
**Vehicle Sale**  
 Sale Date: January 30, 2014  
 9:30 AM; James Firey; 918-695-3904;  
 1. 1948 Chevy Pickup  
 VIN: SFSA1045  
 2. 1953 GMC Pickup  
 VIN: 2S322S1379

County, Oklahoma, January 15, 22 & 29, 2014.  
**Vehicle Sale**  
 Sale Date: January 30, 2014  
 9:30 AM; Chris Tinsley; 918-857-6874; 1965 Ford Mustang;  
 VIN: 6F07T356232.

County, Oklahoma, January 29, February 5 & 12, 2014.  
**NOTICE:** To any parties with legal or financial interests in this 1968 Chevrolet Pickup, vin# CE148S106342, please contact Paul Robison @ 479-644-6943.

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

In the Matter of the Estate of  
**JEWELL MARIE (COCHRAN) EASTEP**,  
 1516 Cherokee NE, Deceased.

Case No. PB-2013-136

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

All creditors having claims against **JEWELL MARIE (COCHRAN) EASTEP**, deceased, 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 undersigned Personal Representative, c/o Cherokee Nation Attorney General Office, P.O. Box 948, Tahlequah, Oklahoma 74465, on or before the following presentation date: March 24, 2014, or the same will be forever barred.

DATED this 21st day of January, 2014.

/s/ Gwendolyn Kay Heyman-Smith  
**GWENDOLYN KAY HEYMAN**  
 Personal Representative of the  
 Estate of **JEWELL MARIE (COCHRAN) EASTEP**, Deceased.

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

In the Matter of the Estate of  
**BESSIE LUCILE (COCHRAN) DOBBS**,  
 1516 Cherokee NE, Deceased.

Case No. PB-2013-137

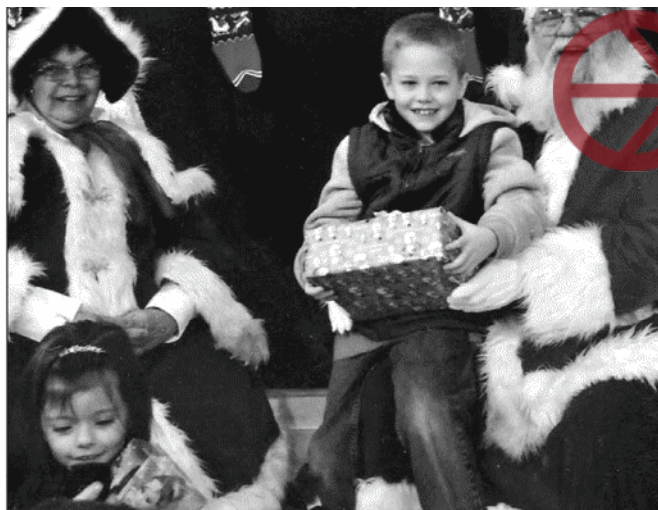
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Santa makes his rounds in Skiatook. The Fraternal Order of Eagles, 4542, of Skiatook, in a December 2013 program at the Methodist Church in Skiatook, helped local families have a happier Christmas. The Eagles are a nonprofit fraternal organization.

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