



COACH JESSIE'S RETIRING

After 47 years in education and coaching, longtime Marietta educator Harry Jessie is retiring.

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By HWC

It has taken several years for the Oklahoma legislature to get serious about the state's schools lagging far behind those in other states in academic achievement. Being near the bottom in the ranking based on standardized testing scores is embarrassing. Last week a bill was sent to the Governor for his approval increasing the minimum number of days of classroom instruction each year by seven days for a total of 173. Additional state funds allocated to school districts to pay the increased costs were promised. A side benefit is reducing the cost of day care for those working parents with younger children. You can bet some grandparents get tired of filling the "no school today" gap. A newly enacted law will require 40 minutes of recess per day, which is an increase from 20 minutes. Starting next school year, it will apply to public school students in kindergarten through fifth grade. The kids should love it. A friend kiddingly said when he was in the third grade he flunked recess. He couldn't beat the other boys in marbles or the girls playing pickup jacks. For fun, try to explain to your great-grandchild what a "taw" is in a game of marbles.

Old friend Jim said, "There was a race going on in my garden. It is a growing contest between the veggies we planted and the unwanted weeds. The weeds were winning until my bride decided to take things into her own hands with a hoe. Hope she doesn't practice 'If you don't work, you don't eat.'" Under the heading "It doesn't make any sense", it has been reported a serial killer on Oklahoma's death row awaiting execution has received a lump sum benefit payment of \$31,000 from the Veterans Administration plus \$1,044 monthly. He is already receiving free room and board from the state. He was convicted of murdering one woman in Oklahoma and three women in Texas in 1997.

TURNER GOLF GOES TO STATE

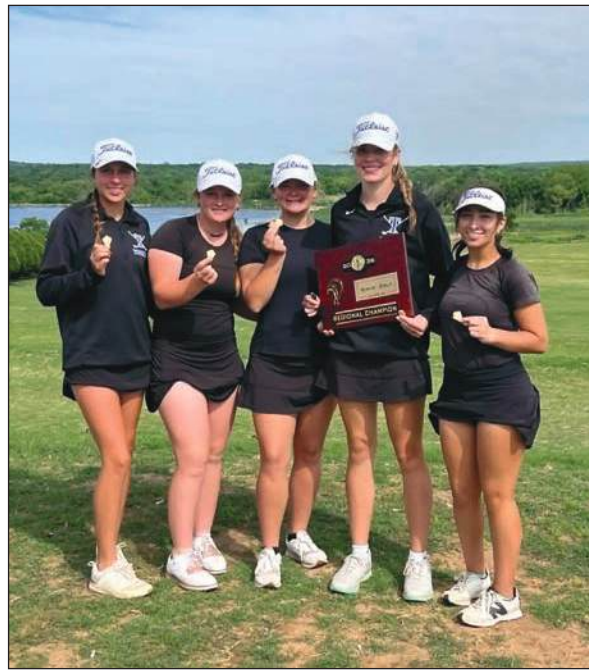


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The Turner Falcon varsity golf teams qualified for the state tournament. The Lady Falcons will play on May 4-5 at the Muskogee Golf Club, while the boys will play on May 11-12 at the Kicking Bird Golf Club in Edmond. The boys' team includes Braxten Kelley, left, Wyatt Flanagan, Landon Pratt, Trace Porter, and Brody Gillham. The girls are Peyton Harmon, left, Maizie Willis, Payton Wiley, Hadley Hill, and Morgan Wiles.

Commissioners consider roofing projects

By Dianna F. Dandridge-Rystrom Staff Writer

Maintenance on any property is always an ongoing issue, and this week the Love County commissioners considered bids on the new roofs of three county-owned buildings - the courthouse, the military museum, and the Frontier Stage. The commissioners accepted bids totaling \$44,805 to complete the necessary work. Cooke County Construction won the bid on the courthouse with a bid of \$29,360. Aubrey Pugh turned in the winning bids of \$9,750 on the museum and \$5,695 for the stage. The commissioners also heard from a concerned citizen, David

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Fire departments get much needed boost

Local volunteers begin first in-county firefighter certification course

By Dianna F. Dandridge-Rystrom Staff Writer

Love County and other area fire departments received a much needed boost in manpower knowledge this past week when a number of new volunteers attended new firefighter training. The new volunteers began a two-month-long course in learning the basics of providing fire protection. This is the first in-county firefighter 1 class for Love County and represents a significant step toward the readiness of the local volunteer firefighters. David Bond, Love County Emergency Management Assistant Director, said 24 participants are taking part in the class, some new, some with up to a few years' experience.

The class is held on Tuesday evenings and every other Saturday. "It is a hybrid course, so much of it is actually online and can be done at their own pace," Bond said. "The training is very much hands-on. The Saturday training will be spent doing physical drills, like working with ladders and hoses and forcible entry." "The physical part will be demanding," he said. "This class is very much needed. Most of the firefighters in this county have never had the opportunity for training at this level." "A class of this scale has never been offered before and we are excited for how this will increase our readiness and safety. "We have lots of firefighters in the county who are unable to actually go inside burning structures due to age, health or physical impair-

ments. This will definitely help with overcoming that issue," Bond said. "At the end of this class, these firefighters will conduct a live burn where they will train inside a building that is on fire. That and the classes leading up to that event will help them gain confidence in their equipment and get comfortable working in it." At the completion of the course, the participants will earn their Firefighter 1 certification. The course is being taught to OSU/IFSTA standards by instructors who are already on Love County fire departments, including lead instructor Trent Mitchell, a training officer for the Fire Brigade at Winstar who brings knowledge and expertise to the table. "This training brings the ability for more county fire departments to have interior firefighters and the knowledge to do it safely," Mitchell said. "This is a career requirement to be a jack of

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APRIL 2026 AREA SALES TAX REPORT*

City/Town	Rate	2026 Taxes	2025 Taxes	Difference
Marietta	0.03	\$126,813.38	\$73,336.14	+\$53,477.24
Thackerville	0.02	\$17,618.30	\$20,246.90	-\$2,628.60
Ardmore	0.0375	\$2,532,573.91	\$2,372,964.17	+\$159,609.74
Davis (Murray County)	0.03	\$94,446.25	\$121,838.02	-\$27,391.77
Gene Autry	0.03	\$2,957.65	\$2,825.86	+\$131.79
Heraldton	0.04	\$81,332.65	\$93,741.68	-\$12,409.03
Kingston	0.03	\$72,789.21	\$64,165.02	+\$8,624.19
Lone Grove	0.04	\$131,590.61	\$122,317.24	+\$9,273.37
Madill	0.03	\$313,147.70	\$300,950.56	+\$12,197.14
Mannsville	0.03	\$13,038.55	\$13,579.03	-\$540.48
Oakland	0.02	\$5,712.74	\$4,566.25	+\$1,146.49
Ringling	0.025	\$11,945.16	\$16,025.15	-\$4,079.99
Sulphur	0.03	\$302,848.53	\$291,301.91	+\$11,546.62
Tishomingo	0.03	\$131,323.67	\$122,990.62	+\$8,333.05
Waurika	0.03	\$48,462.13	\$32,436.19	+\$16,025.94
Wilson	0.04	\$46,880.80	\$50,283.45	-\$3,402.65

*This reflects sales from the month of February 2026.

Sykora family members step into cinematography

By Dianna F. Dandridge-Rystrom Staff Writer

Members of an old Love County family with roots going back to statehood are taking the first steps into a new venture and opening the doors for other locals to come and explore cinematic epic fantasy filmed entirely in Oklahoma. The Sykora family has long been known throughout the area, but brothers Brent Sykora, former CEO of Red River Valley Rural Electric Association; Craig Sykora, CEO of Red River Cinematics; and Dale Sykora, Creative Executive and writer of the screenplay, *The Journeyman*, along with Brian Esposito (not an Okie), after decades of work

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WEATHER

Mesonet - Burneyville Site

Date	Precip.	High	Low
Wed. Apr 22	0.01	70	59
Thu. Apr 23	0.01	78	66
Fri. Apr 24	0.00	87	64
Sat. Apr 25	0.06	87	63
Sun. Apr 26	0.44	83	64
Mon. Apr 27	0.00	89	65
Tue. Apr 28	NA	NA	NA

Precipitation Total through April 27 - 0.52 inches. Total for April 1-27 - 4.76 inches

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It's a good day....

First bloom; be still the gardener's heart

By Dianna F. Dandridge-Rystrom
Staff Writer

A number of issues have reared their ugly heads effectively keeping me from planting a full-blown garden, two of which are likely to really cause me to become a grumbling Greta.



Dianna F. Dandridge-Rystrom

To begin with is my tiller. It is a Troy Built tiller that I bought two or three years ago. It was brand new, still in the box, but I bought it from a man who buys damaged items in big lots. It had been in a warehouse fire and the box sustained some smoke/water damage. The tiller itself was still in the plastic covering. Just the box was damaged.

It worked great the first year I used it. Then last year it was kind of a hit and miss issue and I just had a hard time getting it to run. A friend worked on it and I managed to get the garden tilled, but he told me it needed a new carburetor. Then I moved.

I just haven't had the time or energy to load that heavy thing into my truck or to even find a repairman.

Adding insult to injury, my knee which has been going south for quite

a while finally crossed over the bridge of no-return. Even if I had gotten my tiller repaired, there is no way on Earth that my knee would tolerate me operating a tiller. There is also no way that I am not going to grow at least a few basic garden items.

So I dug holes for tomatoes and peppers, attached the labels saying what variety they are, only to realize the grandkids really liked playing with the garden tags.

That's OK! A tomato is a tomato and I have never found one I don't like. They will get harvested when they are ripe regardless of what variety they may be.

All that being said, I hobbled out to the tomato plants late last week and what to my wondrous eye did I see, but four or five beautiful, dull yellow, star point blooms. Oh be still my fresh, garden-tomato, loving soul.

Anyone who likes fresh garden tomatoes anywhere nearly as much as I do will fully understand the joy of seeing those delicate little blooms. What is more, there were a few wild honeybees buzzing from one tomato plant to the next. Yes! I have pollinators.

That may be a strange thing to be happy about, but for the last several years I have battled against the insecticide that the city had sprayed to control mosquitoes. It never phased the skeeters, but it sure did a number on the bees in the neighborhood.

Hopefully one day this fall I will find the wild honeybee hive and raid it for a little bit of honey and some hon-

eycomb, but that is for another day.

Back to my tomato blooms.

I planted eight tomatoes of eight different varieties. The grandkids somehow eradicated one plant. (I think they were just trying to help Grams with her garden.) They also removed the tags. It doesn't really matter, they will ripen when they ripen.

Every day now, as I walk out to feed the horses, I stop and look to see if I can see some tiny, little hard green orbs. Oh! Glory be! I counted at least four on Sunday.

Now, probably comes the hardest part - waiting for the hard green marbles to start to turn pink, then streak in red and finally an all-over eye-catching red.

Who cares about when we are going to set up a Christmas tree when there are tomatoes ripening on the vine.

Patience, Dianna! Standing there watching them will not make them ripen any faster.

That first sun-ripened orb probably won't make it into the house. It probably won't even make it over to the garden hose to be rinsed off. If this year is anything like previous years, it will be consumed even as I straighten up from picking it off the vine.

There is just so much that can be said about that first ripe garden tomato.

Just be still my tomato loving heart, for every day that it gets a chance to ripen a bit more, just adds to the goodness of the day when you finally taste that juicy red fruit.

At a Glance

LEON CEMETERY GATHERING

The Leon Cemetery Gathering will begin at 11 a.m. on Saturday, May 2 at the Leon Cemetery.

SHADY DALE VFD

The Shady Dale Volunteer Fire Department will meet at 2 p.m. on Sunday, May 3 at the Foster Station meeting room.

BOARD OF LOVE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS/ LOVE COUNTY JUSTICE AUTHORITY

The Love County Justice Authority will meet at 8:30 a.m. and the Board of Love County Commissioners will meet at 9 a.m. on Monday, May 4 in the Commissioners Office in the Love County Courthouse Annex.

LOVE COUNTY QUILT GUILD

The Love County Quilt Guild will meet at 10 a.m. on Monday, May 4 at the Love County Fair Building.

LOVE COUNTY EXCISE BOARD

The Love County Excise Board will meet at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, May 4 at the Love County Courthouse.

MARIETTA SCHOOL BOARD

The Marietta Public Schools Board of Education will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, May 4 in the Administration Building.

LOVE COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT

The Love County Conservation District Board of Directors will meet at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, May 5 at the district office.

EASTSIDE VFD

The Board of the Eastside Volunteer Fire Department will hold their meeting at 6:30 p.m., and the general meeting will begin at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, May 5 at the station.

VFW POST 4574

The Carter County Memorial Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4574 will meet at 6 p.m. on Thursday, May 7 at 529 South Washington Street in Ardmore. For more information, contact Billy Hartman at (580) 768-4904.

CRINER HILLS VFD

The Criner Hills Volunteer Fire Department will meet at 7 p.m. on Thursday, May 7 at the Charles Campbell Memorial Fire Station #1.

MARIETTA FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Marietta Fire Department will meet at 7 p.m. on Thursday, May 7 at the station.

LOVE COUNTY SENIOR COMMODITIES PICKUP

Love County seniors may pick up commodities from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. on Friday, May 8 at the Love County Fair Building.

LEON TOWN COUNCIL

The Town of Leon needs help. Without new board members, the town will be dissolved. To be a member, you must reside within the city limits a minimum of six months. Interested? Please attend the town council meeting on Monday, May 11 at 7 p.m. at the Community Building.

Chair yoga at Library

Looking for a gentle way to support your heart, mind, and joints?

The Love County Library invites seniors to join our chair yoga series led by instructor Hannah Benson.

Classes will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays from May 5 through June 30.

All equipment is provided - just wear comfortable clothing and athletic shoes. Spaces are limited, so sign up today to secure your spot and start your journey to better well-being.

Chair yoga introduces stretches that can help with joint pain relief, encourage relaxation, increase flexibility plus improve circulation, and combat depression and anxiety.

All exercises shown in this class are done while standing beside or sitting in a chair.

"Chair yoga is perfect for adults needing easy exercise they can do at home," said Library Branch Manager Neshia Crane. "We enjoy providing opportunities for our community and their health."

Love County Library is offering this program as part of a health literacy grant from the Oklahoma Department of Libraries. The program is funded in part by the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

For more information, contact the Love County Library at (580) 276-3783 or visit the library at 500 South Highway 77 in Marietta.

The Love County Library is a branch of the Southern Oklahoma Library System.

Physician Assistant Joins Mercy Health Love County Clinic

A well-prepared physician assistant has joined Mercy Health Love County Clinic. He is Bradley Taylor, age 33, whose area of practice is family medicine.

Taylor began seeing patients on April 8. He is an Ardmore native who graduated in 2011 from Ardmore High School. He then went on to graduate from the University of Oklahoma with a bachelor's in science followed by PA school at OU College of Medicine where he became a Board-Certified Physician Assistant in 2020. During his training, he developed a passion for internal medicine as well as emergency medicine bringing a well-rounded approach to treating patients of all ages.

Taylor has been practicing in internal medicine at Mercy Hospital Ada followed by Mercy Hospital Healdton for the last three years. He has also practiced in the emergency departments in Ada, Ardmore and Healdton in available time since graduating.

When he isn't working, Taylor enjoys spending time with his wife, Taryn, and their three young children all age 5 and under, where he cheers them along and coaches



them in sports. He also enjoys golf.

"Everyone here has been welcoming, and I am excited to get to know and serve this community," he said. "I am looking forward to building a practice for the whole family and following patients along for years to come."

The clinic's primary providers now include Bradley Taylor, PA-C, Dr. Stacy Goode, M.D., Dr. Stephen Hutchins, M.D., Dr. Jordan Paslay, M.D., Dr. Janet Camarena, M.D. and Family Nurse Practitioner Nikki Barker, DNP.

To make an appointment at the clinic, call (580) 276-2400.



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Tuesday: Smoked Sausage, Corn, Sauerkraut or Cole-slaw, Bread or Dinner Roll, Margarine, Seasonal Fruit Cup.

Wednesday: Beef Noodle Casserole or Lasagna, Mixed Veggies, Salad, Bread or Dinner Roll, Margarine, Apple Crisp.

Thursday: Chicken & Dressing or Pot Pie, Sweet or Mashed Potatoes, Green Bean Casserole, Pineapple Chunks.

Friday: Smothered Pork Chop w/Gravy, Red Potatoes or Squash, Broccoli, Bread or Dinner Roll, Margarine, Mixed Fruit Cup.

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Commissioners

Fritz, regarding the condition of Agate Road in the Leon area.

Fritz provided the commissioners with photos of the damaged road and informed them it had been more than 15 years since any real maintenance, anything more than filling a few potholes or adding asphalt to the edges, had been done.

"In this time, the number of residents living along that road has doubled as well as the traffic," Fritz said. "At least 20 people use that road daily."

Fritz continued to say the county has been receiving state funds for road maintenance and feels it is time they spend money to resurface the road before the existing damage works its way into the base, causing even more damage and greater costs to repair.

He did ask that the commissioners consider adjusting the budget so this one-mile road can be brought up to a reasonable level.

"Something needs to be done this year," Fritz told the commissioners.

The commissioners took no action and thanked Fritz for his input and concern.

In other business, Love County Undersheriff Trent Daniel told the commissioners that for safety reasons maintenance personnel will be replacing the taped stripes on the jail house floor with painted neon stripes which will reflect light even if the power or generator fails.

Also for the justice center, the administrators are looking to acquire another Connex building to use for storage, especially for confiscated drugs.

The cost, though not official, is expected to be about \$4,000.

Members of the Love County HCE group presented the commissioners with goodie trays to take to their crews in appreciation for proclaiming May 3-9 as Oklahoma Home and Community Education Week.

Cinematography



Photos provided

AI-generated photos are of characters portrayed in the movie, The Journeyman.

and research, are finally bringing their dream to fruition through Red River Cinematics with a kickoff party at the Krootz Brewery in Gainesville, Texas.

"This is an epic fantasy that I started working on in 1973 as a novel when I was a freshman in high school. Craig got on board with it and started helping in the 90s," spokesperson Dale Sykora said.

When the screenplay co-writer came on board in 2001, they cautiously decided against publishing the novel, choosing to wait instead for the screenplay so it would be never-before-seen content.

"We didn't want people knowing what to expect, what was coming up next. Most screenplays develop after a novel or a game. We chose another route," Sykora said.

In the years the Talan Team has been developing this project, other family members and friends have also shown interest. Leading the interest is Chad Krootz, owner of the Brewpub in Gainesville.

Krootz, as the owner of a pub and brew master himself, jumped in with help, brewing and creating some of the beers that will be consumed in the



wanting to do it for years."

This cinematic event, which will be fully filmed in Oklahoma is all about Jesser, who is supposed to be the Journeyman of Legend to see the Land of Talan out of the Age of Dooms into the Age of Promise, who has been enslaved, but with the help of a wizard, Stefin and Ogador, heir prince of the West-Realm escapes from a slave ship. Jesser's adventures as he attempts to regain his rightful position take place in the Land

of Talan.

The launch party, on May 14 at 315 West Elm in Gainesville, is all about setting the stage for classic, not-so-perfect heroes striving to do what is right.

Sykora is working to reach a wide range of viewers with a PG-13 version as well as a PG version for the younger viewers.

"This is going to be the first epic fantasy, shot entirely in Oklahoma, worthy of Okies," Sykora said.

The launch party itself is being used as a platform to gain enough interest to raise the remainder of the funds necessary to proceed with filming schedules.

Sykora invites the public to the launch party to be a part of the epic cinematic Oklahoma event.

County Records

Love County District Court

The County Public Records represent cases filed in Love County District Court. They are not intended to represent guilt or innocence in regards to a charge.

Civil Cases

Carmax Business Services, LLC vs. Jerusalia S. Bell – Judgment

Jefferson Capital Systems LLC vs. Robert Oldham – Judgment

Jefferson Capital Systems LLC vs. Vanessa Aldama – Judgment

Capital One Bank (USA), N.A. vs. Daniella Rose Rangel – Breach of contract

Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC vs. Kyle Ray Wayne Kelley – Judgment

The State of Oklahoma ex rel Melissa Handke, DA vs. \$26,472 in U.S. currency – Notice of seizure and intended forfeiture

Probate

In the matter of:
The estate of **Lyn D. Fisher**, deceased

County Jail Population

Total as of Wednesday morning, April 29 – 36; 30 men, 6 women

Misdemeanor Cases

Veronica Renteria Anderson of Pottsboro, TX – Unlawful posses-

sion of paraphernalia (TPD)

Kathryn Jane Jones of Ardmore – Assault and battery (LCSO)

Leonor Antonio Gonzalez of Grand Prairie, TX – Possession of controlled dangerous substance (marijuana); Reckless driving; Driving without a valid driver's license (TPD)

Kameron Jaquan Williams, no hometown listed – Possession of controlled dangerous substance (marijuana); Unlawful possession of paraphernalia (TPD)

Brent Cameron Hester of Marietta – Driving under the influence of alcohol; Possession of controlled dangerous substance – methamphetamine; Carrying firearm while under the influence of alcohol; Unlawful possession of paraphernalia; Acts resulting in gross injury/out-raging public decency (LCSO/TPD)

Victor Dewayne Mathis of Lewisville, TX – Public intoxication and disturbing the peace (LHPD)

Felony Cases

Jonathan Quinton Ginther of Thackerville – Domestic assault and battery by strangulation (LCSO)

Veronia Renteria Anderson of Pottsboro, TX – Trafficking in illegal drugs (TPD)

Kelvin Lamar Halyard of Fort Worth, TX – Aggravated driving under the influence (LHPD/OHP)

(Abbreviations: LCSO=Love County Sheriff's Office; LHPD=Lighthorse Police Department; OHP=Oklahoma Highway Patrol; TPD=Thackerville Police Department)

Fire Departments

all trades. We are called to every type of emergency from wrecks to house fires to hazardous materials and medical emergencies. Our firefighters have to know how to do it all," Mitchell said.

"It won't directly impact the manpower needs. We are still short-handed, but it will make

them better at what they are doing and more effective," Bond said.

Bond went on to say this class can also help volunteers wishing to become paid firefighters somewhere down the road.

"It is one of two classes that are required for that. We

would love to see more of our volunteers also join paid departments and bring those skills and experience back to Love County," Bond said.

"The importance of this class can't be stressed enough," Mitchell said. "It says a lot that the chiefs, emergency management, in-

structors and administrators are willing to invest their time, funds and energy to better the community as a whole by making sure these firefighters are properly trained. It is definitely a big step in the right direction."

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Welcome Bradley Taylor, PA-C

Bradley Taylor ...

... joined Mercy Health Love County Clinic on April 8, 2026. He will be seeing patients of all ages for their primary health care. Taylor is a Board-Certified Physician Assistant with six years of experience. He has worked in internal medicine at Mercy Hospitals in Ada and Healdton. Taylor grew up in Ardmore and is a graduate of the University of Oklahoma and OU Health. Welcome! Read more about our new PA-C elsewhere in this issue.

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Ranger Station Road closes

Roosevelt Bridge across Lake Texoma to be replaced

By Dianna F. Dandridge-Rystrom
Staff Writer

The Tulsa District U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has released a notice that beginning May 1, vehicle and pedestrian access at the Ranger Station Road Public Access area near US 70 at Lake Texoma will be closed to the public.

The area will be gated at the entrance and used by the Oklahoma Department of Transportation during the US 70 Roosevelt Bridge replacement project.

The closure refers only to the Ranger Road Access road, leaving other park and lake areas open.

T.J. Gerlach, an Oklahoma Department of Transportation public information officer, said the access road will be closed beginning on May 1 for ODOT to begin the prep work for the construction of the new bridge.

Construction on the new bridge should begin late this summer and the new bridge opened by the fall of 2029.

The current bridge will remain open until the new bridge can allow some traffic.

The US-70 Roosevelt Bridge, located in Bryan and Marshall counties, is set to be replaced using Oklahoma's largest federal grant awarded in 2024 for \$124 million and state funding to ensure it remains a safe and reliable crossing over Lake Texoma. The bridge currently carries 8,500 vehicles per day, according to an ODOT press release.

The bridge opened in 1945 and is a vital link for travel, business and recreation in Southeastern Oklahoma. The proposed bridge will be built nearby and be more resilient during weather events. It will have wider lanes, improved lighting and modern safety features. The replacement project is also expected to improve regional access, support tourism and help local economies.



Staff photo by Anabel Ulloa

The Roosevelt Bridge is traveled by many Love County residents as they commute to Southeastern Oklahoma State University or to the lake for recreation. The narrow crossing over Lake Texoma is being replaced with a new bridge, which will tentatively be opened by the fall of 2029.

Evelyn Franklin-Halstied: more stories to tell

By Denice Halstied
Contributor

Every teacher hopes to know if their work has made a lasting impact on future generations. Evelyn Franklin-Halstied has been fortunate to receive acknowledgment from some of her students.

One of her former students, Kevin P. Lane, wrote a book titled *Rural Route 3:16*. On the dedication page, he expressed his gratitude, stating, "Without my high school English teacher, Evelyn Halstied, I would not write. Without her patient guidance as a great teacher, there would be no way to tell the story. Thank you, Mrs. Halstied, for asking me each day, 'Did you write about it?' It only took me 30 years to understand what you were trying to teach me!"

Another student, Valerie Hall, honored Mrs. Halstied with a poem, also titled "Mrs. Halstied":
*Short, wise, dark, and small,
She is my favorite of them all.
A smile on her face, there always seems to be.
In the morning, it's the first I see
She is caring, gentle, warm,
and kind,
With the welfare of her students*



Photo provided

Evelyn Franklin-Halstied will celebrate her 100th birth on May 2. The community is invited to stop by the taste by Chef Rodney on this day from 3 to 4 p.m. to honor her.

*on her mind.
She picks me up when I am low,
And when I am lost, she is patiently slow.
She is willing to lend a helping hand
That we learn our lessons is her only demand.
English and biology are what she teaches
Many students, you can be sure,
she reaches.
She is the perfect example of what a teacher should be
Mrs. Halstied will always be in my memory.*

Not everyone receives a poem or a book dedication in their honor.

Rochel Halstied-Washington is grateful to have had Evelyn as her English and biology teacher. Rochel said that all she ever saw from Evelyn was patience, both at school and at home.

Evelyn researched how to teach her students in a way that would resonate with them, meeting each student where they were rather than where she wanted them to be.

Rochel's father, the late Arnell Halstied, referred to her as a "super-teacher." Evelyn often stayed up late trying to understand her students better, knowing that while some grasped concepts quickly, others took more time.

Once her students moved up to the next grade, they would often come back to visit her between classes.

Evelyn is truly a phenomenal woman. She has had a front-row seat to history, not only by living through it but also by actively participating in it.

She will celebrate her 100th birthday on May 2, 2026, and the community is invited to stop by to say hello. We will gather at the taste by Chef Rodney from 3-4 p.m. on Saturday, May 2, to honor her and express our gratitude for the wealth of knowledge she has shared.

We hope she is proud of the legacy she continues to pass on. We are all better for having her in our community, and we have many more stories to tell.

Obituary

Everett Gale Garrison

Everett Gale Garrison passed away in his home at Overbrook on April 19, 2026. Born August 2, 1955 in Sulphur, he attended Dickson Schools.

In 1973, he married Joyce Hickman O'Steen. They had one daughter, Chrissy (Garrison) Locke. Later, he made a home with Teresa Tollett.

Preceding him in death were his parents, Everett (Mutt) and Katie Murel Garrison; a granddaughter Bradi Hartman; and stepson Brandon Tollett.

Survivors include Teresa Tollett; his daughter Crissy Locke and husband Joe; stepdaughter Brandi Hawkins and husband Tommy; stepson Michael Greer and wife Destany; sister Kay Trubenbach; brothers, Delbert Garrison and Don Garrison and wife Lynda; grandchildren, Brinkli Hartman, Easton Hartman, Cody Locke, Levi Locke, Hailey Hawkins, and Clayton Hawkins; great-granddaughter Aspen Marie Greer; and many nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be planned at a later date.

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Cinco de Mayo

By Ron Jacobs
Contributor

We hear about celebrations on May 5, Cinco de Mayo Day, by people of Mexican heritage. The name simply means May 5th. Many people are under the impression this is Mexican Independence Day. That is not the case. The day celebrates the victory of the Mexican army over the French army in a small village, the Battle of Puebla, May 5, 1862.

May 5th is considered a minor holiday in Mexico. In the United States it has evolved into a commemoration of Mexican culture and heritage, particularly in areas with a large Mexican-American population. Many people have a misconception of what the day represents, it is NOT Mexican Independence Day. The day commemorates a single battle. Benito Juarez was the presi-

dent of Mexico at that time and the country was in default on debt payments to Europe. To try to get the money that was due them, France, Britain and Spain sent naval forces to Veracruz to demand payment. Britain and Spain reached an agreement with Mexico; France did not.

Napoleon III was the head of the French government and used this opportunity to try to build a French empire in America. The French invaded Mexico in 1861. The Mexican government fled from Mexico City to rural Mexico.

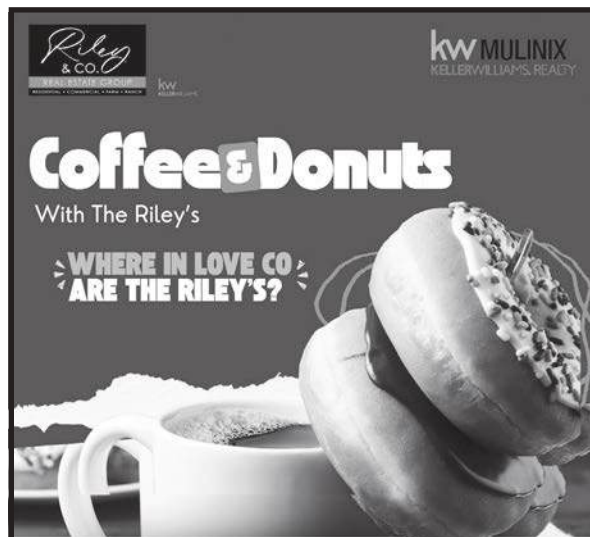
The French had 6,000 troops and advanced to the village of Puebla Los Angeles, which was the headquarters of President Juarez. He managed to gather a ragtag army of 2,000 to face the French. At the end of the day, the French retreated, having lost 500 soldiers. The Mexicans had lost

less than 100.

The French did not leave Mexico until 1867 when the French-installed emperor was captured and executed. When the French-Mexican conflict began, the U.S. was involved in their own civil uprising, the Civil War. After the war was over, the U.S. came to the assistance of Mexico via the Monroe Doctrine and the French departed Mexico.

In Mexico, May 5th is not a federal holiday. In the U.S., the day is marked by parades, parties, music and food. The largest festivals are held in Los Angeles, Chicago and Houston.

Compiler's Note: Actually Mexican Independence Day was declared some 50 years before the Battle of Puebla. Mexican Independence Day is observed on September 16.



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1910 was definitely a different time when you read the ads from that era

In 1910, the drug store advertised prescriptions were filled by competent men

By Ron Jacobs
Contributor

The following advertisements are taken from the *Love County News* in 1910. The newspaper was the major way information was dispersed.

At that time, Marietta had four banks: First National Bank, Marietta National Bank, First State Bank, and Farmers National Bank.

The newspaper ads give you some idea of what goods and services were available in Love County.

L. Carroll sells furniture, art squares (a canvas used by an artist), rugs, and matting, also coffins and caskets and undertaking goods.

Compiler's Note: A coffin is tapered from the head to the foot; a casket is a rectangle. Undertaking goods refer to dressing and grooming the deceased.

Marietta Drug. Prescriptions are filled by competent and experienced men. We also sell patent medicines, fancy stationery, toilet articles, paints, oils and everything pertaining to an up-to-date drug store. Also Kodak and supplies.

J.P. London Company. Just received two carloads of buggies and want to sell them out, also cookstoves at a bargain to make room for a new car. Prices are right.

Kilgore Jewelry Store. Watches \$9.50. These watches can't be told from one that costs three times as much. They look like solid gold and are the popular size and thickness. They will jog along with an occasional cleaning for years without a missed step.

Furs! Furs! John P. London Company. The largest line of furs ever brought to Marietta are now on display and are awaiting your inspection. Types offered: Black Marten (a small animal found in Europe and Asia), Lynx (wild cat, yellow or spotted), Black Fox, Blue Wolf, Black Wolf, Southern Sable (a small mammal from Africa, one of the most expensive furs), Mink, opossum and raccoon. If you intend to buy a set of furs for this season, we can save you money and please you better.

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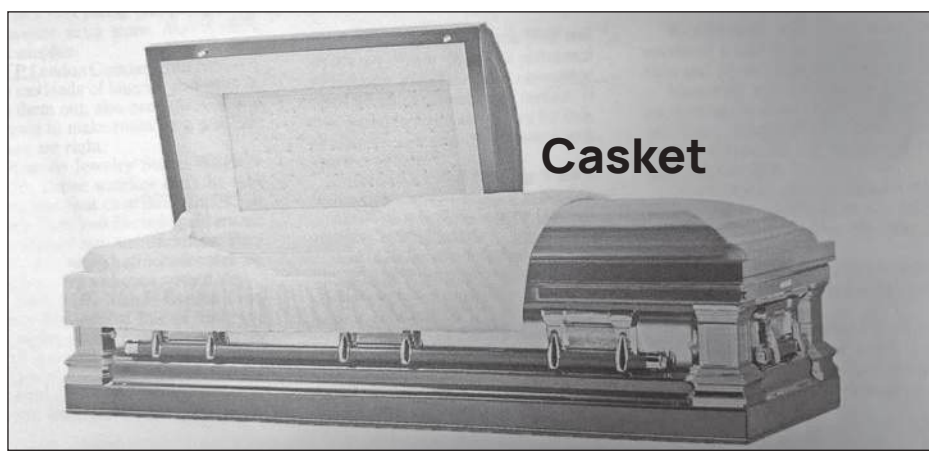


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Coffins and caskets serve the same purpose, but their construction is different. According to his advertisement, Mr. L. Carroll could provide either one, along with rugs and matting, art squares and furniture. Today most people choose a casket.



Museum Musings

jewelry, diamond cut glass and silverware cheaper than any other. Our goods are strictly guaranteed.

The Marietta Steam Laundry. Lingerie waists (worn to emphasize the waistline) and dresses can all be laundered in a public laundry without injuring the garment.

Westheimer and Company just received a big lot of children's bearskin and plush coats, \$2.00 and \$3.50.

Moncrief and Robinsons. Cigars, pipes, tobacco, confectionery (sweets) and fruit. Private cream parlor (per-

haps refers to an ice cream parlor) with electric fans.

Geo P. Bates and Co. Square deal hog fence or anything in the hardware or implement line. We also do plumbing.

Isadore Weil. Be a tailor made man. The house of fine tailoring. Love County News Building.

George Smart. Dray and Transfer Line (dray is a truck or cart). Baggage carefully handled. Cars quickly unloaded. I solicit your drayage and hauling of any kind.

Recollections

From The Monitor
Compiled by Dianna F. Dandridge-Rystrom

50 YEARS AGO ...

"Is it October already?" asks Jerry Cochran, Love County Tag Agent. According to Cochran, it should be October because 2,825 automobile tags have been sold for 1976 and it was the first week in October before that many tags were sold in 1975. He also said 32 new vehicles were registered in March this year compared with 21 for March 1975.



The Marietta School Board will meet Monday afternoon and the prime topic on the agenda will be the disposition of the Old Middle School Building. The building and city block of land were declared surplus property at a meeting earlier this year and the board then advertised for bids. The advertisement sought bids for the demolition of the building and for the land after the building had been removed.

25 YEARS AGO ...

Love County's unemployment situation for the month of March was a distinct improvement when compared with March one year ago and also shows improvement when compared with the preceding month of February, according to figures just released by the Oklahoma Employment Security Commission. The March rating of 3.7 percent is 1.3 percent lower than the unemployment rating of 5.0 percent shown for March 2000 and is also 0.1 percent lower than the rating for the previous month of February, set at 3.8 percent.



The county commissioners have begun advertising for bids for the second phase of restoration for the Love County Courthouse. In Monday's commissioner meeting, the board was addressed by the architects for the project and discussed proceeding with the second phase. With the work done on the basis of grant funds received, the "oldest courthouse in Oklahoma" will receive an additional touch-up as soon as the bid is awarded.

10 YEARS AGO ...

Needing some good news, county officials received it this month when tax collections were the highest they have been in five months. After a precipitous drop in revenue from the lodging tax, sales tax and use tax in previous months, the income for April was up. While the most recent figures brought good news, they were still below the all-time highs. The April payment from the Oklahoma Tax Commission reflects taxable sales made in February.



The Love County Library was a perfect place to have our April Rose Garden Club meeting at 10 a.m. on April 21. The meeting was hosted by Alice Cochran and Melrose Ayres with tables set up with seashell table covers, topped with pink flamingo plates and cups. Each member brought a dish to share.

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Marietta's Jessie announces retirement

By Joani Hartin
Staff Writer

In 1979, the US experienced the Three Mile Island nuclear accident, severe energy shortages that prompted rationing of gasoline, and the beginning of the Iranian Hostage Crisis. In less existential news, "My Sharona" was the number one pop song, and fashion included late disco glamour, high-waisted designer denim, and platform shoes for both women and men.

If 1979 seems like forever ago, then wrap your brain around this: Marietta Public Schools' Harry Jessie began a teaching/coaching career that has spanned almost half of a century and four schools—and right now, Jessie is in the final lap of his farewell tour. After 47 years in public education, Jessie is retiring.

Jessie, who graduated from Frederick High School in 1975, headed for Cameron University where in 1979, he earned a bachelor's degree in physical education with a minor in Psychology. He then taught in Frederick for three years, Elgin for one, and Dickson for 16 years before heading to Marietta, where he's been in the business of training the next generations of Indians for 27 years.

During Jessie's career, he's coached football, boys' and girls' basketball, baseball and softball, and taught Psychology, Sociology, and History. But he is best known – and loved – for the 19 years he spent teaching elementary PE in Marietta.

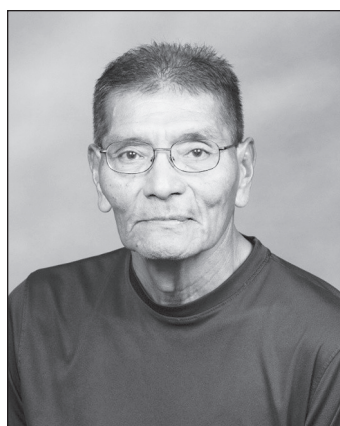


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After 47 years in education and coaching, longtime Marietta educator Harry Jessie is retiring.

The truly amazing part about those years that Jessie was teaching elementary PE is the thousands of relationships fostered with his students. They grew to love him and almost all of them would give their beloved Coach Jessie the last dollar they had or the shirt off their back.

My youngest son is one of those former students and a member of the Coach Jessie Fan Club. During a recent conversation when I told him that Coach Jessie was retiring, he headed down a rabbit hole of stories. His best memory about Coach Jessie had nothing to do with PE, but still well illustrates the impact of the man.

"I remember one day I was in third or fourth grade. It was cold and drizzling and I was walking by one of the old pods, hunched over, hands in my pockets. Coach Jessie was walking at the same time

and he stopped me and said, 'Son, stand up straight and tall and carry yourself with pride! Posture says a lot about you, so act like you are proud of who you are.' I've forgotten a lot about school, but that stuck with me. Even now, whenever I walk, I try to keep my head high and look people in the eye. I'm 34 years old, but I still clearly remember that."

Lindsey Shankles Ramon, who played softball for Coach Jessie also has great memories.

"He was one of the best coaches I ever had," said Ramon. "He was passionate about playing well and winning, but he was also patient and kind. He always had time to help me whenever I struggled with a skill, and he's one of the most encouraging coaches I ever had."

But perhaps none of Coach Jessie's former students has a more unique perspective from which to view him than Marietta's Athletic Director, Tanica Anderson because she's also had the opportunity to work with him as an adult.

"As a lifelong athlete, PE was naturally the highlight of my elementary school years," remembered Anderson. "Coach Jessie was a source of encouragement, always pushing us to step outside our comfort zones. I still smile when I remember the boys who doubted him when he claimed they couldn't outrun me – they certainly learned the hard way."

"Throughout my high school years, and even after I became a colleague, Coach Jessie remained a vital mentor, consistently offering wisdom and support. He is truly one of a kind, and his presence in the field of education will be deeply missed."

Jessie's career has survived a tremendous amount of change. In 1979, computers

weren't used in public education. Now, they've taken over several parts of the field, but Jessie took those changes in stride. He's seen the job become more difficult and filled with responsibility, but he's managed to overcome those hurdles, too. And through all those changes, the only negative comment he shared concerns the lack of raises for people in education.

It's easy to see why Jessie is practically a legend at Marietta and why he has earned the love and respect of his colleagues, students, and student athletes throughout the last 27 years. And although they hate to see him go, they know that he has more than earned some time to do what he wants to do.

There's no doubt that Jessie

will be missed, but what will he miss?

"I've been able to build a lot of relationships with a lot of people, and I've been able to see many of my students prosper," he said. "I will miss that, along with the respect that I have received from students, which I truly appreciate. I will miss the daily routine of seeing my students and the other teachers."

In addition to his teaching and coaching duties during the school year, Jessie has worked part time during summers with the Chickasaw Nation. But now he's ready to slow way down and focus on enjoying life, spending his time with his wife, children, and his granddaughter, watching his son Kyle coaching, and playing

some golf.

For 47 years, Harry Jessie has invested himself in the lives of thousands of students in the classroom and on the playing fields, building a legacy of hard work and good character, while earning the respect and admiration of generations of families. But all good things must end, and Jessie's career is one of those things.

"Marietta Schools will not be the same without Coach Jessie," said Superintendent Brandi Naylor. "Even in this final year, he is still imparting his wisdom to students and staff. Although he will be dearly missed, we all know he has earned this rest and we wish him many years of happy retirement."

Meet the Teacher

By Joani Hartin, Staff Writer

Allie LeBarre, Marietta

A graduate of Walters High School and Cameron University, Allie LeBarre is in her first year of teaching fourth grade math, science, and social studies at Marietta Elementary School.

LeBarre became an educator to help make a difference in students' lives.

"I want to be someone that they can trust and to help them grow confident in themselves and their abilities," she said.

"My favorite thing about my job is being able to support my students and seeing those 'lightbulb' moments when they understand something they've been working on."



Allie LeBarre

Maria Ballard, Marietta

Maria Ballard is in her second year of teaching Algebra I and II at Marietta High School.

"I enjoy the small town feel that Marietta has, while still maintaining a diverse group of students and staff," she said.

Ballard previously taught at Ardmore High School and in Silo's middle and high schools.

She is a graduate of Strath Haven High School in Wallingford, Pennsylvania. She earned a bachelor's degree in mathematics from Southern New Hampshire University and master's degree in Curriculum and Instruction in Math from Southeastern Oklahoma State University.

"My dream has always been to teach," Ballard explained. "As a child I would play teacher with all my stuffed animals. I have always loved learning, and I enjoy passing that on to my students. Nothing beats that 'aha' moment when the lesson clicks and they begin to understand. I love when a student tells me that my class is the first time they truly understood math."



Maria Ballard

OSU Extension set to celebrate 112th anniversary

By Andrea Snow
OSU Extension

For over a century, the Cooperative Extension Service has been enhancing the lives of all Oklahoma residents, helping them develop new skills, solve problems, and foster positive relationships.

Established in 1914 with the passing of the Smith-Lever Act, the nationwide Extension service has been making a difference for 112 years. With a presence in all 77 counties in Oklahoma, Oklahoma State University Extension provides education everywhere for everyone.

As this anniversary is observed, OSU Extension educators and personnel in Love County invite the public to an open house celebration slated at 11:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. on May 8, 2026, at the Extension Office located at 405 W Main

Street in Suite 102.

"This is an opportunity for us to let our residents know how important they are in helping us meet the mission of OSU Extension," said Lauren Minyard, Love County Extension CED and Educator. "It's also a time when we thank other organizations with which we partner to continuously meet the needs of Love County residents."

More than a century ago, OSU Extension was known for providing agricultural and farming advice to residents. The OSU Extension of 2026 paints a much different and broader picture while still maintaining its roots. County Extension educators are dedicated and knowledgeable leaders in communities across the state, providing research-based information on topics ranging from agriculture and economic development to fam-

ily and consumer sciences, 4-H youth development, and more.

"Because our Extension educators work and live in these communities, they are dedicated to being change-makers and to improving the lives of county residents," said Damona Doye, associate vice president of OSU Extension. "They are the feet on the ground in meeting the mission of Extension. We're looking forward to this anniversary observance and continuing the efforts that are making a difference across the state." More information about OSU Extension is available online. OSU Extension uses research-based information to help all Oklahomans solve local issues and concerns, promote leadership and manage resources wisely throughout the state's 77 counties. Most information is available at little to no cost.



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May 14 & 18-20, 2026

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Please call the Primary School Office at 580-276-4494 to schedule a time for you to pre-enroll your child during those days. Pre-enrollment is for NEW Pre-K students (children who will be four years old on or before September 1, 2026) and NEW Kindergarten students (children who will be five years old on or before September 1, 2026).

You MUST bring your child with you for screening purposes.

Each student will need an updated immunization record, birth certificate, social security number, and proof of residency. If you have any questions, please call the Primary School office at 580-276-4494.

MHS seniors get real-world experience

By Joani Hartin
Staff Writer

In recent weeks, students in Marietta High School's English IV classes have been working on building their resume, along with job-seeking and interviewing – real-world skills to help them be ready for real-world living.

"This project is an important way to finish our English IV curriculum by learning work-appropriate behaviors and skills that will be utilized in the world of higher education and the workforce," said Danielle Neble, senior English teacher.

More than creating a paper resume, Neble taught students about the importance of continued learning and personal growth – even after graduation. She discussed the necessity of professional behavior like eye contact, a firm handshake, timeliness, and preparation.

Last week, several community leaders visited campus to conduct mock interviews. Represented were Red River Valley REA, Family Shelter of Southern Oklahoma, Mercy Love County, and SouthernTech.

"We are so grateful to have these community leaders and businesses who are willing to support our school system and our students,"

Neble stated.

Although the students believed they were doing "practice" interviews, in both years that Neble has conducted the project, a few students have actually been hired by their interviewers for part-time or summer jobs.

"The kids were not expecting to be hired for a real job," smiled Neble. "They just thought they were sitting in interviews for a grade in English IV. But if one or 50 of these students leave my class with a paying job, a career future, or even just the skill set to enter the world, then I believe the project was successful."



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Whitney Elmore from SouthernTech speaks with Marietta High School senior Jazmine Medina during mock interviews held recently as a part of English IV classes' unit designed to build real world readiness in students.

School Menus

May 4-8

TURNER SCHOOL

Breakfast

Monday – Breakfast Taco, Fruit, Milk
Tuesday – Eggs, Toast, Fruit, Milk
Wednesday – Sausage, Biscuit, Fruit, Milk
Thursday – Biscuit, Sausage Gravy, Fruit, Milk
Friday – NO SCHOOL

Lunch

Monday – Chicken Salad Sandwich, Chips, Pickles, Fruit, Milk
Tuesday – Beef Nachos, Refried Beans, Chips, Salsa, Fruit, Milk
Wednesday – Pigs in a Blanket, French Fries, Broccoli, Fruit, Milk
Thursday – Corn Dog, Mac & Cheese, Green Beans, Fruit, Milk
Friday – NO SCHOOL

MARIETTA SCHOOL

Monday – Biscuit & Sausage Gravy, Cereal, Fruit, Juice, Milk
Tuesday – Breakfast Burrito, Cereal, Fruit, Juice, Milk
Wednesday – Cinnamon Roll, Cereal, Fruit, Juice, Milk
Thursday – NO SCHOOL
Friday – NO SCHOOL

Lunch

Monday – Chicken Nuggets, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Green Beans, Dinner Roll, Fruit, Milk
Tuesday – Pizza, Baby Carrots, Italian Salad, Fruit, Milk
Wednesday – Beef Hot Dog, Tater Tots, Green Beans, Fruit, Milk
Thursday – Chicken Quesadilla, Refried Beans, Salsa, Tortilla Chips, Fruit, Milk
Friday – NO SCHOOL

THACKERVILLE SCHOOL

Breakfast

Monday – Scrambled Eggs, Toast,

Monday – Poptarts, Cheese Sticks, Diced Peaches, Milk, Juice
Tuesday – Cereal & Toast, Cheese & Toast, Applesauce, Milk, Juice
Wednesday – Egg & Cheese Omelet, Toast, Fruit Cocktail, Milk, Juice
Thursday – Breakfast Pizza, Applesauce, Milk, Juice
Friday – NO SCHOOL

Monday – Tatchos, Refried Beans, Fresh Carrots, Orange Slices, Milk
Tuesday – Hot Dogs, Pork-n-Beans, Broccoli, Cauliflower, Apples, Milk
Wednesday – Chicken Nuggets, Hot Rolls, Mashed Potatoes, Corn, Sliced Oranges, Milk
Thursday – Cheese Pizza, Side Salad, Broccoli, Sliced Peaches, Milk
Friday – NO SCHOOL

Turner year-end schedule

By Joani Hartin
Staff Writer

Turner Public Schools' Superintendent Shari Pillow has announced several end-of-year dates for the district in hope that parents and other family and friends can prepare their schedule for the busy time ahead.

Those dates are as follows:

- May 3 – Baccalaureate, Freeman Auditorium at 6:30 p.m.
- May 5 – Fourth and fifth grade field trip
- May 7 – Fourth grade field trip
- May 8 – Prom
- May 11 – First through fifth grade Spring Musical, Freeman Auditorium at 1:30 p.m.
- May 12 – Kindergarten-Senior Walk at

9:30 a.m.

- Kindergarten Graduation, Freeman Auditorium at 10 a.m.
- FFA Banquet, Gymnasium, 6 p.m.
- May 13 – Middle School Awards program, Freeman Auditorium at 8:30 a.m.
- High School Awards program, Freeman Auditorium at 10 a.m.
- May 14 – Last day of school for students
- Elementary Awards Program, Freeman Auditorium at 10 a.m.
- Middle School Graduation, Freeman Auditorium at 7 p.m.
- May 15 – Professional Day – Check out for teachers
- Senior Graduation, Freeman Auditorium, 7 p.m.

"Unearth A Story" theme of Summer Reading Program

Join the Southern Oklahoma Library System for the 2026 Summer Reading Program (SRP): Unearth A Story.

The annual SRP will provide programming such as Inspyral Circus, musician Jammin' Randy, Extreme Animals, children's ventriloquist Kyle French, Bart Taylor with the Will Rogers Memorial Museum, and so much more.

Join your local SOLS branch for summer movies, crafts, book clubs, kickoff parties, and more during the many programs beginning in May and continuing throughout the summer months.

This year SOLS will continue using Reader Zone for our SRP participants to track

their reading minutes.

Contact your local library to learn about this system and ask for your library's code. Paper reading logs will still be made available.

Once they complete all of their reading goals, participants will be able to claim one ticket at their local SOWLS branch to be entered for a variety of fun prizes. The prizes will be drawn at the end of SRP.

"We have programs and entertainment planned for all ages and interests," said Youth Services Coordinator Stephanie Way.

"We are thrilled to host this year's Summer Reading Program, and we invite everyone in the community to come

celebrate with us."

All SRP programs are free, but some may have age requirements. Check with your local branch library for more information and dates of events. It's all part of this year's educational and enjoyable affair.

"At SOLS, we value the importance of engaging our youth in literacy and learning, especially during the summer," said Executive Director Gail Oehler. "This year's program is filled with activities for the entire family."

The SRP is supported in part by the Institute of Museum and Library Services through the Library Services and Technology Act, administered by the Oklahoma Department of Libraries.

For more information, contact Love County Library at (580) 276-3783 or visit www.southernoklibrarysystem.org.

SMARTYPANTS Jaguars

Deep in the thick jungles of the Amazon Rainforest, a powerful hunter moves like a ghost. It doesn't make a sound and you won't hear it coming. You might not even see it. But it's there blending into its habitat. The mighty jaguar is one of the most mysterious wild cats on Earth.

Across:

1. Sneak up on prey
2. Baby big cat
4. Land covered with dense forest
5. Sharp nails
6. Meat eater
9. Wetland area
11. A way of hiding
13. Dark-colored
14. Protecting nature
15. Animal that hunts
16. Active during the night
22. An uncertain chance of surviving
23. Living things and their environment
25. Protect from danger
26. Survival trait
27. Spot patterns

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Down:

1. Type of living thing
3. Keeping things even
7. Forest treetops
8. Wet, dense forest
10. Sudden jump
12. At risk of being extinct
17. An animal that is hunted
18. Lives alone
19. An animal's natural home
20. Area an animal claims
21. An animal that hunts
24. Quiet movement

EASTSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH

Our Mission:

Seeking to reach our world by sharing Christ's Love.
People helping people through a loving, caring, fellowship.

- Breakfast at 8:45 a.m.**
- Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.**
- For adults and children -
- Morning Worship - 10:50 a.m.**
- Evening Bible Study - 6 p.m.**

Don't miss Wednesday Night Connections at 6 p.m.

JOIN US FOR WORSHIP!
You are always welcome at Eastside!

Pastors Brett Alberda & Denny Spradling
107 North Fernwood Ave., Marietta, OK



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Public Notice

NOTICE OF RESALE OF REAL ESTATE FOR TAXES

Love County, State of Oklahoma
 Notice is hereby given that, under authority and mandatory requirement of 68 O.S. § 3125-3127, each of the hereinafter described lots, tracts, and parcels of real estate, all situated in Love County, State of Oklahoma, will be sold at public auction to the highest competitive bidder for cash, provided that for each parcel or tract, the bidder offers a sum equal to or greater than two-thirds of the assessed valuation of such real estate as fixed for the current fiscal year 2025 - 2026, or the total amount of taxes, ad valorem and special, interest and costs legally due on such property computed to and as of June 8, 2026 whichever is the lesser; said sale to be held at the Love County Treasurer Office, State of Oklahoma beginning on the second Monday in June, 2026, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. and continuing from day to day thereafter between the same hours until said sale has been completed according to law.

It is hereby stated that each of said lots, tracts, and parcels of real estate hereinafter listed, has remained unpaid for a period of more than three years from the date such taxes first became due and payable; that in the schedule below appears under caption indicating Lands (Section, Township, and Range), City or Town, or subdivision thereof, in which located, following each described lot, tract and parcel of real estate, in the order herein set out, the name of the owner as shown by the last tax roll 2020 in the office of the County Treasurer, the date on which said real estate was sold to the county for delinquent taxes, the year or years for which taxes have been assessed but remain unpaid, the total amount of all delinquent ad valorem taxes, costs and interest that have accrued thereon and remain legally due and unpaid as of the date of first publication of notice of Resale, the total amount of all delinquent special assessments, costs and interest that since accrued thereon and remain due and unpaid as of the date of the first publication in May, the date of said resale, and the total due. On resale date one and one-half per cent further interest will have accrued. The above notice applies to the following lots, tracts, and parcels, to wit:

Witness my hand this 28th day of April, 2026.

/s/ Karla Smith
 Karla Smith
 Love County Treasurer

LAKE MURRAY VILLAGE

0215-00-002-011-0-000-00
 TID #5815 CARTER, TERESA G & GREENAWALT, TRAVIS D
 LOT 11 BLK 2 LAKE MURRAY VILLAGE
 REAL Total \$7,400.77

0215-00-003-005-0-000-00
 TID #5820 HEARNE, RUSSELL ALAN 1/2 INT & GREENAWALT, TRAVIS 1/2 INT
 LOT 5 BLK 3 LAKE MURRAY VILLAGE
 REAL Total \$6,510.46

MARIETTA

1040-00-005-001-0-002-00
 TID #6080 MORGAN, KENNETH D
 LOT 1 BLK 5 LESS THE E10' OF SAID LOT 1 & LESS THE N 90' OF SAID LOT 1 MARIETTA CITY
 REAL Total \$8,962.80

1040-00-009-001-0-001-00
 TID #6091 ORTIZ, CARLOS & ARLENE
 N 65' LOT 1 BLK 9 MARIETTA CITY
 REAL Total \$332.14

1040-00-009-001-0-002-00
 TID #6092 ORTIZ, CARLOS & ARLENE
 S 75' LOT 1 BLK 9 MARIETTA CITY
 REAL Total \$382.71

1040-00-009-002-0-000-00
 TID #6093 ORTIZ, CARLOS & ARLENE
 LOT 2 BLK 9 MARIETTA CITY
 REAL Total \$1,164.84

1040-00-009-003-0-000-00
 TID #6094 ORTIZ, CARLOS & ARLENE
 LOT 3 & 4 BLK 9 MARIETTA CITY
 REAL Total \$1,717.93

1040-00-023-002-0-000-00
 TID #6194 RASOR, FRANK T C/O ANNETTE LEWIS
 S 47' OF LOT 2 BLK 23 MARIETTA CITY
 REAL Total \$986.42

1040-00-035-003-0-002-00
 TID #6305 CHELYN, JOAN & GARCIA, JOCELYN SALAS
 E 15' LOT 3 & ALL LOT 4, BLK 35 MARIETTA CITY
 REAL Total \$21,607.75

1040-00-067-002-0-000-00
 TID #6491 HURST, MISTY DAWN
 PART OF LOT 2 BEG AT PT. 10' S OF NW/C LOT 2 TH E 120' THE S 55' TH W 120' TH N 55' TO POB BEING PART OF LOT 2 BLK 67 MARIETTA CITY
 REAL Total \$2,749.00

1040-00-085-002-0-002-00
 TID #6609 HALSTIED, GARY W. S 90' LOT 2 BLK 85 MARIETTA CITY
 REAL Total \$3,182.61

1040-00-098-007-0-000-00
 TID #6707 JANEE, TWYLA

LOT 7 BLK 98 MARIETTA CITY
 REAL Total \$2,080.89
 1040-00-099-001-0-000-00
 TID #6709 HALSTIED, GARY W.
 LOT 1 BLK 99 MARIETTA CITY
 REAL Total \$586.11

HILLCREST ADDITION #1

1080-00-006-001-0-000-00
 TID #6968 MOREHEAD, CHRISTY OLIPHANT
 LOT 1 BLK 6 HILLCREST ADDITION #1
 REAL Total \$3,645.25

J.C. WASHINGTON ADDITION

1085-00-009-004-0-002-00
 TID #7022 NEWTON, KAREN S 1/2 LOT 4 BLK 9 J.C. WASHINGTON ADD
 REAL Total \$3,819.25

6S 2E

0000-19-06S-02E-0-024-00
 TID #13541 ALDAMA, VANESSA COMM @ NW/C OF NW TH S00 03 18W 2646.45' TH N89 47 20E 604.05' TH N00 00 16W 154.11 TO POB TH N00 00 16W 175.22' TH N32 43 59E 65.57' TH S48 55 25E 266.29' TH S41 04 35W 200.95' TH N47 18 25W 141.69 TO POB SEC 19 6S 2E
 REAL Total \$498.78

0000-19-06S-02E-0-026-00
 TID #14225 BARRIOS, BENJAMIN & ALDAMA, NORMA COMM @ NW/C NW/4 TH S00 03 18W 2646.45' TH N89 47 20E 604.05' TH N00 00 16W 154.11' TH S47 18 25E 141.69' TO POB TH N41 04 35E 202.22' TH S49 12 03E 214.70' TH S42 41 35W 209.24' TH N47 18 25W 208.87' SEC 19 6S 2E
 REAL Total \$16,660.05

0000-30-06S-02E-0-018-00
 TID #981 PHOMSOUVANH, PHONEVILAY
 BEG S00 01'50"W 130' TH S89 49'21"W 151.01' OF NE/C OF SE SE NE TH S89 49'21"W 128' TH N36 37' 01"W N88' TH N00 01'50" E 100' TH N89 49'21"E 185.58' TH SOUTHERLY ON CURVE CONCAVE TO W HAVING RADIUS 4580.61' DISTANCE 256.95' TO POB SEC 30 6S 2E
 REAL Total \$1,919.73

7S 1E

0000-15-07S-01E-0-003-00
 TID #1953 GRAY, BILLY JOE JR
 BEG N 00°02'20"E 881' OF SE/C OF SW TH N 89°57'40" W 792' TH N 00°02'20"E 880' TH S 89°57'40"E 792' TH S 00°02'20"W 880' TO POB SEC 15 7S 1E
 REAL Total \$3,500.38

7S 2E

0000-19-07S-02E-0-006-00
 TID #2787 GOATES, JESSE DALE & COWAN, LANDEN LEIGH
 BEG AT NW/C OF LOT 1 TH N89°52'48"E 483' TH S00° 03'12"E 572.32' TH N89° 52'48"E 76.35' TH S00° 01'36"W 747.86' TH S89° 52'48"W 559.35' TH N00° 00'28"W 1320.18' TO POB SEC 19 7S 2E
 REAL Total \$33,512.42

0000-19-07S-02E-0-011-00
 TID #2792 GOATES, JESSE DALE & COWAN, LANDEN LEIGH
 BEG 483'E OF NW/C LOT 1 TH S 572.32' TH N89°56' 00"E 186.54' TH N00°26' 50"E 572.34' TH S89°56' 00"W 191' TO POB SEC 19 7S 2E
 REAL Total \$15,244.58

7S 3E

0000-19-07S-03E-0-006-00
 TID #3503 PINKSTON-ELMORE CRUDE GATHERING, LLC
 C/O BKEP RED RIVER SYSTEM LLC
 COMM AT NE/C OF SEC 19 TH W 279' TH S 16.50' TO POB TH S 300' TH W 500' TH N 300' TH E 500' TO POB SEC 19 7S 3E
 REAL Total \$739.25

7S 3W

0000-12-07S-03W-0-022-00
 TID #3639 DILLARD, K. C/O VICTORIA DILLARD
 2.66 AC IN S SE NW SEC 12 7S 3W
 REAL Total \$250.76

8S 1E

0000-25-08S-01E-0-002-00
 TID #3975 HAMMETT, ANTHONY
 A TRACT FROM SW/C OF E SW TH N 1574.52' TO POB TH N 208.71' TH E 208.71' TH S 208.71' TH W 208.71' TO BEG SEC 25 8S 1E
 REAL Total \$4,579.97

8S 2E

0000-06-08S-02E-0-001-00
 TID #4140 HALLUM, JOHNNY KEITH & LAURIE
 BEG S89 41'E 883.80' OF SW/C OF SEC TH S89 41'E 147.58' TH N0 12'E 295.16' TH N89 41'W 147.58' TH S0 12'W 295.16' TO POB & A TRACT BEG AT SW/C OF SEC TH S89 41 E ALONG SEC LINE 736.22' TO BEG TH N 0 12 E 295.16' TH S89 41 E 147.58' TH S0 12 W 295.16' TH N 89 41 W 147.58' TO BEG SEC 6 8S 2E
 REAL TOTAL \$780.78

0000-19-08S-02E-0-025-16
 TID #4293 MARTIN, LINDA
 UND 1/27 INT W SE SE LESS 2.16 AC FOR HWY & RR SEC 19 8S 2E
 REAL TOTAL \$181.62

9S 2E

0000-06-09S-02E-0-037-00
 TID #5126 REEVES, ROBERT W & KELLY L
 S SE NE SE LESS 1 AC. SEC 6 9S 2E
 REAL Total \$3,748.59

0000-07-09S-02E-0-004-00

TID #5144 VAUGHAN, FRANCES
 A TRACT IN S SW SW NW BEG 116' N OF SW/C TH E 660' TH S 50' TH W 660' TH N 50' TO BEG. SEC 7 9S 2E
 REAL Total \$548.09

0000-07-09S-02E-0-007-00
 TID #5147 VAUGHAN, FRANCES
 A TRACT IN S SW SW NW BEG 172'E OF NW/C OF 5 AC TRACT TH E 488'TO NE/C TH S 214'TH W 660'TH N 84'TH E 172'TH N 130'TO BEG SEC 7 9S 2E
 REAL Total \$1,698.48

0000-21-09S-02E-0-031-00
 TID #16348 HUDSPETH, TRACY & CO LLC
 C/O DERON BROWN
 A TRACT IN NW/4 BEGINNING AT NW/C THEN S000357W A DISTANCE OF 1740.45 FT AS POB THEN S895639E A DISTANCE OF 459.66 FT THEN S000357W A DISTANCE OF 248.64 FT THEN N895637W A DISTANCE OF 459.66 FT THEN N000357E A DISTANCE OF 248.64 FT TO POB CONTAINING 2.624 ACRES MORE OR LESS SEC 21 9S 2E
 REAL Total \$1,937.18

0000-30-09S-02E-0-006-00
 TID #5426 DAUGHERTY, KENNETH & KAREN
 TRACT BEG AT NW/C OF SEC TH E 258.75' TH S 367.90' TH W 258.75' TH N 367.90' TO POB SEC 30 9S 2E
 REAL Total \$4,591.80

FALCONHEAD

4101-00-003-013-0-000-00
 TID #7576 RICHESON, DANIEL & KEVIN
 PH 1 UNIT 1 BLK 3 LOT 13
 REAL Total \$457.54

4101-00-004-018-0-000-00
 TID #7599 FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
 PH 1 UNIT 1 BLK 4 LOT 18
 REAL Total \$381.29

4103-00-009-015-0-000-00
 TID #7759 BARRACANO, HENRY R.
 PH 1 UNIT 3 BLK 9 LOT 15
 REAL Total \$516.00

4105-00-021-019-0-000-00
 TID #7962 FARRELL, ANNE E.
 PH 1 UNIT 5 BLK 21 LOT 19
 REAL Total \$245.40

4106-00-004-019-0-000-00
 TID #8037 OWEN, GARY L.
 C/O SANDRA L OWEN
 PH 1 UNIT 6 BLK 4 LOT 19
 REAL Total \$508.30

4107-00-001-027-0-000-00
 TID #8081 HARRIS, WOODROW W. & MAYREE V. CO.
 PH 1 UNIT 7 BLK 1 LOT 27
 REAL Total \$519.06

4109-00-010-029-0-000-00
 TID #8332 NORTON, DONALD M. & ANGELA E.
 PH 1 UNIT 9 BLK 10 LOT 29
 REAL Total \$339.18

4109-00-014-026-0-000-00
 TID #8423 QUINTANA, LEO SAM II & ANNA M
 PH 1 UNIT 9 BLK 14 LOT 26
 REAL Total \$1,096.47

4109-00-016-026-0-000-00
 TID #8468 JOHNSON, STEVEN
 PH 1 UNIT 9 BLK 16 LOT 26
 REAL Total \$2,008.89

4110-00-011-004-0-000-00
 TID #8674 DOVE, TOMMY OR CONNIE
 PH 1 UNIT 10 BLK 11 LOT 4
 REAL Total \$348.79

4110-00-012-003-0-000-00
 TID #8698 BANUELOS, EMILIA
 PH 1 UNIT 10 BLK 12 LOT 3
 REAL Total \$350.48

4111-00-003-001-0-000-00
 TID #8756 KEPLINGER, HAZEL LORENE
 PH 1 UNIT 11 BLK 3 LOT 1
 REAL Total \$323.04

4111-00-007-014-0-000-00
 TID #8851 PATZKE, DAVID WAYNE
 PH 1 UNIT 11 BLK 7 LOT 14
 REAL Total \$323.04

4112-00-001-005-0-000-00
 TID #9016 SMITH, CHRISTOFER WESLEY
 PH 1 UNIT 12 BLK 1 LOT 5
 REAL Total \$377.02

4112-00-004-017-0-000-00
 TID #9075 PHILLIPS, ROBYN
 PH 1 UNIT 12 BLK 4 LOT 17
 REAL Total \$245.64

4112-00-004-018-0-000-00
 TID #9076 PHILLIPS, ROBYN
 PH 1 UNIT 12 BLK 4 LOT 18
 REAL Total \$234.56

4112-00-005-011-0-000-00
 TID #9087 ROGERS, CHRIS
 PH 1 UNIT 12 BLK 5 LOT 11
 REAL Total \$344.56

4112-00-005-012-0-000-00
 TID #9088 ROGERS, CHRIS
 PH 1 UNIT 12 BLK 5 LOT 12
 REAL Total \$339.18

4112-00-010-014-0-000-00
 TID #9172 RICHESON, DANIEL & KEVIN
 PH 1 UN 12 BLK 10 LOT 11
 REAL Total \$359.44

4112-00-010-013-0-000-00
 TID #9174 RICHESON, DANIEL & KEVIN
 PH 1 UN 12 BLK 10 LOT 13
 REAL Total \$370.19

4112-00-010-014-0-000-00
 TID #9175 RICHESON, DANIEL & KEVIN
 PH 1 UN 12 BLK 10 LOT 14
 REAL Total \$370.19

4112-00-010-015-0-000-00
 TID #9176 RICHESON, DANIEL & KEVIN
 PH 1 UN 12 BLK 10 LOT 15
 REAL Total \$362.83

4112-00-010-017-0-000-00
 TID #9178 RICHESON, DANIEL & KEVIN
 PH 1 UN 12 BLK 10 LOT 17
 REAL Total \$371.44

4112-00-011-001-0-000-00
 TID #9179 RICHESON, DANIEL & KEVIN
 PH 1 UNIT 12 BLK 11 LOT 1
 REAL Total \$493.24

4112-00-011-005-0-000-00
 TID #9183 RICHESON, DANIEL & KEVIN
 PH 1 UNIT 12 BLK 11 LOT 5
 REAL Total \$375.74

4112-00-011-006-0-000-00
 TID #9184 RICHESON, DANIEL & KEVIN
 PH 1 UNIT 12 BLK 11 LOT 6
 REAL Total \$305.60

412B-00-001-016-0-000-00
 TID #9242 GILLESPIE, PAMELA MARGARET
 PH 1 UNIT 2B BLK 1 LOT 16
 REAL Total \$513.66

4201-00-005-004-0-000-00
 TID #9330 POLK, JAVIOR M.
 PH 2 UNIT 1 BLK 5 LOT 4
 REAL Total \$375.74

4201-00-005-005-0-000-00
 TID #9331 POLK, JAVIOR M.
 PH 2 UNIT 1 BLK 5 LOT 5
 REAL Total \$349.94

4201-00-005-006-0-000-00
 TID: 9332 POLK, JAVIOR M.
 PH 2 UNIT 1 BLK 5 LOT 6
 REAL Total \$375.74

4201-00-007-009-0-000-00
 TID #9371 MOON, JERRY
 PH 2 UNIT 1 BLK 7 LOT 9
 REAL Total \$344.56

4203-00-002-014-0-000-00
 TID #9582 DEETS, JOHN D. & ALTA A.
 PH 2 UNIT 3 BLK 2 LOT 14
 REAL Total \$333.80

4203-00-002-023-0-000-00
 TID #9591 MCINTOSH, JAKE & HOLLY
 PH 2 UNIT 3 BLK 2 LOT 23
 REAL Total \$357.26

4203-00-002-024-0-000-00
 TID #9592 MCINTOSH, JAKE & HOLLY
 PH 2 UNIT 3 BLK 2 LOT 24
 REAL Total \$357.26

4203-00-002-032-0-000-00
 TID #9600 MCKENNEY, JOSHUA
 PH 2 UNIT 3 BLK 2 LOT 32
 REAL Total \$290.76

4204-00-001-032-0-000-00
 TID #9808 PRITCHARD, DONALD R. & DONNA
 PH 2 UNIT 4 BLK 1 LOT 32
 REAL Total \$545.94

4205-00-002-005-0-000-00
 TID #9834 COX, PATRICIA
 PH 2 UNIT 5 BLK 2 LOT 5
 REAL Total \$253.10

4205-00-003-012-0-000-00
 TID #9861 NAWADA, MATTEW W
 PH 2 UNIT 5 BLK 3 LOT 12
 REAL Total \$317.66

4206-00-004-019-0-000-00
 TID #10036 RATCLIFFE, JEFFERY BRIAN
 PH 2 UNIT 6 BLK 4 LOT 19
 REAL Total \$2,268.44

4206-00-004-020-0-000-00
 TID #10037 RATCLIFFE, JEFFERY BRIAN
 PH 2 UNIT 6 BLK 4 LOT 20
 REAL Total \$323.04

4206-00-005-023-0-000-00
 TID #10067 COX, PATRICIA
 PH 2 UNIT 6 BLK 5 LOT 23
 REAL Total \$339.18

4207-00-002-012-0-000-00
 TID #10169 NGUYEN, VU PHAM

REAL Total \$344.56
 4112-00-010-010-0-000-00
 TID #9171 RICHESON, DANIEL & KEVIN
 PH 1 UN 12 BLK 10 LOT 10
 REAL Total \$360.51

4112-00-010-011-0-000-00
 TID #9172 RICHESON, DANIEL & KEVIN
 PH 1 UN 12 BLK 10 LOT 11
 REAL Total \$359.44

4112-00-010-013-0-000-00
 TID #9174 RICHESON, DANIEL & KEVIN
 PH 1 UN 12 BLK 10 LOT 13
 REAL Total \$370.19

4112-00-010-014-0-000-00
 TID #9175 RICHESON, DANIEL & KEVIN
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 REAL Total \$370.19

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 REAL Total \$362.83

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 PH 1 UNIT 12 BLK 11 LOT 6
 REAL Total \$305.60

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Public Notice

April 20, 2026
Board of County Commissioners
Regular Meeting

Agenda was posted April 16, 2026, 12:00 PM at the door of the Courthouse Annex and exit doors of the Courthouse.

Present: Commissioners David Magee, Mike Mayes and Stacy Rushing; Minutes by County Clerk Shelly Russell; Sheriff Andy Cumberledge, Karen Holt, Chad McMillan, Bryan Reick, Darrell Holland, Trent Barrick, Dianna Dandridge-Rystrom, Carol Wolfe, Assessor Missy Tunnell, Treasurer Karla Smith.

Called to order by Chairman Mike Mayes.

Quorum Call. Present Magee, Mayes and Rushing.

Ratify and Affirm Love County Five-Year Expenditures 2027-2031 with the State of Oklahoma. Motion Magee Second Rushing. Vote Yes- Magee, Mayes and Rushing.

Ratify and Affirm Duct Sweeping Quotes at the Justice Center; given to Caldwell Mechanical as to the lowest quote received, \$9875.00. Motion Magee Second Rushing. Vote Yes- Magee, Mayes and Rushing.

Minutes and proceedings of April 13, 2026, Board of County Commissioners meeting were approved. Motion Magee Second Rushing. Vote Yes- Magee, Mayes and Rushing.

Board approved collected Protest Funds to be transferred into a 30-Day Certificate of Deposit with BancFirst, as to highest interest rate. Interest Rates received from: First National Bank & Trust of Ardmore 2.95%; BancFirst 3.6%; American Nation Bank 2.75%. Motion Magee Second Rushing. Vote Yes- Magee, Mayes and Rushing.

Board approved Fiscal Year: 2027 Solid Waste Request Form for Districts 1-2-3. D1 declined; D2 for mulching head, D3 hydraulic dump trailer. Motion Magee Second Rushing. Vote Yes- Magee, Mayes and Rushing.

Requisition-Purchase Order-Claims presented for payment the week of 4/9 - 4/16, 2026 were approved. Motion Magee Second Rushing. Vote Yes- Magee, Mayes and Rushing.

911 Phone #98, JASON HILLTOP GROCERY, 87.84, fuel #99, XCEL OFFICE SOLUTIONS, 365.22, service;

County Clerk-ST #152, COUNTY CLERKS AND DEPUTIES ASSOCIATION, 1770.00, registration #153, OCI, 400.00, chair;

Extension-ST #68, OKLAHOMA COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE, 6666.66, service #69, STANDLEY SYSTEMS INC., 112.10, service #70, PITNEY BOWES INC, 107.88, supplies;

General #1528, JASON HILLTOP GROCERY, 47.72, fuel #1529, LOVE COUNTY ELECTION BOARD,

150.00, rent #1530, COMDATA FLEET FUEL CARD, 4502.19, fuel #1531, PCS SOLUTIONS LLC, 81.89, service #1532, CANON FINANCIAL SERVICES INC, 156.88, contract #1533, MILLER OFFICE EQUIPMENT, 48.90, contract #1534, AMAZON BUSINESS, 179.95, supplies #1535, MODESTO SIGNS INC, 360.00, service #1536, LOVE COUNTY CLERK, 29.60, postage #1537, TURNKEY HEALTH CLINICS LLC, 8226.01, #1538, TURN KEY HEALTH CLINICS LLC, 762.92, service;

General Gov't-ST #478, TERMINIX PROCESSING CENTER, 176.00, service #479, FRIENDLY AND FAIR LAWN CARE, 425.00, service #480, DENNIS WELCH, 300.00, labor #481, AMAZON BUSINESS, 352.65, supplies #482, AMAZON BUSINESS, 348.06, supplies;

Highway #1322, CITY OF MARIETTA TRANSFERSITE, 11.55, trash #1323, STANDLEY SYSTEMS INC., 25.63, service #1324, KIRBY SMITH MACHINERY INC, 8642.97, repair #1325, CITY OF MARIETTA TRANSFER SITE, 5.03, service #1326, STANDLEY SYSTEMS INC., 82.31, service #1327, STANDLEY SYSTEMS INC., 25.63, service;

ML Fee #39, RUSSELL, SHELLY, 642.35, mileage #40, KELLPRO INC, 1050.00, service;

Rural Fire-ST #360, J C AUTO PARTS LLC, 99.78, supplies;

SH Svc Fee #167, SABER TRANSPORTATION SUPPORT, 80.00, testing #168, AMAZON BUSINESS, 178.88, chair #169, COMDATA FLEET FUEL CARD, 2251.09, fuel #170, TIBBETS COMPANY, 350.00, maintenance #171, CANON FINANCIAL SERVICES INC, 156.88, contract #172, MILLER OFFICE EQUIPMENT, 107.15, service;

SR Cit-ST #40, SPARKLIGHT BUSINESS, 372.09, service;

Use-ST #110, CALDWELL MECHANICAL SERVICES LLC, 607.21, service #111, AMAZON BUSINESS, 569.90, trailer #112, AMAZON BUSINESS, 912.64, shelves

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

Approved this 27th day of April 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
Published in the Marietta Monitor on May 1, 2026.

Public Notice

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF LOVE COUNTY
STATE OF OKLAHOMA

CREDIT ACCEPTANCE CORPORATION)
Plaintiff,)
)
v.) Case No. CS-2026-9
)
JO REEVES,)
)
Defendant.)

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

Jo Reeves you are hereby noticed that you have been sued by Credit Acceptance Corporation and you must answer Plaintiff's Petition on or before June 15, 2026 or a money judgment in the sum of \$9,612.33 plus interest will be rendered accordingly.

Dated this day March 31, 2026

By: /s/ Kim Chavarria
Deputy Court Clerk For
Love County District Court Clerk Wendy Holland

APPROVED BY:

/s/ Greg A. Metzger
Greg A. Metzger, OBA #11432
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Public Notice

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF LOVE COUNTY
STATE OF OKLAHOMA

COMMUNICATION FEDERAL CREDIT UNION)
Plaintiff,)
)
vs.)
)
TYRE D MOTLEY) No. CJ-2026-8
)
Defendant)

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

TYRE D MOTLEY you are hereby noticed that you have been sued by Communication Federal Credit Union and you must answer plaintiff's petition on or before the 29th day of May, 2026 or a money judgment in the amount of \$9,556.23 plus interest will be rendered accordingly.

Dated this day April 8, 2026

By: /s/ Kim Chavarria
DEPUTY COURT CLERK
FOR LOVE COUNTY
DISTRICT COURT CLERK
WENDY HOLLAND

(seal)

APPROVED BY:

/s/ Hugh H. Fudge
Hugh H. Fudge, OBA #20487
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Public Notice

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE 20TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA IN AND FOR MARIETTA,
LOVE COUNTY, OKLAHOMA

JEROME WESTHEIMER FAMILY)
FOUNDATION, INC.,)
an Oklahoma non-profit corporation,)
)
Plaintiff,)
)
vs.) Case No. CV-2026-25
)

The Unknown Heirs, Executors, Administrators, Devisees, Trustees, Successors and Assigns of WILL SOCKEY, a Full Blood Mississippi Choctaw, Roll No. 163, Deceased, and The Unknown Heirs, Executors, Administrators, Devisees, Trustees, Successors and Assigns of ROBERT SOCKEY, a Mississippi Choctaw Minor, Roll No. M-141, Deceased, Defendants.

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA TO: THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, DEVISEES, TRUSTEES, SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS OF WILL SOCKEY, A FULL BLOOD MISSISSIPPI CHOCTAW, ROLL NO. 163, DECEASED, AND THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, DEVISEES, TRUSTEES, SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS OF ROBERT SOCKEY, A MISSISSIPPI CHOCTAW MINOR, ROLL NO. M-141, DECEASED

Take notice that you, and each of you, have been sued by the above named Plaintiff in the above styled and numbered cause in District Court of Love County, Oklahoma, with said Plaintiff alleging that it, as more fully set forth in the Petition of Plaintiff on file in the above entitled cause, is the owner of and in possession of the surface estate in and to the following described real property situated in Love County, Oklahoma, to-wit:

Lot 4 (also described as the SW/4 of SW/4) of Section 18, Township 6 South, Range 3 East, Love County, Oklahoma ("said real property").

and that you, and each of you, claim some right, title, lien, estate, encumbrance, claim, assessment, or interest in and to said real property, adverse to the Plaintiff, which constitutes a cloud upon the title of Plaintiff, and that you have no right, title, lien, estate, encumbrance, claim, assessment, or interest, either in law or in equity, in and to the said real property.

You, and each of you, must answer the Petition of Plaintiff filed hereon on or before the 12th day of June, 2026, or said Petition will be taken as true and a judgment will be rendered in favor of Plaintiff and against the Defendants, and each of them, as requested in said Petition; that the death and heirship of Will Sockey, Full Blood Mississippi Choctaw, Roll No. 163, deceased, and Robert Sockey, a Mississippi Choctaw Minor, Roll No. M-141, deceased, shall be judicially determined; and the title of Plaintiff in and to the said real property quieted and a judgment entered barring and enjoining the Defendants, and each of them, and those claiming by or through the Defendants, from asserting any right, title, lien, estate, encumbrance, claim, assessment, or interest, either in law or in equity, in and to the said real property.

DATED this 20th day of April, 2026.

WENDY HOLLAND, COURT CLERK

By /s/ Kim Chavarria
Deputy Court Clerk

[Seal]

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NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION (Non-Commercial Disposal or Injection Well)

OKLAHOMA CORPORATION COMMISSION
Oil & Gas Conservation Division
P. O. Box 171
Oklahoma City, OK 73101
Application No. 2600302503

STATE OF OKLAHOMA TO: All persons, owners, producers, operators, purchasers, and taker of oil and gas, and all other interested persons, particularly in Love County, Oklahoma:

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Section 20-06S-02E
Love County, Oklahoma

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Published in the Marietta Monitor on May 1, 2026.

Public Notice

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS
CITY OF MARIETTA

Notice is given that the Planning Commission of the City of Marietta and the City Council of the City of Marietta will conduct public hearings on a proposed placement of a manufactured home located within the corporate limits of the City of Marietta, Oklahoma. Relevant information on the property is the following:

CASE NUMBER: P26-02
ADDRESS: 702 W. Cherokee
PROPOSED ACTION: Placement of a Mobile Home
APPLICANT: Alex Antonio Valenciano
MAP: A map of the location is also part of this notice.
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: LOT 6 BLK 34 MARIETTA CITY

The public hearings will be held at the Marietta Municipal Building, 700 S. Hwy 77, Marietta, Oklahoma, as follows:

PLANNING COMMISSION May 21, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.
700 S. Hwy 77

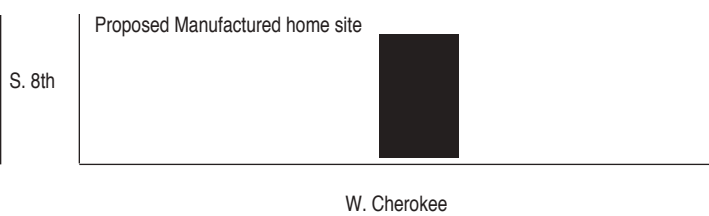
At the public hearings, any interested citizen of the City of Marietta will have the opportunity to appear and be heard in regard to the placement of the manufactured home. The Planning Commission reserves the right to limit discussion and debate on the placement of the manufactured home, in which event those persons appearing in support or opposition of the placement of the manufactured home will be allotted equal time.

Any formal protest shall be filed in writing with the City Clerk during normal business hours at least three (3) days prior to the date of the public hearing.

If you have any questions about the proposal, or need additional information prior to the public hearing, please contact City Hall at 580-276-5569.

Dated this 28th day of April, 2026.

/s/ Stephanie Cannon
Dottie Gwin, City Clerk
Stephanie Cannon, Deputy City Clerk (Seal)



Public Notice

ZONING CHANGE NOTICE
MARIETTA PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

This notice has been mailed in accordance with state law and the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Marietta, Oklahoma. All properties within 300 feet of the property to be rezoned will receive this notice.

Public hearings will be conducted at the times shown below on a requested zoning change in accordance with the information listed below.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: S 1/2 Lot 8, Blk 31, Marietta City, Marietta, Love County, Oklahoma & N 1/2 Lot 8, Blk 31, Marietta City, Marietta, Love County, Oklahoma
ADDRESS: 706 W. Chickasaw & Lot north of 706 W. Chickasaw

REQUESTED ZONING CLASSIFICATION: R2

HEARING: Planning Commission

DATE: May 21st, 2026

TIME: 6:00 P.M.

PLACE: Marietta Municipal Building

700 S. Hwy 77

Marietta, OK

HEARING: City Council

DATE: June 9th, 2026

TIME: 6:00 P.M.

PLACE: Marietta Municipal Building

700 S. Hwy 77

Marietta, OK

These public hearings will be held for the purpose of receiving comments about the proposed zoning change.

Protests against the proposed zoning change shall be filed at City Hall three (3) days prior to the date of the public hearing.

Address: 700 S. Hwy 77, Marietta, OK 73448

/s/ Scott Chaney

Scott Chaney

(seal) City Administrator

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Public Notice

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Bids will be publicly opened Tuesday, May 26, 2026 by the Board of County Commissioners.

Bids will be awarded Monday, June 1, 2026 by the Board of County Commissioners.

The Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive informalities.

Bid must be on the official proposal form furnished in the bid packet. Non-Collusion form, Business Relationship Affidavit must be signed, notarized and returned with bid or bid will not be accepted.

Bid packet may be obtained in person or by mail from the Love County Clerk's Office, 405 West Main, Suite #203, Marietta, Oklahoma 73448 or call 580-276-3023.

/s/ Mike Mayes
Mike Mayes
Chairman Board of
County Commissioners

/s/ Shelly Russell
Shelly Russell, Love County Clerk (seal)

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Marietta athletes shine at Special Olympics



Photos provided
Above, the Maldonado family, honored as Special Olympics Family of the Year, shows their support on and off the field during the Area Games. At left, Marietta's Stetson Willis proudly carries the torch during the Area Games, helping lead the way to the upcoming State Games.

By Joani Hartin
Staff Writer

Marietta's Special Olympics athletes are fresh off of a great showing at the Area Games, held April 1, and ready to head to the state games May 13, 14, and 15.

"All of our athletes qualified for the state games by placing first and second in their events," said Coach Hope Willis.

Placing first in the softball throw were junior Aaron Austin and freshman Stetson Willis; in second place were second grader Hudson Perkins, fifth grader Alex Greenwood, and sixth grader Branson Willis; and in third place were seventh graders Jaxon Maldonado and Tommy Greenwood.

In the Turbo Jav competition, junior Kyle Austin

finished in first place, while juniors Aidan Sanders and Wyatt Drain and seventh grader Josef Fraire finished in second place.

First place finishers in the 100 meter run were juniors Aaron Austin, Kyle Austin, and Wyatt Drain. Freshman Stetson Willis and fifth grader Alex Greenwood also finished in first place. In second place were seventh grader Branson Willis and second grader Hudson Perkins. Junior Aidan Sanders and seventh graders Jaxon Maldonado, Josef Fraire, and Tommy Greenwood finished in third place.

And as if the team's success isn't enough, a Marietta family came home with a special honor: Family of the Year for Special Olympics. The family of student Jaxon Maldonado was honored at area with a plaque and ceremony.

Knowing the family and their contribution to her team, Willis nominated the family.

"They support us in every way they can," Willis said. "They show up at practice to help, they make sure we have what we need - they see what needs to be done and just do it. And most importantly, they never bring a negative attitude. They are good for our kids, and they are a blessing for me. We are so excited that they were honored."

Jaxon's family members include parents Kyle and Kashlee Kelley, brother Emmett Kelley, and grandmother Christy Hammett.

Another point of pride for Indian Special Olympics, one of their athletes, Stetson Willis, was privileged to carry the torch for a leg at the Area Games.

The Indians' team is working hard to prepare themselves for the State Games, where there are already more than 8,000 athletes registered to compete, not that they're intimidated by that.

"Being at the State Games is amazing," Willis insisted. "But what is most amazing about them is the way the athletes are supported. Everybody in attendance cheers on every athlete. And it's not just about winning. You can have an athlete in last place, but they never stop - they never give up."

"The athletes support and celebrate each other, and they are supported and celebrated by the volunteers and fans. The kids don't always want to compete, and they may have a meltdown once in a while, but they learn to go on and finish what they started."

There's a trainload of life lessons to be learned there, ones that many of us could stand to absorb. And then there's one more.

"These kids have more struggles than I can understand," concluded Willis, "but they do everything with a happy heart. I wish I could be more like them."

Willis is the head coach for the Indians' Special Olympics athletes, assisted by Sheri Willis, Kassie Drain, and Amanda Sanders.



Lady Falcons District Champs

The Turner Lady Falcons won their softball district championship last Thursday in two games. The Lady Falcons defeated Ringling 16-1 and 18-2 to easily take the championship. Their regional tournament games were scheduled to be played on Wednesday at Rattan, but scores were not available at press time.

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Summer baseball/softball signup

By Shane Wolfe
Marietta Sports League

The Marietta Sports League is doing registration in a new way.

All players who wish to sign up for the youth summer baseball and softball league must register online on the league's new website, mariettasportsleague.org.

Registration closes on Friday, May 8. The players draft is Monday, May 11.

"We realize that this new method of registering players is unfamiliar, and we do not want

anyone who desires their child to play ball this summer to be left out," said MSL Coordinator Shane Wolfe.

Age divisions include 3- to 4-year-old coed blast ball, 5- to 6-year-old coed tee ball, 7- to 8-year-old coach pitch softball and baseball, and 9- to 10-year-old pitching machine softball and baseball.

Players must be the eligible age to play in each division by June 1, 2026.

"All registration is online, and payment is cashless, also being completed through the league website," Wolfe said.

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