

The Bois d’Arc Tree - call it as you will

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Contributor

Most of us are familiar with the Bois d’Arc tree and we may call it by another name such as Osage Orange, Hedge Apple or, as in Oklahoma and Texas, we refer to the tree as Bodark. Whatever you call it, it is the same tree.

The Bois d’ Arc tree has played an important role in history. It has provided many benefits of which most of us are unaware. My own limited knowledge of the tree, growing up on the farm, was that it made excellent fence posts.

My father always used Bodark fence posts until metal fence posts became popular. I was simply told that this type of post had a much longer life as a fence post than any other local wood.

The tree is native to the south central United States and is a member of the Mulberry family. Some Bodark trees can reach 40 feet tall, but most typically grow from eight to 15 feet.

The fruit is green and bumpy and is about four to five inches in diameter. This fruit is inedible for humans and only a very few animals eat it. Squirrels eat the seed and some horses will eat the fruit.

Bois d’Arc was the name

given to the tree by French explorers and translates as (bow wood). The tree got the name Osage Orange because the Osage Indians found the wood excellent for making bows and traded and sold the wood to other tribes. The wood of the tree is yellow, but turns to brown when exposed to the air.

Early settlers bought the seed to plant because they made an impenetrable hedge-row to act as fences for farms. There was a saying about the Bodark fences, “horse high, hog tight and bull strong.”

In 1934 the Works Progress Administration (PWA) encouraged people to plant the trees as a wind shield to prevent soil loss during the Great Depression. It is estimated that 200 million were planted.

Before barbed wire became popular in the 1880s, the trees marked many farm fence lines. The wood is extremely rot resistant and was often used for house foundations.

This wood was used for wagon spokes, tool handles and for making turned utility bowls. In the late 19th century, city streets were paved by blocks of Bodark wood.

The unique brain-like texture and the green colored fruit is often used for autumn decorations. The horse apples are the largest native Ameri-

can fruit.

The tradition that putting horse apples in the home will discourage spiders is probably a myth.

Some scholars believe that the Boise d’ Arc was as critical as the railroads, steel plows and windmills for the early European settlers.

Bodark trees are both male and female, but only the female tree produces fruit. The unpleasant thing about Bodark trees is that they have sharp, stout thorns typically an inch long. The good news is that they tend to lose those thorns as they grow old.

One must admit the Bodark is an unusual tree and has certainly played an interesting part in our history.



Photo provided

Hedge Apple Osage Orange Horse Apples

Public Notice

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

ETHAN PARKER, LLC.,
a Texas limited liability company,

Plaintiff,

vs.

MYKIM HOANG, VINCENT HOANG,
UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS,
THE COUNTY TREASURER OF LOVE
COUNTY, STATE OF OKLAHOMA and
THE BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS OF LOVE COUNTY,
STATE OF OKLAHOMA,

Defendants.

NOTICE OF HEARING MOTION TO CONFIRM SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that on the **25th day of August 2026, at 1:00 p.m.**, in the District Court in and for Love County, State of Oklahoma, the Court shall hold a hearing on the Motion to Confirm Sheriff’s Sale, said motion having been filed by Plaintiff, Ethan Parker, LLC. Pursuant to said motion, take notice that Ethan Parker, LLC, seeks to confirm the sale of the property held on the 13th day of May, 2026, whereat Plaintiff, Ethan Parker, LLC, purchased said property for a sum greater than two-thirds of the appraised value, for a total sum of \$333,333.33.

The property which is the subject of said motion are described as follows, to-wit:

SURFACE RIGHTS ONLY:

The North Half (N/2) of the North Half (N/2) of the North Half (N/2) of the Northwest Quarter (NW/4) of Section Thirty-Two (32), Township Eight (8) South, Range Two (2) East, Love County, Oklahoma.

The real property or its address is commonly known as 16855 Tabler Rd., Marietta, Oklahoma 73448.

WITNESS my hand this 20th day of July, 2026.

Wendy Holland, Court Clerk
Love County, State of Oklahoma
By: /s/ Kim Chavarria
Deputy

MORDY, MORDY, PFREHM & WILSON, P.C.
110 West Main Street
P. O. Box 457
Ardmore, Oklahoma 73402
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Attorneys for Plaintiff,
ETHAN PARKER, LLC

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July 20, 2026
**Board of County Commissioners
Regular Meeting
Agenda was posted July 16,
2026, 12:00 AM at the door of the
Courthouse Annex and exit doors
of the Courthouse.**

Present: Commissioners David Magee, Mike Mayes and Stacy Rushing; Commissioner Elect Jason Tipton; Minutes by County Clerk Shelly Russell; Bryan Reick, Chad McMillan, Darrell Holland, Trent Barrick, Carol Wolfe, Missy Tunnell, Sheriff Andy Cumberledge, Karen Riley, Treasurer Kara Smith and Whitney Sparks.

Called to order by Chairman Mayes. Quorum Call. Present Magee, Mayes and Rushing.

Board approved the placing of “United Way Bar-B-Q Showdown” signs on Courthouse lawn and other county properties. Motion Rushing Second Magee. Vote Yes – Magee, Mayes and Rushing.

Requisition–Purchase Order- Claims presented for payment the week of 7/9 – 7/16, 2026 were approved. Motion Rushing Second Magee. Vote Yes – Magee, Mayes and Rushing.

2025-2026
911 Phone #137, MILLER OFFICE EQUIPMENT, 72.10, copier #138, AMAZON BUSINESS, 107.10, supplies;

Extension-ST #92, OKLAHOMA COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE, 6492.75, service #93, CGA ARCHITECTS, 22987.50, service;

General #2023, LEAF, 147.82, contract #2024, QUILL, 2170.36, supplies #2025, AMAZON BUSINESS, 709.40, supplies #2026, AMAZON BUSINESS, 140.44, supplies #2027, MARIETTA MONITOR, 626.78, proceedings #2028, MARIETTA MONITOR, 353.10, proceedings #2029, MARIETTA MONITOR, 456.72, proceedings #2030, MARIETTA MONITOR, 54.34, proceedings #2031, QUILL, 139.74, supplies #2032, STANDLEY SYSTEMS INC., 2976.98, copier #2033, DJI SERVICE LLC, 1263.00, repair #2034, CULLIGAN OF ARDMORE, 36.25, water #2035, STANDLEY SYSTEMS INC., 73.97, service #2036, TURNKEY HEALTH CLINICS LLC, 707.39, service #2037, MH SIGNS LLC, 300.00, signs;

General Gov’t-ST #642, DOLESE, 336.17, screenings #643, MARIETTA PHARMACY LLC, 19.95, supplies #644, AT&T MOBILITY, 518.10, service;

Health #179, STANDLEY SYSTEMS INC., 698.30, contract;

Highway #1702, OVERLAND MATERIALS & MFG, INC, 1892.08, materials #1703, J R THOMPSON INC, 4762.53, materials #1704, J R THOMPSON INC, 550.73, materials #1705, LANDGRAF FERTILIZER,

2264.00, spray;
RM&P #9, MID-WEST PRINTING, 2455.47, supplies;

SH Drug Buy #13, ANNUAL MVCI ASSOCIATION, 450.00, training;

Sheriff-ST #47, COMDATA FLEET FUEL CARD, 3930.43, fuel #48, MILLER OFFICE EQUIPMENT, 43.05, copier #49, GT DISTRIBUTORS INC, 155.42, supplies;

SH Svc Fee #242, CULLIGAN OF ARDMORE, 43.50, water #243, IDEMIA IDENTITY & SECURITY USA LLC, 3260.00, maintenance #244, COMDATA FLEET FUEL CARD, 1965.22, fuel #245, MILLER OFFICE EQUIPMENT, 124.05, contract;

Use-ST #142, ACCO-SIF, 116092.00, payroll #143, ACCO-SIG, 230584.00, insurance;

2026-2027
County Clerk-ST #4, SHRED-AWAY SHREDDING INC, 280.00, shredding;

General #6, SPRING HOUSE WATER CO INC, 70.96, water #7, MARIETTA MONITOR, 260.04, publication #8, MARIETTA MONITOR, 294.14, publication #9, STANDLEY SYSTEMS INC., 255.58, contract #10, TURN KEY HEALTH CLINICS LLC, 8513.92, service;

General Gov’t-ST #4, DATASCOOUT, LLC, 5928.43, service #5, COUNTY ASSESSORS ASSOCIATION-YOLANDA THOMPSON, 500.00, dues #6, AMAZON BUSINESS, 17.97, supplies #7, CINTAS CORPORATION, 710.28, mats #8, OTA PLATE PAY, 4.03, fees;

Health #1, REA, 51.41, service;

Highway #2, KELLPRO INC, 377.00, service #3, KELLPRO INC, 3300.00, service #4, THACKERVILLE WATER & SEWAGE, 34.87, service #5, STANDLEY SYSTEMS INC., 25.63, service #6, REA, 223.78, service #7, ECONO SIGNS LLC, 250.33, signs #8, UNITED AG & TURF, 717.92, parts #9, ELLIOTT HYDRAULICS, 665.53, hose #10, UNITED AG & TURF, 228.00, parts #11, ODOT, 1447.34, payment #12, ODOT, 684.51, payment #13, KELLPRO INC, 3528.00, service #14, KELLPRO INC, 377.00, service #15, REA, 69.30, service #16, REA, 234.54, service #17, STANDLEY SYSTEMS INC., 82.31, service #18, ECONO SIGNS LLC, 92.93, signs #19, C L BOYD INC, 659.50, parts #20, COUNTY BUILDING CENTER, 378.00, water #21, UNITED AG & TURF, 108.81, supplies #22, LEASE SERVICING CENTER INC, 1178.49, payment #23, ODOT, 1420.01, payment #24, KELLPRO INC, 377.00, service #25, KELLPRO INC, 3300.00, service #26, JAMES SUPPLIES & RENTAL CO, 55.00, fees #27, JAMES SUPPLIES & RENTAL CO, 55.00, fees #28, SOWC, 86.55, service #29, STANDLEY SYSTEMS INC., 25.63, fees #30, REA, 334.68, service #31, J C AUTO PARTS LLC, 124.32, def

#32, WARREN CAT INC., 110.40, grease #33, MARTIN PETROLEUM INC., 4482.00, fuel #34, SECURITY STATE BANK, 2416.66, payment #35, SECURITY NATIONAL BANK, 3210.27, payment #36, ODOT, 1598.92, payment #37, ODOT, 3441.53, payment;

ML Fee #2, SPRING HOUSE WATER CO INC, 10.00, service #3, COUNTY BUILDING CENTER, 61.98, supplies;

Resale #1, MID-WEST PRINTING, 303.62, supplies;

SR Cit-ST #1, REA, 456.84, service #2, LOVE COUNTY SENIOR PROGRAM, 3333.33, payroll #3, LOVE COUNTY SENIOR PROGRAM, 425.00, service;

Treasurer Trust #1, SHELLENBERGER, F.A., 288.00, refund

Board approved Minutes and Proceedings of the 7/13/2026 Board of County Commissioners meeting Motion Rushing Second Magee. Abstain Mayes. Vote Yes – Magee and Rushing.

Use of the Courthouse Lawn and Frontier Stage on September 4, 2026, for Marietta Homecoming Parade and Pep Assembly was approved. Motion Rushing Second Magee. Vote Yes – Magee, Mayes and Rushing.

Board approved the Love County Indigent Burial Application. Motion Rushing Second Magee. Vote Yes – Magee, Mayes and Rushing.

FY 26/27 PlanetView GSI Software Supplemental Agreement for Love County, Oklahoma, County Assessor was approved. Motion Rushing Second Magee. Vote Yes – Magee, Mayes and Rushing.

Advertisement to bid on county-owned property acquired through Resale; property described as Phase 2 Unit 10 Block 1 Lot 1; Falconhead, Love County, Oklahoma. Motion Rushing Second Magee. Vote Yes – Magee, Mayes and Rushing.

Board approved the Cooperative Extension Services Agreement Between the Oklahoma State University Acting for and on Behalf of Its Cooperative Extension Service and the United States Department of Agriculture with the Board of County Commissioners of Love County. Motion Rushing Second Magee. Vote Yes – Magee, Mayes and Rushing.

Transfer within the Extension ST for FY 26/27 Budget; from 1308-5-8009-4110 Capital Outlay, \$101,609.37, to 1308-5-0900-1113 Contractual Services \$77,299.92, 1308-5-8009-1310 Travel \$19,227.12 and 1308-5-8009-2005 M&O \$5082.33, was approved. Motion Rushing Second Magee. Vote Yes – Magee, Mayes and Rushing.

Board approved FY 24/25 CLOSEOUT: Transfer from FY 25/26 to FY 24/25: Jail Debt Payments 1331-2-8034-4110 \$10,975.17; FY 24-25

Transfer from FY 24/25 to FY 25/26: ML Fee 1208-1-1000-2005 \$249.71; Resale 1220-1-0600-4110 \$0.02; SH Commissary 1223-2-3400-2005 \$1866.78. Motion Rushing Second Magee. Vote Yes – Magee, Mayes and Rushing.

Board approved Fund #0001 County General Monthly Budget FY 26 balance ending June 30, 2026: Motion Rushing Second Magee. Vote Yes – Magee, Mayes and Rushing.

Property described as Phase 2 Unit 8 Block 12 Lot 8: Treasurer’s Transcript of Proceedings On Sale of Property Acquired Through Resale and County Deed of Property Acquired at Resale to David Cherryholmes were approved. Motion Rushing Second Magee. Vote Yes – Magee, Mayes and Rushing.

Property described as Phase 2 Unit 10 Block 7 Lot 2: Treasurer’s Transcript of Proceedings On Sale of Property Acquired Through Resale and County Deed of Property Acquired at Resale to Tony Ratke were approved. Motion Rushing Second Magee. Vote Yes – Magee, Mayes and Rushing.

Property described as Phase 2 Unit 10 Block 2 Lot 29: Treasurer’s Transcript of Proceedings On Sale of Property Acquired Through Resale and County Deed of Property Acquired at Resale to John and Dea Ann Oliver were approved. Motion Rushing Second Magee. Vote Yes – Magee, Mayes and Rushing.

9:40 AM Board was made aware the sidewalk at Greenville County Property was complete and needed to be inspected. Board of County Commissioners recessed to go to the Greenville County Property to see sidewalk. Motion Rushing Second Magee. Vote Yes – Magee, Mayes and Rushing.

9:50 AM Reconvene the Board of County Commissioners meeting at Greenville County Property for inspection of newly repaired sidewalk. Board did not approve payment for work and will call vendor to correct. Motion Rushing Second Magee. Vote Yes – Magee, Mayes and Rushing.

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

Approved this 27th day of July 2026.

BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS
/s/ Mike Mayes
Chairman
/s/ Stacy Rushing
Member
/s/ David Magee
Member

(SEAL)
ATTEST:
/s/ Shelly Russell
Shelly Russell, County Clerk
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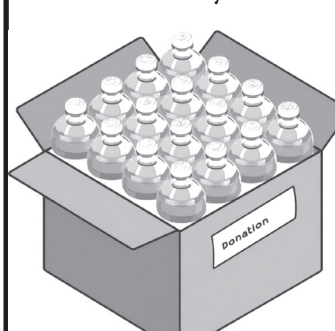
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Hydrate Our Heroes Water Bottle Drive For First Responders



We will be accepting donations of water at our office to deliver to our local First Responders on August 28th. Let's keep our Heroes Healthy!



Our Goal: Stock up on WATER bottles to support EMTs, firefighters and first responders in our community.

Drop-off Hours: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

100 US HWY 77 in Marietta
(Corner of Main Street and 77)

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