

Many myths surround Valentine's Day

A day to acknowledge our appreciation and love for family and friends

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Contributor

Valentine's Day, February 14, the day we immediately associate with cards, candy and flowers.

There are many myths and legends associated with the day. The one thing historians agree on is that it was first observed as a Christian feast day to honor the martyr, St. Valentine.

As far as can be determined, Valentine cards began as early as the 1500s. Commercial Valentines appeared in the U.S. by the mid 1860s. By the 1900s, printed cards began to replace written letters.

Esther Howland began selling the first mass-produced Valentine cards. She is referred to as the "Mother of American Valentines".

Here is some interesting information connected to Valentines. There are four towns in the United States named Valentine. They are located in Texas, Arizona, Nebraska, and Virginia.

The heart-shaped chocolate candy box was introduced

in the 1860s by the Cadbury Chocolate Company to encourage sales. Message Valentine candy was introduced in 1866 by a company that made medical lozenges, and they now produce eight billion pieces each year. Over 250 million roses are grown for Valentine's Day each year.

In Roman mythology, Cupid was the god of love. In Greek mythology, the god of love was Eros.

Cupid used his golden arrow to spread love and to interfere with the emotions of the gods and man.

Love birds are real and they mate for life. Red roses are the traditional symbol of love. XOXO means hugs and kisses. X was used when people signed an X for their name. The O represents the shape of a hugging embrace.

The Hershey Company makes 80 million chocolate "Kisses" daily. Lace was used on candy boxes on Valentine's Day because the word lace comes from the Latin word 'snare' so you could ensnare someone's heart.

We have all heard the

phrase "wearing their heart on one's sleeve", which actually means to openly show emotion. This refers to a knight who wore a scarf or ribbon on his sleeve to indicate the lady the knight favored.

According to Hallmark Cards, more than 145 million Valentine cards are sent each year. Valentine's Day is the second largest selling holiday card after Christmas cards.

Today, Valentine's cards have extended to include family and friends and school children.

Nostalgic note: Remember in elementary school each classroom had a decorated Valentine box. The box was colorfully decorated with a

Valentine motif with a slit in the top to receive Valentine cards.

When the box was opened and the cards distributed, it was normal to count the number of cards received. The cards were taken home.

What was so important for a very short time became of little importance almost immediately. As a general rule, teachers receive more Valentine cards than any other person.

Valentine's Day has evolved into a day when we can acknowledge our appreciation and love for our family and friends. We all agree it is greatly appreciated to be remembered.



Photo Provided
A typical Valentine from 1940-1960.

Public Notice

TOWN OF THACKERVILLE
2026 APPROVED HOLIDAYS

DAY	DATE
NEW YEARS DAY	THURSDAY, JANUARY 1, 2026
MARTIN LUTHER KING JR	MONDAY, JANUARY 19, 2026
PRESIDENTS DAY	MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2026
GOOD FRIDAY	FRIDAY, APRIL 3, 2026
MEMORIAL DAY	MONDAY, MAY 25, 2026
JUNETEENTH	FRIDAY, JUNE 19, 2026
INDEPENDENCE DAY	FRIDAY, JULY 3, 2026
LABOR DAY	MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2026
COLUMBUS DAY	MONDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2026
VETERAN'S DAY	WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2026
THANKSGIVING DAY	THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2026
DAY AFTER THANKSGIVING	FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2026
HOLIDAY CLOSING	MON-WED, DECEMBER 21-23, 2026
CHRISTMAS EVE	THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2026
CHRISTMAS DAY	FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2026
HOLIDAY CLOSINGS	MON-WED, DECEMBER 28-30, 2026
NEW YEAR'S EVE	THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2026
HOLIDAY CLOSING	FRIDAY, JANUARY 1, 2027
EMPLOYEE BIRTHDAY	TO BE OBSERVED ON EMPLOYEE'S BIRTHDAY

Approved this 12th day of January, 2026.

THACKERVILLE TOWN BOARD OF TRUSTEES

/s/ Amanda Teran

Mayor

ATTEST:

(seal)

/s/ Karen Blakey

Karen Blakey, Town Clerk

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TOWN OF THACKERVILLE
2026 MUNICIPAL COURT SCHEDULE-REVISED

3RD WEDNESDAY @ 3:30 PM

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 21

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 18

WEDNESDAY MARCH 25

WEDNESDAY APRIL 15

WEDNESDAY MAY 20

WEDNESDAY JUNE 17

WEDNESDAY JULY 15

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 19

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 16

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 21

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 18

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 16

Approved this 9th day of February, 2026

THACKERVILLE TOWN COUNCIL
/s/ Amanda Teran
Amanda Teran, Mayor

Approved this 12th day of January, 2026

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2025 LOVE COUNTY EMPLOYEE SALARIES

Date Range: 01/01/2025 To 12/31/2025

*CARLILE, BRICE	\$ 961.00	*CLARK, WAYNE	\$ 13,814.20	*DELASHAW, CORLYSS A.	\$ 210.00
*GARCIA, MARIA G.	\$ 5,400.00	*RICHEY, RITA G.	\$ 7,648.10	ADAMS, ERIC	\$ 39,353.61
AKERS, CARY	\$ 41,100.00	ANDERSON, BRIANNA M.	\$ 26,512.48	ANDY CUMBERLEDGE	\$ 65,520.96
AULD, W A	\$ 48,406.00	AUST, DELANEY	\$ 520.00	BARRICK, TRENTON	\$ 43,387.92
BESHIRS, ABIGAIL N.	\$ 13,734.79	BESHIRS, DAKOTA	\$ 40,600.00	BILLY, SILVIA	\$ 39,768.00
BOWLES, DAWN	\$ 39,624.00	BOYD, CRYSTAL N.	\$ 43,887.92	BROOKS, CACHE L.	\$ 2,313.75
BURGESS, TREVER	\$ 5,390.00	BURTON, CUTTER	\$ 23,004.36	CAMPBELL, GARY	\$ 40,268.72
CHAVARRIA, KIMBERLY	\$ 44,538.00	CLARK, BRADLEY S.	\$ 41,100.00	CLARK, DAJAREA N.	\$ 36,547.66
COOP, JOSH D.	\$ 22,998.42	CROWDER, AMANDA	\$ 39,768.00	CUMBERLEDGE, SHELLY	\$ 36,624.32
DANIEL, TRENT D.	\$ 44,551.32	EVANS, CARROLL D.	\$ 31,378.14	EVANS, PRESTON	\$ 5,177.81
FINCHER, MIRANDA	\$ 43,887.92	FLATT, CARROLL	\$ 40,018.72	FLATT, DANNY K.	\$ 42,849.92
FOX, MICHELLE	\$ 42,173.36	FRAZIER, KEVIN L.	\$ 40,690.36	FRODSHAM, COLTEN	\$ 6,728.76
GAGE, PAUL DAVID	\$ 297.50	GILLHAM, AMANDA	\$ 41,108.00	HARRIS, NOAH	\$ 39,179.50
HAWKINS, HAILEE	\$ 40,018.72	HAYES, WHITNEY T.	\$ 26,512.00	HEARELL, DAVID	\$ 25,977.50
HILL, EDWARD E.	\$ 37,892.12	HOLLAND, DARRELL G.	\$ 23,416.36	HOLLAND, WENDY L.	\$ 63,120.96
HOLLAR, SHELBI	\$ 40,018.00	HOLT, JULIE KAREN	\$ 44,538.00	HOLT, SYDNEY C.	\$ 140.00
HOOD, TRUMAN	\$ 40,850.00	HULL, LORRI J.	\$ 23,252.16	HUNTINGTON, JOHN	\$ 3,736.25
JACOBS, DAVID	\$ 40,268.72	JONES, CATHERINE M.	\$ 14,481.41	KINCADE, SEBASTIAN	\$ 20,622.34
KIRK, JACK H.	\$ 44,137.92	LAWLEY, REED F.	\$ 37,892.12	LEHMAN, RAYMOND C.	\$ 40,268.72
LINCOLN, CARISMA	\$ 26,669.50	LONGEST, HEATHER DA	\$ 25,949.00	MAGEE, DAVID	\$ 65,520.96
MATHIS, TERRY	\$ 39,768.72	MAYES, MICHAEL O.	\$ 65,520.96	MCFARLAND, JESSIE L.	\$ 40,268.72
MCMILLAN, CHAD	\$ 44,137.92	MEADOR, JUSTIN	\$ 3,037.50	MOISER, CHELSEA	\$ 15,952.00
MORGAN, ROBERTA	\$ 425.00	MORGAN, ROBERTA L.	\$ 2,400.00	MURPHY, KRISTAN	\$ 4,423.37
NICHOLS, KATHRYN	\$ 41,100.00	NORRIS, JENNIFER	\$ 4,956.88	OGLE, BAILEY S.	\$ 21,199.25
PINO, JASON	\$ 40,600.00	POWELL, TAYLOR	\$ 35,332.37	PROCTOR, STEPHANIE	\$ 16,550.61
RAMIREZ, VALENTE	\$ 17,096.76	REDMON, EDITH M.	\$ 44,637.92	RENICK, TINA	\$ 41,708.00
RIECK, BRYAN	\$ 40,923.64	RILEY, ASHLEY	\$ 65,520.96	ROBERTS, AUSTIN	\$ 6,628.12
ROBERTSON, LAURIE	\$ 40,018.72	RUSHING, JOHN STACY	\$ 40,018.72	RUSSELL, SHELLY KAYE	\$ 63,120.96
SALAZAR, RACHEL	\$ 42,078.32	SANCHEZ, IRMA	\$ 40,850.00	SANDS, JOHNNY	\$ 40,850.00
SCHMIDT, JAMES	\$ 108.75	SEWELL, NIGEL MAXWEL	\$ 40,268.72	SMITH, KARLA M.	\$ 63,120.96
SPANHANKS, LINDSEY R.	\$ 40,505.11	SPEARS, EARL L.	\$ 42,328.32	SPROUSE, LANE	\$ 15,168.57
SPROUSE, ROBERT W.	\$ 39,655.06	STEVENS, DAVID E.	\$ 40,018.72	STEWART, BARRY	\$ 44,137.92
STEWART, ROBERT H.	\$ 40,850.00	STINSON, KENNY	\$ 40,268.72	STONE, TROY A.	\$ 40,850.00
SWIRZYNSKI, KYLE	\$ 9,080.48	TALIAFERRO, RICHARD L.	\$ 450.00	TALIAFERRO, RICHARD L.	\$ 2,100.00
TALIAFERRO, RICHARD	\$ 39,242.44	TAMEZ, JUAN A.	\$ 22,944.00	THOMPSON, PIKE	\$ 16,570.30
TIPTON, JASON M.	\$ 41,828.32	TUNNELL, MELISSA D.	\$ 64,320.96	VINE, TASHENA	\$ 41,950.00
WALKER, CYNTHIA	\$ 37,923.60	WALL, KENDRA RENEE	\$ 8,513.76	WASHINGTON, ROCHEL	\$ 2,925.00
WILHITE, DEBBIE	\$ 39,820.00	WILLIAMS, JENNY R.	\$ 43,387.92	WILLIAMS, SAMANTHA L.	\$ 36,081.13
WILLIS, JOSIE R.	\$ 17,073.63	WILSON, JIMMY BRYAN	\$ 40,268.72	WILSON, JULIANA	\$ 16,158.60
WILSON, MEAGAN M.	\$ 44,880.00				