

HALLOWEEN FACTS: *Origin & Symbols*

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Hallows means “holy” or “sanctify”. All Hallows Eve is so called because it precedes All Saints Day.

Black cats are bad luck, because people believed that witches could turn themselves into black cats.

People believed that ghosts came out on All Souls Day. To avoid the ghosts they began to wear masks, so the ghosts would think they were one of their fellow spirits. The masks evolved into full costumes.

During Trick or Treat on All Souls Day in England, poor citizens paraded through the towns and would beg for food. They were given Soul Cakes in return for a promise to pray for the family's dead.

The custom of Halloween was brought to America about 1854 by Irish immigrants. The Irish used turnips as their jack-o'-lanterns. They soon discovered pumpkins and began using them with a coal ember inside it.

The scarecrow was originally made to honor the Harvest Lord. He was set in a field inside a circle of gourds.

Candy corn was originally named “Chicken Feed”. It was introduced in 1880. About nine billion pieces of candy corn are produced annually.

Twenty-three percent of Americans say Halloween is their favorite holiday. Pumpkins are actually a fruit, not a vegetable.

The world's largest pumpkin weighed 2,800 pounds.

Most of the canned pumpkin (85%) in the world is produced in a Libby's canning plant in Morton, Illinois.

One in five adults pretend not to be home on Halloween.

The primary colors associated with Halloween are orange and black. This dates back to early harvest festivals. Black represented the death of summer and orange represented the fall harvest.

Halloween generates the second largest commercial holiday sales, Christmas is first.

Jack O'Lantern is based on a story



Photo provided
Symbols like black cats, jack-o'-lanterns, ghosts, and costumes reflect centuries of Halloween history and superstition.

about “Stingy Jack.” Jack tricked the devil and was not allowed into heaven or hell. Therefore, he spent his days roaming the Earth carrying a lantern and became known as Jack of the Lantern.

The word witch is from an old English word, “Wicce,” which refers to a wise woman.

No other holiday in the world has so much superstition associated with it as Halloween. The history of Halloween goes back centuries and combines the practices of many cultures and traditions.

Some of the practices and traditions are fun and others may be disturbing and weird. But they are all activities we associate with Halloween.

Public Notice

October 20, 2025 Board of County Commissioners Regular Meeting

Agenda was posted October 9, 2025 12:00 PM on the door of the Courthouse Annex and at exit doors of the Courthouse.

Present: Commissioners David Magee and Mike Mayes and Stacy Rushing; Minutes by County Clerk Shelly Russell; Chad McMillan, Bryan Rieck, Darrell Holland, Sheriff Andy Cumberledge, Karen Holt, Trent Barrick, Dianna Dandridge-Rystrom.

Called to order by Chairman David Magee.

Quorum Call. Magee, Mayes and Rushing.

Unforeseen/New Business (business not known of at time of agenda posting).

8:42 AM Board made aware and approved ODOT Form 324a to Energy Transfer, \$6645.50 for Invoice #2200007869 for services, State/Fed: J3-3546(004), County: Love, Road: Turkey Hatchery Road, District 1. Motion Rushing Second Mayes. Vote Yes – Magee, Mayes and Rushing.

October 13, 2025 Board of County Commissioner's Minutes and the Proceedings for publication were approved. Motion Rushing Second Mayes. Vote Yes – Magee, Mayes and Rushing.

Transfer of Appropriations within Rural Fire ST for Eastside VFD; from 1321-2-8204-2005 M&O to 1321-2-8204-4110 Cap Outlay, \$8000.00 to purchase equipment was approved. Motion Rushing Second Mayes. Vote Yes – Magee, Mayes and Rushing.

Lapse FY 22/23 remaining balance of General Government Accounts: 0001-2-0400-1110 SH Per Service #1465.00 and 0001-2-3400-1110 Detention Per Service \$96.97. Motion Rushing Second Mayes. Vote Yes – Magee, Mayes and Rushing.

Board adopted Resolution #2025-52 Directing the Love County Treasurer to Invest Money Obtained from Sale of Pickup for Sheriff Office into the SH Service Fee Fund. Motion Rushing Second Mayes. Vote Yes – Magee, Mayes and Rushing.

Board adopted Resolution #2025-53 Declaration of Surplus for District 1: 2002 INTL Truck, VIN: 1HTSHAAR22H413761, acquired 7/20/2001, \$51,172.00; 2002 Chevy Pickup, VIN: 1GCEC14T92E188708, acquired 4/18/2002, \$15,898.00; 2003 VLN Motor Grader, VIN: 35623, acquired 7/22/2004, \$109,000.00; UNK Sheepfoot Packer, SN: 1819, acquired 2/8/1995, \$700.00; 1973 INTL Truck, VIN: 757951G521500, acquired 3/25/1993, \$3900.00; 1991 Fontaine Trailer, SN:10495, acquired 3/26/1991, \$1500.00; 2016 Mand Tractor, SN: MBCNY-1830, acquired 5/23/2016, \$14,060.00; 2004 Ford Pickup, VIN:1FDWW36P54EA41663, acquired 10/1/2012, \$7500.00; 1991 Sheepfoot Packer, acquired 5/2/1991, \$400.00; 1996 Lincoln Welder, SN:U1960206849, acquired

8/9/1996, \$2345.00; 2015 Brush Hog Mahindra, SN: 213334, acquired 6/7/2016, \$1985.00; UNK Trailer with Military Tank, SN: 2444, acquired 11/30/1994, \$350.00; 1995 Ford Pickup, VIN:1FTHF25H3SNB18450, acquired 9/29/1995, \$17,415.00; 1991 INTL Truck, VIN: 2HSFHCAR3MC051595, acquired 10/21/1997, \$17,415.00; 1995 FRTLN Truck, VIN: 1FUYDCXB6SP721667, acquired 3/26/2002, \$28,500.00; UNK Tank Trailer, SN: OMG960381, \$300.00. Motion Rushing Second Mayes. Vote Yes – Magee, Mayes and Rushing.

Board adopted Resolution #2025-54 Declaration of Surplus for District 2: 1971 Ford Dump Truck, VIN: F61EVL20938, acquired 3/31/2010, \$2500.00; 2011 Chevy Pickup, VIN: 1GCPKPE31BF229050, acquired 1/2/2022, \$10,000.00; UNK Post Hole Digger Continental, SN: 1245, acquired 3/20/1992, \$575.00; 2007 Pressure Washer MTM HYDRO, SN: 15036760, acquired 5/31/2007, \$2800.00; 1973 Carrier King Trailer, SN: 4007, acquired 7/11/1994, \$4850.00; UNK Berkley Water Pump, SN: 7267180, acquired 5/4/1998, \$1000.00; 2021 John Deere Rotary Cutter, VIN:1P00MX7CLMP, acquired 2/8/2021, \$3595.56; 2000 FRTLN Truck, VIN:1FUYDSEB8YL653338, acquired 6/30/2006, \$38,467.00; UNK INTL Loader, SN: 4290001U003137, acquired 11/28/1977, \$62,710.00; 2011 Alamo Boom Cutter, SN: VRSA07109, acquired 9/6/2011, \$37,689.60; 2007 Ford Pickup, VIN: 1FTPW12V17KD53583, acquired 8/22/2007, \$22,139.00. Motion Rushing Second Mayes. Vote Yes – Magee, Mayes and Rushing.

Resolution #2025-55 Declaration of Surplus for District 3: 2022 Milwaukee Hoist, SN: JMA6871WG, acquired 8/4/2022, \$2140.00; 1995 Freightliner Dump Truck, VIN: 1FVXJFAB5L678330, acquired 7/9/2025; 1995 Ford Pickup, VIN: 1FTHF25H7SLB15675, acquired 9/29/1995, \$17,415.00; 2011 John Deere Brush Hog Rotary Cutter, SN: 1P00709CEBB090190, acquired 9/21/2011, \$4570.72; 1999 Stihl Chainsaw, SN: 241277276, acquired 2/24/1999, \$299.95; 2011 Port-A-Cool Water Cooler, SN: 247996-11, acquired 8/15/2011, \$3299.00; UNK Semi Tank Trailer Independent, SN: OMG95902, acquired 4/30/1994, \$2000.00; 2012 Stihl Chainsaw, SN: 291063087, acquired 7/24/2012, \$162.00; 2003 Peterbilt Truck, VIN: 1XP5DR8X63N595796, acquired 4/22/2009, \$37,500.00; 1989 Trailer Lowboy, Shoals, SN: M870A10881L0307, acquired 7/23/2008, \$4500.00; 1995 Freightliner Dump Truck, VIN: 1FUYDCXB8SP721671, acquired 3/26/2002, \$28,500.00; 2008 Ford Pickup, VIN: 1FTSX21548EB29982, acquired 2/13/2023, \$6500.00; 1993 INTL Truck, VIN: 1HTSCPHL5PH477206, acquired

8/27/2012, \$7000.00; 2021 Dodge Truck, VIN: 3B6MC3673M272785, acquired 5/24/2006, \$8500.00; 2005 Land Pride Brush Hog Rotary Cutter, SN: 462041, acquired 5/2/2005, \$9990.00; UNK CAOST MFG Box Blade, acquired 12/9/1987, \$430.00, was adopted. Motion Rushing Second Mayes. Vote Yes – Magee, Mayes and Rushing.

Requisition–Purchase Order-Claims presented for payment the week of 10/9 – 10/16, 2025 were approved. Motion Rushing Second Mayes. Vote Yes – Magee, Mayes and Rushing.

2025-2026
911 Phone #24, SABER TRANSPORTATION SUPPORT, 46.67, test #25, AMAZON BUSINESS, 661.25, chair #26, SOUTHWEST MSP LLC, 395.00, service #27, LANGUAGE LINE SERVICES, 66.32, subscription; **CBRI #23**, PAVERS INC, 35100.00, materials #24, ERGON ASPHALT & EMULSIONS, 6115.53, oil #25, ERGON ASPHALT & EMULSIONS, 11644.55, oil;

County Clerk-ST #49, QUILL, 100.69, supplies #50, RUSSELL, SHELLY, 214.17, travel #51, WILSON, MEAGAN M., 145.60, travel #52, GILLHAM, AMANDA, 33.91, travel;

Extension-ST #21, STANDLEY SYSTEMS, 166.37, service #22, OKLAHOMA COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE, 6666.66, service;

General #470, OG&E, 51.24, service #471, OG&E, 51.24, service #472, PIKEPASS, 31.00, pass #473, SABER TRANSPORTATION SUPPORT, 86.66, test #474, TRANSSION RISK AND ALTERNATIVE DATA SOLUTIONS, INC, 124.00, service #475, COMDATAFLEET FUEL CARD, 3746.19, fuel #476, OTA PLATE PAY, 4.95, pass #477, MARIETTA MONITOR, 179.25, publication #478, COPS PRODUCTS, 506.38, supplies #479, STANDLEY SYSTEMS, 48.35, service #480, J C AUTO PARTS LLC, 19.53, supplies #481, CBJ TIRE & ALIGNMENT NR INC., 563.56, tires #482, OG&E, 201.03, service #483, OG&E, 62.18, service #484, CULLIGAN OF ARDMORE, 43.00, water #485, J C AUTO PARTS LLC, 49.87, repair #486, CANON FINANCIAL SERVICES INC, 156.88, contract #487, SOUTHWEST MSP LLC, 2060.00, service #488, LAKE COUNTRY PET RESORT LLC, 75.00, service #489, PCS SOLUTIONS LLC, 81.89, service #490, HOGANS JIF-E-LUBE, 59.95, oil change #491, JASON HILLTOP GROCERY, 35.34, fuel;

General Gov't-ST #184, AT&T MOBILITY, 514.91, service #185, DOUBLE TREE BY HILTON, 886.76, hotel #186, RILEY, ASHLEY, 19.14, meals #187, SMITH, KARLA M., 171.82, mileage #188, J C AUTO PARTS LLC, 33.92, supplies #189, CINTAS CORPORATION, 710.28, supplies; **Health #50**, ABC OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY SERV, 32.00, inspection #51, QUILL, 55.17, supplies #52,

LOVE COUNTY TREASURER, 4427.63, fees;

Highway #465, J C AUTO PARTS LLC, 399.48, supplies #466, DOLESE, 3149.98, materials #467, OKLAHOMA COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE, 65.00, training #468, MCGEHEE PAINT BODY & WRECKER, 475.00, service #469, CITY OF MARIETTA TRANSFER SITE, 30.53, fees #470, BRUCKNER TRUCK SALES INC, 133.06, fees #471, CITY OF MARIETTA TRANSFER SITE, 70.95, fees #472, J C AUTO PARTS LLC, 35.42, tools #473, PAVING MATERIALS, 3098.04, asphalt #474, CITY OF MARIETTA TRANSFER SITE, 83.33, trash #475, CITY OF MARIETTA TRANSFERSITE, 80.03, trash #476, CITY OF MARIETTA TRANSFER SITE, 103.95, trash #477, C.L. BOYD INC, 976.85, repair #478, STANDLEY SYSTEMS, 25.63, service #479, STANDLEY SYSTEMS, 71.60, service #480, STANDLEY SYSTEMS, 25.63, service #481, C.L. BOYD INC, 568.99, supplies #482, J C AUTO PARTS LLC, 560.00, supplies;

Hospital-ST #3, LOVE COUNTY HEALTH CENTER, 161300.00, payroll;

RM&P #6, MID-WEST PRINTING, 3183.55, supplies;

Rural Fire-ST #108, KINGS OVERHEAD DOORS, 185.00, repair;

SH Commissary #3, PRODIGY SOLUTIONS INC, 64.00, telephone;

SH Svc Fee #47, SABER TRANSPORTATION SUPPORT, 169.66, test #48, COMDATA FLEET FUEL CARD, 1750.00, fuel #49, CREATIVE PRODUCT SOURCING INC, 1059.27, supplies #50, CANON FINANCIAL SERVICES INC, 156.88, contract #51, SOUTHWEST MSP LLC, 1168.00, service #52, MILLER OFFICE EQUIPMENT, 60.30, service #53, CULLIGAN OF ARDMORE, 53.00, water #54, BENCHMARK GOVERNMENT SOLUTIONS LLC, 854.68, supplies;

Use-ST #18, AMAZON BUSINESS, 81.86, bulbs

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

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

Approved this 27th day of October, 2025.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

/s/ David Magee
Chairman

/s/ Stacy Rushing
Vice-Chairman

/s/ Mike Mayes
Member

(SEAL)

ATTEST:

/s/ Shelly Russell
Shelly Russell, County Clerk

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Public Notice

“Notice Of Grazing Lease Sale”

The Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation Is accepting sealed bids for grazing leases on approximately 8851 acres located on the Cross Timbers WMA in Love County, OK.

For further information or a copy of the lease Contact the area biologist, Brandon Baker at 405-823-9038
Published in the Marietta Monitor on October 31 and November 7 and 14, 2025.

Public Notice

NOTICE TO SELL COUNTY PROPERTY (ACQUIRED AT RESALE)

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the receipt of bid, that I, Karla Smith, County Treasurer of Love County, Oklahoma, will on the 12th day of November, 2025, beginning at 9 a.m. at my office in the Courthouse at Marietta, Oklahoma, sell separately the hereinafter described tracts, parcels, or lots of land, all situated in Love County, Oklahoma and heretofore acquired by said county at the resale authorized by 68 O.S. § 3125. Following the description of each property separately offered for sale is the name of the bidder and the amount bid as follows:

Description	Bidder	Amount Bid
PH 2 UN 9 BLK 10 LOT 22 FALCONHEAD	RAFAEL LEANDRO-RIVERO & GRECIA-MARQUEZ	\$314.52

The said properties will be separately sold to the highest competitive bidder, for cash in hand, or to the original bidder at the amount bid if there be no higher bid offered, subject to the approval of the Board of County Commissioners. The apportioned cost of advertisement and other expense incident to the said sale shall be paid by the purchaser, in addition to the amount bid upon said properties.

Witness my hand this 21st day of October, 2025

/s/ Karla Smith
County Treasurer

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Public Notice

IN THE DISTRICT COURT FOR LOVE COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA

AMERICAN NATION BANK, Plaintiff,	
vs.	Case No. CJ-2025-54
THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS OF WALTER TERRY COLQUITT III a/k/a WALTER T. COLQUITT III, DECEASED; WALTER TERRY COLQUITT IV, an individual; AL COLQUITT, an individual; JOHNNY HAGOOD, an individual; OCCUPANTS OF PREMISES, if any; FALCONHEAD PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.; COUNTY TREASURER OF LOVE COUNTY, OKLAHOMA; and BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF LOVE COUNTY, OKLAHOMA, and STATE OF OKLAHOMA <i>ex rel.</i> OKLAHOMA TAX COMMISSION,	
Defendants.	
SERVICE OF SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION NOTICE	
TO:	The Unknown Heirs, Successors and Assigns of Walter Terry Colquitt III a/k/a Walter T. Colquitt III, Deceased; Walter Terry Colquitt IV; Al Colquitt; Johnny Hagood; Occupants of Premises, if any.

GREETINGS:

You and each of you are hereby notified that on the 22nd day of October 2025, Plaintiff, AMERICAN NATION BANK, (“Plaintiff”) filed suit against you in the District Court of Love County, State of Oklahoma, in the above-entitled cause of action, for foreclosure in the following described real property in Love County, Oklahoma, to-wit:

Lot Forty (40), Block Three (3), Unit Eleven (II), Phase Two (2), Falconhead, Diamondhead Properties, Burneyville, Love County, Oklahoma, according to the recorded plat thereof,
Physical Address: 5 Darrell Drive, Burneyville, Oklahoma 73430. (“Real Property”), and

1998 Fleetwood Mobile, VIN. #FLV84ABC14605GH12, Model GRH1, Length: 60’, Width: 24’, Color: Green (“Mobile Home”).

NOW, THEREFORE, you and each of you are further notified that you have or may claim to have an interest in the above-described property, and you must answer the Petition on or before **December 22, 2025**, or said Petition will be taken as true and judgment rendered in favor of Plaintiff against you in accordance with the Petition filed herein.

WITNESS MY HAND AND OFFICIAL SEAL this day 22nd of October 2025.

WENDY HOLLAND, COURT CLERK
Love County, State of Oklahoma
By: /s/ Kim Chavarria (seal)
Deputy Clerk

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