

Love County summer food program includes children ages 1-18

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The Love County Library and the OSU Extension Service have partnered with the Oklahoma Regional Food Bank to provide a summer food

program for children ages 1-18. "We know there are a lot of families in the county who are having a hard time, plus the fact there is no real place to buy groceries, just makes feeding the family that much harder," OSU Extension Service education director Andrea Snow said.

Snow said the food bank will be providing 10 days worth of shelf stable foods, once every two weeks through the summer. "Each child will get boxes of breakfasts and lunches," Snow said. "Food boxes will be distributed every other Monday, beginning June 1 at

the conference room at the library." Food distribution will be June 1, 15, and 29 and July 13 and 27. Families with multiple children will receive boxes for each child. Snow said there is no criteria for receiving the food. Families will simply register the first time they

come to pick up groceries. Snow said they will have up to 100 food boxes at the first distribution and will be able to order more if the need arises.



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Turner Superintendent Shari Pillow, left, presents a plaque to Turner Public Schools' Teacher of the Year Pam Hagle. Hagle was selected by her colleagues to receive the honor.

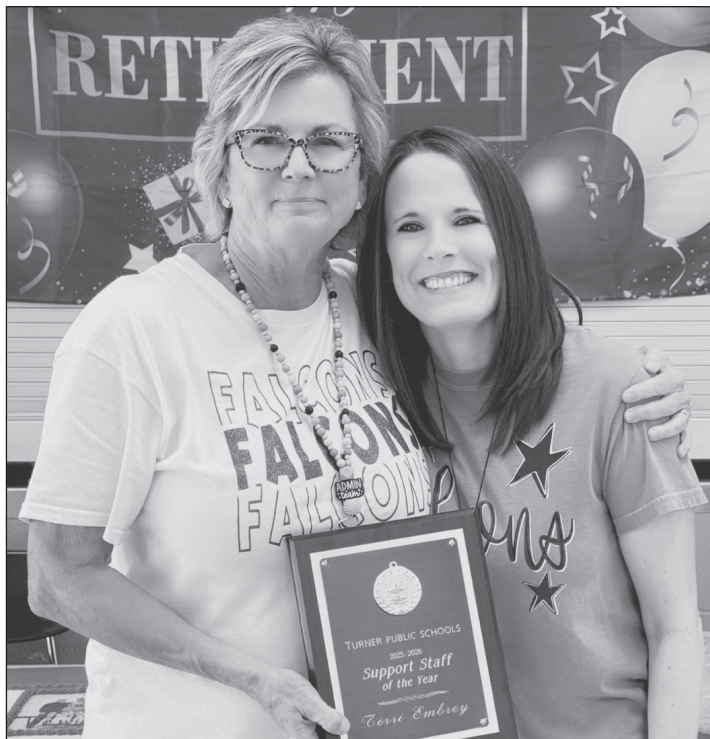


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Torri Embrey was selected as the Turner Public Schools' Support Staff Member of the Year. Embrey received a plaque from Superintendent Shari Pillow, left, at a luncheon held last week for all school staff members.

Exciting performers to participate in library's SRP

Summer Reading Programming opens at Love County Library this June and July. Featuring the theme "Unearth A Story" the annual SRP will host the following performers at 2 p.m. every Wednesday.

Inspyral Circus on Wednesday, June 3

Acrobat and performer Kelsey Nicole will display a variety of circus tricks like juggling and contortion.

Jammin' Randy on Wednesday, June 10

Musician Jammin' Randy will be "Rockin' with the Dinosaurs" and singing songs for children of all ages to enjoy.

Extreme Animals on Wednesday, June 17

A variety of different animals will be present for children to learn about and interact with.

Children's Ventriloquist on Wednesday, June 24

Kyle French will showcase his puppets and vocal talents through storytelling.

Bart Taylor with Will Rogers

Memorial Museum on Wednesday, July 1

Buckaroo Bart returns to demonstrate his lassoing techniques and talk about the life of Will Rogers.

"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."

"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."

This year, Love County Library will continue using Reader Zone for its 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 available.

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 or to pick up a Summer Reading Calendar, contact the Love County Library at (580) 276-3783 or visit the library at 500 South Highway 77 in Marietta.

Inmates have their day in court

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A number of inmates at the Love County Justice Center have had at least their first day in court recently.

Included in the list of inmates who appeared prior to May 20 are:

Maurice Antonio Hall,

charged with murder in the first degree and possession of a firearm after a felony conviction, appeared on May 14 for a preliminary hearing. He was granted a continuance until May 28 due to a witness being hospitalized.

Rojelio Alexander Valenzuela is charged with distributing, possessing, soliciting pornographic material of a minor,

and second degree rape. He had a preliminary hearing on May 12, but received a continuance until May 28.

Michael Anthony Henry, charged with lewd or indecent acts to a child under the age of 12, has a preliminary hearing for July 14.

James Andrew Butler, charged with second degree

burglary has a formal arraignment scheduled for May 26.

Freddie Blair Banks is facing four counts of sexual battery and indecent exposure and has been scheduled for a preliminary hearing on June 16.

Public Notice

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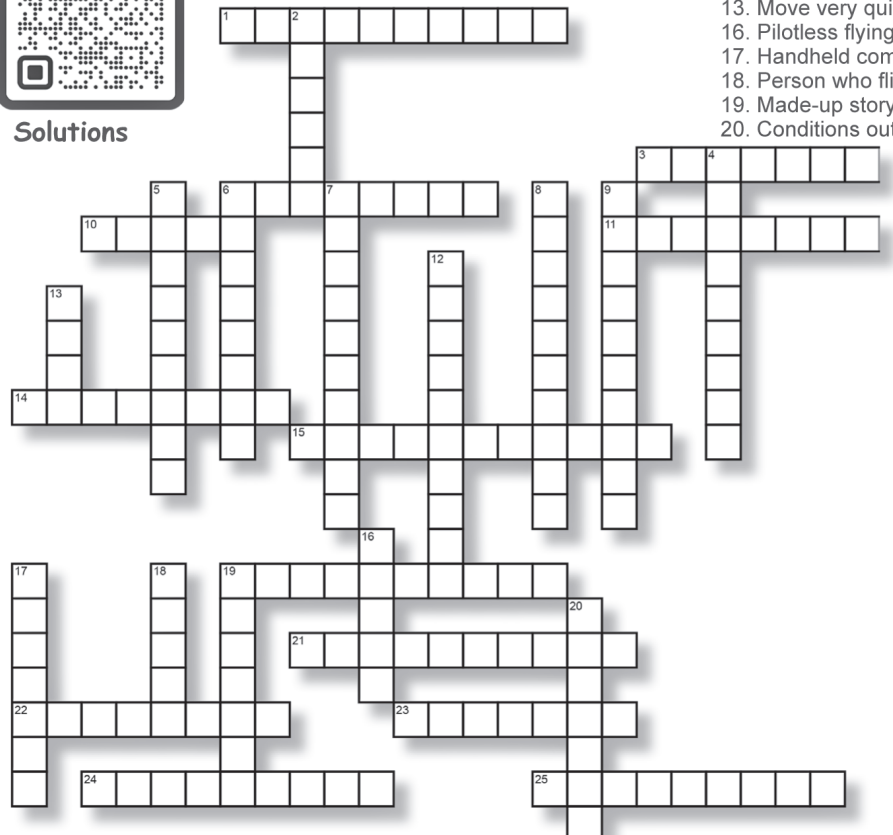
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3. People with special knowledge
6. Straight up and down
10. Type or category in literature
11. Happening daily
14. Created in the mind
15. Groups that lead countries
19. Looking like the future
21. Kept under order
22. Powered by electricity
23. Something real and true
24. People who design machines
25. Planning and creating

Down:

1. Person who writes books
4. Device that slows falling
5. Something newly created
6. Machines used for travel
7. Scientific inventions
8. Spinning blades for movement
9. Aircraft with spinning blades
12. Underwater vehicles
13. Move very quickly
16. Pilotless flying machine
17. Handheld computers
18. Person who flies aircraft
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