

Marietta High School welcomes new leadership

Students will see new faces in the administrative office at the local high school.

By Joani Hartin
Staff Writer

With the beginning of the new school year, Marietta High School welcomes a new administrative team. Natalie Haworth will be the new principal, and Sebastian Cifuentes will serve as the site's assistant principal.

Haworth is a graduate of Durant High School who earned a bachelor's degree in science education and a master's degree in educational leadership, both from Southeastern Oklahoma State University in Durant. She is currently working toward her doctorate in educational leadership from the University of Oklahoma.

"I chose to pursue a career in education because it has always been evident to me how much opportunity education can provide, regardless of circumstances, especially when a focus on quality and equitable education is available," she said.

"I had teachers who positively impacted me that I will remember for the rest of my life, and my mom served as the director of Upward Bound programs at Southeastern for a lot of my life.

"I believe in the power of public education, and I believe that all students deserve every opportunity that education can



Natalie Haworth
MHS Principal

provide for them," she insisted.

Haworth brings experience to Marietta, both as a classroom teacher and an administrator. She has taught science subjects in middle and high school levels at Monroney Middle School in Midwest City and in the Durant Public School system, where she was selected as a state teacher of the year finalist.

"As a classroom teacher, I quickly discovered that while



Sebastian Cifuentes
MHS Assistant Principal

I loved being in education and impacting students in the classroom, I believed I could be even more impactful in an administrative position," explained Haworth.

Haworth served for three years as an assistant principal for Yukon High School before applying for the head principal's position at Marietta.

"I was familiar with the town and school district because I have family and friends in the

area," Haworth stated, "but what ultimately attracted me to apply at Marietta was the strong sense of community and the hometown feel. I was impressed by the passion of the staff and the pride individuals had both in the school and the community. These align with my own leadership and educational philosophies, and I am excited to be at Marietta."

Haworth looks forward to building relationships with

students, staff, families, and community members while working toward student success.

"As principal, I am excited to celebrate the great things already happening at Marietta while also collaborating with stakeholders to identify opportunities for growth," Haworth concluded.

"I look forward to becoming an active part of the community and helping create an environment where every student feels supported, challenged, and inspired to reach their full potential."

As the assistant principal, Cifuentes will be in his first position as an administrator after having taught five years of Spanish and physical education classes at Plainview.

After graduating from Pauls Valley High School, Cifuentes earned a bachelor's degree from East Central University and a master's degree from Southeastern Oklahoma State University.

"I enjoyed teaching for five years, but I realized I wanted to have a bigger impact on the entire school. As an administrator, I get the chance to support students, teachers, and families every day," Cifuentes stated.

"I enjoy building relationships, helping solve problems,

and doing whatever I can to make the school a positive place for all."

Cifuentes is married to a Marietta girl, Lupita Gomez, who graduated from MHS in 2018, so he was familiar with the community, even though that wasn't the main reason he applied for the position.

"What really drew me to Marietta was the opportunity to be a part of a school where I could become involved in the community," he said.

"Family and community have always been important to me, and the opportunity to come to Marietta, to serve in a new role, and to be a leader in a community that values its schools was something I felt called to do."

Cifuentes looks forward to being part of the Marietta family.

"We are excited to have Ms. Haworth and Mr. Cifuentes on campus and look forward to seeing what they can accomplish," said Superintendent Brandi Naylor.

"They have great plans for the high school, and their enthusiasm is catching on quickly with teachers and students. We're looking forward to a great year and a bright future with both of them here in our school district."

Public Notice

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

In the Matter of the Estate of)
PATRICK STACY LANGSTON,) Case No. PB-2026-28
Deceased)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TO THE CREDITORS OF PATRICK STACY LANGSTON:

All creditors having claims against PATRICK STACY LANGSTON, Deceased, are required to present the same with a description of all security interests and other collateral (if any) held by each creditor with respect to such claim, to the Personal Representative, TOBY RAYNOR LANGSTON, c/o Alexa Stumpff White, P.O. Box 66, Ardmore, Oklahoma 73402, on or before the following presentment date: **September 16, 2026**, or same will be forever barred.

DATED this 16th day of July, 2026.

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF LOVE COUNTY
STATE OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE
OF: KEN RAY TESTERMAN, A/K/A
KENNETH RAY TESTERMAN AND
KENNY TESTERMAN, deceased.

Case No. PB-2026-25
Judge: Todd Hicks

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To the Creditors of Ken Ray Testerman, A/K/A Kenneth Ray Testerman and Kenny Testerman, deceased:

All creditors having claims against Ken Ray Testerman, A/K/A Kenneth Ray Testerman and Kenny Testerman, deceased, are required to present the same with a description of all security interests and other collateral (if any) held by each creditor with respect to such claim, to Stacy Briggs, Personal Representative, at the law office of **Thomas K. Baldwin, Attorney at Law, Thomas K. Baldwin, PLLC, P. O. Box 578, Ardmore, Oklahoma 73402-0578**, addressed to Thomas K. Baldwin, attorney for the Personal Representative, on or before the presentment date of the 18th day of September 2026, or the same will be forever barred.

Dated this 16th day of July 2026.

/s/Stacy Briggs
STACY BRIGGS
Personal Representative

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STATE OF OKLAHOMA
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
Advertisement to Contractors
August 20, 2026 – 10:30 A.M. Bid Opening

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Description of work and location of project:
STP-243D(043)CI JP NO. 31790(04) Call Order: 620
COUNTY ROAD LOVE
BRIDGE AND APPROACHES
COUNTY ROAD (NS-3266 / FREEMAN ROAD):
OVER TRIBUTARY TO RED RIVER, 2.82 MILES WEST OF
I-35 NEAR MARIETTA.

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OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
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Description of work and location of project:
STP-210F(131)PM JP NO. 38230(05) Call Order: 605
I-35 CARTER, LOVE AND MURRAY
SAFETY IMPROVEMENT
AT MULTIPLE LOCATIONS IN DISTRICT VII.

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