

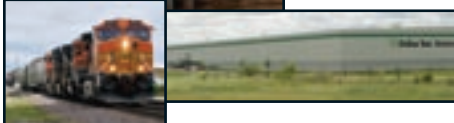
We Love To Do Business

Love County is ideally suited to employers who want to serve the Dallas/Ft. Worth and Texas markets but from a location outside of Texas.

- At Exit 15, Dollar Tree's Marietta Distribution Center opened in 2003. In 2004, Ok/Tex Bakery started baking cookies, and CNI Manufacturing, a division of Chickasaw Nation Industries, purchased a pre-existing conveyor manufacturer serving airports and distribution centers across North America.
- Other manufacturers include Ferina Carbide Tool Company, maker of precision, industrial cutting tools; and Earth Energy Technology & Supply, Inc., consultant and vendor for the geothermal (ground-source) heating and cooling industry.
- Red River Valley Rural Electric Association, a cooperative serving five counties, is Marietta-based. Agriculture makes a large economic impact, and oil production is significant. Beef cattle are a mainstay. Pecans and peanuts are significant ground crops. The Samuel Roberts Noble Foundation, one of the largest private donors in the nation, has three agricultural test ranches in Love County.
- Additional access across the Red River from Texas is provided via the 1994 Taovayas Indian Bridge on State highway 89 south of Courtney. The BNSF railroad parallels I-35 through the county.
- Substantial tax breaks exist for industries locating on "former Indian lands in Oklahoma."



I-35 Bridge to Texas and Oklahoma

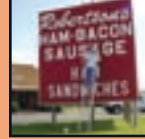
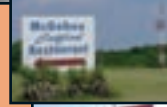


Restaurants

We eat well in Marietta just off I-35 at Exit 15.

Locally-owned dining includes Denim's Restaurant, LaRoca Mexican Restaurant, Hick'ry House B-B-Q, Casey's Catfish Corral, 50's Cafe, and Chicken Run.

Since World War II, the Robertson family of Marietta's quaint "ham stand" has been attracting highway travelers and mail-order customers worldwide with outstanding smoked ham, turkey, and beef jerky. McGehee Catfish Restaurant, 3 miles southwest of Marietta, has been a Love County landmark (complete with landing strip) known to travelers for years. National chains include Subway, Pizza Hut, Carl's Jr., and Oklahoma-based Sonic Drive-In.



County History

Named for Overton Love (1823-1891), esteemed Chickasaw Nation judge. Prior to 1907, Love County was considered Pickens County, Chickasaw Nation, Indian Territory. At statehood, Indian and Oklahoma Territories merged to become Oklahoma. Marietta, the county seat, was established in 1887.

The Courthouse

The Courthouse is a magnet to out-of-staters seeking a marriage license from the "County of Love." The Main Street wedding chapel at Photographs by Lawrence helps out.

Only three Oklahoma counties have courthouses with working tower clocks. Love County's is the oldest of the three, and its 1910 Seth Thomas clock is the only one with mostly mechanical works.



Chamber In Action

In June 2005, Love County's only full-service grocery closed. Within days, Chamber of Commerce and Industrial Foundation leaders had located a new grocer and helped secure a more favorable lease. By fall, the store had re-opened, with more services than before.

Hometown businesses:
Ask us for help.
Prospects:
Ask us for ideas.



Mercy & Love

Area health care is led by the respected Mercy Health/Love County Hospital and Clinic. It features a 24-hour clinic, emergency medicine, rehabilitation therapy, and skilled nursing. An extensive first-responder network supports the paramedic-status ambulance.



24-Hour Clinic

Love County Statistics

Population - 8,800
 Area - 532 square miles
 Elevation - 843 feet above sea level

Postal Communities

Marietta 73448 - Exit 15
 Thackerville 73459 - Exits 1, 5
 Overbrook 73453 - Exits 21, 24
 Burneyville 73430 - Exit 15
 Leon 73441 - Exit 15



Thackerville Schools... one of four Love County public systems. Higher education is 30 minutes away in Ardmore or Gainesville.

Write or call for more information:

Love County Chamber of Commerce
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www.lovecountyokla.org



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guess who is...



...in

Love

Would You Love A Break?

Lake Murray - Exit 15 East

Lake Murray, 10 miles north of Marietta via I-35 or highway Scenic 77, offers 6,000 acres of clear water and 20,000 surrounding acres.

Created in the 1930's, it is the first and largest state park devoted entirely to recreation. It features the Tucker Tower Museum. Originally designed as a summer home for Oklahoma Governors, the Tower now houses an impressive natural history collection.

The resort has a 53-room lodge, over 80 cabins, convention center, swimming pool, full-service marina, beaches, camping, horseback riding, 18-hole golf course, and 2,500 ft., paved airstrip.

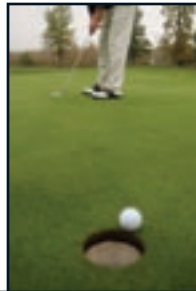


Falconhead Resort & Country Club Exit 15 West

Falconhead Resort and Country Club, 11 miles west of Marietta, is the only course accessible to the average golfer to have been played by both the LPGA and PGA tours. A total of 17 professional events took place from 1958-1964 when the course was the private Turner's Lodge.

Today, any golfer can play where the pros played by calling ahead for a tee time. Visitors will find dining, lodging, meeting rooms, numerous fishing lakes, and a 4,200 ft., paved airstrip and hangar.

Falconhead is also a residential community of several hundred homes, condos, and townhomes, and many lots for new dwellings, on 2,700 acres of rolling countryside.



Love To Be Entertained?

WinStar - Thackerville, Exit 1 East

- WinStar Casinos, Chickasaw Nation destination resort, draws thousands daily.
- Complex includes lodging, meeting sites, golf, dining, and premier entertainment.
- 190,000 square foot gaming center for poker, blackjack, electronic gaming, paper-play bingo, off-track betting.
- Multiple restaurants, deli, 1,200 seat theater.
- Closest gaming center to D/FW metroplex.
- The largest employer in southern Oklahoma.



Museums & Events - Marietta, Exit 15 East

- Annual Frontier Days Celebration on Love County Courthouse lawn
- Love County Military Museum
- Love County Historical Society Museum
- Norton's Jewelry and Territorial Museum, containing artifacts, collections from early day Marietta and Indian Territory, and the largest pop bottle collection in southern Oklahoma.



Norton's Jewelry and Territorial Museum on Main Street.

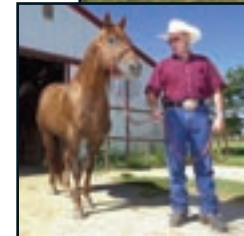
For The Horse Lover. . .

Quality draws business. Or, as one veteran horseman observes,

"Love County is the shopping mall of the world for quarter horses."

Love County has been attracting outstanding quarter horse trainers since the 1980's. They move here to take advantage of:

- Our **moderate climate, sandy soil** (easy on hooves), **affordable land**, and **low property taxes**.
- Our location on the I-35 corridor, midway between Oklahoma City and Ft. Worth, site of the world's major shows for reining cutting, roping, barrel racing, and working events.
- Four dozen trainers and hundreds of related specialist farriers, veterinarians, technicians, dietitians, and suppliers comprise Love County's second largest industry.
- Absentee owners from around the world have entrusted their stock to local trainers to prepare the horses for competition, breeding, or sale.



From top:
Polo Ranch: Boonlight Dancer
Cross and Crown Ranch
Horse and Rider store
Pieper Ranch: Cutting Horse
Love County Horses
Loomis Ranch: Topsail Whiz
Fields of Love County

You Are!

Love County greets you at the Red River Bridge connecting Texas to Oklahoma. We're the first Oklahoma Exits (1, 5, 15, 21, 24) on Interstate 35, and home to:



• Tourism Info:

Oklahoma's most-visited tourist center 3 miles north of the Red River Bridge



Thackerville Tourism Center

• Lake Murray:

Oklahoma's oldest and clearest man-made lake - Exits 15 or 24

• Restaurants:

First full-service facilities and good food, too! - Exit 15

Most scenic routes to **Lake Murray** (10 miles north on 77S) and **Lake Texoma** (15 miles east on Highway 32 to headwaters at Lebanon Resort) start from Marietta.

• Horse Ranches:

Top quarter horse trainers attract customers worldwide - All exits

• Business Sites:

Along the I-35 corridor and the Marietta industrial park - All exits

• WinStar:

Largest Oklahoma casino - Exit 1



Oklahoma City

115 miles

I-35

Love County

Marietta

I-35

90 miles

Fort Worth Dallas

