

TRUTH NEWSLETTER

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WELCOME to The Truth About Wagoner County

We are here to provide vital information for all residents of Wagoner County so you'll have the Who, What, Where and Why.

County and municipality links to

- Public meeting agendas and minutes
- Elected Official contacts
- Financial data
- Important lawsuits
- What's going on in Wagoner County

Our Facebook page will include current and past important news and notices.

<https://www.facebook.com/wagcotruth/>



Bell's Amusement Park: The Story of a Project That Never Came to Be

In November 2021, the City of Broken Arrow announced plans for a new Bell's Amusement Park on more than 100 acres in east Broken Arrow, near East Kenosha Street and the Creek Turnpike. For many Oklahomans, the announcement brought back memories of the original Bell's Amusement Park and the possibility of seeing the familiar name return to Oklahoma.

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The proposed project represented a significant opportunity for Broken Arrow. Plans called for an amusement park that would bring family entertainment, attractions and additional visitors to the area. The announcement generated considerable interest throughout the region and created excitement about what the future could hold.

What is sometimes overlooked when a major development does not ultimately come to fruition is the amount of work that takes place behind the scenes. Broken Arrow city employees devoted considerable time and effort toward helping move the project forward. From working with developers and reviewing plans to coordinating with various departments and addressing the many details involved in a development of this size, there was a great deal of work required to try to make the project successful.

Ultimately, however, the proposed Bell's Amusement Park did not become a reality. The property will not be

home to the amusement park that was envisioned in 2021, but the work that went into trying to make the project happen should not be overlooked.

Large development projects are complicated. They involve property, planning, infrastructure, financing, regulations, negotiations and many other factors. Even when everyone involved is working toward the same goal, circumstances can change and a project may ultimately not reach the finish line.

The Truth About Wagoner County has begun compiling the history of the Bell's Amusement Park proposal so that the public can look back at what was proposed, how the project progressed and what ultimately happened.

Read the Full Timeline:
Bell's Amusement Park — Broken Arrow Timeline

Part 1 of 4 supporting documents for the timeline has now been added to the webpage. Parts 2 through 4 will be released in the coming months. To-

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gether, these documents will provide readers with a more complete look at the history of the proposed Bell's Amusement Park project and the efforts made to bring it to Broken Arrow.

To find the timeline and documents go to [https://
thetruthaboutwagonercounty.com/
bells-amusement-park%2Fba-1](https://thetruthaboutwagonercounty.com/bells-amusement-park%2Fba-1)



The Inola Smelter: Why Wagoner County Residents Should Be Paying Attention

By The Truth About Wagoner County

A major industrial project being proposed just across the county line in Inola is becoming an issue that Wagoner County residents should be watching closely.

The proposed Oklahoma Primary Aluminum facility would be located at the

Tulsa Port of Inola in Rogers County. The project, backed by Emirates Global Aluminium and Century Aluminum, represents an estimated \$4 billion investment and is designed to produce more than 750,000 metric tons of aluminum annually. If constructed as proposed, it would be the largest primary aluminum production facility ever built in the United States.

For residents of Wagoner County, the first question may be simple: Why should we be concerned about a project being built in Rogers County?

The answer is that projects of this size can have impacts that extend well beyond the property where the facility is located.

Electricity Is One Major Question

One of the most significant issues surrounding the proposed smelter is electricity.

An aluminum smelter requires an enormous amount of electrical power to operate. Providing that power could re-

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quire additional generation, transmission and other infrastructure.

State Rep. Tom Gann, whose House District 8 includes portions of Wagoner, Rogers and Mayes counties, has raised questions about the potential costs associated with providing additional electrical capacity for large industrial customers.

Gann has challenged an Oklahoma Corporation Commission decision involving approximately \$1.3 billion in additional Public Service Company of Oklahoma generation and storage capacity. His concerns include questions about how infrastructure associated with major new electrical customers could affect existing PSO customers.

For Wagoner County residents, that raises an important question: If additional infrastructure is needed, who ultimately pays for it?

That question deserves to be answered with facts, numbers and publicly available information rather than as-

sumptions.

Environmental and Water Questions

Electricity isn't the only issue.

The Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality is reviewing the project's air-quality construction permit. The project may also require additional permits involving water discharge, stormwater and waste management.

Those permitting decisions will be important because the proposed facility would be a major industrial operation in a region that includes farms, ranches, homes, businesses and waterways.

The DEQ permitting process provides opportunities for public participation, allowing residents and other interested parties to review information and raise questions as the process moves forward.

For Wagoner County residents, particularly those living near the Rogers County line, understanding what those permits allow—and what environmental safeguards they require—is important.

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Agriculture and Rural Communities

Agriculture is another area worth watching.

The communities surrounding Inola include farms, ranches and livestock operations. Northeastern Wagoner County is also home to agricultural producers who could potentially be affected by changes in traffic, infrastructure, development patterns and surrounding land use.

That does not mean the smelter will necessarily harm agricultural operations. It does mean that the potential effects should be examined carefully and documented before decisions are finalized.

Questions about air emissions, water use, transportation, land development and emergency response are all reasonable questions for residents to ask.

A Legal Battle Is Already Underway

The proposed project has also become the subject of litigation.

Oklahoma Attorney General Gentner Drummond filed a lawsuit seeking to block the project, raising concerns involving residents, livestock and natural resources. A federal court recently returned that case to Rogers County District Court, where the legal proceedings will continue.

At the same time, the town of Inola has extended its moratorium concerning the project through April 7, 2027.

That extension provides additional time for local officials and residents to consider the project, proposed zoning issues and other questions surrounding the development.

Why Wagoner County Should Follow the Story

State Rep. Tom Gann has also called for greater transparency and additional examination of the proposed smelter. Among the questions being raised are issues involving incentives, infrastructure, government agreements and the

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potential costs associated with the project.

Those questions matter to Wagoner County because government decisions and infrastructure investments do not always stop at a county boundary.

A large industrial development can influence regional roads, electric infrastructure, water resources, employment, housing, emergency services and future economic development.

At *The Truth About Wagoner County*, our goal is not to tell residents what they should think about the proposed smelter. Our goal is to provide the information residents need to make their own informed decisions.

There are legitimate economic opportunities associated with a project of this magnitude, just as there are legitimate questions about its potential costs and impacts.

Both deserve to be examined.

For Wagoner County residents, this isn't simply an Inola story.

As the permitting, legal and local government processes continue, residents should have access to the facts, public records, environmental information, economic projections and infrastructure plans surrounding the proposed facility.

The Truth About Wagoner County will continue following the issue and examining the available information as it develops.

Part 2 will examine the electricity question: Who pays when a \$4 billion industrial project requires enormous amounts of new power and infrastructure—and what could that mean for existing PSO customers?

For more information go to Oklahoma State Rep. Tom Gann's Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/tom.gann.5661>

Events Around Wagoner County

Wagoner
CRUISE NIGHT
South Main

**BRING YOUR CAR, TRUCK OR MOTORCYCLE
 DOWNTOWN AND SHOW IT OFF!**

**LOAD UP THE FAMILY, GRAB SOME DINNER DOWNTOWN,
 AND CHECK OUT THE SWEET RIDES!**

EVERY TUESDAY @ 6:00PM

WEATHER PERMITTING!



**JUNE 2026 -
 OCTOBER 2026**

FOR QUESTIONS
 DAVID SPRY AT 918-740-2999
 MAYOR DALTON SELF AT 918-441-9213

**WAGONER FREE KIDS
 FISHING CLINIC**

New Date!
October 10th 2026

City of Wagoner Pond
 Located behind W. L. Odom Field
 9am-12pm
 9:00 am: Registration

FREE FOOD
 HOT DOGS, CHIPS, WATER

**FREE FISHING
 AND PRIZES!**



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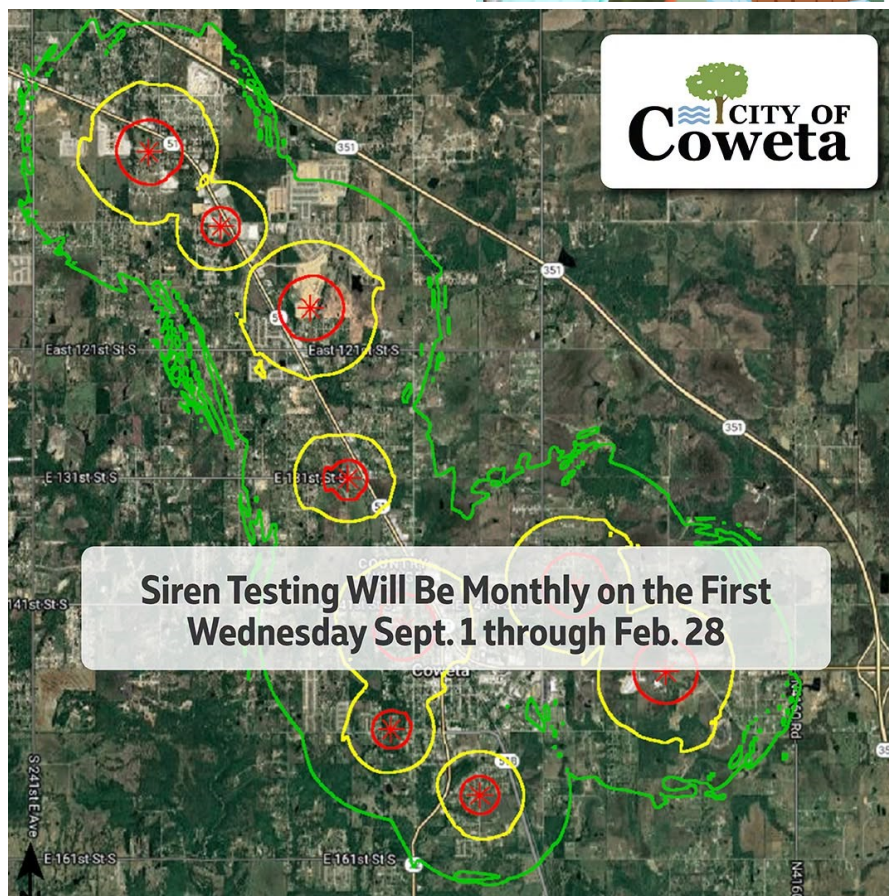
GRDA Grand River Dam Authority

Baitmasters

City of Wagoner

**BAIT PROVIDED
 BY BAITMASTERS
 OUTDOORS!**

INFO:
918-485-2554



Events Around Wagoner County

Solid Waste & Recycling



918-259-6570
tbolt@brokenarrowok.gov

Trash Bash & Recycling Rally

8:00am - 12:00pm

October 10, 2026

1700 W Detroit St



Accepted Items

Electronics/E-Waste

(Monitors \$12 and TVs \$38)



Plastic Shopping Bags



Cardboard



Tires

(Limit 10)



Paper Shredding

(Limit 3 boxes)



Fire Extinguishers



Ammunition

(50cal or less)



Pharmaceuticals



Sharps/Needles



Batteries

(Car and Home)



Trash Bash: litter cleanup around Broken Arrow

Recycling Rally: drive through and drop off hard-to-recycle items like tires, electronics, and batteries.

Visit: www.RecycleBA.com for more details.



Events Around Wagoner County

Visit Broken Arrow presents

BROKEN ARROW FILM FESTIVAL



OCTOBER 2 - 3

bafilmfestival.com | Regal Warren Theater

THE MUSKOGEE NATION

Visit Broken Arrow

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

Wagoner Police Department

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

City of Wagoner

TUESDAY

OCTOBER 6TH 2026

Maple Park
6pm-8pm
Info: 918-485-2554

FREE FOOD, FREE FUN, FREE PRIZES!

Come get to know your local law enforcement agencies, first responders, and non-profits, while you and the family enjoy free food and fun! Stop by participating booths to enter prize drawings. Must be present to win prizes!

Walmart

UNARCO INDUSTRIES

HADMAC INC

Stop by the Walmart booth to enter to win a TV. Enter to win prizes at the Unarco booth!

Pie Eating Contest

Bounce House

Bubble Party

Hotdogs

Community Resources & Prizes

TOUCH A TRUCK

12+ to attend
Wear athletic clothing & tennis shoes

FREE WOMEN'S SELF DEFENSE CLASS

Instructed by George Robertson

OCT. 15TH 5PM-9PM

REGISTER



Help In Crisis

Wagoner Civic Center
301 S Grant Ave, Wagoner, OK 74467

AUTUMN DUMPSTER DAYS 2026

City of Wagoner

OCT 3-10 2026
8:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Closed on Sunday

CORNER OF S MAIN AND SE 3RD STREET

ACCEPTED

Furniture
Mattresses, Beds, Bookshelves, Couches, Chairs, Tables, Dressers, Desks, Lamps, Etc.

Appliances
Dishwashers, Washers, Dryers, Refrigerator/Freezers, Air Conditioners, Kitchen Appliances, Outdoor Maintenance Appliances, Etc.

Other
Magazines, Newspapers, Cardboard, Glass, Plastics, Electronics, Office Equipment, Athletic Equipment, Workout Equipment, Lawn Mowers, Swing Sets, Playhouses.

NOT ACCEPTED

- Concrete/Rocks
- Brush, Leaves, Yard Waste
- Tires
- Chemicals
- Paint
- Batteries
- Building Materials is:
 - Lumber
 - Sheetrock
 - Shingles
- Vehicles
- Boats
- ATVS
- Farm Equipment
- Motorcycles

If your item is NOT listed and you are unsure if we can accept it or not please call us to inquire if we can accept your item!

Questions or Assistance: 918-485-2554

Visit our website for a list of Disposal Resources for some of the items we cannot accept!

COUNTY AND MUNICIPALITY LINKS

County or Municipality	Agendas & Minutes	Government / Council Information
Wagoner County	https://www.wagonercounty.ok.gov/AgendaCenter	https://www.wagonercounty.ok.gov/264/Elected-Officials
City of Broken Arrow	https://brokenarrow.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx	https://www.brokenarrowok.gov/home/showpublisheddocument/5311/638711499707630000
City of Coweta	https://www.cityofcoweta-ok.gov/325/Agenda-and-Minutes	https://www.cityofcoweta-ok.gov/27/Government
City of Porter	https://townofporterok.com/meeting-agendas-and-minutes	https://townofporterok.com/
City of Wagoner	https://www.wagonerok.org/Government/Meetings-and-Agendas	https://www.wagonerok.org/Government/City-Council/Ward-Information

The only person who should fear an educated community, is one who depends on its ignorance

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