

WOODS WPA PROPERTIES, 1985

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Alva Armory	X	X
Alva Swimming Pool and Bathhouse	X	X
Capron School and Gymnasium	X	X
Waynoka Swimming Pool and Bathhouse	X	X

OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

Oklahoma Historic Preservation Survey, Oklahoma State University, 502 Math-Science Bldg.,
Stillwater, OK 74078

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

ALVA ARMORY

LOCATION: Choctaw and Third Streets, Alva, Oklahoma 040, Woods County 151

CLASSIFICATION: building; public; public acquisition--N/A; occupied; unrestricted; present
use--educational

OWNER: Alva Public Schools, 14th and Barnes, Alva, OK 73717

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Woods County Courthouse, Alva, OK 73717

DESCRIPTION: good condition; altered; original site

The Alva Armory is composed of two segments: a drill floor unit with a high ceiling and a two-story garage/office unit. Rectangular (133' x 121') in shape, the armory is constructed of coursed red brick. The roof over the drill floor is arched with gable parapets; elsewhere it is flat with parapets. Crenelated concrete caps crown the parapets. The main entry on the south is crdcessed within a segmental arch and sequential insets of bricks. Windows are metal encased, while four garage doors on the south front cover segmental archways. There are three garage entryways at other locations in the building. Stepped pilasters capped with molded concrete, patterned brickwork above the second story windows, and masonry insets give the structure considerable decorative style.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1936; builder/architect: unknown

The Alva Armory is an exceptional resources for the local community. Architecturally, as a WPA building it is unique in its use of brick construction materials, contrasting with armories in the state other than those in the northwestern counties which were built with native stone. Locally it is outstanding for its extensive use of concrete moldings at the roofline and on top of pilasters. The use of the building by the Oklahoma National Guard for more than forty-five years underscores its significance. There units of the guard prepared themselves for military action in World War II and the Korean conflict and for civil defense and disaster relief at home. In other ways the structure has also contributed to an improved quality of life in Cherokee. Construction of the armory poured wages from some 66,000 man-hours of labor into the local economy at the depth of the depression helping to revitalize mainstreet. Those same wages also enabled the laborers on the project, most of whom were agriculturalists driven to destitution by the drought, to provide for their own families and to tide themselves over the economic slump until better times appeared.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre

Quadrangle: Alva, Okla.
1:24,000/7.5 min.

UTM: 14 530240 4073270

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Commencing at the SW corner of Block 20, in the original city of Alva, running thence north 140 feet, thence east 150 feet, thence south 140 feet to the south line of said Block 20, thence west 150 feet to the place of beginning.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 22-a; 22-b

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SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

ALVA SWIMMING POOL AND BATHHOUSE

LOCATION: Flynn and Fourteenth Streets, Alva, Oklahoma 040, Woods County 151; NW 1/4, Sec. 23, T 27 N, R 14 W

CLASSIFICATION: structure; public; public acquisition--N/A; occupied; unrestricted; present use--recreational

OWNER: The City of Alva, Alva, OK 73717

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Woods County Courthouse, Alva, OK 73717

DESCRIPTION: good condition; unaltered; original site

The Alva Swimming Pool is oval (267' x 140') and constructed of poured concrete. It is supplied with water by an underground pumphouse, and it is surrounded by a poured concrete apron. A smaller wading pool is adjacent. The rectangular (81' x 40') bathhouse is situated just south of the swimming pool and is constructed of poured concrete now painted white. The roof is flat with parapets. The south entry is framed by stepped pilasters, while on the rear of the building the east section is left open and serves as a shaded area for bathers. Windows are filled with opaque glass. The bathhouse has a distinct flavor of art deco architectural style.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1939; builder/architect: unknown

For almost fifty years the Alva Swimming Pool and Bathhouse has been an exceptional resource for the community. Residents have been cooled from the hot and dusty winds of summer and have recreated their spirits from the mundane cares of day-to-day activities. As a part of a larger public park, the facility symbolizes a depression era program that emphasized people instead of money. Indeed, construction enabled drought stricken and destitute agriculturalists to find employment that salvaged their pride and eased their poverty. At the same time, wages of some 74,000 man-hours of labor revitalized the local economy at a time when business activity was nearly at a stand still. Architecturally, the bathhouse is unusual locally for its art deco style, poured concrete construction material, type, and workmanship.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Two acres

Quadrangle: Alva, Okla.
1:24,000/7.5 min.

UTM: 14 528530 4073140

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: On the west side of Alva, the property begins at a point 832 feet east of the southwest corner of the NW 1/4 of Sec. 23, T 27 N, R 14 W, then goes 416 feet north, 208 feet east, 416 feet south, and 208 feet west.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 23-a; 23-b; 23-c

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Oklahoma Historic Preservation Survey, Oklahoma State University, 502 Math-Science Bldg.,
Stillwater, OK 74078

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

CAPRON SCHOOL AND GYMNASIUM

LOCATION: State Highway 11, Capron, Oklahoma 040, Woods County 151

CLASSIFICATION: building; private; public acquisition--N/A; unoccupied; unrestricted;
present use--storage

OWNER: Donald and Sandra Reid, Box 11, Capron, OK 73725

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Woods County Courthouse, Alva, OK 73717

DESCRIPTION: good condition; altered; original site

The Capron School and Gymnasium is a large, L-shaped (218' x 50', with an ca. 80' x 70' extension) structure constructed of coursed yellow brick. The roof is arched over the gymnasium, while elsewhere it is flat with parapets capped by concrete blocks. The recessed west entrance is framed by stepped pilasters that extend above the roof line. Wood sash windows are double spaced with concrete slip sills and brick lintels. Corner pilasters and a watertable are additional decorative features. Despite broken window panes and an addition attached to the northeast side, the building retains its architectural integrity.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1940; builder/architect: unknown

The Capron School and Gymnasium symbolizes the nature of the WPA construction program. The facility dramatically improved the quality of public education in the community, its construction salvaged the pride and eased the destitution of unemployed laborers by giving them useful employment, and the 48,000 man-hours of wages paid workers stimulated the local economy. As a WPA building, the Capron School and Gymnasium was unique in northwestern Oklahoma in its use of buff brick as construction materials. Locally, the facility is architecturally notable in terms of its type, style, materials of construction, and nature of workmanship.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre

Quadrangle: Capron, Okla.
1:24,000/7.5 min.

UTM: 14 537830 4083440

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Lots 2 through 6, Block 7, Capron original.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 24-a; 24-b

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SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

WAYNOKA SWIMMING POOL AND BATHHOUSE

LOCATION: East Broadway Street, Waynoka, Oklahoma 040, Woods County 151; NW 1/4, Sec. 1, T 24 N, R 16 W.

CLASSIFICATION: structure; public; public acquisition--N/A; occupied; unrestricted; present use--recreational

OWNER: The City of Waynoka, Waynoka, OK 73860

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Woods County Courthouse, Alva, OK 73717

DESCRIPTION: good condition; unaltered; original site

The Waynoka swimming pool (200' x 80') is a poured concrete pool encompassed by a concrete apron located north of a bathhouse. The bathhouse is a single-story, rectangular (51' x 27') structure constructed of coursed brick now painted white. The roof is flat with parapets. The south entrance is recessed behind an archway set in a circular extension from the main facade. Metal frame windows are single spaced with cement lug sills and plain lintels. A brick frieze just below the roof line gives the structure decorative relief.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1939; builder/architect: unknown

For almost fifty years the Waynoka Swimming Pool and Bathhouse has been an exceptional resource for the community. Residents have been cooled from the hot and dusty winds of summer and have had their spirits raised above the mundane cares of daily activities. As a part of a larger public park, the facility symbolizes a depression era program that emphasized people instead of money. Indeed, construction enabled drought stricken and destitute agriculturalists as well as unemployed railroad employees to find work that salvaged their pride and eased their poverty. At the same time, wages of some 54,000 man-hours of labor revitalized the local economy at a time when business activity was nearly at a standstill. Architecturally, the bathhouse is unusual locally for its allusion to art deco style, type of structure, and workmanship.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Two acres

Quadrangle: Waynoka East, Okla.
1:24,000/7.5 min.

UTM: 14 511880 4048840

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: On the northeast corner of Waynoka, the property begins at a point 832 feet east and 208 feet north of the southwest corner of the NW 1/4 of Sec. 1, T 24 N, R 16 W, then north 416 feet, east 208 feet, south 416 feet and west 208 feet.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 25-a; 25-b