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## News Release

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### **Marshall County Recognized as an Oklahoma Clean Community**

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), in partnership with Keep Oklahoma Beautiful (KOB), will recognize Keep Marshall County Beautiful for its efforts in making Marshall County an Oklahoma Clean Community during a special ceremony scheduled for 9 a.m. Monday, June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2016. The ceremony will be held at the Marshall County Courthouse, Plaza 100, in Madill.

Keep Marshall County Beautiful has a longstanding commitment to cleanup, beautification, and recycling in and around Marshall County. Marshall County is involved in a wide variety of environmental efforts including: implementing a recycling program at the County Courthouse, holding an annual “Trash Off” where residents bring trash and large debris to be recycled or properly disposed of free of charge, and participating in an “Adopt-A-Roadway” program which deters illegal dumping and helps to beautify the community.

Marshall County worked with the US Army Corps of Engineers and DEQ to remove tires along the Soldier Creek shoreline on Lake Texoma which resulted in the removal and recycling of 10,000 tires from the lake.

Keep Marshall County Beautiful is an affiliate of Keep Oklahoma Beautiful and participates in several of their programs including the Great American Clean Up and Fresh Paint Days.

DEQ and KOB recognize entities that participate in at least one tire collection event annually and other environmental service projects. DEQ encourages entities to coordinate a community-wide cleanup of used tires. DEQ’s Tire Indemnity Fund will pay to haul off old, unused, or abandoned tires. Tire piles can be an eyesore and attract unwelcome pests, such as mosquitoes and rodents. After cleanup is complete and all criteria for other service projects are met, a community can be recognized as an Oklahoma Clean Community.

More information on the Used Tire Recycling Program is available at <http://www.deq.state.ok.us/lpdnew/TireRecyclingPrq.htm> or by contacting Ferrella March at [ferrella.march@deq.ok.gov](mailto:ferrella.march@deq.ok.gov) or 405-702-5175.

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