



Turn Around dont drown!

2026
Calendar

1st Place Poster by

Skylar Girty
Maryetta Schools

Oklahoma Floodplain Managers Association

TURN AROUND DON'T DROWN®

Each year, more deaths occur due to flooding than from any other thunderstorm related hazard. Why? The main reason is people underestimate the force and power of water. Many of the deaths occur in automobiles as they are swept downstream. Of these drownings, many are preventable, but too many people continue to drive around the barriers that warn you the road is flooded.

Whether you are driving or walking, if you come to a flooded road **TURN AROUND DON'T DROWN**. You will not know the depth of the water nor will you know the condition of the road under the water.

FOLLOW THESE SAFETY RULES

- **MONITOR NOAA** Weather Radio, or your favorite news source for vital weather related information.
- If flooding occurs, **GET TO HIGHER GROUND**. Get out of areas subject to flooding. This includes dips, low spots, canyons, washes, etc.
- **AVOID AREAS ALREADY FLOODED**, especially if the water is flowing fast. Do not attempt to cross flowing streams. Turn Around Don't Drown.
- Road beds may be washed out under flood waters. Never drive through flooded roadways. **TURN AROUND DON'T DROWN**. If your vehicle is suddenly caught in rising water, leave it immediately and seek higher ground.
- **DO NOT PARK YOUR VEHICLE ALONG STREAMS** and washes, particularly during threatening conditions.
- **BE ESPECIALLY CAUTIOUS AT NIGHT** when it is harder to recognize flood dangers.

FLASH FLOODS

Except for heat related fatalities, more deaths occur from flooding than any other hazard. **WHY?** Most people fail to realize the power of water. For example, six inches of fast-moving flood water can knock you off your feet.

While the number of fatalities can vary dramatically with weather conditions from year-to-year, the national 30-year average for flood deaths is 127. That compares with a 30-year average of 73 deaths for lightning, 65 for tornadoes, and 16 for hurricanes.

NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE data also shows:

- Nearly half of all flash flood fatalities are vehicle-related,
- The majority of victims are males, and
- Flood deaths affect all age groups.

MOST FLASH FLOODS ARE CAUSED BY SLOW-MOVING THUNDERSTORMS, that move repeatedly over the same area or heavy rains from tropical storms and hurricanes. These floods can develop within minutes or hours depending on the intensity and duration of the rain, the topography, soil conditions and ground cover.

FLASH FLOODS CAN ROLL BOULDERS, tear out trees, destroy buildings and bridges, and scour out new channels. Rapidly rising water can reach heights of 30 feet or more. Furthermore, flash flood-producing rains can also trigger catastrophic mud slides.

FLOATING DEBRIS OR ICE CAN ACCUMULATE occasionally at a natural or man-made obstruction and restrict the flow of water. Water held back by the ice jam or debris dam can cause flooding upstream. Subsequent flash flooding can occur downstream if the obstruction should suddenly release.



The Oklahoma Floodplain Managers Association advocates for the protection of the natural functions of the floodplain through education, training, and service to Oklahomans. We encourage flood-safe development and sound floodplain management practices through education, higher standards, and certification.

OFMA appreciates all the hard work by teachers, parents, and the many others who supported this year's poster contest. The students who entered also deserve our thanks. We hope that by working together to spread the **TURN AROUND DON'T DROWN®** message, fewer people will be harmed by flood waters in Oklahoma.

This year, more than **210** participants competed for the four statewide awards. This year's winners are:

1ST PLACE - SKYLAR GIRTY

Maryetta Schools

2ND PLACE - ZURI ROSSMAN

MacArthur Elementary

3RD PLACE - PAISLEY MOTE

Bridge Creek Intermediate

HONORABLE - AIYANA WOODS

MENTION Bridge Creek Intermediate

Special thanks to the following schools for supporting student participation in this year's program:

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|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| ♦ Adair Public Schools | ♦ Kiefer Public Schools |
| ♦ Bearden Elementary | ♦ Lincoln Elementary |
| ♦ Bridge Creek Intermediate | ♦ MacArthur Elementary |
| ♦ Canton Elementary | ♦ Maryetta School |
| ♦ Catalayah Elementary | ♦ Pernel Elementary |
| ♦ Hilldale Elementary | ♦ Stone Canyon Elementary |

First, second and third place winners receive cash awards in the amount of \$150, \$100, and \$50, respectively. The top 13 posters in the state are published in the OFMA Turn Around Don't Drown® calendar. Each student participant is awarded a certificate of participation. Teachers receive a letter of appreciation.

THANK YOU FOR PARTICIPATING!!!

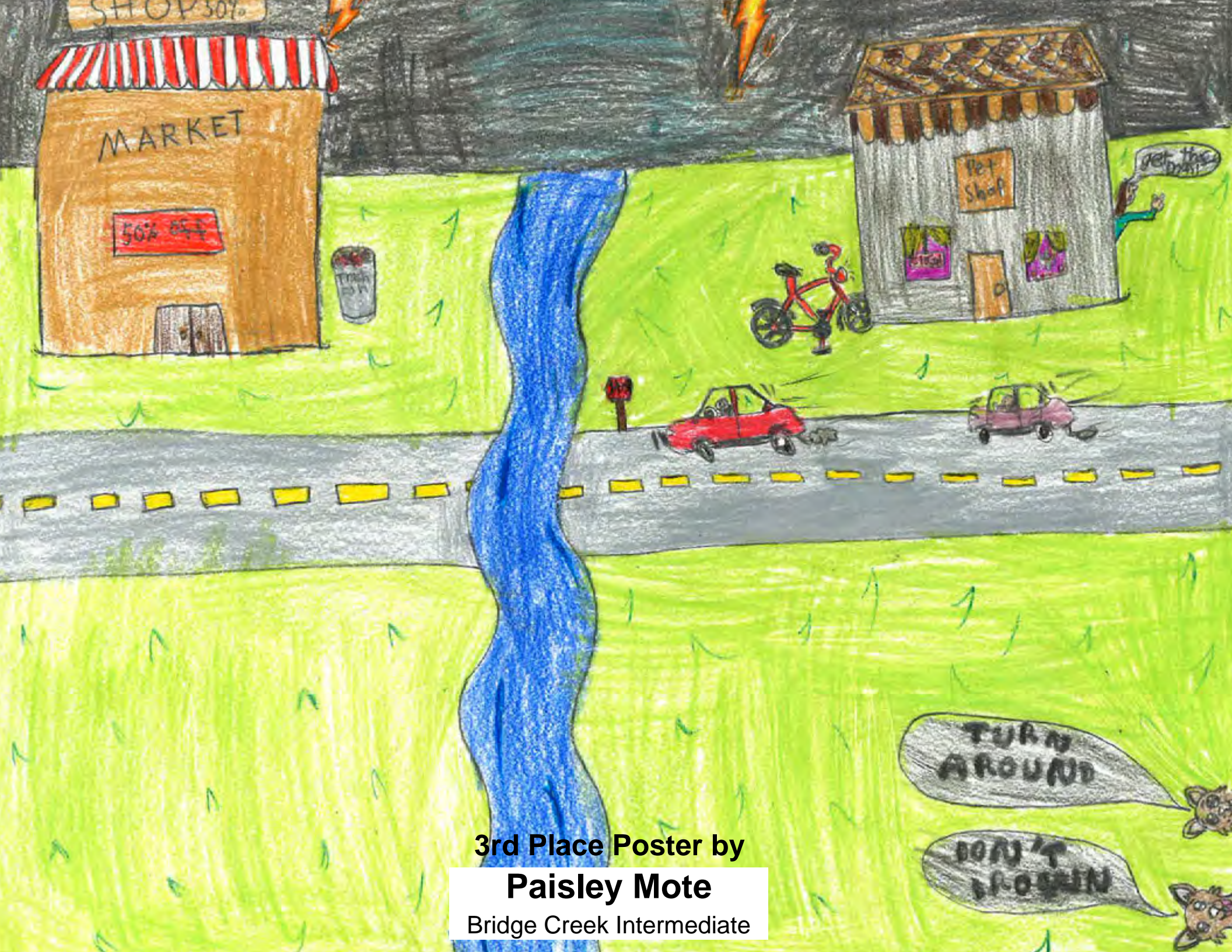


2nd Place Poster by

Zuri Rossman

MacArthur Elementary

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<div>The word “flood” comes from an old English word that means “a flowing of water, river, or sea.”</div> <div>Dictionary</div>	DECEMBER 2025		FEBRUARY 2026		NEW YEAR'S DAY	1
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18	MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY	20	21	22	23	24
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3rd Place Poster by
Paisley Mote
Bridge Creek Intermediate

Freddie Floodway wants YOU to be Flood Smart.
Remember: Next Month is Flood Insurance Month

FEBRUARY 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 GROUND HOG DAY	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12 LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY	13	14 VALENTINE'S DAY 
15	16 PRESIDENT'S DAY	17	18	19	20	21
22 WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY	23	24	25	26	27	28

Many ancient communities relied heavily on the annual flooding of floodplain valleys on rivers such as The Tigris-Euphrates, the Nile, and the Ganges.

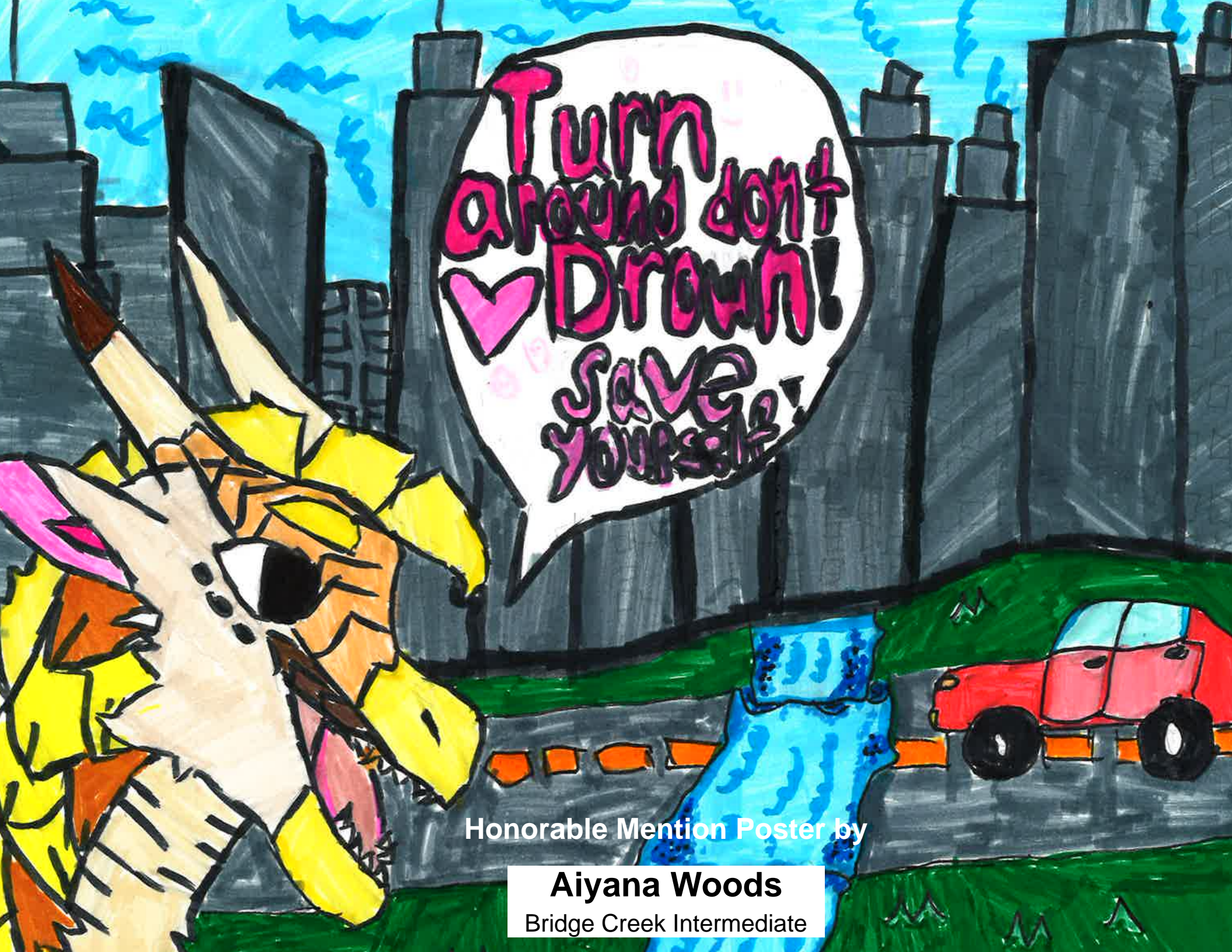
<http://www.sciencekids.co.nz/sciencefacts/weather/floods.html>

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MARCH 2026

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Honorable Mention Poster by

Aiyana Woods

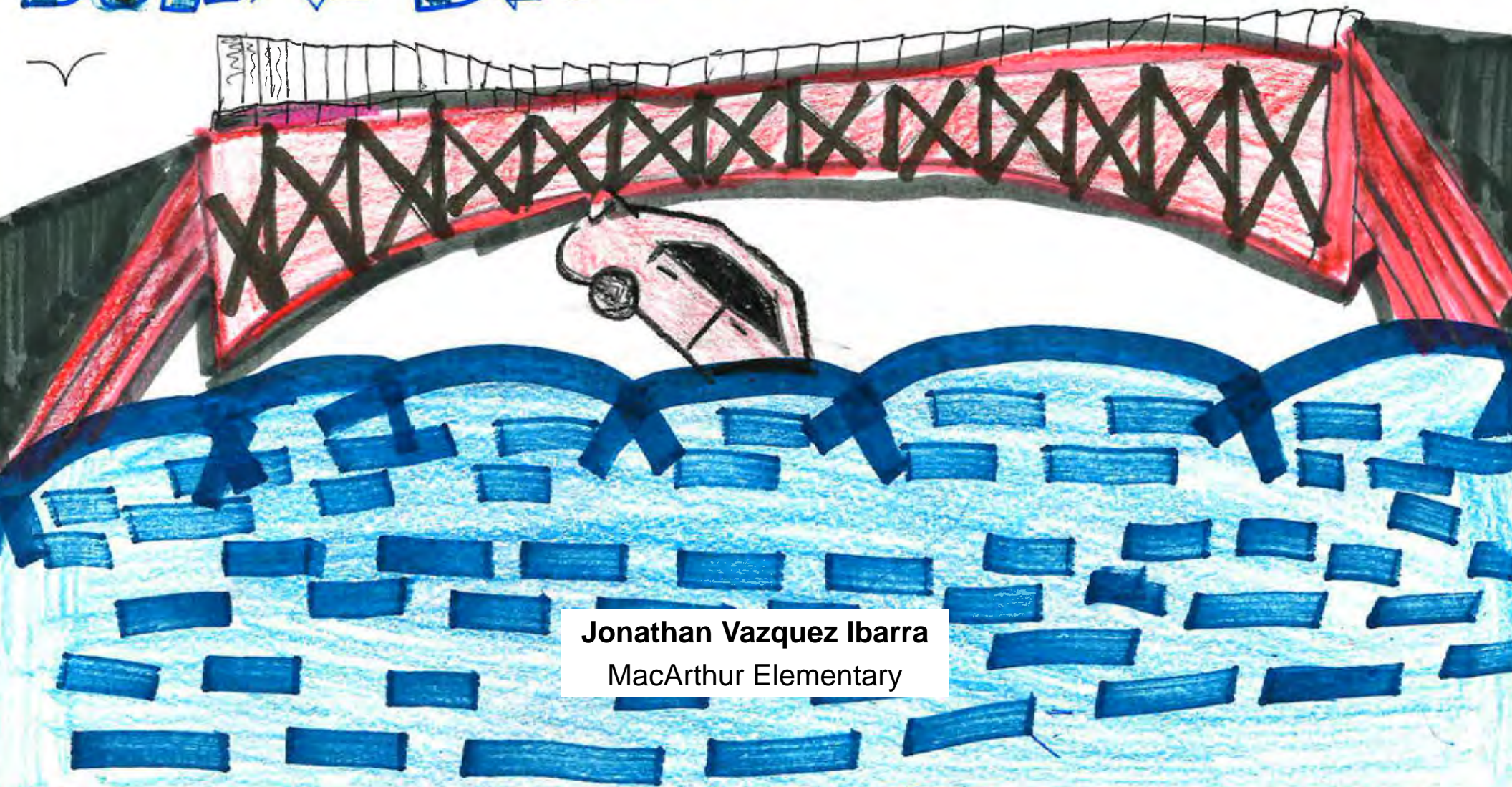
Bridge Creek Intermediate

FLOOD INSURANCE MONTH
Every year, flooding causes more than \$2 billion of property damage in the U.S.

MARCH 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	ST. PATRICK'S DAY17	18	19	FIRST DAY OF SPRING20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31	<div>The erosive force of moving water can drag dirt from under a building's foundation, causing it to crack and tumble.</div> <div>https://kids.nationalgeographic.com/science/</div>			<div>FEBRUARY 2026</div> <div>12345678910111213141516171819202122232425262728</div>
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WHEN
FLOODED
TURN AROUND
DON'T DROWN



Jonathan Vazquez Ibarra
MacArthur Elementary

Roads may be washed out under flood waters. NEVER drive through flooded roadways. Turn Around Don't Drown®.
If your vehicle is suddenly caught in rising water, leave it immediately and seek higher ground.

APRIL 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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EASTER SUNDAY  5	6	7	8	9	10	11
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19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	The development of a flood varies: it may rise very slowly or in just a matter of seconds after an extensive rainfall. https://kidskonnnect.com/science/floods/	



We Care

Jon DelaCruz
Hilldale Elementary

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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24	MEMORIAL DAY 25	26	27	28	29	30
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Camreigh Thurber
Maryetta Schools

REMEMBER the NFIP requires MINIMUM STANDARDS.

Communities are encouraged to adopt stringent requirements to keep people and property out of harms way.

JUNE 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
MAY 2026 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	1	2	3	4	5	6
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FLAG DAY 14	15	16	17	18	19	20
FATHER'S DAY FIRST DAY OF SUMMER 21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	An extreme river flood is called a flash flood, which carries water ranging from 10 to 20 feet high. This event occurs very fast without warnings or extreme rains. It happens because of a natural or man-made river blockage, such as dams, glaciers or landslides, releasing an immense volume of water. https://kidskonnnect.com/science/floods/			JULY 2026 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31



Oklahoma Floodplain Managers Association

Our Organization...

Formed in November 1990, the Oklahoma Floodplain Managers Association (OFMA) brings together people with a common interest in floodplain management. We are a chapter of the Association of State Floodplain Managers, Inc., and our members include concerned citizens, public employees and elected officials, engineers, planners, contractors, lenders, insurance agents, real estate professionals, students, corporate partners and local, state and federal agencies.

Our objectives embrace promoting interest in flood damage abatement, improving cooperation among government agencies, and encouraging innovative approaches to managing Oklahoma's floodplains. We believe that our membership is critical to presenting one unified voice to communicate on flood-related issues.

Our Vision...

The Oklahoma Floodplain Managers Association advocates the protection of the natural functions of the floodplain through education, training and service to Oklahomans.

Our Mission...

We encourage and support, with our partners, flood safe development and flood mitigation. We promote sound floodplain management practices and the natural and cultural benefits of the floodplain. We support the floodplain management profession through education and certification.

For volunteering opportunities, please visit www.okflood.org.

2025/2026 TRAINING WORKSHOPS

The Oklahoma Water Resources Board offers resources to educate and train floodplain management professionals on effective floodplain management practices and requirements.

Floodplain administrators can earn credit toward Oklahoma's accreditation requirements by attending an approved conference or workshop, or completing FEMA's online courses.

Visit the resources below for specific information including dates, topics, and registration information.

OWRB Workshops: <https://oklahoma.gov/owrb/floodplain-management/floodplain-administrator-training.html>

OFMA Conferences: <https://okflood.org/conferences/>

FEMA Online Courses: <https://training.fema.gov/is/>

FLOOD SAFETY POSTER CONTEST

PRIZES

- Must be a student (Grade 3-5) to win.
- \$150 for first prize, \$100 for second prize or \$50 for third prize plus award certificates.
- Certificate of Appreciation for participating students and teachers.
- Media release for winning schools.
- Posters printed in annual Oklahoma Floodplain Managers Association calendar.

SUBMITTING ART WORK

- Mail to OFMA, Att: Calendar, P. O. Box 8101, Tulsa, OK 74101-8101.
- Drop off at **WSB**, 1437 S Boulder Avenue, Suite 1550, Tulsa OK 74119.
- Submit electronically at education@okflood.org.

JUDGES

- Oklahoma Floodplain Managers Association (OFMA) Board

POSTER BASICS

- Use 8 1/2 by 11 inch paper in landscape orientation.
- Must be original art work.
- No copyrighted or syndicated characters or cartoons.
- Show the dangers of driving through flood waters. Include "Turn Around Don't Drown" or "Es Mejor Regresarte que Ahogarte."
- Use bright colors. Markers work Best.
- Due April 1 (in our hands, not post-marked).



This program is part of NOAA National Weather Service Turn Around Don't Drown® campaign and sponsored by the Department of Homeland Security, Oklahoma Water Resources Board, and Oklahoma Floodplain Managers Association.

ANNUAL POSTER CONTEST FORM **DEADLINE: APRIL 1**

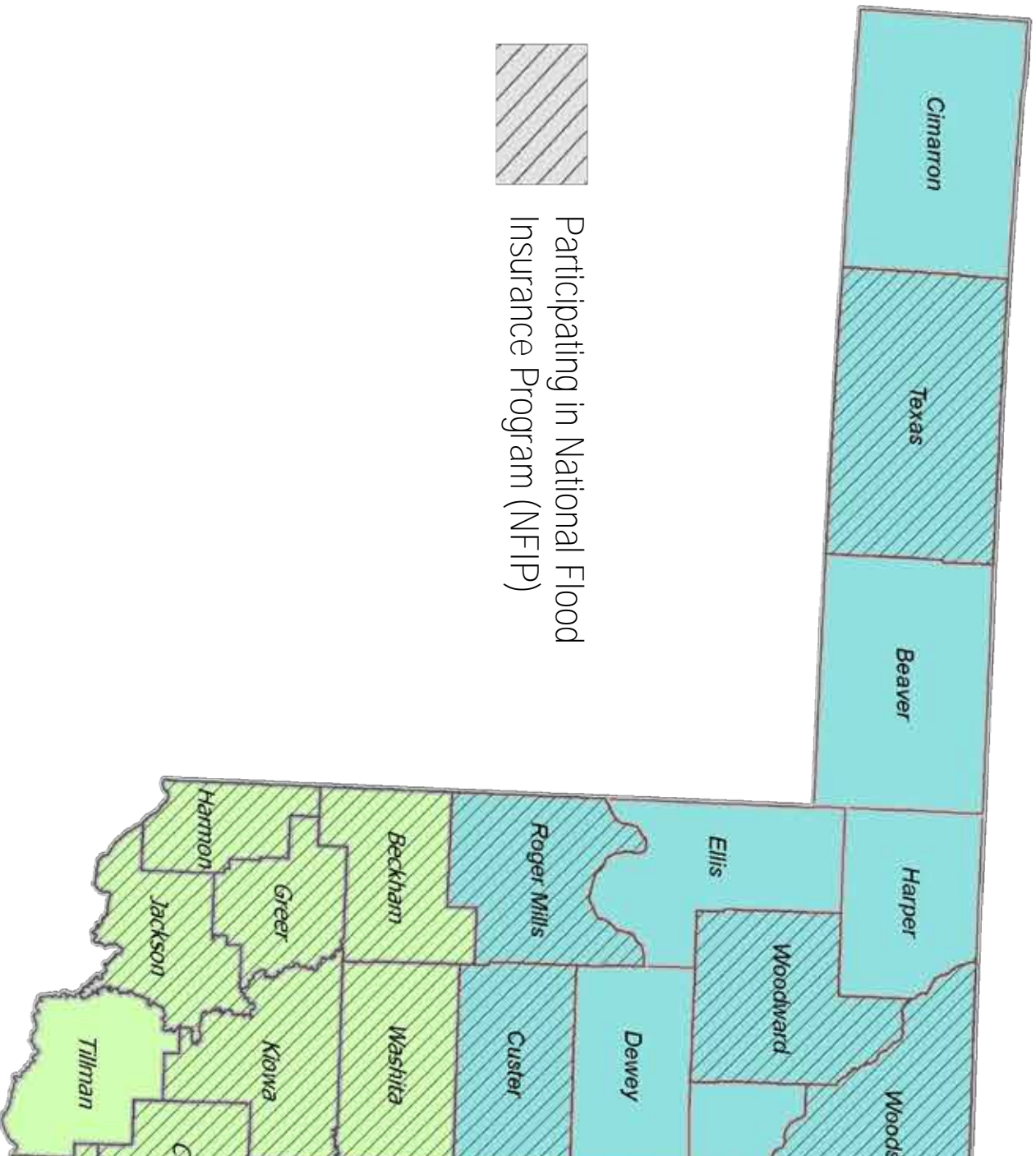
Now's your chance to show off your talent, win cash and help Oklahomans with flood awareness.

Just fill in this entry form and give it to your teacher with your original poster.

Name	_____	Grade	_____
Parents	_____	County	_____
School Name	_____	Parent's E-mail	_____
School Address	_____	City	_____
	_____	Zip	_____
Teacher Name	_____	E-mail	_____

All entries become the property of OFMA. The right to modify any poster for reproduction is reserved. Visit

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Participating in National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP)

REGION ONE

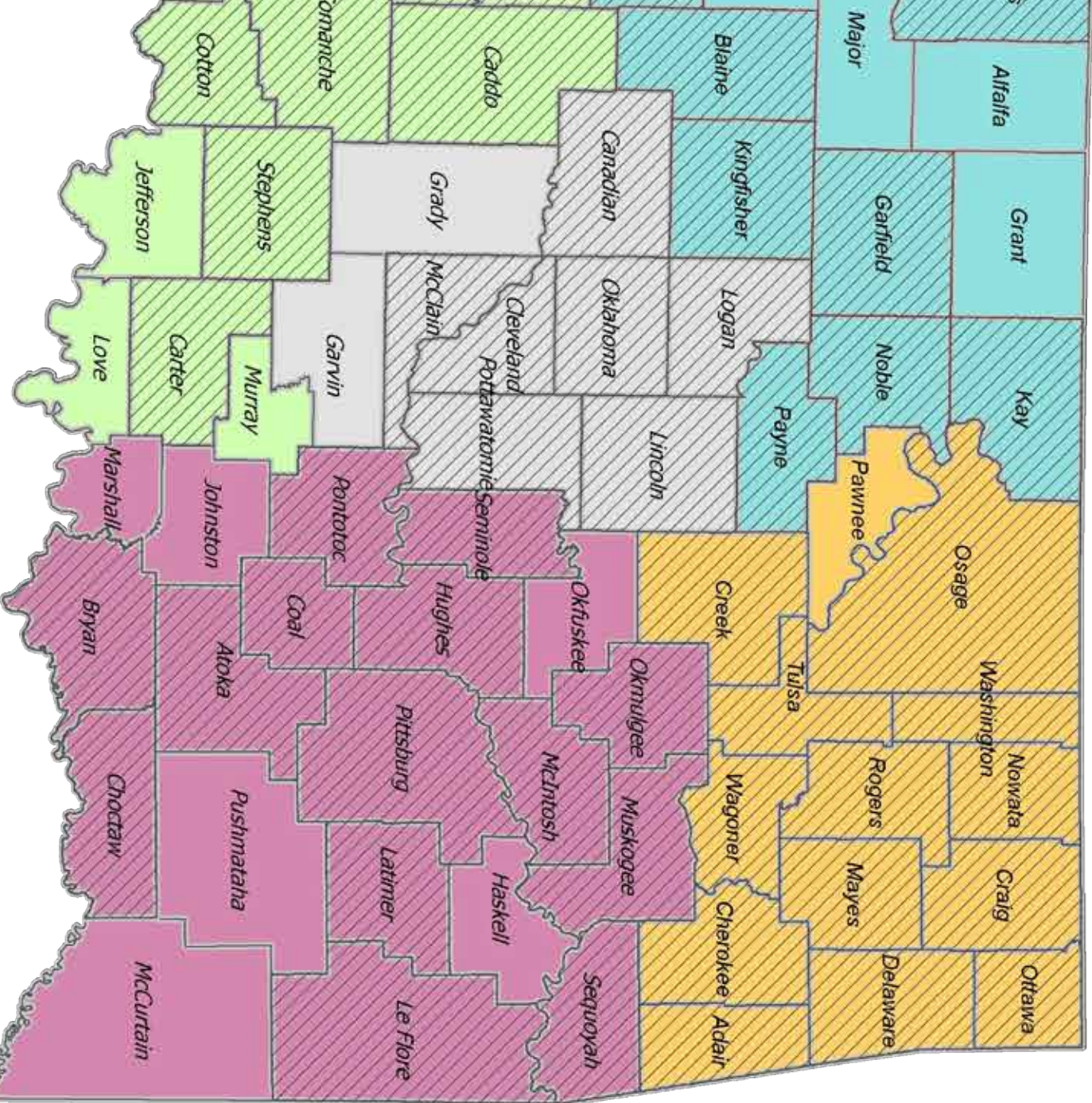
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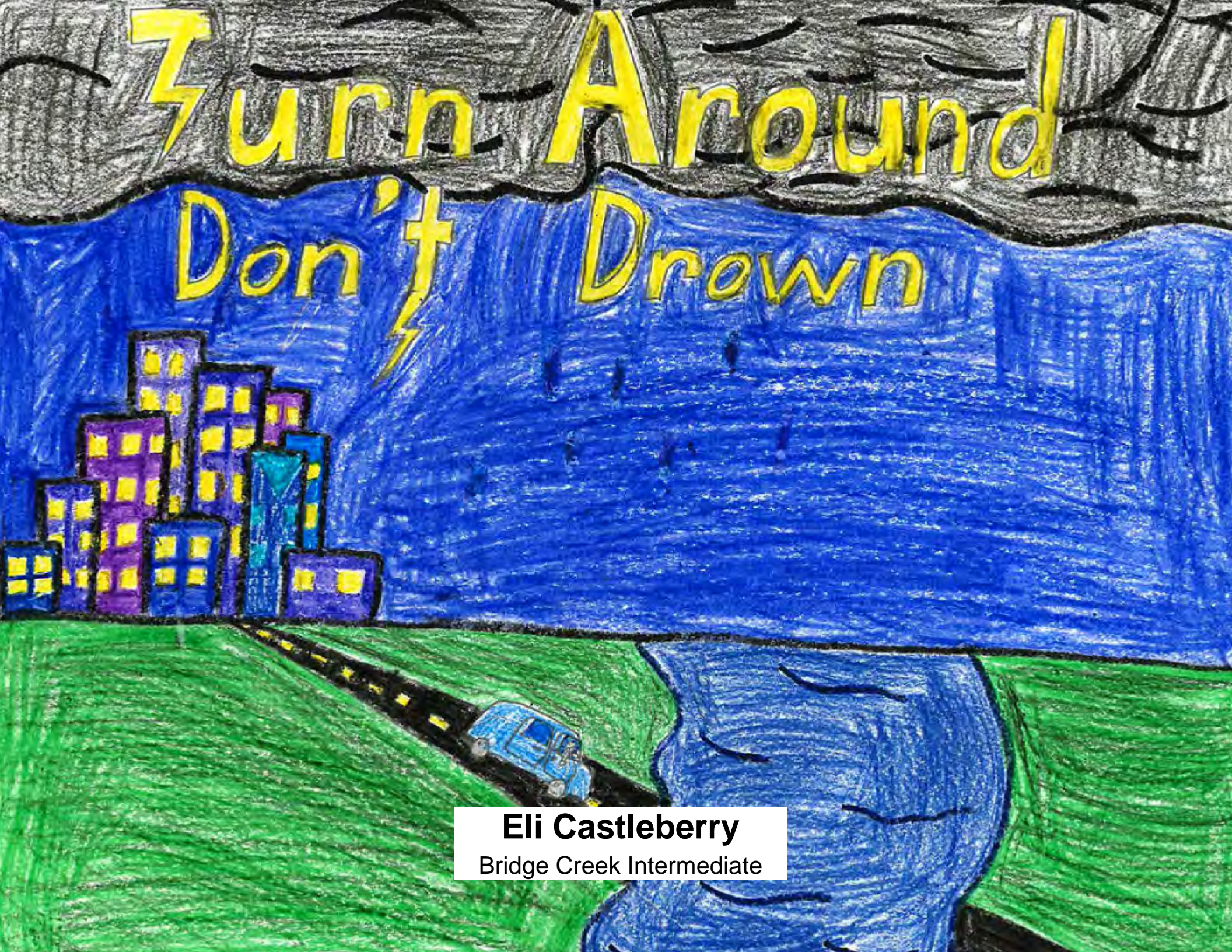
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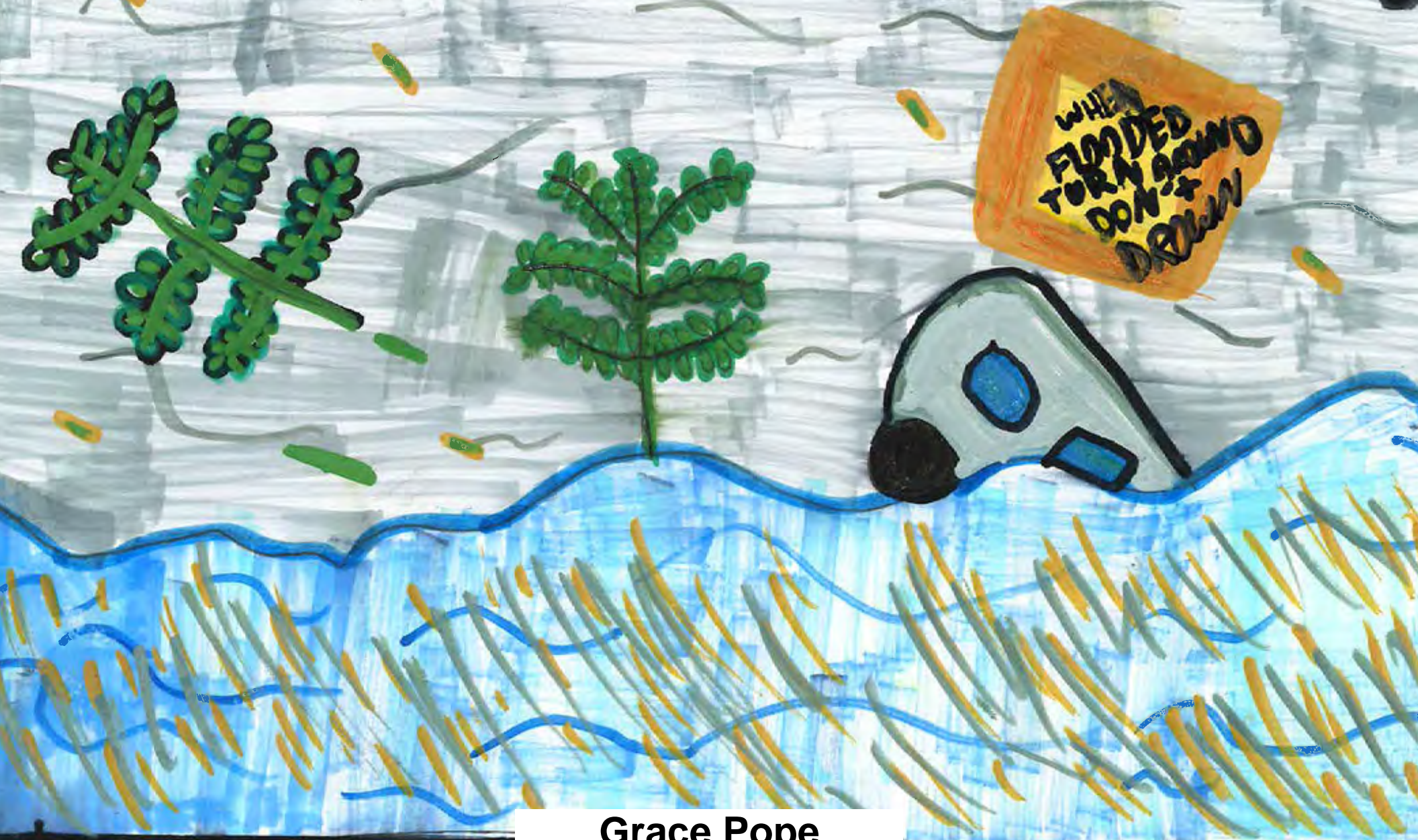


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Eli Castleberry
Bridge Creek Intermediate

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
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"Turn Around Don't Drown"!



Grace Pope

Canton Elementary

Register now for OFMA Annual Fall Conference.

AUGUST 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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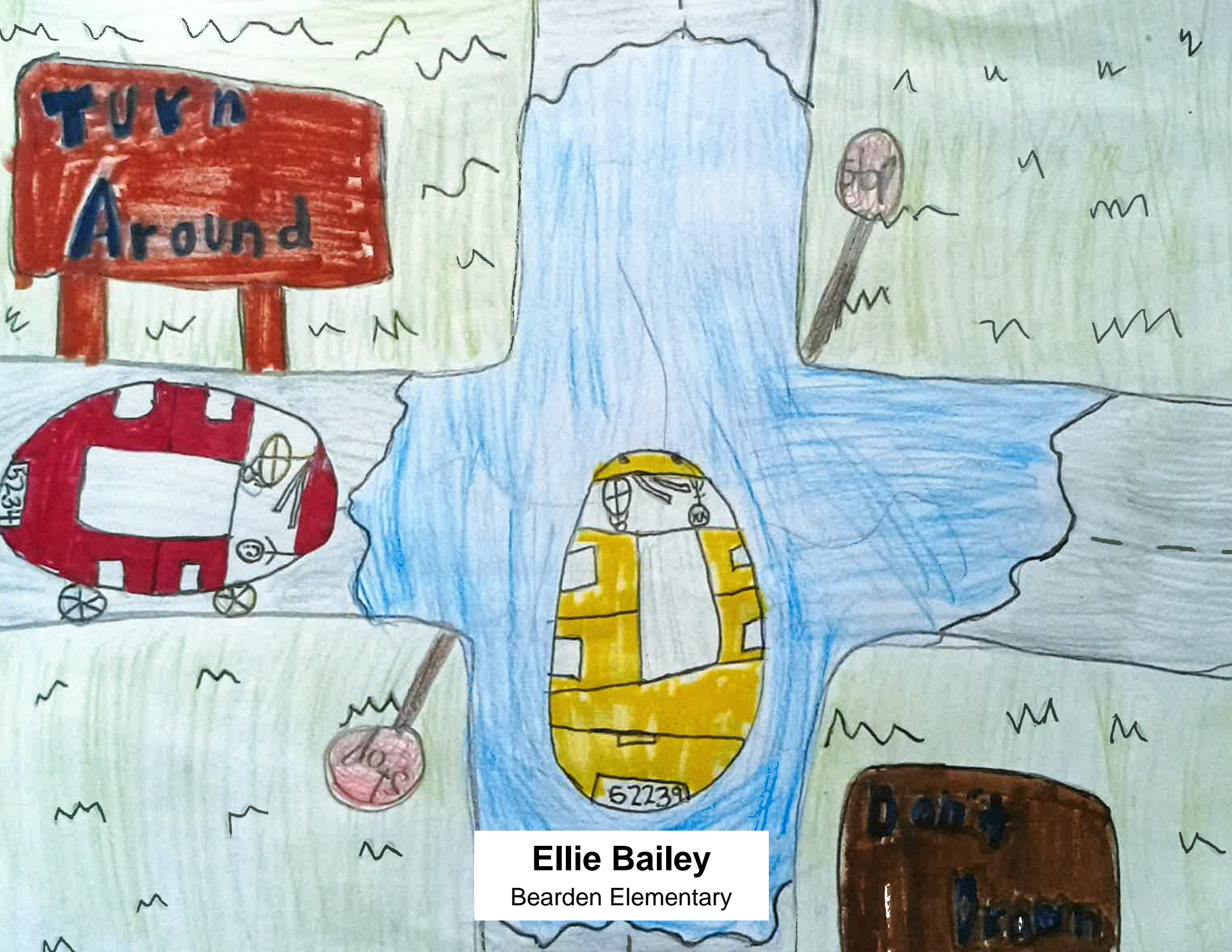


Haylee Saltsman
Adair Public Schools

CFM Renewals are due by the end of September.

SEPTEMBER 2026


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20	21	FIRST DAY OF FALL 22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	<p>Floodplains are areas near a river or stream that are first impacted when the water starts to collect in the river or stream from excess rain or other factors. The water of the river or stream will start to rise and cover the area in the floodplain.</p> <p>https://www.lovetoknow.com/life/lifestyle/flash-flood-safety</p>		



Ellie Bailey
Bearden Elementary

Hurricanes, winter storms, and snow melt are common (but often overlooked) causes of flooding.

OCTOBER 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
SEPTEMBER 2026 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30	In some places, yearly flooding brings silt (soil that is filled with vitamins and minerals) onto fields used by farmers for raising different kinds of vegetables we eat. When the flood waters are gone, the silt stays to make the soil extra-rich for raising good food. https://www.konnecthq.com/science/earth-science/		NOVEMBER 2026 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30	1	2	3
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						 HALLOWEEN



Kaizleigh Hutchins
Catalayah Elementary

Exercise your Right! GO VOTE!!!

Just an inch of water can cause costly damage to your property.

NOVEMBER 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS 1	2	ELECTION DAY 3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	VETERANS DAY 11	12	13	14
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29	30	<div>THANKSGIVING DAY </div>				
		<div>OCTOBER 2026</div> <div>1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31</div>		<div>DECEMBER 2026</div> <div>1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31</div>		<div>Some US states make citizens reimburse the cost of their rescue when they drive into flooded areas.</div> <div>https://kidskonnnect.com/science/floods/</div>


THANKSGIVING DAY





Addison Ennis

Catalayah Elementary

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13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	FIRST DAY OF WINTER	22	23	24	CHRISTMAS DAY	26
27	28	29	30	NEW YEAR'S EVE	31	
					With most cities and towns located at the coast or next to rivers, flood events can be major natural disasters, causing loss of life and damage to land and property. https://www.sciencekids.co.nz/weather.html	

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PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS

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Oklahoma Water Resources Board (OWRB)

Oklahoma Department of Transportation (ODOT)

Oklahoma State Department of Education (ODE)

Federal Emergency Management
Administration (FEMA)

National Oceanic and Atmospheric
Administration (NOAA)

National Weather Service (NWS)



Turn Around Don't Drown® is a campaign created by the NWS to prevent loss of life due to drowning and driving into floodwaters. For additional information please consult the NWS website www.weather.gov/safety/flood-turn-around-dont-drown.



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