

## Welcome to Bobsville

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Founded in 2000, Bobsville is a fictitious city that is located in the heartland of America in Oklahoma. Bobsville's population when the University of Bobsville is in session is 9500 and when the school is not in session, the population is 7500. Bobsville has been voted one of the Top 100 places in America to live in and has been voted as one of the Top 100 friendliest towns to live in.

### Geography

The overall size of the city of Bobsville is 30 square blocks (4.6 X 6.5 miles) and shaped like a rhombus geometric symbol. The city is oriented with Main Street along the long axis from southwest to northeast and Center Street along the short axis from southeast to northwest. The average temperature in the winter is 40 degree F, in the summer it is 85 degrees F, and in the spring and fall, the temperature averages around 65 degrees F.

The topography of the town is flat. The highest point is 68 feet above sea level. Bobsville Creek runs from the northeast to the southwest into Lake Elise, which is larger than Bobsville. There is only one bridge in town where Oklahoma 323 goes over the Bobsville Creek, which has some Level 2 rapids for kayaking, but only early in spring after the snow thaw.

### City Council

Bobsville is your normal American small town. The mayor doubles as the town's dry cleaner; the city council is 5 individuals; 1 who is the Volunteer Fire Chief, 1 who is the Sheriff, 1 who is the Sherriff Deputy; 1 who is the Elementary/Middle School Principles and 1 town council member is always a high school student who is in their senior year of high school.

The mayor of Bobsville is an uncompensated position, but one of the benefits of being mayor is the 2015 Callahan 750 Luxury 4-wheel drive pickup with the town logo with his/her name painted on the side. The current mayor has been in office for 12 years and doesn't seem to want to retire any time soon, which is fine with the town citizens. The mayor chairs the town council meetings on the first Thursday of each month at 7PM. The meetings are well attended and like most small towns, the busy bodies of the town attend the meeting and voice their opinion on many of the topics that are discussed at the meeting. It has been at least 5 years since anyone was escorted from the meetings by the Sheriff; however, they are always ready for the possibility they will need to remove an unruly spectator. Change has not come easy for Bobsville.

### In Town

#### Downtown

The main commercial part of town is along Main Street, and is 7 blocks long and 2 blocks wide. The streets beyond the downtown area are generally family homes, 6 blocks wide along Center Street and 10 blocks long along Main Street. The full length of Main Street including the downtown area and the surrounding residential area is 17 blocks.

Main Street through Bobsville used to be Oklahoma 323; however after the 9/11 attacks the section of the road that travels through the town is now known as 9/11 Memorial Drive. There are no stoplights in Bobsville. There are 4-way stop signs at all the intersections.

## City Center Monuments

The town center contains a statue of Bob Willie Ville, the founder. The statue is in the absolute center of town. A traffic circle surrounds the statue. In 2017, the last surviving World War 2 Veteran who lived in Bobville died and a monument was built to commemorate all those who have served their country. There's been talk of putting in a Veterans Cemetery; however, the funding is not available.

## City Offices

Meetings are held in the Town Hall located 2 blocks from the town center on the right side of the road when heading out of town to the northeast.

The following offices are located in the downtown area and are located in the block across from the Town Hall: the Sheriff's Department; the Fire Chief's Office; the DMV Office (Open 3 hours per week); and the Emergency Manager who is also the Dogcatcher.

## Fire Dept

The fire department has two stations, and 1 Tanker Truck, 1 Rescue Truck, 1 Engine truck, and a Ladder Truck. There are 30 Volunteer firefighters. Each firefighter has duty one day a week and during the 24 hours of duty he/she sleeps at the main fire station located 2 blocks directly east from the statue. The other fire station is in the northwest part of town .5 miles from the statue at 310 degrees on the compass. If a fire is called in the other firefighters show up to their respective stations.

## Sheriff

The Sheriff's Department has a Sheriff and 6 Deputies. There are 4 vehicles within the office. The Sheriff has one and the deputies share the other 3 vehicles. The deputies work 12-hour shifts and rotate from days to nights. There is only one deputy on duty each day and night. Bobsville does not have a crime problem and the budget for the city is set up to maintain a law enforcement presence, but it is done on a shoestring. The jail in town has one holding cell, and when there is no one in the cell, the on duty deputy sleeps in the cell.

Crime is virtually non-existent and in the last year there were only 3 people arrested; 2 for public intoxication, and 1 for egging the Sheriff's car. Each individual's punishment was to walk the downtown area holding a sign letting people know their crimes.

## Businesses

The downtown commercial district has a hardware store, a drycleaners, a toy store, a dry goods store, a grocery store, a movie theatre, and a host of other small boutique stores.

On either side of the city offices are small businesses including Clyde's Diner. Clyde is a retired Navy cook and is famous for having the best cream chipped beef on toast within the state. It is not uncommon on Saturday or Sunday morning to see the line to Clyde's wrapped around the corner.

Next to Clyde's is the dry cleaner owned by the mayor, open from 9AM to noon on Tuesday and Thursday. The other days, the mayor is the head groundskeeper at the municipal 9-hole golf course. However, the mayor will open longer when there is a special event in town. The mayor is also available by phone in case someone has a quick need for a suit to be cleaned. The high school band has their uniforms cleaned at the dry cleaner. When the band is invited to march in a big parade, the mayor cleans the uniforms for free, with assistance from the band boosters.

At the end of the main street is Elise's Creamery, the local ice cream store.

There was an attempt by a rich former resident of Bobsville to build a small mall, the money ran out, the building is in bad shape and has been a place for illicit activities; usually on the weekend after a high school football game.

Many of the stores except the grocery and hardware store close at 6PM. The hardware store, grocery, movie theatre, and creamery stay open to 9PM. No store, including the grocery store is open on Sunday during church hours. There has been a movement to change the Sunday hours, but it has not been successful.

### **Library/Meeting Hall**

The 2000 square foot library doubles as the town's meeting hall, is located 2 blocks on the west side north of the town center.

### **Chamber of Commerce/Museum**

Next door to the Library, the Bobsville museum of history also doubles as the town's Chamber of Commerce Office. It is also the rehearsal hall for the Bobsville town Chamber of Commerce band.

### **State & Federal Building**

A Federal Office Building is also in the downtown area. It is the tallest building in Bobsville at 6 stories high, and is called Bunny's Tower. Its courtroom is used for local, state, and federal court cases. Also within the building are the FBI and ATF offices. At least once a month the agents come to town for a meeting with the Sheriff and Mayor. The following state and federal agencies make up the top 3 floors:

1. Oklahoma Agriculture Representative
2. Oklahoma Wine Growers and Packaging Representative
3. Oklahoma EPA Representative
4. Federal Land Management Representative
5. Bureau of Indian Affairs Representative
6. National Weather Service's Tornado Warning Center
7. Joint CIA/NSA Field Office

### **Hotel**

A hotel is in the lower three floors of Bunny's Tower and primarily serves the officials which visit though it is open to the public. There is another hotel at the interstate exit 4 miles north of town.

### **Churches**

Like most towns in Oklahoma, there are enough churches to support the whole town and then some. In the downtown area, there are 5 churches even though downtown is only 7 blocks long. There is a Catholic Church, a Southern Baptist Church, an Independent Baptist Church; a Church of Christ, and a non-denominational church which doubles as the hospital should there be a need for additional medical facilities.

### **Car Dealership**

Bobsville Motor and Transport Company is the only car dealer or repair shop in town, and proudly sold the mayor his official vehicle. The dealership is located 2 blocks directly west from the town center.

### **Non-Downtown**

#### **Medical Complex**

Bunny Ville General Hospital (named after Bob Ville's wife) is just off Main St. half a mile to the northeast of the town center. The hospital has an operating room, an ER with 3 beds; and 5 in-patient beds, one of which is ICU. The staff includes 1 Pediatrician, 1 General Surgeon, 1 Physicians Assistant, 1 Nurse Practitioner, 4 RN's, 2 LPN's, and 4 Medical Assistants. The hospital has the capacity to handle minor emergencies; however should a significant number of people require medical assistance Bobstown General Hospital is the next closest hospital 25 miles south of Bobsville. Specialty care is referred to Bobstown General Hospital, a Class 2 Trauma Care facility. The Bobstown General Hospital which is in Disaster County has 100 beds and has the requisite staff to support the hospital should the need arise.

There is no full time EMS staff for the one ambulance the town has; however, Jack who owns the car dealership was once an up and coming dirt track racer and his skills haven't diminished. Even though the ambulance is old and has over 100000 miles it is maintained well and is capable of doing what is needed should the need arise. When the ambulance has to roll, an RN who was an 18 Delta (Army Special Forces field medic) and a former Navy Hospital Corpsman (Fleet Marine Force) who is a Medical Assistant will roll with the vehicle. The ambulance medical staff's experience is based upon deployments to Iraq (RN) and Afghanistan (MA). Each individual is trained in trauma care on the battlefield and more than capable of saving a life in the Golden Hour.

Collocated by the hospital is the town's dental office. The office has 4 dentists, two of which are dental surgeons, and 6 dental hygienists. There is no orthodontist in the town. The closest orthodontist is in Bobstown 25 miles away.

There is no pharmacy at the hospital; however, there is a local pharmacist in the Medical complex that fills all prescriptions as needed.

### **School Complex**

The high school is located 5 blocks south and 3 blocks east of the town center. The elementary school and middle school is also located on the same campus of the high school. The total area of the school campus is 5 blocks wide and 7 blocks long. The campus includes a football stadium, a football practice field, a soccer field, 2 softball fields; one for practice and one for games; and 2 baseball fields, one for practice and one for games. The elementary school also has a 1/8 mile long track and a jungle gym area.

### **University Campus**

The University of Bobsville is a private liberal-arts college located on the northeast edge of town near Lake Elise, which specializes in Natural Resources and Agriculture. Bobsville's population when the University of Bobsville is in session is 9500 and when the school is not in session, the population is 7500. There are 500 dormitory rooms in 10 residence halls.

### **Parks & Rec Complex**

There is a municipal Parks and Recreation department whose office is located at the town's recreation area 1/4 of a mile north from the town center and surrounded by homes. The recreation area has a two court tennis court, a children's soccer field that also doubles as the high school bands practice field, a little league baseball field, one softball field and a Babe Ruth baseball field as well as half-sized Olympic swimming pool.

### **Communications Complex**

There is one radio station at the southern end of Main Street that transmits on AM and FM. There is also WBOB, the local ABC affiliate. The local internet provider offers underground cable broadband service though there are still some residents that use DSL. There are two cell phone transmitters in Bobsville, one on the radio tower, and the other on top of Bunny's tower.

## **Out of Town**

### **Connecting Roads**

North of the town is Interstate 58. The entry point to the interstate is 4 miles from the northeastern most tip of the city. There is an exit for services. There are 2 gas stations, 1 hotel, 2 fast food restaurants, and Millie's Palm Reading. Approximately 5 miles south of town is the intersection of Oklahoma 323 and Oklahoma 322. High-tension power lines follow Oklahoma 323 from the Disaster County Nuclear Power Plant to the north and provide power to the area. Roads have been constructed by the town's leadership that leads out to all of the critical infrastructure sites.

## Lake Elise

Just outside the northeast edge of town is Lake Elise; a lake that has a larger area than the city of Bobsville. In his will, the previous owner left all the land around Lake Elise to Bobsville. His will stated that no homes are to be built on the lakes edge and oil and gas boats should not be in the lake. The only vessels allowed in the lake are sailboats, skulls, and other type of rowing boats. The lake is the town's reservoir.

## Airport/National Guard Base

During the Vietnam War, the Army built a helicopter-training base located 2.5 miles east of town, which is now an Army Reserve/National Guard base and is still active. There are currently 6 helicopters on the base; 1 Kiowa, 1 Cobra; 2 Blackhawks; and 2 Apaches. The Soldiers who serve in the units come from as far as 100 miles to the Bobsville Base.

The regional airport is next to the helicopter base and has a 5000-foot runway. Commercial flights take off every day at 9AM, 1PM, and 7PM. The airline supporting the town is affiliated with Yellow Bird Airlines and operates twin-engine turboprops that seat 10. The airport has 2 TSA Agents who split their time of work so that all flights are covered. There are no baggage handlers. Each passenger retrieves his or her luggage from the flight attendant who served the flight. The airport is open 1 hour prior to each flight and closes to the public once the aircraft has departed the area. The control tower is staffed by 2 controllers who also split their time for the flights. Security is handled by the National Guard.

## Water Treatment & Landfill

A water treatment plant and landfill is located 2 miles east of the town center and south of the air base. The plant was built in that location since the prevailing winds come from the west. The plant recently went through an update of its equipment and it doubled the capacity of water it treats from 1.1 million gallons/day to 2.2 million.

## Golf Course

The golf course tucked nicely in the southwest corner of the city has only one road leading to it, Duffers Lane. The golf course is also the marshalling point for every full-scale exercise conducted by the Emergency Manager and her team. They chose the golf course because it has only one road leading in and out. The thought was in a real disaster access for responders may be blocked and simulating one way in and out forces the responders to think outside the box.

## Winery

Just southwest of town on 9/11 Memorial Drive is the Bobsville Winery, made famous for its Pinot Noir and Pinot Grigio sold exclusively in 1 and 5-gallon wine boxes.

## Fairgrounds

The Bobsville Agrarian Fairgrounds is on the east end of town is home to the annual Cow Chip Throwing festival and utilizes the surrounding fields as parking for large events.

## Racing Track/Drive In Theatre

The Bobsville dirt track is located about a mile east of the outskirts of town, and doubles as the town's drive in theatre during the summer (Memorial Day to Labor Day).

## RV Park

The RV Park, located 3 miles north from the town center on the far edge of Lake Elise, is where many visitors to the town's festivals stay. It is open year round and can be accessed both from the interstate exit as well as a road extending from Center Street in Bobsville that wraps around the lake.

## Marina

Lake access boat ramps are found on the southern shore of the lake.

## County

Bobsville is in Disaster County, a county of 90,000 people. Disaster County is mostly an agricultural county; however, the county is home to the Disaster Nuclear Power Plant; the Disaster County Supermax Prison; the U.S. Army's Biological Agent/Weapon Analysis and Development Command, and lastly, the Disaster County Regional Airport with a 7000-foot runway.

There are 8 hospitals in Disaster County, which includes a Level 2 Trauma Center.

The Disaster County's south evacuation route as a result of a radiation release from the nuclear power goes through Bobsville.

## Festival Events

### Cow Chip Throwing Festival

Bobsville is best known for its cow chip throwing festival that takes place on the last weekend of July, held in the Fairgrounds on the southeast outskirts of town. The Grand Prize for the professional cow chip-throwing category is a cow that supposedly has lines to Elise the cow. Elise is famous for being the first cow featured on a milk carton.

The population of Bobsville expands to around 20,000 during the festival. Most of the people that come to the festival come from the surrounding communities and generally will not need lodging. However, a significant number come from outside the surrounding communities and they generally need lodging if they are not staying in the RV Park.

Bobsville has 2 hotels with a total of 200 rooms. Many local families open up their homes to those that travel great distances for the festival. Since the University is not in session during the festival, there are an additional 500 dormitory rooms available for sleeping.

### Rowing Championships

In late May or early June each year, Bobsville hosts the Oklahoma High School Rowing Championship on Lake Elise. The marina entrance is on the south end of the lake. Accommodations are handled the same way as the cow chip toss festival.

## Natural Disasters

In the last 10 years Bobsville has had 3 EF2 tornadoes; 1 EF4 tornado; and 1 EF5 tornado; along with 6 crippling blizzards with snowfall in excess of 24 inches. Each disaster brought its own set of problems and the people in Bobsville have demonstrated they are resilient. There was a serious drought from 2008-2011 which caused water rationing; and since the towns founding 25 earthquakes of at least 3.0 on the Richter Scale have occurred.

## Map

