Insights

September, 2025

EL RENO
It's good to be here.

Downtown & Route 66 Reinvestment Expands

The City of El Reno continues to build momentum in downtown and Route 66 reinvestment. City Council recently approved an additional **$20,000 in matching grant funds** for commercial property improvements, bringing the program total to **$95,000.**

This program was originally made possible through revenue generated from the filming of Twisters, which the Council committed entirely to reinvesting in the areas most impacted by production. Matching funds are available on a **60/40** basis for businesses located downtown and along Route 66 from Alfadale Road to Reformatory Road.

Eligible projects include façade upgrades, signage improvements, window replacement, painting, and more. The program has already proven to be very popular with local property owners, and this additional funding ensures continued opportunities for investment in the heart of our community.

For more information, click here or visit

Freeman's Restaurant, owned by Mike and Janice Freeman, is a proud DRP Grant recipient—making an amazing investment right here in the heart of El Reno.

New Allsup's Officially Open at I-40 and Banner Road

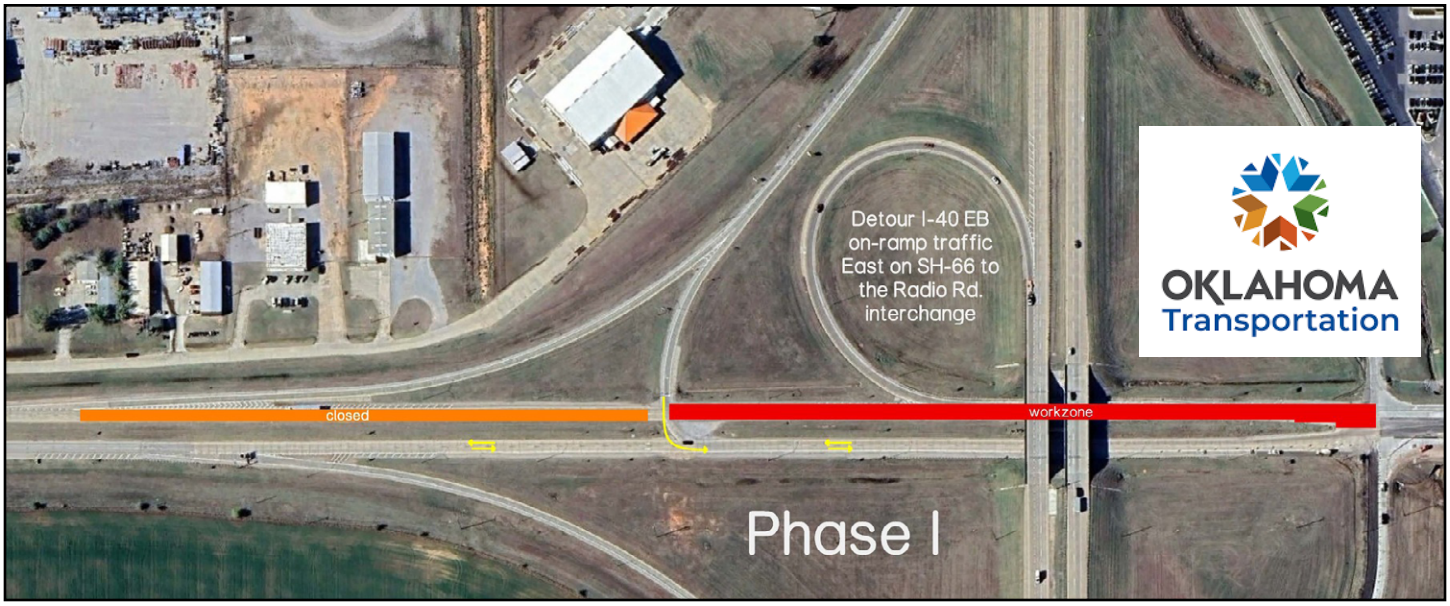
El Reno is celebrating the official opening of the new Allsup's Convenience Store and Gas Station at I-40 and Banner Road. To mark the occasion, Allsup's generously treated all City of El Reno staff to a free lunch—a gesture that was greatly appreciated by our team

City Manager Matt Sandige and Vice Mayor David Black pose with Alsups's managers Nate Gwin, David Schones and Kristan Garber.

This major development brings more than just convenience for travelers and residents. The new Allsup's represents a positive economic boost for our community, providing jobs, generating sales tax revenue, and strengthening El Reno's position as a key stop along I-40. With its size, visibility, and amenities, this addition will serve both locals and visitors for years to come.

Caleb Coffelt & Zoe Simmons, EREMS

Michael Vaught, Jorge Howard, & Brady Dillingham ERPD



Road Construction & Progress Across El Reno

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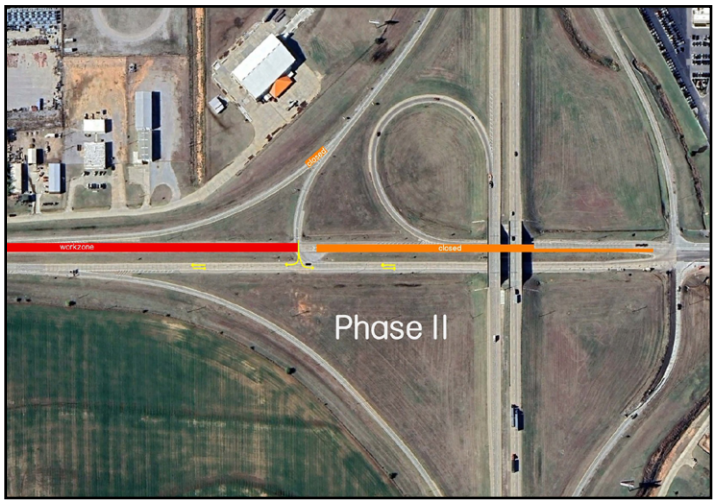


The Oklahoma Department of Transportation (ODOT) continues to make great progress on several key projects in our community. Work on the roundabout is moving forward with new signage, striping, and the centerpiece monument coming together. Once complete, this project will provide both a functional and attractive gateway into El Reno.

ODOT crews are also hard at work on South US 81, replacing concrete panels. When finished, the approach into town and the connection to the roundabout will create a much smoother and more welcoming entrance for residents and visitors alike. While these improvements do bring some temporary traffic disruptions, the long-term benefits will far outweigh the short-term inconvenience.

Looking ahead, ODOT will begin a mill and overlay project extending from Elm Street to Caddo Street along Rock Island Avenue, Wade Street, and Choctaw Avenue. This work will also continue down Sunset Drive to Hadden Avenue, improving the surface and extending the life of these highly traveled corridors.

We truly value our partnership with ODOT. By working together, we are able to accomplish more for El Reno than either could achieve alone. These projects represent not only an investment in our infrastructure, but also a commitment to improving the quality of life for our residents and visitors.

In addition, our partnership with Canadian County continues to bring positive momentum to local road improvements. Upcoming work in the Manning, Wilshire, and Britton area will address critical needs and improve connectivity for our growing community. We appreciate the strong collaboration with the County, which allows us to move forward on these much-needed projects.

Community DEVELOPMENTS

El Reno City Council Member Amy Neathery shares some love with a sweet adoptable pup at the El Reno Animal Shelter. This precious doggie and so many more are ready to adopt! ***Call 405-262-6941***

Community Breaks Ground on Animal Shelter Dog Yard Remodel

Despite the rain and mud, a strong crowd gathered Sept. 2 as the El Reno City Council joined City staff, Friends of the El Reno Animal Shelter, and community members to break ground on much needed improvements to the Animal Shelter's dog yard. Council Member Amy Neathery delivered remarks before the group turned shovels for the project.

The $16,000 remodel will level the 1,400-square-foot yard, add a retaining wall, and install turf designed for K-9 use—improving drainage, reducing mud, and creating a safe, comfortable play space for the dogs. Thanks to El Reno High School Smash Week 2025 students, Friends of the Shelter, and City crews, this project showcases how community partnerships can deliver lasting improvements. Construction is expected to wrap up Sept. 12, with a ribbon-cutting celebration to follow.

Sunset Trail Expansion Moving Forward

The City of El Reno continues to make progress on expanding recreational trails for our community

Phase 1 (solid red line) has been completed, giving residents and visitors an accessible space to walk, run, and enjoy the outdoors.

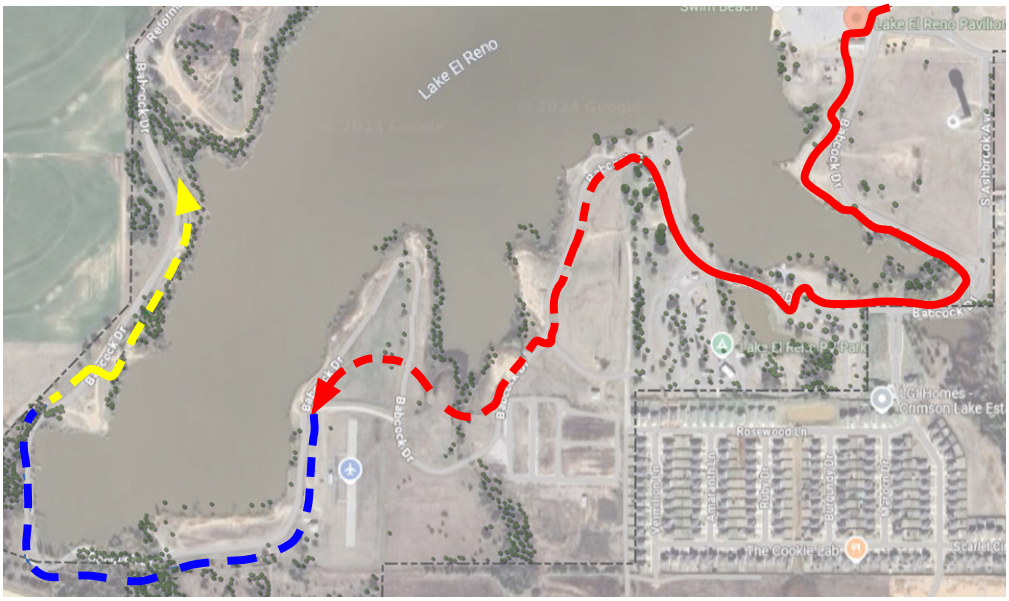
Phase 2 (dashed red line) is currently in the design phase and will soon move into construction.

Phase 3 (dashed blue line) recently received grant funding and will follow in the near future.

Possible Phase 4 (dashed yellow line) is where future trails may be considered

Each phase of the project has been awarded approximately $300,000 through the Recreational Trails Program, a grant administered by the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department. This program operates as an 80/20 match grant, meaning the City contributes 20% while 80% is covered through grant funding.

These investments not only improve quality of life in El Reno but also strengthen our city's commitment to outdoor recreation, connectivity, and long-term community growth.



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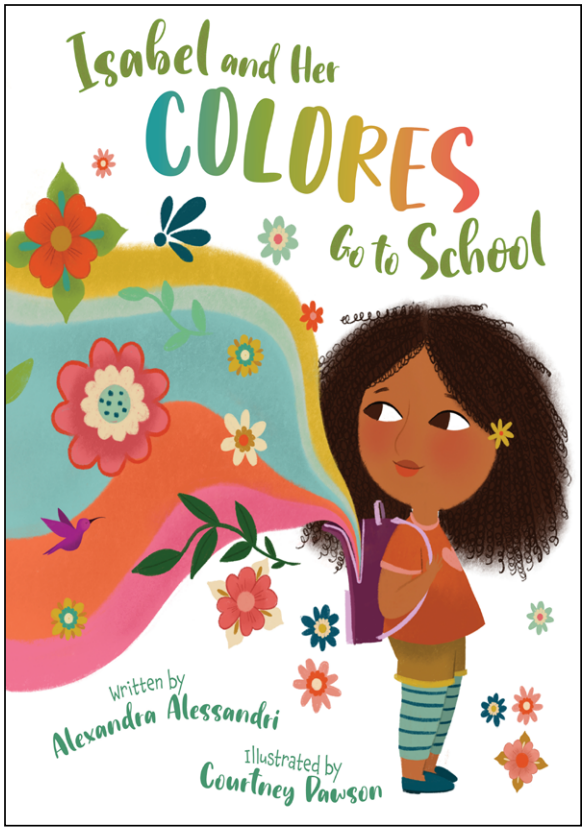
"Isabel and Her Colores Go to School" Debuts on Sunset Trail's StoryWalk

Take a colorful stroll this season on the Sunset Trail at Lake El Reno! The El Reno Carnegie Library has debuted a new StoryWalk featuring Isabel and Her Colores Go to School by Alexandra Alessandri.

Follow Isabel's journey one page at a time as she navigates her first day at school, balancing the bright, familiar colors of Spanish with the new hues of English. This bilingual story celebrates creativity, empathy, and friendship—making it a perfect family outing that blends reading, movement, and nature.

Bring the kids, enjoy the trail, and experience Isabel's world in full color!



El Reno Carnegie Library

National Library Card Sign Up Month!

September

This Month:
Pick Up Your Lit Kits!

Pick up your Let's Talk About It Book for the event on the 15th

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 LABOR DAY Closed	2 Gardening Class Winter Gardening @ 5:30	3 Storymakers @ 11 Fall Movie Series Mirror Mirror @ 5:30	4 Art Lab @ 4 Teen Drop-In Lounge (all day)	5	6 Try our KANOPY streaming service!
8 Lit Kit Pickup Starts TODAY! Fall Movie Series Ella Enchanted @ 5:30	9 Anti-Anxiety Art @ 5:30	10 Storymakers @ 11	11 Together Tales @ 5:30	12	13 Second Saturday Storytime @ 11
15 Let's Talk About It Hope Amongst Hardship @ 5:30	16 Bubbles & Board Books @ 11 Yoga @ 5:30	17 Storymakers @ 11	18 Lego Club @ 4 Fall Movie Series Bill & Ted's Excellent Adventure @ 5:30	19	20 Last Day to Pickup Your Lit Kit!
22 Curiosity Crew @ 4 First Day of Fall!	23 Fall Movie Series Charlotte's Web @ 5:30	24 Storymakers @ 11 Hobby Hoppers Dragonfly Whisks @ 5:30	25 Little Learners Lab @ 4	26 Teen Drop-In Lounge (all day)	27
29 Fan Fiction Book Binding Series @ 4-6	30	1 Storymakers @ 11 Fall Movie Series Monty Python & the Holy Grail @ 5:30	2 Teen Writing Workshop Flash Fiction @ 4:30	3	4

Free Dump Days, Townwide Garage Sale, and Return of Curbside Bulk Collection

The City of El Reno is helping residents get ready for fall clean-up with Free Bulk Dump Days, the Townwide Garage Sale, and the return of curbside bulk waste collection.

Sept. 1–14, 2025 — Free Bulk Dump Days (Canadian County Landfill)

Proof of residency is required. To avoid confusion, please note:

- Electronic water bills: An emailed/electronic copy of your current water bill is accepted with matching photo ID.
- Authorized dumping for non-account holders: If the bill is in a landlord's name or a homebound resident hires a hauler, the authorized person may dump with a copy of the bill (electronic or printed) and a photo of the resident's driver's license or state ID.
- Past-due balances: Account status does not affect eligibility during Free Bulk Dump Days; a current, dated bill is required.

Oct. 24–26, 2025 — Townwide Garage Sale

List your garage sale free of charge to be included on the El Reno Tribune map. Call 405-262-5180 or email citygaragesale@elrenotribune.com.

Nov.–Dec. 2025 — Curbside Bulk Waste Collection (One Pass Per Street)

Items must be at the curb by 7 a.m. on your scheduled day. Crews make only one pass per street and will not assist in moving debris.

Residents may begin placing items curbside one week prior to their pick-up date and should stack items in an orderly fashion. Keep personal property (e.g., portable basketball goals) away from the curb to avoid accidental removal.

- **Nov. 1 — Monday trash route**
- **Nov. 8 — Tuesday trash route**
- **Nov. 15 — Wednesday trash route**
- **Nov. 22 — Thursday trash route**
- **Dec. 1 — Friday trash route**

Important Regulations

Debris not meeting these requirements will not be collected, and no notification will be provided:

1. Refrigerators, freezers and air conditioners accepted only if freon has been properly removed and certification is attached.
2. Brush, tree limbs, lumber, decking, fence panels, etc., must be cut to 4 feet or shorter and bundled with rope or cord.
3. Flooring (any type) must be bundled in 4'×4' sections and tied.
4. No concrete, rocks or bricks.
5. No construction or demolition materials.
6. No hazardous waste: batteries, paints, tires, oils or other hazardous liquids.
7. No dead animals.
8. No large tree stumps — must be cut to 4' length × 12" diameter.
9. Jacuzzis, pools, etc., must be cut to 4'×4' pieces.
10. Small loose materials must be placed in containers.
11. Empty cardboard boxes must be flattened/broken down.

Dec. 1–14, 2025 — Quarterly Bulk Dump Days (Canadian County Landfill)

To wrap up the fall clean-up season, residents may take advantage of the Quarterly Bulk Dump Days from Dec. 1–14, 2025 at the Canadian County Landfill. The same proof of residency rules apply as in September.

GOOD TO DUMP

- Refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners, tube tvs, etc.
- Brush, tree limbs, lumber, decking, fence panels, etc.
- Flooring of any kind must be in 4'x4' bundles and tied
- Jacuzzi's, pools, etc. must be cut into 4'x4' pieces
- Tree stumps must be cut to 4' length and no larger than 12" diameter

DO NOT DUMP

- No pieces of concrete, rocks or bricks
- No construction or demolition materials
- No hazardous waste materials: batteries, paints, tires, oils, or hazardous liquid substances
- No Dead Animals

Oklahoma Environmental Management Authority

New Septic Dump Station Relocated Near RV Park

The City of El Reno has completed the relocation of its septic dump station to better serve residents and visitors.

The previous dump station, located in Adams Park near Country Club, had become problematic in recent years. Septic haulers were using the site instead of the wastewater treatment facility where they are permitted, leading to repeated stoppages, overflows, and unsightly conditions.

The new station is now located on the west side of the RV Park, conveniently near the restrooms. While the site has not yet been formally marked, it is on this month's City Council agenda for final approval of the user fee.

If approved, the service will be clearly signed, with a fee of $10 per use, payable at the RV office. Operating hours will follow the RV Park schedule: 6 a.m. to 11 p.m. daily.

This relocation improves functionality, reduces misuse, and enhances the overall appearance of Adams Park while continuing to provide an important service for RV travelers.

DAILY LUNCH 12:00 p.m., Mon-Friday.
Lunches are $4.00 for ages 55-5
Donation of $2.50 for ages 60 and up.

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2025 Sept

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 SENIOR CENTER IS CLOSED FOR LABOR DAY	2 CHAIR STRETCHING AT 11AM	3 BINGO AT 12:45	4 EL RENO FIRE DEPT 11AM	5 FAREWELL TO SUMMER ROAD TRIP TO BRAUM'S AT 12:45	6
7	8 BINGO WITH KRISTEN ARCHWELL HEALTH 11AM	9 RUSSELL MURRAY HOSPICE BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS 11:30AM MOVIE AT THE CENTRE THEATRE 1PM	10 CHEYENNE - ARAPAHO LANGUAGE LESSON 11AM BINGO AT 12:45	11 REDLANDS FITNESS FOR EVERBODY CHAIR YOGA WITH SHANNON 11AM	12 MUSIC WITH BREK OSENBAUGH 11AM	13
14	15 REDLANDS FITNESS FOR EVERBODY STRENGTH TRAINING WITH ANNA 11AM	16 PAINTING WITH NANCY AUTUMN TREE 11AM	17 BINGO AT 12:45	18 GOSPEL MUSIC WITH KURTIS COLE 11AM	19 TELL YOUR STORY - FAVORITE MEMORIES 11AM	20
21	22 HYGIENE PRODUCT GIVE-AWAY DEVOTED HEALTH 11AM	23 RUSSELL MURRAY HOSPICE BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS 11:30AM ICE CREAM SODAS JEREMY WITH GLOBAL HEALTH 12:30	24 OFFICER HODGE CANADIAN COUNTY SHERIFF K-9 UNIT WITH DOG RED BINGO AT 12:45	25 REDLANDS FITNESS FOR EVERBODY CHAIR YOGA WITH SHANNON 11AM	26 SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION	27
28	29 REDLANDS FITNESS FOR EVERBODY STRENGTH TRAINING WITH ANNA 11AM	30 PAINTING WITH NANCY AUTUMN TREE 11AM	ALL EVENTS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE	OPEN MON-FRI 10AM-2PM - LUNCH SERVED AT NOON $2.50 DONATION FOR 60+ - $4 DONATION FOR 55+ FOOD PROVIDED BY THE SHED BAR & GIRILL		

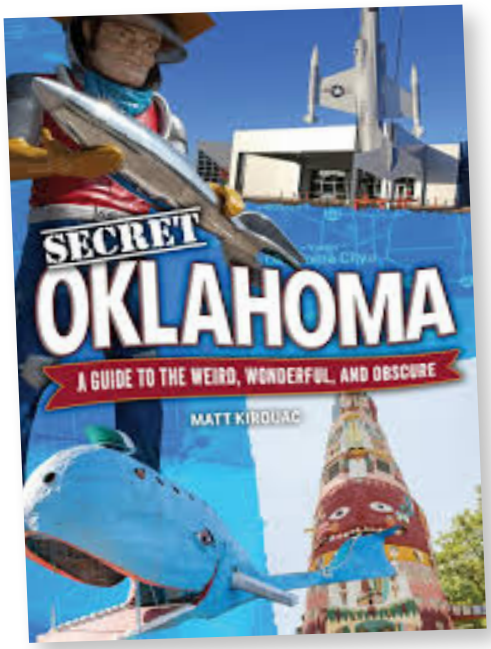
MEETINGS & EVENTS

September 5-7 Canadian County Expo Center		**OK Air Fest**
September 6 Lucky Star Casino	6pm	**Weird Al Yankovic: Bigger & Weirder 2025**
September 6 The Filling Station	6pm	**Book Signing - *Secret Oklahoma:* A Guide to the Weird, Wonderful, and Obscure**
September 7 The Filling Station	7-9am 3-5pm	**Route 66 In the Air - talk to Bill the Pilot** **Route 66 On the Air Ham Radio Event**
September 7 Lucky Star Casino	3pm	**KATTFEST 2025: Staind, Bush, Candlebox, FUEL, and Lakeview**
September 9, City Hall	5:30 pm	**Recreation Authority Meeting,** **Airpark Authority Meeting** **City Council Meeting,** **Municipal Authority Meeting**
September 10 The Filling Station	11am-3am	**Route 66 On the Air Ham Radio Event**
September 11, El Reno Regional Airport Hangar 2	2 pm	**Airpark Authority Advisory Board Meeting**
September 12, Downtown El Reno	12:30 pm	**Homecoming Parade**
September 13, 1508 S. Rock Island Ave.	2 pm	**Route 66 Social Grand Opening** & Ribbon Cutting
September 13, Canadian Co Historical Museum	7 pm	**Twilight at the Depot**
September 18 City Hall	10pm	**Convention & Visitors Bureau Meeting**
September 20 Lucky Star Casino	7pm	**Three Dog Night & Little River Band**
September 23, City Hall	5:30pm	**Municipal Planning Commission Meeting**

Oklahoma Lt. Gov. Matt Pinnell proudly holds his new gift from the City of El Reno — a watercolor print of the Filling Station Visitor Center by Route 66 enthusiast Joseph Buchanon. The piece is part of Buchanon's Route 66 watercolor series, now on display at the Filling Station.

Visitors can view the full collection celebrating Route 66 landmarks and even take a piece of it home — the works are available as collectible postcards at the Filling Station gift shop.

The gift was presented in recognition of Pinnell's role in championing the Filling Station project and supporting Route 66 tourism and revitalization efforts across Oklahoma.



BOOK SIGNING

Secret Oklahoma:

A Guide to the Weird, Wonderful, and Obscure

THE FILLING STATION

Satruday, September 6, 11am-2pm

120 S. Choctaw Ave., El Reno

From ghost towns and Viking runes to onion burgers and hidden Black history, this book uncovers the stories that make Oklahoma anything but ordinary. Don't miss your chance to meet the author and grab a signed copy!

El Reno

AIR SHOW

& COMMUNITY DAY

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