



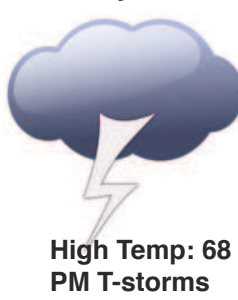
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Following a Family Tradition



Jenny Hale

The January 14, 1982 issue of *The Madill Record* shows Chad Hale as a young lad sledding down a snow hill during the winter storm that hit Madill. The photo on the right shows Jastiny Hale speeding down a snow hill during the mid February snow storm that hit Oklahoma. Jastiny is using the same sled her father did 39 years prior. Jastiny is a sophomore at Madill High School is the daughter of Mary Ann Hale, Chad Hale and Jenny Hale (step mom).

New Madill Police Chief, same stellar service



By Shalene White
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Madill Deputy Chief Officer Steven Ray was the interim police chief for Madill after former Police Chief Donald Yow took his place as Marshall County Sheriff on January 1, 2021.

On February 23, 2021, Ray was named as the official Madill Police Chief.

Madill City Manager James Fullingim posted his excitement on the City of Madill—Madill Public Works Facebook page.

“I am proud to introduce you to our new Madill Chief of Police, Chief Steven Ray,” Fullingim posted. “Steven began his career with the police department February 10, 2003 at the young age of 21. Steven is one of the best officers that I’ve had the pleasure to work with,

and I know he’ll continue his exceptional work as our Chief. In times like these we need great leaders, and I feel Steven holds the leadership qualities to take this department where we need it to go. Congratulations Chief Steven Ray.”

Many residents took to the comment section to voice their congratulations. Just like when he was named Deputy Chief, some of the posters noted how he was the obvious choice.

Robert Huff posted, “Congratulations it is well deserved.”

“Congratulations Steven. You deserve the promotion all day long. Proud of you,” posted Pam Thompson.

Lu Stephens said, “Congratulations Steven. So proud to have you as our chief of police. I know you will take good care of our town.”

Staff Shortages at Health Lab Cause Testing Delays

Paul Monies
Oklahoma Watch



between 24 to 48 hours for some microbiology tests, according to an email obtained by Oklahoma Watch and sent earlier this week by John Murray, the lab’s acting administrative director.

Among the tests to be outsourced were those used for E.coli, meningitis and salmonella. The tests to be sent to Minnesota were those that involve infections that could be picked up in a healthcare setting.

It will not affect newborn screening, which is among the highest priorities for the public health lab because the early detection of some genetic disorders at birth can mean the difference between life and death for newborns. It also won’t affect testing for COVID-19.

Dr. Michael Kayser, the lab’s new director, said the outsourced testing was due to the transition of equipment from the old lab in Oklahoma City.

“We are referencing out some of the PHL’s microbiology testing while we move existing equipment from the current lab to the new lab and have the equipment revalidated,” Kayser said in a statement. “Referencing out tests to other labs is not uncommon and this move may actually result in quicker turnaround times on results as our current turnaround time on these tests is between 3-28 days.”

Kayser said the outsourcing of testing was not due to the staff shortage mentioned in the email by Murray. He

said any additional spending would be absorbed by the public health lab budget, “which has costs associated with referenced testing built in because it is a common occurrence.”

“This was not unforeseen, is not due to staff shortages and was planned all along to ensure no disruption occurs during the transition,” he said in a later statement. “It is highly common for labs to reference out testing. We have said from the beginning Oklahomans will notice no disruption in testing services as the lab is moved in phases, and this maintains that commitment.”

Relocating the Public Health Lab and putting it under the umbrella of the new Oklahoma Pandemic Center

for Innovation and Excellence has been a controversial move by Gov. Kevin Stitt and the Oklahoma State Department of Health. Critics in the Legislature, at medical organizations and at the Oklahoma Public Employees Association have said the timing was wrong to move the public health lab amid a global pandemic.

The health department was limited in its options when it moved from its aging headquarters on NE 10 Street in Oklahoma City to a former energy company building downtown that couldn’t accommodate the lab.

Rep. Ryan Martinez, R-Edmond, filed a bill that would require agencies to get the Legislature’s approval to move public assets like the

lab more than 10 miles away. House Bill 1921 has not yet had a hearing in the House Rules committee.

“I think all Oklahomans should be alarmed that this lab was unilaterally moved, and now the problems are coming to fruition that we predicted would come to fruition,” Martinez said Thursday. “Oklahomans deserve to have a health lab that’s providing accurate and timely results for important testing, but it sounds like that is problematic.”

Tom Dunning, communications director for the public employees association, said the outsourcing of some lab testing wasn’t a surprise. More than a dozen out of 35

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POLICE BEAT

By Shalene White
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Assault: Chuck Little, a 52-year-old male from Kingston was arrested on February 14 for Domestic Abuse/Assault and Battery. No Oklahoma priors were found in an online search.

Angela Copeland, a 39-year-old female from Madill was arrested on February 18 for Failure to Pay on an Assault and Battery on a Police Officer conviction. Priors for Child Neglect, Possession of CDS in the Presence of a Minor, DUI, Transporting an Open Container - Liquor, Public Intoxication, and Obstructing an Officer were found in an online search.

Ramon Barron, a 38-year-old male from Tishomingo was arrested on February 19 for Domestic Abuse/Assault and Battery with a Dangerous Weapon, and Possession of a Firearm After the Former Conviction of a Felony. His priors for Oklahoma are listed as Trafficking CDS, Possession of CDS without a Tax Stamp, Maintaining a Place for Keeping CDS, and Possession of a Firearm After the Former Conviction of a Felony. He is also facing charges for Possession of a Firearm After the Former Conviction of a Felony, and multiple charges for Possession of CDS.

Theft: Lorene Taylor, a 57-year-old female from Ardmore was arrested on February 13 for Petit Larceny

and Trespassing. An online search only found traffic violations.

Aaron Griffin, a 38-year-old male from Ada was arrested on February 18 for Failure to Pay on a Second-Degree Burglary conviction. An online search found Oklahoma priors for Placing Bodily Fluids on a Government Employee, Resisting an Officer, Petit Larceny, Possession of CDS-Methamphetamines, Assault and Battery, three convictions for Domestic Abuse/Assault and Battery and three convictions for Malicious Injury to Property.

Heather Hamilton, a 37-year-old female from Rovia was arrested on February 20 for Petit Larceny and Trespassing. An online search only found a Driving Under Suspension conviction and traffic infractions.

Christy Harris, a 36-year-old female from Ardmore was arrested on February 22 for Unauthorized Use of a Credit Card and Obstructing an Officer. An online search found priors for Possession of CDS with the Intent to Distribute, Possession of a Firearm After the Former Conviction of a Felony and Bringing Contraband into a Jail.

Christopher Mason, a 43-year-old male from Stigler was also arrested on February 22 for Unauthorized Use of a Credit Card. A prior conviction for DUI was found in an online search.

Jeremiah Wigington, a 36-year-old male from Tishomingo was arrested on Feb-

ruary 22 for Larceny of Merchandise from a Retailer, and Escape from an Officer. Priors for Attempting to Possess CDS-Methamphetamines, Second-Degree Burglary, Possession of CDS, Conspiracy, Possession of a Firearm After the Former Conviction of a Felony, and Assault and Battery.

Buford Fordman, a 60-year-old male from Mannsville was arrested on February 23 for Failure to Pay on a Second-Degree Burglary, and Possession of CDS without a Prescription convictions. Other priors were found in an online search. They were found to be Larceny of an Automobile, Possession of a Firearm After the Formal Conviction of a Felony, Breaking and Entering without Permission, Possession of CDS, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, two convictions for Concealing Stolen Property and three convictions for Public Intoxication.

Erin Wigington, a 37-year-old female from Tishomingo was arrested on February 23 for Petit Larceny, Possession of CDS and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. No Oklahoma convictions were found in an online search.

Possession: Derek Perry, a 32-year-old male from Madill was arrested on February 9 for Possession of CDS. An online search came up empty for priors.

Brittany Nessmith, an 18-year-old female from Madill was also arrested on February 9 for Possession

of CDS, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia and Bringing Contraband into a Jail. No priors were found in an online search.

John Garcia, Jr, a 33-year-old male from Kingston was arrested on February 10 for Failure to Pay on a Possession of Drug Paraphernalia conviction. No Oklahoma priors were found in an online search.

Teresa Jones, a 56-year-old female from Madill was arrested on February 10 for Failure to Pay on a Distribution of CDS and Conspiracy to Deliver CDS convictions. Priors for DUI, Possession of CDS, DWI, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia and Transporting an Open Container were found in an online search.

Gina McKenney, a 43-year-old female from Durant was arrested on February 10 for Possession of CDS. An online search found priors for Possession of CDS, Possession of CDS Second and Subsequent, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia and Obtaining Cash/Merchandise by Bogus Means.

Richard Gable, a 52-year-old male from Madill was arrested on February 12 for Possession of CDS. An online search found priors for Bogus Check, Domestic Abuse/Assault and Battery, Intimidation of a States Witness, Trespassing and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

Melvin Teafatiller, a 50-year-old male from Madill was arrested on February 14

for Motion to Revoke Probation on a Possession of CDS-Methamphetamines conviction, Larceny of Merchandise from Retailer, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia and Obstructing an Officers. Other priors for Feloniously Carrying a Firearm, Assault and Battery and Resisting an Officer were found in an online search.

Eric Ochs, a 50-year-old male from Potttsboro, Texas was arrested on February 19 for Possession of CDS, and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. Priors for Possession of CDS and Driving Under Suspension were found in an online search.

Robert Huertevant, a 29-year-old male from Durant was arrested on February 20 for Possession of a Stolen Vehicle and Possession of a Firearm After the Former Conviction of a Felony. A search for Oklahoma priors came up empty.

Curtis Bates, a 46-year-old male from Madill was arrested on February 22 for Failure to Pay on a Possession of CDS Second and Subsequent conviction. Priors for Concealing Stolen Property, DUI, Bogus Check and False Declaration of Ownership at a Pawnshop were found in an online search. He is also facing seven counts of Obtaining Cash/Merchandise by Bogus Means.

Driving: Michael Martin, a 32-year-old male from Madill was arrested on February 10 for Failure to Pay on a DUI conviction. An online search

found priors for Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle, Resisting an Officer, Driving Under Suspension, and Aggravated DUI.

Anthony Otero, a 69-year-old male from Madill was arrested on February 12 for Traffic Violations. A prior for DUI was found in an online search.

Shalyn Edwards, a 21-year-old female from Madill was arrested on February 14 for No Driver's License. A prior for Possession of Drug Paraphernalia was found in an online search.

Paul Wittles, a 26-year-old male from Kingston was arrested on February 14 DUI and Carrying a Firearm While Under the Influence. No priors were found in an online search.

Miscellaneous: Joshua Harris, a 32-year-old male from Madill was arrested on February 11 for two charges of Threatening to Perform Violence. An online search found priors for Domestic Abuse/Assault and Battery, Possession of a Stolen Vehicle, Possession of CDS-Methamphetamines, and Assault and Battery.

Tiffany James, a 40-year-old female from Madill was arrested on February 12 for Failure to Appear on Bringing Contraband into a Jail conviction. Priors for Financial Exploitation by a Caretaker and Embezzlement were found in an online search.

Tablets and Video Calls Are Coming To Oklahoma Prisons. But at What Cost?



By Keaton Ross
Oklahoma Watch

Like many Oklahomans with an incarcerated family member, Sharla Halencak hasn't seen her son Clinton in more than a year.

Halencak used to visit Clinton, who is serving a 12-year sentence for eluding a police officer, nearly every weekend. Visits became

more difficult when he was transferred from the Northeast Oklahoma Correctional Center in Vinita, an hour's drive from Halencak's Tulsa home, to the Howard McLeod Correctional Center in Atoka. She last saw him in late 2019.

Due to COVID-19 concerns, the state Department of Corrections has canceled or heavily restricted family visitation since mid-March. Halencak has since relied

on prepaid phone calls and handwritten notes to stay in touch.

"I haven't been able to visualize my son," she said. "So much of what goes in there is unreported, and seeing them we actually can visualize that they're being kept safe and if something else is going on that we should know about."

As Oklahoma inmates wait to get the COVID-19 vaccine, in-person visitation remains canceled indefinitely. But prisoners will soon gain access to technology that the public has used to stay connected during the pandemic.

Securus Technologies, the communications provider for the corrections department, has started installing WiFi and video visitation portals in prisons across the state. Securus spokesperson Jade Trombotta said in an email that inmates will receive free

tablets this spring and gain access to video calls by the fall. A 20-minute video call will cost \$5.95, about \$2 more than a 20-minute phone call.

The tablets run a modified version of Android and can only access content approved by JPay, a subsidiary of Securus. Prison officials may monitor messages sent and received via the tablets. Video calling will only be available at portals installed in cell pods.

Prisoner advocates say video calls and tablets can be effective communication tools, but argue that high fees charged by Securus and competitor GTL financially exploit inmate family members who disproportionately face economic hardships. One-third of inmate families take on debt while supporting an incarcerated family member, according to a 2015

report by the Fines and Fees Justice Center

The technology, though expensive to use, often isn't reliable. A 2017 National Institute of Corrections report on video visitation technology warned that many systems are poorly installed and plagued with bad video and audio quality.

When Clinton was incarcerated in 2018 at the Washita County Jail, Halencak would regularly use video chat to talk with him. She said the connection was spotty at best, with little recourse if a called dropped or video connection ended early.

"One time the call dropped within the first two minutes," she said. "I was able to get my money back that one time, but other times it froze up within the first three minutes and they said, 'Oh well, you got it, you can still hear them.'"

Despite her previous poor experience, Halencak said she plans to use the technology regularly once it's available.

The prospect of staying more connected without driving hours and going through prison security is also exciting for Chele Mickle, a Jenks woman whose brother Charles is incarcerated at the Davis Correctional Facility in Holdenville.

"I think video calls would be wonderful, especially for people that don't have the means to travel," Mickle said. "Or like myself, I have three children that are still in school, and since it's not my boyfriend or husband, visits are not my top priority."

Tablet Fees Add Up

Securus and competitor Global Tel Link say their tablets help inmates access education courses, more efficiently file grievances and stay connected to the outside world.

Research and advocacy groups have criticized the companies for charging above-market rates for services ranging from text messages to movie rentals.

A March 2019 Prison Policy Initiative report found that prison tablets are often unreliable and expensive to use. Securus and GTL guarantee the state corrections department a portion of tablet revenue and may even tablet service if the devices don't generate enough revenue.

The U.S. corrections tablet industry is a lucrative business. After giving away more than 50,000 tablets to New York prisoners in 2018, Securus expected to generate

\$9 million in revenue over five years.

On Feb. 12, Oklahoma Watch submitted a public records request for the Oklahoma Department of Corrections' service agreement with Securus Technologies. The request is currently under review by the agency's legal department.

Two years ago, GTL gave away thousands of tablets to West Virginia inmates and recouped the cost by charging prisoners and their families steep fees for content that's available for free to the general public.

The Appalachian Prison Book Project, a West Virginia-based nonprofit that provides books and educational materials to inmates across a seven-state region, analyzed the state's contract with GTL and found that inmates were being charged 5 cents per minute to read books that are available on Project Gutenberg's free digital library.

"In West Virginia, the average prison job pays between four and 58 cents per hour," said Lydia Walker, digital communications coordinator at the nonprofit. "If you did the math and got to an average of 30 cents per hour, a person would have to work about 66 hours to read a book like 1984."

In an email, Trombotta said Securus operates differently than GTL and will not charge Oklahoma inmates for ebooks.

The federal government does not regulate prices for prison video calls, text messaging or media material. In 2017, U.S. Sen. Tammy Duckworth, D-Ill., proposed the Video Visitation and Inmate Calling in Prisons Act, which would have set caps on rates service providers can charge and set minimum standards for video and audio quality. The bill received a hearing but stalled in the Senate Judiciary Committee.

Mickle, who spends at least \$350 per month on phone calls and commissary items for her brother in Holdenville, said she's prepared to spend upwards of \$500 every month once the tablets are distributed. While she's been able to keep her job during the pandemic and can afford to foot the bill, she worries some will have to choose between staying connected or ensuring their loved one is well fed.

"It's just one of those things where you have to accept it or they suffer," Mickle said. "You're at their mercy, just

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Molly Raley

The Madill High School Student Council is currently in the middle of their annual WHO Week. Wildcats Helping Others is a weeklong service learning project for the student council. On Monday, they read to ECC students and on Tuesday, they played with rescue animals from the Madill Animal Shelter. From left to right, clockwise, starting from the top left: Ximena Gomez and Brooklyn Nixon, Nacoma Stuckey and Ally Boswell, Molly Coleman and Belen Moreno, Jaylin Songer, Aylin Salazar, and Case Coble and Beth Coleman.

Enos: Snowklahoma

By Jana Lowe

Hello Enos..Snowklahoma! What a week of weather we have experienced. I don't know that I have ever felt so cold and looked forward to spring more than now.

This was definitely a reminder to check in on our neighbors and it was nice to witness everyone pitching in to help where they could.

The 6th Annual Burning of the Socks fundraiser at Buncombe Creek Marina will be held March 13, 2021. Activities will begin at 11:00 a.m.

There will be a host of activities for the entire family to enjoy, including a chili cook-off, bounce house, dunk tank and polar plunge.

Happy Anniversary to

Karen and Joshua Gillette.

Happy birthday wishes to Corky Chandler, Lori Keeney, Pat Weaver and Melisa Hall.

Have a great week, do something nice for someone.

Sun, warm grow and bloom, it's time to leave now winter 'cause spring is coming soon. - unknown

TFD: Yeah Sunshine

By Angela Beck

Man! Was last week a booger or what?? Ice and snow! Wind and falling branches! I, for one, am so thankful the sun is shining, and everything is melted off our lawn and sidewalk. Now we can look forward to Spring.

Speaking of Spring, please don't forget the Volunteer Firefighter's Roadside Cleanup will take place March 6, 2021 at 9: a.m. Afterward, there will be a meal at the TFD Training/Community Center. Please contact Vangi Sutton at (405) 255-7010 in order to donate food for the breakfast or volunteer to help serve.

While you're cleaning up for Spring and getting ready for Summer, if you have an old American flag that needs to be replaced and disposed of properly, there is a box at the Texoma Fire District's Training/Community Center, 10978 Parkview. Please, don't just throw them away.

The Texoma Fire District is still in need of new volunteer firefighters, all adults, male or female, who are members of the Texoma Fire District are more than welcome to join. If you are interested in joining the Texoma Volunteer Fire Department, contact Chief Todd Cissell at (580) 565-4491. You can also pickup an application from the mailbox at the station,

fill it out and return to the station. Chief Cissell will contact you. Everyone is welcome, so consider joining! The fire department truly needs your support.

The Texoma Fire District Board meeting is scheduled for March 4, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. at the Train/Community Center.

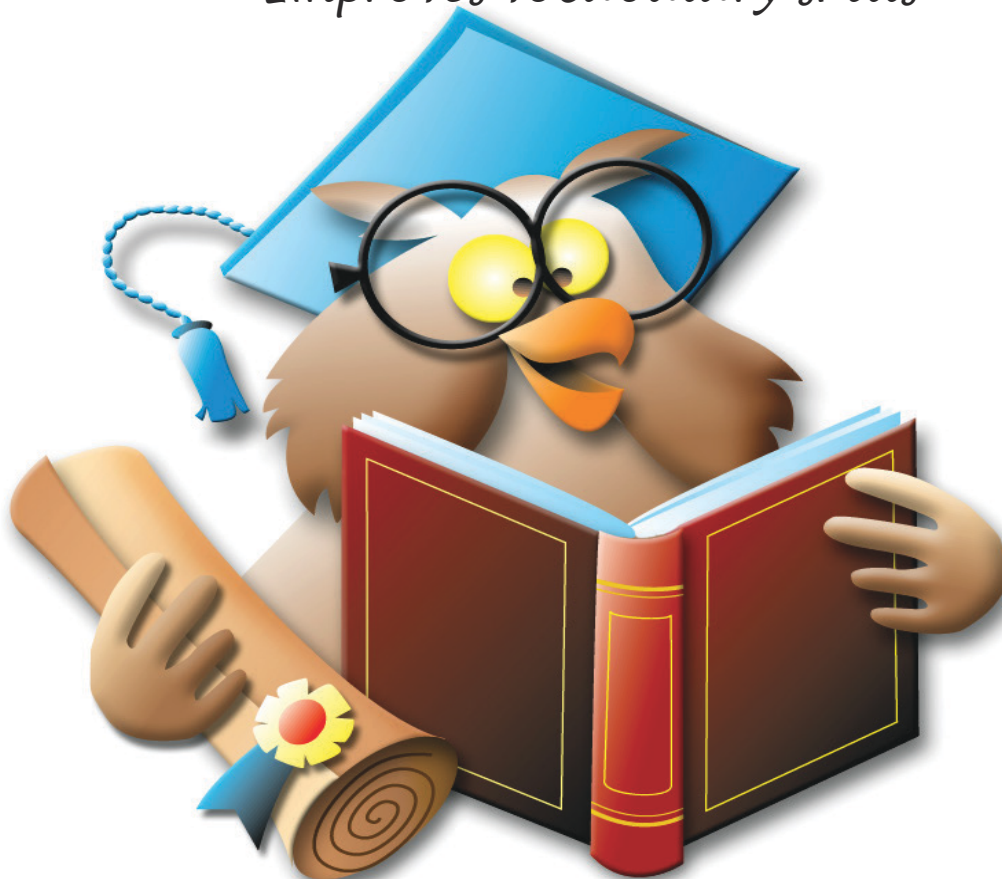
Texoma Fire District Ladies Auxiliary activities have been canceled until further notice.

Lighthouse United Methodist Church Teens meet on Wednesday at 6:30 p.m., dinner is served at 6:00 p.m. All teenagers in the area are welcome to attend.

Thank you and everyone stay safe!

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For the Children: Moving beyond the numbers

By Joe Dorman

“Numb.” That was the one-word answer I submitted to a group call on an online meeting platform last week. The question, “How are each of you feeling?” was likely asked in a kind gesture with the expectation of a standard answer of feeling okay, frustrated, or some other comment made in passing.

My answer was honest and from the heart. With all the things that have not only impacted my pandemic life, but especially with the snowstorm that helped strictly enforce a quarantine faced by many across our region of the nation, this was how I felt.

Now, I am going to ask that question to you about how do you feel? For those I know and who wish to have that conversation, my phone is always on and my door is always

open to you (if you keep six feet away and stay masked up).

For those of you I have not yet met, please take my question, and have that dialogue with a trusted voice who can listen and have this conversation with you. If you need to speak to a professional about depression, please dial 211 and ask for assistance.

I know there likely is a large percentage of the population who feel the same way. Life has been extremely difficult, especially for those of us who enjoy being around others. These days, that joy is tempered by the dread of friends and family falling ill. This week, our country crosses the sad toll of a half-million Americans lost to COVID. It upsets me there are still doubters out there who refuse to believe the existence or severity of this virus causing a worldwide pandemic. There are even some who hold positions of authority who inspire others with their false assertions that the virus is minor or even nonexistent. Please do not fall susceptible to this.

Next, I am going to strongly encourage you to ask this same

question to those young ones in your life, and please listen to their responses intently. Children can be far more resilient than adults in many ways, but they are also face severe trauma as many have been exiled from their normal lives for a year with little sign of life returning to how it used to be.

This should be a time when they are building the foundation for a successful adulthood by learning how to build healthy relationships and gain social skills from interaction with peers. While it appears most schools will soon be re-opening, whether it be full restoration of classes or a blended model of alternating days to learn in-person, we still face the constant battle of keeping infection rates low within communities until more Americans can be vaccinated.

As the snow thaws and the temperature rises, I have resolved to get outside more in the days ahead. For the first time in months, I went to the office with regular work attire instead of the casual COVID-19 dress code. I am going to make it a point to restore many of the normal

attributes in my life, while still following protocols.

I encourage each of you to do the same, and please also do so for the children around you. There are far too many young people who are not being heard, or who have not had someone delve into the question of their well-being. Start today by asking them and those around you, “How are you feeling,” and be the attentive listener that they might need right now.

About OICA: *The Oklahoma Institute for Child Advocacy was established in 1983 by a group of citizens seeking to create a strong advocacy network that would provide a voice for the needs of children and youth in Oklahoma, particularly those in the state's care and those growing up amid poverty, violence, abuse and neglect, disparities, or other situations that put their lives and future at risk. Our mission statement: “Creating awareness, taking action and changing policy to improve the health, safety, and well-being of Oklahoma's children.”*



Dorman

Knapp: Cancun Kerfuffle: In Defense of Ted

By Thomas L. Knapp

As Texas went dark last week, with much of the state's population experiencing blackouts under severe winter weather conditions, US senator Ted Cruz (R-TX) and his family jetted off to Cancun for a warm, sunny family vacation. Mockery and outrage ensued.

The mockery was quite fun and often on point given Cruz's political positions (“heroic father crosses Mexican border and travels 1200 miles to find running water, heat, and electricity for his family”). The outrage, well, not so much.

Cruz doesn't work as a lineman for any of the several utilities serving Houston.

Nor does he staff a complaint desk handling public calls reporting power outages.

In fact, he doesn't even work in Houston. He works in Washington, DC.

For some reason, though, he's taking hits for a “failure of leadership” because he didn't stay in Texas to suffer along with his constituents.

Ted Cruz isn't a “leader.” He's a US Senator. He casts one of 100 votes in a national legislative body. He is not the energy tsar of Texas. The most his constituents could reasonably expect of him would be to lobby US president Joe Biden for emergency assistance from the federal Emergency Management Agency. That's something he could

more easily do by phone than in person, especially given pandemic-related social distancing norms, and his phone presumably works as well from Cancun as it would from College Station, Corpus Christi, or Caldwell.

Is a sun-soaked vacation during a winter weather event “bad optics?” Only to people who place greater value on and trust in Ted Cruz, his position, and his activities than they should. Making sure you have electricity just isn't his job — and if it was you could probably expect longer and more frequent blackouts, not shorter and fewer ones.

Whose job is it to make sure Texans have electricity? That would be the mission of the Electric Reliability Council of Texas. Well, sort of. ERCOT, a “membership-based 501(c)(4) nonprofit corporation,” is overseen and regulated by Texas's

Public Utility Commission and state legislature.

In other words, by a bunch of politicians and government employees.

A case could be made that last week's storms and freezes were a rare and unforeseeable circumstance and that ERCOT and its political masters aren't really to blame.

There's no case to be made that Ted Cruz is to blame. Or that his family trip to Cancun somehow insults his constituents. Lighten up, folks.

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Knapp

Cole: Tax filing tips for 2021

By Tom Cole

Earlier this month on February 12, tax filing for the year 2020 officially opened with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). As you begin the process of gathering your tax documents and preparing to file your tax returns, I wanted to share some suggestions and resources to help facilitate a smooth and more timely filing process.

Due to many disruptions caused by the coronavirus pandemic, the IRS is predicting delays in both processing and returning tax refunds by mail. To speed things up, the IRS highly recommends electronically filing your taxes and selecting direct deposit to avoid paper processing delays. Taxpayers can file electronically by using a tax professional,

IRS Free File or other commercial tax preparation software. To find out if you are eligible for IRS Free File and to get started, visit irs.gov/freefile.

While most tax refunds are sent in less than 21 days, do not be surprised if you experience a delay this year. Since all tax returns are different, some may take longer to review and process. Refund information will become available within 24 hours after the IRS acknowledges receipt of an electronically filed return. To check the status of your return, visit irs.gov/refund.

This year, because of the coronavirus pandemic, millions of Americans received unemployment benefits — many for the first time. For tax filing purposes, it is important to know that the money received through this program is considered taxable income, including the extra \$600 per week individuals might have received in 2020 under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act.

If you received unemployment

compensation in 2020, you should receive a Form 1099-G by mail. This form will show the amount received in Box 1 and any federal income tax withheld in Box 4. This form should be filed along with your W-2. For any questions about this form and how to access it online, visit unemployment.state.ok.us.

Last year, many Americans also received Economic Impact Payments based on their 2018 or 2019 tax year information. However, if you were eligible but did not receive an Economic Impact Payment for some reason, you can claim the Recovery Rebate Credit on your 2020 tax return to increase the amount of a tax refund or decrease the amount of taxes owed.

If you received the full amount for both rounds of Economic Impact Payments, you should not include information about them in your 2020 tax return. To claim the Recovery Rebate Credit, you must file a 2020 tax return, even if you are not normally required to file. You can find more information about

the Recovery Rebate Credit at irs.gov/RRC.

Finally, do not forget that the last day to file taxes for 2020 is April 15, 2021. It is important to file before this date to avoid late-filing or late-payment penalties. Even if you cannot pay the full amount of anything owed, the IRS offers payment plans, temporary delays and in some cases, penalties can be waived. To learn more about those options, visit irs.gov/payments.

If you have a tax filing question or need help getting answers from the IRS, my office is here to help direct you or potentially open an inquiry on your behalf. Although we cannot guarantee an outcome, members of my staff always do their best to help constituents of the Fourth District of Oklahoma receive a timely response. For more information, call (405) 329-6500 or visit cole.house.gov/services/help-with-a-federal-agency.



Cole

Mullin it over: Defending women's sports

By Markwayne Mullin

On June 23rd, 1972, President Nixon signed Title IX into law. This landmark legislation had one goal in mind: to protect women from sex discrimination in all federally funded school programs, including sports. Because of the access to funding and opportunity this historic legislation created, there has been a 545% increase in the number of women playing college sports and a 990% increase in the number of women playing high school sports.

There is no doubt that Title IX has created life-changing opportunities for countless female athletes and has opened the path for many of the top-level women in sports that we see dominate their respective field today. Yet somehow, we are on the verge of this historic protection being used counter to its intent.

The progressive “woke” movement is coming for women's sports in the name of “gender equality” — a dangerous policy permitting biological men to compete against women if they claim an alternate gender status. Now, many school districts, sports leagues, and athletics organizations are allowing them to compete in women's athletics. The consequences of this can be seen all over the country. In one instance, transgender athlete Cece Telfer first

competed on the Franklin Pierce University men's track and field team in 2016 and 2017 and after her transition, she joined the women's team instead. She won the both the 100-meter and 400-meter hurdles at the Women's 2019 Track and Field NCAA Division II National Championships, edging out the closest female competitors by over a second and a half.

Allowing biological men to compete in women's sports is unfair, unsafe, and completely undermines the purpose of Title IX. As the father of three girls involved in wrestling, I want them to be able to compete on a level playing field. This is why I am opposed to H.R. 5, the Equality Act, a bill that House Democrats are trying to pass this week and which would withhold federal funds from

any school, college, or university that does not allow biological males who identify as females to compete on women's sports teams.

Allowing states to grossly misinterpret and manipulate Title IX results in limited access to opportunity for women athletes across the country. Equality in sports should be a cause we can all get behind, because if our laws do not recognize the biological difference between men and women, females who compete in sports will be the ones to suffer the consequences.

Want to stay up-to-date on what I'm doing in Oklahoma and Washington on your behalf? Sign up for my newsletter by visiting mullin.house.gov/newslettersignup.



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OBITUARIES

Kimberly Renne Cecil

Kimberly Renne Cecil, 59 of Tishomingo, Okla. passed away on February 15, 2021 at her daughter's home in Tishomingo. She was born on April 28, 1961 in Tishomingo to the late Richard Ellis Parker and Edith Arlene Cody.



Cecil

Kimberly was raised in Moore, Okla. She moved to Tishomingo her senior year in high school where she graduated. Due to her adventurous nature, she moved and traveled around, but mostly lived in Tishomingo her adult life. Kimberly married Dale Cecil on January 27, 2006 in Marietta, Okla. Her friends and family will attest to her being there to take up for the ones she loved no matter what, especially her three daughters.

Kimberly was a born fighter and fought right down to her last breath. Aside from her being strong willed, Kim was one of the most soft-hearted people you would ever meet. She had many titles, daughter, sister, mom, wife, friend but her favorite was granny. Kimberly enjoyed doing crafts, decorating her apartment, watching Chicago PD, and playing cards with her friends. Her greatest love was spending time her family and grandchildren. Although Kim's life was cut short, she still lived a very full life with many adventures, stories, and lots of love. Rather than saying goodbye, Kim would say her most famous farewell, "Can you dig it?"

She is survived by her husband Dale Cecil of Tishomingo, Okla., children; Sabrina Hallmark and husband J. W. of Ravia, Okla., Ashley Beesley and husband Donnie of Enos, Okla., and Cheyla Duncan of Tishomingo, Okla., her grandchildren; Kendra, Jacob, Jayden and Joseph Hallmark, Jasey, Shelbee and Juice Kite, Jaxon and Jude Rhynes, one great grandchild Aria Parks, and sister Gena Kay Parker of Billings, Okla.

Kimberly was preceded in death by her parents and sister; Vicki Diane Sartin.

"There are some who bring a light so great to the world that even after they have gone the light remains."

Services will be 2:00 p.m., Friday, February 26, 2021 at the Watts Memorial Chapel in Madill, Okla. Jeremy Parham will officiate the service. Service will be under the direction of Watts Funeral Home in Madill, Okla. Condolences may be sent to watsfuneralhome.com.

Kathy Ann Lott

Kathy Ann Lott, 67 of Kingston, Okla., passed away on February 19, 2021 at the hospital in Durant, Okla. She was born on December 2, 1953 in Ardmore, Okla. to the late Harold Chester O'Steen and Wanda Juanita Colson O'Steen.



Lott

Kathy was raised in Russett and attended Madill School where she graduated in 1972. She attended Southeastern State University and later went to work for Uniroyal where she retired after 35 years of employment.

Kathy married Ricky Lott on September 1, 1989 in Gainesville, Texas. She was a member of the Enos Baptist Church and she enjoyed watching her grandchildren play football, basketball, baseball, softball, track, and livestock events. Kathy's greatest loves were her family and spending time with her grandkids.

She is survived by her husband Ricky Lott of Kingston, Okla., her children; Josh O'Steen of Kingston, Okla., Brook Davis and husband Eric of Madill, Okla., Waylon Lott and wife Amanda of Madill, Okla., grandchildren; Brittany, Delton, Joshlyn and Canyon O'Steen, Gracie and Kayleigh Davis, Bridger, Baler and Briggs Lott, brothers; Tommy O'Steen and wife Joyce, Marietta of Okla., and Harold O'Steen, Jr. of Madill, Okla.

Kathy was preceded in death by her parents and one brother Don O'Steen.

Visitation was Tuesday, February 23, 2021 from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Watts Funeral Home, Madill, Okla.

Services was 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, February 24, 2021 at the Watts Memorial Chapel in Madill, Okla. Cecil Mackey will officiate the service. Interment was at the Linn Cemetery, Linn, Okla. Service was under the direction of Watts Funeral Home in Madill, Okla. Condolences may be sent to watsfuneralhome.com.

Casket Bearers were Josh O'Steen, Delton O'Steen, Waylon Lott, Bridger Lott, Paul Lott and Tommy O'Steen.

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like the commissary."

Future of In-Person Visits

As video visitation technology gained popularity in U.S. jails and prisons in the early to mid-2010s, many facilities decided to ditch in-person visitation altogether.

While groups like the National Institute of Corrections and American Correctional Association reject the idea that video calls can replace in-person visits, communications companies may persuade corrections administrators into thinking differently. Prior to May 2015, Securus required that jails and state prisons end in-person visitation before agreeing to a service agreement. Securus says it now supports video calling as a supplement to in-person visitation.

Inmates at facilities without in-person visits are left cut off from their families when the technology fails. A 2019 Prison Policy Initiative report found that video sys-

tems at some correctional facilities were left unrepaired for up to three months.

Jails, where inmates are generally awaiting trial or serving a sentence of one year or less, are much more likely than prisons to end in-person visitation. But family members of Oklahoma inmates worry that the corrections department will favor video visitation and they won't get to see their loved ones as often.

"You just can't make sure they're okay without seeing them face to face," Halencok said. "Lots of them have depression and mental health issues,

Corrections department spokesman Justin Wolf said video visits will supplement, not replace, in-person visitation once the pandemic eases. Studies indicate that quality in-person visitation can reduce prison violence and help maintain family bonds.

"Visitation is a significant portion of an inmates' recovery and staying connected to the outside world, which we want," Wolf said. "We want people to stay connected and inmates to keep connections with their loved ones."

Keaton Ross is a Report

Glenda June Skiles

Glenda June Skiles, 70 of Madill, Okla., passed away on February 15, 2021 at the hospital in Madill. She was born on October 18, 1950 in Madill, Okla. to the late Bill Ball Buckaloo and Ruby Forguson Buckaloo. Glenda was raised in Fort Worth, Texas before moving to Powell, Okla.



Skiles

She graduated from Kingston High School and worked at Brookside Nursing Center as a Nurses Aid for several years. Glenda also worked as a store clerk at Straub's and as a cook at the Lake Texoma Lodge. She was a member of the Powell Holiness Church and she enjoyed watching westerns, working puzzle books and reading. Glenda loved Harry Potter and John Wayne.

She is survived by her children; Chris Skiles and wife Lori of Kingston, Okla., Taylor McBeth and husband Dylan of Kingston, Okla., grandchildren; Cody Skiles, Whisper Odom, Cameron Skiles, Mikey Skiles, Logan Skiles, and Carisa Skiles, great grandchildren; Bentley Gunnels, Aiden Gunnels and Kinzee Odom, brother Eddie Buckaloo and wife Carolyn of Kingston, Okla., sisters; Sandra Hammons of Powell, Okla., Donna Goff and husband Paul Abbott of Little City, Okla., Sherry Porter and husband Steve of Frisco, Texas, and Melissa Graham and husband Kevin of Ravia, Okla.

Glenda was preceded in death by her parents and one daughter, Tressie Skiles.

Visitation was held Friday, February 19, 2021 from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. with a family hour from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Watts Funeral Home in Madill, Okla.

Services were at 10:00 a.m., Saturday, February 20, 2021 at the Watts Memorial Chapel in Madill, Okla. Chris Webb officiated the service. Interment was at the Powell Cemetery in Powell, Okla. Service was under the direction of Watts Funeral Home in Madill, Okla. Condolences may be sent to watsfuneralhome.com.

Casket Bearers were Lonnie Goff, Kevin Goff, Kyle Goff, William Navarrett, Adam Navarrett, Chase Navarrett, Josh Buckaloo, Michael Looney, Loyd Looney, and Orry Hammons.

Ann Marie Sisson

Ann Marie Sisson, 62 of Kingston, Okla., passed away on February 17, 2021 at the OU Medical Hospital in Oklahoma City, Okla. She was born on January 9, 1959 in Salma, Ore. to Stanley Harrison Davis and Patricia Rogers Davis.



Sisson

Ann was raised in Fairbank, Alaska and later moved to Hayesville, Kan. where she attended school. She earned her GED and later received her associate degree from Murray State College.

Ann worked at the Veterans Center, Mercy Hospital in Ardmore, Okla., and Brookside Nursing Center in Madill. She married Charles Allen Sisson on February 14, 1975 in Hayesville. Ann was affiliated with the Baptist faith and she enjoyed reading, camping and being with her friends.

She is survived by her husband Charles Sisson of Kingston, Okla., her children; Roy Sisson and Sharla of Sulphur, Okla., and Elmer Sisson and wife Debbie of Sulphur, Okla., grandchild Aubrey Hurt of Davis, Okla., great grandchild Skylin Hudson, father Stanley Davis of Ardmore, Okla., brothers; Staton Davis Sr and wife Linda of Oklahoma, and Carl Davis and wife Minnie of Bremerton, Wash.

Ann was preceded in death by her mother and grandparents.

Service will be under the direction of Watts Funeral Home, Madill, Oklahoma. Condolences may be sent to watsfuneralhome.com.



Courtesy photo

A Securus JP6S Tablet. Oklahoma prisoners will receive free tablets, which can be used to send text messages and download ebooks, through Securus this spring.

for America corps member who covers prison conditions and criminal justice issues for Oklahoma Watch. Contact him at (405) 831-9753 or Kross@Oklahomawatch.org. Follow him on Twitter at @KeatonRoss

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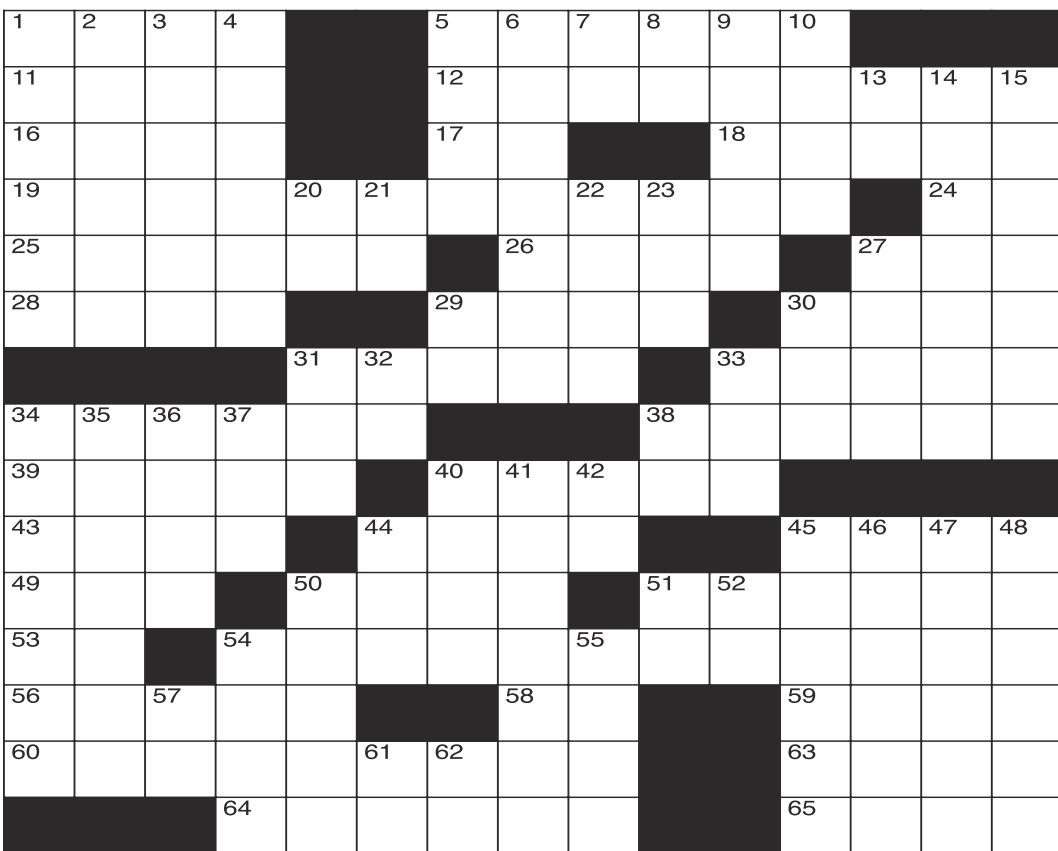
Maudie Mae Baker Devora, 78, from Madill, Okla. passed away February 12, 2021. Visitation was Thursday, February 18, 2021 from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Watts Funeral Home in Madill, Okla. Service was Friday, February 19, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. at the Watts Memorial Chapel in Madill, Okla. Interment was at the Woodberry-Forest Cemetery in Madill, Okla.

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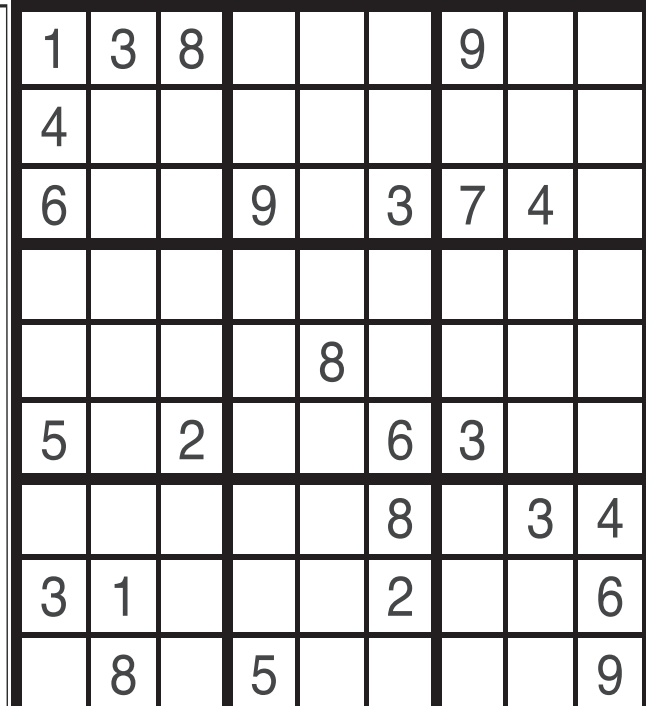
WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to getting organized.

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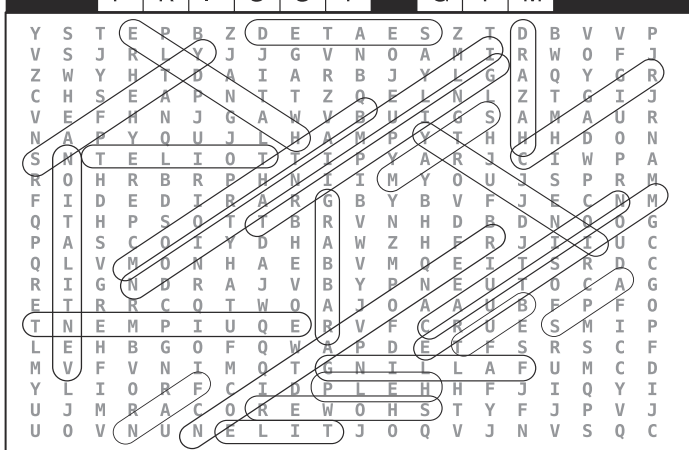
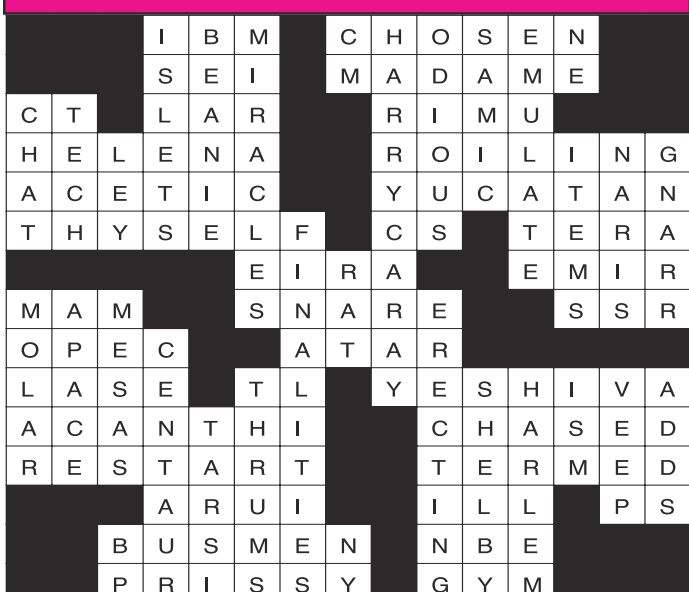
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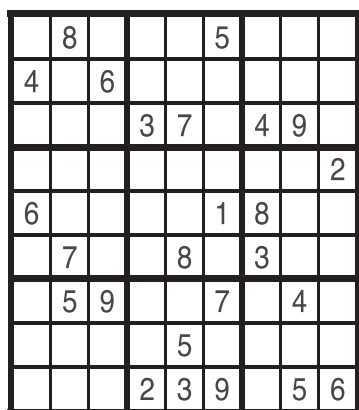
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

FAMOUS BIRTHDAYS
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FEBRUARY 23
 D'Angelo Russell, Athlete (25)
FEBRUARY 24
 Floyd Mayweather, Jr., Athlete (44)
FEBRUARY 25
 Rashida Jones, Actress (45)
FEBRUARY 26
 Nate Ruess, Singer (39)



Horoscope for week of Feb. 11 to Feb. 17

ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20
 Aries, you may be falling behind on keeping resolutions, but that is alright. It's easy to get back on track once you set your mind to it. Ask a friend to keep you accountable.

TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21
 Taurus, right now your mind is focused on "the more the merrier" but you have to find ways to safely connect with others. Keep everyone's health in mind.

GEMINI - May 22/June 21
 It may have seemed like the last few months of 2020 flew by, Gemini. A new year provides a chance to restart, slow down and smell the proverbial roses.

CANCER - June 22/July 22
 This week can prove to be epic if you just go with the flow a little bit, Cancer. Let others take the lead and simply follow along. You never know where things will lead.

LEO - July 23/Aug 23
 Leo, figure out how to align your priorities with what you do for a living. It could mean changing careers. Even though it may seem risky right now, start exploring the waters.

VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22
 Virgo, some down time and R&R can do a body good. Ask your partner to cover for you and then reciprocate so you can both unplug and refresh.

LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23
 Libra, a midweek business proposition or a real estate endeavor may present itself. This could lead to some exciting changes for your family.

SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22
 You don't mind defending your opinions or your ideals, Scorpio. In fact, you are highly skilled at constructive conversation. Your negotiation tactics may be put to the test.

SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21
 The early part of the week may be pretty uneventful, but things heat up as the week progresses, Sagittarius. You may not have time to do everything you desire.

CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20
 Boredom isn't a bad thing when you desire a respite, Capricorn. While others may be looking for ways to chase away cabin fever, you may be perfectly content snuggling in.

AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18
 Unexpected partnerships can yield some amazing results, Aquarius. This may be the opportunity you are looking for at this juncture in your life. Push ahead for the time being.

PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20
 Pisces, momentum swings in your favor and you can sail through all of your tasks and goals in record time. Enjoy the ride.

SHORTAGES

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Oklahoma State Department of Health

Oklahoma Gov. Kevin Stitt, center holding scissors, and state cabinet secretaries pose during a Jan. 21 ribbon-cutting ceremony at the newly relocated state Public Health Lab in Stillwater.

35 employees of the public health lab who were asked to relocate chose not to make the move to Stillwater, The Oklahoman reported earlier this week. Other staff reductions

from the 50 employed by the lab came from retirements or attrition.

“The lab move has been rushed through during the biggest public health crisis

this state has ever experienced, and we’re now seeing the consequences in delays in obtaining results and higher costs due to outsourcing to other labs,” Dunning said

Thursday in an email. “There has been little oversight of this whole move outside of the health department, and it’s likely not the last delays we will see.”

Stitt and health department officials last month opened the temporary lab space and pandemic center at a former Devon Energy Corp. office complex in Stillwater. In a ribbon-cutting ceremony, Stitt said the combination of the lab and research at OSU would help attract additional scientific talent to the state. The lab’s relocation and a permanent space is being funded mostly by the federal CARES Act.

“This facility won’t just help our public health, it will help our economy as a whole,” Stitt said. “By partnering with the private sector, we’re going to be able to bring more research and development jobs to our state, Tulsa, Oklahoma City and of course, here in Stillwater. We’re going to compete in new ways for federal research dollars.”

The relocated public health lab will be managed by Prairie One Solutions, a newly formed nonprofit organized by the Oklahoma State University Research Foundation and the health department. The management contract

gives Prairie One Solutions a 15% fee based off the annual appropriations of the public health lab, as well as a 15% cut of any insurance-reimbursed costs and new income brought by the Oklahoma Pandemic Center for Innovation and Excellence.

The health department has not yet fulfilled Open Records Act requests made by Oklahoma Watch in December to gather more details about the financial impact of the move of the public health lab or the management by Prairie One Solutions.

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DID YOU KNOW?

By: Tom Stewart

ONION ONIONS, La', la', la, I Love onions

The title may be a song however, onions have a much greater influence than a song. Onions seem to be a part of every culture and definitely are an important food staple, medicinal aide, and a number of other avails.

At first, I thought onions would be a boring topic to write about but while researching, I found plenty of information. The biggest hit I found was in music, and that got me really interested. The song “I Love Onions,” recorded by folk singer Susan Christine in 1966, is about a girl not liking snails, or toads, or frogs, but loves onions.

While listening to this song, I remembered hearing it about 1976 on a popular rock station in Texas played as a daily joke. Another popular onion song is “Green Onions” that actually never says a thing about onions because it is an instrumental. “Green Onions” was first recorded by Booker T. Jones in 1962, and later recorded by the Blues Brothers. Even and

earlier mention of onions was used in a French marching song, “Chanson de l’Oignon,” adopted by Napoleons Imperial Guard in 1800. It was said that men where rubbing onions on their bread and Napoleon asked, “what are you doing to the bread?” thus leading to the regular marching chant.

Onions are first found in print in the Holy Bible in Numbers 11:5 when the Israelites where remembering eating well in Egypt. Onions are also found in the cookbook of Greek culinary master “Apicius,” dated eighth and ninth A.D. More to date, onions appear in almost every ethnic cookbook.

Onions have expounding medicinal function. They are used to treat diabetes, inflammation, digestion, arthritis, memory, and a long list of other ailments. One study said that an onion slice placed on the bottom of the foot and then placed in a sock while sleeping will aid in removing toxins from the body. While onions are known to ward off cancer, bacteria, fungus, they are also mythically tied to warding off vampires.

Little fuss is made about

growing or procuring onions in Oklahoma in current years but they were extremely important in earlier times. In early statehood, onions were practically a staple during winter months. The onions had a long shelf life and farm workers had ready access to them. Farm worker kitchen bosses would often have little more than onions and flour to throw together a soup or type of fry bread. Early to mid-nineteenth century around Indianola Okla. Farmers raised tons of onions. Onion graders and harvesters came from miles away. During WWII, German prisoners were also used to help with the harvest.

In some local art galleries, onions are often the object of an art piece and used to produce pigments for paints and fabric dyes. One secret that one BBQ masters implements is using onions to clean the grills on his BBQ pit as well as season the smoke crusted walls inside the pit.

During the depression years, the invention of the famous Oklahoma Onion Burger was birthed. Cooks would often use onions to make a burger seem larger



Courtesy photo
Left to Right: Katelyn Hearrell-Pate, CNO; Phyllis Cornelison, retiree; Randa West, Charge nurse.

and more sustaining. The onions were sliced and grilled alongside of a beef patty then smashed into the meat making the present day culinary crave “The Oklahoma Onion Burger.”

My grandma lived during the Oklahoma oil boom and often shared her onion story. She always loved to say, “during the oilfield days your grandpa ‘Stew’s’ job required us to move a lot, I cleaned out 33 refrigerators and planted onions around the foundation of 33 rent houses for somebody else, ‘cause we always moved before the onions got ready.” She also said, “you would think someone would have planted some onions before we moved into at least

one of those houses so we could eat some.”

According to several Marshall County gardeners and farmers, February is a good month to plant onions. Many varieties are available at our local garden centers and even grocery stores. Generally, they are white, red, or yellow and their name seems to have much to do with when they are harvested, type of fertilizer, and ethnic wordiness. Late February and early March in Marshall County will reveal onions popping up in freshly planted garden plots, squared off beds, raised beds, and all types of pots. Onions are easy to grow and really only require three basic factors- soil, (any type in our

Happy Retirement

From Staff Reports

Congratulations to Phyllis Cornelison on her retirement. Cornelison, a longtime nursing professional at FHCSO who has dedicated herself to hundreds of patients, in Tishomingo and the surrounding communities.

FHCSO charge nurse Randa West stated, “Its time Phyllis finally gets to celebrate her accomplishments, and enjoy her newfound freedom. We want her to always remember what a positive difference she has made. We will miss Phyllis here at FHCSO, but couldn’t be more excited for her.”

Whether you plan on growing your own, have a medical issue, or some off the wall use, I hope you will do more than listen to songs about onions as they are something great to get into. After all onions have definitely impacted history and the onions in MC are a part of the 1200 varieties and approximate 6.75 billion pounds of onions the U.S. produces yearly according to the USDA.

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DAVE SAYS

Four ways 2020 might impace your tax return

By Chris Hogan

Last year, we dealt with a lot of unknowns because of the coronavirus situation. Taxes were no exception. From the federal tax deadline being moved up to new legislation being passed, there were loopholes coming at us left and right.

Now that the dust is starting to settle, let’s get some clarity about what we can expect on our 2020 tax returns. That way, we can remain in control and focus our energy on making our financial dreams a reality. Here are four unique situations you need to be aware of:

A 401(k) Withdrawal

Maybe you lost your job, or a loved one got sick with COVID-19, and you needed a lot of cash—fast. I hope you didn’t find yourself in this situation, but if you decided

you two made a ton of money. Just make sure you limit the potential for damage in this kind of scenario by limiting your exposure.

—Dave

to drain your 401(k) to pay for life’s expenses, you need to be aware of the tax implications.

Although the CARES Act did waive the 10% penalty for early 401(k) withdrawals, you will still owe income tax on any money you took out. However, you can avoid paying the IRS if you return the money you withdrew within three years and file for an amended return.

Here’s what I suggest. As quickly as you can, put that money back in your 401(k). Avoid paying those income taxes, and get your future financial dreams back on track

Unemployment Benefits

Unemployment benefits count as taxable income. When receiving unemployment benefits, you can opt to have 10% withheld for income tax purposes. You can also pay quarterly estimated taxes on your benefits, so you’re not hit with a big tax bill all at once. But if you haven’t paid income tax on your unemployment benefits yet, be aware they’re due on April 15th.

Deferred Payroll Taxes

The Trump Administration signed an executive order allowing employers to defer Social Security taxes from Sept. 1st - Dec. 31st, 2020.2

If your company opted in, you saw a 6.2% increase in your paycheck during those months—which was a nice cushion at the time.

But there’s one word we need to pay attention to: deferred. Uncle Sam won’t forget! Those taxes will need to be repaid during January - April of 2021, so expect a smaller paycheck during these months.3 If you’re wondering about the specifics, schedule a meeting with your human resources department.

Contract Work

Last year, a lot of people took on part-time work or started a side hustle when things got tight. If you’re in that boat, you’ll owe state income taxes, as well as the federal self-employment tax of 15.3% (if you made more than \$400 in self-employment income in 2020).4 You’ll probably receive 1099 forms from the people you worked for and you’ll need to fill out a Schedule SE form to report any other self-employment income you made. If you expect to owe more than \$1,000 in taxes for the year, the IRS wants you to pay quarterly estimated taxes.

A good rule of thumb for contract and self-employed

work is to set aside 25 to 30% of every paycheck for taxes.

I’ve tried to make this as simple as possible, but the reality is, taxes are always confusing. If you’re wondering whether you should self-file, or work with a tax professional, take our five-minute quiz to learn the best way for you to file this year.



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Dear Dave,

My husband started working at a new company about a year ago. As part of his sign on, they gave him \$5,000 in company stock. The stock has nearly doubled in value since then, and we were wondering if we should buy more, considering how well it has done.

Cathi

Dear Cathi,

I totally get why you two might be excited over a stock that doubled in value over the course of a year. But what you’re talking about doing right now is a very risky proposition. The truth is any stock that doubles in value over the course of just one year is highly volatile. It’s unusual for stocks to do things like that, and it also means it could go down just

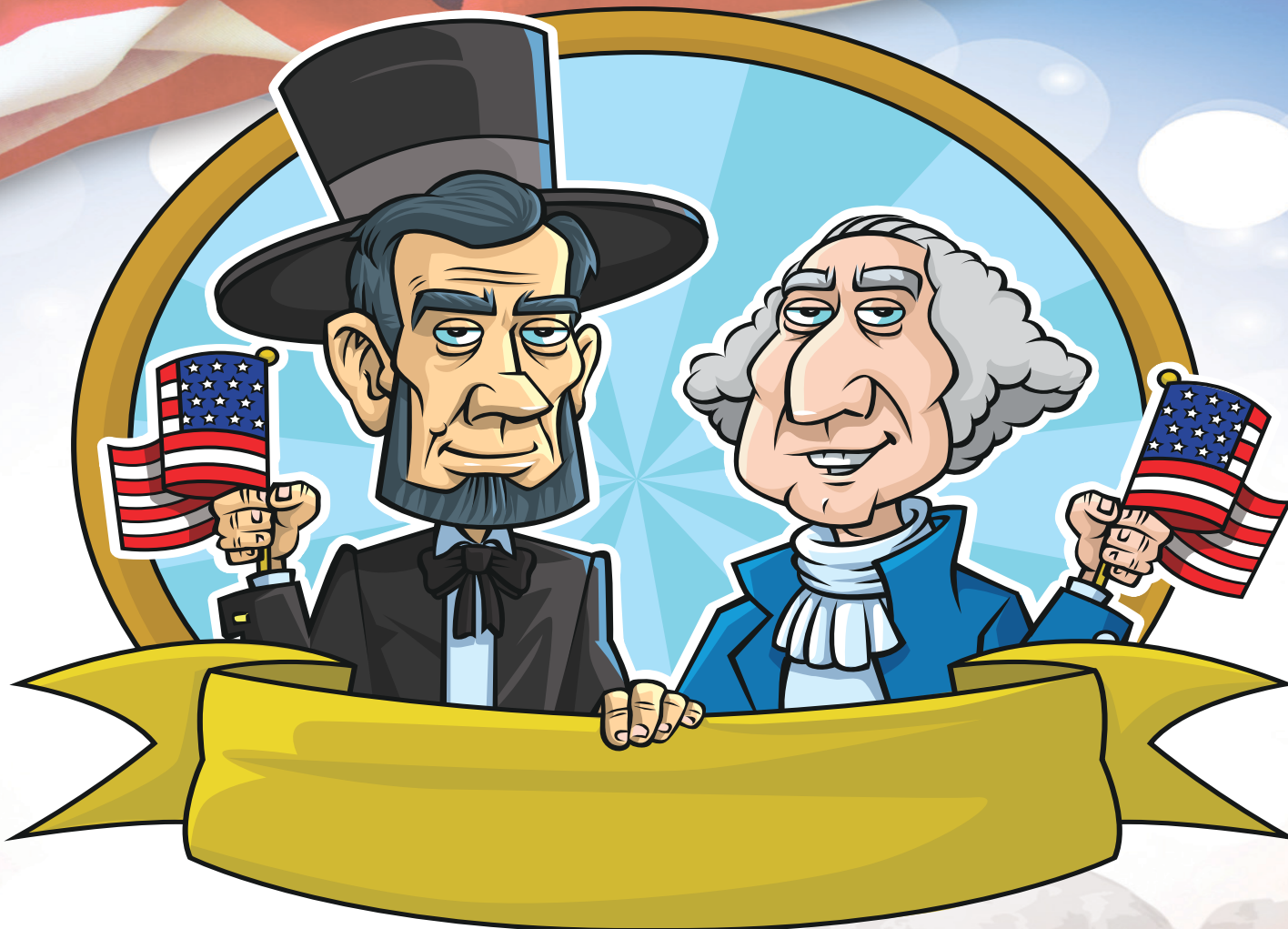
as fast—or even faster.

I don’t know where you and your husband are in your overall financial situation, but I recommend people become debt-free except for their homes, and have an emergency fund of three to six months of expenses saved up before investing. Once you reach that point, I strongly advise to begin putting 15 percent of your income toward retirement before you start any outside investing.

Don’t get me wrong, I don’t mind a little selective and educated dabbling here and there once the basics are taken care of first. However, I’d never recommend putting more than 10 percent of your nest egg into a single stock. The reason? If the single stock tanks and you lose it all, then your loss is only a blip on your financial radar.

Of course, it would be fantastic if this single stock went through the roof and

"What is the first thing I would do if I were elected president?"



Mrs. Craven's 3rd Grade
Ava Beshirs - Take away all the guns from other people's army.
Kamrie Greene - Keep our country safe.
Zelda Hathaway - Keep people safe.
Matthew Hawkins - You will need a license to get a gun.
Stony Layman - Rule the world.
Benjamin Maness - Cancel school forever.
Jace Massey - Allow balls at school.
Rylce Miller - Make sure everyone gets tested for Covid to make sure they don't have it.
Alexander Parsons - Have a company make Hover Cars so it is easier to get around.
Brinlee Roberts - Give people money.
Crystal Stewart - Make sure all people get treated equally and make sure all the water parks are open for the summer.
Cason Tipton - Set all the animals free.
Camillia Trevitt - Give poor people enough money to buy a house and food.
Kenedy Turner - I would make groceries cheaper.
Nayelli Moreno - Give all the abandoned children and animals a home.
Jordan Jones - Cancel hunting because that hurts animals.
Grayson Soto - To make everyone get along.
Kade Lemaster - I would buy everyone Legos.
Mrs. Willis' 3rd Grade

Lyddee - I will make the homeless people have a home and food.
Kynleigh - If I were president, I would write a speech for the US to hear, all can hold hands after, p.s. COVID is over of course.
Emma - I would give the poor money and a home also dogs and cats and people food with others.
Kassidy - I would say homeless people get a hundred dollars and a home.
Addie - I would make people stop hating, what if with a hard thin line. I would make them love no matter what size, shape, childhood have. That's where love comes from. A wiseman once said, "Love comes in all shapes and sizes."
Kayden - Find a COVID vaccine.
Gavin - I would give my mommy all the money in the world.
Conner - I would make everyone a millionaire.
Bruce - Throw Biden in jail and make Trump my Vice President.

Paige - I would help stop COVID 19
LilyAnne - I would help the poor get money.
Jami - Give some money to the poor and other people who need money.
Mrs. Williams 3rd Grade

Slayde Grammer - Turn the world into candy.
Aurora Hand-McCall - There would be no school on Monday and Fridays.
Mattox Kelley - No more mask and chocolate for dinner every night.
Aaron Kidder - I would have

Elizabeth Rogers - Make all the wars stop.
Mason Snyder - Make everything free.
Blakelynn Stanberry - Make sure people do not litter to help keep our country clean.
Alexis Williams - Help all the people old and young.
Mrs. Henry 3rd Grade
I would help people and give money to the homeless - Kourtney Alexander
I would lower prices on cars - Max McCracken
I would help sick people, and people in need and be kind to others. I would be the best president ever - Lilly Walker
I would build more stores, buildings, and lakes - Jackson Jones
I would make the world a better place and help take the covid away - Hunter Moore
I would make rolled ice cream for everyone, and make everything cost \$0 - Ainsley Uhlenhake
I would make food and everything in the store free for everyone - Azlyn Greebon
I would take Corona away - Ragean Khoury
I would make the world better, sell ice cream. I will make the school safe for kids - Abigail Bruster
I would help the poor and make peace - Tripp Thomas
I would live in a big house - Bryton Simmons
I would make it to where nobody will be poor - Payton Hall
I would build floating cities and cars too - Max Reno
I would take office - Logan Stowe

and water.
Sophie - 1 hour mask breaks, ice cream for lunch, extra recess, no homework, and vote for me Sophie
Rylce - I would try to give people first and second vaccines so they don't get COVID.
Bella - Make the world a better place, pick up all of the trash, no more fights, blacks and whites be friends and be nice to others play games

Aubrey Alexander - Give homeless people a home.
Grant Bunch - Make the world a better place.
Chelsee Childers - Pay money to animal shelters.
Jaidyn Erwin - There would be no homeless people living on the streets.
Skylah Goss - Make world peace.
Delilah King - Free Starbucks on Thursday.
Kyrie Logan - Free Chick-Fil-A on Fridays.
Elijah Meeks - Let Mrs. Williams move into the White House with me.
Caydence Mincey - Make sure people take care of animals.
a pet named "Fishy."

To everybody who came together for the community to help after the snow storm.....

THANK YOU!

- American Inn
- Bettis
- Bishop Tire Shop
- Corner Drug
- Flowrite
- Kingston Lodge
- Kingston Pharmacy
- Lakeway Hotel
- Hope for Marshall County
- Madill Animal Shelter
- Madill Fire Department
- Madill Police Department

- Madill Street Maintenance Employees
- Marshall County Abstract Co.
- Marshall County Water Company
- ODOT
- Southern Oklahoma Animal Resources
- Sparlin Realty
- Woody Ford

And everybody else who chipped in to assist the

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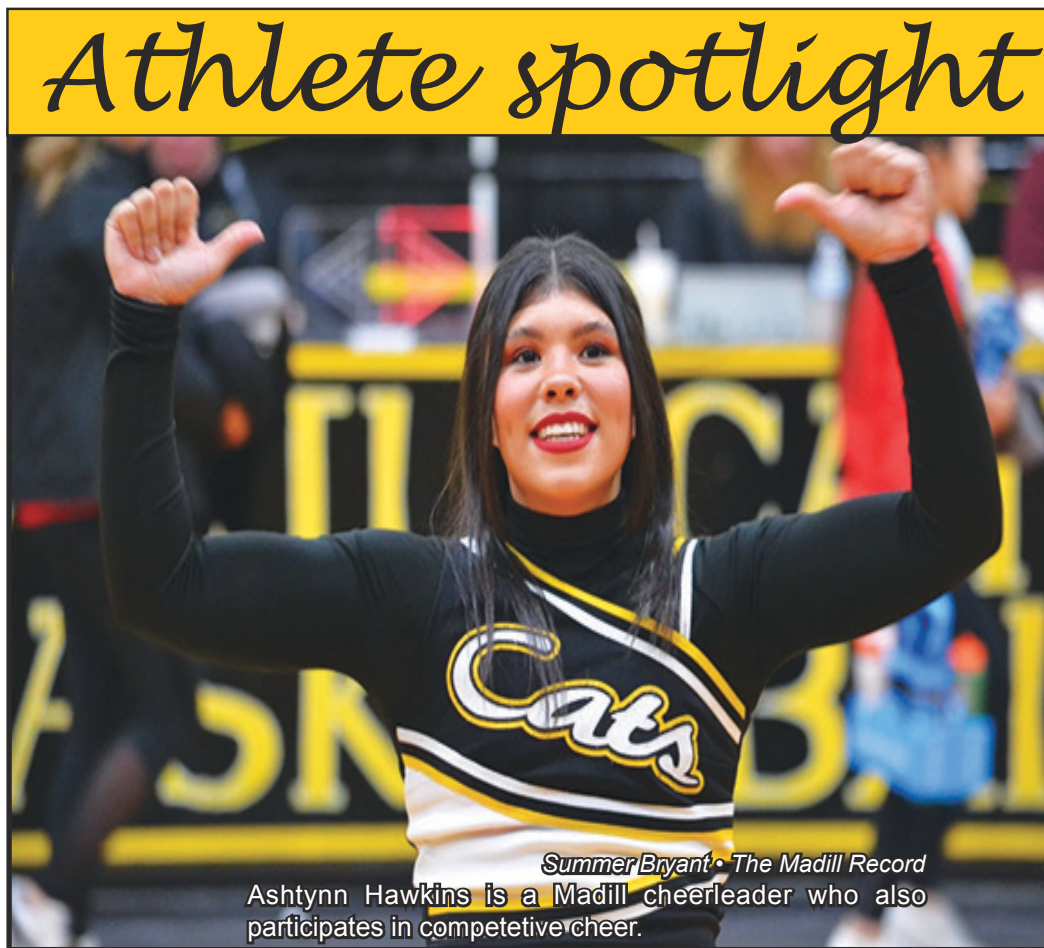
Two Madill wrestlers advance to the state tournament



Courtesy photos

Stephen Sisco, Bryce Coles, James Daniel and Madill senior Griffon Williams (all pictured in the above left photo) wrestled in the Class 4A regional tournament on February 2, 2021 in Clinton. Williams finished second in the 285-pound class and advances to the state tournament February 26 and 27 in Oklahoma City. In the top right photo, Williams takes his place on the podium to signify taking second place in the tournament.

Brayleigh Thompson (below left) gained a spot in state on February 25, 2021 in Oklahoma City as a member of the Lady 'Cats wrestling squad. Thompson is the first Madill girls wrestler to place in the regional February 8, 2021 and earn a spot in the upcoming state tournament.



Athlete spotlight

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Madill senior Ashtynn Hawkins is a member of the Madill Varsity Cheer Team. She has been in cheer since she was in the seventh grade.

She also has done competitive cheer the last two years with the Oklahoma Outlaws cheer team in Ardmore, Okla. who are the 2020 NCA Champions. Along with cheer, she is a member of the Future Medical Leaders of America and has also participated in track, cross country, and ice skating.

Hawkins said that being a cheerleader in high school has been a great experience for her. She was selected as a 2020 All American Cheerleader last year at camp.

She said she has received important life lessons like confidence and kept herself involved in school activities.

Hawkins said her coaches have been beacons to keep her on the path to her goals. "My coaches have helped me stay positive and continue to work hard," she said.

Cheer coach Kyla Selvy expressed her admiration for Hawkins and said appreciates the student athlete's hard work.

"She is sweet, kind hearted, and she is a hard worker," Selvy said. "It has been a pleasure to coach Ashtynn this year because she is always smiling. She has made my job easy this year."

Selvy noted that her amazing gymnastic abilities is what helps Hawkins in cheer. "She excels at cheer because

she can tumble, and she has amazing jumps," Selvy said.

Cheerleading and tumbling require a tremendous amount of strength. Being able to tumble well is a great ability to have, especially in cheerleading. While tumbling isn't a must for every squad, it certainly helps with the "wow" factor in impressing the crowds, which Hawkins never fails to do.

When she graduates in May 2021, Hawkins said wants to attend college at Texas Tech and has plans to become a pediatric surgeon. She has big dreams and plans for her life and wanted to thank her main supporters. "I'd like to thank my family for always being there for me and pushing me to my full potential," she said.

Tiger Woods seriously injured in vehicle accident



By Shalene White
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Professional golfer Tiger Woods was seriously injured in a car wreck this week. The incident began at approximately 7:12 a.m. on February 23, 2021 when Los Angeles Sheriff Department were dispatched to an accident.

It was a "single vehicle roll-over collision on the border of Rolling Hills Estates and Rancho Palos Verdes," according to law enforcement.

According to the report, the vehicle was traveling northbound on Hawthorne

Road, where it meets Blackhorse Road when it crashed. The vehicle and the driver, Woods had significant damage.

Woods had to be extricated from the vehicle with the 'jaws of life' by Los Angeles County firefighters and paramedics. After they pulled him out, Woods was transported by ambulance to a local hospital.

Officials said they are unclear to what caused the accident and are currently investigating. Law enforcement said they do not believe alcohol was involved but it is unclear whether any other substance was the cause.

Woods was in town to

attend his annual Genesis Invitational golf tournament being held at the Riviera Country club in the Pacific Palisades.

Woods's agent, Mark Steinberg announced that Woods sustained multiple leg injuries from the accident and it currently undergoing surgery.

Woods was involved in another high-profile car accident in 2009. He crashed his SUV at his home in Florida. In 2017, was arrested for a DUI after a traffic stop. According to the report, he was found to have five different drugs in his system. They were listed as Hydrocodone, an opioid pain medi-

cation; Hydromorphone, another type of painkiller; Alprazolam, an anxiety drug also under the brand name Xanax; Zolpidem, a sleep drug also under the brand name Ambien; and Delta-9 carboxy THC, which is found in marijuana.

According to the arresting officer, Woods was found asleep at the wheel with his brake lights illuminated and his right blinker on, and the officer had trouble getting him to wake up.

The report also noted there was fresh damage to the passenger side of his Mercedes.

The Madill Record FISHING REPORT

Texoma
Normal
Lake Level Data:
USACE Current Lake Level
Water Temp and Clarity: 39
Bass, Striped
Action: Fair
Baits: Flukes, Live Shad
Locations: Channels, Main lake, Points
Catfish, Blue
Action: Fair
Baits: Cut Bait, Live Shad, Sunfish
Locations: Channels, Creek channels, Points, River Channel
Crappie, Black
Action: Slow
Baits: Jigs
Locations: Docks, Standing timber
Additional Information:
Fishing this week has been slower due to the severe weather we've had. Blue cats are still being caught between 30-40ft of water on juglines and rod and reel. Not much to report on crappie.

Blue River
Normal
Lake Level Data:
USGS Current Level
Water Temp and Clarity: 40
slightly stained
Trout, Rainbow
Action: Good
Baits: In-line Spinnerbait, Midges, Nymphs, Powerbait
Locations: River Channel, Rocks

Broken Bow
Normal
Lake Level Data:
USACE Current Lake Level
Water Temp and Clarity: 45
Bass, Largemouth, Bass, Smallmouth, Bass, Spotted
Action: Fair
Baits: Bill Baits, Crankbaits, Jigs, Spoons
Locations: Points

Crappie, White
Action: Fair
Baits: Jigs, Minnows, Spoons
Locations: Brush structure, Points

Eufaula
Above Average
Lake Level Data:
USACE Current Lake Level
Water Temp and Clarity: 39 & clear
Bass, Largemouth, Bass, Largemouth, Bass, Smallmouth, Bass, Spotted
Action: Good
Baits: Crankbaits, Jerk Bait, Jigs, Small Lures
Locations: Channels, Docks, Main lake
Catfish, Blue, Catfish, Blue, Catfish, Channel, Catfish, Flathead
Action: Good
Baits: Chicken Liver, Cut Bait, Hot Dogs, Live Bait, Stinkbait
Locations: Channels, Creek channels, Dam, Main lake, River Channel, River Mouth
Crappie, Black, Crappie, Black, Crappie, White
Action: Good
Baits: Hair Jigs, Jigs, Live Bait, Tube Jigs
Locations: Brush structure, Channels, Creek channels, Main lake, River Channel, River Mouth

Hugo
Normal
Lake Level Data:
USACE Current Lake Level
Water Temp and Clarity: 49 and murky
Catfish, Blue, Catfish, Channel, Catfish, Flathead
Action: Good
Baits: Cut Bait, Dough bait, Live Bait, Punch bait, Shad, Stinkbait, Sunfish
Locations: Below the dam, Main lake, River Channel, Shorelines
Crappie, Black, Crappie,

Black, Crappie, White
Action: Fair
Baits: Jigs, Minnows
Locations: Below the dam, Brush structure, Channels, Main lake, River Channel, Standing timber

Konawa
Normal
Water Temp and Clarity: 34 and clear
Bass, Largemouth
Action: Slow
Baits: Alabama Rig, Crankbaits, Lipless Baits, Plastics
Locations: Main lake, River Channel, Weed beds
Bass, Striped (Hybrid), Bass, White
Action: Slow
Baits: Alabama Rig, Crankbaits, Live Shad
Locations: Coves, Discharge, River Channel
Catfish, Channel
Action: Slow
Baits: Chicken Liver, Cut Bait, Shrimp
Locations: Coves, Discharge, Weed beds

Lower Mountain Fork
Normal
Lake Level Data:
USGS Current Level
Water Temp and Clarity: Clear
Trout, Rainbow
Action: Fair
Baits: Powerbait, Tube Jigs
Locations: Creek channels, Spillway
Additional Information:
Fishing has been limited to the recent winter storm event that occurred this week in the region.

McGee Creek
Below Average
Lake Level Data:
USACE Current Lake Level
Water Temp and Clarity: 46
Bass, Largemouth

Action: Slow
Baits: Flukes, Jerk Bait
Locations: Main lake
Crappie, White
Action: Slow
Baits: Minnows
Locations: Creek channels, River Channel, Standing timber

Pine Creek
Above Average
Lake Level Data:
USACE Current Lake Level
Water Temp and Clarity: Clear
Bass, Largemouth, Crappie, Black
Action: Slow
Baits: Spoons
Locations: River Channel
Catfish, Channel
Action: Fair
Baits: Cut Bait
Locations: Creek channels, River Channel
Additional Information:
There was little activity this week due to the winter storm in the region.

Robert S. Kerr
Normal
Lake Level Data:
USACE Current Lake Level
Water Temp and Clarity: Murky
Catfish, Blue, Catfish, Channel, Catfish, Flathead
Action: Good
Baits: Chicken Liver, Cut Bait, Dough bait, Goldfish, Hot Dogs, Minnows, Shrimp, Stinkbait, Sunfish
Locations: Channels, Dam, Main lake, River Channel, River Mouth, Tailwater
Crappie, Black, Bass, White, Crappie, White
Action: Good
Baits: Grubs, Hair Jigs, Jigs, Small Lures
Locations: Channels, Creek channels, Points, Sand bar, Standing timber
Bass, Largemouth, Bass,

Spotted
Action: Fair
Baits: Buzz Baits, Crankbaits, Minnows, Plastics, Small Lures
Locations: Coves, Points, Rocks, Shallows, Shorelines, Standing timber, Weed beds

Sardis
Above Average
Lake Level Data:
USACE Current Lake Level
Water Temp and Clarity: 37
Bass, Largemouth, Bass, Spotted
Action: Slow
Baits: Jigs
Locations: Channels
Additional Information:
All fishing show due to inclement weather

Wister
Normal
Lake Level Data:
USACE Current Lake Level
Water Temp and Clarity: Frozen
Bass, Largemouth, Bass, Spotted
Action: Slow
Baits: Other
Locations: Other
Catfish, Blue
Action: Slow
Baits: Other
Locations: Other
Crappie, White
Action: Slow
Baits: Other
Locations: Other

Water Fowl Report
Texoma
Zone: 2
Report Date: February 3, 2021
Elevation: 616.9
Habitat Condition Status: Fair
Crop/Types/Status, other food: Smart Weed on upper levels of shore line

Ducks Numbers: High
Goose Numbers: Moderate
Hunter Activity: None
Bird Movements: Fair as fronts move through
Weather Conditions: 64F light winds

Sequoyah
Zone: 2
Report Date: February 11, 2021
Elevation: 60% of units have huntable water
Habitat Condition Status: Good
Crop/Types/Status, other food: Crops are degrading with weather conditions
Ducks Numbers: Moderate
Goose Numbers: Low
Hunter Activity: Unknown
Bird Movements: Birds moving in with the cold fronts
Weather Conditions: Below freezing days. Cold winds coming off the river.
Other Comments: Survey was conducted on a below freezing day with most units frozen over. Still seeing quite a few birds in the area and geese are using huntable areas.

Eufaula
Zone: 2
Report Date: February 1, 2021
Elevation: 585.86
Habitat Condition Status: Poor
Crop/Types/Status, other food: Very little farming in vicinity.
Ducks Numbers: Low
Goose Numbers: Low
Hunter Activity: Unknown
Bird Movements: No recent movements observed.
Weather Conditions: clear, cool, moderate winds

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3	14	12.3	Benny Williams Jr	3/23/12	Cedar Lake
4	14	11	William Cross	3/14/99	Broken Bow Lake
5	14	10	Roger Hockersmith	3/25/93	Mountain Lake
6	14	8	Allen Gifford	2/27/08	Arbuckle Lake
7	14	5.9	Jeremiah Johnson	3/7/09	Unknown
8	14	4.8	Jeremy Cole	3/9/18	Bryan County
9	14	2	Rodney Shrouder	3/5/01	Broken Bow Lake
10	14	2	Kevin Claypool	3/3/18	Lake Murray
11	14	1.67	Bob Cody	3/30/08	Coal Co. Pond
12	14	1	Brian Lindsey	3/1/01	Mountain Lake
13	14	1	Tim O'Connor	2/28/09	Pottawatomie Co. Pond
14	14	0	Ronnie Henson	6/23/93	Comanche Co. Pond
15	13	14	Jeff McClain	3/25/01	McIntosh Co. Pond
16	13	11.2	Jonathan Bowling	5/20/18	Broken Bow Lake
17	13	11	Bob Cody	3/26/08	Coal Co. Pond
18	13	10	Ricky Patterson	3/18/95	Mountain Lake
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April is synonymous with many things. Many people get their first glimpse of spring blooms in April, while families of faith look forward to gathering for Passover and Easter. Sports fans may welcome the return of professional baseball in April, while scholastic athletes may associate April with the return of spring sports. Though each of those things tends to be welcomed with open arms, one day in mid-April may not be greeted so warmly.

Each year in the United States, April 15 marks the official deadline for taxpayers to file their tax returns. Taxpayers in the United States must file their returns by this day or face penalties. Though the filing deadline may be in mid-April, it's wise for taxpayers to begin preparing to submit their returns much earlier than that.

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The Internal Revenue Service offers the following advice to taxpayers who want to get a head start on their returns so they make sure they file on time in 2021.

- Gather and organize your records. Many people rely on a professional to work on their returns, and April is such professionals' busiest time of year. As a result, it's imperative that taxpayers have all their necessary documents ready prior to their appointments. Any delays could force appointments to be rescheduled, and there's no guarantee tax professionals will have any open dates on their calendar as the filing deadline draws closer. The IRS notes taxpayers

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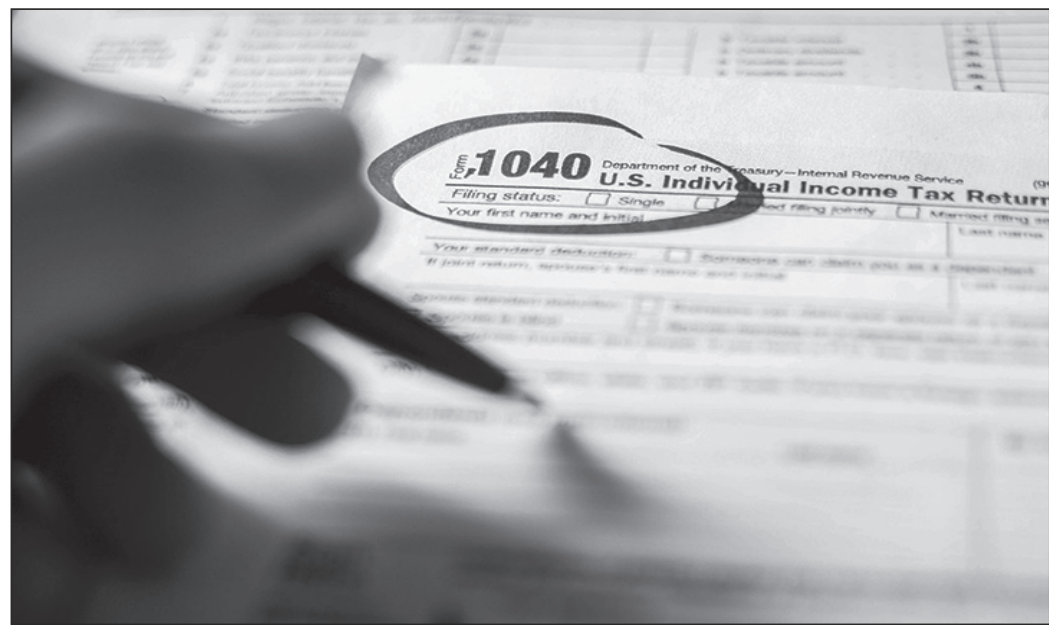
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will need their W-2s from employers, forms 1099 from banks and other payers and other income documents and records of virtual currency transactions. In addition, people who received an Economic Impact Payment in 2020 should make sure they have Notice 1444, which includes the amount of the payment and how it was received, as they will need that to file their returns. It's also important that people who received unemployment income recognize that such income is taxable, so they will need a record of that income, especially if they did not pay taxes on it when it was received.

- Where applicable, confirm your Individual Taxpayer Identification Number has not expired. The IRS issues ITINs to individuals who are required to have a U.S. taxpayer identification number but who do not

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- Contact your tax professional. 2020 was a complicated year, and that figures to create some unique challenges as people file their 2020 tax returns. So it pays

to contact your tax preparation professional with any questions you have well in advance of April 15. That's true for all taxpayers, but especially so for anyone who filed for unemployment, received an Economic Impact Payment or dealt with any other

abnormal circumstances in 2020 that could affect their tax returns.

Taxpayers may face unique challenges as they begin to work on their 2020 tax returns. More information is available at www.irs.gov.

Evaluating seniors' biggest expenses

necessities for their children. Adults go through many years of paying for diapers, toys, clothing, food, and education for their children. Yet, when the children

have flown the coop, spending patterns change, and even more changes await come retirement.

According to a 2020 survey from the financial services firm Edward Jones, 68 percent of workers soon to retire said they had no idea how much they should be setting aside for expenses, particularly health care and long-term care. Professionals approaching retirement would be wise to analyze the Consumer Price Index-Elderly (CPI-E). It is a good reference to estimate which future expenses will cost the most after retirement. The Bureau of Labor Statistics looks at consumer spending and uses various data to determine the rate of inflation in key areas that apply to older adults starting at age 62.

Individuals may be surprised to learn about where they'll be spending the bulk of their money when they get older. Here's a look at some key categories.

- Housing: According to data from the Employee Benefit Research Institute, in 2017, the most recent year for which data is available, housing accounted for roughly 49 percent of all spending for seniors. Focus should be centered on

lowering those costs when a fixed income is imminent. The possibilities include paying off a mortgage; downsizing a home to have a lower rent or mortgage payment; refinancing a home to a fixed-rate loan so that costs are predictable; and taking on a tenant to offset costs.

- Food: The cost of food will not change dramatically, but it can eat into your budget. Even though food costs may decline when there's only two mouths to feed, food and beverage spending may go up due to more leisure time and dining out. Utilize senior discounts by shopping on days when stores offer percentages off purchases. Save money on restaurant spending by eating out at lunch instead of dinner, splitting plates or skipping appetizers.

- Healthcare: Experts warn that while many expenses decline in retirement, health care spending

increases. According to Fidelity, the average 65-year-old couple retiring in 2020 in the United States needed roughly \$295,000 just to cover their retirement health care expenses. Those with family histories of severe illnesses or those with preexisting conditions will need even more. It's also important to realize that roughly half of the population will need long-term care at some point, offers The Motley Fool, and that requires advanced budgeting as well. Many people find that Medicare supplement plans can bridge the gap in expenses that government-run plans will not cover. Saving through a health savings account (HSA) when employed also can create extra cash on hand for retirement expenses.

Understanding which retirement expenses will be high can help people plan better for the future.

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Nursing home care and the 'look-back period



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Understanding how health plans work and learning about potential financial reviews for nursing home payment qualification is a good idea for anyone concerned about financing their future health care needs.

From Metro

Health care plans provide access to medical care and other necessities and reduce out-of-pocket health-related expenses. Each plan is different, and depending on where you live, your coverage may vary.

People quickly find that many healthcare plans do not include provisions for long-term health care, such as paying for nursing facilities. Understanding how health plans work and learning about potential financial reviews for nursing home pay-

ment qualification is a good idea for anyone concerned about financing their future health care needs.

Health care basics

Canadian citizens or permanent residents of Canada have access to a universal health care system that is paid for through their taxes, according to the Government of Canada. Each province or territory has its own health insurance plan that covers a variety of services.

In the United States, health care is largely privately managed, with most employers offering access to various health coverage plans. Government subsidized plans include Medicare, which is for retirement-age individuals and younger people with disabili-

ties. Medicaid is a joint state- and federally-run government program that provides health coverage to low-income individuals and families.

Just as in the United States, health insurance in Canada does not pay for nursing home care in most cases. In the United States, unless an individual meets low-income criteria, nursing home care is paid for by the resident; otherwise, people who qualify for Medicaid can have their nursing home expenditures paid for by that program. To receive Medicaid assistance, applicants should expect a financial review, including a look-back period.

What is the look-back period?

The senior health, finance and lifestyle resource Senior Living advises that Medicaid is a "last resort" method of financing nursing home costs. Individuals are expected to use other means of payment first and "spend down" their assets. When financial resources dwindle, Medicaid will kick in to provide coverage.

To ensure that individuals simply do not transfer money out of their accounts for nursing home care by their own means, Medicaid requires a look-back period into applicants' finances to determine if there were any violations to rules regarding asset transfers.

Most people engage in some sort of long-term planning to protect a portion of their assets so that they can be used to support spouses or children. According to rules, an applicant is permitted to transfer certain monies to his or her spouse, provided the spouse isn't also applying for long-term care through Medicaid. Most money and tangible asset transfers (check with your state Medicaid office for the most current rules) must have taken place 60 months (5 years) prior to application for Medicaid. Penalties will be instituted when rules are broken, namely gifts or asset transfers that take place within the look-back period. This could delay Medicaid acceptance.

Paying for long-term care can be a complicated business with look-back periods and required spend-downs. It is in a person's best interest to seek the guidance of a financial planner who specializes in elder care to navigate these financial waters.

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When can children brush their own teeth?



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Parents wrestling with their kids' can-do attitude and if it's wise to allow them to brush their teeth unassisted can familiarize themselves with certain guidelines to determine their youngsters' readiness.

From Metro

Parents quickly learn that their children go through a transition marked by a desire to be more independent. They're picking out their own mismatched clothes and no longer want any help when solving puzzles or complex toys. That newfound independence signals getting older and can be a healthy thing to nourish. But what happens when a youngster suddenly believes he or she is capable of brushing his or her teeth without assistance?

Parents wrestling with their kids' can-do attitude

and if it's wise to allow them to brush their teeth unassisted can familiarize themselves with certain guidelines to determine their youngsters' readiness. According to Scripps Pediatric Dentistry & Orthodontics, most kids are at least six years old before they have developed the finesse and dexterity to handle a toothbrush in a manner that will effectively remove plaque. Dentists also may ask if the child can tie his or her own shoes, which can serve as a barometer of readiness to wield a toothbrush without assistance.

Pediatricians and pediat-

ric dentists recommend that children visit a dentist as soon as a child's first tooth starts to appear. This also is when parents should begin to clean their children's teeth. As a child ages, the natural proclivity to want to take charge of brushing teeth takes hold. The child may not yet have the manual dexterity to brush alone, but parents can encourage the child to brush and then go over the teeth as a "double check." This helps foster independence while also ensuring teeth are fully cleaned.

Flossing may require even more dexterity than

brushing, but it is essential for sloughing off plaque that accumulates between teeth and below the gum line, according to Parents magazine. Moms and dads can introduce their children to pre-threaded Y-shaped flossing tools, which are easier to handle than loose floss.

Parents will have to check on children even as they age to be sure they are practicing good oral hygiene. Parents who are in doubt about their children's readiness can work with dentists or dental hygienists to assess skills and get other pointers.

How parents can get kids excited about brushing their teeth

From Metro

Dental hygiene is an important component of a healthy lifestyle, but it's an element youngsters rarely embrace with open arms. Parents know that getting kids, especially young children, to brush their teeth is not always so easy. In recognition of that, the American Dental Association suggests the following strategies to make brushing teeth something kids will look forward to.

- **Make it fun.** Brushing teeth may not be considered a fun activity, but who's to say it can't benefit from a little levity? The ADA recommends turning tooth brushing sessions into dance parties and/or sing-alongs. Youngsters might be so busy cutting a rug or listening to mom and dad belt out a few hits that they don't even realize they're cleaning their teeth

at the same time. If singing and dancing aren't cutting it, then incorporate another fun activity, like reading a child his or her favorite story, into daily brushing sessions. The ADA advises adults and children to brush their teeth for two minutes twice a day, so activities need not be too advanced. But a fun activity that allows kids to do something other than brush their teeth can be a great way to help them meet the "two minutes, two times" guideline.

- **Reward good behavior.** Parents can reward youngsters who brush their teeth without incident by offering praise or allowing them to pick a bedtime book when brushing at night.

- **Put kids' favorite characters to work.** The ADA notes that many popular children's television shows and books have stories about brushing teeth. Watch these

stories with your children, then reference the stories and characters if kids are reluctant to brush their teeth. Parents also can find toothbrushes and/or toothpaste that feature kids' favorite characters to get youngsters more excited to brush.

- **Become a storyteller.** Parents also can make up their own stories, explaining to kids how they can be superheroes who brush away the bad guys that cause cavities.

- **Brush alongside your children.** Kids love to mimic their parents, so moms and dads can brush alongside their youngsters in the hopes they'll follow suit.

Many children may never jump at the chance to brush their teeth. But parents can employ a few savvy strategies to make daily brushing sessions more fun for youngsters.



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The American Dental Association suggests the following strategies to make brushing teeth something kids will look forward to.

Make the dentist a fun experience for the kids

From Metro

Visits to the dentist for periodic cleanings and checkups are an important component of oral hygiene. Dentists also may be the first people to identify potential issues that can affect health elsewhere in the body.

Many people are unaware that children should visit the dentist early in their lives. The American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry recommends that a child should visit the dentist by age one or within six months of the eruption of his or her first tooth. However, many parents wait until much later — age two or three — to take kids to the dentist, offers Delta Dental Plans. Hesitance to visit the dentist may stem from personal fears or perceived reactions by children.

Primary teeth may eventually fall out, but they shouldn't be ignored. They save space for permanent teeth and serve other functions. Therefore, parents should begin to acclimate children to the dentist at a

young age to make the experience fun and even enjoyable.

Lead by example

Children who witness their parents putting off going to the dentist or being apprehensive about visiting the dentist may develop their own fears. Always paint the dentist in a positive light and keep appointments.

Focus on the good aspects

Talk up all the benefits of going to the dentist, such as having a squeaky clean and fresh mouth. Many hygienists will hand out small toys after a successful visit, or at the least a great new toothbrush and other fun products to try.

Get a tour of the office

Ask the staff if your child can get a special tour of the office with explanations of all the tools and equipment. Understanding what to expect the next time around

in a no-pressure situation can make the process much easier for everyone involved. The dentist may be able to also give a test ride on the exam chair, moving it up and down, as well as showing off the water fountain and oral irrigator.

Avoid giving false hope

Do not tell a child that "everything will be OK" at the dentist's office. If a child needs treatment that may be uncomfortable, he or she may not trust you the next time a dental visit is scheduled, according to Joel H. Berg, D.D.S., M.S., Director of the Department of Dentistry at Seattle Children's Hospital. Avoid words like "shots," "pain," "hurt," or even "cavities." Dentists, particularly pediatric dentists, may have their own vocabulary that can assuage fears and seem less alarming to kids.

Over time, dental visits can become an easy routine with children, setting them up for a lifetime of healthy mouths and teeth.



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COMPLETION

County	Well Name	Section Township Range	Operator	Location	Depth	Barrels of Oil Per	
						Day	MCF
CARTER	COX PENN SAND UNIT 201	16-02S-02W	CITATION OIL & GAS CORP	NE	1781	30	0
DEWEY	CHAIN 20-29-1XH	20-18N-14W	DERBY EXPLORATION LLC	SW	18160	239	5146
GARVIN	CONDIT 7-5-32XHW	32-03N-04W	CONTINENTAL RESOURCES INC	NE	23261	172	5507
GARVIN	CONDIT 6-5-32XHW	32-03N-04W	CONTINENTAL RESOURCES INC	NE	23471	251	6961
KINGFISHER	BOB ALLEN 19-08-35 1MH	35-19N-08W	CHISHOLM OIL & GAS OPER	NW	13050	103	133
LOVE	PRICE 1-34H27X	27-07S-02E	XTO ENERGY INC	NW	25742	294	2058
MCCLAIN	TOMCAT 1-21	21-05N-04W	RED ROCKS OIL & GAS OPER	SW	12239	62	118
STEPHENS	FORREST 3-5-8-17XHW	17-02N-04W	CONTINENTAL RESOURCES INC	NW	22955	169	5020
STEPHENS	FORREST 6-5-8-17XHW	17-02N-04W	CONTINENTAL RESOURCES INC	NE	23075	209	5178
STEPHENS	FORREST 7-5-8-17XHW	17-02N-04W	CONTINENTAL RESOURCES INC	NE	22643	55	3056
STEPHENS	FORREST 4-5-8-17XHW	17-02N-04W	CONTINENTAL RESOURCES INC	NW	22229	205	6607
STEPHENS	CONDIT 4-5-8-17XHW	17-02N-04W	CONTINENTAL RESOURCES INC	NW	26317	43	5468
TULSA	MTR 18-A	34-22N-13E	MID CONTINENT ENERGY OPER	NE	1195	0	0

POOLING

County	Section Township Range	Operator
BECKHAM	35-11N-25W	BCE MACH II LLC
GARVIN	07-03N-03W	CASILLAS PETROLEUM RESOUR
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GARVIN	11-04N-04W	RED ROCKS OIL & GAS OPER
GRADY	31-06N-05W	CONTINENTAL RESOURCES INC
SEMINOLE	08-07N-07E	DJF SERVICES INC

MULTI UNIT

County	Section Township Range	Operator
*None		

INCREASED DENSITY

County	Section Township Range	Operator
*None		

SPACING

County	Section Township Range	Operator
SEMINOLE	08-07N-07E	DJF SERVICES INC

INTENT TO DRILL

County	Well Name	Section Township Range	Operator	Location	Depth
COAL	HB 3-14/11H	23-02N-09E	CANYON CREEK ENERGY ARKOM	NE SW NE NW	1900
COAL	HB 4-14/11H	23-02N-09E	CANYON CREEK ENERGY ARKOM	NE SW NE NW	1900
GRADY	WRIGHT 2H-25-36	36-10N-08W	CITIZEN ENERGY III LLC	SW SE SW SE	19755
JACKSON	CARDER 1	02-01N-20W	FULCRUM EXPLORATION LLC	SW NE SW SW	1800
JACKSON	CARDER 2	02-01N-20W	FULCRUM EXPLORATION LLC	SE SW NW SW	1800
JACKSON	CARDER 5	02-01N-20W	FULCRUM EXPLORATION LLC	NE SE SW SW	1800
KAY	OTTO 1-19	19-27N-02E	TRUEVINE OPERATING LLC	NW SE NE SE	4400
KAY	OTTO 3-33	33-26N-02E	AEXCO PETROLEUM INC	SW NE SW NW	4475
KINGFISHER	EMORY 1708 4H-15X	15-17N-08W	OVINTIV MID CONTINENT INC	NE NW NE NW	18544
KINGFISHER	EMORY 1708 5H-15X	15-17N-08W	OVINTIV MID CONTINENT INC	NW NE NW NW	18409
KINGFISHER	POLLARD 35-18-6 1H	35-18N-06W	BEC MACH III LLC	SW SE SE SE	12326
MCCLAIN	JJ HARRISON 1-31	31-05N-03W	RED ROCKS OIL & GAS OPER	N2 S2 SW NW	11145
POTTAWATOMIE	STATE 2-16	16-08N-03E	ARROWHEAD ENERGY INC	C S2 SE SW	5200

LOCATION EXCEPTION

County	Section Township Range	Operator	County	Section Township Range	Operator
ALFALFA	36-27N-12W	CHAPARRAL ENERGY LLC	KINGFISHER	32-18N-05W	BCE MACH III LLC
CARTER	16-01S-03W	CONTINENTAL RESOURCES INC	ROGER MILLS	20-16N-22W	PRESIDIO PETROLEUM LLC
CARTER	21-01S-03W	CONTINENTAL RESOURCES INC			



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Morgan Wilson



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