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Wright Wradio Welcomes "LawDog" Chuck Ramsey

Chase Wright
Staff Writer

We'd like to give a warm western Oklahoma welcome to Chuck Ramsey, the new Sports & News Assistant for Wright WRADIO! You might have heard Chuck broadcasting the play-by-play for basketball during this season. Shortly after the season's end, Chuck officially joined the team full-time and explained, "I knew years ago that I wanted to join the Wright WRADIO team."

Chuck has always been an avid listener and fan of radio, specifically talk radio. His passion grew and in 1988 when he began college, he knew he wanted to pursue a career in radio. Life had other plans and presented an alternative opportunity. Fresh out of college, he accepted a position as a police officer in Oklahoma City. However, he still had a radio itch that needed to be scratched.

So, Chuck did some part-time work remotely with

station KSEY out of Seymore, TX, and he worked with iHeart Radio in OKC. Chuck felt fortunate "to learn a lot before I ever became a full time radio person." And part of the experience involved getting to work on the Friday Night Finals with the Oklahoma News Network.

Chuck retired from the OKC Police Department last year after 29 years, and together, with his wife, they moved out and found their home in Thomas, OK. Both he and his wife are from small towns (she is from western Oklahoma), and they knew they wanted a more rural setting - and in particular, community-based radio.

"We're excited to start this new chapter of our lives," Chuck explained. "In the time I did basketball play-by-play, so many of the students and their families have welcomed us in with open arms".

Chuck is a friendly and social person, so make sure to come up and say 'Hello' at his next sports event!



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Pork-A-Palooza took place this past weekend At Southwestern Oklahoma State University. Clark Crew out of Oklahoma City took home the Grand Champion prize scoring 699.95 points in the competition. Clark Crew also won 1st prize for their brisket as well as runner-up for their ribs.

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Chester "Chet" Manderscheid

Funeral Services for Chester "Chet" Manderscheid, 87, Clinton resident were held 10:00 A.M., April 15, 2022, in the Kiesau Memorial Chapel, officiated by Patrick Peters. Burial concluded in the Clinton Cemetery with Military honors and under the direction of the Kiesau Lee Funeral Home.



Chester Ross Manderscheid was born March 19, 1935, to Ivan and Bertha (Cope) Manderscheid in Seiling, OK and passed away Monday, April 11, 2022, in the Clinton Veterans Center.

Chester was raised and attended school in the Seiling and Oakwood areas. He graduated from Harding Academy in Harding, AR in 1953. He soon enlisted in the U.S. Army in March of 1954 and was honorably discharged in March of 1957. He was married to Evelyn Delores Whealy on August 17, 1957.

He lived in Seattle, WA and worked for Boeing Aircraft before moving back to Oklahoma in 1963. He lived on his parent's farm before moving on to Clinton where he worked for Bills Bakery, R. C. Cola and for the U.S. Postal Service for several years. He also drove a truck cross-country before retiring in 1997. After his retirement he continued to do farm labor.

He was a longtime member of the Church of Christ; he was a collector of many things; he loved to ride motorcycles, and he enjoyed being a part of the Round up Club and riding horses.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and his wife.

He is survived by his two daughters: Cheryl Lowder, of Clinton and Catherine Marie Sprague and husband Victor, of Ewart MI; son Mark Ross Manderscheid and wife Lula, of Guthrie, OK; sister, Ivanna Livingston, of Clinton.

He is also survived by six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

direction of the Kiesau-Lee Funeral Home.

Mark William Holland was born May 25, 1959, to Johnny B. Holland and Sue Carrol (Meador) Holland in Sparvillo, KS and passed away early Monday, April 4, 2022, in his Clinton home.

Mark spent his childhood and attended school in Colorado. He enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1978 and was honorably discharged in 1982. He moved to Clinton, OK in 2000. He was employed with Asplundh Tree Service and for the past 8 years with Custer County. He married Mary Ellen Hullett on July 15, 2006, in Clinton.

He enjoyed gardening and working in his flower garden, doing carpentry work, and he could do anything with his hands. He liked sports and was an avid Oklahoma University Fan. He loved cook outs with his family where they would play corn hole and horseshoes. He also loved to go to the river where they would jeep ride.

Mark is preceded in death by his parents and a nephew Gregory Holland.

He is survived by his wife Mary Holland of the home, two daughters: Terin Smith and husband Mike, Arlington, Washington; Kenna DeLrosa and husband Dillon, Marysville, WA; son Erik Holland, Everett, WA; stepdaughter, Step-Son Jason Hulett and fiancé Katie Parker, Arapaho, OK; Amber Uribe and husband Jose, Clinton; two sisters: Twana Holland Pinick and husband Jeff, Cedro Wolley, WA; and Melody Schafer and husband Ed, Spokane, WA., 2 brothers-in-law John Hulett and wife Sue, Charles Hulett and wife Susan of Clinton, along with several nieces and nephews.

He is also survived by grandchildren Lilly Smith, Wade Smith, Mason DeLrosa, Lance Hulett, Lachelle Hulett, Ayra Hulett, Tyler Menasco, Madilyn Menasco, Kaycee Menasco, Briana Uribe and Braidyn Uribe.

Virginia Marie Jantz

July 12, 1941–April 6, 2022

Virginia Marie Jantz, 80, of Columbia, Missouri, entered eternal rest on Wednesday, April 6, 2022, at University of Missouri Hospital in Columbia, following a brief illness.



Virginia was born in Pismo Beach, California, on July 12, 1941, to Nina Marie Lee, housewife, and Alfred Ervin Schenewolf, welder. She graduated from Clinton High School in 1959, and then on April 11, 1964, Virginia married Eugene Ray Jantz at the Broadway Heights Baptist Church in Clinton, Oklahoma.

Virginia's fondest memories were of riding horses and rodeo in her youth, working at Midland Theater during her high school years and a very special trip to California with her friend Ovada to see her brother Ervin. She worked for Dr. Winchester O.D. until she married. Gene and Virginia traveled with the line crew until 1965 when they moved back to Clinton to raise their family and later moved to Weatherford. After their divorce Virginia moved back to Clinton and was a data entry clerk for Collins and Aikman until her retirement. She then moved to Wyoming for a short time as she loved being close to

her grandchildren. The next move was to Missouri to be close to Carl, Kathi, Logan, and Derek. She returned to work for several years at Pepsi Co/Frito Lay. She retired when her health started to decline. She enjoyed watching her grandson's activities in Missouri and cheered from a far for the Wyoming grandkids. They were her greatest joy! She will be affectionately remembered for her love of sewing, cooking, crocheting and a great love of animals.

Those left to cherish her memory are her daughter Katherine (Cliff) Wilhelm of Lingle, Wyoming; her son Carl (Katharine) Jantz of Columbia, Missouri; her seven grandchildren: Jason, Josh, Carly, Jesse, Jace, Logan, and Derek; 6 great-grandchildren; and her sister Alfreda (Billy) Wells, of Clinton, Oklahoma, and many nieces and nephews.

Virginia was preceded in death by her parents; her brother Ervin Schenewolf; and her sister, Ruth Ann Wagner.

Visitation....A service was held at Kiesau Lee Funeral Home on Saturday April 16th at 10:00 am. With interment following the Clinton Cemetery. Buck Nicholson will be officiating.

In lieu of flowers please donate to your local animal shelter in Virginia's name

Virginia "Gina" Thompson

Funeral Services for Virginia "Gina" Thompson, 73, Cordell resident were held 10:00 A.M., Monday, April 18, 2022, in the Kiesau Memorial Chapel, officiated by Ronnie McGee. Burial will follow in the Lawnview Cemetery in Cordell, OK under the direction of the Kiesau-Lee Funeral Home.



Virginia Lee (Little) Thompson was born September 7, 1948, to George W. Little and Beulah Mae (Nease) Thompson in Greensburg, KS and passed away Wednesday, April 13, 2022, in her home in Cordell, OK.

Gina was raised in Greensburg, KS where she graduated high school in 1967. She married Robert "Bob" Lee Thompson on May 27, 1967, in Greensburg. They traveled for several years with work before settling in Oklahoma. She attended Burns Flat Tech School and earned her Licensed Practical Nursing Certificate in the early 90's. She has worked in home health for several years as well as hospice.

She was an avid pianist and painter, she liked to work in her flowers and garden and loved her animals.

She was preceded in death by her parents, and brother Bill Little.

She is survived by her husband Bob of the home, daughter Misty Garling and husband Kenneth, Elk City, OK, son Lee Thompson and wife Tabby, Cordell, OK; sister Harriet White, Bellavista, AR.

She is also survived by six grandchildren: Rhett Jones, Alexa Thompson, Kenneth Garling, Jr., Ruben Garling, Bobbi Davis and Haley Symons and 11 great-grandchildren.

Mark W. Holland

Chapel Services for Mark W. Holland, 62, Clinton resident were held 2: 00, P.M. Friday, April 8, 2022, in the Kiesau Memorial Chapel, officiated by Daniel Mosburg. Burial will follow in the Mound Valley Cemetery in Thomas, OK under the



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SWOSU High Powered Rocketry Team Wins 2022 Argonia Cup National Competition

Southwestern Oklahoma State University's Rocket Dawgs won the 2022 Argonia Cup, a national competition in high-power rocketry, held in Argonia (KS).

The win is impressive after competing against 18 teams from across the nation that included teams from Oklahoma State University, University of Oklahoma, Auburn University, University of Missouri, Kansas State University and others.

The goal for the competition is to launch a rocket powered vehicle containing a golf ball payload to an altitude in excess of 8,000 feet and to recover the payload safely at a predetermined location on the rocket range. Closest distance to the target landing spot determined the winner, and SWOSU came out on top.

SWOSU improved on their 2021 performance when they finished second in the nation, losing in a close battle with a team from Oklahoma State University. In this year's competition, SWOSU got revenge, winning the competition while the team from OSU finished third.

Faculty mentor for the team is Dr. Wayne Trail of the SWOSU Chemistry & Physics Department.



Provided
Southwestern Oklahoma State University's Rocket Dawgs recently won the 2022 Argonia Cup, a national competition in high-power rocketry. Members of the team are (front from left): Daniel Gassen (industry mentor), Kaitlyn Schrick, Chris Svebek (team captain), Andres Arrieta, Emma Bollinger, Jessica Massey and Riley Smith. Back from left--Mason Hart, Brock Mason (industry mentor), Ben Smith, Dr. Wayne Trail (faculty mentor), Tayler Valdez, and Dan Major (Oklahoma Tripoli Rocketry member).

SWOSU students on the team were: Mason Hart, Brock Mason, (industry mentor), Ben Smith, Tayler Valdez, Dan Major (Oklahoma Tripoli Rocketry member), Daniel Gassen (industry mentor), Kaitlyn Schrick, Chris Svebek (team captain), Andres Arrieta, Emma Bollinger, Jessica Massey and Riley Smith.

The SWOSU Physics and Engineering Club Rocket Dawgs was funded primarily by the Oklahoma NASA Space Grant Consortium through Professor Madeline Baugher as well as by the SWOSU Department of Chemistry & Physics.

"The Coin Guy" Collecting Shipwreck Coins



Peter Jones is a collector who specializes in coins liberated from old shipwrecks. He has written a book detailing his adventures with coins from long ago.

The idea of finding and collecting coins from old shipwrecks is a new idea. Since the 1960's when metal detectors, and scuba diving became more common, finding and salvaging shipwreck coins became more viable.

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SWOSU Winless to The Wonder Boys of Arkansas Tech

Jon Chidester
SWOSU Assistant AD/Media Relations

Baseball came up winless on Friday in day one of the weekend conference series against Arkansas Tech, leaving 12 base runners stranded in the opener and falling in an extra inning pitcher's duel in the nightcap.

The series will conclude tomorrow at noon for the third and final game. SWOSU sits just outside of the current top-8 conference rankings and will need to find their way inside of the list to qualify for the postseason tournament. They can help their cause with a win tomorrow.

Senior Zach Baxley also returned to the lineup Friday after missing 20 games due to injury. In his return, he batted 4-8 with a home run.

GAME ONE – ATU 9, SWOSU 3

Tech got to starting pitcher Dakota Jones early to start the day off and had SWOSU playing from behind the rest of the way. Back-to-back home runs made the score 4-0 after one inning and Jones did not return for the second.

He was relieved by Rafael Perez-Guzman who threw the next 6.0 innings. Perez-Guzman allowed

four runs in his outing, though none were earned after two costly errors in the second and third innings caused the damage.

Baxley got the Dawgs on the board in the fifth with a solo home run to center field to make the score 5-1, but Tech immediately pushed the margin back to 8-1 with three of their own in the home half.

RBIs from Enzo Bonventre and Ramon Vingochea chipped into the lead in the fifth, but that would cap off SWOSU's scoring for the game.

Three errors and 12 stranded base runners were the story of game one. Miguel Soto led the offense with a 4-5 performance at the dish. Matt Hopkins pitched an inning in the eighth.

GAME TWO – ATU 2, SWOSU 1 (8 inn.)

The second game was a pitching duel. Starting pitcher Nate Postlethwait threw the entire way, picking up the tough loss after Arkansas Tech delivered the walk-off base knock in the eighth to end the night.

Bonventre put the Dawgs ahead 1-0 early with an RBI single in the first. Tech answered in the fourth with an RBI single of their own. The Wonder Boys



could have gotten more that inning but with runners on first and second with one out, Postlethwait induced a ground ball double play to get out of it.

Offense was at a premium the rest of the way. In the seventh, SWOSU sacrifice bunted Alex Rice to second base after he led off the inning with a single. He would not score though, after two-straight ground balls ended the inning.

The bottom of the eighth's sequence was as follows: single-sac bunt-intentional walk-walk-strikeout-RBI single to end it. With two outs and the bases loaded, Tech got the job done with a single up the middle.

Postlethwait finished with seven strikeouts and four walks in 7.2 innings of work. Baxley led the offense with a 3-4 showing.

SWOSU Softball Drops Game Three vs ATU

Jon Chidester
SWOSU Assistant AD/Media Relations

SWOSU Softball fell to Arkansas Tech 7-1 at home on Friday in the final game of the conference series. Despite leading 1-0 early, the offense was unable to score any more runs on the afternoon and



managed just two hits against Tech's ace pitcher.

ATU took the lead in the second inning with a pair of runs, extended the lead in the third with one more, and dealt the final blow in the seventh with four runs on three hits and three walks.

SWOSU's run in the first inning came after an Arkansas Tech blunder. With two outs, Dani Carmo hit a ground ball back to the pitcher who sailed her throw past the first basemen which allowed Maddie Rahon to score from third base.

Rahon singled and scored in the first inning and finished 1-2 on the day. She was one of two hits SWOSU would collect in the game, the other being a Jewell Lee single

in the sixth.

The Golden Suns pitcher threw a complete game and struck out eight SWOSU batters.

Kaylee Barkley had success in relief of Alisa Friesen. After Tech scored two in the second, Barkley entered and pitched 6.0 innings and held the opposition to three runs the rest of the way. Brianna Cryer made a short appearance in the seventh, but Barkley reentered the circle to close the game out.

The Dawgs will travel on their last road trip next week to Harding, before returning to Weatherford the following week to host Arkansas Monticello in the final regular season series.

Michael and Morgan Hart Make Generous Gift to SWOSU Football

Southwestern Oklahoma State University (SWOSU) with locations in Weatherford, Sayre and Yukon has announced a major charitable gift commitment to the SWOSU football program.

The generous gift has been made by Michael Hart (SWOSU Class of 2006) and his wife, Morgan Hart.

Michael graduated from Putnam City West High School and played football at SWOSU. Michael lettered in football at SWOSU every year; he led the Bulldogs in NCAA career tackles until 2017 and

was team captain during his senior year. Following graduation from SWOSU, Michael worked for American Fidelity in Arkansas, Colorado and Michigan before returning to Oklahoma to lead the company's brokerage division. In June 2020, Michael joined Dillingham Benefits as an employee benefits consultant.

He currently serves as a trustee of the SWOSU Foundation, Inc. where he chairs the Investment Committee. He also sits on the governing board of the Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma and is president-elect of the SWOSU Athletic Association.

Morgan Hart is a native of Pauls Valley and completed her undergraduate work at Oklahoma State University in 2008. Morgan has been employed as marketing director for Foundation Surgery Affiliates in Oklahoma City and led marketing efforts for Oklahoma City's One Million Pounds campaign under then-Mayor Mick Cornett. Morgan has also worked as a realtor for the largest real estate brokerage in southeast Michigan.

The Harts are members of the SWOSU Tomorrows planned giving society. They are proud parents of a

daughter, Becklynn, and a son, Walker. The family resides in Edmond.

"We are so very grateful to the Harts and their incredibly generous ongoing support of SWOSU football," SWOSU Head Football Coach Josh Kirkland said. "Michael and Morgan have demonstrated time and again their belief in the positive impact of college athletic programs on our SWOSU students."

Additional opportunities for charitable giving to SWOSU athletics are available. For more information, please contact SWOSU Athletic Advancement Coordinator Allie Hoang at Allison.hoang@swosu.edu, 580-774-3267.



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LOCAL & AREA NEWS



WHS Criminology and Forensics Class Stages Mock Murder With Weatherford Police



Chad Gray/WW
(Pictured above) The WHS Criminology & Forensics class enters a mock crime scene located at the Weatherford Cemetery. The mock murder was staged in cooperation with the Weatherford Police Department. (Pictured Left) Teacher Dennis Seifred and his students look on at the decapitated body of the mock murder victim. Students had to piece evidence and clues from two crime scenes to solve the murder.

DEWEY CO DISTRICT COURT/SECHRIST- An Apache man charged with two counts of first degree murder in Dewey County District Court is scheduled to stand trial this fall. thirty-four year old Tye Sechrist is scheduled for a 2 week jury trial, beginning October 11th in connection with the shooting deaths of a Leedey EMT and her sister-in-law. forty-four year old Angel Boyd and thirty-one year old Stacy Boyd were shot to death at the Leedey ambulance barn last September. A pre-trial hearing is planned for September 12th.

WEATHERFORD SB/NEW SCHOOLS- Weatherford Schools Superintendent Jill Henderson says construction of two new elementary schools in the district continues to move forward on schedule. West Elementary is still projected to be ready for occupancy at the beginning of the next school year. East Intermediate is projected to be ready for students around thanksgiving.

SWOSU/ENDOWMENT- Southwestern Oklahoma State University has announced the creation of the Dr. Gerry & Phyllis Church Scholarship Fund. The fund has been generously endowed by Dr. Gerald Church of Mustang and represents SWOSU's first-ever scholarship endowment created to benefit the SWOSU Department of Mathematics. Church served as a Professor of Mathematics at SWOSU from 1966-2000.

CUSTER CO DIST COURT/EHIEMUA- The Attorneys representing a Weatherford man charged in Custer County District Court with first degree attempted robbery, assault & battery with a dangerous weapon and conspiracy to commit robbery have been allowed with withdraw from the case. Twenty-one year-old Kingsley Ehiemua has been ordered to appear for an attorney date on April 25th

and new counsel shall be prepared to proceed with a five day jury trial beginning May 16th. Ehiemua is charged in connection with a shooting where he and the victim were both shot during an incident at an apartment complex on East University Drive in October of 2020.

WEATHERFORD/ARPA FUNDS- Weatherford Economic Development Director Yolanda Creswell says the city has applied for around \$11 million in ARPA monies for various projects in the city. Creswell says the city has received a \$12,000 grant for expenses, surrounding a walking trail near the new Stafford Air & Space Museum Park.

CUSTER COUNTY DIST COURT/WHITE/BARRIER- Two North Carolina men are charged in Custer County District Court with trafficking illegal drugs. Nineteen-year-old Zane Marshall White and twenty-three year-old Sammy Ray Barrier were allegedly found in possession of approximately 41 pounds of marijuana.



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Weck and Baxley Receive Bulldogs of the Week



Jon Chidester
SWOSU Assistant AD/Media Relations

A pair of seniors, Gregor Weck and Zach Baxley, have been named the latest Bulldogs of the Week. The award is brought to you by Wright Radio, the voice of SWOSU Athletics heard on both 95.5 'The Coyote' and 100.3 'Coyote Classic.'

Weck (Wiesbaden, Germany) shot the lowest score of any golfer at the Great American Conference Championships last week, a 4-under 68 in his second round, that helped lift him to a second-place finish overall in the tournament. He and the Bulldogs were tied for the lead with Henderson State at the conclusion of the event but lost the playoff hole to finish second at the conference tournament – their best finish since the 2014-15 season.

Baxley (Wichita, Kansas) returned to the lineup this weekend against Arkansas Tech after missing the past 20 games due to injury. In his debut, he belted a home run to dead center field in game one and followed that up with a 3-for-4 performance in game two that included a double. On the weekend, he finished with a .500 batting average. SWOSU is currently on the outside looking in for the postseason but has two weekends remaining to make up ground.

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There will be limited parking at the intersection of Lyle and Arapaho for spectators wanting to watch the promenade in person. If that becomes full, spectators are asked to park at other locations within Rader Park and walk to bleachers located near the prom building entrance. The main and overflow entrances are for prom students only who are participating in the promenade. In the event of inclement weather, the promenade will proceed as planned except students will drive through the old show barn, just south of the new building, and will enter the prom building via covered walkway. For inclement weather procedures, bleachers would be moved inside the old show barn.

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The Easter Story

IN EVIL LONG I TOOK DELIGHT... by John Newton, also author of "Amazing Grace"

In evil long I took delight
Unawed by shame or fear.
Till a new object struck my sight
And stopped my wild career.
I saw one hanging on a tree,
In agony and blood.
Who fixed His languid eyes on me,
As near His cross I stood.
Sure never til my final breath
Can I forget that look:
It seemed to charge me with His death,
Though not a word He spoke.
My conscience fell and owned the guilt,

It plunged me despair;
I saw my sins His blood had split,
And helped to nail Him there.
Alas I knew not what I did!
But now my tears are vain:
Where shall my trembling soul be hid?
For I the Lord have slain!
A second look He gave, which said.
"I freely all forgive;
This blood is for thy ransom paid.
I die, that you may live."
Thus, while His death my sin displays
In all its blackest hue,
Such is the mystery of grace,
It seals my pardon too.
With pleasing grief and mournful joy,
My spirit now is filled,
That I should such a life destroy,
Yet live by Him I killed.

Most of us are familiar with the hymn, Amazing Grace, written by John Newton. Yet few are aware of another hymn by the former slave trader. Newton was so adept at writing poetry that was set to music that he is said to write one to go with his sermon each Sunday.

On this day so commercialized and misunderstood by the world, let us once again ponder these words by John Newton. He died in my place. He took upon himself my sins that I might receive his righteousness. (II Cor. 5:21) What a Savior! Indeed I helped to nail him there. The Scriptures say, "...for the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning/despising the shame." (Heb. 12:2) Oh, how the world laughs at this. We tip our hat to God without kneeling in submission and worship. We buy the latest fashions and hunt eggs. The cross and resurrection is either the greatest hoax known to man or indeed the only real truth worth knowing. The idea of forgiveness of sin and a personal relationship with the Creator of the Universe is nothing to take lightly. No other religion comes close to the magnificence of this truth. This truth has caused men and women to cross oceans with no assurance that they will see their family again; in agony burying spouses and children on foreign soil in order to share the good news that there is a Savior who will set men free from captivity to their sin. Hallelujah! What a Savior! Oh, and He is coming again. Not as a criminal Crowned with thorns but one crowned with glory to take His children home. Are you ready?

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Applications open for OKDHS Energy Crisis Assistance Program



Oklahoma Human Services (OKDHS) is now accepting online applications for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) Energy Crisis Assistance Program (ECAP) at OKDHSLive.org.

ECAP Eligibility:

Households which have received a 72-hour cut-off notice at the time of application or an active cut-off order from their utility provider

Written notice from their utility provider for new service establishment or service restoration with minimum requirement security deposit, carryover debt or other fees

Written notice from their utility provider for refusing to deliver additional fuel without a minimum requirement payment

Verification from the utility provider that the household entered into a payment plan to prevent service cut off

Apply online at OKDHSLive.org
Tribal members:

Households with a member who is Native American may apply through OKDHSLive.org or through their tribal nation. Households cannot receive assistance from both OKDHS and their tribe during the same federal fiscal year.

ECAP payment:
If eligible, households will be authorized for a one-time payment for the minimum amount required to resolve the crisis. Only one annual payment per household is allowed for LIHEAP ECAP, with the total payment capped at \$750 maximum (including both energy crisis and life-threatening medical) for each LIHEAP eligible household per federal fiscal year calendar.

Household definition:
"Household" is defined as individuals living "under the same roof" with one utility meter.

Information needed to apply for ECAP:
Most recent utility bill for their home from the utility provider

ID (such as a driver's license)
Social Security number

Verification of income
Household size
Available resources

Responsibility for payment of home energy (households are not eligible for LIHEAP if the utility bill is paid directly to the energy provider by someone who does not reside at the residence)

Maximum monthly gross income allowed:

Size of Household	Allowable Monthly Gross Income
1	\$ 1,396
2	\$ 1,888
3	\$ 2,379
4	\$ 2,871
5	\$ 3,363
6	\$ 3,855
7	\$ 4,347
8	\$ 4,839

Persons applying should have the most recent utility bill information for their home, their ID, social security number and verification of income and available resources. For additional information and to apply LIHEAP/ECAP, visit OKDHSLive.org.

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April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month



April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month. This month and throughout the year, the Oklahoma State Department of Health (OSDH) and its community partners encourage all individuals and organizations to play a role in making Oklahoma a safer place for children and families.

By ensuring that parents have the knowledge, skills, and resources they need to care for their children, we can help promote the social and emotional well-being of children and youth and prevent child maltreatment within families and communities. Protective factors are the strengths and resources families draw on during difficult times to shield them from life's stresses. Research shows that when parents possess protective factors, the risk for neglect and abuse diminish and optimal outcomes for children, youth and families are promoted.

Major protective factors include knowledge of parenting and child development, parental resilience, social connections and concrete supports.

Thousands of Oklahoma children suffer abuse and neglect each year. According to the Oklahoma State Department of Human Services, there were 14,466 substantiated child abuse and neglect victims in Oklahoma in 2021.

"These statistics remind us that every possible effort, no matter how simple, should be made to prevent child abuse in Oklahoma," said Sherie Trice, OSDH community child abuse prevention grant coordinator.

"We encourage every citizen to 'do one thing' to protect children and strengthen families. Even small gestures, like offering to help a struggling parent by providing an extra set of hands at the supermarket, can make a difference in reducing stress and make life a little easier for families and children."

Oklahomans can participate in National Child Abuse Prevention Month in a variety of ways, including wearing blue to support

prevention, decorating a tree with blue ribbons, or participate in the YMCA's Five Days of Action. A complete list of activities is available online.

For additional information about child abuse prevention activities in April or how to get involved in your community throughout the year, contact a local county health department or OSDH Family Support and Prevention Services at (405) 426-8060.

The Oklahoma State Department of Health (OSDH) protects and improves public health through its system of local health services and strategies focused on preventing disease. OSDH provides technical support and guidance to 68 county health departments in Oklahoma, as well as guidance and consultation to the two independent city-county health departments in Oklahoma City and Tulsa. Learn more at Oklahoma.gov/health.

OSDH Shares Tips on Safely Raising Backyard Poultry

Each year, as spring arrives, many people begin or continue raising backyard poultry flocks. These flocks have been gaining in popularity over the past several years and interest in them continues to grow.

"The Oklahoma State Department of Health (OSDH) wants to remind flock owners to learn about and practice essential prevention measures to minimize the risk of disease transmission, known as biosecurity," said LeMac Morris, the State's Public Health Veterinarian. "Biosecurity practices are vital in protecting not only your own birds, but neighboring flocks as well as our nation's commercial poultry industry, from diseases like highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI)."

HPAI is an influenza virus that can cause severe illness and sudden death in chickens. Wild birds are also susceptible to HPAI but are more resistant to the virus and rarely show signs of illness. However, while wild birds may appear healthy they can be carriers of HPAI which is deadly to domestic birds.

Chickens exposed to wild birds carrying the HPAI virus are at greatest risk for developing this disease that can quickly become widespread to backyard and commercial flocks. Although rare, there are cases where humans have been infected.

"These are reasons why biosecurity practices are important for both commercial flock and backyard flock owners," said Morris. "An outbreak in a backyard flock could threaten commercial

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flocks due to the human factor. For instance, the individual who delivers propane, the feed truck driver or the person who works on the commercial operation can carry the virus from their own backyard flock to a commercial flock resulting in outbreak that may infect millions of birds.”

Examples of biosecurity practices to protect backyard flocks include, don't set up bird feeders near chicken coops, keep feed covered to protect it from exposure to wild birds and rodents, avoid wearing boots and clothes used to bird hunt when caring for domestic birds and, if possible, house birds in a pen that prevents wild birds and predators from entering.

It is also important to practice good hygiene and monitor children who are interacting with poultry by following

these safety tips:

Never eat, drink or put anything in your mouth while handling poultry.

Wash hands with soap and water immediately after handling any type of bird. If soap and water are not available, use a hand sanitizer with at least 62 percent ethyl alcohol.

Do not wash animal food and water dishes from a backyard poultry flock in the kitchen sink.

Do not let children younger than five years of age handle or touch chicks, ducklings, or other live poultry without supervision. Children younger than five years of age are more likely to get sick from exposure to germs like Salmonella.

Symptoms of Salmonella are diarrhea, fever, abdominal pain, headache, muscle aches, nausea and sometimes

vomiting. Blood is sometimes found in the stool. The illness usually lasts four to seven days, but can last as long as two weeks.

“Following good biosecurity and hygiene practices can make a backyard flock a safe and enjoyable experience,” said Morris. “Raising poultry is a great 4-H or FFA project for youth and of course there is nothing better than home grown eggs for breakfast.”

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FDA Authorizes First COVID-19 Diagnostic Test Using Breath Samples



(AP Photo/Manuel Balce Ceneta)

A sign for the Food and Drug Administration is seen in Silver Spring, Md., on Thursday, Dec. 10, 2020. On Wednesday, March 30, 2022, federal health advisers narrowly ruled against an experimental drug for the debilitating illness known as Lou Gehrig's disease, a potential setback for patient groups who lobbied for the medication's approval. A majority of advisers to the FDA voted 6-4 that a single study from Amylyx Pharmaceuticals failed to establish the drug's effectiveness in treating the deadly neurodegenerative disease known also as ALS, for amyotrophic lateral sclerosis.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration issued an emergency use authorization (EUA) for the first COVID-19 diagnostic test that detects chemical compounds in breath samples associated with a SARS-CoV-2 infection. The test can be performed in environments where the patient specimen is both collected and analyzed, such as doctor's offices, hospitals and mobile testing sites, using an instrument about the size of a piece of carry-on luggage. The test is performed by a qualified, trained operator under the supervision of a health care provider licensed or authorized by state law

to prescribe tests and can provide results in less than three minutes.

“Today's authorization is yet another example of the rapid innovation occurring with diagnostic tests for COVID-19,” said Jeff Shuren, M.D., J.D., director of the FDA's Center for Devices and Radiological Health. “The FDA continues to support the development of novel COVID-19 tests with the goal of advancing technologies that can help address the current pandemic and better position the U.S. for the next public health emergency.”

The performance of the InspectIR COVID-19


Breathalyzer was validated in a large study of 2,409 individuals, including those with and without symptoms. In the study, the test was shown to have 91.2% sensitivity (the percent of positive samples the test correctly identified) and 99.3% specificity (the percent of negative samples the test correctly identified). The study also showed that, in a population with only 4.2% of individuals who are positive for the virus, the test had a negative predictive value of 99.6%, meaning that people who receive a negative test result are likely truly negative in areas of low disease prevalence. The test performed with similar sensitivity in a follow-up clinical study focused on the omicron variant.

The InspectIR COVID-19 Breathalyzer uses a technique called gas chromatography gas mass-spectrometry (GC-MS) to separate and identify chemical mixtures and rapidly detect five Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs) associated with SARS-CoV-2 infection in exhaled breath. When the InspectIR COVID-19 Breathalyzer detects the presence of VOC markers of SARS-CoV-2, a presumptive (unconfirmed) positive test result is returned and should be confirmed with a molecular test. Negative results should be considered in the context of a patient's recent exposures, history and the presence of clinical signs and symptoms consistent with COVID-19, as they do not rule out SARS-CoV-2 infection and should not be used as the sole basis for treatment or patient management decisions, including infection control decisions.

InspectIR expects to be able to produce approximately 100 instruments per week, which can each be used to evaluate approximately 160 samples per day. At this level of production, testing capacity using the InspectIR COVID-19 Breathalyzer is expected to increase by approximately 64,000 samples per month.

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