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## Route 66 nights plans back to school bash this Friday

**Chase Wright**  
Staff Writer

Route 66 Nights in Weatherford is throwing a Back-2-School Bash downtown on Friday, August 26th! From 6pm - 9pm, everyone is invited to join in on the fun as the evening celebrates the start of the 2022-2023 school year. There will be food trucks, a craft fair, live music, a dunk tank, and a parade, honoring teachers and school staff! Let's start the fall semester off right with the ultimate summer party!

## The Hinton Fair Celebrates 117 years of family fun



Provided

The Okie Zip slide will make its debut appearance at the Hinton Fair this week. The fair opens this Thursday at 7pm and runs through Saturday.

Another timeless fair is being held in Oklahoma. From August 25th - 27th, the Hinton Free Fair will be held at the fairgrounds each evening at 7pm. The fair is also one of Oklahoma's oldest and most popular community fairs. Locally owned and operated, the fair is believed to have begun in 1905 as an event to showcase the locals and their farm produce & animals. As the fair grew, a permanent location was established for future fairs, and it was moved to its new fairgrounds in the 1950's. New facilities and rides like the train, Ferris Wheel, swings, the dunking board, and "The Worm" were built over the next few years. With each fair being bigger than the last, new games, rides, and prizes were added. Today, the Hinton Fair boasts an impressive list of challenging and engaging games, thrilling rides, delicious food, and great entertainment.

Tickets for rides are only 50 cents each with all but the large rides requiring just two tickets. For fun to affordability, it can't be beat. The fair hosts a variety of entertainment from livestock shows, exhibits, and musical acts each night.

The Hinton Fair Board will be debuting their newest attraction the Okie Zip Slide. Don't miss the cake auction Saturday night starting at 8pm. Midway opens each night at 7pm.



Provided

Kynlee White, 4, enjoys a pony ride at the 115th Annual Hydro Free Fair.



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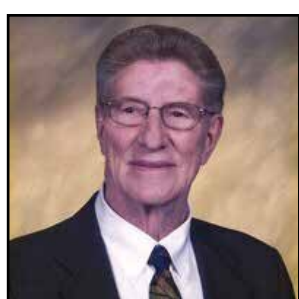


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**Harvey J. (Joe) Sullivan**

Harvey J. (Joe) Sullivan was born to Charles F. and Minnie Pearl (Morrow) Sullivan on January 12, 1933, on a farm southeast of Putnam, OK and passed away Saturday, August 13, 2022, at home in Weatherford, having reached the age of 89 years, 7 months, 1 day.



Joe lived there nine years, starting first grade at the Independence Consolidated Country School. During World War II, when Joe was in the third grade, his family relocated northeast of Putnam where Joe attended a country school called "Soddy" through the eighth grade. Later his family moved southwest of Putnam where Joe graduated as Valedictorian from Putnam High School in 1951.

Joe attended Oklahoma A&M, (now known as Oklahoma State University) in Stillwater for a year and a half. In 1953, Joe volunteered for the U.S. Army and was stationed in Arkansas, North Carolina, Alabama, and South Korea. Following an honorable discharge, he re-enrolled at Oklahoma A&M University. Shortly thereafter, Joe received a call from the Administrator at Southwestern State College, (now known as Southwestern Oklahoma State University) at Weatherford, OK, inviting him play his favorite sport – basketball. Joe accepted the offer and graduated in 1958 with a double major in Physics and Mathematics.

One day before graduation, Joe's basketball buddy, Orin Patton and he were in the Student Union when a very attractive coed walked up to speak with Orin. He introduced her to Joe as Lois Crowder, a high school classmate and graduate of Custer City, OK School. She was there for freshman orientation and Orin and Joe were observing and enjoying the freshman confusion. Later that night Orin and Joe saw Lois again. Joe, smitten with her good looks and wonderful personality invited her to a dance at the Student Union ballroom. She accepted, but when Joe tried to introduce her to some of his basketball friends, he could not remember her name. Embarrassed, Joe had to ask her name in front of all of his basketball buddies. Well, that broke the ice, and after a short romance - Lois and Joe were married at Independence Church on January 18, 1957.

In 1976, Joe and his family moved back to Borger, TX with another promotion. His position entailed assembling a group to purchase and maintain all of the computers in the Refinery and Natural Gas Plant for the automated control of many units.

With his specialization in electrical and instrumentation fields, Joe was offered a promotion to transfer to Phillips headquarters in Bartlesville, OK. In 1980, Joe became a consultant for all the refining and chemical plants across the United States. Joe also spent time in Stavanger, Norway, doing safety audits on offshore structures and operations.

In 1987 Joe was offered a transfer back to Borger, TX to head up a group called "Authority of Expenditures" (AFE). This position consisted of managing engineers in specialty fields, such as mechanical, civil, electrical, etc.

Joe had an opportunity to retire early from PPCO after 34 years with the company. He retired at age 60 and moved back to Weatherford, OK in 1993 to raise cattle

on Lois' family ranch near Thomas, OK. What a change! While in Weatherford, Joe became a member of the First Baptist Church and was one of the very first groups at that church to be re-baptized at Crowder Lake.

Joe was preceded in death by his beloved wife Lois, his father Charles, and his mother Minnie Pearl. He was also preceded in death by three brothers and six sisters and was the last living member of his family.

Joe is survived by his four children and their spouses: Gregory and Cynthia Sullivan, of Parker, CO; Kimberly and Mike Whittenberg, of Midland, TX; Angela and Bobby Hynes of Conroe, TX; and Douglas and Stephanie Sullivan of Amarillo, TX. Joe is also survived by many grandchildren, great grandchildren, cousins, nieces and nephews.

Joe leaves behind many friends that he hopes one day to see again in Heaven.

In lieu of flowers, you can make a donation to Joe's favorite charity which is SWOSU Foundation, Inc., Weatherford, OK or the First Baptist Church in Weatherford.

Special thanks to Thelma Dye, who has been a wonderful friend to Joe through the years, and to his good neighbor Jim Loomis, along with many others who touched his life in so many ways.

**John Bernard Auge**

John Bernard Auge was born June 27, 1941, in Hastings, Minnesota, to Carroll and Marie (Schaffer) Auge and passed away, Thursday, August 11, 2022, at Weatherford Regional Hospital, at the age of 81 years, 1 month and 15 days.



John was raised and attended school in Farmington, Minnesota, graduating with the Class of 1959. He attended Winona State University for 2 years. On February 23, 1963, John married Mary Murphy and made their home in Winona. They lived in Farmington and Hastings before settling in Weatherford in 1970. John worked for 3-M Company, later selling real estate for Century 21 before buying the Barbeque Shed in 1984. He retired in 2008. John spent much of his life, helping others through volunteering with St Vincent de Paul Society and donating to Native American missions. John enjoyed flea markets, gun collecting, Indian artifacts and spending time with family and friends.

John is survived by his wife of 59 years Mary Auge of their home in Weatherford; four sons: Troy Auge and wife Kari of Bakersfield, California; Chris Auge and wife Gena of Weatherford, Oklahoma, Michael Auge and wife Tina of Edmond, Oklahoma and Ethan Auge and wife Brianna of Fruita, Colorado; one brother Joe Auge and wife Delores of Farmington, Minnesota; two sisters: Janet Cook and husband Roger of Minneapolis, Minnesota and Carol Widener of League City, Texas; eight grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and numerous extended family. He was preceded in death by his parents; one brother, David; and one sister Dana.

**Charles Edward "Eddie" Murray**

Charles Edward "Eddie" Murray was born July 16, 1937, to James L. and Trellis Georgia (Killman) Murray in Micawber, OK. He passed away Monday, August 15, 2022, at Mercy Hospital in Oklahoma City, OK at the age of 85. Eddie attended Prairie Dale and Lookeba-Sickles Schools. He and his family worked as sharecroppers for many years. He started working for the

City of Weatherford in 1966, working as Cemetery Sexton retiring January 13, 2000. After retiring he ran a dozer for Jeffrey Eichelberger for several years. Eddie enjoyed restoring old cars and tractors, fishing, hunting, telling stories, playing music, and was very gifted at playing the guitar, banjo, and mandolin. He was a faithful member of the Pentecostal Holiness Church for 55 years.

He was preceded in death by his parents, James and Trellis Murray, his wife, Ernestine, granddaughter, Latrisha, great-great grandson, Bo Gray Sublett, and siblings, Charlotte Langley, Melvin, George, Bill, and Junior Murray.

Eddie is survived by his three children: Bonnie Harrelson and husband Mike of Weatherford, Kenneth Murray and wife Rhonda of Hinton, and Marcus Murray and wife Kim of Hydro; a host of grandchildren and great grandchildren, and one great-great grandchild; one sister Bonnie Hicks and husband Tommy of Hydro; and many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Services: Pentecostal Holiness Church, Saturday, 10:00 am, August 20, 2022, Hinton, OK

Officiating: Rev. Dan Manning

Burial: Hinton Cemetery, Hinton, OK

Services entrusted to Turner Funeral Home, Hinton, Oklahoma. Condolences may be sent to the family at [turnerfuneralhomes@gmail.com](mailto:turnerfuneralhomes@gmail.com), [turnerfh.net](http://turnerfh.net), or you can find us on [facebook.com](https://www.facebook.com/turnerfuneralhomes) (Turner Funeral Homes).

**Donna J. Thomas**

Donna J. Thomas, 60, Clinton resident, passed away Friday, August 12 2022, at the Baptist Integris Hospital in Oklahoma City.

Donna was born November 8, 1961, to Donald Howard Hughes and Barbara Jean (Dean) Hughes in Hillsboro, OR.

Her request was to be cremated and no formal services at this time. Arrangements are under the direction of the Kiesau-Lee Funeral Home.

She is survived by her husband Roy Eugene Thomas, Jr, two sons: Brannon Kent Thomas and Clayton Donald Thomas, daughter-in-law Heather Rae Thomas and granddaughter Tessa Rae Thomas and many other family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her son Anthony E. Thomas who passed away on April 17, 2021.

**Rhonda Renae Mast**

Funeral service for Rhonda Renae Mast, 45 year old Weatherford, OK resident will be held on Wednesday, August 24, 2022 at 10:00 A.M. at the Pleasant View Mennonite Church northwest of Hydro. Burial will follow in the Zion Cemetery of Thomas, under the direction of Lockstone Funeral Home. A viewing will be held at Pleasant View Mennonite Church on Tuesday, August 23, 2022 from 6:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M.



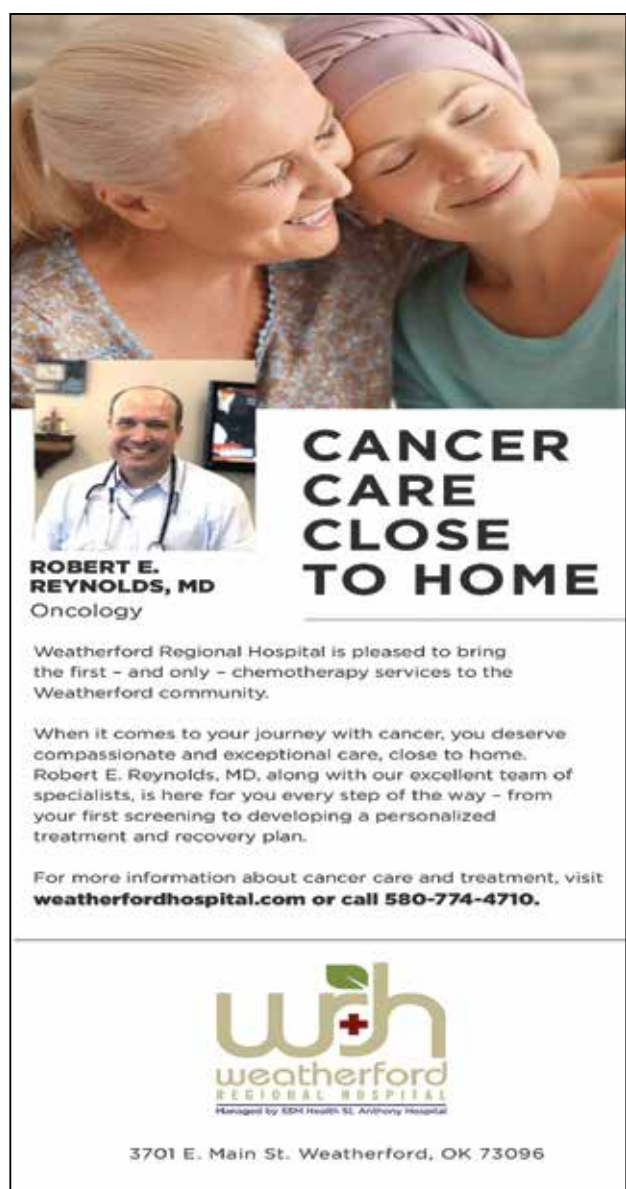
Rhonda Renae Mast, was born on November 11, 1976, in Weatherford, OK, daughter of Perry Jay and Margie Billington Mast. She passed away on Thursday, August 18, 2022, surrounded by family and friends at the age of 45 years, 9 months and 7 days. Rhonda was raised north of Weatherford, OK. She attended Jefferson Christian School and graduated from Pilgrim High School, Hutchinson, KS in 1995. She was a dedicated Christian and a member of Zion Mennonite Church, Thomas, OK.

Rhonda volunteered at Faith Mission Home and helped care for handicapped children. Later she taught school in PA and impacted many lives also caring for the elderly. Rhonda enjoyed being with family and friends. She especially enjoyed singing and listening to music.

Surviving are her parents Perry Jay and Mary Mast of Weatherford, OK. 2 brothers: Keith husband of Linda Mast of Honey Brook, PA, Nathan husband of Hanna Mast of Weatherford, OK, brother-in-law Taylor Lee of Cassopolis, MI, 5 nieces: Melody wife of Joshua Martin, Melissa wife of Jonathan King, Marietta, Marjorie & Makayla Mast, nephew Donovan Mast, great-niece Kezia Martin and a great-nephew Hudson King. She was preceded in death by her mother Margie Mast; 3 siblings: Lareeta Kay Mast and Martha Elaine Lee, Timothy Peter Mast, grandparents: John B. & Fannie Mast, Otis & Marie Billington, aunts and uncles: Mary Ann Miller, Florence Mast, Margaret Stutzman, Alvin and Melvin Mast.

Special thanks to Bonnie Wingard, Marian Yoder and the many family and friends that provided care for her in the last months.

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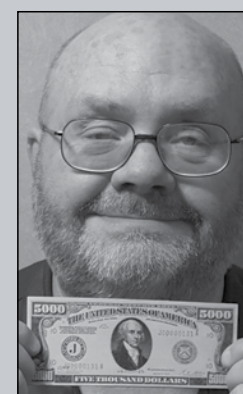


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Lt. Gen. Thomas Stafford tours the new elementary school, named in honor of him. Lt. General Thomas P. Stafford Elementary opened its doors for the 2022-23 school year last week.

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Trent Boesen

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The 1922 Grant Memorial has a "star" on the obverse on the first issues but was removed later which created a "Variety" for collectors to obtain.

The above coin, with the 'star' on the reverse, is key to the series. Its' mintage was 4,256 pieces. The same coin with the 'star' removed has a mintage of 67,405 pieces.

Laura Gardin Fraser, a U.S. Mint engraver, designed both the obverse and reverse sides.

The above Grant half dollar was certified by The Professional Coin Grading Service (PCGS) as a Mint State 67. It sold at auction in Las Vegas for \$55,812.50.

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## Humphrey to Consider Legislation to Support State's Ranchers



Rep. Justin Humphrey, R-Lane, said he is considering proposing legislation that could be brought forward in the House's current special session to assist Oklahoma farmers and ranchers in the current drought.

"Previously, in times of serious drought, Oklahoma's government has stepped in and assisted ranchers with shipping hay," Humphrey said. "During Oklahoma's last serious drought, state government utilized the National Guard to assist in shipping hay from other states not affected by drought. Legislators could take advantage of our current special session to support our state's ranchers and vote on a measure to help offset the hay cost. Our legislators might be the difference for many ranchers to remain in the beef industry."

Humphrey said ranchers are a vital component of Oklahoma history and the state's current economy.

"Oklahoma ranchers have supplied our state and nation with quality beef since statehood," he said. "When you think of Oklahoma, you think of cowboys and cowgirls, tough, full of Oklahoma grit, and willing to help out our neighbors in times of trouble."

Today, Oklahoma ranchers are in a severe dilemma, Humphrey said. He said reports indicate that most of western Oklahoma is in an extreme drought, with parts

of the Panhandle and Southwest Oklahoma in exceptional drought. Significant crop/pasture losses and widespread water shortages or restrictions are the main impacts of this drought. Additionally, the state is experiencing critically low lake levels and increased danger from wildfires.

"Suppose that was not enough," Humphrey said. "Factor in the unbelievable price of feed, fuel, supplies, and labor. Inflation has made it impossible to fertilize, weed spray and care for livestock the way most ranchers are accustomed. Now the drought has many ranchers wondering if they will be able to continue due to the loss of pasture and hay."

In the past, Humphrey said Oklahoma ranchers demonstrated a tradition of assisting each other and even pitching in to assist other states in overcoming difficulties like drought. But recently, he said he's witnessed something he finds profoundly troubling.

"Some Oklahoman ranchers and truckers are taking advantage of fellow Oklahomans who are in desperate need," he said. "Many Oklahoma ranchers are charging three times the normal hay cost. Numerous truckers charge three times the cost of an average shipment. Some landowners are doubling leases for hay. When did it become OK to profit or benefit from others' struggles? It's sure not the cowboy way!"

Humphrey challenges and encourages ranchers, truckers, landowners, and especially the state's government to do all it can to help struggling ranchers.

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**CLINTON/EXIT 65 UPDATE-** Clinton Mayor David Berrong said the Exit 65 upgrade project is expected to begin in a little more than two years. Berrong said the city will need to write a check in the neighborhood of \$5.4 million to start work on the project, which is about 10% of the total cost.

**CUSTER COUNTY/ARPA FUNDS-** Custer County commissioners passed a resolution to use up to \$600,000 of funds per district from the American Rescue Plan Act for road projects. District 3 commissioner Lyle Miller said he intends to try to stretch out the funds for his district by using his own labor. District 1 commissioner Wade Anders said he will likely use contractors for projects in his district. Custer county clerk Melissa Graham said the projects using ARPA funds have to be designated by the end of 2024 and all monies must be used by 2026

**CADDO COUNTY/DELAYED FATALITY-** The Oklahoma Highway Patrol said an Apache man who was critically injured in a Caddo County accident, 8 miles south of Carnegie last month has died. OHP said 29-year-old Chandler Pettit died on August 11th. Troopers said Pettit was driving an ATV on a Caddo county road and failed to stop at a stop sign and was struck by another vehicle traveling south on state highway 58.

**SWOSU/UKRAINE STUDENT-** Southwestern Oklahoma State University has selected one Ukrainian student, who has been negatively impact-

ed by the war, a full ride scholarship. SWOSU President Dr. Diana Lovell said the student arrived on campus this week. The name of the student is not being released in respect of her privacy. However, Dr. Lovell said the university could use some help with her living expenses and medical care. Donations can be made to the foundation that would be forwarded to the student by contacting Garrett King at 774-3706.

**CLINTON CC/SPECIAL MEETING-** Clinton City Council, acting as the hospital authority, took no action following an executive session during a special meeting. City manager Robert Johnston said the authority met in an effort to execute a transition agreement to assist in the transition of Clinton Regional Hospital operations to a new operator. The current operator, Alliance Health, does not plan to continue operating the hospital after this calendar year.

**CADDO CO DIST COURT/GLENN-** An evidentiary hearing is planned for September 21st and a felony jury trial five days later in Caddo County district court for a Hydro man who faces child pornography charges. Twenty-two-year-old Austin Michael Glenn was arrested and charged in 2020 after agents from the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation, assisted by the Caddo County Sheriff's Department and Hydro Police, served a search warrant in the 100 block of east Main Street in Hydro. The case originated when the national center for missing and exploited children forwarded a cyber tip they received from an electronic service provider to the OSBI.

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## SWOSU Women's Cross Country Picked Seventh



**#theGAC 2022 Women's Cross Country Preseason Coaches Poll**

1. Oklahoma Baptist
2. Arkansas Tech
2. Harding
4. East Central
5. Ouachita Baptist
6. Southern Arkansas
7. Southwestern Oklahoma State
8. Southeastern Oklahoma State
9. Southern Nazarene
10. Henderson State
11. Northwestern Oklahoma State
12. Arkansas-Monticello

The Great American Conference released the preseason women's cross country coaches' poll for the 2022 season where SWOSU was chosen seventh.

Head coach Jennifer Johnson enters year four at the helm of the program. She returns five runners from last season and will bring on five incoming freshmen to round out the 10-person team.

Five-time running GAC Champion Oklahoma Baptist was picked to win the conference with eight first-place votes, followed by Arkansas Tech and Harding who tied for second. Tech (3) edged Harding (1) in first-place nods.

The season begins September 9 at the Aggie Duels in Lawton. SWOSU is scheduled to run at five meets this year.

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	<b>02</b> SEP	@ KINGFISHER AWAY   7:00 PM	<b>07</b> OCT	@ CLINTON AWAY   7:00 PM
	<b>09</b> SEP	VS. EL RENO HOME   7:00 PM	<b>14</b> OCT	VS. CACHE HOME   7:00 PM
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Jim Morrison

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Jesus taught: "...To the extent that you did it to one of the brothers of mine, even the least of them you did it to Me."

Teddy Stallard certainly qualified as "one of the least." Disinterested in school; Musty wrinkled clothes; hair never combed. One of those kids in school with a deadpanned face, expressionless—sort of a glassy unfocused stare. When Miss Thompson spoke to Teddy he answered in monosyllables. Unattractive, unmotivated and distant, he was just plain hard to like. Even though the teacher said she loved all in her class the same, down inside she wasn't completely truthful.

She had Teddy's records and she knew more about

him than she wanted to admit.

1st grade: Teddy shows promise with his work and attitude, but poor home situation.

2nd Grade: Teddy could do better. Mother is seriously ill. He receives little help at home.

3rd grade: Teddy is a good boy but too serious. He is a slow learner. His mother died this year.

4th grade: Teddy is very slow, but well-behaved. His father shows no interest.

Christmas time came and the children in Miss Thompson's class brought her presents. They piled them on her desk and crowded around to watch her open them. She was surprised that Teddy had also brought a gift. When she opened it, out fell a gaudy rhinestone bracelet, half the stones missing, and a bottle of cheap perfume. The other children began to giggle and smirk over Teddy's gifts but Miss Thompson at least had enough sense to silence them by immediately putting on the bracelet and putting some of the perfume on her wrist.

At the end of the day, when school was over and the children had left, Teddy lingered behind. He slowly came over to her desk and said softly, "Miss Thompson, you smell just like my mother and the bracelet looks real pretty on you, too. I'm glad you liked my presents." When Teddy left Miss Thompson got down on her knees and asked God to forgive her.

The next day when the children came to school they

were welcomed by a new teacher. Miss Thompson had become a different person. She was no longer just a teacher; she had become an agent of God. She was now committed to loving her children and doing things for them that would live on after her. She helped all the children, but especially the slow ones, and especially Teddy Stallard. By the end of that school year, Teddy showed dramatic improvement. He had caught up with most of the students and was even ahead of some.

She didn't hear from Teddy for a long time. Then one day she received a note that read: "I wanted you to be the first to know. I will be graduating second in my class." Then four years later, another note came: "They told me that I will be graduating first in my class. I wanted you to be the first to know. The university has not been easy, but I liked it."

And four years later: "As of today I am Theodore Stallard, M.D. How about that? I wanted you to be the first to know. I am getting married next month and wanted you to come and sit where my mother would sit if she were alive. You are the only family I have now; Dad died last year." Miss Thompson went to that wedding and sat where Teddy's mother would have sat. She deserved to sit there; she had done something for Teddy that he would never forget.

We need to pray for and support our teachers in these difficult times. To comment: [jhm82@outlook.com](mailto:jhm82@outlook.com).

# Back-To-School Insurance Tips



By Oklahoma Insurance Commissioner Glen Mulready

Summer is coming to an end, and the beginning of the new school year is around the corner. As the parent of two college students and one who recently graduated, I understand how exciting this time is for students and parents. Whether you are a recent high school graduate going into college or a nervous parent getting ready for your child's first day, it is important to review your insurance policies to make sure your entire family is properly covered.

During this busy time of year, I want to remind Oklahomans that having proper insurance can provide greater peace of mind all year long and protect their family from financial disaster. Here are some insurance tips parents and students should consider before heading to school.

### Home

If your student is moving into a dorm room, your

homeowners policy will likely cover their belongings in case of a loss. Ask your child to let you know if they buy a new computer or other pricey items. You'll need to check with your insurance company to ensure your coverage will take care of these things.

Students living off-campus should consider renters insurance. This coverage will protect students' belongings and protect them if someone is injured on the property. Premiums for renters insurance range between \$15-\$30 a month, depending on the location and size of the rental unit and the value of the possessions. Whether they live on campus or off-campus, a home inventory is a good idea. The list of items will make a future insurance claim quicker and easier to settle.

### Auto

Oklahoma requires every car to have auto liability coverage or otherwise meet the financial responsibility requirements of Oklahoma law. Auto liability insurance pays for property damage and bodily injury to someone else if you are found responsible for an accident, up to the policy's limits. If the title to the car is in your student's name, they will have to have their own policy. If your college student is driving a vehicle you own, your child can likely stay on your policy.

If your student is heading to college without a vehicle,

you might be eligible for a "student away at school" car insurance discount. Check with your insurance agent or insurance company and let them know where the car will be stored if the address differs from what's on the policy.

### Health

Students have several options for health insurance coverage while away at college. If your children are covered under your insurance now, chances are they will still be covered while away at school. Any insurance plan that offers dependent coverage must make that available until the dependent is 26.

Many colleges and universities also offer their own student health insurance plans. The premiums and features vary widely from school to school. Check with your student's school health center to see available coverage options.

### Denied Insurance Claims

If your family experiences a claim denial or settlement disagreement, you can file a complaint at [oid.ok.gov](http://oid.ok.gov). The Oklahoma Insurance Department's Consumer Assistance team serves to mediate claims between policyholders and insurance companies.

If you have questions about other insurance issues, please contact the Oklahoma Insurance Department at 1-800-522-0071 or visit our website at [www.oid.ok.gov](http://www.oid.ok.gov).



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