

Pedestrian hit-and-run reported

By Jon Watje
Managing Editor

Oklahoma City police are investigating a hit-and-run incident involving a pedestrian that occurred just north of the Mustang city limits at around 7 a.m., police responded to a report of a woman who was struck by two vehicles while on the road.

According to police, the incident occurred near the intersection of SW 59th and Stewart Dr. Police said the first car that struck the woman left the scene. A second car struck the woman and the driver of that vehicle called police.

Police said the woman was transported to OUI Medical Center in serious condition but no further information was released at the time of press time for today's newspaper.

Records show steady sales tax increase

Canadian County Commissioners are standing by their estimate of a seven percent growth in sales tax debate

By Traci Chapman
Contributing Writer

As an election on a proposal to cut the sales tax rate funding the Gary F. Miller Canadian County Children's Justice Center looms, the amount that tax has generated has long been in controversy.

According to Oklahoma Tax Commission records, it's a mixed bag. While commissioners have discussed "skyrocketing" tax collections, center officials have pointed to a recent lull in the tax, something that should be taken into consideration when considering a 15 percent cut to the center's funding.

OTC records indicated the total collected did, indeed, steadily increase. From 2003 - when the total collected topped \$2.61 million to 2012, when the tax hit its all-time high of about \$7.31 million - collections increased each year. In 2013, the trend changed, dipping to about \$6.82 million; it further dropped in 2014 to about \$6.34 million. In 2015, however, the tax increased over the last two years, showing almost \$7.12 million headed to center coffers.

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-Jack Stewart, District 3 Canadian County Commissioner

In January, historically one of the tax's strongest months due to holiday shopping, the tax totaled \$555,993 - a "healthy" sum, OTC officials said, but falling short of the amount collected for the same time period in 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015. And that, justice center proponents said, illustrates one of the major assumptions held by commissioners in proposing the reduction - that there are no guarantees about how much the tax will generate or how other, now greatly reduced, revenues received by the center will fare with a changing economy.

"They are building everything on a 7 percent (sales tax) growth, which they say is conservative," CCCJC co-director Bill Alexander said. "The problem is we've seen the tax does go up and down - yes, it grew and by

a lot, for a long time, but factors have changed, the economy has changed, and we cannot guarantee we will hold steady or, in fact, grow."

For their part, commissioners said they stand by their estimate of 7 percent growth and believe history has illustrated that will, in fact, take place. And, for a worse-case scenario, some funds would be in place should that not be the case, District 3 Commissioner Jack Stewart said.

"We have reserves that can help with the shortfall, but we're confident it won't come to that," Stewart said.

"We do not believe we are putting anyone or any programs at risk."

Alexander and other center proponents disagreed, saying commissioners are playing "Russian roulette" with not only

those people the center serves, but 130 employees who depend on it for their livelihood.

"We have a lot of employees who have, frankly, sacrificed to work here because they believe in what we do and who make less than they could somewhere else," Alexander said. "The fact the tax fluctuates and particularly that those fluctuations have been in the last few years are something we hope voters consider when looking at the ballot proposal."

Officials are unduped that, if passed by voters, total taxes allocated to the center would drop by anywhere from about \$925,000 to \$1 million annually.

They have also agreed that residents would average about 50 cents sales tax savings if commissioners' proposal is approved by voters.

"It's not that it's a big cost savings to our citizens; it's just that I wanted to give them the chance to have a say about whether they wanted the tax to stay as is or go down," District 2 Commissioner David Anderson said.

Voters will make that choice on March 1.



Tasty fundraiser held:

Dulce Bramblett was awarded first place by Becky Roberts for her chili. Project Graduation volunteers held a chili fundraiser on Saturday at Mustang Mason's Lodge. Funds are used to hold an after-graduation all-night party for seniors. Staff photo by Traci Chapman

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STEM taking the spotlight at schools

Science, Technology, Engineering and Math programs received a major boost thanks to a recent, \$32,000 grant

By Traci Chapman
Contributing Writer

Science, Technology, Engineering, Math - STEM - is a growing emphasis for educators nationwide, and for Mustang Public School District that effort has been given a major boost thanks to a \$32,000 grant from the Mustang STEM Technology Project.

And those efforts will help special needs students throughout the district learn and grow while utilizing STEM principles, teachers Tiffany Masse and Elizabeth McGaha said. The pair spearheaded the project effort.

"With the money awarded to us we purchased various assistive technology items to be utilized by students with special needs in order to be active participants in STEM projects within the classroom and during our Spotlight on STEM event," McGaha said.

Items purchased with grant funds included things like laptops equipped with special communication and

writing software, talking rulers, switches and other communication devices.

"What we want to do is create access to the wonders of science, technology, engineering and Math for all of our students," Masse said.

Spotlight on STEM has been a missing success organizer, participants and administrators all said. "We wanted to make sure this program was all inclusive for all of our 5th through 8th grade students," Masse said.

So how does Spotlight on STEM work?

"Students are broken up into groups to work on several different projects that incorporate STEM concepts, and each project then has two or three smaller groups working to achieve one goal to provide an opportunity to see various ways to accomplish one goal," McGaha said. "Students are divided into groups based on interests so each group has a mix of grade and ability level."

Fifty-six students are



Teachers and students enjoy their time with STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) at Canyon Ridge Intermediate Center.

participating in the Spotlight camp, with 13 of them - 23 percent - designated as special needs. Participants have been assigned to one of six projects,

each led by a teacher or other mentor. Groups include "Thermal Energy," which creates a residence, building an automatic dog feeder in

"Feeding Birds and Flats," "Repaired Design," which gives missing, out-of-control animals "Eggstronauts," which designs vessels to keep eggs protected

when dropped, testing wheelchair ramp surface on "Fixation" and the chance to learn welding electronics use in "Electronics and More."



Staff photo by Traci Chapman

Valentine's Day at the Senior Center

Mustang Senior Center celebrated Valentine's Day and named its king and queen, Carl and June Hayward. The day was filled with food, games, fun, costumes and more.



Archery team heads to State Fair Park

Left: Mustang Centennial Elementary School's archery team traveled to Oklawaha State Fair Park last week for the state archery shoot. The team had a good outing and represented Mustang very well.

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Seniors News

By Marlene Walker

Hard to believe that in mid February I turned on my ceiling fans on Friday and Saturday. It felt good to be able to do this. The weather could not have been more favorable to spend time outdoors!

I saw many people with rakes in their hands doing yard work. I am certain there will be more cold, windy days but the warmer days were delightful.

Our Site was closed on Monday but we were back in full swing on Tuesday. Some of our Seniors went to the Funeral service for Jimmy Smith. We also learned that David Deafenbaugh passed away. Prayers and condolences to both families.

Esther Gathers fell on Sunday and suffered a broken hip. She has since been taken to Maple Lawn in Hydro for care.

On Wednesday Elaine Dewabe visited us from Weatherford Living Center and brought in Peanut Butter Cookies for all of us. Lou Staten brought in a Needle Turn



Applique she is currently working on. She does such beautiful work.

Linda Wilson and Mary Miller were Lunch guests and stayed to play Bingo with us after lunch. Winners included Cliff Ingram, Mary Miller, Leona Price, Imogene Barger, JoAnn Hall, Billye Hinchel and Jeanne Ingram. Black-out game winner was Darlene Tedford.

Sheril Hayes the Dietician from Delta Nutrition came by and gave a presentation about people with Lactose Intolerance and what foods they can eat to

still maintain the needed nutrients.

Tina Etenia came from Maple Lawn and did BP/BS screenings. She also brought in a Red Velvet Sheet cake that was delicious and enjoyed by all non-Diabetics. We learned from her that Rosella Horn who was a former participant had been taken to the Weatherford Hospital and has Pneumonia. Rosella is now a resident at Maple Lawn. We sent her a Card and wish her a speedy recovery.

Bithel Price is improving and we hope to be able to deliver meals to him at home soon. Sharon Lloyd, one of our newer Members is having serious health issues and we keep her in our Prayers also. We know these people put their trust in our Father's Healing Hands. Meals were delivered to our Home-bounds by Juanelle Seitter, Linda Taylor, Dawn McCloud and Barb Smith and her granddaughters. Thank you ladies. Until next time remember Miracles do Happen to these who Believe.

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Hinton Senior Citizens Bowling

By Joanne Ingram

Oklahoma Whitetail Wall of Fame Exhibit at the 29th Annual Backwoods Hunting and Fishing Expo is coming this week in Oklahoma City. Our son who lives in Whitefish, Montana enjoys hunting with his Cross Bow for Deer, Bear, and Elk. Seeing an animal with a great rack and bringing it home is a thrill of a life time.

Cody Goodnight of Norman got a 12 point deer he had been watching on his fathers ranch for along time. He is looking forward to this exhibit. Clark Calaway of Leedey during this past Deer Gun season downed a Deer with antlers bigger than he had ever seen, measured 190 inches. Typically, bucks measure 170 inches. How great is that?

The El Reno Bowl shines a light for us Seniors. The Good Ol Gals rolled High Team Game 627, 608 High Team Series 1235.

Lady Bowler of the Week Peggy Coffey rolled 159 140 series 299, 55 pins over her average. Betty Stiles rolled 168 game. Terr Jacobs rolled 157 game. Charlotte Price rolled 149 game. Patty Mills rolled 149 game. Kathryn Nitzel rolled 148 game. Carol Beadslee rolled 141 game. Wanda Davis rolled 133 game. Wanda Hartline rolled 133 game.

Gentleman Bowler of the Week David Stiles rolled 169 150 series 319, 31 pins over his average. Mark Falom rolled High game 204. Chuck Burkholtz rolled 164 game. Eldon Hatch rolled 163 game. Fate Hermonday rolled 146 game. Pro Bowler Bruce Carroll rolled 203 161 Series 364. Jeanne Atkins rolled 188 172 Series 360, also sharing two birthday cakes. Peggy Coffey and Mable Reynolds 96 years young on Saturday, sure am glad you like to take Jeanne and you an Angel THANK YOU!

Our Sympathy to the Jimmy Smith Family. After a long illness, he has gone to be with our Lord Jesus. Jimmy gave a lot to

the Hinton community as Mayor and businessman always willing to help those in need. He will be missed. Our loss and GOD S gain.

Our Prayers: Nola Creek Bowling, Chemo treatments, Brenda Kneel, Sharon Fields, Barry Pawelek, Beth Thomson, Vonda Carroll, JC Carroll, Dale Grey, VA Hospital in Oklahoma City, Art Coats, Vickie Carroll Harcey, Mary Burkhead, Howard Burkhead, Laz Clark, Winston Howard, Billie Hinchell, Lou Slaton, Louise Jaques, Bud Thevion, Kay Wheeler, Elaine Wheeler, Curtis Nix, Bill Sparks, Kady Sparks, Opal Crall, Kay Burison, Charlotte Mappes, Ed Wilson, Ron Arrington, Terrell Garrison, Pastor Gerald Lundsford, Dorothy Folsom, Bithel Price, at the VA Living Center in Clinton, for all the Caregivers for their Labors of Love. Big THANK YOU for all the ones I don't know about. Remember our Servicemen and Servicewomen who lay their life down on the line for you and our Beautiful America to keep us safe and free. Some of our WWII Veterans come to the Hinton Senior Citizen Center on West Main Street. They are husbands and brothers you all know. We look for you to join us for a delicious lunch served at 11:30 a.m. Monday thru Friday call 542-6454 by 9 a.m. for reservation daily. There are tables of Rook and Dominoes Arts & Crafts Wednesday Morning, 9 a.m. Teachers Linda Taylor, Billie Hinchell, Jane Morrow, Marlene Walker, Lou Slaton, Rosa Harding, Jeanne Ingram, and Betty Stiles, a class on Thursday, Saturday, and Sunday. Class on Tuesday Morning 10 a.m. Carol Mc Cain leading, then off to the El Reno Bowl we seniors do it all. Come and join in the fun we will keep you young.

Keep a Prayer in your heart and a BIG SMILE FOR EVERYONE YOU MEET

Healthy Heart Action

Heart disease is the leading cause of death in the United States with nearly 400,000 deaths each year, according to the American Heart Association (AHA). February is American Heart Month, and GlobalHealth, an Oklahoma-based health maintenance organization, is encouraging Oklahomans to take heart-healthy actions to reduce the risk of heart disease and stroke.

"In the United States, someone is affected by heart disease every 42 seconds," said GlobalHealth Senior Vice President John Wiscaver. "Oklahomans can make small changes that will impact heart health in a major way, including exercise, healthy eating,



quitting smoking and visiting with your primary care physician.

GlobalHealth is offering Oklahomans the following tips to make changes for a healthier life.

- Talk to your primary care physician (PCP).
- Exercise regularly.
- Increase healthy eating.
- Quit smoking.



Club celebrates Valentine's Day at February Meeting, Feb. 16

The February meeting of the Hinton Quest Club was hosted by Sharon Newcomb and held at the Hot Spot on Main Street on Tuesday Feb 16.

The Program was related to Valentine's Day and members were to bring in their favorite Valentine or tell a story about a memorable Valentine.

We were treated to some beautiful Vintage Cards and

heard about some special things that had occurred regarding Valentine's Day.

Members present were Sharon Newcomb, Imogene Barger, Beverly Eriksen, Lorene Thel, Opal Crall, Leona Price, Juanelle Seitter, Dee Thies, Marlene Walker, Geneva Hobbs and Betty Schwidge.

Following the Program refreshments were served.

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Once Over Lightly



Oh Bernie... Ye of Little Faith

The chances that America's would give the democratic nomination to a 74-year-old socialist from Vermont, I would consider remote. Of course I thought the same thing about the second coming of Mr. Obama, so, much to my chagrin I HAVE been known to be wrong.

By the time Mr. Sanders would have put in his four years as president, he would no doubt be leaning on a walker and ready to star in the next Cocoon sequel. While I consider myself a simple man, I can add 74 and 4 and I can tell you it comes dangerously close to not only a case of loose dentures but also a discount on a casket. (Editor's Note: We resent that 70 is the new 40) It has been said in the past that reelecting Obama is like turning the Titanic around and hitting the iceberg for a second time. Quick... someone throw me a life preserver or just make it an axil so I can be put out of my misery.

Considering this fact makes us realize that while not probable it is always possible... even if it is asinine notion. If you consider the general state of America it is not such a stretch to figure out why the idea of socialism is not exactly a foreign idea to most. Socialism appeals to anyone who is accustomed to the idea of getting even more stuff for free, living in mom and dad's basement until they buy the farm, and generally pillaging and plundering the federal government until it begs for mercy like Megan Kelly stranded on a desert island with Donald Trump.

I believe that in order to fully embrace socialism, one must first totally give up on the idea of capitalism. Are we really ready to do that...? I know I'm not, not even a little bit. Capitalism has been working pretty darn good now for about 230 plus years. I'd venture a guess that we are likely still Number One in every market including the economy even if we are in a slump.

Someone like Bernie would have you believe that being Number One (at anything) is something we should be universally ashamed of. The Wikipedia definition of socialism is this: *A political and economic theory of social organization that advocates that the means of production, distribution, and exchange should be owned or regulated by the community as a whole.*

That might be the biggest steaming load of dung I have ever heard in my 48 years on this planet. Even the definition itself sounds touchy feely like an NPR program where everyone uses their "inside voice." It sounds like a place where everyone drives their Chevrolet Volt 4.6 miles in a carpool lane to a sterilized job where nobody is an individual or for that matter satisfied, not to mention eating tofu for lunch. Once the doldrums day is thru at 5:01 PM, we return to our life partner and 2.5 children who have absolutely no incentive to give their best in school because, frankly, it wouldn't matter. Please do not forget also that our dog is on the endangered species list. When our lives have become so devoid of absolutes, would they even be worth living?

Remember back in the late eighties when we had generic everything, soda, toilet paper, deodorant, etc., and each item had a white background with black letters that spelled out only the product's name with no frills? Life would also be like that under a socialist regime-- only the generic label wouldn't stop with merely products, it would include people as well. Under a socialist system I might as well be walking down the street with a white T-shirt that says simply: 48-year-old MWM, hopelessly middle class, no distinguishing characteristics. Of course, no distinguishing characteristics means I'm a white man, in case you didn't know.

I have studied Bernie's resume and pretty much the only thing I can bring myself to agree with him on is the fact that the elderly and the veterans needed to be treated with more respect and that they should be better compensated for their sacrifices, but of course we differ decidedly on where those funds should come from. Bernie thinks like any other problem we have in the system, the way out of it is to tax it to death. More taxes are for people without any new and unique ideas. Hey Bernie... what do you say we watch the bottom line for a change and refuse to rob Peter to pay Paul, or for that matter refuse to rob Peter to pay Peter.

A credit card is a fool's errand-- every purchase in life must eventually be backed up with a dollar bill at some point. If we refuse to do that we are only delaying that debt be delivered to our kids at a later date. Essentially it means we are kicking the rusty can down the semi-country funded road. Folks, even Superman had to be Clark Kent from 9 to 5 in order to insure that Lois Lane occasionally got more than a burger and fries for dinner. It's time to take a stand against people who consider the word job to be one of the four dirty words we are not allowed to say on national television.

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Sen. Citizens News

By Marlene Waller

Hinton Senior Citizens Bowling

By Joanns Ingram

With the beautiful weather we had this past week, we are that much closer to Spring. We really had a mild Winter in spite of the Ice Storms. Luckily we did not have to contend with 5 or 6 ft. of blowing Snow like some parts of the Country did. Monday was designated as the Birthday Luncheon. Eldon McCumber was the only January Birthday Honoree. We wish him many more years of good health.

Beth Price had been recuperating at home from Pneumonia but had complications and was re-admitted to the Hospital in Weatherford. He is one of our Home-bound seniors.

Dale Graves one of our daily participants and Domino players had abdominal surgery and is in the IC Unit at the VA Hospital in OKC.

Vonda Carroll continues to have issues with her foot and is unable to do much walking.

Betty Cooper is recovering from Hip surgery and Betty Garvin and Ron Arrington are

back home after a stay in the hospital. We continue to keep these people in our Prayers.

Guests this week included Brad and Iva Lambert, Linda Wilson, Kelsey Blaine and Kathy Wright who brought in a Quilt to show us and she invited us to attend the Ribbon cutting for her new store on Friday. The store is called Main St. Fabric and some of our seniors did stop by her store on Friday. Peg Zehr brought in a Quilt her family made for her. It is made from NWOSU tee-shirts worn by her family members. It was very pretty and she is very proud to own a part of her family's history while they attended NWOSU.

We were in receipt of a donation from Caddo County Farm Bureau Women's Leadership Committee. We Thank Linda Taggart, Chairman, and her organization for their kindness and generosity.

George Ellis was back at the Domino table after a long absence. He fell on the ice and

was unable to join us. We are so pleased to have him with us again.

On Thursday Carrie Mandujano and Misti Gooch came from Maple Lawn in Hydro to do BFBBS screenings. They brought in Cranberry Macadamia Cookies for everyone. Bingo was called by Sally Reckard and winners were Dorothy Blevins, Peg Zehr, Jane Marrow, Sally Reckard, Juanel Setter and Beth Andrews won the Black-out game.

We did a few new exercise routines as shown by Carol McCain. Every lady who does these remark how much more activities they can do after limbering up. Feel stiff and sore?? Come join us on Tuesday at 10 a.m. You will see a difference in how you feel.

Carla Davenport, a representative from Middle Lake came and up-dated re-assessments for some of our Home-bounds and daily participants. We were delighted to have Christeen Price join us for Lunch on Friday

Her husband Bihel is still in the Hospital so her niece Juanel Setter brought her in to see us. Cliff Ingram brought in Crispy Creme Donuts on Friday compliments of Angela Stanley Assn. Mgr. at East Lane. Everyone who ate one appreciated the kindness.

Leslie Optiz was released from the Hospital and is recovering at home. Myrtle Ann Cummins is also home and recovering from Foot surgery and Charlie Wheeler is also back home. We wish them all a speedy and full recovery. Meals were delivered by Cleona Othermann Juanel Setter, Linda Taylor, Wanda Hartline, Barb Smith and her grand daughters and Charlie Wheeler is also back home. We wish you good health, happiness and abundant Blessings.

Marlene

Spring is just around the corner. March 4-6, 2016 is the 46th Annual World Championship Bass Fishing. Anglers will start at Wolf Creek Park Oklahoma at 7 a.m. each day with weigh-in at 70 miles away at the BOK Center in Tulsa, weigh in time 3:15 p.m. each day. The 55 Angler Field 2016 Bassmaster Classic. Second time in four years being held on Oklahoma Grand Lake. Includes 3 Oklahomans: Edwin Teters of Talah, James Elam of Tulsa, Jason Christie of Park Hills, all big time winners. Be on the look out for Angler Bradley Hallman of Norman coming out of retirement after winning \$100,000.00 on Lake Okechobee, FL. Last week weighed 71 pounds 2 ounces beating 168 other Anglers. Bradley said "It has been a successful come back thus far". One of GOD's favorite sports. It's called "Have fun and feed the family".

The El Reno Bowl can qualify, we had Valentine Cookies made by Jeanne Atkins, who bakes a Monthly Birthday Cake for the Bowlers. Says she loves to bake and share. SHE is a Blessing.

The Newest Bowling Team this year "All Mixed Up" rolled High Team Game 635 599 High team Series 1234 Lady Bowler of the Week Patty Mills rolled 149 127 series 276 70 pins over her average. She has so much excitement with her great attitude makes you want what she has. Keep it up Patty we love it. Terri Jacobs rolled 159 Game, Betty Siles rolled 148 Game Peggy Coffey rolled 144 Game, Wanda Davis rolled 137 Game. Wanda Hartline rolled 135 game. Paula Gabehart rolled 125 game.

Gentleman Bowler of the Week Loyd Garrett rolled 134 118 Series 252. 48 pins over his average. A New Bowler in love with the game said "he was too busy making a living to learn the game earlier in life". Great Guy! Chuck Buchholz rolled

High Game 160, David Siles rolled 157 Game, Eldon Hatch rolled 147 Game, Fate Hemingway rolled 133 Game, Pro Bowler Bruce Carroll rolled 206 190 Series 396, Jeanne Atkins rolled 193 181 Series 374.

Our Prayers Nola Crick Boling, Chemo Treatments, Barry Pawelek, Beth Thomason, Vonda Carroll foot problem, JC Carroll, Dale Grey, Vickie Carroll Harvey, Beth Price hospital, Art Coats, Mary Burkhead, Howard Burkhead, Elaine Wheeler, Charlie Wheeler, Winston Howard, Billie Hinchell, Lou Slaton, Louise Jacques, Bud Theison, Kay Wheeler, Curtis Nix, Opal Craft, Kay Burison, Bill Sparks, Edna Sparks, Charlotte Majors, Ed Wilson, Bertha Baker, Ron Arrington, Terrell Garrison, Pastor Gerald Lunsford. Prayers for all the ones I don't know about, however, GOD knows. For the care givers for your Labors of Love, a BIG THANK YOU.

Stop by the Hinton Senior Citizen Center on West Main Street USA for a delicious lunch served at 11:30 a.m. Monday thru Friday call 542-6454 for your reservation by 9 a.m. daily. The coffee pot is always on for you to enjoy while you visit or join a game of Rook, Dominoes, Arts & Crafts on Wednesday morning 9 a.m. Bowling on Tuesday afternoon at El Reno Bowl, Thursday Bingo with Sally Reckard calling the winners. Oh Yes, there is an Exercise Class on Tuesday morning 10 a.m. Carol McCain Instructor. Fun Class Till we see you have a great day. Keep those Prayers in your heart for our Servicemen and Servicewomen all over... World who lay their life on the line for you and our Beautiful AMERICA every day, to keep us safe and free. GOD BLESS YOU ONE AND ALL. Bye

Oklahomans invited to '16 Senior Day at Capitol

by Diane Wood

Oklahomans are invited to the state Capitol on Monday, Feb. 22 for the 2016 Senior Day at the Capitol. The annual event is a chance for Oklahoma's seniors and their advocates to discuss the needs of the more than 818,000 Oklahomans age 60 and older. The event is free and open to the public. The theme for senior day is "Live up to the Oklahoma Standard - Support Our Seniors!"

Senior Day is scheduled from 8:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Onsite registration begins at 8:30 a.m. on the second floor of the Capitol.

The program starts at 10 a.m. in the House Chambers and will feature former Governor George Nigh as the keynote speaker. Other elected officials have been invited as well as Oklahoma Department of Human Services (DHS) Director Ed Lake and DHS Aging Services Director Lance Robertson.

Following the program, attendees will have the opportunity to visit with lawmakers to voice their concerns, ideas and needs. Nonprofit and government agencies will be onsite to distribute information about their services.

Travel threats help low gas prices stay lower

While travelers are faced with some new as well as a few old challenges today - the Zika virus, a stock market in transition, terrorism - AAA reports travel providers are responding to these concerns by cutting prices and offering some of the best valued vacation packages in quite some time.

AAA encourages Oklahomans to be cautious when traveling the world, and to be aware of all health and security alerts before leaving home. Although much has been made of the Zika virus and travelers should stay informed, federal health officials have not issued travel restrictions to those countries with active virus transmission.

"Traveling by car this year was already going to be more cost effective thanks to the lowest gas prices in seven years, but now people can find some really good bargains across the board," said Krista Mullenger, Vice President of Travel, AAA Oklahoma. "As you might expect, we are seeing tremendous discounts to areas like the Caribbean, South America, and Europe, but there are also great deals on other vacations, too."

Right now, travelers booking with AAA are finding select vacation discounts of:

- Up to \$1,500 savings on European river cruises for two.
- Up to 40 percent savings on European, Alaskan and Caribbean cruises.

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