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“The best and most beautiful
things in the world cannot be
seen or even touched. They
must be felt with the heart.”

Helen Keller



WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE VEHICLE SHOW

The Newby-Vance Mobility
annual RoundUp in Guthrie
will be held on Saturday,
June 12th, from 10:00 a.m. -
1:00 p.m. There will
be numerous drawings and door
prizes with free hamburgers
and hot dogs. BraunAbility
and Bruno Representatives
will be available. There will
be free lift/ramp services
during the RoundUp on a
first come first served basis.
New/pre-owned wheelchair
accessible vehicles will be
on display as well as
mobility-equipped cars,
trucks, and SUVs.
This is an excellent
opportunity to view the world
of adaptive equipment for
vehicles. **RSVP**
Lori@newbyvancemobility.com
800 375-4471 or 405 282-
2113.



GRANDPA RENDS RAISING GRANDCHILDREN RETREAT

On June 12th and 13th, there
will be a Grandparents
Raising Grandchildren
Retreat in Guthrie. The
retreat is FREE but advance
registration is required. For
more information or to
register, call Nancy at 877
435-8033.

FAMILY EDUCATION SERIES

A series of classes for
parents of a child with
autism is being offered in
Tulsa. Courses will be taught
by an educator and a parent
of a child with autism
presenting hands-on
activities, strategies and
ideas to make living with
autism manageable and
productive. Classes will be
held at Tulsa Tech, 3638
South Memorial on
Wednesday afternoons from
12:15 – 2:15. Registration is
required and there is a \$10
fee for each class. For more
information or to register, call
918 828-5100.

OKLAHOMA LIBRARY FOR THE BLIND AND

PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED

The library is located at 300
18th St., Oklahoma City, OK
73105
405 521-3514 (OKC area)
1-800-523-0288 (in state)
TTY/TDD: 405 521-4672

Fax: 405 521-4582

Email:

library@drs.state.ok.us

Website:

www.library.state.ok.us

Online catalog:

www.klas.com/okbph

Books on Cassette

Books are loaned for 60
days. At least one book must
be checked out every 6
months to remain an active
library patron, and to retain
the playback equipment.
Once you request the item, it
will be mailed to you. To
return it, no postage is
required as the books are
sent back free as Reading
Matter for the Blind.

Cassette Players

Cassette players are
provided to patrons on a long
term checkout. You may
have only one player
checked out at a time.
Please retain the box and
packing, so that you can
return the player for service
and repair as needed.

Print/Recorded/Electronic Catalogs

Listings of new books are mailed out to you every two months unless you want it in cassette or computer disk format. If you wish to change the format of yours, just contact the library. There is also a link to the online version of *Talking Book Topics* on our website.

Online Library Catalog

They have an online catalog that lists all the materials available for loan.

Braille Materials

Braille services are available.

Descriptive Videos

The library has a small collection of narrated videos on VHS tape for circulation. They are loaned for a period of two weeks, and may only be checked out one at a time. You must supply your own VHS player.

NEWSLINE News Service

The Daily Oklahoman and the Tulsa World, as well as many other national papers and papers from other states are available to listen to over your phone. You must have a touch tone phone to use the service, as rotary phones will not work.

School Materials

The AIM Center (Accessible Instructional Materials) here at the library has Braille, large print, instructional aides and equipment available for visually impaired students at the pre-kindergarten through twelfth grade level.

AGING AND SAFETY

Each year many older adults are taken advantage of over the telephone by people who pose as an employee of a legitimate-sounding company. These con artists may say they are calling from a company, charity, or

other organization. They may claim that you have won a prize or that they can give you a great deal or service like driveway paving or home repair. Often disreputable persons want money before you can claim the prize or before they deliver services.

Here's how you can protect yourself from being swindled over the phone:

Register for Do Not Call Lists

Consumers can register phone numbers for the Oklahoma and National "Do Not Call" lists through the Oklahoma Attorney General's Office online at www.oag.state.ok.us or by phone at 1 800 390-5708.

When registering, consumers will be asked to provide their name, physical address, county and email address.

Screen Calls

caller ID, an answering machine, or voice mail to screen calls for telemarketers.

Resist Pressure from Telemarketers

*Reputable companies will allow you time to make an informed decision. If the person on the other end is pressuring you to make an immediate decision it is most likely a scam.

Protect Your Personal Information

*Only give out payment information like credit card numbers or checking account numbers when you are making a purchase.

*Do not give your social security number to anyone over the phone without investigating *Find Out More About the Company*

*If you have doubts, concerns, or complaints about a company, you may contact the Better

Business Bureau (BBB) or visit www.bbbonline.org

*The BBB can give information about a company before you make a purchase, as well as help resolve complaints after a service has been delivered

Beware of Suspicious Contests

*A reputable organization should not require you to pay money in order to claim a prize

*Do not enter contests with a business with which you are unfamiliar

If you think you have been the victim of a telephone fraud or would like more information about telephone frauds call:

National Fraud Information Center at 800 876-7060 or Attorney General's Consumer Protection Office at 800 390-5708

OIL PICNIC

Due to Camp PLEA, the picnic will be on Thursday, June 17th, Chadick Park, at 6:00 p.m. OIL will provide the hot dogs and drinks but you are asked to bring something store bought to go with them such as potato salad, macaroni salad, or potato chips. If you plan to attend, please call Leanna so that I can coordinate the food.



WATER PARK TRIP

On Friday, June 19th, we will be going to the River Country Family Water Park in Muskogee. The bus will leave OIL around 9:00 a.m. with the transportation cost being \$5. Please bring enough money for your lunch at a restaurant or for the food concession at the Water Park. The

entrance costs are; Adults \$6, Children aged 3-15 yrs., \$5, and 2 yrs. & under are free.



HIV/AIDS SUPPORT GROUP

At the time of the printing of this newsletter, we are in the process of scheduling a speaker so call for the June meeting date. It is open to individuals with HIV/AIDS, their family and or friends. You can find the group on Facebook at McAlester HIV/AIDS Support Group. Free, local, lift-equipped transportation is available. Contact OIL for more information.



SATURDAY TRANSPORTATION

OIL will take individuals anywhere in the McAlester area whether to visit friends/family or just to go shopping. The cost is \$1 per stop. The dates are set for June 12th and 26th.

OIL SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

This is a **tentative** schedule only. The dates may change so be sure to check each monthly newsletter for any updates.

July

1st Shopping

5th OIL CLOSED
 8th Boomerang Café
 10th Saturday Shopping
 12th Brain Injury Support Group
 13th Men's Group
 14th Women's Group
 15th Shopping
 19th Mental Health Group
 24th Saturday Shopping
 26th Brain Injury Support Group
 28th Game Day
 30th Whole Hawg Day – Eufaula

August

2nd Mental Health Group
 3rd Movie Night at OIL
 5th Shopping
 6th Water Park – Muskogee
 9th Brain Injury Support Group
 12th Hunan's Chinese
 14th Saturday Shopping
 16th Mental Health Group
 17th Men's Group
 18th Women's Luncheon Gator's Wharf – Eufaula
 19th Shopping
 23rd Brain Injury Support Group
 28th Saturday Shopping

September

Shrine Circus TBA
 2nd Shopping
 6th OIL CLOSED
 9th Picnic
 11th Saturday Shopping
 11th Pittsburg County Free Fair
 13th Brain Injury Group
 14th Men's Group
 15th Women's Group
 16th Shopping
 20th Mental Health Group
 25th Saturday Shopping
 27th Brain Injury Support Group
 29th Game Day at the Park

October

2nd Saturday Shopping
 4th Mental Health Group
 7th Shopping
 7th OIL Picnic

11th Brain Injury Support Group
 12th Men's Group
 15th Wilburton Fall Festival
 16th Saturday Shopping



18th Mental Health Group
 20th Women's Group
 21st Shopping
 25th Brain Injury Support Group

Are you eligible for the ADvantage Program?

Are you a person with a disability who is at least 21 years of age?

If you said "Yes" then answer the following:

Do you require assistance?

1. On a daily basis in order to live, such as eating, toileting, grooming, bathing, dressing, and moving about to accomplish the task
2. In order to maintain or support daily functioning such as taking medication, preparing meals, paying bills, shopping, laundry, transportation, etc.
3. Are you at risk for nursing home placement?

The ADvantage Program may be able to help. Contact any OIL ADvantage case manager at 426-6220 V/TDD.

29th Halloween Dance

needed to provide the service.

November

TBA Thanksgiving Dinner
1st Mental Health Group
4th Shopping
4th Bingo Fundraiser
8th Brain Injury Support

Group

9th Movie Night at OIL
11th OIL Closed
13th Saturday Shopping
15th Mental Health Group
16th Men's Group
17th Women's Group
18th Shopping
20th Saturday Shopping
22nd Brain Injury Support

Group

25th OIL Closed
26th OIL Closed

December

2nd Shopping
2nd Christmas Parade
3rd Muskogee Arrowhead Mall
4th Children with Disabilities Christmas Party
6th Mental Health Group
7th McAlester Tour of Lights
10th Muskogee Arrowhead Mall
11th Saturday Shopping
13th Brain Injury Support Group
14th Men's Group
15th Women's Group
16th Shopping
18th Saturday Shopping
20th Mental Health Group
22nd McAlester Tour of Lights
24th OIL Closed
27th Brain Injury Group

Transportation

OIL provides lift-equipped transportation in McAlester and the surrounding area, Monday – Friday, 8:00 – 4:30. A twenty-four hour minimum notice is required. The cost is \$2 round trip in McAlester and \$4 for Krebs and Frink Chambers. Outside this area, fees are based on actual costs of gasoline

*Prices are subject to change.

