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## 1889 Territorial Schoolhouse (Oklahoma's Earliest One-Room Schoolhouse)



### SCHOOLHOUSE HISTORY

On a summer day in 1889, Jennie Forster marched into Brown's Lumber Company and ordered enough lumber, on credit, to build a schoolhouse for the new village of Edmond, Oklahoma Territory. The Ladies School Aid Society, consisting of 15 Women, had been formed and the ladies were determined to have a proper school for the local children.

Jennie (Mrs. George) Forster was the President of the Society. Among the other members were Mrs. L.G. Wahl, Mrs. C.A. Dake, Mrs. Frank Kiedrowski, Mrs. E.W. Erisman, and many others.



The women set to work immediately to earn the money to pay back the lumber bill. They badgered their husbands, as well as the other town merchants and citizens. Mrs. Forster joked that in later years she was sure the businessmen "felt like running out the back door when they saw me entering the front door."

## 1889 SCHOOLHOUSE RESTORATION, 2007 OKLAHOMA CENTENNIAL PROJECT

Edmond's 1889 Territorial Schoolhouse is the earliest one-room schoolhouse in the Oklahoma Territory. This formative schoolhouse helped to shape and create the beginnings of Higher Education in the region and led the way to other educational facilities.

The 1889 Territorial Schoolhouse on 124 E. Second Street is possibly the last remaining original 1889 structure in Edmond. The Historical Schoolhouse was restored as an Oklahoma Centennial Project by the Edmond Historic Preservation Trust. The Schoolhouse reopened to public on April 15th, 2007. The first class of students to visit the historic site on the first Schoolhouse Field Trip was in the fall of 2008.



Many people drove past the historic site when it was the boarded-up Sander's Camera Shop, not realizing they were seeing and passing by the historic building. This special restoration project was carried out due to the efforts of the local Trust, Local Historian Lucille Warrick and a group of Passionate Citizens.

Major restoration uncovered the original blackboards buried underneath Saner's Camera Shop interior walls. Years of hard work and dedication by the Edmond Historic Preservation Trust have brought the Schoolhouse back to its original function and appearance. The Schoolhouse is open to the public on Saturdays from 1:00-4:00 pm and by appointment at 1(405) 715-1889.

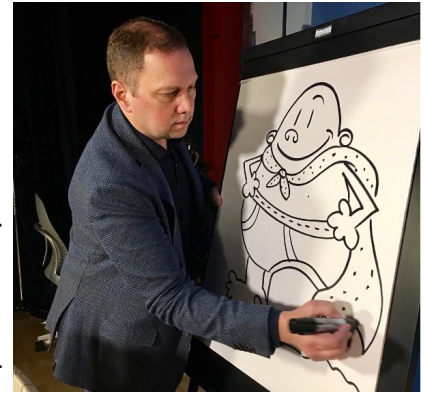
Representatives from the Edmond Historic Preservation Trust, Owners of the Schoolhouse, Provide tours to the General Public on these days.

Website: [edmondhistory.org/1889-territorial-schoolhouse/](http://edmondhistory.org/1889-territorial-schoolhouse/)

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## David Pilkey

David Pilkey, who is also known by the pen name, Sue Denim was born on 4th March, 1966 is a very famous and renowned American writer and illustrator of children's literature. He is most popular for being both the author and illustrator of the Captain Underpants book series. He occasionally also uses the pen names of George Beard and Harold Hutchins.



Pilkey resides with his wife, Sayuri near Seattle, Washington. His father's name was David Pilkey and mother's name was Barbara. He also has one older sister whose name is Cindy. While Pilkey was in elementary school in Elyria, Ohio, he was diagnosed with and suffers from dyslexia and attention deficit hyperactivity disorder. He was therefore chided for his behaviour in school several times and consequently took to sitting at a desk in the school hall, where he fantasized and created the character of Captain Underpants. Pilkey gave his book, *World War Won* for entry in a national competition for student authors and won the prize in his age bracket. As a result of the award, the book was published in 1987.

The peculiar spelling of his name came when he was employed briefly at Pizza Hut, when the "e" was removed from his nametag. Although, it is spelled as Dav; it is still pronounced as Dave.

When he relocated to Washington, he met Sayuri, a professional musician and also the owner of his favourite Japanese restaurant. They started dating in February of 2005 and got married in a private ceremony later that year.

Pilkey took a sabbatical from writing for a couple of years, in order to care for his father who became severely ill. However in March 2010, he signed a deal with Scholastic in order to come out with four new books. The first book, which was essentially a graphic novel, *The Adventures of Ook and Gluk, Kung-Fu Cavemen from the Future* came out on 10th August, 2010. The second book, which was another graphic novel, of which there was immense anticipation for 9 years, "*Super Diaper Baby 2: Invasion of the Potty Snatchers*", came out on 28th June, 2011. Dav Pilkey is regarded as one of the most popular writers, especially for children in elementary school. He is also considered to be a skilled artist.

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# Back to School Safety Checklist



As summer draws to a close and children start heading back to school, family life can get pretty hectic. It's important to remember – and share with your children – some key tips that will help keep them safe and healthy throughout the school year.

## Transportation Safety

Whether children walk, ride their bicycle or take the bus to school, it is extremely important that they take proper safety precautions. Here are some tips to make sure your child safely travels to school:

### Walkers

Review your family's walking safety rules and practice walking to school with your child.  
Walk on the sidewalk, if one is available; when on a street with no sidewalk, walk facing the traffic  
Before you cross the street, stop and look left, right and left again to see if cars are coming  
Make eye contact with drivers before crossing and always cross streets at crosswalks or intersections  
Stay alert and avoid distracted walking

### Bike Riders

Teach your child the rules of the road and practice riding the bike route to school with your child.  
Ride on the right side of the road, with traffic, and in a single file  
Come to a complete stop before crossing the street; walk bikes across the street  
Stay alert and avoid distracted riding  
Make sure your child always wears a properly fitted helmet and bright clothing

### Bus Riders

Teach your children school bus safety rules and practice with them.  
Go to the bus stop with your child to teach them the proper way to get on and off the bus  
Teach your children to stand 6 feet (or three giant steps) away from the curb  
If your child must cross the street in front of the bus,

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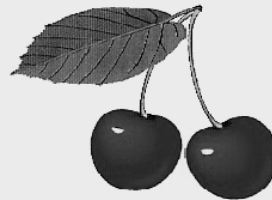
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teach him or her to walk on the side of the road until they are 10 feet ahead of the bus; your child and the bus driver should always be able to see each other

### Driving Your Child to School

Stay alert and avoid distracted driving.

Obey school zone speed limits and follow your school's drop-off procedure

Make eye contact with children who are crossing the street

Never pass a bus loading or unloading children

The area 10 feet around a school bus is the most dangerous for children; stop far enough back to allow them to safely enter and exit the bus

### Teen Drivers

Car crashes are the No. 1 cause of death for teens. Fortunately, there is something we can do.

Teens crash because they are inexperienced; practice with new drivers every week, before and after they get their license

Set a good example; drive the way you want your teen to drive

Sign the New Driver Deal, an agreement that helps define expectations for parents and teens

## School Safety

Many School-related injuries are completely preventable. Follow these steps to ensure your child's safety at school.

### Backpacks

Choose a backpack for your child carefully; it should have ergonomically designed features to enhance safety and comfort.

Ask your children to use both straps when wearing their backpack to evenly distribute the weight on their shoulders

Don't overstuff a backpack; it should weigh no more than 5% to 10% of your child's body weight

Rolling backpacks should be used cautiously since they can create a trip hazard in crowded school hallways

### Playgrounds and Sports

To reduce strangulation hazards on playgrounds, have your child leave necklaces and jackets with drawstrings at home

A few bumps and bruises can be expected when your child plays sports, but head injuries should never be ignored

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## The Wisdom of Peanuts and Charles Schultz

Words of Wisdom from Charles Schultz, Creator of the "Peanuts" Comic Strip.

You don't have to actually answer these 6 questions, just read them straight through:

1. Name the five wealthiest people in the world.
2. Name the last five Heisman trophy winners.
3. Name the last five winners of the Miss America contest.
4. Name ten people who have won the Nobel or Pulitzer Prize.
5. Name the last half dozen Academy Award winners.
6. Name the last decade's worth of World Series winners.

How did you do?

The point is, none of us remember the headliners of yesterday. These are no second-rate achievers. They are the best in their fields. But the applause dies. Awards tarnish. Achievements are forgotten. Accolades and certificates are buried with their owners.

Here's another quiz. See how you do with these 6 questions:

1. List a few teachers who aided your journey through school.
2. Name three friends who have helped you through a difficult time.
3. Name five people who have taught you something worthwhile.
4. Think of a few people who made you feel appreciated and special.
5. Think of five people you enjoy spending time with.
6. Name half a dozen heroes whose stories have inspired you.

Easier? The lesson . . . The people who make a difference in your life are not the ones with the most credentials, the most money, or the most awards.

They are the ones that care. "Don't worry about the world coming to an end today. It's already tomorrow in Australia."

(Charles Schultz)

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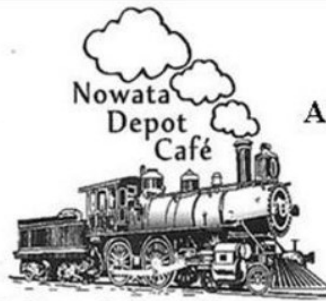
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## Sir Edward Dyer, 'My Mind to Me a Kingdom Is'.

'My mind to me a kingdom is' is a poem that has been popular with readers ever since it was published in 1588 in William Byrd's *Psalmes, Sonets, & Songs*. Yet the authorship of 'My mind to me a kingdom is' is by no means certain. Who wrote it? First, here's the poem, which expresses the sentiment that one's own mind contains a whole world, and, indeed – as Emily Dickinson would later also express – more than the world, since the only limit on it is the limit of our own imagination, or what we are able to conceive of.

My mind to me a kingdom is;  
Such present joys therein I find,  
That it excels all other bliss  
That earth affords or grows by kind:

Though much I want that most would have,  
Yet still my mind forbids to crave.  
No princely pomp, no wealthy store,  
No force to win the victory,

No wily wit to salve a sore,  
No shape to feed a loving eye;  
To none of these I yield as thrall;  
For why? my mind doth serve for all.

I see how plenty surfeits oft,  
And hasty climbers soon do fall;  
I see that those which are aloft  
Mishap doth threaten most of all:

They get with toil, they keep with fear:  
Such cares my mind could never bear.  
Content I live, this is my stay;  
I seek no more than may suffice;

I press to bear no haughty sway;  
Look, what I lack my mind supplies.  
Lo, thus I triumph like a king,  
Content with that my mind doth bring.

Some have too much, yet still do crave;  
I little have, and seek no more.  
They are but poor, though much they have,  
And I am rich with little store;

They poor, I rich; they beg, I give;  
They lack, I leave; they pine, I live.  
I laugh not at another's loss,  
I grudge not at another's gain;

No worldly waves my mind can toss;  
My state at one doth still remain:  
I fear no foe, I fawn no friend;  
I loathe not life, nor dread my end.

Some weigh their pleasure by their lust,  
Their wisdom by their rage of will;  
Their treasure is their only trust,  
A cloakèd craft their store of skill;

But all the pleasure that I find  
Is to maintain a quiet mind.  
My wealth is health and perfect ease,  
My conscience clear my chief defence;

I neither seek by bribes to please,  
Nor by deceit to breed offence:  
Thus do I live; thus will I die;  
Would all did so as well as I!

The gist of 'My Mind to Me a Kingdom Is' – that one's mind is a powerful source of happiness to oneself – was a popular Renaissance one, and this poem was popular. The sentiment itself is far older, and can be traced back to classical Latin poetry.

To paraphrase the general meaning of the poem: 'My mind is an endless source of happiness to me, comparable in its size and scope to a whole kingdom. And yet my mind does not encourage me to desire things which are beyond my reach; it has enough for me, but no more. I am contented with my lot, and don't desire more than what I have. After all, those who slave away to get more than they have, then have to guard jealously what they have kept. As a result of this attitude, I neither hate life, nor fear death:

I am level-headed about both. Whereas others judge their character by their material goods, I simply judge myself by the quality of my mind. Such peace of mind is the only "wealth" I require.'

Since the nineteenth century, Edward Dyer (1543-1607) has always been acknowledged as the author of 'My Mind to Me a Kingdom Is', until this was questioned in the late twentieth century by Steven W. May. Did Dyer actually write it? May puts forward some evidence – including an attribution in one of the early manuscripts of the poem – that it was Edward de Vere, Seventeenth Earl of Oxford (1550-1604) who wrote 'My Mind to Me a Kingdom Is', rather than Dyer. The Earl of Oxford is better-known for being the subject of a conspiracy theory which sees him as the 'true' author of Shakespeare's plays, and for an embarrassing incident involving a fart in the company of Queen Elizabeth I. We will perhaps never know for sure which of the two men wrote the poem, but we have the poem, which is the most important thing. Its message may have enjoyed its zenith of popularity during the Elizabethan era, but the poem's emphasis on maintaining a level-headed attitude to things, where one is happy with one's lot, still speaks to us over four centuries later.

## Ways to Spend More Family Time Together

### 1. Family Night

Choose a night each week that is always family night. Everyone should know what night this is. Keep it scheduled and don't let anything fall in its place. This is important. Go to a fun place together or go out to dinner. Stay home for a movie night or game night. Talk! Tell each other about your week and your plans.

### 2. Family Vacation

Have a family vacation at least once a year. The best memories I have growing up, was when we went somewhere fun all together. It doesn't have to be an elaborate cruise, although that would be a blast and surely create fond memories! Go camping, rent a cabin in the woods, go to amusement parks, or even have a staycation. But do it, spend time together on vacation!

### 3. Exercise Together

Get outside with your kids! Go enjoy the great outdoors. Go hiking, fishing, boating, or participate in family runs together. Physical activity and sunshine is great for everyone but when you do it together as a family, you build those relationships at the same time. Win-win!!

### 4. Read together

Go to the library together. Find a list of great chapter books for whatever age your children are. Before bed, read a chapter together. Reading together makes for great conversation and bonding time. And if a movie was made after the book, go see it together!

### 5. Get artsy

Sign up for an art class together! There are some awesome classes and opportunities out there in the communities. Go to a museum or an art show. Or just find a simple craft to make at home together. Whatever it is, doing art together makes great memories with your family.



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Along a lonely stretch of road between the small villages of Talala and Winganon in the US state of Oklahoma, lies what appears to be an abandoned space capsule. The letterings 'NASA' and 'United States of America' along with the flag is clearly visible on its side. However, it doesn't take long to realize that the fallen spacecraft is actually a cement mixer.

The landmark came into being by a happy accident when a concrete-filled cement mixer truck, which was on its way to help build the bridge over Oologah Lake, rolled over here in 1959. By the time a tow truck arrived to haul the cement truck away, all of the cement had hardened inside the mixer. Unable to handle the extra weight, the crew decided to haul only the truck and come back for the detached mixer later, which never happened. Eventually the locals discovered the relic, and the mixer became an easy target for anyone with spray paint.

For the last fifty years, graffiti artists have poured untold gallons of paint over the mixer, sending messages to their friends, or just showing. In September 2011, local artists Barry and Heather Thomas decided to turn it into a space capsule to celebrate the fifth anniversary of their wedding. The couple attached canning lids, garden hose, broken reflectors and other household items to the mixer to make the transformation look as real as possible. Before the latest incarnation the mixer was painted in a patriotic stars-and-stripes motif.



The Winganon Space Capsule is now a popular attraction. People driving along Winganon Road get down from their cars to pose near it and take pictures. Heather Thomas hopes the new paint job would discourage kids to paint it over with graffiti. It has definitely survived, till now, although the thrusters at the bottom are gone.

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# Another First Oklahoma Oil Well



Drilled in 1889 and completed a year later near oil seeps at Chelsea in Indian Territory, the story behind the another first Oklahoma oil well is not as well known as the Bartlesville gusher seven years later.

Under President Andrew Jackson, Congress enacted the Indian Removal Act of 1830, forcibly relocating native American tribes westward to what would later become known as Indian Territory.

Land west of Arkansas, “remote from white settlements,” seemed a good place to send them at the time, explained a 1900 report by the American Geographical Society of New York (Vol. 32). “It was intended to settle them there for all time, whereby they could live to themselves, according to their own pleasure, with self-government, under the protection of the general Government.”

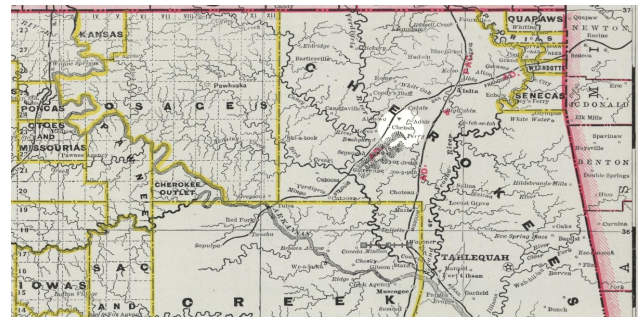
Title and deed gave ownership of the land to the Choctaw, Chickasaw, Seminole, Creek, and Cherokee where they could establish their own tribal governments under the Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs.

However, westward growth and legislation such as the Dawes Act (1887) and Curtis Act (1898) ultimately stripped tribal governments of their authority and reduced the territory from about 150 million acres to 78 million acres — as America’s search for petroleum reached into Indian Territory.

The United States Oil and Gas Company completed an oil well near Chelsea in 1890. Although the well produced less than a barrel of oil a day, it was seven years earlier than the historic Indian Territory gusher at Bartlesville, about 35 miles northwest.

In 1882, Edward Byrd, a Cherokee by marriage, found oil seeps southwest of Chelsea in Indian Territory.

Two years later, the Cherokee Nation passed a law authorizing organization of a company “for the purpose of finding petroleum, or rock oil, and thus increasing the revenue of the Cherokee Nation.”



Leases were limited to Cherokee citizens.

Byrd organized the United States Oil and Gas Company in 1887 with William B. Linn of Pennsylvania and a contingent of Kansas investors (William Woodman, Finley Ross, Oak Daeson, and Martin Hellar).

Byrd’s exploration company secured a 100,000-acre lease from the Cherokee Nation west of Chelsea, between the St. Louis and San Francisco Railway and the Verdigris River. The lease covered portions of present-day Rogers and Nowata counties in Oklahoma.

In 1890, United States Oil and Gas completed its first well on Spencer Creek, within yards of Byrd’s old oil seep, using basic technologies for “making hole.” This Indian Territory well produced oil seven years before the Bartlesville well – but just half a barrel of oil a day from 36 feet deep. Ten more marginal wells followed, and by the last quarter of 1891, the company reported a total of “twelve barrels of oil pumped.”

With little production and no large commercial market nearby, Byrd’s venture shut down. He then organized a group of Cherokee citizens into the Hugh B.



Henry and Company and secured additional leases covering thousands of acres for United States Oil and Gas.

John B. Phillips, an experienced independent oil producer from Butler, Pennsylvania, formed Cherokee Oil and Gas Company to take over United States Oil and Gas properties. But under federal law, the leases had to be approved by the Department of the Interior, which reduced the size from more than 100,000 acres to 12,000 acres. Cherokee Oil and Gas also bought the 11 shallow, marginal wells of United States Oil and Gas wells for “twenty-five cents on the dollar.”

Cherokee Oil and Gas drilled deeper wells and found high-grade oil in two wells (1,450 feet deep and 1,320 feet deep) before a boiler explosion shut both wells down. Other small producing wells followed as the company continued drilling.

Meanwhile, another Indian Territory company explored near Bartlesville oil seeps, about 40 miles west. On April 15, 1897, the Cudahy Oil Company “shot” with nitroglycerin the company’s Nellie Johnstone No. 1 well after finding signs of oil in March. This oilfield discovery well began producing up to 75 barrels of oil a day from 1,320 feet deep.

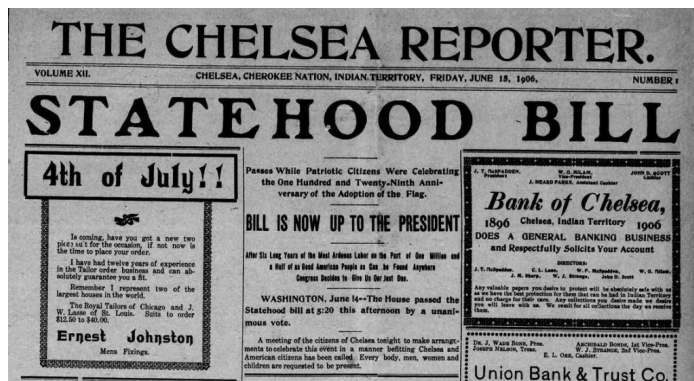
Despite the production, Cudahy Oil was confronted with a lack of infrastructure for moving oil to markets. With no storage tanks, pipelines or railroads available, the Nellie Johnstone No. 1 was capped for two years.

In 1898, Congress passed the Curtis Act, “for the Protection of the People of Indian Territory.” The new law, amending the Dawes Act of 1887, is described by the Oklahoma Historical Society as “the culmination of legislation designed to strip tribal governments of their authority and give it to Congress and/or the federal government.”

In Indian Territory oilfields, operations were brought to a standstill because of difficulties with titles, according to the U.S. Geological Survey. “The title of the oil and minerals remains in trust with the United States Government under the direction of the Secretary of the Interior, who must ratify every lease to make it valid.”

The legislation also stipulated, “the amount of 640 acres can only be acquired by a single individual or company.”

However, both the Cherokee Oil and Gas Company and the Cudahy Oil Company had leased more than 300,000 acres from the Cherokee Nation before the Curtis act. Congressional hearings and litigation followed.



An 1890 marginal producing well at Chelsea could be considered Oklahoma’s first petroleum production. In 1902, the Superior Court of the District of Columbia upheld “the power of the Secretary of the Interior to lease Cherokee oil lands,” in litigation over a lease of 12,000 acres held by the Cherokee Oil and Gas Company.

Cudahy Oil prospects were profoundly affected as well. In 1904, the Los Angeles Herald reported on the pending merger of Cherokee Oil and Gas Company with Cudahy Oil Company to form a new combined enterprise, the Cudahy Pipe Line and Refining Company. The merger never took place, although the combined assets reportedly amounted to 137 producing wells on the Cherokee Oil and Gas property and 87 producing wells on Cudahy leases for a total production of 2,100 barrels of oil a day.

“The producers are rather chary about signing up with the Cudahy concern,” noted the Weekly Examiner of Bartlesville in 1905. “An effort is being made to sell stock to the producers, but it is said the latter are not falling over each other in an effort to get on the independent band wagon.”

With the Curtis Act having cleared the last impediment to statehood, Oklahoma became the 46th state on November 16, 1907. Cherokee Oil and Gas Company continued to operate, but by 1918 had been reduced to owning half-interest in 375 oil wells at Chelsea. On March 31, 1919, the Cherokee-Warren Oil and Gas Company incorporated and took over the remaining assets of the wildcat venture that had drilled Oklahoma’s other first oil well almost 40 years earlier.

Although the 1890 marginal oil producer at Chelsea could be called Oklahoma’s first, records show that in the Choctaw Nation, a well was completed by Dr. H.W. Faucett and Choctaw Oil and Refining Company in 1888. This well reached 1,400 feet deep, where it also found non-commercial quantities of oil. The “Old Faucett Well” was abandoned after the doctor fell ill and died later that year.

**DATA MASTER: Becca Thornton**



# 10 Hilarious Summer Vacation Fails That Made Us Laugh Until Fall



Summer vacation with the family is always a mixed bag. Making memories to last a lifetime comes with its fair share of cost -- most of which involves whining, putting up with annoying siblings, and some degree of hauling ridiculous amounts of luggage. A small price to pay, right?  
And those are the good vacations.

Of course, small, petty annoyances are one thing. For some, vacations end up being much worse. In fact, some trips turn out to be an absolute debacle. The irony is: it's sometimes those messy vacations -- the ones with stories that last a lifetime -- that create our most enduring memories. We polled parents across the country to share some of their biggest vacation snafus with us. We got some doozies. Here are 10 memorable, hilarious vacation fails that somehow became classic family tales:

1.) When I was 5, my family took me on a camping trip to Denali National Park. Midway through dinner, a moose came into the camp. We quickly realized we were standing between her and her baby and she was MAD. My mother ran to the outhouse with me where we stayed for an hour peering out the little window, watching the moose roam the grounds while my dad stood guard. Nothing happened, but we still laugh about it to this day.

2.) My sister-in-law and her family were on a road trip from California with their cat, when they realized the cat had died. They pulled over and everyone was crying and trying to figure out what to do with the cat. Suddenly the cat jumped up and howled, scaring everyone. We still laugh about this even though it happened over 10 years ago.

3.) While standing around the campfire telling a story, hubby's pants suddenly fell around his ankles. We swear to this day he was pantsed by a ghost.

4.) While camping in our VW pop-top van, circa 1975, my dad woke up to moisture dripping on his head. We all woke up when he sleepily yelled at our dog Ralph, assuming Ralph was having some sort of insane peeing accident on him. But then my dad realized the real source of the dripping. His lovely 5-year-old daughter (yours truly!) had peed her sleeping bag in the sleep-

er bunk overhead. Whoops. We laugh about this story ALL the time.

5.) My parents took us to Florida one year to visit my great aunt and uncle not far from Cape Canaveral. Driving past a highway pullover titled "Mosquito Lagoon," my dad decided to pull over. Not so wise. Mosquito Lagoon was given that name for a reason. Five minutes into the boardwalk through the swamp, my sister and I were so bit up, we ran back to the car screaming. When we finally made it into the car, we had to kill all the mosquitoes that had followed us inside. Summer vacation fail.

6.) For our first wedding anniversary, my husband and I went camping in Vermont, thinking at the end of July, it would be plenty warm to do that. It was 40 degrees and raining monsoon-like for the first two days. We decided screw it, packed everything up wet, stowed it at my in-laws' place, and flew to Florida. We figured if it was going to be raining the whole week of vacation, it might as well be 80 degrees and raining and we'd be at Disney.

7.) Two years ago I was alone with the kids on Cape Cod where we parked to watch the fireworks. After they were over, I opened the car and threw my purse in and then quickly shut the door to let a car go by (kids were on the other side of the car). When the door shut, the car locked. Dark road, 10 p.m., no purse. Thank God my



cell was in my pocket. Called my husband (who was two hours away back home) and then the police who came about 1.5 hours later (it was 4th of July on the Cape). When the policewoman arrived, she was nice enough to let the kids sit in her car instead of getting eaten by mosquitoes, but she could not help as they no longer carry the equipment to open locked doors. Thankfully, my husband called AAA, and a bit later, the tow truck found us and unlocked the car. My kids were 7 and 2.5 but they still talk about that night

8.) A few years ago, we were coming home from South Carolina. Somehow we got to the airport late and missed our plane. That was a Sunday. The next flight out was on a Wednesday. While my wife was sobbing and begging and pleading and making arrangements for another flight out, one of the boys blew out his diaper. I had to go to the small bathroom with both of the boys and put one on the counter that was open. I didn't have wipes, so I used a lot of paper towels. When I got back to the ticket counter, I learned the only flight was leaving three hours away in another state the next morning. \$1,200 on new tickets for the four of us. Fine. Now we had to rent a car. Went to the rental counter and couldn't rent a car. Neither of us had a credit card, and even though we had JUST dropped off a rental, none of the rental cars would let us rent again. Turns out, you can rent it online just fine, but not in person. So, we had to get to North Carolina with no car, no buses, and two toddlers. Only other transportation? A cab. OK, fine. A \$300 cab ride to another state. Rented a hotel room ahead of our arrival and got a cab to be there at 5 a.m. to drive us to the airport. I needed to charge my cellphone but couldn't find my charger. Went to the front desk to see if they had anything, nope. Then I slipped and fell. In the lobby. Hard. On my back. The hostess called our room a few minutes later to see if I was OK, because as she said, "he fell REALLY hard!" My wife was confused (and scared). I hadn't come back yet. Where was I? A few floors up, borrowing a cell charger from some guest staying at the hotel (I had to return it that night). After a layover in NY, we made it home. We learned a few things from this ... NEVER be late for a flight, ALWAYS have a credit card, and life could be worse! We definitely laugh about it now. Great trip, we still do it every year ... Just skip a few of the steps.

9.) Our car broke down in the middle of Kansas on our way back to Canada from Colorado. My parents had to purchase a new vehicle, it was so bad. When we got to the border, my dad was so tired from the drive that he FORGOT the kids' names -- all five of us. Border patrol wasn't buying his story, so they took him in. Fifteen hours later, my dad was released. They accused him of kidnapping and stealing a vehicle. While at the time, it wasn't very funny, it's still my most favorite story to tell!

10.) My whole family used to go on these trips to Lake Tahoe. We had these HUGE parties. The morning after one of our 'epic' parties, we heard a scream from the front patio. It was our aunt, who had remembered she left a cooler out overnight and had gone to retrieve it. We ran outside to see what happened. It looked like a Smurf village mass murder scene; there was liquid blue ice everywhere ... and blue paw-prints. Thankfully, the coolers were empty of food, so the bears hadn't stayed for long. My aunt earned the nickname Ranger Smith that year.

**DATA MASTER: Becca Thornton**

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**Stories About the Touching Kindness of Strangers**

**Top Note**

When my husband died unexpectedly, a coworker took me under her wing. Every week for an entire year, she would send me a card saying "Just Thinking of You" or "Hang in There." She saved my life.—Jerilynn Collette, Burnsville, Minnesota

**He Kept an Eye on Me**

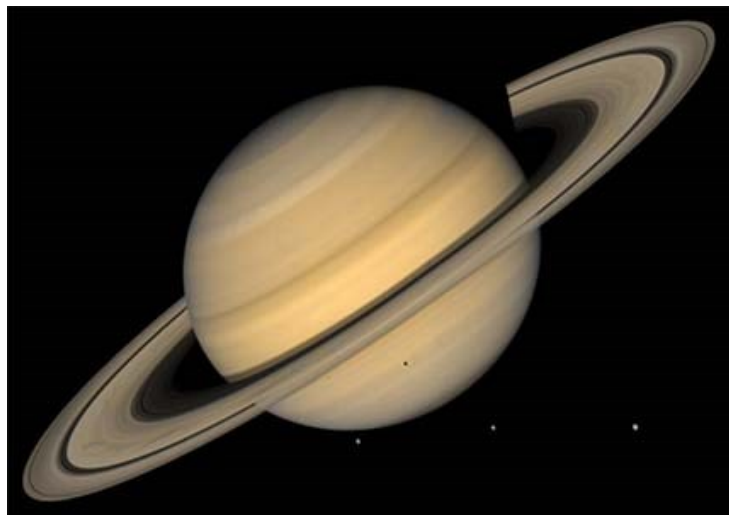
Driving home in a blizzard, I noticed a vehicle trailing close behind me. Suddenly, my tire blew! I pulled off the road, and so did the other car. A man jumped out from behind the wheel and without hesitation changed the flat. "I was going to get off two miles back," he said. "But I didn't think that tire looked good." —Marilyn Attebery, Spokane Valley, Washington

**My Commander's Call**

It was one of my first missions on a gunship during the Vietnam War. I was scanning for enemy fire when I spotted a bright object that looked as if it were coming straight at us. "Missile! Missile!" I shouted into my interphone. The pilot jerked the airplane as hard as he could, dumping guys from one side of the craft to the next. Well, turns out the "missile" was a flare we had just dropped. Suffice it to say, the guys weren't pleased. Back at the base, my commander put an arm around my shoulder. "Sergeant Hunter," he said, "you keep calling them like you see them. Better safe than sorry." That kind act gave me the confidence to be one of the top gunners in my squadron. —Douglas Hunter, Fort Walton Beach, Florida

**DATA MASTER: Nikki Hamilton**

# Saturn



Saturn is the sixth planet from the Sun and the second largest planet in our solar system. Adorned with a dazzling system of icy rings, Saturn is unique among the planets. It is not the only planet to have rings, but none are as spectacular or as complex as Saturn's. Like fellow gas giant Jupiter, Saturn is a massive ball made mostly of hydrogen and helium. Surrounded by more than 60 known moons, Saturn is home to some of the most fascinating landscapes in our solar system. From the jets of water that spray from Enceladus to the methane lakes on smoggy Titan, the Saturn system is a rich source of scientific discovery and still holds many mysteries. The farthest planet from Earth discovered by the unaided human eye, Saturn has been known since ancient times. The planet is named for the Roman god of agriculture and wealth, who was also the father of Jupiter.

## Size and Distance

With a radius of 36,183.7 miles (58,232 kilometers), Saturn is 9 times wider than Earth. If Earth were the size of a nickel, Saturn would be about as big as a volleyball.

From an average distance of 886 million miles (1.4 billion kilometers), Saturn is 9.5 astronomical units away from the Sun. One astronomical unit (abbreviated as AU), is the distance from the Sun to Earth. From this distance, it takes sunlight 80 minutes to travel from the Sun to Saturn.

## Orbit and Rotation

Saturn has the second-shortest day in the solar system. One day on Saturn takes only 10.7 hours (the time it takes for Saturn to rotate or spin around once), and Saturn makes a complete orbit around the Sun (a year in Saturnian time) in about 29.4 Earth years (10,756 Earth days). Its axis is tilted by 26.73 degrees with respect to its orbit around the Sun, which is similar to Earth's 23.5-degree tilt. This means that, like Earth, Saturn experiences seasons.

## Structure

Like Jupiter, Saturn is made mostly of hydrogen and helium. At Saturn's center is a dense core of metals like iron and nickel surrounded by rocky material and other compounds solidified by the intense pressure and heat. It is enveloped by liquid metallic hydrogen inside a layer of liquid hydrogen—similar to Jupiter's core but considerably smaller.

It's hard to imagine, but Saturn is the only planet in our solar system whose average density is less than water. The giant gas planet could float in a bathtub if such a colossal thing existed.

## Formation

Saturn took shape when the rest of the solar system formed about 4.5 billion years ago, when gravity pulled swirling gas and dust in to become this gas giant. About 4 billion years ago, Saturn settled into its current position in the outer solar system, where it is the sixth planet from the Sun. Like Jupiter, Saturn is mostly made of hydrogen and helium, the same two main components that make up the Sun.

## Surface

As a gas giant, Saturn doesn't have a true surface. The planet is mostly swirling gases and liquids deeper down. While a spacecraft would have nowhere to land on Saturn, it wouldn't be able to fly through unscathed either. The extreme pressures and temperatures deep inside the planet crush, melt and vaporize spacecraft trying to fly into the planet.

## Atmosphere

Saturn is blanketed with clouds that appear as faint stripes, jet streams and storms. The planet is many different shades of yellow, brown and grey. Winds in the upper atmosphere reach 1,600 feet per second (500 meters per second) in the equatorial region. In contrast, the strongest hurricane-force winds on Earth top out at about 360 feet per second (110 meters per second). And the pressure—the same kind you feel

when you dive deep underwater—is so powerful it squeezes gas into liquid.

Saturn's north pole has an interesting atmospheric feature—a six-sided jet stream. This hexagon-shaped pattern was first noticed in images from the Voyager I spacecraft and has been more closely observed by the Cassini spacecraft since. Spanning about 20,000 miles (30,000 kilometers) across, the hexagon is a wavy jet stream of 200-mile-per-hour winds (about 322 kilometers per hour) with a massive, rotating storm at the center. There is no weather feature like it anywhere else in the solar system.

### **Magnetosphere**

Saturn's magnetic field is smaller than Jupiter's but still 578 times as powerful as Earth's. Saturn, the rings, and many of the satellites lie totally within Saturn's enormous magnetosphere, the region of space in which the behavior of electrically charged particles is influenced more by Saturn's magnetic field than by the solar wind. Aurorae occur when charged particles spiral into a planet's atmosphere along magnetic field lines. On Earth, these charged particles come from the solar wind. Cassini showed that at least some of Saturn's aurorae are like Jupiter's and are largely unaffected by the solar wind. Instead, these aurorae are caused by a combination of particles ejected from Saturn's moons and Saturn's magnetic field's rapid rotation rate. But these "non-solar-originating" aurorae are not completely understood yet.

### **Rings**

Saturn's rings are thought to be pieces of comets, asteroids or shattered moons that broke up before they reached the planet, torn apart by Saturn's powerful gravity. They are made of billions of small chunks of ice and rock coated with another material such as dust. The ring particles mostly range from tiny, dust-sized icy grains to chunks as big as a house. A few particles are as large as mountains. The rings would look mostly white if you looked at them from the cloud tops of Saturn, and inter-

estingly, each ring orbits at a different speed around the planet. Saturn's ring system extends up to 175,000 miles (282,000 kilometers) from the planet, yet the vertical height is typically about 30 feet (10 meters) in the main rings. Named alphabetically in the order they were discovered, the rings are relatively close to each other, with the exception of a gap measuring 2,920 miles (4,700 kilometers) wide called the Cassini Division that separates Rings A and B. The main rings are A, B and C. Rings D, E, F and G are fainter and more recently discovered.

Starting at Saturn and moving outward, there is the D ring, C ring, B ring, Cassini Division, A ring, F ring, G ring, and finally, the E ring. Much farther out, there is the very faint Phoebe ring in the orbit of Saturn's moon Phoebe.

### **Moons**

Saturn is home to a vast array of intriguing and unique worlds. From the haze-shrouded surface of Titan to crater-riddled Phoebe, each of Saturn's moons tells another piece of the story surrounding the Saturn system. Currently Saturn has 53 confirmed moons with 29 additional provisional moons awaiting confirmation.

### **Potential for Life**

Saturn's environment is not conducive to life as we know it. The temperatures, pressures and materials that characterize this planet are most likely too extreme and volatile for organisms to adapt to.

While planet Saturn is an unlikely place for living things to take hold, the same is not true of some of its many moons. Satellites like Enceladus and Titan, home to internal oceans, could possibly support life.

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Rachel Dewitt was born on a July 15th in Claremore. She is an Evening Charge Nurse. This September she will celebrate her 20th Anniversary with this Facility. In August she will start RN School. She has been married for 30 years and has 2 fur babies. Her hobbies are reading, cross-stitch, candle making, soap making and is now learning to knit. We all know how much she loves Christmas but did not know she has to have her M&Ms separated by color before she can eat them. Says she loves the residents the most and how much love that they show the staff.

*"They may forget your name, but they will never forget how you made them feel."*

*Maya Angelou*

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## NEWS RELEASE

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### **ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS DAY**

Help spread the word for World Elder Abuse Awareness Day on June 15, 2021. It can be hard to imagine that anyone would deliberately want to harm an elderly person, but unfortunately, elder abuse is a widespread problem. Some instances of elder abuse are intended to exploit the person financially; you've probably heard of scams targeting seniors. In other cases, it's simple negligence: Caregivers don't provide the basic necessities, like nutritious food, appropriate medication, safety, or assistance with hygiene. If you see something, say something.

#### **5 FACTS ABOUT ELDER ABUSE**

1. It happens mostly at home – Elder abuse instances happen mostly in the home where the senior lives.
2. 1 in every 10 – Is the number of elder adults that experience some form of abuse in their lifetime.
3. Finances are at the highest risk – the most common form of abuse is financial exploitation and extortion.
4. 9 out of 10 elder abusers are relatives – In around 90% of elder abuse and neglect incidents, the perpetrator is a family member.
5. Many go unreported – Only one of every six instances of elder abuse is reported.

#### **WHY WORLD ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS DAY IS IMPORTANT**

1. Older Americans may be unable to advocate for themselves – Many seniors are not in a place to stand up for themselves, whether it's because they're physically frail or because they're scared of speaking up and fear of repercussions. It's crucial for all of us to be on the lookout for signs of elder abuse, and to speak up if something seems wrong.
2. Seniors deserve our respect and our attention – In so many cultures, elders are revered – and rightfully so. Their experiences, memories, and perspective on life are valued for the lessons that younger folks can learn. If older people aren't encouraged to pass along the skills and wisdom they have accumulated during their lives, then the culture as whole suffers. We owe it to older generations to ensure that their so-called Golden Years are not tarnished by neglect.
3. It reminds us to look out for each other – It's easy to see bad things and not say anything-whether that's senior abuse or a mugging on the street. But this special day reminds us just how important it is to look after, and look out for, our fellow humans. It reminds us to exercise compassion on a daily basis, and care about others rather than just ourselves.

To report abuse call: 1-800-522-3511 or go to [www.okhotline.org](http://www.okhotline.org).

For those residents who want to transition back out in the community there is possibly a resource available for them called Living Choice. If you want further information about this program you can call 888- 287-2443 or e-mail: [Oklahoma.livingchoice@okhca.org](mailto:Oklahoma.livingchoice@okhca.org) or contact your Ombudsman at 1-800-482-4594.

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# Up-coming Events

TOPS #570 We meet 9am to 11am Monday morning at Mt. Olive Lutheran Church in Miami 2337 N. Main St. "Taking off pounds sensibly!"

TOPS #567 meet every Thursday at 10am 433 N Mississippi in Nowata.

TOPS #506 in Miami Heavenly Winds Worship Center meet every 6pm Thursday evening. For more info call Susan Walls at 918-540-0570

Every 4th Saturday of the month Veteran's Support Group: Veterans for Veterans. Have you served in the military? Are you struggling with readjustment? Anxious about the future? Struggling to connect with friends and family? Struggling with school? WE CAN HELP! Free veterans support group at 10am every 4th Saturday of the month. The Landing 502 West Corner Fairland, Ok. For more information call Cindy (918) 676-3228.

Food Truck Wednesdays —Every Wednesday, grab some tasty eats and gather on the grounds of Guthrie Green. During Food Truck Wednesdays, lunchtime transforms into a community-wide affair, with roaming food trucks posting up at this Tulsa park. While you dine on delicious food, be sure to enjoy the live music and fresh air. Guthrie Green 111 E Brady St Tulsa, OK 74103 Phone: 918-574-2421

Big Cabin Senior Exercise Program—Fitness program for seniors held at the Big Cabin Baptist Church gym three times a week, Monday, Wednesday and Friday, from 10 to 11 a.m.

American Legion Post 178 in Grove, OK – Bingo every Saturday evening at 6pm. Family atmosphere. Contact Lee Cathy for any questions at: 901-487-9060

PRYOR DANCE—Every 1st. and 3rd. Thursday of the month. 6:15 pm—9 pm—Cost is \$5.00 per person, Double H Band will be playing. Cookies and Coffee will be serving. It's for seniors but all ages are welcome. Mayes County Nutrition Center 851 SE 9th Pryor (just east of 9th and Elliott intersection)

May 8 - Sep 30, 2021 Butterfly House at the Papilion—Get an up-close look at beautiful butterflies at Honor Heights Park in Muskogee. The Papilion is a teaching garden and open air butterfly house that welcomes visitors to get a great view of these winged wonders. The Papilion is currently the only captive butterfly house in Oklahoma, with up to 26 varieties native to the south-east United States. Mon—Sat: 9:00 am—3:00 pm Sun: 1:00 pm—4:00 pm. Honor Heights Park 1513 N 48th

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Aug 12, 2021 Jason Isbell & the 400 Unit in Concert - Head to historic Cain's Ballroom for a special performance by Jason Isbell & the 400 Unit. This Grammy Award-winning singer-songwriter brings his talented band to Tulsa along with special guest Ray Wylie Hubbard. Don't miss Isbell's performances from his latest LP, Reunions, as the tour stops in Tulsa. Cain's Ballroom, 423 N Main St, Tulsa, OK 74103. Phone: 918-584-2306.

Aug 13, 2021 WWE Smackdown Live - Don't miss an action-packed evening as WWE Smackdown Live takes over Tulsa's BOK Center. See the "Big Dog" Roman Reigns, Seth Rollins, Sasha Banks and other fan favorites compete in heart-stopping, awe-inducing matches during this exciting night in Tulsa. Hours: Starts at 6:45pm. BOK Center, 200 S Denver Ave, Tulsa, OK 74103. Phone: 918-894-4445.

Aug 13, 2021 - Aug 14, 2021 Okmulgee Invitational Rodeo & Festival - Okmulgee's Invitational Rodeo is the nation's oldest African-American rodeo, one of the state's longest running rodeos and one of the largest African-American sporting events in the nation. Entertaining audiences since 1956, the Okmulgee Invitational Rodeo also features a festival and parade Saturday afternoon. Hours: Rodeo events begin at 8pm each night. Parade: Saturday at 4pm. Creek Nation Bob Arrington Arena, Okmulgee, OK 74447. Phone: 918-758-7044.

Aug 13, 2021 - Aug 29, 2021 Theatre Tulsa presents: Matilda the Musical - Experience the magic of the hysterical, uplifting and visually stunning blockbuster adored by millions around the world at the Tulsa Performing Arts Center. Roald Dahl's "Matilda" comes to life in musical form during this show that is sure to capture the hearts of all ages. Don't miss this enchanting story featuring beloved characters like Miss Honey, Bruce Bogtrotter, Miss Trunchbull, and of course, Matilda Wormwood. Hours: August 13, 14, 20, 21, 27, 28: 8pm. August 15, 22, 29: 2pm. Tulsa Performing Arts Center, 110 E 2nd St. Tulsa, OK 74103. Phone: 918-596-7111.

Aug 14, 2021 Will Rogers & Wiley Post Fly-in - Come watch more than 100 small planes land at the Will Rogers Birthplace Ranch on the anniversary of Will Rogers' and Wiley Posts' Alaska plane crash. At the Will Rogers & Wiley Post Fly-in, meet pilots who land on the 2,000-ft grass airstrip located east of Oologah and bordering Oologah Lake. Hours: Saturday: 7:30 am - 1:00 pm. Will Rogers Birthplace Ranch, 9501 E 380 Rd. Oologah, OK 74053. Phone: 918-906-7258.

Aug 14, 2021 - Aug 21, 2021 Ottawa County Free Fair - Join thousands of festival-goers at this year's Ottawa County Free Fair in Miami. This free county fair will feature nightly livestock shows, commercial exhibits, food vendors and a wide variety of grandstand events in the main arena. Bring the kids for the nightly carnival and enjoy rides that twist, turn and spin.

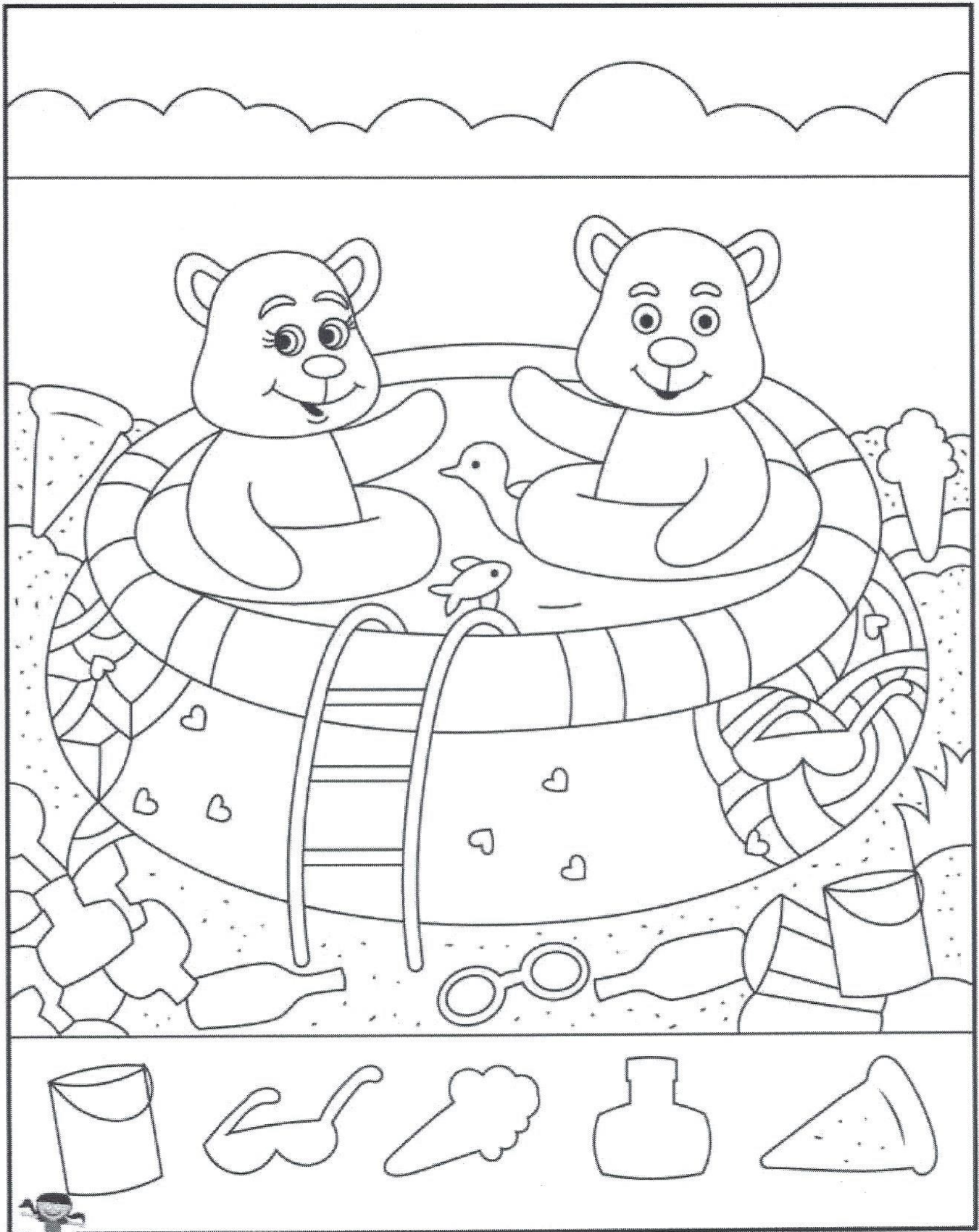
2021 Events: Truck & Tractor Pull: August 14. Youth Ranch Rodeo: August 15. Youth Horse Show: August 16. Livestock Shows: August 17-19. Great Plains Amusement Carnival: August 17-21. Premium Sale Auction & Dinner: August 20. Dairy Shows, Bucket Animal Show & Buddy Show: August 21. Miami Fairgrounds, 1129 E St SW. Miami, OK 74354. Phone: 918-542-1688, Office Fax: 918-542-8463.

Aug 17, 2021 - Aug 22, 2021 Tulsa Drillers vs Northwest Arkansas Naturals - Gather your crew and head to ONEOK Field for a dose of Double-A baseball when the Tulsa Drillers take on the Northwest Arkansas Naturals during the 2021 season. Grab a cold brew and a dog, then kick back and experience America's past time in the heart of downtown Tulsa. Hours: August 17-21: 7:05pm, August 22: 1:05pm. ONEOK Field, 201 N Elgin Ave. Tulsa, OK 74120. Phone: 918-744-5901, Phone: 918-744-5998 Office Fax: 918-747-3267.

Aug 18, 2021 Clint Black in Concert - See one of country music's brightest stars as Clint Black comes to Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Tulsa for a fun night of country hits. A prolific songwriter, Black has written, recorded and released over 100 songs in his career with more than 20 million albums sold worldwide. With decades of experience, this talented musician puts on an enthusiastic live show. Hours: Starts at 8pm. Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Tulsa, 777 W Cherokee St. Catoosa, OK 74015. Phone: 918-266-4352.

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# Getting to know the Lutherans

## Dependence Day

*Blessed is the one who fears the Lord always, but whoever hardens his heart will fall into calamity. Proverbs 28:14*

We just celebrated another Independence Day, a day that is worthy of our observance. It is a celebration of our liberation from Great Britain, who treated her citizens in the New World unfairly. Though our nation has established a government of our own, we are still under the power, authority and providence of our Creator. Though we have freed ourselves from earthly monarchs, we are not free from the King of Kings.

Americans delight in independence maybe too much. We consider ourselves self-sufficient, self-made while in fact God is everything. It is our Creator who gives us life and all that we need. It is our Creator who gives talent, skills, knowledge and every opportunity. We are in fact totally dependent. We are commanded to respect our earthly authorities as long as they don't cause us to sin, But God is still our Divine Commander in Chief.

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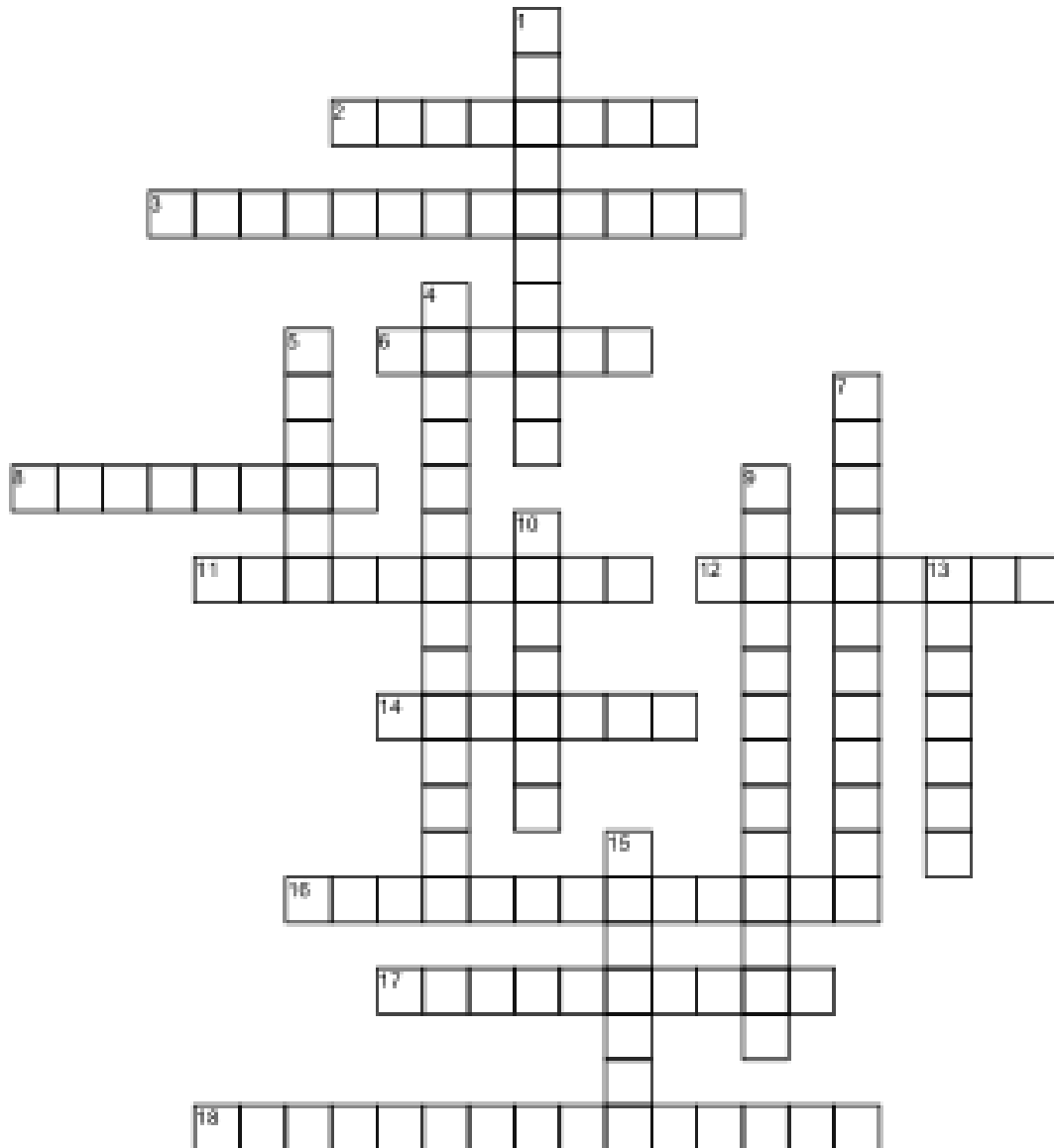
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See you Sunday at worship.*

# Crossword Puzzle

## Olympics



### Across

2. Pool Activities
3. sport while on ice
6. Where you go off high plank into the water
8. Several people in narrow boat paddling
11. Sport shooting through hoops
12. Running around 3 bases
14. Knocking down pins with a ball
16. person lifts heavy items over head using arms
17. Event where you serve the ball over the net
18. Event played in the sand with net and ball

### Down

1. Doing flips
4. Person throws circle item long distance
5. hitting ball over net
7. Person on 4 legged animal going over poles
9. Events where you run around an oval
10. throwing a spear
13. Person holding Bow and Arrow to get points
15. Where you ride a 2 wheel vehicle

# Word Search Puzzle

## Barn Animal's

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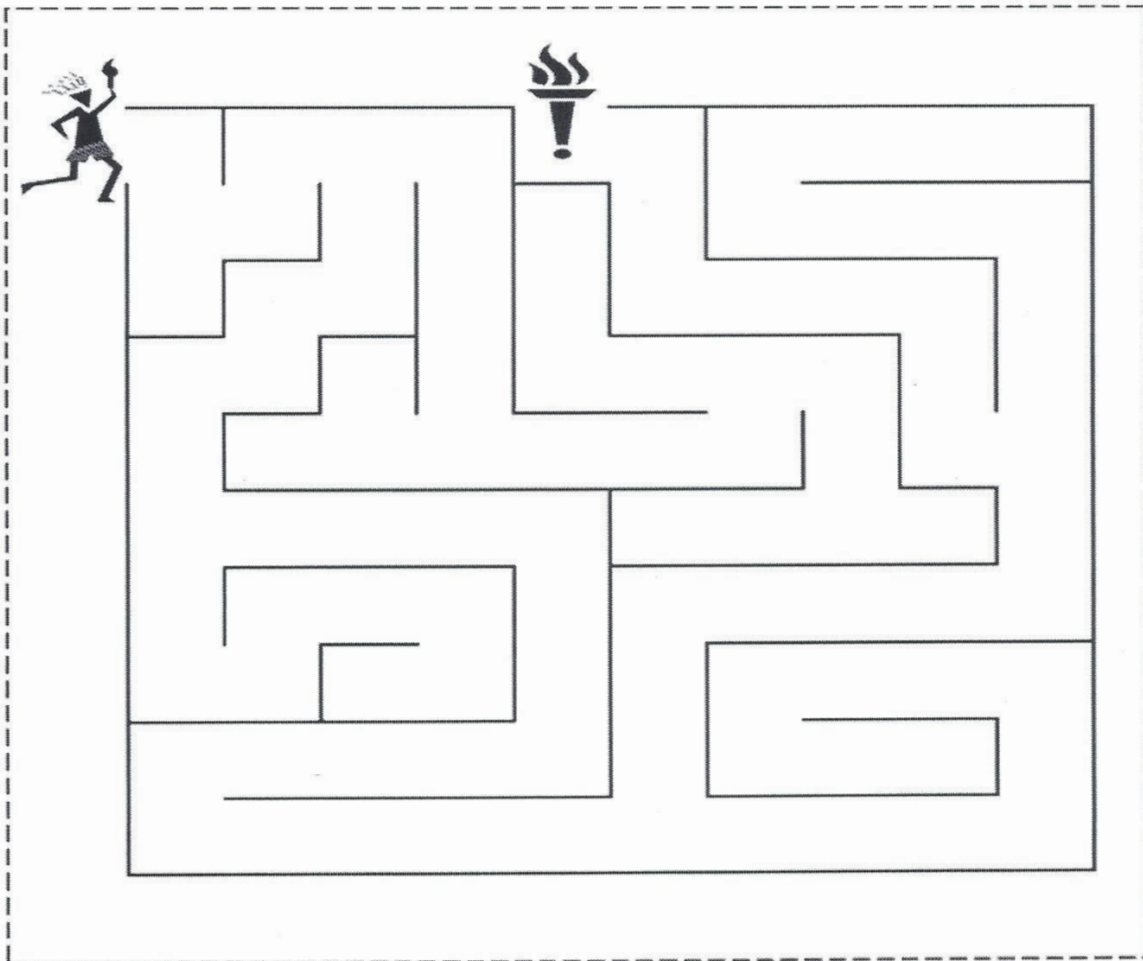
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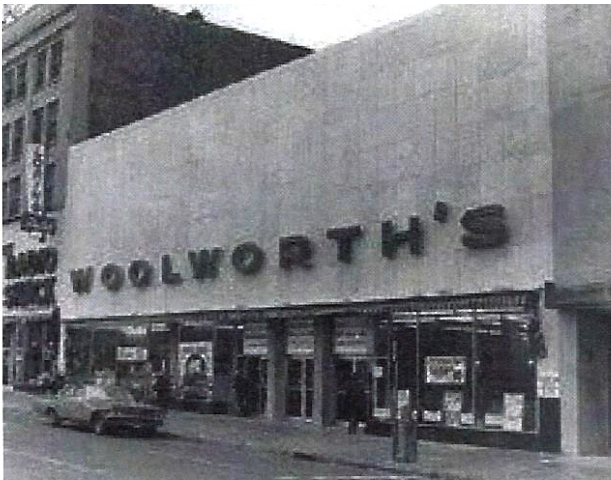
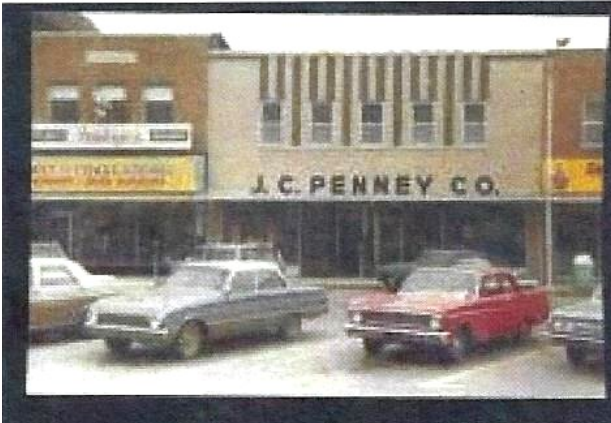
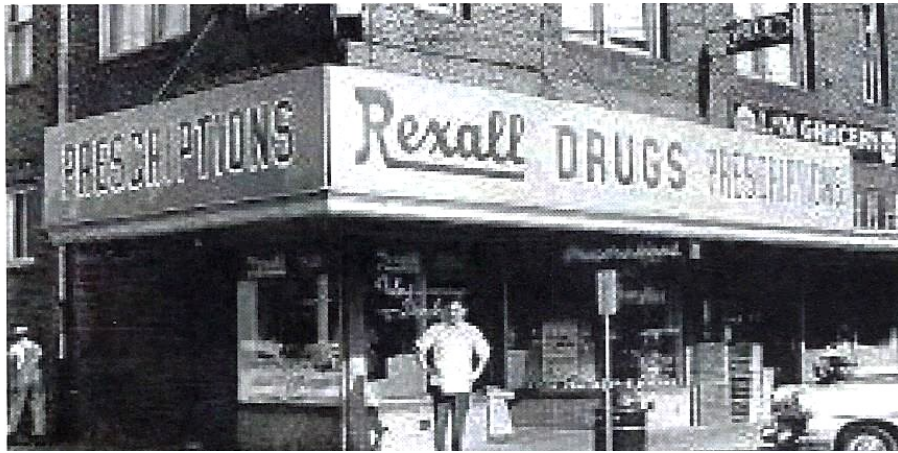
# Maze Puzzle



**Ribbon Holder:**  
\*Cut and fold in half,  
glue to back of medal  
\*Insert ribbon or string  
under fold and glue flap  
to medal.



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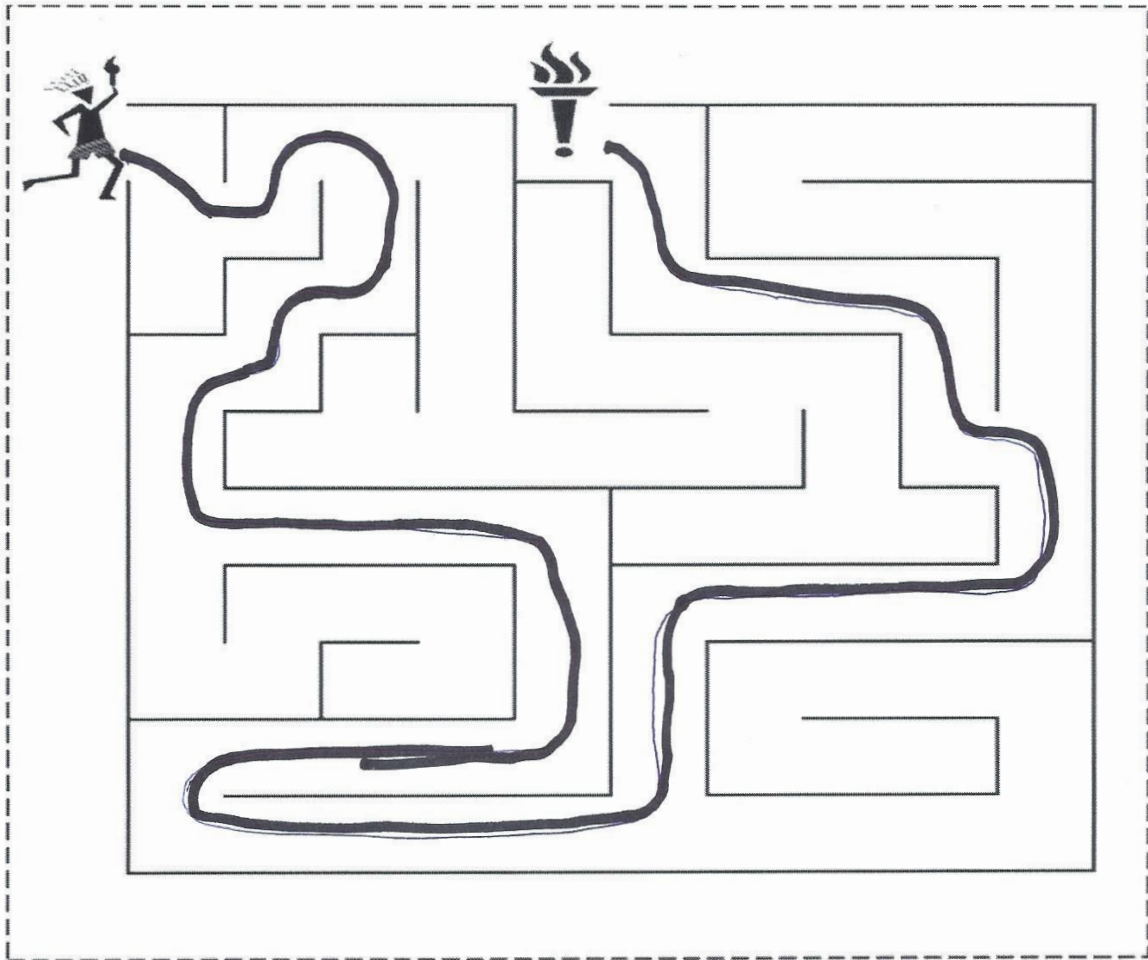




# Maze Puzzle Solution



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## Cheesy Tuna Noodle Casserole

**Prep:** 10 minutes  
**Cook:** 55 minutes  
**Total:** 1 hour 5 minutes  
**Servings:** 6  
**Yield:** 6 servings



### Ingredients

1 (12 ounce) package egg noodles  
2 Tablespoons vegetable oil  
1/4 cup chopped onion  
1/4 cup chopped green bell pepper  
1/4 cup red bell pepper, chopped  
1 (11 ounce) can condensed cream of Cheddar cheese soup  
1 (5 ounce) can tuna, divided  
1/4 cup milk  
1/4 teaspoon salt  
Ground black pepper to taste  
1/4 cup Italian seasoned bread crumbs

### Directions

#### Step 1

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C).

#### Step 2

Bring a large pot of salted water to boil; place noodles in water and bring to boil again. Cook until al dente; drain well.

#### Step 3

While noodles are cooking sauté in a medium size saucepan vegetable oil, onion, green and red bell peppers. Sauté until tender.

#### Step 4

Pour soup, tuna, milk, salt and black pepper into the saucepan. Mix well over medium low heat.

#### Step 5

Fold the noodles into the saucepan.

#### Step 6

Pour entire mixture into a 2 quart casserole. Sprinkle bread crumbs over the mixture. Bake 20-30 minutes or until the top is crisp and golden brown.

### Nutrition Facts

#### Per Serving

373 calories; proteins 16.7g; carbohydrates 49.4g; fat 12g; cholesterol 66.2mg; sodium 600.4mg.

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# 9 Things You Didn't Know About Flip-Flops

## 1) Flip-Flops By Any Other Name...

Although flip-flops have been around for a lot longer, the name wasn't assigned to this style of footwear until the 1960s. The term flip-flop was used to describe the clapping sound that is produced with the shoe slaps against the heel when you are walking. They could have easily been called slappies or cluckers or snap-snaps, but the term flip-flop stuck.

## 2) There is a National Flip-Flop Day

Yes, National Flip-Flop Day is a thing. It is held on the third Friday in June every year since it was created in 2007. On this day, everyone is encouraged to wear their flip-flops and share pics of their favorite footwear on social media sites, using the hashtag #NationalFlipFlopDay. You may even find some retail locations getting in on the action by hosting in-store sales on flip-flops.

## 3) Flip-Flops: The Footwear Our Ancestors Wore

The flip-flop is one of the oldest forms of footwear. Murals in Egypt depict ancient Egyptians wearing flip-flops as far back as 4,000 B.C. These Egyptian flip-flops were made with papyrus and reeds. Early African flip-flops were crafted from animal hides, Indian flip-flops were wooden and in China and Japan, the footwear was made using rice straw.

## 4) Between the Toes

Today's flip-flops are worn with the strap between the first and second toes, but that wasn't always the case. Many early cultures, including the Romans and the Mesopotamians, wore their flip-flops with the strap between the second and third toes. We can thank the ancient Greeks for showing us that the most comfortable way to wear flip-flops is with the strap between the first and second toes. The flip-flops of ancient Greece were more closely aligned with modern flip-flops than any of the footwear that came before.

## 5) Flip-Flops in the Post-War Era

U.S. soldiers returning home from deployments in Japan during World War II brought back pairs of Japanese zori, a type of flip-flop made with rice straw. These became wildly popular in the United States. By the 1950s, U.S. manufacturers were making their own version of the Japanese zori, using rubber instead of rice straw. Soon, people could buy flip-flops in any color imaginable and the style of footwear became a fashion trend of the 1950s and 1960s.

## 6) Flip-Flop-in-Chief

In 2011, then-president Barack Obama became the first U.S. president to be photographed wearing flip-flops. This was, most likely, the first time the people of the United States saw a president's toes.

While the media had a field day condemning the president for his casual footwear, University of Pennsylvania's Kathleen Hall Jamieson had the perfect retort when she said, "If you were born in Hawaii, if you grew up in Hawaii, if you vacation in Hawaii and you don't wear flip-flops, then there is something seriously wrong with you."

## 7) Flip-Flops are Big Business

Americans love their flip-flops. Last year alone, they spent more than \$2.5 billion on just this one variety of footwear, making flip-flops the best selling sandal in the country.

## 8) Flip-Flops for a Cause

Although Gucci and Crystalshious make costly flip-flops for discerning customers, the most expensive flip-flop on the market is produced by the eco-friendly company, Chipkos. Their uniquely-shaped, square flip-flop with hand-painted 18-karat gold designs, sell for whopping \$18,000 a pair. These shoes are part of the footwear company's Stand for Square Feet campaign. Money from the purchase of these flip flops goes toward the protection of 100,000 square feet of endangered rainforest habitat in Costa Rica. The flip-flops even come with their own clear display case for those who want to show off their footwear instead of wearing them out to walk the dog.

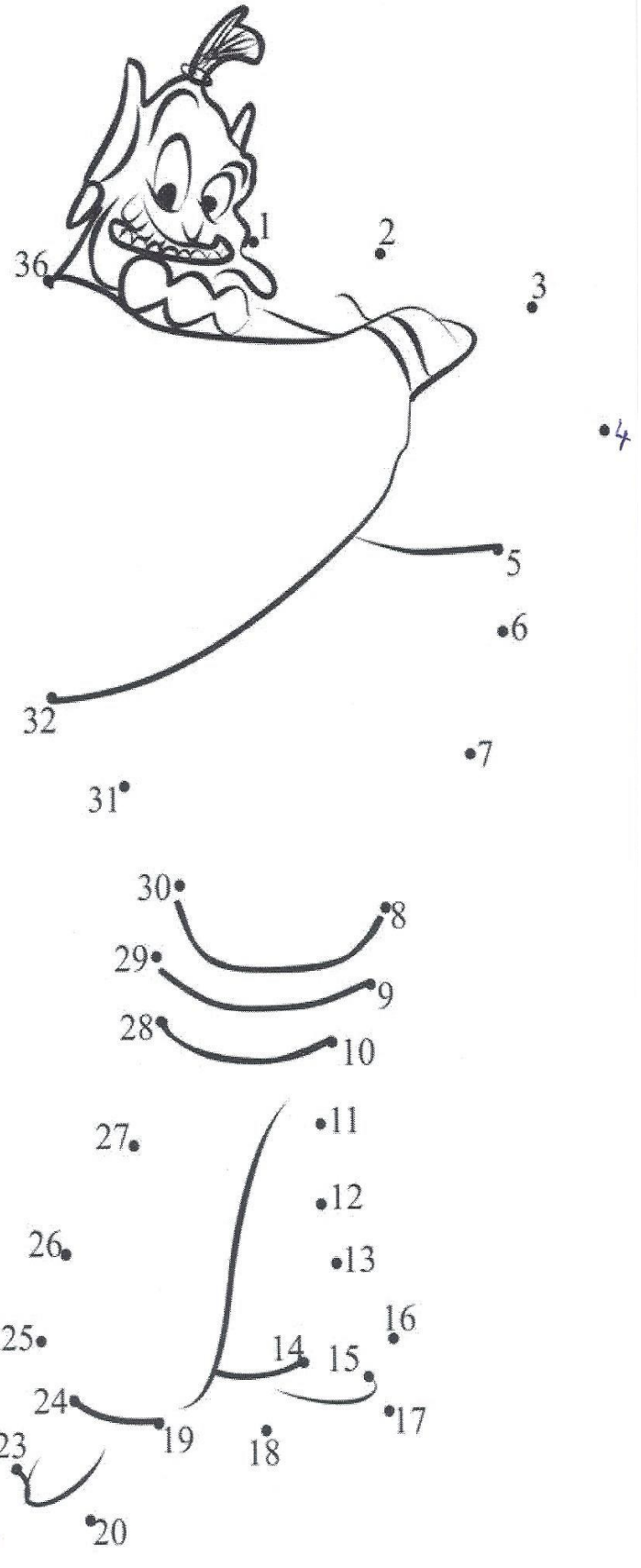
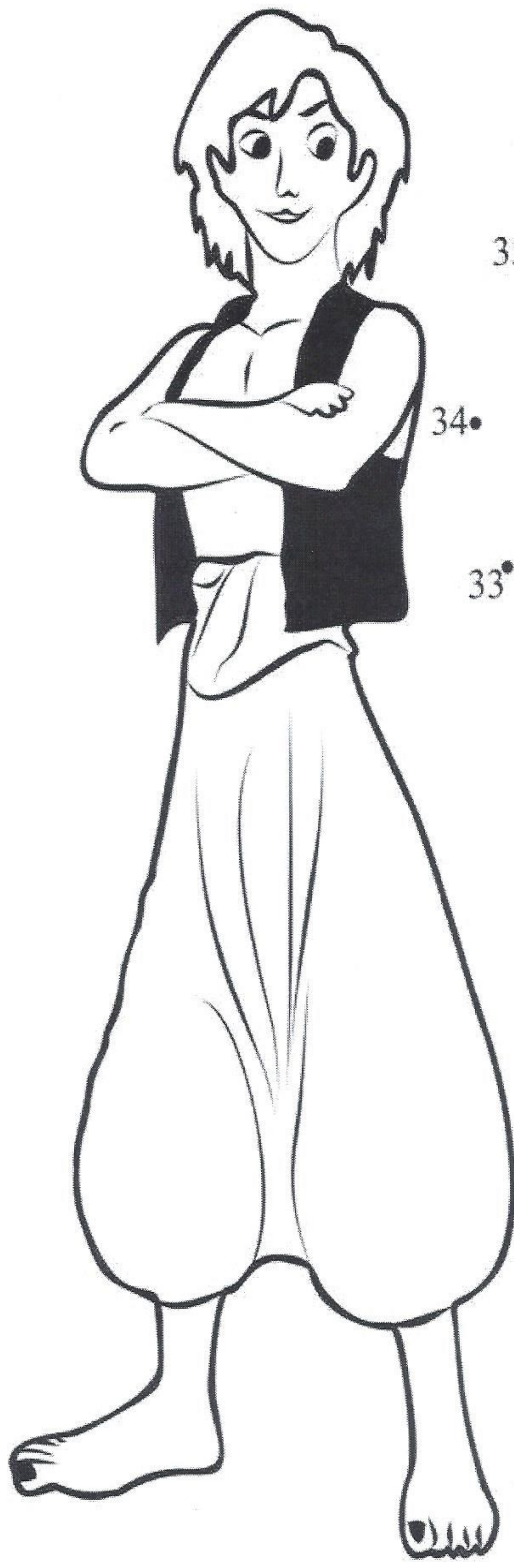
## 9) Sing the Song of the Flip-Flops

Flip flops can occasionally be found in the lyrics of songs, but only one song (so far) have mentioned America's favorite footwear in the title of the song. Country artist Kenny Chesney included the song, "Flip Flop Summer" on his ninth album, the 2005 *The Road and the Radio* album. Among the lyrics of this tune is the chorus that says, "It's gonna be another flip-flop summer, kick off your shoes and call up your lover." Elsewhere in the song, Chesney sings "We're going to take us a long vacation, mix us up some strong libations. No worries, just good vibrations, and lazy days in style. It's a flip-flop summer, it's a flip-flop summer."

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# Dot To Dot Picture Puzzle (Connect dots to complete the picture)



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# Creative Back-to-School Hacks to Get Your Year off to a Running Start

## Spell Out a New Routine for Them

One of the hardest parts of heading back to school is getting a new schedule down pat. Each year brings its own rhythm with it, and it takes some practice before you get in the groove. To make the transition easier, spell out exactly what's expected of your child in the morning and when they come home with a routine chart. Knowing their responsibilities will help them take to their new routine faster.

My Daily Routines

BEFORE SCHOOL	AFTER SCHOOL	BEDTIME
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>get ready</li> <li>eat breakfast</li> <li>take bus</li> <li>arrive at school</li> <li>get changed</li> <li>practice handwriting</li> <li>practice math</li> <li>tidy up</li> <li>take backpack</li> <li>say good-bye</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>help do homework</li> <li>eat lunch</li> <li>take bus home</li> <li>change clothes</li> <li>take out trash</li> <li>take out recycling</li> <li>take out laundry</li> <li>take out dishes</li> <li>take out trash</li> <li>take out recycling</li> <li>take out laundry</li> <li>take out dishes</li> <li>take out trash</li> <li>take out recycling</li> <li>take out laundry</li> <li>take out dishes</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>take a bath/shower</li> <li>brush teeth</li> <li>brush hair</li> <li>get ready for bed</li> <li>read a book</li> <li>turn off lights</li> <li>say good-bye</li> </ul>

WORK HARD. Play Hard. Do Your Best.

## Color-Code the Clock

Visual learners will love this analog clock. With it, they can color-code the time allotted for certain activities. (In this example, you'd have to explain that you're only looking to the "big hand" to see which activity time it is.) If the clock face doesn't take to marker, colored transparency sheets might be better. Timers help, too!



## Lay Out the Week

While digital, shared calendars are still the best way to keep track of everyone's schedule, it's also helpful if the whole family can see the week's biggest events at a glance. You can quickly whip together a color-coded weekly schedule with index cards and some clothespins. That way, the whole family will stay on the same page.



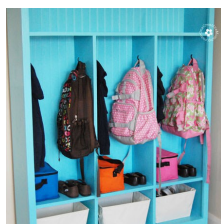
## Designate a Place for Teacher Correspondence

You don't want permission slips, progress reports, or other messages between you and your child's teacher to enter the black hole of the bottom of the backpack. Choose a place for him to put anything you need to read or sign, and another for anything you need him to give to his teacher. This mom took a plastic envelope, punched a hole in it, and attached it to her kids' backpack with a carabiner so it wouldn't get lost.



## Make Your Own Cubbies

If floor space is too limited for bins, go vertical and make your own cubbies for backpacks, jackets, and shoes. This designer made hers starting with IKEA's Billy bookcases.



## Make Assembly-Line Lunches

If the goal is to move them on to making lunches on their own, make it easy for them with a pantry shelf dedicated to the non-perishable lunch ingredients. They just have to move down the line of labeled bins, picking out what they want for the day. Keep plastic bags on the shelf, so they can easily grab a handful of cereal or granola, too. (You can also take a shelf in the fridge and do the same thing.) Bonus: This system also works for after-school snacks.



## Plan Out a Week's Worth of Outfits

This will help save you some time in the morning, when you're really feeling the crunch. If you designate a place to put the week's outfits, like this smart (and cute!) labeled hanging organizer, it'll be a lot easier to hand of the task of outfit planning to your child, since she'll know exactly where to put everything. (It's probably more fun for her than it is for you, anyway.)



## Make a Back-of-the-Door Checklist

Running out the door, it's easy to forget something important, like a lunch bag. Keep a list of important items posted on the back of the door so that kids can do one last check before they run for the bus. You might even want one for yourself, if you want to go beyond the typical phone/wallet/keys rundown.



## Make the Schedule the Lock Screen

For older kids, this is a good way to keep track of where he needs to be until he gets his schedule memorized. By taking a picture of his phone and making it the lock screen, he won't look lost — he'll just look like he's checking the time.



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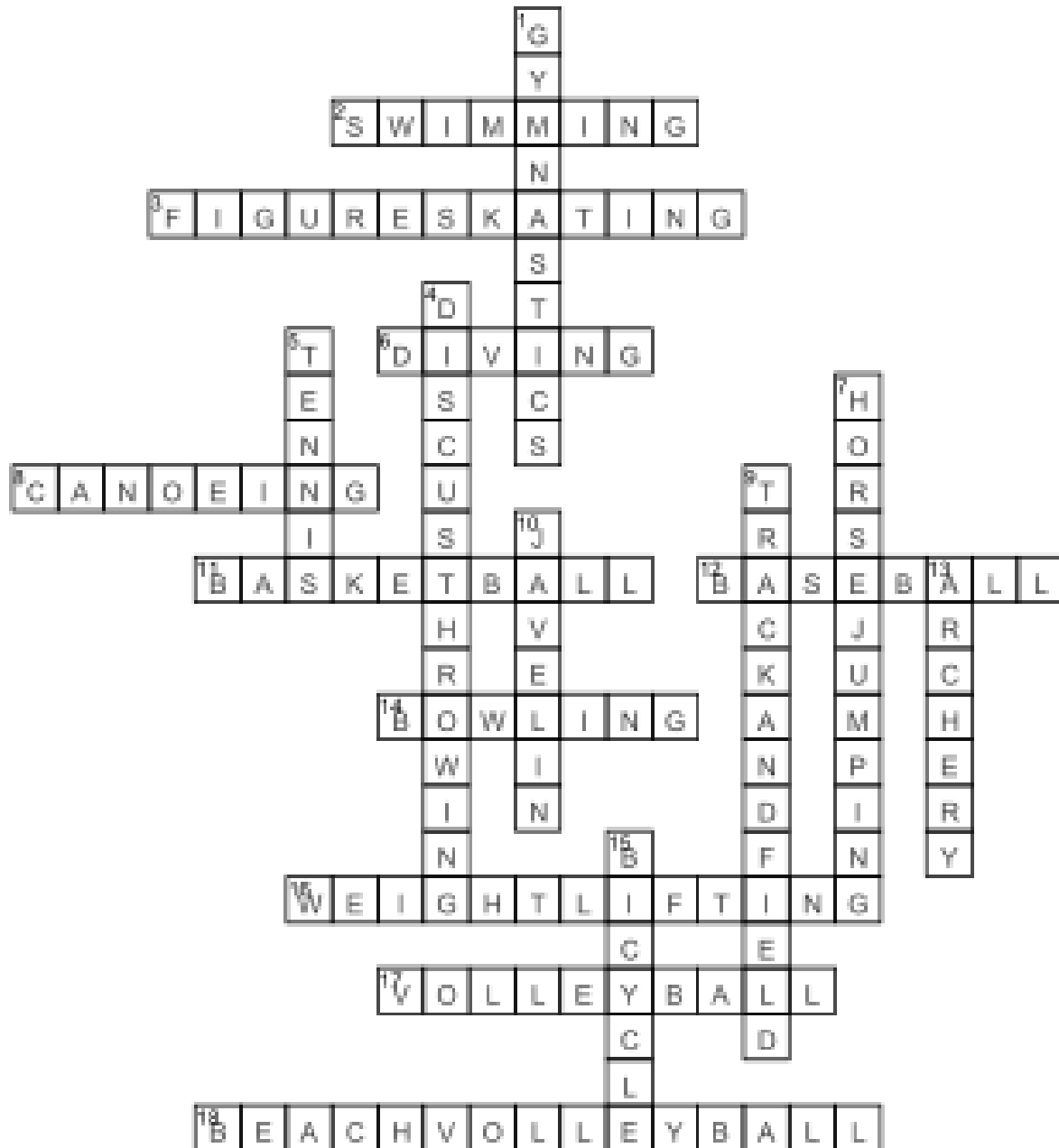
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**Sudoku Puzzle Moderate Solution**

8	4	6	7	5	1	3	2	9
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5	2	3	1	7	9	8	4	6
9	8	1	6	4	5	2	7	3
4	6	7	3	8	2	9	1	5

# Crossword Puzzle Solution

## Olympics



**Across**

- 2. Pool Activities
- 3. sport while on ice
- 6. Where you go off high plank into the water
- 8. Several people in narrow boat paddling
- 11. Sport shooting through hoops
- 12. Running around 3 bases
- 14. Knocking down pins with a ball
- 16. person lifts heavy items over head using arms
- 17. Event where you serve the ball over the net
- 18. Event played in the sand with net and ball

**Down**

- 1. Doing flips
- 4. Person throws circle item long distance
- 5. hitting ball over net
- 7. Person on 4 legged animal going over poles
- 9. Events where you run around an oval
- 10. throwing a spear
- 13. Person holding Bow and Arrow to get points
- 15. Where you ride a 2 wheel vehicle



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