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By Anesa K. Chastain Jones - Advertising Insights with Anesa  
Oklahoma’s *Choice* Weekly

A business has something to sell. An auctioneer has an event to promote. A family has an estate sale to announce. A reader is searching for equipment, a local service, or something to do this weekend.

Oklahoma’s Choice Weekly helps those people find each other. With our newly redesigned website coming soon, we’re creating more ways to make those connections happen.

We’ve put considerable thought, creativity, and work into this redesign. Bold visuals, clean layouts, and easier navigation will welcome readers into a site that gives our advertisers and content room to shine. It’s a fresh look with a practical purpose: helping people discover what OCW and the businesses we feature have to offer.

**Giving your advertising a voice**

Our new website will offer audio options for advertisements, giving businesses another way to share their message. Customers will be able to listen as well as read, bringing a voice to featured products, services, and special offers.

For advertisers, that opens up creative possibilities. A visual catches attention, written details explain the offer, and audio adds another way to communicate it. Businesses can explore how these elements work together to help potential customers understand what they offer and how to get in touch.

**More opportunities for businesses**

Effective advertising starts with a clear message, but where and how that message appears matters, too.

OCW brings graphic design, advertising copy, and placement together to help businesses communicate with potential customers. Depending on the advertising package, that message can extend through our digital publication, website placements, social media, blog features, and audio advertising.

Each serves a purpose. A display ad can catch someone’s attention. A business feature provides space to explain more. A social post can introduce an offer to someone who hasn’t opened the publication. An audio ad gives that offer a voice.

These options give businesses more flexibility in how they tell their stories and invite customers to respond.

**Easier ways to find what you need**

Our auction directory and searchable classifieds will help visitors explore upcoming sales and available listings. Dates, descriptions, locations, and contact information help an interested reader take the next step.

For auctioneers, that means another place for potential bidders to discover an upcoming auction. For classified advertisers, it gives readers a way to find what they’re selling beyond browsing the pages of a single edition.

Our digital presence also allows information to be shared beyond the communities served by our print distribution. The right buyer may live nearby or several counties away.

Visitors will also be able to add OCW to their phone’s home screen for convenient access to

the website. The latest edition, auction information, classifieds, and other features will be easier to keep close at hand.

**More reasons to return**

The weekly digital edition will remain a central part of OCW, alongside featured businesses, recipes, community content, Hunt Oklahoma, and our other special features.

We want the website to be a useful destination throughout the week. Someone visiting for a recipe may discover a business. A reader checking an auction may find a classified listing worth a closer look. Those everyday connections are part of the value of bringing everything together.

A website alone cannot guarantee sales. Strong advertising still needs a relevant message and a business ready to follow through. Our job is to help that message get seen, heard, and understood, and make it easier for interested people to respond.

Watch for the launch of the newly redesigned Oklahoma’s Choice Weekly website. Whether you read us, advertise with us, or have something to share, we’re building this next chapter with you in mind.

To explore advertising opportunities on the new site and across OCW, contact us. Let’s talk about what you want your next advertisement to accomplish.

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# What is the Thyroid’s job?

A relatively small gland in the neck is responsible for a host of functions in the body. The thyroid is part of the endocrine system, and some of its primary functions involve the release of certain hormones to control metabolism.

The Cleveland Clinic says the thyroid is a small, butterfly-shaped gland that is located at the front of the neck under the skin. In men it is located just below the Adam’s apple in front of the trachea. The thyroid consists of a right and left lobe as well as a central isthmus. A healthy thyroid should not be felt when the neck is touched nor seen under the skin.

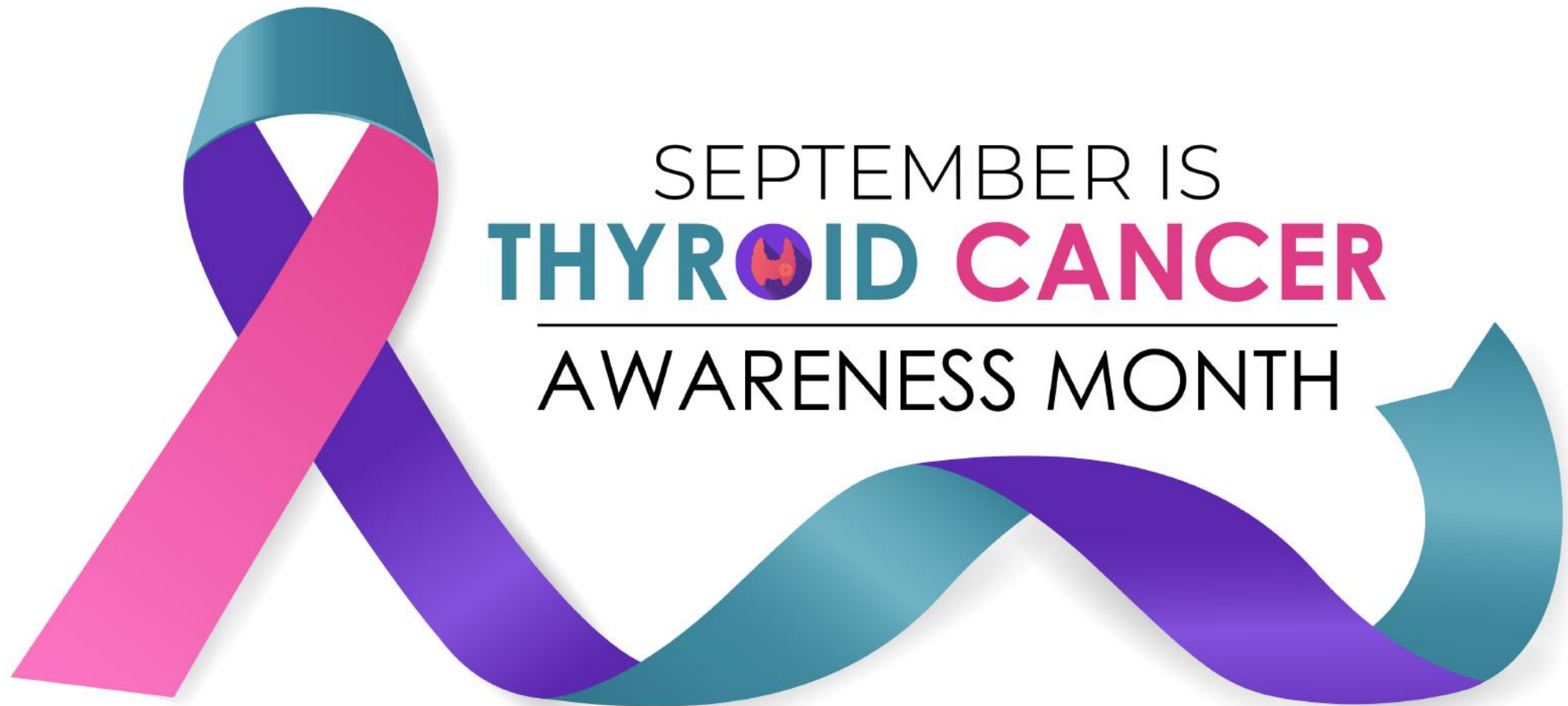
The Society for Endocrinology says the thyroid regulates the body’s metabolic rate, growth and development. It has a role in controlling heart, muscle and digestive function, brain development and bone maintenance. In order to function, the thyroid needs the proper amount of iodine from the diet. The pituitary gland produces thyroid-stimulating hormone (TSH) to tell the thyroid gland how much hormone to produce and secrete. The Cleveland Clinic notes that the thyroid produces the following hormones:

- Thyroxine (T4): This is the primary thyroid hormone produced, but it doesn’t have much of an effect on metabolism. Once T4 is in the bloodstream, it can convert to T3 through a process called deiodination.
- Triiodothyronine (T3): While the thyroid produces lesser amounts of T3, it has a much greater effect on metabolism than T4.
- Reverse triiodothyronine (RT3): The thyroid makes very small amounts of RT3, which reverses the effects of T3.
- Calcitonin: This hormone helps to regulate the amount of calcium in the blood.

As the thyroid affects metabolism, it regulates the chemical processes that break down food and turn it into energy. Thyroid hormones also affect how fast the heart beats, how deep a person breathes, and whether one gains or loses weight. Thyroid hormones also can control body temperature, cholesterol levels, and women’s menstrual cycles.

In addition to issues concerning metabolism and temperature control, such as gaining or losing too much weight, the thyroid gland and its hormones affect almost every organ system of the body. It can affect the nervous system and cause numbness, tingling and pain in parts of the body. Hypothyroidism can cause depression and hyperthyroidism can cause anxiety. In women, if the thyroid is not working properly, it can affect menstrual periods and fertility. Furthermore, the thyroid helps regulate the amount of blood that pumps through the circulatory system, heart rate and the strength and vigor of the heart’s contractions.

WebMD says a person can develop hypothyroidism (when there are not enough hormones being produced) or hyperthyroidism (when too many hormones are being produced) when the thyroid is not working correctly. Goiters, which are bulges in the neck, may be visible, and nodules also can grow on the thyroid gland, and in some cases may prove cancerous. Individuals need to take thyroid health seriously and see their doctors if they suspect any issues.



## Know Your Neck

The thyroid is a small gland located at the base of the neck. Thyroid cancer can occur in both women and men, although it is diagnosed nearly three times more often in women.

In 2026, an estimated 45,240 people in the United States will be diagnosed with thyroid cancer, and approximately 2,320 people will die from the disease. 2026 estimates: American Cancer Society.

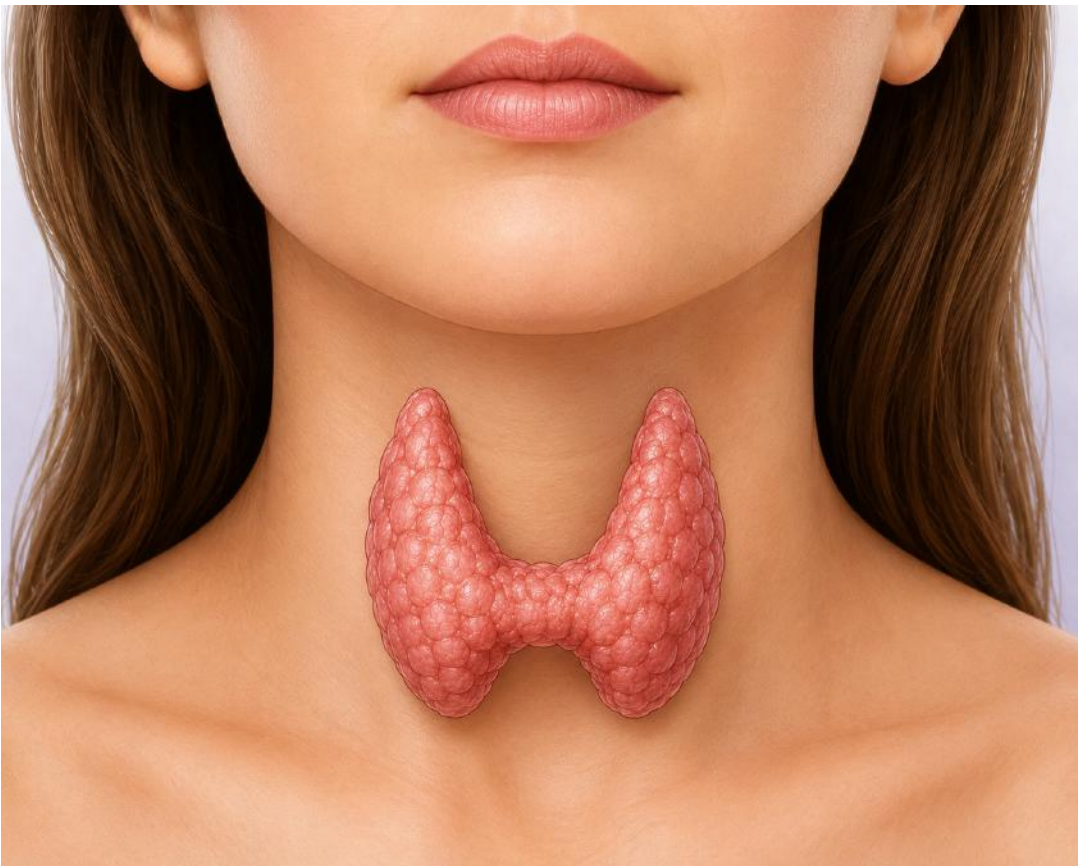
There are four main types of thyroid cancer: papillary, follicular, medullary and anaplastic. Papillary is the most common.

## Know The Signs

Possible signs of thyroid cancer include a lump or swelling in the neck, persistent hoarseness or other voice changes, trouble swallowing, trouble breathing, or pain in the front of the neck.

Many of these symptoms can also be caused by conditions that are not cancer. Thyroid nodules are common and are usually not cancerous. If you notice a concerning change, talk with your healthcare provider.

## Know your neck. Notice changes.





# Suicide Prevention & Awareness

In the United States, suicide claims more than 48,000 lives annually, according to the most recently reported statistics from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The Government of Canada reports that suicide is the second leading cause of death among youth and young adults ages 15 to 34 years.

## WARNING SIGNS *to* RECOGNIZE

The signs that someone is thinking about suicide may appear in conversations, actions or social media posts. If you notice any of the warning signs listed below, it's important to connect and start a conversation. Let the person know you are concerned, listen attentively without judgment, let them know you care, and offer to help them find professional help. **For more information and resources, visit [sprc.org](https://sprc.org) or [988lifeline.org](https://988lifeline.org).**

- Comments about attempting suicide, feeling unbearable pain; feeling hopeless, worthless or trapped; or feeling like a burden to others
- Increased alcohol or drug use
- Loss of interest in personal appearance or hygiene
- Withdrawal from family, friends or community
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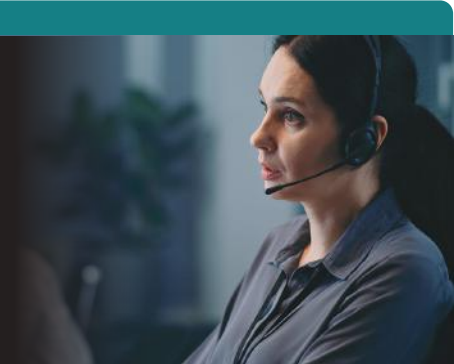
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## 9-8-8 Lifeline

If you or someone you know is struggling emotionally or thinking about suicide, calling or texting 9-8-8 can connect you with a trained counselor who can help, or go to [988lifeline.org](https://988lifeline.org).



## A Note

September is Suicide Prevention Month.

There are plenty of statistics we could put on this page. There are warning signs to learn, resources to share and numbers to call. All of those things are important.

But I think there is something equally important that all of us can do.

### **Pay attention to each other.**

Life gets busy. We pass people every day without knowing what kind of day they're having or what they may be carrying with them.

So check in.

Make the phone call. Send the text. Invite someone to lunch. Sit and listen a little longer. Ask how someone is doing and take the time to hear the answer.

And don't assume the people who seem strong never need someone checking on them, too.

Sometimes kindness looks like a grand gesture.

More often, it looks like simply letting another person know:

### ***I see you. I'm glad you're here. You matter to me.***

None of us can know how much a few sincere words might mean to someone at exactly the moment they need to hear them.

This month, and every month, let's be a little more intentional about taking care of one another.

You never know what a difference you might make.

### **Take care of each other.**

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# Caramel Apple Nachos

All the flavor of a caramel apple without the struggle of eating one off a stick. Crisp apple slices are layered with warm caramel, chocolate, crunchy pretzels and just enough salt to make every bite disappear faster than expected.

## Caramel Apple Nachos

### Ingredients

- 3 large crisp apples, such as Granny Smith, Honeycrisp or a combination
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- 1 cup cold water
- cup caramel sauce, warmed
- ¼ cup semisweet chocolate chips
- 1 teaspoon vegetable oil
- 1/3cup miniature chocolate chips
- 1/3cup crushed salted pretzels
- Flaky sea salt, optional

### OCW KITCHEN TIP

Dry the apple slices thoroughly before adding the toppings. Caramel and chocolate cling much better to dry apples. Assemble the nachos shortly before serving for the freshest flavor and best crunch.

### Directions

1. Core the apples and cut them into thin wedges.
2. Combine the lemon juice and cold water in a medium bowl. Add the apple slices and toss gently to coat.
3. Drain the apples and pat them completely dry with paper towels. Arrange the slices in overlapping layers on a large serving platter.
4. Warm the caramel sauce until it is thin enough to drizzle. Spoon it evenly over the apple slices.
5. Place the semisweet chocolate chips and vegetable oil in a microwave-safe bowl. Microwave in 15-second intervals, stirring after each interval, until smooth.
6. Drizzle the melted chocolate over the apples.
7. Sprinkle with the miniature chocolate chips, crushed pretzels and a light pinch of flaky sea salt, if desired.
8. Serve immediately.

Recipe adapted from [Caramel Apple Nachos by Fake Ginger](https://fakeginger.com/caramel-apple-nachos/).

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Sep 24  
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**THE ESTATE OF VIOLET MITCHELL**

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Sep 28  
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Sep 30  
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Wednesday  
Oct 7  
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**THE GUARDIANSHIP OF ROBERT J. JONES**

Thursday  
Oct 8  
West Side Starter Home | Investment Opportunity/Fixer Upper Enid, Garfield Co., OK

**JACK AND SHANE RICH**

Friday  
Oct 9  
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Oct 13  
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Oct 15  
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Sept 27th  
6PM  
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6PM  
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OCT 5th  
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**TUES  
OCT 6th  
6PM  
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**Deer Archery**  
Oct 1, 2026 - Jan 15, 2027
- Youth Deer Gun**  
Oct 16, 2026 - Oct 18, 2026
- Deer Muzzleloader**  
Oct 24, 2026 - Nov 1, 2026
- Deer Gun**  
Nov 21, 2026 - Dec 6, 2026
- Holiday Antlerless Deer Gun**  
Dec 18, 2026 - Dec 31, 2026
- Elk**  
**Elk Archery**  
Oct 1, 2026 - Jan 15, 2027
- Youth Elk Gun**  
Oct 16, 2026 - Oct 18, 2026
- Elk Muzzleloader**  
Oct 24, 2026 - Nov 1, 2026
- Elk Gun**  
Nov 21, 2026 - Dec 6, 2026
- Holiday Antlerless Elk Gun**  
Dec 18, 2026 - Dec 31, 2026
- Antelope**  
**Antelope Archery**  
Oct 1, 2026 - Oct 14, 2026
- Antelope Gun**  
(either sex, draw only, landowner/controlled hunt permits)  
Sep 3, 2026 - Sep 6, 2026
- Antelope Gun**  
(doe only, draw only, controlled hunt permit only)  
Sep 7, 2026 - Sep 16, 2026
- Antelope Gun**  
(doe only, draw only, landowner permit only)  
Nov 28, 2026 - Jan 15, 2027
- Bear**  
**Bear Archery**  
Oct 1, 2026 - Oct 18, 2026

- Bear Muzzleloader**  
Oct 24, 2026 - Nov 1, 2026
- Turkey**  
**Turkey Fall Archery**  
Oct 1, 2026 - Jan 15, 2027
- Turkey Fall Gun**  
Oct 31, 2026 - Nov 20, 2026
- MIGRATORY GAME BIRD SEASONS**
- Dove**  
Sep 1, 2026 - Oct 31, 2026  
Dec 1, 2026 - Dec 29, 2026
- Crow**  
Oct 10, 2026 - Nov 16, 2026  
Dec 9, 2026 - Mar 4, 2027
- Woodcock**  
Nov 7, 2026 - Dec 21, 2026
- Rail**  
Sep 1, 2026 - Nov 9, 2026
- Snipe**  
Sep 26, 2026 - Jan 10, 2027
- Gallinule**  
Sep 1, 2026 - Nov 9, 2026
- WATERFOWL**
- September Teal**  
Sep 12, 2026 - Sep 20, 2026
- Special Resident Canada Goose**  
Sep 12, 2026 - Sep 21, 2026
- Duck, Merganser and Coot Youth, Vet and Military**  
(Panhandle)  
Oct 3, 2026  
Jan 30, 2027
- Duck, Merganser and Coot Youth, Vet and Military**  
(Zones 1 & 2)  
Nov 7, 2026  
Feb 6, 2027
- Duck, Merganser and Coot**

(Zones 1 & 2)  
Nov 14, 2026 - Dec 6, 2026  
Dec 12, 2026 - Jan 31, 2027

**Duck, Merganser and Coot**  
(Panhandle)  
Oct 10, 2026 - Jan 13, 2027

**White-Fronted Geese**  
Nov 7, 2026 - Dec 6, 2026  
Dec 12, 2026 - Feb 7, 2027

**Sandhill Cranes**  
Oct 17, 2026 - Jan 17, 2027

**Dark Geese**  
Nov 7, 2026 - Dec 6, 2026  
Dec 12, 2026 - Feb 14, 2027

**Light Geese**  
Nov 7, 2026 - Dec 6, 2026  
Dec 12, 2026 - Feb 14, 2027

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**Quail**  
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**Coyote**  
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Opossum, River Otter & Weasel**  
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# Small Steps To Extend A Car's Life Expectancy

Vehicles continue to get more expensive. The automotive experts at Kelley Blue Book indicate the average American car buyer paid \$50,080 for a new vehicle in September 2025, which was the first time the average price for a new car ever topped \$50,000. More drivers are looking for ways to push their current vehicles past the 200,000-mile mark to save money.

According to S&P Global Mobility, the average age of a vehicle on the road hit a record high of 12.8 years in 2025. Although major mechanical failures concern drivers of older vehicles, it's actually much smaller things that can affect vehicle longevity. There are small actions anyone can take to significantly extend a car's life.

- Use caution on cold starts. When a vehicle sits, oil settles at the bottom of the engine. To help combat damage that can occur, drivers can wait about 30 seconds before shifting into gear, as this will allow the oil pump to circulate the lubricant to the upper valve train and help prevent extra wear on the engine. Modern fuel-injected engines warm up faster and more safely by being driven gently rather than sitting still, so it's not necessary to idle for a long while with the vehicle in the driveway, says Smart Motors Toyota. In fact, long idles actually can strip away oil.
- Treat fluids wisely. According to EngineeringCivil.org, checking and replacing fluids is cheaper than replacing hardware. Recent data suggests that consistent oil changes can add between 50,000 and 100,000 miles to an engine's lifespan. It's important to follow a vehicle's manual for time-based intervals for fluid replacement, rather than just going by mileage.

- Drive faster on occasion. Oil will never get hot enough to evaporate internal condensation for those who primarily drive short distances under 10 miles. Once every few weeks, it's important for drivers to drive at least 20 minutes at highway speeds to help get rid of contaminants.
  - Drive smoothly on roads. Aggressive driving will not just burn more gas; such driving also creates heat, which can impact longevity. According to Kia, hard braking generates immense heat that can warp rotors and stress suspension bushings. Likewise, it's key to ease into acceleration. Rapid acceleration forces the transmission to downshift abruptly, increasing wear. Reports from The Zebra, an insurance shopping company, indicate that mindful driving can reduce mechanical strain by up to 30 percent.
  - Fight corrosion. Rust can kill a car before the engine actually fails. People who live in areas where roads are treated with salt in the winter should use a winter car wash that includes an undercarriage spray. Auto Recycling World says road salt can eat through brake lines and fuel lines. In addition, applying a coat of wax twice a year can prevent UV rays and other damage to the clear coat, which protects the metal body from the elements.
  - Address engine lights promptly. CarMD says addressing a 'check engine' light immediately is 20 percent cheaper than waiting until the vehicle has a driveability issue. For example, ignoring a \$150 oxygen sensor can eventually destroy a \$1,500 catalytic converter.
- Small habits can help prolong the longevity of vehicles and help people save money.

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