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## *Circle of Safety*

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### *Words of Wisdom*

There are better things ahead than any we leave behind.

When people complain of life, it is almost always because they have asked impossible things from it.

Admit it when you mess up. You can't live in an ivory tower. Be an authentic human being.

Tolerance is only complacency when it makes no distinction between right and wrong.

Never rationalize anything that feels wrong.

Always err on the side of doing right. You and only you are responsible for your ethics.

Our actions can speak volumes. What are you communicating to the people around you by what you don't say?

A good head and a good heart are always a formidable combination.

Take the tools in hand and carve your own best life.

### **FROM THE OFFICE OF MICK COTTOM:**



Unemployment hovers at 10%, government spending spiraling out of control, some cities and states are bankrupt (most don't even know it) – and the list goes on and on. Certainly at first glance, it's enough to make the American taxpayer wonder how we ever got to this position, but more importantly, can we ever get out.

Like many Americans, my first inclination is anger and frustration. However that accomplishes nothing. Is there anything that we can look at that should give us hope?

I absolutely believe there is hope! That hope is the great American work ethic and sense of patriotism that has made this country the greatest country in the world. Regardless of what some may say, I believe there is a "can do" spirit that is being reignited in many Americans today.

What do we do with that spirit? We take it to work with us every day. We take it to our places of worship. We encourage each other. Most importantly we take it to the ballot box and vote for those people who want to preserve this great country of ours. We must support candidates that believe in self reliance, but also have compassion to help those less fortunate. But that compassion must take the form of a "safety net", not a cradle to the grave mentality.

The cradle to the grave mentality is the biggest driver of the financial fiasco we find ourselves in today. It already has many cities in or on the brink of financial disaster, as well as states. Certainly our nation is on the same track if we don't stop the "runaway" train.

During these trying times, it is critical that we look at our lives and our finances. Do you have an emergency fund in case you have an unexpected emergency? How would you live should you lose your job tomorrow, or suffer a major illness? We could list endless possibilities of things that could certainly affect your lifestyle.

If you have questions about protection in case of illness, give us a call here at RCI Insurance Group. If you have questions about life, health, business, home or auto insurance, RCI is here to help. We help thousands of families and businesses protect themselves from unexpected disasters.

In closing, let's do our part to reignite those great American traditions that have stood the test of time. Patriotism, hard work, self-reliance and a "can do" spirit will help each of us and help change the direction of this great nation back to the principles our Founding Fathers dreamed of!

Regards,

*Mick Cottom*

## Spring Trivia

Looking for more clients?  
Trying to find a local  
business? Check out our  
"Partners Page" on our  
website. We are starting  
to help local businesses  
attract more clients.  
And it's FREE advertise-  
ment. You might see a  
vendor that you need or  
are looking for, and they  
might just offer a dis-  
count to people who see  
their ad on our website!  
If you want to become a  
partner of RCI, just give  
us a call and we'll get  
you added to our web-  
site. But best of all....  
It's FREE!  
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1. Little League baseball was established in what year?  
A. 1939  
B. 1940  
C. 1941  
D. 1942
2. Coroebus was the first Olympic track and field champion in ancient Greece. What was his event?  
A. Pentathlon  
B. Sprint  
C. Discus  
D. Hurdles
3. A baseball field is approximately what size?  
A. 1 acre  
B. 2 acres  
C. 3 acres  
D. 4 acres
4. Which is NOT one of the predecessors of baseball?  
A. Cricket  
B. Rounders  
C. Boom Ball  
D. One O' Cat
5. The original pentathlon which was part of the ancient Olympic Games included what events?  
A. The discus, the javelin, foot racing, long jumping, and wrestling  
B. Foot racing, spear throwing, long jumping, swimming, and chariot racing  
C. Fencing, foot racing, long jumping, high jump, and wrestling  
D. Rowing, foot racing, long jumping, hurdles, and wrestling

*\*\*See next page for answers\*\**

### A Winning Team

– Roilene Blan

The following wisdom from foot-  
ball coach Vince Lombardi can  
be applied to many areas in life.  
"Winning is not a sometime  
thing; it's an all-time thing. You  
don't win once in a while, you  
don't do things right once in a  
while, you do them right all the  
time. Winning is a habit. Unfor-  
tunately, so is losing."



### REMEMBER WHY THEY CALL IT MEMORIAL DAY!!!!

**Memorial Day, originally called Decoration Day, is a day of remembrance for those who have died in our nation's service.** There are

many stories as to its actual beginnings, with over two dozen cities and towns laying claim to being the birthplace of Memorial Day. There is also evidence that organized women's groups in the South were decorating graves before the end of the Civil War: a hymn published in 1867, "Kneel Where Our Loves are Sleeping" by Nella L. Sweet carried the dedication "To The Ladies of the South who are Decorating the Graves of the Confederate Dead". While Waterloo N.Y. was officially declared the birthplace of Memorial Day by President Lyndon Johnson in May 1966, it's difficult to prove conclusively the origins of the day. It is more likely that it had many separate beginnings; each of those towns and every planned or spontaneous gathering of people to honor the war dead in the 1860's tapped into the general human need to honor our dead, each contributed honorably to the growing movement that culminated in Gen Logan giving his official proclamation in 1868. It is not important who was the very first, what is important is that Memorial Day was established. Memorial Day is not about division. It is about reconciliation; it is about coming together to honor those who gave their all.

## Funs Facts About Oklahoma

Will Rogers was born on a large ranch in the Cherokee Nation that is today Oologah, Oklahoma. Rogers became a nationally known cowboy as the star of radio programs, Broadway plays, 71 movies in the 1920s and '30's. He was also a featured columnist, writing more than 4,000 syndicated articles.

The Oklahoma State Capitol is the only capitol in the world surrounded by working oil wells. Not too many years ago, giant oil rigs dotted the grounds of the Oklahoma capitol.

If you play catch in the streets of Bartlesville, you're breaking the law.

Whaling is illegal in the state of Oklahoma.

Oklahoma was the setting for the movie "Twister".

The Port of Catoosa, just north of Tulsa, is the nation's largest inland port.

The official State Meal of Oklahoma is chicken fried steak, fried okra, squash, cornbread, barbecue pork, biscuits, sausage and gravy, grits, corn, strawberries, black eyed peas and pecan pie.

It is illegal to wear your boots to bed.



## Flash Flood Safety Tips

- Nearly 50 percent of all flash flood fatalities nationwide involve vehicles. Saving your life can be as easy as turning your car around when you see water on the road. Never attempt to drive through flooded roadways.
- Even in relatively shallow water, tires can act as flotation devices, lifting up big vehicles and sending them downstream. It takes only two feet of water to float a 3,000-pound car.
- Beware that water covering roadways may hide washed-out bridges or gouged-out roadbeds. If you attempt to drive across, you may not be driving on a road.
- In rainy weather, be alert and stay tuned to local radio or TV.
- If you are in a low-lying area when flooding is occurring, get to higher ground quickly. And be sure to avoid canyons and washes that can channel swift water.
- Do not attempt to cross flooded roads or streams on foot. It can take as little as six inches of water to knock an adult off his or her feet. Furthermore, water may be flowing more rapidly than it appears.
- Never allow children to play near ditches and storm drains.
- During stormy weather, do not camp or park vehicles along streams or washes.
- Be especially cautious at night when it is harder to see flood dangers.

### Answers to Spring Trivia:

1. A. 1939 *QQ: This is the most well-known amateur league still being played today!*
2. B. Sprint *QQ: Although the pentathlon was one of the main Olympic competitions*
3. B. 2 acres *QQ: It is equal to 0.8 hectares if that means anything to anyone!*
4. C. Boom Ball *QQ: Yes, Rounders and One O' Cat were really **games**.*
5. A. The discus, the javelin, foot racing, long jumping, and wrestling *QQ: Of course, it is important to remember the foot races were performed in full armor.*

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You can contact us about changes to your policy, get ID cards, or even get FREE quotes.

If you miss any of our newsletters, just check our website! We'll have them listed on-line as well.

*We wish to extend our sincere appreciation to Tommy Harvey @ RCI for the professional way, exceptional courtesy, and unbelievable patience shown in our business dealings. Tommy should be considered an extremely valuable asset to your company. – Martin & Betty Daniels, Claremore OK*

### **Tell Others About Us And Win a Prize**

Congratulations to this month's winner, Mark & Toni Terry!! Mark & Toni have won a \$25 Visa Gift Card for sending us referrals. Keep telling others about RCI and you could be our next monthly winner or yearly winner. This year, our annual drawing will be a week's vacation to Branson and \$500 spending cash!! Every time you send us a referral and they give us your name, you will be entered into our grand prize drawing. Plus, you'll be entered in the monthly drawing as well!!  
So keep sending us your referrals. We really do appreciate it!

*Thank you!* **Thank you!** THANK YOU! **Thank you!**