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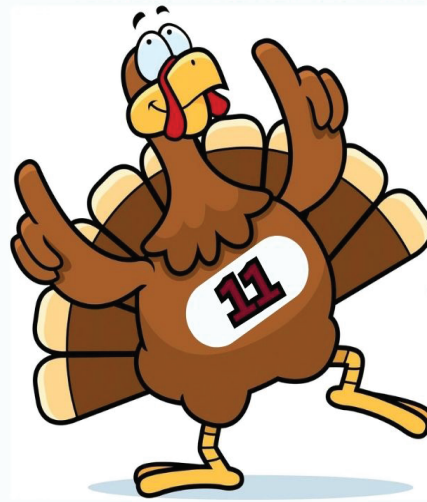


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When I look back on this past year, I am beyond proud of the things that I have accomplished and overcome. I learned so many things this year that I probably should have learned before now. The most important thing I learned is how being with my daughter is the best way to spend my time. The second being that anytime is a great time to start over or start something new. I am so grateful for the time spent with Ben & Amy making this magazine something we can be proud of. Go for it. Go for your dreams, even if it means staying up late to work on them. You won't regret it. Happy New Year!

-Katie Stone

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For many, the passing of one year and the beginning of another is taken as an opportunity to evaluate the past year, changes to be made in the new year, and maybe a new outlook on life. It is a good time to take the opportunity to look at health, finances, relationships, and any number of other areas of life. For those that look at 2024 as a time to make moves for better health, I wish you the absolute best! If I'm honest, I need to make it a priority to get into better shape and probably begin those mid-life health checkups. It isn't the most fun thing to think about; I'd much rather think about finding the best queso or chicken fried steak in the Ark-La-Tex. Maybe I'll have better luck at the former instead of the latter.



If health is on your list of things to re-evaluate in 2024, I hope you find this issue very useful for you and your family! We truly are blessed to have great medical providers and facilities in our area! Maybe some of them can also help me on my search for great chicken fried steak... or maybe they can instead recommend a good recipe for grilled chicken and steamed vegetables.

-Ben King

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2024 is here, and unfortunately this time of year often brings a lot of sickness with flu season and sharing of germs through the holidays. We had sickness hit our house during the holidays this year. Luckily we live in a community that is full of so many wonderful providers! Whether you still need a pediatrician, a family physician, or an internist, the Texarkana area offers many options of highly qualified providers. Being in the pharmaceutical industry, I've had the pleasure of calling on almost all the specialties, including our hospitals and free standing ERs. Knowing many of the offices and hospitals personally, I feel confident in the medical care we can trust to treat our loved ones! However, I hope you only visit them with yearly well check ups, and wish you all a healthy and happy start to the new year!

- Amy King

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Fairytale on Ice: Peter & Wendy's Adventures

February 24, 2024 7PM

Ticket prices range from \$15-\$45

Hempstead Hall
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"Holes" by Silvermoon Children's Theatre

February 23, 2024 7-9PM

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The story centers on Stanley Yelnats, who is sent to Camp Green Lake, a correctional boot camp in a desert in Texas, after being falsely accused of theft. The plot explores the history of the area and how the actions of several characters in the past have affected Stanley's life in the present. Visit www.silvermoonkids.com for more information.

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WHAT IS YOUR "GO-TO" PARENT ITEM THAT YOU ALWAYS HAVE ON YOU?

Water. I know that sounds silly but I always have water with me, and between me and my kids we are always drinking it. If your kids are like mine, they are always thirsty and hungry.

WHAT IS THE BEST WAY YOU MANAGE HEALTHY MEALS FOR A BUSY FAMILY?

I'm a meal prepper, so I always have easy to grab meals and snacks available for convenience. Sundays and Mondays are meal prep days, every single week!

WHY IS BEING HEALTHY IMPORTANT TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY?

I grew up active, but overweight. I made serious lifestyle changes after having children to get healthy to be able to really enjoy activities with them. I want my children to grow up in a healthy and balanced life, so they don't have to unlearn constant bad habits. I think if they see me making mostly good eating choices, enjoying a treat sometimes, and moving my body then they will grow up and it be second nature for them, also.

WHAT ADVICE WOULD YOU GIVE TO WORKING FAMILIES ON HOW TO MAKE BEING HEALTHY A PRIORITY?

Plan ahead. We live in such busy schedules, that if it isn't planned then it's really easy to pick the easy way out, not exercising or take out. Plan your workouts. Plan your meals. Stick to the plan. And enjoy the progress and satisfaction of sticking to them. There's nothing more exciting than being able to see something through, hit goals, or do hard things that you didn't think you were capable of.

WHAT ARE SOME GREAT WAYS TO STAY ACTIVE WITH YOUR KIDS?

Kids naturally are movers and shakers. Go outside and walk, play, go to the park and enjoy the activities with them! They are little balls of energy and they will love that you're spending that time and playing with them!

WHAT IS YOUR WORKOUT ROUTINE AND HOW DO YOU STAY ON TRACK?

I love The Gym at Crossties. I love a crossfit-type of environment, class, supportive gym mates, and that my kids are able to join in workouts with me. The best part about that type of workout is you can scale any workout for any age or ability. I do throw in some extra activities, sometimes. I think the most important part is finding something you truly enjoy doing, so it's fun and encouraging rather than a hassle.

WHAT DO YOU AND YOUR KIDS DO FOR FUN?

We really just enjoy spending time together. We play outside, we play games, we travel, we dance, and we laugh a lot!

The way *EYE* see it

by: Dr. Joshua Wiggins
Ophthalmologist



After 15 years in practice as an ophthalmologist, one of the most common questions I get asked at social events is “when do I need to get my child’s eyes checked for the first time?”. This is a great question and one for which there is not a hard and fast answer. If you or your pediatrician have not seen anything concerning, then a good rule of thumb is to get a complete eye exam for your child by an ophthalmologist before they start kindergarten. However, there should be screening done by a primary care physician, pediatrician, or ophthalmologist starting right after birth as a newborn.

The American Academy of Ophthalmology recommends the first screening exam be performed by a pediatrician in the nursery right after birth. This is a basic exam that looks for obvious developmental problems with the visual system. The next screening exam should be done at your child’s well child visit between 6 and 12 months of age. If your newborn has obvious signs of eye disease, was born prematurely, or there is a family history of childhood eye diseases, then the Academy recommends that your newborn be evaluated by an ophthalmologist with a comprehensive eye exam within the first few weeks of life.

These recommendations are extremely important because of how quickly vision can be permanently decreased in a child without

proper intervention. If a child has a decrease in vision in one or both eyes for any cause, the child’s visual system will not develop properly and without intervention after 8-10 years of age his visual system will never develop properly. This is what we call amblyopia and what is colloquially called “lazy eye.” Amblyopia is a disease that is treatable and preventable, but only with appropriate intervention in a timely manner.

Minus signs of eye disease or concern at your child’s screening exams with their pediatrician, a full exam with your local ophthalmologist is what you should schedule prior to the start of kindergarten. This will be a much longer and detailed exam of the ocular system by your eye care professional. Vision, eye alignment, and ocular development will all be evaluated at that exam. It is a longer exam and can often take longer than an hour to perform due to the time needed for adequate dilation of the eyes in children.

The next question I get is “what should we be looking for?”. As a parent, you are in the best position to pick up early concerns with your child’s vision. There are several things you can look for at home that can be very helpful in identifying problems. First, make sure that your child’s eyes fixate on your face or a toy and that they follow the object as you move it. Secondly, you want to make sure that your child’s eyes are straight. If you, a

friend, or family member feels like a child’s eyes are not straight in real life or in a photograph, immediately schedule an exam with an ophthalmologist. As the child gets older and mobile, watch and see if the child identifies a toy on the other side of a room and moves to get it. And finally, if you are concerned about anything with your child’s eyes or vision, it is always better to schedule an exam and there be nothing wrong, than to not check on something that was pathologic and could have been corrected.

Fortunately, serious eye problems in children are uncommon, but when they do occur they can result in permanent vision problems. While grandma’s advice to eat lots of carrots to have healthy eyes is good advice, make sure that you are getting appropriate ocular screenings and exams in the first five years of your child’s life.

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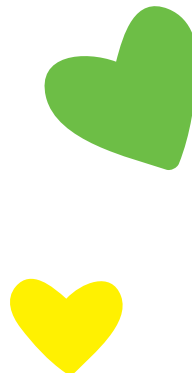
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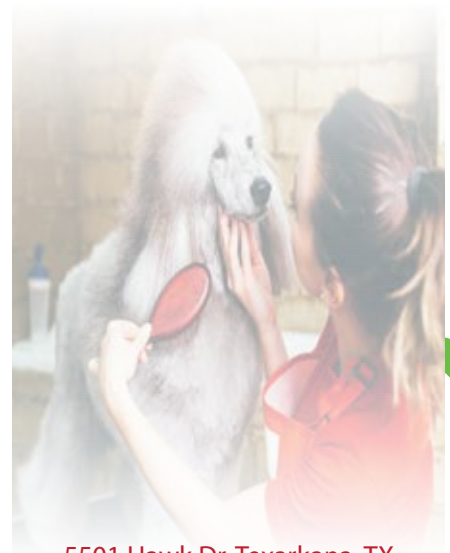
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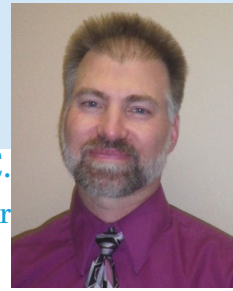


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by: Dr. James Raker, D.C.
Chiropractor



How can I help caregivers?

As a physician, I see caregivers of children and caregivers of parents that are running themselves into the ground. They will do everything for the person they are caring for, sometimes at the expense of their own health.

Let me remind you of the rules of flying in an airplane. "In the case of an emergency, the oxygen masks will drop. Place yours on your face then help others." Why is this rule important? Why do you put your mask on first? Well, as Paul Harvey used to say, "Here's the rest of the story."

If you try to help others first, you will pass out from lack of oxygen and not really help anyone. If you get your oxygen mask on first then you can continue to help many other people. So let's apply this principle to your life and your children or older parents that you are caring for. What happens if you 'go down', and can't take care of them? Who would step in to help you and them? If your answer is, "I have no one to help", then you **MUST** take care of yourself. The lesson is learned

like in the airplane scenario. So how can you take better care of yourself? You need to get proper sleep and nutrition. In this day and age that means taking vitamins, exercising for at least 4 minutes in the morning and 4 minutes in the evening at a fast pace so that you get out of breath. **JUST 4 MINUTES!** Who doesn't have that amount of time? Next, make sure you are getting your recommended checkups with the dentist, eye doctor, family doctor, and the one that everybody forgets- **YOUR CHIROPRACTOR.**

Remember your spine is like your teeth. If you don't brush and floss all the time you get cavities, and the longer you let a cavity go, the worse it gets. It doesn't magically go away with time or pain pills. Why would you think you can go for 50 years and **NEVER** get a back check up. I have patients that are 85 that are mentally sharp and can get around good and still drive. I have 65 year old disabled people that mentally and physically are a wreck.

We have advances in medicine that are almost miraculous. Take regenerative medicine for instance. The state of

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Pick which one you want to be and live true to the airplane rules of "take care of yourself first".



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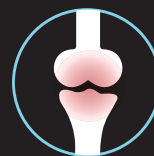
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ESTATE PLANNING & YOUR MENTAL HEALTH

Overcoming Psychological and Emotional Hurdles in Estate Planning

By Ben King

Estate Planning is a vital financial and legal process that ensures your assets are distributed according to your wishes after your passing. However, it's an emotional process that often forces individuals to confront a range of psychological hurdles that can hinder their progress. Even though we are lawyers and not psychologists, we are experienced in helping clients overcome some of the fears and obstacles that are standing in their way.

When you decide it's time to write an Estate Plan, you will have to jump through some simple hoops—finding the time, locating an attorney, and scheduling an appointment. After that, you will have to discuss options with your spouse, gather some documents, and make some decisions. This is where many clients run into much bigger challenges.

Deep-seated fears, conflicts, and bad habits often arise when people have to make difficult decisions that involve money, family, and death. We often see the following issues come up when clients sit down to execute an Estate Plan.

Fear of Dying

One of the most significant psychological hurdles is the fear of acknowledging one's mortality. Many people avoid Estate Planning because it forces them to confront the reality of their eventual passing. This fear can lead to procrastination and avoidance of essential tasks. To overcome this hurdle, it's important to remember that Estate Planning is about ensuring your legacy and providing for your loved ones rather than focusing on death itself.

Tricky Family Relationships

Family dynamics can be complex, and the anticipation of how inheritances may affect relationships within the family can create anxiety. Individuals may worry about potential conflicts or resentments among beneficiaries. Open and honest communication with family members and involving them in the planning process can help address these concerns.

Struggles With Indecisiveness

Estate Planning often requires making significant decisions about asset distribution, guardianship, and health care directives. Some individuals may struggle with indecisiveness, leading to delays in the planning process. Seeking advice from legal and financial professionals can provide clarity and guidance when making these important choices.

Need for Perfection

A desire for perfection in Estate Planning can be paralyzing. People may fear making mistakes or not covering every possible scenario. It's crucial to understand that Estate Plans can be updated and revised as circumstances change. Starting with a well-considered plan, even if it's not perfect, is better than not planning at all.

“ Estate planning is not just about distributing assets; it's about providing peace of mind.”

Bad Past Experiences With Probate and Estates

If you were an executor for a parent's estate, or you were left out of someone's Will, you might have a bad taste in your mouth about the whole process. However, the goal of comprehensive Estate Planning is to prevent your representatives and heirs from having problems with Probate.

Resentment of Lawyers

Some individuals have an aversion to working with lawyers, possibly due to mistrust, past negative experiences, or the perception of high costs. However, legal guidance is essential in Estate Planning to ensure the process is legally sound and efficient. Do-it-yourself Estate Planning is full of potential pitfalls. Finding a trusted attorney and discussing fees and expectations up front can help alleviate these concerns.

These fears and hesitations are very normal reactions to undertaking such an important task. However, it's important to remember that plans can always be altered as circumstances and preferences change. You can reduce or avoid common obstacles by taking the following steps:

Start early. Initiating estate planning early can ease some psychological burdens associated with the process. It allows ample time to consider options and make informed decisions. Waiting until there is already a family challenge can make the process much harder.

Seek professional guidance. Consulting with Estate Planning attorneys, financial advisors, and accountants can provide expert insight and guidance, addressing concerns and ensuring the process is both legally sound and financially optimized.

Engage in open communication. Having honest conversations with family members to address concerns and expectations is very helpful. Involving beneficiaries in the planning process can reduce potential conflicts.

Focus on objectives. Keep the focus on the objectives of your estate plan, such as providing for your loved ones, minimizing tax liabilities, and protecting assets. This perspective can help shift the focus away from the anxiety surrounding the planning process.

Be flexible. Understand that Estate Plans can be adjusted as needed. Life circumstances change, and your estate plan should reflect those changes.

Estate planning is not just about distributing assets; it's about providing peace of mind and ensuring that your wishes are respected. By recognizing and addressing the psychological hurdles that may hinder the process, individuals can take the necessary steps to create a comprehensive and thoughtful estate plan that serves their goals and safeguards their legacy.

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