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*Congress shall make no law  
respecting an establishment of religion,  
or prohibiting the free exercise thereof, or  
abridging the freedom of  
speech, or of the press;  
or the right of the people peaceably to  
assemble; and to petition the Government  
for a redress of grievances.*

Source: Amendment I, National Archives Constitution

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Okla. State land open  
for white settlement

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APPEARS ON MARKET

**Wright Brothers take flight**

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establishes FBI

Okla. voted capital

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Oklahoma tornadoes kill 44  
**UNITED STATES ATTACKED**  
 OKC GETS NBA TEAM  
 Hurricane Katrina kills hundreds on Gulf coast  
 E.L. Gaylord dies at 83  
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## TAX

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is constitutional and it's gratifying to know that the Oklahoma Supreme Court agrees," Schulz wrote in a prepared statement. "With the decision finalized, we now know the full extent of the revenue picture that needs to be addressed during a potential special session."

Vehicle purchases have historically been completely exempt from sales tax, and the Legislature modified that exemption in May. Two lawsuits filed after session ended challenged the law on the grounds it was a revenue-raising measure that didn't meet the requirements for raising taxes.

A majority of the court said that because the tax already existed but was just exempted in state law, the Legislature within its rights to remove some of the exemption without following stringent guidelines that it nearly impossible to raise taxes.

Justice Patrick V. wrote that the presents a much different question than cigarette fee challenge of invoking "tax," he said, lawns revoked part of an exemption.

The lawsuit was filed on behalf of the Oklahoma Automobile Dealers Association, Battison and Caitlin Cannon argued that the tax violates State Question 640, a constitutional amendment where voters put heavy restrictions on how the state government can raise revenue.

A similar lawsuit against the tax and sources of revenue lawmakers found the

has not yet been decided. That challenge, filed by Republican gubernatorial candidate Gary Richardson, also targets an electric and hybrid vehicle fee and a freeze in the standard income tax deduction rate.

Yet another pending lawsuit filed by the Sierra Club asked the court to toss the electric and hybrid vehicle fee.

The automobile sales tax is the last major revenue source that was challenged. The standard deduction freeze is estimated to raise \$4.4 million and the electric vehicle fee will bring in about \$1 million each year once fully implemented.

Lawmakers and the governor have met in recent weeks to discuss how to respond. The \$215 million culled from four agency budgets after the cigarette fee was struck down remains a priority

agrees with the ruling.

"Today's court ruling presents a mixed bag for Oklahoma voters," said Inman, D-Del City. "While avoiding another loss of \$100 million to the current year's budget, the ruling has empowered this Republican majority to raise the taxes of middle class families without honoring the will of the Oklahoma citizens who passed State Question 640 in 1992."



Cars on the sales lot of Hudiburg Chevrolet on the Tinker Diagonal in Midwest City on Monday. On Thursday, the Oklahoma Supreme Court upheld a 1.25-percent sales tax on vehicle purchases.

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P.E. Teacher and Reader

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Kristin uses social media and websites like Facebook, BuzzFeed and others, but takes the news she finds on social media sites with a grain of salt.

"They're definitely not my top sources. When you use social media as your primary source of news, you're getting a lot of opinions. You're not always getting facts," she says.

Where does Kristin turn to get the facts?

"I rely on The Oklahoman to see what's really happening," she says. "If you want solid, local facts you need to go with them."

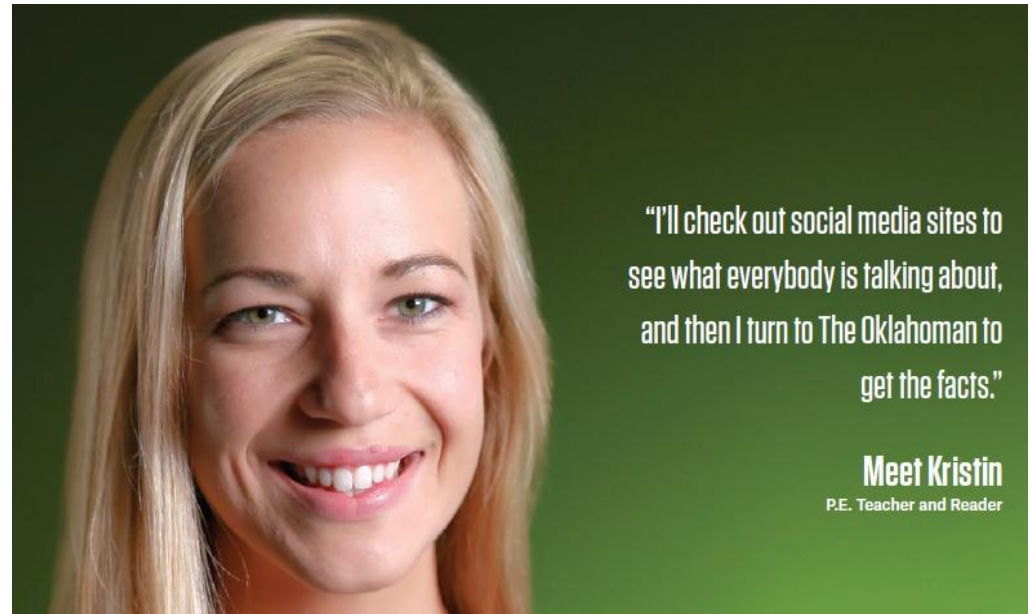
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