

ADAIR COUNTY



FEBRUARY 2026

NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

GARRY BRIGGS	2/01	PROSECUTORS OFFICE
KRIS WILLIAMS	2/05	CORRECTIONS
JOHN YOS	2/07	ROAD AND BRIDGE
KARLA KRAMER	2/09	PROSECUTORS OFFICE
DUSTIN LUNSFORD	2/09	ROAD AND BRIDGE
ANGELA PLATZ	2/10	PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR
ALAINA THOMPSON	2/11	JUVENILE OFFICER
JESSE WEST	2/12	CORRECTIONS
ANDREW BOSTER	2/12	PROSECUTORS OFFICE
TABITHA HUPFELD	2/18	COLLECTORS OFFICE
PAUL BARNHART	2/20	ROAD AND BRIDGE

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

JESSE MARCH	CORRECTIONS	2 YEARS
JOHN YOS	ROAD AND BRIDGE	4 YEARS
LISA MCKENZIE	SHERIFFS OFFICE	6 YEARS

FEBRUARY DATES TO REMEMBER

FEB 12	THURSDAY	LINCOLN'S B-DAY	COURTHOUSE IS CLOSED
FEB 14	SATURDAY	VALENTINES DAY	
FEB 16	MONDAY	WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY OBSERVED	COURTHOUSE WILL BE CLOSED

LET TALK A LITTLE BIT ABOUT SOCIAL SECURITY.

Normal retirement age depends on your birthday. If you were born in 1957 or earlier, you've already reached full retirement age. Under current law, if you were born in 1958 or later, your full retirement age can be anywhere between 66 and 8 months and 67 for those born in 1960 and after.

If born in 1958, 66 and 8 months is your full retirement age

If born in 1959, 66 and 10 months is your full retirement age.

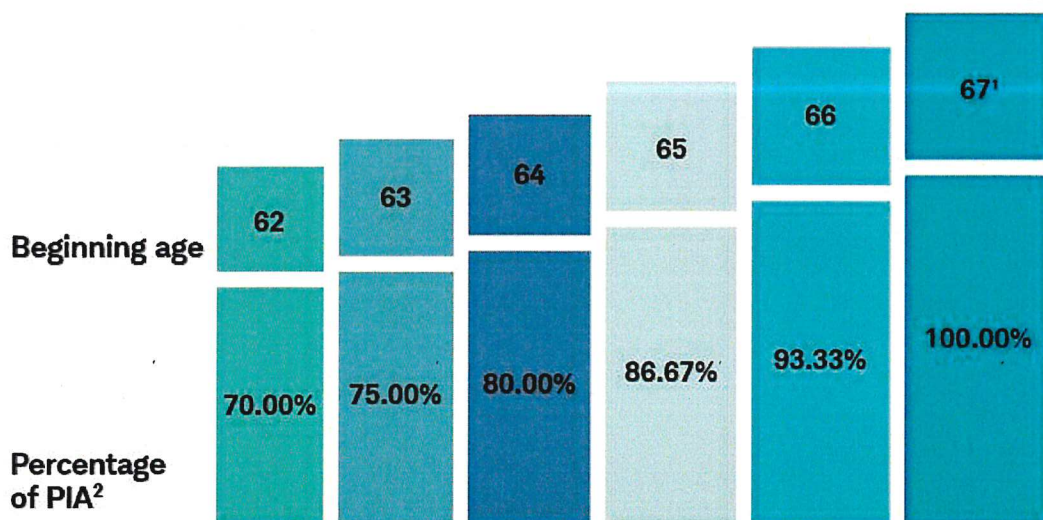
If born in 1960 or later, 67 is your full retirement age.

What if I take Social Security benefits early? Age 62 through 67

If you choose to take your own (not your spouse's) Social Security benefit early, be aware that the payments will be permanently reduced by five-ninths of 1% for each month before your full retirement age. If you start more than 36 months before your full retirement age, the worker benefit decreases further by five-twelfths of 1% per month for the rest of retirement.

For example, if your full retirement age is 67 and you elect to start benefits at age 62, the SSA will calculate your payments based on the fact that you are taking the benefit 60 months before full retirement age—a 20% reduction for the first 36 months (five-ninths of 1% times 36) and another 10% (five-twelfths of 1% times 24) for the remaining 24 months, cutting your monthly Social Security benefits by a total of 30%.

Effect of taking retirement benefits early (DOB: January 2, 1960)

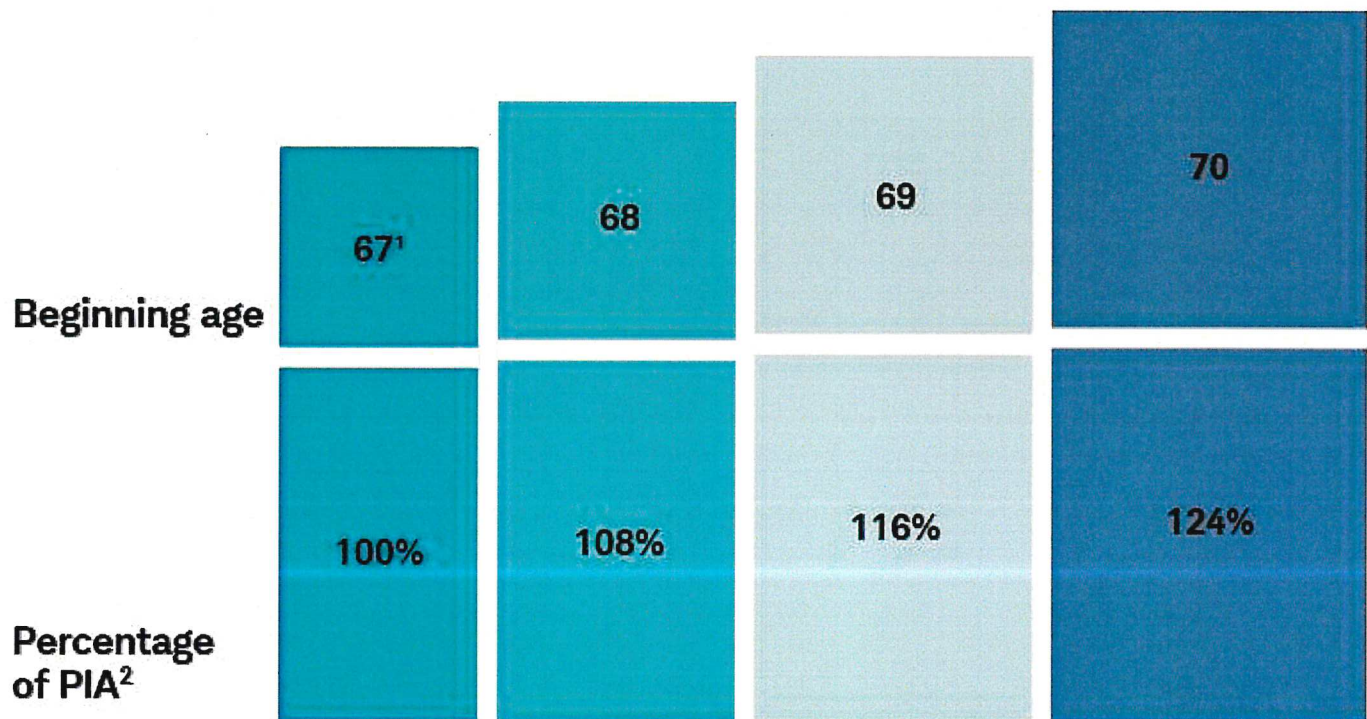


What if I delay taking my Social Security benefits to age 70?

If you retire sometime between your full retirement age and age 70, you typically earn delayed retirement credit (DRC) for your own benefits (but not spousal benefits). The higher baseline would last for the rest of your retirement and serve as the basis for future increases linked to inflation. In no situation should you postpone benefits past age 70.

For example, say you were born in 1960, and your full retirement age is 67. If you start your benefits at age 69, you will receive a credit of 8% per year multiplied by two (the number of years you waited). This means your benefit amount would be 16% *higher* than the amount you would have received at age 67. (This doesn't include any potential additional cost of living adjustments for inflation from age 67 to 69.)

Effect of delaying retirement benefits (DOB: January 2, 1960)



Don't forget to get your RDA's and FSA claims turned in for 2025. You have until March 31, 2026. If you need help with them, come by my office. I can get them scanned and securely sent into GBS.

You use the form on the next page to file a claim.



REIMBURSABLE DEDUCTIBLE ALLOWANCE CLAIM FORM

RDA Submission Options

Fax: (417) 883-8261 | Email: claims@gbsitpa.com | Online: mygbshealth.com

EMPLOYEE INFORMATION

This section must be completed for all Reimbursable Deductible Allowance (RDA) claim submissions.

This section must be completed by the employee only.

Name: _____ Employer: _____

Last 4 of SSN: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Home Address: _____
Street Address City State Zip

DEPENDENT INFORMATION

Only complete this section for a dependent RDA claim submission.

Dependent's Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

CLAIM INFORMATION

Complete this section for all RDA claim submissions.

Date of Service: _____ Claim Amount: \$ _____

Name of provider where services were received: _____

*****Please Attach a Copy of the Paid Claim(s) with a Paid Receipt(s)*****

AGREEMENT AND SIGNATURE

I/We certify that the above information is true and correct. I/We authorize the release of any medical or other information necessary to evaluate and complete the review and processing of any claims for reimbursement. A photocopy of this authorization shall be considered as valid as the original.

Signature of Employee: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Spouse (if patient): _____ Date: _____

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OTHER COUNTY NEWS.

We are still working out the details of the Health Screening that we plan on having by spring. So far, we have decided that we will have Quest come in and do a finger stick for a fasting (no eating for 12 hours prior) blood work up. Checking for Cholesterol, lipids, blood sugar etc. Then based on what is found, a plan for each person will be made to help improve their “numbers”.

We will also be encouraging the smoking cessation program. If you want to quit, now is a good time. GBS does pay for smoking cessation, up to 10 visits a year at no cost to the employee. Contact the nurse navigator for details.

By participating we plan on offering a rebate or discount on your premium. How much has yet to be decided. When I learn more, I will send out an announcement.

There has been a nasty upper respiratory bug going around. I have heard through ATSU there have been some cases of Pertussis aka whooping cough. Whooping cough is caused by the bacteria “Bordetella pertussis”.

Whooping cough (pertussis) progresses in three stages: the Catarrhal stage (mild cold symptoms), the Paroxysmal stage, (severe, violent coughing fits with "whoops," (not always in adults) vomiting, exhaustion, and possible apnea in infants), and the Convalescent stage (gradual recovery) where coughing lessens but can linger, with lingering contagiousness.

Initial treatment will be with antibiotics but if you wait too long, they will not be as effective. So, if you develop a bad “cold” it might not be a bad idea to go see your doctor.

The Form 1095-C is a tax document provided by employers with 50 or more full-time employees to verify that they offered affordable, minimum essential health insurance coverage, as required by the Affordable Care Act (ACA). It indicates monthly coverage status, helps determine eligibility for premium tax credits, and is used by the IRS to enforce employer shared responsibility provisions.

Key Uses and Details:

- **For Employees:** It verifies whether you were offered health insurance, if it was affordable, and if you enrolled in coverage. You use this information to determine your eligibility for a premium tax credit if you purchased insurance through the Marketplace.
- **For the IRS:** It helps the IRS determine if an employer owes a penalty for failing to offer proper coverage.
- **What it Covers:** It includes the employee's name, the employer's name, months of coverage, the lowest-cost monthly premium available, and details about covered family members if the plan was self-insured.
- **Filing Requirement:** While you do not need to attach Form 1095-C to your tax return, you should keep it with your records to verify you had health insurance.

Adair County is no longer required to send these out to everyone, but they are sent to the IRS. If you would like a copy, please contact me at morskog@adaircounty.gov or call 234-7914.

EYE EXAMS

Don't forget that our Health Insurance pays for a yearly eye and hearing exam. If you go to Wal-Mart you will have to pay upfront and then you will need to send in a claim form to get reimbursed while others, like IEC will file it for you.

UPDATE YOUR BENE'S

The first of the year is a good time to think about your beneficiaries. If you have married/divorced, or had children, you will want to make sure the people you want as beneficiaries are listed. Our GBS life insurance, CERF, CERF Savings (401/457), and LAGERS all need a beneficiary. If unsure, or you need to change them, email me at morskog@adaircomo.gov.

February History.

February 22, 1732

George Washington was born in Virginia on February 11, 1731, according to the then-used Julian calendar. In 1752, however, Britain and all its colonies adopted the Gregorian calendar which moved Washington's birthday a year and 11 days to February 22, 1732.

February 1, 2003 - Sixteen minutes before it was scheduled to land, the Space Shuttle *Columbia* broke apart in flight over west Texas, killing all seven crew members. The accident may have resulted from damage caused during liftoff when a piece of insulating foam from the external fuel tank broke off, piercing a hole in the shuttle's left wing that allowed hot gases to penetrate the wing upon re-entry into the Earth's atmosphere. This was the second space shuttle lost in flight. In January 1986, *Challenger* exploded during liftoff.

February 3, 1870 - The 15th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution was ratified, guaranteeing the right of citizens to vote, regardless of race, color, or previous condition of servitude.

February 8, 1910 - The Boy Scouts of America was founded by William Boyce in Washington, D.C., modeled after the British Boy Scouts.

February 9, 1943 - During World War II in the Pacific, U.S. troops captured Guadalcanal in the Solomon Islands after six months of battle, with 9,000 Japanese and 2,000 Americans killed.

February 14, 1929 - The St. Valentine's Day massacre occurred in Chicago as seven members of the Bugs Moran gang were gunned down by five of Al Capone's mobsters posing as police.

February 15, 1898 - In Havana, the U.S. Battleship *Maine* was blown up while at anchor and quickly sank with 260 crew members lost. The incident inflamed public opinion in the U.S., resulting in a declaration of war against Spain on April 25, 1898, amid cries of "Remember the Maine!"

February 20, 1962 - Astronaut John Glenn became the first American launched into orbit. Traveling aboard the "Friendship 7" spacecraft, Glenn reached an altitude of 162 miles (260 kilometers) and completed three orbits in a flight lasting just under five hours. Glenn was the third American in space, preceded by Alan Shepard and Virgil "Gus" Grissom who had each completed short sub-orbital flights. All of them had been preceded by Russian cosmonaut

Yuri Gagarin who was the first human in space, completing one orbit on April 12, 1961 - a feat that intensified the already ongoing Space Race between the Russians and Americans. Glenn's successful flight showed the Americans had caught up and was followed in September 1962 by President John F. Kennedy's open call to land an American on the moon before the decade's end.

February 20, 1943 - German Field Marshal Erwin Rommel broke through American lines at Kasserine Pass in North Africa as inexperienced U.S. Troops lost their first major battle of World War II in Europe, with 1,000 Americans killed.

February 21, 1972 - President Richard Nixon arrived in China for historic meetings with Chairman Mao Tse-tung and Premier Chou En-lai.

February 27, 1950 - The 22nd Amendment to the U.S. Constitution was ratified, limiting the president to two terms or a maximum of ten years in office.