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FROM THE CLERK

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I am very pleased to remind you that Open Enrollment for insurance benefits will be the second week of December. A memo with all of the times for the meetings is attached to your paychecks. This year's enrollment will be VASTLY different from last year's and will be much more efficient.

There will be informational meetings on Tuesday and Wednesday. Your benefits will be explained in detail and information given for you to review along with your forms. Appointments will be made on Thursday and Friday to actually enroll in services. This way you have time to review info and will not have to wait in line to enroll.

Remember that payroll will be

issued on **Wednesday before Thanksgiving** since the courthouse is closed Thursday and Friday. Safety awards for those who have earned them will be distributed at that time. If you did not receive an award, it's likely because you had a worker's comp claim with lost time, have not been with the county long enough or did not complete enough qualified training. Please ask if you think there was an error.

Finally, as I am counting my blessings this Thanksgiving, I will most certainly count all of you that I get to serve here at the Wagoner County among them. Have a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday!

Lori Hendricks

He who has not Christmas in his heart will never find it under a tree.....Roy L. Smith

Special points of interest:

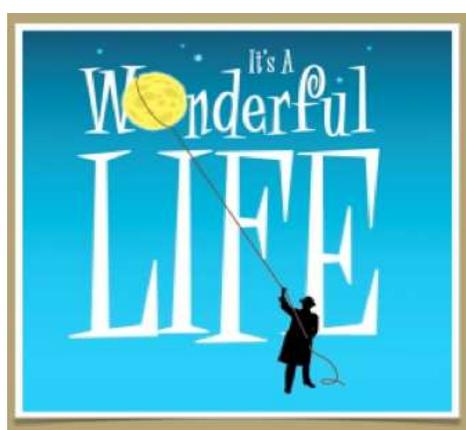
**CHRISTMAS
 DINNER
 DEC. 13TH

**Muskogee Little
 Theatre**



Next HOLIDAYDec 24 & 25—CHRISTMAS

MUSKOGEE LITTLE THEATRE PRESENTS



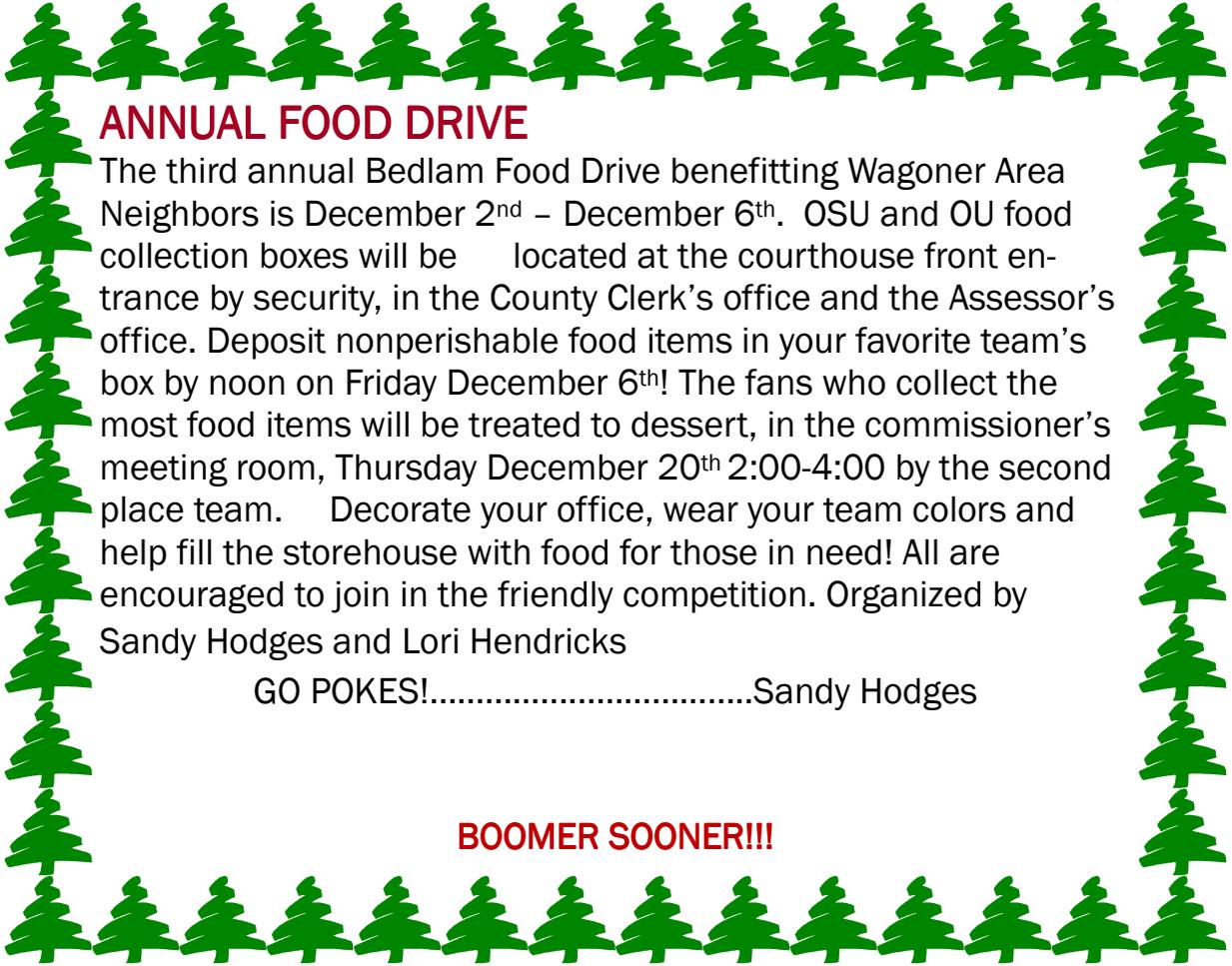
**STARRING OUR OWN BRIAN KUESTER AS
GEORGE BAILEY & daughter Olivia as Janie Bailey**

“Every time a bell rings, an angel gets his wings.”

***Show times: 8:00p.m. - Dec. 6th, 7th
& Dec. 12th, 13th, 14th***

2:00p.m. Sun - Dec 8th

Theatre Box Office phone # 918-683-5332



ANNUAL FOOD DRIVE

The third annual Bedlam Food Drive benefitting Wagoner Area Neighbors is December 2nd – December 6th. OSU and OU food collection boxes will be located at the courthouse front entrance by security, in the County Clerk’s office and the Assessor’s office. Deposit nonperishable food items in your favorite team’s box by noon on Friday December 6th! The fans who collect the most food items will be treated to dessert, in the commissioner’s meeting room, Thursday December 20th 2:00-4:00 by the second place team. Decorate your office, wear your team colors and help fill the storehouse with food for those in need! All are encouraged to join in the friendly competition. Organized by Sandy Hodges and Lori Hendricks

GO POKES!.....Sandy Hodges

BOOMER SOONER!!!

DECEMBER TRIVIA

- December 3rd is Let’s Hug Day.
- December 5th is National Blue Jeans Day.
- On December 8th, 1961—the Beach Boys released their first single, “Surfin,” on Candix Records.
- The Charles Dickens classic story ‘A Christmas Carol’ was 1st published in December 6, 1843.
- The 1st Nobel Prize was awarded in December 1901.
- The flower representing this month is Holly.
- The birthstone for December is Turquoise or the mystical Blue Topaz.



GOOD FINANCIAL HEALTH

YOU AND YOUR BUDGET Continuing our series of articles regarding common ways people waste money, here are other detriments to our budgets:

Buying Insurance You Don't Need

You only need life insurance if someone, such as a child, is financially dependent upon you. That means most singles, seniors and kids don't need a policy.

Other policies you can probably do without include credit-card insurance (better to use the premium to pay down your debt in the first place), rental-car insurance (most auto policies and credit cards carry some coverage) and mortgage life insurance (a regular term-life insurance policy is more comprehensive).

Overspending on Gas and Oil

There's no need to spring for premium fuel if the auto manufacturer says regular is just fine. You should also check to make sure your tires are optimally inflated to get the best gas mileage. And are you still paying for an oil change every 3,000 miles? Many models nowadays can last 5,000 to 7,000 miles between changes, and some even have built-in sensors to tell you when it's time to change the oil. Check your owner's manual to find the best time for your car's routine maintenance.



(KIPLINGER by Erin Burke and Cameron Huddleston)



Annual Christmas Dinner
Hosted by Engineering Dept and OSU Extension
Friday, December 13th
11:30 a.m.
(Judge Shepherd's Courtroom)

**The Christmas Story of the Birth of Jesus -
Paraphrased from the Bible:**

Mary, a virgin, was living in Galilee of Nazareth and was engaged to be married to Joseph, a Jewish carpenter. An angel visited her and explained to her that she would conceive a son by the power of the Holy Spirit. She would carry and give birth to this child and she would name him Jesus. At first Mary was afraid and troubled by the angel's words. Being a virgin, Mary questioned the angel, "How will this be?" The angel explained that the child would be God's own Son and, therefore, "nothing is impossible with God." Humbled and in awe, Mary believed the angel of the Lord and rejoiced in God her Savior.



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CALENDAR



Dec 2nd Comm Mtg (Mon)
Dec 9th Comm Mtg (Tues)
Dec 16th Comm Mtg (Mon) Dec 10th Excise Board Mtg
Dec 23rd Comm Mtg (Mon) Dec 23rd Excise Board Mtg
Dec 30th Comm Mtg (Mon)

**The supernatural birth of Christ, his miracles,
his resurrection and ascension, remain eternal
truths, whatever doubts may be cast on their
reality as historical facts.**
David Friedrich Strauss



Christmas joy warms the heart

**PLEASE ENJOY THIS DECEMBER
ISSUE....IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO
CONTRIBUTE TO THE JANUARY
ISSUE, PLEASE LET ME
KNOW.....CHAR**

MISSION A MATTER OF RIGHT

"A popular Government, without popular information, or the means of acquiring it, is but a Prologue to a Farce or a Tragedy; or perhaps both. Knowledge will forever govern ignorance: And a people who mean to be their own Governors, must arm themselves with the power which knowledge gives."

- James Madison