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**FROM THE CLERK**

**Recruitment/Job Posting**

The County's personnel manual states that "all job openings shall be listed publicly and/or filled from applications as filed with the Elected Officials." We have many people come to our office inquiring about job openings within the Courthouse. Our normal routine is to take their application and then send it to the elected officials for consideration should an opening occur—which meets the second half of our policy. To meet the first half, we are placing on the website "Employment Opportunities". When clicked on, the person will be directed to a page where we can list any opening in the Courthouse. Right now, it will simply say "there are currently no positions available." I encourage you to utilize this feature whenever you have a vacancy. The more the public finds of interest on our website, the more frequently they will use it.

It is great to know that Wagoner County is ahead of the game on this issue if the bill becomes law. We truly are "growing from good to great!"

*Carolyn Kusler*



P.S. I noticed that HB 2822 will require counties over 45,000 to have a website where information is available for each County office and where ad valorem taxes can be paid on line.

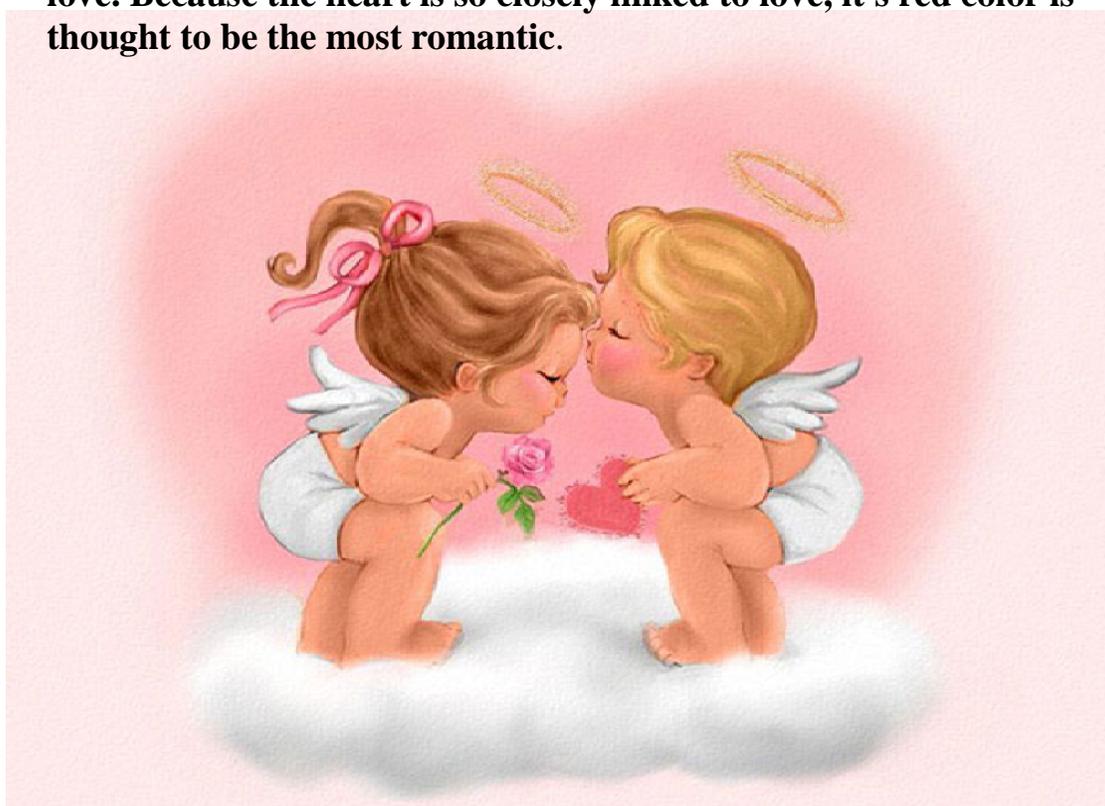
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**The heart is the most common symbol of romantic love. Ancient cultures believed the human soul lived in the heart. Others thought it to be the source of emotion and intelligence. Some believed the heart embodied a man's truth, strength and nobility. The heart may be associated with love because the ancient Greeks believed it was the target of Eros, known as Cupid to the Romans. Anyone shot in the heart by one of Cupid's arrows would fall hopelessly in love. Because the heart is so closely linked to love, it's red color is thought to be the most romantic.**



## HOW DO I LOVE THEE?

By Elizabeth Barrett Browning (1806-1861)

*How do I love thee? Let me count the ways. I love thee to the depth and  
breadth and height My soul can reach, when feeling out of sight  
For the ends of Being and ideal Grace. I love thee to the level of everyday's  
Most quiet need, by sun and candle-light. I love thee freely, as men strive for  
Right; I love thee purely, as they turn from Praise.  
I love thee with a passion put to use In my old griefs, and with my childhood's  
faith. I love thee with a love I seemed to lose  
With my lost saints, — I love thee with the breath,  
Smiles, tears, of all my life! — and, if God choose,  
I shall but love thee better after death.*





2012 is a big year for elections and the first is coming up next month.

March 6<sup>th</sup> is Oklahoma's Presidential Primary Election where we will have the opportunity to choose the Republican nominee for President since President Obama is running unopposed for the Democratic nomination.

The last day you can register or make changes to your registration for this election is February 10<sup>th</sup>. You can do that at the Election Board or forms are available in the County Clerk's Office, or you can even print the form online at

<http://www.ok.gov/wagonercounty/>

Other important dates and elections are:

|   |                          |
|---|--------------------------|
| Primary Election State and County Offices | June 26 <sup>th</sup>    |
| Last Day to Register                      | June 1 <sup>st</sup>     |
| Run-off Election (if necessary)           | August 28 <sup>th</sup>  |
| Last Day to Register                      | August 3 <sup>rd</sup>   |
| General Election                          | November 6 <sup>th</sup> |
| Last Day to Register                      | October 12 <sup>th</sup> |

Voting is not only a right, it is our duty and we are blessed in this country to have such an audible voice in the political process. See you at the polls!

~ Lori Hendricks, First Deputy County Clerk

## A message from Amanda Alsip

Did you know there are forms available on the State Auditors and Inspectors website? Many forms used in the County Clerk's office can be found at <http://www.sai.ok.gov/>. A common form used in the land records department and available on this website is a **Transfer on Death Deed**. This deed became effective Nov 1, 2008. It is a method of conveyance of property that will transfer ownership of the property to the grantee at the time of death of the property owner. This does not need to be signed by the grantee beneficiary and can be changed or revoked at any time prior to the death of the record owner.

## FEBRUARY FACTS



- Okay...already, I know it is the month of valentines and chocolate hearts, but what else do you know about this often blustery month with the fewest days in the modern calendar year? Here are some interesting trivia tidbits about the blustery often harsh 2nd month of the year on the modern calendar.
- February is the second month, and has 28 days, except on Leap Years when it has 29 (2000, 2004, 2008, and 2012).
- It is named after the Roman god Februus. The Latin root word februaria means purification; and the Romans held their celebration of purification during the time of the month February. The Welsh originally called the second month of the year – “y mis bach” meaning the little month. During the time of Shakespeare it was called ‘Feverell’.
- The flower of this month is a violet or sometimes a primrose and the birthstone is amethyst (which represents sincerity).
- Three big holidays are held in February: Groundhog’s day (2nd), St. Valentine’s Day (14th) and President’s day (3rd Monday).
- On February 25th, 1928, a U.S. federal government commission issued the very first Television Broadcast License.
- On February 14th, 1928 the infamous Valentine’s Day Massacre took place in Chicago.
- John Glenn (astronaut and US Senator) was the first man to orbit the earth on February 20th, 1962.

**DATE TO REMEMBER:  
Tuesday,  
February  
14th !**

**WELLNESS COMMITTEE MEETING**

**9:00 A.M.  
COURTROOM #3**

## Message from *Char*

I hope you enjoy this February Newsletter! If you wish to contribute to the newsletter for March, please let me know.



## 2012 COUNTY HOLIDAYS

|  |                     |  |
|--|---------------------|--|
| Martin Luther King Day<br>January 16 <sup>th</sup> | Monday              |  |
| President's Day                                    | Monday              | February 20 <sup>th</sup>                      |
| Good Friday  | Friday              | April 6 <sup>th</sup>                          |
| Memorial Day                                       | Monday              | May 28 <sup>th</sup>                           |
| Independence Day                                   | Wednesday           | July 4 <sup>th</sup>                           |
| Labor Day  | Monday              | September 3 <sup>rd</sup>                      |
| Columbus Day                                       | Monday              | October 8 <sup>th</sup>                        |
| Veteran's Day                                      | Monday              | November 12 <sup>th</sup>                      |
| Thanksgiving                                       | Thursday and Friday | November 22 <sup>nd</sup> and 23 <sup>rd</sup> |
| Christmas  | Monday and Tuesday  | December 24 <sup>th</sup> and 25 <sup>th</sup> |
| New Year's<br>January 1 <sup>st</sup> (2013)       |                     | Tuesday  |



## CLERK SAFETY TRAINING

Just a reminder—The County Clerk administration offices and Land Records will be closed the first

The next scheduled training is Wednesday, **March 8TH.**



**The National Weather Service  
STORM SPOTTER TRAINING  
February 16, 2012 at 7:00 PM  
At the Wagoner Civic Center  
301 S. Grant**

**This workshop is free and open to the public.  
Please plan to attend this class if you are an  
Emergency First Responder/Volunteer. If you  
have any questions feel free to call Heath Under-  
wood at (918)521-4007.**

*Hosted by:*

*Wagoner County Emergency Management*

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## CALENDAR



|         |                           |
|---------|---------------------------|
| Feb 13  | Commission Meeting        |
| Feb 20  | President's Day (Holiday) |
| Feb 21  | Commission Meeting        |
| Feb 27  | Commission Meeting        |
| Feb 28  | Excise Board Meeting      |
| March 5 | Commission Meeting        |

SHARE YOUR LOVE WITH SOMEONE,  
AND MAKE TWO PEOPLE HAPPY!



### 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