

Wagoner County  
**COUNTY CLERK**



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With 2012 behind us, we all begin looking forward to the New Year and the changes it may bring our way. You will notice many of them in this newsletter, from new tax rates (boo) to new mileage reimbursement rates (hooray), this is sure to be a year filled with many more changes.

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Many begin the New Year with a resolution or two. Among some of the more common are to lose weight or quit smoking. Did you know that our insurance provider has programs to help with both and another that will actually reward you with points you can use to get some really great items like ipods, etc. just for participating? Just ask Dyan or Kristi in HR for more information and start the New Year off with the tools to help you be successful!

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The New Year has also brought us a new Court Clerk and brought us back our Sheriff and our District Two Commissioner. We are looking forward to the new things they have to offer as well. Finally, we have made more changes to the county website and it has a new, prettier look. We hope you will take a minute to look at it and give us your ideas to make it even better.

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**Don't cry because it's over, smile because it happened." — Dr. Seuss**

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**Special points of interest:**

County Officials  
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*Wagoner County—Growing from Good" to Great"!*

**NEWS FROM E-911.....Judy Elliott**

The Wagoner County E911 is pleased to announce the full implementation and upgrade of the E911 system to the new Sentinel Patriot platform for the Next Generation E911 readiness. The new Sentinel Patriot platform uses broadband technology that will allow for expanded capability and improve response times for life-threatening situations. This system also lays the future work for the future ability to receive emergency text messages from cell phones from customers with disabilities or from circumstances where a phone call could further jeopardize someone’s safety.

E911 services are critical in the event the E911 Communications Center for the County of Wagoner is lost to a natural or manmade disaster. The Patriot platform provides for a mobile Sentinel Command Post for disaster recovery. The mobile E911 Command Post Center is a fully functional E911 backup system for the County of Wagoner. In the event of a disaster, E911 service can be restored within minutes through the use of the Sentinel Command Post.



**JANUARY**

**Mileage rate goes to .565 effective Jan 1st, 2013**

**NEXT COUNTY HOLIDAY IS MONDAY, JANUARY 21st**

**P.S.HUMAN RESOURCES REQUESTS THAT EACH EMPLOYEE FILL OUT A NEW W-4 FROM ANNUALLY SO THAT ALL INFORMATION IS CURRENT.**

**COUNTY CLERK SAFETY TRAINING**

Just a reminder—The County Clerk Adm.offices and Land Records will be closed one day of every month from 8:00am—9:00am for safety classes beginning 2-06-13

**Next—02/06/13  
Sexual  
Harassment**

**COUNTY OFFICIALS ARE SWORN IN**



• Sheriff Bob Colbert, Court Clerk Jim Hight, County Clerk Lori Hendricks and District  
• Two Commissioner Chris Edwards were sworn in to Office on Wednesday, Jan. 2, 2013.

*Congratulations*

## JANUARY TRIVIA

- January is known as National Soup month in America.
- The 1st Football Super Bowl Game was held at the LA Coliseum in January
- January 4th is designated as National Short People Day and National Spaghetti Day, in America.
- On January 4th, 1965—CBS bought the Fender Guitar Company?
- In 1935 on January 8th [Elvis Presley](#) (“THE KING of ROCK N ROLL”) was born in Tupelo, Mississippi.
- January 8th is National Bubble Bath Day.
- In January of 1964, the 1st Country Music Album became #1 on the Billboard Pop Music Chart: the Johnny Cash record ‘Ring of Fire’
- President Lincoln issued the EMANCIPATION PROCLAMATION on New Years Day in 1863, ending slavery in America?
- The **garnet** is the birthstone for January.
- The **snowdrop** is the flower for the month of January. It often blooms in the snow.



QUOTE FOR **January**.....

Everything you can imagine is real.

— [Pablo Picasso](#)

**MESSAGE FROM HUMAN RESOURCES.....****Basic Rules for Workers' Compensation**

Comp Source through County Claims of Oklahoma handles all of Wagoner County's Workers Compensation Claims.

It is very important to remember that as soon as there is an on the job injury the Form 2, Employer's First Notice of Injury, is to be promptly submitted to Comp Source. If you do not have a copy of this form in your office you can get one at [okacco.com](http://okacco.com) under the topic of Insurance. All departments should have this on hand so they are prepared when an injury occurs. Please use version 8/11, if you are not using this version you need to obtain one and dispose of your older versions. Form 2 should be completed and signed by the employer.

Provide as much information as you can on the Form 2. Fax the Form 2 to Comp Source at (405) 962-1929 as soon as possible. If you send the Form 2 for your office please make sure you get a copy to the HR/Payroll Department at the same time. It is important for us to know when there are on the job injuries and to keep a record of these injuries up to date at all times. Comp Source will forward this on to the Workers' Compensation Courts as required by the court and noted on the Form 2.

Should an injured worker be taken off work for his/her injury, he/she will be eligible to receive Workers' Compensation benefits. These benefits will be in lieu of salary and in the amount of 70% of his/her gross average weekly wage. By law there is a 7 calendar day waiting period before benefits can be issued. Mileage reimbursement is available if the total round trip for medical care is more than 20 miles. Medical treatment will be authorized by Comp Source and they are responsible for payment of medical bills. All Providers should be provided with the Comp Source claims information. Please do not file your BCBS group insurance for these claims. Benefits become available once the investigation has been completed and accepted.

**2013 Tax Changes**

As many of you watched in the final hours of 2012, Congress has adopted some, but not all of the previous tax structure. What this means for us is higher tax deductions from payroll checks since one of the items they did not renew is the payroll tax reduction. Our paychecks will now have an additional 2% withheld each month for social security. To read about other possible changes that could affect you go to [FedSmith.com](http://FedSmith.com) and read the article "Prepare for Tax Changes in 2013". The article is brief but informative and contains a table that shows 2012 rates compared to 2013 rates. It is very important that everyone have a clear idea of what their deductions should be. If you are unsure, please see a qualified tax professional for advice on how you should do your withholdings for the new year. HR/Payroll will be sending out new W-4's with your January payroll check. Please fill out and return your form to us ASAP. This will ensure that your withholdings are up to date.

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# CALENDAR



Jan 14 Comm Mtg (Mon)

Jan 22 Comm Mtg (Tues)

Jan 28 Comm Mtg (Mon)

Jan 08 Excise Board

Jan 29 Excise Board

# JANUARY



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*A MESSAGE FROM CHAR.....*

*PLEASE ENJOY THIS NOV ISSUE! IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO  
CONTRIBUTE TO THE FEBRUARY 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