We dodged another snowball this week when "Blizzard 2013" completely missed us, keeping road crews from spending countless hours digging through the drifts and clearing roads. We did get some much needed moisture and our office is hopeful we can have a summer free from the dreaded burn ban.

Speaking of snowballs, our inventory project has grown exponentially and has developed into a project to verify insurance coverage of county-owned property and equipment. Please be sure your inventory is completely up to date so that we can ensure our coverage is sufficient should we face a disaster in the future.

While you are thinking about it, you may ask yourself if you need to have a home inventory as well. Would you be able to account for your belongings in the event of insurance loss? There are several resources available and the Oklahoma Insurance Commissioner’s website to help you prepare for the spring tornado season. Just visit http://www.ok.gov/old/home_inventory.html for more information.

Finally, the easiest way to be prepared for anything is to know it’s coming. Please be aware that this month, our office will be replacing the Kellpro server as well as consolidating and reconfiguring the email server. Part of the email program resides on the Kellpro server. This set-up is inefficient at best and the Exchange server does not operate as it should with this configuration. We will take this opportunity to correct this with the installation of the new Kellpro server. Installation will take place after server hours to avoid any interruption of business, but please be aware that we may have short outages during transfer. Remember, this is one more way we will grow from good to GREAT.

Life is like riding a bicycle. To keep your balance, you must keep moving.” — Albert Einstein
The National Weather Service

STORM SPOTTER TRAINING
March 18, 2013 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 Underwood at (918)521-4007.

Hosted by:

Wagoner County Emergency Management

The County Clerk Adm.offices and Land Records will be closed one day of every month from 8:00am to 9:00am for safety classes.

NEXT SAFETY MEETING IS MARCH 6TH

“VIOLENCE IN THE WORKPLACE”

Presented by Jerry Hooper/ICTC
OKLAHOMA FUN FACTS:

The state flag of Oklahoma, adopted in 1925, has a blue background with an Osage Warrior’s buckskin shield in the center. The blue symbolizes loyalty and devotion. The shield is decorated with seven eagle feathers that represent strength. Small tan crosses on the shield represent stars, which stand for high ideals and deeds. Crossing the shield are two symbols of peace—an olive branch and a peace pipe. Underneath the shield in which letters is the word “Oklahoma” which was added to the flag in 1941.

The Redbud tree became Oklahoma’s State tree in 1937. Redbuds grow in the wooded valleys and ravines of Oklahoma. Growing up to 40 feet high, the Redbud tree has a short trunk and brown bark. In the Spring, pinkish-red blossoms grow on the tree’s branches and trunk.

Welcome Aboard Charity!

The Wagoner County Clerk's Office would like to welcome our newest member, Charity Bardell! Charity will be working in the Human Resources Department and taking over the responsibilities that Kristi Carson was doing. She is a great addition and we look forward to having her on our team.

Dyan Marrs, Human Resources Director
The word *Ides* comes from the Latin word "idus", a word that was used widely in the Roman calendar indicating the approximate day that was the middle of the month. The term *ides* was used for the 15th day of the months of March, May, July, and October, and the 13th day of the other months. The Ides of March was a festive day dedicated to the god *Mars* and a military parade was usually held.

In modern times, the term *Ides of March* is best known as the date on which *Julius Caesar* was assassinated in 44 B.C. Caesar was stabbed (23 times) to death in the Roman Senate by a group of conspirators led by *Marcus Junius Brutus* and *Gaius Cassius Longinus*. The group included 60 other co-conspirators according to *Plutarch*. Another point which arises is Shakespeare’s use of the Ides of March and (the lack of doubt in) Marcus Brutus' decision to assassinate Caesar to portray an atmosphere of madness, pleasure, and pandemonium. It is said that on ides of March the sea succumbs to chaos and the full moon brings high tides. All these points give the Ides of March a very mysterious quality.[2]

According to *Plutarch*, a *seer* had foreseen that Caesar would be harmed not later than the Ides of March; and on his way to the *Theatre of Pompey* (where he would be assassinated), Caesar met the seer and joked, "The ides of March have come", meaning to say that the prophecy had not been fulfilled, to which the seer replied "Aye, Caesar; but not gone."[2] This meeting is famously dramatized in *William Shakespeare*’s play *Julius Caesar*, when Caesar is warned by the *soothsayer* to "beware the Ides of March."

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**POT LUCK** - Do we really need a reason to have one?

We are going to have another Courthouse Pot Luck luncheon!

**Friday, MARCH 15th at Noon**

Commissioners Meeting Room

Bring something yummy and let’s enjoy good food and fellowship!
March Madness 2013 Schedule

First Four
*Tue, Mar 19th - Wed, Mar 20th*

Second Round
*Thu, Mar 21st - Fri, Mar 22nd*

Third Round
*Sat, Mar 23rd - Sun, Mar 24th*

Sweet 16
*Thu, Mar 28th - Fri, Mar 29th*

Elite 8
*Sat, Mar 30th - Sun, Mar 31st*

Final Four
*Sat, Apr 6th*

National Championship
*Mon, Apr 8th*

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**FLEXING YOUR BRAIN...........**

Stay connected! Social butterflies are more likely to retain their brain vitality. A 2011 study, published in the Journal of the International Neuropsychological Society, followed 1,138 older people who were initially free of dementia. Researchers assessed their cognitive function and social interaction every year—recording how often they went to restaurants and sporting events, played bingo, did volunteer work, took short trips, visited relatives or friends, participated in social groups, and attended religious services. Over an average of five years, the rate of decline on a broad range of cognitive abilities, including several types of memory, was 70 percent lower in the most socially active people compared with the least socially active.

*(contributed by Frankie Moore/from Consumer Reports)*
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- James Madison

CALENDAR

Mar 4th  Comm Mtg  (Mon)
Mar 11th  Comm Mtg  (Mon)
Mar 18th  Comm Mtg  (Mon)

Mar 12th Excise Board
Mar 26th Excise Board

History is a gallery of pictures in which there are few originals and many copies!

A MESSAGE FROM CHAR......

PLEASE ENJOY THIS MARCH ISSUE! IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE APRIL ISSUE, PLEASE LET ME KNOW.......................... CHAR

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