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From the Clerk.....

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Look for the Blackboard Connect logo on the front page of the county website and follow the links to sign up or sign in to update your information. It is 5 minutes that may save your life.

Also, we are getting close to the time of year when we begin thinking about budgeting for next year. We sent out account summaries for everyone to review available funds to plan for the rest of the year and we're happy to help with any issues you have with transfers, etc.. We are also happy to pull your appropriation ledgers to review spending to plan for next year. Just let us know how we can help.

Finally, we hope you enjoy these newsletters and hope you find them informative. We welcome you to submit articles of news or items of interest you might like to share. Just send them to Char!

Lori Hendricks

It does not do to dwell on dreams and forget to live.



Wagoner County—Growing from Good" to Great"!

Special points of Interest:

Dist 3 Trash-Off

SAFETY

MEETING

05-08-2013

Next HOLIDAYMonday, May 27th —MEMORIAL DAY

Memorial Day or Decoration Day is observed, in most states of the United States, the last Monday in May. It is a legal holiday and is observed in memory of those who died while serving the United States in war. The graves of the war heroes are decorated with flowers. It was first observed in 1866.

MOOD CHANGER.....Hit The Treadmill.....

If you're not feeling so hot as in post winter blahs, science proves that working up a sweat can flood your brain with endorphins, the chemicals in the brain responsible for making you feel like a million. A Penn State study showed that even if you aren't a religious "gym goer", if you do your favorite workout, you can feel happier — and more productive — for the rest of that day.

What's even more interesting: If you've been down in the dumps and are feeling less than motivated to sweat it out, you're the one that's going to get the biggest happy high — and it'll kick in within the first twenty minutes of your workout. Exercise is known to reduce depressive feelings. Although you will experience marked brain changes within the first 20 minutes of your workout, it is recommended to stick with it for at least 30 minutes to maintain the endorphin high, which will also improve your mood.



NEXT SAFETY MEETING IS MAY 8TH
“HEAT STRESS”
Presented by Indian Capital Tech Center

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—05/08/13
“Heat Stress”

OKLAHOMA FUN FACTS:

State Wild Animal.....

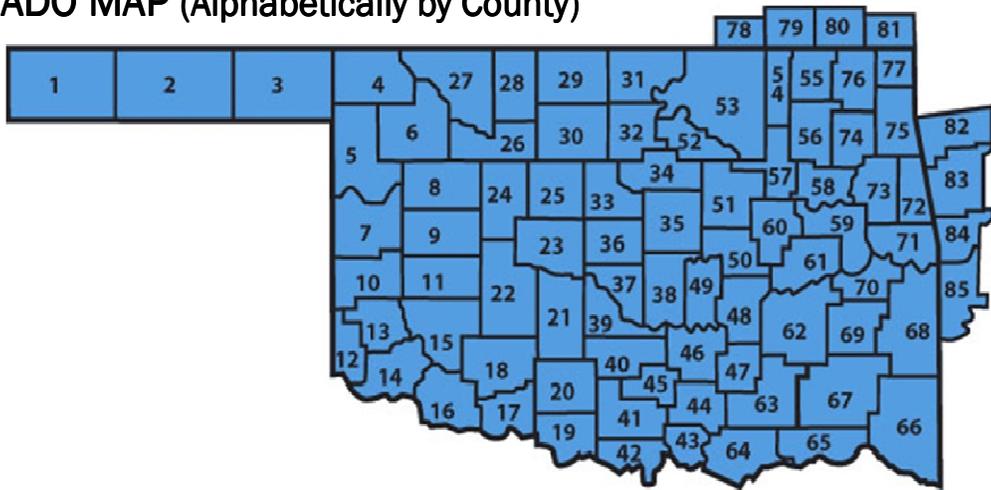


In 1972, Oklahoma adopted the bison as its official State animal. Also known as the American Buffalo, bison are large, powerful animals that stand about 6 feet high at the shoulder, with a large head and brown, shaggy fur. Male and female bison live in herds that roam the plains to find herbs and grass to eat. Many bison live on the Wichita Wildlife Refuge near Lawton.

FACTS ABOUT MAY.....

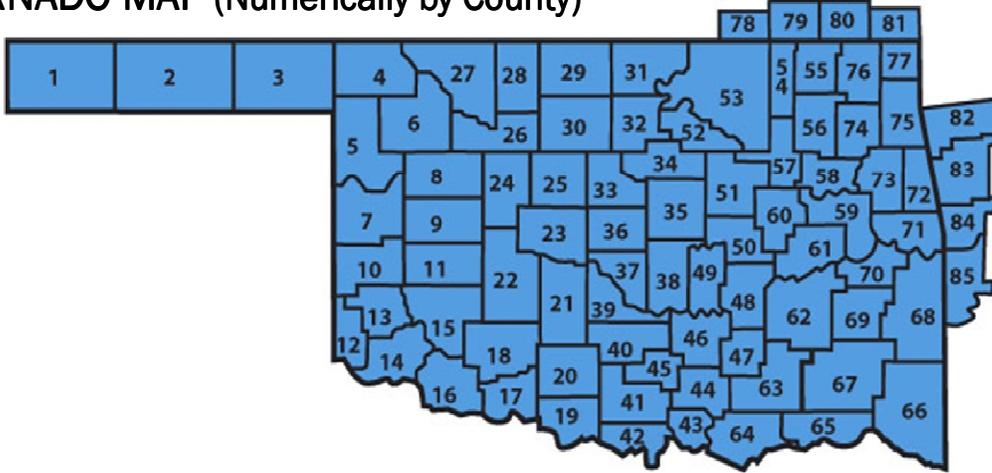
- The first day of the month is “May Day”, a holiday and spring festival since ancient times.
- **Cinco de Mayo** –the fifth of May--commemorates the Mexican army's 1862 victory over France at the Battle of Puebla during the Franco-Mexican War.
- **MOTHER'S DAY**—May 12th—The first North American Mother's Day was conceptualized with Julia Ward Howe's Mother's Day Proclamation in 1870, calling for an international Mother's Day celebrating peace and motherhood.
- On May 5th, 1851—believe it or not—a patent was issued for an ice making machine.

TORNADO MAP (Alphabetically by County)



72	Adair	51	Creek	68	LeFlore	62	Pittsburgh
28	Alfalfa	9	Custer	35	Lincoln	46	Pontotoc
63	Atoka	75	Delaware	33	Logan	38	Pottawatomie
3	Beaver	8	Dewey	42	Love	67	Pushmataha
10	Beckham	5	Ellis	26	Major	7	Roger Mills
82	Benton, AR	30	Garfield	43	Marshall	56	Rogers
24	Blaine	40	Garvin	74	Mayes	85	Sebastian, AR
64	Bryan	21	Grady	39	McClain	49	Seminole
22	Caddo	29	Grant	66	McCurtain	71	Sequoyah
23	Canadian	13	Greer	61	McIntosh	20	Stephens
41	Carter	12	Harmon	79	Montgomery, KS	2	Texas
78	Chautauqua, KS	4	Harper	45	Murray	16	Tillman
73	Cherokee	70	Haskell	59	Muskogee	57	Tulsa
81	Cherokee, KS	48	Hughes	32	Noble	58	Wagoner
65	Choctaw	14	Jackson	55	Nowata	54	Washington
1	Cimarron	19	Jefferson	50	Okfuskee	83	Washington, AR
37	Cleveland	44	Johnston	36	Oklahoma	11	Washita
47	Coal	31	Kay	60	Okmulgee	27	Woods
18	Comanche	25	Kingfisher	53	Osage	6	Woodward
17	Cotton	15	Kiowa	77	Ottawa		
76	Craig	80	Labette, KS	52	Pawnee		
84	Crawford, AR	69	Latimer	34	Payne		

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4	Harper	26	Major	48	Hughes	70	Haskell
5	Ellis	27	Woods	49	Seminole	71	Sequoyah
6	Woodward	28	Alfalfa	50	Okfuskee	72	Adair
7	Roger Mills	29	Grant	51	Creek	73	Cherokee
8	Dewey	30	Garfield	52	Pawnee	74	Mayes
9	Custer	31	Kay	53	Osage	75	Delaware
10	Beckham	32	Noble	54	Washington	76	Craig
11	Washita	33	Logan	55	Nowata	77	Ottawa
12	Harmon	34	Payne	56	Rogers	78	Chautauqua, KS
13	Greer	35	Lincoln	57	Tulsa	79	Montgomery, KS
14	Jackson	36	Oklahoma	58	Wagoner	80	Labette, KS
15	Kiowa	37	Cleveland	59	Muskogee	81	Cherokee, KS
16	Tillman	38	Pottawatomie	60	Okmulgee	82	Benton, AR
17	Cotton	39	McClain	61	McIntosh	83	Washington, AR
18	Comanche	40	Garvin	62	Pittsburgh	84	Crawford, AR
19	Jefferson	41	Carter	63	Atoka	85	Sebastian, AR
20	Stephens	42	Love	64	Bryan		
21	Grady	43	Marshall	65	Choctaw		
22	Caddo	44	Johnston	66	McCurtain		

MAY

Mothers Day is May 12th

The story of Mothers Day is the story of firm determination of a daughter, Anna Jarvis who resolved to pay tribute to her mother, Mrs. Anna M. Jarvis and all other mothers of the world. Anna Jarvis dedicated her life to fulfill her mother's dream of the recognition of day for honoring mothers. Though never a mother herself, Founder of Mother's Day, Anna Jarvis is today recognized as the 'Mother of Mothers Day'. An apt title to define the remarkable woman's ceaseless devotion to her mother and motherhood in general.



Anna Jarvis: Inspiration for Mothers Day

Anna Jarvis got the inspiration of celebrating Mothers Day quite early in life. It so happened that one day when Anna was 12 years old, Anna's mother Mrs. Jarvis said a class prayer in the presence of her daughter. To conclude the lesson on 'Mothers of the Bible', Mrs. Jarvis said a small prayer,

"I hope that someone, sometime will found a memorial mothers day commemorating her for the matchless service she renders to humanity in every field of life. She is entitled to it."

Anna never forgot this prayer. And at her Mothers graveside service, she recalled the prayer and said, "...by the grace of God, you shall have that Mothers Day."

Dist 3 Beautification Day

Wagoner County District 3 had their 2013 Annual Trash-Off on Sat. April 27th. We collected plenty of old furniture, tires and miscellaneous items that would have otherwise most likely ended up along our county roadways. We had county equipment operators on hand to help dispose of items . Days like this give Wagoner County residents a place to



legally dump unwanted items. This is our third Trash-Off since Commissioner Tim Kelley began his term in 2011. County residents always express their thanks for a day set aside for them to clean up their property. We look forward to hosting another Trash-Off event in the fall.Shoni Johnson

NOTE FROM HUMAN RESOURCES.....

When employees file short term disability or workers comp claims, HR is asked to provide a job description for the employee filing the claim. Most County offices do not have formalized job descriptions for their employees so we frequently do not have the information necessary to file a claim in a timely manner. If you have job descriptions for your office, would you please send a copy of them to HR so that we can have them on file. If you don't have job descriptions, would you consider developing them for your employees and providing HR with a copy. If you would like for us to send you examples of job descriptions that you can tweak to fit your particular needs, let us know and we will do so.

**Life is an opportunity, benefit from it.
Life is beauty, admire it.
Life is a dream, realize it.
Life is a challenge, meet it.
Life is a duty, complete it.
Life is a game, play it.
Life is a promise, fulfill it.
Life is sorrow, overcome it.**

**Life is a song, sing it.
Life is a struggle, accept it.
Life is a tragedy, confront it.
Life is an adventure, dare it.
Life is luck, make it.
Life is too precious, don't destroy it.
Life is life, fight for it.
— Mother Teresa**

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CALENDAR



- May 1st Comm Mtg (Mon)
- May 8th Comm Mtg (Mon)
- May 15th Comm Mtg (Mon)
- May 22nd Comm Mtg (Mon)
- May 7th Excise Board Mtg
- May 29th Excise Board Mtg

“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed, citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.”

— Margaret Mead



A MESSAGE FROM CHAR.....

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

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“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