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FROM THE CLERK

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The Commissioners have approved appropriating 50% of each department's total budget from this fiscal year for FY 2013-2014 so everyone will have funds available to start the new year next week. Remember, the deadline for PO's for this year is 10am on Friday and all invoices must be received by September 30th.

Preliminary budget meetings were held this week with the Excise Board and the Estimates of Needs for the Budgeted Accounts were presented. With the end of the fiscal year this week, we will have a better picture of the financial state of the county and it looks like we are in good shape. With the added growth of the county and our Assessor's and Treasurer's efforts in collecting more of what is actually owed in tax revenues, we should see some additional funding available for next year.

I will be sure to forward as soon as we get real numbers from the budget maker.

I also want to extend a sincere "Thank you" to all of those who have taken time to gather your contract documentation so we can ensure that we have a copy of all of them in the County Clerk's office. Once this project is complete, we can be confident that should we have a disaster, we will be able to recover everything as well as the added bonus of having a better handle on contract terms and expirations so we can be consistently sure we are getting the best deal for the citizens of Wagoner County and spending their tax dollars wisely.

Lori Hendricks

You cannot find peace by avoiding life!Virginia Woolf

Special points of interest:

OK Fun Facts

 SAFETY
 MEETING
 07-10-2013



Wagoner County—Growing from Good" to Great"!

Next HOLIDAY ...July 4th

OPTIMISM PROMOTES GOOD HEALTH

Optimism has been shown to be an important part of good health and wellness. Without such sparks of inspiration or encouragement, we can tend to forget that life can be more than just the daily grind of work and responsibility. We can lose our optimism and forget our wide-eyed wonder at the things that inspire us, lift our spirit or open our hearts. There is something significant of this power of suggestion and optimism. Reasonable optimism has been scientifically proven to impact nearly every aspect of our lives.

We can choose to be people who communicate just how special and valued others are in our lives, and we can reinforce their deeply held hopes that good things will come soon.



NEXT SAFETY MEETING IS JULY 10TH

Office Ergonomics

Presented by
Indian Capital Technology 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—07/10/13
Office
Ergonomics

OKLAHOMA FUN FACTS:

STATE SONG.....

Oklahoma's state song "OKLAHOMA" is the title song from the musical *Oklahoma!* The play tells the story of the State's farmers and cattlemen in territorial days. The song's music was written by Richard Rodgers and its words by Oscar Hammerstein. "OKLAHOMA" was adopted as Oklahoma's official song in 1953.



FACTS ABOUT JULY.....

- July 8, 1776 the Liberty Bell rang out from Independence Hall to summon the crowd.
- The first 4th of July party held at the White House was in 1801.
- On July 4, 1850, President Zachary Taylor attended ceremonies for the Washington Memorial and returned to the White House for a bowl of cherries and milk. He became sick to his stomach that night and died five days later.
- John Hancock was the only person to actually sign the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776. The other 55 signers did not sign it until August 2nd or even later.
- The youngest signer of the Declaration of Independence was 26-year-old Edward Rutledge. The oldest signer was Benjamin Franklin. He was 70. Most of the signers were in their 30s and 40s.
- Bristol, Rhode Island has the oldest, continuous 4th of July celebration dating back to 1785.

A MESSAGE FROM THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE.....

Wagoner County Sheriff's Office is pleased to announce that mandatory training was accomplished by several deputies this past week when they attended the Oklahoma Sheriff's Association Annual conference in Catoosa. The Sheriff's Office has also reduced the cost of mandatory training by having some of our Deputies certified as instructors. This will allow our Deputies to get their mandatory yearly training in-house , reducing the cost to tax payers for outside training. Training is already scheduled and will commence in the following weeks.

Full time certified Peace Officers in the State of Oklahoma must receive 25 hours of continuing education training each year, with some hours required to be in mental health.

.....Major Gary Handley

Fiscal vs. Physical



We often hear the words **FISCAL** and **PHYSICAL** used interchangeably, but did you know there is a difference? Any time we talk about a financial year (July to June), the word is **FISCAL**, pronounced **Fis-cull**. The word “**Fiscal**” means, “Pertaining to the public treasury or revenues”. There really is no such thing as a physical year. That would more commonly be referred to as a **CALENDAR** year, or January to December. **Now you know!**

.....County Clerk

Independence Day, July 4th

has been a federal holiday in the United States since 1941, but the tradition of Independence Day celebrations goes back to the 18th century and the American Revolution (1775-83). In June 1776, representatives of the 13 colonies then fighting in the revolutionary struggle weighed a resolution that would declare their independence from Great Britain. On July 2nd, the Continental Congress voted in favor of independence, and two days later its delegates adopted the



Declaration of Independence, a historic document drafted by Thomas Jefferson. From 1776 until the present day, July 4th has been celebrated as the birth of American independence, with typical festivities ranging from fireworks, parades and concerts to more casual family gatherings and barbecues.



A Note from HR

It is mid-year and it might be a good time to review your tax withholding to make sure you are holding out enough or, even better, perhaps you are holding out too much? Please take a moment when you receive your paycheck to review your number of dependants and any other withholding you may have.

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CALENDAR



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| July 1st | Comm Mtg | (Mon) | | |
| July 8th | Comm Mtg | (Mon) | | |
| July 15th | Comm Mtg | (Mon) | | |
| July 22nd | Comm Mtg | (Mon) | July 9th | Excise Board Mtg |
| July 29th | Comm Mtg | (Mon) | July 30th | Excise Board Mtg. |

It's impossible to be angry and laugh at the same time. Anger and laughter are mutually exclusive, and you have the power to choose either.

.....Wayne Dyer (1940)

We have a new web address!

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A MESSAGE FROM CHAR.....

PLEASE ENJOY THIS JULY ISSUE! IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE AUGUST 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