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FROM THE CLERK

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After much deliberation, the Commissioners have selected Ameribank as our new benefits administrator for health, dental, vision, life and short term disability coverage for county employees and retirees. This decision will change how the county pays for benefits, but please know that you as an employee should see no significant changes. Your benefit package remains unchanged, although your costs will be reduced minimally. Additionally, the cafeteria plan will now be administered by AFLAC. These changes bring new contacts for claims service, with Kurt Schultz and Lisa Robertson from Ameribank and Sonny Jacks with AFLAC. We encourage you to contact them at any time you have a question or concern. You can reach Kurt at 918-630-9307 and Sonny at 580-298-3399.

be vastly different from last year as we will have two meetings. The first will provide you with information only, providing an opportunity to learn more about your benefits and how to best take advantage of them. You will have information to take home with you and talk over with your family before you make a decision. Soon after, you will have an appointment to sit down with our provider(s) and sign up for the coverage you decide on. Of course if you already know you are not going to make a change, you may still opt out and be on your way but we believe some of the new offerings we will have this year will be beneficial to you and we urge you to learn more before you decide.

Levi Hendricks

Sometimes the questions are complicated and the answers are simple.”Dr. Seuss

Special points of Interest:

- OK Fun Facts
- &
- Safety Mtg
- Schedule
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Wagoner County—Growing from Good” to Great”!

Nov 11—Veteran’s Day & Nov 28 & 29 -Thanksgiving

New Rural Development Specialist for Northeast Oklahoma



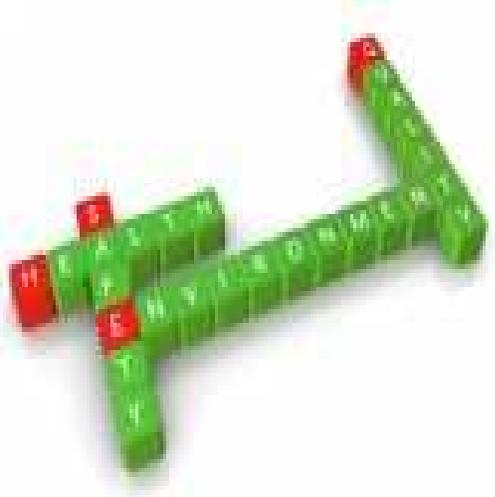
The Oklahoma Department of Commerce has selected Darla Heller as the new Regional Development Specialist (RDS) for Northeast Oklahoma. Heller will serve a 15 county region in northeast Oklahoma and will office in the area.

***Congratulations, Darla!
We Will Miss You***

FLU SHOTS.....Get prepared for this flu season!

Wagoner Urgent Care will be coming to offer flu shots for Wagoner County Employees. The flu shots are free of charge and will be given on a first come first serve basis. Please contact Dyan Marrs in HR if you have questions.

*When: November 6, 2013 Where: Wagoner Courthouse 1st Floor Lobby
Time: 1:00 PM - 4:00 PMany questions, call DYAN MARRS (Ext: 7713)*



NEXT SAFETY MEETING IS

February 5th, 2014

**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.

PLACES OF INTEREST IN OKLAHOMA

Oklahoma has many historic sites and museums related to the State's Native American heritage.

1. Five Civilized Tribes Museum in Muskogee
2. Cherokee Heritage Center in Tahlequah
3. National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum
In Oklahoma City
4. Will Rogers Museum in Claremore



NOVEMBER TRIVIA

- The flower for the month of November is the chrysanthemum.
- Topaz is one of the birthstones for November.
- President Kennedy was assassinated on November 23, 1963.
- President Lincoln made the Gettysburg address in November of 1863.

November is National What Month?

Tobacco Awareness Month

National Novel Writing Month

National Beard Month

National Diabetes Month

National Native American and Native Alaskan Month

Native American Heritage Month

Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month

GOOD FINANCIAL HEALTH

YOU AND YOUR BUDGET We will begin a series of articles regarding common ways people waste money. If any of them sound familiar, start plugging your budget holes right away.

Nearly everyone has holes in their budgets. And as with other kinds of leaks, you may have hardly noticed some of them. But those small drips can quickly add up to big bucks. The trick is to find the holes and plug them so you can keep more money in your pocket. That extra cash could be the ticket to finally being able to save, invest or break your cycle of living from paycheck to paycheck. We've updated our popular list of money-wasters with even more tips and resources to help you cut unnecessary expenses from your budget.

1. Paying Late Fees and Missing Deadlines

You pay a stack of bills every month, it's easy to overlook one or two every now and then. But if you miss a credit card payment by even one day, you will pay a late fee of \$25 (\$35 if it's the second time in six months). Your credit score could also take a hit if you pay your bill late. Your history of on-time payments accounts for 35% of your FICO credit score -- more weight than any other factor. If you pay the bill within 30 days of the due date, the lender might not report the delay to the credit bureaus. But if you let the bill go longer than that, the card issuer is more likely to inform the credit agencies and turn over your case to its collections department.

If you have a good payment record -- especially if you have paid on time for an entire year -- call your card issuer and ask that the late fee be waived. To avoid missing deadlines, set up payment alerts to be delivered by e-mail or a text message from your credit card company.

(KIPLINGER by Erin Burke and Cameron Huddleston)



Do County Employees With a CDL Need To Have A Health Card?.....Dale Frech (ACCO)

The Oklahoma depart of public safety has sent many CDL holders letters requesting copies of their medical certificate/document called the Oklahoma Commercial Driver License Medical Self-Certification. The Statute regulating CDLs has not changed. 49C.F.R.§ 390.3(f)(2) states: "Exceptions, unless otherwise specifically provided, the rules in this subchapter do not apply to —All transportation performed by the Federal Government, a State, or any political subdivision of a State,..” This statute exempts counties from having to comply with self-certification affidavit on file with the Oklahoma Dept. of Public Safety CDL Administration. The Oklahoma DPS will not renew CDL Licenses for employees unless they have the affidavit on file. I would strongly urge counties to fill one out for each driver, fax it in to the Oklahoma DPS, and keep a copy on file for each employee.

If you have any questions concerning the Medical Self-Certification Affidavit, please call Dale Frech at 405-516-5307 or cell #405-820-2594.



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CALENDAR



- Nov 4th Comm Mtg (Mon)
- Nov 12th Comm Mtg (Tues)
- Nov 18th Comm Mtg (Mon)
- Nov 25rd Comm Mtg (Mon)
- Nov 12th Excise Board Mtg
- Nov 25th Excise Board Mtg

“Life isn't about finding yourself. Life is about creating yourself.”

— George Bernard Shaw



*A MESSAGE FROM
CHAR.....PLEASE ENJOY THIS
NOVEMBER ISSUE! IF YOU WOULD
LIKE TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE
DECEMBER 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