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FROM THE CLERK

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Budget Information ~

As you know, each budgeted account has been issued an initial appropriation of 50% your budget allotment for fiscal year 2013-2014 as a beginning balance. However, the revenues which fund this allotment are not yet in the general fund. Remember, property taxes don't begin coming in until the end of December and it is those tax revenues which constitute the bulk of our general fund budget.

The general fund balance at the beginning of this fiscal year was only \$2,395,484.93, or approximately 60% of those appropriations made to fund the first half of the fiscal year. While there are monthly deposits made to the general fund account, we also have to consider that some of last year's warrants are still outstanding and when issued, will draw from the monies now

available. This means that we need to hold our spending to 50% or less of our beginning appropriations until January 1, 2014 when ad valorem tax dollars will have been deposited to the general fund. In other words, don't spend the bulk of your initial appropriations too quickly. For the past two fiscal years, we have exhausted the available funds in the general fund before ad valorem revenues began coming in causing the general fund to become overdrawn. We have had to "borrow" from a larger cash fund to carry the county over until those ad valorem funds are collected. If each of us will hold off purchasing large ticket items until after the first of the year and minimize spending where we can, we should be able to avoid this situation this year.

Lori Hendricks

"A friend is someone who knows all about you and still loves you." — [Elbert Hubbard](#)

Special points of interest:

OK Fun Facts

Flag Etiquette

Safety Meeting



Wagoner County—Growing from Good" to Great"!

Next Holiday—JULY 4TH, 2014—Independence Day

WAYS TO PROTECT YOUR HEART



Add Walnuts to your diet –

Yale researchers report that eating about a half cup of walnut halves a day can improve blood vessel function.

Be a Bean Counter – Pass on the potatoes and spoon out the legumes. People who ate 1 cup of fiber-rich lentils, beans, or chickpeas a day reduced their systolic blood pressure by 4 mm Hg after three months, according to a study in Archives of Internal Medicine. Add black beans to salads, cook lentils into a curry, or scoop an extra serving of pinto beans into chili.



SAFETY MTGS IN COMM. MEETING ROOM

NEXT SAFETY MEETING

JULY 2nd, 2014

**Fire Safety
Presented by
Indian Capital Tech Center**

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

OKLAHOMA FUN FACTS.....

- Oklahoma has the largest Native American population of any state in the U.S.
- During the “Land Rush”, Oklahoma City went from a vast, open prairie to a city of over 10,000 in a single day.



JULY TRIVIA

- The song “Star Spangled Banner” was written by Francis Scott Key.
- John Hancock signed the Declaration of Independence.
- Amount of money spent on imports of fireworks is \$135.6 million annually.
- Fourth of July was officially declared a holiday in 1941.
- The Liberty Bell rang to announce the Declaration of Independence on July 6, 1776.
- Our National Bird is the Bald Eagle.

When the United States became a country, there were approximately 2.5 million people living in the country. Today the population is around 304 million.

JULY is National What Month?

National Picnic Month!

National Pickle Month!

National Baked Beans Month!

GOOD FINANCIAL HEALTH

YOU AND YOUR BUDGET Continuing our series of articles regarding common ways people waste money, here are other detriments to our budgets:

Coupons for the Sake of Couponing



It's tempting to go hog-wild clipping coupons. But remember that coupons only save you money if you use them for items you were going to buy anyway. If you buy something you didn't need, you didn't save money -- you bought something extra. Most coupons are for brand-name items, so be sure to compare prices with the generic brand. Learn how to [save money on groceries without coupons!](#)

Paying Credit Card Annual Fees



A great rewards-card offer may strike you as worth the annual fee of \$50 or more. However, there are plenty of rewards cards without an annual fee. See our picks for the best [cash-back](#), [travel](#), [gas and retail](#), and [airline](#) rewards cards -- many of which don't have an annual fee (or the fee is waived during the first year).

KIPLINGER by Erin Burke and Cameron Huddleston



FLAG ETIQUETTE



The Flag Code,

which formalizes and unifies the traditional ways in which we give respect to the flag, also contains specific instructions on how the flag is not to be used.

They are:

- The flag should never be dipped to any person or thing. It is flown upside down only as a distress signal.
- The flag should not be used as a drapery, or for covering a speakers desk, draping a platform, or for any decoration in general. Bunting of blue, white and red stripes is available for these purposes. The blue stripe of the bunting should be on the top.
- The flag should never be used for any advertising purpose. It should not be embroidered, printed or otherwise impressed on such articles as cushions, handkerchiefs, napkins, boxes, or anything intended to be discarded after temporary use. Advertising signs should not be attached to the staff or halyard
- The flag should not be used as part of a costume or athletic uniform, except that a flag patch may be used on the uniform of military personnel, fireman, policeman and members of patriotic organizations.
- The flag should never have placed on it, or attached to it, any mark, insignia, letter, word, number, figure, or drawing of any kind.
- The flag should never be used as a receptacle for receiving, holding, carrying, or delivering anything.
- When the flag is lowered, no part of it should touch the ground or any other object; it should be received by waiting hands and arms. To store the flag it should be folded neatly and ceremoniously.
- When a flag is so worn it is no longer fit to serve as a symbol of our country, it should be destroyed by burning in a dignified manner.

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CALENDAR



July	7th	Comm Mtg	(Mon)		
July	14th	Comm Mtg	(Mon)		
July	21st	Comm Mtg	(Mon)	July 8th	Excise Board Mtg
July	28th	Comm Mtg	(Mon)	July 29h	Excise Board Mtg

My trust in a higher power that wants me to survive and have love in my life, is what keeps me moving forward..... Kenny Loggins

We have a new web address!

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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