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FROM THE CLERK

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The budget has been finalized and again, it was a long process of cutting requests and estimates of needs. For the second year in a row, we have had to cut almost a half a million from our requested budgets based on available funding. You may be asking yourself "Why, if ad valorem revenues are increasing, do we have to cut our budgets?" The simple answer is that we are increasing our level of SPENDING at a faster rate than we are increasing REVENUE.

Additionally, because we are spending more of our account balances each year, our carryover funding is being reduced exponentially. The simplest example of this that I can give you is like this: If our income was a set \$100,000 each year, and this year, we only spend \$75,000, then next year we will have \$125,000 to spend. That is how our carryover works; for every dollar in our budget that we do not spend, it is available

for distribution next year. Of course, in this example, you wouldn't have \$125,000 to spend the following year unless you kept spending below your income of \$100,000.

Wagoner County has not done a good job of keeping our increases in spending below the rate of growth. Our budget, and spending, for the last five years, has increased at a rate of more than twice our rate of growth in revenue. Translation: If we do not get a handle on spending now, we will be forced to make major cuts in the future if we intend to maintain a carryover of \$1 million annually. I hope you will join me in looking for additional ways to streamline expenditures, eliminate waste, and bid competitively those items most commonly purchased to ensure we are getting the most for our citizens' tax dollars.

Lori Hendricks

- Special points of interest:**
- OK Fun Facts
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 - Safety Meeting

Wagoner County—Growing from Good" to Great"!

Next Holiday—Sept. 1st, 2014—Labor Day

WAYS TO PROTECT YOUR HEART

Believe in Eggs

Stop thinking that eating eggs raises your LDL (bad) cholesterol. In fact, Brazilian research suggests a link between egg consumption and clearer coronary arteries. One guess is that the yolk's payload of vitamins E, B12, and folate may be the key. Just stop at four eggs a day to limit the calories.

Run the Numbers

Choose an exercise to do weekly--say, a 2-mile run--and just afterward, log your time and your heart rate. Call your doc if you notice major changes--for instance, a heart rate of 185 bpm after a workout that typically takes you to 165 in the same time. That can signal an issue, like clogged arteries or a weakened heart, Dr. Theodore says.

Breathe Deeply

Stop and take a long, slow breath. Better yet, take six breaths in 30 seconds. Doing this can lower your systolic blood pressure by as much as 4 mm Hg within minutes, a study in Hypertension Research found. Some research suggests that if you practice this deep breathing consistently, the pressure-lowering effects can last over time.



NEXT SAFETY MEETING September 3rd, 2014

Cold Weather 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.....

- WKY Radio in Oklahoma City was the first radio station transmitting West of the Mississippi River.
- The nations first traffic 'Yield' sign was erected in Tulsa on a trial basis.
- The 'Port of Catoosa' is the largest inland port in America.



SEPTEMBER TRIVIA

- The very first comic strip was printed in an American newspaper on September 11th, 1875
- The famous lead singer of the classic rock band Queen, Freddie Mercury was born on September 5th, 1946 on the island of Zanzibar.
- The poem "Mary had a Little Lamb" was published September 1st, 1830.
- World War II began September 1939, when Hitler invaded Poland.
- The US Treasury Department was established 1789.

September is National What Month?

- National Chicken Month.
- National Cholesterol Awareness Month in America.

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:

Paying for Credit-Monitoring Services



Thinkstock - A credit-monitoring service can charge \$15 a month or more to track your credit files. But you can get a report from each of the three bureaus --Equifax, Experian and TransUnion -- free every year at AnnualCreditreport.com.

Stagger your visits to the site so you get a report from one of the bureaus about every four months. You'll keep up with any changes without paying the fees.

Plus, a couple of services will send you updates from the credit bureaus free. [Credit Sesame](http://CreditSesame.com) tracks data on your Experian report daily and will send you an e-mail alert if anything suspicious appears. (You need to sign up for alerts; notifications also appear on your account page on the site.) [Credit Karma](http://CreditKarma.com) has a similar tool, which provides free daily monitoring of your TransUnion report.

KIPLINGER by Erin Burke and Cameron Huddleston





**We shall never forget
We shall keep this day,
We shall keep the events and the tears
In our minds, our memory and our hearts
and take them with us as we carry on.**

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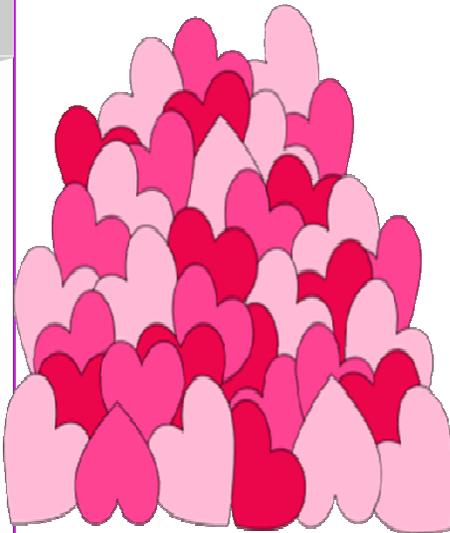
CALENDAR



Sept 2nd Comm Mtg (Tues)
Sept 8th Comm Mtg (Mon)
Sept 15th Comm Mtg (Mon) Sept 9th Excise Board Mtg
Sept 22nd Comm Mtg (Mon) Sept 23rd Excise Board Mtg
Sept 29th Comm Mtg (Mon)

**“You know you're in love when you can't
fall asleep because reality is finally
better than your dreams.”**

— Dr. Seuss



*PLEASE ENJOY THIS
SEPTEMBER ISSUE...IF YOU
WOULD LIKE TO
CONTRIBUTE TO THE OCTOBER
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