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FINALLY! Spring has sprung! The good news is the weather is beautiful. The bad news is we are likely to have storms again this year. If you haven't already signed up for notifications on Blackboard Connect, be sure to do so, on the county website. You will receive alerts on your phone or cell phone when severe weather is impending. The Personnel Handbook has been updated and will soon be printed and distributed. We are going to go ahead and print the entire manual this time rather

than distributing only the changes since it has been several years since we have done so. When you receive yours, be sure to replace the old one, and as always, it will be available on the county website for your review as well.

I would also encourage each of you to review your page on the website and make sure all of your information is up to date. If you need help making changes, just let us know!

Lori Hendricks

For God so loved the World.....

Special points of interest:

Safety Meetings

April 8th and

April 17th



Next Holiday—April 3rd—Good Friday

Trash off at District Three

On Saturday, **April 25th** Wagoner County District 3 will host our Annual “Trash Off” between the hours of **8:30a.m. and 2:30p.m.** at **16507 S. 305th E. Ave.** We will join hands with the 2015 Great American Cleanup on Oklahoma (GAC) sponsored by Devon Energy and coordinated by Keep Oklahoma Beautiful (KOB). This is a statewide effort to keep our communities clean and to dispose of unwanted items, including household trash, furniture, dead appliances, refrigerators and freezers with compressors removed. We will also collect used motor oil. We will have a semi from Liberty Tires to collect old car and truck tires without rims. We cannot accept tires from dealers or vendors. Off-road tires will not be accepted. We anticipate a greater participation than in the previous years. Make plans to clean up your part of your community. If we all work together Wagoner County will be one of the cleanest counties in the State of Oklahoma. **Questions—Call Shoni Johnson—918-486-2132**



**“ACTIVE SHOOTER”
CLASS PRESENTED BY
CENTURION TRAINING
CONCEPTS**

**April 17th in Courtroom #1 (2hrs safety credit)
9:30-11:30 a.m. Or 1:30-3:30p.m.**



NEXT SAFETY MEETING

**April 8th, 2015 in County Commissioner’s Meeting Room
“Driving Training” At 8:00a.m.—Presented by ICTC**

**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.....

- We have a town named after a number—it is Forty-One, Oklahoma!
- And a town whose letters don't spell anything—IXL, Oklahoma
- We even have a city named after Earth's Only Satellite—Moon, Oklahoma
- And, we have a city named after our State - Oklahoma City, Oklahoma



THE MONTH OF APRIL

- The daisy, which symbolizes innocence and the sweet pea are the flowers for the month
- The diamond is the birthstone for the month of April
- NASA announced the selection of America's first seven astronauts on April 9, 1959
- The United States Library of Congress was established April 24, 1800
- George Washington was inaugurated as the first president of the United States of America on April 30, 1789
- The Vietnam War ended on April 30, 1975, when South Vietnam surrendered
- April begins on the same day of the week as July every single year.
- The Titanic sank on April 15, 1912

GOOD FINANCIAL HEALTH

YOU AND YOUR BUDGET Continuing our series of articles regarding common ways people waste money, here ideas regarding our budgets:

Credit

If you've not had a credit card in your own name before, now's the time to do that, assuming you have an income. And though the credit card "limit" logically seems like the amount you can spend, if your balance is more than 30% of your limit, your credit scores are likely to suffer. (Keeping it to 10% or less is even better.)

Before you apply for a card, though, be almost certain you will qualify for it. Some cards require high credit scores, and some are geared toward people who do not have them. (The ones judged more creditworthy generally get better terms.) But anytime you apply, it counts as a "hard inquiry," and that reduces your score just a little for a short time. You can buy scores or get them for free online from Credit.com. Checking your score monthly can give you an idea of where you stand and suggestions for how to improve your scores. Your credit scores come from proprietary formulas using the information in your credit reports — and you can get a look at those for free once a year from each of the three credit bureaus. It's important to make sure the information on these reports is accurate and to dispute it if it's not. Checking credit reports is a smart financial habit — develop it while you're young.



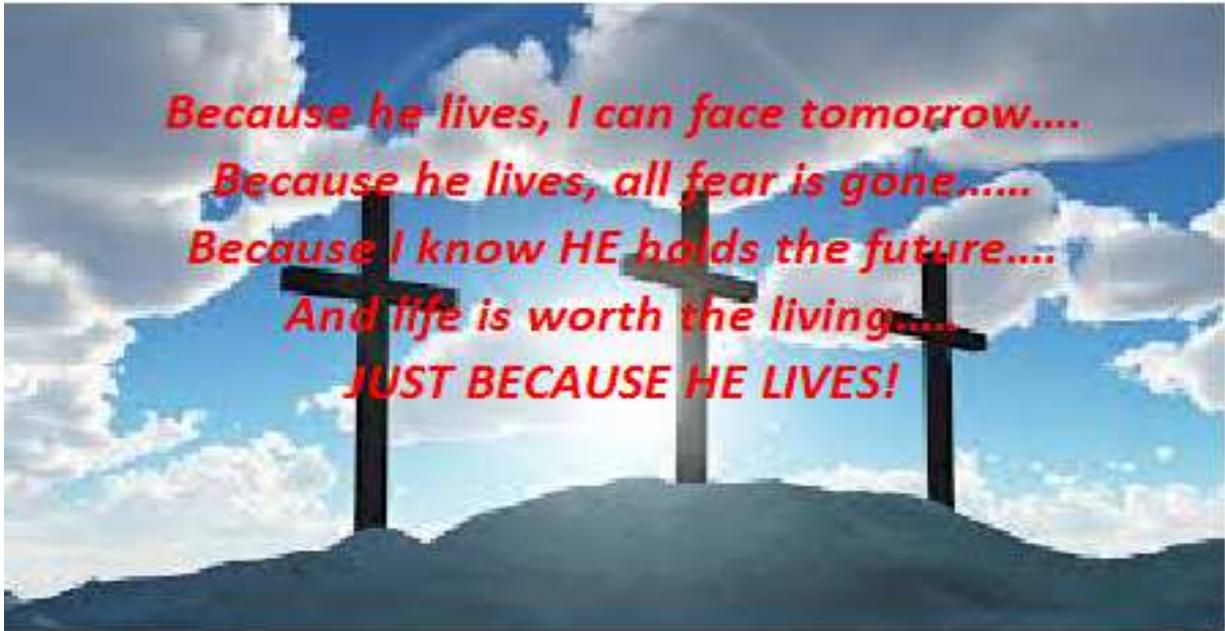
Financial (continued)

The credit advice from your elders:

- “Don't charge anything that will be gone when the bill arrives — dinners out, concert tickets, etc.”(Yes, we know about rewards cards, but if you're new at handling your finances independently, it's smart to establish the habit of paying the balance in full every month before applying for a card that incentivizes spending.)
- "Make keeping your credit healthy as big of a priority as keeping your body healthy. With a few exceptions, if you can't pay cash for it, you probably don't need it that bad." (We would add that keeping your body healthy can also be good for your finances, with lower insurance rates and health care costs.)
- "Beware of anyone who is quick to tell you, 'You can afford the payments, and I know people that can finance almost anyone.'"
- "Find a banker to explain how loans work. Stay out of debt as long as you can."
- "Learn something about auto financing before you are in a dealership buying your first car."

Remember to Celebrate Easter—April 5th

JESUS IS THE REASON FOR THE SEASON!



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CALENDAR



- Apr 6th Comm Mtg (Mon)
- Apr 13th Comm Mtg (Mon)
- Apr 20th Comm Mtg (Tues)
- Apr 27th Comm Mtg (Mon)
- Apr 7th Excise Board Mtg
- Apr 28th Excise Board Mtg

The journey to happiness involves finding the courage to go down into ourselves and take responsibility for what's there: **all of it!**

.....*Richard Rohr*



**PLEASE ENJOY THIS APRIL
ISSUE....IF YOU
WOULD LIKE TO CONTRIBUTE TO
THE MAY
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