

Wagoner County  
**COUNTY CLERK**



Volume 14, Issue 10  
 October 1st, 2014  
 Editor: Char Stevens

*FROM THE CLERK*

**INSIDE THIS ISSUE:**

<i>From the Clerk</i>	1
<i>Heart Health</i>	2
<i>"Maizie Grace"</i>	3
<i>Open Enrollment</i>	4
<i>October Trivia &amp; OK Fun Facts</i>	5
<i>Budget</i>	6
<i>Message from HR &amp;</i>	
<i>And Dumpster Fest</i>	7
<i>Calendar</i>	8

We hope you enjoy reading our monthly newsletter and the information it provides. Char does a great job searching for items of interest to include which you may find helpful or entertaining, however it is a big job. I am asking for your help with her endeavors. We would love to see some of you share items that are of interest to you; information on a hobby, tips for organization or maybe a favorite family recipe. Even a story about some bit of Wagoner County trivia you would like to share makes for great newsletter material. Please call Char and let her know you would like to contribute to the newsletter. I know she would love to hear from you!

The persimmon seeds are telling us we are due for a snowy winter, and winter weather means the possibility of school closings and the courthouse closing. Take time now to be sure you have contact

information for all of your staff to let them know of any announced closings. You may also need to provide emergency contact information for your staff to the Sheriff's office as well so that, in the event of an emergency, they will be able to notify the appropriate parties. We always try to make announcements on the county website and the county clerk's Facebook page of any news which may affect you.

Here is a good resource to ensure you are ready for winter weather either at home or in your car:

[http://www.ok.gov/OEM/Programs\\_&\\_Services/Preparedness/Preparedness\\_-\\_Winter\\_Weather.html](http://www.ok.gov/OEM/Programs_&_Services/Preparedness/Preparedness_-_Winter_Weather.html)

Crossing my fingers for a White Christmas...

*Lori Hendricks*

*Feelings are everywhere - Be gentle!*

**Special points of interest:**

Dist 3

Dumpster Fest

\*\*\*\*\*

\*\*\*\*\*

**Safety Meeting**



Wagoner County—Growing from Good" to Great"!

## Next Holiday—Oct. 13th, 2014—Columbus Day

### WAYS TO PROTECT YOUR HEART

#### Sweat Out Burnout.....

Don't let your job be the death of you: Work-related exhaustion increases your heart disease risk, a study in Psychosomatic Medicine shows. So hit reset: In a Swiss study, men suffering from burnout slashed their symptoms by up to 57 percent by doing cardio exercise just two or three days a week.

#### Hit the Sack. . .

Compared with solid sleepers, insomniacs face a 45 percent increased risk of heart attack, according to a study from Norway. Just 30 minutes of exercise three times a week can boost your sleep. But be patient--the benefits can take months to kick in, say Northwestern University researchers.



### NEXT SAFETY MEETING

October 1st, 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.



Hello, My name is Maizie Grace Alsip. I bet you know my mommy Amanda. I will get to have my birthday in December. The doctor tells my mommy and daddy that I will have to have an operation on my spine when I arrive so my hospital stay will probably take a little while. I already go see the doctor a lot and we get to go all the way to Oklahoma City to see the specialists and surgeons. The only trouble is all this time my mommy has to take to see the doctors means that she won't have any time off when I get to have my birthday to spend with me. I hope that some of the nice people I will get to meet soon will donate some of their extra time off to my mommy.

If you want to, just call mommy's friend Dyan Marrs in Human Resources at 918-485-7713 and she will help you.

I can't wait to meet you and thank you so much for helping my family!

## It's Almost that time of year again...

Open Enrollment for your Health, Dental and Vision Insurance, Life Insurance, AFLAC and Flex Plan will be just a little earlier this year than last year. This will allow more time for any questions, additions, or changes to your benefits before the new year plan goes into effect.

Open Enrollment Dates are planned for:

### OCTOBER 21st -24th

As we did last year, Open Enrollment Meetings will take place over several days. We will have a series of informational meetings where you will be given instructions and a personalized packet to take home and discuss with your family. Then we will have appointment times for you to come back and enroll for services. We are also looking at times which are more convenient for those departments which work on a 24 hour clock.

The schedule is tentatively set below.

#### **Courthouse Informational Meeting – Tuesday Oct. 21st**

Commissioners Meeting Room

Two Sessions – 10:00am and 2pm

#### **District Informational Meetings – Wednesday Oct. 22nd**

District One – 8:00am

District Three – 10:30am

District Two – 2:00pm

#### **Courthouse Sign-Up Appointments – Thursday Oct 23rd**

Commissioners Meeting Room

Beginning at 1pm

#### **District Sign-Up Appointments – Friday Oct 24th**

District One – Beginning at 8:00am

District Three – Beginning at 10:30am

District Two – Beginning at 2:00pm

**OKLAHOMA FUN FACTS.....**

- Pensacola Dam is the longest multi-arched dam in the world at 6,565 feet.
- Per square mile, Oklahoma has more tornadoes than any other place in the World.



**OCTOBER TRIVIA**

- Hawaii has a special October event called "the Aloha Festival," sometimes described as the "Mardi Gras of the Pacific."
- Daylight Savings Time ends in 2014 at 2:00 A.M. local time on Sunday, November 2nd.
- October's flower is the calendula.
- Germany's Oktoberfest originally began on October 17, 1810, the wedding day of King Ludwig I.

\*\*\*\*\*

"The falling leaves drift by the window  
The autumn leaves of red and gold  
I see your lips, the summer kisses  
The sun-burned hands I used to hold

Since you went away the days grow long  
And soon I'll hear old winter's song  
But I miss you most of all my darling  
When autumn leaves start to fall."

- Johnny Mercer and Jacques Prévert in *Autumn Leaves*

## 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:

**NOT PULLING THE PLUG ON ELECTRONICS**.....



**U.S. households waste \$100 a year, on average, to power devices while they are off or on standby mode, according to Energy Star. Electronics that have a clock or operate by remote are typical culprits. The obvious way to pull the plug on your energy vampires is to do just that -- pull the plug. Or buy a device to do it for you, such as a Smart Strip Power Strip (\$25.75 at [www.smarthomeusa.com](http://www.smarthomeusa.com)), which will stop drawing electricity when the gadgets are turned off and pay for itself within a few months.**

**BUYING WHEN YOU CAN BORROW**.....

**Be honest: How many times have you bought something you've used only once or twice? In an age of social networking, collaborative consumption is the next big thing. At [SnapGoods.com](http://SnapGoods.com), you invite contacts to join your network of borrowers, then post an ad to share or borrow just about anything, from a circular saw to a photo scanner to a Vespa scooter. It's a great way to audition a product before buying, if you must. (It's available in about 100 cities.) You can also trade baby, kids' and teen items, and books and DVDs for all ages, at [Swap.com](http://Swap.com).**

KIPLINGER by Erin Burke and Cameron Huddleston



\*\*\*\*\*

**A MESSAGE FROM HR.....**

**CHANGES TO YOUR HEALTH FLEXIBLE SPENDING ACCOUNT**

There is good news and bad news where your Flexible Spending Account is concerned. The good news is that we will be able to rollover a maximum of \$500.00 to the next plan year. This means that you do not lose it if you do not use it. The bad news is that we will not have the grace period at the end of the plan year. This means that you need to get your receipts turned in for your reimbursements in a timely manner, because you will not have the extra time you have had previously to do so. If you have any questions please call Dyan or Charity in HR (7713 OR 7714).

\*\*\*\*\*

***DISTRICT THREE ANNUAL FALL  
DUMPSTER FEST  
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25TH  
8:00 A.M. to 2:30 P.M.***

District 3 will have 30-40 yard open top dumpsters on site to collect all types of trash, unwanted furniture, old freezers and refrigerators with compressors removed, and a container to dispose of used motor oil. District 3 will also have a semi to dispose of old road tires with rims removed. Any questions, call Shoni at 918-486-2132.



**WITH THE UPCOMING HOLIDAYS, NOW IS A GOOD TIME TO  
DISPOSE OF UNWANTED ITEMS!!!!**

-----  
-----

Wagoner County

307 E. Cherokee Street  
Wagoner, OK 74467

Phone: 918-485-7716  
Fax: 918-485-7718  
E-mail:  
clerk@wagonercounty.ok.gov

We have a new web  
address!  
[www.wagonercounty.ok.gov](http://www.wagonercounty.ok.gov)

CONTACTS

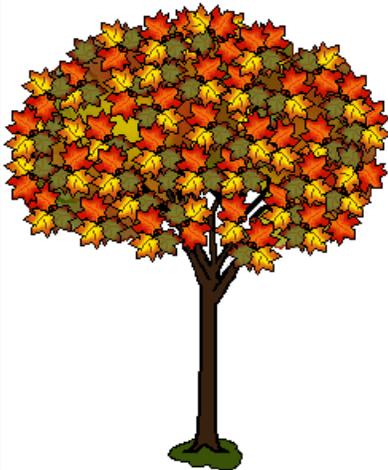
**Lori Hendricks**  
County Clerk  
485-7717  
**Char Stevens**  
Executive Assistant  
485-7716  
**Amanda Alsip**  
1st Deputy  
485-7705  
**Carolyn Henderson**  
Purchasing Agent  
485-7712  
**Janet Castillo**  
Land Records Supvsr.  
485-7701  
**Dyan Marrs**  
Human Resources  
485-7713

# CALENDAR



Oct	6th	Comm Mtg	(Mon)		
Oct	14th	Comm Mtg	(Tues)		
Oct	20th	Comm Mtg	(Mon)	Oct	7th
Oct	27th	Comm Mtg	(Mon)	Oct	28th
					Excise Board Mtg
					Excise Board Mtg

**"All things on earth point home in old October:  
sailors to sea, travelers to walls and fences, hunters  
to field and hollow and the long voice  
of the hounds, the lover to the love he has  
forsaken.".....- Thomas Wolfe**



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