

# *Adair County Employee Newsletter March 2013*

## ***Anniversaries:***

Dana Buster, Pros. Atty. 10 years  
David Erwin, Collector 14 years  
Jeff Gottman, Sheriff's Dept, 13 years  
Karen Hammons, Collector's office, 2 years  
Slater Kelley, Sheriff Dept., 1 year  
Bryant Kiley, Sheriff Dept, 1 year  
Gayla Sandstrom, Circuit Court, 4 years  
Charles Truitt, Sheriff's Dept. 4 years  
Matt Wilson, Pros. Attorney, 3 years

## ***Happy Birthday!***

Craig Hogg, Drug Court, 3/3  
Mickey Hall, Sheriff's Dept. 3/7  
Sandy Collop, County Clerk, 3/8  
Donnie Waybill, Assessor, 3/8  
Betty Powell, County Clerk's office, 3/19  
Kassidy Johnson, Pros. Atty. Office, 3/19  
Sonja Harden, County Clerk's office, 3/19  
Slater Kelley, Sheriff's Dept., 3/25  
Bill King, Sheriff's Dept. 3/28  
Richard Walters Sheriff's Dept., 3/28  
Darla Collop, Circuit Court, 3/29

## ***Welcome New Employees!***

No new employees in March

***AS ALWAYS: IF I'VE NEGLECTED ANYONE  
BY MISTAKE, PLEASE LET ME KNOW SO I  
CAN FIX IT IMMEDIATELY.***

## ***County Events***

3/2- Try the YMCA for free day  
3/2- KCDC Dessert buffet and auction  
3/4- Kirksville City Council meeting  
3/5- Genealogy.com Library Class  
3/6- TSU Concert Band  
3/9- Women of Today Craft Show  
3/10- Daylight Savings begins  
3/11-Spring Break for area schools (TSU,  
Mary Immaculate, and Kirksville R-III)



3/12-Affordable Healthcare Act Seminar at  
Dept. of Conservation Building  
3/17-29<sup>th</sup> Annual St. Patrick's Run and Walk  
3/22- State of the District Address  
3/22- Red Cross "Day of Heroes" Banquet  
3/23-Wild Game Chili Cook-Off  
3/27- Truman Lyceum Chamber Orchestra  
3/28- TSU Brass Choir  
3/30- TSU Easter Egg Hunt  
3/31- Community Easter Sunrise Service

More information on any of these events can  
be given by the Chamber of Commerce,  
665-3766 or the City of Kirksville at 627-  
1224.

## ***County News***

2013 Employee Manuals have been handed  
out. I will need everyone to read the  
updates, then sign that you've read them.  
Get the form back to me via scan and email,  
fax (665-8406), or bring by the office. If I  
don't have them back within a couple of  
weeks, I will be coming around to get them.  
My email is [bplatz@adaircomo.com](mailto:bplatz@adaircomo.com).

Formal, written safety plans for courthouse  
employees, Sheriff's department, and Road  
and Bridge are underway this month also.  
They should also be ready to hand out in the  
next 3-4 weeks or so.

**Be preparing now for our annual  
Workplace/Sexual Harassment training on  
May 29<sup>th</sup>. Our speaker will be Cornell  
Dillard from the MO Dept. of Labor.**

Training will be held at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m., with each training lasting approximately 2 hours, in the County Annex building. This is a mandatory training and everyone must attend. If you know in advance you cannot attend, please let me know, as other arrangements for training will be made.

The County would like to wish Melissa Hocker good luck and best wishes in her new job with the city. Congratulations Melissa, we will miss you. On Friday March 8<sup>th</sup>, (her last day), we will be having lunch at Opie's at noon. Anyone who would like to join us, please do so! Hope to see you all there.

#### **REIMBURSABLE DEDUCTIBLE CLAIMS**

*If you want to claim any money on your RDA for 2012, you need to be doing it. Deadline is March 31<sup>st</sup>. You will need a statement from your doctor's office stating dates of service and total amount paid for each date of service. You can bring all this to me and I will fill out the form and fax it for you if you want. (up to \$500 back, or \$1000 per family, payable to you, ....whichever comes first) Or you can fill out the form and fax it yourself to: 417-883-8261, attention Dana Cobb. Forms are available from me. Also, the deadline to use your FSA funds from 2012 is March 31<sup>st</sup> as well. FSA funds are "use it or lose it"; don't let this happen to you. Be sure and use it all.*

#### **Recipes:**

#### **Best Pot Roast Evah!**



(in the CrockPot) - What you need:

- 2-5 pound pot roast (any kind)
- 1 envelope ranch dressing (dried)
- 1 envelope Italian dressing
- 1 envelope brown gravy mix
- Potatoes and Carrots
- 1 to 1-1/2 cup water

What you do: 1. If you want carrots and potatoes in your Crockpot, cut them to your liking and put in the bottom of your Crockpot.

2. Put Roast on top of vegetables. 3. Sprinkle all dried ingredients on top. 4. Pour in your water and cook on low for several hours (6-10). Roast will be fork tender and delicious! I tried this over the weekend, and it was pretty darn good.

#### **Cheesecake Dip .....An easy potluck dessert!**



- 1 box Honey Maid Graham Crackers
- 1 jar of Kraft Marshmallow fluff
- 2 containers of Cool Whip frosting
- 2 cans of cherry pie filling

1 container of Philadelphia cream cheese

- First, crush one sleeve of the crackers and distribute them evenly between the two pans, smooth them out but do not pack them down.
- In a bowl, mix together a block of softened cream cheese (to soften, stick in the microwave for 15 seconds, stir, 15 seconds....or just leave it on the counter for a couple hours) and the jar of marshmallow fluff...mix well.
- Add in the cool whip one tub at a time, make sure you are mixing the ingredients very well (using a spoon or spatula...not a beater)
- Evenly divide the mixture between the two pans and using a clean spoon or frosting knife gently smooth the mixture to the outer corners of the dish (you will want to work from the outside in and make sure you are moving large amounts, the crumbs are not stuck to the bottom of the pan so you will need to work gently or you will end up mixing the crumbs in to your cheesecake dip.
- Last, top each section with a can of cherry pie filling!
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- Break up the remaining 2 sleeves of graham crackers and enjoy!

### **Philly Cheesesteak Stuffed Bell Peppers**



8 oz. Thinly Sliced Roast Beef  
8 Slices Provolone Cheese  
2 Large Green Bell Peppers  
1 Medium Sweet Onion  
6 oz. Baby Bella Mushrooms  
2 Tbs. Butter  
2 Tbs. Olive Oil  
1 Tbs. Garlic – Minced  
Salt and Pepper – to taste  
Preheat oven to 400\*

Slice peppers in half lengthwise, remove ribs and seeds.

Slice onions and mushrooms. Saute over medium heat with butter, olive oil, minced garlic and a little salt and pepper. Saute until onions and mushroom are nice and caramelized. About 25-30 minutes.

Slice roast beef into thin strips (if not store bought already sliced) and add to the onion/mushroom mixture. Allow to cook 5-10 minutes

Line the inside of each pepper with a slice of provolone cheese.

Fill each pepper with meat mixture until they are nearly overflowing.

Top each pepper with another slice of provolone cheese.

Bake for 15-20 minutes until the cheese on top is golden brown.

## Melt in your Mouth Chicken



- 4 boneless chicken breast halves
- 1 cup mayonnaise
- 1/2 cup freshly grated parmesan cheese
- 1 1/2 teaspoons seasoning salt
- 1/2 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 1 teaspoon garlic powder

- Mix mayonnaise, cheese and seasonings.
- Spread mixture over chicken breast and place in baking dish.
- Bake at 375°F for 45 minutes.

## Chocolate Chip Cookie Dough Dip



- 1/2 cup butter, melted
- 1/4 cup brown sugar
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1 (8 oz.) block cream cheese, softened
- 1 cup confectionary sugar
- 1/2 cup mini chocolate chips

Instructions

1. Whisk the melted butter together with the brown sugar, vanilla, and salt in a medium bowl; set aside.
2. In a separate medium bowl, beat cream cheese until softened. Add the butter mixture and the confectionary sugar, beating until combined. Stir in the chocolate chips.
3. Cool in refrigerator. Serve with graham crackers or other lightly sweetened cookie.

## Trivia Challenge #1

Male students at Brigham Young University have to \_\_\_\_\_ in order to grow a beard.

- a) Be married
- b) Be at least 22 years of age
- c) have a doctor's note
- d) have Parents written consent

## Trivia Challenge #2

\_\_\_\_\_ was trained as a sniper by the Israeli military.

- a) Dr. Ruth
- b) Adam Sandler
- c) Dick Cheney
- d) Natalie Portman

## Trivia Challenge #3

According to the British Journal of Cancer, eating \_\_\_\_\_ regularly can double your risk of developing esophageal cancer.

- a) pickles
- b) tomatoes
- c) oranges
- d) jalepenos

## Trivia Challenge #4

In Malaysia, it's okay and perfectly legal to \_\_\_\_\_ via text message

- a) make a death threat
- b) divorce your spouse
- c) marry your spouse
- d) murder for hire

## Trivia Challenge #5

The easiest way to get rid of smelly shoes is by placing \_\_\_\_\_ inside them and leaving them overnight because it'll absorb the odor.

- a) Coffee grounds
- b) Gain dryer sheets
- c) baking soda
- d) tea bags

**Trivia Answer #1:** c

**Trivia Answer #2:** a

**Trivia Answer#3:** a

**Trivia Answer#4:** b

**Trivia Answer #5:** d

### ***Did you know that.....?***

Learning a foreign language or how to play an instrument can help slow the brain's aging process.

The CIA created a project called "Project MK-ULTRA" in which they experimented with LSD to wipe the memories of retiring CIA agents.

"Drama Queens" may suffer from Histrionic Personality Disorder - A disorder that affects women 4 times more than men.

People with bigger brains are likely to have more friends.

NASA is responsible for the invention of invisible braces and scratch resistant lenses.

The first movie shown in a theater setting caused the audience to run away because they thought a train was going to come out of the screen.

Chocolate is good for your teeth. Chocolate can help fight against bacteria in the mouth and stop dental decay.

Hot water will freeze faster than cold water.

People are most truthful in face-to-face conversations and lie the most over the phone.

An ant can be dropped from the top of a skyscraper without being harmed!

A microwave can block your Internet Wi-Fi signal!

Daytime naps improve memory and cut the risk of heart disease.

People who blush easily are more generous and trustworthy than those who don't.

A can of Diet Coke will float in water while a can of regular Coke sinks.

Louis Vuitton burns their unsold merchandise so it won't be sold at a discount.

90% people at some point in their life have tried to close the fridge slowly to see when the light goes out.

Childbirth is the second most painful thing in the world, right behind to being burned alive.

40 loaves of bread in Libya costs \$ 0.15

If Wikipedia were made into a book, it would contain over 2.25 MILLION PAGES!! It would take almost 123 years to read and would be around 180 Meters high!!!

