



# THE ASSESSMENT FILES

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## News From The President

Hello Assessors and Deputies,

Spring has arrived - - Unless you lived in northwestern Custer County on Monday April 12! I had a snowstorm at my house. I was getting ready to go to a meeting, looked out of the window and there were half dollar sized snow flakes falling. The ground was covered and my car had about a half inch on top. Luckily it all melted by morning. The next day it was 75 degrees. Only in Oklahoma can you experience winter and summer in just a matter of a few hours.

The legislature is still in session and keeping our legislative committee busy. Jim has been working with the veterans exemption bill to make it workable for our offices. Jim is working with the Senator to suggest that this exemption follow the same general guidelines as a regular homestead exemption. Our committee does an excellent job in keeping an eye on all the proposed law changes.

The rules of the tax commission have been approved by the Tax Commissioners and sent to the legislature. The gross production rules weren't change very much and were the only rules we had been watching closely. The legislature has 30 days to disapprove the rules. Our committee will be watching for any resolutions or law changes proposed as a result of these rules.

I am sure everyone is busy with informal hearings, getting arbitraries done and working towards an abstract in June. June will be here quicker than we realize.

May starts my month of traveling to the district meetings across the state. I have made my reservations to attend every meeting and I am looking forward to seeing everyone. I have never traveled much in eastern Oklahoma and so I am really excited about going to Stilwell.

There are only 18 days of school left at Arapaho (according to my senior son). I can hardly wait for the lazy days of summer.

See you in May,  
Debbie



May Flower—Lily

### MAY BIRTHDAYS

Linda Kelly    Ottawa    May 15

“ The shortest recorded period of time lies between the minute you put some money away for a rainy day and the unexpected arrival of rain.

-Jane Bryant Quinn



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# AD VALOREM UPDATE

Greetings from the Ad Valorem Division.

We're looking forward to the District meetings. Our staff always enjoys going around the state and seeing everyone.

## 2004 ASSESSORS' DISTRICT MEETINGS

|         |                             |
|---------|-----------------------------|
| May 7:  | Northeast (Adair County)    |
| May 14: | Northwest (Garfield County) |
| May 21: | Southeast (Hughes County)   |
| May 28: | Southwest (Beckham County)  |

The 4-C Committee lead by Debbie Gentry has made some good progress on the new mobile home record web site. The 4-C group had a demonstration last week and I think that it went well. We still have a few more details to work out on the project, but we should be on target to hand out information on it at the District meetings.

The Windows project is still marching along. We've made some progress on getting some program problems straightened out this last couple of weeks. I appreciate everyone's patience on this project. Glen Blood and the CAMA staff have really worked hard on that effort. It's a complicated program and it has taken a lot of work. In the end, I think it will be well worth it.

The Public Service Guidelines have been approved by the SBOE subcommittee and the full State Board will consider them next for implementation in 2005. Look for those guidelines on the Treasurer's web site.

Mike Means has left the Oklahoma County Assessor's office. He did a terrific job at Oklahoma County and made lots of technology advances to excellent taxpayer service. As I said in the Forum, he was also one of the greatest Bingo callers in the history of the County Assessors' Association, and we're hoping to see him at Tulsa this year.

Jeff Spelman, CAE  
Ad Valrem Division Director

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

The clock's been punched for the last time  
The daily grind has been left behind  
No more meetings or pages to fax  
It's time to kick back and relax!

Please join us as we honor,

Mary Zimmerman,  
Harmon County Court Clerk and,  
Pat Daniel,  
Harmon County Assessor

On their retirements on  
May 27, 2004 from 1:00-3:00 p.m.  
In the Conference Room 1st floor  
Harmon County Courthouse,  
Hollis, Oklahoma.



Beckham County will host the **SOUTHWEST DISTRICT MEETING** on **May 28, 2004**, in Elk City at the Opry House located in the Old Town Museum.

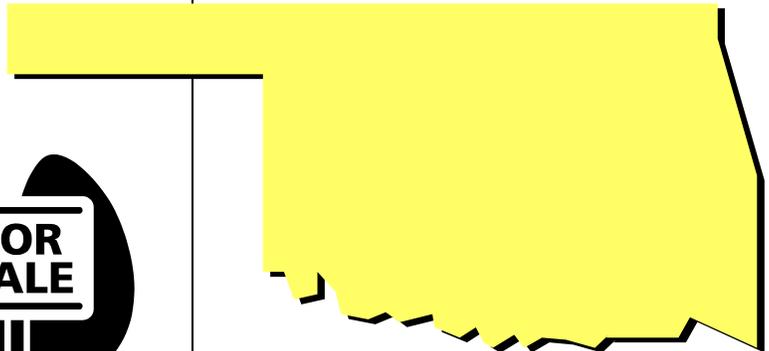
Registration letters will be mailed soon.

For Sale-

Map Plotter and Mapping Table.

Good Condition- Hardly even used.

Call Donna  
Greer County  
580-782-2740



# WEATHER FACTS

## OKLAHOMA WEATHER FACTS

### Statewide-Averaged Temperature

|                          |      |        |
|--------------------------|------|--------|
| Normal (1971-2000)       |      | 60.2°F |
| Warmest Year (1892-2001) | 1954 | 63.7°F |
| Coolest Year (1892-2001) | 1892 | 58.2°F |

### Record Low Daily Temperature (2 Occurrences)

|                            |  |       |
|----------------------------|--|-------|
| Vinita (February 13, 1905) |  | -27°F |
| Watts (January 18, 1930)   |  |       |

### Record Daily High Temperature (5 Occurrences)

|                                   |  |       |
|-----------------------------------|--|-------|
| Alva (July 18, 1936)              |  | 120°F |
| Altus (July 19 & August 12, 1936) |  |       |
| Poteau (August 10, 1936)          |  |       |
| Tishomingo (July 26, 1943)        |  |       |
| Tipton (June 27, 1994)            |  |       |

### Statewide-Averaged Annual Precipitation

|                          |      |              |
|--------------------------|------|--------------|
| Normal (1971-2000)       |      | 36.44 inches |
| Wettest Year (1892-2001) | 1957 | 48.21 inches |
| Driest Year (1892-2001)  | 1910 | 18.95 inches |

### Maximum Reported Snow Depth

|         |                   |             |
|---------|-------------------|-------------|
| Buffalo | February 22, 1971 | 36.0 inches |
|---------|-------------------|-------------|

### Earliest Measurable Snowfall of Season

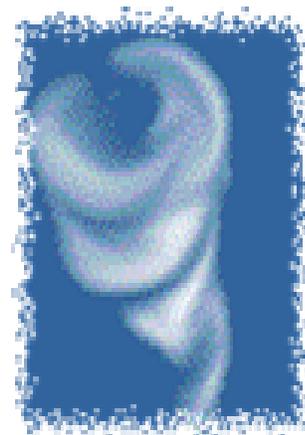
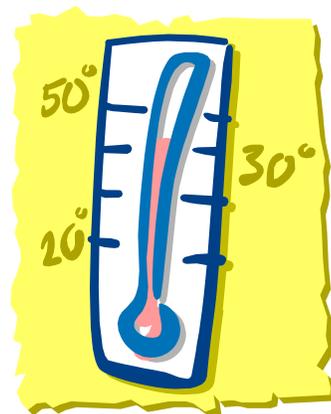
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|--------|--------------------|------------|
| Kenton | September 17, 1971 | 3.0 inches |
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### Latest Measurable Snowfall of Season

|          |             |            |
|----------|-------------|------------|
| Billings | May 6, 1954 | 0.2 inches |
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## TORNADOES

|  |      |            |
|--|------|------------|
| Average Annual Number of Tornadoes (1950-2000) |      | 54.1       |
| Most tornadoes in One Year                     | 1999 | 146        |
| Fewest Tornadoes in One Year                   | 1988 | 17         |
| Deadliest Tornado (Woodward - April 9, 1947)   |      | 107 deaths |



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Isn't it appropriate that the month when taxes are due begins with April Fool's Day and ends with cries of "May Day" !



# Mother's Day

- Mothers hold their children's hands for a short while, but their hearts forever.
- Remember that behind every successful woman... is a basket of dirty laundry.
- A Mother Is:

Loving hands quickly reach  
Each time she hears a cry  
Lifting up to comfort  
And kiss the tears all dry  
Wearied eyes refusing sleep  
Stay the whole night through  
Her child is sick and hurting  
Her tender care is due  
The many tasks all done in love  
To make it through each day  
Seem to go unnoticed  
Till she is gone way  
A Mother is that someone  
With a mission from above  
Imparting to her children  
The image of God's love.

