



# Employee Newsletter

## February 2016

**HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY**  
**Happy President's Day**



### FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Rhonda Taylor	2
Joe Wood	2
Gary Gladson	3
Robin Kline	3
Richard Chant	4
Danny Cross	4
Charlotte Schwalm	4
Terri Stiles	5
Jason Murphy	6
Cody Luther	7
Mitch Morgan	7
Debbie Ambler	9
Winfield Clonts	9
Lydia Johnson	9
Beth Rutledge	9
John Evans	10
Kevin Carter	11
Janet Crisp	11
Matt White	11
Karen Freyre	12
Crystal McCabe	13
Michael Smith	13
Cheyenne Alexander	14
Allie Russell	14
Melody Johnson	15
Michelle Campbell	17
Jared Plemmons	17
Hoyt Ledford	20
Rex Cable	21
Danny Clayton	21
Jeremy Lance	21
Deborah Angel	22
Tonya Chastain	22
Jessica Orton	22
Regina Swanson	23
Daphne Browning	24
Nolan Queen	24
Mark Thigpen	25
Mark Edmonds	26
Linda Rahn	26
Brandon Morgan	27
Mike Reid	29

Ages from 20 to 74

### Tax Preparation Assistance from Local Government Federal Credit Union

**Volunteer Income Tax Assistance\* (VITA) program:** If you are a member of the LGFCU and your 2015 household income was \$54,000 or less you may be eligible to have your standard income tax return prepared and filed at no cost to you.

**Low-Cost Tax Preparation Service<sup>≠</sup>:** If your 2015 household income exceeded \$54,000, you can have a standard income tax return prepared and filed in one of the Credit Union branches for only \$75.

Choose to have your return filed electronically and receive your refund as quickly as 8-15 days! Visit [lgfcu.org/taxprep](http://lgfcu.org/taxprep) for more information and a list of what to bring with you when you go to your local branch.

Certain tax returns may fall outside the scope of these programs. Call the Contact Center at 888.732.8563 for additional information. Calls may be recorded for quality assurance.

\*VITA is an IRS-sponsored program available to help taxpayers with a household income of \$54,000 or less prepare and electronically file basic tax returns.

<sup>≠</sup>The Credit Union's fee-based tax preparation program is not affiliated with the VITA program.

**Q: What's the difference between ignorance and apathy?**

A: I don't know and I don't care.

**Q: Why do cows have hooves?**

A: Because they lactose.

#### Commission Meetings

February 1st 6:30 pm  
 February 15th 6:30 pm

### Child Going to College?

Do you have a child going to college next year? If so, the Local Government Federal Credit Union (LGFCU) offers a scholarship that is awarded to members in good standing to help pay for the costs associated with continuing education, including associate, bachelor's or master's degree programs and trade school certifications. These scholarships are available for high school seniors and returning degree or program students.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: February 29, 2016  
[lgfcu.org/scholarship](http://lgfcu.org/scholarship)

### Tax Withholding for 2016

Everyone should have their W2 by now and some of you have probably already had your taxes prepared. Now is the time to make changes to your tax withholdings if you did not have enough withheld last year or if you were close. However, remember there were 27 pay days last year so if you were close, you may not need to make changes to your withholding for this year. We normally only have 26 pay periods per year.

The W4 and NC4 may be found on the County's website by going to Departments, >Human Resources, >Employee Information or you may get forms in my office or the MUNIS Self Service website..

LOOK DUDE, SHADOW OR NO SHADOW, IF YOU TELL ME WE ARE HAVING 6 MORE WEEKS OF WINTER, YOU'RE LUNCH MEAT....



**Q: What do women use to stay young looking in the Arctic?**

A: Cold Cream.

**Q: What do you call fifty penguins living in the Arctic?**

A: Lost! REALLY lost! (Penguins live in Antarctica).

# Heating Safety

There is something about the winter months and curling up with a good book by the fireplace. But did you know that heating equipment is one of the leading causes of home fire deaths? With a few simple safety tips and precautions you can prevent most heating fires from happening.

## BE WARM AND SAFE THIS WINTER!

- » Keep anything that can burn at least three-feet away from heating equipment, like the furnace, fireplace, wood stove, or portable space heater.
- » Have a three-foot "kid-free zone" around open fires and space heaters.
- » Never use your oven to heat your home.
- » Have a qualified professional install stationary space heating equipment, water heaters or central heating equipment according to the local codes and manufacturer's instructions.
- » Have heating equipment and chimneys cleaned and inspected every year by a qualified professional.
- » Remember to turn portable heaters off when leaving the room or going to bed.
- » Always use the right kind of fuel, specified by the manufacturer, for fuel burning space heaters.
- » Make sure the fireplace has a sturdy screen to stop sparks from flying into the room. Ashes should be cool before putting them in a metal container. Keep the container a safe distance away from your home.
- » Test smoke alarms monthly.



## Heating Equipment Smarts

**Install** wood burning stoves following manufacturer's instructions or have a professional do the installation. All fuel-burning equipment should be vented to the outside to avoid carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning.

**Install** and maintain CO alarms to avoid the risk of CO poisoning. If you **smell** gas in your gas heater, do not light the appliance. Leave the home immediately and call your local fire department or gas company.



## FACT

Half of home heating fires are reported during the months of **December, January, and February.**

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