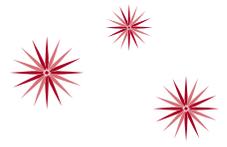




Employee Newsletter

Edgecombe County
December 2006



Dates to Remember:

Commissioners' Meeting
Jan. 8th @ 7:00 PM

Christmas Holiday
Dec. 25th & 26th

New Years Holiday
January 1st

Quote of the Month

Beware of little expenses.
A small leak will sink a
great ship.

Benjamin Franklin

Brainteaser

What number gives
you the same result if
added to 1.5 as when
it is multiplied by 1.5?

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A man on a horse
rode into town on
Friday, stayed 2 days,
and left of Tuesday.
How did he do it?

Happy holidays from the County Manager!

As we approach the end of the year, I just want to give another friendly reminder to pay your taxes. Also, I ask that you work closely with your supervisor in scheduling any vacation you plan to take. If you have time to take, you certainly are entitled to use it, and I hope you enjoy it. But it is

also important that our departments continue to operate efficiently.

I hope that everyone has a safe and enjoyable holiday season. I wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy new year.

Word Search Fun

See if you can find all 20 words & phrases related to Edgecombe County Government. Try to find them on your own. If not, go to the website to see the list of words & phrases.

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Safety Tip

Do not overload electrical outlets. Use a surge protector when necessary. Only use equipment for its manufactured purpose.

Angela Davis
Safety Committee



Changes on Your Check Stub

You may have noticed a new pay type on your check stub beginning this month. IRS regulations dictate that the cost of group-term life insurance provided to an employee by his/her employer for coverage that exceeds \$50,000 is taxable to the employee as a fringe benefit. The cost, or premium paid, for the coverage over \$50,000 is subject to all state and federal taxes.

To further explain, the County provides \$20,000 to every employee, and the state retirement plan provides an additional amount (your annual salary with a minimum of \$25,000 and maximum of \$50,000) of benefit. If the sum of benefits exceeds \$50,000,

then the cost of that amount, is considered taxable as a fringe benefit. The amount deducted from this check is the amount of taxes owed for 2006, and is relatively minimal.

If you have questions: Sheriff Department employees should call Delano Smith, DSS employees should call Samia Smith, and Health Department employees call Lillie Worsley. All other employees call Minnie Dolberry.

A Cute Christmas Story

It was the day after Christmas when Mr. Johnson was looking out his kitchen window at the beautiful morning. He looked closely at the nativity scene he has set up in his front yard and realized that the baby Jesus was missing. He was outraged. He slipped on his coat and shoes and ran out to take a closer inspection. He could see foot prints in the snow up to and leading away from the scene of the theft. He could not believe someone would actually take the baby Jesus. Soon some of his neighbors came out to see what was the matter, and they were all shocked that someone would do such a thing. Just then, they

could hear a squeaking wheel and the sound of a little boy humming. It was little Johnny from down the street pulling his brand new red wagon through the neighborhood. When he got closer to the gathered crowd, low and behold there was baby Jesus riding in the wagon. The crowd was in utter disbelief that Johnny had stolen the figure. When questioned as to why he would do such a thing, little Johnny explained in his innocent, sweet voice, "Well, I had been wanting a red wagon for a long time and I never got one. So I prayed to God, that if he would give me a red wagon, I would be sure to take him for a ride in it."

What about those leftovers?

For the holidays, many of us take part in big meals, and despite our best efforts to stuff our faces, we still have food left over. It's good to try to use leftovers so as not to waste food, but you have to be careful. Butterball.com offers a few food safety tips to keep in mind when storing your turkey leftovers [or other meats]:

Within two hours after roasting, remove stuffing from turkey and

carve the meat off the bones, then store in refrigerator or freezer; Wrap turkey slices and stuffing separately, and refrigerate and use within three days; Use refrigerated gravy within three days; Freeze leftovers if you plan to store them for a longer period of time. Wrap in heavy foil, freezer wrap or place in freezer container or freezer bags; for optimum taste, use stuffing within one month and turkey within two months.