

HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

ASCOG will be closed on Monday, January 16 for Martin Luther King Day and will open for business Tuesday, January 17.



ASCOG EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR LESLIE CARTER

Leslie's work reflects a tremendous compassion for the elderly in the Advantage Program. She offers more than just program services. She is not only a wonderful person; she is very caring. She takes time from her own family and friends to offer services to clients and others who need assistance over a wide range of needs. She even gets some of her family to go with her to provide personal attention and services beyond what the program requires. She handles all of her calls with patience and understanding. Her work and time management is exemplary. It is evident that loves what she is doing for others. She is an example of an employee that every employer would love having.

Leslie received \$100, a granite desk nameplate, and a day off for being selected by her peers as the Employee of the Year. Congratulations, Leslie!

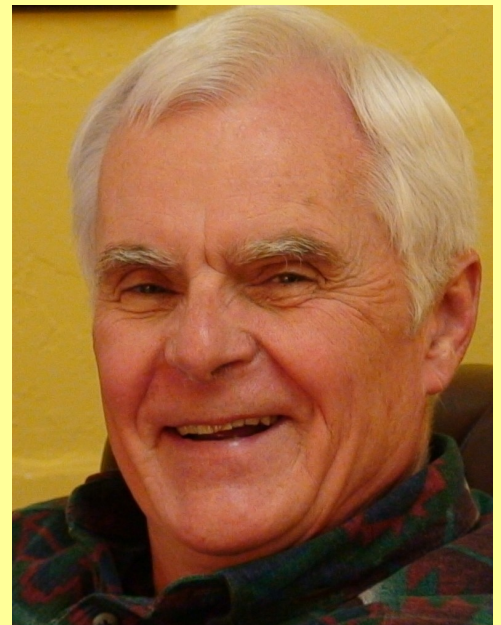
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SMITH ELECTED TO FOUNDATION BOARD

Blaine H. Smith, Jr., Duncan, was elected a director of the South Central Oklahoma Foundation Board to replace **Rodney Love** who passed away. **Smith** is retired from the U.S. Army and ASCOG where he was executive director. The Foundation owns the ASCOG buildings at 802 and 804 Main. Welcome back, Blaine!





MASONIC GRANT RECEIVED

In the last 10 years, the Masons have provided over \$7M statewide to assist the needy when other resources are encumbered by red tape, timelines too long to meet immediate needs or when the request does not fit what the programs can fund. The Masons have partnered with the COGS in Oklahoma to fairly distribute these funds for special purposes. There are request limits, but some of the requests partially funded with Masonic grants include: ramps for the elderly and disabled, dentures, hearing aids, glasses, etc. The amount of money provided to ASCOG for distribution in 2017 is \$66,618. If you know of anyone needing this type of assistance, please refer them to **Kris Brown** at (580) 736-7036.

GRADY COUNTY OLDER AMERICANS ACT FORUM

Ken Jones will be at the Chickasha Nutrition Site, 203 N 18th in **Chickasha** on January 12 at 11:00 a.m. to receive public input and discuss future use of Older Americans Act funding. The site is ADA accessible. For more information, contact **Ken Jones** at 580.736.7972.

“Age is not a particularly interesting subject. Anyone can get old. All you have to do is live long enough.” — **Groucho Marx**



10 YEAR EMPLOYEES HONORED

At the December meeting of the Board of Trustees, ASCOG President Shorty Foster presented Perry Brinegar, Ken Jones, Susie Lindsay, and Ronnie Ward with \$250 checks for ten years' service.



BRINEGAR



JONES



LINDSAY



WARD

2017 REAP AWARDEES ANNOUNCED

Contracts with the following REAP applicants will be signed at the Canadian Valley Technology Center in Chickasha on Tuesday, January 17, 2017 at 3:00 p.m. Please thank your state elected officials for their continued support of REAP.

	Applicant	Project Description	Amount Requested
1	Minco	(CDBG-REAP) Water System Improvements	\$140,861
2	Cement	Street Maintenance	\$45,000
3	Fletcher	(2nd Year) Sewer line repair	\$39,450
4	Bray	(2nd Year) Jaws of Life	\$43,000
5	Velma	(2nd Year) Resurfacing Town Streets	\$45,000
6	Addington	(2nd Year) Addition to Fire Department Building	\$45,000
7	Cyril	(2nd Year) SSES	\$26,500
8	Bridgeport	(2nd Year) Chip and Seal Main Street and South Street	\$35,000
9	Chattanooga	(2nd Year) Phase 2 Waterline Replacement	\$45,000
10	Frederick	Downtown Sidewalks	\$45,000
11	Grandfield	(2nd Year) Replace Water Blending Controls	\$31,260
12	Carnegie	(2nd Year) Repairing Sidewalks and Curbs on Main Street	\$45,000
13	Ringling	SSES and Engineering	\$45,000
14	Sterling	(2nd Year) Storm Sirens	\$40,000
15	Amber	(2nd Year) Sewerline replacement	\$63,600
16	Tillman County #1, 2 & 3	(2nd Year) Courthouse Window Replacement	\$90,000



LORETTA Y. JACKSON

ASCOG ADVISORY COUNCIL MEMBER HOSTS STORYTELLING AND SOUL FOOD EVENING EVENT

Mark your calendars for the 8th Annual Storytelling and Soul Food Evening, Saturday, February 11, 2017, at the USAO Ballroom in Chickasha. This event is hosted by **Loretta Y. Jackson** who is active on the Silver Haired Legislature and has started the Loretta Y. Jackson African American Historical Society. For more information, contact **Kris Brown** at (580) 736-7036.

MASONIC GRANT AND MEDICARE ASSISTANCE

2017 looks to be an exciting year, and we are eager to help. Kris Brown has started waiting lists for all seasonal programs including the Senior Farmers Market. For more information, call **Kris Brown** (580) 736-7036.

LONG-TERM CARE OMBUDSMAN VOLUNTEERS ARE STILL NEEDED

Help improve the quality of life and care for residents in a nursing home or assisted living facility. We provide training, tools and support. Call **Darin Terry** (580) 736-7974 or **Dacia Nix** at (580) 736-7975.

QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS

Call **Ronnie Ward** at 580.736.7970 or **Nancy English** at 580.736.7019. We'd love to hear from you.