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LABOR DAY



HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

ASCOG will be closed on Friday, September 1 and Monday, September 4 for Labor Day and will open for business Tuesday, September 5.

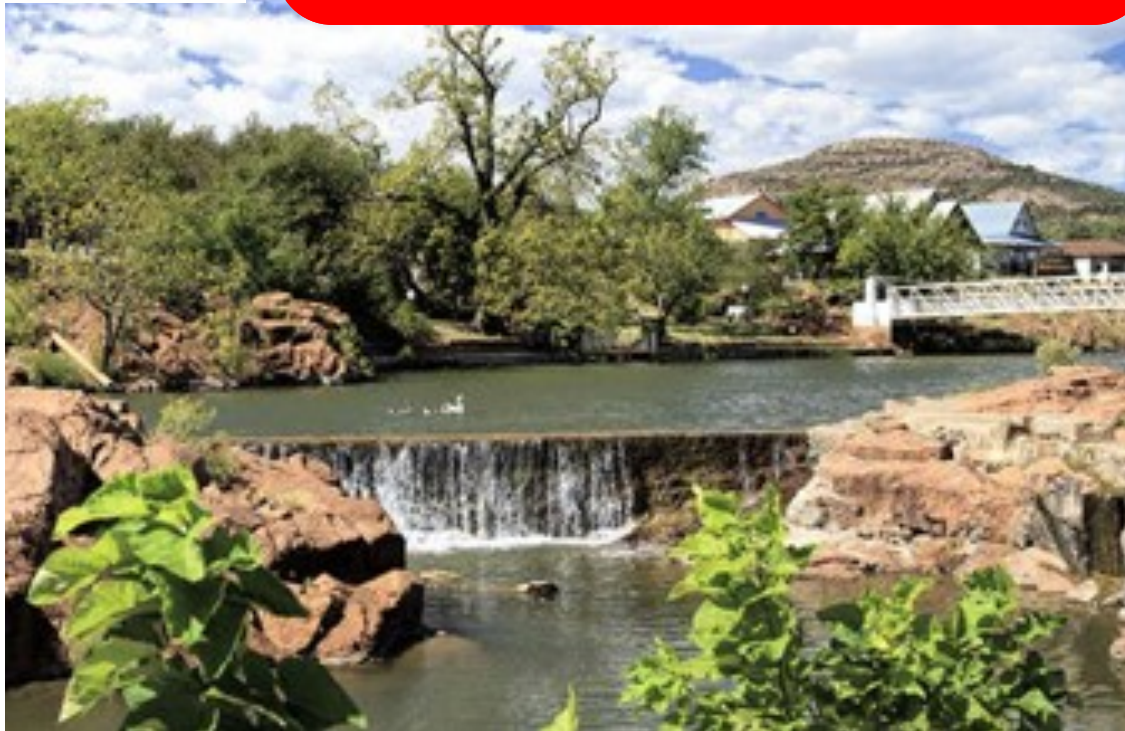
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**NICE TO BE
RECOGNIZED!!**

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From article at bobvila.com recognizing Medicine Park as Oklahoma's representative for being "The Best Tiny Town in Every State."

Before Medicine Park was officially even a town, people from neighboring Lawton headed to its creek to stay cool during the summer months. It wasn't until 1908 that Oklahoma Senator Elmer Thomas founded the town with the vision of making it the state's first planned resort community. After a successful start that earned it the moniker "Jewel of the West," the town took a hit during the Great Depression and World War II. Thanks to modern revitalization efforts and its proximity to Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge, the resort community has experienced a resurgence. The close-knit community hosts five annual musical festivals, which keeps the visitors pouring in and locals hard at work. *(Congratulations to Medicine Park from ASCOG!)*

SPEAKING OF RECOGNITION!!

ASCOG's Resource Management Director **ROBERT DENARD** was featured on Page 1 of the August 27, 2017 edition on the Duncan Banner's Lifestyles page. Some of Bob's quotes from the article: "The high point of my life was marrying my wife. We seemed to fit each other really well." "The biggest thing my grandmother taught me was treat other people like I want to be treated." "My grandmother raised me to love animals." He and his wife have 2 cats, a Schnauzer, 6 hens and rooster named 'John Cooper', and about 100 thousand bees between two colonies. *It's great to work with someone so nicely recognized. Congratulations, Robert.*



ASCOG MEDICARE COUNSELOR TO PRESENT INFORMATION ON MEDICARE FRAUD AND HELP FOR LOW-INCOME BENEFICIARIES

ASCOG's two certified Medicare Counselors will present information about Medicare fraud prevention as well as assistance to Medicare beneficiaries who need help paying for Medicare premiums. See schedule below. For more information, contact **Kris Brown** at (580)736-7036 or **Ken Jones** at (580) 736-7972.

September 8, **Ringling** Nutrition Site, 11:00 a.m. - **Ken Jones**

September 12, **Lawton** North Nutrition Site, 10:30 a.m. – **Kris Brown**

September 13, **Mangum** Nutrition Site, 9:45 a.m. – **Kris**

September 15, **Duncan** South (Douglass Community Center) Nutrition Site, 11:00 a.m., - **Ken**

September 19, **Hollis** Nutrition Site, 10:30 a.m. - **Kris**

September 25, **Tipton** Senior Center, 10:00 a.m., - **Ken**

September 25, **Grandfield** Senior Center, noon, - **Ken**

September 28, **Granite** Nutrition Site, 10:15 a.m. - **Kris**

Area Agency on Aging to Host Final Public Hearing

The ASCOG Area Agency on Aging will host the final public hearings in September to obtain feedback into the funding for Older Americans Act services received through the USDHHS and OKDHS for state fiscal year 2019. Seniors and those who care for seniors are encouraged to attend. Hearings will be hosted in each of ASCOG's eight counties. The final public hearing is scheduled for September 8 at the **Ringling** Nutrition Site at 11:00 a.m.

ASCOG AAA Advisory Council to Meet on New Date

The ASCOG Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council is scheduled to meet at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, September 13 at the Red River Technology Center Business Building in **Duncan**. The meeting will be preceded by a board meeting of the new Elderly Services, Inc. An OSHL meeting is expected to follow the Advisory Council meeting. For more information or to make reservations for a meal, contact **Ken Jones** or **Nancy English**

PUBLIC SAFETY

Inventory will begin for Caddo, Tillman, and portions of Comanche and Jefferson counties. Inventory will include federal excess property, trucks, tanks, pumps and other loaned equipment.

Operational checks should have been received as of this time. Please check with your bank for deposit amount of \$1922.10. Please call **Perry Brinegar** if this has not been done (580) 736-7023.

It's only through labor and painful effort, by grim energy and resolute courage, that we move on to better things. Happy Labor Day!

REAP

2018 REAP Applications –

Even if you missed one of the workshops and are ineligible to claim 5 points for having an elected official attend, you can still submit an application. Also, remember that ASCOG CED staff can now write a REAP application for you for a \$150 fee. If the application is not funded, there is no charge for writing subsequent grants the following year for the same project. This fee must be paid for by the applicant and not out of REAP funds. Deadline for 2017 REAP Grant Applications are due September 28, 2016. The application is available on ASCOG's website.

A reminder: REAP applicants who are not in arrears to ASCOG for contracted services such as code books, ordinances, capital improvement plans, etc. or who have not had such services provided and failed to complete the terms of the agreement so that ASCOG can get paid for their services will be eligible for an additional 20 points. Every applicant up-to-date at the time the applications are scored will get the 20 points.

Not been submitting applications because you don't have time or the expertise to write specs, get bids, and administer the grant? ASCOG staff can do this for you, but we have to charge to pay for our time. The fee is 5% of the amount of REAP funds requested, but the payment must be from local coffers and NOT from REAP funds.

If you have any question, please contact **Tom Zigler** at (580) 736-7971 or **Steve Kelly** at (580) 736-7965.

2018 REAP Schedule:

September 27 – Applications due close of business.

November 16 – Applications scored.

December 21 – Awardees announced on ASCOG Website.

CDBG

CDBG GRANT APPLICATION time is upon us. The most important item that needs to be taken care of is your 2017 AUDIT. If you do not have your audits up-to-date, you will not be eligible to apply for a CDBG Grant.

ASCOG TRAINING DAY

ASCOG staff met for their annual safety training day Friday, August 18. We are mandated by the Department of Labor to present safety information each year.



Duncan Police
Lieutenant
Patrick Norton
was this year's
instructor.

