



804 W. Main

# ASCOG News'n Briefs

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### ASCOG HAS A NEW TENANT

After the Workforce Development program moved out of 804 W. Main, the front part of the building has remained virtually unused. South Central Oklahoma Community Development Foundation (owner of the buildings) approved a 2 year agreement for Touchdown Loans to lease the vacant space beginning October 1, 2017. Access to ASCOG offices are now restricted to 802 W. Main.

### FORMER ASCOG BOARD PRESIDENT JOHNNY DALE PASSES

Former Jefferson County Commissioner and ASCOG Board President passed away on September 19, 2017. After serving as Commissioner for many years, Johnny also served as the Mayor for Ryan and was working for the Jefferson County Sheriff's Department at the time of his death.

### ASCOG MEDICARE COUNSELORS 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.

October 2, **Walters Nutrition Site**, 10:00 a.m. - Ken Jones

October 6, **Lawton Senior Center for Creative Living**, 9:00 a.m. with presentation at 11:30 – Ken

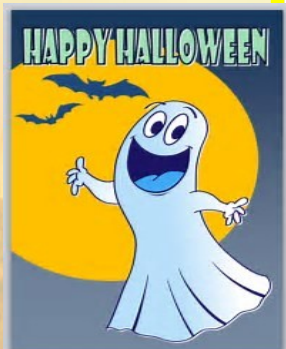
#### October 15, Open enrollment begins

October 17, **Lawton Senior Center for Creative Living**, 9:00 a.m. – Ken

October 17, **Hollis Nutrition Site**, 10:30 a.m., - Kris

October 24, **Lawton Patterson Center Senior Center**, 10:00 a.m. - Kris & Ken

October 26, **Granite Nutrition Site**, 10:15 a.m. - Kris





Fort Sill Garrison Commander  
**COLONEL SAMUEL CURTIS**



Matrix Design Project Manager  
**CELESTE WARNER**

## **LAWTON FORT SILL REGIONAL JOINT LAND USE STUDY**

A joint land use study (JLUS) actually entails a lot more than the name implies. Air space, water, energy sources, noise, developing technologies are just a few of the many interesting subjects being studied with input from the public, Fort Sill, and the affected communities around Fort Sill. MATRIX DESIGN GROUP is leading the study and has been the lead consultant for over 40 previous JLUS projects for military communities all across the nation. Their experience and expertise will develop a site-specific study that will produce benefits for several generations to come. With Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) an ever-present possibility, a JLUS is just one more piece of the puzzle to help keep Fort Sill's future safe. With Fort Sill's local economic impact amounting to over \$17B annually, surrounding communities and residents have a vested interest to make the project a success.

The Joint Land Use Study held its first of three public input sessions on September 18 and is about halfway through the projected date of completion. A lot of information has been shared and a lot more is expected for the near future. Important lines of communication established across the fence furthers the communities' efforts to enhance good neighbor relationships. Questions and concerns were expressed in a lively discussion led by Celeste Warner, project consultant from Matrix Design Group. Please check the website <http://www.ftsilljlus.com/> for more information and future dates of public input sessions.



## PUBLIC SAFETY

An inventory of federally loaned equipment will be conducted in Tillman County during the month of October. This completes the 2017 inventory.

The **Valley View** and **Corum Volunteer Fire Departments** will be receiving inspections on new brush trucks. Both Departments have done an outstanding job building the vehicles to meet their needs and that of the community. The **Farwell Fire Department** is getting very close to inspection for their Rescue truck.



## IT'S TIME FOR CDBG APPLICATIONS!



While the first applications are not due until the end of February, every community that has a CDBG eligible project should start making preparations now. Low-to-Moderate Income (LMI) Surveys may be necessary to qualify. If federal funds are to be used for engineering, a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) process is mandatory. Engineering plans and specs take time, so you should be talking to engineers now. If you have questions or need help, please contact the **Tom Zigler** (580)736-7971 or **Steve Kelly** (580)736-7965.

## SENIOR INFORMATION LINE - AN IMPORTANT LINK FOR SENIORS TO SERVICES

The Information Line functions in a myriad of ways. ASCOG received almost 200 calls in August where assistance was rendered. We are excited this service is being utilized so well in our area. Please use and distribute this number to reach **Kristina Brown** at (580) 736-7972 or toll-free at (800) 211-2116. The Senior Information Line is funded through the Oklahoma Department of Human Services and the Administration on Community Living with ASCOG providing a local match. ASCOG does not discriminate based on race, color, religion, sex, disability or national origin.

## SENIOR COMMUNITY SERVICES EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM (SCSEP) ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

The SCSEP program (formerly referred to as Title V) is a program intended to pair eligible seniors needing employment for extra income with eligible non-profit and governmental agencies. The program pays for most of the wages for up to 3 years. Applications are being accepted for the 14 counties served by ASCOG. For more information and a map of our service area, go to <http://www.ascog.org/olderworker/> or call **Suellen McAllister** at (580) 736-7029 or **Kris Brown** at (580) 736-7972. SCSEP is funded through Oklahoma DHS and the U.S. Department of Labor.

