

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

ASCOG will be closed on Friday, November 10th for VETERAN'S DAY and Wednesday through Friday, November 22 through 24 for THANKSGIVING HOLIDAYS.

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AREA AGENCY ON AGING RESOURCE DIRECTORY AVAILABLE ONLINE

Every year the ASCOG Area Agency on Aging publishes a directory of resources containing information for services relevant to aging Oklahomans and adults with disabilities. The directory is available under the AAA Forms page at this internet address: <http://www.ascog.org/supportive-services/forms-area-agency-on-aging/>. Due to budget cuts the directory is only available online but is in a printable format. For more information or to provide updates to the resource directory, please contact **Ken Jones** at jone_ke@ascog.org or at 580.736.7972.

Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program

State Long-Term Care Ombudsman are advocates for residents of nursing homes, board and care homes, assisted living facilities and similar adult care facilities. They work to resolve problems of individual residents and to bring about changes at the local, state and national levels that will improve residents' care and quality of life. For detailed information, contact ASCOG/Oklahoma State Ombudsman Supervisor **Dacia Nix**, direct: 580-736-7975, nix_da@ascog.org toll free: (800) 658-1466 ext. 221.

Thanksgiving Day comes, by statute, once a year; to the honest man it comes as frequently as the heart of gratitude will allow. ~Edward Sandford Martin





The **HULEN FIRE DEPARTMENT** received title to their completed 2009 Freightliner tanker now in service. The truck was passed through ASCOG's Rural Fire Defense Coordinator PERRY BRINEGAR. This will be a great asset to the department and Comanche County.



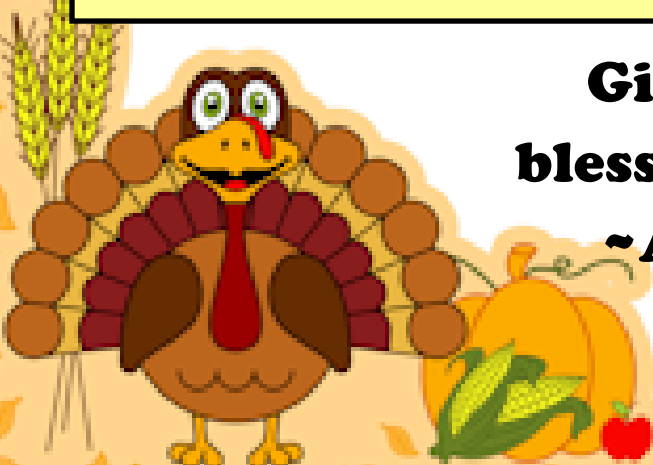
The **TUTTLE FIRE DEPARTMENT** also received title to their new addition of a 2009 Freightliner and 6000-gallon tanker trailer. This equipment also acquired through ASCOG from forestry rural fire defense program.



FUND RAISING EFFORTS are starting as weather cools down a bit. Please support the volunteer departments in your area so great projects as these can continue.

Give thanks for unknown blessings already on their way.

~ American Indian saying





2018 REAP APPLICATIONS


There were 37 REAP applications from 42 eligible applicants. There are 3 Regional applications, 6 third year applications, and 9 second year applications. A breakdown of the type of applications include: 13 for water related, 2 for storm sirens, 12 for streets and sidewalks, 2 for sewer, 5 for buildings, 2 safety and emergency related equipment, and 1 utility. The total requested is \$1,808,657.56, but there is only \$872,837 available from the state allocation to be awarded. The executive committee will score all applications beginning at 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 16th prior to the regularly scheduled meeting. The results will be posted on our website www.ascog.org Friday, December 15th.

2018 CDBG GRANT APPLICATIONS


Eligible applicants should start preparing and taking appropriate action NOW if they intend to apply for a CDBG. Every year, some will wait until it is too late to get the required meetings and other actions completed. Public hearings must be advertised at least 7 days prior and then you have to have a meeting to confirm what was done in the public hearing. Also, 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 there are any questions, please contact CED Staff. REMEMBER, ASCOG staff writes CDBG applications at no cost to you. Independent grant writers often charge as much as 3-5% to just write the application. If you do not use ASCOG to administer the grants, you must advertise for bids for grant administration. Fees for grant administration are paid with grant funds regardless of whether you use ASCOG or an independent. Do not be deceived if an independent grant writer accompanies an engineer to your meeting promising a “turn key” job. They cannot do anything ASCOG cannot do. Contact us before making a commitment!



**ASCOG Medicare Counselors Available for
One-on-One Medicare Counseling**



ASCOG's two certified Medicare Counselors will be available for one-on-one Medicare counseling and to help with open enrollment. See schedule below. For more information, contact **Kris Brown** at (580) 736-7036 or **Ken Jones** at (580) 736-7972.



November 2, Senior Center for Creative Living, Lawton, 9:00 a.m.



November 3, Great Plains Improvement Foundation Senior Appreciation Day, Lawton, 8:00 a.m.



November 7, Marlow Nutrition Site, 9:00 a.m.



November 14, Tipton Senior Center, 9:00 a.m.


November 14, Grandfield Senior Center 11:30 a.m.



November 17, Cambridge Neighborhood Watch, Lawton, 9:00 a.m.



November 20, Senior Center for Creative Living, Lawton, 9:00 a.m.



**What we say
about our
blessings is not as
important as how
we use them.**

