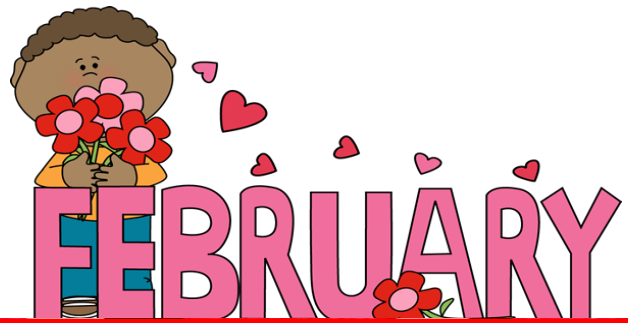


# ASCOG NEWS 'N BRIEFS

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## 2020 CENSUS

Every community should be communicating with their residents about the upcoming census. An accurate count is vital for each community because it helps determine where to locate schools, day-care centers, roads, public transportation, hospitals, and other facilities. Census information is used to determine grant eligibility criteria as well as determining the numbers for how many seats Oklahoma will have in the U.S. House of Representatives. It is used to determine what has to be done for redistricting of state legislators, county and city officials as well as voting districts. Each community should consider adopting a proclamation of commitment for a 2020 CENSUS COMPLETE COUNT! Be sure your community receives all of the benefits it deserves by encouraging everyone to provide accurate information to the census workers. If you would like a draft copy of a proclamation, please contact Ronnie Ward at [ward\\_ro@ascog.org](mailto:ward_ro@ascog.org).

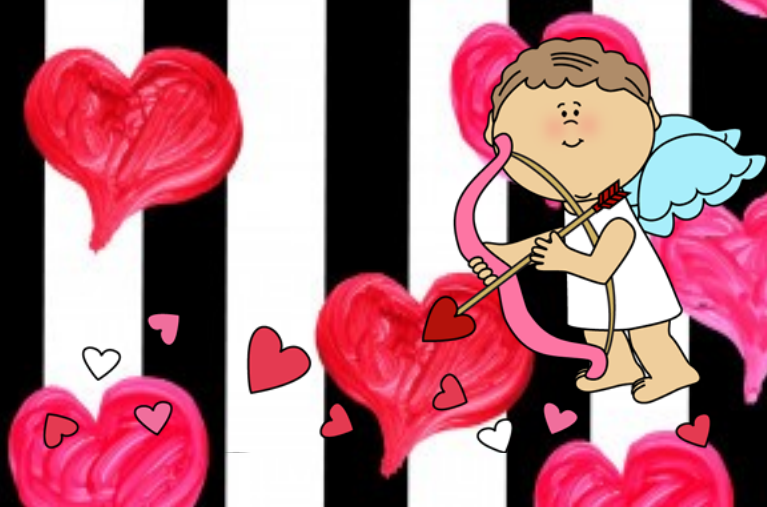
## REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING

This past year, the Southwest Oklahoma Regional Transportation Planning Organization (SORTPO) has formulated and completed long range plans for Grady and McClain Counties. Additionally, Jefferson, Stephens, and Tillman Counties have had updates made to their 2040 Long Range Transportation Plans. For Federal Fiscal Year 2019 long range plans are being researched and formulated for **CADDO** and **COMANCHE COUNTIES**. After these two counties' long-range plans are finished, then the sixteen county SORTPO Long Range Plan will be formulated. This will become an invaluable tool to help develop a strong economic future for Southwest Oklahoma.

If you live or work in either Caddo or Comanche Counties, please go to the SORTPO website: [www.sortpo.org](http://www.sortpo.org) and take the public opinion survey. Once you are on the website, find Caddo or Comanche Counties and answer the survey. The information received from the survey will help determine where transportation funding will be focused. The whole project is to build a better future for Southwest Oklahoma. Better roads leads to better community development opportunities! Your input is important!

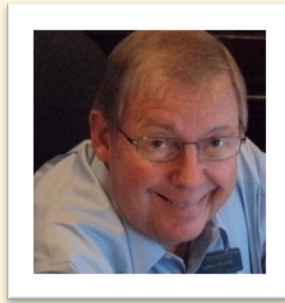


**OPERATIONAL GRANT FORMS FOR FIRE DEPARTMENTS** will be emailed the first week of February. Please complete the forms and mail them along with all fire reporting activities to the state fire marshal's office. Should you have questions or need assistance please call **PERRY BRINEGAR**, 580-736-7023.



## 2018 REAP CONTRACTS

All 2018 REAP Contracts have less than six months to spend your REAP funds. The deadline is June 30, 2019. If you have any questions you need to contact **Tom Zigler** (580) 736-7971 or e-mail [zigl\\_to@ascog.org](mailto:zigl_to@ascog.org).



Tom

## NEW LOCATION FOR THE AREA AGENCY ON AGING MEETINGS SCHEDULED FEBRUARY 26

The ASCOG AAA will host the following meetings at the ASCOG Conference Room, 802 W. Main in Duncan on February 26.

Elderly Assistance Incorporated Board – 9:30 a.m.

ASCOG AAA Advisory Council – 10:30 a.m.

ASCOG OSHL – Noon

## CDBG APPLICATIONS DUE DATES

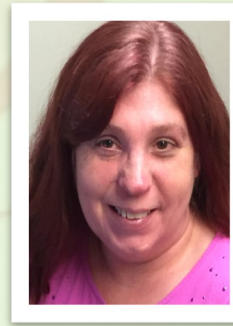
- CDBG-REAP - February 28, 2019
- Community Revitalization - March 29, 2019
- Water and Wastewater Construction and Engineering - May 1, 2018

(No application will be considered unless it includes a copy of the completed FY2018 Audit or Agreed Upon Procedures.)

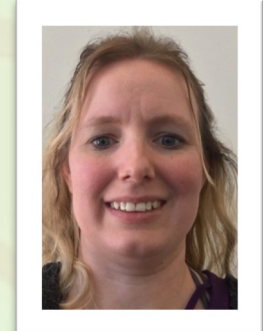
If you have any questions about Community Development Blocks Grants, please contact **Tom Zigler** (580)736-7971 or [zigl\\_to@ascog.org](mailto:zigl_to@ascog.org) or **Michael Dixon** (580)736-7965 or [dixo\\_mi@ascog.org](mailto:dixo_mi@ascog.org).

## OMBUDSMAN PROGRAM

New volunteer training February 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> for the Ombudsman Program will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Canadian Valley Technology Center, 1401 W Michigan Ave in Chickasha. For more information on how to become a volunteer contact Ombudsman Supervisors **Dacia Nix** [nix\\_da@ascog.org](mailto:nix_da@ascog.org) or (580) 736-7975 or **Kim Rhodes** [rhod\\_ki@ascog.org](mailto:rhod_ki@ascog.org) or (580) 736-7974.



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Kim

## OMBUDSMAN PRESENTATIONS

Ombudsman presentation will be given at the following Nutrition Centers in February by Kim Rhodes:

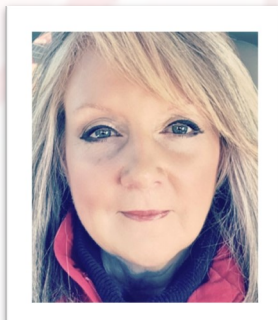
- February 13 Carnegie at 11:00
- February 21 Tuttle at

## Caregiver Respite and Chore Assistance Presentations

Caregiver Respite & Chore Assistance Presentations will be given in 30 minute presentations at the following Nutrition Centers in February (approximate beginning times in parenthesis):

- February 6 Patterson Center (10), Lawton (11), Cache (12:30)
- February 7 Purcell (10), Wayne (11), Byars (12)
- February 13 Elgin (10), Cyril (11), Cement (12)
- February 14 Walters (10), Temple (11), Geronimo (12)

If you are a caregiver who would like more information about Caregiver Respite services or the Chore program or would like information and details on other area presentations, please contact **Cindy Hale** at (580) 560-4445.



Cindy

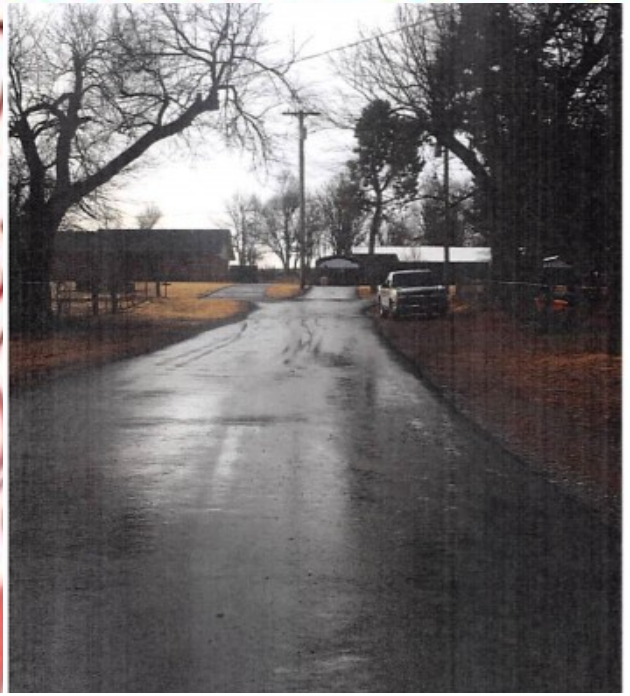
## MASONIC GRANTS FOR NEEDY ELDERLY

2019 Masonic grant applications for needy citizens 55 and over were emailed to all town clerks on January 7. Almost 40 applications have already been processed and about 1/4 of the available funds have been committed. If you know of someone needing assistance in your community, reach out to them and see if this program can help them if they are in need. You will be blessed.

# REAP SPOTLIGHT REPORT



**BEFORE**



**AFTER**

Photos of a Portion of 2nd Street in Binger

With \$60,000 from a 2018 REAP, the Town of Binger purchased the material to chip and seal several of their roads that needed repaired the most throughout their town. Portions of South 1st and South 2nd Streets, North 1st and North 2nd Streets, Caddo, Kiowa, Comanche, and Fairground Streets had worn to base material and was dusty when dry and messy when wet. Now those areas have newly surfaced roads that eliminated those problems. Caddo County Commissioner District #1 Benny Bowling and his crew provided the equipment and labor to install the material.



## **FREE ADVERTISING FOR YOUR COMMUNITY EVENTS**

For the last few months, we have been offering free advertisements to promote events in communities within ASCOG's 8-county region. Events often bring tourists or folks living in neighboring communities who come to enjoy the event and spend a few dollars having a good time. Candidly, most of the information is separated for our area and copied from the Oklahoma Department of Tourism webpage. Some volunteer fire departments have sent flyers promoting their fundraisers. Depending on time and space availability, we advertise what we can if we know about it in time. Please let me know if you have something you want advertised. My email information is ward\_ro@ascog.org. ASCOG reserves the right to reject or edit any advertisement for any reason.

### **HOYRA YOUTH RODEO FEBRUARY 2 - 3**

#### **STEPHENS COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS, DUNCAN**

The HOYRA Youth Rodeo in Duncan is open to all young people 18 years of age and under. Plan to attend, and witness four different age groups compete in a series of fast-paced competitions, from barrels and poles to goat tying and breakaway roping. HOYRA also offers ribbon roping, tie-down calf roping, steer breakaway, steer stopping and team roping opportunities. (405) 818-7556 for details.



### **LAWTON RV, BOAT & OUTDOOR LEISURE SHOW FEBRUARY 8-10**

#### **COMANCHE COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS**

Come see what's new in outdoor recreation at the annual Lawton RV, Boat & Outdoor Leisure Show at Lawton Comanche County Fairgrounds this February. See the latest RVs, boats and outdoor-related products and services at special show prices. Car fans will also enjoy Billingsley Ford and Lawton Chrysler Dodge's display of their latest car and truck models. Get ready for summer with a large selection of grills and hot tubs that will keep things cool in the warmer months. Don't forget to try plenty of food options at this family-friendly event. (405)787-0787; (405) 229-2600 for details.



### **DUNCAN LITTLE THEATRE PRESENTS: SHREK THE MUSICAL FEBRUARY 22 - MARCH 2 SIMMONS CENTER, DUNCAN**

Everyone's favorite ogre takes the stage at Duncan Little Theatre for "Shrek the Musical." See this family-friendly show that brings memorable tunes and hilarity with every scene. With a plenty of characters from the Shrek movie franchise, kids and adults alike are sure to have a ball during this musical production. (580) 252-2900 for details.

