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IT'S TIME TO REAP!

WORKSHOP ATTENDANCE REQUIRED FOR ALL 2020 REAP APPLICANTS

This year's workshop will be different than in the past. There will be only one workshop, and all applicants must attend the 2020 REAP Grant Workshop in order to submit an eligible application. The attendee must be an elected official or an individual appointed by the board or council to represent the entity submitting the application. Any appointment must be reflected in the entity's board minutes. The workshop will be at the Great Plains Technology Center, Room 700, Lawton, on Tuesday, July 23, 2019, beginning at 9:00 a.m. and lasting until 4:00 p.m. The workshop will be conducted by ASCOG staff and will consist of reviewing the 2020 application document, the contract, 5 year strategic plan, Community Development Block Grants (CDBG), and the fiscal year audit requirements. Between now and the scheduled workshop date, applicants must:

- 1.** select an eligible project can be fully funded with grant and leveraged dollars,
- 2.** obtain cost estimates from an eligible source, and
- 3.** take formal board action to approve:
 - a.** any individual who is not an elected official but will be representing the applicant for the workshop,
 - b.** submittal of the project application,
 - c.** **5-year Capital Improvement Plan**, and
 - d.** any cash or in-kind leverage from the applicant agency. Keep in mind that these matches are not required but do figure into the scoring system.

2020 REAP grants will have the same time requirements. Projects must begin within 6 months and be completed by June 30, 2021.

PLEASE, call CED staff if you have any questions. **Tom Zigler** office (580) 736-7971 cell (580) 736-4828 or **Mike Dixon** office (580) 736-7965 cell (580) 606-2201.

REMEMBER! IF YOU DON'T COME, YOU CAN'T APPLY!

ASCOG STAFF CAN WRITE YOUR REAP GRANT APPLICATION FOR A FEE

ASCOG CED staff can now write a REAP grant application for you for a \$150 fee. If the application is not funded this year, there is no charge for writing a subsequent application the following year for the same project. This fee must be paid for by the applicant and not out of REAP funds. The \$150 is a good investment for a grant averaging over \$40,000 per grant. Having ASCOG CED staff write your grants does not guarantee approval, but it does ensure that your grant is well-written where the scorers can fully understand the importance of the project to your community/county.

KEN JONES APPOINTED TO COMMISSION



Pursuant to provisions of HB 3328 (2018), Senate President Pro-Tempore Greg Treat has appointed Ken Jones to serve as a member of the Commission on the Prevention of Abuse of Elderly and Vulnerable Adults. Congratulations to Ken for such a prestigious appointment.



KRISTINA MANRIQUEZ SELECTED AS CHAIR OF AIRS

Kris is the new chair of the Oklahoma Chapter of Alliance of Information and Referral Systems which focuses attention on the yearly certification and additional training of information and referral specialist to ensure proper and appropriate referral processes for seniors and persons with disabilities. Congratulations to Kris for her new position.



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FRAUDULENT STORM SHELTER SCAMS REPORTED

Multiple reports of a fraudulent scam related to the installation of storm shelters have recently been filed in our area. The scammers are asking for personal information and promising a payment in full will come from ASCOG, local fire departments and other organizations. This information is completely false! ASCOG does not fund the installation of storm shelters and has not partnered with any organization to provide this service.



Stephens County Emergency Management does have a Storm Shelter Program through their partnership with FEMA. This grant requires payment in full up front from the applicant and then qualifying citizens might be eligible to receive rebates. Two meetings are scheduled for Stephens County residents. The first is from 5-7 pm Monday, May 6 in the Territory Room of the Stephens County Fairgrounds located at 2002 S. 13th St. in Duncan. The second meeting is from 11 am to 2 pm Tuesday, May 7 in the same room of the Fairgrounds. According to Gary Curtis, Emergency Management Director, the service area for the meetings include all of Stephens County.

Information and Assistance is offered to all our counties in our service area including Caddo, Comanche, Cotton, Grady, Jefferson, McClain, Stephens and Tillman. Information and Assistance Services are available by calling **Kristina Manriquez** by phone via the Senior Information Line at 1-800-211-2116, her office at (580) 736-7036, by fax at (580) 252-6170, by email at [manr kr@ascog.org](mailto:manrkr@ascog.org), on our website at www.ascog.org, or by visiting us on Facebook.

CONGRATULATIONS TO SUPERVISORS AND EMPLOYEES IN ASCOG'S AAA AND MANAGED CARE PROGRAMS



For the first in our history, DHS monitors reported no findings for the AAA and MANAGED CARE programs. This is quite an accomplishment especially considering cuts in funding, fewer personnel, and more regulations occurring in recent years. Kudos to every employee in those two divisions for your hard work and dedication. Your passion for serving the elderly in our area is amazing!

NATIONAL
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June 6



National Oklahoma Day
www.NationalDayCalendar.com

June 7
#NationalOklahomaDay

NATIONAL
DAY
CALENDAR

ASCOG PARTNERS WITH MADDIELUKE SUPPORT FOR CAREGIVER RESPITE, GRANDPARENTS/SENIORS RAISING RELATIVE CHILDREN (GRRC) RESPITE, AND CHORE ASSISTANCE SERVICES

ASCOG is pleased to announce it will be partnering with MaddieLuke Support again in providing Caregiver Respite, GRRC Respite, and Chore assistance services beginning on July 1st, 2019. ASCOG has been providing these services in-house for the past year (SFY19) under the direction of **Cindy Hale**, our Caregiver Coordinator, who formerly served as a Director with MaddieLuke Support. Cindy will be leaving us to serve as Project Director with MaddieLuke and will continue to oversee these programs.

The Caregiver Respite and Grandparents/Seniors Raising Relative Children Respite programs offer caregivers who care for a homebound loved one who is age 60 or above or grandparents/seniors (age 55 or above raising relative children) up to \$300 quarterly to pay for a Respite Provider to care for their loved one(s) to allow them to have a brief period of rest (respite).

The Chore program provides eligible seniors age 60 or above up to \$150 per state fiscal year to pay for heavy housework, yard work, or sidewalk maintenance. Participants must be unable to perform such duties for themselves due to a functional, physical, or mental impairment, and indicate that an informal support network, e.g. family, friends, or neighbors capable of meeting the participant's needs is unavailable or insufficient.

ASCOG will continue to provide Caregiver Respite, GRRC Respite, and Chore services through the end of June. If you need information about these programs, please contact **Cindy Hale** at (580) 560-4445. On or after July 1, please contact MaddieLuke Support directly at Pete.Goldring@MaddieLuke.com. **For further information and/or to make a referral for services prior to June 30th please call 580-736-7976.**

AREA AGENCY ON AGING TO HOST ANNUAL TITLE III TRAINING JUNE 26TH, 2019 starting at 9:30 am

All Title III Project Directors are required to attend the annual training hosted by Area Agency on Aging staff at the Red River Technology Center in Duncan. Training will be provided by ASCOG AAA Director, **Ken Jones**, Caregiver Coordinator, **Cindy Hale**, the **Oklahoma Alzheimer's Association** and the **DHS Special Unit on Aging**. For more information, contact **Ken Jones** at (580) 736-7972.

MEDICARE NEWS

Several Medicare beneficiaries have expressed concern after a pharmacy in Greer county was found to have committed fraud. Being mindful of the services received, reviewing your Medicare Summary Notices, and practicing secure communication routines are good practices to follow in protecting your identity. Many other tools exist such as identity theft insurance and identity security services. For more information or to schedule Medicare individual counseling as well as group presentations, please contact **Kristina Manriquez** by phone via the Senior Information Line at (800) 211-2116, her office at (580) 736-7036, by fax at (580) 252-6170, by email at manr_kr@ascog.org, on our website at www.ascog.org or by visiting us on Facebook.

Please mark your calendars for community senior events listed below.

June 20th - Senior Health Fair, Patterson Community Center, Lawton, 8 am - 3 pm

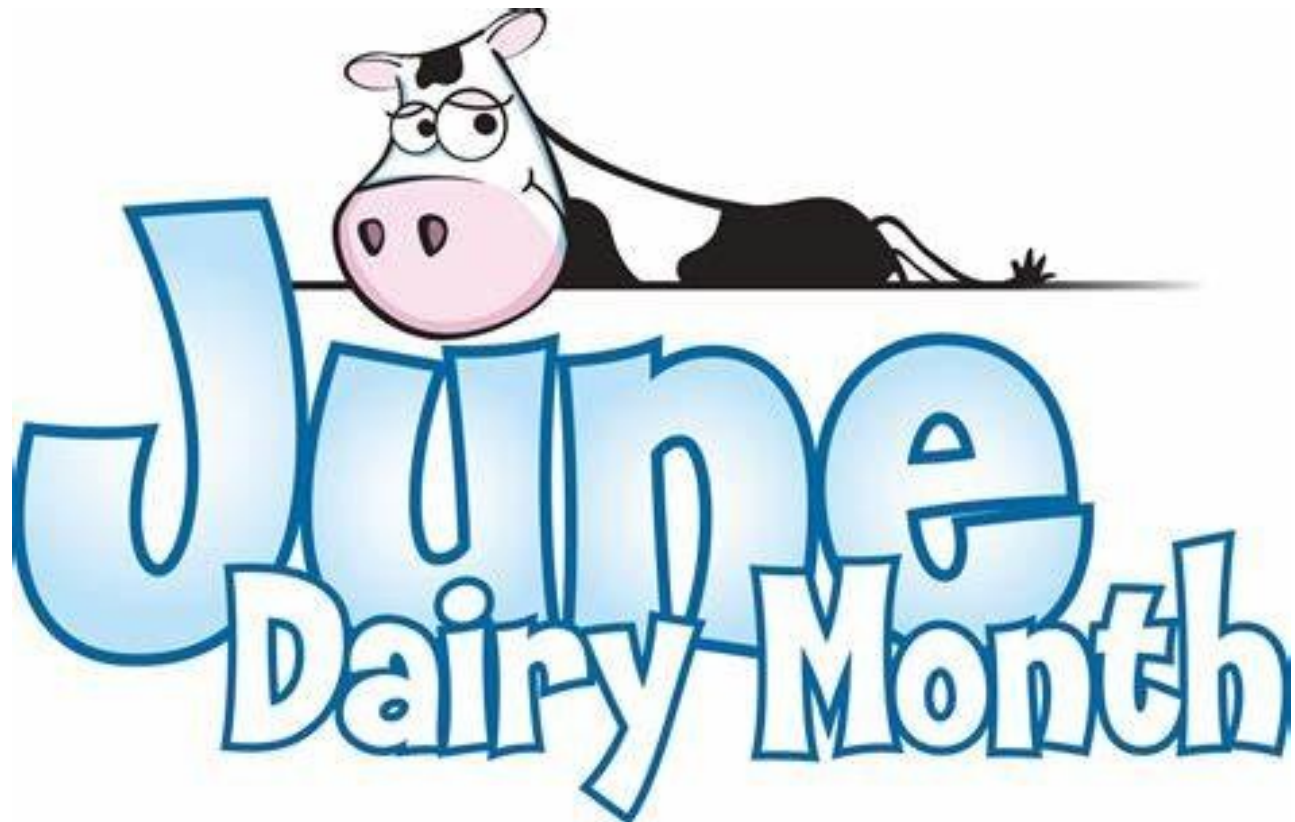
June 25th - Douglas Nutrition Site, Duncan, 10 am - 1 pm

June 27th - Frederick Senior Meal Site, Frederick, 8 am - 1 pm

FIRE EQUIPMENT INSPECTIONS AND TRAINING

Inspections for Hydro, Empire City, and Wichita Mountain Estates, will be completed and titles are to be issued as soon as possible. Amber, Cyril and Waurika should also be completed soon.

A Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG), more commonly known as “propane or butane”, class will be held at Red River Technology Center on Saturday, June 8. This is a twelve-hour class in one day for completion. All fire departments in the ASCOG area has been re-certified for 2020.





**MORGAN HORSE
ASSOCIATION SHOWCASE
June 1 - June 2, 2019
McClain County Expo Center
2101 Hardcastle Blvd, Purcell**

Come watch riders compete at the Sooner State Morgan Horse Association seasonal showcase at the McClain County Expo Center in Purcell. Cheer on adults and youth as they ride in hunt seat and Western seat classes during ring show events on Saturday. Sit back and enjoy Sooner State Morgan Horse Association show events, from showmanship and lead line to walk-trot equitation and saddle seat equitation. On Sunday, check in and see who the judges select as winners among amateur, junior and open dressage riders for both seat classes. See who takes home medals and racks up the most points toward year-end awards.

OKLAHOMA CIVIL WAR SYMPOSIUM

**June 8, 2019
1727 W. Alabama Ave.
Chickasha (405) 574-1229**



History buffs won't want to miss the Oklahoma Civil War Symposium at the University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma. This free event will feature lectures by three renowned historians. Hear USAO's professor of American Indian studies Dr. Lee Hester, St. Bonaventure University's Dr. Chris Mackowski and University of Alabama's professor emeritus Dr. George Rable as they present engaging perspectives on the Civil War's impact on American history. *The speaking event will be followed by a book signing and reception. Heavy hors d'oeuvres will be served in the USAO Regents Room. Registration for the reception is required through the website event page by May 31st.*



**AMERICAN HERITAGE
June 13-June 15, 2019
Stephens County Fair & Expo Center
Duncan (701) 242-2747**

Get ready for edge-of-your-seat action at the American Heritage ABBI Show in Duncan. Held at the Stephens County Fairgrounds and hosted by American Bucking Bull Inc., this three-day event features yearling, junior, cowgirl, limited & open features yearling, junior, cowgirl, limited & open futurities. *After all the action, stick around for a delicious dinner followed by the yearling sale. This event will wrap up with an awards ceremony and derby.*

From Pizarro to Picasso:

Hispanic Legacy in America Today

June 18 - 22



Hank Fincken as Francisco Pizarro (El Conquistador)
Paul Vickery as Bartolomé de las Casas (The Missionary)

Lawton Chautauqua: From Pizzaro to Picasso: Hispanic Legacy in America Today

June 18 - June 22, 2019
Lawton City Hall Auditorium
(580) 581-3450

Continuing a centuries-old tradition of traveling education groups in the 19th and early 20th century United States, Lawton Chautauqua presents "2019 Chautauqua: The Spanish Connection with the New World." Held at the Lawton City Hall Auditorium and the Museum of the Great Plains, this modern-day Chautauqua will present a variety of historical enactments, workshops, and informal discussions surrounding Spain's influence on American culture. Each day, a different scholar gives a presentation in character followed by a Q&A session with the audience, first in character, then as a scholar.

2019 Evening Performance Lineup:

Tuesday, June 18: Hank Fincken as Pizarro

Wednesday, June 19: Paul Vickery as Bartolomé de las Casas

Thursday, June 20: Ilene Evans as Elizabeth Catlett

Friday, June 21: Joey Madia as Ernesto (Che) Guevara

Saturday, June 22: Doug Mishler as Pablo Picasso

During the day at 10am and 2pm, there are two workshops held inside the Museum of the Great Plains exploring the West in more depth. Each workshop will be led by a different scholar about a topic pertaining to either his character or some facet of the historical time frame of his character. Evening performances are held at the Lawton City Hall Auditorium at 7pm.

JUNE 17 - NATIONAL EAT YOUR VEGETABLES DAY





HARLEM GLOBETROTTERS
June 20, 2019 @ 7 pm
Great Plains Coliseum, Lawton

Celebrate the Globetrotters' all-new Fan Powered World Tour! Interact with Globetrotters stars more than ever before, both on and off the court. New this year, you can download the Globetrotters' interactive mobile application with exclusive features, including an augmented reality (AR) basketball toss game and custom photo filters. The Globetrotters' one-of-a-kind show is unrivaled in the world of family entertainment.

LION'S Club RODEO

June 20 - June 23, 2019

Stephens County Fair & Expo Center
Duncan (580) 656-3701

Travel to Duncan in southwest Oklahoma for the Lion's Club Rodeo, a three-day rodeo event filled with exciting acts, vendors and concessions. Feel the suspense in the arena, and cheer for your favorite championship rodeo participants as they compete in traditional rodeo events such as bronc riding, calf roping, steer wrestling, barrel racing and bull riding. Join friends and family at the Lion's Club Rodeo for an action-packed great time.



REVOLUTION BARREL RACE
June 22 - June 23, 2019
Grady County Fairgrounds
and Events Center, Chickasha
(405) 224-2031

Witness an influential group of barrel racers take to the arena at Grady County Fairgrounds in Chickasha. During the Revolution Barrel Race, see horses swiftly navigate challenging barrel obstacles. Attend both days of the race, and cheer on barrel racers and their noble steeds to victory.



TOUR OF THE WICHITAS BIKE RIDE

June 22, 2019

**Atwoods, 1820 NW 52nd St, Lawton
(580) 353-7496**

Celebrate biking with a ride through Fort Sill and the beautiful Wichita Mountain Wildlife Refuge at this year's Tour of the Wichitas Bike Ride near Lawton. Choose from four routes featuring different lengths, all featuring wonderful scenery. Longer rides will have a water stop at the visitors center in the refuge. You'll learn about the make-up of the refuge and what types of animals it supports as well as the location of hiking trails and fishing lakes. After departing from the visitors center, you may ride back by Mt. Scott through the quaint town of Medicine Park or take a breathtaking ride down the hill that passes Meers Restaurant, then loop around Lake Lawtonka and back to Lawton.

LAWTON-FORT SILL FREEDOM FESTIVAL

June 29, 2019

**Elmer Thomas Park, Lawton
(580) 353-7496**



Bring your lawn chair and picnic basket to the annual Lawton-Fort Sill Freedom Festival at Elmer Thomas Park for a day full of Independence Day fun. This family-friendly event will feature one of the largest fireworks displays in Oklahoma along many other fun activities. For family-friendly fun, be sure to bring the kids to the Splash Pad and covered playground. Feel free to enjoy self-directed recreation and leisure activities like kite-flying. Food and drink vendors will also cook up delicious offerings to keep everyone hydrated and well-fed while all eagerly await the dusk fireworks show. Stick around until the sun sets, when the Lawton-Fort Sill Freedom Festival closes out with a massive fireworks display choreographed to music. The public is invited to bring lawn chairs, umbrellas, sunscreen, insect repellent, flashlights and picnic baskets. Please no pets, service animals only, and no personal fireworks, alcohol or drones. Pop-up tents are allowed but must be taken down by 8pm.

JUNE IS NATIONAL SAFETY MONTH



**BIKE
SAFETY**
IN THE CITY



**WORLD DAY
FOR SAFETY
AND HEALTH
AT WORK**



**100%
SAFE
HOUSE**



HONOR AMERICA DAY
June 29, 2019
Randlett Park, Anadarko
(405) 247-6651

Celebrate the 4th of July early in Anadarko and enjoy old-fashioned events, live music and a car show at Honor America Day. Take a spin through the festival's popular custom car and

truck show to browse through rows of classic and vintage cars. Make your way to one of the many concession booths at Honor America Day for traditional fair food, sweet treats and icy cold drinks. As an added bonus, live bands will perform throughout the festival. Participate in one of Honor America Day's wide variety of events, and challenge the citizens of Anadarko to a fishing contest, turtle race, soap box derby, chalk art contest and more. Build a sand castle to rival all others in the sand sculpture contest, or grab a friend and participate in a three-legged race.

Honor America Day will also feature a three-on-three basketball tournament, a men's fast-pitch tournament, arts and crafts and plenty of activities for the kids including moon bounces and a slide. At the end of the day, point your gaze skyward for a breathtaking fireworks display as soon as the sun sets.



June is
PTSD
 Awareness
 Month



June is
National Smile Month




♂ June is
 National
 Men's Health
 Month

WEAR BLUE

Awareness. Prevention.
 Education. Family