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News and Briefs

As summer is winding down and our kids are going back to school it is a busy month!! It is also busy for the ASCOG staff starting working on new 2025 grants. The ASCOG board will not meet this month (AUGUST) but will be preparing for our annual "SEPTEMBER COVERED-DISH BANQUET" on the 19th at the Stephens County Fair Building.

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COMMUNITY and ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Tom Zigler, Director

Please remember, ASCOG (Association of South Central Oklahoma Governments) CED (Community & Economic Development) Staff can write your REAP (Rural Economic Action Plan) application. For those who do not want to take the time, who do not have the needed expertise within their staff, or just do not want to go through the hassle, ASCOG staff can help. 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, or conservation district. If you want CED staff to write your grant, please contact us as soon as possible. You need to be in contact with staff by September 9, 2024. This allows staff time to get your application finished in a timely manner.

It is recommended all applicants must: (1) select an eligible project that can be fully funded including leveraged dollars, (2) get cost estimates from an eligible source and (3) take formal board action including approving making the application for the project, approving a 5-year Capital Improvement Plan, and approving any cash leverage from the applicant agency. Keep in mind that these matches are not required but do figure into the scoring system. No objective points will be given for in-kind matches. REAP grants for FY25 will have the same time requirements. Projects must begin within 6 months and be completed by June 30, 2026. PLEASE call CED staff if you have any questions - Tom Zigler 580.736.7971, cell phone 580.736.4828, Riley Cronin 580.736.7984, or Ron Peel 580.736.7024.

2025 REAP SCHEDULE

September 30, 2024– Applications due close of business.

November 21, 2024 – Applications scored.

December 13, 2024 – Awardees announced.

PERRY BRINEGAR /EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR | LISA THOMAS PUBLISHER



Riley Cronin is the new ASCOG Community and Economic Development Planner. Riley is a native of Waurika, Oklahoma and is familiar with the ASCOG area. Previously, Riley attended the University of Central Oklahoma and earned a B.A. in Political Science. While attending college, he was employed at Kalidy Kia and Kalidy LLC. Riley can be reached by telephone at (580) 736-7984 or by email at cron_ri@ascog.org

MANAGED CARE Kelly Sherrill –Nathan Jett Supervisors

Managed care continues to provide services for the Elderly/Disabled in eight counties— Caddo, Carter, Comanche, Cotton, Grady, Jefferson, Stephens and Tillman. ASCOG Case Managers are currently serving 362 mem-

Area Agency on Aging

Lisa Norton and the team have been very busy with the AAA division with budget and contract obligations to our providers. All are doing an AWESOME job. Thank you, team! We are actively looking for an I & A, Information and Assistant person to fill the vacant position at this time. We will be looking at prior resumes that were being processed to see if any are interested for an interview. At this time we are working with the state on conditions on a director to take the helm and continue the great services that the program provides to our communities. Questions, concerns or any information, please contact Lisa Norton, email nort_li@ascog.org or 580-736-7036.



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David Sexton and Ryan Payne

Aging in the Nursing Home

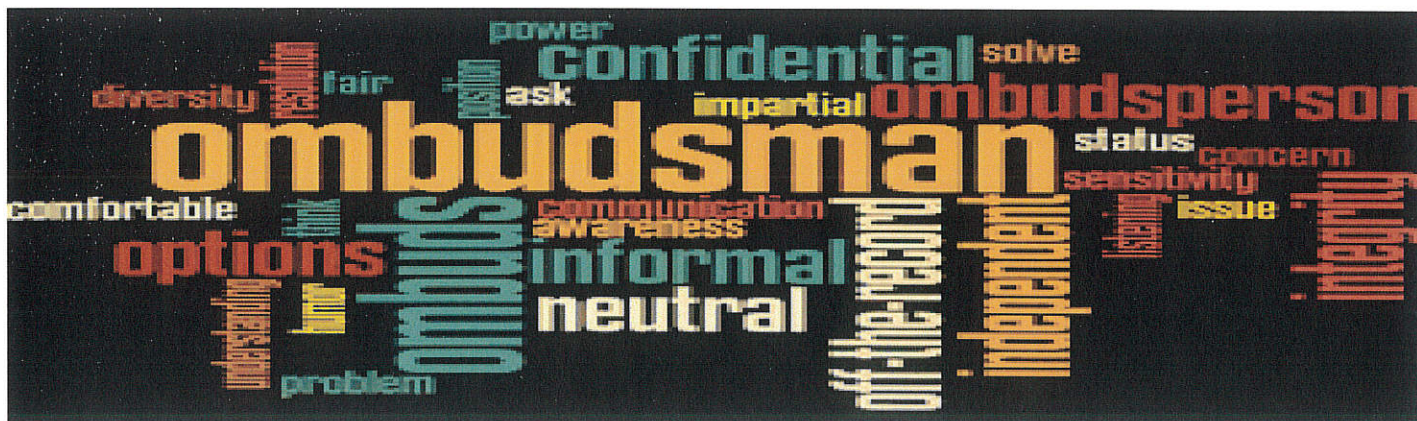
Whether we want to admit it, as the years go by we all tend to age. As we get older we start to think about our health and what would happen to us if we are no longer able to care for ourselves. Aging is a part of life, which starts at birth and ends at death.

What about the in-between time? The time that some of us forget about. That time is who a person is or was. As of this day, there are people, who live year after year aging in the nursing home. Some have lived a long and prosperous life before entering into the nursing home. Those stories are left untold at times.

Aging in the nursing home can be hard on some, due to no communication from people out in the community other than staff members. Because there is no communication, the in-between time of life never gets told of those in the nursing home. The history is lost and forgotten. Their memories fade away when they pass away.

To help keep the residents that are aging in the nursing homes' memories and their stories alive after they are gone, become an Ombudsman Volunteer. By becoming an Ombudsman Volunteer you will be able to visit with the residents and help them to empower themselves in situations that may occur while living in the nursing home.

Ombudsman Supervisors are always looking for Ombudsman Volunteers. To learn more on how to help others or becoming an Ombudsman Volunteer, contact David Sexton or Ryan Payne at ASCOG Area Agency on Aging at 580-736-7974 or 580-736-7975, or 1-800-211-2116 or write to them at P.O. Box 1647 Duncan, OK. 73534. Ombudsman Supervisors are available to speak to your group or organization upon request. Flexible training schedules are available to become an Ombudsman Volunteer.



PUBLIC SAFETY - *Perry Brinegar, Director*

80/20 grants have been turned in at this time for grading and possible awarding to a number of departments for construction or equipment needed for their stations. Training classes are now being set up for fall at area career technology centers. In the ASCOG area the Destry Horton class will be held in February 2025 at the Great Plains Technology Center with some classes being done at Fort Sill. Please check the OSU web site for further information and classes that may be closer to your department.

