

# KEDDO

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## Regional Review

NEWSLETTER OF THE KIAMICHI ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT OF OKLAHOMA

KEDDO continues working with member entities throughout the seven county region to enhance economic development efforts.



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### Director's Report

By Danny Baldwin

The new year has begun with a flurry of activity as REAP awards have been announced for a total of fifty projects totaling \$1.2 million dollars. REAP technical assistance training workshops have been scheduled so the projects can begin soon. We, as always, thank our Legislators for their commitment to the REAP program and also thank the KEDDO Board for their work ensuring that the applications are scored on a fair basis and projects are funded that have the highest needs.

With the Legislative Session beginning, KEDDO staff will be working with our Legislators to ensure that the programs benefiting our communities, cities and counties remain a possibility to receive state funding. We appreciate the hard work of our Legislators who, at a time when funds are scarce, continue with their strong commitment to see that programs such as Rural Fire Defense, Aging, CENA and REAP are continued to help the people of southeast Oklahoma.

I want to thank the KEDDO staff who worked so diligently to assist our member entities with the REAP applications and other projects. As with all grant programs we work with, I want to remind you that we do this service at no cost to your entity. Assembling, completing and submitting grant applications to any state or federal agency is a service member entities receive at no cost other than their annual assessment dues.

I would also be remiss if I did not express our appreciation to the Masons for the funding support that helps fill the gaps in our Aging Services that provides a much needed assistance to our senior citizens across the state. We appreciate their support and their willingness to help the seniors with needs that would otherwise go unmet.

The staff and I remain committed to stand ready to serve our member entities in the KEDDO District.

When you have questions or require assistance, please do not hesitate to contact any of our county offices or staff here at KEDDO's main office.

KEDDO Board Chairman, Dennis Deela presented Certificates of Membership to Michael Brittingham and Jim Freeny at the January Board Meeting. Danny Baldwin, KEDDO Executive Director stated that the commitment and dedication from these members will be beneficial to the Board.



(L-R) Michael Brittingham, Pushmataha Co. Commissioner; KEDDO Board Chairman Dennis Deela and Danny Baldwin, KEDDO Executive Director.



(L-R) Danny Baldwin, KEDDO Executive Director; Jim Freeny, McCurtain Co. Commissioner and KEDDO Board Chairman Dennis Deela.

## Spotlight on . . .

### Stacy Lewis



Stacy Lewis with the Haskell County Conservation District was born in Fort Smith, Arkansas and was raised Keota and Star, Oklahoma.

He married Brenda Mills in 1988. They have two sons: Brennan Lewis who is 20 years old and a Junior at Oklahoma State University, and Dillon Lewis who is 18 years old and a senior at Stigler High School.

Lewis is a self employed cattle rancher in Keota and the Haskell County Conservation Manager. He is also a Deacon of the Whitefield Baptist Church and the Sunday School Director.

Lewis has served on the KEDDO Board of Trustees since October 21, 2009 representing Haskell County and also has served on the Oklahoma Farm Bureau Board for three years.

Danny Baldwin, KEDDO Executive Director, stated that KEDDO is fortunate to have a valuable asset like Stacy working with us to help ensure that the KEDDO District continues to grow and prosper.

## Area Agency on Aging Report

By Kim Rose



Pictured (L-R): David Ray, Masonic Fraternity President, Kim Rose, KEDDO AAA Director and Glen Almy, Masons Grandmaster.

Kim Rose, KEDDO AAA Director, attended a ceremony in which the Masonic Fraternity of Oklahoma presented a \$747,910.39 check to the Oklahoma Association of Area Agencies on Aging.

This check will be divided among the eleven Area Agencies on Aging throughout the State of Oklahoma to assist individuals 55 and over who are in need of some type of assistance that is not otherwise provided by other agencies. The KEDDO Area Agency on Aging will receive \$59,051.00 to assist individuals in the district.

The KEDDO Senior Day is scheduled for April 15, 2011 at the Southeast Expo Center in McAlester.

## WIA REPORT

By Toni Smith

The McAlester Workforce Center staff John Spurlock, Ruby Boyce and Missy Frazier recently presented a professional power point presentation to inform the McAlester High School class (Key Academy) with information about the Workforce Center and all the services that are available to our community. Information provided students with facts about the center which informed students that the center is much more than just the Unemployment Center.

We provide a variety of FREE employment resources to assist with your job search and career development including information and access to training opportunities.

The services presented included: Veteran Services, Pre-Employment Assessments, Job Readiness Workshops, Career Consultation, Career Exploration - Information & Activities, Job Seeker Networking & Support, WIA Programs: Dislocated Worker Services, Adult and Youth, Unemployment Resolution Representatives, High-Speed Internet Access, Phones, Fax Machines & Copiers, Typing, 10-Key & Microsoft Office Tutorials, Job Referrals, Skills Upgrade / Training, Resume Assistance, Youth Services and Senior Employment Programs.



An open house and ribbon cutting ceremony was held for the McAlester Workforce Center on March 3, 2011. Several KEDDO Staff were in attendance.

### NEED A SPEAKER?

KEDDO will furnish a speaker for your civic club.

Call Danny Baldwin at 918/465-2367.

GET CENSUS INFORMATION ON LINE:

To find information about your community, state and county, go to <http://factfinder.census.gov>

**KEDDO Website:** [www.keddo.org](http://www.keddo.org)

**KEDDO E-Mail:** [kblaylock@keddo.org](mailto:kblaylock@keddo.org)

# Projects Report

By Steven Clemente

The 2011 REAP grants have been awarded by the KEDDO Board of Trustees and approved by the Oklahoma Department of Commerce (ODOC). The KEDDO Board opted to delay implementation until reasonably sure that there would be no budget modification similar to last year and that a transfer of funds from ODOC had begun. Most of the awardees could not afford to make up a reduction if funds are reduced after expenses have been incurred. KEDDO received the first transfer of funds in mid-February. Staff began the preparation of subcontracts and scheduling of implementation training for March. All applicants will receive either an award or denial letter. Awardees will also receive a notice of the date, time and place for implementation training and subcontract dissemination.

The 2011 CDBG grant cycle opened in December. The amount of funding and allocations are similar to last year. Water and Wastewater applications will be limited to a maximum of \$350,000. The Community Revitalization grant limit is \$150,000. With the statewide funding the same as last year, the grant process will remain extremely competitive with the amount of the applicant's leverage contribution the single most important factor. An entity may submit only one application for funding. The only exceptions are with county sponsored applications. A county may act as an accommodating sponsor for a small town without the fiscal capacity to apply on their own without restriction. If a county has one or less open grants, they may submit one application on their own behalf (direct jurisdiction) and sponsor one additional application or sponsor two applications. If a county has two open grants, they may submit only one application, regardless of source. A town or city with an open CDBG grant may not apply. These rules include Water/Wastewater, Community Revitalization and CDBG/REAP.

KEDDO is currently assisting with implementation of fifteen CDBG projects funded for the district and has begun the application process for the new cycle with a number of our member entities.

If you have any questions about our program, please contact Steven Clemente, Patty Adams or Danny Baldwin at 1-800-722-8180 or (918) 465-2367, or Steve Smalling at 580-212-6627. To see the complete list of REAP grants by county, go to [www.keddo.org/REAP.htm](http://www.keddo.org/REAP.htm).

# Rural Fire Report

By Larry Morgan

## TRAINING

The Oklahoma State University fire service training school was held at Atoka on January 22-23, 2011. This is a certified training at no cost to the departments hosted by Atoka Fire Department. There was a Fire Truck parade on Friday, January 21, 2011, with approximately 118 fire trucks in the parade and over 643 participants enrolled in the fire training school. Listed below are the types of training that were available.

### Class Schedule:

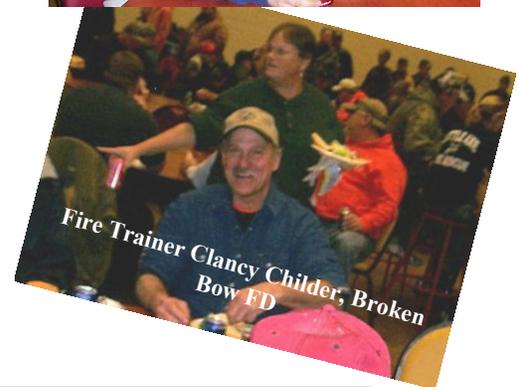
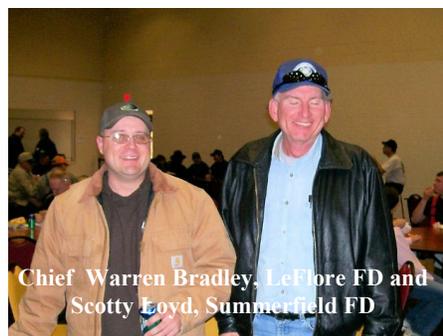
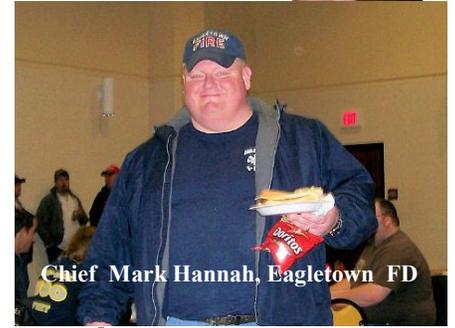
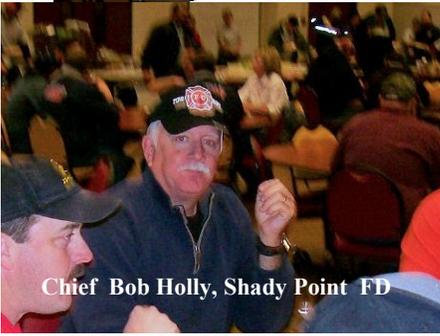
Water shuttle	(16hr)
Wild Land Fundamental	(16hr)
NFS Arson Detection	(16hr)
Extrication	( 8hr)
Pump Operations	( 8hr)
ISO Pump Service Testing	( 8hr)
Fire Tanker Safety	( 4hr)
Responding May Day	( 8hr)
Portable Flashover Mobile Fire & Behavior Lab	( 8hr)
Small Engine Tactics	( 8hr)
Hazmat & Exam	( 8hr)
Emergency Drive Training	( 8hr)
Tactic & Strategies for Incident Command	(4hr)
Ropes	(4hr)

We would like to give a special thanks to the OSU fire service staff, City of Atoka, Atoka Fire Department, SODA and State and Local Legislators who made this free training available through State appropriation.



Official COOKS for the training. (L-R) Perry Brinegar, ACOG Fire Coordinator; David Blackburn, Atoka FD; Larry Morgan, KEDDO Fire Coordinator; Don Walker, Atoka City Manager and Tommy Sheppard, SODA Fire Coordinator.

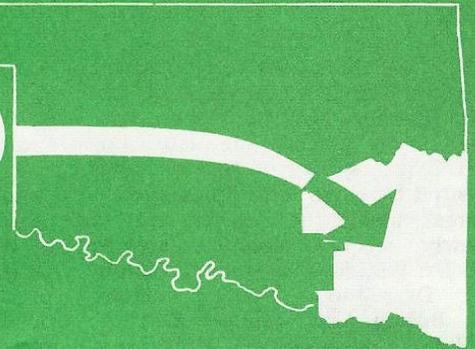
# OSU Fire Service Training Pictures



*Thank you to all the Fire Departments and Chiefs*

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# Kiamichi Country Begins Promotion

Kiamichi Country, Inc., a tourism promotion entity for the seven-county KEDDO region, is scheduling showings of the slide presentation, Kiamichi Trail Country. The presentation is a fast-paced, computer-run showing designed to create enthusiasm about Kiamichi Country within the local populace as well as possible investors from outside this area.

On February 19, the showing schedule begins at Antlers and continues:

- February 20 . . . . . Heavener
- February 21 . . . . . Broken Bow
- February 22 . . . . . McAlester
- February 23 . . . . . Stigler

Following these local showings, a full-day discussion session will convene in Wilburton on February 28. "Kiamichi Trail Country" in slide form is only the smallest, first step prior to long-range goal planning concerning tourism and its role in southeast Oklahoma. For this purpose,

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## Guy Parks Receives Appreciation Award

Guy Parks, Chief of Police, McAlester, and soon to become Chief at Moore, Oklahoma was presented an award of appreciation at the regular quarterly meeting of the Kiamichi Criminal Justice Commission in January, by the Chairman of the Commission, Mr. Hewey Rozzell, Idabel. The inscription on the award read, "Certificate of Appreciation presented to Guy Parks, Chief of Police, McAlester for outstanding and dedicated service while serving on the Kiamichi Criminal Justice Commission (KEDDO) 1971-1973". Chief Parks will assume the new position February 1.



MR. GUY PARKS, (left), chief of Police, McAlester, is pictured above receiving the special Award of Appreciation from KCJC Chairman, Hewey Rozzell.

In other action of the Commission, six individuals: Harold Dane, Associate District Judge, Haskell County; J.B. Orr, members whose terms expired for various reasons were replaced with the following (Continued on Page 3)

## **KEDDO BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

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