AARP OK Legislative Roundup

AARP OK once again successfully advocated for the most vulnerable in our state. Impressive legislative victories includes the passage of HB 2482 which allows credentialed nurses to practice across state lines without requiring separate state licenses, HB 2547 which removes a cumbersome, in-person requirement for informed consent before a telehealth visit and the passing of SB 1127 which modifies the definition of vulnerable adult to include persons with Alzheimer’s and related dementias.

AARP OK continues to be the leading voice for consumers in our state. We fought PSO’s unjustified $130 million proposed rate hike along with the help of thousands of Oklahomans. 3,200 participated in PSO teletown hall, 10,902 watched a PSO teletown hall video and another 1,428 emailed and called the Corporation Commissioners. Ultimately, the final order granted PSO only a fraction of what was requested. Looking ahead, we know the utilities will not stop as both OG&E and PSO have revealed plans for more proposed rate hikes. But, with your support, neither will we.
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Southern Plains Tribal Health Board Public Health Conference

National Indian Council on Aging Conference

Native American Outreach

700
Attended 8th Annual AARP Oklahoma Indian Elders Honors

50
Native Americans honored in 2016

29
Oklahoma tribes and nations represented by recognized elders

20
Representatives from across nation attended the American Indian Alaska Native Strategy work group

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Tax–Aide

Across 36 sites, 321 Oklahoma

AARP Foundation Tax-Aide volunteers helped more than 34,126 people file their federal and state tax returns. This resulted in refunds totaling $17.5 million and a total Earned Income Tax Credit of nearly $4.1 million.

Livable Communities

30 Livable Communities activities | 21 HomeFit presentations | 14 SBA Encore Entrepreneur workshops

AARP opened The Community Market of Pottawatomie County in July 2016 to serve the most vulnerable citizens of Pottawatomie County to help address hunger and provide vital community resources.

3,200+ Oklahomans participated in more than 200 Driver Safety classes statewide taught by 47 AARP volunteers.

Fighting Hunger, Feeding Hope

1st Food resource center built from the ground up in Oklahoma

47% of Pottawatomie County residents have experienced food insecurity

3,500 Oklahoma served each month

Pictured left in Livable Communities: Oklahoma City Mayor Mick Cornett authored forward and featured in “Where We Live” book.