

Garvin, McClain, and Stephens Counties *The Delta Difference*

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Programs

- **Head Start/Early Head Start**
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- **Free Income Tax Preparation**
Becky Deaton,
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- **Foster Grandparents**
Mynan Hutto,
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- **Housing**
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- **Senior Nutrition**
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- **Rx for Oklahoma**
Becky Deaton,
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- **Transportation**
Susan Coldwater,
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- **Weatherization**
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Director



Delta's Senior Nutrition Program Expands

Since July 1st, Delta Community Action's Senior Nutrition Program has been serving thirty-two senior nutrition sites across southern Oklahoma. The addition of several senior nutrition sites to Delta's Nutrition Program is largely a result of vast budget cuts at the state level. Delta Nutrition was fortunate enough to be acknowledged by local government officials as a program capable of saving and maintaining senior nutrition sites as opposed to closing them for good.



cess to insurance and benefits they have not had in the past.

The nutrition program at Delta serves five hot meals a week, provides daily delivery of meals, and offers transportation to and from nutrition sites. Delta is honored to serve area seniors who often depend on nutrition sites for their daily meals. For more information on services provided by Delta Nutrition, call 580-255-3222 or Delta Community Action's main office at 405-756-1100.

"Our main goal right now is to continue providing nutritious meals to seniors and help our new employees transition over as easily as possible," says Karen Nichols Executive Director of Delta Community Action. The consolidation of nutrition sites will also allow many of the new employees to have ac-

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Delta Honored for Outstanding Service



Delta Community Action was recognized by the US Census Bureau in June for inspiring participation in the 2010 census. Pictured are Executive Director Karen Nichols and Human Resources Director Jana Boyce.



Transit News

Representatives from the Oklahoma Transit Association, Pauls Valley Chamber of Commerce, and Delta Public Transit, recently held a luncheon that coincided with a briefing on the "State of Public Transit in Oklahoma and Garvin County."

OTA's Executive Director, Steve Lalli, discussed Oklahoma's rapidly growing public transit system and praised Delta Public Transit for being one of the most progressive thinking systems in the state. Susan Coldwater, Program Director for Delta Transit, followed Lalli's presentation with a history of the transit system in Garvin County and spoke of the many services provided to Pauls Valley residents.

Delta Public Transit serves Pauls Valley and surrounding communities, with job routes, medical appointments, shopping, and other innovative programs. For more information on Delta Transit Systems, please contact Delta Community Action foundation, Inc. at (405) 756-1100. To schedule a ride call 1-866-THAT BUS.



1-877-794-6552
Or
1-877-RX4-OKLA

Weatherization Tips to Beat the Heat



With the dog days of summer fast approaching, many consumers are worried about skyrocketing energy bills. Delta Community Action would like to share a few handy tips to help you beat the heat and save money:

- Keep windows locked. They will seal better and save on cooling cost.
- Close shades and drapes in hot weather to keep out heat from the sun.
- Make sure windows with A/C units have weather stripping between the top and bottom halves of the window.
- Make sure the outdoor A/C unit is free of lawn clippings, leaves, etc.

To see if you or someone you know might qualify for Delta's Weatherization Program, contact Sherri Snider at Delta Community Action Foundation, Inc. (405) 756-1100 or Lynn McCurdy at (405) 527-6537.





Early Head Start Program Hits the Ground Running



Delta Community Action Foundation was thrilled to finally break ground on the new Early Head Start Center in Purcell on July 7th. Many board members, community leaders, and residents of the area were there to show support for the new federally funded program.

The new EHS program, designed for pregnant women, infants, and toddlers, is uniquely designed to assist young families and children early on. EHS will offer services such as:



Local community leaders and several Delta Community Action board members join Executive Director Karen Nichols and Head Start Program Director Sharon Horton in breaking ground on the new EHS center in Purcell.

- Health Screenings
- Developmental Screenings
- Nutritious meals and snacks
- Family Services
- Full Year / Full Day placement
- Qualified Teachers and staff

New EHS Centers will be located in Purcell, Lindsay, and Duncan. Services will be at no cost to eligible families.

Delta Community Action in Action



Karen Nichols and Mynan Hutto were in New York City last month to celebrate the Foster Grandparent Program's 45th Anniversary. The program's National Service and Volunteer Conference provided participants with workshops and personal development sessions.



Delta Community Action's Housing Program was recently funded 1.5 million dollars for the rehabilitation of owner occupied homes. The funding will be divided between 6 regions in our service area.

- Newcastle
- McClain Co.
- Lindsay
- Wayne
- Marlow
- Comanche



Each area will receive around \$250,000, and Delta will be able to remodel/replace approximately 3-4 homes in each area.

Karen's Korner: The Executive Exclusive



Karen Nichols
Executive Director

Delta Community Action Foundation has experienced growth in several programs over the last few months. As you read in the newsletter, our Senior Nutrition program has undergone a large scale expansion by adding several nutrition sites to its service area. This program is notably important to elderly citizens who have come to rely on programs like ours for noon meals. Similarly, our Head Start program has now grown to include Early Head Start. We are excited to be part of a program that now focuses on families from birth to school age.

DCAF proudly launched the new food program "Fighting Hunger and Feeding Hope" at our Purcell CAP office in July. Emergency Family Boxes containing food and household products are available to qualifying families who meet income requirements. The program is made available through the Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma.

Our agency has also been busy developing a new website over the last few months. With more and more people looking to the web for information and services, it is more important than ever to keep up with technological advancements. Clients now have access to Delta 24 hours a day and can quickly find information about programs we offer.

As always, DCAF wants to serve our community in the best ways we possibly can. It is our main goal to help make available to everyone the opportunity to work, to live in decency and dignity, and to secure the opportunities needed to become fully self-sufficient.

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