

**2017 COMMUNITY AWARENESS AWARD—ART HADDAWAY**  
***Presented by Gary Akin***

**Our next award is the Community Awareness Award. Each week in Owasso, there are numerous stories that makeup the news. A clear majority of the stories are positive in nature, a few may be negative. Communicating the details in a professional manner is very important to our citizens and to the business community. For decades, Owasso has been blessed to have a local newspaper. The newspaper industry has experienced many challenges in recent years, causing many papers to make fundamental changes in production and delivery of their product. New competitors, higher operation cost, and appealing to a new generational base are just a few reasons for the consolidation of newspaper ownership and the exiting of newspapers from traditional hometown markets.**

**We are privileged to have a local newspaper with an editor dedicated to covering local news, and in doing so, bringing our community together. We treasure positive stories about our youth, our schools, our churches, civic group, clubs, and organizations, as well as, informative stories about our city departments, retail and residential growth, and professional services. Our local newspaper is a valuable informational resource that serves our community well.**

**We are pleased to present the 2017 Community Awareness Award to the News Editor of the Owasso Reporter, Art Haddaway.**