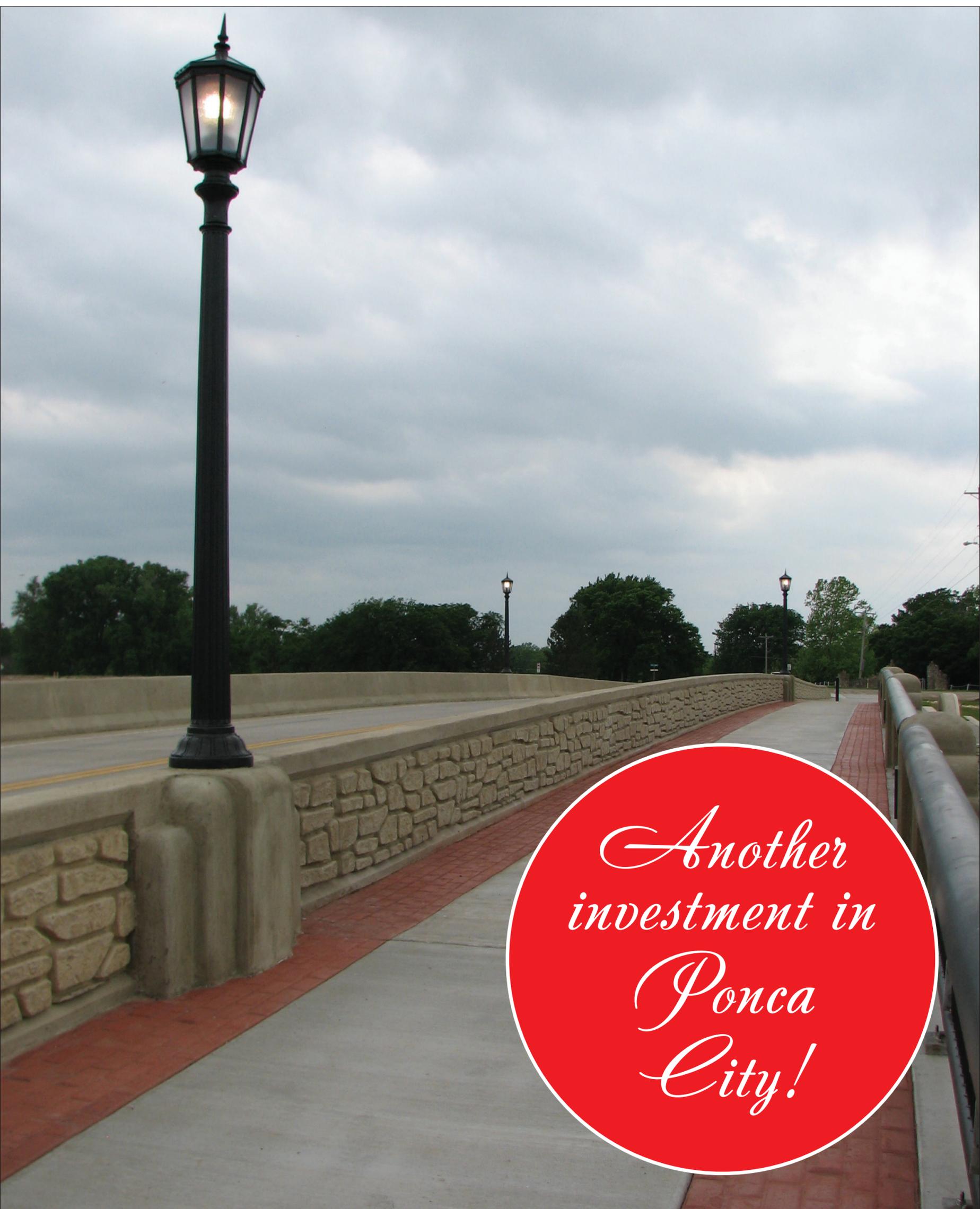


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Evans and Associates Invests in City

Evans & Associates Enterprises, Inc., is the banner name of a family of subsidiary companies involved in a diversification of operations including highway construction, distribution pipeline construction and repairs, underground utility repair and installation, fly ash sales and disposal, sand and aggregate quarrying, asphalt

production, transportation services, ready-mix concrete production and ranching operations. The corporate headquarters is located in Ponca City at 3320 North Furteenth Street, where the activities of each entity are coordinated.

This march of progress for Lloyd I. "Jerry" Evans began on April 15, 1960 when he, with

his friend Jim Throop, purchased a small asphalt company consisting of one plant, 12 pieces of road construction equipment and eleven people. They named their new company Evans & Throop Construction which would later be changed to Evans & Associates Construction Co., Inc., after Jerry purchased Jim's interest

on Dec. 31, 1974.

The construction company engages in the building and paving of state and federal highways, county roads, city streets, parking lots, airstrips and private driveways. In 2001, the company made the single largest capital purchase when the old single batch asphalt plant was replaced with a new modern computerized asphalt plant at a price in excess of \$2.5 million.

The first move toward diversification was on Dec. 31, 1968 when Jerry Evans purchased an existing concrete plant in Enid, renaming the company Enid Concrete Co., Inc. This was to be the beginning of several purchases that would place the company among the leading ready-mix concrete producers in the state.

In July of 1975, Jerry purchased a ready-mix plant and several trucks from Baughman Lumber and moved the plant to the present location of PC Concrete Co., Inc., on Lake Road in Ponca City. In November of 1976 the company purchased Lawton Transit Mix, Inc., and Hammond Concrete in Lawton and Altus, Oklahoma respectively, and in 1977 purchased City Concrete Co., Inc., in Altus. These com-

panies had enviable reputations in Southern Oklahoma and operate today under the names of Lawton Transit Mix and Altus Ready Mix.

Another acquisition was on July 1, 1993 when ready-mix plants were purchased in Miami, Grove and Fairland, Okla. These plants are presently doing business as Miami Concrete, Green County Concrete and Fairland Ready-Mix. In addition, acquisitions occurred in August 1995 with Alva Concrete, in February 1997 with Bartlesville Ready Mix, and in June 1997 with Perry Ready Mix. The most recent acquisition was in 2006 when the company acquired a ready mix concrete operation in Skiatook.

This company operates today under the name of Evans Concrete.

The company has also grown tremendously from within. When the OG&E Sooner Generating plant was first constructed, Evans obtained a contract with OG&E to dispose of the fly ash produced by the plant, which is a byproduct of the coal combustion. After disposing the fly ash for several years, Evans pioneered the use of fly ash in soil stabilization within the state of Oklahoma. Today, Evans markets all of the fly ash produced by the plant for use in soil stabilization as well as a partial substitute for cement in ready-mix concrete.

In the early days, Evans had a few distribution pipeline crews performing work throughout the state under the name of Evans & Associates Construction Company. Today through strategic growth opportunities, Evans & Associates Utility Services has established two offices in Oklaho-

ma. The Oklahoma City operation specializes in natural gas distribution and repair while the Lawton operation specializes in underground utilities such as water, storm drain, and sewer.

After careful consideration and analysis, in 2007 Evans & Associates established a trucking operation in Lawton under the name of Evans Transportation. The company today has a fleet of 18 trucks and hauls freight and aggregates throughout Oklahoma and Texas.

Although these companies present the major focus of Evans & Associates Enterprises, diversification has always been a trait of the corporate structure. On a smaller scale, the company engages in ranching operations south of Ponca City through Kaw Land and Cattle, Co., Inc.. In addition, the company mines sand and aggregate in Snyder, Okla. by the use of a dredge and sand plant under the name Southwestern State Sand.

On April 15, 2010, the company celebrated 50 years of business. Under the banner of the parent company, Evans & Associates Enterprises, Inc., the company employs approximately 300 associates statewide. Its subsidiary operations are located in Ponca City, Alva, Enid, Perry, Skiatook, Bartlesville, Miami, Grove, Fairland, Altus, Lawton, Ft. Sill, Snyder, and Oklahoma City.

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Red Cross Responds Quickly to Disasters

The Ponca City American Red Cross is responsible for the safety and preparedness of people throughout Eastern Kay, Northeastern Noble, Osage and Pawnee counties. Last year, in its mission to alleviate human suffering in the face of emergencies, the Ponca City Red Cross responded to 73 disasters and provided more than \$28,657.

The Red Cross is well-known for responding quickly to the scenes of large disasters such as floods and tornadoes. However, the most common Red Cross disaster response is to single-family home fires. Red Cross volunteers respond at all hours of the day and night to bring comfort and critical financial assistance for safe lodging, meals, clothing, shoes and vital medications to help families get back on their feet.

In the days following a disaster, the Red Cross provides mental health counseling, cleaning supplies, basic kitchen wares and assistance with replacing medical equipment such as canes, hearing aids and dentures. The Red Cross also provides financial help with first month's rent and security deposits as needed.

"Nearly 70 percent of families we help have no insurance on their homes or belongings," says Wendy Stobbe, Director of the Ponca City Red Cross. "In many cases, the Red Cross help is what keeps those fami-

lies from falling into overwhelming debt or becoming homeless."

In addition to caring for disaster victims, the Red Cross supports first responders on-scene. Red Cross teams bring critical hydrating beverages and energy-sustaining meals and snacks to the site for emergency responders who may be working in extreme conditions for extended periods of time.

Helping people learn how to prevent and prepare for disasters is a key part of the Red Cross outreach to the community. A number of Red Cross mobile apps are available that help people know how to prepare for emergencies, as well as what to do during and after an emergency. Apps for wildfires, tornadoes, First Aid, earthquakes and hurricanes are available free for iPhone and Android at www.redcross.org/mobileapps.

The Ponca City Red Cross also teaches people how to save lives with First Aid, CPR and AED training, and brings families closer together by delivering family emergency messages to Oklahomans serving in the U.S. Armed Forces.

"The Red Cross is not a government agency," says Stobbe. "The services we provide to the community are possible only through the work of volunteers and generous financial donations from companies, foundations and individuals."



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Guaranteed Graduate Initiative at PTC

Pioneer Technology Center (PTC) launched the Guaranteed Graduate Initiative in August. Area employers can feel confident in hiring Pioneer Tech graduates who qualify for the guarantee; the rigorous screening process includes outstanding attendance, an excellent grade point average, completion of their training program and achievement of an industry licensed credential or certification.

Students will be encouraged to strive for this goal upon their initial enrollment at PTC. Not all Pioneer Tech students are eligible to become a Guaranteed Graduate. Candidates for this program will have elevated criteria to meet which ensures they are ready to work for their future employer.

Bruce DeMuth, Superintendent/CEO for Pioneer Tech says, "Employers have informed us of the kind of employees they need; the Guaranteed Graduate Initiative is a tool we have created for our industry partners. The high achievement expected from these students' means successful employees in the workplace, which ultimately means successful companies in our district. Meeting industry needs and promoting economic development is a top priority for Pioneer Tech."

When the student is hired, after graduation, Pioneer Tech will ask the graduate's employer to complete a 30-day evaluation so the tech center can see how the student is doing. If the employer experiences issues or concerns with a Guaranteed Graduate's skilled training area at any time during the first 30-calendar days of employment, the employer can contact PTC and instructors will coach and provide additional training at no cost to the employer.

DeMuth says the confidence that employers can have in knowing they hired someone who will be successful in their job means a win win for both the student and the company. "Companies can hire with confidence and PTC graduates can have a leg-up in the competitive job search world. Pioneer Tech recognizes the time and energy that employers invest in new employees. This is why it's so important to us to prepare our students to be a reliable asset in their chosen fields of study."

Contact PTC to learn more about this new program. You can also visit www.pioneertech.edu to learn more details about the Guaranteed Graduate Initiative. Founded in 1973, Pioneer Tech has been assisting students and businesses in Kay County for 40 years.



PIONEER TECHNOLOGY Center (PTC) is pleased to announce the Guaranteed Graduate Initiative. Area employers can feel confident in hiring Pioneer Tech graduates who qualify for the guarantee; the rigorous screening process includes outstanding attendance, an excellent grade point average, completion of their training program and achievement of an industry licensed credential or certification. Pioneer Tech employee Traci Thorpe, Executive Director of Instructional Services and Bruce DeMuth, CEO/Superintendent talk over the important essentials needed for PTC's new Guaranteed Graduate Initiative, launching the 2013 - 2014 school year.

Walktober Comes To Ponca City on Oct. 21

Walktober is coming to Ponca City beginning Oct. 21 to promote exercise as a priority for the community.

The Ponca City Healthy Community Coalition is promoting the community-wide competition in celebration of the fall season. Walktober is a new event to foster positive communication between individuals, businesses and the wider community focusing on healthy physical activities. Competition will be held Oct. 21 to 31.

Anyone can participate. Teams can consist of workmates, friends or families. Any exercise or activity will do.

To keep a level playing field, results will be displayed in steps. Participants can put in "steps" at their convenience.

"Recruit your co-workers and family members to enjoy the cooler temperatures and color changes taking place at your favorite park or walking trail," said coalition member Laura Corff, employed with United Community Action Program, Inc.

Registration will be held Oct. 1 through 21. Teams of four to seven can register their team name under the healthy business tab on the Kay County Health Department website: <http://kay.health.ok.gov>. Individuals will be able to log steps using a quick, easy and on-line form. A conversion chart will be available to convert other activities into steps, for those without a pedometer. For more information, contact Anna Stuck, Kay/Payne County accreditation coordinator, 405-372-8200, ext. 291.

On Nov. 1, the competition will close. The number of steps reported for each team will be tallied and a winner declared.

The Ponca City Healthy Community Coalition strives to celebrate and facilitate the creation of varied opportunities for healthy, active choices in the city of Ponca City; as well as enhance the culture of wellness shared by community members so they might more fully realize the benefits of healthy choices for them and their families.

Collaboration partners include: City of Ponca City, Kay County Health Department, Ponca City Development Authority, Smart Start Kay County, United Way, Turning Point Oklahoma, Ponca City Public Schools, Pioneer Technology Center and United Community Action Program, Inc.

This annual event aims to promote the perception

of Ponca City as a community of people who value and participate in exercise activities.



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Chamber of Commerce Serves as Business Catalyst

The Ponca City Area Chamber of Commerce mission statement is to serve as the business catalyst for leading Ponca City into a growing, diversified and prosperous future. The Ponca City Chamber has been performing this mission for almost 120 years. This important mission of the Chamber could not be carried out without the active committees of the Chamber of Commerce and the many volunteers.

This is a brief description of each committee working in the Chamber of Commerce.

The Ambassador Committee recruits new members to the Chamber and serves as the goodwill diplomats for the Chamber. This active commit-

tee promotes ribbon cuttings, groundbreakings and the popular "Business after Hours." All of these efforts are to educate the community on who the Chamber businesses are and what services they provide. The Ambassadors also provide many networking opportunities for businesses. If you want to meet lots of people and promote your business this is your committee. Angela Rickman, Individual Member is the Chair.

The Governmental Affairs Committee is active in strengthening Ponca City's relationship and communication with the appropriate local, state and federal officials. This group educates elected officials on

the needs in Ponca City and northern Oklahoma. This committee of the Chamber conducts several public forums called Ponca Politics to discuss the issues on a non-partisan basis. They are active in gathering the ideas and thoughts of our business community and citizens and then passing those ideas on to the appropriate elected individuals. This does make a difference in our community and what we need to promote growth and development in Ponca City and Oklahoma. If you are interested in politics and having a voice in government this is your committee. Dr. Robert Howard with Pioneer Technology Center is the Chair.

The Community Development Committee encourages and actively supports the development of a comprehensive commercial and public infrastructure system including streets, highways, recreation, airport, water etc. Discussing these needs and setting priorities helps promote growth and enhance the quality of life in Ponca City. A good plan will also foster economic development.

If you like planning for future needs this is your committee. Bill Wetzel with Loftis

and Wetzel is the Chair.

The Ponca City Business Council is active in promoting shopping Ponca City First. This committee oversees the PRIDE Program, Lunch and Learn Series, Shop Ponca City First Campaign, and the Chamber Buck program. Every month they select a Chamber Business of the Month to recognize outstanding businesses in our community. The largest retail promotions of the year, for this committee are Commu-

nity Wide Holiday Giveaway and Crazy Days. This active committee also produces the business tip sheet in the Chamber Newsletter. If you want to make your business even better this is the committee for you. Wendy Stobbe with the American Red Cross is the Chair.

Education and Workforce Development Committee is a very active committee of the Chamber. This committee wants to ensure that our school

children both public and private have the best tools possible for their education. This Chamber Committee oversees the Partners in Education Program, Stuff the Bus with School Supplies Project, 8th Grade Scholar Program, New Teacher Luncheon, Support Staff Reception and they produce the summer children's handout book. Sue Lunsford, Individual Member is the Chair.

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE members of the Ponca City Area Chamber of Commerce Executive Board are Barry Bickle, Chair Elect, left, Natalie Fraser, Chamber Chair, Bill Coleman, Vice Chair, Lee Evans, Past Chair and Mayor Homer Nicholson. Not shown is Ryan Schwabe, Treasurer

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Heart Disease and Hearing Loss Linked

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Gen Xers and baby boomers should no longer ignore their hearing loss, says the Better Hearing Institute (BHI), which is raising awareness of the link between cardiovascular and hearing health in recognition of World Heart Day on September 29th. A growing body of research shows that a person's hearing health and cardiovascular health frequently correspond. And because the jury is still out on exactly why there is a connection and which comes first, it behooves those 40 and older to get their hearing tested as a routine part of their medical care. The vast majority of people with hearing loss can benefit from hearing aids, which have been shown to improve quality of life. To help people determine if they need a comprehensive hearing test by a hearing healthcare professional, BHI is offering a free, quick, and confidential online hearing check at www.hearingcheck.org. Some experts—like Charles E. Bishop, AuD, Assistant Professor in the University of Mississippi Medical Center's Department of Otolaryngology and Communicative Sciences—find the evidence showing a link between cardiovascular and hearing health so com-

elling that they say the ear may be a window to the heart. Bishop believes the closer the collaboration between medical disciplines the better for the patient. "Hearing health should not be assessed in a vacuum," says Bishop. "There is simply too much evidence that hearing loss is related to cardiovascular disease and other health conditions. It's time we maximized the information we have in order to benefit the individual's overall wellbeing." Why the Heart-Hearing Connection? Studies have shown that a healthy cardiovascular system—a person's heart, arteries, and veins—has a positive effect on hearing. Conversely, inadequate blood flow and trauma to the blood vessels of the inner ear can contribute to hearing loss. David R. Friedland, MD, PhD, Professor and Vice-Chair of Otolaryngology and Communication Sciences at the Medical College of Wisconsin in Milwaukee, has been studying the relationship between cardiovascular and hearing health for years. He offers up this response: "The inner ear is so sensitive to blood flow that it is possible that abnormalities in the

cardiovascular system could be noted here earlier than in other less sensitive parts of the body." In one study, published in The Laryngoscope, Dr. Friedland and fellow researchers found that audiogram pattern correlates strongly with cerebrovascular and peripheral arterial disease and may represent a screening test for those at risk. They even concluded that patients with low-frequency hearing loss should be regarded as at risk for cardiovascular events, and appropriate referrals should be considered. Other evidence exists. In fact, the authors of a study published in the American Journal of Audiology concluded that the negative influence of impaired cardiovascular health on both the peripheral and central auditory system—and the potential positive influence of improved cardiovascular health on these same systems—have been found through a sizable body of research conducted over more than six decades. Cardiovascular diseases, including heart disease and stroke, cause 17.3 million deaths each year. For more information about World Heart Day, cardiovascular health,

and how people can reduce their risk of heart disease and stroke, visit www.world-heart-federation.org. About Hearing Aids Research shows that hearing loss is frequently associated with other physical, mental, and emotional health conditions, and that people who address their hearing loss often experience better quality of life. Eight out of 10 hearing aid users, in fact, say they're satisfied with the changes that have occurred in their lives specifically due to their hearing aids—from how they feel about themselves to the positive changes they see in their relationships, social interactions, and work lives. When people with even mild hearing loss use hearing aids, they often improve their job performance; enhance their communication skills; increase their earnings potential; improve their professional and interpersonal relationships; stave off depression; gain an enhanced sense of control over their lives; and better their quality of life. Here are five little-known facts about today's hearing aids: They're virtually invisible. Many of today's hearing aids sit discreetly and comfortably

inside the ear canal, providing both natural sound quality, and discreet and easy use. They automatically adjust to all kinds of soundscapes. Recent technological advances with directional microphones have made hearing aids far more versatile than ever before—and in a broad range of sound environments. You can enjoy water sports and sweat while wearing them. Waterproof digital hearing aids have arrived. This feature is built into some newly designed hearing aids for those concerned about water, humidity, and dust. This feature suits the active lifestyles of swimmers, skiers, snowboarders, intensive sports enthusiasts and anyone working in dusty, demanding environments.

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District Serves Landowners

NEWKIRK — The Kay County Conservation District, office at 5501 North Pleasant View Avenue in Newkirk, has served landowners in Kay County since 1939. It works to address natural resource concerns — especially water quality improvement and soil erosion reduction. The conservation district is funded by appropriations from the Oklahoma legislature through the Oklahoma Conservation Commission. A volunteer board of directors annually set conservation priorities for the county with input from local farmers and ranchers. In a cooperative partnership with the Natural Resources Conservation Service, the district helps provide conservation planning or land needs assessments for landowners in area. NRCS provides the technical assistance to the district and landowners that helps install important conservation techniques such as terraces, waterways, ponds, range and pasture plantings, buffer strips, riparian buffers along streams, windbreaks, and grazing management plans. The Kay County Conservation District also rents equipment to help landowners such as Bermudagrass spriggers, a grader blade, soil movers, a no-till drill, aerator, and EZ Flow seeder.

The district administers the state Cost Share Program that offers funding help to farmers wanting to install conservation practices. The office also has floodplain maps for viewing for those planning to build or buy land in the unincorporated areas of the county. Educating children and adults about conservation and how each can make a difference is another important job of the Kay County Conservation District. District staff are available to provide programs on conservation to civic groups and organizations. Puppet shows, natural resource conservation days and environmental lessons for schoolchildren are other programs available. This year the district finished constructing on an outdoor classroom on 1.5 acres at the Farm Service Center location in Newkirk. Plans are for the classroom to be complete in the fall of this year. Several student contests are held throughout the year including a kindergarten coloring exhibit at the Kay County Fair, land and range judging, poster, essay and speech contests. The District also awards a high school and college scholarship to students majoring in a natural resource-related field of study. For more information call (580) 362-2438.



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(Continued From Page 4F) Leadership Ponca City is developing well-informed leaders who actively participate in the growth of Ponca City. Today through the efforts of the Chamber's leadership program many leadership alumni are active in leadership roles around the city contributing to a better Ponca City. There are also a number of great projects that have been completed over the years sponsored by Leadership Ponca City. This is the Chamber's 28th year for Leadership Ponca City. It is one of the oldest programs in the State of Oklahoma. Leadership Chairs include Joe DeNoya, Arlene Stauffer, MaryBeth Moore and Daren Wilson. The Ponca City Area Chamber of Commerce also operates the Tourism Bureau promoting Ponca City attractions and events. This takes place through the internet, publications and tourism shows. The Tourism Bureau puts together a comprehensive marketing plan each year in cooperation with the Oklahoma Department of Tourism to promote our attractions and events. Our office also serves as the Visitors Center for Ponca City. Tourism is a major industry in Ponca City. Rod Alexander with Wentz Golf Course is the Chair. Other active committees of the Ponca City Chamber of Commerce include Chamber Board of Directors, Executive Committee, Finance Committee, and Leadership Alumni. The Chamber of Commerce is the front door to Ponca City providing information and service to visitors and citizens. The Chamber produces a Ponca City Directory that is used to showcase our city and our Chamber Members. The Chamber of Commerce is managed by an elect-

ed Board of Directors with Natalie Fraser with Lindsay Manufacturing serving as the 2013 Chair. The Chamber staff includes Rich Cantillon, Nancy Kruckeberg and Chelsea McConnell. The Ponca City Area Chamber of Commerce is a membership-based organization with all businesses, organizations and individuals welcome to become members. All are wel-

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Pioneer Genealogical Society in 43rd Year

For 42 years, Pioneer Genealogy Society has been actively encouraging Kay County residents to research and preserve their family and local history. In addition to holding monthly meetings and sponsoring workshops, the very active group regularly answers queries for information from all over the country, publishes a newsletter and maintains a website. Volunteer members compile genealogical and cemetery

records, and supply reference books and materials for the genealogical archives and book room at the Ponca City Library. Members frequently carpool to state libraries and other places of interest. They also sponsor a free mentoring program to give one-on-one help. The society provides instructional programs for all levels of genealogists, from beginning to advanced, and for library

and computer-based research. "The group has hosted speakers representing the rich variety of groups that have created our great state and relish providing a venue for "show and tell" of their results," said PGS spokesman Nancy Stevenson. "From quilting, to driving cattle, to Wild West shows, to riding the rails, trains and planes, in the oil fields, parlors and board rooms, the area's history is colorful and dramatic."

The group began in March 1971 under the leadership of E.C. Rivers. Among its first projects was the donation of a microfilm reader and purchase of the first genealogical books. From there, the genealogy room has grown to contain thousands of books donated by friends and family of PGS. Credit is given to charter member Marlene Stewart for shepherding the genealogy section's successful growth. In 1978, the group donated hundreds of hours to compile information from all Kay County cemeteries for a 562-page book "Cemetery Inscriptions: Kay County, Oklahoma." Over the years, their projects included the publishing of a book of surnames with research conducted by local PGS members. Another five-year project, under the leadership of Bill Ziegenhain, involved the diligent recording of all Kay County public records, area funeral home records and other historical documents for transfer to microfilm. This project resulted in the acquisition of hundreds of Kay County and national census microfilmed records now available at the Ponca City Library.

During the Centennial Cherokee Strip celebration in 1993, PGS members spent thousands of hours compiling a comprehensive two-volume history, "North Central Oklahoma, Rooted in the Past, Growing for the Future." The books detail the history of early day Kay County area citizens, clubs and businesses. Paula Denson supervised the project. Under the leadership of Edith McCallick and Kathy Zehr, the society also hosted a reception for all descendants of pioneers of the Cherokee Strip Land Run and collected more than 1,500 registrations and stories from many of those area descendants. Registrations, records and stories of these pioneers are now filed in the Ponca City Library archives for public use. PGS was involved in a massive six-year census project to photograph and record all headstone inscriptions from 26 cemeteries located in Kay County. The detailed and time-consuming project was headed up by Jay Stafford and Vicki Ebert. Updated information for most area cemeteries is available on CD and may be purchased for \$10 each.

Order forms may be found on the PGS website or by calling 762-2057. The group's website is managed by Calvin Golliver. The quarterly "Pioneer Genealogical Society Newsletter," published by longtime editor Louise Willison for over 20 years rates high in national research circles with up-to-date genealogical information and historical facts. Annual dues are \$15 which includes the newsletter subscription. Life memberships are also available. For more information about the Society and its offerings, visit the website, attend a program meeting on the first Monday of each month at the Ponca City Library or call Alan Crockett at 762-2057. The group boasts a roster of 85. A new website, www.pgs.ok.org, is under construction and due to be finished soon.



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Victory Worship Center Located in the Heart Of City at Sixth and Hartford

"The Connecting Church" best describes Ponca City's Victory Worship Center. Located in the heart of the city at the corner of Sixth & Hartford, Victory serves as a connecting point between Jesus, people, ministries and the community!

Victory is a growing, thriving church with the 2013 theme of "Mission 2013: SOULS!" The church eagerly welcomes and integrates guests and is well known for its friendly people and hospitable atmosphere. The general culture of Victory is rich with many cultures and ethnic groups that are representative of the community. Worship is high priority at Victory with a contemporary worship style of high octane praise and energetic worship. At Victory, 'worship' is our middle name!

Victory is a church on a mission to connect all people to Jesus Christ to build growing disciples of Jesus Christ by REACHING the unchurched, TEACHING the believers, and SERVING the community. Victory's vision is to be a progressive, influential church empowering people with a passion for God. Victory's ultimate goal is to be a vital part of the fabric of the community.

This year marks Victory's 43rd year of service to the Ponca City/Kay County community at three different locations, with Senior Pastor Rick Hughes and his wife Val celebrating their 23rd year of ministry to this congregation. Over the years the church has made many positive changes in order to accommodate a growing congregation. Consistent growth led the church to the present central location seven years ago because of its high visibility and opportunities for expansion.

Pastor Hughes emphasizes that "Victory is all about building people. Ministry and activities are planned for every age group with the end result being transformed lives. We're thrilled to be right in the heart of the city, and believe God has directed us to this location with a mandate to impact our community!"

Victory is highly committed to the community through various ministries. Dave Ramsey's "Financial Peace University" seminars annually, quarterly OBI blood drives, "Gotcha Covered" prayer ministry for law enforcement, jail ministry at the Kay County Detention Center, as well as serving as host to community gatherings. Victory is often recognized in the community by its fundraising efforts, which annually include Antiquities portraits, Indian tacos and peanut brittle, to name a few. The church is quite active in various missions projects and supports 32 missionaries worldwide.

Victory's weekly service schedule is as follows: Sunday - Pastor's Prayer Force from 9-9:30 am in the Prayer Room, followed by Victory Worship Celebration in the Sanctuary from 10 am - Noon. Wednesday's schedule includes Family Worship from 7-7:30 pm, followed by the Family Education Hour (Christian education classes for all age groups) from 7:30-8:30 pm. Victory also hosts monthly activities for students. Victory is blessed with many children and offers outstanding KIDZ ministries. Victory Singles are quite active with monthly activities and dinners. Prayer is a high priority at Victory with weekly prayer activities and a monthly 12-hour prayer chain always on the schedule. Many special services and guest speakers are also scheduled throughout the year. Guests are warmly welcomed at every service. Victory is a guest-friendly congregation and is always seeking new members!

Victory is a contemporary Bible-believing, spirit-filled church that is Apostolic in doctrine, Pentecostal in experience, Contemporary in worship, and Christian in lifestyle. For more information, visit a scheduled service, call the church at 765-3872 or visit us on the web at www.victory-worshipcenter.net.

Clintons Open Simply Unique

Al and Linda Clinton opened Simply Unique at 100 East Hartford in April of 2008 and the name says it all. The shop is a destination for true antiques and beautifully restored items as well as jewelry, lamps, art, decorator items, and much more. The store is packed with quality merchandise from floor to ceiling. There are marble coffee tables with solid wood legs carved by hand, ornate wall sconces, stained glass lamps, and boxes more than 100 years old. Our upholstered pieces are in terrific condition and include sofas, chairs, and benches. They have dining tables and chairs as well as side boards and display cabinets. Other treasures include candlesticks, linens, glassware, clocks, everyday dishes, and collectibles. Some of our art includes original oils, signed prints, wall hangings, and bronze sculpture. They have a website (simplyuniqueponcacity.com) with a large slide show. Our store hours are Wednesday through Saturday from 10:00am to 5:00pm or by appointment at 718-0201. They also buy estates, large or small.



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Edwin Fair Continues Mission

Edwin Fair Community Mental Health Center continues its mission of fostering mental health recovery throughout north-central Oklahoma. This private, not for profit community mental health center has its origin in 1958 when a group of Ponca City citizens, referred to as the Kay Guidance Association, recruited a young psychiatrist from the Menninger School of Psychiatry in Kansas. Dr. Ellis Edwin Fair came to our community and provided the early leadership of the agency through 1990.

Edwin Fair currently provides a full array of outpatient services in five counties in north-central Oklahoma including Kay, Payne, Osage, Pawnee, and Noble County with additional children's services in Grant and Garfield. There are offices in each of these counties with the exception of Pawnee. This comprehensive array of mental health services includes individual, group, and family therapy, case management services, emergency services, psychopharmacology, substance abuse services, children's services and wellness initiatives. These services are available to anyone, regardless of race, age, religion, marital status, or ability to pay.

There are also specialized programs that are considered evidenced based and have a track record for positive, proven outcomes. These include the Systems of Care Initiative, PACT, and Trauma Focused - Cognitive Behavior Therapy. The Systems of Care approach is designed for children that are at-risk and would benefit from a team approach that "wraps" services around the child and family. Another evidenced based program is the PACT Program (Program of Assertive Community Treatment). This program in Kay and Payne counties is for consumers dealing with mental illness who haven't responded well to traditional mental health delivery of services.

This program provides services within the natural environment of the consumer meaning in the home and in the community. The PACT program has proven to be effective in reducing the number of inpatient days and the number of hospitalizations for these consumers.

Edwin Fair Community Mental Health Center employs about 98 staff in the various programs across the seven county area. The agency contracts with local psychiatrist for psychiatric services including Dr. Alzira Vaidya, Dr. Susan

Corkran and Dr. Jeanne Helmbright. There are numerous licensed therapists and certified case managers providing services to consumers in the area. The leadership of the organization consists of Gary Wilburn, Executive Director, Jamilu Marsh, Chief Administrative Officer, and Melodie Heupel, Clinical Director. Funding for Edwin Fair agency comes primarily from Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services and from billing Medicaid for services for those

individuals who have that benefit.

Edwin Fair has three locations in Ponca City, including the main office at 1500 North Sixth Street, the Downtown offices at 201 East Chestnut, and the PACT program at 205 East Chestnut. There is staff available to present talks to civic organizations and clubs. Those interested in further information on mental health issues can contact the main office at 580-762-7561 and the 1-800-566-1343 is available 24/7 for psychiatric emergencies.



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Kiwanis Club Serves Children, Community

Founded in 1915 and headquartered in Indianapolis, Indiana, Kiwanis International is a thriving organization of service and community-minded men and women who support children and young adults worldwide.

The Kiwanis Club of Ponca City was founded December 16, 1926 when a group of area businessmen united to embrace the values of Kiwanis International. Today's Kiwanis Club of Ponca City is made up of men and women who share a common goal, "a better today and tomorrow for the

children of the world."

The Ponca City Kiwanis Club currently serves children, youth and the community through the following programs and projects:

KEY CLUB is the oldest and largest world wide service program for high school students. It provides students with opportunities to perform community service and develop leadership. Ponca City Kiwanis counsels, supports and advises the Po-Hi Key Club. The Key Club members develop their programs organize projects, run the meet-

ings and serve the community.

YOUNG CHILDREN PRIORITY ONE focuses on the needs of young children. Service projects include Character Critters Character Education program at the Ponca City Head Start, Three local Head Start Christmas parties, Dr. Seuss birthday celebrations, mentoring, car seats for infants and the annual Read for the Record campaign.

BRING UP GRADES (BUG PROGRAM) is designed to provide recognition to students who raise their grades to an acceptable range, and

maintain or continue to raise them from one grading period to the next. Kiwanis sponsors the **BUG** program at McCord Elementary school. **BUG** recognition events, awards and treats are provided at the end of each reporting period.

Other community involvement include, **RINGING BELL FOR THE SALVATION ARMY** during the Christmas season, helping with **FESTIVAL OF ANGELS, FRIENDSHIP FEAST, VETERAN'S DAY PARADE** and the **EDWIN FAIR MENTAL HEALTH MAY FEST**. Two five hundred dollar **SCHOLARSHIPS** are awarded each spring to a Key Club

member and a student from the Senior Class planning to enter a college or university of their choice in the fall.

The world wide service project, **ELIMINATE** is the largest fundraising initiative in Kiwanis International's history. This project will save and protect mothers and their future babies from maternal and neonatal tetanus (MNT) in the 38 countries where it remains a public health threat.

For individuals who believe children are the future, take pride in the community, want to reach out to those in need and enjoy meeting new peo-

ple Kiwanis is the place to be. Meetings are held at the Ponca City Country Club every Tuesday at noon. Informative speakers update and inform members about what is happening in our community.

Membership in Kiwanis is open to anyone 18 years or older. Kiwanis is looking for new members to help continue serving the children and youth in Ponca City and the surrounding area. For more information about Kiwanis or any of the service projects contact Kiwanis president, Ray Shaffer, 762-7877 or Chuck Rager, membership chair at 762-1050.

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Om Yoga and Pilates Celebrates Five Years

Yoga revitalizes us with every breath we take ... you can experience this at Om Yoga & Pilates Studio, currently located at 1909 North Sixth Street, Ponca City. Celebrating five years Kay and Bret Smith joyfully opened the doors to Om Studio on September 8, 2008. Their vision was to create a welcoming and nurturing environment for others to practice regularly and reap the benefits of a Yoga, Meditation or Pilates practice.

Yoga and Meditation helps one to connect to the rich inner landscape of our internal organs, a great way to stay healthy and fit from head to toe. When practiced regularly the benefits are remarkable, such as better sleep, more flexible joints, and a healthier heart - just to name a few.

Experts agree that for optimal mental health a regular yoga practice is one of the most effective ways to manage stress. Whether you want to get in shape physically or emotionally (or both!), a regular yoga practice can help you cultivate lifestyle habits that will help you make informed choices to stay healthy for the rest of your life. The matwork of Pilates is a perfect fusion for a yoga practice, focusing on the strength of the core and stability of the spine.

When selecting a class it is

best to have a personal consultation to determine which class is suitable to your level of ability and mobility. Once that has been determined you are ready to begin. Still unsure? Schedule a private session for a sequence designed specifically for you.

This fall there are many changes ahead for Om Yoga & Pilates Studio. They will move from their current location of 1909 North Sixth Street, to 319 1/2 East Grand, downtown Ponca City. The business name will be changed to Om Yoga & Wellness Center to fully encompass its added offerings of treatment services which will include, massage, reflexology, and Raindrop Technique. There will also be the addition of 'express' noon time classes, Barre classes...your one-stop shop for health and wellness.

The owner, Kay Smith, is a certified instructor registered with the National Yoga Alliance with an E-RYT500 distinction. Terri Wright, RYT200, is also part of the Om team. Visit www.omyogapilates.com or call 718-9042 for Studio details. There's no place like Om.....

Primary Care Clinic Opens In Newkirk

Ponca City Medical Center is pleased to announce the opening of Kay County Clinic in Newkirk.

Kay County Clinic is a family medicine practice offering primary health care for the entire family. The clinic is located at 601A West South Street next to the grocery store. The clinic is open on Fridays from 8 a.m. - 12 p.m.

"We are pleased to have the opportunity to serve the health care needs of residents of Newkirk and the surrounding area," said Andy Wachtel, CEO of Ponca City Medical Center. "Dr. Dufner is a very personable physician who will provide quality, compassionate care to his patients."

Dr. Justin Dufner, family medicine, is the physician at the clinic. To make an appointment, please call Dr. Dufner's Ponca City clinic, 580-718-4500.

Dr. Dufner completed his residency at Chino Valley Medical Center in Chino, CA. During his training he was associate chief resident from 2009-2012. Additionally, Dr. Dufner worked with Western University of Health Sciences (WUHS) medical students at a clinic for underserved, non-insured patients. He also taught classes at the College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific at WUHS.

Originally from a small town in Pennsylvania, Dr. Dufner studied biology at St. Joseph's University in Philadelphia, PA. He earned his medical degree from New York College of Osteopathic Medicine in Old Westbury, NY, in 2009.

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Martin, Jean and Jackson Continues to Expand

It has been an exciting year for the Law offices of Martin and Jackson! In 2011, Martin, Jean and Jackson opened offices in Stillwater and Tulsa to better serve its statewide personal injury practice. Recently, the firm continued the expansion by adding new associate attorney Halli Martin to its Stillwater location and increased office space in its Tulsa location. "We are excited to have Halli join our firm in the Stillwater office. She will join Michael Martin and focus on personal injury law. We look forward to continued growth in our Stillwater office," says partner Paul Martin.

Halli received her law degree from the University of Oklahoma College of Law where she graduated in the top ten percent of her class with honors. She was a member of the National Moot Court team, the National Health Law Moot Court team and Phi Delta Phi. Halli was awarded three American Jurisprudence Awards for earning the highest grade in Agency and Partnership, Trial Techniques and Counseling and Negotiation. Halli will be inducted into the prestigious legal honor society, the Order of the Coif on October 30. Martin, Jean and Jackson recently expanded its Tulsa office. The Firm relocated to a larger office and added attorney, Pat Collogan, to the Tulsa location. Pat will join Jacob Biby and continue to practice personal injury law. "We are excited about the success of our Tulsa office and the larger office space will allow us to continue to grow in the Tulsa market," says partner Scott Jackson.

Martin, Jean and Jackson now has seven highly skilled attorneys who are committed to achieving maximum results for their clients. Paul Martin, Kenneth Jean, Scott Jackson and Jacob Biby are all members of the Million Dollar Advocates Forum or the Multi-Million Dollar Advocates Forum. Membership to this exclusive group is limited to attorneys who have won million and multi-million dollar verdicts or settlements for their clients. Less than 1% of lawyers across the United States are members. Two members of the Firm's litigation department, Scott Jackson and Jacob Biby,

were recognized as 2013 Super Lawyers in the field of personal injury. Super Lawyers is a prestigious group that recognizes those lawyers considered to be at the top of their field. Membership is limited to no more than 3% of the lawyers in a given field. "Our attorney's achievements in the field of personal injury law reflect our commitment to excellence. We take pride in representing injured parties, protecting their legal rights and resolving their

legal matters. Over the years, the Firm has represented over 14,000 personal injury clients and has collected more than \$400,000,000.00 on their behalf," according to partner Kenneth Jean. "Growing in our new markets is exciting, however Ponca City has been the cornerstone of the Firm for over thirty-five years. Our firm has an important connection to Ponca City," says Martin. Attorneys, Michael Martin, Jacob Biby, Pat Collogan and

Halli Martin all grew up in Ponca City and graduated from Po-Hi. The Firm's partners, Paul Martin, Kenneth Jean and Scott Jackson all call Ponca City home. "Ponca City is a wonderful community and we are privileged to be able to represent clients from Ponca City and the surrounding areas. We look forward to continuing to grow our law practice here, as well as serving our clients throughout the state."

New Furniture Store Opens

A new furniture business has opened on North Fourteenth Street. Owners, Ron and Juliet Gales, announce the opening of Perfect Sit Furniture Sales at 3214 North Fourteenth Street. The showrooms are split between a combination of next door buildings at 3214, and 3212 North Fourteenth. The 12 styles of recliners and the inventory are located at the 3214 side, and the love-seats that are displayed as sample of the three piece living room sets are in the Perfect Fit Auto Sales showroom next door. The Grand Opening for the new business will be the entire month of October.

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