

BUSINESS & COMMUNITY UPDATE

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Anderson and Company: A Paul Mitchell Focus Salon

Anderson & Company Salon and Spa opened its doors at the former Miles Music location at 601 East Hartford on Sept. 4 of last year.

This Paul Mitchell Focus location is the first salon in Ponca City to use and sell Paul Mitchell products exclusively.

Anderson & Company owner Gabrielle Warren Anderson stated, "I have always worked with Paul Mitchell products. I started using these products at a very young age. When I became a stylist, I continued using them at my salons due to the extensive marketing and educational opportunities extended to Paul Mitchell stylists." Anderson continued, "Paul Mitchell is the only professional hair color

line that does not double dip in the market by selling an over-the-counter color. The color for clients is always consistent and amazing."

Anderson & Co. currently employs three stylists: Gabrielle is a trained Paul Mitchell stylist with extensive experience styling wedding parties, bridal hair, amazing haircuts and hair color as well as make-up techniques. Veronica Monroe recently joined the Paul Mitchell salon as a stylist and nail technician.

Megan Snyder has been with the salon since opening. She is wonderful with nail art, vintage styling of hair and has recently completed two full days of training with top Paul Mitchell educators in Las Vegas.

In addition to working in

the salon, Megan is the liaison for theatrical hair and make-up for the Ponca Playhouse. Plays have included The Broken Statue, Little Shop of Horrors and Cat on a Hot Tin Roof.

Another great asset to the salon is certified, full time therapeutic message specialist Ian Wood. Ian is nationally certified in several massage modalities including Shiatsu, neuromuscular massage and rehabilitation and joint mobilization. Ian has trained internationally and his clients love him. If you are a former client and have been missing his amazing therapeutic massages, please get in touch with him at Anderson & Co.

And don't forget the products. Paul Mitchell has great product lines available for purchase at the salon.

There is the Awapuhi Wild Ginger line, Paul Mitchell Curls for those girls with curls, Forever Blonde for anyone needing a little extra care & the men's line simply called Mitch. All of the Paul Mitchell products are paraben free and some contain no sulfates. Stop by and

check out any of the Paul Mitchell Pro tools and test them before you purchase. Don't know how to use that cool flat-iron or funky looking curling iron? Come to a Product Class and discover the secrets of all those cool toys.

All the employees and especially the owner of Anderson & Co. are passionate about good hair and great color: hair color, make-up or color on fingers and toes. Anderson & Company has a little something for everyone from a great haircut to the full treatment for that special weekend. They have also been selected to be the salon and spa of choice for the new Osage Casino VIP Guests.

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Plenty of Activities at St. Luke's Church

St. Luke's Church of the Nazarene in Ponca City is a fun, authentic community growing disciples for Christ. We desire to provide multiple opportunities to connect, serve, play, and grow together, serve God through serving others, grow Christ-like disciples through learning God's word and living it out daily, be an authentic, engaging, and friendly community where all are safe, accepted and loved, be a fun, encouraging, and exciting place of worship.

Senior Pastor David Frees has been the pastor since April of 2003. Other staff includes Youth Pastor BJ Keeter, Children's Pastor Neil Stangeland, and Music Pastor Tim Williams.

St. Luke's is located at 1715 East Prospect Ave in Ponca City. Sunday Morning Worship is at 10 a.m. and our Sunday School begins at 9 a.m. St. Luke's Church of the Nazarene has temporarily relocated their 10 a.m. Sunday church services off campus beginning May 5th and meeting at the Marland Children's Home gym at 1300 Summers Place in Ponca City due to final phase of the building

expansion project. Sunday school classes are postponed until they return to St. Luke's Church in about 10 to 12 weeks when Sunday services will resume there as well. You will be greeted at the door by one of our friendly greeters and at 10 a.m. one of our pastors will greet us and go over a few announcements. Then we will worship God in singing, giving, prayer, and hearing God's Word. It's always a joy to experience the presence of God and the loving community of God's people at St. Luke's Church of the Nazarene. Our nursery is conveniently located just steps from the sanctuary and is available to babies and toddlers ages 0 - 2. We always have multiple nursery attendants and a nursery manager on staff that is here every week.

Kids Own Worship takes place every Sunday morning at 10:00 a.m. during our morning worship service. We provide a safe and fun environment for children 3 years old through 5th grade to worship together and learn about God. We have several energetic and dedicated children's workers who love our kids and ensure that it's fun and safe for everyone. The kids love it! Our Children's Pastor is Neil Stangeland. Kids Own also meets every Wednesday evening at 6:30 pm.

The Men's group meets every Wednesday night at 6:30 pm to study God's word and encourage one another. We

are here to help each other on this journey of faith and we offer friendship and support to all.

Women's Bible Study meets Wednesday for lunch at 11:30 am and Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm. We enjoy studying God's Word together and encouraging one another. We love being connected and we often get together for social gatherings and parties, it's a lot of fun! Come and join us, we are always excited to welcome a new friend!

Students from grades 6-12 meet on Wed. nights at 6:30 p.m. We have a great group of teens and adult youth leaders who are committed to making youth group fun and safe for everyone. We believe that there is always room for one more, and it's important to us that every student feels welcome and accepted. We want to extend our friendship to any students who would join with us and Pastor BJ.

Small groups meet twice a month to share and care for one another. It's a time of hospitality, laughter, fellowship, prayer, and encouragement. We believe it is a vital part of our community here at St. Luke's. Our goal in small groups is simply growing closer to God and to each other. Our small groups provide a great opportunity to build relationships, share God's love, and put our faith into practice.

We love going on mission trips to serve and share God's

love with others. It is an incredible time of experiencing God's joy and peace and it's always amazing how God's presence is among us as we serve together! Recently we have been to Texas, Colorado, Alaska, Arizona, New Mexico, and several places here in Oklahoma. Everyone is able to come and be a part of our mission trips and there is always something you can do to help no matter your skill level

New Business Has Opened

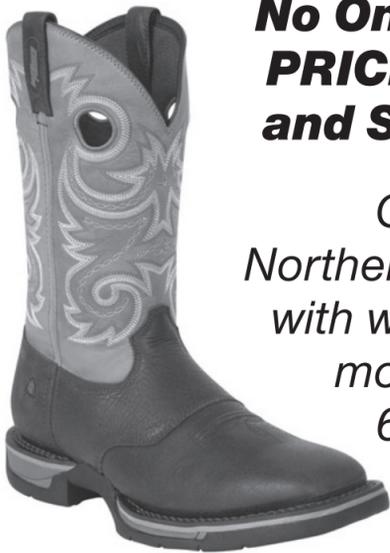
Carrine's Floral and Gift has opened at 113 West Prospect. The owner is Sandy Carrine Jones. In addition to the floral and gift shop, another service offered is tanning.

The gift shop area offers merchandise supplied by local artists and crafters. Some of the home decor items are in the form of distressed furniture. Honey and preserves are also to be marketed.

The regular store hours for flowers and gifts are 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday through Saturday. However, the tanning salon's hours are extended to 10 p.m., on the days the shop operates.

Jones has lived in Ponca City for 27 years and has operated a home based business. She plans to have a grand sometime this month. Previous occupants of the location were a bike supply and Prior to that Nutri Systems.

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Eastern Heights Church Located on Top of Hill

Eastern Heights Christian Church is located at the top of the hill on Lake Road three miles east of the Pioneer Woman statue — thus the name “Heights.” It has been at this address, 5100 Lake Road, since 1971 when the congregation (using rented facilities since 1967) bought eight acres and built their own church.

Several years ago, it became apparent that a Family Life Building was needed to serve the needs of the modern expectations of a growing congregation. So the 100' x 170' shell of the building was constructed commercially and the congregation went to work and furnished the labor to complete the facility, meeting all building codes. It is completely debt-free.

At this time, Eastern Heights needs new members in the growing church family. When Conoco relocated so many families to Houston and Bartlesville, all Ponca City churches wept to lose these beloved members. After working through the years to provide facilities for the needs of a growing congregation, here was a step backward. So it is time to move forward once again.

Eastern Heights would like to reach out to families and individuals in Ponca City and the surrounding area who are not at present attending any church. This is an independent Christian church, part of the Restoration Movement of the early nineteenth century, when some churches grew tired of the complications of organized religion and wanted

a simple way of worshipping God.

Eastern Heights has no official membership roll. Communion is served at each worship service in remembrance of Christ, simply by passing it down the rows. There are no rules — to walk inside is to belong and enjoy the fellowship of other Christians, and simply worship God.

Although the Church is located east of Ponca City, the trip is easy. Members drive in from all parts of Ponca City, as well as Blackwell, Fairfax, Tonkawa and Marland and the surrounding countryside. The original church building is still used for children's Sunday school and children's church and some activities in Fellowship Hall. The sanctuary with stained glass windows is still used for weddings, funerals and baptisms. The Family Life Building is complete with adult Sunday School rooms, and kitchen and open dining area, as well as exercise room and nursery. For Sunday morning worship, comfortable padded chairs are set in place the night before across the carpeted area of the basketball court, facing an elevated area with the pulpit, piano and organ and greenery. This area can seat one hundred or six hundred. The generous entry, just inside the parking area with no stairs, contains the elevator recently installed. Everyone is given a name tag upon entering, so there are no strangers.

This building is used for the Great Escape party after Ponca City High School graduation

and is available for wedding receptions, family reunions, birthday celebrations and other groups. GAFFA (Games And Fun For All) takes place two Sunday evenings a month. The junior-senior youth meet in the building on the alternate Sunday evenings. Forgotten Angels Friendship Sewing Group meet alternate Mondays from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. to sew items for service groups in Ponca City. On Wednesdays at 5:30 everyone gathers for a fellowship supper, with Bible studies for all ages afterwards until 7:30. The meal is prepared by alternating volunteer teams, and diners make a very small donation. Once a month the meal is pot luck, a collection of everyone's favorite dishes. Throughout the week the building is available for walking and it has a fully equipped exercise room.

While Eastern Heights is striving to make attendance a happy adventure and a source of forming lasting and close friendships, especially for young families, it is a serious Bible-teaching and God-loving church. Although dress codes have changed everywhere over the years and people usually dress very casually, there is respect for the Lord and His house and each other.

The worship service includes a good Bible-based sermon and inspirational music and hymns.

Although Eastern Heights has supported missionaries in Thailand and South Africa with almost half its resources for many years, it's first mission at this time is to

reach families in this area.

The Eastern Heights family is very concerned that the present generation of young families do not miss out on having an extended “church family” during their growing years, and the church extends a special invitation to come on out, drive past the church

down to the parking lot below and come on in and learn about God's love and care.

Sunday School begins at 9 and from 10 until the worship service begins at 10:30 everyone visits around the big round tables, chatting and enjoying doughnuts and coffee, cocoa or juice until the

lights flicker to remind everyone to move to the worship area. Children through third grade may attend Children's Church after the singing and communion if they wish, or may stay with their parents. Babies and very small children have a nursery just off the main area.



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Adams Named to Board of Directors

HOUSTON — Phillips 66 Partners GP, a master limited partnership formed earlier this year by Phillips 66, announces the appointment of Gary Adams to the board of directors of Phillips 66 Partners GP, its general partner. Adams will be the lead director of Phillips 66 Partners GP, chair the Conflicts Committee and serve on the Audit Committee. His appointment brings the total number of board members to seven, with Adams being the third independent director.

“Gary's extensive tenure and leadership experience in the energy industry will provide valuable guidance as we grow Phillips 66 Partners,” said Greg Garland, chairman and CEO, Phillips 66 Partners GP. “We are pleased to welcome him to our board.”

Adams, 62, currently serves as chief advisor — Chemicals for IHS Inc. Serving more than 20 years with Chemical Mar-

ket Associates Inc. (CMAD), he progressed to president, CEO and chairman of CMAI in 1997 and served in that role until its acquisition by IHS in 2011. Adams earned a Bachelor of Science degree in industrial management from the University of Arkansas and has more than 35 years of experience in the petrochemical and plastics industries. He also serves as a director for Arabian American Development Company.

Adams joins independent directors Mark Haney and Joseph O'Toole on the Phillips 66 Partners GP board. The other directors are Phillips 66 executives Greg Garland, Greg Maxwell, Clayton Reasor and Tim Taylor.

About Phillips 66 Partners Phillips 66 Partners is a growth-oriented master limited partnership formed by Phillips 66 to own, operate, develop and acquire primarily fee-based

crude oil, refined petroleum product and natural gas liquids pipelines and terminals and other transportation and mid-stream assets. Headquartered in Houston, the partnership's assets include the Clifton Ridge crude oil pipeline, terminal and storage system in Louisiana; the Sweeny to Pasadena refined petroleum product pipeline, terminal and storage system in Texas; and the Hartford Connector refined petroleum product pipeline, terminal and storage system in Illinois.



Actual Facebook post this past summer on “Ponca City Review” page



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Rachel Go see John Seales he shops around different insurances & finds the best deal for you!



Julie Let me know what you find out.



Sherry John Seales. Very nice guy and will try his hardest.



Andrea How much does he charge?



Rachel Nothing. He gets paid by the insurance companies.



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Punctuation, spelling & omitting last names were the only changes made from this facebook post.

*“Thanks for all the wonderful comments”
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In today's competitive marketplace, a highly trained workforce can make a significant impact on profits and efficiency. According to Mike Boon, BIS director, Pioneer Technology Center's (PTC) Business and Industry Services (BIS) Center has the flexibility to custom tailor training and education to help local businesses maximize their resources.

PTC's network of experts and business specialists provide a full range of educational and training programs to meet business needs. The PTC staff has extensive experience with business and industry, as well as with state and federal

programs. The business and industry group also serves as a local source for organizational and employee training and development.

In addition to the customized training and services provided to business clients and partners, the BIS Center is home to a nationally certified business incubator.

Pioneer Tech's incubator facility is designed to create and nurture the growth and development of fledgling businesses.

The incubator currently houses one start-up business: ReDeckIt Concrete Solutions, Inc., owner Doug Perry. Some recent graduates of

Pioneer Tech's Business Incubator program include Professional Court Assistance; Sooner Heating and Air; V&R Spindle Repair; and Seismic Source Company. Space is currently available, possible start-up businesses can contact Bonnie Cook for more information.

Pioneer Technology Center is also known as being a part of the best Business Expansion and Retention program in the state through the organization's partnerships with the Ponca City Development Authority (PCDA, Oklahoma CareerTech and the Oklahoma Employment Securities Commission (OESC). Such

partnerships are displayed through the implementation of Pioneer Technology Center's Plan Room, which was established in 2003. As part of the Business Incubator facility, the Plan Room is a

resource for local contractors to receive information needed to bid on commercial and government contracts. The Plan Room has consistently assisted local contractors in obtaining projects that impact

their combined volumes at multi-million dollar levels. For more information about Pioneer Technology Center's Business and Industry Services, Incubator or Plan Room, call 580-718-4222.



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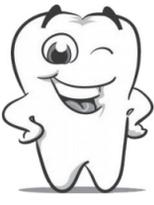



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Woodlands Church Established in 1955

Woodlands Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), the corner of Fourteenth Street and Hartford, was established on April 17, 1955 when 72 people transferred from First Christian Church here in Ponca City and were joined by 58 others, forming the charter membership of Woodlands Christian Church.

The first worship service was held in the gymnasium of Washington School. On Aug. 15, 1955 the grounds at 1400 E. Hartford we dedicated as the building site for the new church and the first worship service in the new sanctuary/fellowship hall was held on Sept. 1, 1957.

During the early years, Woodlands grew rapidly, seven Sunday school classes were held in the sanctuary/fellowship hall, one in the balcony, and one in the hall.

The need for an education wing became a pressing priority. On May 8, 1966 ground was broken for that dreamed of facility and early in 1967 the congregation moved into their new education wing.

Ground breaking for an almost million dollar major remodel took place on April 8, 2001.

These improvements included enlarging the staging area in the sanctuary, a larger gathering area, new church offices and an elevator that accesses all four levels in both buildings.

The addition also included a new entrance to the church, landscaping and a new parking lot.

In the summer of 2012 the

church acquired the property and house just south of the 1400 E. Hartford facility parking lot and are using it for our youth facility on Wednesday evenings, as well as various other church functions. Our next building need is the addition of a Family Life Center/Gymnasium.

Presently the congregation is debt free and continues to grow because of the faithful, loyal Christians whose faith and prayers sustain this ministry.

Woodlands offers Sunday school classes for every age group, is active in the community by supporting the Friendship Feast held at First Christian Church as well as offering it's facilities to be used by non-profit community groups: Alcoholics Anonymous, Al-Anon, Gamblers Anonymous, and Gam-Anon.

An open invitation is extended to the community to attend Sunday School beginning at 9:15 a.m. followed by worship at 10:30 a.m.

For more information call 580-765-8525

PCMC Opens New Clinic On Hartford

Ponca City Medical Center opened Kay County Ear, Nose and Throat earlier this year at 421 East Hartford to serve the needs of patients, young and old. The clinic is staffed by James Rebik, D.O., a board certified otolaryngologist and an active member of the medical staff at the hospital. Doctors who specialize in otolaryngology are called otolaryngologists. Frequently they are referred to as ENT (ear, nose, and throat) specialists.

"I am pleased to be in Oklahoma and practicing in Ponca City," said Dr. Rebik. "My practice interests include evaluation and treatment of a variety of ear, nose and throat conditions in children and adults. I am looking forward to serving Ponca City and the surrounding area."

During his career, Dr. Rebik has practiced in Oklahoma in Altus, Durant and Fort Sill, where he was Chief of Otolaryngology - Head and Neck Service at Reynolds Army Hospital.

Dr. Rebik received his medical degree from Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine in Kirksville, Missouri. His internship and residency were both completed at Kirksville Osteopathic Medical Center. He has been practicing most recently in Wichita Falls, TX.

"We feel fortunate to have successfully recruited Dr. Rebik and we look forward to working with him to build a successful practice," said Andy Wachtel, chief executive officer at Ponca City Medical Center.

The clinic will be open Monday - Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Dr. Rebik will perform all surgeries at Ponca City Medical Center. For an appointment call 580-718-4502.



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Global Economy at the Local Level



CONNIE LOU is the speculation building of the Ponca City Development Authority. Located in the Airport Industrial Park. The building is available for lease or purchase. The building contains Ground Source Heat Pump, Energy Efficient Lighting and insulation and is pending LEED certification.

In today's post-recession, hyper competitive global economy, the management of local economies has become more important than ever before. In Ponca City, this is the responsibility of the Ponca City Development Authority, (PCDA). PCDA was the first economic development organization in the state of Oklahoma to gain accreditation from the International Economic Development Council.

Only 31 organizations in the world have gained this honor. PCDA has also been recognized numerous times both for its effectiveness in economic development, as well as its impact upon Ponca City as PCDA steered the local economy through significant challenges during the last nine years.

PCDA is a public agency, formed in July, 2003 with the mission of diversifying the local economy. The organization, which works closely with the City of Ponca City as its independent economic development agency, is governed by a seven member Board of Trustees. All PCDA Trustees are volunteers with no financial ties to the Authority who oversee the use of a one half cent sales tax dedicated to economic development. Trustees are appointed by the Mayor and City Commission to three year terms.

The current Chairman of PCDA is Kelly Johnson of Quality Water Services. The Vice Chairman is Mark Southard, recently retired from Phillips66 and the Secretary is Daren Wilson of Albright Insurance.

The Trustees are Larry Murphy of Larry Murphy Insurance, Jim Stieber of QuarterTurn Resources, Jodi Cline of Edward Jones Investments, and Steve Hermann, Caldwell Banker Heritage Realty who serves as both a PCDA and a City Commissioner. The legal counsel for the organization is Walt Brune of Northcutt, Clark, Gardner, Hron and Brune and the Authority's accounting needs are provided by Chuck Van Cleave, C.P.A. of Van Cleave and Associates.

The actual work of economic development can be summarized into four different areas; (1) To expand job opportunities in Ponca City from existing companies (2) to retain existing jobs in Ponca City (3) to attract companies, jobs and people to Ponca City; and (4) to help new businesses, (start-ups) grow in Ponca City.

While announcements of factory openings grab headlines, the vast majority of job growth in America happens in existing companies. In recent years, fundamental changes in the global economy have created a real need for communities to actively work with their industrial base to insure that the skilled workforce needed by existing companies is available and that their supply chains are efficient.

Working with local companies on workforce and other important issues requires collaboration by PCDA with other public institutions. PCDA has a strong partnership with Pioneer Technology Center and the Oklahoma Employment Securities Commission on workforce availability and training. In addition, PCDA works with many other state and local organizations to insure that Ponca City remains the very best place in the nation for businesses to operate and thrive.

PCDA's record of success can best be seen by dividing the local economy into two distinct economies. The first is Ponca City's historic economy as a company town. This began in the early part of the 20th century and dominated the local economy through the mid 1980s. Since that time, however, that historic economy has been in decline, along with the businesses and civic organizations that relied upon that single company for success.

The second economy is a new, emerging economy tied to global business. While not as visible as the historic economy, this second engine came into its own during the

last decade. During the last eight years, this new economy was responsible for so much growth that it more than balanced the decline in the historic economy. As a result, Ponca City finished the last decade with more people working and at higher salaries than in 2000. At the same time, the Ponca City refinery, now on its third owner in ten years, continues to be one of the largest and most up-to-date inland refineries in the United States, not to mention a consistent economic driver for Ponca City.

Perhaps the greatest value of an economic development organization can be seen when times get tough. Following 2009, when an international recession and two major closings hit the local economy and the local unemployment rate rose dramatically, PCDA shifted into an "economic triage" role. This proved so successful that at the end of 2010, Site Selection Magazine named Ponca City as the leading economic development program in the state of Oklahoma for that year.

The most notable success during this period was the addition to Ponca City of Dorada Foods, which announced their plans in 2010 to reopen the former Tyson Foods plant in Ponca City. That plant, which opened in 2011, produces chicken products for McDonalds. Several other economic development projects were also concluded during this period resulting in a steep drop in the unemployment rate from 10.2 percent in January of 2010 to its current 5.3 percent, a full three percentage points below the national rate of 8.3 percent, (July, 2012).

More recently, PCDA has continued to work on finding both buildings and workforce to accommodate a spike in manufacturing activity as well as a return of oil production to North Central Oklahoma. In addition, companies such as Element Integrity, Mid America Door, K&C Manufacturing, MJ&H Fabrications, Mertz Manufacturing, the University Multispectral Laboratories, (UML- particularly the UML's growing focus on unmanned aerial systems) Head Country Barbeque, Cookshack, Air Systems Components and others have announced recent expansions or relocations to Ponca City, further diversifying the local economy.

For the future, PCDA is developing a program to provide the infrastructure needed to solidify the transition from a community with a single economic engine to one with multiple economic driv-

ers. This "Next Horizon" program will include the newly completed speculation building, affectionately referred to as "Connie Lou", in the existing Airport Industrial Park and the opening of the West Ranch Industrial Park.

The combination of available, attractive buildings will allow new companies adapted to today's tech savvy workforce to take advantage of Ponca City's low operating cost, balanced lifestyle and Mid continent location.

PCDA's main focus, however, will continue to be the work with existing industries to build upon Ponca City's growing reputation as one of the finest business partnership communities in North America. Through strong ties with Pioneer Technology Center, the Oklahoma Employment Securities Commission, the City of Ponca City, the Ponca City Area Chamber of Commerce, Northern Oklahoma College and surrounding communi-

ties, Ponca City has become the state's model for efficient, cooperative collaboration.

Growth in the future will be more precise, more targeted and more customized and Ponca City is prepared like none other. The second year of the Blue Wave workforce development program continues to aggressively tie together existing state workforce programs with employers. The SAGE program, (Sustainable Alternative Green Energy) the brainchild of PCDA Trustee Jeff Meyers, has taken the lead in positioning Ponca City for growth in the renewable energy industry as well as in walking the talk by installing geothermal units and energy efficient lighting in industrial buildings which will make

them more efficient.

More efficient facilities make those plants more attractive for economic growth in a cost conscious world. To make Ponca City industries even more competitive, PCDA has graduated its first company MICC through the ICAP program, (Industrial Certification Assistance Program) which is designed to assist local companies in acquiring certifications and licenses that will both be required and necessary for future growth.

PCDA focuses on industrial growth, which includes research, development and non-retail commercial development. Unlike some other communities, retail development is not incentivized in Ponca City. This is based upon

a philosophy that the growth of primary jobs will drive investment elsewhere. Primary jobs are defined as jobs that attract money into the community in return for a product or service going out.

The Ponca City Development Authority is one of the most highly recognized economic programs in the State of Oklahoma. In 2008, the organization received the economic development project of the year from the International Economic Development Council, along with Oklahoma State and ConocoPhillips, for the UML. PCDA has also received national and international awards as having the finest business retention and expansion program.

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Phillips 66, Center for America Help NG Find Jobs

In 2012, Phillips 66 partnered with the Center for America to become the lead corporate sponsor of American Jobs for America's Heroes (AJAH), a non-profit campaign to connect unemployed National Guard members with employers. On Tuesday, Sept. 24, contract companies and their

management gathered at Phillips 66 Ponca City Refinery to learn how they can join the effort.

"At Phillips 66, we know that the National Guard offers outstanding experience, skills and training, and its members and veterans make valuable employees," explained Pete Stynes,

refinery manager, Ponca City Refinery.

"Most companies do not realize they can access trained and experienced National Guard members easily and at no cost. We're inviting the companies we work with to join the more than 50 trade associations and state Chambers of Com-

merce representing more than 100,000 employers that have already committed to supporting the AJAH program to help put America's heroes back to work."

There are 358,000 National Guard members across the United States, and of those, approximately 60,000 are currently unemployed. AJAH is a nonprofit alliance with the National Guard to help unemployed National Guard members, veterans and spouses find skilled jobs in the private sector. AJAH provides direct, hands-on support for employers and for applicants, serving both as a critical stand-alone program and an important complement to existing employment efforts and job fairs.

"Phillips 66 has engaged immediately and with enthusiasm for the practical purpose of this program — employing National Guard members, spouses and veterans," said Stynes.

"We encourage other companies to step up recruitment of National Guard members and participate

in the Center for America's efforts to connect these heroes with employers."

How American Jobs for America's Heroes works: AJAH provides direct, hands-on support for employers and for applicants, serving both as a critical stand-alone program and an important complement to existing employment efforts and job fairs. Job postings are plugged directly into a case management system that unifies National Guard, Employment Support for the Guard and Reserves (ESGR), and voluntary state supports groups around the nation into a unified technology infrastructure to improve matching and follow-through.

The campaign is ongoing since its inception last December, and is not limited to short-term events. Companies that register are assigned case managers who work with company recruiting staff to provide hands-on help in making matches. There are no fees to participating companies or job candidates.

Employers who want to post open positions on National Guard and veteran's job banks can sign up through the Center for

America website at: www.CenterforAmerica.org/register.html

About Phillips 66
Built on more than 130 years of experience, Phillips 66 is a growing energy manufacturing and logistics company with high-performing Midstream, Chemicals, Refining, and Marketing and Specialties businesses. This diverse portfolio enables Phillips 66 to capture opportunities in a changing energy landscape. Headquartered in Houston, the company has 13,500 employees who are committed to operating excellence and safety. Phillips 66 is a Fortune 500 company with \$51 billion of assets as of March 31, 2013. For more information, visit www.phillips66.com or follow us on Twitter @Phillips66Co.

About The Center For America
The Center for America (www.centerforamerica.org) is a non-profit organization founded in 2004 that focuses its national efforts on educating and empowering the public about barriers to free enterprise, the need for expanded skills training and job creation, and the impact of lawsuit abuse on reducing job creation.

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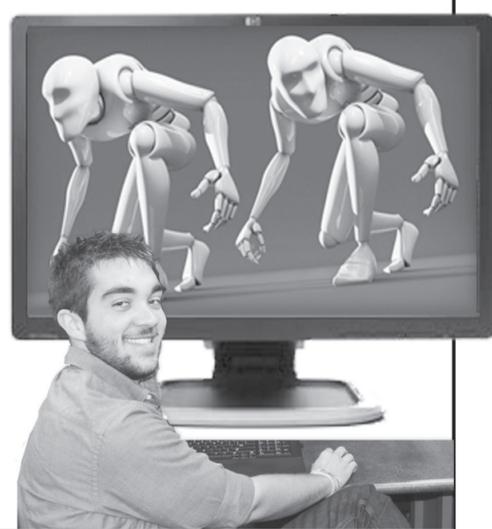
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Ponca City was ranked as the best performing economic development program in the state of Oklahoma in 2010 by Site Selection magazine. In 2012, Ponca City was ranked as one of the top ten best small cities in America for business by American Express.

PCDA's staff includes the Executive Director, David Myers, who has served in that capacity since 2003. Laurence Beliel is the organization's Director of Business Retention and Expansion. Mike Daugherty is the Ponca BluWav Program Manager, Katherine Long is the Small Business and Information Manager, Lori Henderson is PCDA's Business Development and Financial Manager and Cynthia Brown serves as an Administrative Assistant.

As noted above, PCDA receives a one half cent sales tax, approved by the voters in 1994 and then renewed in 2003, 2008 and 2013. To provide proper control of this public money, PCDA is audited annually by an independent accounting firm.

As a public agency, all meetings of the Authority are open to the public.

The Board holds one regular monthly meeting on the second Thursday of each month, beginning at 7:30 a.m. in the Chamber of Commerce Conference Room, located at Fifth and Grand. All actions of the board require a public vote.

For more information about PCDA including current demographic information about Ponca City, visit our web site at www.goponca.com.

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Larry Murphy Insurance Opened in 1983

Larry Murphy started Larry Murphy Insurance Agency in November 1983 from "scratch" in Ponca City. After four years of experience in the Independent Insurance Agency business, he began his business with one employee, three insurance company contracts, and what he hoped was a strong following of customers who wanted an agent with an "independent" point of view handling their insurance needs. Murphy and his staff recently celebrate their 30th anniversary.

"We've been fortunate to have contracted with insurance companies that are strong and stable," said Murphy. "Needless to say, that is very important in today's economy. We've been lucky in the hiring, training, and maintaining of employees that are dependable and knowledgeable and take a sincere interest in helping our customers."

The staff at Larry Murphy Insurance Agency is truly a strength. The staff consists of Lori Horn, who manages both per-

sonal lines and accounting, and Angle Brewer and Danika Estrada in commercial lines. In addition to Larry, the production staff includes Joe A. Theobald, who has over 35 years insurance experience and Kelly Murphy, 17 years. To further represent the family environment of the operation, Theobald, i.e. "Jakie" has been a life-long friend and Kelly, who joined the agency in October 1996, is Larry and Nancy's oldest child.

"When we entered the insurance business in Ponca

City 34 years ago," said Murphy. "We had the choices of becoming a direct writing agent representing one company or pursuing a career as an Independent Agency representing multiple companies. Although there have been times when the uniformity of representing only one company seemed enviable, we're convinced we made the right decision in offering our customers choices for their insurance exposures."

Marketing strategy at the insurance agency includes selling yourself and the agency and making both those a top priority.

"We don't sell insurance," said Murphy. "We sell ourselves. The staff understands that the goal is to offer insurance and, by selling ourselves and our agency to the community, we will be successful. The insurance business allows the opportunity to interact with people and to provide invaluable products and services in protecting their assets and future."

This is evident by the Murphy Agency's involvement in Ponca City. They believe in community investment. They are active in volunteering with the Chamber of Commerce, Child Development Center, Friendship Feast, Golden Villa, Court Appointed Special Advocates and Hospice. The employees also help Peachtree Landing, United Way, Ponca City Medical Center, Ponca City Development Authority, Ponca City Main Street, and Supported Community Lifestyles.

"As we celebrate our 30th anniversary in our new location at 113 East Grand, we pledge to be involved and to invest back into the community. We feel that by being diligent with our investment in the community, it will not only benefit our insurance

business but also the welfare and strengthening of our great Ponca City way of life. It is very gratifying to coordinate your business and your community involvement in worthwhile projects," said Murphy. "The satisfaction comes when our employees give of their time, talent, and/or treasure for the benefit of others."

This involvement was instrumental in them being awarded the Ponca City Chamber of Commerce's 2008 Business of the Year.

The Murphy Agency serves about 1,100 customers and is about 75 percent commercial lines and 25 percent personal lines.

"It's been well-documented that the number of independent insurance agencies has been declining," said Murphy. "For the survivors, this means an opportunity for greater market share and customers. It also means they'll have to offer more services and/or target areas where they have competitive advantage with better products, pricing, and services."

The company is located in their recently remodeled office at 113 East Grand Avenue across from the Ponca Theatre. They employ a staff of eight and serve customers within a 50-mile radius of Ponca City.

Members Take Field Trip



MEMBERS OF Pioneer Genealogical Society ventured to Newkirk earlier this year. While there, the group heard Vance Johnson's presentation on the history of the chuckwagon. The group also enjoyed chuckwagon fare prepared in Dutch ovens by Gay Ann Grace and Johnson. Making the journey were, first row from left, Victoria Rives, Kathy Caldron, (seated) Karen Hunter, Vance Johnson, Mildred Smith and Millie Stafford. Second row, Stan Hinshaw, Royce Caldron, Keith Hunter, Mary Cantrell, Pat Purkey, Alan Crockett, Charlotte Green, Bob Green, Calvin Golliver, Dottie Golliver, Jay Stafford, Rachel McClelland and Nancy Stevenson. The public is welcome to join PGS meetings and excursions.

Chilocco Wind Farm Will Promote Clean Energy

By LOUISE ABERCROMBIE
News Business Editor

A project to promote clean energy is underway on the Chilocco grounds just outside of Newkirk.

The project is a partnership of the Otoe-Missouria, Kaw Nation, Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma, and Ponca Nation. The Chilocco wind farm will include 45 GE turbines, combining to produce 76.5 megawatts. The project is not only important for Oklahoma and the tribes involved, more importantly it will mean clean energy for the future, it will contribute clean air, clean water, and a clean environment not only to this generation, but also for future generations.

There is about 3,200 acres involved. Total area occupied by the wind farm will be less than 20 acres, allowing for continued use of land for other faculties. It will provide a guaranteed income stream to all participating tribes. The first quarter of 2014 is the anticipated starting date. Work started in mid-July, with stabilizing the roads and other preliminary work.

This construction phase will employ about 200 workers in the area. When the systems is in operation it will employ about 12.

"This is very good for all our tribes, economically and

energy wise," said Ted Grant of the Otoe-Missouria Tribe.

The wind farm project is another way for the tribes to use the land and it helps diversify the income streams by using a natural resource.

D. Arthur Roden, contract administrator, indicates there is a complicated permitting and licensing process required for an operation

of this type. This is also an expensive process. Elements to be considered are wetlands and things of this type. The transmission area will be just south of the project site and will be disbursed here and all across the system. "We have a specific off taker, I can't tell who that is right now," Roden said. "This is done through a financial contract, where the

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Harmony Baptist Church Located on Union

Organized in 1973 Harmony Missionary Baptist Church, 2230, North Union, established as its primary goal "Lifting the Cross" in Ponca City believing "For we are laborers together with God..." II Corinthians 3:9a.

To that end it has through the years committed itself to missionary endeavor's both in Ponca City, state wide, within the United States and on the Foreign Mission field.

The church's first outreach was in sponsoring and planting a new church in Enid. Mission oriented activities continue today exemplifying the churches mission to Ponca City and the world.

Locally the church holds regular services on Sundays and Wednesday Night at 6 p.m.

Providing a full range of services and teaching ministries to all ages to include special seminars on biblical subjects which are open to all wishing to attend.

In 2013 the church has specifically sponsored a Bible reading seminar and facilitated a two day evangelism outreach training program presented by Dr. Robert Martin, a Global Independent Baptist Fellowship Missionary to Costa Rica.

Harmony is a Landmark Missionary Baptist Church having its roots based in the Landmark movement of the 19th Century within the Southern Baptist Convention and now within the Independent Associational Baptist work.

Landmark Baptist believe in the Divine inspiration of the Holy Scriptures. They believe God has preserved His words in His Word and only use the King James Bible Authorized Version.

They believe in the deity of Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, in the sinless life of Christ, in His substitutionary death, and his bodily resurrection.

They believe in the imminent return of Jesus Christ. They believe every part of Scripture is essential and they should not break one of the least of the commandments and that the greatest commandment is to love God with all your heart, mind, and strength and then to love your neighbor as you love yourself. They believe Christians should bring forth the fruits of salvation in their lives and they should strive to follow

the example of Jesus Christ. They believe the clothes they wear are clean and serviceable, the activities they participate in are God honoring, the jobs they hold, the use of language and the places they spend time at should reflect Christ in their lives.

They also believe Christians should avoid evil of any kind. They believe the true New Testament church is only local and visible and that the church has existed since its organization by Jesus before Pentecost.

They believe that the Great Commission found in Matthew Chapter 28 was given to the local church and not to man-made organizations or Ecclesiastical bodies. Landmark Baptist believe in only two ordinances within the church and then that they are valid only when they are performed by authority of a New Testament Baptist church. Those two ordinances are Baptism and the Lord's Supper.

The Landmark Movement championed by fundamental Baptist J. R. Graves, B. H. Carroll, J. M. Pendleton and A. C. Dayton believed that the preeminent mission of the Church was Missions and that an unbroken line of succession - a trail of blood - leads from the First Church at Jerusalem to every local and visible Baptist Church of today.

Harmony participates and has initiated a wide ranging Missionary support program to carry out its Commission to go unto the whole world. Currently the church has provided Bible Baptist Institute materials to 16 Baptist Missionaries on the Foreign Mission field, from Botswana to Thailand, Slovenia to Ethiopia.

These materials are for the training of individuals for Missionary endeavor's and Ministry. Within the United States and the State of Oklahoma the church supports 13 individual mission points, seminars, and smaller churches in need of support.

Specifically in Oklahoma the church supports works in Choteau, Elk City, Eufaula, Midwest City, Noble, Norman, Stillwater, and Owasso.

The Church supports The Missionary Baptist Seminary in Norman and Heartland Baptist Bible College in Oklahoma City.

The church is a traditional independent Baptist work.

Services are conducted to reach those in need of Jesus and educate believers in Fundamental Baptist doctrine. Members are encouraged to participate in civic functions to better reach and serve the Ponca City community.

Music is both traditional and praise with the use of instruments, and choir.

Children are allowed to participate in all facets of the church ministry, with summer vacation Bible School and Summer Christian Camping at Cedar Hills Baptist Youth Camp emphasized. All are welcome who want to learn about Jesus.

Harmony is located at 2230 North Union in Ponca City just across the street from the Opportunity Center. Sunday Services begin at 9:30 a.m. with Sunday school followed by worship services at 10:45 a.m. with a guided Children's Church Service concurrently

in the church fellowship hall. Weekly Bible Study begins at 6 p.m. on Sunday night and Wednesday night, with a full range of activities for youth. For assistance, transportation to church or more information please call Pastor Dr. D.R. Baker at 405-808-8917.



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Walktober Beginning 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.

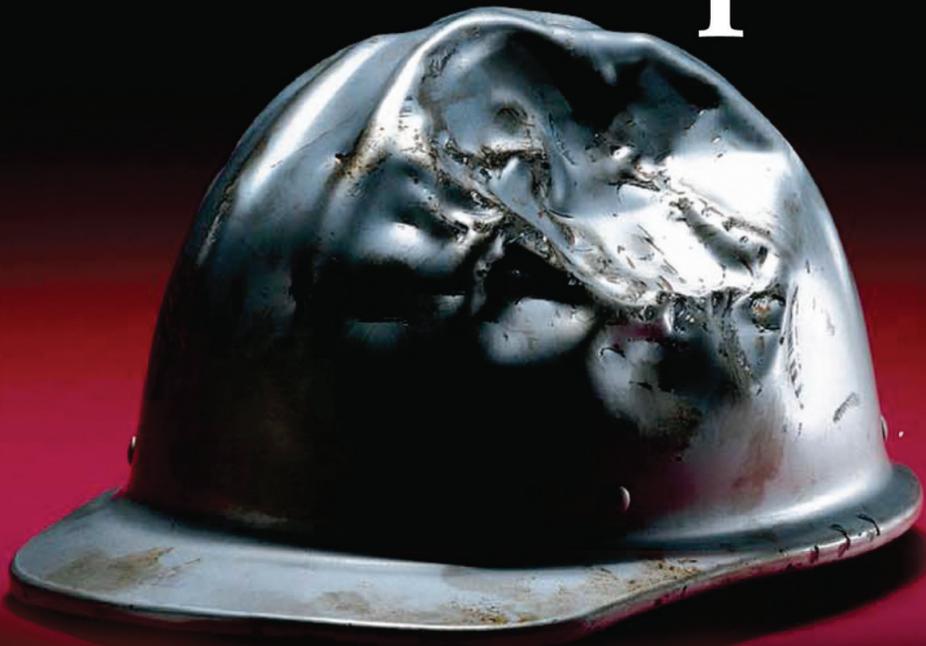
On Nov. 1, the competition will close. The number of steps reported for each team will be tallied and a winner declared.

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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