

WELCOME TO THE PONCA CITY AREA



Ponca City Events Calendar

June 2014

20 - JUNETEENTH BLUES AND BBQ, Join friends and family for this event at Attucks Park and Community Center! FREE children's movie beginning at 6:30 p.m. then onto Blues & Bar-B-Q (& fish) beginning at 7:00 p.m. The Blues is FREE - The Bar-B-Q is NOT. Contact: (580) 762-2499.

21 - JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION, Attucks Community Center & Park. Kids Korner begins at 12:00 p.m. including games, events & free fun for little ones along with a free picnic style lunch. Enjoy a dominoes tournament, 3 on 3 basketball tournament, horse shoes tournament, bingo and various other games beginning at 4:00 p.m. Fish Fry and Bar-B-Q beginning at 7:00 p.m. along with live entertainment. Lots of GAMES and FUN for ALL!!! This annual event marks the historic freedom of slaves across many Southern States. Contact: (580) 762-2499.

22 - JUNETEENTH COMMUNITY CHURCH SERVICE, 11:00 A.M. at Attucks Community Center. FREE dinner immediately following. Contact: (580) 762-2499.

July 2014

4 - 4th OF JULY FIREWORKS SHOW, Annual Lake Ponca Fireworks display beginning at 9:50 p.m. Contact (580) 767-0430.

5 - FLY-IN BREAKFAST, Ponca City Airport from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Contact: (580) 767-0470.

17-20 - 133rd OTOE-MISSOURIA ENCAMPMENT, Dancing, games, arts & craft vendors, 5K race and more. Held at the traditional powwow grounds east of the tribal complex at 8151 HWY 177 in Red Rock. Contact: Hank Childs at (580) 233-7509.

17-20 - THE GRAPES OF WRATH, presented by Ponca Playhouse. The story of the Joad family and their flight from the dust bowl of Oklahoma is familiar to all. Des-

perately proud, but reduced to poverty by the loss of their farm, the Joads pile their few possessions on a battered old truck and head west for California, hoping to find work and a better life. Led by the indomitable Ma Joad, who is determined to keep the family together at any cost, and by the volatile young Tom Joad, an ex-convict who grows increasingly impatient with the intolerance and exploitation that they encounter on their trek, the Joads must deal with death and terrible deprivation before reaching their destination-where their waning hopes are dealt a final blow by the stark realities of the Great Depression. And yet, despite the anguish and suffering that it depicts, the play becomes in the final essence a soaring and deeply moving affirmation of the indomitability of the human spirit and the essential goodness and strength that-then as now-reside in the hearts and minds of the "common man," throughout the world. Doors open at 7:30 p.m., show begins at 8:00 p.m. on Friday and Saturday. Sunday matinee begins at 2:00 p.m. Tickets are available at the box office, \$20 for all ages. Contact: (580) 765-5360.

19 - K'ATHAGE AKIWE-NA JIWERE 5K RUN, This 5K race is sanctioned by the USTAF and will be chip timed. The course begins at the 7 Clans Paradise Casino and winds through the traditional tribal campgrounds. The overall winners in the men's and women's categories will receive a handmade hand drum. Winners in each age category will receive awards. All participants will receive t-shirts. Contact: Donnie Childs at (580) 723-4466, ext 125.

19-24 - 2014 PONCA CITY MOTOCROSS CHAMPIONSHIP, presented by RPM Sports. For information on the upcoming South Central

Area qualifier for Loretta's go www.rpmsportsonline.com. Further information about the event will be posted closer to date.

21-25 - ARTS ADVENTURE, presented by Arts Adventure Foundation. Arts Adventure invites you to attend a week long summer camp on the Northern Oklahoma College Tonkawa campus, where you will gain talents and skills in visual arts, computer graphics, instrumental and vocal music, photography, dance, video, theater and writing. The camp is open to young people entering grades 6-12. Arts Adventure begins at 9:00 a.m. and ends at 4:00 p.m. daily with a performance and exhibition on Friday evening. Students will participate daily in two classes: the first from 9:00 a.m. to noon, the second from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Classes will fill early so students are encouraged to apply as soon as possible! Contact: Kerri Gray (580) 628-4710.

24-26 - CRAZY DAYS IN PONCA CITY!, Enjoy the fun and excitement of the biggest SALE days of the year! For exact times and locations of the many special events please contact: (580) 765-4400.

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August 2014
2 - FLY-IN BREAKFAST, Ponca City Airport from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Contact: (580) 767-0470.

9 - "ALL FIRED UP", Benefit Fundraiser for the Ponca City Fire and Life Safety Council, Marland Mansion lower level. Enjoy a steak dinner with all the fixins', prepared by 3 different teams of Ponca City Firemen. You VOTE the winner! Other fun includes a DJ, and live auction! Tickets will be available at Ponca City Chamber. Contact: (580) 767-0153.

15 - "PARTY AT THE PALACE!" A Ponca City Area Chamber of Commerce celebration at the Marland Mansion beginning at 6:30 p.m., tickets are \$25 per person and includes great food, live entertainment, and dancing. Tickets are available at the Ponca City Chamber of Commerce. Contact: (580) 765-4400.

21-24 - PONCA POWWOW, held at White Eagle Park. Dedication Ceremony is Thursday, August 21st at 10:00 a.m. and dancing begins daily at 2:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. Food concessions and arts & crafts vendors on site. Contact: (580) 762-8104.

September 2014
4-6 - 53rd ANNUAL CHEROKEE STRIP GOLF CLASSIC, at the Ponca City Country Club, Benefitting the Opportunity Center. Golf tournament is "two net low ball" (4 amateurs & 1 pro) using 85% handicap. Sign up as an individual or bring an entire team! Other activities include the Marty McArthur Memorial Ladies golf tournament, silent auction, live entertainment, ladies activities, amateur golf horserace. Social passes are available. Contact: (580) 765-6782.

6 - FLY-IN BREAKFAST, Ponca City Airport from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Contact: (580) 767-0470.

6-7 - 40th ANNUAL FINE ARTS FESTIVAL, presented by The Ponca City Art Association. This two-day juried festival takes place on the grounds of the Ponca City Art Center located in the Historic Soldani Mansion at 819 E. Central Avenue. Art will be judged by Dr. Karen York, Curator at the Sherwin-Miller Jewish Muse-

um of Art in Tulsa, Oklahoma and also art professor at Tulsa University. A \$300 First, \$200 Second, and \$125 Third Place cash prize will be awarded for each category. A \$300 cash prize will be awarded to Best of Show. The non-monetary Florence Riesen Award will be given to the winner of the People's Choice Category. The Fine Arts Festival will be open from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturday and from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Sunday. Contact: (580) 765-9746.

20 - CHEROKEE STRIP BBQ COOK-OFF, presented by Women of Professionals Today. Sample Chicken, pork ribs, pork and beef brisket and

try a variety of chilis. Vote for your favorite BBQ team in the people's choice competition. Tasting kits will be sold starting around 12:30 p.m. at Lake Ponca. All proceeds benefit Hospice of North Central Oklahoma. Contact Robyn Ryan: (580) 765-3311 or robynryan@poncacity.net.

26-27 - 21st ANNUAL STANDING BEAR POW WOV, Standing Bear Native American Park. Food Vendors and Native American Arts & Crafts. Cash Prizes in all categories! Friday starts with Gourd dancing beginning at 5:00 p.m. with Grand Entry at 7:00 p.m., Princess selection, Intertribal dancing, Tiny Tots contests, Jr./Teen Division contests, Golden Age contests and Exhibition dancing. Saturday starts with Gourd Dancing at 1:00 p.m., Specials (afternoon only) The Traditional Meal served at 5:30 p.m., Grand Entry 7:00 p.m. then Intertribal Dancing, Adult contests & Exhibition Dancing. (Times subject to change) Contact: (580) 762-1514.

October 2014

4 - FLY-IN BREAKFAST, Ponca City Airport from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Contact: (580) 767-0470.

4-5 - 30th ANNUAL OKTOBERFEST, presented by the E.W. Marland Estate Foundation. From the Beer Garden to the Chicken Dance, visitors will find everything needed to enjoy Oktoberfest. The festival includes dozens of food vendors, craft booths, and a children's area with large inflatables, rides and carnival games. Oktoberfest will be open from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Saturday and from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Sunday. Admission is \$4 for all, except children ages 6 and under are FREE! Contact: (580) 767-0420.

21 - UMI GARRETT-PIANO CONCERT, presented by Ponca City Concert Series. At age nine, piano prodigy Umi Garrett appeared on NBC's The Ellen DeGeneres show. It was such a sensation that her young career skyrocketed. In the 2012 Chopin and Liszt Competitions, she surprised all with her performance of special, genuine joy. The audience was simply overwhelmed by her turbulent, emotional energy and wondered from where a little girl has such a power in the fingers and in the spirit. Now at the age of twelve, Umi will share that spirit with Ponca City. Showtime is 7:30 p.m. at the Poncan Theatre. Contact: (580) 765-3971.

23 - "GOBLINS ON GRAND," sponsored by Ponca City Main Street, 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. - Ages 0 - 12. Wear your costume... we'll have games and lots of fun for the whole family - Downtown Ponca City,

in front of City Hall. Contact: (580) 763-8082. Tickets are available at the following locations: First National Bank of Oklahoma, Cherokee Strip Credit Union, Eastman National Bank, Ponca City Chamber of Commerce, RCB Bank, Tyndall Dentistry, and The UPS Store.

24 - FALL FESTIVAL AND HAUNTED HOUSE, presented by the Marland Children's Home. Haunted house, baked potato bar, hot dogs, mini-midway of children's games in the gymnasium, a petting zoo and much more from 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.! Fun for ALL ages!! Proceeds go directly to the Marland Children's Home. See you there, if you dare!!!! Contact: (580) 762-4156.

31 - TRICK OR TREAT IN PONCA CITY - Official night for ghosts and goblins in Ponca City!

November 2014

1 - FLY-IN BREAKFAST, Ponca City Airport from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Contact: (580) 767-0470.

8 - VETERANS DAY PARADE, Downtown Ponca City, Grand Avenue 10:45 a.m. Come and see both Antique and F-16 flyovers. Vets can meet for coffee and donuts from 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. at the American Legion Post 14. Lunch following the parade for veterans only. Parade will consist of veterans' groups, civic groups, floats, bands, Shriners, bikes and school kids. Contact: (580) 765-9073.

21 - DEPUE-DE HOYOS-VIOLIN AND GUITAR CONCERT, presented by Ponca City Concert Series. Alex Depue, an exceptional violinist and fiddler, recently teamed up with talented Mexican guitarist Miguel De Hoyos. Their unique international sound has been praised throughout North America. The two perform an engaging and often virtuosic combination of classical-tinted takes on popular songs and original compositions, and their cohesion and chops are just remarkable. Show time is 7:30 p.m. at the Poncan Theatre. Contact: (580) 765-3971.

26 - FESTIVAL OF ANGELS, "THE NIGHT THE LIGHTS GO ON," Free Family Fun!! Join us from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Lake Ponca Park for this wonderful family event, offering hayrack rides, marshmallow roasts, hot chocolate and cookies. Contact: (580) 362-6744.

26-30 - FESTIVAL OF ANGELS LIGHTING DISPLAY, over 260 displays at 3 citywide locations from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. - Visit our host angel at the Pioneer Woman to get your map of the other locations offering beautiful lighting around Lake Ponca Park, L.A. Cann Gardens and the Pioneer Woman. Contact: (580) 362-6744.

December 2014
1-30 - FESTIVAL OF ANGELS LIGHTING DISPLAY, Over 260 displays at 3 citywide locations from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. - Visit our host angel at the Pioneer Woman to get your map of the other locations offering beautiful lighting around Lake Ponca Park, L.A. Cann Gardens and the Pioneer Woman. Contact: (580) 362-6744.

1-30 - NATIVITY FESTIVAL, hosted by First Christian Church. More than 100 nativity sets or crèches are spread throughout the church. Guests will see handmade as well as sets purchased from around the world.

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What started out as a summer fishing trip became a bee sting, poison ivy, & sunburn.

President Rehired at NOC-Tonkawa

The Northern Oklahoma College Board of Regents met May 13 in Tonkawa for their regular scheduled meeting with Chair Lynn Smith presiding.

Other regents present were Jeff Cowen, Vice-Chair; Linda Brown, vice-chair and Keith James and Tom Dugger, members.

The April 22 meeting minutes were approved, followed by Regents' comments, administrative updates and updates from NOC President Dr. Cheryl Evans.

Evans commented that, "The last month of the spring semester is always one of the fullest of the year and the best of the year. We concluded our year of celebration noting the fiftieth anniversary of the Roustabouts and the NOC Foundation along with the 10 year anniversary of the Gateway Program in Stillwater. Most importantly, we rejoiced with our students who completed their associate degrees at Northern on graduation day. We are excited and proud of the fact that a record number, nearly 900 degrees were awarded this year."

Other reports were given on personnel changes and reemployment of full-time faculty personnel for the academic year 2014-2015.

Also, Dr. Pam Stinson, associate vice president of academic affairs, spoke to the Regents regarding the new criteria for Higher Learning Commission accreditation.

A housing project update was presented by Fred Schmidt with Frankfurt-Short-Bruza Associates (FSB) Architects along with updates from Jason Johnson, NOC vice president for student affairs and

Residential Housing Committee chair. The Regents were told the ground breaking is expected in August with a completion target of July 15, 2015 for the new dorms to be constructed on both the Tonkawa and Enid campuses and that each would have around 84 beds.

During the meeting, Tom J. Dugger was sworn in as

NOC Board of Regents member by Judge Phil Ross to fill the unexpired term of former Regent Rex Horning, and Jeffrey T. Cowan, who has been reappointed to the NOC Board, was also sworn in by Judge Ross.

Dugger, Stillwater resident since 1979, is a certified public accountant (CPA) with over 40 years of experience in audit, tax, and corporate accounting. He graduated from Oklahoma State University where he was inducted as a member of the honorary scholastic fraternity Phi Kappa Phi and was also a Chi Chapter member of Beta Alpha Psi. He is a past board member of the Oklahoma Board of Accountancy. He is a past board member of the Oklahoma Society of CPAs, past chair of their political action committee, and serves as a member of the continuing education committee. Dugger has served as an instructor for continuing education courses offered by the Oklahoma Society of CPAs and as a reviewer for the American Institute of CPA's Peer Review Program. He served on an Oklahoma Department of Commerce steering committee that developed their educational course and manual entitled, "Energizing Your Local Economy, Business Tax Incentive Training." He serves on the OSU School of Accounting Advisory Board and was recognized as a Distinguished Accounting Alumnus in 2005. Tom received the Oklahoma Society of CPA's Public Service Award in 2002. In 1995, after being nominated by the Stillwater Chamber of Commerce, Dugger was honored as the United States Small Business Advocate of the Year. He also served two 3-year elective terms on the Stillwater City Council, was previously affiliated with the predecessor firm of KPMG and also served as the audit and tax manager of the Oklahoma Publishing Company.

Dugger's firm, Dugger and Co., CPA's PC, established in 1986, has four full time employees, two of whom have OSU MS-taxation degrees.

The firm serves a variety of clients in Stillwater and north central Oklahoma ranging from individuals and professional practices to manufacturing and retail clients. The primary focus of the firm is on individual and business taxes and business operations.

Dugger is an Eagle Scout awarded by the Boy Scouts of America and a prior member of the Oklahoma National Guard. He is a past president of Stillwater Exchange Club, past treasurer and executive committee member of the Stillwater Chamber of Commerce and has received the Chamber's Distinguished Chairman's Award. Dugger graduated from the first Leadership Stillwater class and remains a member of the Leadership Stillwater Alumni, is a member of First Christian Church in Stillwater, is a board member of the non-profit organization Matthew 25:40 Mission, Inc. and enjoys assisting the National Wrestling Hall of Fame with their activities.

Tom has been married to Ann Dugger, Ed. D. (OSU) for 42 years. She is an adjunct professor of education at OSU. They have one son, Jim, who resides in Dallas, with his wife Emily.

Cowan of Ponca City was reappointed to the NOC Board of Regents and sworn in during the meeting. Cowan, president of RCB Bank, Ponca City, is currently serving as NOC Board vice-chair, and was originally appointed to the Board by Gov. Mary Fallin in 2011 to serve an unexpired term ending June 30, 2014. He grew up in Arma, Kan., and is a graduate of Northeast High School and Pittsburg State University where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration with emphasis in economics and marketing.

Cowan has been in banking for over 32 years and with RCB Bank, formerly Pioneer Bank, for 30 of those years. He started as a consumer lender and later worked in the commercial lending area. He was promoted to vice president, lending in 1988, senior



Dr. Cheryl Evans

vice president in 1996 and executive vice president in 2002. He has served as president of RCB Bank Ponca City since January of 2008 and was recognized as Officer of the year in 1990 and again in 2001.

Cowan has served as president and campaign chairman of Ponca City United Way, was treasurer of Ponca City Public School Foundation and Ponca City Economic Development Advisory Board. He served on the Ponca City Planning Commission, the Ponca Energy Board and was co-chairman of the mayor's Vision 2020 Task Force, is a graduate of Leadership Ponca city and has been involved in numerous other civic and community activities.

The Regents took action on several agenda items.

The Regents approved a request for suspension of the AAS in Aviation, Professional Pilot Degree Program; new room and board rates; a master lease purchase program



NORTHERN OKLAHOMA College Board of Regents reappointed board member Jeffrey T. Cowan, right. He is being sworn in by Judge Phil Ross.



NORTHERN OKLAHOMA College Board of Regents member Tom J. Dugger, right, is sworn in by Judge Phil Ross to fill the unexpired term of former Regent Rex Horning.

reimbursement resolution allowing NOC to purchase items, in conjunction with the renovation of residence halls and cafeteria for the Tonkawa and Enid campuses, prior to receipt of bond proceeds and be reimbursed upon receipt of those funds; transfer of funds from 290 fund to 295 fund; the monthly financial report, monthly purchases of \$25,000 or more and the Section 13 600-650 allocation request for various projects as presented by Vice President for Financial Affairs

Anita Simpson. An executive session was held for discussion and possible action regarding the employment, hiring, or appointment of the president of NOC.

After returning to regular session the Regents approved the rehiring of current NOC President Dr. Cheryl Evans for another year.

The next scheduled meeting will be held June 24 at 1 p.m. in the President's Conference Room on the Tonkawa campus.

Events

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A special area for children is located on the first floor. These nativities have been shared by many members of the First Christian Church and are available for viewing during normal business hours. Contact: (580) 762-1667.

1-30 - LIGHTS AT LUTHERAN CHRISTMAS LIGHT DISPLAY, presented by First Lutheran School. Lights at Lutheran Christmas Light display has over 27,000 Christmas lights and a 16-foot screen of animations choreographed to music and broadcasted on 88.1 FM. The free display runs nightly from 5:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. Contact: (580) 762-4243.

6 - FLY-IN BREAKFAST, Ponca City Airport from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Contact: (580) 767-0470.

6- CHRISTMAS MARKET OKLAHOMA, presented by First Lutheran Church & School. Weihnacht Markets (Christmas Markets), originally began in Renaissance Germany and Austria. The German-American churches in Northern Oklahoma celebrate such a Yule wonderland, join First Lutheran Church as they celebrate on the first Saturday of December in Ponca City from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Shop the arts and crafts for Christmas gifts and decorations including Native American wares while being enchanted by the ambience of Christmas aromas and the sounds of carols. Of special interest is the music, an all day concert of choirs and contempo-

rary artists, while a "Cookie Walk" of over 300 dozen Holiday cookies is on sale. Sip hot chocolate or spiced cider and sample the German food. The day is culminated by a fantastic lights show put on by the students of First Lutheran School. Vendors may want to consider participating in this highly unique one-day festival. Both indoor and outdoor booths are available and prices for a space are enough to make Scrooge smile. Contact: (580) 761-4657.

13 - 5th ANNUAL BREAKFAST WITH SANTA, presented by the Ponca City High School FCCLA. Traditional craft and game booths including Velcro Wall, Bungee Run, Merry Mats, Photo with Santa, Holly Hangers, Santa Stocking and Jingle Jail, Gingerbread Workshop and more at the Ponca City High School old girls gym from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. with breakfast being

served from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.! This event is designed as a family event with children in mind! All inclusive bracelets are available for \$15 and includes breakfast, crafts and games as well as photo with Santa. All proceeds benefit the March of Dimes North Central Division. Contact: (580) 761-6288.

13-14 - THE ART OF CHRISTMAS, presented by the Ponca City Art Center. Holiday trees decorated by the community. The public votes on their favorite. Sample baked goodies, buy some to take home. Children's Creative Corner, where kids can make and take a holiday project. Also offered, "Fragments of History," art pieces created from tile fragments from our 90-year-old historic tile roof. Stop by sample goodies, get in the holiday spirit, get decorating ideas, vote on your favorites. Contact: (580) 765-9746.

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City Approves Utility Rate Increases

By **STEVE DYE**
News Staff Writer

Residents of Ponca City will soon see a slight increase in their utility bills on rate increases approved Tuesday by the Ponca City Board of Commissioners.

Rates will increase for stormwater collection, water and wastewater. Electric energy bills will be tabulated differently but remain largely the same.

Ponca City will see a 2.5 percent increase in water rates. This increase is equal for all customers, including residential, rural, and commercial users. Likewise, a 2.5 percent increase in wastewater rates was also approved across the

board for all residential, rural, commercial, and industrial customers. The rate increase was deemed necessary to help the city's Water Department and Wastewater Division recover increased costs of operation and improvement projects.

City residential customers will now pay \$9.55 per month for water. Rural customers will pay \$14.36, commercial customers will pay \$28.29, and rural commercial users will pay \$42.45.

"These rate increases are the result of programs mandated to the city by the EPA (Environmental Protection Agency)," explained Hong Fu, environmental services direc-

tor. "The ultimate goal is to protect U.S. waters."

Utility service charges for stormwater collection will go up a quarter, with the rate for residential accounts rising to \$2.50 per month and the rate for active commercial accounts rising increasing to \$5.50 per month.

Assistant Public Works Director Robert Dick, appearing on behalf of the Stormwater Division, noted that the rate increase is also a result of the cost of mandated projects.

Ponca City's electric rates were not increased, but a minor adjustment in how the bill is tabulated will result in a minor variation in how the monthly bill reads.

The change in how electric services are charged will likely keep the bottom line for monthly usage about the same.

Ponca City Energy uses a formula notated as a Power Cost Adjustment on monthly bills. This is a line item that goes up or down based on the monthly fluctuations in the cost of wholesale power from Oklahoma Municipality Power Authority. The PCA has of late

become more than a minor adjustment, and commissioners approved a measure that will increase the wholesale base number by a hundredth of a cent, from .0495 to .0595. This adjustment is said to be an ultimately neutral update that will not effectively increase or decrease the overall cost of electric service.

Ponca City's residential customers inside the city limits pay a \$10.30 monthly service charge and \$0.102 per kilowatt hour from May through September. From October through April the first 600 hours of usage are billed at that rate, with ever hour over 600 discounted to \$0.072. Ponca City's rural residential customers pay a \$15.43 monthly service charge and \$0.106 per kilowatt hour. Their "winter season" discount rate is \$0.074 for every hour over 600 used.

"This adjustment is just a housekeeping move designed to more accurately represent actual usage," said Phillip Johnston, general manager of Electric Utilities. "We recommended in our annual budget meeting that rates not be raised, and customers will be

paying the same amount as they were before. It's just that actual bill will be more accurate."

All rate increases will go into effect beginning with the month of July billing cycle.

In other items, the commission approved the use of grant funds for the Police Department derived from the Fiscal Year 2014 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance (JAG) Grant.

The JAG grant will provide a total of \$10,953 to local law enforcement. Ponca City Police Department Captain Randy Tyner explained that the monies will be split between the PCPD and the Kay County's Sheriff's Department, with the lion's share going to the municipal entity. Ponca City police will use \$8,203 for the purchase of eight portable radio units for officer use.

Kay County will receive \$2750 which is earmarked for the purchase of an in-car video system for the sheriff's department.

The purchase of a new dump truck for the Public Works Department was also approved. The Streets and Drainage Department will spend \$100,507.77 to replace a 1994 model unit that Ponca City Streets Superintendent Sam Whitecotton described as "pretty worn and used up."

The streets department will transfer specialty equipment from the old truck to the new, and the older unit will be auctioned.

Among consent agenda items, Darrell Stolhand was reappointed to the Construction Appeals Board, Kelly Murphy was reappointed to the Planning Commission, and Joan Clark was reappointed to the Senior Advisory Board.

Integris Announces Department Changes

BLACKWELL — INTEGRIS Blackwell Regional Hospital announces some changes to the Physical Therapy Department in the last year which includes new equipment, and a new director of Physical Therapy.

Breah Copeland, PT, DPT was named the Director of Physical Therapy last year, and in her short time as the new director, she has been looking at ways to continue to improve and expand the physical therapy department at INTEGRIS Blackwell Regional Hospital. As the director, Copeland is responsible for providing oversight and guidance on policies and procedures, and for achieving clinical and operational results for the department. As a licensed physical therapist, she is also providing direct care to patients.

Copeland received her Bachelor of Science degree from the Oklahoma State University in Stillwater, Oklahoma, and then her Doctor of Physical Therapy from Langston University, in Langston, Oklahoma. Prior to accepting the position at INTEGRIS Blackwell, she was a physical therapist at Perry Memorial Hospital and McBride Orthopedic Clinic in Edmond.

"Our goal for the department is to help patients realize their full rehab potential and improve patient quality

of life," said Breah Copeland, Director of Physical Therapy at INTEGRIS Blackwell Regional Hospital. "We strive to provide Kay County and the surrounding areas with caring and compassionate physical therapy that addresses individual needs."

Born and raised in Pawnee, Copeland recently moved to the Blackwell area from Edmond with her husband who works in Fisheries for the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife.

The department has also received some new equipment that will aid in the treatment of patients including a large treatment table, dynamic balance pad, positioning wedge, and instruments for wound care.

The Physical Therapy Department at INTEGRIS Blackwell Regional Hospital provides a variety of services including rehabilitation for sports and orthopedic injuries, neck and back pain, pre and post-surgery, chronic pain, balance and fall prevention, post-stroke, work-related injuries and wound care.

The department is located on the north end of the hospital directly across from the cafeteria, and offers reserved parking for patients in the northwest parking lot. Hours are 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.



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Seniors	Youth	Children
An active senior adult group with activities every month. They also take regular trips to Branson and Eureka Springs.	The Youth Group (7th-12th grades) is very involved in mission outreach. They have served at the Feed the Children food distribution facility in Oklahoma City, along with doing ministry work at various church members' homes.	Special events for children throughout the year including: Easter Egg Hunt, Vacation Bible School and Fall Festival.

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Public transportation provides personal mobility and freedom for people from every walk of life. Locally, Cimarron Public Transit System gives citizens transportation options to get to work, go to school, access shopping, visit friends or go to a doctor's office. The curb to curb program is one of 21 rural transit systems in Oklahoma.

The program operates weekdays from 5 am to 6 pm, excluding federal holidays. Limited Saturday service is available. The transit program is open to the public and complements a variety of private transportation options in Kay County. Cimarron Transit fills the need not only for those on a limited income but those unwilling or unable to drive.

Rides are scheduled with a dispatcher between 8 am and 4 pm by calling 580-718-0444. Trips are scheduled at least 30 minutes in advance of an appointment to allow for the most efficient use of agency resources. Riders should be prepared to board the vehicle 15 minutes before or after the scheduled pick up time. Drivers can only wait five minutes for a rider to board.

Fare for a one-way trip within the city limits is \$3. Children, five years of age and under, ride free with a parent or guardian. All rides are scheduled on a first call basis, subject to availability.

Destinations outside the city limits will be considered. This year, Cimarron Transit provided transportation from Ponca City to Bartlesville, Burbank, Blackwell, Enid,

Fairfax, Newkirk, Oklahoma City, Pawhuska, Pawnee, Shidler, Stillwater, Tonkawa and Tulsa. Other destinations will be considered, subject to availability.

Rides from Ponca City to McCord, White Eagle or Kildare are \$5 each one-way trip. From Ponca City to Newkirk, rides are \$8 each one-way trip. Trips to Marland, Tonkawa or Peckham are \$12 for each one-way trip. Rides from Ponca City to Blackwell or Kaw City are \$20 each one-way trip. Ponca City trips to Burbank, Shidler or Fairfax cost \$30 for each one-way ride.

Ponca City citizens, aged 60 years or older, can receive free transportation to and from the Ponca City Senior Center. Shuttles to the center begin at 9 a.m. and 10 a.m. The return shuttle loads riders from the senior center at 12:15 p.m. A second return route can be scheduled at 1:30 p.m., upon request. The City of Ponca City sponsors the shuttle. Contact the dispatcher to make arrangements for this free service.

To ensure riders have a safe and enjoyable ride, drivers will enforce rules established under the Cimarron Public Transit Program Ridership Policy. Riders are expected to buckle up, exercise personal hygiene, and wear shoes and shirts. Riders must refrain from eating or smoking on vehicles. Riders can board with what they can carry onto the vehicle and securely place at their feet or below the seat. Contact the dispatcher for a copy of the Ridership Policy and program brochure.

Riders who travel with mobility devices or escorts need to share this information with the dispatcher at the time a trip is scheduled. Passengers in need of a personal care assistant may travel with the attendant or escort at no additional cost. Drivers will not act as care takers.

Cimarron Transit utilizes local vendors for maintenance and repairs of vehicles; fuel and supplies. The transit program also operates in Bartlesville, Bristow, Dewey, Drumright, Kellyville, Mannford, Oilton, Pawhuska, Sapulpa and Skiatook. The agency partners with municipalities, social service agencies, and other contractors to utilize resources efficiently and keep fare reasonable.

Cimarron Transit complies with Americans with Disabilities Act and Title VI of the Civil Rights Act. Cimarron Public Transit is a division of United Community Action Program, Inc. in Pawnee, a private, non-profit organization.

Find out about more by reviewing the agency's web page at www.ucapinc.org or email lcorff@ucapinc.org.



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UCAP Administers Several Programs

United Community Action Program, Inc. (UCAP) is one of 19 community action agencies in Oklahoma that administers a variety of programs designed to provide each citizen a fair chance in life. For more than 40 years, the agency has partnered with local cities and organizations to provide a hand up to individuals and families in need.

Community Action Agencies (CAAs) were established under the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964 to fight America's War on Poverty. Programs operated, by the not for profit agency, include: early childhood; emergency services; housing; nutrition; substance abuse; public transportation; and outreach and referral.

Head Start
Head start and Early Head Start provide children 0 to 5 years of age with a classroom-based developmental program. The four major components in the program are: education, health, parent involvement and social services. In Kay County, head start centers are located in Blackwell and Ponca City. The Ponca City center is located at 402 S. Ash Street. For more information, call 765-1173. In Blackwell, the head start center is located on West Doolin Avenue. For more information, call 580-363-5566.

Housing
Weatherization and housing programs are available to

qualified low-income applicants. In addition, UCAP owns rental units for low-income senior citizens, disabled and families in Blackwell, Newkirk and Tonkawa. Call 918-762-3041 for more information about weatherization or housing assistance.

Public Transit
Curb-to-curb transportation is provided 5 am to 6 pm, Monday through Friday, excluding federal holidays, for a minimum fare for each one-way trip. All rides are open to the public, subject to availability. ADA accessible vehicles are on hand. The ride line is 718-0444.

Child Care Food Program
Child Care Food Program provides funding for nutritious meals served in licensed day care homes.

Daycare providers receive monthly checks to help cover the cost of food.

Additionally, UCAP's Outreach and Referral program provides emergency services, as well as referrals for education and employment. The Community Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Program offers individual, group and family counseling services, DUI assessments, and a DUI school.

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More than two million people call the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) home. Worshiping in 10,000 Presbyterian congregations throughout the United States, they engage the communities in which they live and serve with God's love. Presbyterians affirm that God comes to all mankind with grace and love in the person of Jesus Christ, who lived, died, and rose for us so that all might have eter-

nal and abundant life in him. As Christ's disciples, called to ministry in his name, Presbyterians seek to continue his mission of teaching the truth, feeding the hungry, healing the broken and welcoming strangers. They believe that God sends the Holy Spirit to dwell within everyone, giving them energy, intelligence, imagination, and love to be Christ's faithful disciples in the world.

First Presby Ponca City strives to ensure that their worship is meaningful, relevant to its members, visitors, and community, and offers the appropriate Christian response to God's love. Weekly worship services are held each Sunday morning at 10:00 am and include prayer, praise, confession, passing of the peace, music ministry, children's message, sharing of joys and concerns, scripture reading, sermon message, communion, offering, and responses. Sunday school classes are held each Sunday morning at 8:45 am for all

ages ranging from preschool through adult.

September through May, First Presbyterian Church offers a family dinner and program on Wednesday nights. After dinner, the elementary children are invited to GOLD (Giving Our Lives to God Daily.) This is a structured time of interactive activities that are tied to the week's Bible study lesson. The youth group also meets at this time for fellowship, activities, and Bible study under the direction of full-time youth director, Annette Newcomb. The youth focus on building healthy and happy relationships with each other, while growing closer to God.

Adults are welcome and encouraged to attend one or more of the afternoon and evening Bible studies that are offered throughout the week. The Music Ministry continues to be an exciting and active branch of the entire ministry at First Presbyterian Church. It is comprised of many dedicated and hard working volunteers. The accompanist for the Chancel Choir and the Sunday Worship Service is Nancy Kruckeberg.

First Presbyterian extends a special welcome to those who could use a prayer right now. They welcome devout Christians, tourists, seekers, doubters, bleeding hearts... and you!

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Artist To Be Featured

The Ponca City Art Association will feature the art of Newkirk artist Caryl Morgan in an exhibition through June 29 at Ponca City Art Center, 819 E. Central. The exhibition, "Signs of Life," is an eclectic show comprised of both watercolor paintings and three-dimensional constructions using repurposed single-use water bottles.

Morgan is nationally recognized contemporary realist watercolor artist whose primary interest is working with vivid, highly saturated watercolors. The common thread of her work is color and light.

Morgan states, "I like to paint reflected and filtered light as well as to break my subject into fragments of color."

She is currently working with vintage signage as subject and says, "there is a haunting allure to a sign that remains in place long after the business has faded."

The artist likes to present angled perspectives with strong shadow and contrast to show the viewer glimpses of life from her perspective.

In addition to the watercolors, several large constructions will be featured that represent another of the artist's interest.

According to the artist while photographing signage to paint she became aware of the increasing number of plastic water bottles strewn along highways.

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It has undergone some name changes, most recently from "Community Concert Association" to the current "Ponca City Concert Series," but the mission has remained the same—to provide quality fine arts entertainment to its members. Over the years, this organization has brought arts diversity to the community from opera to bluegrass, from pop to classical, from soloists to large performing groups. Names like Rockappella, the Boston Pops, and Floyd Cramer have graced our stages as well as a multitude of other exceptionally talented artists.

Recently, as a result of moving the performance venue to The Poncan Theatre, video opportunities are weaving their way into performances, allowing the audience to use their eyes as well as their ears as artists evoke emotional

responses from multisensory deliveries. Utilizing video also allows the artist to grasp "teachable moments" and the audience has been educated and enriched as a result. Just last season Jesse Lynch was on stage with his "Jazz 101" presentation using the big screen as a visual aid while he walked the audience through the evolution of jazz from its inception to current day.

The Ponca City Concert Series sells season memberships each Spring. The cost is minimal when you consider there are 4 - 6 concerts each season, and reciprocity is granted to concerts in El Dorado, KS and Bartlesville, OK.

If you were to seek out many of these artists in venues elsewhere, you might discover that the cost of one single ticket is more than the cost of an entire Ponca City Concert Series membership. If you missed the opportunity to purchase your season ticket during the membership drive this spring, you can still obtain one by calling Leslie, 765-3971, or Nancy, 716-1189.

This year's season starts in the fall and offers a wide variety of concerts, particularly focusing on "kid appeal."



Susan Egan



Umi Garrett

They are: October 21, Umi Garrett, a 12 year old piano prodigy who has won international acclaim as well as making a TV appearance on NBC's Ellen DeGeneres show. November 21, Alex Depue and Miguel De Hoyos bring to the stage a violin/guitar performance that will blend the sound of violin and fiddle with classical guitar in a contemporary way. January 17, Paul McDermid will perform on steel drums and marimba while enchanting the audience with his wit and charm. Finally, March 20 brings Susan Egan, a vocalist, to the stage for the final concert of the season. Susan has been in many Broadway productions, but is most recently renowned as Belle in "Beauty and the Beast."

Membership costs are \$25 for a student, \$50 for an adult, \$75 for a one-parent family, and \$125 for a two parent family. Additional donations are graciously accepted and are tax deductible.

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Artist

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She began to collect the bottles to recycle but then decided to repurpose them to make three-dimensional construction pieces of art as a way to focus attention on problems inherent to single-use water bottles.

Research showed that it takes two gallons of fresh water to manufacture one single-use water bottle. Fresh-water, according to the artist, is an endangered natural resource that someday may be relegated to a display in a museum. She challenged herself to explore ways make displays about water without using water.

Ironically she discovered that art made from plastic bottles could represent the translucent, reflective and kinetic movement of water. One of her large repurposed water bottle constructions was featured in Concept/OK, in 2013 at the inaugural exhibition for the new Art and Humanities building, in the Brady Arts District in Tulsa.

Concept/OK consisted of the work of 40 artist representing current trends in the arts in Oklahoma and was organized and presented by the Oklahoma Visual Arts Coalition.

Morgan is a signature member of several national watercolor associations and societies but is most active with Kansas Watercolor Association, Watercolor USA National Honor Society, Oklahoma Artists Guild and Oklahoma Visual Art Coalition. Her work is juried into Watercolor USA 2014, opening June 6th in Springfield, MO. Additionally, she is one of 20 American watercolor artists whose work was selected to be part of the Korea/Japan/USA International Watercolor Exchange 2014 opening July 10, Seoul, Korea. Caryl Morgan's work is included in private, corporate and permanent museum collections throughout the United States.

The Ponca City Art Center is open from 1 to 5 p.m., Wednesday through Sunday. Admission is free.

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City Calendar

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Anytime
FOLOBs (Friends of Library Ongoing Book Sale), anytime the Ponca City Library is open, North of Multimedia Room (downstairs).

Everyday
Principles Before Personalities, Narcotics Anonymous, 7 p.m., Harmony House upstairs (use south entrance by parking lot).

Twice-A-Month Friday or Saturday
Christian Singles Group meets twice a month, for more information on time and place, call 763-5945 or 762-1295.

Third Sunday
Bikers Against Child Abuse (B.A.C.A.) North Central Chapter, for information call 580-716-8500.

Every Monday
TOPS #308 (Take Off Pounds Sensibly), First Presbyterian Church, 1505 East Grand Avenue, 5 to 5:50 p.m. for weigh-ins with meeting following. Contact Donna McCoy 580-362-3961 or Natalie Welch at 580-

716-3059 after 5 p.m.
After Five Lions Club, 6:30 p.m., Pizza Hut, Ponca City, prospective members welcome.

Gamblers Anonymous, 7 p.m., Woodlands Christian Church, Fourteenth Street and Hartford Avenue, contact 580-761-1770.

Gam-Anon, 7 p.m., Woodlands Christian Church, Fourteenth Street and Hartford Avenue, contact 580-382-1950.

Friends of the NRA, 7 p.m., Ponca City Junior Rifle Club Range, information 765-7324.

"Young at Heart Dance," 7-10 p.m., Moose Lodge (no membership required), West Prospect Avenue at North Ash Street, \$6 per person, Smoke-Free, Alcohol-Free, Info: Ken Wilson, 716-0156.

Monday-Friday
Alcoholic Anonymous Simple Steps, Noon, Harmony House, 212 South Third Street.

First Monday of the Month
Lions Vision Support Group, 10 a.m. at First Christian Church, using the west entrance. Refreshments are served at 9:45 a.m. For a ride call 762-3263. The meetings are open to visually impaired residents.

Lupus/Autoimmune Disease Support Group, 5 p.m., Ponca City Senior Center, 319 West Grand, For Information 580-763-8051.

Christian Motorcyclist Association, 6 p.m., Pizza Hut, 2301 North Fourteenth Street.

Parent Voice Groups, support, education and resources to assist parents in advocating for their children who have behavioral or mental health issues, 6-7:30 p.m., 205 East Chestnut Avenue, child care and dinner provided, please RSVP 762-7561 Tammy or Deb.

Pioneer Genealogical Society, 7 p.m., Ponca City Library, guests are welcome, call 580-716-2409 or e-mail kdzehr34@yahoo.com for more information.

First Monday and Tuesday Of Every Other Month
AARP Driver Safety Class, February, April, June, August, October, December, 6 p.m., Pioneer Technology Center, classes intended for older drivers; however, drivers of all ages are eligible to attend, most auto insurance companies give discount for successful completion of classes, seating limited, call 580-762-3265 to register.

First and Third Monday
Ponca Lodge No. 83 Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Masonic Center, 1200 West Grand Avenue.

Second and Fourth Monday
Ponca City After Five Lions Club, 6:30 p.m., Pizza Hut, prospective members welcome, information on club activities, David 765-9595 or Jerry 491-1004.

Second Monday
Alzheimer Support and Respite Group Meetings, 1 p.m., Ponca City Senior Center, 319 West Grand Avenue.

Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Group, 5:30-7 p.m., First Christian Church, Fifth and Cleveland, snack supper and meeting, activities for grandchildren provided, questions, contact RSVP, 762-9412.

The Children's Hour Grief Support Group, 6 p.m., 1904 North Union Street, Suite 103, call 580-762-9102 for information.

Epilepsy Support Group, 7 p.m., Ponca City Medical Center's Conference Room B,

Information: Shirley Bracken, 765-0003.

Cherokee Strip Treasure Hunters, Metal Detecting Issues, 7 p.m., 312 West Cleveland Avenue, just west of Semper Fix It, Ponca City, More Information Terry Anderson 580-716-2638.

Third Monday of the Month
Autoimmune Disease Support Group, 6 p.m., Ponca City Senior Center, 319 West Grand, For Information 580-763-8051.

Last Monday of the Month
Attucks Community Alliance Meeting, 7:15 p.m., Attucks Community Center, 1013 South Twelfth Street, for information on usage of the community center please call (580) 762-2499.

Every Tuesday
Country Notes Playing, 10 a.m.-Noon, McCord Senior Center, 115 Mary Road, public welcome.

Ponca City Rotary Club, Noon, Ponca City Country club (Downstairs).

Dragon's Harvest Moon, Hour-Long Story Time for 3-6 Year Olds, 1 p.m., Ponca City Library, Space Limited, Sign Up In Advance.

Kiwanis, Noon, Ponca City Country Club Dining Room.

DivorceCare, a seminar and support group, 5:45-7:30 p.m., Master's Touch Christian Book and Gift Store, 312 East Grand Avenue, information 767-1054.

Country Jam Country and Gospel Music, 6 p.m., Senior Center, 319 West Grand Avenue.

Ponca Language Class Taught by Rev. Lewis Headman, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Ponca City Library Lower Level, Everyone Welcome, Info: poncab-smith@gmail.com

Bible Institute, 7-8 p.m., Ponca City Foursquare Church, 762-2729, a non-credited Broadway Bible College Class taught by Pastor Blaine Herron.

Every Tuesday, Thursday and Friday
Exercise, 9:30 a.m., Ponca City Senior Center, 319 West Grand Avenue.

First Tuesday
United Way of Ponca City Executive Meeting, 4 p.m., 205 North Second Street.

Classic Cars & Draggin' Grand of Ponca City meeting, 7 p.m., Nazarene Church, 1900 West Grand Avenue, prospective members welcome.

Second Tuesday
United Way of Ponca City Board Meetings, Noon, 205 North Second Street.

Camp McFadden Board, 6 p.m., Camp McFadden.

Geocaching Meeting, The Southern Great Plains Cachers Meet and Eat, 6 p.m., China King Super Buffet, 2605 North Fourteenth Street, Ponca City, Everyone Welcome, Call Sherry, 716-9110, for information.

Schooners Car Club Dinner and Meeting, 6 p.m., Pizza Hut, Fourteenth Street, Ponca City.

Cherokee Strip Corvette Club, 6 p.m., RCB Motor Bank, No. 2 Lake Road, more information www.cherokeestripcorvetteclub.com.

North Central Oklahoma Mothers of Multiples, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Ponca City Library Board Room, downstairs, all parents of multiples welcome.

Northern Central Oklahoma Beekeepers Association, 6:15-8:30 p.m., Pioneer Technology

Center Conference Room, 2101 North Ash Street, more information Ken Sherron, 580-382-1110, email kgjoyce@cableone.net.

Rural Water District No. 1 Monthly Board Meetings, 7:30 p.m., Enterprise School Building on Lake Road.

Second and Fourth Tuesday
Children's Support Group, 6-7 p.m., Hospice of North Central Oklahoma, 1900 North Union Street, Information 762-9102.

Moose Lodge/L.O.O.M. Meeting Night, 8 p.m., Moose Lodge, West Prospect Avenue.

Third Tuesday
Kaw Lake Association Board, Noon, Kaw Lake Association Office, 3517 Lake Road.

Transitions — Teen Support Group, Helps Teens in Transition Due to Death, Divorce, Deployment or Other Loss, 6-7 p.m., Hospice of North Central Oklahoma, 1900 North Union, Information 762-9102.

Po-Hi Leo Club, 6:20 p.m., First Christian Church, following Friendship Feast.

Cancer Survivor Support Group, 7 p.m., First Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall, 1101 North Fourth Street, All Welcome, Info: 761-4657.

Kay County Diabetes Support Group, 7 p.m., Ponca City Medical Center Conference Room B, All Welcome, Info: Doris 762-4479 or Eva Case, 763-0868, eva.case@chs.net.

Children with Disabilities Family Support Group, 7-8:30 p.m., Opportunity Center, 2225 North Union Street.

Fourth Tuesday
The Gadsden League, Educates People on Constitution and The Bill of Rights, etc., 6 p.m., Front Room of Head Country Restaurant, For More Info Call 762-1494 or 580-628-0371.

Rough and Tumble Rock Club, 7 p.m., Albright United Methodist Church, 128 South Palm Street, call Lee, 765-2074 for more information.

Wednesday-Friday
Ponca City Humane Society, 11 a.m.-6 p.m., 900 West Prospect Avenue.

Every Wednesday and Friday
Elks Lodge Food Night, 6-8 p.m., Elks Lodge, 3612 Lake Road.

Every Wednesday
Ponca City Noon Lions, 11:30 a.m. lunch, noon meeting, Ponca City Country Club.

Bingo, Moose Lodge, 500 West Prospect Avenue, 6 p.m., Free Meal to the First 100 Entries.

Womyn Supporting Womyn Support Group Meeting, 7-8:15 p.m., Ponca City Library (Beginning Feb. 20).

First and Third Wednesday
Soroptimist International of Ponca City, a women's service club, Noon, Pizza Hut, (except July, August and December, first Wednesday only), contact 763-1474 or Kathy 765-8043.

Second Wednesday
General Electric Retirees Association, 9 a.m., V.F.W., Arkansas City, Kan.

Sage, Rosemary, and Thyme Garden Club, 11:30 a.m., Cann Garden home or members homes, brown bag lunch, Gardening Enthusiasts Welcome, for information call Jan Neylon, 767-1890 or Donna Earnest, 762-5299 or email herbs2@sbglobalnet

Kay County Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition, 12 p.m., Eastern Heights Christian Church, 5100 Lake Road.

Wood Carvers, 1 p.m., Ponca City Senior Center, 319 West Grand Avenue, Information 763-8051.

Ponca City Stamp Club, 6 p.m., location, members homes, for information call John Hedrick 762-6702 or email john_hedrick2000@yahoo.com.

Third Wednesday
Operation Pioneer Spirit, 1 p.m., Ponca City Aquatic and Family Center — YMCA, 1504 West Grand Avenue; Organizing the day before, 10 a.m., at the YMCA, information, YMCA, 765-5417 or Mary Anne Potter 767-1957 or operation-pioneerspirit.com. All patriotic citizens welcome.

Last Wednesday of Each Month

International Club, 6:30 p.m., for more information, 763-6020.

Every Thursday
Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs Representative, 9-11 a.m. and 12-2 p.m., American Legion, 407 West South Avenue, Ponca City, any veteran needing assistance or has questions is welcome.

Calling All Preschoolers to Mission Friends, 9-10:30 a.m., Sunset Baptist Church, 915 Greenwood Avenue, Information 580-765-1870, children ages 2-5, must be potty trained.

Ponca City Noon Ambucs, 12-1 p.m., Ponca City Country Club, interested in joining, come on by.

Movie on Big Screen in the Program Room, 3:30 p.m., Ponca City Library, See in-house brochures, or call to find out what's playing.

Open AA Meetings, 7 p.m., Ponca Tribal Social Development Center, all welcome.

First Thursday
Master Gardeners, 9 a.m., Cann Gardens.

Parkinson's Support Group, 5 p.m., Ponca City Senior Center.

VFW Post 1201, 7 p.m., East Prospect Post Home, Prospective Members and Guests of the Post and Auxiliary Welcome, Information, 761-2431.

Kay-9 Dog Training Club, 7 p.m., Ponca City Library, public welcome, more information Ruth 401-5569.

First and Third Thursday
Professionals Today, a women's service club, Noon, Pizza Hut.

Second Thursday
Ponca City Area Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM) Chapter No. 698, noon, Pioneer Technology Center, Room B-120, contact Katy Muller 762-5935 or Mike Daugherty 765-3372 for more information.

Geocaching Meeting, The Southern Great Plains Cachers Meet and Eat, 6 p.m., China King Super Buffet, 2605 North Fourteenth Street, Everyone Welcome, Call Sherry, 716-9110, for information.

Goldwing Road Riders Association, a motorcycle club, 6 p.m., meeting at 7 p.m., Pizza Hut, More Information, call Elston and DIAnn Ashpole, 580-762-8918.

"Lean on Me" Bariatric Surgery Support Group, 6 p.m., Ponca City Medical Center, Conference Room B, more information 762-1186.

Families With Hearing Loss Support Group, 6:30 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 200 South Sixth Street, Daycare Provided, Information Gineta 580-761-0393.

American Legion Post #14 and Auxiliary Unit 14, 7 p.m., Post Home, 407 West South Avenue, all eligible persons invited, check eligibility or for more information, 580-765-9073.

Kay County NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness), 7 p.m., 201 East Chestnut Avenue, the group welcomes anyone with a mental illness or who is interested in support, education or advocacy for the mentally ill and their families, for more information call 765-2814.

Second and Fourth Thursday
American Legion Membership Meeting, 7 p.m., Post Home, 407 West South Avenue.

Third Thursday of Each Month
Ponca City La Leche League, Ponca City Medica Center, Conference Room C, next to the cafeteria, contact JenniferKayVaughan@hotmail.com for time and other needed information.

Interfaith Dialogue Group of Ponca City, call Jean Chanslor for details, 716-4594.

Ponca City Newcomers Club, 6:30 p.m., Ponca City Country Club, more information Kitty, 762-7479.

Kay County Chapter of the Oklahoma Anthropological Society (archaeology), 6:30 p.m., Ponca City Library, call Richard, 765-9661 for meeting programs, guests welcome.

Vietnam Veterans of America, Northern Oklahoma Chapter 750, regular meetings, 7 p.m., American Legion Post 14, West South Avenue.

Kay County DAV Chapter 16, 7 p.m., 1006 West Ferguson Avenue, Blackwell, For Benefit Questions, Call 580-363-3309, Call 580-363-3241 for other information.

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Third Thursday of Every Other Month

Kay County Local Emergency Planning Committee, noon, Training Room of Ponca City Fire Station No. 1, South Fifth Street and East Grand Avenue, January, March, May, July, September, November.

Fourth Thursday of Every Month

Hospice of North Central Oklahoma inc. and Higher Ground Center for Loss & Education Grief Support Group, 1:30-3 p.m., 1904 North Union Street Suite 103, more details 580-762-9102 or 1-800-814-9102.

Alzheimer's Support and Respite Group, 7 p.m., Ponca City Senior Center, 319 West Grand Avenue.

Every Friday
 Prayers for the Nation, 10:30-11:30 a.m., 739 North Fourth Street.

Ponca Language Arts Council, 1:30 p.m., Valdez Building, White Eagle, everyone interested in the Ponca Language invited.

Cruise Night, 6 p.m., Chapman's Shoes Parking Lot, North Fourteenth Street, Ponca City, Welcome Hot Rods, Motorcycles, anyone interested in the hobby, hosted by Schooners Car Club.

EMBED Word.Pictue.8 Support Group for People Who Have Lost Loved Ones With an Emphasis on Parents that Have Lost Children in Death or Loss of Communication, 7 p.m., Fiull Throttle Church, 311 North Ninth Street.

First Friday
 Parkinson Support Meeting, 1 p.m., Ponca City Senior Center, 319 West Grand Avenue, Bring Your Questions and Learn from Each Other, Info: Sharon Ridgeway, 763-8051.

First and Third Friday
 Burger & Steak Night, 5-8 p.m., American Legion Post 14, 407 West South Avenue, Hamburger/Cheeseburger With Fries \$6, 1-Inch Thick Ribeye With Fries \$16.

Last Friday of Every Month
 Friday Night Cruise-In, 6, 6:30 p.m. to ?, Burger King, 2908 North Fourteenth Street, Ponca City, More Information Bill Sanders 580-749-0161.

Every Saturday
 Ponca City Humane Society, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., or by appointment, 900 West Prospect Avenue.

Story Time for 0-4 Year Olds, 11:30 a.m., Ponca City Library, Children's Area, Free, Public Welcome.

Open on Saturdays, 2-5 p.m., Attucks Community Center, 1013 South Twelfth Street.

The Gospel Jubilee, Non-Profit Christian Music and Fellowship, 6:30 p.m., U.S. 60 and Howard Avenue, Just East of Ponca City, \$5 Donation Requested Covers Rent, Utilities, Maintenance and Other Expenses, Managers Jay and Melissa Fletcher, Different Program Each Week, For Information www.pcgospeljubilee.org.

First Saturday of Every Month
 Ponca City Regional Airport and Ponca City Aviation Booster Club, Fly-In Breakfast, 7-10 a.m., Building 14, Ponca City Municipal Airport.

Second Saturday of the Month
 Figure 8 Stock Car Races and Demolition Derby, 8 p.m., 77 Speedway north of Newkirk, more information 620-442-350, or go to badascar.com.

Third Saturday of the Month
 Moose Lodge/L.O.O.M. Hosts Breakfast Buffet, 7-10 a.m., Moose Lodge, West Prospect Avenue.

Fourth Saturday
 Southern Plains Fiber Guild (formerly the Pioneer Fiber Guild), 1-3 p.m., Pioneer Woman Museum.

June 19
 Park and Recreation Advisory Board, 5:30 p.m., B.S.

Barnes Room, City Hall, 516 East Grand Avenue.

June 23
 Ponca City Board of Commissioners and Ponca City Utility Authority, 5:30 p.m., Commission Chamber, City Hall, 516 East Grand Avenue.

June 26
 Historic Preservation Advisory Panel, 4 p.m., B.S. Barnes Room, City Hall, 516 East Grand Avenue.

July 1
 Planning Commission, 5:30 p.m., Commission Chamber, City Hall, 516 East Grand Avenue.

July 7
 Ponca City Board of Commissioners Work Session, 2 p.m., Commission Chamber, City Hall, 516 East Grand Avenue.

July 8
 Cultural Affairs Commission, 8:30 a.m., Marland's Grand Home, 1000 East Grand Avenue.

Ponca City Library Board, Noon, Library Board Room, 515 East Grand Avenue.

McCord Volunteer Fire Department, 7 p.m., McCord Volunteer Fire Department Station, 22 Howard.

July 10
 Ponca City Development Authority, 7:30 a.m., Chamber Board Room, 420 East Grand Avenue.

Ponca City Housing Authority, 10 a.m., Lobby Broadway Plaza, 201 East Broadway Avenue.

Senior Advisory Board, 3 p.m., B.S. Barnes Room, City Hall, 516 East Grand Avenue.

July 14
 Ponca City Board of Commissioners and Ponca City Utility Authority, 5:30 p.m., Commission Chamber, City Hall, 516 East Grand Avenue.

July 15
 Marland Estate Commission, 4:30 p.m., Lower Lounge, Marland Mansion, 901 Monument Road.

July 17
 Park and Recreation Advisory Board, 5:30 p.m., B.S. Barnes Room, City Hall, 516 East Grand Avenue.

July 19-24
 2014 Rocky Mountain ATV/MC, Ponca City AMA Motocross Championship, Jack Blevins Motocross Park.

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Osage Cove Volunteer Fire Department, 6 p.m., Fire Station, corner U.S. 60 and Keeler Road, new volunteers always welcome.

July 24
 Historic Preservation Advisory Panel, 4 p.m., B.S. Barnes Room, City Hall, 516 East Grand Avenue.

July 28
 Ponca City Board of Commissioners and Ponca City Utility Authority, 5:30 p.m., Commission Chamber, City Hall, 516 East Grand Avenue.

August 4
 Ponca City Board of Commissioners Work Session, 2 p.m., Commission Chamber, City Hall, 516 East Grand Avenue.

August 5
 Planning Commission, 5:30 p.m., Commission Chamber, City Hall, 516 East Grand Avenue.

August 11
 Ponca City Board of Commissioners and Ponca City Utility Authority, 5:30 p.m., Commission Chamber, City Hall, 516 East Grand Avenue.

August 12
 Cultural Affairs Commission, 8:30 a.m., Marland's Grand Home, 1000 East Grand Avenue.

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August 25

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August 28
 Historic Preservation Advisory Panel, 4 p.m., B.S. Barnes Room, City Hall, 516 East Grand Avenue.

September 2 (Tuesday)
 Ponca City Board of Commissioners Work Session, 2 p.m., Commission Chamber, City Hall, 516 East Grand Avenue.

Planning Commission, 5:30 p.m., Commission Chamber, City Hall, 516 East Grand Avenue.

Animal Control Commission, 5:30 p.m., McFadden Room, City Hall, 516 East Grand Avenue.

September 8
 Ponca City Board of Commissioners and Ponca City Utility Authority, 5:30 p.m., Commission Chamber, City Hall, 516 East Grand Avenue.

September 9
 Cultural Affairs Commission, 8:30 a.m., Marland's Grand Home, 1000 East Grand Avenue.

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September 16
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October 27
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November 3
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BIS Center Strengthens Your Workforce

If you are a Ponca City area professional seeking the training to strengthen your company's workforce or advance in your career, Pioneer Technology Center's (PTC) Business and Industry Services (BIS) has courses and services in place to help achieve those goals.

The BIS team continues to be part of the state's best business retention and expansion program. Under the direction of Mike Boon, the team is a network of skilled employees that use experience in business and industry, as well as state and federal programs, to provide the means for local businesses to remain competitive. The available instruction includes: Adult Training and Development (short-term training), Self-Employment Training, Management Development Program, Industry Specific Training, Safety Training, Small Business Management, Bid Assistance, Agriculture Business Management, Manufacturing Extension Agent, and the Business Incubator.

"Our team's focus is to support our local business clients in providing opportunities for growth and success," stated Boon. "Whether our customers need help with business operations or the latest technology, we will work with them to implement a customized training program."

Through the Adult Training and Development (AT&D) program, over 177 on-site courses are available ranging from two hours to complete semester offerings. In addition to on-site classes, the PTC's AT&D department

offers over 300 different on-line courses. On-site and on-line course topics vary from welding and certified nurse aide, to leisure classes like quilting.

The Self-Employment Training program offers assistance and guidance to individuals interested in starting their own business or expanding a current business or business idea. Bonnie Cook, Self-Employment Training Coordinator and Business Incubator Manager, offers flexible, one-on-one consultations that focus on the development of a business plan or loan proposal to acquire financing for business ventures.

The Organizational & Leadership Development program provides training, support, and consulting services for human resource and management development. Courses are available to help improve hiring practices along with awareness of changes in federal law.

Molly Kyler, Organizational & Leadership Development Director, provides training for management level personnel including: strategic planning, team building, organizational management, interpersonal/communication skills and provides professional business coaching.

Industry Training is custom tailored to satisfy the training requirements of businesses throughout Pioneer Technology Center's district. From the direction of Steve Marquardt, Industrial Coordinator, training courses are offered in Computer Numerical Control (CNC), Lean Manufacturing/Continuous

Process Improvement, Lean for Service, 5S, ISO 9001-2000 and Understanding Process Variation.

Available training programs are held on the Pioneer Tech campus, the client's facility, or other appropriate locations. Pioneer Technology Center's Industry Training also has the advantage of direct contact with the state funded Training for Industry Program (TIP).

Safety Training is another benefit of the BIS Center. This state supported instruction offers safety consultation, training, and development services that are intended to reduce worker's compensation premiums and decrease accident rates. Some of the safety topics taught include: Asbestos Awareness, Confined Space, Hazard Communication, Lifting Safety, Bloodborne Pathogens, Electrical Safety, Forklift Safety, Lockout/Tagout, Personal Protective Equipment, CPR, and First Aid.

The Small Business Management program works to benefit small business owners and managers by helping to improve their business and management skills. The program offers evening classes as well as individual support at Pioneer Tech or the client's place of business. Robert Howard, the Small Business Management Coordinator possesses a depth of knowledge specifically in human resource management.

The Bid Assistance Center serves as a complete resource for companies, corporations, or individuals wanting to bid on federal, state, county, city, or private sector contracts. This program is a joint project of the Oklahoma Department of Career and Technology Education (ODCTE), Pioneer Technology Center, and the Department of Defense. Now in its tenth year, the Plan Room also serves as a partnership with ODCTE and the Ponca City Development Authority (PCDA). PCDA has provided all subscription fees for the past seven years to allow members free access. Dawn Brakey, Bid Assistance Coordinator, assists businesses working in the Plan Room. Brakey works with businesses by teaching them to utilize the equipment to gain a competitive edge in the industry. The available equipment

includes a HP800 PS-42 inch full color printer, Vidar scanner to copy plans, computer with 21-inch color monitor, and information on construction projects that report to F.W. Dodge, Southwest Construction News, and Southwest Construction Engineering News. After completing training, members are given unlimited access to the system to search for information, scan, and print their large or small documents and plans 24 hours a day.

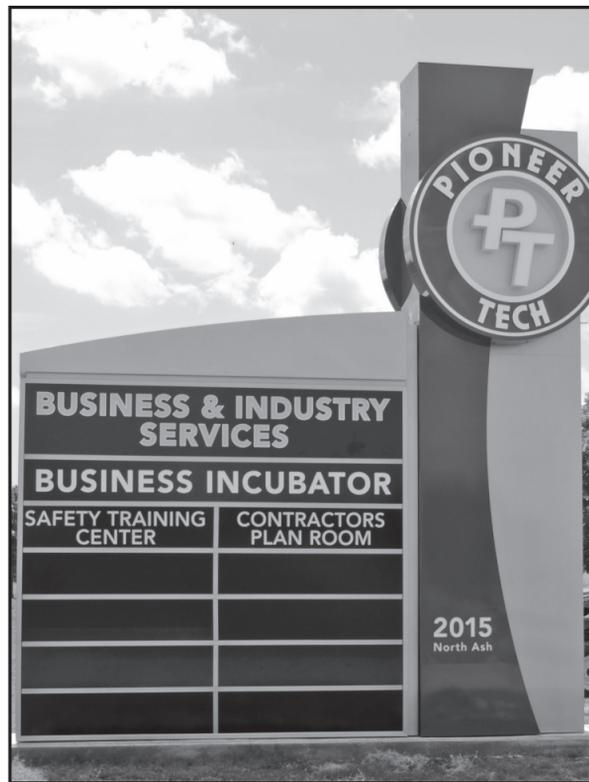
Agricultural Business Management offers farm families a variety of services, such as Quicken record keeping, tax planning, preparing farm plans, and obtaining farm loans. In addition to his activity in rural development efforts, Jeff Lockett, Agricultural Management Coordinator, assists with individual needs and goals of each farmer through farm visits and one-on-one meetings.

Housed at Pioneer Tech, Johnny Thornburgh, Manufacturing Extension Agent, provides services to manufacturers to increase their bottom line. Shared by Northern Oklahoma College (NOC), the Manufacturing Alliance, and Pioneer Tech, the Manufacturing Extension Agent is able to review and assess any facet of a manufacturing business. Economic growth is achieved through engineering, research and development, and training services.

PTC's Business Incubator provides a wide variety of services to foster the growth of small start-up tenants, intended to help them to grow into a thriving business. The main goal of the incubator is to produce successful and viable businesses within two to three years.

PTC's incubator primarily serves service, wholesale, and light manufacturing businesses. The incubator offers manufacturing spaces and office units as options to potential tenants. A conference room, library, copy machine, fax machine, and many other services are available for use. For new tenants, the first three months of rent are free, with incremental increases that follow.

Current incubator tenants include Karz Unlimited LLC, Log 10 LLC, Re-deck-it Concrete Solutions LLC,



THE DRIVEWAY that leads to Pioneer Tech's Business Incubator and Business and Industry Services Building is marked with a sign that includes a listing of businesses housed on-site. The sign can be seen on the east side of Ash Street, at the south end of PTC's campus, in Ponca City's Industrial Park.

and Healing Heart and Mind Counseling LLC. Successful graduates of PTC's business incubator include Sooner Heating and Air; Stobbe Design; Seismic Source Company; and Computer Solu-

tions Unlimited. For more information on the Business and Industry Services Center courses, or to begin classroom training, please call Pioneer Technology Center at 718-4222.

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Conoco Museum Opened To Public in May of 2007

In celebration of the Oklahoma Centennial, ConocoPhillips constructed the Conoco Museum. Opened in May 2007, this world-class museum has hosted over 30,000 visitors from around the world. In 2011 the Conoco Museum was awarded the Outstanding Historical Museum in Oklahoma by the Oklahoma Historical Society. The museum was cited for featuring remarkable artifacts, photographs and other material that were expertly displayed and interpreted.

Renowned museum designer, Haley-Sharpe of Leicester, England undertook the conceptual development, master planning and exhibit design for this flagship museum.

The museum depicts the growth of the company from its humble beginnings to international prominence and has been interpreted to reach all ages of visitors.

The six exhibit areas include over 20 flat screen TVs, three interactive kiosks with photos, videos and games and a theatre featuring the film "Pioneering Spirit" narrated by voice personality Bill Kurtis.

The collections represent many aspects of Conoco's operations, embracing Marketing, Leadership, Refining, Research & Development, social networking and family atmosphere. A wealth of audio, video and on-screen interaction has been integrated into the galleries to foster educational exploration and inquiry amongst the visitors. Personal accounts and reminiscences of working for Conoco are also woven throughout the museum. Archive film footage has been added to enhance the varied IT and audio-visual programs, exploring all aspects of company life.

In A Proud Heritage visitors see a reconstruction of E.W. Marland's company boardroom and learn about the challenges of the 1981 takeover bid.

Ponca City Proud features the development

of the Ponca City refinery through computer-generated images taken during construction and a hands-on exhibit of how a fractionation tower works. Generation to Generation gives a glimpse of the family atmosphere at Conoco through stories from lifetime Conocoans and heart-felt remembrances in My Favorite Conoco Memory. The spirit of innovation and technological achievements lies at the heart of Getting to the Future First.

Visitors can experience what it was like to work in a 1950s Research and Development laboratory and learn about the ground breaking technology of Vibroseis. Setting the Pace shows the company's family oriented teamwork and achievements.

Visit an outdoor doodlebugger work site; learn about drillships, double-hulled tankers and tension-leg platforms. Marketing Conoco shows examples Conoco's award-winning marketing campaigns dating back to the early 1900s. You are also invited to take a step back in time and watch retro 1970s Conoco commercials and see examples of Conoco-branded merchandise throughout the ages. Reflect on the days of full-service stations as you visit a replica 1940s gas station complete with an operative gravity-fed gasoline pump.

Young children are invited to take the "Scavenger Hunt" quiz, while families will enjoy the Junior Ponocoan.

The Junior Ponocoan is a wonderful four-color booklet designed to incorporate learning through a word search puzzle, Q and A, a crossword puzzle, "find this artifact", and other creative tools.

The Conoco Museum is located, directly across the street from the ConocoPhillips complex at 501 W. South Avenue.

Hours are Monday-Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday 1 to 5 p.m. To schedule a tour call 580-765-TOUR (8687). Admission is free.

Kay County Sheriff



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The Kay County Health Department has been a part of the community for more than 60 years. Our mission is to improve the health and safety of the residents in the county.

The health department has several programs designed to ensure improved health of the citizens in Kay County.

The Kay County Health Department has two locations: 433 Fairview in Ponca City (580-762-1641) and 1706 S. Main in Blackwell (580-363-5520).

Current programs are:
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of women, infants, and children. WIC foods are specifically chosen to provide the nutrients you and your children need.

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Immunizations - Immunization Service works to stop diseases before they start by promoting vaccination of all Kay County children and adults

Children First - program that is community based, voluntary, family resource program offering public health services to families expecting their first child.

Sooner Start Services - is

Oklahoma's Early Intervention program for families of infants to toddlers (birth-36 months) who have developmental delays.

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Consumer Protection - is responsible for licensing, monitoring and inspecting hotels and motels, eating and drinking establishments, retail and wholesale food outlets, food manufacturers, and public bathing places.

The Kay County Health Department is an active part of the emergency response system in the community.

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Health Foundation Proud of Association

The Community Health Foundation of Ponca City, Inc. is proud of its long association with the citizens and health care community of Ponca City and the surrounding area. The Community Health Foundation's purpose is to support of the general wellbeing and health-care of the citizens of Kay County. The Community Health Foundation completed its five year commitment to the YMCA of Ponca City in sup-

port of their new facility and pool during their current fiscal year. The foundation continues to support the YMCA's Health Kids event each April and the Moonlight Run in October. The foundation has made a second, multi-year, commitment to the Child Development Center in support of their capital campaign. The foundation is pleased to have participated in the funding of the center's new campus and to support the

programs they offer area children. The foundation supports the Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma on two crucial programs which provide much needed food to area children. These are the Backpacks 4 Kids program which provides nutritious food for kids in need each weekend of the school year and their new Food Pantry program which provides food for chronically hungry children. Other programs in support

of area youth the foundation assist are the Northern Oklahoma Youth Services Start Right Program, the Kay County Success by Six program, the Blackwell Youth Center ASAP program, the Blackwell Middle School Backpack food program and the Ponca City High School 2M2L (Too Much Too Lose) program. This year the Community Health Foundation continued with their education assistance for area health care professionals and students. In addition to capital support for the University Center, the foundation made a three year commitment, with other area public and private donors, to support a Bachelors of Science in Nursing degree program to be held in the new facility for the fall of 2013.

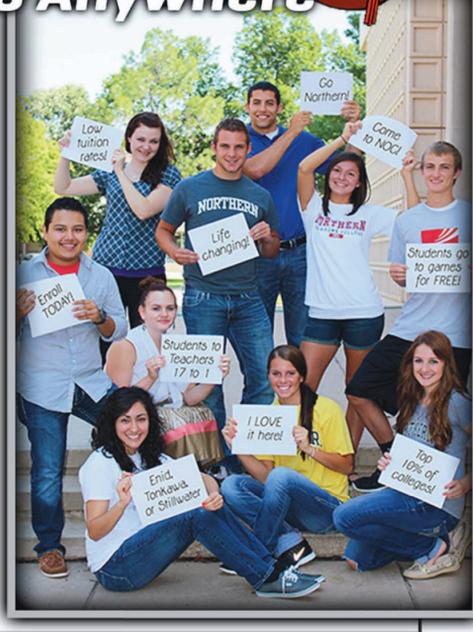
Scholarships are a big component of the foundation's support to area students who will return to the local communities around Kay County upon graduation. The foundation provided scholarships to five local students studying for advanced degrees in health related fields. Scholarships were provided for continuing education for seventeen area health care professionals, ten scholarships were provided to Northern Oklahoma College Registered Nursing students, seven scholarships were awarded to Pioneer Technology Center LPN students and six were given to University Center students. Four area high school graduating seniors who are now studying in health care related fields were also awarded scholarships last year. In total over \$41,000 in scholarships were awarded this year.

The Community Health Foundation holds a limited number of fundraisers in support of their efforts. Their Annual Appeal letter reaches out to the community in early November. Their Guys and Grills fundraiser is held every June and has been a great success for the foundation. The funds from this event are used to support the many scholarship programs of the foundation. There are also additional donation options available to those interested. These include a Named Memorial recognition program and a Named Donation Plaque recognition program. These are both displayed on the Donor Wall of Fame within the Ponca City Medical Center.



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Local Dearing House Established in 2003

One of the best kept secrets in Ponca City is Dearing House Child Advocacy Center.

"Our biggest challenge is letting the public know about our services while protecting the confidentiality of the children we serve," explains Maggi Hutchason, executive director. "We are often told by clients, 'I didn't even know this place existed, but we're sure glad you were here when we needed you.'"

National statistics indicate that one in four girls and one in six boys will be sexually abused by someone they know.

"These numbers are hard to grasp, but it helps us realize the extent of the problem," Hutchason said. "Unfortunately, children in Ponca City and surrounding communities fall victim to sexual crimes too. Many people are surprised to learn that Dearing House helps about 100 children every year."

Established in 2003 at 311 South Thirteenth Street and

accredited by the National Children's Alliance, Dearing House is a safe and comforting place for children involved in sexual abuse investigations to come for interviews and assistance by specially-trained professionals.

Funded by state and federal grants as well as foundations and private contributions, all services at Dearing House are available free of charge.

"Our purpose is to eliminate further trauma to children by reducing the number of times they are asked about sexual abuse," Hutchason said. "We work closely with law enforcement, child welfare and medical professionals, counselors, and prosecutors so that the focus is the needs of child victims and their families. Working as team results in child abuse investigations that are both effective and efficient."

In a recent evaluation by the National Children's Alliance, Dearing House was commended for doing excep-

tional work with a high level of cooperation and communication.

This summer, an AmeriCorps member joined the family advocacy team.

"Through the AmeriCorps program, we can add a full-time person to provide a continuous thread of support from the first time a child walks through our doors until the case is closed," Hutchason said.

AmeriCorps is a national service program that engages Americans of all ages and backgrounds in solving community problems. In exchange for a year of full-time service, members earn an education award that can be used to pay for educational expenses at qualified institutions of higher education, and receive a modest living allowance. "In times of reduced state and federal funding, an AmeriCorps member is a great benefit to Dearing House and this community. We are using this opportunity to expand our services to children."

Dearing House is one of 20 Child Advocacy Centers in Oklahoma and over 500 across the country. The concept of Child Advocacy Centers was developed by a prosecutor in Alabama over 20 years ago when he realized the additional trauma that investigations and questioning were causing to children. Since that time, centers have included counseling and advocacy so that the child and family have support throughout the process of reporting, investigation and responding to abuse allegations.

For more information on the service of Dearing House or to learn how to support the program, please contact the center at 762-5266.

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Grace Episcopal Welcomes Newcomers

Sometime during 1898, a small group of Episcopalians began gathering for worship in the traditional manner of their church, using The Book of Common Prayer in the bustling frontier town of Ponca City. When clergy was available for the little Episcopal group, then known as St. Andrews Congregation, they came from then larger towns of Newkirk, Pawhuska and Pawnee.

On a rainy May 15, 1900, the Right Rev. Francis Key Grooke, the Episcopal Church's first resident Bishop in Oklahoma, and also descendant of Francis Scott Key, composer of The Star-Spangled Banner, came to Ponca City for the first time to visit the few Episcopalians in the Ponca City vicinity. However, since it rained all day and travel was difficult, Bishop Grooke could not meet with them that day. Bishop Grooke returned a month later and met with the Episcopal congregation and conducted Evening Prayer, followed by a celebration of Holy Communion the next morning. The Presbyterian Church in Ponca City had been made available to the Episcopalians for both services.

In 1902, St. Andrews Congregation numbered seven families and all services were held in the Masonic Hall which was part of the old City Hall, located on the southwest corner of Fifth and Grand. During this time, the Episcopal congregation was served by lay readers from Newkirk and was recognized as a Mission of the Missionary District of Oklahoma.

In 1905, the congregation began making plans to construct a church/guildhall immediately south of the City Hall building. Sometime between 1912 and 1914, the congregations name was changed to Grace Episcopal Church. In 1914, a clapboard building, referred to as the Guildhall, was erected at a total cost of \$3,000, on the South Fifth Street lots which had been purchased earlier. The address was 117 South Fifth St.

The congregation increased slightly each year and by 1917 the vestry included the well-known Ponca City oil man and philanthropist and later governor of Oklahoma, Ernest Whitworth Marland, who was Senior Warden.

The little Episcopal Church included a womens guild of fifteen members and a Sunday church school with eight children. There were twenty-nine persons listed as confirmed members and communicants, with worship services held twice a month.

From its beginning and for much of its first twenty years,



GRACE EPISCOPAL Church is located at 109 North 13th Street in Ponca City. For more church information, call 765-7609.

the fledgling congregation was served by lay readers and visiting priests from then-established churches in Newkirk, Pawnee, Pawhuska and Guthrie.

In 1923, the City Commission of Ponca City requested that all who owned property in the block bounded by Grand and Central, Fifth and Sixth Streets, to sell their land to the City so that a new municipal center, occupying the entire block, might be erected. The land which the Guildhall occupied was deeded to the City on March 7, 1923. The Episcopal congregation then purchased lots at the southeast corner of Central Avenue and Seventh Street and moved their Guildhall to that location. The building was turned so that its altar now stood toward the East. It was there that Grace Church acquired its first official Parish Register when the Rev. Dederic S. Sandford, first Episcopal clergyman to reside in Ponca City, became Priest-in-Charge of Grace Church on April 20, 1924.

Father Sandford resigned in April 1928 and was followed by The Rev. Harry Lee Virden, during whose tenure an architect was engaged to design a new parish house and plan the Guildhall remodeling. The Guildhall was elongated twenty-seven feet and a vestibule was added facing Seventh Street.

In 1929, Grace Church Sunday services were broadcast over WBBZ. During that year, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Marland entertained church members

in their lovely home on Grand Avenue.

The Parish House, a 36x72 structure, was erected at a cost of \$8,500 and was situated east of the Guildhall and faced Central Avenue. Because many parishioners were active in Ponca City's Little Theater, the Parish House even contained a stage. The Parish House was first used February 10, 1931.

It was then that, as a vestry member was later quoted as saying, The Vestry resolved to make this congregation go or close it out. The Rev. Gordon V. Smith, Vicar of St. James

Church, Albion, Michigan, was called to Grace Church to begin his tenure on February 1, 1935. Under Father Smith's leadership, the church grew and gained strength.

The mortgage loan incurred for the construction of the Parish House, which had fallen into arrears during the Depression, was paid in full. When the annual Convocation of the Missionary District of Oklahoma met in Ponca City in January 1937, parish status was granted to Grace Church. At the Episcopal Church's General Convention in 1937, the

Missionary District of Oklahoma was granted diocesan status as the Episcopal Diocese of Oklahoma.

World War II began in Europe in 1939 and Father Smith became the chaplain to the British men who were receiving pilot training at Ponca City's Darr School of Aviation.

Father Smith continued to serve as rector of Grace Church until he accepted a call to St. Pauls Church in Des Moines, Iowa in September 1943. Later, he was elected the sixth Bishop of the Diocese of Iowa.

The Rev. Thomas O. Moehle, Rector of Ascension Church, Stillwater, Minnesota, became Rector of Grace Church on February 1, 1944. Father Moehle found a church that, at its annual congregational meeting, had voted to authorize a committee to begin plans to build a new church. Lots were purchased on the northeast corner of Thirteenth Street and Grand Avenue. Architect, John Duncan Forsyth, who also designed the Marland Mansion, was engaged to design the new church.

Father Moehle worked very closely with Forsyth as well as with all the artisans whose stained glass, wood carvings, ironwork and masonry were designed and uniquely crafted for Grace Church. Father Moehle always kept members of the Architecture committee and Vestry aware of his

vision of a church building as a building erected to the Glory of God, not for the convenience of man.

The original church building, located at Seventh Street and Central Avenue, was sold to the Bethel Tabernacle congregation in 1951. In August of 1951, the Parish House was moved to the new site and used for worship services while the new building was under construction. To facilitate the moving process, the structure was split in the center and moved along Ponca City's brick streets. The Parish House was eventually connected to the church building and is now referred to as our Parish Hall. Administrative offices and classrooms were added in 1954.

The long cherished dream of a new church structure in Ponca City was realized when, on WhitSunday (Pentecost Sunday), June 1, 1952, The Right Rev. Thomas Casady, Bishop of Oklahoma, dedicated the new Grace Church building.

The new building was an immense improvement over the old church structure. The original altar was made of wood which was replaced with a newly designed granite altar. Other than that, the new church building was but a shell and lacked the beautiful furnishings and appointments which were added as funds became available through memorial contributions.

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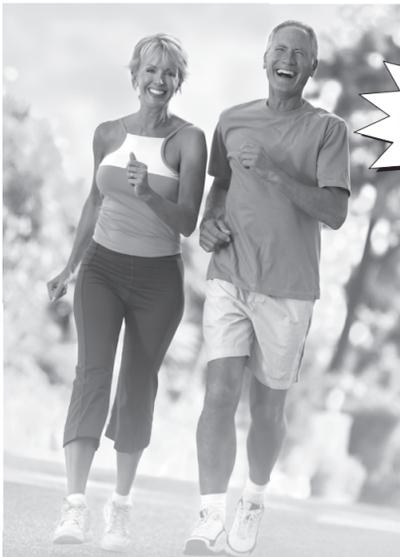
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Church

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Finally, on July 25, 1952, the first Sunday services were held in the new church building. Grace Church flourished during the thirty-year leadership of Father Moehle. To provide more room for Christian Education, the residence just north of the Parish Hall was purchased and named Grace House. Land directly across the street from the Parish Hall was acquired for use as a parking lot.

In 1954, the Episcopal Church women sponsored the first dance classes for Ponca City which were held in the Parish Hall. Each year, until the early 1990s, young people from the Ponca City area learned dance steps and dance etiquette.

A new Moeller pipe organ, anticipated and planned for in the church's original design, was installed in 1967. Extensive remodeling was done to the Parish Hall in the 1970s. Wood paneling replaced the original bead board siding. Accordion-type dividers separated Sunday church school rooms.

Following Father Moehle's retirement in 1974, The Rev. B. Franklin Williams IV, became Rector of Grace Church and served the parish until summer of 1978.

The Rev. Lawrence Boyd was called to Grace Church in 1978 from the Diocese of Fond Du Lac, Wisconsin. During Father Boyd's tenure, another house, adjacent to the west parking lot, was purchased for use by the expanding Sunday Church School program and was named St. Nicholas House. Also added were the Stations of the Cross, designed in relief and created by nationally recognized local sculptor, Jo Saylor.

Father Boyd resigned as Rector of Grace Church and

returned to Wisconsin in 1983 to become Dean of Christ Cathedral in the Diocese of Eau Claire.

The Rev. Isaac Mason served as Interim Rector before the arrival of The Rev. John H. Loving from Farmville, Virginia in October 1983. During Father Lovings' tenure as Rector of Grace Church, the men of the parish constructed the Chapel of the Resurrection, a Columbarium, in memory of Father Moehle who died in September 1977. Father Lovings resigned to accept a call to become Rector of Emmanuel Church, San Angelo, Texas on April 1, 1990.

The Rev. Richard C. Allen served as Interim Rector until the Rev. Kenneth L. Armstrong arrived from St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Ada, Oklahoma, to become Rector of Grace Church on May 15, 1991. In June 1996, Steven Malory, a Grace Church parishioner, was ordained at Trinity Church, Tulsa and assigned as a pastoral assistant at Grace Church.

In Spring of 1992, Father Armstrong appointed a Long Range Planning Committee charged with gathering information and formulating plans to provide for a physical plant to meet the congregations' needs as it approached a second century of service and worship in Ponca City.

It was soon determined that the major need was for a Christian Education Center to house infant and toddler nurseries and Sunday Church School classrooms. With hard work and many sacrificial gifts to fund it, the long needed Christian Education Center, designed by Parishioner, Richard Winterrowd and Troy Lewis of Lewis Associates Architectural firm, was dedicated on April 6, 1997, by the Right Rev. Robert M. Moody,

Bishop of Oklahoma.

By the end of Summer 1997, the new parking lot, located north of the Christian Education Building, had been paved, the sprinkler system installed and landscaping in place for the expanded facility. Soon after that, a two car garage was added north of the Christian Education Building. Many stain glass windows were installed as memorials to church members and new furnishings completed this major addition to our beloved church.

May 31, 1998, Grace Church marked its 100th Anniversary with an elaborate celebration. Former parishioners from all over the United States, were in attendance. A series of posters depicting the history of our church was on display, along with many years of scrapbooks. An extensive buffet luncheon was served and lots of photos were taken. Special t-shirts, decorated mugs and molded plaques were produced to commemorate the Grace Church Centennial celebration. As Father Ken remarked, The Centennial Celebration will be long remembered as Grace Church looks forward to a second century of worship, fellowship and service in Ponca City.

In 2006-2007, a major renovation of the Parish Hall and Parish kitchen, accomplished predominantly by church members. The Parish Hall renovation, designed by parishioner, Richard Winterrowd of Lewis Associates, features a cathedral ceiling with heavy wood beams, refinished original maple floors, granite counters donated and installed by Pryse Monument Company, and new cabinets.

The kitchen renovation included new cabinets, tile floor, granite counter tops, two new stoves, two new dishwashers and a large refrigerator/freezer.

During 2007, the former choir room was converted into a beautiful office entrance. The storage closet was removed and the office door transferred to face the new entry. The restrooms were completely renovated and slate-look tile was installed in the entire area.

The new choir room, formerly a work room (and before that Sunday school room), now includes new cabinets, closets and flooring.

In 2008, Parishioner Sonya Hamm, created exquisite fabric wall panels for the walls of the newly renovated Parish Hall.

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Smart Start Is a United Way Agency

Smart Start Kay County is a United Way of Ponca City agency committed to see that children are ready to succeed emotionally, socially, cognitively, and physically by the age of six. They are located in the Kay County Health Department Ponca City office 433 Fairview Ave. The office hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

They are eager to help families succeed and we are always happy to have volunteers help with our many projects. If we work together we can help increase the potential of our children and their families.

Projects in Kay County include:

- Implementation of Raising a Reader and the Healthy Reader Project to put books in the hands of children and families.
- Reading provides families

the opportunity to support children in their learning process of forming attachments, as well as instilling the love of learning through books. Raising A Reader™ is now in all four year old and kindergarten classrooms in Ponca City Schools, the 5 year old program at Newkirk, Ponca City Head Start, McCord Elementary, Country Day Learning Center, Pioneer Technology Child Care Center, and Miss Nan's Christian Preschool and DayCare. The Raising A Reader program now reaches approximately 1000 children yearly. The Healthy Reader project is utilized through the Kay County Health Departments, which are located in Ponca City and Blackwell. Every time a child 6 years and under receives an immunization they also receive a new book.

Coordination of the Home

Visitation Program which includes the following programs:

- Parents As Teachers, Oklahoma Parents As Teachers (OPAT) is a free, voluntary parent education program designed to foster an early partnership between home and school. The program is available for all expectant parents as well as parents with children birth to age three based on the philosophy that parents are their children's first and most important teachers. The goal of the OPAT program is to strengthen the capacity of parents to be effective first teachers in providing children the best possible start in life, maximize a child's overall development during those first three years, lay the foundation for school success, and minimize developmental problems that interfere with the child's learning.
- Kay County Children First (program is a voluntary family support program that offers home visitation services to mothers expecting their first child. Upon enrollment, a public health nurse works with the mother in order to increase her chances of delivering a healthy baby. In addition, the nurse will educate the mother about child safety and child development. The nurse can also connect the mother to needed services in her community such as child-care, housing and job/educational programs
- Northern Oklahoma Youth Services Family

Resource Program is based on the Healthy Families America home visitation program. Parents As Teachers curriculum. Mothers who are 29 weeks pregnant or if the child is one year old or younger. They work directly with the families to help set goals and to maximize a child's overall development and success later in life.

Community Trainings are offered to address healthy child development and to enrich the lives of those who work in the field of child care and other community sectors.

Bridges Out of Poverty is just one example.

Co-Parenting workshops. Parents and other caregivers who are experiencing divorce or separation a means of working through the process of changing the family structure. Skills to help attendees deal with stress, learn about local resource, learn information to support their child/children's acceptance and processing of the changes and how to help a child better prepare to have both parent or caregiver in their lives. Adults will also

learn coping skills and ways to communicating that do not put their children in the middle of the struggles.

Providing a warm line for families and providers to call for information about child development, secure resources needed in the areas of medical, transportation, and referrals for clothing and food.

Provide family workshops/play groups to promote awareness of the developmental milestones of children and to help stimulate enrich play and learning time. Ready At 5 is just one example and is offered in the fall and spring. The target ages for this group are two years of age to five.

Promote the utilization of the Dr. Bruce Lutz Resource Library. Topics include: Professional Resources for counselors and teachers, Relationship/ Marriage, Grief/Loss, Personal and Character Development, Parenting, Divorce.

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Through Fr. Kens persistence, Boris Katorian sculpted a chair for the Chapel of the Resurrection, the Columbarium.

Also completed were the long anticipated wood carvings on the pulpit face featuring the four evangelists, Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. These were completed as memorials to departed parishioners.

Sketches for these carvings, designed by Fr. Moehie, were discovered and sent to Italy where artisans carved the full relief sculptures.

Parishioner and architect, Richard Winterrowd, designed a beautiful new church marquee near the north parking lot. Under the supervision of Parishioner Cameron Fleming, the structure includes the same stone as in the church in a design compatible with the style of the church. It is electrified and announces all happenings at Grace Church.

The St. Francis of Assisi statue found a home atop a beautifully designed base in the Grace Church courtyard. An altar is planned in this area. This is where our rector administers blessings on our animal church members.

On May 5, 2013, We dedicated our Rector Wall of Fame with a special celebration and reception.

From the Rev. Gordon V Smith, our first resident rector, to our current rector, the Rev. Dee Bright, each photo is ornately framed and displayed in our Christian Education Building.

The Search Committee spent well over one year working diligently to find the new rector for Grace Church. During this process we were fortunate to have the Rev. Douglas Johnson serving as our Interim Rector.

On July 15, 2013, we welcomed the Rev. Dee Bright and his family as the new Rector for Grace Church. A special Induction Service was held November 16, 2013 to formally install Fr. Bright followed by an elaborate reception.

In 2013 two significant additions were made to Grace Church: kitchen roll down shutter, which gives privacy to those working in the church kitchen; large movie screen for the Parish Hall.

As is often noted, the beauty and functionality of Grace Episcopal Church makes it a jewel in the crown of the Episcopal Diocese of Oklahoma.

Wentz Golf Course Open

Wentz Golf Course is a 6,261 yard, 18 hole par 71 course on the east side of Lake Ponca at The Greens are Bent Grass and medium speed. The fairways are Bermuda Grass. There are five ponds that come into play on many holes. The signature hole is No.15, a 520-yard, par 5, featuring dogleg fairway with water on the left side.

Wentz Golf Course, designed by Floyd Farley, was opened in 1953. The golf course covers 125 acres of rolling terrain and offers a challenge to all golfers.

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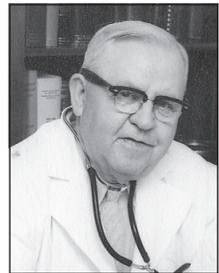


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Choose from automotive technology, collision repair, business and information technology, early care and education, construction technology, cosmetology, culinary arts, health & biomedical sciences, machine tool technology, industrial technology, welding technology, medical assisting, fleet and facilities maintenance, or practical nursing. College credit is also available through cooperative agreements with Northern Oklahoma College and OSU Institute of Technology. Hours can also be articulated to Cowley College in Arkansas City, Kan. The PTC staff has fully

committed to infusing academic rigor in their career training curriculum and close partnerships with students' instructors at their home school sites.

Emphasis is placed on encouraging each student to develop a strong foundation in science, math, reading and writing. In addition to academic enhancement, PTC uses the WorkKeys assessment to identify each student's level of mastery regarding common real-world skills needed in most work situations. The assessments reveal the potential each student has in the areas of problem solving, math applications, and reading for and locating information.

Enrollment is still being accepted for the fall 2014. Students interested in attending PTC may contact or visit the Student Services Center for course informa-

tion, advice on career decisions, and assistance with the enrollment process.

Pioneer Tech provides free tuition to all high school students within the district. High school students attend on a part-time basis depending on their class schedules at their home high school. Transportation is available at no cost for high school students living in the PTC district.

Adult students have the option of attending on either a part-time or full-time basis. Tuition for adults varies depending on the program in which they enroll. Financial aid and scholarships are available to eligible applicants.

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Flood Insurance Costs To Decline

By STEVE DYE
News Staff Writer

Two positive community developments were confirmed by City Manager Craig Stephenson during the meeting of the Ponca City Board of Commissioners recently.

Stephenson announced that Ponca City will see a decrease in flood insurance costs due to a rise in the city's rating as determined by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), and that the Oklahoma Housing Financing Agency (OHFA) has approved a tax credit project that will result in a new housing project being built.

FEMA utilizes a Community Rating System (CRS), which was established in 1990 to encourage local communities to develop more stringent standards designed to reduce flood losses. Participation in the certification process earns communities discounts on flood insurance premiums. Oklahoma has 398 communities presently participating in the National Flood Insurance Program, but only 17 that are also CRS rated.

The CRS communities are rated on a scale from 10 to 1, with 10 being the lowest rating. A 10 rating equates no discount in insurance costs. Each rating increase above that results in a five percent discount on certain flood

insurance premiums. Ponca City's CRS rating advanced from Class 6 to Class 5 effective May 1.

Of the 17 communities with CRS ratings, Ponca is one of only four to earn a Class 5 rating or better. The end result is a 25 percent savings on flood insurance premiums.

"We are proud to have FEMA acknowledge our comprehensive floodplain management program," said Chris Henderson, development services manager and floodplain administrator. "This highlights our commitment to reduce flood risks in Ponca City."

The OHFA tax credit funding was approved for a 40-unit single housing project that will be built off of Highland Avenue west of Waverly Street. The addition will be named Highland Park. A second Ponca City proposal, for an apartment complex at the corner of Grand Avenue and Waverly Street, narrowly missed approval as OHFA tax credit allocations fell just short of funding. Stephenson said the city will try again in the fall to get the second project approved.

"I'm confident that the apartment development warranted and would have received approval, the funds simply weren't there at this time," Stephenson said.

Party Meets on Thursdays

Kay County Republican Party (KCRP) meets 7 p.m. on the fourth Thursday of the month at Providence Baptist Church, 1301 East Bradley, Ponca City.

The meetings feature informative speakers, timely topics, lively discussions, refreshments and door prize. Everyone is welcome to attend.

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