

## **Chamber of Commerce and Economic Development News**

The University Center at Ponca City will have a ribbon cutting and open house July 12<sup>th</sup> at 4 p.m. at their new location, 2800 N. 14<sup>th</sup>. The UC was established in March 1999 through the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education under the name “University Learning Center of Northern Oklahoma”. The mission was to serve the needs of adults seeking higher education opportunities in Northern Oklahoma. Today, the UC has an average enrollment of 350 students per semester (the first semester in the fall of 1999 started with an enrollment of 45 students). There are now 18 degree programs offered through interactive television (ITV) format and 48 online degree options. The University Center partners with 13 accredited higher education institutions to offer distance education to students in Northern Oklahoma. The UC has served more than 6,000 students since its inception and has had approximately 700 graduates. Please join us Tuesday to celebrate this event!

City-wide garage sales will be August 6<sup>th</sup>. The Chamber will once again provide a map with locations and items for sale for the garage sales registered at the office. The fee is \$12 and the registration deadline is July 29<sup>th</sup>.

### Calendar of Events:

Tuesday, July 12<sup>th</sup>: Chamber Board of Directors meeting at the THS Library, 12 p.m.

Thursday, July 14<sup>th</sup>: Farmer’s Market, 5-7 p.m. at the Depot