

## Chamber of Commerce and Economic Development News

We wrapped up a busy week in Tonkawa! The events included Chamber meetings for the Board of Directors, Education Committee, Car Show Committee, and the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Committee. The Tonkawa Development Authority co-hosted a Rural Economic Development Workshop with our partners from Ponca City, Blackwell and Newkirk. The program was sponsored by the Oklahoma Department of Commerce. We were visited by our Oklahoma Legislators Friday morning and then 1000+ Oklahoma FreeWheeler and their families & friends. Blinn Park was the site for the Good Vibrations Car Show Saturday, along with a truck show at Wilkins Truck Supply at I-35 and Fountain Road. The Chamber of Commerce would like to thank all of our businesses and individuals who supported these events! No rest for the weary though.....we have another busy week!

Northern Oklahoma College will host a come and go reception for Tom Poole on Thursday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>, from 11-12:30 at the Renfro Center. Mr. Poole has served as interim President of the college for the past year. Everyone is invited to come out and thank him for his service and congratulate him on his retirement. A light, buffet lunch will be served. Please call Sherry at 580-628-6201 if you plan to attend. Tom and his wife, Judy, are NOC graduates and great ambassadors for Tonkawa.

The Tonkawa Farmers Market is open at the Santa Fe Depot each Thursday from 5-7 p.m. Vendors and shoppers are welcome.

Business after Hours will be hosted by Asbury Machine Corp/Throop Rock Bit on Thursday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> from 5:30-7 p.m. All Chamber members are encouraged to attend and help us celebrate their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary in Tonkawa! We appreciate their commitment to Tonkawa and their investment in our community.

Relay for Life will be Friday, June 24<sup>th</sup> at the NOC Circle with the Survivors Lap beginning at 7 p.m. There are a lot of activities throughout the night and the community is encouraged to come out and show your support for the American Cancer Society and the individuals and families affected by this disease.

To complete the activities for the week, be sure to head just east of town for the 37<sup>th</sup> annual Tonkawa Tribal Pow-Wow. It begins Friday and continues through Sunday at Fort Oakland. There will be dancing, recreational tournaments, an antique car show, arts & crafts vendors, and more. For additional information, call 580-628-2561. This event marks the 126<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the arrival of the Tonkawa Tribe to Ft. Oakland.

### Calendar of Events:

#### Thursday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>:

- Reception for NOC Interim President, Tom Poole, 11a.m.-12:30 p.m. at the Renfro Center
- Farmer's Market at the Depot, 5-7 p.m.
- Business after Hours, 5:30-7 p.m. as Asbury Machine/Throop Rock Bit

#### Friday, June 24<sup>th</sup>:

- Tonkawa Tribal Pow-Wow begins at Ft. Oakland and continues through Sunday
- Relay for Life at the NOC circle, 7 p.m. to 7 a.m.

Saturday and Sunday, June 24-25<sup>th</sup>: Tonkawa Tribal Pow-Wow continues

Monday, June 27<sup>th</sup>: Tourism Committee meeting, 12 p.m. at the Chamber office