

Chamber of Commerce and Economic Development News

Go Green on Earth Day! There will be a grand opening at the Recycle OK! center (1 mile north of Highway 60 on Highway 177) on Thursday, April 22nd – Earth Day. They will have free hot dogs, drinks and give-aways from 5- 7 p.m. and will provide education about our recycling program. Come out and see how easy recycling can be. Currently, they are accepting plastic, aluminum, tin/steel, cardboard, newspaper, mixed and white paper. You can also recycle your ink cartridges and drop off your plastic grocery sacks.

Chamber Business after Hours will be Thursday, April 29th from 5-6:30 p.m. at the Tonkawa Funeral Home/Bed and Breakfast. All chamber members are encouraged to join us for refreshments, fun and friendship!

The Tonkawa Development Authority has been invited to showcase our Business Park at the Oklahoma Brownfields Conference next week. This forum gives us the opportunity to promote our site to developers and corporate deal-makers seeking property for new facilities.

The Chamber of Commerce Tourism committee is working on renovation of the highway signs for Tonkawa, north and south of town on I-35. The old ones are faded and in need of updating in order to draw visitors off the highway to visit our community. Donations toward this project may be dropped off at the Chamber office.

Tonkawa still lags behind the rest of the county in returning Census forms. Please ask everyone you know if they have mailed in their form and encourage participation. The State of Oklahoma needs federal funding! We know you're out there! Please be counted for Tonkawa, Kay County and Oklahoma. We lose approximately \$1400 for everyone not counted in Oklahoma.

Calendar of Events:

Thursday, April 22nd:

- THS Baseball at Ponca City, 4 p.m.
- NOC Softball at home vs. Eastern OK State College, 2 & 4 p.m.

Friday, April 23rd: TMS Track at OBA, 10 a.m.

Saturday, April 24th:

- THS Track at Ringwood, 9 a.m.
- NOC Baseball at home vs. Western, 1 p.m.
- NOC Gala concert at the Kinzer Performing Arts Center, 7:30 p.m.

Monday, April 26th: THS Conference Track Meet, location TBA, 4 p.m.

Wednesday, April 28th: OBI Blood Drive at NOC in the gym, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Thursday, April 29th:

- Chamber Business after Hours, Tonkawa Funeral Home/Bed and Breakfast 5-6:30 p.m.
- NOC Choir Concert at the Kinzer Performing Arts Center, 7:30 p.m.