

Chamber of Commerce and Economic Development News

The Tonkawa Fire Department is accepting donations for Haiti relief efforts. Non-perishable food and hygiene items may be taken to the Fire Station February 1st through March 1st.

The Chamber of Commerce has scheduled the first legislative update for this session. Representative Dale DeWitt and Senator David Myers will speak at a breakfast sponsored by Simple Simon's Pizza on Friday, February 19th at 7:00 a.m. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend. Complimentary breakfast will be served.

Following the legislative meeting 2/19, we will have a dedication of the new, permanent AT&T cell tower. The efforts to improve reception in Tonkawa began with Dr. Roger Stacy, President of NOC, contacting AT&T for the purpose of better emergency response and communication on campus. He enlisted the assistance of our local legislators, Senator David Myers and Representative Dale DeWitt. A temporary tower had been in use until last month. The legislators, representatives from AT&T and our local leadership have scheduled a dedication service for the tower, honoring Senator Myers and Representative DeWitt. Please join us in recognizing our legislators and Dr. Stacy for their efforts to improve AT&T cell phone service in Tonkawa. The dedication will begin at 8:15 a.m. at Simple Simon's Pizza.

The Tonkawa Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors has announced its annual membership drive has begun. If you would like to invest in the initiatives of the Chamber, please call 628-2220 or stop by the office. Business, individual and family memberships are available.

Recycle OK now has recycle bins available for purchase. They are 6 gallon containers (made of at least 35% recycled content) and are available in 4 colors. You may purchase bins at the Chamber office, 102 E. Grand for \$15 each. Also, the new hours of operation for Recycle OK are Tuesdays from 4-6 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. In addition to your recyclables, Recycle OK is accepting donations to cover initial start-up costs and ongoing operation costs. All donations are tax deductible. You may drop off your donations at the Chamber of Commerce, First National Bank, or mail to P.O. Box 528 in Tonkawa. Checks should be made out to Recycle OK.

Calendar of Events:

Thursday, Feb. 4th: THS Basketball at home vs. Crescent

Friday, Feb. 5th:

- THS Basketball at Woodland
- THS Wrestling at Vinita for the Will Rogers Conference Tournament – continues Saturday

Saturday, Feb. 6th: THS Basketball at home vs. Frontier

Monday, Feb. 8th: NOC Basketball at home vs. Eastern, women at 6 p.m., men at 8 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 9th: Chamber of Commerce Board meeting at NOC, 12 p.m.