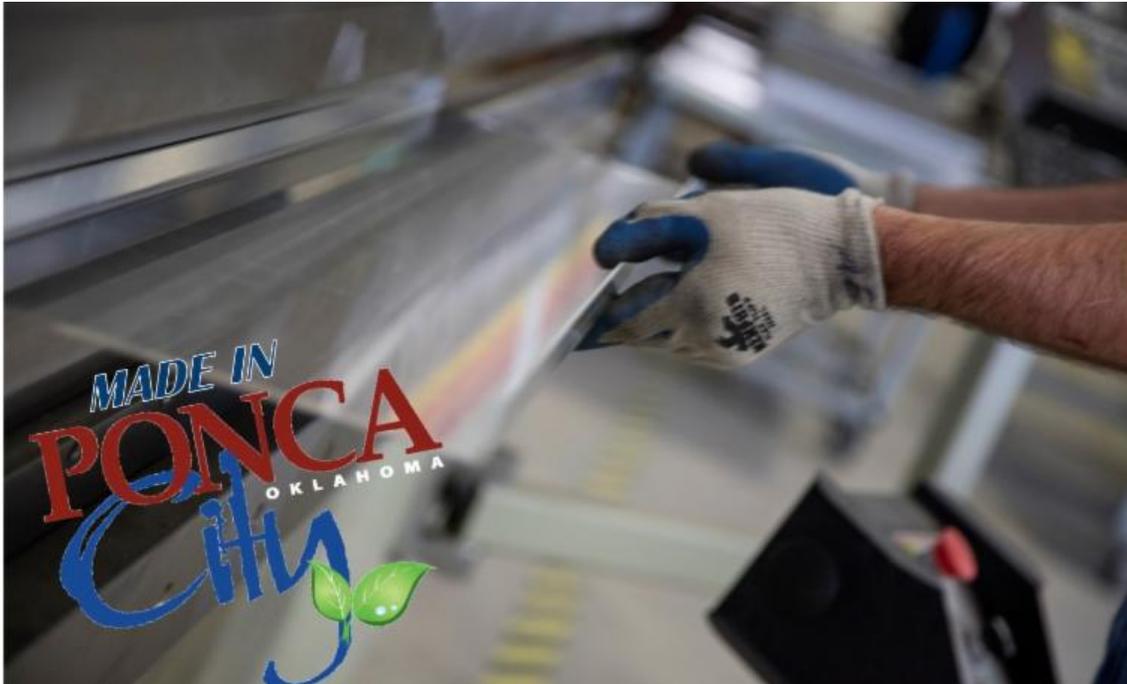


PCDA WEEKLY UPDATE



TODAY IS A BIG DAY IN OUR COUNTRY... that's right...it marks a week and a day since the PCDA Board of Trustees passed a number of resolutions to help get the City Center building back onto the market. It will take more than 100 days, however, since a big part of the process involves a large grant through the federal government, which PCDA understands has their own event today. PCDA has been pre-approved for that grant but the sticking point is that it takes time until final approval, probably six to eight months. So the big question on the minds of all of the talking heads, media moguls and even the subject, albeit in other words, of a recent acceptance speech by Meryl Streep is whether or not PCDA should start actively marketing the building before we can start fixing it up? The goal of the building is to find companies from outside Ponca City who represent diversified businesses. These folks, however, tend to want their spaces ready to go. They choose a facility (within a given region) before they choose a community. It's a tougher sell asking them to walk through an old bank lobby and picture a dynamic shared work center, for instance. Grant requirements do not let one fixer-up until the feds have approved said fixer-up, for one. So you may have to listen to numerous other acceptance speeches which will go off on this issue over the next couple of months as the silver screen types pat themselves on the back. They're just anxious... aren't we all?

Company Spotlight - CME

This week for your viewing pleasure, we have a secondary company created by CME to fill a niche need in their manufacturing process. Custom Powder Coating and Dustless Blasting is that business. Located on the CME property, this business operates in-house with the powder coating process and goes onsite with their dustless blasting process. What size of objects are we talking about? For the powder coating process, think anything from the size of a cup to a car. For the onsite dustless blasting, the sky is the limit (and big buildings). The new Bottle Shop at South Avenue? Custom did that. Yup. Pretty. Questions? Give them a call and [enjoy this classic car in the process of receiving a well deserved make-over.](#) Stay tuned for our next company spotlight, Made in Ponca City. On the left, the actual powder coating areas. On the right, the dustless blasting unit onsite at the Bottle Shop.



Construction in the Airport Industrial Park

CONSTRUCTION WRAPS UP..... almost. The last of the Cookshack concrete is being smoothed and we believe the employees are overjoyed with the vast expanses of parking lot and drive. I mean, who doesn't love freshly poured and smoothed concrete? The work continues on the Sykes Blvd extension with the end in site, err, sight. Make sure to stay tuned for more exciting "yes we are finished" pictures next week, weather permitting. The left picture is the last of the Cookshack facility drive concrete being poured. The picture on the right is the most beautiful curb yet on the Sykes Blvd extension.



PONCA WORKS with Liz Pershing

THIS WEEK..... PoncaWorks assisted with career and workforce alignment by facilitating a Senior Career Luncheon at the High School. Lunch was provided by the High School to representatives of 13 local companies talking to 40 high school seniors. Questions were asked, answers were given; Hands were shaken and the employers gave high marks to the next generation of employees. The students were exposed to jobs and careers including public safety, the military, entrepreneurs, medical and health, and the list goes on. Employers and students were engaged and the hour and a half flew by. If you have a junior at PoHi, we will be hosting more events like these to expose our future workforce to some of their employment options. Stay tuned.



"HANGING WITH THE SMITH BOYS AND GIRLS.....this week. Keeping in the same realm of options for our local workforce, PCDA, Pioneer Technology Center, the OKWorks office, The University Center and a few others hung out at Smith to assist with options for these employees upcoming separation. If your company is looking for an experienced safety person, machinist, CNC, or anyone working in the manufacturing field, please give us a call at the office so we can connect your company with a possible great, skilled and trained employee. 580-765-7070 or e-mail lpershing@goponca.com.

Upcoming Events

Saturday, January 21 - 7:00 am
[Ultimate Eagle Watch - Kaw Lake](#)

Thursday, Jan 26, 6:30 pm
Ponca City Chamber Banquet at Phillips66 Atrium
Tickets still available. Call Tiffany at 580-765-4400

Saturday, Feb 4, Father/Daughter Dance
Sessions all day. [For more information or tickets click here.](#)

Tuesday, Feb 14, Stardust Melodies 7:00 pm
[Ponca Playhouse - Valentine's Day Celebration](#)

Wednesday, Feb 15 "Wellness in the Workplace"
Sponsored by SHRM at [Pioneer Tech Center. Click here for more info.](#)

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