

▼ CHAMBER CHATTER

# A2A and cancer center provide multiple benefits

The community is gearing up for the 2nd annual A2A race to benefit the Cancer Center at Mercy Memorial Health Center.

This is a great event for a worthy cause. Much has been written and will be written about the race and the center and we won't delve into that here. What we do want to address is the myriad of auxiliary benefits as a result of these projects.

The A2A race, while benefitting the cancer center, provides many other benefits. The spirit of the community is well evident. Hundreds of volunteers are required to make the event a success, and they step up to the plate willingly and repeatedly. That is one of the marks of a great community!

The event also has had a significant impact on health awareness; and the increase in local participants in the 5K race this year is ample evidence. Many benefits are derived from an active lifestyle which, when combined with reasonable diet, will



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improve one's quality of life. The A2A is responsible for many people joining in on the healthy lifestyle movement.

There is also a tourism aspect to the event. Ardmore is showcased to many out-of-town visitors who come for the race. We benefit from the exposure, and the community benefits economically as well. Many of the participants will spend a weekend in the area.

And, of course, we need to comment on the cancer center itself. This is a unique joint effort project between the Ardmore Chamber Foundation and Mercy Memorial Health Center. It is made possible because the Chamber Foundation developed an innovative method of making the

project a reality, and local community-minded banks helped structure a deal that made financial sense.

The benefits of having a local cancer treatment center are well known and documented. But there are economic benefits as well. It means new jobs for Ardmore and an increase in economic activity. We anticipate 10 new positions with physicians and support staff. Their earnings and local expenditures combined with the income at the center will result in an \$8 million annual economic impact to our community.

We often talk about attracting new industries and jobs. Economic development is critical for a community's survival. The cancer center, while a great need and addition to our community, is also an economic development project. It's a win-win situation all around. Congratulations Ardmore on a great event and a great new facility that will be opened in May.

▼ WASHINGTON

# Several airlines fined for excess fees

WASHINGTON (AP) — When the airline industry took a nose dive a decade ago, executives at global carriers scrambled to find a quick fix to avoid financial ruin.

What they came up with, according to federal prosecutors, was a massive price-fixing scheme among airlines that artificially inflated passenger and cargo fuel surcharges between 2000 and 2006 to make up for lost profits.

The airlines' crimes cost U.S. consumers and businesses — mostly international passengers and cargo shippers — hundreds of millions of dollars, prosecutors say.

But the airlines caught by the Justice Department have paid a hefty price in the five years since the government's widespread investigation became public.

To date, 19 executives have been charged with wrongdoing — four have gone to prison — and 21

airlines have coughed up more than \$1.7 billion in fines in one of the largest criminal antitrust investigations in U.S. history.

The court cases reveal a complex web of schemes between mostly international carriers willing to fix fees in lockstep with competitors for flights to and from the United States.

Convicted airlines in-

clude British Airways, Korean Air, and Air France-KLM. No major U.S. carriers have been charged.

The price-fixing unraveled largely because two airlines decided to come clean and turn in their co-conspirators.

In late 2005, officials with German-based Lufthansa notified the Justice

Department that the airline had been conspiring to set cargo surcharges. By Valentine's Day 2006, FBI agents and their counterparts in Europe made the investigation public by raiding airline offices. After those raids, British-based Virgin Atlantic came forward about its role in a similar scheme to set fuel surcharges for passengers.



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In this April 2010 photo, a man walks by corporate signs of the Korean Air Lines Co. headquarters in Seoul, South Korea.

▼ BRIEF

## McCarty named Re-run Junction Employee of the Month

Matt McCarty has been named Re-run Junction Employee of the Month for February.

Big Five Community Services and Re-run Junction commended McCarty for the example he has set at work. From sorting clothes to organizing electronics, McCarty has done it all during his three years at Re-run Junction. He was also cited for his relationships with his co-workers.

McCarty enjoys watching movies, playing video games and watching the University of Oklahoma play football with his roommates. For his selection as employee of the month, McCarty received a certificate and a McDonald's gift card.

Re-run Junction is a community thrift store that employs people with developmental disabilities. It is located at 815 W. Broadway St.

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Senate Bill 544 by Senator Anthony Sykes fixes this problem.

- SB 544 allows doctors to "collaborate" with CRNAs instead of "supervise" them.
- SB 544 will save supervision compliance cost to the hospital.
- SB 544 will improve anesthesia department flexibility to a more cost effective model.
- SB 544 passes these savings on to the consumer.
- Forty states have made this change.

Oklahoma should join the states that have removed "supervision" and adopt a "collaborative" model. CRNAs were around before Oklahoma was a state and have been providing safe, evidence-based care to Oklahomans for more than 100 years!

**Call your State Senator now at (405) 524-0126**  
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**VOTE YES on SB 544**

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