

## Business Album

### Angels to the rescue



Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College students, faculty members and staff members at a shopping spree for the Angel Tree. About 1,200 children could have experienced a Christmas 2013 without the magic of Santa had it not been for NED's Angel Tree program. Officials at the Miami, Okla., school said the program helped put gifts under the trees of 261 families in financial need. Some of the corporate sponsors included Miami House Lions Club, MFF Local 1800 Fire Department, We start here too, St. Barbara Run Casino, Boys and Girls Club, Shalton Casino K&M-CV Toy Box, Miami Area Chamber of Commerce, Kings' Knight Regional Health Center, Ottawa County United Way, All Saints Episcopal Church and NED President's Partners. ©2013/PT/PT



Oklahoma City Mayor Mick Cornett, left, receives the Wellness Frontiers Award from Healthcare Leadership Council Executive Vice President Debbie Wischey. ©2013/PT/PT

### Oklahoma City receives Wellness Frontiers award

OKLAHOMA CITY (JE) — The Healthcare Leadership Council, a coalition of chief executives from the nation's leading health care companies and organizations, recently named Oklahoma City as the recipient of the organization's Wellness Frontiers Award. The award recognizes entities that successfully implement an evidence-based wellness program that prevents disease and improves the well-being of a population.

Oklahoma City's "This City is Going on a Diet" program, spearheaded by Mayor Mick Cornett, led to action that moved Oklahoma City from *Men's Health* magazine's fattest cities list to the fittest cities in just a few years.

Programs started in Oklahoma City are being replicated all over the country. Cities like Boston and Louisville, Ky., have also taken on wellness in new ways inspired by the successful approaches in Oklahoma City. The award was presented by HLC Executive Vice President Debbie Wischey at Oklahoma City's City Hall. Also present for the presentation were Paul Peterson, regional director for Healthcare Leadership Council, Ben Binkowski of BlueCross/BlueShield of Oklahoma, Cindy Fourn of Healthways, Silverstein, and Steve Blison of VBS Inc.

"I would venture to guess that when Mayor Cornett said that this city would lose, collectively, 1 million pounds, there were probably more than a few skeptics who doubted it could happen," Wischey said. "But what you demonstrated is that through a comprehensive effort, involving new gym facilities, jogging trails, a new downtown park, the cooperation of local restaurants and many other actions and initiatives,



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### Boosting brain injury research



The American Legion Normandy Council/Post 239 from Broken donated funds from its annual memorial puppy sales to the Oklahoma State University Center for Health Sciences in Tulsa. The donation was made to support the OHSU Center for Neurology and Regenerative Medicine's ongoing hyperbaric oxygen therapy research for treatment of traumatic brain injuries. Seated are American Legion Post 239 Commander Randy Taylor, left, with Kayse Shuman, OHSU-CHS president, Rusty Parson, Post 239 adjutant, retired U.S. Air Force Maj. Gen. Bill Argen, Oklahoma secretary of veterans affairs, and Mary Sandberg, Post 239 past commander. The post raised more than \$1,200, which the members donated to OHSU-CHS to help support the development of treatment initiatives for injured veterans. ©2013/PT/PT

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