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From the desk of **DAVID STEWART**

“TULSA FOR TESLA” -Insight from behind the scenes

If you live in Oklahoma, then there is no doubt you were aware of the possibility of Tesla coming to Northeast Oklahoma. For several months, we were inundated with creative messages from all over our state attempting to woo Elon Musk and his Cyber Truck Factory to Green Country. It was a hard-fought battle and we, as Oklahomans, should be proud of our efforts – especially to have made it to the shortlist between Oklahoma and Texas.



DAVID STEWART
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But, here’s what you didn’t know. MidAmerica Industrial Park was one of the three Oklahoma sites under consideration.

Our team found out in May that we were one of the three Oklahoma sites that interested Tesla. As you can imagine, we were beyond thrilled as we furiously prepared our pitch and site visit for the Tesla team. We had less than a month to pull everything together – and it had to be completely top secret. It was a whirlwind of a month, and things changed on a daily, almost hourly basis.

I could not have been more proud of our team, as we created a stunning presentation and compelling pitch to Tesla. Members of the Tesla executive team visited MidAmerica in early June, and we spent several hours with them at the potential site for the factory. They were quite impressed and surprised with everything we had to offer, from our infrastructure, workforce and quality of life surrounding the Park—with the opening of The District later this year.

Although we did not make the final site selection for Oklahoma, Tesla’s interest and feedback was genuine and appreciative; and their expectations of MidAmerica were definitely exceeded.

As we celebrate our 60 years of success this year, I would certainly count the Tesla pitch as one of those many successes. We may not have landed Tesla as a tenant, but that’s okay. One of the most exciting, successful and enlightened companies in the world took notice of us. They not only took notice, but took the time to visit in person—and without a doubt, they left with a favorable impression of not only MidAmerica Industrial Park, but also of our state.

In the midst of these uncertain times and an unprecedented year, this will certainly be a bright spot in MidAmerica’s history.

MIDAMERICA INDUSTRIAL PARK: A Historical Perspective

Guest Column by Larry Williams

Almost 80 years ago, before most readers of this column were even born, the U.S. Government began a process of acquiring some 16,000 acres of land between the towns of Pryor Creek and Chouteau.

Upon that land, seemingly overnight, a massive facility sprang up that supplied materials to aid our country's defense of freedom during World War II.

The facility was called The Oklahoma Ordnance Works.

During the most intense time of construction and production, some 10,000 employees worked jobs within the confines of what was simply called, "The Powder Plant."

What's interesting about this, is the U.S. Census Bureau records indicates Pryor's population in 1940 was 2,501—which means Pryor's population grew more than 7,000 people.

Historians have recorded that any structure with a roof was used as housing—barns, tool sheds, chicken houses—it made no difference. If it was capable of keeping rain and snow out, and blocking the sun, it was inhabited by a solitary worker or maybe a family of seven.

Tent communities sprang up. Land was developed into platted subdivisions with some lots as narrow as 25 feet wide to accommodate small houses, tents and pull-behind trailers.

Everybody who wanted to work had a job. **The area thrived in an economy driven by strife, struggle and necessity.**

A quick side note: In 1942, a corner lot, in the Pryor addition now known as "The Bricks," complete with a two-bedroom brick bungalow, one car garage and a Frigidaire refrigerator, sold for \$4,200.

20 YEARS LATER

Thankfully, the war had ended and the former bustling black powder munitions facility had been mothballed, with decommissioning of the complex taking place under the War Assets Administration.

A series of calculated decisions by local, state and federal officials led to negotiations to form a state beneficiary trust to purchase the property for \$1.7 million. On December 30, 1960, Oklahoma Ordnance Works Authority was born.

The fledgling Mid-America Industrial District, as it was then called, got off to a slow start. Scrap steel and copper had to be sold to make the first payroll and it was two years before the first industrial employer came to MidAmerica—Utah Tool Company, later known as Pryor Automatic Tool. Today, QMI, Inc., a manufacturer of precision machined parts, works out of the same building Utah Tool occupied in 1962.

In Mid-America Industrial District's first 10 years of existence, it attracted fourteen more companies.

Today, more than 80 companies call MidAmerica home. Those companies provide well-paying employment opportunities to more than 4,000 residents of our great state.

We thrive in an economy driven by and deeply rooted in promise, prosperity and boundless possibility.

Re-branding changed Mid-America Industrial District to MidAmerica Industrial Park in the early 1980s. The mission though

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The 60 Year HISTORY *of* MIDAMERICA

1960

MidAmerica Board of Trustees formed
December 22

Oklahoma Ordnance Works Authority came into official existence
December 30

MIDAMERICA CELEBRATES 60 YEARS

If it hadn't been for world-wide turmoil and the American government's needs in the wake of World War II, MidAmerica Industrial Park may have never been founded.

Beginning in 1941 and lasting through the turbulent years of World War II, a sprawling 15,867 acre government ammunition plant in Mayes County, Oklahoma, was filled with over 10,000 employees making black powder for war munitions.

Four years later, at the conclusion of the war, the plant shut down, ending wartime employment for thousands of workers, most of whom had been imported to fill the needs of the manufacturing process.

However, the vision of one man and the active cooperation of many others, reaching even into the halls of Congress and the

White House itself, resulted in the creation of one of the nation's largest industrial parks.

MIDAMERICA INDUSTRIAL PARK

Gene R. Redden, an employee of the National Gypsum Company, which owned a factory in the area, was charged with managing the closed facility. Now reduced to 10,046 acres covering over 20 full sections of land and parts, Redden predicted the federal government would eventually declare the land surplus and break it up, selling to farmers, ranchers and land spectators.

But Redden saw the area with its 509 buildings, 38 miles of railroad spur, four complete water systems covering 800 acres, including fire hydrants and three complete chemical plants, as the potential core to a highly diversified industrial park. Thus began the efforts toward founding MidAmerica Industrial Park.

Fifteen years later—sixty years ago—a public trust called the Oklahoma Ordnance Works Authority, the operators of MidAmerica Industrial Park, was formed to encourage economic growth and create jobs.

The fifteen years between the end of the war and the official start of MidAmerica Industrial Park came with tremendous dedication and a tenacity to not give up, overcoming multiple hurdles. This same tenacity is what has fueled MidAmerica ever since.



1961

Final acreage of MidAmerica land purchased

Gene Redden appointed as MidAmerica's first Chief Administrative Officer

1966

President Lyndon B. Johnson makes dedicatory address at "Mid-America Industrial District – MAID"

It began on December 30, 1960, when the OOWA came into official existence by filing a trust indenture and the deed to one acre of land. The purchase of the additional 10,045 acres came nearly a year later on October 23, 1961.

Sixty years later, MidAmerica is the largest industrial park in the Central United States and the eighth largest in the world. It is home to 4,500 employees and 80 companies, 30% of which represent the metal, machining and manufacturing sectors. The Park has experienced 20% growth over the past five years. Five Fortune 500 companies reside on the grounds including Google, DuPont and Siemens.

How did it get there?

MidAmerica's visionary strategic plan is and has always been a living-document, constantly updating and refocusing on the primary drivers that stimulate economic growth and investment. It is continuously reinventing itself to stay relevant, keep up with market changes, competition and technology.

As early as 1966, when MidAmerica was just four years old, President Lyndon B. Johnson made a dedicatory address at the Park. President Johnson was so impressed with MidAmerica's venture and the job-producing potential, he wanted to personally see the operation. More than 10,000 people witnessed him speak about how the Park was boosting his Great Society plan to create jobs and a better economy atmosphere for all Americans.

In 1971, the same year the Arkansas River navigation project became a reality, MidAmerica companies were using the channel. MidAmerica saw the power of utilizing the water transformation system and fought for its companies' ability to use it.

From the late 1970's through the early 2000's MidAmerica continued to expand and adapt to the growing needs of the businesses in the park, it's employees and the surrounding community. In 1978 GRDA commissioned Unit 1 of its coal-fired electric generation facility, providing more power to the park.

In 1995, Northeast Technology Center opened its superintendent's office and industry training center in the Park, and in 1997 they began their post-secondary vocational training in the Park. This began the partnership MidAmerica still has today with Northeast Tech. Additionally, 1997 saw the first restaurant open in the Park: Mid-American Grille.

OSU Institute of Technology, MidAmerica's Enterprise Center, was developed in 2005. This was another step towards MidAmerica's commitment to workforce development. This site was used as a business incubator.

Google announced it was coming to Oklahoma in 2007, and its first data center opened in the Park four years later. By the time Google unveiled its second building in 2012, the company's investment in the state was \$700 million.

"Google and Oklahoma are an ideal fit," said Andrew Silvestri, Google's Head of Data Center Policy and Community Development.

"MidAmerica has achieved this milestone through the dedication of all our employees and the continued support of the companies located in the Park, our community and the state of Oklahoma," said Chief Administrative Officer David Stewart. "Since day one, our commitment has always been the same: to deliver whatever companies need to succeed."



President Johnson and the Rangerettes, August 26, 1966

“When we search for a data center site we have very specific criteria such as the caliber of the work force, the right business climate and the infrastructure to support the power and technical needs of our operations. Mayes County and MidAmerica Industrial Park fit the bill and have surpassed our expectations.”

In 2013, MidAmerica partnered with Rogers State University and funded the construction of a 38,400-square-foot building on 84 acres to serve as a new RSU campus in Pryor. It was the largest single gift in RSU’s history and the \$10 million project more than doubled the size of RSU’s previous campus. The facility is also used as MidAmerica’s career center, further supporting the workforce needs of companies located in the Park.

On the heels of the RSU project, in 2014, MidAmerica launched MidAmerica Delivers, the Park’s workforce initiative. The program has built 11 best-in-class STEM labs and Career Centers through nine school districts in Eastern Oklahoma, hosted a STEM Alliance Showcase offering hands-on STEM activities to more than 900 students, funded STEM programs for area libraries so students and their families can have access to STEM education, and much more. The goal of MidAmerica Delivers is to ensure companies have access to the workforce they need to be successful. MidAmerica is committed to delivering that workforce.

In the last five years alone, MidAmerica has committed to a \$20 million capital investment plan. The plan has already developed 400 acres of shovel-ready land, roads to access the sites, and water and wastewater lines to ensure the property is ready for new opportunities. An additional 600 acres in the Igloo Valley Development and 500 acres in the Ridgeline Development will be ready in the coming years.

In 2019, Google revealed plans to spend an additional \$600 million at its facilities in the Park, bringing the company’s total investment in Oklahoma to more than \$3 billion. Google’s complex at MidAmerica employs at least 500 people and is the company’s second largest in the world. Their presence has transformed the Park, the local school system and the area.

Google CEO, Sundar Pichai said, “The Pryor Data Center is part of the engine that makes it possible for Google to help billions of people around the world. We look forward to being a part of this community for years to come.”

“Our resources, quality of life and workforce development initiatives will fuel MidAmerica’s growth for another 60 years.” – DAVID STEWART

In early 2020, MidAmerica held the grand opening for its Center of Excellence, a one-stop training and hiring center under the umbrella of MidAmerica Delivers. Not only does the Center provide education and training services, but is also accessible to MidAmerica companies for research and development.

And finally, the icing on the cake, The District, a 162-acre development that incorporates retail, residential, parks and trails near the Park. The grand opening will happen later this year, creating the “sense of place” employers want for their employees.

The multitude of growth and expansion improvements MidAmerica has made since its inception demonstrates its commitment to delivering solutions to address the challenges its employers face.

IN THE PAST 60 YEARS MIDAMERICA HAS GROWN AND EXPANDED TO OFFER:

- » An on-site water treatment plant with a 50-million-gallons-per-day capacity
- » Its own wastewater collection and treatment system
- » Power supplied by the Grand River Dam Authority and the Grand River Energy Center located at the Park at highly competitive rates
- » Union Pacific Rail service
- » An onsite airport with a 5,000-foot runway
- » Proximity to the NAFTA highway, CANAMAX Corridor and deep-water access
- » Plans for The District housing development set to open later this year
- » STEM labs within 10 school districts
- » The MidAmerica STEM Alliance, an initiative designed to ensure that youth in rural northeast Oklahoma communities can develop skills in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) and connect with local career opportunities.

The companies located within the Park are a shining example of MidAmerica’s 60 years of success.

HE&M Saw, for example, moved into the Park in 1976 with 12 employees and a single, 12,000 square-foot building. The manufacturer of band saws now occupies 300,000 square feet on 14 acres of land and employs nearly 200 workers. Why MidAmerica?

“The reason we chose MidAmerica is its central location in the United States and closeness to major highways that cut across the country, making it easily accessible for transportation of our products,” says Doug Harris, President and CEO. “In addition,

the power is inexpensive and the surrounding area provides a very good, stable and well-trained workforce.”

Harris cites the training and Workforce Development programs and two educational facilities — the MAIP Campus of the Northeast Technical Center and the Pryor Campus of Rogers State University — as particularly beneficial. Accelerated depreciation of property and the New Market Tax Credit are two more.

“MAIP is wonderful when it comes to collaborating and working with the companies in the Park,” says Harris. “Under the direction of Dave Stewart, they listen to the businesses and develop tools to solve any issues they may have. Through their Workforce Development Program, they also assist in placing well-trained employees if a company in the Park should have a need.”

“The celebration comes at a unique time,” continued Stewart. “Now more than ever we’re dedicated to supporting our companies and the community, guiding them through the current economic crisis as they look to thrive in the new post-pandemic environment.”

Oklahoma Ordnance Works Authority, 1962

A horizontal timeline graphic featuring a map of the Arkansas River basin on the left. The map shows the river's course through Oklahoma and Arkansas, with various locations marked. Four orange circular callouts are placed along the river, each containing a year and a key event. The events are: 1971 (Arkansas River Navigational Project opens), 1978 (GRDA commissions Unit 1 of Coal-Fired Electric Generation Facility), 1984 (Mid-America Industrial District rebrands to MidAmerica Industrial Park), and 1990 (Sanders Mitchell appointed as CAO).

1971 Arkansas River Navigational Project opens: Opens water access to the Park

1978 GRDA commissions Unit 1 of Coal-Fired Electric Generation Facility

1984 Mid-America Industrial District rebrands to MidAmerica Industrial Park

1990 Sanders Mitchell appointed as CAO

Local Artist Matthew Moffett and MidAmerica Industrial Park Partner to Create Scissor-tailed Flycatcher for The District



To learn more about Moffett, check out his Instagram @m2art or his Facebook Matt Moffett.



Northeast Technology Centers opens superintendent's office and industry training center at the Park

1995



Mid-American Grille: First restaurant in the Park

1997

OSU Institute of Technology begins post-secondary vocational training in the Park



MidAmerica Industrial Park partnered with Tulsa-based artist Matthew Moffett to create an elaborate, beautiful piece of art that MidAmerica will feature in the center of The District's main gathering area. The artwork is a large metal sculpture formed as a scissor-tailed flycatcher, the state bird of Oklahoma. The idea for the piece stemmed from David Stewart's vision of connecting a state icon to the local history of MidAmerica and northeast Oklahoma.

"The team at MidAmerica expressed interest in a large sculpture of our state bird and asked for a sketch of what I would create," said Moffett. "When I was doing the initial sketches for the Scissor-tailed Fly Catcher sculpture, I wanted to represent the history of MidAmerica and land it sits on. I learned that the land was once primarily farmland so I incorporated some historical pieces into the sketch."

"Once they gave me the green light to create the piece, I began collecting tractor parts and other historical industrial items. I found railroad lanterns, antique Oklahoma license plates and a 100 year old copper eagle weather vane—along with many other things. All the pieces are securely welded within the sculpture and add to the visual interest of the piece."

The majority of the piece was completed in Moffett's Tulsa-based studio, M2 Studio. Moffett utilized the Mayes County First Robotics team's fabrication shop on MidAmerica's campus to put the final touches on the piece. Moffett used the Center's plasma cutter to cut out the wings and welding machines to secure everything together. He collaborated with Thirty-Machine, a company located in the COE, who assisted him with manufacturing structures to hold the piece while he worked on it.

MidAmerica's General Manager John Schaffitzel went to Owasso High School with Moffett and they have stayed connected over the years. Schaffitzel helped bridge the connection and get the piece started.

"John was always a BMX bike racer and a great guy! I was really honored when he called me about creating outdoor art for The District," Moffett said. "It's cool when you creatively collaborate with someone you have known your whole life."

The Center of Excellence, where the Scissor-tailed Fly Catcher was completed, is a space dedicated to technology, training and career opportunities. It provides access to advanced technology to assist its companies with research and development and product development.

Since opening in February of this year, the space has primarily been used to meet the workforce training and development needs of companies located within MidAmerica Industrial Park, for job seekers visiting Action Group Staffing and Mayes County FIRST Robotics team / Pryor High School's Advanced Manufacturing program.

"The Scissor-tailed Fly Catcher sculpture will certainly be a central point of interest at The District," said David Stewart. "People will be amazed at the intricate detail of the art and will be able to spend several minutes just working their way around the sculpture pointing out the various parts and pieces. In fact, I bet they will notice something new each time they come back. We appreciate Matt's work and look forward to seeing it in place once it is finished."

Matt Moffett is a self-taught artist that primarily practices his artistic talents through painting. He was raised in the Bay Area of California and Owasso, Oklahoma. He attended The University of Tulsa and their international campus in Malaga, Spain.

Moffett owns M2 Studio, located in Tulsa. He created the studio when one of his dogs died suddenly of a brain aneurysm. He searched for someone to create a portrait of his dog, but found very few artists willing to do so at a reasonable cost. Instead, Moffett decided to take a talent encouraged by his artistic mother and try to paint his dogs himself. The first portraits were quite interpretive, but his friends were supportive and loved the idea.

Since then, Moffett has painted several of his friends' dogs plus many others. Now his passion is to honor and commemorate people's pets through art in addition to working on several other forms of art. MidAmerica is particularly thankful for his talent and excited to feature his work at The District.

OSU Institute of Technology / MidAmerica Enterprise Center – Business incubator developed

2005

Google announces plans to open Google Data Center

2007

2008



Tulsa Life Flight: Helicopter ambulance service comes to the Park

The District Nearly Finished

MIDAMERICA PLANS TO HOST SOFT OPENING IN NOVEMBER



These were the words of MidAmerica’s Chief Administrative Officer David Stewart when asked about The District.

“The years (literally) of planning and preparation for this incredible development are almost complete. We broke ground two years ago and now we’re adding the final touches, giving MidAmerica a ‘sense of place.’ The District will not only benefit employees and residents, it will make MidAmerica Industrial Park complete.”

The District was strategically designed and engineered with MidAmerica employees and regional residents in mind. It benefits the entire community with shops, housing, entertainment, parks, green space and a multi-functional event venue. It’s a regional destination that did not exist before.

“With historical architecture, shopping, dining and living options for all, The District is the ‘final touch’ to our already comprehensive industrial park.”

The District is set to have its soft opening in the late fall and grand opening celebration early in the new year. With its website now live, www.lifeatthedistrict.com, tenants filling the retail spaces and contracts signed on many of residential apartments, the vision is truly becoming a reality.

ARCHITECTURE

The District was designed by Cyntergy, a full-service architecture, engineering and construction services firm based in Tulsa. In designing The District, the goal was to incorporate MidAmerica’s history, create a “sense of place”, and feature a space for people to gather.

The architect set out to encapsulate MidAmerica’s rich

history, including its development after WWII, in the design.

Cyntergy used original wood from existing structures and studied historic photographs for inspiration. This resulted in beautifully designed elements with a nod to the 1940’s, including gabled roofs, horizontal cladding and uniquely textured front facades.

Cyntergy strived to create a “sense of place” with intimate building arrangements and familiar textures creating a unique place that is unlike any industrial park.

SHOP AT THE DISTRICT

With 32,000 square feet of retail space in a beautiful outdoor setting, this treasure features attractive storefronts for restaurants, retail and service based providers. All sites are connected to walking and biking trails.

In mid-June The District’s first tenant was announced, a regional favorite originally out of Pryor, Fat Toad Brewing Company. Fat Toad announced they will be growing their business to a 15-barrel brewing capacity system and adding a wood-fired pizza restaurant.

“We opened our brewery about two and a half years ago and the park had been considering doing something out there to attract more people that work at the park, to live in Pryor rather than commute from Tulsa,” said Fat Toad co-owner David Miller. “They saw us opening a brewery and thought that’s a cool idea and might attract people, so we started talking about it then.”

Miller said the brewing system has been ordered and they should be in their new space around November.

He said there’s no denying that pizza and beer are a winning

combination, so they're excited to bring that offering to the community.

Additional tenants are currently in the contract signing process and will be announced on The District's website as they finalize.

LIVE AT THE DISTRICT

Having a sense of place is a key to success. The District offers the amenities of a big city, but the affordability and convenience of a community. The 100-unit, multi-family complex and 100 single-family homes within walking distance to 10 acres of parks and outdoor spaces linked by walking and biking trails.

The multi-family complex will offer floor-to-ceiling windows with sprawling views of Green Country's rolling hills and open floor plans perfect for entertaining. Exclusive activities and VIP access to The District's venues and events offer a personalized community experience.

CELEBRATE AT THE DISTRICT

As a unique way to serve MidAmerica's businesses and the surrounding community, The District incorporated an event venue into the overall plans. The Bunker, located in the heart of The District, is a space for any event, whether it's family gatherings, small receptions, office parties or corporate meetings.

Cyntergy, the architects behind The District, said The Bunker is an open, high-ceiling area with six overhead doors that can adapt depending on the needs of its guests. It can be a public market, a continuation of the adjacent patio, or a covered concert stage. This creates an exciting experience for visitors because the flexibility allows for spontaneous gatherings, in addition to organized events.

"The District is unlike anything in the area, following current and regional trends. It will create a vibrant atmosphere to draw in people from all around," said Dave. "I am anxiously awaiting its grand opening and just as eager to see it used by people all across Northeast Oklahoma."



Rendering of The District

A HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE *continued from page 3*

remained unchanged: attract industrial investment, create jobs, grow the community and improve the quality of life in Northeast Oklahoma.

Vision created MidAmerica almost 60 years ago. Vision propelled this Authority forward in the early years of its infancy when the going was slow and tough, and vision has kept MidAmerica on a clearly defined path toward reaching its full potential.

There is a picture on the walls of our offices at MidAmerica that says, "Vision is not seeing things as they are, but as they will be." That's why MidAmerica is thriving today. We continuously look to the future.

At the 10th anniversary celebration of the founding of the OOWA, Russell Hunt, the Authority's first chairman of the board and a board member for more than 20 years, ended his address to a crowd of federal, state and local dignitaries and Mayes County residents, with this simple statement and prediction:

"We have come a long way, but you haven't seen anything yet."

To end, I'd like to share a personal note about my experience at MidAmerica. Even though I was not born or raised up in Mayes County, being a transplant from Southeastern Oklahoma, I have called Pryor home for more than four decades. I can proudly say that Pryor Creek and MidAmerica DNA courses through my veins. Reflecting back on those 40 years, I can honestly declare that I have never been more encouraged and excited about our community's future and future of MidAmerica Industrial Park, than I am today.

MidAmerica contributes \$10 million to Rogers State University to build a new on-site campus

2011



Google Data Center opens and the company announces a \$1.5 billion expansion

2012



MAIP COMPANY SPOTLIGHT

Cherokee Nation:

A MIDAMERICA PARTNER AND PARK BUSINESS



MIDAMERICA AND CHEROKEE NATION BUSINESSES— A PARTNERSHIP

Cherokee Nation is the largest tribe in the United States with more than 380,000 tribal citizens worldwide. More than 141,000 Cherokee Nation citizens reside within the 14-county tribal jurisdictional area that covers most of northeastern Oklahoma. With approximately 11,000 employees, Cherokee Nation and its subsidiaries are one of the largest employers in northeastern Oklahoma. The tribe injected nearly \$2.2 billion into the Oklahoma economy in 2018.

Located within Cherokee Nation's reservation, MidAmerica Industrial Park and the tribe work together to support local businesses, create jobs, provide learning opportunities and expand business development. The partnership, which was formed in 2010, includes the tribe's Career Services office, the United States Department of Agriculture's Advanced Manufacturing Center and many other shared projects and opportunities. Cherokee Nation and MidAmerica continue to benefit Mayes County, Northeast Oklahoma and beyond.

CHEROKEE NATION AEROSPACE & DEFENSE— LOCATED IN THE PARK

Cherokee Nation Businesses not only partners with MidAmerica on multiple fronts, it also has a business within the park—Cherokee Nation Aerospace & Defense, also known as CNAD.

CNAD began operations at MidAmerica in 2010 and currently employees nearly 50 people at its Pryor location.

"Our primary focus is providing great products and services to

our customers that enable them to meet their mission," said Chris Moody, president of Cherokee Nation Aerospace and Defense. "In celebrating a decade of working with MidAmerica, we're excited to look to the future and are proud to continue working together in helping both keep and create more manufacturing jobs in Oklahoma."

CNAD, a tribally-owned company and 8(a) and HubZone certified business is part of Cherokee Federal's team of engineering and manufacturing companies. The company is a contract manufacturer and integrator of electro-mechanical assemblies. This includes distribution, kitting and the manufacturing of cable and wire harness assemblies. CNAD is experienced with projects that require expertise in medium to complex integration of ground support, test, flight hardware and armament systems.

Specifically, CNAD provides precision machined parts and assemblies for Naval Air Systems Command, also known as NAVAIR. CNAD supports multiple programs for NAVAIR, including the LAU-127 platform. The LAU-127 is part of a family of single rail missile launchers which are capable of the carriage and release of both the AIM-9 Sidewinder of AIM-120 AMRAAM missiles.

"We strive to continually provide industry-leading products and first-class service in support of the Department of Defense and the warfighter, this focus allows us to grow the local economy and create jobs for Cherokee citizens," said Moody. "Our longstanding history with MAIP continues to help us accomplish every element of our mission."

CNAD also manufactures and provides services to the Federal Aviation Administration for the Automated Weather Observing System or AWOS. These units are operated and controlled by the FAA and provide weather data to airports in the US and Canada. They generally report at 20-minute intervals including temperature,

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600 acres
of adjacent
land acquired
for future
development

MidAmerica Delivers
launched

2014

2013

David Stewart
appointed as CAO



PARK INFRASTRUCTURE AND DEVELOPMENT Updates

WATER AND WASTE TREATMENT PLANT GET UPDATES

MidAmerica's park owned water and wastewater treatment facilities are undergoing a \$2 million capital improvement project. The projects for the water treatment plant include disinfection equipment replacement, raw water piping rehabilitation, distribution pump control upgrades, roof repairs and general site work to improve access and drainage.

The wastewater treatment plant plans include new sludge handling pumps at the treatment facility, replacement variable frequency drives at the Webb Street Lift Station and construction of a new lift station for the commercial area (hotels).

MidAmerica provides 12-16 million gallons per day of drinking water to 80 industries, six rural water districts and three municipalities. Additionally, MidAmerica processes approximately 2 million gallons of wastewater on a daily basis.

MIDAMERICA ROADS GET \$5.5 MILLION UPDATE

The 10th Street project will provide access and connectivity to over 1,000 acres of greenfield sites. It will connect Highway 412B to Highway 69 and will cross the entire Park. 10th Street will also provide access to the Armin Road project area. The project is estimated to cost \$5.5 million.

NEW SPEC BUILDINGS IN THE PARK

Building 625 is located on a 17-acre parcel and located in the Armin Road Development Area. The 100,000 square-foot concrete tilt-wall facility is designed to accommodate either one, two, three or four tenants and will be available this fall.



Building 626 is a 24,000 square-foot facility that will be the newest addition to Second Street. The multi-use facility can be used as space for new start-ups, service providers or industrial suppliers. It is designed for three to six tenants with office and warehouse space. Every space will have delivery access on the north side and a potential store front on the south side.

UPDATED WAYFINDING SIGNAGE

MidAmerica is beginning Phase One of a project to update wayfinding signage to incorporate the new MidAmerica logo. The project is a \$500,000 investment and will include The District and Center of Excellence Signage.

Employment at MidAmerica grows to 4,500

2015

Strategy and master plan developed for new 400 acres site at Armin Road



2016

STEM labs and career centers at 11 area schools created through MidAmerica Delivers

Living, Leisure & Quality of Life

With the grand opening of The District right around the corner, some may wonder what it's like to not only work at MidAmerica Industrial Park, but what's it like to live here? Where can I relax? What will I do on the weekends? How is the quality of life?

What better way to answer those questions than to hear from people who relocated to Northeast Oklahoma to work at the Park. These aren't people who were born and raised in the area, these are individuals who uprooted themselves from the lives they knew to work at MidAmerica.



MARIA SAUCEDO
*Compliance Manager |
Grand River Energy Center*

Maria Saucedo is an environmental engineer for GRDA at their Grand River Energy Center located in the Park. She relocated from Kansas

to Oklahoma in December of 2017. She moved from the comfort of an 18-year career with her previous employer and said the experience wasn't easy and was further complicated when she and her husband decided to let their children finish their current school year in Kansas.

"This was a tough move for us. We were established in Kansas and had a great life, but we were also drawn to the job opportunity in Oklahoma," Maria said. "However, the hospitality of the GRDA and MidAmerica staff, the community and the businesses in Pryor really made the transition seamless. On top of that, I've really come to love Oklahoma. The weather is way better than Kansas and more bearable than Texas. I get to visit my family in Texas more often and they too love to come to visit me in Oklahoma. I'm thankful I made the choice to move here and am very excited for the all the changes happening at MidAmerica and in Pryor."



ASIF HOQUE
*Generation Engineer |
Grand River Energy Center*

Asif relocated to Pryor in October of 2019 to work at GRDA as an engineer. He made a major career change when he left his

engineering faculty position at Oklahoma State University to take the job at GRDA.

"Leaving my job at OSU was not an easy decision," said Asif. "But, the staff at GRDA and MidAmerica really made the process smooth for me and and I have never once regretted my decision."

When asked about life in Pryor Asif said he really enjoys Northeastern Oklahoma. "I visit Lake Hudson and Lake Spavinaw often and make the short drive to Tulsa to meet up with friends about once a week. I'm so thankful I made the choice to move here and can't wait to see The District come to fruition this fall."



JASON STEWARD
*Quality Control & Quality Assurance
Supervisor | RAE Corporation*

Jason Steward is a true Oklahoma transplant. After 20 years of honorable services in the United States Air Force, he relocated to

Oklahoma to work for RAE Corporation.

"I joined the United States Air Force in 1996 where I began a



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Google announces additional \$600 million investment

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life journey around the country. I met Serena, my wife of 20 years in Montana. There we had 3 handsome boys: Braydun (20), Denver (16) and Ryan (13). While in Montana, I worked on ICBM, Intercontinental Ballistic Missile, power and HVAC systems. After 11 years in Montana I was re-assigned to Cape Canaveral Florida to work quality within the Space Launch Program at Kennedy Space Center. I retired from the Air Force in 2016," Jason said.

"I now work as the Quality Control/Quality Assurance Supervisor for RAE Corporation in MidAmerica Industrial Park and have been employed with them since late 2016. RAE Corp is an amazing company to work for and I am happy to say I found a new family when I was hired on. I love the peacefulness of the area, especially Lake Hudson where our family spends a lot of time relaxing in the Oklahoma sun. We are excited about The District and the opportunities it could potentially bring to Pryor, the Park and Mayes County."



EDDIE PUCKETT, JR
*HR-Recruiting, Onboarding,
 and Retention Specialist | RAE
 Corporation*

Eddie Puckett, Jr. may not have relocated from a different state, but the Bixby native began his career at

RAE Corporation in May of 2018 and he made the decision to move to Pryor instead of commuting. Eddie was a little nervous about the move, but it ended up being a great decision.

"Initially, I was pretty hesitant about moving to what I considered "small-town" Oklahoma. Bixby to Pryor may not be a long distance, but honestly, it seemed like another world to me," Eddie said. "After just a few short weeks of getting to know the town and the staff at RAE, I began to enjoy the simplicity of it all. Tulsa is an easy, short drive, and there are several lakes and parks around Pryor that I enjoy. I recently discovered the magic of soaking in local creeks and fell in love with the experience. I am excited to be a part of MidAmerica and this small town that is rapidly growing."

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wind speed and other weather related data.

"It's an absolute honor to have a business like Cherokee Nation Aerospace & Defense located here at MidAmerica. The work they do for our country is honorable and the impact they make in Oklahoma is irreplaceable," said David Stewart. "We are extremely fortunate to have their business and partnership."

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MidAmerica is located near the heart of Mayes County and close to many of the best activities and amenities the county has to offer. Consider taking a trip to northeastern Oklahoma and experience everything from beautiful outdoor activities to exciting racing events. Start your adventure with one (or more) of the five cool things to do in Mayes County!



LAKE HUDSON AND SOUTH GRAND LAKE

Whether you are looking for a relaxing weekend getaway or a thrilling adventure, check out Lake Hudson and South Grand Lake. Enjoy the breathtaking scenery while casting your line in some of the best fishing lakes in the state. There are plenty of water sports, outdoor activities, and recreational lodging to make for the perfect weekend.



BLUE HOLE

Looking to get out in nature during your stay in Mayes County? Check out Blue Hole Park, a popular swimming hole in Salina, OK. Stay in one of the RV Parks or cabins available nearby.

DAM J.A.M. BICYCLE TOUR

If you are visiting in the fall, check out the scenic one-day bicycle tour in Pryor, OK. Riders can ride 30, 55, 71, or 101 miles along gorgeous rural countryside. Join in the fun and you will see why this area is praised by so many cyclists.



MAYES COUNTY BMX

Located in MidAmerica's Industrial Park, Mayes County BMX is the one of the best places to experience off-road bike racing. It is also the first BMX park in the nation to build its ridership based on STEM programs and encourages students to build their own bikes. Make sure to check out one of the exciting racing events while you are in town and get a glimpse of this amazing program at work.

SALINA Highbanks Speedway – NASCAR AFFILIATED

It's the fastest speedway in all of Oklahoma. This premier dirt racing track hosts five different divisions of racing and is the perfect stop to enjoy a lively event for the whole family.

