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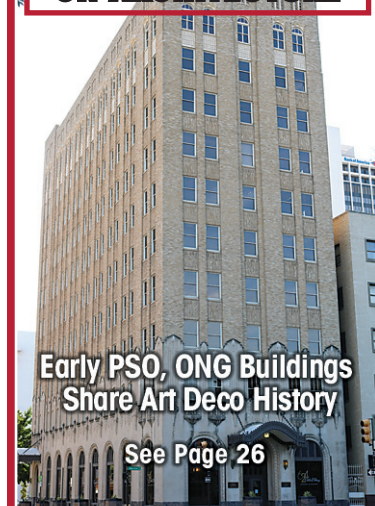
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Gathering Place Becomes Reality

*'A Place for Everyone'
Courtesy of
George Kaiser
Family
Foundation*

The official opening of the Gathering Place was held Sept. 8 with a huge thank you to the George Kaiser Family Foundation and an extraordinary dream to transform nearly 100 acres of Tulsa's iconic waterfront along the scenic Arkansas River into a dynamic, interactive environment.

The idea for the Gathering Place came together because, according to Gathering Place literature, "Citizens of Tulsa needed a welcoming, natural space where members of our diverse communities could come together to explore, learn and play."

After years of planning, generous donations and input from the community, Tulsa's dream became reality. In 2014, Gathering Place broke ground on Tulsa's world-class park. The dream of a space to celebrate and gather along the river was becoming reality.

The next chapter is filled with excitement as the park is officially open. The children, families and friends of Tulsa will write the narrative from there, an ongoing adventure sure to inspire wonderful moments for generations to come. Gathering Place representatives look forward to witnessing memories made and celebrating the collective growth experienced through Gathering Place, where adventures will only be limited by the imagination of visitors.

According to Gathering Place publicity, "We are Gathering Place. We are Tulsa. We are diverse, passionate and true to our



EARLY VISITORS: Enjoying a "sneak-peek" at the Gathering Place on Aug. 26 are, from left, Bob, Beth and Michael Pielsticker, Tulsa Community Foundation CEO Phil Lakin, Jr., Mia Fleming, Damario Solomon-Simmons, Tulsa Community Foundation Chief Development Officer Mike Dodson, Malcolm McCollam, Barb Hess, Brent Johnson and Jessica Lee of the Tulsa Community Foundation.



Courtesy photo

WATER MOUNTAIN: Augers, pumps and waterwheels move water and engage youngsters.



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BOAT HOUSE: The 21,000-foot structure, built entirely out of stone from southeastern Oklahoma, sits on Peggy's Pond and provides great views of the park.

beliefs. We remain consistent in our mission, as a project led by George Kaiser Family Foundation, that we all become united in our love for our community. Relatives, close friends, neighbors, we are all family. We are united from every zip code, from the city to the suburbs, from the river to the hills, from the north to the south, from

the west to the east. Gathering Place is the ultimate expression of Tulsa's spirit of unity. A place for everyone."

A public-private partnership, GKFF and numerous corporate and community philanthropists gave ownership of the \$465 million park to River Parks Authority which, in turn, signed a long-term

operational and management lease back to an entity of the foundation to ensure the highest quality operation, maintenance and programming for the life of the park.

Gathering Place for Tulsa is doing business as Tulsa's Gathering Place, LLC. To learn more about the project, visit www.gathering-place.org.

KUDOS of the MONTH: Philbrook

Philbrook Museum of Art, located at 2727 S. Rockford Rd. in the heart of Midtown Tulsa, celebrates the 80th anniversary of its donation to the people of Tulsa this year.

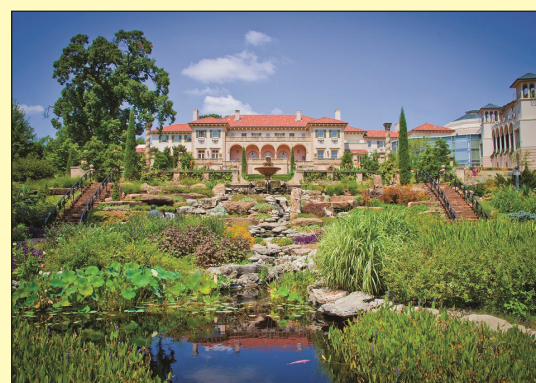
Originally built as an Italian villa-style home for oil magnate Waite Phillips, his wife Genevieve, and their two children in 1927, the lavish 72-room mansion was donated to the Southwestern Art Association in 1938. The family hoped that Philbrook would become a cultural institution "housing, preserving, and displaying works of art, literature, relics and curios, including those representative of the native North American peoples."

Since that time, Philbrook has served Tulsa as a world-class art museum and

art collection, holding historical American, European, African, and Egyptian art, modern and contemporary art, and a comprehensive Native American collection. Philbrook also hosts and creates traveling exhibitions featuring fine art from all over the country and the world.

Philbrook attracts statewide, national, and international attention for its innovative and fun exhibitions and programming, its 25 acres of breathtaking gardens, and its three garden cats: Acer, Cleome, and Perilla.

This fall, Philbrook will celebrate 80 years with a celebration of all things 80s (the 1980s, that is): movie nights, trivia, karaoke, an arcade, and a record shop. Learn more about Philbrook Museum of Art at www.philbrook.org.



Courtesy Philbrook

80 YEARS: Philbrook Museum of Art celebrates its 80-year anniversary this fall. Visit www.philbrook.org for details on celebration activities.

Tulsa Press Club Announces 2018 Headliners

*Event Scheduled
For Sept. 20 at
Gilcrease Museum*

Tulsa Press Club announced its 2018 Headliners, a group of outstanding Tulsa-area civic, business, professional and industrial leaders selected for their unselfish contributions to the growth, prosperity and culture of Tulsa. This year's honorees include:

Mark Graham, retired president and CEO of the Tulsa Area United Way;

Tulsa Teachers, with TPS Superintendent Dr. Deborah Gist and 2018 Tulsa Teacher of the Year Shaniqua Ray accepting the award;

Tony Moore, park director of Gathering Place and Guthrie Green.

"Mark, Tony and Tulsa teachers represent the best sides of our community – philanthropy, economic development and education. Their achievements made them obvious choices for the club's 2018 Headliners awards, and we know all three will continue to positively impact Tulsa," said Rachel Anderson, Headliners chair and past president of the Tulsa Press Club.

With Graham's 10-year tenure at its helm, the Tulsa Area United Way raised more than \$252 million, which is one-third of the total the TAUW raised over 90 years. He also helped start the Women's Leadership Council and the Emerging Leaders Society to ensure Tulsa's under-represented perspectives were at the United Way table.

Moore officially began his role as Park Director for the Gathering Place in August 2016 and has led



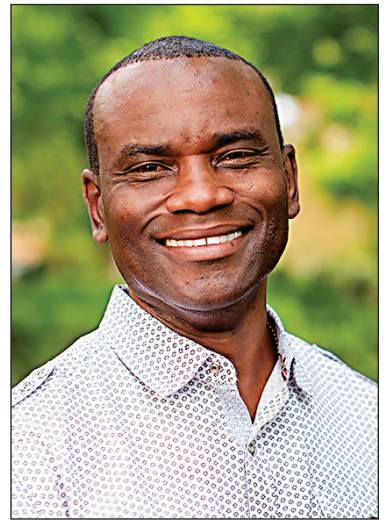
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TONY MOORE

a team to complete the build and prepare for the opening of Gathering Place, a \$465-million public park. Moore's experience from Universal Orlando and SeaWorld Orlando has been instrumental in preparing Gathering Place for its global debut.

His background working in the entertainment park industry spans more than 30 years and began with his first job as a part-time operations employee at SeaWorld. He went on to work in various roles, including marketing, environmental, health and safety, and culinary operations at a number of Orlando-area entertainment parks. Most recently, Moore served as chief operating officer at Lowry Park Zoo in Tampa, one of the most visited zoos in the southeast U.S.

Tulsa teachers have made headlines for their perseverance, their leadership in the April 2018 walk-out and for helping advocate for a statewide teacher pay-raise. Long underfunded, Tulsa schools have

led the conversation about the connection between quality education and economic development and quality of life.

The Headliners will be recognized at a dinner and awards program on Thursday, Sept. 20. A portion of the event's proceeds will fund scholarships for Oklahoma journalism and communication college students.

Presenting sponsor for the event is a partnership between Bank of Oklahoma, Frederic Dorwart Lawyers and Tulsa Community Foundation.

Publisher-level sponsors include Blue Cross Blue Shield of Oklahoma, Cherokee Nation Businesses and George Kaiser Family Foundation.

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The event is hosted by the University of Tulsa.

Festivities will be held at the Helmerich Center for American Research at Gilcrease Museum. Cocktails begin at 6 p.m., with the program from 7-9 p.m.

Individual tickets are available for \$150 by calling the Tulsa Press Club at 918-583-7737 or emailing becki@tulsapressclub.org.

About the Tulsa Press Club

It was in 1906 that a group of "newspaper" men formed an organization, "To make the path of newspaper men more beautiful and have a little fun on the side." William Stryker, editor-publisher of the Tulsa Democrat, forerunner of The Tulsa Tribune, was president. It was before statehood, before taxes, before women's suffrage, before TV and radio.

The Tulsa Press Club membership today is very different in many ways from the group that formed in 1906. Today's members not only work for (or have retired from) newspapers, radio and television stations, they are also involved in advertising and public relations at agencies and corporations. Some members come from outside the media, including lawyers, politicians and businessmen. Currently, the club's membership stands at 469, shooting for 500.

Today's Press Club is also motivated by somewhat broader and more altruistic goals, hosting Page One speakers, awarding journalism scholarships and recognizing radio, television and press icons.

In addition to the Headliners, the Tulsa Press Club also hosts the Legislative Reception, First Draft, Page One Luncheons, Great Plains Journalism Awards and the Newsie Awards.

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Runway Tulsa to Introduce Exciting Changes to 2018 Show

Event to be Held at Utica Square Oct. 13

Runway Tulsa is announcing the production of its 2018 fashion show with the largest offering to-date. On Saturday, Oct. 13, Runway Tulsa will present eight designers in a show that will be staged at a new location: Tulsa's most fashionable shopping center and major sponsor - Utica Square. "Taking A Bold Step Forward" could easily be the mantra of the dedicated Tulsans who are now in their fourth year of producing high-end and entertaining runway fashion shows," said Runway Tulsa Producer Jon Terry. "The thought of producing a show that would attract national and international fashion designers to Tulsa was bold to begin with, but that only meant every year after we had to take our bold initiatives to a whole new level."

Honoring the tradition of New York Fashion Week, this year's show will be held in a large tent on the east side of Utica Square, bringing all focus to the star of the evening: fashion. Designers from Ghana, Vietnam, Minneapolis, Dallas, Maryland, and Tulsa will be showing their latest collections. Tulsa designer Ariel Lev, who presented in last year's emerging designer show, was immediately asked backstage to create a new collection and return as a featured designer for this year's show. "Lev epitomizes bold, forward-thinking design methods and will feature a line of 3D printed accessories, fabrics, and even entire garments," said Terry. "This will be the first offering of this new technology on the Tulsa stage. Lev is also including several designs using repurposed materials that are elegant while still keeping with Runway Tulsa's commitment to sustainability and less waste in the fashion manufacturing process."

International designer Stevie Boi will show both men's and women's collections, as well as his line of fashionable eyewear.

Minneapolis-based Jacqueline Addison, who is originally from Ghana, will present her Akua Gabby line and is known for effusively feminine, decorative maximalism.

Dallas-based Khanh Nguyen, who is originally from Vietnam, will present her Nha Khanh collection. It's best described as "feminine elegance with a modern edge." Talented emerging designers that will be on the runway include Saraya Harmon (Tulsa), Kara Rainey (Tulsa), Crystal Emerson (Oklahoma City), and Tabitha Andelin (Los Angeles).

In addition to presenting sponsor Lexus of Tulsa, sponsors include, Utica Square, élan by Dr. Meghan Hodges, GTR Newspapers and Arts Society.

A limited number of tickets for this year's Runway Tulsa are now on sale at Eventbrite.com and a link is available at www.runway-tulsa.com. Front row VIP tickets sell for \$140 and include a pre-show VIP reception, free valet parking, and a deluxe swag bag. Second row tickets are \$70 and include reserved seating, a swag bag, and free valet parking. General Admission tickets are \$35.



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FASHIONABLE TIMES: This photo is from the 2017 Runway Tulsa at Cox Center with an encore walk by models of Project Runway designer Michelle Lesniak of Portland, Oregon (Lesniak pictured at back).

2018 co-chairs for Runway Tulsa are Cindy Morrison, Chera Kimiko, and 2015 Mrs. America Michelle Evans. The Runway Tulsa finale will be hosted by K-HITS morning show co-host Tara McClure.

About Runway Tulsa

Runway Tulsa is owned by longtime Tulsa events producer SRO

Productions of Tulsa, Inc. It is staffed by a collection of Tulsa area professionals, many of whom have been part of this project since the beginning.

A portion of the proceeds will benefit Oklahoma Fashion Initiative.

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Anne and Henry Zarrow Foundation Thanked for Transforming Tulsa's Eugene Field Neighborhood

From Tulsa's Mayor

By G.T. BYNUM
Mayor of Tulsa

Tulsa continues to dream big and pursue transformative opportunities that will help us be a globally competitive, world-class city. I'm pleased to tell you one of our dreams is transforming into reality.

Tulsa is one of five cities to receive the coveted Choice Neighborhoods Implementation Grant from the U.S. Office of Housing

and Urban Development (HUD). Funded through HUD's Choice Neighborhoods Initiative, the City of Tulsa and the Tulsa Housing Authority (THA) will utilize the \$30 million award to revitalize and transform the Eugene Field neighborhood and stimulate economic development in that area.

The City of Tulsa and THA came together with more than 30 community agencies to compete for the grant. We proved that when Tulsans work together we can achieve great things. I am thankful we can now include the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban

Development among our growing coalition of partners to revitalize the Eugene Field neighborhood and am incredibly grateful they chose our city for this grant. This great initiative is a marquee example of the way we are breaking down old silos and working together to move our city forward.

I want to thank the Anne and Henry Zarrow Foundation for its \$12 million affordable housing grant toward the Eugene Field revitalization project. I also appreciate the George Kaiser Family Foundation for providing a loan of up to \$27 million, which will

help replace the aging low-income apartment complexes, construct a community center and attract a grocery store to bring relief to one of our community food deserts.

The combination of grants from HUD and the Anne and Henry Zarrow Foundation, along with the loan from the George Kaiser Family Foundation will help transform the Eugene Field community into one of the crown jewels of our community. This boost of funding is an important first step to help the renewal project in west Tulsa.

Thanks to these special funding resources, we have the ability to turn around a struggling neighborhood in a great renewal effort and feature the uniqueness of west Tulsa. This will be a giant step toward this area becoming an attractive destination once again.

I truly appreciate the opportunity we've been given through the Choice Neighborhoods Initiative that will allow us to transform the Eugene Field community into an amazing source of pride for our great city. We are committed to building better communities that will benefit generations to come.



DREW EDMONDSON RECEPTION: *Tulsan Ken Brune recently hosted a reception for Oklahoma Democrat candidate for governor Drew Edmondson, who will face Republican Kevin Stitt in the Nov. 6 general election. From left standing in front of a Mark Twain photo are Ken Brune, Cinda Viles, Edmondson and Philip Viles.*



KEVIN STITT RECEPTION: *Henry Migliore recently hosted a reception for Republican governor candidate Kevin Stitt at Migliore's home in Jenks. From left are Migliore, Mary Migliore, Sarah Stitt and Kevin Stitt. Migliore is a prolific writer, educator and management expert. He will be holding a book signing at the Barnes and Noble 71st Street location in Tulsa Sept. 22 from 10 a.m. until noon that will feature 18 of his books.*



BUSY FAMILY: *The Anna America and Michael Patton family recently experienced an enjoyable time at the Gathering Place. America, former Tulsa City Councilor for District 7, has accepted the position of Director of Park and Recreation for the City of Tulsa, effective Aug. 20. Patton, executive director of Legacy Land Trust, is running for the Tulsa District 7 Councilor position. Daughter Eva is a junior at Tulsa's Booker T. Washington High School.*



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Public Service Remains at the Forefront for Ron Peters

By **EMILY RAMSEY**
Contributing Editor

Editor's Note: Tulsa County Commission Chairman Ron Peters is one of Greater Tulsa Reporter's "10 to Watch in Greater Tulsa 2018," as announced in its January 2018 issue. GTR was the first news group in Greater Tulsa to introduce "10 People to Watch," which launched in January 2009.

Throughout the year, GTR is publishing a series of articles, featuring each of its "10 to Watch," with next month's issue to feature Owasso Chamber of Commerce CEO Gary Akin.

Ron Peters' history in public service began in 2000, but his history in Tulsa began at birth.

A native Tulsan, Peters is an Edison High School graduate; he holds his bachelor's degree in business administration from the University of Tulsa.

Peters spent 30 years working in the oil and gas industry, some of those years not in Tulsa. "It was when I had a three-hour-per-day commute in Philadelphia that I really knew that I wanted to return and stay in Tulsa," he remembers.

Peters also served as president of his public relations firm, Relations Inc., which focused largely on community relations regarding superfund sites.

With many of his positions providing him opportunity to be exposed to government work, he learned much, he notes, and that opened his eyes to the opportunities in government and public service.

Therefore, when a seat in the House of Representatives opened in 2000, he decided to run. After winning the seat, he held it until he retired in 2012.

However, he didn't relax for long.



TULSA COUNTY COMMISSION CHAIRMAN: District 3 County Commissioner Ron Peters stands in the Tulsa County offices in downtown Tulsa. Peters has held his county commissioner seat since 2013 and will continue to hold it until 2022, after winning reelection in June. Peters serves as the Chair of the Tulsa County Commissioners.

In 2013, when Fred Perry announced that he would leave his county commissioner seat early, Peters was asked whether he would run to fill the seat. After some encouragement, he did so and has served successfully ever since as District 3 county commissioner. Most recently, in June, he ran for reelection, receiving 56 percent of the vote, securing his seat until 2022.

While those in statewide public

office often deal with larger, more socially-focused issues, Peters says, "On the county level, we're able to be more hands-on, helping locally. We have a chance to do something to make our community better."

He counts the construction of the Family Justice Center and the jail expansion to be among those things that will improve the Tulsa community.

The Family Justice Center will

house juvenile and family courts and related services and is currently under construction at the northwest edge of downtown Tulsa's Inner Dispersal Loop.

The expansion of the jail includes mental health pods, such as various holding areas specified for individuals at various levels of stability. "These are not going to be lifetime inmates; this is a chance to help them become contributing members of society after they leave the jail," he says.

Another feather in Peters' and the county's metaphorical cap is the inclusion of \$30 million for Expo Square and Fairgrounds renovations in the Vision Tulsa package, passed last year.

The need for these renovations can be summed up by the economic impact from the six annual horse shows that visit Expo Square as well as its other yearly events, an annual impact to the city of \$300 million, Peters says.

The Vision projects include construction of a larger horse barn in order to provide additional performance space and horse stalls: "We have to stay on top of their needs so that they keep coming back to Tulsa. We must make sure our facilities are top notch."

"A lot of communities would love to have these horse shows," he says.

Additionally, Expo Square's new Oklahoma Stage is currently under construction, which will help to bring in larger acts that would not come to Expo Square previously "because the current stage couldn't sustain the needs of their acts."

Late last year, Peters and Tulsa Mayor G.T. Bynum announced the formation of the City-County Parks Realignment Commission to focus on identifying duplication

within the city and county parks systems in order to ensure the future sustainability of Tulsa's parks systems.

"The purpose of this commission is to identify efficiencies in both parks systems so we can provide an improved service to the citizens we all serve," he continues.

That includes looking at parks and park elements that are not fully utilized, their proximity to each other and duplication of services that could be merged, he says.

Tulsa is home to four parks systems. In addition to city and county parks, Tulsa also has RiverParks and the newly-opened Gathering Place along Riverside Drive, which Peters hopes will only grow people's appreciation for the importance of parks and green spaces.

The commission also affords the opportunity for both the city and county to pinpoint the services that they do well, says Peters. For example, the county takes pride in its care and maintenance of walking trails and its two golf courses: South Lakes and LaFortune.

The U.S. Tennis Association recently awarded top national honors to LaFortune's Case Tennis Center.

LaFortune Park Golf Course is currently nearing the end of construction to upgrade its course. Peters hopes the course will reopen on Oct. 6, the park's 60th anniversary.

As for the future, Peters' next four years in office, at least, are secure.

"I enjoy helping people address their issues," he says. "There are a lot of opportunities to create an even better quality of life in Tulsa and to encourage people to stay in Tulsa and ones to move here."

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Back at the BOK Center, look forward to American Country singer Chris Young, Sept. 15. His big career boost came by winning USA Network's "Nashville Star" in 2006.

Fleetwood Mac needs no introduction. The group was founded in 1967 by members Mick Fleetwood and John McVie, for whom the band was named. Over the years, Fleetwood Mac has incorporated various performers, including Christine McVie, Stevie Nicks and Lindsey Buckingham. On guitar for this tour in place of Buckingham is Mike Campbell, formerly with Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers. New Zealand's Neil Finn, a superb all-around musician, is another addition. Fleetwood Mac opens its 50-city tour at the BOK Center on Oct. 3!

Who is hotter right now than Bruno Mars? Born in Hawaii into a family of performers (his uncle was an Elvis impersonator), Mars has entertained for most of his life. His 24K Magic album swept the Grammys with seven wins, and he's sold more than 130 million records worldwide in a handful of years! His 135-city tour stops at the BOK Center, Oct. 11-12. Ella Mai will open for Mars in Tulsa.

Downstream at the River Spirit Casino, look for Billy Currington, Sept. 14, Dwight Yoakam, Sept. 20 and Slash with Myles Kennedy and the Conspirators, Sept. 21. Currington made a name as a solo country artist, and you may have seen him as an opening act for Carrie Underwood, Lady Antebellum and Tim McGraw. Also performing, the popular country duo LOCASH will make the evening feel like a party.

Dwight Yoakam won the Academy of Country Music's Top New Male Vocalist award in 1986. He's one of the most well-known and enduring stars in country music, and he's also an actor. He had roles in "Sling Blade" and "Panic Room," among many big-screen films, and more recently on TV in "Under the Dome" and Netflix's "Goliath."

Slash is rock music royalty—best known as lead guitarist for Guns N' Roses. Myles Kennedy is a phenomenal guitarist in his own right, and a gifted singer. He performed with the band Alter Bridge. Slash and Myles Kennedy and the Conspirators have toured together for a few years. Very recently they released a new album, "Living the Dream," which you will hear cuts from at the Sept. 21 show.

If you're up for more music, drop by the Brady Theatre for Robert Plant and the Sensational Space Shifters Sept. 21 and the rock band Primus Sept. 23. There's an extensive roster of concerts upcoming at the nearby Cain's, including Christine McVie, Stevie Nicks and Lindsey Buckingham Sept. 28.

The Joint at the Hard Rock tosses comedy into the mix with comic Anjelah Johnson Sept. 28. Johnson is an internet sensation and cast member of "MADtv." The Joint hosts country music celeb Clint Black, who performs with the country band Sawyer Brown, as part of The Joint's continuing Country Gold Series Sept. 30.

What's entertainment without dance? Join Tulsa Ballet at its South Peoria headquarters for "Creations in Studio K," Sept. 14-23. Featured will be a return of Alejandro Cerudo's inspired "Second to Last," along with new works created for Tulsa Ballet by choreographers Ma Cong and Jennifer Archibald. The program is the basis of an elaborate first-time collaboration with Philbrook Museum of Art, culminating in a performance on Philbrook's lawn Sept. 29.

The blockbuster musical "Wicked," continues its Tulsa PAC run until Sept. 23. Also at the PAC, Chamber Music Tulsa opens its season with the Montrose Trio, Sept. 23. The ensemble combines the talents of consummate pianist Jon Kimura Parker, who has performed with the Tulsa Philharmonic



BRUNO MARS: The multi-Grammy winner stops at the BOK Center on his 135-city 24K Magic tour Oct. 11-12.



JACK WHITE: The first-ever collaboration between the BOK Center and the ONEOK Field features the Grammy-winning artist on the field Sept. 17.



DWIGHT YOAKAM: The country music star visits River Spirit Casino Resort Sept. 20.

ic and the Tulsa Symphony. Two former members of the illustrious Tokyo String Quartet, violinist Martin Beaver and cellist Clive Greensmith, complete this extraordinary trio. Their Sunday afternoon concert showcases music by Haydn, Mendelssohn and Arensky. Families can enjoy the PAC



FLEETWOOD MAC: The legendary rock band opens its 50-city tour at the BOK Center on Oct. 3.



SLASH: The Guns N' Roses' guitarist joins forces with guitarist/singer Myles Kennedy and the Conspirators Sept. 21 at the River Spirit Casino Resort.



THE MONTROSE TRIO: The exceptional talents of pianist Jon Kimura Parker, violinist Martin Beaver and cellist Clive Greensmith, grace the Tulsa PAC Sept. 23.

Trust's Imagination Series opener, "Diary of a Worm, A Spider and a Fly," Sept. 28. An attention-sustaining rock-and-roll theatre piece, it was inspired by three individual "diary" picture books that have been wildly popular with kids. Black Violin makes a Tulsa PAC appearance on Sept. 29. This duo of skilled and enthralling musicians performs classical, hip-hop, R&B and more. They were named one of the hottest bands at SXSW in 2013. In addition, The Second City comedy troupe takes a stage at the PAC on Sept. 29 with "Made in America; Some Assembly Re-

quired." This 60-year-old comedy institution has produced some of the most beloved comics of our time, including Stephen Colbert, Tina Fey and Amy Poehler.

Looking ahead to October at the PAC, Tulsa Town Hall begins its season with a former world leader, Mexico's Vicente Fox. His Oct. 5 talk is titled "Immigration, the Wall, and the Future of U.S. Mexico Relations."

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Chamber Music Tulsa Celebrates 65th Season

By NANCY HERMANN
GTR Variety Editor

Chamber Music Tulsa marks a 65th anniversary, opening its 2018-19 season this month at the Tulsa PAC. Known formerly as Concerttime, Chamber Music Tulsa presents a stellar lineup of the world's foremost chamber music ensembles each season. The organization also is recognized for its community outreach, bringing chamber music to schools and nonprofits, staging pop-up concerts at unlikely places, and facilitating discussions about music and related history.

Executive Director Bruce Sorrell joined the organization in 2012, coming to Tulsa after more than three decades as conductor, music director and executive director of the Kansas City Chamber Orchestra. "This is one of our most diverse seasons ever," explains Sorrell. "We made a concentrated effort to include more women and people of color among the composers represented and the artists on stage. It will be more of a kaleidoscope, full of multitudes of interesting aural colors."

Opening the regular season at the PAC, members of Montrose Trio will be familiar to Tulsa audiences. Pianist John Kimura Parker played with the Tulsa Symphony last year, and Martin Beaver and Clive Greensmith have performed for CMT as part of the celebrated Tokyo String Quartet. "They are schooled in the highest traditions of the chamber music field, but they are definitely not stuffy," says Sorrell of the trio. "They exude excitement in performance that is almost unrivalled." Montrose's Salon Series performance on Sept. 22 is sold out, but you can enjoy these consummate musicians at the PAC on Sept. 23.

The Tesla Quartet first appeared on CMT's radar as mentorees of the renowned Takács Quartet. Tesla performed during CMT's 2012-13 season and was hired to do a full week of residency activities before their concerts. That experience proved so fruitful that CMT now secures one ensemble for a residency during alternating seasons. Tesla initiates CMT's new Gallery Series with a concert at the Renaissance Square Event Center on Friday night, Oct. 12. Tickets also are available for their Oct. 14 performance at the PAC. Sorrell shares that Tesla's Sunday program is going to be "a blockbuster of music mostly composed in the last 20 years." In addition, they will perform the lush final quartet by South America's most famous composer, Brazil's Heitor Villa-Lobos.

"There is a handful of great American string quartets, and the



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Brentano is certainly in that select company," enthuses Sorrell. The Brentano Quartet will play a concert at 108 Contemporary on Nov. 9 and perform two concerts at the PAC, Nov. 10 (sold out), and Nov. 11. "What makes this group special is the keen intellectual approach that underpins their music-making," adds Sorrell. As a bonus, guest violist Hsin-Yun Huang joins the Brentano for performances of quintets by Brahms, Mozart and Mendelssohn.

The Kenari Saxophone Quartet will conduct a variety of events across Tulsa, Jan. 22-28, 2019. Tulsa Public Schools, Tulsa Girls Art School, Circle Cinema, Catholic Charities and the Center for Individuals with Physical Challenges are included in the outreach. "We have watched over the past decade as saxophone quartets have become mainstream in the industry," says Sorrell. "It is time for us to introduce this unique and important kind of ensemble to our audiences. I know they will make a HUGE impression!" Their Sunday afternoon program at the PAC is slated for Jan. 27.

Sorrell believes that the Gryphon Trio (Mar. 3 at the PAC) is another group that is exploring what it means to play chamber music.

Among the selections the trio will perform is a work by 20th-century composer Rebecca Clarke, whom Sorrell holds in high esteem. "Her compositional output is just now receiving the kind of attention it deserves," he says. "In addition to the standard repertoire, Gryphon offers a couple of cabaret programs, one of which we are bringing to Tulsa this time — 'Moonshine Ballads and Various Charms' — what a great title!" The March 1 cabaret concert with Patricia O'Callaghan will be held at the Renaissance Square Event Center. O'Callaghan won over the CMT audience in 2012 with her "Broken Hearts and Madmen" cabaret performance.

When the American Carpe Diem String Quartet comes calling, April 26-28, they will perform their signature piece, the "Fiddle Suite Montana," written by their violist, Korine Fujiwara. "It is a joyous reminder of the interconnectedness of us all and the music we make to celebrate our lives," says Sorrell. "We were so convinced that our audiences would love it that we requested it for both the Friday and Sunday concerts. I am looking forward to the entire weekend."

CMT's popular Salon Series



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GRYPHON TRIO

takes place on Saturday nights and includes mingling and wine, followed by a mini-concert, dinner, and time spent with the musicians. For several years running, it has sold out before the season opens. That demand led CMT to fashion an informal Friday evening Gallery Series, with wine and hors d'oeuvres served before the concert begins. "We are looking forward to hearing from subscribers what they think of this new series," notes Sorrell.

Series subscriptions, group sales for 10 or more, detailed information and tickets to individual concerts are available by calling the Chamber Music Tulsa office and through the PAC ticket office.

"We have very carefully crafted the season with our audience in mind," assures Sorrell. "I know that together we will find this a transformative journey as we listen to these great musicians engage us with the power of this music performed live."

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— Leon Russell, from Mad Dogs and Englishmen

The tour and subsequent album "Mad Dogs and Englishmen," in which Tulsan up-and-comer Leon Russell joined Joe Cocker, along with a choir, horn section and several drummers, was a springboard for Russell's career.

The year was 1970, the same year he released his self-titled debut album. And while the tour was a big early break for the 28-year-old Rogers High School graduate, he was far from a green horn in the music industry.

As a member of one of the all-time great studio session bands, the Wrecking Crew, Russell had hundreds of recordings under his belt when he joined Cocker for the tour and live album.

Also known as the Phil Spector Wall of Sound Orchestra, the Los Angeles, California-based crew featured musicians with formal training in Jazz or Classical music who crossed over to Rock and Roll. It was the opinion of many older, traditional studio musicians

at the time that Rock and Roll was beneath them. The embracing of Rock and Roll by these young musicians, which included guitarist Glenn Campbell, would devalue their craft and "wreck" the business.

It's important to note here how much recording techniques have changed since the 1950s and 60s. In those early days, the band simply went into the studio and played a song. Everyone had to be perfect: each instrument in sync and perfectly mixed. There was no tweaking the levels after the fact, no additional tracks for solos or harmonies; what the band plays together in one room is what you get on vinyl and what you hear on the radio.

This put a premium on studio, or session musicians and many of the best musicians in the country made their livings in recording studios in the 1940s, 50s and 60s.

In the 1960s, The Wrecking Crew became the most requested group of session musicians in Los Angeles, recording such iconic hits as the Beach Boys' album Pet Sounds and the Byrds' rendition of Bob Dylan's Mr. Tambourine Man.

By the time Russell launched his solo career, he had been exposed to a wide variety of musicians,

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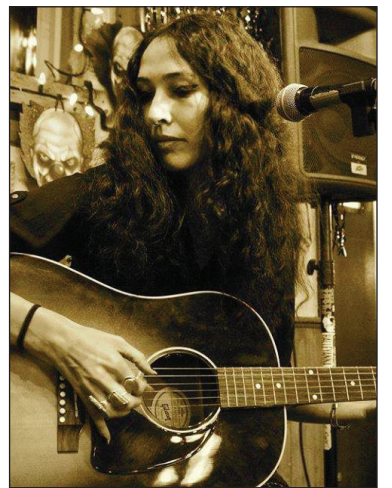


DUSTIN PITTSLEY: You can see Pittsley and dozens of Oklahoma-based musicians at Stone River Music Festival outside of Chandler, Oklahoma Sept. 14-16.



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JASON BOLAND: Catch the Harrah, Oklahoma, native at the festival he co-founded, Medicine Stone in Tahlequah, Oklahoma Sept. 22-24.



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LAUREN BARTH: One of the local performers at MisFest, a collaboration of female musicians, songwriters and performers at RiverWest Festival Park Sept. 15.

styles and genres; from Elvis to Simon and Garfunkel, The Monkees to Frank Sinatra.

I bring this up because... well, because it's a column about Tulsa music and we're talking Leon Russell. Pretty on topic I'd say. But also because exposure to a variety of music is what music festivals are all about. And the arrival of September and cooler temperatures means it's time to get out to some fall festivals and expose yourself! To music. You know that's what I meant, right?

Several upcoming festivals featuring a variety of local music offer the opportunity to be exposed to some of the best musicians this area has produced. And, if you read the first half of this column, you know the bar is set pretty high. Here are a few to put on the calendar:

Stone River – Sept. 14 – 16

Chandler, Oklahoma

www.stonerivermusicfestival.com

The 9th Annual Stone River Music Festival, on 40 acres of private wooded land three miles north of Chandler, Oklahoma, is a weekend of music, camping, and family-friendly festivities.

There are 20 bands on the lineup and it is loaded with local talent.

In addition to food trucks and arts and craft vendors, there is a children's playground, natural springs and beautiful campgrounds with late-night campfire jams.

MisFest : Music is She and She is Music – Sept. 15, 1 – 11 p.m.

RiverWest Festival Park, Tulsa

www.misfest.com

This is year two for the collaboration of female musicians, songwriters and performers. A mostly Oklahoma-based lineup, this is a great opportunity to enjoy several bands in one afternoon without leaving town. Last year's festival is a tough act to follow, as local favorites Kalo and Branjae, among others, reinforced what we've all known for decades: women can rock!

Which begs the question, why even have a women's music festival?

I like the answer provided by the MisFest website: "Because it's still a 'thing' to have a female bass player or DJ or drummer, and until it's not a 'thing,' events like MisFest are needed."

Medicine Stone – Sept. 20 – 22

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This is the premier showcase of Red Dirt music in the country. This year's 6th Annual Medicine Stone Festival is three days of live music on four stages along the Illinois River.

As always, this year's lineup was hand picked by the founders of the festival, Jason Boland and the members of Turnpike Troubadours. That hand-picked list is at 30 artists and features the best musicians that this uniquely Oklahoman subgenre has to offer.

Tom Skinner's Skyline Festival – Oct. 14, 3 – 10:30 p.m.

18th & Boston, Tulsa

www.reddirtreliefund.org/skyline

I should probably hold off until the October issue to talk about this one, but I can't resist. It was too good last year.

A Sunday afternoon/evening show across two venues at 18th Street and Boston Avenue featuring dozens of the best musicians in the area, Tom Skinner's Skyline Music Festival is a celebration of Tom Skinner's life and legacy.

This might be the best lineup of talent you'll see all year. More than that, it's an opportunity to give something back to the musicians that give so much to us.

All proceeds from the festival benefit the Red Dirt Relief Fund, a 501(c)3 non-profit organization that provides aid to musicians and music professionals in need. Ranging from medical bills to property damage from storms or wildfires, Red Dirt Relief Fund has donated more than \$75,000 since its inception in 2012.

There are plenty of opportunities to broaden your musical horizons in the weeks ahead. So, whether you choose to get out of town for the weekend, or just head across town for the afternoon, get out there and keep searching, keep listening.



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HEALTH & WELLNESS

Peggy V. Helmerich Visits Hillcrest's Women's Health Center Named in Her Honor

The Peggy V. Helmerich Women's Health Center, Tulsa's first hospital dedicated to women's health services, celebrated its 15th birthday in August by welcoming the center's namesake. Mrs. Helmerich, known professionally in her acting work as Peggy Dow, offered words of encouragement to the staff received a tour of the neonatal intensive care unit where she had the opportunity to hold some of Hillcrest's tiniest patients.

The Peggy V. Helmerich Women's Health Center at Hillcrest Medical Center offers specialized physician care, state-of-the-art technology and service excellence for women seeking medical care for labor & delivery, breast health, gynecological oncology, uro-gynecology and reproductive endocrinology. The staff is trained and experienced in understanding the needs of women and infants, and the facilities are designed with spacious, private suites to provide a peaceful environment for recovery from surgical and other procedures.

The Center offers care for women throughout all stages of life, including a Level III Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) and the state's only hospital-based perinatal palliative care program, the SILAS



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PRESIDENTIAL WELCOME: Kevin Gross, Division President of Ardent Health Services, which includes Hillcrest Medical Center, welcomes Peggy V. Helmerich to a reception honoring her during the 15th Year anniversary celebration of the Peggy V. Helmerich Women's Health Center.

program. The Leta M. Chapman Breast Center at Hillcrest Medical Center provides 3-D mammography and other breast health care.

Recently named a Blue Cross Blue Shield Designated Blue Distinction Center, the Peggy V. Helmerich Women's Health Center at Hillcrest Medical Center is the only hospital in Tulsa with Baby-Friendly designation.

About Peggy V. Helmerich

Known professionally as Peggy Dow, Peggy (Vamadow) Helmer-

ich was discovered by a talent agent in 1949. She was quickly cast in a television show.

Following her television debut, she was signed by Universal to a seven-year contract. During her tenure with Universal, she made nine films, most notably Harvey (wherein she played a nurse), Bright Victory, Reunion in Reno and You Never Can Tell.

After working in show business for three years, she retired to marry Walter Helmerich III who became president of Helmerich & Payne. The couple was married 60 years and had five sons before Mr. Helmerich's passing in 2012.

Ms. Helmerich is a strong supporter of the Tulsa community. The Tulsa Library Trust named their Peggy V. Helmerich Distinguished Author Award in her honor. The University of Oklahoma drama school and the auditorium at Northwestern's Annie May Swift Hall also bare her name alongside the Peggy V. Helmerich Women's Health Center at Hillcrest.



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INFANT COMFORT: Peggy V. Helmerich cuddles a newborn in the NICU during her recent visit to the Peggy V. Helmerich Women's Health Center.



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NURTURING CARE: Peggy V. Helmerich watches closely as Jeffrey Hammontree, also known as Hillcrest's baby whisperer, demonstrates physical therapy with a newborn in the NICU who needed a little help developing his swallowing skills.



PEGGY THE NURSE: Peggy Helmerich as Peggy Dow played the role of a nurse in the movie Harvey.



COVER OF LIFE: Peggy Helmerich was featured on the cover of Life Magazine in 1950 as the famous actress Peggy Dow.



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BENEFACTORS: Peggy and her late husband Walter Helmerich III have been two of the most generous benefactors to Tulsa and the state of Oklahoma. The photo at left was taken at the 2005 announcement of the Helmerich Advanced Technology Research Center at the Oklahoma State University-Tulsa campus.

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Dr. Alawin earned a medical degree from the University of Jordan School of Medicine in Amman, Jordan. He completed an internship in general practice from Zarqa Governmental

Hospital in Zarqa, Jordan, and an internal medicine residency at King Hussein Cancer Center in Amman, Jordan. He then moved to the United States to further his training at the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston by completing a residency in internal medicine and a fellowship in oncology.

Prior to joining CTCA, he served as an oncologist in both outpatient and inpatient settings, and he has been a sub-investigator in numerous clinical trials. Dr. Alawin also teaches medical students and is a member of the American Society of Clinical Oncology. "We are thrilled about Dr. Alawin joining our team," said

Jay Foley, president and CEO of CTCA Tulsa. "He is passionate about using today's advances in cancer care, including immunotherapy, genetic testing, targeted therapies and clinical trials, all of which provide excellent options for our cancer patients."

About Cancer Treatment Centers of America

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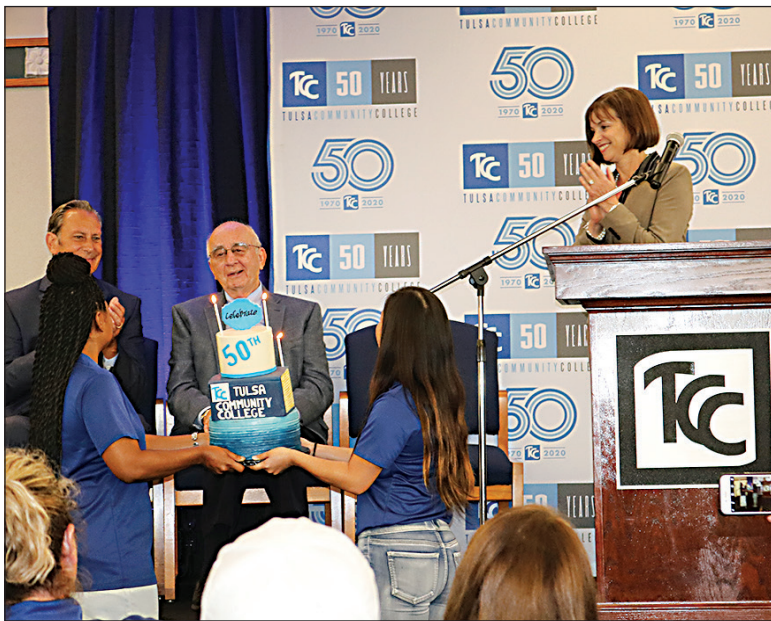
EDUCATION

TCC Announces 50th Anniversary Celebration Plans

Tulsa Community College announced a series of events to celebrate the 50th anniversary of TCC and mark its role in developing northeastern Oklahoma's workforce. Since opening in 1970 as Tulsa Junior College, the college has been a critical piece in training generations of workers and providing higher education to the greater Tulsa area. Nearly 450,000 students have walked through the doors as TCC has grown into one of the leading higher education institutions in the country and the third largest institution in Oklahoma.

TCC President and CEO Dr. Leigh B. Goodson, joined by Tulsa Mayor G.T. Bynum, former Tulsa Mayor Robert LaFortune, TCC President Emeritus Dean VanTrease, Ph.D. and TCC President Emeritus Thomas K. McKeon, Ed.D., revealed plans for a 50th anniversary community celebration. Events include student celebrations, a TCC Admiral Twin Drive-In Night and a partnership with the Tulsa Historical Society to exhibit TCC's impact on education and workforce development over the past five decades. The College also announced the call for nominations for 50 Notable Alumni and will recognize one individual a week for 50 weeks leading up to the culmination of the 50th anniversary in Sept. 2020.

"We celebrate our history by highlighting the remarkable individuals who have benefitted from TCC by taking classes, graduating or starting their college career with us. They have all accomplished extraordinary things in their personal and professional lives," said Goodson. "Founded in response to community demand, TCC has played a key role in training our workforce in this state and dates back to an innovative partnership and collaboration with American Airlines resulting in the decision to move, what was then, Ameri-



BIRTHDAY PRESENTATION: Dr. Dean VanTrease, TCC's first president, is presented with a 50th year birthday cake by two students at the recent 50th year anniversary celebration event at the downtown campus student union. At left is past president Dr. Tom McKeon and at right is current president Dr. Leigh B. Goodson.

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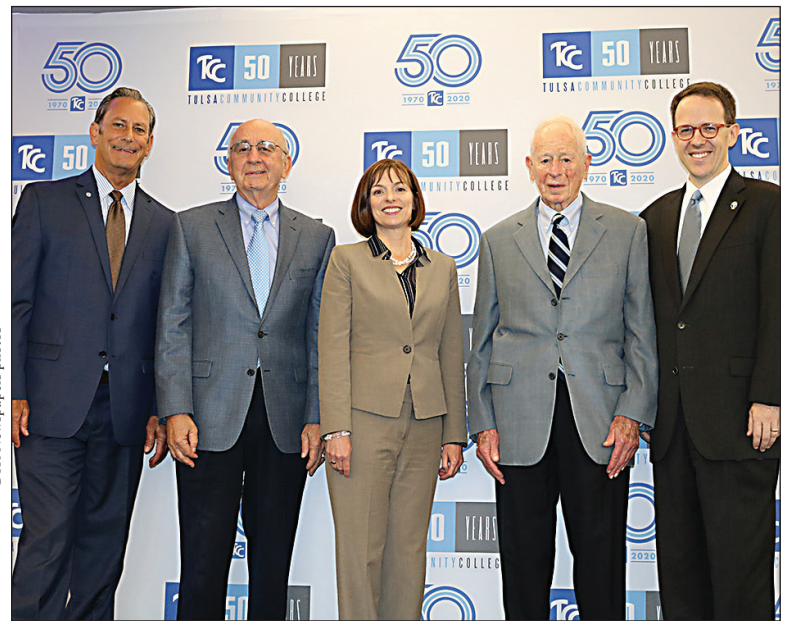
TCC has served 433,775 individuals to date and awarded more than 70,000 degrees and certificates and had nearly four million course enrollments since the college started in 1970. For nearly five decades, TCC has had a significant positive impact on the business community. A recent economic impact report showed TCC and its students added \$919.9 million in income to the greater Tulsa area economy, approximately equal to 1.9% of the region's total gross regional product. In terms of the jobs supported by TCC's economic impact, that \$919.9 million supports 15,302 jobs.

"Our community is certainly stronger with TCC as part of its core. As a member of the 50th Anniversary President's Commission, I ask former students, family members, friends and any interested persons to nominate notable individuals whose story of accom-

plishment began or was accelerated as a student at TCC," said Cassie Reese Tipton, 50th Anniversary Celebration Commission, Alumni Recognition Committee Co-Chair.

Nominations are open now at www.tcc50.com and can be submitted by anyone. Nominees can range from a TCC graduate to an individual who has taken a single TCC course with selection based on professional accomplishments, contributions to community, leadership, and demonstration of TCC values. The 50 Notable Alumni nomination deadline is June 30, 2019.

"In addition, the 50th Anniversary Celebration Commission asks anyone who has historical items such as photos or memorabilia related to TCC or Tulsa Junior College, as it was known for many years, to contact us so we can possibly use the materials as part of our celebration. Help us share the history of TCC by sharing your story and TCC memorabilia," said



TCC LEADERSHIP: Present at the TCC 50-Year anniversary announcement are, from left, Dr. Tom McKeon, TCC past president; Dr. Dean VanTrease, TCC's first president; Dr. Leigh B. Goodson, TCC's current president; Robert LaFortune, Tulsa's mayor when TCC was founded in 1970; and G.T. Bynum, Tulsa's current mayor

Lauren Brookey, TCC Vice President of External Affairs and TCC Foundation President.

The TCC 50th Anniversary Celebration is guided by a commission of former TCC students, Tulsa area business leaders and community leaders. Commission members are Audrey Alcorn, Leeland Alexander, Anna America, Keith Ballard, Secretary of State Chris Benge, Chuck Blue, Konnie Boulter, Montie Box, Susie Brown, Mayor G.T. Bynum, Mike Cooper, Bill Corbitt, Gary Crooms, Barry Davis, Bill Derrevere, Jim Dunn, Peggy Dyer, John Gaberino, Martin Garber, Risha Grant, Wayne Greene, Jim Halligan, Susan Harris, Shiela Haynes, Yvonne Hovell, Hannibal Johnson, Michael Johnson, Commissioner Karen Keith, Dave Lawless, Nancy McDonald, Tom McKeon, Carol Messer, Susan Neal, Commissioner Ron Peters, Holly Raley, Cassie Reese Tipton, Kuma Roberts, Jana Shoulders, Kathy Taylor, Francisco Treviño,

Dean VanTrease, and Michael Willis.

TCC is one of the most comprehensive community colleges in the United States ranking in the Top 50 in the nation in the number of Associate Degrees it awards among nearly 1,100 community colleges nationwide. Serving more than 25,000 students annually in credit courses, TCC is the state's largest two-year college with four campuses in the Tulsa area. For more information on TCC, visit www.tulsacc.edu.

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TCC Welcomes Thousands for Fall Semester

TCC President and CEO Leigh B. Goodson, Ph.D. welcomed students at each campus as the fall semester which began Aug. 20. An estimated 16,000 students are enrolled in courses from Accounting to Veterinary Technology for this semester. TCC has four main campuses - Metro, Northeast, Southeast, and West as well as the Riverside Community Campus and Aviation Center at the Rich-

ard Lloyd Jones Jr. Airport and the Owasso Community Campus.

New this year, TCC implemented wait lists for popular classes allowing students to be in line for spots that opened up before the start of the semester. More than 1,700 students were on wait lists for specific classes and more than 1,300 students moved from the wait list into the class they wanted. TCC expects to see the largest

group of Tulsa Achieves students in the history of the initiative at roughly 3,400.

- More than 1,900 incoming first year Tulsa Achieves students direct from high school
- Estimated 1,500 returning second and third year Tulsa Achieves students

The class with the most sections this fall is English Comp

II followed by Public Speaking, English Comp I, and U.S. History - Civil War Era to the Present. These are general education courses that transfer to a four-year university.

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Tulsa Tech currently serves over 5,500 high school and adult students exploring over 80 full-time career majors in addition to providing training for over 31,000 customers in both part-time classes and customized business and industry training.

Students can choose from a variety of exciting programs including health sciences, aerospace, pre-engineering, automotive, and information technology. Tuition is free for public, private, and home-

schooled high school students with affordable tuition for adult learners. We offer morning, afternoon, evening and all-day classes to fit any schedule.

Tulsa Tech offers the Accelerating Independence Scholarship, which covers 100 percent of tuition and fees for individuals age 18-23 with GED or high school degrees from any in-district, public, parochial or home school. The Accelerating Independence Scholarship was developed to help provide a pathway for this age group to acquire the skills that currently align with the industry needs of our region.

Increasing student educational access and career success are among Tulsa Tech's top priorities. To facilitate this, we have created many shorter courses aligned with overall career majors, and industry certifications, provided to our students in a more business friendly way. Many of these part-time classes build upon larger career majors, and ultimately offer students optional pathways within a particular career field.

News From Tulsa Tech



By **DR. STEVE TIGER**
Superintendent



Courtesy Tulsa Tech

HANDS-ON TRAINING: Tulsa Technology Center offers industry-standard technical training from instructors with years of valuable industry experience.

Aim High Academy Celebrates Birthday

Alicia Sacramone-Quinn and Trevor Knight will be the guests of honor at Aim High Academy's Gold Medal Night. The renowned athletes will help celebrate the annual fundraising event's 11th birthday on Oct. 11.

Sacramone-Quinn holds dozens of World Championship and U.S. National Championship medals in gymnastics. She is best known for bringing home a silver medal at the 2008 Summer Olympics. Trevor Knight, 2014 Sugar Bowl MVP, played quarterback in college football for the Oklahoma Sooners and Texas A&M. Previously, Knight played for the Arizona Cardinals and in 2017, was ranked as the 15th best quarterback prospect by NFLDraftS-

cout.com. He spent his summer working out with NFL teams and hopes to land a spot on a roster this year.

Gold Medal Night, the annual event put on by Aim High Academy, helps to raise funds to support their current capital campaign "That AHA Moment" to build a safe room at their main campus and provide scholarships to children from low-income families. The evening will be hosted by KOTV Anchor, Tess Maune. Attendees will be treated to dinner catered by some of Tulsa's favorite restaurants such as PF Chang's, Napa Flats Wood-Fired Kitchen, Evelyn's and Ruth's Chris.

For more information regarding tickets or sponsorships, contact Aim High at 918-664 - 8683.

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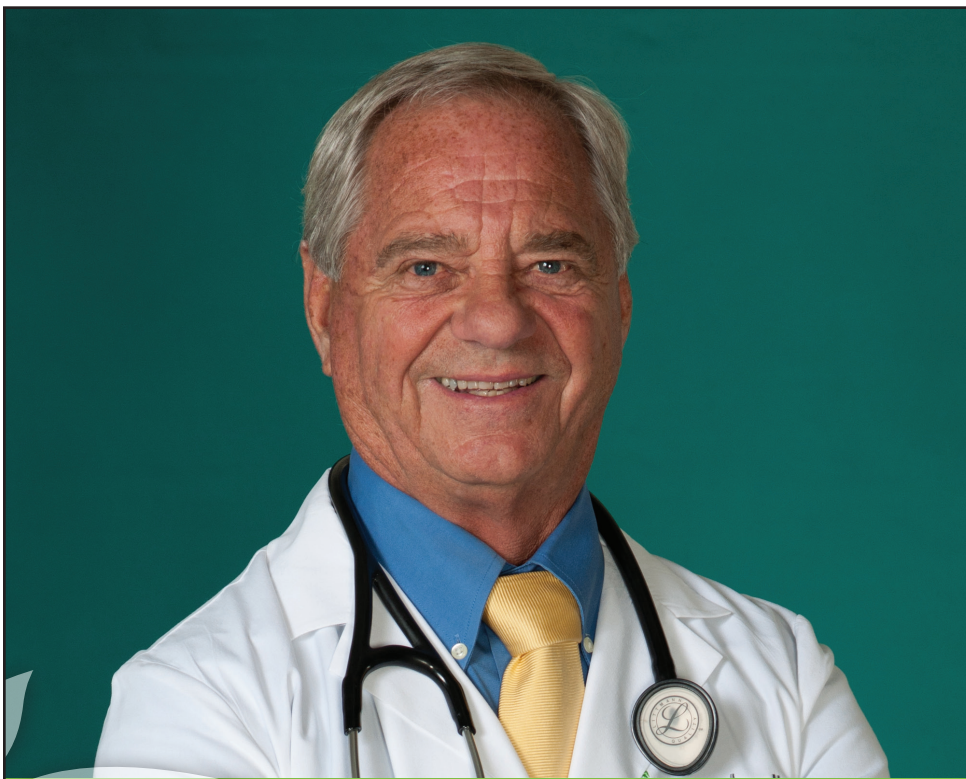
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STREET SCHOOL CELEBRATES SECOND CAMPUS OPENING



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ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION: Pictured at the Street School ribbon cutting from left are Director of the Oklahoma Office of Juvenile Affairs Steve Buck, CEO of the Tulsa Area United Way Alison Anthony, President and CEO of Street School, Lori McGinnis-Madland, Superintendent Oklahoma State Department of Education, Joy Hofmeister and President of the Street School Board of Directors, Amy Stutzman-Fortna.

On Aug. 22, Street Schools opened its second campus. Street Schools is a high school program that models an alternative education for students in Oklahoma since 1973. The second campus is located in front of the school's main entrance, at 1136 S. Allegheeny Ave. in Tulsa. The program began in 1973 as a "drop-in" center and now has a graduation rate of 90 percent for at-risk students.

Many public officials and leaders in education attended the second campus opening, including Oklahoma State Senator Dave Radar, Oklahoma House Representative Melodye Blancett and Tulsa District Attorney Steve Kunzweiler. The event began with the students' release to join the celebration and Dr. Lori McGinnis, Street School president and superintendent, welcoming the crowd. Other speakers included Oklahoma State Department of Education Superintendent

Joy Hofmeister, Tulsa Public Schools Superintendent Dr. Deborah Gist and Street School Board President Amy Fortna.

The event was celebrated with donuts provided by QuikTrip and water bottles handed out by the Street School Board of Directors. Joy in the Cause volunteers also passed out backpacks filled with supplies to every student. To promote its "Focus on Excellence" program, Bob Hurley Ford featured a 2019 Ford Focus. The program encourages junior and senior students to try their best while giving them the opportunity to win a new car at the end of the school year.

Tulsa Public Schools accredited Street Schools and it is now considered a leader in dropout prevention. This alternative education program is dedicated to providing support, substance abuse resolution, life skills, and helping students remain committed to graduating.

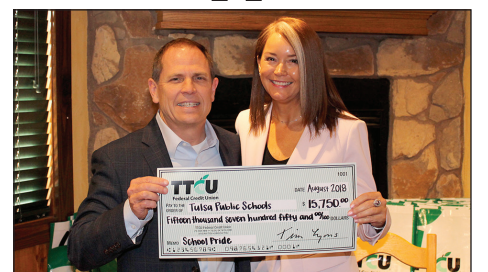
TTCU School Pride Program Reaches \$1 Million in Education Support

TTCU Federal Credit Union announced that the School Pride Program has donated over \$1 million to schools in the Tulsa area. The donations were pushed past the \$1 million mark in August, having distributed \$99,000 at Back to School functions in the 56 area school districts that are involved in the program.

"TTCU was founded during the Great Depression as a way for teachers to help other teachers," said CEO and President Tim Lyons. "Now, when Oklahoma schools' budgets are so tight, we think that it is more important than ever to support education. The school pride cards allow us to offer a helping hand to the schools that are important to our members."

TTCU began the program in 2007 as a way to give back to the Tulsa community and support area schools. Members of TTCU choose one of the 56 area schools involved in the program when they sign up, and every time their debit cards are used, a donation is made to the school. Checks are then distributed to the schools at the beginning of the fall and spring semesters.

On Aug. 15, Tulsa Public Schools was presented with a check for \$15,750 by Lyons, which was the largest individual donation in the program. Since the beginning of the program, Tulsa Public Schools has received over \$180,000. Broken Arrow Public School District received the second largest donation at \$12,000, which the TTCU staff presented to them on Aug. 6. Since 2007,



Courtesy TTCU

SCHOOL DONATIONS: Tulsa Public School District Superintendent Dr. Deborah Gist receives a donation of \$15,750 on behalf of Tulsa Public Schools from TTCU Federal Credit Union CEO Tim Lyons.

Broken Arrow Public School District has received over \$124,000 in donations.

"We offer a heartfelt 'thanks' to TTCU and our community members who use the Broken Arrow check card," said Janet Dunlop, the Broken Arrow superintendent. "It's because of your generosity that we are able to positively impact our students and teachers in the classroom."

Many schools in the Tulsa area have also received donations, including Owasso Public School district with \$7,000, Union Public Schools with \$6,000, Jenks Public School District with \$5,500, and Tulsa Community College with \$4,000. To find out if a particular school is part of the School Pride card program, visit ttcu.com.

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MIDTOWN SPORTS

Thomas Grayson Confident of Championship Repeat

Senior Running Back Considering Scholarship Offers from Several D-1 Programs

By MIKE MOGUIN
GTR Sports Writer

When Booker T. Washington football comes to mind, you think of a defending Class 6AII state champion and versatility of Dax Hill. But Thomas Grayson, 5-10, 180-pound, senior running back, is also a threat for the Hornets.

Grayson rushed for 1,332 yards on 174 carries and scored 18 touchdowns in 2017. His most productive performance came when he finished with 213 yards on 18 handoffs and three TDs in BTW's 56-21 win over Putnam City in the playoffs.

Grayson loved the feeling to make such an accomplishment, "but, I'm going for 2,000 this year," he said.

When it comes to NFL favorites, Grayson looks up to Alvin Kamara of the New Orleans Saints.

"He's among my favorite running backs. I like his ability to break tackles. He makes plays a lot. I want to be out there and be a playmaker just like he is," Grayson said.

His favorite team is the Baltimore Ravens.

Grayson had committed to Nebraska back last spring, but de-committed on Aug. 22 to consider other options.

He still holds offers from Tulsa, Iowa State, Arkansas State, Eastern Michigan, Syracuse, Tennessee, Texas Tech and Colorado.

Grayson is also a member of the Booker T. track team. The running help keeps his speed, he said, but football is his main sport.

"I feel like I'm fast. I'm faster than the average person, you can say," he says. "I don't put much thought to it. I just go out there and play my game, really."

"Not everybody can be a running back. Not everyone can take a hit," Grayson says. "But, I've been playing it since I was about six years old and I just fell in love with the position."

He recalls the feeling when BTW won state last year.

"It was a surreal feeling," Grayson says. "It was my first state championship ever in anything. It was just awesome."

"We just had to play our ball that we've been playing all year," he added. "We went 12-1, so whatever we were doing, we were doing great at it. So, we just kept to it."

BTW beat district rival Bixby, 28-21, in the state 6AII final. When the Hornets and Spartans met in the regular season, Booker T. delivered a convincing 21-0 win.

"We came in with the same mentality (in both Bixby games)," Grayson says. "But Bixby is a good team and they came to play. So, we had to step up to the challenge and we did."

Grayson and the rest of the

Hornets are confident they will repeat as champions.

"It's rare to have this much talent on one team. I'm just glad to be a part of it," he says.

"It is a different team, but we're still going to play Hornet football. At the end of the day, that's what it comes down to. We're going to stick to that philosophy," Grayson says.

Since winning state, the Hornets are aware they now have a target on their back.

"Everyone is going to be gunning for us," Grayson says. "I feel like that pushes us even harder."

"I feel like our toughest opponent is going to be ourselves. We're only going to beat ourselves."

Booker T. lost its opener in a road battle with North Little Rock (Ark.), 29-28, in Bentonville, Ark. on Aug. 25.

They were to host Bishop Kelley in its home opener on Aug. 31, followed by another out-of-state date with Horn Lake, (La.) on Sept. 8. After a week off, they host Bartlesville (Sept. 21), then play the rematch with Bixby (Sept. 28) on the road.

The latter stretch consists of Shawnee at home (Oct. 5), at Sapulpa (Oct. 12), hosting Muskogee (Oct. 18), at Ponca City (Oct. 26) and a close out of the regular season at home against Sand Springs (Nov. 2).



MIKE MOGUIN for MIDTOWN MONITOR

GROUND ATTACK: Senior Thomas Grayson will highlight Booker T. Washington's running game this season.



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TPS TO TU: Shemarr Robinson, left, and Marcus Mays are both enjoying college careers in their hometown. Robinson, a graduate of Central High School, has seen action in all 25 games of his Hurricane career. The junior defensive tackle started in all 12 games last season. Mays, a redshirt freshman safety from Edison High School, is looking forward to his first collegiate action in 2018.

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SPORTS

All Roads Have Led Mike Carter to ORU

Athletic Director a Quintessential Leader

By **TERRELL LESTER**
Editor at Large

Mike Carter's career compass has pointed him in myriad directions.

He was headed toward medicine.

Then the needle moved in the direction of business.

Another shift, and his compass pointed toward law.

And this was just during his four years at Oklahoma State University.

He added to his business degree a law degree from the University of Tulsa in 1972 and settled into a private practice.

For the next 21 years, Carter's compass held steady. There was no gravitational pull from any direction.

He was pointed in a comfortable direction, focusing on sports law and business law, playing golf, raising a family and establishing himself in Tulsa's upper-crust community.

He counted among his client base Oral Roberts and a young basketball coach by the name of Bill Self.

While representing Self at the Oral Roberts University negotiating table in 1994, Carter saw the needle on his career compass begin to gyrate again.

The school was tasked with hiring a successor to Bob Brooks, retiring as director of athletics.

From his relationship with Roberts and Self, Carter was given a seat on the search committee.

The committee settled on two applicants, but each turned down a job offer.

Self urged Carter to consider the position. Richard Roberts, having succeeded his father as president of the school, applied the final push.

Mike Carter, an attorney with a satisfying and agreeable practice, took his career in yet another direction.

In November 1994, he was introduced as the Director of Athletics for Oral Roberts University.

Never had his compass even had that designation on its dial.

But a university widely recognized for its basketball program appeared to be a cozy fit for Carter. He had played as a prep at one of Oklahoma's high-school basketball hotbeds, Pawhuska.

He even attracted some small-college interest, but Carter elected to enroll at Oklahoma State, where his father had been a baseball letterman. With an eye on the future, Carter placed academics above athletics, despite his affection for competitive sports.

Today, Carter is immersed in the world of college, and competitive, athletics. His compass has finally placed him at his career-defining destination.

Twenty-four years in the same office and Carter has all but forgotten those days as an undergraduate who contemplated, and even studied for, a career in other fields.

At the age of 70, Carter oversees a department that fields 16 men's and women's NCAA sports. Some 260 student-athletes compete in the ORU colors within some of the finest facilities on the collegiate landscape.

Carter's office is located in the Mabee Center, the Tulsa landmark built with basketball in mind. He proudly points to the campus facilities for baseball, soccer and track while happily praising what he says is the 82 percent graduation rate for ORU student-athletes.

When Carter arrived almost a quarter-century ago, the ORU athletics department was lacking in NCAA-level staff and management, lacking in NCAA-level imagery.

As he says, the department had no strength-and-conditioning staff, no full-time sports information director, not even a receptionist.

Carter accepted this as a challenge. He is competitive by nature.

He shaped and crafted his new department into a full-functioning, professional-level enterprise.

He accomplished what he set about to do in a straight-ahead, Mike Carter-uncomplicated style. That's just the way he is.

"My leadership philosophy is really pretty simple," he said in his thoughtful, soft-spoken manner. "I'm not a micro-manager by any stretch. I'm a big delegator."

He has constructed what he likes to call his "trust triangle," a three-pronged approach to success.

"You hire competent people, give them the resources they need in terms of manpower, budget and facilities, then you get out of the way and let them do their jobs."

"If it's not getting done, then you didn't hire the right guy," he said.

As Carter speaks, as he moves around the warm habitat that is his office, he exudes a confidence, a passion that defines a career of choice, describes the personality of a leader.

"Passion is a part of it," Carter said. "You want people to care as much about what they're doing as you care about it."

"Passion runs deep in every area," he said, gesturing toward the expanse of the campus that lies beyond the glass doors to his office.

Before this passion manifested itself within the academic family at ORU, before his career took a turn in an unexpected direction, Carter saw his own family thrust into a sorrowful and disconsolate course of events.

One of Mike and Paula Carter's three children, Scott, fell victim to bone cancer and died in 1993, at the age of 13, following a three-year battle.

From that devastating period came the Scott Carter Foundation, established by his parents and devoted to children's cancer research.

During his clash with this unforgiving foe, Scott Carter began pulling together a remarkable collection of sports and celebrity memorabilia, which he called "Scott Carter's Heroes."

The collection and the foundation have grown and matured over the years, reaching a 25-year milestone in August. Money gathered from donations and a variety of fund-raisers has gone, as Scott himself envi-



TERRELL LESTER for GTR Newspapers

STANDING WITH SCOTT'S HEROES: ORU Athletic Director Mike Carter, in his office at ORU, is surrounded by a collection from his son's Scott Carter's Heroes.

sioned, to funding research projects.

The most visible and tangible products of the Scott Carter Foundation are the items that make up the Scott Carter's Heroes collection.

Hundreds of pieces of sports and entertainment history, priceless and exclusive, have been cataloged and viewed and enjoyed by individuals from across the country.

A large portion of the collection is on display at Walt Disney World's Wide World of Sports complex in Orlando, Fla.

A lesser portion, but certainly not lesser in significance or historic value, can be found on the walls and shelves of Mike Carter's office inside the Mabee Center.

The Wow Factor explodes within these walls.

For those of a bygone era, there is a framed New York Yankees jersey signed by Joe DiMaggio.

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NHL Contest Set for Tulsa's BOK Center

By GLENN HIBDON
GTR Sports Writer

The NHL is coming! The NHL is coming! This could be the start of something big for hockey fans in Oklahoma.

The stars have aligned and the NHL is coming to the BOK Center for the first Tulsa Classic, a preseason game between Dallas and the Florida Panthers on Sept. 22. Hockey people are hoping the event will rival the annual visit of the NBA's Oklahoma City Thunder.

"Maybe we can get to a point where it turns into something a little more consistent," says Dallas Stars assistant general manager Mark Janko. "We'll see how it goes, but that would be the thought, maybe a perennial thing. We know we have a lot of Stars fans in Oklahoma and Tulsa."

The Thunder has played nine preseason games at the BOK Center and the last six have attracted more than 16,000 fans. Four have been sellouts and arena officials are anticipating similar numbers for the NHL.

"We're not sold out, but we're very close to it," says Meghan Blood, director of marketing for the BOK Center. "Our plan was to get the first NHL game here, and we're always looking for new events and this is a good way to increase hockey's fan base in Tulsa."

"The Thunder comes here every year, and we would love that for hockey. Dallas is helping us get the word out to their fans about the game and they want to expand their fan base in Tulsa. Getting the word out will also be a big help to Taylor Hall."

Hall, general manager of the ECHL's Tulsa Oilers, agrees. It seems as though the NHL coming to town would equal a win-win situation



DALLAS STARS



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"I think the awareness is going to be incredible. People will be coming to the BOK Center who have never been to one of our games," Hall says. "Any kind of increased awareness about hockey is huge for us. Usually in September football is just ramping up and to get people to the BOK Center to watch hockey gives us a faster start from a marketing standpoint."

"I'm hoping this will be like the NBA exhibition games. Several Thunder games have done very well and I'm hoping this game will be similar. They've sold a lot of tickets and there is a real buzz about it."

Apparently, many Oilers fans have started buzzing around in anticipation of the Classic. One of them is Oilers season ticket holder Daryle Fox.

"Everybody I've talked to is going, a lot of season ticket holders,"

says Fox. "They're hitting the advertising pretty hard on television and radio and some of them coming will be Dallas fans (making the trip to Tulsa). I think the game will encourage more people to come (to see hockey) and that's a good thing. Seeing the highest level you can get will draw fans. It's pretty cool that it's here and everybody I know is enthusiastic."

To make the game possible, there were a few hitches to overcome. The BOK staff made unnamed adjustments to the rink to bring it up to NHL standards and Dallas needed to recruit an opponent.

"We did work on some details and one of them was to get another NHL team to come to Oklahoma," says Janko. "In terms of exposure and allowing more of our fan base to actually see the Stars, it was worth it. The BOK Center has

been fabulous from day one and I think this will be a great partnership for us."

The Tulsa Classic features a pair of teams searching to make the Stanley Cup playoffs after near misses last season. Florida finished a point out of postseason while the Stars were three points shy of advancing.

Captain Jamie Benn's 79 points led Dallas in scoring along with Tyler Sequin's 78, including 40 goals that tied him for sixth in the league. Goalie Ben Bishop's five shutouts tied for sixth in the NHL. Aleksander Barkov scored 78 points to lead the Panthers and goalie Roberto Luongo ranked third in the league with a .929 save percentage.

While the chance to see some of world's top flight skaters playing at the pinnacle of competition is expected to be a guaranteed suc-

cess for Tulsa; attendance at the Classic will serve as a gauge.

"This is a large undertaking (financially)," Hall says. "We were hopeful over the last number of years we could attract a game because the BOK Center gets a lot of major concerts, the NBA game, BASS and the NCAA tournament. They have incredibly huge events, and it was on their bucket list to get an NHL game. They have a great marketing team that accomplished it."

"The Stars are only four hours down the road and a lot of fans watch them on television. It was a smart move for the Stars and the BOK Center (to stage the Classic) and a majority of our fan base and season ticket holders will be there. For outlying fans, having a chance to see an NHL game and the BOK Center, you couldn't ask for a better scenario."



PHILIP MONTGOMERY RADIO SHOW: The TU Philip Montgomery Radio Call-in show, hosted by Bruce Howard, right, airs on Big Country 99.5 FM most Monday's throughout the season and can also be seen live on Facebook.com/TulsaHurricane. It is held in The HUT, located in the Allen Chapman Student Union on the TU campus.

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Youth Soccer Hurricane Wins National Title

By MIKE MOGUIN
GTR Sports Writer

With a hard work ethic and determination, the TSC Hurricane 14-U (ages 14 and under) recently captured the U.S. Club Soccer Boys ENPL National Championship, becoming the first soccer team in state history to ever win a title of any kind in club soccer.

Coached by Christian Porta and made up of players now in eighth and ninth grade, the Hurricane won the championship with a 2-1 win against the Phoenix Rising FC, on July 14 in Aurora, Colorado.

“Our mentality was to work hard and when you work hard, you see the fruits of your labor,” Porta said. “Those kids worked really hard. I kept telling them since the beginning of the season, ‘If you work hard, good things come your way. Just keep working, keep believing, keep proving yourself,’ and we did it. I think everyone on our team really understood their roles. Everyone did their part – whether it was a player who played the whole game, or a player who play limited minutes – everyone played a part. I think that was a big reason for the team’s success. Everybody felt like they were important to the team.”

The Hurricane was one of 16 teams from across the country to compete in the playoffs. They played their first two round games in San Diego before playing their semifinal game and the final in Colorado.

“As far as being the first team from Oklahoma, I think it makes those kids proud to be where they are from,” Porta said. “When we won the game, what the kids were saying was ‘coach, the trophy is coming home.’ That’s what they

told me. So, it’s about those kids and the hard work they’ve put in.”

The Hurricane includes players such as Ian MacIntosh, son of University of Tulsa men’s soccer coach Tom McIntosh and a freshman at Jenks; Kaiba Tiem, a freshman at Broken Arrow; and Brody Adams, a freshman at Bishop Kelley.

“It was kind of hard to believe that we were first in the nation when we won,” said Adams, who had an assist in the semi-final game. “But everyone was celebrating. It was a close game though, we didn’t know we were going to win until the final whistle blew, but once it did, everybody started going crazy. It was so unreal.”

“Oklahoma is not really known for soccer, so getting a national championship for not only our club, but for the state, is amazing,” Adams added.

In one of its games in San Diego, the Hurricane had to rally from a 2-0 halftime deficit to win 3-2. They scored their first goal early in the second half before scoring two goals in the final four minutes.

“We have very talented players,” Porta said. “But, what got them to the championship was no secret – drive, perseverance, grit, always believing.”

Getting to the championship, Porta said, was not just the work of the coaches and athletes but many others as well.

“The parents of the club and previous coaches were also a big help,” the coach added. “I inherited a really good team. There was a lot of people that were part of this championship even though I was the one to coach them this year. They all deserve recognition just as much as I do, if not more.”



U.S. CLUB SOCCER BOYS CHAMPIONS

Allan Trimble Inducted into Hall of Fame

The Oklahoma Sports Hall of Fame introduced its class of 2018 recently, with seven new members who will be inducted later this year.

University of Oklahoma athletic director Joe Castiglione, former OU, OSU, high school football and University of Miami head coach Larry Coker, former Sooners football and NFL player Ken Mendenhall, former OSU baseball and major league star Robin Ventura, long-time Jenks high school football coach Allan Trimble, bicycle tricks pioneer Mat Hoffman, and rodeo pioneer Bill Pickett are the seven new members.

Castiglione has been OU’s athletic director since 1998 and led a department that has won 16 national championships this century.

Coker was a high school coach in Oklahoma before becoming an assistant at OU, OSU, and Tulsa and then the head coach at Miami, where he led the Hurricanes to the national championship in 2001. He’s currently the head coach at Texas-San Antonio.



DEAN ATCHISON for GTR Newspapers

2018 INDUCTEES: The seven inductees into this year’s Oklahoma Sports Hall of Fame are, from left, Robin Ventura, Mat Hoffman, Joe Castiglione, Gerald Anderson (nephew of the late Bill Pickett), Larry Coker, Allan Trimble and Ken Mendenhall.

Mendenhall was an All-American center at OU in 1969, blocking for Heisman Trophy winner Steve Owens. He played 10 seasons in the NFL for the Baltimore Colts.

Ventura was a three-time All-American at OSU and the national player of the year in 1988, when he set an NCAA record with a 58-game hitting streak. He played 16 seasons in the major leagues and was a two-time All-Star.

Trimble has led Jenks to 13 state championships since taking

over the program in 1996. He has a record of 242-41.

Hoffman pioneered the sport of bicycle trick riding, becoming a world class vert ramp rider, and an influential figure in the creation of the X Games. He created the Hoffman Sports Association, which organizes BMX events all over the world.

Bill Pickett was a pioneering rodeo cowboy in the early part of the 20th century and created the technique of “bulldogging,” by grabbing a steer by the horns and wrestling it to the ground.



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The SemGroup Sports Courts Open at Tulsa’s Gathering Place

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Courts are lit at night for visitors to enjoy.

The Gathering Place Park Ambassador for the SemGroup Sports Courts is Lee Mayberry, who was recently hired as the assistant coach at Oral Roberts University. A Tulsa native and Will Rogers High School graduate, Mayberry joins the ORU women’s basketball coaching staff after a one-year stint as assistant coach at Watson Chapel High School in Pine Bluff, Arkansas.

Before coaching the Wildcats, he was a part of Head Men’s Basketball Coach Mike Anderson’s staff at the University of Arkansas. Selected in the first round of the



READY FOR ACTION: *Gathering Place Park Director Tony Moore, left, with Park Ambassador Lee Mayberry at one of the sports courts at the Gathering Place.*

1992 NBA draft as the 23rd pick, Mayberry spent his first four years in the NBA with the Milwaukee Bucks and played in 328 consecutive games. He then went to the Vancouver Grizzlies to play his

final three years and accumulated more than 2,500 points and more than 1,700 assists in his pro career. For a full list of free programming at Gathering Place, visit www.GatheringPlace.org.



AUTOGRAPH DAY: *University of Tulsa quarterback Will Hefley holds up a 2018 TU football poster with long-time Hurricane fan Jeff Wright during football fan fest autograph day in August at TU’s Chapman Stadium. Hefley is a junior from Little Rock.*

TULSANS AT TULSA: *Members of the TU football team who graduated from Tulsa-area private schools recently gathered during photo day. From left are Thomas Bingham, walk-on receiver from Bishop Kelley; Garrett Flanary, sophomore safety from Lincoln Christian; Cannon Montgomery, freshman wide receiver from Cascia Hall; Corey Taylor II, sophomore running back from Holland Hall; Avery Gragg, senior wide receiver from Holland Hall; and Reed Martin, freshman redshirt running back from Lincoln Christian.*



== GTR 2018 COMPOSITE FOOTBALL SCHEDULE ==

| DATE | VISITOR | HOME |
|----------|-------------------------|------------------------|
| Aug. 24 | Union 10 | Broken Arrow 33 |
| | Jenks 28 | Bixby 14 |
| | Bentonville West 40 | Owasso 56 |
| | Cascia Hall 44 | Gravette 7 |
| | Hale 18 | Webster 12 |
| Aug. 25 | Lincoln Christian 50 | Inola 0 |
| | Victory Christian 52 | McLain 6 |
| | Okla. Union 7 | NOAH 28 |
| | Metro 28 | Broken Bow 22 |
| | BTW 28 | North Little Rock 29 |
| Aug. 30 | Missouri State 17 | OSU 58 |
| | Emporia State 34 | NSU 7 |
| | Arkansas Baptist 0 | NEO 47 |
| | Owasso 31 | Fayetteville 45 |
| | Lake Ridge 30 | Union 36 |
| Aug. 31 | Mansfield Legacy 14 | Jenks 35 |
| | Mansfield Timberview 33 | Bixby 36 |
| | Mansfield 6 | Broken Arrow 28 |
| | East Central 50 | Hale 0 |
| | Holland Hall 20 | Cascia Hall 23 |
| Sept. 1 | Bishop Kelley 14 | BTW 24 |
| | Rejoice Christian 21 | Crossings Christian 20 |
| | Central 8 | Memorial 37 |
| | Jones 19 | Lincoln Christian 34 |
| | Edison 13 | Sapulpa 34 |
| Sept. 6 | Rogers 7 | Victory Christian 37 |
| | Florida Atlantic 14 | OU 63 |
| | Eastern Illinois 20 | Arkansas 55 |
| | Central Arkansas 27 | Tulsa 38 |
| | NSU | Central Missouri |
| Sept. 7 | Union | Jenks |
| | Broken Arrow | Owasso |
| | Edison | Memorial |
| | Central | McLain |
| | Bishop McGuinness | Bishop Kelley |
| Sept. 8 | Rogers | Okmulgee |
| | Lincoln Christian | Vian |
| | Stillwell | East Central |
| | Kiefer | Rejoice Christian |
| | Victory Christian | Verdigris |
| Sept. 13 | Oklahoma Christian | Metro Christian |
| | UCLA | OU |
| | Arkansas | Colorado State |
| | South Alabama | OSU |
| | Tulsa | Texas |
| Sept. 14 | Georgia Military | NEO |
| | Stillwell | Union |
| | Skiatook | Hale |
| | NOAH | Webster |
| | Star-Spencer | Central |
| Sept. 15 | Claremore | Edison |
| | Cascia Hall | Millwood |
| | Rejoice Christian | Haskell |
| | Rogers | McLain |
| | Metro Christian | Holland Hall |

| DATE | VISITOR | HOME |
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| Sept. 15 | Arkansas State | Tulsa |
| | Pittsburg State | NSU |
| | Trinity Vally C.C. | NEO |
| | Tulsa | Temple |
| | East Central | Memorial |
| Sept. 20 | Hilldale | Central |
| | Jenks | Broken Arrow |
| | Owasso | Union |
| | Bixby | Sapulpa |
| | Checota | Webster |
| Sept. 21 | McLain | Bristow |
| | Rejoice Christian | Okla. Union |
| | Stigler | Lincoln Christian |
| | Bishop Kelley | Hale |
| | Adair | Metro Christian |
| Sept. 22 | Dewey | Victory Christian |
| | Talequah | Rogers |
| | Verdigris | Cascia Hall |
| | Pocola | Holland Hall |
| | Glenpool | Edison |
| Sept. 28 | OCPh | NOAH |
| | Texas Tech | OSU |
| | Army | Oklahoma |
| | Arkansas | Auburn |
| | Missouri Western | NSU |
| Sept. 29 | NEO | Kilgore |
| | Edmond North | Owasso |
| | Enid | Jenks |
| | Union | Mustang |
| | BTW | Bixby |
| Oct. 4 | Collinsville | Memorial |
| | Idabel | Webster |
| | Broken Arrow | Norman |
| | Victory Christian | Morris |
| | Central | Muldrow |
| Oct. 5 | Metro Christian | Chouteau-Mazie |
| | Cascia Hall | Jay |
| | Rogers | Pryor |
| | Edison | Bishop Kelley |
| | Claremore | East Central |

| DATE | VISITOR | HOME |
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| Oct. 5 | Westville | Holland Hall |
| | Wyandotte | Metro Christian |
| | Skiatook | Memorial |
| | East Central | Pryor |
| | Bishop Kelley | Durant |
| Oct. 6 | Webster | Lincoln Christian |
| | Vinita | Cascia Hall |
| | Lighthouse Christian | Tulsa NOAH |
| | Summit Christian | South Coffeyville |
| | Iowa State | OSU |
| Oct. 12 | Texas | OU |
| | Alabama | Arkansas |
| | NEO | Blinn College |
| | South Florida | TU |
| | Edmond Santa Fe | Broken Arrow |
| Oct. 13 | Union | Moore |
| | Edmond Memorial | Jenks |
| | Southmoore | Owasso |
| | Bartlesville | Bixby |
| | BTW | Sapulpa |
| Oct. 18 | Glenpool | Bishop Kelley |
| | Edison | Hale |
| | Skiatook | Rogers |
| | East Central | Collinsville |
| | Memorial | Claremore |
| Oct. 19 | Miami | McLain |
| | Central | Broken Bow |
| | Webster | Okmulgee |
| | Cascia Hall | Berryhill |
| | Lincoln Christian | Roland |
| Oct. 20 | Victory Christian | Rejoice Christian |
| | Metro Christian | Chelsea |
| | Holland Hall | Sequoya |
| | Rejoice Christian | Quapaw |
| | Ole Miss | Arkansas |
| Oct. 25 | OSU | Kansas State |
| | Lindenwood | NSU |
| | Tyler J.C. | NEO |
| | Broken Arrow | Yukon |
| | Mustang | Owasso |

| DATE | VISITOR | HOME |
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| Oct. 26 | Owasso | Moore |
| | Southmoore | Union |
| | Jenks | Edmond Santa Fe |
| | Shawnee | Bixby |
| | BTW | Ponca City |
| Oct. 27 | Rogers | East Central |
| | Coweta | Bishop Kelley |
| | Edison | Durant |
| | Hale | Ada |
| | Wagoner | McLain |
| Nov. 1 | Central | Fort Gibson |
| | Cascia Hall | Sequoya |
| | Lincoln Christian | Idabel |
| | Webster | Seminole |
| | Holland Hall | Spiro |
| Nov. 2 | Metro Christian | Kansas |
| | Kiefer | Victory Christian |
| | Rejoice Christian | Afton |
| | Vanderbilt | Arkansas |
| | Tulane | TU |
| Nov. 3 | Kansas State | OU |
| | Texas | OSU |
| | NEO | Cisco College |
| | Enid | Broken Arrow |
| | Edmond North | Union |
| Nov. 10 | Jenks | Westmoore |
| | Pryor | Memorial |
| | Collinsville | Rogers |
| | Stigler | Webster |
| | Owasso | Putnam City North |
| Nov. 17 | Page | BTW |
| | Bixby | Muskogee |
| | East Central | Skiatook |
| | Durant | Hale |
| | Ada | Edison |
| Nov. 23 | Bishop Kelley | McAlester |
| | McLain | Grove |
| | Sallisaw | Central |
| | Inola | Cascia Hall |
| | Checotah | Lincoln Christian |
| Nov. 24 | Panama | Holland Hall |
| | Salina | Metro Christian |
| | Colcord | Rejoice Christian |
| | OSU | Baylor |
| | OU | Texas Tech |

THE ECONOMY

OK2Grow Honors Emerging Manufacturing Leaders at Dream It Do It Kick-Off Breakfast

The annual Dream It Do It Oklahoma kick-off breakfast honored the state's Emerging Manufacturing Leaders. This year 36 honorees from 26 companies from the Tulsa region were recognized. Educators, manufacturers, workforce partners and students attended the breakfast, which was held to create new interest in innovative and rewarding manufacturing. The event was held at the Tulsa Tech - Lemley Memorial Campus.

Dream It Do It Oklahoma is one of the three divisions of OK2Grow, which has a mission to facilitate the development of Oklahoma's future workforce by creating awareness of careers and promoting pathways that build confidence and excitement for workplace success. In addition to Dream It Do It, the other two divisions are known as Career Pathway and Scholarship.

OK2Grow is focused on youth entrepreneurship, career awareness and supporting education pathways available to students in the community. The organization was founded by three local business leaders, Lynda Wingo, Jerry Holder and the late Larry Mocha in 2012. Each division of OK2Grow helps provide resources for educators as well as gives students a path and vision for success, whether it's higher education, technical education or entering the workforce.

This year, area manufacturing employers were invited to nominate "Emerging Manufacturing Leaders" within their company, who are under 40 years of age and show great potential in their manufacturing career. State Director of Dream It Do It Oklahoma Stephanie Cameron said, "Dream It Do It helps develop the workforce pipeline by creating understanding of manufacturing careers to increase economic wealth and quality of



2018 EMERGING MANUFACTURING LEADERS

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life for Oklahomans. We want to celebrate success in manufacturing and help more individuals connect with career paths in the industry."

Dream It Do It Oklahoma facilitates classroom visits, tours and other activities, as well as internship opportunities for students. Dream It Do It Oklahoma will host activities throughout Manufacturing Month in October.

Dream It Do It Oklahoma Kick-Off Breakfast Keynote Speaker:

Dana Weber was the Dream It Do It Oklahoma Kick-Off Breakfast keynote speaker. President and CEO of Webco Industries, Inc. as the keynote speaker, Weber began her full-time career at Webco Industries in 1977 and has held various positions in accounting, finance, production planning and systems design and implementation. Weber graduated from the University of Tulsa with a B.S. in Accounting and a Juris Doctorate. She is also a graduate of Harvard Business School Program for Management Development and subsequently studied industri-

al engineering at Oklahoma State University. Weber is currently Chairman of the Oklahoma Turnpike Authority Board and serves on several boards: Oklahoma City Branch of the Kansas City Federal Reserve; Tulsa Regional Chamber; Oklahoma State Chamber Board; University of Tulsa. Weber also currently serves on the Mayor's Commission on the Status of Women.

The 2018 Emerging Manufacturing Award Recipients (Tulsa Area): Justin Green - OSECO, Nick Kocsis - LMI, Patricia Yannes - Muncie Power Products, Sarah & Andy Fiegener - Rye Design, Gabe Hayes - Wood Systems, William Whitfield - Meridian Brick, Derrick Davis - Baker Hughes, Alvaro Marrufo - EBS-CO Spring, Brent Johnson - TD Williamson, Ashley Cobb - The Bama Companies, Dan Fout - The Pump and Motor Works Inc., Drew Corbell - TD Williamson, Zac Harris - D&L Oil Tools, Jay Katon - AXH Air Coolers, Matthew Williams - Advantage Controls, Joe Neel - Muncie Power



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OK2GROW LEADERSHIP AND KEYNOTE SPEAKER: From left, Cheryl Hill, Speaker Dana Weber, Sheila Shook, Lynda Wingo, Vikki Dearing and Stephanie Cameron.

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Tulsa-Based Big Elk Energy Named America's Fastest Growing Manufacturer by Inc. Magazine

Inc. Magazine has named Tulsa-based Big Elk Energy Systems as the fastest growing manufacturer in America.

In just its third year of business, the company generated \$20.6 million in revenue, and this year expects that number to grow to \$31 million. CEO and founder Geoff Hager says he hopes to be at \$100 million in the next five years.

"We succeed because of our team," says Hager. "Our people persevered through the most difficult of circumstances, and now we are stronger for it. We have a dream team, and the genuine affection our people have for each other is something very special."

With most of its business focused in the northeast and Gulf Coast, there are plans to focus on international growth in the next 1-2 years.

"Vendors and suppliers stuck with us when conventional wisdom would have said to go another way," adds Hager. "They extended grace to us in our hour of need and now, our success is their success. We will forever be grateful for their partnership."

To commemorate the Inc. Magazine honor, the company hosted a manufacturing news conference with Mayor G.T. Bynum and other city officials on Friday, Aug. 17 at its facility.

"I would like to congratulate Geoff Hager and Big Elk Energy Systems on their success and applaud their commitment to growing in Tulsa," Bynum said. "Big Elk is a great example of the opportunity for growth that exists right here in Tulsa when you assemble a strong team and compete with the best in your field."

The manufacturing industry in Tulsa is thriving and is bringing new business to the community. Mayor Bynum and city officials made remarks about manufacturing and what it means to Tulsa.

"Big Elk is a model company for manufacturing excellence," said Justin McLaughlin, COO of the Tulsa Regional Chamber. "The company formed during a risky time for energy products, but through steady leadership and a commitment to quality, they've weathered the storm to emerge as a leader in their field. Since 2016, manufacturing has accounted for 60 percent of the job growth facilitated by Tulsa's Future, the chamber-led regional economic development partnership. Big Elk is at the forefront of this trend, and we at the Tulsa Regional Chamber are proud to have them as a partner committed to regional economic prosperity."

Big Elk was founded in 2014 by Pawhuska native Geoff Hager. At



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APPRECIATION FROM TULSA: From left, Tulsa Mayor G.T. Bynum, CEO and Founder of Big Elk Geoff Hager and Tulsa Regional Chamber COO Justin McLaughlin at a press conference recently held at the Big Elk facility at 4140 S. Galveston Ave. The conference was hosted in the production bay and speakers stood on a manufactured skid as they gave their remarks.

a time when the energy industry crumbled, Hager trusted his inner belief. "My parents are pastors and faith brought me to where I am," said Hager. "Founding Big Elk was what I was supposed to do and I wasn't going to give up."

Big Elk's team of nearly 100 employees focuses on engineering, systems design, piping layout, drafting,

and electrical and control systems. The experienced workmanship provides the best solution to bring projects on time and fully realized. They provide services in measurement systems, pigging, fuel gas skid, electronic flow measurement (EFM) and gas quality analysis.

The company was named after Hager's third great grandfather,

a chief of the Osage tribe born in 1852 named Opontonga, translated "Big Elk."

In January 2018, Big Elk launched M3 Energy Services, a service company focused on in-field meter verification for large flow natural gas meters.

For more information about Big Elk, visit bigelk.com

Second Year Underway for National Energy Talk



National Energy Talk (NET) began its second year at the University of Tulsa on Aug. 9. A luncheon was sponsored by NET. I had the pleasure of keynoting the luncheon, followed by participation by the students attending the Residency Seminar for incoming students of the Master of Energy Business and Master of Science in Global Energy. The day ended with an energy business networking reception and dinner.

NET's official kick-off was July 31, 2017, in my hometown of Elk City, Oklahoma. There was an industry "meet and greet" bar-b-que served during the day and a town meeting held in the evening. Events covering several subjects were held or participated in throughout the 12 months, including at the University of Tulsa, two events at the University of Central Oklahoma, Presidential Leadership Institute held at York College, Nebraska, the

Pipeline and Energy Expo, the 25th Annual Meeting of the Louisiana Oil and Gas Association, the digital transformation in the oil and gas industry conference in Houston, Natural Gas & Energy Association of Oklahoma Annual Convention, Pre-conference of the National Council on Undergraduate Research, the OK-National Association of Royalty Owners Annual Convention in Oklahoma City and Washington, D.C. The theme has been "National Energy Talk: America's Energy Dreams and Global Economic Realities."

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MARK A. STANSBERRY

columns including GTR Newspapers, Exploring Energy radio show and newspaper, and Oilman magazine. In print, according to our research, NET reached over 40,000 readers per month and is projected to surpass reaching over 50,000 readers per month in its second year. Recently, DP-Pro magazine published one of my NET columns entitled, "The Global Energy Transformation" which is distributed to over 70,000.

NET's Facebook page has over 23,000 likes/followers. Presentations are already being planned

well into next year in Oklahoma City and Houston. Plans for NET dialogue are being organized for Detroit in 2018, Washington, DC in 2019 and Houston in 2020. We will continue to address energy issues and views throughout the second year.

Currently, one issue that is facing America is its energy infrastructure. A report by the Interstate Natural Gas Association of America Foundation states that "the needed capital expenditures for natural gas, crude oil, and petroleum/petrochemical liquids infrastructure are \$44 billion annually through 2035, for about 41,000 miles of pipeline and an additional 139,000 miles of gathering lines...Projected natural gas infrastructure accounts for 52.7 percent of those future expenditures, which would supply increasing demand in both the U.S. and Canada, particularly in the power generation sector and for LNG exports."

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American Electric Power has named Peggy Simmons president and chief operating officer of Public Service Company of Oklahoma (PSO). Simmons replaces Stuart Solomon, who is joining AEP's generation organization as senior vice president, generation services.

Simmons will be responsible for all aspects of PSO's service, including customer service, distribution operations, safety, communications, external affairs and regulatory functions.

Solomon will transition to his new role after 14 years leading PSO. During his tenure he was active in numerous nonprofit organizations including the Tulsa Regional Chamber, State Chamber, Tulsa Area United Way, The Nature Conservancy, Gilcrease Museum, Southwest Power Pool and Oklahoma Academy, among many others.

In his new role, Solomon will lead the development of generation strategies for AEP's operating companies and support asset optimization for the company's power plants, among other responsibilities.

Simmons, 41, is currently managing director of transmission asset strategy for AEP, responsible for transmission strategy and policy, regulatory support, as well as outreach, siting and rights-of-way for transmission projects. Prior to this role, Simmons was manager of regulatory commodity sourcing for AEP Ohio. She also served

as manager of renewable energy in AEP's competitive business. Simmons joined AEP in 1999 as an energy trading scheduler in commercial operations. She earned a bachelor's degree in economics from The Ohio State University and a master's degree in public policy and administration from Central Michigan University. She is a graduate of the Executive Program-Darden School of Business at the University of Virginia and is a member of the G100 Next Generation Leadership program.

Solomon, 56, was named president and chief operating officer of PSO in 2004 and was vice president of public policy and regulatory services for AEP from 2000 to 2004. He served as AEP's state president in West Virginia from 1999 to 2000. Solomon joined AEP in 1999 from Central and South West Corp., which merged with AEP in 2000. He joined CSW in 1986 at its Central Power and Light subsidiary in Corpus Christi, Texas. After earning a law degree, he rejoined CSW in 1992 and held several management and administrative positions. Solomon earned a bachelor's degree from Southwestern University in Georgetown, Texas, a master's in business administration from the University of Texas in Austin and a law degree from the University of Colorado in Boulder.

BUSINESS & PEOPLE NOTES

Ted Cundiff, AVB Bank president and chief executive officer, announces the promotion of Cooper Rash to marketing officer.

Rash serves as marketing and public relations specialist for AVB and is responsible for market research and data analysis, preparing media communication, managing web content and SEO strategy and supporting customer-focused delivery channels.

"Cooper plays an integral role in AVB Bank's strategic initiative to provide financial solutions to young professionals, meeting their needs... on their terms," says Cundiff.

A graduate of Oklahoma State University, Rash holds a Bachelor of Science in business, with an emphasis in management and marketing. While completing his degree, he interned at AVB Bank for three summers and joined the bank as a full-time employee in 2016.

Rash is a 2018 graduate of Leadership Broken Arrow. He currently serves on the board of directors and as a Preservation Action Committee member for The Museum Broken Arrow, as well as a board member of the Broken Arrow Public Schools Foundation.

Landowner-Firm, PLLC Founder **Trae Gray** has been selected by his peers for inclusion in the prestigious **Best Lawyers in America** for 2019 in the practice of energy law.

The Best Lawyers in America designation is Gray's latest recognition by one of the premier professional legal service ranking institutions. In past years, Gray was also named a "Rising Star" by the national Super Lawyers professional peer rating service.

In 2015, Gray earned a Master of Laws Degree (LL.M.) in natural resources law from the University of Oklahoma College of Law.

Gray earned his Juris Doctorate (JD) degree from Oklahoma City University School of Law, as well as a Master of Business Administration (MBA) degree from Meinders School of Business at Oklahoma City University. He also holds a Bachelor of Science in agricultural sciences and natural resources from Oklahoma State University.

LandownerFirm, PLLC, was founded in 2006 by Gray who maintains a nationwide natural resources practice (as both a trial lawyer and mediator) from his Oklahoma law offices in Tulsa and in Coal County, Oklahoma. The firm's website is landownerfirm.com.

Tulsa County Assessor Ken Yazel is pleased to announce that Chief Deputy Assessor **John A. Wright** has been notified by the International Association of Assessing Officers (IAAO) that he has completed the requirements for the **Assessment Administration Specialist (AAS)** professional designation.

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RASH

Saint Simeon's Senior Community welcomes President and CEO **Tammy Schafer**, a 22-year veteran in the senior care industry. Saint Simeon's has also filled several other key leadership positions.

Schafer comes to Saint Simeon's from Evergreen Senior Living in Abilene, Texas, where she served as senior vice president of operations.

Schafer specializes in operations management, census growth and culture development. In her role at Saint Simeon's, she will be focused on the delivery of outstanding resident services. She has a Master of Science in business management and a Bachelor of Science in family studies and gerontology from Southern Nazarene University.

Additionally, Saint Simeon's announces a new director of admissions, **Donna Logsdon**. Logsdon has 25 years of professional senior care experience. She is a certified exercise therapist, nutritional counselor and personal trainer.

Charlie Redding has been named community relations director. Redding has worked in senior housing in the Oklahoma market since 1996. He held positions as an admissions coordinator and hospital liaison before going into private duty care, home health and hospice. Redding has a master's degree in gerontology from The University of Central Oklahoma.

Victoria Jones currently serves as human resources director at Saint Simeon's. She has worked in both the production and healthcare industries. She holds a bachelor's of business administration in business management with an emphasis in human resources from West Texas A&M University.

Also joining the team as director of dining services is **Jonathan Daughtry**. Daughtry has 25 years of restaurant and hospitality professional experience and is part of Morrison Community Living - Senior Dining. Daughtry graduated from Texas A&M University.

Law firm **Hall Estill** announces that **John F. Heil, III** has been elected to the firm's executive committee. Heil joined the firm in 2000 and has developed a general business litigation practice with a wide range of experience, including intellectual property rights involving copyright, trademark, patent and trade secrets, business torts, unfair competition claims, mortgage lending issues, and construction-related disputes. He has been named a Future Litigation Star by Benchmark Litigation.

Heil has substantial jury trial experience and has handled litigation matters in various state, federal and appellate courts throughout the United States. He graduated from the University of Tulsa College of Law with honors.



SCHAFER

Jessica Smith has been promoted to commercial banking officer at **First National Bank & Trust Co. of Broken Arrow**. Smith is an Oklahoma State University alumna and honors graduate of the Oklahoma Bankers Association Commercial Lending School. She joined First National in 2016 while completing her second business degree in accounting. Smith aspires to be a career banker and says, "The most rewarding aspect of what I do is helping other people achieve their goals."

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Courtney L. Kelley, an associate at Hall Estill, has been accepted into the inaugural class of the **Heart of America Fellows Institute of the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel (ACTEC)**.

Kelley earned her J.D. degree from the Washburn University School of Law and earned a bachelor of arts in economics from the University of Colorado. She joined Hall Estill in 2015 and practices in the Trusts & Estates Litigation and Regulated Substances arenas.

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Tulsa Zoo Turns 90 Thanks to Will O. Doolittle

The Tulsa Zoo's gates first opened in September of 1928, thanks to Will O. Doolittle, then Tulsa Parks Superintendent, who proposed the creation of a zoo infused with conservation ideals.

Doolittle was a passionate naturalist, a man who believed close contact with nature was a great public benefit. He believed a zoo would aid in preserving many species of native mammals, birds, and reptiles that are approaching extinction, and argued that a central purpose of a zoo is to provide a properly planned and maintained collection of living animals to offer an educational experience for the public.

Today, the zoo continues the tradition of high standards for animal care, education and conservation as a zoo accredited by the Association of Zoos & Aquariums.

“AZA accreditation signifies that the Tulsa Zoo is committed to meeting the very highest standards in the zoological profession,” said AZA President and CEO Dan Ashe. “It means that the Tulsa Zoo is a proven leader in animal care and welfare and in providing educational and meaningful experiences for visitors.”

Continuously accredited for more than 40 years, the Tulsa Zoo continues to meet ever-rising standards in animal care and welfare, veterinary programs, conservation, education and safety. AZA requires zoos and aquariums to successfully complete this rigorous accreditation process every five years in order to be members of the association.

“Tulsa can be proud of the zoo

for maintaining a commitment to high standards of animal care, for increasing our contribution to global wildlife conservation and for serving as an educational resource in the community,” said Tulsa Zoo President and CEO Terrie Correll. “As I reflect on the past 90 years, I appreciate the staff, past and present, who have helped the zoo inspire generations to care for the natural world.”

Visit the Tulsa Zoo's 90th anniversary exhibit, inside the Robert J. LaFortune Wildlife Trek Life in the Cold Exhibit, to discover how the zoo has and will continue to evolve. Guests can see the zoo's progress toward its master plan by visiting the Lost Kingdom exhibit complex, the Osage Casino & Hotel Giraffe Barn, and the Mary K. Chapman Rhino Reserve.



Courtesy Tulsa Zoo

EARLY VISITORS: The Tulsa Zoo has always been a popular place for visitors, but in days of yesteryear the Zoo was especially popular on Sunday's after church services. Above, visitors meander around Monkey Island, always a popular spot for attendees at the Tulsa Zoo.

Lead the Pack at Tulsa Zoo's St. John ZooRun

Race past tigers, giraffes and bears on your way to the finish line at St. John ZooRun on Saturday, Oct. 6, at the Tulsa Zoo. The 49th annual family friendly race features a 5k and 10k, plus the St. John 1-mile Fun Run.

Admission for the whole herd is part of the fun. Until 10 a.m., family members of participants can enter the zoo for free to cheer on runners at the finish line. After the race, runners can enjoy this year's hospitality area with the St. John Fun Run Fun Zone, educational activities, face painting and more.

“My family and I have been running together in different races all year, but we are looking forward to this fun and unique course,” said Zookeeper Eric Flossic. “I can't wait to run past the rhino and giraffes on our way to the finish line! No other 5k allows me to see the

animals I care for while running with the people I care about most.”

To help children get a strong start, the Tulsa Zoo supports 25-plus area schools by donating \$1 back for every school group entry. The zoo gave back to schools more than \$1,000 from last year's event.

For 49 years, the St. John ZooRun has benefited the Tulsa Zoo. Proceeds from this year's event will support the Building Beyond Your Wildest Dreams capital campaign, funding exhibits like the Lost Kingdom exhibit complex.

The annual run event would not be possible without generous sponsors, including Title Sponsor: St. John Health System a part of Ascension, the nation's largest Catholic and nonprofit health system; Packet Pick-Up Sponsor: New Balance Tulsa; Individual Sponsors: Linda Brown – real es-

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Information for Runners

Whether you are a strolling tortoise or a racing hare, there is a pace for you at this event. The St. John 1-mile Fun Run begins at 8 a.m., the 5k begins at 8:30 a.m. and the 10k begins at 9 a.m. Registration before Sept. 28 is \$30 for the 5k and 10k, \$25 for the St. John Fun Run. Sept. 28 is the last day to pre-register to be guaranteed a t-shirt.

The 5k and 10k races are certified by USA Track & Field. The longer race courses go through Mohawk

Park and end inside the Tulsa Zoo. The St. John Fun Run takes place entirely on zoo grounds.

For the safety of the runners, the gates to Mohawk Park will close at 8:20 a.m. but will re-open to the general public at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 6. For more information, visit tulsaazoo.org/run or contact the zoo at (918) 669-6602.

Information for Media

Media event: St. John ZooRun Mini-Aldabra tortoise race at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 18, at the Tulsa Zoo.

The Tulsa Zoo set a new record hatching 25 Aldabra tortoises, bringing the zoo's total hatchings to 161 Aldabra tortoises since 1999, when it started breeding this species.

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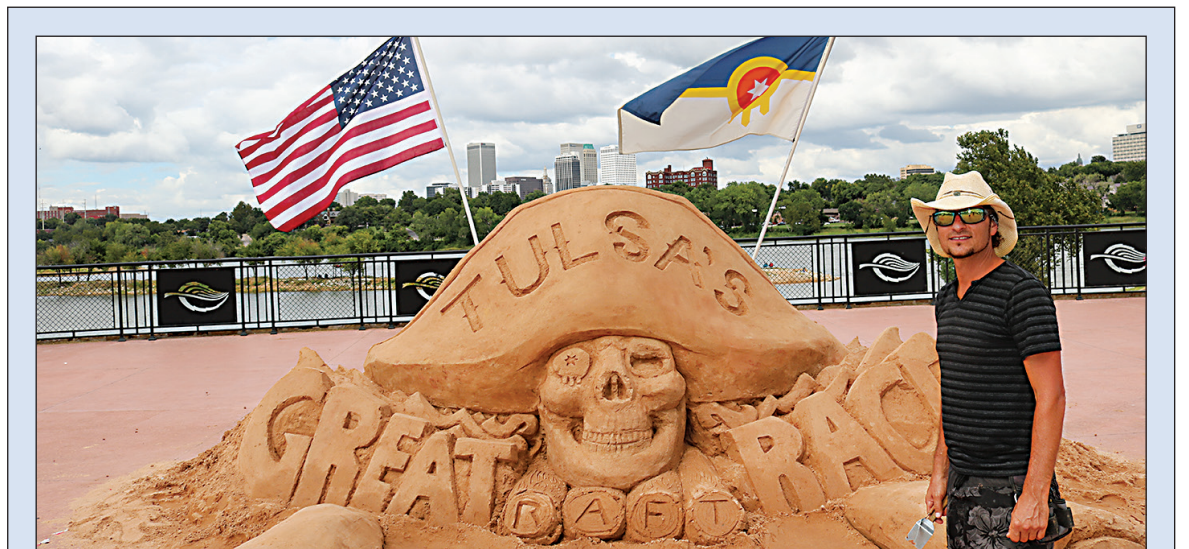
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GREAT RAFT RACE SAND SCULPTURE: Joaquin Cortez stands by his sand sculpture prepared for this year's Great Raft Race held on the Arkansas River on Labor Day. A Labor Day tradition, Tulsa's Great Raft Race returned for the fourth year since its revival in 2015. The event allows teams to build, float and race their homemade rafts down the Arkansas River.

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'Outsiders' Star to Appear at Tulsa Pop Culture Expo

C. Thomas Howell Added to Guest List

Tulsa Pop Kids is excited to announce C. Thomas Howell will be joining the event for Tulsa Pop Culture Expo.

Howell is known for his role as PonyBoy in Francis Ford Coppola's classic *The Outsiders*, Red Dawn and his current projects Ray Donovan, *Stitchers* and *Outcast*.

In addition to Howell's appearance at Tulsa Pop Culture Expo, a one-half to two-hour tour will take visitors to five or six locations where the *Outsiders* movie was filmed in Tulsa. The VIP *Outsiders* House Movie Tour is an exclusive Tulsa Pop Culture Expo event. Attendees must have a convention ticket to be eligible to purchase this exclusive tour.

This will be a unique opportunity to spend time with C. Thomas Howell, who will give live commentary about his movie shoot where he tells tales from his time with Tom Cruise, Rob Lowe, Patrick Swayze, Emilio Estevez, Ralph Macchio and many others.

On this VIP tour, guests will receive a commemorative T-shirt, VIP lanyard and badge, and a special backstage tour of the inside of the *Outsiders* House as it nears completion. Shuttles will be provided by 918 shuttles, and Tour of Tulsa will aid in making this event rich in history that visitors will never forget.

All the proceeds from the tours

will go to the *Outsiders* House Museum.

C. Thomas Howell will be joining previously announced guests,

fans to enjoy. Stay tuned for more announcements in the coming weeks.

Tulsa Pop Kids, XPO Game Festival and OKPOP are partnering together to bring the public the Tulsa Pop Culture Expo hosting Oklahoma Pop Culture to nationally recognized actors and comic industry pros, to the best gaming around.

"Tulsa needs a big convention with big celebrities," says Ron Veit, president of Tulsa Pop Kids. "Bringing the magic of the movies to Tulsa and knowing how our convention touches lives is what we are about."

Tulsa Pop Kids Inc. was created to provide support within the community to promote literacy programs for children through pop culture and entertainment. Tulsa Pop Kids Inc. uses a variety of resources to further its mission from donations of comic books to volunteers who dress up in cosplay to visit children in hospitals and elementary schools as well as local events that partner with other organizations in the community.

The Tulsa Pop Culture Expo will be held Nov. 2-4 at the Renaissance Hotel and Convention Center in Tulsa.

For more information, see www.tulsapopkids.org.



Zach Callison of *Stephen Universe*, *Just Add Magic*, and *The Zach Callison Show* (in production); John Schneider from *Dukes of Hazzard* and *Smallville*, actress Karen Gillan from such movies as *Avengers*, *Guardians of the Galaxy*, *Jumanji* and *Doctor Who*; Summer Glau from *Firefly*, *Arrow*, and *Terminator*; Sarah Connor Chronicles, and Butch Patrick known as Eddie Munster from *The Munsters*. Butch will also be bringing the hot rods, *Munster Koach* and *Dragula* for



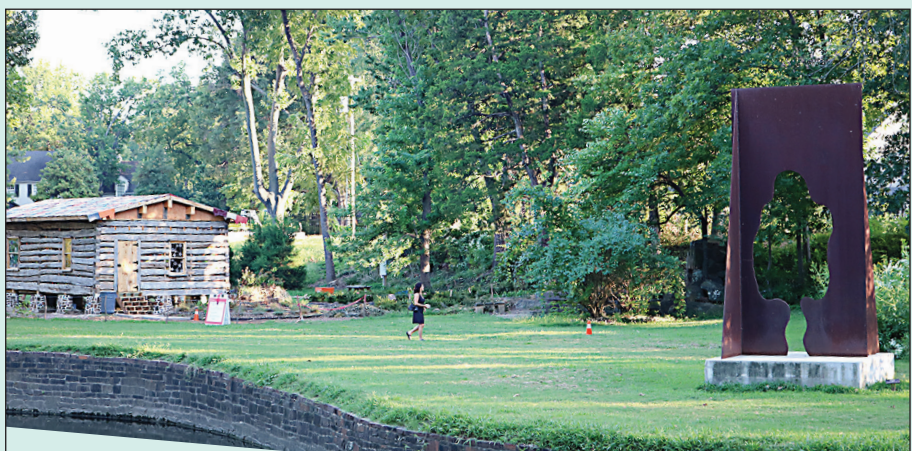
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PROMOTING MAGIC: Arthur Greeno, fundraising chair for the Tulsa Pop Culture Expo, was a recent visitor to the Gathering Place with his wife Noell and daughter Sydney. Speaking of the Expo, Greeno says, "This was a joint effort between 918 shuttles and Tours of Tulsa to make this a reality. When companies come together that want to benefit the community, it's where the magic happens."



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PAPA BOB'S COW: The art image above known as "Papa Bob's Cow," is by Carol Amos from St. Louis, Missouri. She will be one of many artists displaying works at the Women Artists of the West Tallgrass Rendezvous special art event taking place at the world famous Price Tower Arts Center in Bartlesville September 21 - November 4, 2018. For more information, visit www.waow.org.



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BEAUTIFUL GROUNDS: A visitor strolls through the Philbrook Museum of Art grounds recently on a beautiful summer day. To her left is a log cabin which was commissioned by award-winning artist Karl Unnasch to build and develop for the Museum grounds, which is used to facilitate programming and creating a gathering space both natural and enchanting. She is approaching the artwork known as "Negative Tree" by Menashe Kadishman one of many interesting works of art displayed at Philbrook.

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Early PSO, ONG Buildings Share Art Deco History

What do the Tulsa buildings at the southwest corner of 6th and Main streets and the northwest corner of 7th Street and Boston Avenue have in common?

They obviously look nothing alike. The former is only five stories and is faced with limestone. The latter is a high rise and, except for the first two floors, has a brick exterior.

These buildings were the early headquarters for Tulsa's utility companies: Public Service Co. of Oklahoma (PSO) and Oklahoma Natural Gas (ONG).

They were both designed in the office of architect Arthur M. Atkinson about a year apart at the height of Tulsa's art deco era. Today, they are in use as general office buildings. The companies that built and then outgrew them have moved on to larger facilities. PSO now occupies our historic Central High School, which it has been thor-

oughly remodeled. ONG has built a new high rise structure which was designed to be even taller than what was built.

On Architecture



By ROGER COFFEY, AIA

In 1928, Joe Koberling, the lead design architect for the Arthur M. Atkinson architectural firm, designed a \$600,000 building for ONG. The structure was reinforced concrete, 10 stories tall with a full basement. Midway through the design phase, Koberling took a leave of absence to spend a year in Europe, and design architect (second in command) Fredrick V. Kershner finished the project.

The exterior of the first floor has a traditional gothic treatment with a series of tall, semicircular arched openings, nine along the south elevation and three along the east side. The building probably occupies a typical 50 by 150 foot downtown lot. The massing of the building allows for slight vertical projecting



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UTILITY HEADQUARTERS: Designed in the office of architect Arthur M. Atkinson about a year apart at the height of Tulsa's art deco era, the buildings at the southwest corner of 6th and Main streets (left) and the northwest corner of 7th Street and Boston Avenue served as the headquarters for Oklahoma Natural Gas and Public Service Company, respectively. Both utility companies have moved to larger facilities and the two buildings are currently in use as general office buildings.

elements at each corner, incorporating one first floor arch. These are slightly taller than the remainder of the building. There is no cap or parapet cornice, but rather a subtle pattern of narrow vertical brick recesses. The window pattern is pairs, a set per each arch below. At the second floor these pairs each have a triangular transom at their sills. They also have a projecting false Juliet balcony in limestone. Transoms at windows between floors are brick with a pattern of narrow rectangles. Stone detail occurs around each arch at flush pilasters spaced between second floor windows. Steel canopies mark the entrances at the west end of the south elevation and the center of the east face.

The PSO building is the more

interesting of the two structures. It was built in 1929 for \$425,000 and was also designed by Joe Koberling (in Atkinson's office) after he returned from Europe. At five stories, it had a basement and was a reinforced concrete structure. The first floor also has a gothic treatment, but its arches are Tudor shaped with stepped-curved-stepped arch spring lines. Zigzag-designed steel canopies occur at the entrances on the east and north. The massing of the east façade is tripartite with a taller center of five windows wide and lower corners on either side with two windows wide. At the north façade there are two projecting taller masses at two windows wide. Spandrels between floors are stone with a vertical styled arrow-

head design. Entry doors are deeply recessed with stone transom panels worked in a design of diamonds and clovers.

The most interesting feature of this building is due to the PSO requirement to feature exterior lighting, a cutting edge idea in 1929. Koberling responded to this requirement by incorporating stone half octagon (projecting up) right shields above the second floor windows and triangular shaped hooded shields for down lights above the fifth floor windows. These shields were spaced at one pair per window and originally utilized colored lenses for dramatic effect. Sadly, the exterior lighting is no longer in use, but the prominent lighting shields are worth a drive by.

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PAULA WOOD CREATIONS AT POSH: Tulsa jewelry designer and design consultant Paula Wood, right, recently hosted a trunk show at Posh to help customers match jewelry to clothing. Enjoying the show at left is a customer and in the middle is Posh co-owner Susan Dittich, who is a partner with her daughter Melissa Gregory. Posh is located at 1701 S. Boston Ave. in Tulsa.



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Gary Glanz Celebrates 50 Years of Solving Crimes

Tulsa Detective has Solved Many National Cases

By K.J. WEBB
Contributing Writer

Tulsa Private Investigator Gary Glanz, dubbed the nation's "Super Sleuth" by the Wall Street Journal, is celebrating 50 years in the business of solving crimes, tracking down fugitives all over the world, recovering vast sums of money, fine art and treasures, and more. Glanz' track record of success over the decades firmly established his reputation as one of the best PI's in the nation. His Tulsa office, Glanz and Associates, receives calls from all over the country from clients seeking his agency's expert services.

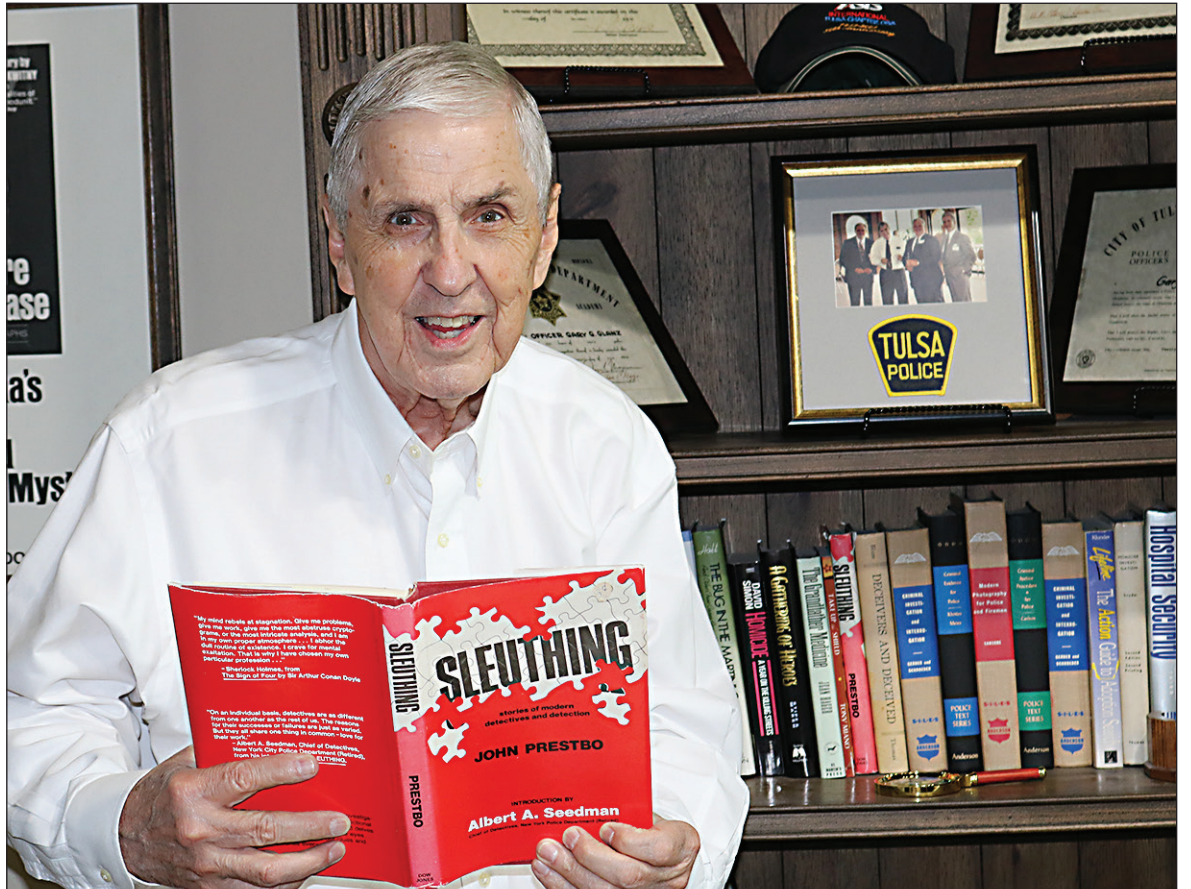
It's been an interesting career, to say the least. As Glanz says, "You can't make this stuff up," when referring to the cases he has worked and solved over the years. A perfect example is one of Glanz' most noted cases, the Mullendore murder. Considered the biggest murder mystery in Oklahoma's history, it went cold, until Glanz solved it. (His work resulted in the family receiving an insurance settlement that at the time was the largest settlement paid in an individual death in the history of the U.S. underwriting industry.)

Glanz' investigative work is guided by the instincts and skills he has acquired over the past five decades. When asked what the

most important skills an investigator needs to solve a case he says, "Like most things, nothing beats experience. It's the knowledge you've acquired over time that makes the critical difference when working a case."

And, Glanz has solved thousands of cases over the course of his career and has successfully: recovered \$693,500 of cash in the largest kidnapping and recovery in Oklahoma's history; recovered \$1.5 million in cash from a steamer trunk in Mexico City; located a "chop shop" containing 27 stolen semi-trucks worth \$3 million; recovered missing and kidnapped children in Australia, Canada, Mexico and South America; electronically recovered a significant amount of stolen data from a local computer database; located a daughter missing for 23 years in a five-minute computer search; in a divorce investigation for a local housewife, he identified and located more than \$14 million in hidden assets, including 450 pounds of gold and silver; and recovered 85 tons of rolled aluminum stolen by an employee of a local manufacturing facility.

When asked about how the business has changed over the years, Glanz says, "A lot has changed, but some things will always stay the same. Technology has changed significantly.



SUPER SLEUTH: Private detective Gary Glanz in his office holding the book "Sleuthing," in which he is featured. Glanz has been highlighted in many publications and books, including the Wall Street Journal.

The equipment we have today enables us to do things that were not possible as recently as a couple of years ago." As much as technology has changed however, human nature has not, Glanz says. "People will always do what they do. Human nature is fairly predictable. Technological advances won't change this." This is why, Glanz explains, that all the cutting-edge technology in the world will not be of any

use to an investigator without the investigator's depth, breadth, and years of experience backing it up, something 50 years in the business ensures.

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