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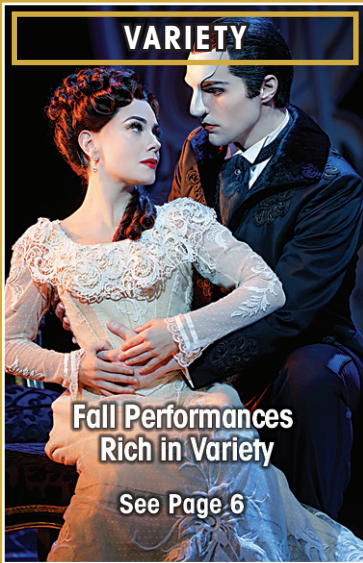
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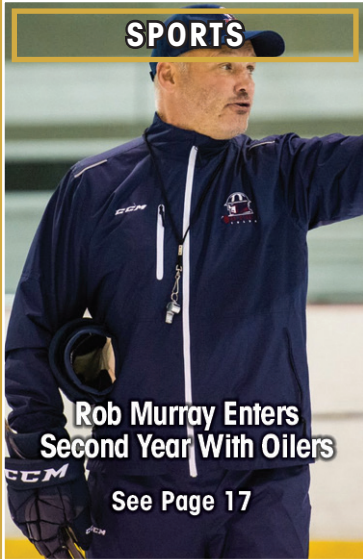
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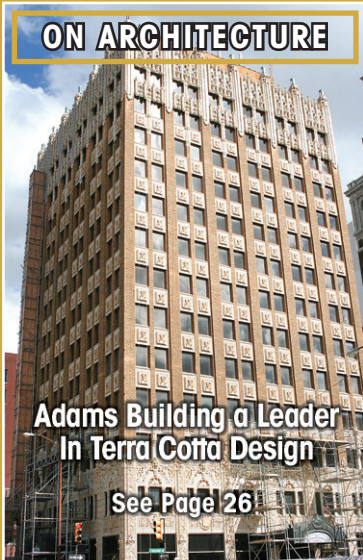
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## Getting to Know B.A. Board of Education

By KAYLEY FORSHEY  
Contributing Writer

Broken Arrow's Board of Education members serve alongside the community to support and protect the public school system of Broken Arrow. These members are dedicated public servants charged with establishing policies for the school system, based on Oklahoman and federal laws, to ensure the betterment of the community as a whole. They lead the district.

A graduate of Broken Arrow schools in 1989, Board President Steve Allen served in Broken Arrow schools from 1998 to 2002 as a teacher and coach. He serves in many community organizations, such as the Tulsa Regional Chamber, Broken Arrow Youth Football, and Big Brothers of Oklahoma, and currently works as a senior risk consultant for Commercial Risk Group Inc.

Vice President Steve Majors settled down in Broken Arrow after graduation from the University of Arkansas. He is currently working in sales and quality control



**DISTRICT LEADERS:** From left, President Steve Allen, Vice President Steve Majors, Deputy Clerk Cheryl Kelly, Clerk Jerry Denton, Minutes Clerk Debbie Hill and member John Cockrell make up B.A.'s board of education.

for P&M Industries and is an active member in various youth programs in the community. A Tulsa native, he graduated from East Central High School, attended Oklahoma State University and graduated from the Spartan School of Aeronautics. He and his wife Sheryl have two sons, who graduated from Broken Arrow High School, a daughter-in-law and two grandsons.

Board Clerk Jerry Denton was born and raised in Oklahoma with family ties to Broken Arrow through his parents. He attended schools in the Broken Arrow dis-

trict from kindergarten to graduation. After serving in the U.S. Navy, he returned to Broken Arrow to raise his children, sending them all to Broken Arrow schools from kindergarten through graduation. Denton currently works as the Supervisor of Inside Sales and Service at Dentsply Tulsa Dental Specialties.

Board Member Cheryl Kelly was re-elected in 2014 for her second term in office, serving district four. She also serves on the Oklahoma State School Board Association as the Region 4 Board Director. She believes that all children should

have educational opportunities to lead them to success.

Board Member John Cockrell and his wife, Jonna, have three children who attend Broken Arrow High School. He serves the community as a captain and paramedic for the Broken Arrow Fire Department.

The members of the board work tirelessly to ensure the educational future of Broken Arrow students is bright. Their responsibility to the community fuels their resolve to lead unselfishly, establishing policies that uphold the values of Broken Arrow Public Schools.

## B.A. Draws Legal Challenge from Activist Group

By BOB LEWIS  
Contributing Editor

Broken Arrow has a new set of rules and regulations affecting those who want to be part of the medical marijuana industry. If and when they will be in place, however, will be up to the state legislature and a district judge to decide.

Following the City Council's unanimous adoption of two new ordinances on Sept. 18 Attorney Ron Durbin, who represents the activist group Green the Vote, called them government overreach and was quoted as saying the ballot measure approved by voters which created the fledgling industry doesn't give cities the authority to adopt regulations like these.

At that time, he warned he would likely file a lawsuit against the city by Friday of that week. He kept that promise on Sept. 25. A tem-

porary restraining order was issued three days later.

Following that action, a statement was released by the city quoting Mayor Craig Thurmond as saying, "The City Council and I are disappointed in the decision. We will appeal the court's ruling immediately. While we respect the recent vote of the people on SQ 788, we believe all Oklahoma cities have the authority to have common sense rules and regulations in place for medical marijuana businesses in their communities."

City Attorney Trevor Dennis did however decry the lack of guidance coming from the state Capitol on how to proceed. That can't happen until the legislature reassembles in February unless a special session is called.

Taking the legal spotlight are two regulations.

Ordinance 3540 allows medical marijuana dispensaries in Com-

mmercial Mixed Use, Downtown Mixed Use, Commercial Neighborhood and Commercial Heavy zoning districts. They are also permissible within Area 6 and 7 of the Downtown Residential Overlay District. Commercial growing facilities and processors are permitted in Industrial Light or Industrial Heavy zoning districts as long as the plants are within a building.

Ordinance 3542 requires operators of a medical marijuana dispensary, a commercial grower or processor to maintain a valid commercial establishment license from the Oklahoma Department of Health as well as a City of Broken Arrow operating permit. Each permit costs \$2,500 and must be renewed annually.

Dispensaries, growers and processors are not allowed to operate within a structure that is less than 1,000 feet from a public or private school entrance.

Ordinance 3542 also deals with



medical marijuana growing facilities for personal use.

Under it, a qualified patient or caregiver license holder can grow marijuana on property owned by that individual or on rental property for which they have the property owner's written permission. Regardless of location, all home-grown medical marijuana plants must be in restricted areas that are not accessible to the public.

## KUDOS of the MONTH: Oktoberfest

Linde Oktoberfest Tulsa celebrates an authentic Bavarian culture in the heart of Oklahoma, and represents an incredible setting patterned after Oktoberfest Munich in Bavaria, Germany.

Scheduled for Oct. 18-21, with a private, Gemütlichkeit evening on Wednesday, Oct. 17, presented by Lufthansa Technik, Oktoberfest presents international German bands, Bavarian delicacies, authentic arts and crafts as well as games and competitions for the entire family.

Entering its 40th year, Oktoberfest offers große (huge) quantities of bratwurst, German biers, Bavarian cheesecake, great music and thousands of friends together at one place at River West Festival Park.

Named a 2017 Top-Five Oktoberfest as

ranked by USA Today and Condé Nast Traveler Magazine, Linde Oktoberfest Tulsa has just been named by Orbitz as one of the five Largest Oktoberfests in America.

General admission is \$10 at the gate (\$7 in advance) for adults, and free for children 12 and under. Friday, admission is free until 4 p.m. Service fees apply for online purchases. Advance online-only packages feature V.I.P. access, MaßKrug, Festival Money and more.

Tulsa Oktoberfest, Inc. is a 501(c)3 organization with a mission to produce a celebration of German culture which will benefit Tulsa and its River Parks. The festival is produced by River Parks Authority, which manages more than 70 miles of trails and green space along the Arkansas River.



**BAVARIAN CULTURE:** Linde Oktoberfest Tulsa, which started in 1979 and celebrates its 40th year in 2018, returns to River West Festival Park Oct. 18-21





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# Tulsa Press Club Honors Headliners

Mark Graham,  
Shaniqua Ray,  
Dr. Deborah Gist  
and Tony Moore  
Recognized

This year's Tulsa Press Club Headliners were honored Sept. 20 at the Helmerich Center for American Research at Gilcrease Museum. The honorees are 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; and Tony Moore, park director of Gathering Place and Guthrie Green.

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

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 Sea World. 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.

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

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The event was hosted by the University of Tulsa.

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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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**HEADLINERS:** This year's Tulsa Press Club Headliners are all smiles as they display their drawings by cartoonist Bruce Plante. From left are Mark Graham, Shaniqua Ray, Dr. Deborah Gist and Tony Moore.



Photo by RACHEL WEAVER SMITH

**HEADLINES COMMITTEE:** Headliners committee members included, from left, Jeromee Scot, Becki Watson, Lisa Johannsson, Rachel Anderson, Tahira Taqi, Kelli Bruer and Zack Stoycoff. Not pictured are Wayne Greene and Forrest Cameron.

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## CIVICS

# Gathering Place is a World-Class Destination

## From Tulsa's Mayor

By G.T. BYNUM  
Mayor of Tulsa

On Sept. 8, officials of Gathering Place swung the gates wide open and welcomed thousands of Tulsans into a veritable wonderland for people of all ages, diverse backgrounds and interests.

As mayor, I was lucky to have a position just inside the gate where I could welcome people as they entered the park. I will never forget the range of emotions I saw on the faces of those first visitors. Awe and gratitude...that's what I felt on this historic day for our city. There has never been a better time to be a Tulsan!

Just before we opened the gates, I had the honor of reading to the crowd the final book of the Gathering Place Reading Challenge, which was titled, "Goodnight, Goodnight, Construction Site." I'm so pleased that Tulsa County

children took the reading challenge to heart and read more than 2.2 million books. I believe the Reading Tree Stage will be one of the most popular places for kids to hang out in the park.

We are fortunate to have people who love our city so much, who love their fellow Tulsans so much that they would contribute the greatest gift of any park to any city in the history of America. I'm grateful to the George Kaiser Family Foundation for donating \$200 million, including \$50 million in land to the River Parks Authority, as well as more than \$150 million in pledges from corporate and community philanthropists.

I am also proud of the City of Tulsa for contributing \$65 million in park infrastructure and improvements to Riverside Drive, a two-mile section which has been closed since July 2015 for Gathering Place construction. I joined a group of friends just before 1 a.m. on Sept. 10 for the first drive down the new Riverside Drive. As Tul-



**OPENING DAY GREETING:** As Tulsa's mayor, I was proud to welcome visitors to the opening day at Gathering Place.

sans are seeing, it has become one of the iconic stretches of road in America.

When you visit Gathering Place, get ready to be transported to a transformational place that's a treat for all five of your senses. It's



**FUN TIMES:** The Gathering Place has fun things to do for people of all ages.

an amazing place where all Tulsans can come together and enjoy one of the greatest gifts to our city, both now and for future generations to come.

If you haven't had a chance yet to visit Gathering Place, I invite you to come out for the 100 Days of Opening Celebration. There's so much to see and do for the en-

tire family: Kayaking and paddleboat rental; BMX pump track and the skatepark; winding trails, water features; plenty of benches and tables that provide picnic spots; zip lines in the Sensory Garden; and much more! Gathering Place is open daily, 9 a.m. – 10 p.m. For more details, visit [www.gatheringplace.org](http://www.gatheringplace.org).

## Studies Are Underway to Examine OTC's Efficiency

During the last legislative session, you may recall there was a lot of discussion about ways to increase revenues. Equally important, there needs to be a discussion about how to improve the efficiency of the services provided by the state of Oklahoma to our cities and counties. One area of state government that directly impacts Oklahoma's cities and counties is the Oklahoma Tax Commission's (OTC) responsibility for the collection of sales taxes. Cities and counties rely on sales taxes to support important projects. In Tulsa County, the sales tax is the main funder of the jail, the new mental health pods at the jail, the new Family Justice Center,

and of course the Vision projects. Anytime a purchase is made in Tulsa County, a sales tax is paid by the customer. It's then the obligation of the business to remit all of the taxes they collected to the OTC. Then, the OTC has the responsibility to distribute the tax proportionately to cities and

counties. For providing this service, the OTC takes ½ percent of the total taxes raised. Recently, questions have been raised at the capitol regarding how effective the OTC is in discovering and recovering sales tax from businesses. In other words, are the cities and counties getting all of the taxes they are entitled to?

To answer this question, and to see if there are opportunities for improvement, two studies to examine OTC's efficiency are underway this fall. These assessments come at a time when the Supreme Court has recently decided that online purchases must include state and local sales taxes and the passage of SQ 788 which will result in additional tax collection obligations from medical marijuana businesses.

The first study, requested by Senator Dave Rader, on Tulsa County's behalf, will be heard this month by the Senate Appropriations and Budget Committee. They will hear from leaders in the private sector

who believe there are new and better ways to make the OTC more efficient with its auditing and tax collection responsibilities.

The second assessment, which will occur simultaneously with the Interim Study mentioned above, comes under the auspices of the Agency Performance and Accountability Commission (APAC), which the Legislature created in 2017. This nine member private sector panel is legislatively charged with conducting performance audits of the state's top 20 agencies over the next four years.

APAC choose the OTC to be in the first group of agencies to be audited and in June, after a competitive bid process, APAC hired the international auditing and accounting firm KPMG to conduct a performance audit of OTC operations. In September, a team of six KPMG team members arrived at the OTC to begin the audit.

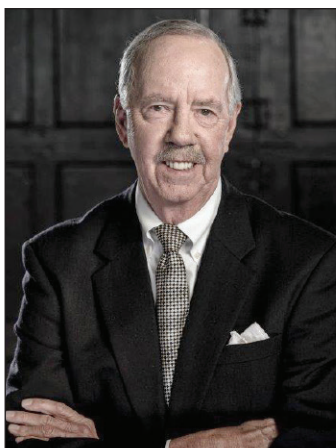
Importantly, when the legislature created the APAC, the law specifically stated that the recommendations from the performance audits *shall be implemented* unless the legislature finds reasons that it should not be. The report by KPMG is to be completed by the end of 2018.

The OTC, like all state agencies, has seen its budget reduced over the past three years. There is little doubt that this has impacted OTC's capacity to efficiently serve Oklahoma's cities and counties. Perhaps these two assessments will

find opportunities such as privatizing some of the tax administrative work or permitting cities and counties to do it themselves which could have benefits across all levels of government.

While the discussion on raising new revenues may have died down for now, we still need to answer the question: "Is the OTC collecting all of the sales tax cities and counties are entitled to?"

## From Tulsa County



By COMMISSIONER  
RON PETERS

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## Cancer Treatment Centers Offer \$3 Million Donation To Tulsa's Gathering Place

Gathering Place recently announced that Cancer Treatment Centers of America (CTCA) pledged a \$3 million donation to support the Willow Beach area on the west side of Peggy's Pond.

"For the past 30 years, CTCA has been committed to Tulsa and the region," said Jay Foley, president and CEO of CTCA Tulsa. "It is our honor and privilege to invest in the Gathering Place and be part of such an iconic development in our community. The CTCA founding family, led by Richard J. Stephenson, has generously made our contribution possible, to whom we are incredibly grateful. We look forward to enjoying this amazing space with our families, friends, employees and patients and witness the impact it will have on Tulsa."

Gathering Place is a park along the Arkansas River that connects three previously independently owned sites with the existing

River Parks. Phase I, the first 66.5 acres, includes experiences for all ages. From the five-acre Adventure Playground to Mist Mountain, sport courts, bike and skate parks, nature trails, and large lawns for concerts, there are activities for the entire family to enjoy. Additional features include the Williams Companies Lodge, QuikTrip Great Lawn, ONEOK Boathouse, and the Chapman Foundations Adventure Playground, which are great for recreational and social gatherings.

"We are excited to receive such a generous donation from CTCA," said Jeff Stava, executive director and trustee of Tulsa's Gathering Place, LLC. "It has been wonderful seeing the support from the business community to help make this park a reality."

More information and the latest updates can be found by visiting [www.gatheringplace.org](http://www.gatheringplace.org).

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# Owasso Chamber of Commerce President and CEO Gary Akin Promotes Regionalism, Partnerships

By EMILY RAMSEY  
Contributing Editor

*Editor's Note: Owasso Chamber of Commerce President Gary Akin 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 Broken Arrow City Manager Michael Spurgeon.*

Owasso Chamber of Commerce President and CEO Gary Akin is known throughout the community as a tireless, persistent advocate for business and industry in Owasso and northeastern Oklahoma.

Though Akin is not an Owasso native (he hails from Disney, Oklahoma), his more than four decades of representing Owasso, 24 years as chamber president, well illustrate his passion for the city.

Akin became involved with the chamber during his 19 years with First Bank of Owasso, starting in 1976. He served on the chamber's board of directors for six years, serving as chairman in 1992.

"When the president position became available in 1995, I applied, confident that I could bring finan-

cial and community knowledge to the position," Akin says.

Since taking his role, Akin says he has seen a tremendous population growth in Owasso and a redefined purpose of the chamber itself. He says, "Owasso has grown in city population from 13,300 in 1995 to currently over 36,000. Our 2018 estimated zip code population is 45,000. That growth has caused the chamber to widen its views and focus on a broad number of issues that impacts its businesses on both a macro and micro level. Representing our businesses on legislative initiatives, economic development, job creation, workforce development, regional partnerships, and state and federal legislation is imperative."

Akin is a strong advocate of regionalism. He says, "To some, the success of Tulsa and our regional partner cities may not seem directly related to Owasso. To the contrary, for Owasso to be dynamic and vibrant, we must strive to develop a dynamic region."

For that reason, the Owasso Chamber is actively involved in regional partnership activities, including Tulsa Regional Chamber's upcoming annual Intercity Visit, October 9-11. This year, Akin and chamber chair Dr. Kathy Campbell will join over 100 other regional officials on a visit to Columbus, Ohio, to gain insights into that city's success and best practices.

On a micro level, Akin is proud of the work that the chamber does to educate business leaders on current issues and trends. "I believe that we offer outstanding educational programming via our membership and legislative luncheon series, held inside the state-of-the-art facilities of Tulsa Tech Conference Center, in Owasso," Akin says, adding, "We endeavor to offer monthly programs featuring leaders of state and federal government, corporate officials, and community leaders with the hope that when our members leave that day, not only have they networked with other members, they have also learned valuable information."

Additionally, Akin credits the collaborative efforts of the city government, school systems, economic development officials and chamber leadership as reason for Owasso's continuous growth.

The Redbud District in downtown Owasso has seen a flurry of recent developments, with millions of private dollars being invested in residential and business expansion, including construction nearing completion of Seven6Main and Mowery Retail and Lofts.

"The Redbud District is creating an exciting spirit of community pride," says Akin. "In a few years, people won't recognize the downtown landscape; it will be vibrant and filled with various businesses and family activities."

Among the chamber's efforts



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**OVERSEEING PROGRESS:** Owasso Chamber of Commerce President and CEO Gary Akin at one of Owasso's gems, the state-of-the-art facilities of Tulsa Tech Conference Center where the Chamber offers outstanding educational programming via the membership and legislative luncheon series.

to promote small businesses is its support of the Shop Small national program for the past five years. This year, Shop Small will take place on the Saturday after Thanksgiving, Nov. 24. "Small businesses are the economic engine of America," Akin says.

Approximately 45 businesses will participate in this year's promotion intended to increase sales for local businesses and promoting the concept of shopping small and shopping local.

To award local shoppers, there will be secret shoppers out and

about on that day giving away prizes, notes Akin; also, shoppers who have visited the most local shops will have the opportunity to receive additional prizes.

Akin adds, "Our chamber is small, but very respected. We are led by an outstanding board of directors, complimented by hard working ambassadors, and run daily by a dedicated staff of three full time employees."

As Owasso enters its next phase of growth, there is no doubt that Akin will be standing by, cheering it on.



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**GOVERNATORIAL FACEOFF:** Oklahoma gubernatorial candidates faced off in a debate at the Oct. 3 Rotary Club of Tulsa weekly meeting at the First United Methodist Church in downtown Tulsa. Shown above are, from left, Rotary President Hannibal Johnson, Republican candidate Kevin Stitt, Democrat candidate Drew Edmondson, and Rotarian John O'Connor, who served as the moderator. The debate drew a crowd of more than 250 Rotarians and guests who submitted questions ahead of time.

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## VARIETY

# Busy Fall Features Performances Rich in Variety

My children came back to Tulsa recently from their homes in New York City and San Francisco and marveled at the breadth and convenience of our entertainment options.

Tulsa's theaters, parks, sports complexes and casinos offer non-stop activity. What's more, tickets are more plentiful here, often less expensive, and parking and traffic aren't such ordeals. Our Tulsa renaissance is thrilling to observe and fun to share.

One performance venue that has stepped up is the Tulsa PAC. In the next few weeks, there are more than a dozen different events scheduled at the PAC, and many with multi-performances. The variety is impressive.

Slated for a return to the Tulsa PAC is the progressive Tesla Quartet, presented by Chamber Music Tulsa. Lauded by major music reviewers for their ability "to find the inner heart of everything they play," Tesla will perform music by composers from three continents, Sunday, Oct. 14. Preceding that is the debut of CMT's new Friday Night Gallery Series, Oct. 12 at Renaissance Square Event Center on 11th Street.

Chamber Music Tulsa is looking ahead to the fabulous Brentano Quartet with violist Hsin-Yun Huang when the ensemble performs for the Friday Night Gallery Series audience at 108 Contemporary in the Tulsa Arts District, Nov. 9, and at the PAC, Nov. 11. The Brentano Quartet is one of the most celebrated chamber groups in existence.

Tulsa Opera stages Rossini's "Barber of Seville" at the PAC on Oct. 19 and 21, starring Tulsa's Sarah Coburn, an internationally known soprano, joined by American

tenor Aaron Blake and lyric baritone Steven LaBrie. The opera is sung in Italian, with subtitles projected above the stage.

Among the many other events we can look forward to at the PAC in the weeks ahead are two dance events. The contemporary all-male dance group 10 Hairy Legs was a big hit when Choregus Productions hosted the group last year. See them at the PAC, Oct. 20.

"Dracula," choreographed by Ben Stevenson, is visually stunning, not only for Tulsa Ballet's dancing, which is always top-notch, but for the terrifying ghost horses, Dracula and his dramatic cape, and the flying zombie-ghosts. You can catch this spooky, delightful production Oct. 25-28.

Also at the PAC are the children's program, ArcAttack (science and rock music), Oct. 26, and jazz pianist Aaron Diehl, Oct. 27. The play "Sovereignty," staged by Heller Theatre, Oct. 26-Nov. 4, was written by Oklahoma playwright Mary Kathryn Nagle. It's about a female Cherokee lawyer trying to reclaim sovereignty and jurisdiction for the Cherokee nation.

Broadway's "Love Never Dies," presented by Celebrity Attractions, Oct. 30-Nov. 4 is Andrew Lloyd Webber's sequel to "The Phantom of the Opera." The story takes place in 1907, 10 years after the Phantom disappears into the bowels of the Paris Opera House. He has fled to New York and joined the sideshows on Coney Island. His love, Christine, has married, had a child, and become an international opera star. The Phantom lures her to Coney Island, where the music of the night plays to her tender sensibility once again.

## Show Buzz



By NANCY HERMANN



**DRACULA:** Performed by Tulsa Ballet, "Dracula" is a ghoulish and delightful Halloween outing Oct. 25-28 at the Tulsa PAC.



**CRYSTAL:** Cirque Du Soleil Crystal plays at the BOK Center Nov. 7-11.



**STEVIE WONDER:** The legend appears at the Hard Rock Casino, Nov. 2-3.



**PAULA ABDUL:** The multi-talented pop star performs at the River Spirit Casino Resort Oct. 18.



**LOVE NEVER DIES:** The sequel to "The Phantom of the Opera" debuts at the PAC Oct. 30-Nov. 4.



**HAIRY LEGS:** Choregus Productions presents the contemporary dance group 10 Hairy Legs Oct. 20.



**CHAMBER MUSIC:** Tesla Quartet performs at the Renaissance Square Event Center Oct. 12, and at the PAC Oct. 14.

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Theatre Tulsa presents the musical "Barnum," Nov. 2-10, centering on showman P.T. Barnum. Combining circus acts and Broadway, the musical covers the life of Barnum from 1835 through 1880. Scott Black commands the title role.

The River Spirit Casino hosts Bob Dylan and his Band, Oct. 12, and the band Garbage, Oct. 13. Singer and choreographer Paula Abdul brings her Straight Up! tour, to the casino's Paradise Cove, Oct. 18. Abdul was discovered by the Jacksons when she was a cheerleader and choreographer for the L.A. Lakers. She found success with a string of hits, beginning in 1989 and has stayed relevant through her appearances as a judge and performer on numerous TV shows. She's earned two Emmys, two Grammys and three American Music Awards.

Other headliners coming our way at the River Spirit are actor and comic Dr. Ken Jeong, Oct. 25, American singer, songwriter and guitarist Boz Skaggs, Oct. 26; country singer Maren Morris, Oct. 27, and pop diva Christina Aguilera, Nov. 4.

Aguilera's robust voice and exceptional showmanship have bolstered her staying power. This is the first time she has toured in a

decade, having spent a few seasons anchored in a red chair on "The Voice." If her show sells out, opt for Frankie Valli & The Four Seasons at the River Spirit, Nov. 10. "Jersey Boy" Valli has turned out his first new studio album in 15 years, "Romancing The '60s," in which he sings songs he's always wanted to record.

The Joint at the Hard Rock welcomes singer Bret Michaels, Oct. 27, and Stevie Wonder, Nov. 2-3. The winner of 25 Grammys, Stevie Wonder is the most awarded solo artist in history. A child prodigy, he signed on with Motown at the age 11. We are fortunate to see and hear him perform "The Stevie Wonder Song Party, a Celebration of Life, Love and Music" in a smaller venue like The Joint.

Back at The Brady, Fleetwood Mac guitarist and singer Lindsey Buckingham performs a show of his own, Nov. 8, and Tulsa-born singer Ben Rector plays the Brady, Nov. 10. The Broken Arrow PAC presents "Monty Python's Spamalot," Nov. 6, and The Ten Tenors, Nov. 11. Finally, enjoy a spectacular Cirque Du Soleil Crystal at the BOK Center, Nov. 7-11.

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# D.C. Rally Brought Red Dirt Music to the Masses

"Can we make an honest effort, can we see beyond our greed, sunshine, wind and water is all we really need."

— Bob Childers

The song, "Sunshine, Wind and Water" from Bob Childers' debut

album, "I ain't no Jukebox," may be the most important song in the history of Red Dirt music.

Known as Dylan of the Dust as well as the Godfather of Red Dirt music, Childers' 1979 protest song caught the ear of organizers of a national no-nukes rally.

The rally took place in Washington, D.C., May 6, 1979, barely a month after the Three Mile Island disaster in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, and was the nation's largest gathering of anti-nuclear protesters ever to that point.

Estimates vary depending on the source, but anywhere from 65,000 to 125,000 protesters from coast to coast descended on the nation's capitol, where they listened to speeches, marched and chanted, "Hell no, we won't glow," and enjoyed some of the era's best music.

Graham Nash, Arlo Guthrie, Jackson Brown and Pete Seeger are a few of the acts sharing the stage with Childers that day. Joni Mitchell made a rare public appearance to sing an updated version of her

hit song, "...they paved paradise, put up a nuclear hotspot."

The 32-year-old Childers taking the stage that day marks the official coming-out party for Red Dirt music, a genre that is still growing today as bands like Turpike Troubadours and Jason Boland and the Stragglers continue to pack venues and gain national notoriety.

Born in West Virginia and raised in Ponca City before moving to California to study music at Berkely, Childers was an Okie by choice, insisting that, "California had the money and the reputation, but Oklahoma had the magic."

He's known as a bit of a gypsy traveler, although details of these travels were never sufficiently documented, as Childers' autobiography, *Riding*

with the Rangers, was never completed. Unfortunately, he never really got into the details.

"We found a book that Bob started, *Ridin'* with the Rangers... and Bob didn't have anything but titles," recalls Childers' friend John Cooper of the Red Dirt Rangers. "He had titles for all the chapters. There wasn't any material, he just had titles. I thought that was so great and that was so Bob Childers."

In 1972, he met fellow Red Dirt pioneer Chuck Dunlap and decided to make Stillwater home, marking the end of his gypsy travel days.

es. There are dark halls and tight spaces in this cinematic nightmare haunt. We recommend this trip for anyone seeking out their favorite villains and vixens.

The allstars are there, but they now have additional friends. Haunters beware of this terrifying 5 haunt.

Perhaps the most infamous of the Halloween Festival is the Trail of Blood. Hearts race once guests realize they have suddenly been abandoned in the backwoods of the Castle. There are multiple routes on the trail and groups have certainly been known to lose one another. Fans of this haunt may also enjoy the excitement provided during the Dark Tower Zombie Hunt, where you are issued a weapon and tasked with a mission to clear the area of Zombies.

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Photo by Dorothy Marder

**NO NUKES:** Thousands of protesters descend on the nation's Capital May 6, 1979 in response to the nuclear disaster at Three Mile Island. Red Dirt pioneer Bob Childers was among the musical acts at the rally.

He established himself as one of the best songwriters in the state over the next few years before teaming up with Jimmy Lafave, who was instrumental in getting Childers' 1979 debut album recorded.

Staying true to my commitment to *Searching for the Sound*, I have searched for "I Ain't No Jukebox," and it appears to be about as rare as the Gutenberg Bible. (A bit of an exaggeration, you can get a used LP online if you're willing to pay \$300 plus shipping). However, you can hear an excellent version of *Sunshine, Wind and Water*, performed by Scott Evans, on the three-disc, various-artist collection, "Restless Spirit: A Tribute to the Songs of Bob Childers," an outstanding collection of Childers songs for a much more budget-friendly \$33.



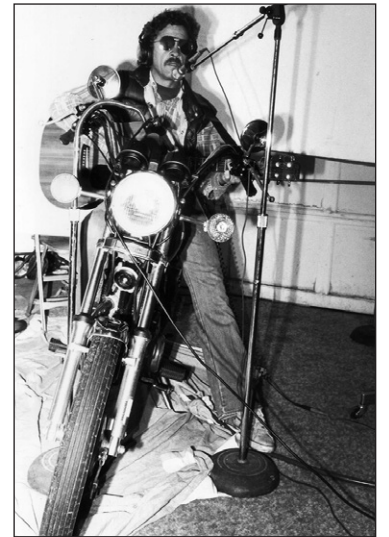
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**LEGENDS:** Bob Childers performing with Tom Skinner at The Blue Door in Oklahoma City. Tom Skinner's Skyline Festival, a fundraiser for Red Dirt Relief Fund, is Oct. 14 across two venues at 18th Street and Boston Avenue.

Last May, another tribute to Childers, the eighth annual Bob Childers' Gypsy Café in Stillwater, featured dozens of the best Red Dirt musicians around and raised more than \$30,000 for Red Dirt Relief Fund, a 501(c)3 non-profit organization that aids musicians and music professionals burdened with medical bills or other financial hardships.

Bob Childers' Gypsy Café is the largest fundraiser of the year for RDRF, and while the ninth annual festival is seven months away, the second-largest fundraiser of the year, Tom Skinner's Skyline Festival, is right around the corner.

Sunday, Oct. 14 from 3 – 10:30 p.m. across two venues at 18th Street and Boston Avenue, the festival boasts an impressive lineup, featuring John Fullbright with Jacob Tovar, Paul Benjamin, Mike McLure, Scott Evans, Wink Burcham, and BC and the Big Rig to name a few. So come out on a Sunday afternoon for some good music for a good cause. Because I'm afraid I disagree with the Godfather: sunshine, wind and water



Courtesy photo

**THE GODFATHER:** Widely considered the Godfather of Red Dirt music, Bob Childers (1946-2008) brought Stillwater, Oklahoma's unique genre to tens of thousands of anti-nuclear protesters in 1979.

isn't enough. I also need good friends and good music.

That, and to keep searching, keep listening.

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For the thrill seekers of Castleton, the Castle is proud to introduce Casa Morte's Murder Castle.

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Domus Horrificus has also upgraded its shell with a new skin... The Horror Film themed haunt has new residents.

Slender Man has made a home within the walls of Horrificus. With the familiar terror of the Purge, guests may have no other option but to escape through ventilation shafts and crawl spac-

es. There are dark halls and tight spaces in this cinematic nightmare haunt. We recommend this trip for anyone seeking out their favorite villains and vixens.

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ple, at skulls, the Haunted Hayride provides eerie excitement without the residual nightmares. Within the Castle walls, guests can step up to by daring a stroll through Casa Morte or with Domus Horrificus. With a scale from 0 to 5, over 11 events, there is have something to entertain everyone.

The Castle of Muskogee Halloween Festival runs every Friday and Saturday through Oct. 27. Parking and admission is free. Tickets must be purchased for each attraction and prices range from \$3 to \$15. Advanced tickets may be purchased on-line. Go to okcastle.com to check out pricing. Unaccompanied minors (Under 18) must have a photo ID to enter. Minors (under 16) must be in attendance with a responsible adult at all times.

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## DINING IN GREATER TULSA

# Bramble Breakfast & Bar Popular in Pearl, Riverwalk

### Local Dining

By **BLAKE AUSTYN**  
Contributing Writer

The Bramble Breakfast and Bar opened in Tulsa's Pearl District in August.

The restaurant, offering breakfast and lunch dishes, opened its original location in the Blue Dome District before moving to Jenks' Riverwalk Crossing and then expanding into the Pearl District at 1302 E. 6th St.

The Bramble's breakfast and lunch menu is offered all day. This is a noteworthy piece of information, considering that both locations remain open through the dinner hour. The Pearl District location is open Monday-Thursday 8 a.m.-9 p.m., Friday and Saturday 8 a.m.-10 p.m. and Sunday 8 a.m.-3 p.m. In Jenks, the Bramble is open Sunday-Thursday 8 a.m.-3 p.m. and Friday and Saturday 8 a.m.-9 p.m.

The Pearl District space at the corner of 6th Street and Peoria Avenue was originally home to the Phoenix coffee shop. While many were sad to see the Phoenix go last year, the Bramble is proving to be a popular addition to the budding district filled with local pride.

Construction is also underway across the street on the northeast corner on a building that will be home to a bookstore and art gallery. It was previously a mechan-

ic's shop, and 1Architecture, LLC, Principal Kevin Hale says that the renovated building will maintain much of the former exterior, including its garage doors, which will open to the building's outdoor patio and seating. Construction is expected to be completed in approximately six months, he says.

The interior of the Bramble's space is striking, offering a light and airy yet elegant and expansive feel with glass chandeliers and all-glass front windows.

After being seated in a nice booth facing the wall of windows, our waitress shared with us some of the popular menu items, including the Monte-Carlo Benedict, a twist on eggs benedict with monte-carlo elements; the Avocado Toast, with avocado, tomato, red onion and cucumber salad, all on toast with red wine vinaigrette; and the Bramwich Bowl, with two eggs, a sausage patty, biscuits and potatoes.

The menu also includes a number of pancake options, including buttermilk, seasonal fruit and hot chocolate. I saw a nearby dining neighbor order and receive them, and they were huge!

There are other egg dishes for breakfast, as well as lunch options,

including Spicy Chicken Mac & Cheese, Bloody Mary Shrimp & Cheddar Grits, and Cobb Salad.

For our meals, I chose the Quinoa Breakfast Bowl, a healthy option with greens, tomato, avocado, olive, feta, basil pesto and one poached egg on top. I enjoyed the dish very much. As one who prefers not to eat meat, however, I could have used one more vegetable ingredient—maybe cucumbers or more tomatoes or avocados. But it was still a very enjoyable and healthy dish.

One of my friends chose the Veggie Omelet with a side of two latkes, basically potato pancakes—or hash browns. This was probably my favorite dish. It was very flavorful. The latkes were tasty and crisp. Next time, I would enjoy trying the other side option of breakfast potatoes.

Our other companion chose the breakfast tacos, which came with mojo pork, scrambled eggs, cotija, cilantro, onion and salsa verde on a corn tortilla. Although, honestly, even with all of those ingredients, I mostly only tasted the egg and pork. I wish that I would have tasted more of the cilantro, onion and salsa. But the amount of egg and pork were substantial.

More information about the Bramble can be found at [bramble-bartulsa.com](http://bramble-bartulsa.com).



BLAKE AUSTYN for GTR Newspapers

**EYE-CATCHING INTERIOR:** The Bramble opened in Tulsa's Pearl District in August at 1302 E. 6th St., sitting in the former Phoenix coffee shop location. The classy eatery offers breakfast and lunch items and remains open through the evening hours.

## SNAP-Accepting Farmers Markets Staying Busy

The start of autumn means summer has faded and fall is here. Oklahoma farmers markets are still open to serve consumers through the fall harvest. Buyers can taste the difference of locally-grown squash, okra, peppers and more. These fall markets also have year-round favorites such as meat, eggs, dairy, jams, bread and other packaged food. Oklahoma has 40 farmers markets accepting Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and Senior Farmers Market benefits across the state. SNAP-accepting farmers markets help more families have access to fresh quality food. To find the nearest SNAP-accepting farmers market visit [onieproject.org/farmersmarkets](http://onieproject.org/farmersmarkets).

"By shopping at an Oklahoma farmers market, you can trust that you will have high-quality food from the farm to your kitchen. Now farmers markets are open through the fall," Oklahoma Nutrition Information and Education (ONIE) Project's Principle Investigator Karla Finnell said. "Not only will you taste the difference in the food, but your whole family will also enjoy the fun-fulfilled and welcoming community."

Take advantage of the quality, locally-grown produce at the markets this fall.

The Cherry Street Farmers Market in Tulsa at 15th Street and Peoria Avenue is a weekly market open to the public and provides convenient access to affordable,

high-quality foods and goods. Featuring Oklahoma grown and made products, the market allows local farmers, food producers and artisans to provide customers with the best the state has to offer. With fresh foods, seasonal produce, and a variety of hand-made skincare and craft items, there is something for everyone. This market welcomes SNAP benefits and participates in the Double Up Oklahoma a program matching SNAP dollars up to \$20 a day.

An additional farmers market in greater Tulsa is the year-round mobile R&G Family Grocers which participates in the Double Up Oklahoma Program. For more information, visit [www.tulsareal-goodfood.org/rgfamilygrocers](http://www.tulsareal-goodfood.org/rgfamilygrocers).



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Since 2001, Dress for Success Tulsa has provided over 15,000 Tulsa area women with the confidence, credibility, and clothing

they need to reach their full potential. The Career Services division is responsible for guiding women in transition through the process of obtaining gainful employment; and providing them with the tools and networking opportunities needed to help them retain and advance in their careers.

Contribution to the mission will be recognized and will place donors within a prestigious group of corporations and individuals who have championed the Dress for Success cause for many years. In addition, donors will be supporting an invaluable service in this community that has impacted thousands of women and their families free of

charge. Together all can all play a part in empowering women as they journey towards their personal and professional success.

For more information contact Board President Katherine Skorvaga at [Director@Tulsadressforsuccess.org](mailto:Director@Tulsadressforsuccess.org). Also, visit [tulsa.dressforsuccess.org](http://tulsa.dressforsuccess.org) or call 918-599-8892.

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**EMPOWERING WOMEN:** Getting ready for the Dress for Success Evening of Empowerment Gala are, from left, President Katherine Skorvaga, Board Member Katrina Shaw, Advisory Board Member Pat Simmons and Board Member Rhonda Cunningham.

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## HEALTH & WELLNESS

# CTCA Cancer Survivors Recognized at 23rd 'Celebrate Life' Event for Amazing Five-Year Patient Treatment Milestone

In September, 238 survivors were invited to celebrate their personal triumphs over cancer, five years after first receiving treatment at Cancer Treatment Centers of America (CTCA) in Tulsa. The event kicked off with a tree planting ceremony at the hospital.

The 23rd annual "Celebrate Life" event for CTCA honored almost 50 of the 238 five-year cancer survivors who traveled from around the country to attend the festivities.

"This is one of our favorite days of the year – to be able to share this memorable milestone in our patients' lives is exciting for our entire hospital staff," said Jay Foley, president and CEO at CTCA in Tulsa. "We have honorees that have traveled from as far as Wy-

oming and South Carolina to be a part of this uplifting day.

"Our entire team – from medical oncologists and registered nurses to physical therapists and licensed dietitians – works together with the patient and their caregivers to accomplish the goal of not just surviving, but thriving," added Foley. "This event is an important tradition that commemorates their incredible journey and every single new day they enjoy."

Honorees had the opportunity to add their names on to the hospital's lobby Interactive Survivor Tree, which allows visitors to select a specific person's leaf and learn more about their cancer story.

Additional activities included a "Camp Thrive Survivorship Fair"

in the hospital Gallery to learn about integrative services CTCA offers to help patients thrive after cancer treatment. Celebrate Life honorees and their families were then shuttled to Renaissance Hotel for a recognition ceremony and brunch. The event concluded with attendees dancing the "Cancer Fighters Slide," an original song and dance created for the event.

Including survivors, families and friends, about 250 people attend Celebrate Life.

Last year, CTCA Tulsa, which is celebrating 28 years in the city, saw patients from 36 states, as well as Guam, the Bahamas and Virgin Islands. The average distance that patients travel to CTCA in Tulsa is about 270 miles.



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**INCREDIBLE JOURNEY:** Cancer patients from Cancer Treatment Center in Tulsa celebrate their five years of being cancer free at the "Celebrate Life" event.

## Former NFL Players Discuss Prostate Cancer at CTCA

Cancer Treatment Centers of America hosting a Prostate Pep Talk in September with former NFL players Steve Largent, Liffort Hobley and Jerry Ostroski, and prostate cancer patient Richard Smith. They, along with Dr. Kevin Tulipana, CTCA's Vice Chief of Staff, were on the panel to discuss statistics and screening practices for prostate cancer to help save lives. Prostate cancer is the second most common cancer among men.

Among the panelists, Largent played at The University of Tulsa and went on to an NFL Hall of Fame career with the Seattle Seahawks. Hobley played at LSU, then played pro one season with the St. Louis Cardinals and seven seasons with the Miami Dolphins.

Ostroski is currently with local radio's Sports Animal. He played at The University of Tulsa and went on to play pro ball with the Buffalo Bills. He has a personal connection to prostate cancer, as his father passed away from the disease. Smith is a prostate cancer patient who lives in Norman. Dr. Tulipana is CTCA's Vice Chief of Staff.

Details: As many as 1,500 men ages 40 and older may sign up to receive a free Prostate Specific Antigen (PSA) screening at nearly 2,000 LabCorp locations throughout the United States. Eligible men may order their free or discounted PSA screening by visiting Prostate Pep Talk or Health Testing Centers - Prostate Pep Talk.

Testing will be performed by LabCorp and will be available at its patient service center locations across the country.

After the first 1,500 free PSA screening spots are filled, eligible men can still access a discounted rate of \$25 per screening throughout the sign-up period. Screenings must be performed within six months of the sign-up date.

Men who have a PSA consid-

ered outside the normal range should consult with their physician to determine next steps that

best suit their needs. Elevated PSA levels do not always indicate prostate cancer.



**NURSES HONORED:** Cancer Treatment Centers of America (CTCA) in Tulsa has announced that four nurses from its hospital are recipients of the 'Great 100 Nurses' award. Founded 32 years ago, the Great 100 Nurses Foundation has recognized thousands of nurses across Louisiana, North Carolina, Texas, Oklahoma and Arkansas for exemplifying a concern for humanity, dedication to the profession and mentorship of others. From left are Fran Paschall, CTCA enterprise chief nursing executive, and the four nurses, Traci Owen, RN, BSN, who works in Survivorship; Sherry K. Aaron, RN, is an infusion RN supervisor; Debbie Marouk, RN, BSN, BSBA is the otolaryngology head and neck surgery clinic/care manager; and Sarah Spurek, RN, BSN, OCN works in the hospital's infusion center.



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**INTERESTING PANEL:** CTCA President and CEO Jay Foley, right, introduces the prostate discussion panel. From left are Dr. Kevin Tulipana, Richard Smith, Liffort Hobley, Steve Largent and Jerry Ostroski.

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## EDUCATION

# TCC Announces 'Clearing the Pathway: The Campaign for Excellence' at Vision in Education Leadership Award Dinner

TCC announced Clearing the Pathway: The Campaign for Completion at the recent Vision in Education Leadership Award Dinner. One of the goals of the campaign removes navigational barriers by funding 22 new academic advisor positions and 10 answer center advisors for five years. While TCC just went public with the campaign, those 22 new academic advisors have already been hired and will be a critical piece this fall as students enroll for next semester.

Increasing the number of academic advisors has been a multi-year initiative at TCC as part of the Pathways Program, funded by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and through the American As-

sociation of Community Colleges. While TCC has made tremendous progress in reducing the ratio of students to academic advisor over the past four years by prioritizing, reassigning other positions, and making cuts in other areas, the campaign is certainly a big piece. With the campaign's help, TCC was able to get to a student-to-academic advisor ratio of 350-to-1 from the high of 1,044-to-1 in 2014 (prior to any initiative work with Pathways).

Academic advising provides additional support and resources. It means more students getting into the right classes to earn a degree – saving time and money and national research shows it helps in-



**CAMPAIGN CHAIR:** Stacy Schusterman announces the \$20 million fundraising campaign, the largest in TCC's history.

crease the graduation rate.

• Academic Advising student contacts: 35,143 in March through July 2017 to 50,943 in March through July 2018.



**HAPPY STUDENTS:** These two TCC students are attending college with the help of a scholarship established for student leaders in the True Blue Leads program.

• 12 percent of undecided students moving into a specific degree-seeking major.

• Allows TCC to move away from walk-in advising to an ap-

pointment-based model giving students dedicated time with their advisor to do in-depth planning and discussion about careers and options available.

## TU Named Best Value Private Law School in the Nation

The University of Tulsa College of Law has been ranked the No. 1 Best Value Private Law School in the United States for 2018 by National

Jurist magazine. The publication reports TU law has the lowest student debt and one of the highest levels of post-graduate employment.

The ranking requires that private law schools must keep student debt under \$115,000. TU student debt is less than \$75,000. National Jurist also noted TU Law has one of the best post-graduate employment rankings on the list at "94 percent."

"This is a very exciting time for the law school. Our Access to Legal Education tuition program combined with outstanding post-graduate placement rates has placed TU Law at the top of the best value and job placement rankings this year," said TU Law Dean Lyn Entzerth. "I credit each department of the college for impressive results including the Professional Devel-

opment team that works closely with our students from their first day in law school to make sure they receive the best career opportunities and job placements, to our esteemed faculty who connect with each student during the course of their time at TU Law. I would also like to credit our wonderful students who continue to impress us with their skills and their growth as they advance to law practice."

### TU College of Law Accolades

No. 1 in Best Value Private Law School in the U.S., National Jurist '18; No. 1 in Oklahoma for 2017 graduate placement, National Law Journal '18; No. 15 in the U.S. for 2017 graduate placement, National Law Journal '18; No. 37 in U.S. in Above the Law Top 50 Law



**HONORED GRADUATES:** Recent TU College of Law graduates Stephanie Jackson and Dalton Downing are all smiles.

School Rankings 2018; 94.2 percent overall employment rate; Best Value Law School, preLaw Magazine '18; "A" for Best Law School Building, preLaw Magazine '18.

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## Six Higher Ed Institutions Join Forces to Help Students

Tulsa Community College, along with regional partners Langston University, Northeastern State University, Oklahoma State University, Rogers State University, and The University of Tulsa have joined forces for the Tulsa Transfer Project.

These five northeast Oklahoma universities and TCC will collaborate to improve the success of transferring from TCC to any of these four-year institutions. Transfer students lose, on average, 13 credit hours through the transition from a community college to a four-year university, according to the U.S. Government Accountability Office.

"TCC is the state's largest provider of transfer students. We believe this is a critical piece of the conversation to not only help our students succeed but also help increase the number of bachelor's degrees in our community," said TCC President & CEO Leigh B. Goodson, Ph.D.

The John N. Gardner Institute for Excellence in Undergraduate Education will provide the framework for the project including a self-assessment by each school and then collaboration to improve the overall transfer experience. Designed to take two years, the project is sponsored locally by the Charles and Lynn Schusterman Family Foundation.

During the 2017-2018 academic year, 3,419 students transferred from TCC into a bachelor's degree program with more than half of those students transferring to either Langston, NSU, OSU, RSU, or TU.

"In supporting this partnership, it is our hope that participating institutions will improve the way they serve transfer students as they work toward completing a degree and achieving their goals," said Michael Dupont, Charles and Lynn Schusterman Family Foundation Program Officer.

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# Tulsa Tech's Mobile App Development Program Offers Opportunities in Growing Industry

Tulsa Tech's Mobile App Development Program provides an opportunity for students to create and test mobile applications utilizing industry standard software. Applications are developed for mobile devices such as personal digital assistants, enterprise digital assistants, and mobile phones.

Mobile apps are often pre-installed on phones during manufacturing, or delivered as web applications to provide users with an "application-like" experience within the framework of a web browser. Software developers for these mobile programs must take into consideration an assortment of screen sizes, multiple hardware specifications, in addition to a variety of configurations due not only to the intense competition in the industry, but also in response to changes within each of the proprietary platforms. The mobile app development industry has been steadily growing, in both revenues and jobs created, with a recent industry report estimating that mobile apps comprise over 60 percent of today's global software development.

Gregory Price, currently a mo-

bile app developer at Libiny Solutions, is also a former Tulsa Tech student who chose to study in this unique career field based on his early interest in computer gaming.

"I chose the Mobile App Design Program because ultimately I would like to work in computer gaming design," Price said. "Before I applied for the program I had done some coding using the Unreal Engine, along with some basic JavaScript, and I really became interested in that aspect of game and application development."

A recent graduate of Charles Page High School in Sand Springs, Price believes that the amount of hands-on work included in the Digital App Program benefitted his preferred style of learning.

"What I enjoyed the most about the program was the amount of hands-on time we actually got to spend in the class, Price said. "As a student of course you have learn to learn the theory and the concepts in order to be able to do the work, but I've always been more of a hands-on style learner, and being able to have the project

right there in front of me, working on it at the same time I was learning about the concepts, that really helped out a lot."

According to the 20-year old gaming enthusiast and part-time "Smash Bros." tournament participant, the program was very challenging, and also very rewarding, thanks to a good mix of both theory and lab curriculum.

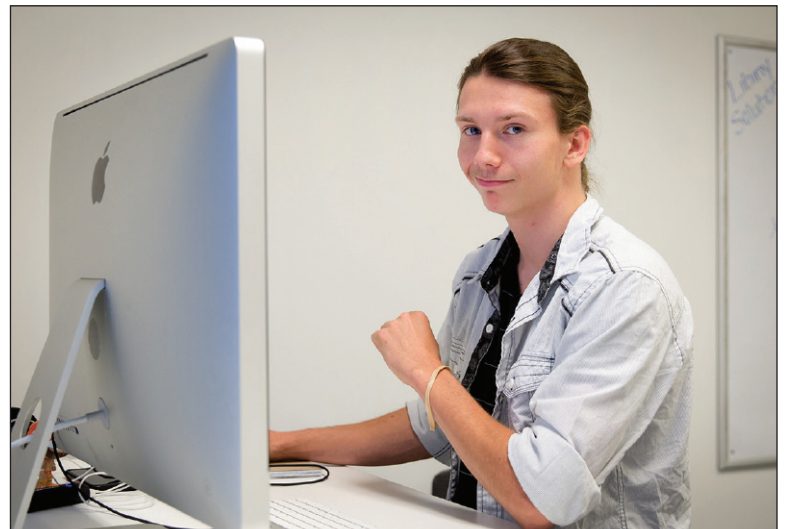
"We would attempt to code projects based on the assignment," Price said. "Then we would immediately run the code and test to see if the app performed correctly. This method certainly helped me to learn how to identify errors more quickly, and improve my overall ability to write code."

A variety of software programming languages are utilized in the class, and help provide students with the necessary skills required to be successful in this dynamic career field.

"JavaScript, Swift, Python, and C# are some of the most common coding languages we use in app development," Price said. "Some of these languages work on multiple devices while others are specific to a certain platform, like Apple, so depending on the project we may use different languages to develop a certain application for a project."

According to Price the most challenging part of Tulsa Tech's Mobile App Development Program, was none other than the dreaded SIGBRT error.

"The most challenging part of the program was the definitely the SIGABRT error," Price said. "It basically stands for 'signal abort' and occurs when an app crashes



**DEVELOPER:** Former Tulsa Tech student Gregory Price is currently a mobile app developer at Libiny Solutions

due to a fatal error, which obviously indicates a problem somewhere within the code. Unfortunately this type of error code does not provide a lot of diagnostic information to us as developers, so they can be very challenging to troubleshoot or debug."

Price conquered each of these challenges and in turn garnered an internship, followed quickly by a full-time position, as an app developer at Libiny Solutions, a Tulsa-based company formed to provide custom transportation logistics system, mobile apps and professional web-based services. Libiny provides its customers with the ability to integrate clear, functional, and creative interfaces with technical, business solutions, in order to strategically help build their brand, and improve their or-

ganization's global web presence. Though still in his first year as a young app developer, Price strongly feels the training he received at Tulsa Tech helped prepare him for a successful career.

"The training I received at Tulsa Tech has definitely helped me," Price said. "The program not only taught me how to code apps, but also a lot about the overall industry of app development and what career opportunities were available."

If you're currently looking to develop a new style of career, exciting classes for high school and adult students, or customized business and industry training, Tulsa Tech invites you to visit today. For more information, please call 918-828-5000 or visit us online at [tulsatech.edu](http://tulsatech.edu).



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## BROKEN ARROW NEWS

# CITY OF BROKEN ARROW BREAKS GROUND ON NEW PROJECT



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**MOVING DIRT:** Construction of a four-story, \$18 million mixed-use development at 305 N. Main St. began on Sept. 14 as the Broken Arrow Chamber of Commerce, Economic Development Corp. (EDC), City of Broken Arrow, Cowen Construction and Milestone Capital LLC broke ground on the structure that will eventually have 31,000 square feet of retail and commercial space and approximately 90 apartments. The project was designed by Cyntergy Architecture + Engineering and Cowen Construction will oversee its construction. The project

is being financed through Milestone, a company specifically created for this development and future Rose District projects. Shown here manning shovels during traditional dirt-turning ceremonies are BA Economic Development Coordinator Norm Stevens, EDC Chairman Ted Cundiff, City Manager Michael Spurgeon, Mayor Craig Thurmond, Vice Mayor Scott Eudey, City Councilors Mike Lester, Debra Wimpee and Johnnie Parks, Chamber of Commerce Acting CEO Kinnee Tilley and Cowen Construction Vice President Link Cowen.

## City Manager Receives Municipal Official Designation

### Michael Spurgeon Has More Than 30 Years Of Experience in Municipal Government

The Oklahoma Municipal League (OML) awarded the designation of Certified Municipal Official to Broken Arrow City Manager Michael Spurgeon at its Annual Conference in Oklahoma City.

"Earning this designation was important to me to show how committed I am to local government and public service," Spurgeon said. "Federal and state officials usually receive most of the media attention, but local government has the most direct impact on the daily lives of citizens in the community and the local economy."

That's why it's vital to have dedicated and well-trained individuals serving communities. I'm proud of the commitment and hard work our employees do each day in service to our city."

OML's Certified Municipal Official program was established to recognize municipal officials and employees who continue to develop their skills and enrich their expertise in local government. Those who complete the program demonstrate to both their community and peers that they are committed to carrying out the duties of

their office or position. A total of 40 hours of training are required for certification.

The Oklahoma Municipal League is a statewide, non-profit corporation currently composed of more than 450 member cities and towns. The League serves as a representative for municipalities at state and federal government levels to achieve local objectives. By working together through the League, municipal officials formulate programs and unite in concerted action benefiting their communities.



Courtesy

**SPURGEON AWARDED:** Broken Arrow City Manager Michael Spurgeon is awarded the designation of Certified Municipal Official by Oklahoma Municipal League Executive Director Mike Fina.

## Search Underway for New BA Chamber/EDC President

By **BOB LEWIS**  
Contributing Editor

The search has begun for a replacement for Wes Smithwick who resigned in June as President and CEO of the Broken Arrow Chamber of Commerce and the Economic Development Corp.

Kinnee Tilly, senior vice president of economic development, is currently serving as Interim CEO while the organizations conduct the formal search for a replacement.

Board Chairman Mike Cooper tells GTR News that the process began with the creation of a

search committee of community stakeholders.

"The committee has been contacted and all have agreed to serve. We anticipate this process will take until the end of the year with the hopes of having a new president in place at the beginning of 2019. We will keep our members and friends of the media updated as we have more information," he said.

Tilly joined the Chamber in 2012. Before that, she was with the Tulsa Metro Chamber where she served first as Director of Small and Minority Business and then Vice President of Business

Retention, Expansion and Small Business. Before that, she served nine years as Executive Director of the Jenks Public Schools Foundation.

A native of Alabama, Smithwick came to Broken Arrow with more than 17 years of experience in the telecommunications industry. Before taking the helm at the Chamber and EDC, he held an executive position with Broken Arrow Public Schools. Among honors he received was being named Citizen of the Year by the B.A. Chamber of Commerce and Tulsan of the Year by the Tulsa World.



**LEADERSHIP CHANGE:** Senior Vice President of Economic Development Kinnee Tilly, right, is currently serving as Interim CEO during the formal search for a replacement for former President and CEO Wes Smithwick, left. Smithwick resigned in June.

## Broken Arrow Free Dump Day Set for Saturday, Oct. 20

Broken Arrow residents will have the opportunity to dispose of unwanted items at the city's annual Fall Clean-Up on Saturday, Oct. 20 from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Waste Management Quarry Landfill, 13720 E. 46th St. North. This is easily accessible by traveling

north on U.S. Highway 169 to the eastbound exit at 46th St. North.

Residents may dump free by presenting a driver's license with a Broken Arrow address or a recent utility bill. City employees will be on site to verify residency.

Any household waste can be

dropped off except for the following items: hazardous materials, liquids (such as paint in liquid form, gasoline, used oil, etc.), batteries, fluorescent light bulbs, untreated medical waste and compressed gas cylinders.

Refrigerators/air conditioners/

freezers or Freon containing items will be accepted with the proper documentation that the refrigerant has been properly removed by a licensed CFC technician.

There will be a \$2 fee for each car tire, \$4 fee for each truck tire. Motor oil, batteries, antifreeze,

steel cans and scrap metal are accepted year-round at the Metropolitan Environmental Trust (MET) recycling facility located at 302 N. Elm P. The facility also accepts plastic bottles, glass bottles, newspaper, office paper, aluminum cans, cardboard and paperboard.



## BROKEN ARROW SPORTS

# Undefeated Tigers Boast a Wealth of Talent

## Senior Wide Receiver Matt Kaiser Part of a Loaded B.A. Roster

By **MIKE MOGUIN**  
GTR Sports Writer

Broken Arrow got off to a 4-0 start near the end of September, which included a sweep of its top area rivals — Union, Owasso and Jenks — in Class 6AI.

A wealth of experience loads the Tigers' roster. Senior wide receiver Matt Kaiser (6-3, 183) is one of many in the camp.

"It's nice (to be unbeaten)," Kaiser said. "In the past, we've taken an 0-1 start. It feels way better. We know we have the team to do it."

"We got crazy ability this year, crazy athletes this year," Kaiser added. "I think it's probably one of the most athletic football teams anyone has ever seen."

Kaiser, along with several teammates, like running back Noah Cortes, defensive lineman and North Texas commit Demeco Roland, linebackers Zach Marcheselli and Gavin Potter, the former a TCU commit Aaron "Tricky" Stokes, another wide receiver and defensive back, all seniors, are key players in the Tigers' efforts. Also making big contributions are juniors Myles Slusher, a cornerback, and Andrew Raym, who anchors the offensive line at tackle.

"I think it's the chemistry; all of us are falling into place here," Kaiser said. "There's a lot of leadership on both sides of the ball. We have a bunch of returners and we want to win a state championship."

That's what we're gunning to do this year. And, we're just working how we usually work."

Kaiser, who is also a member of the Tigers' baseball team, relishes his gridiron role.

"Being a wide receiver, I like to catch the ball and get on the field and make blocks for other guys," he said.

"A lot of people know me better for running the post route and that's my favorite route to run," Kaiser added.

By playing two sports, Kaiser has found that each one can be benefited by the other.

"They definitely help," he said. "I think tracking a baseball down in the spring carries over into catching a long ball in football, and I think the weight room in football definitely helps out in the baseball area."

His favorite baseball memory was his sophomore year, when the team won a tournament in Arizona over spring break.

In a 28-13 win against Jenks on Sept. 21, which boosted the top-ranked Tigers to 1-0 in District 6AI-1, Kaiser caught a 25-yard touchdown pass from senior quarterback Tate Robards to tie the score at 7 in the first quarter. That followed a drive in which the Trojans took the initial lead.

Broken Arrow's defense limited Jenks the rest of the night.

The Tigers also enjoyed dominating wins against Union (33-

10), Mansfield, Texas (28-6) and Owasso (47-20). Kaiser enjoyed those wins as well.

"It was one of my best feelings (the Aug. 24 win against Union). Knowing in the fourth quarter that we had the game sealed after that touchdown by Noah Cortes, it felt pretty great," he said.

In the win against Owasso, Kaiser considers that game a favorite performance in the early part of the season, although he didn't score.

"Just blocking them and pancaking them on almost every play was what I liked about that game," he said. "They don't like us, and we don't like them, so it was good to get them back."

Broken Arrow had lost to Owasso last year, by a similar score. It also lost to Union and Jenks and had to rebound from a 1-4 start before losing in the state semifinals.

When it comes to NFL favorites, Kaiser likes Antonio Brown of the Pittsburgh Steelers.

"I like the way he plays, the way he gets after ever play," he said.

But, currently, his favorite team is the New England Patriots.

As for the Tigers' receiving unit, Kaiser's confidence is high on how lethal they can be for opponents.

"We got a bunch of dudes who can catch the ball and block, which is our main attribute this year. I think we're pretty dangerous. Once we start throwing the ball, people will see that we're pretty dangerous as well."



MIKE MOGUIN for B.A. EXPRESS

**TWO-SPORT ATHELETE:** Senior wide receiver Matt Kaiser, in addition to helping the Tigers start 4-0 in football this season, is also a member of the varsity baseball team.

As of submission of this story, Broken Arrow was faced with a road trip at Norman (Sept. 28), then had a big game at home against Westmoore (Oct. 5). Its remaining schedule consists

of road games at Edmond Santa Fe (Oct. 12), Yukon (Oct. 18) and Edmond Memorial (Oct. 25), before finishing the regular season at home against Enid (Nov. 1).



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## SPORTS

# Victory Christian Starts Strong Under Doug Maddox

## Conquerors Win First Five Games

By MIKE MOGUIN  
GTR Sports Writer

It has been a smooth transition for Dub Maddox since he took over the rein of Victory Christian football in the spring.

Having taken over after the resignation of Ron Smith, Maddox came with a plan that had to be done in a short amount of time. It was well received.

"It's been fast and furious," he said. "I got hired on in May. We had to jump right in, get (assistant coaches) hired and get our plan and culture in place. It has been unbelievable with the support I have had with the school, administration and the students. A lot of positive energy. We're (unbeaten) right now and there's a lot of

good things going. It's been a lot of fun."

Victory was 5-0 overall and 2-0 in District 2A-3 as of submission of this article. The Conquerors have outscored their opponents by average score of 51-10.

An element to the success under Maddox's young tenure is "We have great senior leadership," he said. "We have 14 seniors. All of them are starters on either side of the ball, really a close-knit group, and anytime you have good senior leadership, it makes your job as a coach easier. When I got here, they were very hungry to learn and were acceptable with the new things we were trying to do. It was a real smooth transition and that's been the key to us is that strong senior class."



Courtesy photo

**VICTORIOUS TEAM:** Victory Christian has started the season strong under first year head coach Dub Maddox.

## Sportscene Is Going Weekly

The Oklahoma Sportscene TV Show, which was first broadcast on August 23, 2017 as a bi-weekly format, has announced that beginning October 3 the show will be on a weekly format. The co-hosts for the show are Chris Lincoln, JV Haney and Gil Cloud. With a combined over 150 years of experience in sports and sport reporting, the viewer gets an in-depth look at sporting events in and around the state of Oklahoma.

Bricktown Brewery and Jimmy's Egg are the title sponsors of the popular hour long

show which features Oklahoma sports celebrities, hot topics of the week and as always each of hosts have a parting shot about topics that involve sports.

According to co-host Gil Cloud "we are pleased to go with the weekly format as it will enable us to be more in tuned to the weekly changes in the sports landscape both locally and nationally". "Working with Chris Lincoln and JV Haney gives our viewers a multi-level approach to reporting and talking about sports."

Popular area sports figures are guests on the shows.

The senior class includes the likes of offensive linemen Braden Murray (6-2, 265), Wilberto Irizarry (6-3, 280), quarterback Garrett Williams (6-3, 205), wide receivers Josh Sirleaf (6-0, 170) and Ethan Church (5-9, 170), running back Gabriel Byrns (5-8, 185), defensive linemen Shamar Forbes (6-2, 270), linebackers Asa Colbert (6-1, 190), Dane Boswell (5-11, 200) and Tramon Hinajosa (6-0, 185) and safety Caleb Edwards (5-11, 180).

Maddox is well grounded in the game of football. A native of Skiatook, where he graduated from high school in 1995, he comes from a family of educators. His mother was a kindergarten teacher and his father was a principal. Both are now retired.

He attended college at Northeastern State in Tahlequah and was an assistant coach on Allen Trimble's staff at Jenks for 13 seasons (2005-17) before coming to Victory. He

is a Christian and that factored into his decision to pursue the Victory job.

"God told me that this where I was supposed to be," Maddox said. "Then I came here, and there were multiple conformations that this was the place He has for me and this where He wants me. I haven't second guessed that or regret that decision. It has been a real blessing."

Maddox brought a wealth of football knowledge. He has written two books and has a website that give techniques that provide help for coaches to develop their quarterbacks. He calls it the R4 system, which he devised in 2007. Other coaches across the country have viewed his site.

With half the season behind them, for Maddox and the Conquerors there are more challenges that lie ahead.

"I know it's kind of cliché talk, but, we're taking it one game

at a time, and we're really trying to ignore the score, ignore who we're playing, correcting our mistakes from the previous week and just getting better and our kids have really bought into that," Maddox said. "We're trying to hammer home to them, 'if you could just focus on getting a little bit better each week, the big things will take care of themselves.' As long as we can stay healthy and continue to do that, it's going to be interesting to see where we end up at the end of the season."

"I really feel good with where we are right now and we have some big games coming up down the road," Maddox added.

At this writing games remaining on their schedule are at home against Haskell (Oct. 5), on the road at Beggs (Oct. 12), back-to-back home games with Sperry (Oct. 18) and Kiefer (Oct. 26) and a trip to Caney Valley (Nov. 2).

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# Tulsa Oilers Hope for Strong 2018-19 Season

## Rob Murray Enters Second Year at the Helm

By GLENN HIBDON  
GTR Sports Writer

There seems to be an unwelcome trend developing for the Tulsa Oilers. In recent seasons the ECHL team has started fast, gone into a mid-year slump and then fought like crazy to reach the playoffs, only to come up one or two points short.

Entering his second season as head coach of the Oilers, Rob Murray declares the outcome should be different in 2018-19. With a full year to recruit, coupled with familiar faces returning and a strong crop of newcomers, Murray has a definite scenario in mind.

"I don't see any reason why we should not be considered a playoff team," Murray said. "But it's like the old adage, we look good on paper and now it's up to us to go out and prove it. Making the playoffs is our main objective. I won't say we will win the championship, but we want to make the playoffs."

Tulsa has not reached postseason since the 2014-15 season, failing to qualify by one point in 2015-16 and by two last year. Coming close again won't suffice for many fans, the team must pull the trigger this time. With a full year to recruit after arriving in June of 2017, Murray and his team seem to have a new attitude toward success.

"When I took over last year, I wasn't familiar with these guys. Now I know what to expect and I can plan ahead," said Murray. "Last year we were ahead in both

wins and points from the previous year and that was a step forward, but I can't make excuses. We didn't make the playoffs and unfortunately, that's the way the cookie crumbles.

"Now we're a little further ahead right off the hop. We have eight home games to start the season and that should be an advantage. Of course it's easy to look at it and say it's an advantage. It obviously depends on having a fast start."

When the season kicks off on Oct. 13 at the BOK Center, Murray is planning on having a balance between veterans and newcomers. Chief among the help arriving is old friend and new assistant coach Peter Sivak. The 36-year-old played for Murray in Alaska and he's joining his seventh ECHL team.

"I'm excited about having Sivak here. His work ethic is beyond reproach," Murray said. "I like his enthusiasm and excitement to play the game on a daily basis and he's a proficient scorer at our level. I had him on my team when we won the Kelly Cup and he was the leading scorer."

With 374 points, Sivak is second only to Chad Costello on the ECHL list over the last six seasons. He scored 61 points for Rapid City last season, tied for 20th in the league with Tulsa's Charlie Sampair.

"Sivak and I have a great relationship. He knows the language of hockey and he will be one of our veterans," Murray said. "Chris Francis is another veteran who

played for me in Alaska and has the potential to score 20 goals every season. Adam Pleskach and Steven Kaunisto are our other vets. Stephen Perfetto played for me two years ago in Alaska, but these guys are not here just because they played for me. They've had great success."

Perfetto played 11 games for the Oilers in 2014-15 and scored 66 points for Alaska in 2016-17. Entering his ninth pro season, Francis had 62 points for the Aces in 2014-15. Pleskach, Tulsa's returning team captain, piled up 52 points last year to finish second behind Sampair. Both Perfetto and Sampair tried out with the AHL San Antonio Rampage this fall.

Other returning Oilers include goalie Devin Williams, defensemen Mike McKee, Eric Drapluk, Kyle Rhodes and forwards Ryan Tesink, Sam Wilbur and Roman Ammirato. Chris Joyaux and Evan Richardson go to England while defenseman Dennis Brown and forward Dylan Hubbs retired. Alexandre Ranger was traded to Orlando and Garrett Ladd to Fort Wayne.

The goalie position proved inconsistent last year along with special teams play. The Oilers finished at 12.9 percent on the power play, second worst in the league. Murray said not to worry about either situation.

"I believe both of our goalies were good last year. Devin had a decent season (10th in ECHL with a 2.54 GAA) and we will get a contracted goalie from the St. Lou-



**MAN IN CHARGE:** Tulsa Oilers Head Coach Rob Murray looks forward his second year to guide the St. Louis Blues-affiliated ice hockey team.

is Blues," Murray said. "Devin is going to the San Antonio camp as a second-year player, but paired with the rookie we're getting from St. Louis, we'll be fine."

"I'd like to focus more on special teams. I think we need to speed up our power play. If you're getting goals, it goes a long way to winning games. Our PK wasn't horrible (84.2 percent) but it could be better. Our special teams in general need more work. We tweaked our system late last season and it led to our run. We changed up our neutral zone play and we will incorporate that right off the bat this season. We need to be more consistent in that area."

Murray counted the goal-scoring of Sampair, Ladd and Pleskach as the Oilers' offensive strength last season. Each scored more than 20 goals and Tulsa finished No. 1 in the ECHL in shots per game.

This year Murray wants the shots and points spread out more.

"We need more balance," he said. "Defensively, we need to cut down on shots against us. We won three Brabham Cups in Alaska allowing just 24 shots a game and last year we allowed over 30 (33.36). Cutting down on shots against will help us reach our main objective — making the playoffs."

Murray is simply banking on everything falling into place. If it does, there should be no more of these narrow misses in making the playoffs. Tulsa will be in postseason with a chance to turn what's on paper into reality.

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DATE	VISITOR	HOME	DATE	VISITOR	HOME	DATE	VISITOR	HOME
Aug. 24	Union 10	Broken Arrow 33	Sept. 15	Arkansas State 29	Tulsa 20	Oct. 5	McLain	Oologah
	Jenks 28	Bixby 14		Pittsburg State 45	NSU 7		Westville	Holland Hall
	Bentonville West 40	Owasso 56		Trinity Vally C.C. 27	NEO 34		Wyandotte	Metro Christian
	Cascia Hall 44	Gravette 7	Sept. 20	Tulsa 17	Temple 31	Skiatook	Memorial	
	Hale 18	Webster 12		East Central 6	Memorial 48	East Central	Pryor	
	Lincoln Christian 50	Inola 0		Hilldale 50	Central 20	Bishop Kelley	Durant	
	Victory Christian 52	McLain 6	Jenks 13	Broken Arrow 28	Webster	Lincoln Christian		
Okla. Union 7	NOAH 28	Bartlesville 6	BTW 43	Vinita	Cascia Hall			
Aug. 25	Metro 28	Broken Bow 22	Sept. 21	Owasso 0	Union 21	Lighthouse Christian	Tulsa NOAH	
	BTW 28	North Little Rock 29		Bixby 45	Sapulpa 0	Summit Christian	South Coffeyville	
Aug. 30	Missouri State 17	OSU 58		Checota 63	Webster 0	Oct. 6	Iowa State	OSU
	Emporia State 34	NSU 7		McLain 12	Bristow 51		Texas	OU
Aug. 31	Arkansas Baptist 0	NEO 47		Rejoice Christian 42	Okla. Union 19		Alabama	Arkansas
	Owasso 31	Fayetteville 45		Stigler 13	Lincoln Christian 51		NEO	Blinn College
	Lake Ridge 30	Union 36		Bishop Kelley 49	Hale 6	Oct. 12	South Florida	TU
	Mansfield Legacy 14	Jenks 35		Adair 20	Metro Christian 19		Edmond Santa Fe	Broken Arrow
	Mansfield Timberview 33	Bixby 36		Dewey 8	Victory Christian 71		Union	Moore
	Mansfield 6	Broken Arrow 28		Talequah 43	Rogers 0		Edmond Memorial	Jenks
	East Central 50	Hale 0		Verdigris 14	Cascia Hall 35		Southmoore	Owasso
	Holland Hall 20	Cascia Hall 23		Pocola 0	Holland Hall 38		Bartlesville	Bixby
	Bishop Kelley 14	BTW 24		Glenpool 10	Edison 29		BTW	Sapulpa
	Rejoice Christian 21	Crossings Christian 20		OCPH 8	NOAH 62		Glenpool	Bishop Kelley
	Central 8	Memorial 37	Sept. 22	Texas Tech 41	OSU 17		Edison	Hale
	Jones 19	Lincoln Christian 34		Army 21	Oklahoma 28 (OT)		Skiatook	Rogers
Sept. 1	Edison 13	Sapulpa 34		Arkansas 3	Auburn 34		East Central	Collinsville
	Rogers 7	Victory Christian 37		NSU 16	Missouri Western 66		Memorial	Claremore
	Florida Atlantic 14	OU 63	Sept. 28	NEO 24	Kilgore 31		Miami	McLain
	Eastern Illinois 20	Arkansas 55		Edmond North 0	Owasso 48		Central	Broken Bow
Sept. 6	Central Arkansas 27	Tulsa 38		Enid 9	Jenks 70		Webster	Okmulgee
	NSU 10	Central Missouri 62		Union 44	Mustang 3		Cascia Hall	Berryhill
Sept. 7	Union 10	Jenks 27		BTW 7	Bixby 21		Lincoln Christian	Roland
	Broken Arrow 47	Owasso 20		Collinsville 54	Memorial 6		Victory Christian	Beggs
	Edison 7	Memorial 18		Idabel 70	Webster 12		Metro Christian	Chelsea
	Central 8	McLain 20		Broken Arrow 63	Norman 7		Holland Hall	Sequoia
	Bishop McGuinness 24	Bishop Kelley 21		Victory Christian 63	Morris 16		Rejoice Christian	Quapaw
	Rogers 10	Okmulgee 26		Central 32	Muldrow 24		Ole Miss	Arkansas
	Lincoln Christian 21	Vian 13		Metro Christian 45	Chouteau-Mazie 0		OSU	Kansas State
	Stillwell 6	East Central 51		Cascia Hall 25	Jay 10		Lindenwood	NSU
	Kiefer 8	Rejoice Christian 38		Rogers 6	Pryor 36		Tyler J.C.	NEO
	Victory Christian 31	Verdigris 15		Edison 20	Bishop Kelley 31		Broken Arrow	Yukon
	Oklahoma Christian 30	Metro Christian 47		Claremore 35	East Central 7		Mustang	Owasso
	NOAH 6	Morris 14		Hale 0	Glenpool 66		Commerce	Rejoice Christian
Sept. 8	UCLA 21	OU 49		Lincoln Christian 31	Seminole 50		Muskogee	BTW
	Arkansas 27	Colorado State 34		NOAH 48	Grant 14		Bixby	Page
	South Alabama 13	OSU 55	Sept. 29	Arkansas 17	Texas A&M 24		McAlester	Edison
	Tulsa 21	Texas 28		Baylor 33	OU 66		Hale	Coweta
Sept. 13	Georgia Military 10	NEO 14		OSU 48	Kansas 28		Tahlequah	East Central
	Stillwell	Union		Nebraska-Kearney 49	NSU 7		Bishop Kelley	Ada
	Skiatook 41	Hale 6		Navaro College 9	NEO 10		McLain	Catoosa
	NOAH 49	Webster 13		TU	Houston		Okmulgee	Lincoln Christian
Sept. 14	Claremore 23	Edison 21	Oct. 4	Owasso	Norman North		Locust Grove	Cascia Hall
	Cascia Hall 7	Millwood 38		Coweta	Edison		Vian	Holland Hall
	Rejoice Christian 61	Haskell 28	Oct. 5	Westmoore	Broken Arrow		Nowata	Metro Christian
	Rogers 7	McLain 34		Jenks	Yukon		Sperry	Victory Christian
	Metro Christian 37	Holland Hall 14		Putnam City North	Union		Norman North	Norman North
	Putnam City 0	Bixby 64		Bixby	Ponca City		Union	Jenks
	Memorial 13	Bishop Kelley 45		Poteau	Central		Norman	Memorial
	Sapulpa 49	East Central 12		McAlester	Hale		Rogers	OU
Sept. 15	OU 37	Iowa State 27		Rogers	Claremore		OU	TCU
	Boise State 21	OSU 44		Shawnee	BTW		TU	Arkansas
	North Texas 44	Arkansas 17		Haskell	Victory Christian		NSU	Missouri Southern
							NEO	New Mexico Military

Jackson Craig of B.A. Places Second in Motocross Championship

Broken Arrow's Jackson Craig recently competed in the largest amateur motocross championship event in the world, the Loretta Lynn National Motocross Championship, held at Loretta Lynn's family ranch in Hurricane Mills, Tennessee. The 37th Annual AMA Amateur National Motocross Championship took place July 30 – Aug. 4. Craig competed in the highly competitive 85cc Mini Sr. 2 and 85 cc Super-Mini 1 classes, where he placed a respective second and tenth.

At the national championship, entries for each class is capped at 42, making Craig one of the top 42 racers in the country in his division by just qualifying for the event. In order to qualify for this prestigious race, Craig went through a two-step qualifying process involving Area Qualifiers and Regional Championships. Craig raced a total of six races during the week-long event battling the varying track and weather conditions.

Following his second place finish at Loretta's, Craig received the honored invitation to race in the 2018 Monster Energy Cup Motocross Race in Las Vegas. The October 13 event is televised on Fox Sports. There are only 21 riders in the world who receive an invitation to race in each class at this prestigious event.

Craig, who attends Epic Online School and is in the 10th grade, has been riding dirt bikes since he was five years old. He has a track at his home in Broken Arrow. His mother, Terri Craig, is a local attorney and his father, Michael Craig is a local dentist. Craig attended Union Public Schools prior to racing full time and entering online school.

This was Craig's fifth trip to the Ranch for the national championship, and his best finish to date and his first time to ever receive an invitation to the Monster Energy Cup.

With the help of sponsors such as Bolt Everywhere, Roost MX and Reynard Training Camp, who help support his race program, Craig has had the opportunity to pursue his dreams. He trains full time at Reynard Raceway with Robby Reynard, who is one of the greatest trainers of all time. He races year around at tracks all over the United States pursuing his dream.



Courtesy photo

**RIDING HIGH:** Jackson Craig of Broken Arrow finished second in the nation in August at Loretta Lynn's national motocross event held in Tennessee at her ranch.

The race was broadcast live daily at RacerTV.com, for a total of 40 hours of coverage including footage of Craig. In addition, two highlight shows featuring the event will air on NBC Sports Network this fall.



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# Montereau Celebrates 15-Year Anniversary

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By **NANCY MOORE**  
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Founded in 2003 by The William K. Warren Foundation, Montereau has earned a reputation for raising the bar for Life Plan communities and takes pride in providing its residents a complete plan for their future in a secure and worry-free environment.

Reba McClanahan, Montereau resident and owner of Myers-Duren Harley-Davidson, emphasizes that the security Montereau provides enables residents to feel safe and protected. She also appreciates the continuum of healthcare offered.

"You never know what tomorrow will bring so it's important to be prepared," she says. "The levels of care provided at Montereau ensure that I do not have to worry about moving again."

Montereau was designed as a resort-style community for older adults to continue to live an active lifestyle in a way that represents their values, spirit and style.

Former director of the Tulsa Area United Way, Kathleen Coan, enjoys living the Montereau Lifestyle. "As soon as I walked through the doors for the first time, I knew I loved it here and that it was a place where I could truly retire," says Coan. "The facility is upscale, elegant and very livable. With a large variety of interesting things to do, there is always plenty going on – from presentations to events and com-

mittees. You can be as involved as you want to be."

As a local, not-for-profit corporation, all decisions pertaining to the campus community are made locally by Montereau's leadership team and board of directors. President and Chief Executive Officer, David Murlette, has been with Montereau for the past 12 years. His background in senior living extends back to 1990. He recently completed his tenure as the board chair for Oklahoma Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association and is a past board member for LeadingAge Oklahoma, as well.

The Warren relationship with Montereau has continued over the years with John-Kelly C. Warren serving as the current board chairman. As someone who understands the importance of good leadership, Coan appreciates well-organized management, noting, "The leadership team runs a smooth ship. The staff are marvelous – so attuned to the residents."

The campus, nestled at 71st Street and Sheridan Avenue, has grown considerably over the years. Significant development has been through two planned phases. Phase one developed 232 residential apartments and 22 garden homes.

As a Continuous Care Life Plan Community, designated living also includes assisted living, skilled nursing and memory care known as The Villa, The Chateau, and The Abbey, respectively.

The Groundbreaking of phase two took place in 2010. The cele-

bration of Montereau's expansion was themed a "More Magnificent Montereau" and marked a major milestone in its development plan.

Phase two development encompassed building 62 additional residential apartments along with 12 well-appointed garden homes.

The plan also added living space in The Villa, The Chateau, and The Abbey, which provide assisted living care, skilled nursing and long-term care, and memory care, respectively.

Many wellness-focused amenities were added, too, including a first-floor commons area, an inter-denominational chapel, exercise studio, fitness center, and full-service Spa and Spa Café.

The sixth-floor commons additions feature a 35-seat movie cinema, a library and a bar called the City View Lounge. The lounge is truly the "cherry on top" of Montereau and takes full advantage of its positioning by offering breathtaking views of downtown Tulsa.

Next month, Montereau will begin yet another development project to include planned renovations of all the restaurants, implementing new concepts like a pizza kitchen, coffee bar and upscale steakhouse offering organic grass-fed beef and locally sourced ingredients.

Montereau is home to more than 550 residents from not only the Tulsa area, but 26 states outside of Oklahoma. Gene Callahan, retired superintendent and CEO of Tulsa Technology Center, appreciates the wide variety of people



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**RESIDENT CELEBRATION:** Standing at the Montereau 15th Anniversary banner are residents, from left, Reba McClanahan, owner of Myers-Duren Harley Davidson; Dr. Gene Callahan, former Superintendent and CEO of Tulsa Tech; and Kathleen Coan, former Director of the Tulsa Area United Way.

from various backgrounds.

"Montereau is a special place for my wife Ava and me," Callahan says. "We have an interesting cross section of people who live here, and they all have a story to tell. We have made many new

friends, and learning about their lives and their stories makes it a wonderful place to call home."

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## THE ECONOMY

# Nine Local Individuals Honored at TRC's Tulsa Small Business Summit and Awards

*Winners Recognized for Impact on Industry, Community*

The Tulsa Regional Chamber recently honored nine local companies at the fifth annual Tulsa Small Business Summit and Awards. Powered by the Chamber's Tulsa Small Business Connection, the summit is northeast Oklahoma's premier small business event and featured keynote speakers, topical breakout sessions and the annual small business awards presentation.

More than 60 area people and companies were nominated and went through an extensive application process judged by local small business resource partners. Winners are recognized for the impact they make in their industries and their communities.

- Small Business Person of the Year: Weldon Bowman, W Design
- Women in Business Champion: Julie Smith, Mariner Wealth Advisors
- Diversity Business Champion: Jeri Barrientos, First Mate Financial Advisors
- Financial Services Champion: Casey Allen, Kiva Tulsa
- Veteran Business Champion: Michael Horton, Coffee Bunker
- Entrepreneurial Success: Mike and Jim Bausch, Andolini's Pizzeria

- Young Entrepreneur of the Year: Donovan Farrow, Alias Forensics
- Pioneer Award: Kent Williams, HRB Consultants
- Lifetime Achievement Award: Leadership Tulsa

The Tulsa Small Business Connection's mission is to educate, empower and expand small business in northeast Oklahoma, accomplished through year-round programming and resources for small business owners and their employees.

"Small businesses make a tremendous impact on our region," said Kathy Duck, executive director of the Tulsa Small Business Connection. "A strong small business community is a reflection of a strong regional economy, and this event is an opportunity to highlight the incredible work of our entrepreneurs and business owners."

In addition to the award ceremony, the event featured keynote speaker Kimberly Hicks, vice president of digital media for Disney Channels Worldwide. Local small business experts led breakout sessions on topics such as branding, customer service and human resources.

"The summit is the only event of its kind in our region," said Amy Bates, owner of Merry Maids Tul-



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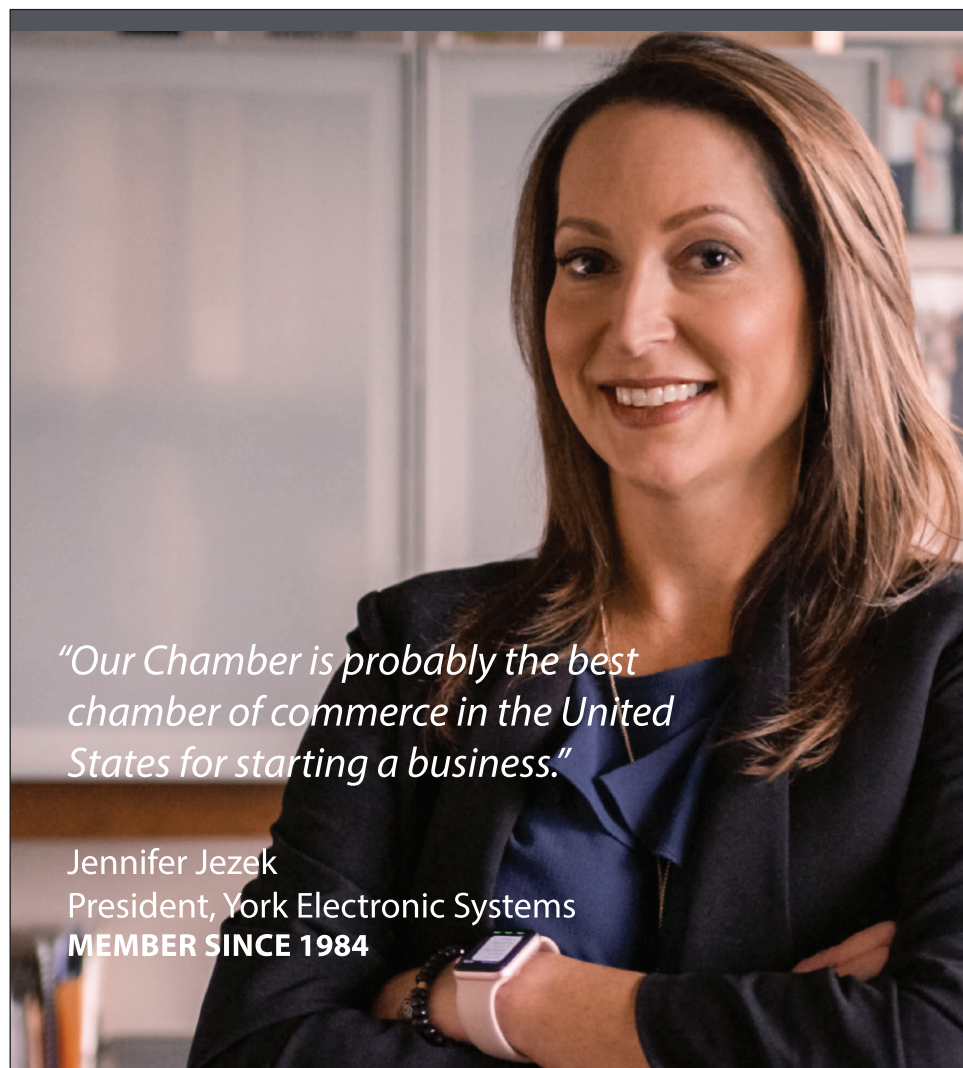
**BUSINESS STARS:** Tulsa small business winners and Chamber members include, back row from left, Kathy Duck, executive director of the Tulsa Small Business Connection; Amy Bates, owner of Merry Maids Tulsa and chair of the Tulsa Small Business Connection; David Stratton, incoming chair of the Tulsa Regional Chamber; Donovan Farrow, Alias Forensics (Young Entrepreneur of the Year); Mike Bausch, Andolini's Pizzeria (Entrepreneurial Success Award recipient); Michael Horton, Coffee Bunker (Veteran Business Champion); Kent Williams, HRB Consultants (Small Business Pioneer); Angela Byers, owner of Byers Creative and incoming chair of the Tulsa Small Business Connection; Steve Bradshaw, president and CEO of BOK Financial Corp. and chair of the Tulsa Regional Chamber. Front row from left, Julie Smith, Mariner Wealth Advisors (Women in Business Champion); Wendy Thomas, Leadership Tulsa (Lifetime Achievement); Weldon Bowman, W Design (Small Business Person of the Year); Jeri Barrientos, First Mate Financial Advisors (Diversity Business Champion); Casey Allen, Kiva Tulsa (Financial Services Champion).

sa and chair of the Tulsa Small Business Connection. "We want attendees to leave with ideas and strategies for their business, as well as a feeling of energy and excitement for the outstanding work happening locally."

Award winners will be eligible to compete for Oklahoma District Office of the U.S. Small Business Administration awards.

Last year, several award winners went on to receive Oklahoma SBA awards, including ASC Inc.

(Exporter of the Year), the Tulsa Drillers (Family-Owned Business of the Year), Frauke Quiroga, of LUXA Enterprises (Minority Business Champion), and Cynthia Jones Stewart, of EverMore Services (Women Business Champion).



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# Arvest President to Serve as 2019 United Way Chair

## Kirk Hays to Take on New Role

The Tulsa Area United Way has announced that Kirk Hays, President and CEO of Arvest Bank in Tulsa, will serve as Chair of the Tulsa Area United Way campaign for the community in 2019.

"Kirk Hays is a longtime servant of our community and we are so fortunate that he has agreed to step up and serve in this important role," said Alison Anthony, president and CEO of the Tulsa Area United Way.

Hays presently is a member of the Tulsa Area United Way Board

of Directors and serves on its community investments cabinet.

He oversees the Tulsa-based operations of Arvest Bank, consisting of 40 branch facilities, commercial and consumer banking, mortgage banking and trust and investment services.

In his 24 years of service with Arvest, and prior to assuming the role of president, Kirk served as executive vice president, overseeing the retail function of the bank, including branch operations, mortgage banking, private banking,



KIRK HAYS

small business banking, bank marketing and the Trust and Investment Division.

Hays is heavily involved in the community, and currently serves on the board of the Tulsa Regional Chamber, as well as serving as treasurer of the Visit Tulsa Regional Tourism Board, and the Tulsa's Future III campaign cabinet. He is currently chairing the Momentum campaign for Visit Tulsa.

He also serves on the board of directors of the Boy Scouts of America, Indian Nations Council and Tulsa Community College Foundation.

He was a member of Leadership

Oklahoma Class 30, and is a past board member of Tulsa Christian Education Corporation, American Heart Association, Oral Roberts University athletic committee, and past board president of Tulsa Zoo Friends.

He received his bachelor of business administration from the University of Oklahoma in 1986 and completed Banking School at the Graduate School of Banking in Boulder, Colo., in 2003.

For more information about the Tulsa Area United Way, or to contribute to the 2018 campaign for the community, visit [www.tauw.org](http://www.tauw.org) or call 918-583-7171.

# OK2Grow Names April Sailsbury Executive Director

The Board of Directors for OK2Grow is pleased to announce that April Sailsbury has become executive director for OK2Grow and Dream It Do It Oklahoma. Sailsbury succeeds Stephanie Cameron, who was the first executive director of the organization. Sailsbury comes to OK2Grow/Dream It Do It OK after most recently working for the Broken Arrow Chamber of Commerce as senior vice president of operations and government & media relations.

"This is a wonderful time for our organization with what Stephanie has been able to achieve and the work she has done on our behalf. We firmly believe that April will take the reins and help us continue to grow," said Jerry Holder, OK2Grow Board President. "We are looking to deepen our impact, strive for innovation, and strengthen our strategies within our key initiatives. Stephanie was instrumental in the development and sustainability of all of our programs and we believe April will also be a great asset who can make major contributions in each of these areas."

The OK2Grow Board says it is grateful to Cameron and her tireless efforts to build this organization from its foundation and growing it to become a thriving and nationally recognized organization. The Board added that "Stephanie Cameron has put OK2Grow on the map reaching thousands of students, parents and teachers while also building corporate partnerships to create positive change within our communities around the state and around the country. Some of the highlight include:

Cameron shared OK2Grow & Dream It Do It programs across the state, at national conferences and speaking engagements around the country.

Dream It Do It Oklahoma has received national recognition with three "Best Practice" spotlights.

OK2Grow reaches nearly 30,000 students, parents, educators and employers through activities each year.

Cameron established programs to bring national credentials into high schools, helping students train and secure employment.



APRIL SAILSURY

Lynda Wingo, Vice President of OK2Grow Board, echoed Holder's comments. "Stephanie has been a treasure to OK2Grow and we appreciate her work by building upon what she has accomplished in just six years. We are also fortunate to have April's talent and enthusiasm to step into

this rewarding and challenging role. April's qualifications and experience give OK2Grow an exciting future."

OK2Grow is a workforce development and career pathways initiative focusing on entrepreneurship and career awareness activities. Dream It Do It Oklahoma is a program developed by the National Association of Manufacturers' Manufacturing Institute. Activities through both programs include student and educator tours, classroom visits, Career Pathways fairs, internships, collaborative-industry relevant training programs and recognizing employee success.

"I am inspired by OK2Grow's critical work to enhance education and inspire students toward success. I love the commitment of the people who support this organization," April Sailsbury said. "This work is vital in Oklahoma and it will be an honor to help lead OK2Grow. There is a deep passion for students, teachers, education and the future workforce and we're going to carry that forward."

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# PSO Proposes Grid Modernization and Efficiency Plan

Public Service Company of Oklahoma (PSO) recently took important steps to ensure a safe, secure and reliable electric grid now and in the future under a more efficient regulatory framework. Additionally, the company is lowering charges to customers for purchased power and fuel used in power generation.

PSO's Grid Modernization and Efficiency Plan, filed with the Oklahoma Corporation Commission (OCC) is needed for PSO to replace and upgrade aging electric infrastructure, while investing in new technology to maintain and improve reliability and efficiency.

A key element of the plan is the adoption of performance-based rates (PBR). PSO's proposed PBR

ties the company's financial condition to its ability to meet a set of customer-focused performance standards, called performance incentive measures (PIMS).

"Customers benefit from our financial condition being tied to the achievement of certain levels of reliability, safety and customer satisfaction. They also benefit from reduced price volatility since rates would be gradually adjusted as costs go up or down" said Emily Shuart, director, regulatory services. "PSO remains committed to providing our customers with safe, reliable, and affordable service and our proposal holds us accountable for accomplishing that."

The filing includes a request to adjust PSO's rates to recover in-

creased costs related to aging infrastructure, storms, taxes and other necessary business expenses. For a typical residential customer, the requested increase amounts to approximately \$7 per month. The overall rate increase request is \$88 million.

Beginning with October bills, most PSO customers, including all residential customers will see a decrease in the amount they pay for purchased power and fuel for power generation. The typical residential customer will see lower fuel charges decrease their overall bill by approximately \$5 per month.

PSO's Grid Modernization and Efficiency Plan is a comprehensive plan to meet customers' increas-

ing needs for enhanced reliability, convenience and integration of technology while mitigating potentially large price increases. The plan includes upgrades to aging infrastructure, to invest in and accommodate new technology and analytics to keep the grid safe and secure.

PSO, a unit of American Electric Power (NYSE: AEP), is an electric utility company serving more than 550,000 customers accounts in eastern and southwestern Oklahoma. Based in Tulsa, PSO has nearly 3,800 megawatts of generating capacity and is one of the largest distributors of wind energy in the state. News releases and other information about PSO can be found at [www.PSOklahoma.com](http://www.PSOklahoma.com).

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## Joseph R. Cunningham, M.D., Named President of Blue Cross And Blue Shield of Oklahoma

Joseph R. Cunningham, M.D., has been selected as the incoming president of Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Oklahoma (BCBSOK). Dr. Cunningham replaces BCBSOK President Ted Haynes who will retire on Jan. 1, 2019, after a 20-year tenure.

"I have very much enjoyed leading BCBSOK for the past six years," Haynes said. "We've made great strides in forging stronger relationships with Oklahoma's tribal nations and state government, as well as reaching potential customers and members across all 77 counties of Oklahoma. Dr. Cunningham is committed to these same priorities and understands the critical role we play in providing our members with security and stability. He will serve BCBSOK and its members well."

Dr. Cunningham has been with BCBSOK for nearly 11 years, serving as the chief medical officer for the past nine years with responsibility over Health Care Delivery. He has advanced many important initiatives and played pivotal roles in joint efforts with key stakeholders across the state and the health care industry. Through Dr. Cunningham's leadership, BCBSOK is working more closely with hospital



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systems and other providers to reduce the costs of medical care while improving quality. He will serve as the tenth president in BCBSOK's 78-year history.

"I'm extremely excited to have the opportunity to follow Ted Haynes and continue the successes BCBSOK has had during his leadership," Dr. Cunningham said.

Haynes will continue to serve in a leadership role, working closely with Dr. Cunningham on a comprehensive transition plan until his retirement.

Tulsa Opera announces nine new members to the **Tulsa Opera Board of Directors**.

**Anna Norberg**, now professor emerita, is a retired J. Donald Fegagin professor of music at the University of Tulsa School of Music. She also serves on the Tulsa Symphony Orchestra Board.

**C. Austin Birnie**, an associate at Conner & Winters law firm in Tulsa, represents clients in a variety of industries including banking, energy, real estate and transportation.

**Christine McQueen**, director of bank operations for BOK Financial in Tulsa, also serves as a board member for Community Food Bank of Eastern Oklahoma and as a member of the Tulsa Area United Way Women's Leadership Council.

**Kitty Frame**, a Realtor at Chinoweth & Cohen Realtors in Tulsa, also serves as a member of the president's council for Tulsa Opera, and as a Leadership Circle member for Arts Alliance of Tulsa.

**Danette Dillon**, worship arts pastor at CrossPoint Baptist Church in Bixby, also serves as president of The Guild of Tulsa Opera.

**Mark Goldman**, product manager for ECI Software Solutions, has also served as board member for Sherwin Miller Museum of Jewish Art, Tulsa Glassblowing Studio and Congregation B'nai Emenah.

**Roy "Skip" Teel**, president of SJM Investments, is a former CEO of MSI Communications. He is



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also a graduate of The University of Tulsa.

**Calvin Moniz**, a Phillips 66 senior advisor in university relations and recruiting, also worked many years for the University of Tulsa. He currently chairs Tulsa's HUD Community Development Committee.

**Rev. Michael Jackson**, Pastor and Teacher at Greater Mount Carmel Baptist Church in Tulsa, has served as a minister of music at various churches in Oklahoma and Louisiana. He received Tulsa's Finest Musician Award presented by Greater Union Baptist Church in 2018.

**Tulsa Educare** is announcing that **Caren Calhoun** is retiring as executive director in June 2019. In her place, **Cindy Decker** from CAP Tulsa will take over.

During Calhoun's tenure, Tulsa Educare was honored nationally for outstanding early childhood education with two awards, Head Start Champion of Change and Early Educator of the Year, both awards granted by the White House.

Decker comes to Educare from CAP Tulsa, where she worked for more than 12 years. She was instrumental in the organization earning a national reputation for using data for program improvement.

Decker serves on the board of education for Tulsa Public Schools and while she is able to continue her service, she has stated that she "wants to focus exclusively on this meaningful new role that allows us to bring quality education to Tulsa's youngest children."

Calhoun will continue as a consultant in the early education sector.



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The **Jenks Chamber of Commerce** welcomes a new staff member **Ashleigh Rauner**, who will serve as director of communications.

Rauner recently graduated from Oklahoma State University with a major in strategic communications and minor in ethical leadership. She is originally from the Tulsa area, where she attended Bishop Kelley High School.

Rauner will be responsible for all public relations, design and creative efforts to maintain the chamber brand. She will regularly communicate with current and prospective chamber members, members of the public and the media. Rauner will plan, promote and enhance programs that achieve the chamber's mission and goals.

For questions about the Chamber, or just to welcome Ashleigh to the team, email ashleigh.rauner@jenkschamber.com or call 918-299-5005.

Gov. Mary Fallin has reappointed **Kevin Potter** of Bartlesville to represent District 1 on the **Oklahoma Aeronautics Commission**.

District 1 encompasses all of Tulsa, Wagoner and Washington counties, as well as small portions of Creek and Rogers counties in northeastern Oklahoma. Potter's term will expire Dec. 31, 2024.

Potter is president and general manager of Bartlesville Radio. A licensed private pilot who has flown for nearly 30 years, Potter and his wife, Dorea, have owned and operated Radio Broadcasting since 1980, which consists of four radio stations located in and around the Bartlesville area, and four radio stations in Coffeyville, Kansas.

Potter currently serves on the board of directors for the Oklahoma Broadcasters Association, Salvation Army and the Oklahoma Wesleyan University Foundation.

**Hall Estill** has announced the addition of **Drew Boone** and **Amanda Lowe** as associates in the firm's Tulsa office.

Drew Boone joins Hall Estill's corporate/commercial practice in the Tulsa office. Prior to joining Hall Estill, Boone pursued his interest in politics by serving as a congressional intern for Congressman Markwayne Mullin and the director of voter identification for Congressman James Lankford's U.S. Senate Campaign. He graduated from the University of Oklahoma College of Law.

Amanda Lowe also joins Hall Estill's Tulsa office, where she will primarily practice in the firm's litigation area. Lowe graduated from the University of Tulsa College of Law, where she was a member of the Tulsa Law Review and the Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity.



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## FAITH

# Cascia Hall Alum Spencer Thomas Takes Vows

Cascia Hall is proud to announce that Spencer Thomas took his first vows in the Augustinian Order on Aug. 4. Thomas grew up in Tulsa and graduated from Cascia Hall in 2011. While at Cascia, he participated in soccer, drama/musical theater, ultimate frisbee, and bowling. He went on to earn his BA in Classics from Missouri State University.

Before taking his vows, Thomas completed a year of pre-novitiate in Ardmore, Pennsylvania, from 2016-2017 while studying at Villanova University. He then completed a year of novitiate in Racine, Wisconsin, from 2017-2018. The novitiate is a year of intense prayer and study as one prepares to make vows. He will continue to renew his vows every year until he makes his solemn profession of vows, which last for the rest of his life. He will now study Theology at Catholic Theological Union in Chicago.

The vow ceremony took place during Mass at St. Jude Parish in New Lenox, Illinois. Thomas promised to follow the three

vows of poverty, chastity and obedience. These promises were made to the provincial of the Midwest Augustinians, Tony Pizzo, OSA, who represented the prior general of the Order in Rome, Alejandro Moral Anton, OSA. During the ceremony, Thomas changed from the white habit of a novice to his new black habit. He also committed himself to following the Rule of Augustine and the Constitutions of the Order, both of which guide the way Augustinian friars live each day.

It was a joyful day for the Augustinians as two other men took their first vows along with Thomas: Fr. Ray Flores (Midwest province) and Emmanuel Isaac (California Province). This was also a joyful day for the Cascia Hall community since Thomas is the first alum to take vows since Fr. Martin Laird, OSA (class of 1977). Fr. Laird currently teaches at Villanova University.

Congratulations to Thomas as he takes this momentous step in his vocation.



**SENIOR PHOTO:** Spencer Thomas during his senior year at Cascia Hall in 2011.



**CEREMONIAL AUGUSTINIANS:** From the vow ceremony that took place during Mass at St. Jude Parish in New Lenox, Illinois, Thomas is second from left. The other Augustinians are, from left, Fr. Stephen Isley, Fr. Bernie Scianna and Bro. Nick Mullarkey.

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Nanouche will present a live web lecture titled, Finding God, Finding Health, on Oct. 16 at noon at the Circle Cinema Theatre, 1 S. Lewis. Time will be allotted following the lecture for questions and answers. The event is free and sponsored by the First and Sixth Churches of Christ Scientist, Tulsa.

At one time or another, nearly everyone has asked, "What is God, really? Is God good? Does God allow evil to happen? Can I trust God to help me in time of need?" In this talk, Nanouche will discuss a view of God that Christian Science offers: a God who is divine good and only good; that doesn't punish His creation or send sickness and pain; that is knowable – completely discoverable through prayer; and how this awareness of God brings greater well-being into our lives.

Nanouche's ideas are based on the teachings of Christ Jesus as recorded in the Bible and as dis-



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cussed in Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures by Mary Baker Eddy, the founder of Christian Science. She will also share examples from her public healing ministry of recovery from hardship.

Michelle Nanouche trained and practiced as a Christian Science Nurse for 10 years before changing her focus from nursing care to the prayer practice of Christian Science. She brings over 35 years of professional experience to her

work as a practitioner of this healing method. Since 1995, she has lectured on the subject of prayer and healing throughout the US, Europe and Africa and was the contact person for information on Christian Science to public authorities, the legislature and the media for several years in New Jersey.

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# Adams Building a Leader in Terra Cotta Design

If any building in Tulsa could be said to display the most intricate terra cotta design it would have to be The Adams Building at 403 South Cheyenne Avenue.

Built on a 70 x 75 foot lot at 13 stories plus a full-sized basement and a penthouse, it was and is an eye catcher. Faced with tan brick and terra cotta accents and trim, this reinforced concrete structure was designed by architect Alfred C. Fabry at a cost of \$802,800.

It was built in the booming years of 1927 – 1928 and was originally called the Mincks Hotel, after its owner, T.S. “Ike” Mincks. Although the hotel was 67,476 square feet, it offered upscale accommodations and opened in time for the first International Petroleum Exposition.

Mincks lost it to bankruptcy in 1935 and the new owners reopened it as the Adams Hotel. It received National Register of Historic Places designation in 1977 and in the early 1980s was converted to office building usage. As the building changed owners, its occupancy level dwindled.

Recently, former owner Stuart Price sold the building to a Tulsa and Oklahoma City real estate firm, Newmark Grubb Levy Strange Beffort, and a real estate development Company, Addax

Development. These owners plan a conversion to more than 60 apartment units due to open in the summer of 2019.

Gratefully the owners also appear to be cleaning, repairing, and protecting the elaborate terra cotta exterior.

Architects have various ways to visually reinforce their designs. In the case of the Adams Building, the intent was to extend the building vertically. This idea was achieved by the appearance of narrow pilasters between pairs of windows that begin as terra cotta until reaching the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor, where brick begins and reaches to the 12<sup>th</sup> floor. There terra cotta is introduced once again. Between each pair of windows is an even narrower masonry mullion that soars to the 13<sup>th</sup> floor. Spandrels between floors below each window are elaborate terra cotta panels.

Terra cotta forms a strong band below the 13<sup>th</sup> floor windows and forms a high parapet band above them. The vertical pilasters terminate above the parapet in a series of finials each topped with an ornate lantern. When working (the current owners intend to restore them) they will create a luminous crown at the top of the Adams.

At street level, large glass openings in either side of the chain mounted steel canopies at 4<sup>th</sup> street

## On Architecture



By ROGER COFFEY, AIA



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**ELABORATE DESIGN:** The Adams building is replete with elaborate terra cotta design. This is a view of the design over the front door on Cheyenne Avenue.

and at Cheyenne Ave occur below tripartite windows with an arched pediment above each center window. Dark blue terra cotta is prominently worked into the design. And what is this design? In the media it has been called “an eclectic mix of Art Deco, Neo-Gothic Italian Renaissance and Baroque influences.”

Certainly classic influences abound. Or maybe Mincks told his architect to “jazz it up. Let’s see what you can do.” But without a doubt, the Adams meets the traditionally used criteria for a high-rise building with its base, shaft and dynamic top.



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**NEW LIFE:** The historic Adams building is currently under construction to become home to outstanding apartment units expected to open in the summer of 2019.

# Polynesian Reef Opens at Oklahoma Aquarium

The Oklahoma Aquarium will celebrate its 15-year anniversary with a grand opening of its newest exhibit, the Polynesian Reef. Officials marked the event with a ribbon cutting ceremony and luau party open to the public Sept. 22.

The Polynesian Reef is an estimated \$400,000 capital investment for the Oklahoma Aquarium, and the Aquarium staff worked around the clock to prepare the exhibit for the public opening. The Polynesian Reef Exhibit is the second largest exhibit at the Oklahoma Aquarium and holds approximately 65,000 gallons of warm saltwater. Guests walked walk into the South Pacific to be surrounded by more than 500 colorful tropical fish with approximately 75 different species.

A Luau party followed the ribbon cutting.



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**RIBBON CUTTING:** Matthew Griffin, president of the Oklahoma Aquarium Foundation, cuts the ribbon for the opening of the Polynesian Reef exhibit. Oklahoma Aquarium Chief Operating Officer Kenny Alexopoulos is third from left with members of the board and others.



**INTERESTED SPECTATORS:** The grand opening of the Oklahoma Aquarium’s Polynesian Reef was well attended by interested guests who were surrounded by more than 500 colorful tropical fish with approximately 75 different species.

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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.

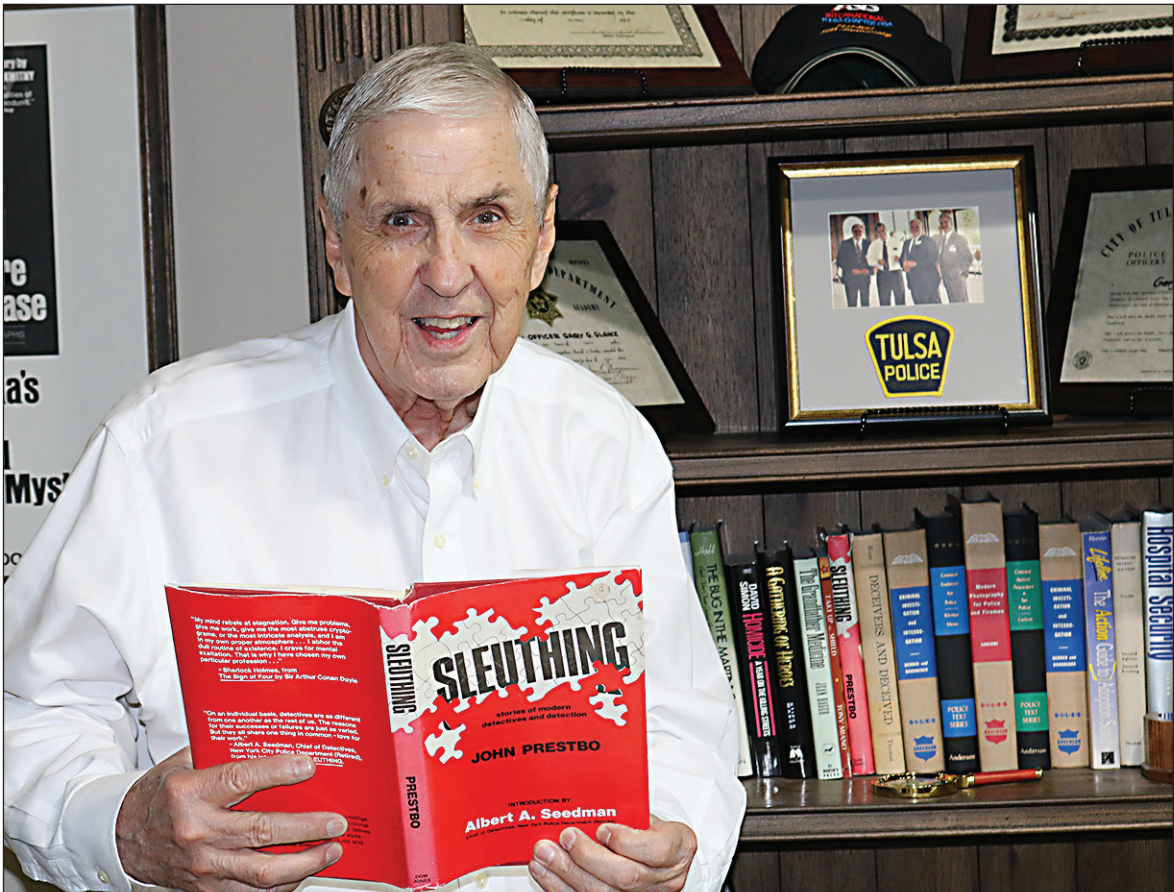
It's been an interesting career, to say the least. As Glanz says, "You can't make this stuff up," when referring to the cases he has worked and solved over the years. A perfect example is one of Glanz' most noted cases, the Mullendore murder. Considered the biggest murder mystery in Oklahoma's history, 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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