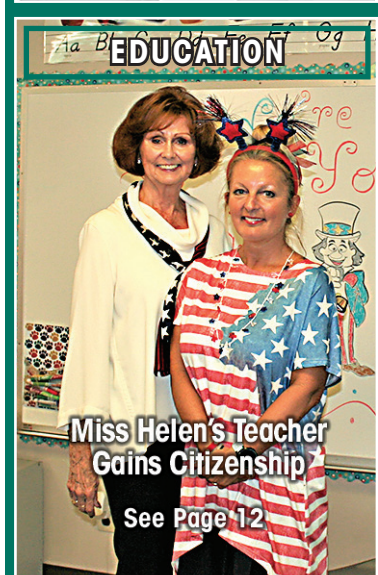




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Union's Communication Department Wins Awards at Public Relations Event

The Communications Department at Union Public Schools swept the major award categories at the 2018 PRSA Silver Link Awards, the 40th anniversary of the prestigious program recognizing excellence in public relations. Not only did Union win Silver Link Awards in three categories and an Award of Merit, it also won both "Best of Show" awards for the district's 2018 "Believing in U" bond campaign and the #UBeThere attendance campaign aimed at secondary students. This marks the first time in the organization's history that a single organization has won "Best of Show" in both the campaign and tactics categories. Union was also recognized with a Silver Link for the rebranding of

the Career Connect program and an Award of Merit in the marketing category – with partner Tulsa Community College – for the launch of the Early College High School program, which provides high school students with the opportunity to earn a high school diploma and an associate degree at the same time. The Tulsa Chapter of the Public Relations Society of America recognizes exemplary public relations achievements and honors PR professionals for outstanding contributions. Union Boundary and Greater Tulsa Reporter publisher Forrest Cameron agrees that Union Public Schools has an outstanding public relations department, saying "I am amazed at the outstanding professionalism it displays"



BEST OF SHOW: Chief Communications Officer Chris Payne, Bre Willard (left) and Beth Turner, show off the Silver Link Awards the department received at the annual PRSA award event.

Darnaby Elementary Arts and Crafts Show Will Be December 1

Darnaby Elementary School will be hosting its 37th annual Darnaby Arts and Crafts Show on Saturday, Dec. 1 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the UMAC located at 6836 S. Mingo Rd. in Tulsa. This event is a time-honored tradition that helps raise money for Darnaby Elementary School. The event helps provide funding for items such as tutoring, educational clubs, the children's end of the year celebration and the general upkeep of the school grounds, as well as providing money for teacher's grants, which helps reimburse teachers for their out of pocket expenses for the classroom. All are welcome and encouraged to attend this event. There is no admission fee. However, donations are always welcome. A wide range of Arts and Craft vendors will be in attendance, which is why gift wrapping will also be provided for those who find items they wish to give as gifts.

To to learn more about this event and how to support Darnaby Elementary School, contact Teri Shaffer at 918-519-6849 or tlcowan54@gmail.com, or visit www.darnabyartsandcraftsshow.com.



STATE LEADER: Republican Kevin Stitt from Jenks looks forward to his governorship of Oklahoma after defeating Democrat Drew Edmondson. Businessman Stitt received 54.3 percent of the vote and says he will bring "a fresh approach" to the state.



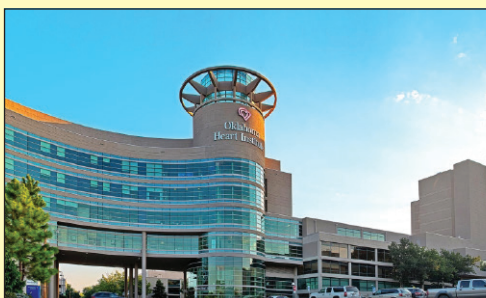
DARNABY PRINCIPAL AWARDED: Darnaby Principal Chris Reynolds, third from left, has received a Project Lead The Way STEM award and \$2,500 to be used at his elementary. Reynolds was honored recently during the annual Flight Night gala at Tulsa Tech Riverside Campus, which recognizes STEM Innovator Awards winners. Darnaby Elementary School helped pilot the PLTW curriculum on a national basis and has helped spearhead advances in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math educational programs.

KUDOS of the MONTH: Hillcrest

For 100 years, Hillcrest Medical Center has collaborated with health care and business partners to bring the highest quality health care and latest technological advancements to the Tulsa community. On Oct. 8, 2018, Hillcrest had the opportunity to gather with community leaders from across Oklahoma to celebrate 100 years of achievement in health care services and to reflect on the relationships and history built together over the many decades. With a panoramic view of the lights of downtown Tulsa as the backdrop, guests enjoyed



an evening rooftop reception with music, hors d'oeuvres and a presentation containing historical photos taken throughout the years. Special guests, Mike Neal, President and CEO of Tulsa Regional Chamber, and City Councilor Jeannie Cue joined in the celebration by sharing their perspective on the impact Hillcrest has made on the Tulsa community and the strength and vision demonstrated over the past 100 years. Hillcrest was the proud recipient of a Proclamation declaring Oct. 8, 2018, "Hillcrest Medical Center Day." Over the years, Hillcrest has grown from one hospital to eight and established over 55 health clinics throughout northeast Oklahoma.



Hillcrest employees remain dedicated to providing medical excellence and compassionate care to patients and health care partners in each of the communities they serve. Hillcrest is honored to be celebrating a century of changing lives.

Philbrook Museum Opens 'Amazing! Works' Exhibit

By SHARON CAMERON
Co-Publisher

Philbrook Museum of Art has opened the exhibit, Amazing! Works, featuring Mel Bochner prints from the collections of Jordan D. Schnitzer and his Family Foundation on. The exhibit runs through Jan. 6, 2019.

Mel Bochner, an American artist born in 1940, is recognized as one of the leading figures in the development of Conceptual Art in New York in the 1960s and 1970s.

Emerging at a time when painting was increasingly discussed as outmoded, Bochner became

part of a new generation of artists which also included Eva Hesse, Donald Judd and Robert Smithson – artists, who, like Bochner were looking at ways of breaking with abstract expressionism and traditional compositional devices.

Bochner pioneering introduction of the use of "language" in the visual led Harvard University Art Historian Benjamin Buchloh to describe his 1966 *Working Drawings* as "probably the first truly conceptual exhibition."

The collection of Schnitzer showing at Philbrook includes massive monoprints with collages, engravings and embossments on

hand-dyed twinrocker handmade paper, as well as other pieces by Bochner.

Bochner came of age during the second half of the 1960s, a moment of radical change, both in society at large as well as in art. While painting slowly lost its preeminent position in modern art, language moved from talking about art to "becoming part of art itself." Bochner has consistently probed the conventions of both painting and of language, the way we construct and understand them and the way they relate to one another to make us more attentive to the unspoken codes that underpin our engagement with the world.

In 1968, Bochner earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from Carnegie Institute of Technology and in 2005 an honorary doctor of fine arts degree from the School of Art at Carnegie Mellon University.

Schnitzer is a native Oregonian and a graduate of the University of Oregon. He received his doctorate degree from Northwestern School of Law at Lewis and Clark College. Shortly thereafter, he began working at his family's business.

Following his family's commitment to support art and culture, Schnitzer has created one of the nation's largest contemporary print collections, which is shared with the public. He and his family foundation have funded and organized more than 90 exhibitions from his collection which has traveled to more than 72 museums, including exhibitions at the Portland Art Museum, the Bellevue Art



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ARTIST AND COLLECTOR: Jordan D. Schnitzer, left, owner of one of the nation's largest contemporary print collections, and Mel Bochner, an American artist, stand before one of the Conceptual Abstract Art pieces by Bochner. Bochner's Book "Amazing! Mel Bochner Prints," can be purchased at the Philbrook Gift Shop.

Museum, the Los Angeles County Museum of Art (LACMA), the Legion of Honor Museum in San Francisco, the Detroit Institute of Art, Philbrook Museum and many others.

Schnitzer's Andy Warhol, In

Living Color, and Contemporary Printmaking exhibit was at Philbrook in October 2015 through January 2016.

Schnitzer had only praise for the Philbrook Museum, the Gathering Place and commented that the Jenks Aquarium was "world class." Philbrook is located at 2727 S. Rockford Rd. in Tulsa.



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SPARTAN CELEBRATES 90 YEARS: Spartan College of Aeronautics celebrated its 90th anniversary Oct. 19. The celebration included fly-overs by the Spartan Dawn Patrol and War Birds, drone demonstrations, a C3 flight and distinguished alumni awards. Hosting guests at the event are, from left Dean of Campus Operations Damon Bowling, President Kari Pahno and Vice President of Flight Operations John Yakus.

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Gathering Place Unveils World Premiere of 'Cabinet of Wonder' by World Renowned Artist Mark Dion

Collaborative Art Installation Now Open to The Public

The Cabinet of Wonder, a Mark Dion project done in collaboration with Mark Scogin and Merrill Elam-Architects, opened to the public at the Gathering Place ONEOK Boat House on Saturday, Nov. 3. The first-of-its-kind installation is the inaugural piece of a program in which various recognized artists will travel to Gathering Place to leave their mark on Tulsa by creating public art installations throughout the park.

During the opening, guests had the chance to meet Dion and hear his perspective on this piece that showcases an extensive collection of marvelous items from around Oklahoma and around the world.

"At Gathering Place, our mission is to offer world-class programming that educates, engages and excites, and the Cabinet of Wonder offers a transformative collection unlike anything else in Tulsa," said Kirsten Hein, vice president of programming at Gathering Place. "Mark Dion's unique art has been displayed all around the world and we're thrilled to kick off our public art installations with his inspiring vision."

Nationally recognized and awarded, Dion's art explores the way public institutions and dominant ideologies perceive history and knowledge of the natural world.

"Gathering Place is the perfect setting for my newest installation, which tells an international story that can unify all," Dion said. "I'm excited for Tulsans to experience this piece as I believe it has the ability to foster creativity, motivate a sense of artistry and stimulate thinking."

Items in the Cabinet of Wonder include books, trophies, ornaments, awards and other historical artifacts that are carefully displayed to share a story of international wonder from throughout history.

Dion's work is displayed in the ONEOK Boathouse and is open for visitors to see daily during standard park hours, 9 a.m. - 10 p.m. For more information, visit GatheringPlace.org.

About Gathering Place

A project of George Kaiser Family Foundation, Gathering Place, with a first phase of 66.5 acres, will ultimately transform nearly 100 acres of Tulsa's waterfront along the Arkansas River into a dynamic and active space when the project is completed. A public-private partnership, GKFF and numerous corporate and community philanthropists gave ownership of the \$465 million park to River Parks Authority, who in turn signed a long-term operational and management lease back to an entity of the foundation to ensure the highest quality operation, maintenance and programming for the life of the park.

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



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ARTIST AND FRIENDS: World renowned artist Mark Dion, third from left, enjoys meeting with Gathering Place personnel and the Tulsa-area artistic community. With Dion at the exhibit in the ONEOK Boathouse are, from left, Gathering Place's V.P. of Programming Kirsten Hein, Executive Park Director Tony Moore and Philbrook Museum Director/President Scott Stulen.



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ITEMS ON DISPLAY: The Mark Dion exhibit includes many interesting items from Oklahoma and around the world.

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The City of Tulsa is a Veteran Friendly Community

November is the month of Veterans Day, and I'm grateful for all the men and women who faithfully served and defended our country with bravery, integrity, distinction and honor. Every veteran has made sacrifices to ensure the freedom of all American citizens and I deeply appreciate their dedicated service to this country. It's also humbling to know that many veterans gave the ultimate sacrifice to preserve the freedoms that we all hold dear.

Here in Tulsa, we're dedicated to building a city where our veterans are honored for their service and sacrifice with economic opportunities, quality healthcare and the support of the community. Through our community

partnerships, we are building a city where veterans thrive.

Earlier this year, Force 50 Foundation, a statewide foundation dedicated to improving the quality of life for veterans, recognized the City of Tulsa as the winner of the Veteran Friendly Community Award. The criteria for this award was based on our community involvement, veteran friendliness in hiring and volunteer practices, as well as the level of veteran resources that are available to residents.

The Force 50 Foundation said the City of Tulsa's dedication to military service members, as well as veterans and their



From Tulsa's Mayor



By G.T. BYNUM
Mayor of Tulsa

Tulsa County's Legislative Agenda Began Last Summer

While the 2019 Legislative Session will officially begin Feb. 4, the work to finalize Tulsa County's legislative agenda began last summer.

With input from all of the county's elected officials and division directors, the legislation being proposed is a mix of new issues as well as some that were unfinished from the last legislative session.

In each case, the primary focus is twofold: (1) to improve the services to the citizens of Tulsa County and (2) to find ways to improve the efficiency of county government.

One of the most important services provided by county government is public safety. As in other areas of our lives, new technology is rapidly transforming the delivery of public safety services.

As new technology becomes available there are times when it

becomes necessary to enact new legislation in order to keep pace with new technology.

This is the case with the use of body worn cameras and the use of DNA for criminal investigations. If 70 of the Sheriff's Deputies had BWC's, it would cost over \$70,000 a year to store the video. Current law requires all footage to be stored for seven years, so with each year that goes by, the cost doubles and triples.

To get the best and most affordable use of the BWC, legislation is necessary to address what must be kept, and for how long. The use of DNA is

now moving from just being used at crime scenes to being used in jails shortly after an offender is arrested.

New technology called Rapid DNA is now available and will allow detention officers to know

if the person being booked into jail is a person of interest in other crimes anywhere across the country before the offender can be released. Legislation to allow the use of Rapid DNA in jails is one of our key priorities.

In the area of county public works, more and more areas of the county are being developed for both residential and commercial purposes. At the outset, the developer is responsible for putting in the road leading to the development before any of the development begins.

Under the current law, the developer is required to guarantee the workmanship of the new road for just one year. In many instances by the time the development is completed, which can take years, the condition of the road from the heavy construction traffic is in substandard condition and the county has to pay to improve the road. Legislation will be introduced that would require the developer to carry a maintenance bond up to five years to ensure the road is in good condition when the development is completed.

One of our other legislative priorities will be in the area of jury service. Currently, the law does not exempt city law enforcement officers from jury service.

When an officer is summoned to

ment opportunities in Tulsa.

Our nation observes Veterans Day with celebrations and parades honoring our military members and veterans. This year is the 100th Veterans Day in Tulsa. It marks the 100th anniversary of the nations' first Veterans Day, or Armistice Day, as it was originally called, marking the end of World War I in 1918.

Our great city celebrates "100

Years of Honor and Service" with the Veterans Day Parade which starts at the Williams Green area on Third Street at Boston Avenue between the Hyatt Regency and the Performing Arts Center.

Thank you for celebrating, honoring and thanking our veterans for their amazing and selfless service. Freedom isn't free, but it's worth fighting for – and for that we are most grateful.

jury duty, he or she will be paid by the city for their absence, and paid allowed juror fees by the county. Also, the city will have to pay another officer to cover the shift of the officer summoned for jury duty.

In reality, city law enforcement officers are never selected to serve on either criminal or civil cases because of the perception by either side in the lawsuit that the officer may have a bias to one side or the other. As a result, a great deal of taxpayer dollars are being spent because the officer has to show up for jury duty once he receives a summons. Our legislation would exempt law enforcement officers from both criminal and civil jury service.

The county will also be very attentive to any actions taken by the Legislature to implement the new medical marijuana law. Of particular interest to the county will be the decisions made by the Legislature regarding zoning, permitting, inspections, applications and law enforcement.

Many cities have attempted to pass ordinances in these areas but all of these have been put on hold by Judges across Oklahoma until the Legislature has provided rules and regulations to guide local decisions.

Finally, it's important to the

county that anytime a voter approved capital improvements project is undertaken, the selection of the most qualified construction company for the job is also the best expenditure of taxpayer dollars.

Currently, when the county announces its intentions to start a large capital project, a request for qualifications is sent to construction companies, requesting that they submit their credentials to demonstrate why they are best qualified for the project. However, there is no requirement that the companies also advise the county on what they believe it will cost to do the project.

Under current law, the determination of the project costs can only be negotiated after the "most qualified" contractor is selected.

The county believes the law should be changed to make the selection of the construction manager a two step process: (1) select the companies which the county finds are qualified to do that job and then (2) request those qualified to submit their bids to do the project. With this change, the county will be able to compare and analyze the costs each qualified bidder has submitted and make the selection based upon what is in the best financial interest of the taxpayer.



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By **BOB LEWIS**
Contributing Editor

Editor's Note: Broken Arrow City Manager Michael Spurgeon is one of Greater Tulsa Reporter's "10 To Watch in Greater Tulsa" honorees as announced in its January 2018 issues. GTR was the first news group to develop a "10 to Watch" program which was launched in 2009. Throughout the year, GTR has been publishing feature articles spotlighting this year's honorees.

"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."

Those words were spoken by Broken Arrow City Manager Michael Spurgeon on Sept. 29 after he was awarded the coveted designation of Certified Municipal Official by the Oklahoma Municipal League 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," said Spurgeon, a 30-years-and-counting veteran of his profession. "It's vital to have dedicated and well-trained individuals serving communities."

"I'm proud of the commitment and hard work our employees do in service to our city."

An Immediate Impact

Very few people are better suited to handling the myriad of duties associated with the city manager position than this month's "Ten to Watch" honoree. After taking office in September of 2015, he told the news media he had two primary goals. One was to establish continuity "right out of the gate," and the other was to "provide strong leadership and good communications." Another priority was the "Rose District," a revitalization project that has transformed the downtown area into one of the region's busiest retail locations while earning Broken Arrow two national "most livable city" awards this year alone.

"If I could go back and rewrite that list, I would add enhancing transparency in all aspects of city government to it," he said.

It is common for people in the public eye to talk about the importance of education. BA's city manager does more than talk about it — he lives it.

In 1984, he earned an associate degree in business administration from Crowder College. Next came a bachelor degree in business administration from Thomas Edison State College and honor graduate designation from the U.S. Army Officer Candidate School at the New Jersey Military Academy. Following military service, he earned a master's degree in public administration from Rutgers University.

Competitive Spirit

While at Crowder, Spurgeon was on the varsity baseball team, which may explain why he lists working out and playing slow-pitch softball as two of his favorite away-from-the-job activities. Once infected with an athletic drive to win, it is always there.

His most unusual job, he notes with a grin, was not in city government but as the football play-by-play radio announcer for the Miami High School Wardogs. How times have changed. Today, his resume, including his current position in Broken Arrow, lists service as Township Business Administrator for the City of Pemberton, New Jersey; being the first City Manager in Miami, Oklahoma where he was also General Manager of Public Utilities; and service as Director of Administration for the City of St. Charles, Missouri.

These varied experiences have helped create in Spurgeon a "think outside the box" mentality.

Big Picture Perspective

Nowhere was that more obvious than in the creation of a \$210 million general obligation bond issue, overwhelmingly passed by Broken Arrow voters earlier this year. Before he took office, the norm in B.A. was smaller bond packages to help meet infrastructure needs for three or four-year periods. This one includes 88 dif-



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BIG AND GETTING BIGGER: Michael Spurgeon says not many people realize Broken Arrow ranks in the top 280 largest of this nation's 18,000 cities. His job, he says, is to serve its residents and make sure it is ready for the 150,000 people he expects to call it home in the next 25 years.

ferent undertakings to help spur continuing growth well into the next decade.

If two words could summarize Spurgeon's outlook for B.A. they would be "unbridled enthusiasm." The reasons why are as varied as they are exciting.

One is "Innovation Park," a public-private initiative that organizers hope will be the kind of business magnet that the Golden Triangle is in North Carolina. This vision involves setting aside an 80-acre site and providing the infrastructure, financial incentives and educational support needed to attract major manufacturing and aerospace companies and the high

paying jobs they will bring to the community.

Upgrading the city's water supply and distribution network is also on his "must do" list. He says the city is in good shape until 2025. But by then it must be ready to meet the needs of a population headed toward the 150,000-residents plateau.

Then, there is a recycling test program set to launch in January and a list of additional projects long enough to fill two display boards.

With the city team now in place, Spurgeon said he is confident each of these undertakings will be completed and more and larger ones will take their place.



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CONGRESSIONAL DEBATE: The Rotary Club of Tulsa hosted an Oklahoma First District congressional debate between Democrat candidate Tim Gilpin and Republican candidate Kevin Hern on Oct. 31. From left before the debate are Rotary Club of Tulsa President Hannibal Johnson, Tim Gilpin, Kevin Hern and Rotarian and debate moderator John O'Connor. Hern went on to win the election.

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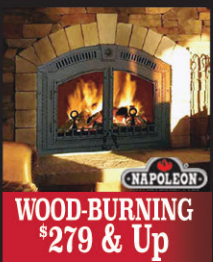
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Holiday Entertainment Takes Center Stage

This assessment may be due to my stage of life, but the best gifts I receive at holiday time or on birthdays are ones that involve some sort of experience. That might include travel, a lovely shared meal or tickets to live entertainment. Now that the holidays are drawing near, I encourage you to scout out possible gift solutions that support local talent, focus on touring shows or both. You might be surprised by the large cache of fun and affordable options available.

Look no farther than the Tulsa PAC for a super-sized range of events. Best-selling author, NPR contributor and irreverent observer David Sedaris returns to the Tulsa PAC, Nov. 13. His latest essay collection, "Calypso," tackles aspects of middle age and mortality. Who better to take a humorous look at the pressures of time than Sedaris?

For the young people you know, the touring theatrical troupe DLUX Puppets presents a 50-minute production of "Alice in Wonderland." There are two performances the morning of Nov. 15, and the base ticket price for those morning shows is only \$5. There's also a 7 p.m. show on Nov. 16. This production features life-sized puppets, digital scenery, music from the 1960s, 1970s and 1980s and a message about how to communicate in a positive way.

Tulsa Town Hall continues its juggernaut season with Harvard medical professor and TED talk speaker Lisa Genova. She wrote the best-selling novel "Still Alice" about a woman's descent into advanced Alzheimer's disease. Her book was adapted into a movie starring Julianne Moore. On Nov. 16, Genova will share insights into Alzheimer's along with encouragement for those who care for people affected by this devastating disease.

The PAC Trust presents singer Faith Prince in "Have a Little Faith" Nov. 17. She's won a slew of awards, including the Tony, Drama Desk and Outer Critics Circle awards. This will be a good opportunity to see and hear nationally known talent in an intimate setting.

Show Buzz



By NANCY HERMANN

If you enjoy seeing a film while listening to a live orchestra, Tulsa Symphony has two offerings for you in the weeks ahead. See the movie "Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets" on a big screen while the orchestra performs John Williams' score. There are two performances on Nov. 17 (a matinee and evening showing) and a matinee on Nov. 18. The same concert/film format, but with "Home Alone," another John Williams' score, can be enjoyed during a showing of the film on Dec. 1.

Celebrity Attractions and the PAC Trust host "Irving Berlin's White Christmas," Nov. 20-25. I love having a holiday show to look forward to around Thanksgiving. This is the "White Christmas" story we know from the beloved film about a snow-bound Vermont inn and a post-WWII song-and-dance team putting on a show. "Sisters," "Count Your Blessings Instead of Sheep" and "White Christmas" are among the best-known songs.

Another holiday themed event is "Grady Nichols: Falling in Love with Christmas," slated for Nov. 27, featuring saxophonist Grady Nichols, tenor Kelly Ford and vocalist Andy Chrisman. And while we are looking ahead with visions of sugarplums dancing in our heads, make plans for American Theatre Company's "A Christmas Carol," opening Dec. 7, and Tulsa Ballet's "The Nutcracker," beginning its holiday run on Dec. 8.

Country singer Kacey Musgraves brings her



WHITE CHRISTMAS: Irving Berlin's *White Christmas* is a Thanksgiving holiday treat, showing Nov. 20-25 at the Tulsa PAC.



CELTIC THUNDER: Now in its tenth season, the all-male vocal group brings their dynamic show to the Hard Rock Nov. 29.



KASEY MUSGRAVES: One of country music's brightest stars visits the River Spirit Casino Nov. 15.



DAVID SEDARIS: The *Irreverent Observer* pokes fun at middle age Nov. 13 at the PAC.



FAITH PRINCE: The consummate entertainer, singer comes to the Tulsa PAC Nov. 17.

"Oh, What a World" tour to the River Spirit Casino and Resort, Nov. 15. She launched the tour in October following a performance on "Jimmy Kimmel Live." Supporting her recently released album "Golden Hour," Musgraves drops into Oklahoma after several weeks in Europe, and then continues to South Africa. She's one of the hottest female country music stars to come along in recent years.

River Spirit hosts Alabama for a stop on the band's 2018 Hits Tour. Three of the four original members (from 1969) are still playing. The group is known for its blend of American country music and Southern rock. Catch their concert on Nov. 16.

Elsewhere around town, Asleep at the Wheel plays at Cain's Ballroom, Nov. 16, and The Ultimate Queen Tribute Show, starring Marc Martel, stages a one-nighter at The Joint on Nov. 25. Martel is a Canadian sing-

er who looks and sounds a lot like Queen's Freddie Mercury.

Celtic Thunder celebrates their tenth year touring with an appearance at the Hard Rock, Nov. 29. This is a group of male singers, all under the age of 40, who showcase their Celtic heritage in a production that employs dramatic effects and choreography.

You might want to lace up your skates and loop the ice rink in front of the BOK Center for Winterfest, Nov. 23 through Jan. 6. For upcoming entertainment at the BOK venue, seek out the Trans-Siberian Orchestra, Nov. 15 and the children's show "Paw Patrol Live," Nov. 30-Dec. 2.

As the holidays approach, I am thankful for this community, for our lives in a free country and for the health and happiness of our friends and family. Each is a gift. Happy Thanksgiving!

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Tulsa Youth Symphony Debuts Dec. 2

By K.J. WEBB
Contributing Writer

The Tulsa Youth Symphony (TYS) was established in the early 1960s as an adjunct part of the Tulsa Philharmonic. Since its founding nearly 60 years ago, TYS has grown to over 150 young musicians from third graders through grade 12.

TYS is comprised of three ensembles: the Symphony Orchestra conducted by Ron Wheeler, the Concert Orchestra, added in 2003 and conducted by Pete Peterson, and the Preparatory String Orchestra, added in 2016 and conducted by Michael Nicholson and Amelia Ivory.

TYS presents Fall, Winter and Spring Concerts at the Union High School Performing Arts Center (PAC), and hosts an annual Play-A-Thon, a free event at Woodland Hills Mall.

Its musicians play an impressive and challenging selection of works every year. Pieces have included selections from Andrew Lloyd Webber's Phantom of the Opera, the first movement of Cello Concerto No. 1 in A Minor by Camille Saint-Saëns, the finale of Brahms' Symphony No. 1, Grieg's Prelude of the Holberg Suite and Sibelius' Finlandia.

Wheeler, a violinist with the Tulsa Symphony Orchestra, has been TYS executive director and sym-

phony conductor since 1972. He has conducted for Tulsa Philharmonic Chamber Orchestra and the Sunriver, Oregon Music Festival Orchestra, and served on the Oral Roberts University music faculty for 14 years.

Wagner joined TYS as co-conductor of the Symphony Orchestra in 2002. He also serves as Director of Instrumental Music at Bixby High School and conductor of the University of Tulsa Symphony Orchestra.

Concert Orchestra conductor Peterson has been a cellist with the Tulsa Philharmonic, Tulsa Opera, Tulsa Ballet, Gettysburg Symphony and Signature Symphony. Peterson teaches music at Union High School, and has led the orchestra in competitions across the country.

Nicholson, Preparatory String Orchestra co-conductor, is a founding member of the Tulsa Rock Quartet. He has performed with several symphony orchestras in California and currently performs as Principal Second Violin for Tulsa Symphony, Associate Principal Second Violin for Tulsa Opera and plays with the Symphony of Northwest Arkansas. He has also done work for major studios in film, television and commercials.

Ivory is a cellist and graduate of The University of Tulsa with a degree in Instrumental Music Education. A member of Union Mid-



Courtesy Tulsa Youth Symphony

IMPRESSIVE SOUNDS: Ron Wheeler conducts the members of the Tulsa Youth Symphony Orchestra.

dle School Orchestra Department, Ivory also performs with the Symphony of Northwest Arkansas, the Bartlesville Symphony Orchestra, and the Tulsa Signature Symphony.

Since 2003, the TYS has been an independent organization, receiving substantial support from the Albert and Hete Barthelmes Foundation. Students, parents and staff work hard to raise funds through various fund drives and concert ticket sales. TYS holds auditions in May for the season beginning the following September.

TYS graduates have gone on to attend The Juilliard School, Eastman School of Music, the Cleveland Institute, Harvard University, Cincinnati College-Conservatory, Manhattan School of Music, Stanford and other competitive schools.

TYS alumni have performed with the Metropolitan Opera Orchestra, Chicago Symphony San Francisco Symphony, and National Symphony. Others serve, and have served as deans, and in faculty positions at colleges and universities across the country.

Tulsa Youth Symphony 2018 Fall Concert

The 2018 TYS season opens with its Fall Concert, Sunday, Dec. 2 at 2 p.m. at the Union High School PAC, 6636 S. Mingo Road in Tulsa. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$10 for children 12 and younger and seniors 60 and older. Tickets are available for purchase at the door the evening of the concert. Seating is general admission.

For more information about Tulsa Youth Symphony, visit tyso.org or call 918-592-7725.

Society Offers Ambiance Plus Burgers, Beers

Local Dining

By BLAKE AUSTYN
Contributing Writer

Society, 1419 E. 15th St., opened this summer and is an intriguing new space along Cherry Street. Its intrigue is due to both its ownership—Bret Chandler and Marc Chastain, the two owners of Rib Crib, its barbecue-less menu—and its unique interior.

The restaurant space was designed with comfortable outdoor dining, a hard-to-deny intention of the designers. The restaurant is made up of roughly 60 percent outdoor and 40 percent indoor area. And it is very well done. The outdoor space easily beckons diners, with a fireplace, televisions and bar seating, all in a screened-in area that makes diners feel like they are still somewhat outdoors.

The indoor area features booth and bar seating, with televisions plus close to 20 local beers on tap.

The menu is largely straight

forward, offering burgers, sandwiches, appetizers and a few salads, plus a large selection of local beers on tap from American Solera, Cabin Boys Brewery, Dead Armadillo and others. While the menu may not offer anything overly extraordinary, there is still much to be said for ambiance and comfort.

My party started with Truffle Fries: fries tossed in truffle oil, plus green onion and parmesan. They were so good and creamy and a good size for the price.

For our meals, we ordered the Blue burger, with bacon, blue cheese, lettuce, tomato and house sauce, and the Everything, with cream cheese, jalapeño, pickled onion and mayo.

The Blue was my favorite of the two because I'm a sucker for blue cheese. And the blue cheese provides a nice, relatively prominent flavor.

The Everything, for me, had too much cream cheese so that it overpowered the other flavors. I could not taste the jalapeño, and I wished there was more of that flavor.



BURGERS GALORE: The Blue burger at Cherry Street's newest addition: Society, owned by the owners of Rib Crib.

A fellow bar mate talked to us about his burger: the Theta, that it was full of cheese. So, maybe, a request to go light on the cheese, depending on your desired cheese



BLAKE AUSTYN for GTR Newspapers

NEW TO CHERRY STREET: The burger and beer restaurant opened at 1419 E. 15th St. along Cherry Street in midtown Tulsa in June of this year. The restaurant features a large outdoor, screened-in seating area.

level, might be wise.

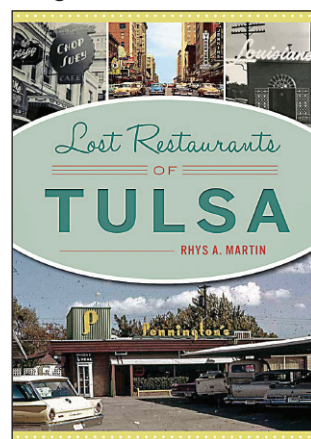
As an additional note, the burgers come ala carte. No sides are included in the average \$9 burger price.

Yet, as a comfortable weekday respite for a local beer and a burger, Society is a welcoming, new addition to Cherry Street's changing neighborhood face.

'Lost Restaurants of Tulsa' Book by Rhys Martin to Debut

Tulsan Rhys Martin has written a fascinating book called "Lost Restaurants of Tulsa," which will debut Dec. 3. The following is from the Rhys Martin website: "The book features many former popular Tulsa restaurants. In the early 20th century, Tulsa was the Oil Capital of the World. The rush of rough-necks and oil barons built a culinary foundation that not only provided traditional food and diner fare but also encouraged upper-class experiences and international cuisine.

Whether Tulsans pre-



ferred to dine in a candle-lit room on fine china at The Louisiane or would rather

cruise the Restless Ribbon in a souped-up hot rod with a stop in at Pennington's, the city has always offered a bounty of family-owned establishments. All the restaurants profiled in this book enjoyed success for a time but today exist only in memory.

"Join me on a journey through time, from Bishop's during the Great Depression to the days of 'Liquor by the Wink' to the Oil Bust of the 1980s. These are a few of the stories behind Tulsa's most beloved restaurants and the people who made them special."

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FASHION

Runway Tulsa 2018 Lives Up to Reputation

By **TERRY TRIMMER**
Senior Fashion Writer

Tulsa's fashionable masses showed up in sell out proportions to the latest offering of Runway Tulsa on Oct. 13. It was the third annual production for this high-profile event and the fourth full runway production produced by SRO Productions, which started four years ago with the show known as Tulsa Fashion Week.

Presenting sponsor Lexus of Tulsa hosted a VIP reception in the large enclosed tent that was located on the grounds of Utica Square, also a major sponsor.

Entering the tent from the valet station quickly provided a transporting experience to all attendees who openly commented on the fresh experience the tent provided over other years indoors (Cox Center). That was the intention of the promoters. Fashion is always changing and uplifting, so the events that showcase them need to reflect that.

The excitement was immediate once the show started. Following emcee Tara McClure's (dress provided by Saks, jewelry by Moody's) opening, the first model began the runway parade that would keep delivering collection after collection.

The first half featured emerging designers that delivered beyond their "emerging" moniker. Sometimes this is a slot filled mostly with local designers, but the reputation of the show has grown to a national status that attracted designers from across America.

Tabitha Andelin, of Los Angeles, made her first visit to Tulsa for the



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show and was the first to grace the runway. Her full collection found its place nicely between fast-fashion and couture. After the show, Tabitha commented, "It is an honor to show along side so many talented designers! Tulsa left a lasting impression, so I just might even have to pay her a visit again."

Kara Rainey, an Oklahoma State University graduate working in Tulsa, presented her collection titled "Equilibrium" that expresses women's strengths and vulnerabilities.

Saraya Storm of Tulsa has been on the Runway Tulsa radar for a while and was an early choice for this show. Her Fall/Winter '18 collection featured fluid silhouetting and bold patterns.

Rounding out the emerging portion of the show was Crystal Emerson, currently a design major at OSU and living in Oklahoma City. A two-time winner at OSU for "Most Outstanding Design"

garnered the interest of promoters, but her professional showing only proved she is a designer to watch.

At the break, front row VIPs and all the fashionable attendees mingled and selfies and red carpet photos were prevalent. The Swag Bags for first and second row ticket holders far surpassed what is the norm for such events. Two bags awaited on front row chairs and a tag on those bags allowed those recipients to accept an even larger bag of gifts as they left.

The second half brought the featured designers to the runway and they did not disappoint. Every Runway Tulsa has an element of high fashion with touches of exotic and edgy. Stevie Boi, of Maryland, provided the edge with his showing entitled "Pink."

Next up was Ghana born designer, now living in Atlanta via Minneapolis, Jacqueline Addison whose line goes by the name Akua Gabby. The entire collection was

stunning and drew the loudest acknowledgement of the audience all night. African prints beautifully crafted to fashionable styles made the entire presentation exciting. The light brown toned finale dress was a "princess dress" suitable for a Royal gala and brought attendees to their feet.

Presenting his line called Bizarre Couture was a Tulsan who first showed last year as an emerging designer. Ariel Lev was the first to be invited to the 2018 show because Designer Coordinator Hope Tomorrow made the formal request backstage at the 2017 show. Fresh off his hit appearance, Lev immediately went to work on a line of designs that were made both from 3D printing and repurposed materials. His design that was created from industrial straps was chosen to grace the Runway Tulsa 2018 poster. The collection stood nicely on its own visual credentials and possibly had many not knowing or

caring that such a garment came from a printer or from repurposed materials – a very impressive and creative presentation.

Finishing the night of fine fashion was the Nha Khanh collection of Khanh Nguyen from Viet Nam, headquartered in Dallas with marketing and P.R. from New York City. Her collection was crafted with meticulous detail that brought forth elegance with an edge.

The polishing touch that dazzled along with the designs was the highly professional presentation of the models. Over 80 models participated in this year's Runway Tulsa events and the consistent level of quality was outstanding in itself.

Future plans for Runway Tulsa are currently in the development stage but the city's repeated high interest, coupled with growing national attention in this annual production, has made this the Tulsa fashion event of the year.



DRESSING FOR SUCCESS: Models were having fun at the Dress for Success Tulsa 2018 "An Evening of Empowerment Gala" Fashion Show and Auction recently at the Mike Fretz Event Center in Tulsa. It is the organization's largest charity event. Dress for Success Tulsa is a not-for-profit organization, dedicated to empowering women to achieve economic independence by providing a network of support, professional attire and the development tools to help women thrive in work and in life.

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Tulsa Pop Kids Works to Promote Literacy

Recent Expo a Huge Success

The recent Tulsa Pop Culture Expo, organized by the leaders of Tulsa Pop Kids and held Nov. 2-4 at the Renaissance Hotel and Convention Center in Tulsa, was a huge success.

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

The Tulsa Pop Culture Expo was a positive step in promoting education for children through pop culture and entertainment.

Before the Expo, Ron Veit, president of Tulsa Pop Kids, said,

"Bringing the magic of the movies to Tulsa and knowing how our convention touches lives is what we are about. We are going to have the biggest convention in the area, we need to do things differently. We need to think differently, and we need to touch lives in Tulsa. To do that, we have to put a little bit of extra effort to bring these things together."

The effort paid off with the successful Expo.

Celebrities such as Sean Gunn, the actor from the TV series *Gilmore Girls*, as well as a Space Ravager from the blockbuster hit *"Guardians of the Galaxy,"* were brought in. Gunn also played Groot and Rocket, who both had significant roles in the latest *Avengers* movie. He appeared at one of the local high schools and surprised and delighted all of the students.

Other events of the week included Black Panther invading Monroe Demonstration Academy, Famous Comic Artist Steve Erwin visiting Tulsa Technology Center and the Oklahoma Highway Patrol rolling with the three main characters from the TV show *CHIPS*. John, Ponch, and the Sarge were reasons many of the OHP decided to participate.

In addition, *Dukes of Hazzard* star John Schneider visited the Children's Hospital at St. Francis. Schneider and Marie Osmond formed the Children's Miracle



FUN TIMES: Visitors to the Tulsa Pop Culture Expo enjoyed meeting all types of interesting characters.



TULSA POP EXPO TEAM: Among those involved with the success of the Tulsa Pop Culture Expo are, from left, Christie and Danny Eastman, Emilee Waite, Arthur Greeno and Noell Greeno.

Network back in 1983. Schneider shared his passion and touched their lives. Many knew him from the TV show *Dukes of Hazzard*, *Smallville* and, more recently, *Dancing with the Stars*.

Star Wars fans were excited to learn that not only did Tulsa Pop Culture Expo have a life-sized Jabba the Hut, but it also had the largest group of Droids all in one

place in the history of Oklahoma.

About Tulsa Pop Kids, Inc.

Tulsa Pop Kids, Inc. exists to educate through arts and entertainment. The organization works with the pop culture community of Northeast Oklahoma to promote literacy in children and to raise awareness and funds

through various activities including events, educational programs, visits to children's hospitals, comic book giveaways, scholarships, grants, and more. By drawing multiple geek genres together for a common goal, Tulsa Pop Kids, Inc. believes that pop culture can be used to help change the world for kids in the Greater Tulsa area.

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Arthur Greeno Honored at Union

Arthur Greeno, a leader of Tulsa Pop Kids and a 1987 graduate of Union High School, returned to his alma mater recently to share the topic, "How to be a 'REMARK'able Leader!" The Union graduate has made a name for himself in the community through his entrepreneurship and leadership.

Greeno led over 700 students at the District 7 Student Council Fall Meeting held at the UMAC at Union High School. Greeno, best known for his interesting marketing stunts, is also a well-respected leader, coach and author, and has spoken all over the country on leadership.

"True leaders make efforts to inspire us to be great! It is easy NOT to make the effort, but of course, that's why everyone is not cut out for leadership. Our job as leaders is to make a positive impact on our community and on the world," said Greeno, who owns two Chick-fil-A

restaurants, both close to Union High School.

The timing of the event was perfect. As Fundraising Chair for the Tulsa Pop Kids, he is leading this city to some new ventures, one being the recent Tulsa Pop Culture Expo.

"Why can't we create this region's largest pop culture convention and the profits serve the community?" he asked, answering, "We can." Greeno said, in planning for this year's convention, "We are well on our way to be successful with our leaders thinking beyond what they cannot measure!"

Greeno and the Tulsa Pop Culture Expo brought talent to the expo with some big requests:

- They wanted Sean Gunn to crash a drama department
- Bo Duke to visit the Children's Hospital
- Oklahoma's most exceptional and tough OHP to see their heroes from childhood

- Create a movie tour bus with the lead actor from the movie *ON THE BUS!*

- Have the story writer from Black Panther share his story with a Tulsa Public School

- Have a famous former Tulsa student share his success in the comic realm with current students.

Union High School leadership program representatives said they were thrilled to have hosted the District 7 student council fall meeting. Led by senior leadership officer and District 7 Vice President Rowdy Farris, along with the guidance of Student Council Sponsor Martha Embry, the leadership students have worked for several months organizing the event themselves.

"We are very proud of the leadership our students have shown and honored to have held this event," Michael Rose, associate director of Student Life, said.

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HEALTH & WELLNESS

CTCA Hosts Annual Anna's Belles Cancer Walk

Cancer Treatment Centers of America in Tulsa recently hosted the annual Anna's Belles Awareness Walk for Ovarian Cancer. The ovarian cancer survivors support group meets monthly at CTCA. To bring awareness to this health issue, the group held a walk.

The event included a short program before supporters, family and the community walked the trail at CTCA, which was lined with educational posters of ovarian cancer facts and statistics.

About Cancer Treatment Centers of America

Cancer Treatment Centers of America Global, Inc. is a comprehensive cancer care network of hospitals and outpatient care centers in Atlanta, Chicago, Philadelphia, Phoenix and Tulsa.

Specializing in the treatment of adult cancer patients, CTCA offers an integrative approach to care that combines surgery, radiation, chemotherapy and immunotherapy with advancements in precision cancer treatment and supportive therapies designed to manage side effects and enhance quality of life, both during and after treatment.

CTCA also offers a range of clinical trials for cancer patients with the objective of revealing new treatments supported by scientific and investigational research.

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ORGANIZER AND FRIEND: Anna's Belles organizer and ovarian cancer survivor Lisa Ramsey with CTCA's Gynecologic Oncologist Dr. David McIntosh.



GUIDING LIGHT: The Anna's Belles Cancer Walk was lined with educational posters and positive thoughts.

TCC Diagnostic Sonography Program Adds Accreditation

Tulsa Community College's Diagnostic Medical Sonography Program reached a milestone with a third accreditation in a focused area of study. The College is now accredited in Vascular, and was accredited in Abdominal and Obstetrics/Gynecology in Jan. 2016 by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs, upon the recommendation of the Joint Review Committee on Education in Diagnostic Medical Sonography.

"The accreditation demonstrates the quality of TCC's program to employers, as well as the community, and shows we are teaching to a nationally recognized standard," said Cindy Hess, TCC senior vice president and chief academic officer.

In addition to an accredited program, TCC graduates have a higher pass rate on the board exam than the national average including a 100 percent pass rate on the American Registry of Diagnostic Medical Sonography Vascular Exam.

"Ultrasound is the only medical imaging where the image is totally operator dependent, meaning whatever is scanned is whatever is reviewed," said Aimee Francois, TCC diag-

nostic medical sonography program director. "Because of that, we are seeing hiring practices shift as more health care companies hire graduates from accredited programs due to changes in healthcare and reimbursement policies from insurance companies."

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, demand for sonographers is expected to grow by more than 30 percent through 2022, which is a much higher rate than many other occupations.

"The impact of our program reaches across northeast Oklahoma. The training we provide our students in the areas of abdominal, obstetrics/gynecology and vascular sonography and the skills they develop in all three areas meets the needs of our communities, both urban and rural," said Francois.

The Diagnostic Medical Sonography program at TCC is a five-semester workforce development degree offered at TCC's Owasso Campus and designed for the individual to go directly into the workforce. For more information regarding TCC's Diagnostic Medical Sonography program, call 918-595-2059 or email aimee.francois@tulsacc.edu.



MEDICAL EDUCATION: This TCC student has received an excellent education in the Diagnostic Medical Sonography program.

OSU-COM Adds Location at Cherokee Nation in Tahlequah

The Cherokee Nation and Oklahoma State University Center for Health Sciences have announced the establishment of the nation's first college of medicine to be located at a tribal health facility in Tahlequah, which is set to open in 2020.

The new OSU College of Osteopathic Medicine at the Cherokee Nation will be an additional location of the OSU College of Osteopathic Medicine located in Tulsa.

Current plans call for the enrollment of an inaugural class of 50 students, starting in the fall of 2020, with a total of 200 students

when fully operational. The new medical college will be located at the W.W. Hastings Hospital campus, 100 S. Bliss Ave., and will occupy approximately 60,000 square feet.

"The establishment of the OSU College of Osteopathic Medicine at the Cherokee Nation is the culmination of years of work and is part of our steadfast commitment to making Cherokee Nation's health care not only the best in Indian country, but the best in the state of Oklahoma," said Bill John Baker, Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation.

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By KYLIE McFERRIN
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Tee McPhee, a teacher at Miss Helen's Private School, came to America from England with her husband Jim and their children in 2007.

The family's journey to America began when Jim's company transferred him to the States.

Lynda Wingo, executive director of Miss Helen's Private School, says, "We hired Tee when we met her almost 10 years ago because she was so impressive."

McPhee recently received her U.S. citizenship, and she was honored at the school by her students.

Her love of children and teaching is infectious.

While she had previously been involved in specialized sales, she returned to school with an emphasis on teaching and child psychology. The citizenship process was a long one. She is originally from Portsmouth, but with parents in the Royal Navy, there was a lot of moving and new homes – 23 to be exact.

When looking at a photo of her father on the ship he served upon, her husband found his father in the photo as well. When one encounters something by chance that seems like it was meant to be, it's called "kismet." This was certainly kismet!

When asked about Miss Helen's and what caught her eye about the school, she mentioned coming across an advertisement for a job, and the rest is history.

Upon further questioning concerning her love of teaching and what drew her to it, it was apparent why she chose to move from sales to teaching many years ago.

"That lightbulb moment or the 'aha' moment when kids get it," McPhee said. "Learning letters and then learning to read and knowing you are the one that helped make that happen."

McPhee's drive is not only moved by her passion of ensuring children know their numbers, letters, and how to line up at school, but to infuse curiosity and enjoy-



WELCOMING: Miss Helen's School Executive Director Lynda Wingo, left, with Tee McPhee, says "Tee was impressive enough we hired her almost immediately when she applied almost 10 years ago."



HAPPY CLASSROOM: Kindergarten teacher Tee McPhee is all smiles as every student, teacher and employee of Miss Helen's School dressed in red, white and blue for the day this past summer when she was honored for becoming an American citizen. With Miss McPhee is her best friend and fellow kindergarten teacher Stephanie Byrne.



ment into the learning process. One can actually hear those inflections in her voice when she speaks about her love of teaching.

When asked about what she herself has learned about the teaching profession and what it means to be a steward of children, she responded with, "Tolerance, patience, having a child's eye." One cannot deny when hearing her voice light up that she is made for this journey of ensuring our children are on their way to greatness.

McPhee also said how she understands completely that children will learn at different paces and will adjust accordingly to the student. She employs different

ways of teaching each child if need be and will be creative with her techniques. She says she is constantly learning and always ensuring classroom management. Her use of classroom etiquette shines through in her tone and ability to assess what each child needs.

After speaking with McPhee, one is left with a sense of joy, positivity, and knowledge that, under her guidance, a child will be in the right hands. Not only does she exude her love for teaching but she also will make one feel at ease, which translates into what all children absolutely need in a teacher.

She was asked after spelling her

last name, if there was any relation to the movie character "Nanny McPhee." Guess who said yes? Kismet.

Miss Helen's School has been a leading private institution in Tulsa since 1954, focusing on excellent care and education. Wingo believes in the same philosophy as her mother-in-law, Helen Wingo; to provide a great learning institution where children can develop their reading, math, and social talents as well as improve communication skills and learning habits. It prides itself on learned discipline, academics, and curriculum. Not only is it a prestigious school, but it employs the best of the best.



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Student Joins Legal Team for New Career

Christina Sheppard has always been intrigued by the legal system, and decided to return to school with hopes of pursuing a career in the demanding field.

"I wanted to go back to school and eventually start working in the legal field," Sheppard said. "I decided to join the Project HIRE team a year ago in July, and that's where I discovered Tulsa Tech."

Tulsa Tech's Legal Office Assistant program provides the training required to draft and process legal documents, including wills, contracts and deeds. Students also experience the drama of courtrooms, law offices and government facilities as they work as part of a professional legal team.

"I chose the program because I have always been interested in the legal field," Sheppard said. "And I felt it would give me an opportunity to help others."

The young wife and mother of a 19-month old son was working as a stay-at-home mom, and had worked previously in their career fields before deciding to attend Tulsa Tech.

"Like a lot of people I first worked in fast food," Sheppard said. "After high school I also worked as a Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) before even-

tually becoming a stay-at-home mom. I don't regret studying to become a CNA, but ultimately I decided that it wasn't the right career choice for me."

Sheppard began her training in the Legal Office Assistant program during the fall of 2017, and by the following spring already had an offer for a rewarding job.

"I was in the program for nine months," Sheppard said. "In March, I was offered an internship at Boheim-Freeman Law Office, and the following month in April, I was offered a full-time position with the firm."

Boheim-Freeman, PLLP, located at 616 S. Boston Ave., provides services for criminal defense, family law and estate planning in Tulsa and the surrounding counties. Sheppard feels lucky to have the opportunity to pursue her career in such a positive environment alongside other legal professionals.

"I really enjoy the people I get to work with," Sheppard said. "We are so much more than just a firm, we are really a family, and our goal each day is to treat our clients exactly the same way."

Working as a legal assistant for a dynamic firm like Boheim-Freeman has its trials, however these are exactly the types



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LEGAL ASSISTANT: Tulsa Tech alumna Christina Sheppard currently works as a legal assistant for Boheim-Freeman PLLP, a local law firm which provides legal services for clients in Tulsa and surrounding counties.

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By **DR. STEVE TIGER**
Superintendent

of challenges that Sheppard feels make the position so rewarding.

"I would say that one of the biggest challenges working as a legal assistant is time management," Sheppard said. "I currently work for five different attorneys, who each need me to complete different assignments at different times. I really enjoy this challenge, and find it very rewarding to be able to contribute to the success of our office."

As a legal assistant, Sheppard performs many duties, and acknowledges the importance of her role in the success of the firm. "I'm always aware that I am the face of our company," Shep-

pard said. "I'm most likely the first person you will see, or the first person you will visit with, and I will point you toward the appropriate attorney for your case. I also prepare documents for courts, set up appointments, return calls and take payments as needed."

Sheppard credits Tulsa Tech, her instructor and the Legal Office Assistant Program for providing her an opportunity to pursue her new career.

"Without a doubt I would not be where I am today without the training I received from my instructor, Miss Young, and the Legal Office Program," Shep-

pard said. "Tulsa Tech not only prepared me for a successful career in the legal field, but I also learned a lot about how the legal system works, and the opportunities that I will have in the future. The program gave me confidence about how to present myself, and also how to seek internships within the field."

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UNION NEWS

Alec Gonzalez, Nadia Mustafa Named Union October Seniors of the Month

Union High School has named Alec Gonzalez and Nadia Mustafa as October Seniors of the Month. Alec is the son of Jerry and Theresa Gonzalez and Nadia is the daughter of Sumit and Naila Mustafa, all of Tulsa.

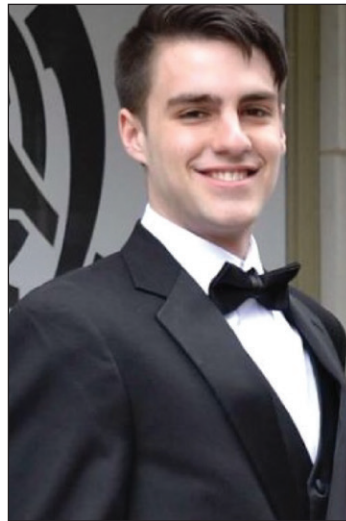
Gonzalez is active in Leadership, TeePee Crew, MESH, Spikeball Club and a former member of Business Professionals of America. He was a 2016-2017 Student Council Outstanding Representative honoree and a Freshmen Student of

the Month. He is senior class treasurer and assistant vice president in TeePee Crew. He plans to attend Oklahoma State University or the University of Oklahoma and major in construction management.

Mustafa is active in Mu Alpha Theta, Mesh, National Honor Society, orchestra, Asian American Club and Environmental Club as well as tutoring, volunteering at Hardesty Regional Library, fund raising for Union activities and volunteering for various school

events. Honors include being an AP Scholar, National Merit Semifinalist, Community Service, North Oklahoma All-District Strings Orchestra, a Duke University TIP state winner, winner of a Princeton University book award and being selected to attend a summer pre-college program at Harvard University.

She hopes to major in applied mathematics and actuarial science while possibly minor-ing in physics. She hopes to attend the University of Tulsa.



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Gateway Gives Back

Gateway Mortgage Group, founded by Governor-Elect Kevin Stitt, welcomed teachers back to class this fall by paying for every classroom project request at Roy Clark Elementary.

The company funded all projects listed on the Tulsa area school's DonorsChoose.org page, totaling nearly \$3,000.

Most of the projects focus on science, technology, engineering and math subjects, commonly known as STEM. Arts-integration initiatives to increase reading comprehension were also included.

The Gateway Gives Back program will also provide mortgage financing in low- to moderate-income communities.

Union Students Tour During Manufacturing Month

Manufacturing Month is a nationwide celebration of modern manufacturing to inspire the next generation of makers, builders and dreamers.

By working together, manufacturers in Oklahoma and across the country are addressing the skilled labor shortage by connecting with future generations and taking charge of the public image of manufacturing to ensure the ongoing prosperity of the whole industry. Recruiting events, facility tours for students, educators and policymakers happen throughout the month.

OK2Grow and Dream It Do It sponsored several for Manufacturing Month held in October, begin-

ning with tours of local manufac-tures.

"Touring manufacturing facilities provides the best opportunities to introduce students, educators and parents to modern manufacturing," said April Salsbury, executive director of OK2Grow and Dream It Do It Oklahoma. "Over the next decade, over 3.5 million jobs in manufacturing will be added and, due to the current skills gap, it is expected that over 2 million of those jobs will go unfilled. We are hoping to change the perception and manufacturing jobs and show that manufacturing is a lucrative career choice."

Manufacturing companies em-

ploy about 132,000 Oklahomans.

Manufacturers account for 10 percent of state's total output, employing eight percent of the workforce.

Annual compensation for a manufacturing employee is \$65,046 in Oklahoma, about 20 percent higher than other sectors.

Total output from manufacturing is \$17.8 billion annually.

During Manufacturing Month, OK2Grow and Dream It Do It Oklahoma also recognized outstanding manufacturing companies. Learning about what manufacturing employees do on a daily basis and can help address common misperceptions about the industry.



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EDUCATIONAL OBSERVATION: These students learned by observing this company's warehouse functions.

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UNION SPORTS

Union Basketball Reloads for Another Title Run

New Talent, Same Goal for Coach Garcia

By **MIKE MOGUIN**
GTR Sports Writer

Union High School has big spots to fill in its basketball lineup as the season draws near.

Gone are Michiah McQuarters, Jordan Flood and Mo Garcia, son of coach Rudy Garcia, to graduation. The trio served major leadership roles in the Redskins' 22-5 finish and quarterfinal appearance in the Class 6A state boys' tournament last season.

But, don't think for a moment Union expects a rebuilding campaign for 2018-19. It has the talent and tools to reload and make another run for a title.

"We've got some juniors and seniors that haven't had that opportunity," Garcia said. "This is their time. They're working hard. Hopefully, they can keep that tradition going that we've established here and have a good season."

One player the Redskins are counting on is Larry King, a 6'1"

senior guard who will be one of the starters for sure, Garcia said.

"He's one of our guys," the coach added. "We expect him to be a leader for us in a lot of different ways. He was in our rotation last year and started a few games. With his toughness and what he brings to the floor, we're going to lean on him quite a bit this year to get a lot done for us."

Ira Richardson, a 6'4" senior forward, is a player who started some games last year and will be depended upon to carry more of the load this year.

"Those are really the only two (Richardson and King) that played a lot of minutes for us," Garcia said. "(Richardson) can play different spots on the floor. He's the other one that we're going to need a lot out of this year. He's coming off a little bit of an injury of his hand right now, but he should have a very good year for us, just with what he can bring to the floor with some experience."

Then there is senior Quentin Harvey, a 6'6" forward and another

guy that has been waiting his turn, Garcia said.

"We're expecting big things out of him this year," the coach added. "We've got to have him on the post. We need him on the floor to help us with that size we may see throughout the season."

Junior Micah Lovett, a 5'10" guard, is leading at the point guard spot.

"This is his first chance to get a lot of varsity minutes and he should be able to run the team for us," Garcia said. "He's a very athletic guard, not real tall, but, plays a bit bigger than he is."

Then there is 6'3" guard/forward Seth Chargois, a junior and the younger brother of Ethan Chargois, a Union standout from two seasons ago, now at SMU.

"Seth is a very athletic kid and I think he's going to surprise some people," Garcia said. "He's got all kinds of ability. But, he's going to need to play well for us to be good. Those five right now are the five that should start for us," Garcia added.

Other players in the mix to start or get playing minutes are Marcus Hawkins (senior), Josh Williams (senior), Mason Mackey (junior), R.J. Forney (junior) and Nehemiah Boykins (junior).

As for the toughest teams on the schedule, it will be usual foes of the Frontier Conference: Sapulpa, Sand Springs, Jenks, Broken Arrow and Owasso.

On the west side, Putnam City West and Edmond Memorial have key people coming back, Garcia said.



Union High School Athletic Department

SENIOR LEADERSHIP: Larry King is expected to occupy a leadership role on the court for the Redskins this season.



Amy Meisner was diagnosed with MS in 1997. For someone who has always danced, MS would seem like the end. But for Amy, it means the start of a new chapter. She'll never leave the floor, still dances from her wheelchair, and is a great choreographer. Embracing Amy's undying passion, the National MS Society teamed up with LaTonya Swann to create an entirely new and inspired dance experience through virtual reality. See their experience and find out how you can share yours at WeAreStrongerThanMS.org.

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SPORTS

Mayberry Household Divided Over TU, ORU

Father Coaches ORU, Daughter Coaches TU

By GLENN HIBDON
GTR Sports Writer

Sunday dinners for the Mayberry household can prove to be adventuresome. The routine is nearly always the same. First, there's church. Then, the clan meets at grandmother's house for a sumptuous mid-day meal. Finally, the chit chat turns toward a heated discussion over women's college basketball recruiting.

Should young ladies choose Oral Roberts University or the University of Tulsa? Pick your side. Lee Mayberry, the former NBA guard, is in his first season as a women's recruiter and assistant coach at ORU. Taleya Mayberry, the eldest of Lee's five daughters, has embarked on her maiden voyage as an assistant coach at TU. No matter which side you choose, it's clear the city of Tulsa has returned to the Mayberrys.

"We always seem to start bickering at dinner," Taleya said of the Sunday family gatherings. "My dad asks me questions about what recruiting I'm doing and I won't tell him. My mom (Marla) then says, 'We won't talk about basketball today. There will definitely be none of that.'"

Taleya said the hoops rivalry between father and daughter will reach its zenith on Nov. 17 when the Lady Golden Eagles play host to Tulsa in the Mayor's Cup. However, there is still a battle awaiting them closer to home over the recruiting of fourth daughter Wyvette, slated to be a senior at Booker T. Washington this season. Third daughter Maya will be a sophomore at ORU.

"I think about nothing but basketball and school. I want to be the quarterback of the team," said Maya. "No. 1, I want to win the (Summit) league and No. 2, I want to continue a good relationship with my teammates."

"I think it will be fun (playing for her father). He's given me so much advice and the time I spent with him in the gym made me a better player. We still watch clips from his Arkansas games together. He's taught me how to shoot and it's great having a coach at home."

Lee Mayberry, 48, burst upon the Tulsa scene by leading Will Rogers High School to the 1988 state championship. At Arkansas, Mayberry was named first team All-SEC in 1992 and was tabbed 23rd in the NBA draft. He spent seven years with Milwaukee and Vancouver before returning to Arkansas as a men's assistant coach. Mayberry has finally come home and he's ready to help his daughters make the most of it.

"I'm proud of all of them. They've all won state championships," he said. "All of them are good players and I can't say which is best. They are very skilled. I would say Taleya is the quickest, Maya is the better shooter, Kaylan was good and so is Wyvette. I remember when they were younger and playing in the rec leagues. They started out not getting the ball up to the goal, just dribbling around."

Kaylan is the second oldest and won a state title at BTW. She played at ORU through the 2016-17 season and is now living in Oklahoma City, engaged to former NFL and OU star Dominique Alexander. Rhyian Mayberry is the youngest at age 11 and is a fifth-grader at Carver. Her basketball future is uncertain with Taleya saying volleyball could be her sport of choice.

No matter their direction in life, Lee's daughters said he supported them and made sure he had time to spend with them.

"I really think he wanted a boy. We always joked around about that," Maya said. "But we used to go shopping a lot because he knew he had all girls. Why not go on a shop-



LEE MAYBERRY: The former Arkansas star and NBA guard is in his first season as a recruiter and assistant coach at ORU.



NBA SHARPSHOOTER: Lee Mayberry as a member of the NBA Vancouver Grizzlies.



TALEYA MAYBERRY: The former TU basketball star has returned to her alma mater as an assistant coach.



HURRICANE STAR: Taleya Mayberry as a member of the TU women's basketball team.

ping trip? The time he took with us together was the highlight of the year."

The Mayberry girls found another way to be close to their dad was winning games on a basketball court. They learned how to succeed through his tutelage and his patience.

"I never pushed them to play the game," Lee said. "My advice was if you play, play hard. You're going to make mistakes and won't play a perfect game. Just learn from them. Learn ball handling and shooting. It won't take a day, a week, a month or a year. Sometimes you never get it right."

Apparently that's not true for Mayberry's daughters. Taleya spread the family name all over the world after graduation from TU, playing professionally in China, Germany, Bulgaria and Iceland. She said traveling the globe was a great experience, but can't compare to sitting around grandmother's Sunday dinner table.

"It feels good to be back. I found a way to come home," Taleya said. "I'm really excited for him (her father's coaching job) too. He had so much to do with it (her success), I wouldn't have been the player I was without him. I ask him a lot of things about recruiting and he gives me tips and ways to communicate with players. He's well known and he knows a lot of players. He's just a great assistant coach."

Taleya said having played under TU head coach Matilda Mossman has given her instant credibility with players.

"The girls look up to me and know what I

did as a player. I can relate to them," she said. "I want to help develop young women overall, from basketball to having careers. Seeing them grow from freshmen is what it's all about. I want them to know when you give your all, it goes a long way."

Perhaps Maya is the next Mayberry to follow the leader into coaching. Until that day comes, she's still beaming over averaging 11.6 points and shooting 47 percent from the three-point line as a freshman. The 5-foot-8 guard is ready for a break out season in 2018-19.

"My dad taught me everything I know about being a point guard and ball handler," said Maya, named to the Summit League's All-Freshman team. "He taught me my mid-range shot and to be good under pressure. I'm following in his footsteps. He taught me patience and my ability to score. He taught me to not let my opponent rush me, just slow down and score."

Away from the court Lee and Maya like to watch football and root for the Oklahoma Sooners, but now it's time to work on basketball and uphold the family tradition of winning. Virtually everyone in the Mayberry family has suited up at one time or another to play hoops. Everyone except Marla, Lee's wife.

"She was a cheerleader (in school). She always supported the kids," he said. "She didn't play basketball, but she gave up her weekends. She was the real MVP."

Especially true as a referee during Sunday dinners at grandma's house.

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HOOP TALK: TU Head basketball Coach Frank Heath discusses his team's chances for this season during media day.



TU GOLF WINNER: Tulsa freshman golfer Lorena Tseng won individual medalist honors recently at the Las Vegas Collegiate Showdown.



VOLLEYBALL CHAMPS: Lincoln Christian girls celebrate their 2018 State Volleyball Championship.



VICTORY VICTORS: The Victory Christian volleyball team celebrates their state championship.



TU CROSS COUNTRY: The TU women's cross country squad finished in second place, just two points behind champion Wichita State. The Hurricane has finished either first or second at conference championships in four of its five seasons as a member of The American Athletic Conference.



ORU SPORTS PARK: Oral Roberts University officials cut the ribbon for the new Golden Eagle Intramural Sports Fields.



BISHOP KELLEY WINNERS: The Bishop Kelley girls are all smiles over their state volleyball title in their division.



AMERICAN CHAMPIONS: The TU men have won all five American Athletic Conference titles since joining in 2014. Additionally, Tulsa now has won a league-best 16 conference titles across all sports since 2014.

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PAR 3 REOPENING: *Tulsa's LaFortune Park Par 3 Golf Course reopened in October with an aggressive design and improved lighting. Dignitaries at the opening include, from left, Tulsa County Commissioners Mike Craddock, Karen Keith and Ron Peters, Tulsa County Parks Director Richard Bales, former Tulsa Mayor Robert LaFortune, Tulsa Mayor G.T. Bynum and golf course architect Randy Heckenkemper. The course is Oklahoma's only lighted 18-hole par-3 course.*



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READY FOR BASKETBALL: *The University of Tulsa basketball team is off to a winning start this season. From left at media day are Martins Igbanu, Sterling Taplin, Curran Scott, Zeke Moore and Jeriah Horne. TU's home schedule includes Oklahoma State on Dec. 5 and Kansas State on Dec. 8 in addition to the American Athletic Conference games. TU will play at ORU Dec. 22.*

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Miller Swim School Opens Jenks Location

By KAYLEY FORSHEY
Contributing Writer

With a friendly “Come on in, the water’s fine,” Miller Swim School is expanding to the city of Jenks. A few years in the making, Miller Swim School will be ready to open their second location in the spring of 2019, located on 91st and Elwood Ave.

The school’s swim team presented the idea, a project called Miller Swim School West, four years ago with the dream of expanding their influence. Sarah Clavin, director of marketing and communications and granddaughter of founders Larry and Rita Miller, has been involved in the project from its beginning, though she has been working with Miller Swim since she was 15. After looking at a few different locations, including a building in Owasso, Miller Swim School found its second home in Jenks.

“We found that a lot of families were saying ‘I live on the west side of Tulsa, closer to Jenks. I want to come, but we can’t make the drive to your current location.’” The school system in Jenks is also growing, and we want to serve an underserved area,” she said. “There are lots of young families there, and that’s the age range that needs swim lessons, that need water safety education the most. We’re hoping to reach an unreached group.”

The Jenks location is currently under construction, but will include amenities like an all-glass, sound-proof waiting room for parents and guardians, individual family dressing rooms and a kid-friendly vibe throughout the facility. After the groundbreaking in January, construction steadily progressed. Currently, the pool is dug, the parking lot is paved and



THE WATER’S FINE: Miller Swim School will open a second location, shown here in an architectural rendering, in Jenks next Spring. Miller Swim School has been teaching children to swim since 1960.

the Miller Swim School Jenks location is well on its way to being completely finished—all that’s needed are the walls, which will be put up in mid November.

“When you walk into the facility, we’ll have one big, long observation room with glass, floor to ceiling. The first thing you’ll see when you walk in will be the pool. We’ll have showers on the deck with a really pretty art feature. It’s going to be bright, it’s going to be colorful, it’s going to be family friendly. It’s going to be really neat,” Clavin said.

The second location is an extension of the Miller family’s mission: “...to build a safer community, through swim lessons, water safety education and drowning prevention.”

The Miller Swim School team has been teaching children to swim since 1960. The Millers themselves were school teachers and coaches for Tulsa Public Schools before they began giving swim lessons in the summers, growing their team and business.

“In the summer, they started managing a pool and while they were managing it, they realized how many kids couldn’t swim,” Clavin said. “They knew about swimming and coaching swimming, so they sort of began teaching swimming lessons. It just grew and grew and grew because there was such a need. No one in town was doing that.”

The Miller Swim team soon began renting out public pools for their swim lessons before opening the Miller Swim School facility on South Mingo Road 23 years ago. Currently, the school rents outdoor pools in Broken Arrow and Owasso to provide swim lessons, as well as managing its current indoor facility year-round.

“[The Millers] saw a need in the community and went with it,” Clavin said.

The team can continue meeting community needs for water safety training and swim lessons with their new location.

The Miller families’ dedication to the project, along with the support

and hard-work of their staff, will find it pay off in March 2019, when Miller Swim School Jenks location opens its doors with a splash.

The new location is now accepting charter memberships, available at millerswimschool.com, and enrollment will be open in February 2019. The official date for the

school opening has yet to be announced, but according to Clavin, they will be hosting a family fun day with food trucks, inflatables and a very special guest, sports announcer and former Olympian Rowdy Gaines, to celebrate the location opening. So, keep the swimsuits and goggles ready.



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DISC GOLF AT POSTOAK: A disc golf course was recently opened at POSTOAK Lodge and Retreat Center in Tulsa. From left at the ribbon cutting are Britain Drennan, Tulsa Regional Chamber; Evan Townsend, POSTOAK; Trish Kerkstra, POSTOAK; Vince Trinidad, Tulsa Sports Commission and Ray Hoyt, VisitTulsa.



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ALLAN TRIMBLE HONORED: Longtime Jenks High School educator and football coach Allan Trimble and the Trimble Strong Foundation has teamed up with The University of Tulsa athletics department in trying to increase awareness of ALS (Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis) and encourage individuals to live with a purpose. The photo was taken at halftime of the TU-UConn football game in November.

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THE ECONOMY

Spears Travel Celebrates 60 Years of Service

By **BETHANY DUARTE**
Contributing Writer

In November, Greg, Gary and Charlene Spears, owners of Spears Travel/Travel Leaders in Tulsa and Bartlesville, are celebrating the 60th anniversary of their business.

Formerly known as Kelley World Travel, Spears World Travel Service was founded in 1958 by Chuck and Charlene Spears.

What began as a small operation with one desk, one file cabinet,

two phones and one staff member has expanded to two locations with multiple associates, travel agents and independent contractors. Agents have expertise and aid in planning both domestic and international travel, cruises, corporate travel and retreats, astronomy trips, group travel, honeymoons and more.

This includes everything from booking flights and hotels to creating trip itineraries to purchasing travel insurance to planning Disney theme park vacations.

It's no small feat for a local business to reach the 60-year mark, but for a full-service travel agency like Spears, it is an even bigger accomplishment. With the rise of the "web age," many travel agencies across the nation threw in the towel as their clients took on the job of planning and arranging their own travel via the internet. Spears Travel persisted, however, focusing on the unique value and expertise their agents bring to the table for their customers.

"It's about expertise. [The agents] have been there, done that and they know what questions to ask," said Gary Spears, CFO, along with Greg Spears, one of two sons of the company's founders.

According to Gary Spears, it's the personal touch, local connection and years of expertise that make the full-service travel agency a win over any internet-based option.

"We're here. We've got the expertise. We're local. What most people don't realize is whatever they need regarding travel, we can help with that. We're not just airline tickets or hotel bookings. We also do corporate travel and even cruises. We're going to beat any deal you find and probably add on some extras."

This commitment to high value service has made Spears Travel a consistent source of expertise in Tulsa and Bartlesville for the last 60 years, but according to Spears, it is the employees that have made the true difference.

When asked what has contributed most to Spears Travel's enduring success in a newly tech-driven world, the Spears' list had their valued employees at the top, closely



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HAPPY ANNIVERSARY: The Spears team in the Tulsa office celebrates the company's 60th year anniversary. From left are Brad Johnson, Gayla Smith, Julie Christopherson, Carol Faversham, Lynn Scott, Terri Yee, Debbie Rusk and Greg Spears.

followed by the ability to adapt to changes.

"There have been so many changes, and we learned to change with them," he said.

The agency has also relied on good business relationships and a healthy association with Travel Leaders, a national travel company with billions of dollars in sales.

"The added expertise and technology we have access to, as well as the vendor relationships a smaller agency might not have, benefit our customers." Through this strategic association, Spears is able to maximize the value of the services provided to their customers while ensuring the same local and personal approach that made it successful in the first place.

Value isn't just a buzzword for Spears, but something by which they live and operate their business. Raised in a faith-filled home, the Spears family didn't try to separate the two when they launched their

business, but instead brought the same principles that ran their home into the workplace. The result is an emphasis on honesty, integrity, candor, trust and dignity.

"We are here to serve. That's what our business is: a service business," said Greg Spears. "Our loyal customers feel that way, and hopefully our new customers will feel that way too."

The Spears Travel family invites their loyal customers and any prospective customers to celebrate this 60-year milestone with them at an open house, complete with refreshments, door prizes and special deals. Each location will hold its own open house from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., in Bartlesville on Nov. 14 and in Tulsa on Nov. 15.

The Bartlesville branch is located at 500 S.W. Keeler (918-336-2360) and the Tulsa location is 8180 S. Memorial Dr. (918-254-1608).

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OK2Grow, Dream It Do It Oklahoma Celebrate Outstanding Companies

Event Held During Manufacturing Month

Manufacturing is one of the top industries in Oklahoma, employing more than 130,000 people. October is Manufacturing Month, a nationwide celebration of modern manufacturing to inspire the next generation of makers, builders and dreamers. Manufacturers in Oklahoma are working together to address the skilled labor shortage by connecting future generations to those working in manufacturing. The goal is to make sure this industry continues to prosper.

During Manufacturing Month, OK2Grow and Dream It Do It Oklahoma recognized outstanding manufacturing companies in the city and state. The awards showcase the important work manufacturing companies and their employees perform on a daily basis. They also work to address common misconceptions about the industry and educate people about the impact of manufacturing in Oklahoma.

Manufacturing companies employ about 132,000 Oklahomans.

Manufacturers account for 10 percent of state's total output, employing eight percent of the workforce.

Annual compensation for a manufacturing employee is \$65,046 in Oklahoma – about 20 percent higher than other sectors.

Total output from manufacturing is \$17.8 billion annually according to the Oklahoma Manufacturing Alliance - 2018 Annual Economic Impact Report.

Keynote speaker and award winner Geoff Hager, CEO of Big Elk Energy, LLC, spoke about the

State of Manufacturing in Oklahoma. Big Elk Energy is number 123 on the 2018-2019 Inc. Magazine's 5,000 fastest-growing companies list. It is the fastest-growing company in the state and fastest-growing manufacturer in the country. Hager was also among those named to the national 40 under 40 list for oil and gas by *Oil and Gas Investor* magazine.

OK2Grow & Dream It Do It Oklahoma Executive Director April Sailsbury gave the latest information about the State of Oklahoma's Workforce and how their programs and activities give students experience and training to create a pathway to success.

2018 Manufacturing Month Award Recipients:

- Safety & Wellness: Muncie Power Products
- Doug Sullivent Innovation in Workforce: Big Elk Energy, LLC.
- Geoff Hager Sustainability Award: Covanta
- Matt Newman Community Engagement: Tulsa Tube Bending - Brad Frank

The premier award is the Larry Mocha Advocacy Award which is awarded to an individual that is working to further the vision the late Larry Mocha (President of APSCO) had for the manufacturing industry.

The Larry Mocha Advocacy Award went to Cheryl Hill, former CEO of Hill Manufacturing.

In discussing the Larry Mocha Award, Lynda Wingo, OK2Grow



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AWARD WINNERS: At a recent awards show recognizing excellence in manufacturing are, from left, April Sailsbury, OK2Grow executive director; Cheryl Hill, former CEO of Hill Manufacturing/ OK2Grow board member; Dianna Davis, human resources manager, Muncie Power Products; Matt Newman, director of business management at Covanta; Geoff Hager, CEO of Big Elk Energy, LLC.; Brad Frank, owner, Tulsa Tube Bending; Lynda Wingo and Jerry Holder, OK2Grow Co-Founders.

Co-Founder, said, "Larry was always reaching out to find ways to help people and encourage people, no matter how old or how young. When we started giving these awards out several years ago, we were looking for people who really carried out the same mission in their heart and the passion that he felt and shared with so many of us. Each year, we look and we find someone who has that same feeling for small business, for manufacturing and for people who need help."

Three students from Union High School Career Connect in the Manufacturing/Certified Production Technician program along with their Tulsa Community College Instructor Don Crall also attended.

OK2Grow helps sponsor and fund three CPT programs in area high schools, the most recent in Broken Arrow, as well as in Union and Sand Springs Public Schools.

About OK2Grow:

OK2Grow's mission is to facilitate the development of Oklahoma's future workforce by creating awareness of careers and promoting pathways that build confidence and excitement for workplace success. OK2Grow is focused on youth entrepreneurship, career awareness and supporting education pathways available to students in our community. The organization was founded by three local business leaders, Lynda Wingo, Jerry Holder and the late Larry Mocha in 2012. Each division of OK2Grow helps provide resources for educators as well as gives students a path and vision for success whether it's higher education, technical education or entering the workforce. For more information, visit www.ok2grow.org

About Dream It Do It Oklahoma:

Dream It Do It Oklahoma, under the non-profit OK2Grow is an ini-

tiative that showcases the incredible career opportunities available in manufacturing to the emerging workforce.

Dream It Do It works to change perceptions of manufacturing careers by connecting manufacturers with students, parents and educators to create an understanding of the manufacturing renaissance in the United States and salary opportunities over \$60,000 for Oklahoma employees.

Key programming elements include classroom visits, internships, job shadows, educator and student tours, career fairs, collaborative training programs and an awareness campaign. Advantages of pursuing a career in manufacturing include: 1) low threshold of entry; 2) Early advancement opportunities; 3) Early increases in salary levels compared to other industries. For more information, visit www.dreamitdoitok.org.

Energy Security Depends on Education



Forty-five years ago, on Oct. 17, 1973, the Arab oil embargo began as agreed to by the OPEC oil ministers. Since that time, beginning with the embargo, U.S. energy and economic direction has been impacted due to that decision. (The members of the Organization of Arab Petroleum Exporting Countries "OAPEC" initiated the oil embargo.)

A few months later, in 1974, The International Society of The Energy Advocates, now known as The Energy Advocates, was founded in Tulsa. The mission of The Energy Advocates was to educate the public about energy issues and policies, therefore, combating the OPEC stronghold.

This would be the first time the Arab (OPEC) nations would wield the oil. At a time when

America was experiencing upheaval and uncertainty on nearly all socio-economic fronts, the energy crisis threatened the very fabric of the American way of life. (It was an honor for me to serve as president of The Energy Advocates from 2003 to 2009.)

Prices reacted almost instantly, and the effects of the Arab oil weapon were felt by citizens across America. Fuel shortages were commonplace during the period of the fall of 1973 to the summer of 1974. This was the first time since World War II that U.S. citizens experienced lines at the pump. This cut in the global supply of oil was devastating to the U.S. economy, and soon other western nations experienced high inflation and economic recession.

Now 45 years later, America has turned the corner. The U.S. today has been proven to possess an abundance of both oil and natural gas. That is the rallying cry for American energy.

However, despite this move in

the right energy direction, we cannot afford to let up. Our energy security depends on the development of a comprehensive domestic energy policy.

Energy education is more important than ever as we envision America's energy transformation. National Energy Talk, an Energy Advocate initiative, is a platform of engaging a national dialogue on energy issues, views and solutions. We address the needs, plans and issues. Through discussion, we can create a national energy plan.

National Energy Talk, www.nationalenergytalk.com, is helping lead a dialogue on energy issues, views and solutions through: events, publications, videos, audio and online content.

As advisory board chairman of IngeniTE, an Oklahoma City based IT company, I am fully aware that "to maximize potential and attract a new and needed younger workforce, companies of all sizes are going to have to focus on content, analytics, and digital transformation. Large amounts of data from many sources can be collected and analyzed quickly, which leads to being more informed and making better decisions." U.S. technology, research and workforce will lead the way.

The founders of The Energy Advocates would be proud to know that America is becoming less dependent on OPEC. We are faced

with America's energy dreams and global economic realities. America needs America's energy and the world needs the U.S. energy industry!

Mark A. Stansberry is chairman of The GTD Group, an award-winning author and Energy Advocate.

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ImpactTulsa Names Carlisha Williams Executive Director

Carlisha Williams, seasoned educator and Tulsa community leader, joins ImpactTulsa as executive director.

"As we approach our fifth year in supporting better education outcomes for all students in the Tulsa region, Carlisha Williams is the perfect leader for the next phase of our work," said Kathy Taylor, Impact Tulsa Founder and chair of the Leadership Council. "Carlisha is not only steeped in education policy but is a nonprofit leader, native Tulsan, social enterprise strategist and best-selling author. Her lifelong passion and commitment to quality education opportunities for all children and her significant management experience in high-performing organizations will provide leadership to both our dedicated ImpactTulsa team and our more than 50 community partner organizations."

ImpactTulsa's unprecedented partnership aligns 15 public school districts and community leaders across the Tulsa area around data that shows opportunities for immediate action. The partnership works collectively with a vision of guaranteeing a high-quality education for all students. ImpactTulsa focuses on six education outcomes including kindergarten readiness, third-grade reading, high school graduation and postsecondary entry and completion. The partnership has proven success with increasing pre-K enrollment and FAFSA completion as well as identifying and spreading best practices to increase student attendance.

"It is an honor to join the ImpactTulsa team to serve our students and community in my hometown alongside Tulsa's world-class education, business and philanthropic leaders," said Williams. "I enter this work standing on the shoulders of giants who have made tremendous strides for systemic change in public education. I am grateful for the foundation that has been set and the talented team I have the privilege to work with in moving the orga-



CARLISHA WILLIAMS

nization forward. As a connector of ideas, people, agencies and educational institutions, I am a firm believer in the power of collaboration. Together, we can and will transform education outcomes and opportunities for youth in our city."

Williams brings a variety of experience in leading nonprofits, fundraising and establishing relationships in the community. She brings experience in traditional public school, charter and international education work. She most recently worked with Tulsa Legacy Charter Schools as Executive Director.

Justin Harlan, executive director of Reading Partners and member of the ImpactTulsa Leadership Council said "I'm thrilled about Carlisha being hired as Executive Director at Impact Tulsa. She has always been an advocate for Tulsa's kids and brings a strong history of leveraging data to make decisions, which will be perfect for the partnership between Impact Tulsa and Reading Partners. The work of third-grade readiness is difficult, but I'm confident in Carlisha's leadership to get us closer to our shared goals."

For more information visit www.impacttulsa.com.

BUSINESS & PEOPLE NOTES

Muscogee (Creek) citizen, **Clint Summers**, is in his third and final year of law school at the **University of Tulsa** and was recently selected as TU College of Law's **2018 Oklahoma Bar Association Student of the Year**.



SUMMERS

Each year, Oklahoma law schools select one graduating student as the OBA award recipient and to be recognized at the association's event held in November.

Born in Oklahoma City, Summers grew up in Dallas, Texas, and later attended the University of Oklahoma before relocating to take a position at Williams in Tulsa. He later left the company to study law at TU.

Summers said that with the help of grant funding, the Muskogee Creek Nation (MCN) made it possible for him to receive both his undergraduate and post-graduate degrees.

While finishing up his degree at TU, he is also working as an articles research editor for the Tulsa Law Review, as well as a research assistant working for TU Professor Russell Christopher, who specializes in criminal law.

Summers authored an article to be published soon in the American Indian Law Journal titled "Rethinking the Federal Indian Status Test: A Look at the Supreme Court's Classification of the Freedmen of the Five Civilized Tribes of Oklahoma."

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Northeastern State University has selected **Dr. Vanessa Anton** as the dean of the College of Education.



ANTON

NSU Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs Dr. Debbie Landry said Anton brings a wide range of experience in accreditation and education to this role.

"I am confident that she will serve NSU's students, region and state very well," Landry said. "She understands the significance of the challenges facing education, psychology, counseling and health and human performance careers, and she has the proven leadership experience and energy to build upon the strong academic programs we offer. Her ability to think and lead systemically and relationally represents a unique fit for the university in this new role for her."

"Dr. Anton's commitment to Northeastern and the teaching profession is truly impressive," said NSU President Dr. Steve Turner. "She is tireless in her pursuit of excellence and highly engaged in virtually every aspect of the university. She will make an excellent dean of the College of Education."

Anton has served as interim dean of the college since July 2017 and previously served as its associate and assistant dean. She has also served NSU as a health and kinesiology professor.

Anton graduated from NSU with a bachelor's degree in business education in 1995 and with a master's degree in college teaching in 1997. She earned a doctorate in kinesiology from the University of Arkansas in 2001.

Head and neck surgeons and ear, nose and throat specialists **Bradley R. Mons, D.O.** and **Issam N. Eid, M.D.** have joined **Ascension Medical Group**, part of St. John Health System.



MONS



ISSAM

Mons completed his residency in otolaryngology-head and neck surgery at the Philadelphia (Pennsylvania) College of Osteopathic Medicine and his fellowship in head and neck microvascular reconstruction at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Mons comes to St. John from a world-renowned cancer institute and specializes in surgeries of the head and neck, cancer removal, including mouth, throat, sinus, larynx, thyroid, salivary glands and lymph nodes. He also performs complex reconstructions including local, regional and free tissue flaps, and many ENT procedures.

Eid completed his residency in the Department of Otolaryngology/Head and Neck Surgery at the University of Texas Science Center in San Antonio. He had dual fellowships at the University of Kansas Medical Center in head and neck oncology/microvascular surgery and facial plastics. Eid specializes in head and neck cancer treatment, facial plastics Mohs' defect repair, parotidectomy, rhinoplasty, microvascular free flap reconstruction and management of facial trauma.

Appointments with Dr. Mons and Dr. Eid can be made by calling 918-994-9150.

Law firm **Hall Estill**, with offices in Tulsa, Oklahoma City, Denver and Northwest Arkansas, announces that attorney **Betsy Jackson** received the Oklahoma Bar Association Diversity Committee **2018 Ada Lois Sipuel Fisher Diversity Award**.



JACKSON

She was awarded for her work in a variety of corporate and community events that promote mutual respect, acceptance, cooperation or tolerance and contribution to diversity awareness in the community and workplace.

The award was presented by Hall Estill's Ken Williams, member of the OBA Diversity Committee, for Jackson's participation in a variety of corporate and community events that promote mutual respect, acceptance, cooperation or tolerance and contribution to diversity awareness in the community and workplace.

"We are proud of Betsy and her selection by the OBA to receive this diversity award," said Mike Cooke, managing partner for Hall Estill. "Diversity is vital to our firm's clients and our community."

Oral Roberts University has announced the promotion of **Laura Bishop** to vice president of advancement at Oral Roberts University.



BISHOP

Bishop has successfully served the university for the past four years as the vice president of development and alumni relations, serving alongside President William M. Wilson during the university's historic and unprecedented 50th anniversary "Uttermost Bounds Campaign," which raised more than \$50 million—the most ORU has raised in a single campaign.

As vice president of advancement, Bishop will lead the marketing, public relations, university media productions and development and alumni relations teams, as well as oversee GEB, the university's television network and Empowered21, a Kingdom initiative the university serves.

Bishop previously served as executive director of the National Christian Foundation and Life-work Leadership of South Florida. She was the development and communications director for both Habitat for Humanity of Broward and Westminster Academy, a Christian College Preparatory school. She hosted her own radio talk show for ten years and owned Bishop Public Relations, which served Fortune 500 companies' marketing, public relations and communications needs. Bishop was also the director of International Television Network. She earned her B.A. from ORU in 1991 and has the distinction of leading two ORU milestones: the 25th and 50th anniversary celebrations.

Lisa Medina, RN, BSN, MHA, CPHQ, has been named chief nursing officer (CNO) for **St. John Health System**. Medina also serves as chief quality officer (CQO) for the health system. In her dual roles, Medina will oversee nursing practice, accreditation, infection prevention, quality, regulation, process improvement, case management and patient experience.



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Medina is a Certified Professional in Healthcare Quality (CPHQ), holds a master's degree in Healthcare Administration from Bellevue University and a BSN in Nursing from the University of Tulsa.

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Former Tulsans Open Art Gallery in Grove

By CAROL JACKSON
Contributing Writer

With a generous grant from the Oklahoma Arts Council, a Grove couple is staking their 40-plus years of entrepreneurial spirit toward a new venture that will be their first retail business, Whitney Art Gallery of Extraordinary Art.

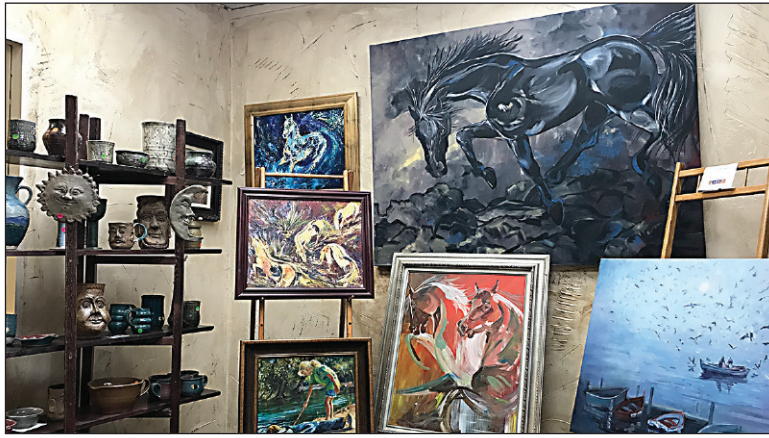
Formerly operating in the credit and mortgage industries, Joanne and Ben Whitney say they've seized upon the grant's opportunity for the small town that is gearing up for a new wave of economic prosperity. The Whitneys attribute the wave to an influx of newly retired Baby Boomers who seek outdoor recreation and scenic beauty, community-wide interest in the arts, and a safe place to live, like Grove.

"Those factors are definitely what Grove is all about," said Joanne Whitney, herself an artist. "When Grove received the grant last year, it resulted in enhanced promotion of the arts and creation of our downtown's Grove Springs Cultural District."

"We realized that transforming our former mortgage offices into a professional art gallery could make a dynamic impact on our town's image as a destination for the arts."

Our building sits on the southwest boundary of the District where we can promote exceptional artists and artisans. We are open for our new business of providing exemplary artwork for display in our gallery, from the four-state area of Oklahoma's Green Country, including the metro areas of Joplin and Tulsa."

Whitney Art Gallery is presently hanging and displaying the original artwork of professional artists from Oklahoma, Missouri and



ORIGINAL ART: Located in the Grove Springs Cultural District of Grove, the hub of Grand Lake, Whitney Gallery of Extraordinary Art offers original artworks of museum quality and affordable prices.



ARTISTIC SUNSET: "Westward Sailing, Grand Lake o' the Cherokees," by C. J. Whitney is on view at the Whitney Gallery of Extraordinary Art.

California. Ben Whitney referred to the ongoing, permanent activity being promoted as the community's signature artistic "look," as the Grove Springs Cultural District's Barn Quilt Project that will soon be evident on display throughout the Grove area.

"Artistic talent in America isn't limited to the east coast or west coast, or Santa Fe. People will be more than pleasantly surprised when they see the amazing artistic talent in all of our Grove Springs Cultural District's boundaries," said Ben Whitney. He added, "Our




GRAND OPENING: Sisters Joanne Whitney, left, and Krista Gardner at the recent opening of the Whitney Art Gallery of Extraordinary Art in Grove. The gallery, located at 33 W. 4th St. in Grove, is owned by Joanne and Ben Whitney.

format includes a monthly silent auction by gallery spectators that culminates in a "BAG the WAG" social event where the highest bidder can win quality artwork that may be selected from the gallery's unique framed paintings, original pottery, and other outstanding

works of art. The gallery will designate each month's theme to recognition of an exemplary and recognized "Artist of the World."


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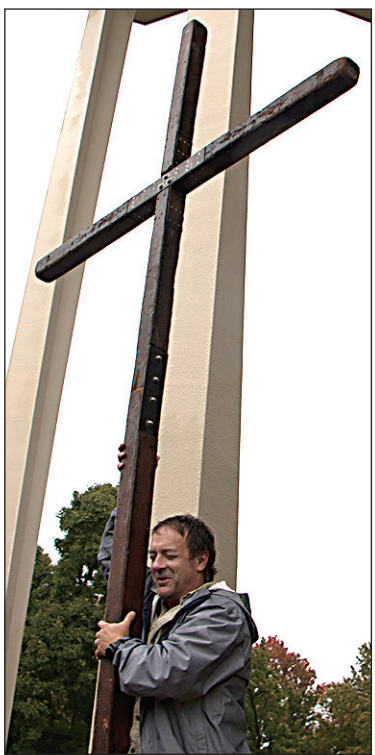
ORU Graduate Carries Cross Around the World

By KAYLEY FORSHEY
Contributing Writer

The rainy day was anything but dark for missionary and evangelist Keith Wheeler. It couldn't be for a man who'd just achieved his life's calling, one he believed to be from God.

On Oct. 25, Wheeler finished his lifetime goal of walking 24,901 miles, the distance around the equator, while carrying a 12-foot wooden cross. This Oral Roberts University alumnus began his walk on ORU's campus in 1985 on Good Friday. After trekking across the world, he completed his journey by walking from the Praying Hands to the front steps of the Graduate Center (GC). He's walked on every continent and in more than 175 countries, hoping his unorthodox form of evangelism will bring people to Christ.

The walk from the Prayer Tower was an emotional one for Wheeler, but fellow ORU students and alumni, as well as community members, walked with him, encouraging him in respectful solemnity. As Wheeler trudged closer to the front of the GC, he stopped before crossing the campus canal and looked through the crowd. His wife, Nicole, emerged



KAYLEY FORSHEY for GTR Newspapers

MILESTONE OF A LIFETIME: Missionary and evangelist Keith Miller took the final steps of his lifelong goal to carry the cross and walk 24,901 miles, the distance around the equator, on Oral Roberts University campus on Oct. 25.

from the crowd and held his hand for the final steps.

Once he reached the GC steps, onlookers and supporters began cheering and when Wheeler carried his cross to the very spot he began his ministry all those years ago, there were tears in his eyes.

After a brief speech, thanking God and his supporters, Wheeler lifted the cross high and prayed as the crowd bowed their heads with him. The prayer ended and one man in the crowd began singing the hymn "The Old Rugged Cross," and soon the entire crowd was singing along.

According to the Keith Miller Ministries website, "In 1985, as Keith was praying one night, he felt that God spoke to his heart, 'I want you to make a cross and begin carrying it through the streets of Tulsa on Good Friday.'" That calling extended into a lifelong ministry of carrying the cross and the gospel around the world.

Miller posted on his Facebook page on the day of his milestone step, "If the journey was only about miles, I would be finished. However the journey is about following Jesus from one heart to the next...And I think that means I will be on this journey until I see His face!"

Pondering Faith Through Millennial Perspective

By KAYLEY FORSHEY
Contributing Writer

Editor's Note: The author of this article is this semester's student intern for GTR Newspapers. From Kansas City, Kansas, she is a student at Oral Roberts University and the managing editor of the Oracle, the ORU student newspaper.

In this postmodern age, many young Christians are searching for a connection to something greater than themselves within their faith. At least, I know I am. According to an article in the American Conservative called "Why Millennials Long for Liturgy," Grace Olmstead explains the sad fact that in their search, many young people are leaving the church.

Still, she said, "amidst this exodus, some church leaders have identified another movement as cause for hope: rather than abandoning Christianity, some young people are joining more traditional, liturgical denominations—notably the Roman Catholic, Anglican and Orthodox branches of the faith."

I am one of those young people. Growing up in a non-denominational, charismatic church, I didn't hear much about the traditions of the ancient church. As a result, I formed some very wrong ideas about tradition and liturgy.

Though I cannot completely fault my home church for my own ignorance of church history, I think there is a misplaced fear of tradition in many non-traditional churches.

I've heard people claim that tradition restricts the Holy Spirit, inhibits a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, prevents people from thinking for themselves. A small glance at Christian history can explain why—as a result of the Protestant Reformation, Protestant Christians broke from the rigidity and control of the Catholic Church.

However, I think many of our churches have strayed too far from traditions in their search for spiritual freedom. In the important and necessary reform crept an arrogance that the Church had gotten it completely wrong until

Luther hammered his Ninety-five Theses to the heavy church doors.

I won't pretend liturgy, ritual, tradition aren't restricting. But I think that's the point. These aspects of the Christian life don't restrict the Holy Spirit; they restrict us.

In the liturgical services I've had the honor of participating, I've noticed how healing and holistic the entire process is to the aching in my heart for some sort of ancient and holy structure in my spiritual life. Each aspect of the liturgy is purposeful, communal and meaningful. Not one moment or action in the service is practiced in vain.

This external process of sitting, standing, kneeling and communal participation becomes a comprehensive spiritual practice for me. The ritual is something in which I'm training my body, mind and heart to be consistent. I'm teaching my whole being its correct posture, much like practicing good bodily posture—like any other "ritualistic" behavior.

I would encourage all believers to at least try traditional forms of worship. Do not shy away from them for the sake of remaining "independent" or for fear of ruining your "personal" relationship with Christ. Assuming these holy actions "restrict" the Holy Spirit is a gross oversimplification of their purpose.

Church traditions are rich with history, understanding and connection. They've been tried and practiced by Christians who were just as connected to God in their day as we are now, with our fog machines, colorful lights and clever sermon titles.

Because when I sing the doxology or receive a benediction, my heart is postured toward Christ and my mind imagines singing and receiving with Christians from the first century and Christians across the globe today, simultaneously.

The millennial generation, now well into adulthood, is searching for true meaning in a world that screams, "make your own meaning!" I've felt that ache and God answers with his Word, his Spirit, his Son and his Church, in all its traditions and rituals.



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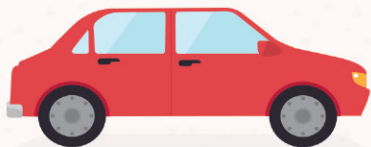
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Noted Art Deco Oil Company Building Sits Empty

One of Tulsa's Last Art Deco Buildings

Facility Once Housed U. of Tulsa Law School

At 119 E. 6th St. in Tulsa, at the northwest corner of Sixth Street and Cincinnati Avenue, an attractive building sits forlornly. It's been said that empty buildings deteriorate rapidly. If so the Arco (Atlantic Richfield Company) Building, which has been long empty, is a prime example. Legal ownership issues have left the building in limbo. Arco left Tulsa in 1985.

The Arco Building was originally called The Service Pipeline Building. It was built on land donated to The University of Tulsa in 1935 by Waite Phillips. It was meant to be an endowment for the College of Petroleum Science and Engineering, according to a metal plaque mounted near an entrance at the northeast corner of the building.

At some point the land was sold to private enterprises and the architectural firm of Leon B. Senter was hired to design a building. Following World War II in 1949, towards the later part of Senter's career, a simple U-shaped art deco structure was planned. It was probably one of the last art deco buildings built in downtown Tulsa. It is identified as a type of art deco called streamlined zig-zag.

During its history, the part of the building housed the University of Tulsa College of Law beginning in 1949 with the entrance on the 512 S. Cincinnati Ave. side. The building also housed the downtown University of Tulsa division, which moved to the Kendall campus in 1962. The Law School moved in 1973 to the Kendall campus to a new building which was then called the John Rogers Hall.

At six stories, the 6th Street and Cincinnati Avenue building has 133,000 square feet of usable

space. The exterior has a low gray granite wainscot and the first two floors faced in celery green terra cotta tile and four floors above in buff brick. Spandrels between windows are also green terra cotta and at the sixth floor, these rise to a strong stair stepped terra cotta banded parapet. The spandrels present an intaglio vertical styled plant motif. The plant motif is a natural complement to celery green color.

On Architecture



By ROGER COFFEY, AIA

The U shape faces south (6th Street) with floors three through six recessed to form the U and accentuate the main entrance below. This double two-door entrance is handsomely accessorized with a sweeping aluminum transom that curves into a recessed opening.

At either side of this entrance is a two-story pattern of small exterior wall vents in an elongated octagon design worked into the terra cotta facing. Wall mounted flagpoles project between each group of wall vents. A smaller entrance repeats the same grillage design at a two-story wing at the northeast corner.

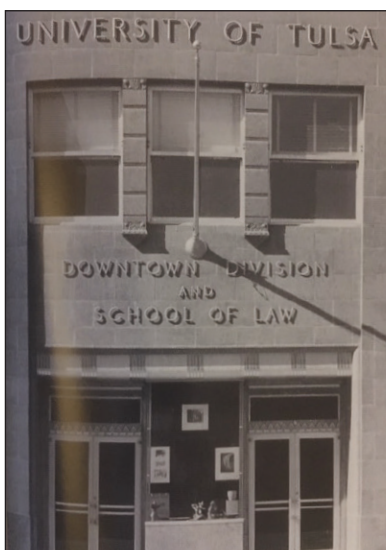
The building's windows pattern is regularly spaced individual rectangular windows. Storefronts at street level align with two windows above.

Sadly, there has been systematic vandalism of the terra cotta adjacent to the left and right upper corners of each storefront opening leaving a jagged white mortar scar. A reasonable assumption would be that a sculptural intaglio terra cotta tile occupied each of these spaces. There is little chance of locating an appropriate replacement. This reflects sadly on the legacy of a once handsome building left to the devices of street vandals.



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STREAMLINED ZIG-ZAG: What was originally the Service Pipeline Company Building at the corner of 6th Street and Cincinnati Avenue in downtown Tulsa now stands empty. It was designed by the architectural firm of Leon B. Senter and was probably one of the last art deco buildings built in downtown Tulsa. It is identified as a type of art deco architecture called streamlined zig-zag.



Courtesy photo

SIXTH STREET ENTRANCE: This view from the 6th Street entrance gives a close-up view of Leon B. Senter's "zig-zag" architecture.



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CINCINNATI AVENUE ENTRANCE: This photo from the book "A History of The University of Tulsa College of Law" by John Forrester Hicks shows the entrance to what was then the TU Downtown Division and College of Law at 512 S. Cincinnati Ave. The TU College of Law was in the downtown building from 1949 to 1973 when it was moved to the campus into what was then known as John Rogers Hall.



Courtesy photos

HBA CONSTRUCTION FAIR: The Home Builders Association of Greater Tulsa and HBA Charitable Foundation recently hosted a construction career fair called Build My Future at the Tulsa Tech Riverside Campus. This event hosted more than 1,600 high school students and hundreds of adults through the HBA public outreach. For more information, visit: www.TulsaHBA.com.

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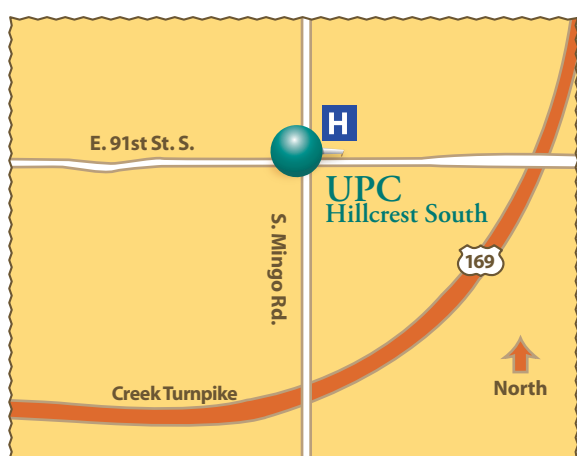
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FOUR UNION HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS ARE NATIONAL MERIT SEMIFINALISTS



ACADEMIC TALENT: Four seniors from Union High School have been named 2018-2019 National Merit Semifinalists. They are pictured here with Senior Class Principal Tony Tempest, from left, Lucas Chau, Lily Lu, Tyler Rossow and Nadia Mustafa.

Lucas Chau is the son of Hue and Tracy Chau of Broken Arrow.

Lily Luis is the daughter of Yun Lu and Fen Lin of Tulsa.

Nadia Mustafa is the daughter of Sumit and Naila Mustafa of Tulsa.

Tyler Rossow is the son of Joel and Gina Rossow of Tulsa.

These academically talented high school seniors have an opportunity to continue in the competition for some 7,600 National Merit Scholarships worth about \$33 million that will be offered next spring. To be considered for a Merit Scholarship award, semifinalists must fulfill several requirements to advance to the finalist level of the competition.

NMSC, a not-for-profit organization that operates without government assistance,

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To participate in the National Merit Scholarship Program, a student must be enrolled full time as a high school student, progressing normally toward graduation or completion of high school and planning to enter college no later than the fall following completion of high school.

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Union Board Candidates May File from Dec. 3-5

The Board of Education of Independent School District No. 9 of Tulsa County, Oklahoma, the Union School District, announces that statutorily qualified individuals interested in running as a candidate for member of the Board of Education to represent Election District No. 4 may file to run as a candidate for this position at the Tulsa County Election Board between the hours of 8 a.m. on Dec. 3, 2018 through 5 p.m. on Dec. 5, 2018.

The Board of Education of the Union School District has approved a resolution calling for an election to be submitted to the voters of Election District No. 4.

A general election shall be held on the First Tuesday in April, April 2, 2019, to select a board member of Independent School District No. 9 of Tulsa County, Oklahoma to represent Election District No. 4. If more than two candidates file proper Declarations of Candidacy and qualify to have their names appear on the ballot as candidates for election to the Board of Education for an election district, a primary election shall be held on the second Tuesday in February, Feb. 12, 2019.

If no candidate receives more than fifty percent of the votes cast in the primary election, then the two candidates with the highest number of votes shall appear on the ballot at the general election. If, in the primary election, one candidate in an Election District receives more than fifty percent of the votes cast, that candidate is elected and a general election is not required. The polling places shall be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

A candidate may not be related to an employee of Independent School District No. 9 of Tulsa County, Oklahoma, or to

a Member of the Board of Education of said School District within the second degree by blood or marriage. The following are relatives within the second degree: a candidate's spouse, child, parent, grandchild, grandparent, brother, sister, spouse's child, spouse's grandchild, spouse's brother, spouse's sister, spouse's grandparent, grandchild's spouse, parent's spouse, and child's spouse.

The voters of Election District No. 4 shall elect a board member for Election District No. 4, which has a five year term of office.

Qualifications of Candidates for Office:

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No person shall be eligible to be a candidate for or elected to be a member of the board of education of a school district unless the person has been awarded a high school diploma or certificate of high school equivalency.

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