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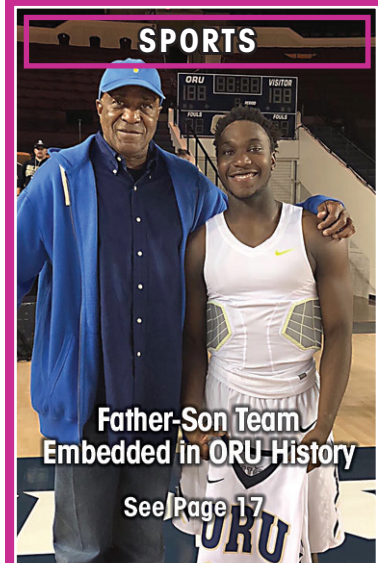
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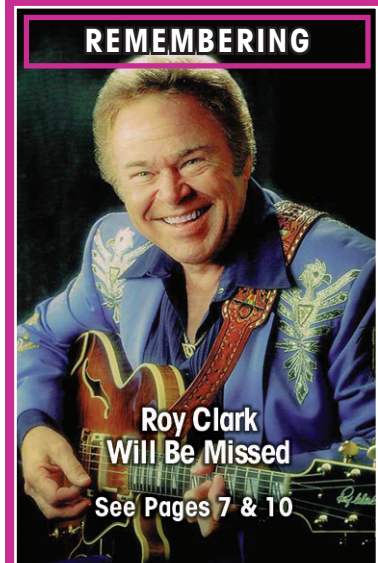
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# The Pride of Owasso to Again March In the Tournament of Roses Parade

## Award Winning Band to Make 6th Appearance

By LESA L. JONES  
Contributing Writer

At this time next year, The Pride of Owasso High School marching band will be packing their bags and preparing for a sixth performance at the Tournament of Roses Parade, but until then they will be raising more than half a million dollars for the trip.

Band Director Chris Harris says early projections for the cost of the trip are at \$625,000 if the band flies its 375 members to Pasadena, California.

"The early projections are \$1,400 per kid if we ride the bus and about \$2,000 per kid if we fly," Harris said. "The overall math puts you at about \$450,000 for the bus and over \$600,000 to fly, rounded off. I think it's about \$625,000 and those are just early projections from one bid I received."

Harris was notified of the band's invitation to appear in the 2020 New Years Day parade on Oct. 8, when he received a call from Tournament of Roses Parade President Laura Farber and the selection committee. The students were ecstatic when they learned of the invitation by video during a special announcement at the Owasso Homecoming Game on Oct. 12.

It's Harris' goal to raise enough money so that every one of his band members can afford to be a part of this most prestigious honor. He spoke at the Owasso Chamber of Commerce monthly luncheon on Nov. 7 in an effort to gain the support of area business leaders.

"Right now, we are hoping we



**GREAT BAND:** The Pride of Owasso will entertain visitors at the Tournament of Roses Parade in Pasadena, California as well as a national television audience on New Year's day.

can get some sponsorship support with some bigger amounts," he said. "Once again, I don't want any kid to sit at home. This is a once in a lifetime thing and I don't want anybody to not go because he or she can't afford it. So, anything we can do to lower that overall cost per kid is a bonus."

Harris commended the Owasso district and the community for the support the band continues to receive every year.

"All of the pieces are in place in Owasso for things like this to happen, we've got great administrative and community support and great teachers and students," Harris said. "You don't get opportunities like this unless you've got all-out community support to give the kids the things that they need to be successful."

Harris and the Pride of Owasso

most assuredly have the support of Owasso Public Schools Superintendent Dr. Amy Fichtner. She's known Harris since 1992 when he was a first-year band instructor at Broken Arrow.

"Many years ago in a galaxy far away, in another school district, I had two children who were 20 months apart in age and both of them learned to play drums from this man, and I haven't forgiven him for that," she said with a laugh.

Then she said, "I remember my son saying, 'Mom, Mr. Harris cares about me,'"

Fichtner says she knew that even as a first-year teacher, Harris was making a big impact on the life of her son.

In her first year as Superintendent of Owasso Public Schools, Fichtner said the community's commitment to the fine arts was

one aspect that drew her to the Owasso district.

"When I first applied in 2015 for the position of Assistant Superintendent, I had done my research and I knew that the fine arts program was alive and well in the community. That was something that resonated in my spirit," she said.

Once a part of the Owasso Public School District, Fichtner saw behind the scenes what is required for these programs to succeed.

"I saw parents working in concession stands and business people discretely making donations," she said. "But I also saw the reality that a school district has to be committed to funding excellence."

Harris already has a number of fundraising opportunities scheduled for his students such as con-

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## KUDOS of the MONTH: The Salvation Army

Since 1865 The Salvation Army has worked year-round to help meet the needs of people throughout most of the world. During the Christmas season the Salvation Army becomes visible to many due to the people who volunteer at the its kettles to raise money for those in need.

In its mission, the Salvation Army assists 25 million Americans annually and serves 130 countries around the globe with over 1.5 million members consisting of officers, soldiers and adherents. Each year thousands of

children in greater Tulsa have a merrier Christmas because of Salvation Army programs such as the Angel Tree and the Annual Christmas Luncheon and Fashion Show, which was recently held at the Tulsa Renaissance Hotel with Jackie Poe as the Honorary Chair. (A photo from the Fashion Show appears on page 9.)

Salvation Army programs help in areas such as support for adults, children and families; adult rehabilitation services; and disaster services. For more information, visit salarmytulsa.org.



**BELL RINGERS:** Rotary Club of Tulsa members Linda Bradshaw, left, and Wayne Bradshaw volunteer at a Salvation Army kettle at the Walmart at 67th Street and Memorial Drive in Tulsa. With them is a happy donor.





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# Castle of Muskogee Filled With Holiday Lights and Fun

The Castle of Muskogee offers holiday entertainment for the whole family. Visitors can take a leisurely drive through the Castleton Village, which is filled with thousands of holiday lights and displays. The drive through is free, and donations are gratefully accepted.

Outside The Castle, guests may enjoy an old-fashioned hayride or the festive Castle Train, both of which provide a unique experience through the Castle displays. Also in the Village area, pony rides are available for the little ones. For a taller vantage point, Cletus the Camel will be provide rides around the Village area.

Once inside The Castle, guests may warm up and enjoy a variety of family holiday activities, such as crafting ornaments in Santa's workshop, making candles candles, face painting and more. Visitors may also purchase items from The Christmas Shoppe or the Castle Gift Shop holiday displays or holiday keepsakes. Rudolph's Cafe is open for a light supper or snack, hot chocolate and treats. Visitors can enjoy complimentary holiday movies as well. Visit [okcastle.com](http://okcastle.com) for a schedule of nightly activities.

In nearby Honor Heights Park, the "Garden of Lights" attracts thousands of visitors. The celebration includes a drive-through display of more than a million lights exhibited throughout the park. Christmas lights are placed on trees, bushes and structures throughout the park to enhance the natural beauty of the gardens, waterfalls and ponds. Gates open at 6 p.m. nightly, and the event is free on Mondays, and \$5 per vehicle Tuesday through Sunday.

Drive through the lights at both locations. The Castle drive-through is complimentary, however we do appreciate donations. Honor Heights has a fee of \$5 with (cards and cash accepted). If you would like information on a season pass, please contact the parks department. Both drive-through events are open nightly from Thanksgiving through New Year's Eve, 6 to 10 p.m.

The Castle's additional events are open every night from Dec. 14 through Dec. 31. Check the calendar at [okcastle.com](http://okcastle.com) for a schedule of each night's activities.

**Tractor-drawn Hayrides:** This ride starts in the parking lot of The Castle and travels through the village on a different route from the car drive-through. Hayrides depart every half hour. Cost is \$5 per person, children 12 and under are free per paid adult. Offered Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

**Castle Train:** Enjoy the lights with a tour from the conductor himself! \$5 per passenger. Kids under 1 are free. Offered nightly through Dec 31.

**Pony rides:** A holiday favorite! \$5 per child every Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

**Gift Shops** – A wide assortment of holiday merchandise, inflatables and more.

**Rudolph's Cafe:** Offering soups, sandwiches, cookies, hot chocolate, and more.

**Chalice Hall:** Holiday movies for the whole family are available as is a warm fireplace.

**Christmas Merchants:** Find unique and handcrafted items from a variety of craftspeople.

**Visit with Saint Nicholas:** Saint Nicholas will be at the Castle on select evenings from 6 to 9 p.m. There is no cost to talk to him, and pictures will be available for donations.

For more information visit [okcastle.com](http://okcastle.com) or [cityofmuskogee.com](http://cityofmuskogee.com).



**HOLIDAY CASTLE:** Visitors find fun and comfort while visiting the Castle of Muskogee during the holiday season.



**GIZMO THE ELF:** Gizmo spends much of his time in the Castle entertaining visitors.

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CIVICS

# Stock the Station Food Drive Helps Those in Need

Here at the City of Tulsa we are committed to making an amazing difference in our community, especially for at-risk Tulsans who have fallen on hard times this holiday season.

I invite you to join me in our citywide Stock the Station Food Drive, which is in full swing now through Dec. 19.

It's so heart-breaking to know that one in four children go to bed hungry at night, and more than 600,000 Oklahomans cannot always count on their next meal. That's why we need your help to not only spread the word about our annual Stock the Station Food Drive but give from your heart to a family in need.

The Community Food Bank of Eastern Oklahoma (CFBEO) will be the recipient of food and donations collected during the food drive and will deliver goods to 130 Partner Programs located in Tulsa.

So, how can you contribute to

this worthy cause during the holidays? Tulsa residents can drop-off

their non-perishable food items at any Tulsa Fire Station, Tulsa Police Station of Tulsa City-County Regional Library.

Additionally, you can donate by visiting [www.okfoodbank.org](http://www.okfoodbank.org). Simply click the "Donate Now" button, then select Stock the Station from the drop-down menu so that funds will be earmarked for the citywide food drive. Amazingly, the Community Food Bank can turn \$1 into four meals for Tulsa families.

Also, the George Kaiser Family Foundation will generously match donations – up to \$150,000 – for the citywide food drive.

Eileen Bradshaw, CFBEO Executive Director tells me she greatly appreciates how our community always comes together to provide food for our fellow Tulsans in need. She says the help is needed and so appreciated.

## From Tulsa's Mayor



By G.T. BYNUM  
Mayor of Tulsa



Courtesy photo

**DONATION DESTINATION:** Tulsa residents can drop-off their non-perishable food items at any Tulsa Fire Station, Tulsa Police Station of Tulsa City-County Regional Library. This photo is from the 2017 Food Drive.

Please join me in extending a helping hand up to our neighbors in need to make this holiday season brighter for them and their loved ones. By joining together and giving from our hearts, we can make a tremendous difference in our community to ensure families who have fallen on hard times won't go hungry during the holidays.

Also, see the following list for ways you can help ease the hunger pains of our neighbors. Tul-

sans always amaze me with their generosity. Thank you in advance for whatever you can do to help us with our Stock the Station Food Drive. Together we can help touch the hearts of hurting families and transform lives.

Items Needed for the Food Drive include: Staples such as canned meats, canned fruits, canned and boxed meals, like soup, macaroni and cheese, baby cereal and formula, peanut butter, jelly, canned

or dried beans and peas, 100 percent fruit juice (canned, plastic or boxed), pasta, rice and cereal. However, please note the Food Bank cannot accept food that is homemade, home-canned, previously opened or un-labeled. Products must be in their original packaging. Other items that will not be accepted include: perishable foods, alcohol, medicine, sodas, rust and dented cans or outdated products.

# Methods Vary in Tulsa County Construction Projects

The citizens of Tulsa County understand that from time to time the county, school districts, and cities need to rebuild, restore, or construct new facilities to better serve the public.

Whether it's a large project such as the BOK Arena or a smaller community project, it will be an expensive, yet necessary endeavor.

Once the voters approve funding of the facilities, it then falls to the leaders and their management staffs to move forward with all the construction details and to complete the process at or below the cost promised to the taxpayers.

One of the first steps in this process, is to decide which of the two construction management methods allowed by Oklahoma law will be used. The choice is between: the construction manager at risk (CMAR) method or the traditional design-bid-build method.

When the project is estimated to have a high cost, many city, county, and school leaders choose the CMAR method. There are several advantages to the CMAR approach:

The project can normally be completed faster as it facilitates better coordination between the construction manager, architects, engineers, and the entity responsible for the completion of the project;

This collaborative approach creates enhanced synergies throughout the process, and Transparency is enhanced because all costs and fees are in the open, which diminishes adversarial relationships between components working on the project while at the same time eliminating bid shopping.

## From Tulsa County



By COMMISSIONER  
RON PETERS

There is, however, a part of the CMAR law which Tulsa County believes needs to be changed because the current law increases the cost of construction, which is not helpful to taxpayers.

Currently, the law says that the CMAR can ONLY be selected based on their "qualifications." The entity responsible for the project cannot ask them what they would charge to complete the project. For example, if three highly qualified construction firms submit their "qualifications" the one deemed most qualified would be selected. Only after the CMAR is selected is the government, school district, etc. allowed to begin negotiating with the firm on how much it is going to cost to complete the project. Since the two other firms are out of the process at this point, the government or school district will never know what the other two, well qualified firms would have charged to complete the project.

Tulsa County believes a change in the current law would benefit both the competing construction firms and the taxpayers.

Changing this law to a 2-step process will save taxpayers millions of dollars. The first step would remain as it is today with firms submitting their qualifications and abilities to complete the project. Secondly, if the government or school district believes that more than one firm is well qualified to complete the project, those firms would be asked to submit bids regarding what they would charge to complete the project.

Under the proposed law, the firms in the second round would also have to provide a detailed project management plan that would include schedules, timelines, proposed personnel, fees, profits, etc.

By moving beyond just qualifications, the leaders responsible for delivering the projects will have detailed work plans and costs to compare before choosing the final firm.

The leadership at Tulsa County believes that changing the CMAR selection process will provide more competition and openness and the result will be more accountable to the taxpayers.

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## VARIETY

# All-Female Cast Inducted Into OK Music HOF

By **TERRELL LESTER**  
Editor at Large

A child star from an innocent era and a chanteuse launched from the saloon circuit of Tulsa were among the 10-member, all-female class ushered into the Oklahoma Music Hall of Fame in November.

Six of the honorees were in attendance during a ceremony at the Oklahoma History Center in Oklahoma City. Family members of the four posthumous inductees also were present, along with an impressive array of previously honored Hall of Famers.

All but one of the newly minted state musical legends were born in Oklahoma.

This year marked the first all-female class for the Hall of Fame, which held its first induction ceremony in 1997.

One of the most sought-after luminaries in a room aglow with stars was Gayla Peevey, who scored as a 10-year-old with a Christmas novelty song that is continuing to command air play and holiday popularity into its 65th year.

The daughter of the late Tulsa performer Gus Hardin, Toni Jones of Sapulpa, accepted the accolades for her mother during the induction luncheon.

Gus Hardin, born Carolyn Ann Blankenship in Tulsa in 1945, became the city's foremost female rock and blues headliner by the end of the 1960s.

Leon Russell once called her voice "a combination of Tammy Wynette, Otis Redding, and a truck driver."

She married keyboardist Steve Hardin and retained his surname after their divorce. It was another Tulsa musical giant, Tony Twist, who applied the appellation "Gus" when she was just a teenager.

By the time she signed a contract with the RCA recording company in the early 1980s, she was widely and lovingly known simply as Gus.

RCA inserted Gus into its country lineup, despite her development and reputation as Tulsa's blues-soul-rock queen.

The move paid off for Gus and for the label. In 1983, Billboard and Cashbox each saluted Gus with New Country Artist recognition. In 1984, she was hailed as Top New Female Vocalist by the Academy of Country Music.

She hit the Top 10 country charts twice, in 1983 with "After the Last Goodbye" and in 1985 with "All Tangled Up in Love," a duet with Earl Thomas Conley.

RCA released three studio albums by Gus, and a fourth album, by the Rainy Day label, was



COURTESY PHOTO  
**GUS HARDIN**

pressed on the fifth anniversary of her death.

Gus died in an automobile accident in Mayes County on Feb. 17, 1996, at the age of 50.

Peevey has been a California resident since shortly after her ascent to stardom in her pre-teen years.

Born in Oklahoma City in 1943, she began singing and performing in local productions while still in elementary school. As a 9-year-old, she was joining future rockabilly queen Wanda Jackson on stage.

That brought young Gayla to the attention of Columbia Records, who signed her to a recording contract. The next year, Columbia presented the novelty tune "I Want a Hippopotamus for Christmas" to Gayla.

The resulting single was an immediate holiday hit. She performed the song on the popular television program "The Ed Sullivan Show." Capturing the spirit of the moment, an Oklahoma City TV and radio station, WKY, and the Oklahoma City Times newspaper launched a fundraiser to purchase a hippo for the Oklahoma City Zoo.

Donations arrived from around the state and around the nation. In just a matter of weeks, a 3-year-old, 700-pound hippo, Matilda, arrived in Oklahoma City and was presented by Gayla to the zoo on Christmas Eve 1953.

Matilda enjoyed the next 45 years at the zoo while becoming a celebrity in her own right.

Gayla continued to record with Columbia over the next five years, and teamed with another child star, Jimmy Boyd, on a single.

The Peevey family moved to California, Gayla said, hoping to deter her entry into show business.

"They just wanted me to be a normal kid," she said with a smile.

"Most people move to California to get into show business. I went there to get out of it. It's so funny, but it's the truth," she said.



**JODY MILLER AND FRIEND:** Jody Miller, 2018 inductee in the Oklahoma Music Hall of Fame, is joined by supporter Jim Davenport during the Nov. 27 ceremony in Oklahoma City.

The transition did not work as smoothly as the Peeveys expected. Gayla picked up a guitar, began to write songs and continued to sing.

In 1959, she signed with Joy Records and recorded nine singles, all under the name of Jamie Horton and released over a four-year stretch.

Gayla made her exit from the music world after her final single in 1962.

She graduated from San Diego State University before entering the teaching profession. She eventually owned and operated an advertising firm before retirement.

Still, her hippopotamus recording has kept her name in a prominent international position, for at least one month every year.

She answers calls from around the world as Christmas approaches, satisfying requests from radio stations from Australia to Ireland, all eager to talk about a novelty song recorded 65 years ago.

"New generations have been introduced to it," she said. "And they think it's a new song."

Gayla Peevey might be considered a "one-hit wonder," but that one hit has produced a lifetime of memories for a youngster from Oklahoma.

"Even though I've lived in California for a long time, I've always felt like Oklahoma was my home," she said.

## The other 2018 inductees:

### Molly Bee

Born in Oklahoma City, died in



**THREE GREATS:** Wanda Jackson is flanked by 2018 inductee Susie McEntire, left, and Jana Jae during the Oklahoma Music Hall of Fame ceremony in Oklahoma City Nov. 27.

2009 at age of 69. Early recognition came in 1952 with her recording of "I Saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus." Was a regular on "The Tennessee Ernie Ford Show" television show in the 1950s and 1960s. Appeared in four movies.

### Kellie Coffey

Born in Moore, graduated from University of Oklahoma. In 2003, was named Top New Female Vocalist by Academy of Country Music. Her 2002 debut "When You Lie Next to Me" landed in the Top 10, spent 33 weeks on the charts.

### Lorrie Collins

Born near Sapulpa, died in August 2018 at age of 76. She and younger brother Larry formed rockabilly duo The Collins Kids in the 1950s, recording for Columbia Records and touring with Johnny Cash. Scored hits with "Hop, Skip and Jump" and "Hoy Hoy."

### Gail Davies

Born in Broken Bow. Country music's first female record producer. She sang with Neil Young, Hoyt Axton and Roger Miller, and recorded five Top 10 country singles, including "I'll Be There (If You Ever Want Me)."

### Katrina Elam

Born in Bray, Stephens County. Country singer/songwriter/actor. Toured with Keith Urban and Rascal Flatts. Penned songs for Carrie Underwood, Reba McEntire, Eli Young Band. Appeared in 2010 film "Pure Country 2: The Gift."



**OPRY MEETS OPERA:** The Grand Ole Opry met the Metropolitan Opera during the Nov. 27 Oklahoma Music Hall of Fame ceremony in Oklahoma City. Norma Jean, left, member of the Grand Ole Opry, visited with Leona Mitchell, who for 18 years was the leading spinto soprano with the Metropolitan Opera in New York City. Norma Jean, born in Wellston, was inducted into the Oklahoma Music Hall of Fame in 2013. Leona Mitchell, born in Enid, was inducted in 2001.

### Susie McEntire

Born in Chockie, Atoka County. Toured and sang with sister Reba McEntire in 1980s. Released debut solo album in 1993, scoring hits on Christian country charts. Turned out 11 albums over the next 20 years. Inducted into Christian Music Hall of Fame, 2011.

### Jody Miller

Only one of the 10 inductees not born in Oklahoma. Born in Phoenix, reared in Blanchard where she still resides. Pop, country, Christian singer. Recorded first album for Capitol Records in 1964. Responding to Roger Miller's "King of the Road" hit, she scored with "Queen of the House" in 1965, peaking at No. 5 on Billboard. In 1966, the song earned her a Grammy for Best Female Country Vocal Performance. Inducted into Country Gospel Music Association Hall of Fame, 1999.

### Evelyn LaRue Pittman

Born in McAlester, died in 1992 at age of 82. Author/teacher/composer. Studied at Juilliard School of Music. Noted for her opera "Freedom Child" about Martin Luther King Jr.

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# Holiday Shows Shine at Local Venues

December is all about downtime, right? Well, maybe not. If you are in the clutches of hectic holiday planning, perhaps soon you can set aside the “must-dos” and let the fun begin.

For me, having worked at the Tulsa Performing Arts Center for many years, the Christmas season centered on two shows: “The Nutcracker” and “A Christmas Carol.” They are hallowed holiday traditions for good reasons.

The current version of Tulsa Ballet’s “The Nutcracker” has been enjoyed by local audiences since 2003. Using the framework of the well-known story and incorporating Tulsa’s Art Deco heritage, Tulsa Ballet Artistic Director Marcello Angelini transformed the tale into a glossy, romantic ballet set in Paris and Versailles. The production involves 130 children, ages 6 to 14, from 13 local communities, in addition to 39 professional dancers. Along with the exceptional dancing of Tulsa Ballet, you can look forward to hearing Tulsa Symphony Orchestra perform the Tchaikovsky “Nutcracker” score.

American Theatre Company’s “A Christmas Carol,” staged in the PAC’s Williams Theatre, is well-suited for children as well as adults. The ghost story, large cast, music and intimate theater setting will keep a young person’s attention. Actor Karl Krause has appeared in the role of Ebenezer Scrooge for at least three decades. He is remarkable, but he’s only one reason you should consider attending a performance. The show is a beautiful, happy holiday package, wrapped and delivered on stage just for you. Both “A Christmas Carol” and “The Nutcracker” have performances at the Tulsa PAC through Dec. 23.

Before we welcome 2019, take in multi-Grammy winner Michael McDonald’s “Season of Peace” concert at the Hard Rock, Dec. 20. The former front man for the Doobie Brothers will entertain with Christmas tunes as the centerpiece for his show. The American alternative rock band Third Eye Blind appears Dec. 28 at the Hard Rock’s Joint, and traditional country music artist Jon Pardi lands in Catoosa on Dec. 29 for a Hard Rock gig. Come January at The Joint, The Four Tops revisit 50 years of Motown hits, Jan. 4,

and Emmy Award-winning comic David Spade entertains on Jan. 19. Singing Christmas-themed coun-

try music tunes on Dec. 29 at the Broken Arrow Performing Arts Center is the group Home Free. You might have seen this ensemble on television’s “Sing Off” competition. Their superb a cappella harmonies and showmanship will make a great evening.

River Spirit Casino’s lineup includes the English rock band Bad Company, Dec. 28, and comedian Ron

White on New Year’s Eve, followed by Sinbad, Jan. 12. Boys II Men stops at River Spirit on Jan. 19.

Earlier in January at the Tulsa PAC, Tulsa Symphony Orchestra performs Prokofiev’s gorgeous “Romeo and Juliet.” Music by Mozart also will be included on the Jan. 5 Symphony program. I’m putting that concert on my “must-do” list.

If you didn’t see “Book of Mormon” when it was in town last, now is your chance, Jan. 8-13. Tickets for someone could make a thoughtful gift. The show is presented by Celebrity Attractions and welcomed by the Tulsa PAC Trust. The musical won nine Tony Awards, including “Best Musical.” “Book of Mormon” takes pot-shots at almost everything — not just the Mormon church. From page to stage via the ingenious, irreverent minds of its “South Park” creators, the material is not suited for children. Among many elements, including language, the hilarious musical number “Spooky Mormon Hell Dream” would be too much for a young mind to process! Outrageous and funny, “Book of Mormon” has a message and a heart.

My husband and I travel to hear great jazz, and we were thrilled when we learned that a jazz “listening room” was opening in downtown Tulsa. Duet features our excellent local jazz artists and hosts well-known musicians. Check out Duet and its many offerings. Blues, Latin music, comedy and more also can be enjoyed in this cool basement setting. Isn’t it fabulous when thoughtful entrepreneurs transform an old building into something useful and new?

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## Show Buzz



By NANCY HERMANN



**THE BOOK OF MORMON:** The winner of nine Tony Awards, including “Best Musical,” returns to the Tulsa PAC Jan. 8-13.



**DAVID SPADE:** The Emmy Award-winning comic and veteran of “Saturday Night Live” appears at the Hard Rock Jan. 19.

the old Union Depot train station. When you are scouting out jazz, be sure to include the Oklahoma Jazz Hall of Fame. There’s a free jam session on Tuesday nights; Eicher Wednesdays with the fabulous Eicher family of musicians, and Sunday concerts with a variety of local and nationally known jazz artists.

As we end the year and look back at the superb entertainment that came our way in 2018, we



**A CHRISTMAS CAROL:** The ghosts of Christmases past, present and future transform a miserly man into a giving spirit in Charles Dickens’ tale playing through Dec. 23.



**THE NUTCRACKER:** Performing through Dec. 23, 130 children from 13 local communities join 39 professional dancers for Tulsa Ballet’s holiday classic



**MOTOWN:** Revisiting 50 years of Motown’s greatest hits, The Four Tops, kick off the new year at the Hard Rock’s The Joint, Jan. 4.

should feel fortunate. Celebrating its 10th anniversary, the BOK Center brought some outstanding shows. Remember U2 and Justin Timberlake in the same week? The programming across Tulsa’s many venues has been

phenomenal. Hats off to all the programming people, marketing staffs, sponsors and stage production crews who make possible this high-quality entertainment. I can’t wait to see what the new year brings. Cheers!

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# Roy Clark: Master Entertainer, Prominent Tulsan

"We loved this time we spent with you, to share a song and a laugh or two, may your pleasures be many, your troubles be few."  
— Closing song from Hee Haw

Writing this column has, for the most part, been a labor of love for me. It's an opportunity for me to dive deeply into a subject about which I'm passionate. I find each month to be a fascinating journey

through Tulsa's rich musical history, and I'm grateful to have this platform. I'm also grateful for you, the reader, for your willingness to take that journey with me.

It's not surprising. Music is one of our city's most valuable assets and is widely loved by Tulsans. We love our music scene. We love the history and notoriety. We love the musicians and their songs. Unfortunately, and at the risk of plagiarizing Hallmark, grief is the price we pay for love.

I was reminded of that in March, when we lost Red Dirt Legend Brandon Jenkins. I was reminded again in September with the passing of Jimmy Markham. And the latest reminder of the inescapable link between love and grief: in November, the great Roy Clark took his ear-to-ear smile and incomparable flat-picking skills to the great hereafter.

His passing came just days from the two-year anniversary of the day we lost Leon Russell, Nov. 13, 2016. Before this column gets any more depressing, let me segue to the event held at Cain's Ballroom a month later, which paid tribute to the master of space and time.

With a lineup that included Tulsa Sound pioneers like Don White, Jamie Oldaker and Jimmy

Markham sharing the stage with current carriers of the torch like Paul Benjamin, John Fullbright and Wink Burcham, the Dec. 15, 2016 concert billed as, "A Tribute to Leon," was a multi-generational celebration featuring the best sound Tulsa has to offer.

John Fullbright showed he had the chops handle the heavy lifting required to play keyboard for a Leon Russell tribute. Jimmy

Markham channeled his own early days of playing gigs with Russell as a teenager. And Roy Clark took it all in from the best seat in the house.

It was the ever-vigilant lens of photographer Phil Clarkin that captured the super-picking, Hall of Fame musician sitting in a chair on stage, just out of sight of the audience. The 83-year-old stayed for the whole show.

Without Clarkin's photograph, I wouldn't have known that he was there; that he was there; that he was there, enjoying the show, paying respects and being supportive. When Clarkin recently reposted the photo on Instagram, I realized how fitting it was as a tribute.

Roy Clark was always there. He was always one of us; always supportive and always a positive force in the Tulsa community. It's just that he didn't have to be center stage.

Whether it was bringing pro baseball back to Tulsa when the Oilers moved to New Orleans, raising money for Children's Medical Center, or donating gui-



**LEGENDARY TULSAN:** Roy Clark sits side stage at Cain's Ballroom during the Leon Russell Tribute concert on Dec. 15, 2016. Clark, a Tulsa resident since 1976, died from complications associated with pneumonia in November. The 24-year host of Hee Haw and Country Music Hall of Famer was 85.

## Searching for The Sound



By BRYAN CANTRELL

## The Gift of Local Music

The holiday season is a time to reflect and give thanks. If, like me, you're thankful for the music scene we enjoy here in Tulsa, consider expressing that gratitude by giving the gift of music this year.

Here are a few gift ideas that support local musicians, and those who support them:

### Red Dirt Rangers

#### Blue Door Nights

The two-disc live recording from The Blue Door in Oklahoma City is proof that this band, now in its fourth decade, is still the gold standard for Red Dirt music. Featuring guests John Fullbright and Terry "Buffalo" Ware, this is a must-have for Red Dirt fan. Available at cdbaby.com.

### Desi & Cody

#### Yes, This Is Killing Us

The married duo describe their second album, released in October, as a "dark comedy." Featuring jazzy horns, impressive harmonies and an appropriately seductive cover of Chris Isaak's Wicked Game, the CD is available at hortonrecords.com.

### Annie Oakley

#### Words We Mean

This is the debut full-length album for the Oklahoma City-based indie-folk trio. Consisting of twin sisters Sophia and Grace Babb on rhythm and lead guitars and vocals, with Nia Personette

on violin and third-part harmony, Annie Oakley has been playing sold-out shows throughout the midwest. This album, three years in the making, shows remarkable artistic range. Expect to hear more out of these three. Words We Mean is available at hortonrecords.com

### Eric Himan

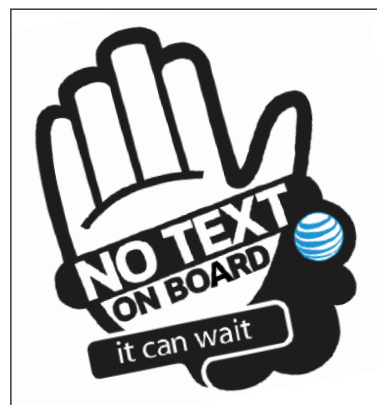
#### Contenders

Award-winning Tulsa-based singer/songwriter, Eric Himan released his tenth album, Contenders on Nov. 27. With elements of pop, soul, rock, R&B, and even a bit of a latin feel, the album was fully funded through his listeners via the crowd-sourcing website, PledgeMusic. Contenders is available at erichiman.com.

### Phil Clarkin Photography

As far as I know, Clarkin has not released an album. He has, however, been a valuable asset to the Tulsa music scene and is, therefore, deserving of a mention in this sidebar. Visit philclarkinphotography.com and find your favorite musician, venue or Tulsa landmark and order a print on metal, canvas, wood or paper. Clarkin capture Tulsa like nobody else and his photos are sure to please any proud Tulsan.

Happy Holidays to all you music lovers, and thank you for taking this journey with me. I look forward to more searching in 2019.



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# Author Remembers His Mentor, Mary Carolyn Cole

Most of us can identify a teacher or a friend or a relative who when growing up was key to our career choices. My mentor was my mother's older sister, who was one of the main reasons I became an architect. She's been gone for more than 25 years but this article is her story and some things I remember about her.

As a small child in 1915, she was running happily across the yard when her parents' yard man/driver called out, "There goes a cute Tot!" Tot became her nickname used only by family and close friends. Her real name was Mary Caroline, (always Mary Caroline, never just Mary) she was the eldest of the three daughters of wealthy Tulsans Audrey and CC Cole.

Tot attended Lee Elementary School and as soon as it opened. Holland Hall, which at the time was a private girls school, located a block from her parent's house at the northwest corner of 22nd and Main Streets across from Harwardan. Cole's backyard extended a third of the way into what is now Veteran's Park. Tot's father taught her to play tennis and eventually built a backyard tennis court (one of Tulsa's earliest) for his three daughters! Tot became an excellent tennis player regularly playing and winning in local tournaments such as the annual contest sponsored by the Tulsa Tribune newspaper.

As a young teenager, Tot regularly heard about the conflicts between the architectural firm of Rush Endicott and Rush and the artist Ada Robinson who was in charge of the design of the Cole's church, Boston Avenue Methodist, where CC Cole chaired the Building Committee. The architects resented being under the authority of a female artist with no architectural credentials frequently using the catch line "She's a mere woman."

After high school graduation, Tot went by train to the east coast along with the accoutrement of a wealthy young lady to attend Smith College. Shortly after her first year, the Great Depression of the 1930's began and the Cole's lost all their money. Tot stayed at Smith by waiting tables and receiving help from scholarships. She earned a degree in "Ancient History" in four years and descended the outdoor steps at Smith in a toga as part of a line of grad-

uates holding a long chain of ivy.

Returning to Tulsa and the home the Coles had lost but were permitted to occupy by their bank, times were tough. The Cole girls rented the tennis court to make spending

money. Among frequent players were the Cameron brothers, the father and uncles to GTR publisher Forrest Cameron. Forrest's Uncle Babe Cameron eventually went on to become a member of the University of Tulsa Sports Hall of Fame as a tennis star.

Tot, with help from her parents, secured a summer intern job with the leading Tulsa architect, Donald McCormick. In the fall

she enrolled in the School of Architecture of Oklahoma A&M, today called OSU. The seed planted by the long ago discussions she overheard about Boston Avenue Methodist Church was starting to sprout.

At OSU, on the first day of classes, her professor refused her admittance to his class, saying he wouldn't lecture to a woman. Tot enlisted the help of the school dean to be seated, but was told not to open her mouth in class. A year later she won a full scholarship to the Cornell School of Architecture in Ithaca, New York, the only female student enrolled there. While at Cornell, her serious boyfriend was killed in a plane crash. She never got over his death and never married.

Tot frequently carpoled home to Tulsa with Buddy Barnard who became another well-known Tulsa architect. He was in her class and more importantly had a Model T Ford which for college students in the 1930's was a very big deal.

Tot's first job after graduation was as a designer for a carriage trade architectural firm in Kansas City. Tennis was popular among the men in the firm. Tot routinely won her games with stakes of dinner as the prize.

During the World War II years, Tot worked at the Ammunition Depot Plant in McAlister, Oklahoma followed by employment with Holway Engineering which was involved in the creation of Grand Lake and the Grand River Dam. By the end of the war and the return to normalcy in the late 1940's she went to work for Tulsa architect Joe Koberling. She received her architectural license in 1945 becoming the first licensed



Courtesy photos

**OVERCOMING THE ODDS:** Mary Carolyn Cole was one of the first licensed female architects in the nation. She received her degree from the Cornell School of Architecture in Ithaca, New York.

female architect in Oklahoma, Arkansas and Missouri. She was quietly making plans to go in business for herself and hadn't told her boss when Joe came by her desk to wish her luck and to say goodbye.

Tot's first office was in the second floor garage apartment where she also lived at her parent's Maple Ridge home. She eventually bought a bungalow on 21st street adjacent to Veterans Park. She added a vaulted glue-lam great room which enclosed a large elm tree in a bed of charcoal at its base and reaching outside using holes cut in the wood roof deck above for its branches. The room served as her office, living room and conference/dining room. At the north end was a huge fireplace where she kept a fire burning even on hot summer days.

Trees were almost a signature of a Tot Cole design. She could position a house on a lot and save almost every native tree. Not only were her designs appealing, but they frequently included barrier free access and her trademark wide Dutch doors. Tot's idea of a contract was a handshake. She was known for her glib comments and never intentionally chased work (she considered this unprofessional). Most of her projects with only a few exceptions were residential. Female architects were still limited in corporate America. She did design several restaurants, a manufacturing plant and three Tulsa fire stations featuring butterfly roofs.

Because of her years promoting and producing barrier free design, Tot received FAIA designation, the highest acknowledgement the American Institute of Architects provides.



**HOME OFFICE:** Mary Carolyn Cole in her long-time office near Veterans Park in Tulsa. The facility included a large elm tree and a fireplace in which she kept a fire burning year-round.

When I was in middle school, it was an exciting day when my aunt Tot pulled into the driveway. She always drove a large Oldsmobile convertible, usually with the top down. Hanging out the back would be one of a long line of her English bulldogs (over the years, their names included Honey Finn, Big John, Maggie, Beauregard, and Micky Finn). I would accompany her to a job site to help by holding on one end of a tape measure. A special treat would be a weekend with her at her cabin at the lake.

Early in the 1950's Tot bought lakefront land from the Holways and built one of the first cabins on Grand Lake. My interesting aunt was like having your own personal Auntie Mame.

In the 1950's bootleg era of Tulsa, Tot would make runs to Mexico with her close friend artist Claude Montgomery and return with a car trunk full of straw clad gallon

jugs of rum, her preferred drink of choice. As a young boy she gave me my first tennis racket and lesson. Her ball control was so good that she could keep me running across the court while she barely moved.

When I was in college I met my longtime business partner Steve Olsen when he worked for Tot as a summer intern. In those days architectural students were required to work one summer for a licensed architect. Of course I was really proud when my time came to work for her as a summer intern. I think she was very pleased when Steve and I opened our partnership years later.

After several years of debilitating strokes which eventually left her bedfast, Tot died at the age of 78 in 1991. Whenever I drive by one of her handsome projects I remember her and her generous, colorful personality.

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# The Salvation Army's Annual Women's Auxiliary Luncheon and Fashion Show a Successful Event

Just like Santa Claus and little red kettles, The Salvation Army Women's Auxiliary's Annual Christmas Luncheon and Fashion Show is a tradition during the holidays. The 66th annual luncheon was held Dec. 4 at the Renaissance Tulsa Hotel and Conference Center in Tulsa. The 2018 theme was "I'll Be Home for Christmas" and a silent auction was held. Civic leader Jackie Poe served as the honorary chair.

The Tulsa Salvation Army Women's Auxiliary raises more than \$150,000 each year to support the services of The Salvation Army in the Tulsa metropolitan area.

This year's fashion show included models from area media companies including KJRH, KOTV, KTUL, Fox 23, Tulsa World, Tulsa People and Greater Tulsa Reporter (GTR) Newspapers. The Master of Ceremonies was Shae Rozzi, and the models were Michelle Linn, Cori Dunken, Ashley Izbicki, Kim Jackson, Morgan Phillips, Forrest Cameron, Lori Fullbright, Rich Lentz, Sarah Lorenzen, Nelie Jones, Braden Wholey, Gitzel Puente and Clay Looney.

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# Roy Clark Made an Indelible Mark on Tulsa

*Roy Linwood Clark: April 15, 1933 – Nov. 15, 2018*

By **BOB LEWIS**  
Contributing Editor

On Nov 15, Tulsa lost one of its best known and most beloved citizens.

I am sure reams of newspaper copy and hours of radio and TV time will highlight Roy Clark's musical skills, his introduction of country music to the Soviet Union and the vast number of awards and halls of fame inductions he received. But the man I had the pleasure of knowing and working with was much more than all of these professional laurels put together.

I will never forget the time in 1975 when I served as vice president of a local public relations agency that came up with what some people called the hair-brained idea of having Clark host a charity golf tournament to benefit our client, Children's Medical Center. In our minds, this event made perfect sense since Roy and his wife, Barbara, had just become Tulsa residents and we reasoned this would

be a great way for him to cement his new hometown roots.

As it turned out the event had an even deeper meaning to him.

At a news conference before the launch of the Roy Clark Celebrity Golf Classic he told of his struggling pre-fame life and of having a child who needed specialized medical care that he simply could not afford. So, he did what he had to do and turned to a charity facility for help.

With his eyes moist, he told reporters he got on his knees and told God if he ever had a chance to repay the gift he had been given, he would do so. This tournament allowed him to make good on that promise.

Joining him for the inaugural event at Cedar Ridge Country Club were a raft of notables, including showbusiness legends Bob Hope and Jerry Lewis along with George "Goober" Lindsey, Minnie Pearl and Jimmy Dean. Chill Wills had a friend bring in an authentic Western stagecoach and then traveled

Tulsa city streets in it to help promote the event.

To call Roy Clark's career legendary would be an understatement. Known as "superpicker" because of his musicianship, he was a Grammy, CMA and ACM award-winning artist who is in the Grand Ole Opry and Country Music Hall of Fame. He co-hosted "Hee Haw," a country music variety show, for 24 years and helped it become the longest-running syndicated show in television history. He was the pioneer who turned Branson, Missouri, into the live music capitol of the world (the Ozark town today boasts more seats than Broadway).

Not so well known, perhaps, was the impact he made on his adopted hometown that ranged from helping save professional baseball (a sport he loved all his life) to his support of education that is reflected in Union Public Schools naming an elementary school in his honor.

Over the years, I had the privilege of working with a number of celebrities. I cherish those memo-



ries, but can honestly say none of these people had the warmth and genuine sincerity of Roy Clark. He was a blessing to all of us who

knew and worked with him and to the community he was so proud to call home.

He will be greatly missed.

## Fresh Skin Spa Offers Complete Menu of Services

By **KAYLEY FORSHEY**  
Contributing Writer

In a growing area on 11th Street, just one mile from downtown Tulsa, is a sweet boutique spa with an inviting water-blue storefront. Owners and life-long best friends Astasha Blystone and

Laura Walker moved into their unique spa two years ago and say they have enjoyed being a part of this thriving area of Midtown.

Both Astasha and Laura have been interested in skin care and beauty since they were little girls, influenced by their mothers and grandmothers. Both ladies

received their esthetics training in Tulsa at the Cosmetology Education Center and have been practicing skin care specialists in town since receiving their licenses.

Astasha says, "Laura is like my sister. We've been best friends since second grade. She is the one that got us started in this business; it was our dream to have our own place together. So here we are. We love it here and everyone that comes in does too, so that makes us feel really good!"

Fresh Skin Spa is a boutique spa with a relaxing atmosphere that offers a complete menu of services including many anti-aging treatments such as chemical peels, microdermabrasion, and specialized enzyme treatments. Other services include eyebrow and lash tinting, waxing, and skincare recommendations.

When clients arrive, they are greeted by soft pinks, greens, and blues throughout the spa, ambient music and chic furnishings. The spa operates by appointment so that each client is taken care of



**WELCOMING VISITORS:** Laura Walker, left, and Astasha Blystone at their Fresh Skin Spa located at 1416 E. 11th St. in Tulsa.

upon entry and throughout their visit without interruption.

"We very much want our clients to feel they are getting an individualized treatment. We welcome them like our friends and our family. That's the vibe we like here. Also, we are very focused on not

only having beautiful skin, but healthy skin," said Astasha.

Fresh Skin Spa using a medical grade skin care line that is considered the top rated in the industry, according to Astasha. To achieve the best results, Astasha and Laura recommend using this product line at home as well. Products are available for purchase in the spa and in their on-line store at freshskinspatulsa.com.

"They don't have all the added harmful chemicals and fragrances. It's a very results-oriented line so it's very easy to stand behind and promote. We've seen amazing results," said Astasha.

At Fresh Skin Spa's recommendation, most clients are seen monthly to address anti-aging, acne, rosacea, hyperpigmentation, or sun damage. Astasha explains that it is important to have a deeper level of exfoliation every 4-6 weeks in order to assist the skin to be its healthiest.

In addition to skin care, Fresh Skin Spa hosts spa parties for celebrations, girl's nights, or office parties. With the holiday season in full swing, Fresh Skin Spa offers gift certificates in any amount and special holiday services including: Get That Glow Facial \$75; Extra Radiant Facial \$95; and the Ultimate Radiance Facial \$125.

Appointments can be made online at freshskinspatulsa.com or by contacting Astasha Blystone at 918-688-8207 or Laura Walker at 918-527-3750. Their website also features before and after pictures and more thorough descriptions of their products and services.

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## HEALTH & WELLNESS

# St. John Physician Honored by Mayo Clinic

By SUZANNE FERGUSON  
Mayo Clinic

C. Terrence Dolan, M.D., co-founder and director of Pathology Laboratories at St. John Medical Center in Tulsa, part of Ascension Oklahoma, was a recipient of the 2018 Mayo Clinic Distinguished Alumni Award presented recently in Rochester, Minnesota.

The award was established to acknowledge and show appreciation for exceptional contributions of Mayo Clinic alumni to the field of medicine. The award was established in 1981 by the Mayo Clinic Board of Trustees.

Dr. Dolan is also a clinical pro-

fessor of pathology at The University of Oklahoma College of Medicine, and president of Regional Medical Laboratory Inc., in Tulsa. He worked at Mayo Clinic's Rochester, Minnesota campus in the Department of Microbiology and Immunology early in his career. Dr. Dolan also completed a residency in clinical and anatomic pathology, and training in microbiology at Mayo Clinic School of Graduate Medical Education.

"Dr. Dolan is a trailblazer in realizing the potential of data analytics in patient care and laboratory medicine," Mayo Clinic reported. "He helped introduce automation and computer technology to the labo-



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C. TERRENCE DOLAN, M.D.

ratory setting. He helped develop the initial computer-based laboratory information system, PathNet laboratory information system, which is used by more than one-third of U.S. hospitals and clinical laboratories worldwide."

The Mayo Clinic is a non-profit academic medical center based in Rochester, Minnesota, focused on integrated clinical practice, education, and research. It employs more than 4,500 physicians and scientists and 58,400 administrative and allied health staff. The practice specializes in treating difficult cases through tertiary care. It spends over \$660 million a year on research and employs

over 3,000 full-time research personnel.

In addition to Rochester, the Mayo Clinic is located in Jacksonville, Florida and Phoenix, Arizona. In addition, Mayo Clinic partially owns and operates the Mayo Clinic Health System, which consists of more than 70 hospitals and clinics across Minnesota, Iowa, and Wisconsin, with an employment of more than 17,000 people. Mayo Clinic also operates the Mayo Clinic College of Medicine and Science, a non-profit college dedicated to training medical and allied health professionals at Mayo Hospitals in Minnesota, Arizona and Florida.

# Four CTCA Physicians Earn Additional Credentials

Cancer Treatment Centers of America (CTCA) in Tulsa announces that four physicians and clinicians earned additional credentials in 2018.

Dr. Kendal Hervert, Pulmonologist, earned the designation of Fellow from the American College of Chest Physicians and of the American College of Osteopathic Internists.

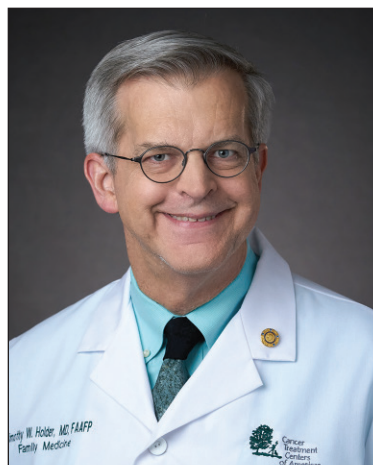
Dr. Tim Holder, Medical Director of Supportive Care and Survivorship, earned a Master of Science degree in Palliative Care from the University of Colorado (Anschutz Medical Campus).

Stacy Newberry, Registered Nurse, completed advanced practice training and earned a Master of Science in Nursing from the University of South Alabama.

Dr. Kevin Tulipana, Director of Hospital Medicine and Vice Chief of Staff, earned a Master of Science degree in bioethics from The University of Mary in Bismark,



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"Our physicians and clinicians are experts in their field, and I am honored to work with such an incredibly talented group of individuals who continually seek to better themselves for the benefit of our

patients," said Jay Foley, CTCA in Tulsa CEO and president. "These major accomplishments take time and commitment, and I applaud their efforts and acknowledge their dedication in obtaining these notable recognitions."

## OSUCHS Receives Grant for Rural Areas

The Tulsa-based Oklahoma State University Center for Health Sciences has received a \$2 million, five-year grant from the federal Health Resources and Services Administration to establish a five-year program that will improve health care in rural Oklahoma communities.

The OSU Primary care Enhancement and Training for Excellence's, "PETE's Champions" project will collaborate with the Osteopathic Medical Education Consortium of Oklahoma (OMECO) to provide leadership, health care transformation and community education training to primary care physicians working in rural, medically underserved communities.

The project will be carried out in four community-based primary

care sites with high rates of poverty and deaths by heart disease, cancer and opioid overdose. OSU-CHS will support trained fellows to enact transformative health care projects in their primary care sites. The program will train at least four fellows each year during the five-year grant period. Sites selected are: Choctaw Nation Health Services Authority in Tahlequah, Tahlequah Medical Group in Tahlequah, AllianceHealth in Durant, and Chickasaw Nation Medical Center in Ada.

"At OSU Center for Health Sciences, we are mission driven to train the next generation of primary care physicians to serve in rural and underserved areas of Oklahoma. This new grant provides additional funding for continuing education and training for physicians practicing

in rural communities. We are pleased to be able to offer this training to these selected doctors where they live and work," said Dr. Kayse M. Shrum, president of OSU-CHS, and Dean, OSU College of Osteopathic Medicine.

Lesley VanVolkinburg, executive director of OMECO, and Denna Wheeler, Ph.D., Krista Shumacher, Ph.D., and Chad Landgraf, all from the OSU Center for Rural Health, collaborated to write the grant for the PETE's Champions project. The OSU Center for Rural Health is dedicated to supporting rural practitioners, hospitals and clinics to ensure Oklahoma's rural residents have access to quality health care. The Center for Rural Health is part of the OSU Center for Health Sciences.

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## EDUCATION

# Entrepreneur Larry Wofford Serves as TU Business Dean

The University of Tulsa selected Dr. Larry Wofford, Davis D. Bovaird Chair of Entrepreneurial Studies, to serve as dean of the Collins College of Business at the beginning of this past fall semester. He will serve for up to two years. Wofford succeeded Gale Sullenberger, who served as dean since 1999.

Wofford earned both his BSBA in economics and MBA degrees from TU and served as professor of finance and real estate at TU from 1974 to 1987. He started running his first business while still a student at TU, and over the span of his career as an accomplished entrepreneur, operated automotive facilities and founded Tulsa's Route 66 Harley-Davidson dealership. He returned to TU in 2007 to help develop the college's entrepreneurship programs.

"Larry's extensive professional experience and tenure at TU proves invaluable to the Collins College of Business and to the university as we further embrace a culture of

innovation and bolster partnerships with the business community. As a respected member of the business faculty, he helped launch the college's entrepreneurship programs and has served as chair of the Department of Management and Marketing for the past three years. I appreciate working with him as part of the university's leadership," said Provost Janet Levit. "Gale Sullenberger did an outstanding job as dean, and I am grateful for his years of service and dedication."

"It is an honor to lead the Collins College of Business," said Wofford. "Gale Sullenberger did a remarkable job as dean and has created high expectations. Our faculty and staff are dedicated to providing innovative and effective education opportunities for the next generation of business leaders. My job will be to provide these exceptional professionals the resources and environment they need to make a real difference in the lives of our students."

Wofford also earned a Master of

Liberal Studies from the University of Oklahoma, a Ph.D. degree in Finance and Real Estate from the University of Texas at Austin and a Postgraduate Diploma in Strategy and Innovation from the University of Oxford. He has published extensive research, served on numerous editorial boards and as editor of the Journal of Real Estate Research. He published two leading textbooks in real estate and real estate investments. Wofford is a founder and past president of the American Real Estate Society and the International Real Estate Society. He currently serves on the corporate board of directors of Cancer Treatment Centers of America Global.

Upon his retirement from TU, Dr. Sullenberger said, "In the 19 years I have had the privilege of serving as dean of the Collins College of Business, I have had the opportunity to work with many wonderful faculty, staff and alumni. During this period, TU became nationally recognized as an out-



LARRY WOFFORD

standing small private university with one of the most beautiful college campuses in the country. The Collins College of Business was transformed by the support of its donors and alumni and by the

Embrace the Future capital campaign into a Top 50 private business school. The CCB has a bright future with Larry Wofford's leadership. I am looking forward to the next chapter of the CCB story."

# Study at TU Examines Preparedness of Firefighters

The University of Tulsa is collaborating with the Tulsa Fire Department (TFD) to study the physical readiness of firefighters – a topic that is relevant both locally and nationally. All Tulsa firefighters and those at stations staffed 24/7 around the country must complete an annual Physical Ability Test (PAT) to determine if they're capable of undergoing the rigors of job-specific duties. But, little evidence suggests passing a PAT guarantees a firefighter is physically fit for the job.

The University of Tulsa Oxley College of Health Sciences has re-

ceived a three-year, \$114,000 health research grant from the Oklahoma Center for the Advancement of Science and Technology to investigate the validity of the PAT as an indicator of physical readiness in firefighters. Results of this project, conducted with the help of national experts, will directly benefit the City of Tulsa, TFD and other fire departments and communities across the country by providing valuable insight into the effectiveness and relevance of TFD's current PAT. This information will support new standards to reduce overall casualty rates (fire-

fighters and fire victims) and the number of workers' compensation claims that are filed.

#### TU research team

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**CASCIANS TO PERFORM AT CARNEGIE HALL:** Four Cascia Hall students were selected for the 2019 High School Honors Performance Series at Carnegie Hall. Sophomore Travis Guillory and senior Joseph Barbour will be members of the Carnegie Hall Honors Concert Choir. Junior Camryn Hurley will be a member of the Carnegie Hall Honors Women's Choir, and junior Margaret Barbour will be a violinist in the Carnegie Hall Honors Orchestra. Cascia's Choral Director Candy Coonfield. From left are Travis Guillory, Joseph Barbour, Margaret Barbour and Camryn Hurley.

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"The majority of our classes are offered Monday through Thursday, and usually last from 6 p.m. until 9 p.m.," Parker said. "But we also have classes where students receive a certification in a single session of eight hours or less."

Part-time classes have been a staple of Tulsa Tech since 1965, and

since that time, have not only increased, but also evolved to keep pace with today's workplace training needs and to reflect individual student interests related to current technologies.

"Anyone can propose a class on any subject to be offered through ACD. Once the proposal is received it goes through a research and needs analysis process," Parker explained. "It all depends on the demand, and meeting workforce needs in the Tulsa Metro Area. We have started residential and commercial electrician

classes that are designed to help students enter the workforce as a Journeyman Apprentice while also earning hours that count towards their journeyman's license. We have also added to our health care offerings to address the needs within in our community."

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## News From Tulsa Tech



By **DR. STEVE TIGER**  
Superintendent

## Tulsa Street School President Invited to Speak in Greenland

The deputy minister of education, culture and church for the country of Greenland, Dr. Lone Moeller invited the president and CEO of Street School, Dr. Lori McGinnis-Madland, to speak at a symposium attended by 90 top-ranking education officials in Nuuk, Greenland. Because Street School is recognized nationally as a leader in increasing graduation rates for at-risk youth they wanted to learn more about Street School's methodology and systems.

In September 2017, Moeller

and Doris Jakobsen-Jensen, the then minister of education for Greenland visited Street School under the auspices of the U.S. Department of State's International Visitor Leadership Program and hosted by the Tulsa Global Alliance.

Bob Lieser, vice president of programs and interim director of the Tulsa Global Alliance said, "We are thrilled at the follow-up between our recent visitors from Greenland and Street School. It is a very rare and generous opportunity for the Government of

Greenland to fund this reciprocal exchange."

"Touring Street School was inspiring to us," said Moeller. "I wanted Lori to come to Greenland and share information about the many aspects of Street School that we may someday replicate in our education system here."

Greenland's current school system allows students to receive a diploma after tenth grade. Data shows that when students do graduate, they are not furthering their education or developing trade skills.



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OWASSO NEWS

Pride of Owasso to Return to Tournament of Roses

(Continued from page 1)

cession stands at varsity events, a golf tournament, a 5K race, poinsettia sales, and firework stand sales in the summer.

With six invitations, The Pride of Owasso has participated in more Tournament of Roses Parades than any other Oklahoma school. In fact, only two other schools outside of California, Ben Davis High School in Indiana and Blue Springs High School in Missouri, have an equal number of invitations.

Owasso participated in the 1985, 1989, 1995, 2004 and 2011 Tournament of Roses Parades.

Looking ahead, Fitchner says these types of opportunities not only benefit the students who will be marching in the parade in 2020 but also younger students in the district.

“For the younger students, they are always looking just a bit ahead of them,” she said. “A third grader looks at a fifth grader, a fifth grader looks at a seventh grader, and a seventh grader looks at a high school student. So for a young person to have an incredible role model that is just a few years ahead of them is very inspirational.

Sometimes parents can become like Charlie Brown’s teacher and encouraging words can be tuned out by their children.

“But when they see a young person, and they see the opportunities not just to travel to Pasadena, but to be on the Friday night field, those young people have an example of someone who has gone before them.

If they’ve not imagined that they are capable of doing something



STANDING TALL: The Pride of Owasso is ready to entertain a national audience on New Year’s Day from Pasadena, home of the Rose Bowl.

like that, but they see a real-life hero or a neighbor doing it, it puts a realm of possibility out there for them that they may not have known existed.

“It’s very exciting for me to know that while we have great adult role models, those young people are day-to-day role models that help a young person dream and that’s what happens every day in our classrooms at Owasso,” Fitchner concluded.

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## OWASSO SPORTS

## Two-Sport Owasso Standout Bound for OU

## Senior Rylie Boone to Fullfill Verbal Commitment Made in Middle School

By MIKE MOGUIN  
GTR Sports Writer

After making her decision years ago, Owasso's Rylie Boone is bound for the University of Oklahoma.

The senior two-sport athlete signed a national letter of intent on Nov. 14 to play softball for OU, a perennial power with four national championships, three coming in the past six seasons.

Boone, a southpaw centerfielder, has played the diamond since the age of four. Her talent will add depth and enrich a program known for power hitting and solid pitching.

In the 2018 fastpitch season, she produced some phenomenal numbers. Boone batted an average of .527, 188 hits, scored 146 runs scored, 83 RBIs, 43 doubles and drew 40 walks, while helping the Lady Rams to the state tournament.

When the Sooners won their second overall title in 2013, Boone, who also plays basketball, was inspired.

"I talked to Coach (Patty) Gasso," Boone said. "OU is really determined and they want you to reach your best potential as a player and in life. That got me."

The following summer, before entering eight grade, she made a verbal commitment to the program.

Boone believes her love for the game, skills in the field and being a team leader is what Gasso saw in her as she was being recruited.

All those years being committed allowed her time to learn the character of the Sooner coach. Boone is also moved by the team chemistry.

"Coach Gasso always says she likes athletes who can play different sports. I still work on softball during basketball season. I'll go hit at the cages with Coach (Shane) Eicher. It benefits me to stay in shape and to stay fast at the same time.

"I love how they (the Sooners) are together as a team," Boone said. "And Gasso, I love Gasso. She's really determined. She's not there to be your friend, she's there to be your coach and someone who can give you guidance. Some of the girls like Shay Knighten and Sydney Romero say that Gasso is a really big impact because she teaches you things about life. She's hard on you because it makes you a better woman and also a better player."

Another influence for Boone is her family.

Her brother, Trevor Boone was a baseball standout at Memorial while in high school. He is now preparing for his junior campaign at Oklahoma State.

"I watched him all my life growing up," she said.

As for her positions, Boone loves playing centerfield because she gets to run.

"I'm fast, so I'm just really out there," she said.

"I love the sport so much," Boone added. "Softball is more of where my craziness comes out because the atmosphere is so loud. You can get hyped."

When it comes to basketball, Boone plays guard.

"I love basketball too, because it's a faster pace," she said. "Softball is also fast, but basketball is faster-paced and if you mess up, you just redeem yourself like that. It's quicker to redeem yourself."

Boone played a key role in helping the Lady Rams win Class the 6A state championship in basketball last season. With three starters lost to graduation, the team is moving on.

"I think our mindset has totally shifted," she said. "It's more like, 'Don't focus on last year,' 'Put it behind us,' and, 'It's a new year now.' It's just a whole new mindset for the team."

With her being one of two returning starters, Boone believes more responsibility weighs on her.

"I have a bigger role to play than I did last year," she said. "The team has bigger responsibilities and more roles to get what we need to get done."



Photo by Christian Campbell

**BATTER UP:** Owasso centerfielder Rylie Boone goes up to bat in a game for the Lady Rams this past fastpitch softball season. Boone is signed a letter of intent to play at the University of Oklahoma.

Despite losing most of its offensive firepower, Boone believes the team can overcome that through strengthening its chemistry and ultimately repeat.

"We're going to win. We're going to win the state tournament," she said.

Going back to the subject of softball, Boone recalls how impressive the Sooners were when they captured their 2017 national championship, highlighted by

a 17-inning marathon in game one of the College World Series against Florida.

"That was a super-long game," she said. "I thought it was so cool because they never got down. That's what I thought was so cool."

When asked what she envisions for herself at OU, she made it clear:

"A National Championship," Boone said.

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## SPORTS

# Determined Spartans Capture 4th Gold Ball

## Bixby Impressive in 34-13 Win Over Stillwater

By **RON HOLT**  
Contributing Writer

The 2018 Bixby Spartan football team "Finished The Chase."

Tied 13-all at halftime, Bixby's focused defense dominated the second half and the Spartan offense scored 21 second half points in handing previously unbeaten Stillwater a 34-13 setback in the Class 6A-II State Championship game on a stormy Friday night/Saturday morning at Owasso Stadium. Nov.30 and into Dec. 1.

Bixby, which ended the season at 12-1, captured its fourth gold ball in the past five seasons. Stillwater closed out its historic season at 12-1.

The game was marred by a 25-minute weather delay at the start and a two-hour, 15-minute delay with 7:05 remaining in the game. It ended early Saturday morning. Bixby wasn't affected by the lengthy delay as the Spartans returned to the field in dominating fashion to secure the victory.

"Our kids came back out with their ears pinned back after the lengthy break," Bixby's head coach Loren Montgomery said. "In a two-hour weather delay, you just try to relax. Right before we came out we watched our high-light video again."

"In the second half we were able to not get behind the chains. It seemed like in the first half we were behind the chains a lot. Their

defense causes confusion," said Montgomery. "Our defense is tough, the second half they played lights out."

"This is a big one for our kids, our coaches and our community. I'm really proud of everyone."

Stillwater used a one-yard touchdown run by talented sophomore tailback Qwontrel Walker to cap off an impressive drive for a 6-0 lead - after the extra point failed - with 4:21 left in the opening stanza.

Bixby's offense answered the challenge with a drive that ended on junior Braden Roller's 12-yard touchdown burst to the corner of the end zone. Reis Vernon's point-after kick hit the right upright and bounced away, trying the game at 6-6.

Senior Cade Cavender, who finished his impressive career in brilliant fashion, entered the game in the wildcat formation, which is normally a short-yardage offense, to start the second quarter. Cavender, however, broke through the line, burst outside and out-ran the Pioneers for a 60-yard touchdown on the first play of the second quarter. Vernon's point-after gave BHS a 13-6 lead at the 11:40 mark.

"That's usually our package to get short-yardage but it turned into big gains tonight," said Cavender, who rushed for a career-high 222 yards on 17 carries and three touchdowns. "The line did a great job, they did all the work ... I had the easy part."



Photo by DAVID STACY

**CELEBRATION TIME:** The Bixby Spartans celebrate their 34-13 state championship victory over Stillwater in the early morning of Dec. 1.

"We didn't want those delays to get in our heads, so we tried to stay focused during the lengthy delay. We figured out at the end of the first quarter what they were going to do, and we shut them down," he added. "We controlled the game in the second half."

"This is awesome, especially getting to play in three in a row ... that's special."

Stillwater relied on a blocked punt by junior Clay Hatfield to set up a game-tying six-yard TD run by Walker, making it a 13-all game with 2:56 left until halftime.

Bixby's defense was dominating in the second half, limiting Still-

water's high-scoring offense to four first downs while the offense produced on the ground.

"That was something you can't even put into words, shutting them out in the second half," said active junior linebacker Brody Sartin. "That's what we worked for during the summer. I'll never forget that moment. We talked at halftime about fixing some things and what we did we did well and came away with what we wanted tonight."

Senior linebacker Ryan Kerr added, "The second drive they had they did pretty well, and the running back broke a few tackles."

But, after that we knew what they were doing. The second half was lights out for our defense."

Bixby took the lead for good with 8:50 showing in the third quarter when Cavender ran in from four yards out and Vernon kicked the conversion for a 20-13 lead. A one-yard run by Cavender with 8:39 left in the game gave the Spartans a 27-13 lead and some breathing room. That's when the lengthy weather delay began.

Key plays by seniors ended the game on a positive note after returning to the field following the (Continued on page 19)

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# OKLAHOMA SPORTS SCENE

Sport Scene is hosted by, from left, Tulsa Public Schools Athletic Director Gil Cloud, local and national TV sportscaster Chris Lincoln, and Tulsa sports legend J.V. Haney.

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# Fuqua Father-Son Team Embedded in ORU History

## R.J. Fuqua Hopes To Return to Lineup

By GLENN HIBDON  
GTR Sports Writer

High above the Mabee Center floor hangs a small banner bearing a special number. Perhaps its significance is lost in time to many, but a young man sits beneath the rafters today recalling where he would be without the man who wore "24."

Richard Fuqua was a silky smooth point guard for Oral Roberts University five decades ago and his number is one of just three retired by the Golden Eagles. He was the school's greatest scorer and remains a legend among ORU faithful. Son R.J. is now a sophomore for the Eagles and using the skills his father taught him to overcome troubled times.

The young Fuqua underwent hip surgery in October and is expected to miss the entire 2018-19 season.

"He is a great dad and we're pretty close," said Fuqua, who started 21 of 27 games as a freshman at ORU. "He's always there for me and I never had a time I couldn't talk to him about anything. He makes sure I'm doing well and he told me that school is bigger than basketball. He also told me to go out and do what I love to do."

Just like his dad, R.J. loves basketball and he's currently trying to find his way back to the court. His career was put on hold when it was discovered the ball of his femur fitting into the hip socket was larger than normal.

"They scoped my hip socket so it (the ball) would fit better and not cause pain," Fuqua said. "At first it was demoralizing (missing the season), but I figured over time it's better than playing hurt. After games my body got really stiff and it hurt to move. I still feel pain from the surgery because it takes ligaments time to heal."

Since he now will probably miss the rest of the seas as a redshirt, R.J. should have more time to spend with his father, who is retired and living in Tulsa.

"Growing up I watched football games with him and we loved all sports," said R.J. "We watched tennis and boxing and everything you can think of. He doesn't like coaching, but he did coach my AAU team. He doesn't like crowds either, but he comes to my games at ORU."

Richard Fuqua does know a thing or two about the Mabee Center and playing for what was then the Titans. He suited up for 111 games at ORU, scoring 3,004 points and being selected All-America in 1972. Richard finished second in the nation in scoring, averaging 35.9 points a game as a junior and 27.1 for his career.

Fuqua worked at the Salvation Army, the Comanche Apartments and the Juvenile Detention Center in Tulsa before retiring.

"We don't compare (on the court). He was taller (6-4) and a scorer," said the 5-11 R.J. "I haven't gotten to his level. I'm working on my game daily like he did. He always

talks about me being a complete player and I ask him about what I did wrong after games. He's all about counter moves and not having just one. If somebody stops it, you go another way. Dad also told me to keep having confidence. If I miss a shot, the next one will go in."

In addition, father instructed son to "play hard on both sides of the ball" and that's R.J.'s plan. Thus far, ORU coach Paul Mills says Fuqua is achieving the goal.

"R.J. is a sponge and wants to improve each time he's on the court," Mills said. "He is developing as a leader, but what sets him apart from other players is his grit and determination. He wants to make the team better at the point guard position and he's done a good job as a communicator to assist the team."

At Booker T. Washington, Fuqua was named All-State as a senior, scoring 32 points in the Hornets' upset of unbeaten Union in the 6A state tournament semifinals. As a freshman at ORU, he tied the school record for steals in a game with nine in his first time out, finishing the season averaging 8.0 points, 2.9 assists and 2.7 rebounds.

His primary purpose now is to regain and surpass the form that produced those totals and that's where his father's work ethic comes in.

"I rehab every day," said Fuqua. "I'm riding the bike, doing hip bridges and body weight squats. I'm using my knees to bend down and up, but not too far. I don't know if I will come back this season, but I travel with the team and go and watch practice. During games I want to be there with my teammates. I can help them from the bench. I can see everything. It's a whole different perspective."

"It's never about me and my personal goals. I'm getting my body stronger so I can come back and help the team win. It's pushing me to work on my game, shooting and dribbling. My dad doesn't work out with me anymore since he had a stroke, but he tells me when I'm floating backwards on my jump shot. He said you should always go straight up and down. He tells me I need to be smarter with the ball. Sometimes I'm careless and I need to take care of the ball."

The foundation for R.J.'s game, and his determination to succeed, was set with the AAU Tulsa Bulldogs. As a fourth grader, his father began coaching the team and it proved to be a dividend.

"He took me to the gym every day, but he always gave me a choice," R.J. said. "He told me if I didn't want to do it I could stop. I didn't stop and we lost a lot of games that first year, but later we did become third in the nation. Ever since, I've been playing on winning teams."

"Since I can remember my mom (Gaysha) has come to all my games. She loves basketball as much as me and my dad. She



Courtesy ORU Athletics

**ALL AMERICAN:** Richard Fuqua goes up for a basket in the Mabee Center in the 1970's where he was an All-American and led his team to the "Great 8" in the NCAA Tournament.



Courtesy ORU Athletics

**FATHER AND SON:** Richard Fuqua with his son R.J. recently at the Mabee Center.

tells me to listen to what he says because he knows more than I do. We used to get into arguments because I thought I knew more, but I would go back and watch film and see that he was right. I made a bad pass or passed up open shots. I missed a lot of shots last year, but if I'm open now I'm going to take them. And get my teammates involved too."

Although the future is uncertain for R.J. Fuqua, he can look back at his father's influence and know he's cheering for him, win or lose. And when R.J. takes the floor in his number 12 jersey, he can look upward and realize, symbolically, when it comes to matching his dad's glory, he's only halfway there.

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# Regent and Bishop Kelley Runners Win Championships

By MIKE MOGUIN  
GTR Sports Writer

A senior became a four-time state champion and a freshman got started on what she hopes to be a similar journey.

Regent Preparatory School senior Ellie Gilbreath won her fourth state championship with a time of 11:37 at the Class 2A meet on Oct. 20 in Shawnee. Her sophomore teammate, Natalie Cleveland was just 41 seconds behind her in a runner-up finish. The Rams took fourth as a team with 134 points.

One week later in Edmond, Bishop Kelley freshman Ella Eureste and her team captured the Class 5A state championships. Eureste took top individual honors, winning with a time of 19:40.6, edging Guthrie's Mercy Dement (20:06.5) by nearly 26 seconds.

The Lady Comets won the team championship with 133 points. Guthrie was second with 90.

Other Kelley runners were sisters Tess (20:12, fourth place) and Sarah Crosley (20:34, sixth), Alexandra Borovich (20:44, 10th) and Addison Gehring (21:09, 14th).

Gilbreath became the sixth runner in Oklahoma history to win the state title all four years in high school.

She joined Cheyenne Walden, Sand Springs (2013-16), Brooke Edsall, Lomega (2001-04), Jessie Gordan, Plainview (1998-2001), Amanda Jordan, OKC Bishop McGuiness (1997-2000) and Natalie Gray, Cascia Hall (1990-93).

"It felt amazing," Gilbreath said. "Ever since my freshman year, when I won, this has been my goal. So, it was just a lot of fun being able to do this and accomplish it."

Gilbreath managed to stay healthy the whole season, she said, and never missed training.

"I was just really determined to win," Gilbreath added. "That helped, too."

"I was in the lead pretty much most of my races this season. Sometimes it's kind of hard because I'll be tired, and I'll look back and no one is even close. But I just try to keep going and get a good time even if no one is pushing me. At state, no one was near me."

Winning four state titles is not the only accomplishment Gilbreath has made in running. She broke three OSSAA state records in track last spring.

She won the 3200-meter run with a time of 11:00.52, breaking the old mark of 11:21.96, which stood for 12 years. The other two records

came in the 800-meter run and the 1600-meter run, where she won respectively with times of 2:16.40 and 5:13.60. The old marks were 2:17.38 and 5:14.71.

"That was so cool," she said. "I honestly did not expect that time at all. But it just felt really good. I had planned on hopefully breaking the record, because I had run faster than that before, but I had never really been able to do like my best performances at state, so I was really happy that I finally did it."

Gilbreath hopes to break her own record again in the spring.

As of mid-November, she was leaning toward Oklahoma State for college. She had other official visits planned, she said.

It was special for Regent Prep to have runners finish 1 and 2, Gilbreath said.

"I think it just shows that we have some talented athletes," she added. "The program is growing, and the coaching is good. This was like our first year to have a full team on cross country. So, it will definitely help the program keep going and it's getting stronger every year."

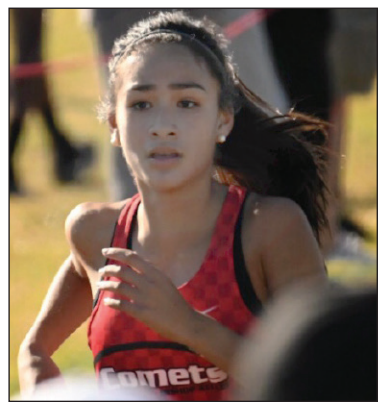
Gilbreath believes Cleveland can win it next year.

Winning as a freshman was a thrill for Eureste, but she said it doesn't



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**ELLIE GILBREATH:** Regent Prep's Ellie Gilbreath wins her fourth state cross country championship.



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**ELLA EURESTE:** Bishop Kelley runner Ella Eureste wins a state cross country title as a freshman.

compare to winning as a team.

"The many months of hard work came together, and it was a special experience that can never be taken away."

"I really think the key to winning is the girls' cross country program, which is really different than other high school cross country teams," Eureste said. "We all are so close because of the hours we have spent together. We are not just teammates; we really are family. We do all of our workouts together, which is a bonding experience every prac-

tice and it makes us rely on each other, so we work out as a unit to finish the workout."

Eureste said winning the next three years is definitely a huge goal she sees herself striving for," Eureste said.

"However, I will never take winning a race for granted, because I know there is always someone out there that is working just as hard as me. I'm always looking for ways to improve my stride, form, and times to push myself to the next level," she added.



MARK BENNETT

**GOLDEN GLOVES:** The Oklahoma Golden Gloves State Championship will take place Jan. 26 and 27 at the Greenwood Cultural Center. Tulsa boxer and 2018 State and Regional Golden Gloves' super heavyweight division winner Jeremiah Milton, above, will be among the fighters competing.



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**BMX DEMONSTRATION:** Riders displayed their skill as part of the announcement of the MidAmerica Industrial Park groundbreaking on a new BMX track in Pryor on Nov 26. 200 local 4th and 5th grade students watched the action.



HARRY LENTZ for GTR Newspapers

**TWO FOR TULSA:** Tulsa's DaQuan Jeffries goes up for a basket in the Hurricane's 74-71 win over Oklahoma State in Tulsa Dec. 5. Tulsa went on to defeat Kansas State three nights later, 47-46.



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Bixby Spartans Down Stillwater for State Crown

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delay. It began with an impressive pass interception by Clayton Barbour, who stepped in front of a pass from Pioneer quarterback Gunnar Gundy to end a serious SHS threat.

“It felt great. I knew they were going to throw it there and I baited him and was able to make the interception,” Barbour said of the crucial pass theft. “They are a tough team, they run a lot and use their tight ends very well.

“It was just about overcoming obstacles and I think we came out on top and did the best we could.

The second half we knew we had to come out and hit them hard. We solved what they were doing. We just stayed focused on the game and played hard.

“I could never picture this way to end my senior year. It’s a blessing to be able to play on this team and play for a great community,” Barbour added.

Following the interception, Cavender found daylight again, this time running 77 yards to set up a seven-yard touchdown scamper to the left end zone by junior Brennan Presley with 1:07 left to ice the victory.

Stillwater, which entered the game averaging 43.7 points per game, was limited to 207 total offensive yards, including 67 passing yards. The Pioneers, who had two turnovers, averaged 3.8 yards rushing per attempt.

“We were really prepared ... we had been practicing for two weeks so we knew what they were going to do,” said senior linebacker/offensive tackle Noah West, who played at less than 100 percent much of the season. “We tried to do things better after their earlier drive.

“It was tough to overcome adversity like that during the season, but everyone helped keep my spirits up,” West said of a foot injury he battled though during the season to finish his career playing his best football.

NOTABLES – Bixby finished with 366 yards of total offense and relied on 281 yards rushing to offset Stillwater’s unorthodox defensive alignment, which limited passing opportunities for BHS. Spartan sophomore quarterback Mason Williams was 14-of-20 passing for 85 yards. ... Walker led Stillwater’s offensive effort with 145 yards rushing on 31 attempts

and two touchdowns. Gundy was 9-of-20 passing for 67 yards and one interception. In last year’s 41-14 loss to Bixby in the state quarterfinals, Gundy was 9-of-20 passing for 70 yards. Anthony Bland led SHS in receiving with six grabs for 44 yards. ... Brennan Presley topped Bixby’s receiving unit with nine catches for 48 yards. ... Since Class 6A split into two divisions in 2014, Bixby has played in every championship game, winning four and ending as runner-up to Tulsa Washington in 2017. This was Stillwater’s first trip to the state finals since 1977.



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Stava, who founded the company in 1988, said, "The company is in great shape. It's important that Stava Building continues to grow and develop. I feel that it is in great hands with Curt and LouAnn, and is poised to take the next step forward with their leadership."

Both Hellen and Smith come to Stava Building with extensive construction and professional experience throughout Oklahoma.

Curt Hellen joins the team with 22 years of experience in construction. He received his undergraduate degree in construction management from Oklahoma State University and his Masters of Business Administration from the University of Dallas. "I'm extremely excited for the opportunity to join Stava Building as its president," Hellen said. "It's a company that has been a force, yet somewhat of a hidden gem, in the Oklahoma construction industry for a number of years and will only continue to grow. Some of his more notable proj-



**SANDY AND JOHN STAVA:** John Stava, with his wife Sandy, founded Stava Corporation 30 years ago and will continue his role as the company's Chief Executive Officer. The photos were taken at the recent 30th anniversary party at Tulsa's Summit Club.

ect involvements have included the Tulsa Zoo Lost Kingdom, Northeastern State Multipurpose Arena, Yale Village at 91st Street and Yale Avenue, Zarrow Pointe, and numerous healthcare, educational and private developments.

LouAnn Smith has held various positions in her 21-year career in the construction industry. Her

degree from Oklahoma State is in marketing, but she was immediately attracted to the construction industry after graduation. Her experience is in operations, as well as marketing and business development. "I am absolutely honored to join such an established and energetic team. The future of Stava is exciting," she said.

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# Kitchen 66 Celebrates Launch Program Graduation of Six New Food Businesses

Kitchen 66, a program of the Lobeck Taylor Family Foundation, celebrated the graduation of the Fall 2018 Launch Program class Dec. 11 at the Mother Road Market. The class included six new Tulsa-based food businesses, featuring concepts ranging from a chocolatier to a healthy meal prep delivery service. The Launch Program combines a four-month comprehensive curriculum with practical experience and sales opportunities. The six groups of new food entrepreneurs also gained access to Kitchen 66's community of mentors and fellow business owners in the Tulsa food industry.

The graduates are:

Alex Barclay and Tory Sumrall of District Chocolate, a chocolate company that believes chocolate should be pure, decadent and approachable. District Chocolate uses highly technical methods coupled with real ingredients to create intensely flavorful bars, educating customers in the process.

Kathy Campbell, PharmD of Dr. Kathy Health, a business that assists individuals by providing convenient and delicious meals that support overall health.

Mark Gaway of Gaway Grocery, a grocery concept that embod-



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**KITCHEN 66 GRADUATE:** Kitchen 66 Launch Program graduate Kalee Kallam and her company Mae'd focus on helping busy people on-the-go achieve healthy diets with their pre-portioned meals. With her is a friend who helped during the launch.

ies traditional Lebanese food items.

Judyth Gulden of Wilson & Gulden, a fine foods shop specializing in cheesecake and catering.

Kalee Kallam of Mae'd, a meal prep and delivery service that helps provide busy individuals with perfectly portioned, well-balanced healthy meals to support fitness and health.

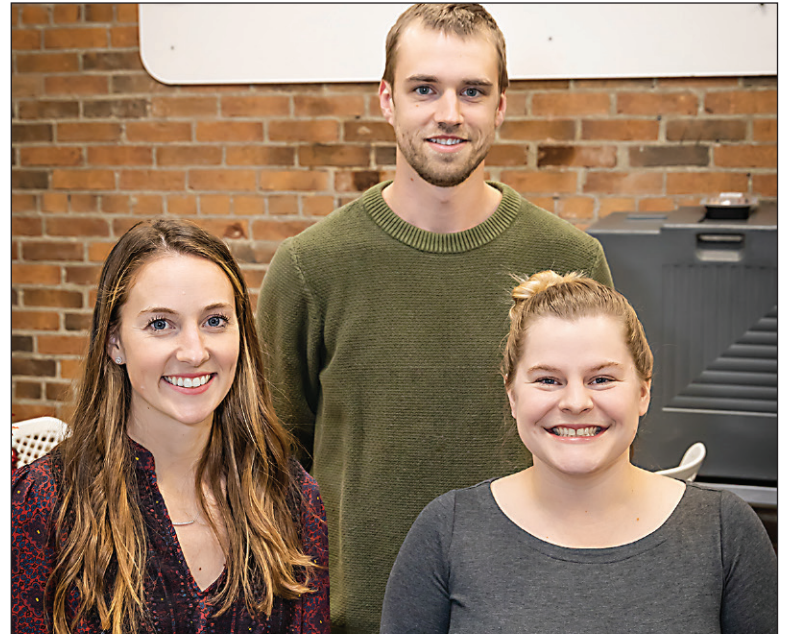
Kimberly Long of Big House Dessert Company & Big House Chow Line, a company featuring sweet Southern desserts and dishes

that also works as a second chance employer for women.

Applications for the Spring 2019 Launch Program are now available at [www.kitchen66tulsa.com](http://www.kitchen66tulsa.com). The deadline to apply is Jan. 28.

## About Kitchen 66

Kitchen 66 is a program of the Lobeck Taylor Family Foundation. It is Tulsa's kickstart kitchen, decreasing barriers for food entrepreneurs in Tulsa by offering access to affordable commercial



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**TEAM KITCHEN 66:** Director of Food Innovation Adele Weaver, Program Director Robbie Wing, and Sales & Distribution Coordinator Rachael Reagan are at the ready to help food entrepreneurs at Kitchen 66.

kitchen space, business training programs like the Launch Program, and sales and distribution opportunities through platforms like the Kitchen 66 Takeover Cafe and Kitchen 66 General Store at Mother Road Market. Since 2016,

Kitchen 66 has served over 125 food entrepreneurs, including immigrants from over 10 different countries and over 50 percent women-owned businesses. To learn more about Kitchen 66, visit [www.kitchen66tulsa.com](http://www.kitchen66tulsa.com).

# America's 2019 Energy Watch List Revealed



At the beginning of 2018, my column, "America's 2018 Energy

Watchlist," presented the "moving parts" which I believed would be the main focus regarding energy issues and policies: At that time among the moving parts were President Trump and the Republican led Congress, OPEC and the supporting non-OPEC countries, jobs, investments in the oil and gas sector, ipos/mergers and acquisitions, LNG/natural gas, and supply/demand, among other areas of my daily focus.



MARK A. STANSBERRY

Here are important parts of my 2019 Energy Watchlist:

- **President Trump, a Republican led US Senate, and a Democrat led House of Representatives**

A lot has been implemented and eliminated over the past two years. President Trump's plans have included development of regulatory and legislative initiatives: rescinding Obama's executive actions and regulations that were outdated and lifting moratoriums on energy production in federal areas. In 2019, because of the divided federal government, I don't envision any comprehensive energy legislation.

## • Oil:

Crude oil production in the U.S. reached record proportions in 2018, according to the Energy Information Administration (EIA). Production in October, 2018, was 11.4 million barrels per day (b/d). This is a substantial increase from the 9.4 million b/d of 2017. EIA is projecting 12.1 million b/d in 2019.

## • LNG/Natural Gas

In 2019, investments will continue in the building of our nation's LNG infrastructure. Natural gas is leading the transition for the U.S. as a net exporter primarily due to the LNG efforts in the Gulf Coast region. The EIA forecasts a wide range in prices for natural gas of \$2.06/MMBtu and \$4.94/MMBtu in 2019.

## • Cybersecurity and the Digital Transformation

Cybersecurity efforts will continue in the energy industry. Look for more private/public partnering in cybersecurity initiatives. It is projected that there will be a major increase in investments in the U.S. oil and gas industry in data management and analytics.

## • Infrastructure

There is a great need for the nation's energy infrastructure. Look for more investments and projects beginning in 2019. However, it is projected that the U.S. House will not make all the necessary efforts to address the environmental laws that are standing in the way of developmental progress.

## • Geopolitical/Trade

Again, geopolitical tensions along with cooperation will be at the forefront.

Also, OPEC and Non-OPEC countries, Russia, Peoples Republic of China, jobs, IPOs/M&A, offshore drilling, energy education, regulations/taxes, environmental, transportation, weather, power generation, coal, nuclear, wind/solar, media... will continue to be of focus.

National Energy Talk (NET)-National Energy Talk, an Energy Advocate Initiative, was launched July 31, 2017 in Elk City, Oklahoma and meetings have been held in Tulsa, Edmond and Oklahoma City along with presentations in Houston, Denver and other cities. In 2019, NET will continue

its efforts as a platform engaging a national energy dialogue. Go to Facebook: National Energy Talk to support/learn more about NET.

Mark A. Stansberry, is Chairman of The GTD Group, an award-winning author and Energy Advocate. For more information, see Facebook: National Energy Talk.

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# Maura Guten Named President and CEO of Child Abuse Network

Maura Guten has been named as President and Chief Executive Officer of the Child Abuse Network. The local nonprofit provides collaborative services to child abuse victims and their families in Tulsa County and surrounding areas.

Child Abuse Network President of the Board of Directors Tim Neuman said, "I am excited to welcome Maura Guten as the next president and CEO of the Child Abuse Network. After a thorough and thoughtful search, the board of directors unanimously agreed that Maura is the type of proven leader and community advocate equipped to build upon CAN's long-standing history of providing collaborative intervention services for abused and neglected children. In our 30th year of service, CAN remains committed to improving how the Tulsa community responds to child abuse and ensuring that children are not further victimized by the systems intended to protect them. With Maura's energy, direction and passion for our mission, we are excited and hopeful for the next thirty."

Guten has worked in the non-profit sector for over 15 years and previously served as the Executive Director for Tulsa Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA). She is a graduate of Bishop Kelley High School and the University of Tulsa. She began her career as a social worker in inner-city St. Louis and has worked extensively with at-risk children, individuals with disabilities and survivors of sexual assault. She was sworn in as a Court Appointed Special Advocate for abused and neglected children in 2001 and has spent many years volunteering at Saint Francis Children's Hospital and the Laura Dester Children's Center. She is a sustaining member of the Junior League of Tulsa, a graduate of Leadership Tulsa Class 56, serves on the board of directors for the Oklahoma State CASA Association and chairs the Legislative Advocacy Committee for the Child Protection Coalition.

"There is no better cause to fight



MAURA GUTEN

for than this. It is truly an honor to join CAN at such an important moment in the organization's history. I have long admired CAN's foundational strength, its culture of providing collaborative intervention services under one roof, its child-focused approach and its rich legacy of service to the Tulsa community. I look forward to working with the board, staff, partner agencies and community stakeholders to tackle the many exciting opportunities and challenges we face and, in doing so, look forward to continuing the tradition of providing hope and healing to children impacted by abuse and neglect," said Guten.

CAN is one of the nine partner agencies comprising the Tulsa County District Attorney's Task Force on Crimes Against Children.

## About the Child Abuse Network

The Child Abuse Network provides collaborative intervention services to child abuse victims, so that they are encouraged to embrace a future driven by hope. CAN serves as a partner in the multidisciplinary team that serves children of reported child abuse. The result is a collaborative and non-duplicated multidisciplinary team approach to investigate abuse and protect children in crisis. Visit [www.childabusenetwork.org](http://www.childabusenetwork.org) to learn more about CAN's unique, comprehensive approach to child abuse intervention.

## BUSINESS & PEOPLE NOTES

Mayor G.T. Bynum announced that **Amy Brown** will serve as **Tulsa's deputy mayor** beginning Jan. 14, 2019.



BROWN

The deputy mayor serves as the acting mayor in the mayor's absence and coordinates policy matters on behalf of the City of Tulsa.

"Amy Brown has one of the best minds I've encountered in public service at any level. I've worked with her for years, both on the city council and now in the mayor's office," Mayor Bynum said. "She has proven herself as an adept manager and leader and will make a great deputy mayor."

Brown will be replacing Michael Junk who recently accepted the chief of staff position for Governor-elect Kevin Stitt.

Prior to her role as deputy mayor, Brown served as the deputy chief of staff and veterans liaison for Mayor Bynum. Brown has worked for the City of Tulsa in various capacities. She served as a mayoral aide for former Mayor Kathy Taylor in 2009 and served as a Tulsa City Council aide from 2011-2014.

Brown will continue to serve as veterans liaison and oversee the Administration and Public Safety Support Divisions as she did in her prior role.

"I'm honored by the privilege and responsibility of serving the citizens of Tulsa in this new role," Brown said.

Brown holds a Juris Doctorate and Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from the University of Tulsa and is an active volunteer for Family & Children Services and Junior League of Tulsa.

## Gateway Mortgage Group

has announced **Steven Patrick** as its new chief risk officer. In this role, Patrick will provide executive oversight to the company's credit and risk management teams. His responsibilities will span all efforts in enterprise risk management, compliance and quantitative analytics.



PATRICK

"Steve has a tremendous amount of experience in mortgage finance, credit and risk arena," said Stephen Curry, CEO of Gateway. "We are happy to welcome Steve into the Gateway family and we know he will be a valuable addition to the executive leadership team."

Most recently, Patrick was managing director with Everett Advisory Partners where he counseled clients on implementing risk-reducing strategies, capital raises and solutions to complex funding problems. Prior to Everett Advisory Partners, he held many different roles with Federal Home Loan Bank of Chicago. Patrick was involved in a variety of initiatives where he developed strategies to mitigate risk while building the mortgage program, which purchased mortgage loans in secondary markets; he also advised banks on liquidity strategies. He has worked extensively in the financial services industry since 1987, starting at Merrill Lynch before moving to Bank of America. He is a graduate of Carleton College and received his MBA from The University of Chicago Booth School of Business.

Mayor G.T. Bynum has named **Christina da Silva** as deputy chief of staff beginning Jan. 14, 2019.



DA SILVA

"Over the last two years, Christina da Silva has proven herself to be uniquely thoughtful in her work and passionately committed to those historically overlooked in our city," Mayor G.T. Bynum said. "I am excited for her to take that work to the next level in a new capacity as my Deputy Chief of Staff."

da Silva currently serves as director of community development and policy for Mayor Bynum and leads the New Tulsans Initiative, which involves implementing the comprehensive roadmap for building a more equitable Tulsa while fostering connections between all immigrants and long-term residents.

"I'm beyond thrilled to work in this new role and look forward to helping guide policy that will build a stronger and more equitable workforce here at the city," da Silva said.

In her new role, da Silva will continue to oversee the New Tulsans Initiative and provide strategic planning and project management services at a larger scale for the Mayor's Office. Education and community engagement will be two areas of focus.

da Silva holds a Bachelor of Arts in Spanish Language & Literature and German Language & Literature from Western Washington University. She is currently pursuing a Master of Science in Human Development and Family Science at OSU-Tulsa where she is a Graduate Research Assistant.

## Ascension's St. John Medical Center

in Tulsa has named **Tammy Bark, RN, MBA**, chief nursing officer. In her role, Bark will oversee the nursing practice for the Tulsa medical center.



BARK

Bark joins St. John from Providence St. Joseph Health in Eureka, California where she served as area vice president and chief nursing officer for St. Joseph Hospital, Redwood Memorial Hospital, General Hospital, and North Coast Surgical Center.

"Tammy's experience and accomplishments are significant in the areas of quality and safety, patient and provider experience, nurse recruitment and retention, and operational excellence," said Jeffrey D. Nowlin, president and chief operating officer for St. John Medical Center. "We're pleased to welcome her to the medical center and to further our mission to care for the most vulnerable."

Bark began her nursing career at the bedside, serving as an emergency department nurse. She has served many director positions including areas of emergency services, critical care, geropsychiatric unit, quality and risk management, and as chief nursing officer of a 500-bed acute care hospital.

**The Cox Business Center**, managed by SMG and owned by the City of Tulsa, announces **Angie Teel, CMP**, as assistant general manager.



TEEL

Teel joins the venue from the St. Charles Convention Center where she has acted as a director since 2011. She has more than 10 years of venue management experience and is a Certified Meeting Professional (CMP).

In her new role, Teel will coordinate daily activities in the downtown venue with various departments and work to continuously improve the reputation and award-winning standards of the Convention Center and interject best industry practices into the day-to-day operations.

"I'm looking forward to getting to know the entire team and Tulsa better, and to contribute to the outstanding impact the venue has on the city and everyone who steps inside," said Teel.

Teel studied international business at Missouri State University before beginning her career in events.

## Mark VanLoh, CEO of Tulsa International Airport

and R.L. Jones, Jr. Airport since February 2017, submitted his resignation to the Tulsa Airports Improvement Trust Board, citing his pending acceptance of a position in Jacksonville, Florida.



VANLOH

VanLoh became Tulsa Airports CEO in February 2017 after a national search was undertaken by the Airports' Board of Trustees. Since his arrival, he has led numerous initiatives that have resulted in an increase in airport revenue, airline service, and facility improvements.

Tulsa Airports Improvement Trust Chair, Jeff Stava, praised VanLoh on his accomplishments while serving as CEO of Tulsa's air transportation system. Stava said, "Mark has been a tremendous resource for our airports and our City during his time in Tulsa. His leadership has created a streamlined organization with an improved financial footing that is prepared to serve the Tulsa region for years to come. We wish him all the best in his new position."

The Trust has already begun the search process to identify his successor.

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# Tulsa's Holiday Tradition Still Alive at Hamlet

*Locally-Owned Business Serving Tulsa Since 1986*

By KAYLEY FORSHEY  
Contributing Writer

Only the best for your family and guests. That's Hamlet's mission in providing quality honey kissed hams for Tulsa families year round and especially during the holiday season.

The Hamlet was established in 1986 and is now growing a family legacy and long-time Tulsa tradition. According to owner Shannon Hester, people have been lining up for specially made honey kissed hams from the beginning, making it part of their holiday tradition to spend the short wait making friends and building community.

The Hamlet has two locations: the ham shop, also

known as Hamlet Hams, is located at 1660 E. 71st St., and the cafe, known as The Hamlet, is at 9107 S. Sheridan Rd.

When Hester bought the Hamlet in 1995, the whole family got involved. "We've always been a family business. Everybody in the back is family or friends. It's all family owned and run, always has been," Hester said.

She took over for her father, Gordon Pendergraft, and has been working to provide quality honey-kissed hams for Tulsa residents.

"We purchase our hams from the world's largest provider to ensure that we get the quality that we deserve and the public deserves," Hester said.

This locally owned business

prides itself on its honey-kissed hams, which are different from honey-baked or honey-glazed. According to Hester, Hamlet hams are injected with honey during the curing process. This means that the honey is not only placed on top, but also immersed inside the ham, ensuring that every bite is juicy and flavorful, Hester explained.

"Our quality speaks for itself. Our customer service speaks for itself. If you have an issue, we make it right. If there's ever a complaint, we stand 100 percent stand behind and guarantee our product," Hester said.

Ordering a honey kissed ham can be done by visiting Hamlet in store, on the website at hamlethams.com or by calling 918-496-2242.



**BEST IN HAMS:** Hamlet owner Shannon Hester, left and Crystal Anglin display one of the Hamlet's "honey kissed hams." The Hamlet is a locally owned family business that has been serving the Tulsa area since 1986.

## Tulsa Police, Rotary Combine Efforts to 'Shop with a Cop'

Tulsa FOP Lodge 93 partnered with the Rotary Club of Tulsa to host Shop with a Cop in early December at the Target store at 1701 S. Yale Ave in Tulsa. A few dozen students from Celia Clinton Elementary School were selected to participate in the program.

The students shopped with officers to choose presents for their family, and at the same time, a Rotary Club member shopped for gifts for the child, making sure their whole family will have presents under the Christmas tree.

"This was an opportunity to give

back to children in our community and help spread a little joy this holiday season," Tulsa FOP Lodge 93 Second Vice-President Marcie Brannon said. "It's not only a positive experience for the kids but also very rewarding for the officers to see the joy on their faces."

Money donated by Tulsa FOP Lodge 93 and the Rotary Club of Tulsa makes this annual event possible.

**About Tulsa FOP Lodge 93**

Tulsa FOP Lodge 93, founded

in 1937, represents 1,100 active and retired Tulsa Police Officers. It is the first lodge in Oklahoma and the first lodge west of the Mississippi River. Its mission is to advocate for members rights' and give them a voice, even when they are not allowed to speak up for themselves.

Lodge 93 is also active in the community and is the biggest FOP donor in the nation to the Special Olympics. The lodge was honored to receive the 2017 Oklahoma Special Olympics Sympar Award.



Courtesy TINA MILLER

**WORKING FOR CHILDREN:** Members of the Tulsa FOP Lodge 93 with Celia Clinton student Akeila Harris and Rotary Club of Tulsa member Jeff Hassell at the Shop with a Cop event at the 1701 S. Yale Ave. Target store in early December.

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## FAITH

# Thrift Store Supports Loaves & Fishes Ministry

By K.J. WEBB  
Contributing Writer

Tulsa's Loaves & Fishes food ministry was established in 1983 by Milo and Marian Reno to help feed the poor. Milo had also long dreamed of opening a thrift store to supplement finances for the Loaves & Fishes food ministry, and as a way to reach out and serve more in need in the community.

The dream of a thrift store was realized in May 2016, when the Renos, along with Steve Worden and Al Poncel, officially opened Turning Point Thrift Store, a 501(c)3 organization, located at 11403-C E. 19th St. in Tulsa in the building next to Loaves & Fishes. The Turning Point Thrift Store serves a three-fold purpose: to meet the immediate need of Loaves & Fishes guests, provide a source of affordable items to the community, and raise additional income so Loaves & Fishes food ministry can serve more people. The Turning Point Thrift Store collects donated items from the community and resells them to raise revenue for the ministry and advance its mission.

The Loaves & Fishes mission is to feed the spirit, soul and body of those in need. "Loaves & Fishes gives food to the hungry, water to the thirsty, and speaks the Gospel to everyone who enters our doors," says Worden. "While we temporarily satisfy people's basic needs, our true purpose is to

provide them with the permanent answer to their problems: Jesus Christ. In John 6:35, Jesus declares, "I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never go hungry, and he who believes in me will never be thirsty."

Worden says the staff's hope is that every person who steps through the Loaves & Fishes doors is saved, healed, and delivered. "We pray for healing from sickness and disease, and command debt and financial pressures to dissolve." According to Worden, many people leave positively changed, built up in faith, and trusting God for their life circumstances to improve.

The Loaves & Fishes food ministry, and Turning Point Thrift Store rely heavily on volunteers. Worden says, "Building a volunteer base can be difficult at times. We are always in need of volunteers, even if they can come for just two hours a week or month. We encourage families to come and serve together."

He adds, "With more people helping, we can be open more days of the week, and sort through the donations and merchandise. It is important to keep good inventory rotating on the shelves and presented in a pleasing manner to our customers." Worden has an insider's understanding of the importance of merchandising, as he comes from a retail background of over 30 years, primarily in the retail drug industry.



**TURNING POINT:** The Turning Point Thrift Store is located at 11403-C E. 19th St. next to the Loaves & Fishes Ministry.



**STEVE WORDEN:** Worden manages the Turning Point Thrift Store, which serves to accept donated items in support of the Loaves & Fishes Ministry.

Worden, who volunteered for Loaves & Fishes for 10 years, prior to joining the ministry team, has witnessed many lives transformed through its work. He said, "Lives are transformed every week that the Loaves & Fishes doors are open. The Turning Point Thrift Store is proud to be a part of this because we help provide finances for this to be possible. The ministry helps the working poor, elderly and disabled. We are here to partner with our guests to help them through a difficult financial time

due to unemployment, sickness or even transportation problems. It is not uncommon to help someone, or a family four or five times and not see them again because they have successfully overcome their difficulties."

Worden says the goal for the thrift store is to raise enough money to help purchase a larger building for the Loaves & Fishes food ministry. "With the thrift store and donations by ministry partners we could purchase a building which will enable us to

combine our operations into one location, enabling us to serve more in need."

For more information, see [www.loavesandfishes.net](http://www.loavesandfishes.net), [www.facebook.com/turningpointstore](http://www.facebook.com/turningpointstore), contact Steve Worden at 918-234-8574 ext. 5, or email [steve@loavesandfishes.net](mailto:steve@loavesandfishes.net)

The Turning Point Thrift Store is open every Wednesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. Donations are accepted Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m.

## Holiday a Time to Remember the Reason for the Season

By JIM STOVALL  
Contributing Writer

During the holiday season, we all eagerly or reluctantly try to get into the holiday spirit. This, too often involves eating, drinking, and spending too much as we over-commit all of our time, energy, and resources. The holidays can be a magical time if we will remember what they're all about, why we're celebrating, and regain a bit of perspective.

To this end, I would like to offer a few holiday hints.

Remember the reason for the season. Our family celebrates the holiday on Christmas Eve with a wonderful meal and gift exchange. Before the food is served, my father reads the traditional Christmas story from the New Testament. Although I've heard him read this countless times, I always look forward to it as it sets the tone for our celebration. Find a similar tradition for your family, and you will get the holidays off on the right foot.

Do not overschedule your time. There are more parties, concerts, and activities than any one person can possibly survive with any degree of sanity. Pick the ones that make sense for you and your family, and politely decline the other invitations. Next year, you may

be able to enjoy some of the events you missed this year. It's far better to enjoy one celebration in the true spirit of the season than endure a countless number of commitments.

Do not overspend. If you think of your most favorite and enduring holiday memories, few of them involve spending a lot of money or having a lot of money spent on a gift for you. The lasting and meaningful holiday experiences involve time, love, and tradition, not maxed-out credit cards. Overspending is a sure way to miss the reason for the season while getting your new year off to a dismal start when the credit card bills come rolling in.

Avoid eating and drinking too much. Many jobs have been lost and careers short-circuited by over-indulging during the office holiday

party. And those extra desserts you're consuming now will invariably become the catalyst for another annual series of new year's weight-loss resolutions.

Do something for someone else. As in most things, if you're going to get all you can out of the holidays, you must remember it's not about you. The best greetings, gifts, and acts of kindness are often the unexpected and anonymous ones. There are many families that could have a wonderful celebration with your excess food, decorations, and gifts.

I hope you and your family experience the best of the holiday season, and the coming year brings you peace, joy, and success.

As you go through your day today, plan your holiday and celebrate.

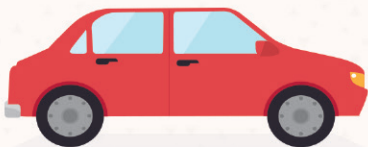
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# Bohannon Family Business Celebrates 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

## B&B Liquor Warehouse Now Boasts Three Locations

By LESAL L. JONES  
Contributing Writer

Joe and Sara Bohannon, owners of B&B Liquor Warehouse, bought their first store when they needed a supplemental income for their family of four.

Now, together with their son Brian Bohannon and their daughter-in-law Dixie Bohannon, the family business has three locations and is celebrating its 25th anniversary.

Quite the entrepreneurs, the couple had no previous experience in the spirits business. Joe had an engineering degree from Oklahoma State University and 16 years of experience in the oil and gas industry and was starting a new consulting business.

At the same time, he and Sara were looking for some kind of opportunity for Sara that would provide consistent support for the family and put her business degree to use.

"We needed a regular income because we had teenage children," Sara said. "And so we decided a small business would give us a steady income until he got established and I could run a small business."

Before starting B&B Liquor, the couple purchased Ajax Liquor and owned it for 17 years until they sold it in 1993.

"We wanted a business with the fewest number of employees," Joe said. "So when we were looking at businesses, we looked at liquor stores and hardware stores because they could be run with the fewest number of employees."

Sara says at that time liquor

stores were pretty simple to run.

"When it gets delivered you pay for it, then when somebody buys it and they pay for it," she said. "Before credit cards everything was great, there was very little book-keeping involved."

"And, everybody who comes into the store buys something!" Joe said with a laugh.

Initially, the couple worked together and learned all about the business. When the oil bust occurred, his consulting opportunities were diminished and the Bohannon's put even more sweat equity into the store.

By the time Joe was 48 years old, they had enough employees to run the Ajax Liquor Store, and so Joe earned his law license and became a practicing attorney. Likewise, Sara became his legal assistant with plans to eventually sell the store.

However, their son Brian had other ideas.

While attending the University of Tulsa College of Law, Brian needed a job and started working at the family business.

"A year into law school he said, 'We've got to get out of this little store and into a big store.' So that's why we're here," Sara said with a laugh.

They built and opened their first store, B&B Liquor Warehouse at 7002 S. Mingo Road, in Tulsa, 25 years ago this month with Sara Bohannon as the owner. After one year, they were so successful they added an additional 1,200 feet onto the building until they ran out of real estate space at that location.

In 2009, the Oklahoma State



LESAL L. JONES for GTR Newspapers

**B&B SMILES:** The Bohannon family is all smiles as they celebrate the 25th year anniversary of B&B Liquor Warehouse, which they opened in 1993 near 71st Street and Mingo Road in Tulsa. From left are Sara, Brian, Dixie and Joe Bohannon.

laws changed allowing a husband and wife to own two stores. Then, the Bohannon's built B&B South at 2828 E. 91st St.

Next, Dixie Bohannon, wife of General Manager Brian Bohannon, bought B&B Broken Arrow located at 1000 N. Elm Place.

Though each store is owned by a Bohannon family member, Dixie says each store is run separately and has its own distinct personality and flair.

"For us, it's family first, but each of us has our own view of how things should be run," Dixie said.

She says they all provide a

sounding board to each other when they have new ideas.

They also say the most challenging aspect of the family working together is leaving work at the store when they are together for family gatherings.

Sara says it's sometimes hard separating business from family.

"When you're in business for yourself, it's a 24-hour, seven-days-a-week business," she said.

However, their family bond and business acumen help each of them relate to the other person's job, more so than most.

"You don't feel so tied down

to the business," Sara said. "You know you can count on and depend on each other."

At 82, Joe is still a practicing attorney and Brian has his law license but doesn't practice. Their legal backgrounds have been pivotal in the family's success in navigating the complicated liquor laws that have taken effect since they bought that first store.

"Their legal minds are a god-send," Dixie said.

In celebration of their 25th anniversary, each of the stores will offer a number of giveaways to their loyal customers.



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<b>6</b> <b>AMERICANS ALL! BOOK CLUB WITH TULSA LITERARY COALITION</b> Gilcrease Museum 2 – 3 p.m. Visit gilcrease.org for more information. <b>DROP-IN STUDIO: SIMPLE SUNSET TO SUNRISE WEAVING</b> Gilcrease Museum 1 – 4 p.m. Visit gilcrease.org for more information.	<b>7</b> <b>CRAFTERNOON DELIGHT: DROP-IN CRAFTS</b> Central Library 2 – 3:30 p.m. Visit tulsalibrary.org for more information. <b>HEALTH-CARE APPLICATION ASSISTANCE</b> Central Library 4 – 6:30 p.m. Visit tulsalibrary.org for more information.	<b>8</b> <b>PAWS FOR READING</b> Jenks Library 4 – 5 p.m. Visit tulsalibrary.org for more information. <b>BOOK OF MORMON</b> Celebrity Attractions 7:30 p.m. myticketoffice.com for tickets. <b>TULSA OILERS</b> vs. Rapid City 7:05 p.m. Visit tulsaoilers.com for more information.	<b>9</b> <b>FOOD FOR THOUGHT LUNCHEON</b> Community Food Bank of Eastern Oklahoma 12:30 – 1:30 p.m. Visit rdoeyto.wixsite.com/918ft for more information. <b>BOOK OF MORMON</b> Celebrity Attractions 7:30 p.m. myticketoffice.com for tickets.	<b>10</b> <b>BOOK OF MORMON</b> Celebrity Attractions 7:30 p.m. myticketoffice.com for tickets. <b>GOLDEN HURRICANE vs. Cincinnati</b> • 5 p.m. Men's Basketball Visit tulsahurricane.com for tickets. <b>WAYNE "THE TRAIN" HANCOCK</b> Shrine 9 p.m. Visit tulsashrine.com for more information.	<b>11</b> <b>BOOK OF MORMON</b> Celebrity Attractions 8 p.m. myticketoffice.com for tickets. <b>BEAUTY AND THE BEAST</b> Celebrity Attractions 8 p.m. myticketoffice.com for tickets. <b>More Bank for Your Bank</b>  <b>Central Bank of Oklahoma</b> Strong roots. Endless possibilities.™	<b>12</b>  <b>918 FITNESS EXPO</b> Tulsa Convention Center 10 a.m. – 8 p.m. Visit commitmentday.com for more information. <b>BOOK OF MORMON</b> Celebrity Attractions 2 & 8 p.m. myticketoffice.com for tickets. <b>BEAUTY AND THE BEAST</b> Celebrity Attractions 8 p.m. myticketoffice.com for tickets.
<b>13</b> <b>FUNDAY SUNDAY</b> Gilcrease Museum 12 – 4 p.m. Visit gilcrease.org for more information. <b>BOOK OF MORMON</b> Celebrity Attractions 1 & 6:30 p.m. myticketoffice.com for tickets. <b>BEAUTY AND THE BEAST</b> Celebrity Attractions 2 p.m. myticketoffice.com for tickets.	<b>14</b> <b>LEGO BUILD</b> South Broken Arrow Library 10:30 – 11:30 a.m. Visit tulsalibrary.org for more information. <b>MAKE YOUR OWN MOVIE WITH THE GREEN SCREEN</b> Central Library 4 – 5:30 p.m. Visit tulsalibrary.org for more information.	<b>15</b> <b>TEEN WRITING WORKSHOP: INFORMAL ESSAY</b> Owasso Library 5 – 6 p.m. Visit tulsalibrary.org for more information.  <b>New Name. Same Bank.</b>  <b>Central Bank of Oklahoma</b> Strong roots. Endless possibilities.™	<b>16</b> <b>HOMESCHOOL ART – AGES 9-12</b> Philbrook Museum of Art 1 p.m. Visit philbrook.org for more information. <b>GOLDEN HURRICANE vs. UCONN</b> • 5 p.m. Men's Basketball Visit tulsahurricane.com for tickets.	<b>17</b> <b>BABY &amp; ME MATINEE: "WHILE YOU WERE SLEEPING"</b> Hardesty Regional Library 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. Visit tulsalibrary.org for more information. <b>GOLDEN EAGLES vs. South Dakota</b> • 7 p.m. Men's Basketball Visit mabeecenter.com for info.	<b>18</b> <b>BEAUTY AND THE BEAST</b> Celebrity Attractions 8 p.m. myticketoffice.com for tickets. <b>METALLICA</b> BOK Center 7:30 p.m. Visit bokcenter.com for more information. <b>ERIC JOHNSON AH VIA MUSICOM TOUR</b> Cain's Ballroom 8 p.m. Visit cainsballroom.com for more information.	<b>19</b> <b>RIVERFIELD ROCKS</b> Cain's Ballroom 7 p.m. Visit cainsballroom.com for more information. <b>BEAUTY AND THE BEAST</b> Celebrity Attractions 8 p.m. myticketoffice.com for tickets. <b>DAVID SPADE</b> The Joint Tulsa 8 p.m. Visit hardrockcasinotulsa.com for more information.

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# Gathering Place Offers Winterland Fun

## Tulsa Park Receives Another Major Gift

Tulsa's Gathering Place has been transformed into a Winter Wonderland through the holiday season, spreading cheer with lights, performances, holiday shopping, festive food and drink and more!

Winter Wonderland brings thousands of lights to twinkle through Chapman Adventure Playground, sparking imaginations and creating new holiday traditions for the whole family. The Winter Wonderland Holiday Market occurs every Friday, Saturday and Sunday night as well as every night the last week of December (24th – 30th).

Guests can walk through the Winter Wonderland of lights, explore the European-style Holiday Market with pop-up retail shops, enjoy live music and performances, indulge in festive food and drinks and take a ride on a themed train. All events are free with the exception of retail and food/beverage purchases.

Gathering Place has announced a \$5 million combined commitment from HollyFrontier to the Park and to the beautification of the west bank of the Arkansas riverfront north of the pedestrian bridge. HollyFrontier joins nearly 80 donors who have taken part in an unprecedented public-private partnership with Gathering Place, raising funds totaling \$465 million.

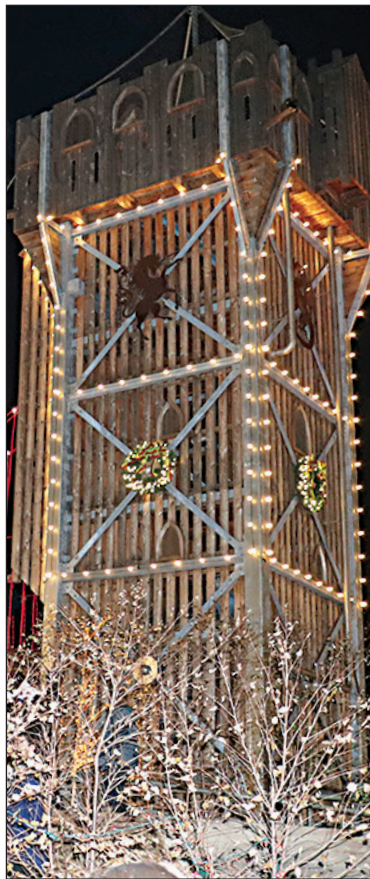
"At HollyFrontier, we are committed to giving back to the communities where we work and live,"

said Skipp Kistler, vice president and refinery manager, HollyFrontier Tulsa Refining LLC. "We strongly believe in the Gathering Place's mission of inclusivity – bringing our community together through a world-class space that engages, educates and excites. On behalf of our current 650 employees, and the thousands that have worked here in the 100 years of operations, we are proud to support such a meaningful project. We are grateful for the 10 years we've been part of the Tulsa community and look forward to witnessing the Gathering Place's positive impact on Tulsans, the region and visitors for decades to come."

Gathering Place opened on Sept. 8, showcasing a vibrant space in the heart of Tulsa with experiences for all ages. The HollyFrontier commitment is the largest gift to the park this year.

"Gathering Place strives to be a beacon of togetherness for the community, and we are thankful to HollyFrontier for this donation to assist in continuing our mission," said Jeff Stava, executive director and trustee of Tulsa's Gathering Place, LLC. "The unwavering support our business community has for Tulsa's Park shows the commitment they have to creating a space for all to enjoy for years to come."

HollyFrontier has owned and operated its Tulsa refinery facilities since 2009. The refinery employs more than 650 individ-



**BEAUTIFUL LIGHTS:** The Gathering Place is festive with beautiful lights, pop-up retail shops, live music and performances, festive food and drinks and a ride on a themed train.

uals and its operations include processing 125,000 barrels per day of crude oil, providing gasoline and diesel in Oklahoma and across the mid-continent region of the United States.

To learn more about Gathering Place, please visit [gathering-place.org](http://gathering-place.org).



**FUN FOR ALL:** Youngsters as well as adults and others have a great winterland time at the Gathering Place.

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