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## TULSA AREA FLOODING DOMINATES THE NEWS



**INFORMATIVE PRESS CONFERENCE:** Governor Kevin Stitt, Lt. Governor Matt Pinnell and Tulsa Mayor G.T. Bynum held a press conference May 22 at the Oklahoma National Guard aviation facility in Tulsa to discuss their aerial tour of the tornado and flooding damage across Tulsa and Eastern Oklahoma. From left are Bixby Mayor Brian Guthrie, Lt. Governor Matt Pinnell, Oklahoma Department of Emergency Management Director Mark Gower, Governor Kevin Stitt, Director of Tulsa Area Emergency Management Agency Joe Kralicek and Tulsa Mayor G.T. Bynum.



**MEDIA COVERAGE:** KJRH Channel 2 newscaster Cori Duke broadcasts from the Keystone Dam on May 12 as water was released from the dam. Media coverage was heavy mid-May through early June as waters in the greater Tulsa region continued to rise. The flooding and severe weather began May 7.



**RISING RIVER:** Water was rushing out of the Keystone Dam at a rate of 250,000 cubic feet of water per second in late May. Due to the additional release at Keystone Dam, residents and businesses along the Arkansas River were asked to remain vigilant and take precautions.



**HIGH WATER ALONG RIVERSIDE:** Arkansas River water threatened River Spirit Casino Resort in Tulsa, but the resort withstood serious damage. River Spirit CEO Pat Crofts reported, "While the photos and videos may appear alarming, we want to reassure the public that River Spirit, including the 27-story hotel, Margaritaville and Ruth's Chris restaurants, and both our gaming floors remain unaffected by the water surrounding our property." He added, "River Spirit and all of our facilities are structurally sound. The design and engineering of River Spirit was built to withstand a 100-year flood and any severe weather-related event."



**SANDBAGGING IN 1957:** Volunteers place sandbags along Riverside Drive, looking north, in May 1957. The Arkansas River crested at 20.4 feet, according to news coverage; flood stage was 19 feet. In 1964, the Corps completed Keystone Dam 15 miles upstream from Tulsa. For years to come, Tulsans would believe that the Arkansas River was forever tamed. The Keystone Dam has been very beneficial, though flooding has persisted in areas such as along the Mingo watershed and in relatively recently constructed low-lying housing additions in Tulsa County.



**ROAD CLOSURES:** There were several road closures and inaccessible areas throughout the greater Tulsa area. This sign was posted in Owasso. Other areas of road closures included around the Keystone Dam in Sand Springs and western Tulsa County, areas around Riverside Drive near downtown Tulsa, South Elwood Avenue near 51st Street, and the Cherry Hills neighborhood as well as areas in Bixby.

## KUDOS of the MONTH: Flood Cleanup Volunteers

Kudos to the many volunteers who continue to help residents and businesses clean up after flooding throughout the Tulsa area.

The Tulsa Area Emergency Management Agency asked volunteers to assist with cleanup operations at the Town and Country neighborhood at 145th and Highway 51 June 1-2 from 8 a.m. to dark.

Volunteers were asked to arrive wearing boots and heavy leather work gloves and to have tetanus shots prior to volunteering.

Cleanup efforts started in affected homes beginning with interior item removal like furniture, bedding and other normal interior contents. Mud, muck and silt deposits were shoveled out and thrown away. Then drywall, sheetrock,

insulation and any electric materials that were covered with water were removed. Volunteers and homeowners cleaned and bleached the homes. Once everything had been removed, the doors to the homes were left open for them to dry out. Fans were used if possible.

Volunteers moved interior debris to dumpsters which were provided. Any green waste was taken to the City of Tulsa green waste site.

Access to the neighborhood has been limited to residents, family, volunteers and first responders. Neighbors and volunteers need to be aware of heavy machinery in the area.

If you are interested in volunteering with any other efforts, call 211.



**TAKING A BREAK:** These flood cleanup volunteers in the Town and Country neighborhood in Sand Springs take a break after helping to clear the house of flood-damaged furniture and other items. At right is KOTV Channel 6 news anchor Brian Dorman.



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# Expo Square Showcases New Equine Livestock Stalls In Super Duty Barn

## Vision Tulsa Provides Funding

The Tulsa County Public Facilities Authority and Expo Square has revealed the installation of new equine/livestock stalls in the Super Duty Barn. Since the stall replacement project began in 2010, over 2,204 new stalls have been purchased for the Built Ford Tough Livestock Complex, and the comprehensive project has been finalized. The investment in new stalls continues to support Expo Square's existing events, and serves to attract new events to the community.

Thanks to Vision Tulsa, Expo Square has received \$617,931.96 of dedicated funding for these new stalls.

In 2010, Expo Square realized all the barns had to be renovated; however, the stalls were older and outdated. As a commitment to multiple equine events and agriculture shows, Expo Square requested the funding to replace the stalls.



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**DISPLAYING THE STALLS:** Happily displaying the new stalls at Expo Square are, from left, Expo Square President and CEO Mark Andrus, Tulsa County Commissioner Karen Keith, Expo Square Agribusiness Manager Brandi Herndon, Chief Operating Officer of the Pinto Horse Association of America Darrell Bilke, Tulsa County Commissioner Stan Sallee, Breeder's Invitational Executive Director Bob O'Bannon and Expo Square COO Amanda Blair.



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**READY TO RIDE:** These young cowboys are ready to ride in the Super Duty Barn at Expo Square where their horses have been enjoying the new equine livestock stalls.



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**SUPER ENTRANCE:** This view is of the northern entrance to the Super Duty Barn at Expo Square.



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## CIVICS

# Tulsa Regional Chamber Donates Minutes From 1921 to Greenwood Cultural Center

The Tulsa Regional Chamber recently donated to the Greenwood Cultural Center a copy of its meeting minutes from the weeks following the 1921 Tulsa Race Massacre. Its preservation alongside other important archival material will help ensure the most complete set of historical facts about the massacre as possible.

The minutes contain numerous troubling passages that, as Chamber President and CEO Mike Neal explained, “offer insight into the attitudes, beliefs and actions of those at the highest levels of power during our city’s lowest moral point.” The minutes cover meetings of the Chamber’s general membership and board of directors from June 2 through July 1, 1921.

“Throughout the minutes, Greenwood residents were blamed for the violence,” said Neal. “Tulsa businessmen committed to restitution and reconstruction, but delivered neither. City leaders considered plans to take land from what was the most prosperous African American commercial hub in the entire country and use it for their own purposes.”

Chamber leadership marked the donation with an apology for how the organization responded to the 1921 Tulsa Race Massacre.

“We’re sorry that our organiza-

tion did not fulfill its civic and moral obligation to ensure the welfare of all Tulsans,” said Neal. “We’re sorry that we have not acknowledged this history for nearly 98 years. And we’re sorry that for too long, we did not directly confront how the racism that enabled the massacre also shaped the economic disparities in our community.”

“As awful as they were, the attitudes of Chamber leadership in 1921 were commonplace for the time,” added Neal. “They reflect the predominant views on race, class and society during what historians call ‘the nadir of race relations in America.’ These were views predicated on the superiority of white Tulsans over their black neighbors. Chamber leaders at the time did not challenge this white supremacy. Their inaction and opportunism caused very real suffering and denied economic prosperity to the surviving Greenwood community, the effects of which are still felt in our city today.”

The Chamber used the occasion to mark a renewed commitment to racial reconciliation and equitable economic outcomes.

“More than ever, we must be a community that prioritizes diversity, equity and inclusion,” said 2019 Chamber Chair David Stratton, executive vice president of Tulsa

corporate banking for BOK Financial. “This past fall, we made an intentional effort to diversify our volunteer leadership and board of directors. As a result of this intentionality, the Chamber increased gender diversity on our 2019 board by 50 percent. Additionally, the Chamber’s 2019 executive committee is just under 50 percent women and people of color.”

“These are all things I am proud of but, candidly, we still have work to do,” added Stratton. “We need to increase the number of people of color on the board, and we have plans to do that in the years ahead.”

The organization also announced three initiatives in pursuit of this commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion.

First, the Chamber, in partnership with Hilti North America, will bring the Men Advocating Real Change (MARC) Leaders Workshop to Tulsa. The workshop is a 1 ½-day immersive training program that enables male executives to sharpen their awareness of inequality, develop inclusive leadership strategies, and be better allies to women and people of color.

Second, the Chamber’s 2019 Intercity Visit destination will be Minneapolis and St. Paul, Minnesota. The trip will offer attendees a closer look at the Twin Cities’



Courtesy Tulsa Regional Chamber

**LEADERSHIP APOLOGY:** Tulsa Regional Chamber President and CEO Mike Neal apologizes as he speaks to attendees at the Greenwood Cultural Center during the presentation of the Chamber’s minutes from the weeks following the 1921 Tulsa Race Massacre.

strategies for inclusion and equity. Intercity Visit is an annual trip to a peer city taken by more than 100 business, nonprofit and civic leaders to learn how another community deals with challenges and opportunities similar to those facing the Tulsa region.

Third, the Chamber has initiated conversations with local, state and federal stakeholders about the feasibility of reimagining the northeast leg of downtown Tulsa’s Inner Dispersal Loop (IDL).

“The northeast corner of the IDL

cuts through the heart of historic Greenwood,” said Kuma Roberts, the Chamber’s executive director of diversity, equity and inclusion. “It looms as a reminder that this neighborhood has experienced great trauma, and not only in 1921.”

“We think it’s important to share this vision now and begin the conversation about how this infrastructure impacts our community,” added Roberts. “We believe that bridging this gap presents an opportunity to examine how the built environment of our city affects all Tulsans.”

## Tulsa County Successful in Educating State Leaders

Unfortunately, County government is, to a large extent, dependent on the actions taken by our state government. Many of the important issues which impact our county operations and in turn county citizens requires approval by both the legislature and Governor. To be successful, advocating for positive changes takes a great deal of time educating state leaders on how county government serves its citizens.

During the most recent legislative session, which just concluded, we were

very successful in garnering state leaders support of our legislative needs. This will keep Tulsa County’s status as a leader in county government reforms.

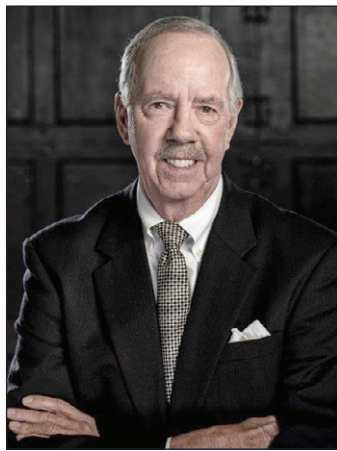
In the area of public safety, we saw legislation passed which will enable increased enforcement of trash and littering throughout the unincorporated areas of the county. The sheriff will now have the tools to manage the cost of using body cameras so he can expand usage and increase transparency. The latest DNA technology can now be used in jails to determine if a person already in custody is a person of interest in other unsolved

crimes. And new security measures at the county election board will ensure that we have a safe, secure, and protected voting process.

These days technology drives policy, and in no other place is that more applicable than the storage of important county documents. Both the county clerk and court clerk are now allowed to set up Records Preservation Funds so they can use more secure and transparent processes for not only storing records but making them easily accessible to the general public.

With the recent enactment of modernized alcohol laws, a bill was passed that puts the serving of alcoholic beverages at our county golf courses more in line with what the golfing public wants. A bill was also passed that will gradually increase the pay for those citizens who step forward to serve as precinct officials on Election Day. And commercial property owners who long to install energy efficient means on the property will be given an opportunity to participate in the county’s new Property

### From Tulsa County



By COMMISSIONER RON PETERS



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**OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:** During the most recent legislative session at the state capitol, more than 25 bills which impact county government were passed and signed into law.

Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) program, whereby the county will facilitate joining private property owners with private energy capital.

The county was also successful in passing legislation that will help stabilize and protect the county retirement fund to minimize any unfunded liabilities which we often see in public retirement systems.

And, the legislature returned \$30 million to the county road and bridge fund which had been previously taken to shore up issues at the State Health Department.

More than 25 bills which impact county government were passed by the legislature and signed by the governor. This puts Tulsa County on track to be the most progressive county in Oklahoma.





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# GREATER TULSA PERSONALITIES

## Dr. Henry Migliore Continues Prolific Career

*Editor's Note: Much of the following article appeared in GTR Newspapers in 2013. Amazingly, Henry Migliore continues to serve greater Tulsa through his consulting work with Managing for Success and various writings.*

**By D. FORREST CAMERON**  
Editor and Publisher

Dr. R. Henry Migliore has been a leading fixture in Tulsa education and business circles since 1970, when he left a successful career with Continental Can Company to return to his home region to accept a teaching position at Oral Roberts University.

The career change was a correct decision, as he became professor of management and dean of the ORU School of Business from 1975 until 1987. He was responsible for the accreditation of the School of Business in 1975.

Migliore's career has been prolific in his teaching, managing, consulting and other areas. He has written 17 books in seven languages. His books and articles have been translated into Chinese, Russian, Spanish, Korean, German and Japanese. He has trained international managers. Titles have included "MBO: Blue Collar to Top Executive, An Approach to Long-Range Planning," "A Strategic Plan for Your Life," "Strategic Long-Range Planning," "Strategic Planning for Church and Ministry Growth," "Common Sense Management: A Biblical Perspective," "Personal Action Planning: How to Know What You Want And Get It," and "Tales of Uncle Henry."

His articles on management and business subjects have also appeared in many business and trade publications as well as in area newspaper outlets throughout the Tulsa region.

Today, Migliore is president of Managing for Success, his consulting company, where he is a leading strategist for long-term planning for business, sports and religious leaders. He offers consulting services as well as resources including books, videos, articles, seminars

and training sessions. In addition, he is professor emeritus at the former University Center at Tulsa/Northeastern State University and has served as an adjunct professor for Oklahoma State University, Langston University, St. Gregory's University and Southern Nazarene University. He teaches at the graduate and undergraduate levels.

He was a visiting professor at several international universities, including the University of Calgary; ITESM Campus Guadalajara; Universidad Autonoma de Guadalajara, Guadalajara, Jalisco, Mexico; Universidad Del Valle de Mexico, Mexico City; Peniel University, London, England; Singapore Productivity Center; WuWi China; and the University of Leningrad.

His consulting expertise includes strategic planning, problem solving, and team building for action and solutions. His formula for developing supportive functional plans and their coordination with the overall plan is unique. In his website, [www.henrymigliore.com](http://www.henrymigliore.com), he offers a variety of resources and materials including books, articles, presentations, online courses, videos and photos.

He has received numerous testimonials from former students and business contacts, including Lelia McCoy, past-president of Valley National Bank, who was quoted in a 2010 article in GTR Newspapers, "McCoy credits Dr. Henry Migliore, who was the dean of the School of Business while she was a student at ORU. She says, 'I received an assistantship under Dr. Migliore, who became my mentor.'"

Business testimonials have come from individuals such as J. Peter Grace of W.R. Grace & Co; Dr. Roger Fritz, Roger Fritz & Associates; Jerry Robinson, former director of field sales for Canon; and David L. Willis, project manager, Williams Communications Corp. to name a few.

Though Migliore has a worldwide reputation for his business acumen, excellent teaching and consulting expertise, his roots are quite local. He was born in 1940 in Harrison, Arkansas. The family moved to

Tulsa soon after, and he attended Lee Elementary School in Tulsa for kindergarten. His family moved to Collinsville in 1950.

Migliore says, "My father was a journey electrician. He always had a dream of owning a store, and he bought the Western Auto Store in Collinsville, in the center of town." Migliore says that he worked in the store from age 10. "I learned more from my father than I did getting my Ph.D. At age 16, I started working at the cash register and was put in charge of the fishing section."

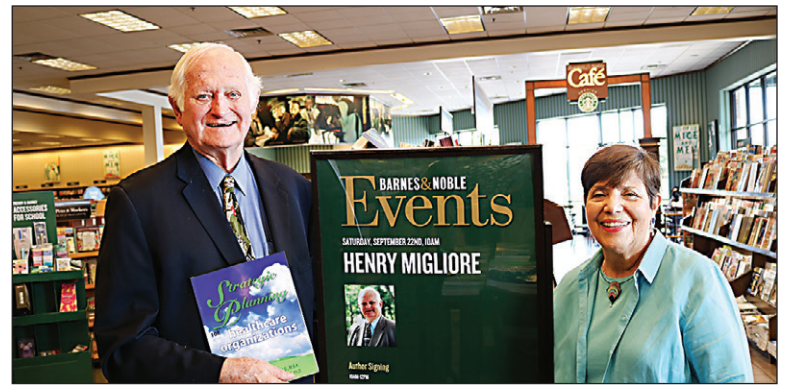
Migliore says that he graduated from Collinsville High School in 1958 in a class of 58 students. He was the tallest at 6 feet 3 inches. "We didn't have a television in our house until I was 16, and we didn't have air conditioning until I was 21. It was hot in the house at night."

He says he played sports all day every day. "I dreamed of excelling in athletics. Dreams guide behavior. I caught fireflies and looked at the stars. We lived a mile from the coal pits. I swam in them. On the way out I would ride my bike, drop off at the football field, run 100-yard dashes and shoot baskets. I would be sweating. With my companions, we would cool off and pal around."

Migliore says that religion was important in the culture of Collinsville. Church was number one. Athletics was also very important. "Subconsciously we were getting encouragement from sports." He played football, basketball and baseball and ran track. He was all conference in all three sports and won the district 440-yard dash. Migliore went to Eastern Oklahoma A&M in fall of 1958 on a football and basketball scholarship. He was offered a football scholarship upon graduation from Eastern but went to Oklahoma State University instead to concentrate on his studies. Later, he was elected into Eastern Oklahoma A&M Athletic Hall of Fame.

At OSU, he majored in production management in the business school. His degree is a Bachelor in Business Administration. (His graduate degrees include an M.S. in commerce from Saint Louis University and a Ph.D. in Business from the University of Arkansas.)

His 1962 graduation was timely as nationwide production was increasing and engineers were in demand. "I was intrigued by the opportunities in manufacturing plants. I was hired by Continental Can, who at that time had just introduced the pop-top on soda and beer cans. I saw they were expanding after reading a newspaper article. I contacted them and they were interested in me. They flew me up to Chicago. In January 1963 I took the



**IMPRESSIVE AUTHOR:** Dr. Henry Migliore with his wife Mari at the Barnes and Noble store on 71st Street in Tulsa last September. Migliore was displaying and signing his books for interested readers at the popular book store.

job at \$425 a month to start. I enjoyed the Chicago White Sox, Cubs and Bears. I moved into a living area with lots of up-and-comers."

The move to Chicago was very fortuitous, as he met his wife of over 50 years, Mari Bentley, there. He says that he proposed on Valentine's Day. He moved quickly through the company and learned management techniques while dealing with increasing product demand and labor issues. He moved several times to various positions and locations for the company. There was an important force that eventually pulled the Migliores away from Continental Can and Chicago: his mother was lonesome for her son.

He says, "By 1970, when I was 30, Continental Can needed a

better liaison between marketing and manufacturing. The company wanted to move us to New York. It would have been a great salary and box seats to the Yankee games.

"About this time, my mother said Oral Roberts University was growing and wanted me to apply for a position there. To please my mother, I sat down at a Royal typewriter and asked if they would like for me to teach. Dr. Harold Paul called. I wanted a rejection letter, though I was drawn to him. I enjoyed our phone calls."

He continues, "The holy spirit called. I had spent my whole life moving ahead. Every baseball player wants to go to the bigs. I turned down New York to become an instructor at ORU." The rest is history.

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VARIETY

# Show Fun for the Sunshine of Our Lives

No one's ever claimed that Oklahoma weather is boring, but I don't know that anyone was anticipating those last trying days in May. With the drama of spring behind us and recovery work for many to do, take a break and seek out some sunshine. The upcoming month offers a variety of entertainment with engaging shows and concerts, some of which are free.

Hats are off to River Spirit Casino for surviving the flood. That's a huge operation to have to suspend. At this writing, a re-opening date was approaching. With luck, they'll be all set for the Steve

Miller Band, and country music's Marty Stuart and his Fabulous Superlatives. We know Steve Miller's music from "Fly Like an Eagle," and "Living in the USA," among other hits. Stuart launched his career on TV's "Hee Haw" when he was only 14. A longtime member of the Grand Ole Opry, the singer/songwriter was recently highlighted by documentary guru Ken Burns in an upcoming country music series that debuts in September. The two bands will perform the second concert in their 34-city tour at River Spirit June 15.

There's much to choose from on June 15 with singer Kenny Loggins performing at Osage Casino's newly remodeled facility that evening and Eddy Izzard in concert at the Brady Theatre. Loggins is widely known for his association with Jim Messina. Winner of Grammys and platinum-selling albums, Loggins turned down the role that Kris Kristofferson ended up owning opposite Barbra Streisand in "A Star is Born." Recently, the man behind "Danger Zone," "I'm Alright" and "Footloose," has been making new fans playing country music. I interviewed him several years ago and recall his graciousness and peaceful spirit. John Cusack will be in Town the evening of June 15 as well. The Cox Business Center hosts "A Conversation with John Cusack" following a screening of the film "Say Anything."

Also appearing at River Spirit in June is "Real Housewives of New York" star and cabaret singer Luann de Lesseps June 22, and comedian/

country singer Rodney Carrington June 29.

At the BOK Center on June 29 is Jason Isbell and the 400 Unit, and Father John Misty. Four-time Grammy winner Isbell is a roots singer and acclaimed songwriter with an affinity for storytelling songs. He and his 400 Unit band will play a 60-minute set before singer Father John Misty (Josh Tillman) performs another hour of music. Nashville indie folk singer Erin Rae opens. This is the last stop on the gig's 18-city concert tour.

The Hard Rock has a strong lineup of headliners this month, with country music mega-star Trace Adkins June 13, the incomparable Peter Frampton June 18, a sold-out Hank Williams Jr. concert June 21, and stand-up comic Tom Segura June 27. Frampton's show is part of a farewell tour.

Seasoned actors and musicians and newbies to the big stage perform together June 8-9 for a musical adaptation of "The Tempest," directed by Sara Phoenix and created through the Orbit arts program. This presentation is free and open to the public. You only need to reserve your seats in advance. Tulsa well-knowns in cameo roles are part of the big cast. This is the initial project of Orbit, based at the Tulsa PAC. I love the idea of a community collaboration featuring people who have a passion for the stage and have longed to participate.

You won't want to miss the Tony Award-nominated Broadway revival of "Fiddler on the Roof" at the Tulsa PAC. "Sunrise Sunset," "If I Were a Rich Man," "Matchmaker, Matchmaker," "Tradition," and more all are from this tender, uplifting musical about family and loving one another. This version of the 1965 Tony Award-winning musical is choreographed by celebrated Israeli choreographer Hofesh Shechter, inspired by the original choreography by Jerome Robbins. It is directed by Tony Award-winner Barlett Sher ("South Pacific," "The King and I"). Celebrity Attractions presents this eight-show run June 18-23.

Outdoor entertainment on summer nights is particularly enjoyable when the weather cooperates. Concerts are free! Set up your lawn

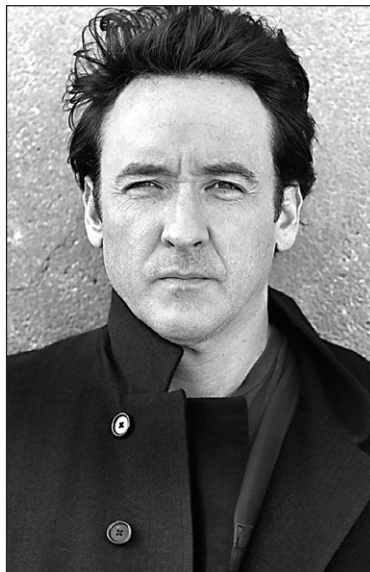
## Show Buzz



By NANCY HERMANN



**FIDDLER ON THE ROOF:** The beloved story of a father and his daughters set against a tumultuous era in history plays at the Tulsa PAC, June 18-23, presented by Celebrity Attractions.



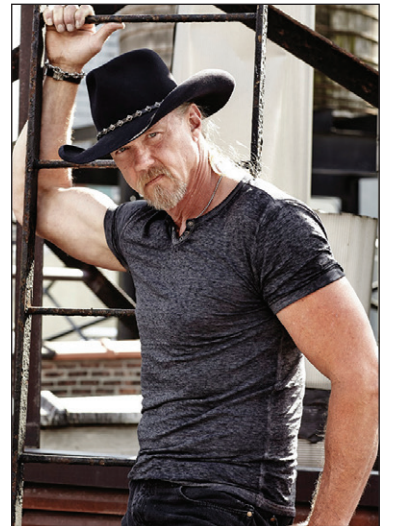
**JOHN CUSACK:** The Hollywood icon shares stories and answers audience questions following a screening of "Say Anything," June 15 at the Cox Business Center.

chair at the Gardens at LaFortune Park June 7 for the blues/rock group Groves Blues Machine. Guthrie Green is the place to be on Tuesday nights. Coming in June are "American Review" June 11, "Broadway Highlights" June 18, and "Midsummer Night's Jazz" June 23. Guthrie Green also hosts free concerts every Sunday afternoon.

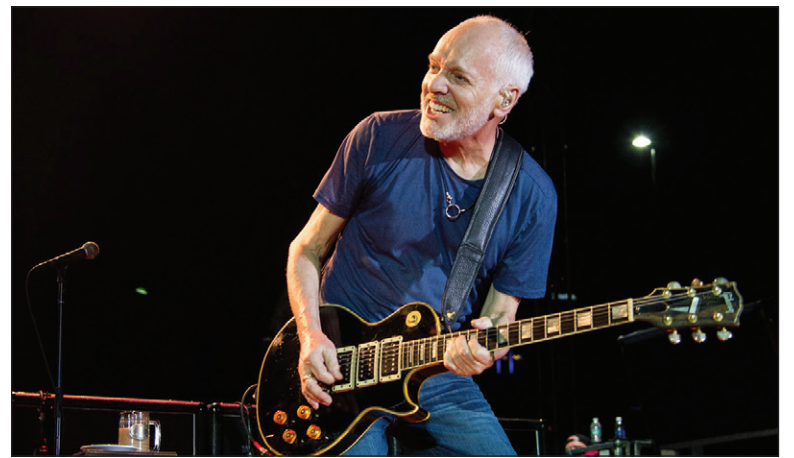
Head to Utica Square on Thursday evenings throughout the sum-



**KENNY LOGGINS:** The platinum-record-selling singer/songwriter performs at the recently opened Osage Casino concert space June 15.



**TRACE ADKINS:** On tour with his latest album, the country music star and actor holds court June 13 at The Joint, located in the Hard Rock Casino.



**DO YOU FEEL LIKE I DO:** Singer, guitarist and rock icon Peter Frampton says farewell, June 18 at the Hard Rock Casino.



**LUANN DE LESSEPS:** The cabaret singer and star of "Real Housewives of New York," entertains at River Spirit Casino June 22.



**RODNEY CARRINGTON:** The county singer cut-up appears at the River Spirit Casino, June 29.

mer for pop, rock and jazz, and enjoy music and food in Broken Arrow's downtown Rose District every Thursday night from 7 to 9 p.m.

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# Tulsa Town Hall Marks 85th Season

## Lecture Series Delivers Knock-Out Roster for Anniversary Year

By **NANCY HERMANN**  
Variety Editor

What do Thornton Wilder, Mia Farrow and Ted Koppel have in common? The same Tulsa experience that Edna St. Vincent Millay, Ken Burns and Sinclair Lewis share. They all have been guests of Tulsa Town Hall.

To appreciate the breadth and success of this local organization, you'd have to look back to 1935 and subsequent years when the Mayo Hotel's Crystal Ballroom, The Ritz and The Orpheum theaters reveled in their glory days. Tulsa Town Hall lectures were held in all of them.

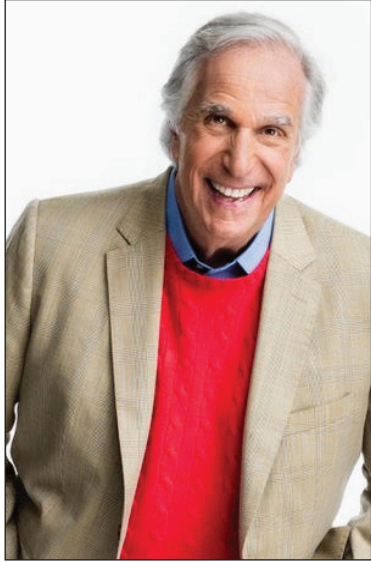
In recent decades, Town Hall has convened at the Tulsa Performing Arts Center at 10:30 a.m. on Friday mornings throughout the year to present speakers who open minds, stir curiosities and inspire imagination.

Tulsa Town Hall Executive Director Kathy Collins credits the organization's success to its strong programming, devoted board members, a receptive community and committed leadership. "A reasonable subscription price, thanks to generous sponsors, is a big help, too," says Collins.

One season subscriber remarked that Town Hall's speakers rise above the noise in a world inundated with conflicting information. "It's one thing to hear the ideas of a world-changer filtered by the media. It's vastly different to hear these important figures' precise thoughts, in person, as they share with an eager audience."

Prior to every lecture, guest speakers are featured at a student forum during which a panel of high school students conduct a Q&A. It is a thrilling experience for the students as well as for the teachers. More than 1,000 students participate each year. Following the main lecture in Chapman Music Hall, audience members may take the opportunity to meet a speaker at a Town Hall-hosted luncheon.

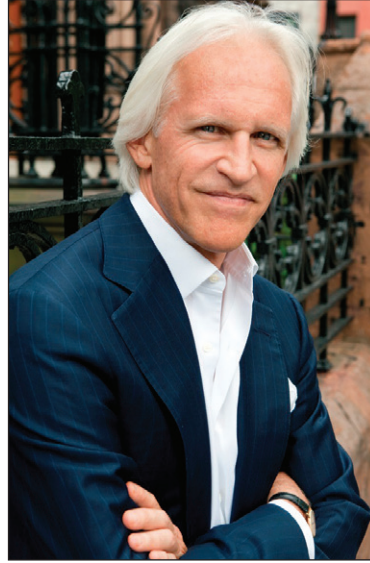
"Often the least-known speaker turns out to be a favorite," reflects Collins. Among them have been author Luis Alberto Urrea, "National Geographic" photographer Joel Sartore, historian Rex Ziak and portrait photographer Platon. "Audiences respond most positively to speakers who can infuse their remarks with good stories,



**HENRY WINKLER**



**MARLEE MATLIN**



**ROBERT EDESEL**



**ALEXANDRA COUSTEAU**

and who can deliver a clear and concise message with a sense of humor," says Collins.

Town Hall does not shy away from controversial figures. Political pundit James Carville and former president of Mexico Vicente Fox provided candid remarks that got people talking. While not supporting the viewpoints of any speaker, Town Hall welcomes the conversation.

Board member Bernie Dornblaser shared a few planning details that she and Town Hall's program committee worked through as they assembled a knock-out roster for the 85th anniversary year. "We want diversity in the lineup each year, and we wanted diversity from years past," says Dornblaser. "The areas we researched for the 2019-2020 season were environment, health, history, entertainment and business."

Among other criteria, the committee looked for speakers who had a "wow" factor. For the upcoming season, those selected include filmmaker and environmental advocate Alexandra Cousteau, Sept. 13. Her topic is "This Blue Planet: Restoring Natural Abundance and Diversity to the Earth." Dr Ann Kulze promotes a healthy lifestyle and disease prevention. Her lecture, "The Happiness Diet," is slated for Oct. 4. In late fall, Town Hall welcomes the best-selling author of "The Monuments Men," Robert Edsel. His Nov. 15 talk is "The Greatest Treasure Hunt in History."

Town Hall's season continues in 2020 with actors Marlee Matlin and Henry Winkler appearing together on Feb. 7. Between them, they have earned an Academy Award, an Emmy, and three Golden Globe awards.

"We are so excited to have such a well-known actress and actor join us this coming season," en-

thus Dornblaser. "Marlee and Henry's story of how they have become life-long friends will really engage the audience. They will speak together, sharing their life-lessons and their impact on each other's career. They are so much like family that they often finish each other's sentences!"

Closing out the regular season on Apr. 17 is chairman and editor-in-chief of "Forbes Magazine," Steve Forbes. His presentation will be based on his book "Power, Ambition and Glory." Forbes also is Tulsa Town Hall's 85th Season "Town Hall After Dark" speaker on Apr. 16. Now in its third year, the "After Dark" lecture was initiated to share a Town Hall lecture with those who cannot attend the series on Friday mornings.

"Our speakers are astonished by the size and enthusiasm of the audience," says Collins. They are impressed with not only the audience for the keynote address, she adds, but with the energy and interest that makes the student forums and Town Hall luncheons as gratifying for the guest lecturer as they are for the attendees. Often visiting Tulsa for the first time, speakers have called Tulsa "an amazing jewel," notes Collins.

Tulsa Town Hall has served the community by encouraging curiosity, fostering education and providing a source for intellectual engagement on numerous levels to thousands of people over its enviable history. Our citizenry can share pride in this 85th season landmark.

A subscription to all five Friday morning Town Hall lectures is \$100. Single lecture tickets are not sold, but subscriptions are available at any time. Seating is open. Town Hall offers a \$5 round-trip shuttle from the west parking lot of Boston Avenue Methodist



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Church. Tickets for the luncheons following each speaker are \$25. "Tulsa Town Hall After Dark" on

Apr. 16 with Steve Forbes is an additional event, with tickets sold separately at [tulsatownhall.com](http://tulsatownhall.com).

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## CTCA Turquoise Takeover Held in Honor of ALA's National Women's Lung Health Week

### Hospital Utilizes Robotic Diagnostic Lung Tool

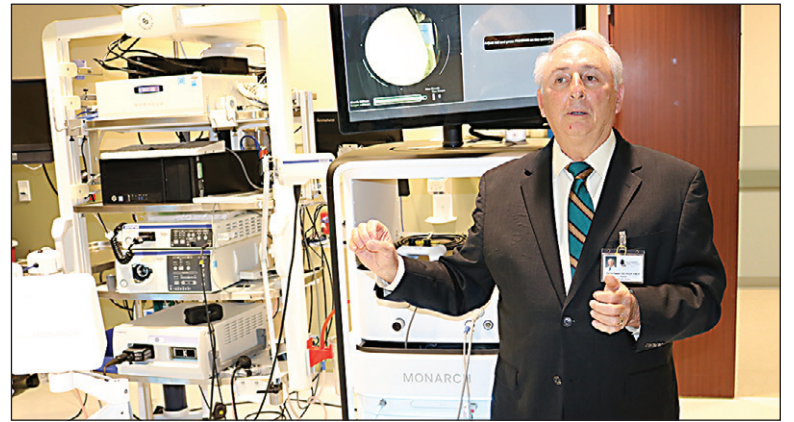
Cancer Treatment Centers of America (CTCA) partnered with the American Lung Association's national Lung Force campaign in honor of National Women's Lung Health Week in May. CTCA hosted a #turquoisetakeover to help promote awareness of the No. 1 cancer killer in women. CTCA Tulsa staff members wore turquoise and the hospital lights were turned turquoise in support.

In addition, community partners from American Lung Association were given an interactive demo of CTCA Tulsa's newest lung technology, the Auris Monarch Platform. The new robotic diagnostic lung tool can biopsy nodules in the periphery of a patient's lung. CTCA Tulsa is one of the first hospitals in the nation to utilize this cutting-edge technology.



CTCA STAFF IN TURQUOISE

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**NEWEST LUNG TECHNOLOGY:** Dr. Daniel Nader, CTCA Tulsa's chief of staff and interventional pulmonologist, demonstrates the Auris Monarch Platform, CTCA Tulsa's newest lung technology, to members of the CTCA staff. The new robotic diagnostic lung tool can biopsy nodules in the periphery of a patient's lung. CTCA Tulsa is one of the first hospitals in the nation to utilize this cutting-edge technology.

## CTCA Hosts Pet Therapy Day with a 'PAWty'

Cancer Treatment Centers of America (CTCA) in Tulsa and

Cancer Fighters, CTCA's patient support group, partnered together to celebrate National Pet Therapy Day with an appreciation PAWty recently. The event included fun games, a photo booth, a dog art project, lots of puppy petting and a parade. All dogs in the parade received an honorary Cancer Fighters bandana and treat.

More than 10 dogs and their owners paraded up and down the hospital lobby and main hallway for patients, caregivers and staff. The dogs in the parade regularly visit patients at CTCA and the owners are all volunteers at the hospital.



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**FRIENDLY VISIT:** This patient at Cancer Treatment Center in Tulsa was all smiles as he was visited by this therapy dog. More than 10 dogs and their owners visited patients on Pet Therapy Day.

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# AHA's Successful Go Red for Women Luncheon Raises \$58,000

## American Heart Association's National Movement Is to Eliminate Heart Disease and Stroke in Women

The American Heart Association, the leading voluntary health organization devoted to a world of longer, healthier lives, hosted its 2019 Tulsa Go Red for Women Luncheon on May 10 at the Hyatt Regency Tulsa. The annual event is designed to raise awareness and research funding for the leading cause of death in women: cardiovascular disease.

More than 500 attendees raised over \$58,000 the day of the event bringing the 2019 Go Red for Women fundraising total to over \$425,000.

The luncheon featured keynote speakers Jill Donovan, founder of Rustic Cuff, and Krystal Rogers, a Tulsa school teacher and mother who had life-saving heart surgery after receiving news she could have just three months to live. Shae Rozzi, Fox 23 evening news

anchor, emceed the event.

Other featured speakers included Jen Kerchoff, who recognized Circle of Red fundraising members, Dr. Michael Phillips, 2019 AHA Tulsa Chapter Chairman Eric Polak, and Sherri White. AHA Tulsa Chapter Executive Director Shari Holdman also recognized Dr. David Sandler, chief executive officer of Oklahoma Heart Institute, for his work serving as the Tulsa board president.

The event, chaired by Jennifer Bighorse of Osage Casino & Hotel, included a vegetarian lunch, silent auction items, portrait photography, chair massages and blood pressure screenings.

The event's educational component stressed the fact that while nearly 80 percent of cardiac events may be prevented, cardiovascular diseases continue to be

a woman's greatest health threat. One in three women is living with some form of cardiovascular disease and it kills one woman about every 80 seconds. To treat, beat and prevent cardiovascular diseases, women should understand family health history, know their numbers and make lifestyle changes like moving more, eating smart and managing their blood pressure. Risk factors that are within women's control include smoking, high cholesterol, high blood pressure, physical inactivity, poor diet, obesity/overweight and diabetes.

The Tulsa Go Red for Women Luncheon is sponsored nationally by CVS Health and locally by Osage Casino & Hotel, Oklahoma Heart Institute, Cancer Treatment Centers of America, CommunityCare and ONEOK.



GOING RED FOR WOMEN: Enjoying the Go Red for Women Luncheon are, from left, Ginny Hensley, Rustic Cuff founder and keynote speaker Jill Donovan, and Kaitlin Snider at the Hyatt Regency Tulsa.

## Community Food Bank Participates in 'Fight Hunger, Spark Change' Campaign

To raise awareness and combat the hunger issue, the Community Food Bank of Eastern Oklahoma teamed with Walmart, Sam's Club, and Feeding America during the sixth annual nationwide "Fight Hunger. Spark Change." (FHSC) campaign, which ran in April and May.

In partnership with the Food Bank, Walmart and Sam's Club, Tulsa area shoppers could purchase a participating item in-store or online, donating in-store or donating on Feeding America's website.



POSTAL PARTICIPATION: Food Bank volunteers at the Walmart store on Memorial Drive in Tulsa are happy about the food donation from U.S. Postal Service members Shelby Deweese and Lydell Walker.



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# Missouri Student to Attend the University of Tulsa; Receives \$2.5 Million in Scholarship Opportunities

New high school graduate Nicholas Tsahiridis of Branson, Missouri, earned more than \$2.5 million in scholarship opportunities at

the 35 universities where he was accepted.

Tsahiridis is planning a career as a neurologist/neurosurgeon. His inspiration to pursue medicine comes from his younger brother who suffers from conditions including epilepsy, autism, cerebral palsy and ADHD. "Because of him, I became interested in medicine. I want to help cure brain disabilities," Tsahiridis said.

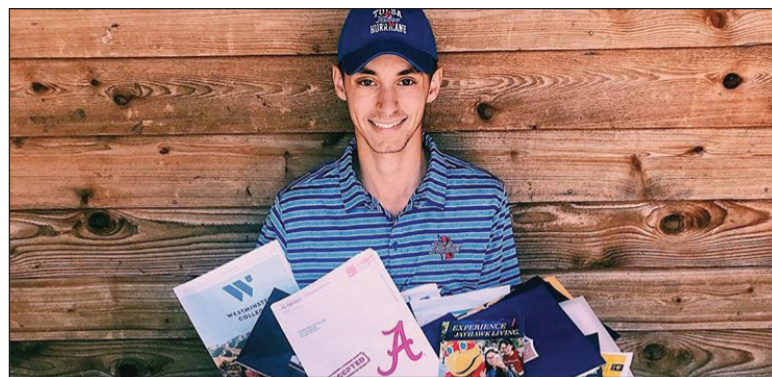
He committed to attending The University of Tulsa after meeting TU President Gerard Clancy during a campus visit this spring. Tsahiridis, who has decided to major in biology on a pre-med track, said he connected immediately with Clancy, one of only four physicians in the country who also serves as a university president.

"Dr. Clancy said he would help

me in my medical career with recommendation letters and advice," Tsahiridis said. "At a lot of universities, the president is not on everyone's level, but I could tell he will be very helpful during my time at TU."

Tsahiridis is wrapping up a successful experience at Branson High School after competing in three varsity sports, completing several advanced placement and honors courses and achieving the rank of Eagle Scout in the Boy Scouts of America.

Before attending TU this fall, Tsahiridis will participate in Ionian Village, a three-week international summer camping ministry facilitated by the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America. He looks forward to focusing on his academics while joining TU's diverse community of students



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**FUTURE PHYSICIAN:** Nicholas Tsahiridis of Branson, Missouri, accepted at 35 universities, plans to major in biology on a pre-med track at TU with a goal of becoming a neurologist/neurosurgeon.

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"We believe Direct Degree will change the way you think about going to college while working full-time and juggling family responsibilities," said Dr. Cindy Hess, TCC senior vice president and chief academic officer. "We know national data shows greater success and completion rates for accelerated,

from all backgrounds and walks of life.

When asked why he applied to so many different universities, Tsahiridis said he wanted to set an

example for high school students.

"I wanted to show them that hard work pays off because if you put your mind to it, you can accomplish anything."

cohort-based programs. Students will be able to focus on two classes at a time and move through the classes as a group."

Direct Degree courses are offered in eight-week blocks. Other features include 50 percent online and 50 percent classroom learning, academic and personal support for students, free math and English tutoring, and a yearly \$500 textbook credit. Additionally, tuition is waived for summer coursework. Pre-selected courses add to the appeal of this streamlined approach for adult learners.

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# High Expectations: Tulsa Tech Encourages Lofty Goals

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According to an NPR story published a few years ago, the expectations of teachers can dramatically alter the performance of their students, based on a famous research study conducted by a Harvard professor, Robert Rosenthal.

In this study, a group of 18 elementary school teachers gave their students a special test developed by Rosenthal, which predicted which children were primed for a boost in IQ over the next few years.

The catch of course, was that it was not a special exam at all. The exam was just a general IQ test with a fancy sounding name, however the teachers didn't know this. Once the results came back, Rosenthal picked a random group of students from each classroom, told the teachers that these students were "bloomers," who were identified to blossom into brilliant students.

In reality, there was nothing dif-

ferent about these students from their peers.

A few months later, the students were given another IQ test. The results were astounding. Students who were labeled as "bloomers" (even though they were simply average students to begin with) scored significantly higher on IQ tests than their peers.

Researchers discovered that the improvement was due to the different way that the teachers treated the students that they expected to succeed. Compared to the other children in the class, the "bloomers" were given more feedback, allowed more time for answering questions, and generally received more smiles, nods, and gestures of approval from their teachers.

In other words, when a teacher treated a student as if they were destined to become smart (even if they were average to start with), the student became smart.

So how does that apply to our instructors and students?

To make the most impact, you want goals of any nature to be S.M.A.R.T., meaning they are Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Relevant, and Timely.

The trick is to set lofty but achievable goals, goals that are set so high that they are obviously

unattainable cause people to give up when they believe the results don't match expected outcomes. We all have dreams, and setting unrealistic expectations on yourself or others presents complications in the future and sets everyone up for disappointment and failure.

However, if it is at all possible, as it is wise to set lofty goals and expectations. Having a wide array of goals, ranging from ones that are achievable, likely and possible, is a great approach. The "achievable" goals would be ones that can be completed in the near future, "likely" being ones that could be accomplished in the near future depending on certain factors, and "possible" goals being a little more far-fetched but could eventually happen if you or your business reach a certain point.

At Tulsa Tech, we have an opportunity each day to give more feedback, allow for more questions, and provide more positive reinforcement to both our students and colleagues. Each one of us is here for the greater good, to impact the lives of students and clients in a positive way, and in our small way contribute to the growth of our region and the betterment of our fellow citizens. What we learn and see each day is that it doesn't matter where you come from or where you started. If we believe in each other, we can expect great things from each other, and we all can become something better than we are today.

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# BIXBY EDUCATION

## Daughters of the American Revolution Honor Two Bixby Students

Daughters of the American Revolution Wealaka Chapter sponsors American History essay contests each year for students in grades 5-12. This year Wealaka Chapter's winner was Bixby student Rylan Hunt in the 6th grade contest. The title was "The Women's Suffrage Campaign." Rylan's essay was submitted to the DAR district chairman for district judging. The district is 14 chapters. Rylan won second place in district. He was presented his second place certificate and check by Wealaka Past Regent Carolyn Thornton at his Bixby North Intermediate "Call to Excellence" assembly on May 6.

Bixby High School JROTC Cadet Ashlynn Johnson was awarded the DAR Outstanding Cadet Bronze medal by Wealaka Vice Regent Sherry Gamblin at the Marine Corps JROTC Awards Ceremony on May 2.

Recipients must have distinguished him or herself through outstanding leadership, honor, service, courage and patriotism. Wealaka Chapter is proud to spon-



**RYLAN HUNT:** Rylan won second place in the district. He was presented his second place certificate and check by Wealaka Past Regent Carolyn Thornton at his Bixby North Intermediate "Call to Excellence" assembly on May 6.



Photos courtesy Carolyn Thornton

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**BIXBY SPORTS**

# Spartans Repeat State Championship in Tennis

## Bixby Outbattles Jenks for 6A Title

By **MIKE MOGUIN**  
GTR Sports Writer

Bixby continues to build its girls tennis program.

The Lady Spartans won state for the second consecutive year by beating Jenks again to capture the Class 6A girls state championship.

They finished with 30 points compared to 29 for the runner-up Trojans. Bixby's individual champions had to beat competition from Jenks in their respective finals.

Sophomore Maggie Holcomb repeated as the No. 2 singles champion. She was victorious in the final, 6-4, 6-4, against Emily Johnston. Senior Kalley Smith and sophomore Taylor Conway won the title in No. 1 doubles, earning a 6-0, 7-5 decision against Carolina Henry and Hannah Walman.

Also helping Bixby's cause, senior Melody Holcomb, Maggie's older sister, took fourth in No. 1 singles and sophomores Savannah Lee and Becca Powers finished runner-up in No. 2 doubles. Lee and Powers won that division last year.

"It was really special," Maggie Holcomb said. "Especially since last year was our first year winning, I don't think everyone was sure if we would repeat. But this year, now that we have repeated, it is just like we have made our territory. It is really special since my sister and Kalley are graduating this year."

What also made this meaningful

for the younger Holcomb was she faced a more challenging campaign than she did last year as a freshman.

"For me individually, I didn't have as good as a season as I did last year," Maggie Holcomb said. "I just wasn't on my game as well. But, I knew that once I got to state, I just had to play the best I could and see what happened and that's what I did."

Serving played a big factor in Holcomb's win against Johnston.

"Mainly her serve didn't go very deep, so, I would attack off of her serve," she said. "I just had to keep my game level and not let her game rise or I could be overpowered. I just had to keep playing the way I was playing."

"All of our wins against Jenks were crucial to getting the title because that was our main competition," Holcomb said.

For Smith, being a senior made it special for her, while Conway was able to do it in her first year starting on varsity.

"It's my first year winning state, so it is something I'll definitely never forget," Conway said. "It was even better that we won as a team, that made it even more special."

"And we felt like without us getting first place, we wouldn't have won as a team," Smith said.

The pair admits to having a lot in common and believes they developed some chemistry through the season.

"We're so much alike," Conway said. "We're both really aggressive on the court and since we've been playing together, we've become real close as friends too."

And they point out that channeling that aggression is the key to their No. 1 doubles victory.

"We were so excited to play because we hadn't lost a 6A match yet," Smith said. "And we wanted to keep that streak going."

Smith and Conway's only match defeat during the season came against eventual 5A champion Bishop Kelley.

While Melody Holcomb and Smith are graduating and moving on to play collegiately at Oklahoma Baptist and Southern Arkansas, respectively, Conway and Maggie Holcomb hope to make the best of opportunities in the coming years for Bixby girls' tennis.

"It's really exciting to know the journey is going to keep going and I'm going to have more chances at winning and working hard definitely try to stay at the top," Conway said. "It's not going to be the same without Kalley, but we're going to make the best of it for the next few years."

"The key will be to keeping our team together with the new additions that we're going to have," Maggie Holcomb said. "We just need to keep playing our best every time we play on the court, act like it's state."



Courtesy Bixby High School Athletics

**BUILDING A DYNASTY:** Bixby girls tennis team won state for the second year in a row. From left to right: Maggie Holcomb, Savannah Lee, Kalley Smith, Melody Holcomb, Becca Powers and Taylor Conway.

**Spartan Quick Hits**

• Kyle Peterson finished in a tie for third place at the Class 6A boys state golf tournament on May 7 in Edmond. Peterson carded 218 shots for the

tournament at Rose Creek Golf Club.

• In boys tennis, the duo of Blake Hopp and Kaden Smith finished state runner-up in No. 1 doubles on May 11 in Oklahoma City.

## TU, OSU To Meet Through 2031

Oklahoma State University and the University of Tulsa have agreed to an eight-year football scheduling agreement. The two teams, separated by just 72 miles, will meet annually from 2024 until 2031, with Tulsa hosting in even years and OSU hosting in odd years.

The two schools were already scheduled to meet in Tulsa this season, then in Stillwater in 2020 and 2021.

The Bank of Oklahoma Turnpike Classic series between the two schools spans more than 100 years. It dates back to 1914, with the two teams meeting 72 times through the years. The only team OSU has faced more frequently than TU is the University of Oklahoma. The Cowboys have won each of the last six head-to-head clashes with the Golden Hurricane and hold a 40-27-5 advantage all-time.

TU Athletic Director Gragg said, "Hosting Power 6 schools in football has been a major goal for TU and our fellow American Athletic Conference membership. This series is certainly a step in the right direction."

A look at upcoming matchups in the Bank of Oklahoma Turnpike Classic:

- Sept. 14, 2019 in Tulsa
- Sept. 12, 2020 in Stillwater
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- Sept. 14, 2024 in Tulsa
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**SPORTS**

# Tulsa Roughnecks Embark on New Era

By **GLENN HIBDON**  
GTR Sports Writer

Change is the name of the game for the Tulsa Roughnecks

A new coach, a new team and new management; even the possibility of new ownership for the Tulsa Roughnecks. The renaissance has begun for the United Soccer League Championship franchise.

Following a disastrous 2018 season in which the team won only three games, all under the guidance of interim coach Michael Nsien, the Roughnecks have secured a fresh start with Nsien moving in full-time and Welshman Wayne Farmer taking the reins as general manager.

After a season operating the first year Fortuna Tulsa women's club, the Roughnecks' front office is now soccer specific, taking over from the Tulsa Drillers.

The Roughnecks, who play at the Drillers' ONEOK Field, are in their fifth season since their rebirth in 2015 and hope to rekindle success both on and off the field. Attendance figures have dipped every year from a high of 4,714 in year one to 2,650 this season, 24th out of 36 league teams. Nsien and Farmer have a solution to the attendance deficit – winning matches. A return to the good old days of the 1980s is sought.

"The people of Tulsa want a team that works hard and produces success on the field," said Farmer, who has taken the Roughnecks' GM role for the Evolution Group, a marketing and IT company headed by team president Barry Williams. "We needed a completely new start and a lot of things about the club are rebuilt.

"We brought in young, hungry players with a lot of potential, players who will work hard and who want to be in Tulsa. They want to win for soccer fans, Tulsa fans and Green Country. It was important for us to hire a coach who represents the Roughnecks and the city and he (Nsien)

has done that so far"

Nsien knows how to win. He played on two state championship teams at Booker T. Washington High School and was named All-Atlantic 10 Conference and All-Region at the University of Dayton, leading the team in scoring as a defender.

"We're off to one of our best starts in team history," said Nsien, 38, a former Tulsa business owner who transferred his winning passion to soccer. "I'm happy with the team and I would like to create a difficult environment at home for our opponents. We want our players to feel the energy."

Nsien said about 4,000 fans a game would do the trick and confirmed that winning more matches should place posteriors in seats. At this writing, Tulsa is off to a 4-3-3 start, fifth best in the league, and stands fourth in offense with 21 goals. Brazilian defender Luca Lobo leads the team with seven goals, second in the league, while Brazilian midfielder Rodrigo da Costa is second in assists with six.

Farmer said winning matches starts behind a desk in the front office.

"The effort we put into marketing is going up this year," said Farmer, who played at TU and ORU and was a member of the Wales junior World Cup team. "We're volunteering more in the community and helping our local soccer clubs. We've been received well by people of all ages and at games we have different promotions and groups interactive with ideas and concepts."

"Our first goal (on the field) is to make the playoffs and we're off to a great start."

That could be surprising since the Roughnecks retained only one player from the 2018 roster, local midfielder D.J. Dean.

"I wanted players more on the upside of their careers rather than the downside," Nsien said, "I wanted players who bought into 'the harder you work, the more unacceptable losing becomes and the more gratifying the win.' A win means more after you give everything."



Photo by LORI SCHOLL  
**COACH MICHAEL NSIEN**



Photo by JOHN FAUST  
**GENERAL MANAGER WAYNE FARMER**



Photo by LORI SCHOLL  
**CELEBRATION:** Christhian Altamirano and Janu Silva celebrate after a goal against the Rio Grande Valley Toros on March 29.

That's also true for Nsien, who is hoping to reach his potential and receive a shot at coaching in Major League Soccer someday. The Roughnecks gave him the chance to prove his ability.

"They wanted continuity and someone who knew the players," said Nsien, who suited up professionally in Portland and Los Angeles. "I built trust with the players as an assistant coach."

"We have one of the top offenses in the league and most of our scoring comes from free kicks and corner kicks. We're really disciplined. Defensively, we're giving up more goals than I would like. It's a trademark of our team to outgun opponents. I'd rather win 1-0 or 2-0 than 5-3."

Nsien said through mid-May his team was in position to get where they wanted to go, namely the playoffs. Winning more consistently on the road was a concern, adapting to opponents' home field advantages, such as altitude, snow and cold.

Meanwhile, Farmer and Roughnecks executives see more good things ahead.

"Our Fortuna Tulsa women's team was named Franchise of the Year (In the Women's Premier Pro League) and the Roughnecks are gaining attendance every (home) game," Farmer said. "Our league (USL) is very strong now and adding teams. We have very strong ownership groups. The Roughnecks needed their own soccer management team and I think we have done a very good job with the switchover. There's been an incredible amount of work needed."

Now Nsien and his on-field team are hoping to match or surpass the front office's achievements. There are plenty of signs it could happen.

"We want to become a playoff team," said Nsien, a former financial planner and youth director of the Tulsa Soccer Club. "We've been in the top two or three spots all season and our goal is make the top eight positions to be in the playoffs. We want to play an up-tempo style and when a team possesses the ball we want them under pressure in constant discomfort. We want to maintain consistency and host a playoff game."

It would be a new experience for Tulsa, but after all, new is the operative word for the 2019 born-again Roughnecks.



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# Bill and Maggie Roller Lead Regent Golf

## Coaching Pair Bring More Than Practice To Players

By MIKE MOGUIN  
GTR Sports Writer

Bill and Maggie Roller relish their roles as golf coaches at Regent Preparatory Academy, and it's more than just about drivers, putters greens and fairways. They use it as a vehicle for sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

"I think sports is a vehicle to share the gospel," Bill Roller said. "And we love the sport (golf). So, it's a great mix."

Two of their three children are establishing solid prep careers on the fairways.

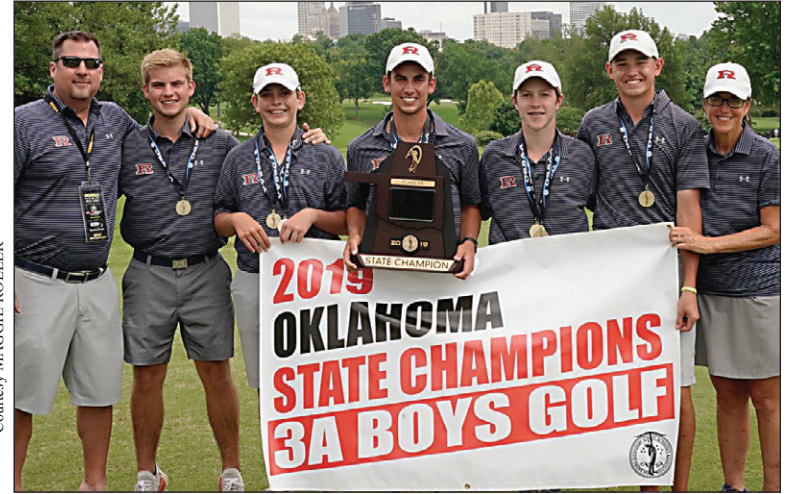
Their daughter Jenni, a freshman, was crowned the 2A girls individual champion on May 2 in Guthrie. She finished with 2-under-142, which included a second round score of 3-under-69. It was also the first year as a program for the Lady Rams who finished runner up as a team after coming up shy in a playoff to Oklahoma Christian. Both teams finished with a two-round score of 750.

"It was really cool to win state. I wasn't expecting it all," Jenni Roller said. "What was most meaningful was getting to play with my team. It was really cool to get experience with my team, rather than as an individual, because we didn't know this year if we were going to have a team or not. So that made it all the more memorable, playing with my team."

Their son, J.P., who was top indi-



**TOP GOLFER:** Regent Prep golfer Jenni Roller holds her state championship trophy after winning top individual medalist honors at the Class 2A girls golf championship. Celebrating with her are her parents Bill and Maggie Roller.



**STATE CHAMPS:** The Regent Prep boys golf team, including J.P. Roller, third from right, won the Class 2A state championship on May 7 at Tulsa Country Club. They are coached by Roller's mother, Maggie, far right.

vidual medalist last year, helped the team win the Class 2A boys championship May 7 at Tulsa Country Club. Regent won with a three-round score of 882 strokes, eight lower than runner-up Oklahoma Christian (890). It was the Rams' second straight championship.

"It was really cool," said J.P. Roller, who took fourth as individual. "We won last year, so we knew we were going to win going into it. But, this year, we kind of came in as the underdog. We were projected to not win and to come out on top was really awesome."

"Jackson White, our No. 2 Bag, and I had been playing consistent all year," J.P. said. "Then our No. 3 bag, Grant Benjamin, he was probably the key to us winning. He shot 72 and 70 in the first two rounds and that gave us that edge going into the last day."

Benjamin finished at sixth with 223 shots, White took third with 207, 69 in each round. At fourth,

J.P. Roller logged 210, with 68 in the first 18 holes being his best round.

J.P., who will be a senior next year, is already committed to play college golf at Texas Tech.

Both Roller siblings said their faith in God helps with their attitude, cool and composure while playing the game.

Another son, James, is involved with the school's football, basketball and baseball teams.

Maggie Roller, a member of the University of Tulsa women's 1988 National Championship team, helped get the boys program started in 2013.

Bill Roller was a coach for the Jenks programs for 37 years before retiring last year. He helped in getting Regent's girls program and now serves as its coach.

"Our daughter was about to be a freshman, so it was a good fit," Bill Roller said. "There were also five girls who wanted to play."

At one time, Bill was involved with baseball and basketball, but he later discovered a love for the links.

"I loved playing it (golf) and I just liked how golfers can control their shots. I like being outdoors and going to different courses. Every baseball field is the same, every basketball court is the same and every football field is the same. But, every golf course is different."

Fellowship with people and adoring the beauty of creation in the background also factor in for their love of the game.

"In getting to know the boys on my golf team, I have found their personalities are all different," Maggie Roller said. "I love talking about the Lord with them. You're out there over four hours. I feel like God has put me in a role to witness to these athletes. I have a big responsibility to point them to Christ."

The Rollers have seen a lot of

eyes and hearts open up while sharing the Gospel.

"My boys will tell you that's the number one thing. That's what I talk about to hotel clerks, restaurant waitresses and waiters, it's always at the forefront of my mind. That's why I love golf because it is a vehicle to share Christ."

### Additional Regent Sports News

Ellie Gilbreath and Natalie Cleveland placed first and second respectively in a few events at the Class 2A state track and field meet May 4 in Oklahoma City. While winning the gold and completing a prominent prep career, Gilbreath set two meet records with her times in the 1600 and 3200-meter runs. She finished the races with respective times of 5:18.70 and 11:25.53. Gilbreath also won the 800-meter run with a time of 2:18.32. In winning the silver, Cleveland finished with respective times of 5:26.20, 11:58.18 and 2:23.92.

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# DINING IN GREATER TULSA

## Foolish Things Bar & Biscuit: A Perfect Fit in Brookside

### Local Dining

By **BLAKE AUSTYN**  
Contributing Writer

Foolish Things Bar & Biscuit, 3524F S. Peoria Ave., feels like a very on-trend restaurant and bar/flower bar concept that fits perfectly in Brookside, opening in late 2018. This is the third business brought to Tulsa by Justin and Katie Carpenter.

And before you ask, no, its name, which includes the word “biscuit,” has nothing to do with dogs. (I have heard that confusion a couple of times.) The “biscuit” in the name comes from the menu, with a number of dishes piling ingredients on top of a biscuit.

The concept brings together a coffee bar, cocktail bar plus food and a flower bar. It may sound like a lot but, boy, does it work and is it beautiful, with floral arrangements set throughout the space.

Foolish Things Coffee Co., 1001 S. Main St., overseen by Justin,

opened downtown in the Cathedral District in 2012, followed by Ever Something, 2306 E. Admiral Blvd., Katie’s focus, in the Kendall Whittier neighborhood in 2013.

“We’ve been wanting to merge our concepts for a while,” says Justin, commenting on his reaction to when he and Katie were contacted by Henry Aberson regarding launching a concept in his available commercial space.

Bar & Biscuit’s food menu is divided into Day Bites and Night Bites, with various biscuits and non-biscuits and sweeter fare available from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. or 2 p.m. – 10 p.m.

“I am the food and drink guy,” says Justin. “I love telling stories through food and drink.”

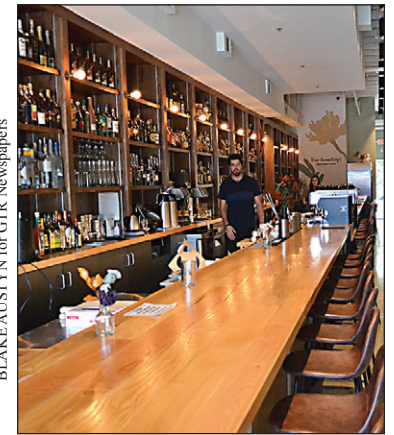
The drink menu features alcoholic drinks for different times of day and from various eras. “It’s interesting to note how the time in history created the food and drink that we have available to us, such as the story behind the creation of the Gin and Tonic,” Justin says.

The menu changes quarterly, with new items tested months in advance. “Those food and drink changes could be big or small, but always focused on balance,” he adds.

We were fortunate enough to have Justin wait on us personally, and he offered many insights into the menu offerings.

For munching, my party started with the Charcuterie Board—which featured a mixture of nuts, cured meats, cheeses and olives, providing a nice introduction to the meal.

We also chose the Sampler, which provided just that—a sampling of many appetizers on the menu: pickled veggies, hummus and pesto,



**FOOD, DRINK, FLOWERS:** Foolish Things Bar & Biscuit, 3524F S Peoria Ave., opened in late 2018, with its concept merging coffee and cocktails plus food and flowers. The extensive drink menu is complimented nicely by its expansive bar that spans the length of the space. The menu features drinks for different times of day and from various eras, with its food options including appetizers, savory dishes and a few sweeter selections.

fried cheese curds, and nuts, with aioli and housemade blueberry jam. Our favorites were the pickled veggies and the hummus and pesto—though, the chips seemed like they came from the bottom of the bag.

For our main dishes, we chose the Fried Chicken Biscuit—fried chicken and a poached egg atop a biscuit complete with blue cheese, arugula and honey butter. The dish was decadent, with the delicious blue cheese topping. What a wonderful mix of flavors!

Our second dish was the Mushroom Flatbread with a fabulous sage element.

Popular menu items, according to Justin, include the Fried Chicken Biscuit, Pesto Chicken Flatbread and Berry Salad.

“I am interested in complexity of flavors with just a few ingredients—that encourages creativity,” he says.

Foolish Things Bar & Biscuit is open daily 7 a.m. to midnight and offers cocktail and floral events as well as a daily Reverse Happy

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# Tulsa Herb Society Hosts Book Review at Garden Center

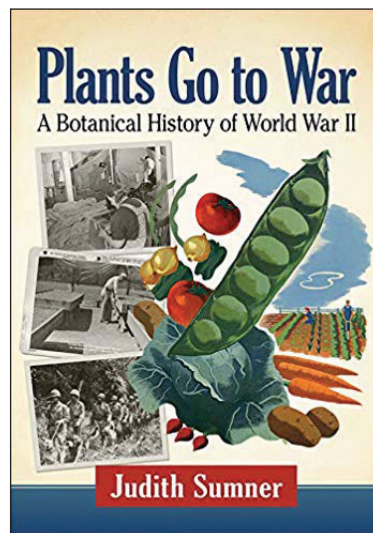
## Author's Presentation Is Scheduled for July 8

The Tulsa Herb Society presents Judith Sumner, author/botanist/historian for a special program, WWII Botany: How Plants won the War on July 8 at 7 p.m. at the Tulsa Garden Center.

Sumner's presentation takes a look at military history from a botanical perspective. From victory gardens and agriculture to rubber, coal, paper, timber, drugs and fibers, plant products supplied the wartime materials that played key roles in victory.

Her presentation is based on her newest book, Plants Go To War, A Botanical History of World War II. Once WWII began in Europe and the Pacific, military needs were vast and complex. Jungle warfare, forest survival and camouflage techniques all required essential plant knowledge.

Food to supply the troops was a particular concern, requiring Americans and Europeans on the home front to grow and consume many more plant foods. The Vic-



tory Gardens in American and England provided the bulk of the wartime diet.

Sumner is a botanist who specializes in ethno botany, flowering plants, plant adaptations and garden history. She has taught extensively both at the college level and at botanical gardens, including the Arnold Arboretum of Harvard University and Garden in the Woods, the foremost native plant garden of New England.

Sumner is a graduate of Vassar College and completed graduate studies in botany at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst. She also studied at the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, and at the

British Museum of Natural History.

Sumner has been the lecturer-in-residence at the Star Island Natural History Conference. She has been a guest on the Martha Stewart Living television show, the PBS program, "Cultivating Life" with Sean Conway and has presented many other educational programs throughout the nation.

In 2007, she was awarded the Gertrude B. Foster Award for Excellence in Herbal Literature by the Herb Society of America. Her book, American Household Botany won the American Horticultural Society Book Award in 2005.

The lecture is free and open to the public.

**CHEERING THE DRILLERS:** Students from the cheer team of Tulsa's Miss Helen's Private School celebrated the end of this school year by cheering for the Tulsa Drillers at ONEOK Field. The Miss Helen's cheer team is led by Kendall Roberts.

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THE ECONOMY

# Burnett Windows and Siding Celebrates 40 Years

By CHRIS PUTNAM  
Contributing Writer

A front door says a lot about a person. How it is used can indicate the warmth of the family inside? Does it open wide to receive friends? Does it welcome neighbors who come knocking?

There is one Tulsa family who has their door swung open wide to receive clients who have a door, window, guttering or siding needs. Burnett Windows and Siding, a family-owned business, is celebrating its 40th year in the community.

Founded by Guy Burnett and his son Scott in 1979, Burnett Window and Siding started its journey as an insulation company. Unfortunately, Guy Burnett passed the following year, and Scott Burnett took the helm and started building on the company philosophy of honesty, integrity and quality work. He mandates that his staff goes beyond getting the job done; he insists that the job is done right. Burnett's gauge for excellence is not how the property looks when the installation is finished, but how the property lives when it is complete. While the job is ongoing, installers must work quietly and politely. When done, are their clients happy with their work? It seems so since 75 percent of their work comes from referrals.

"We so enjoyed working with Burnett Windows and Doors," Collinsville client Teresa Hoven-ga said. "They were professional, and the work and product was very high quality. Working with their representative was a pleasure. His honesty was most appre-

ciated. Our house was definitely a challenge with many angles and uneven in places due to add-ons. I highly recommend this company for all your window, siding and door needs. Thank you Burnett Company for making our sad old house happy again."

Scott Burnett is not alone in this endeavor. His wife Kim and his son Neal complete the unified team that keeps the excellence going.

They have a fully interactive 4,000-square-foot showroom where clients can browse, gain product information and pick styles and colors to their individual taste for doors, windows, gutters, siding and insulation. Scott Burnett picks the highest quality products with doors made by the Amish, which is known for its distinctive handcrafted work.

The Burnett's have a new and updated focus. They have recently launched a new service taking their excellence from outside the home now to the inside the home with bath and shower remodels.

The Burnett family business focuses on client relationships. Their quality work is validated by the industry awards they have won:

- Angie's List Super Service Award 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017
- Tulsa Metro Chamber of Commerce Leadership Award
- 1999 Metro Tulsa Chamber of Commerce Family Business Person of the Year
- 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014 Award of Excellence For Superior Sales and Service of

Norandex Building Materials

- 2014 Recognition of 35 Years of Outstanding Service to Customers, Employees and Community from Infinity By Marvin

The Burnett family is heavily involved in helping others through their participation in area non-profit organizations including Little Light House, which assists children with special needs, and where Scott and Kim Burnett have served on the board. They also support Pathways, a non-profit organization to assist adults with developmental disabilities; Sertoma, a non-profit organization that offers employment opportunities to individuals with intellectual and physical handicaps; Habitat for Humanity, a partnership program for homeowners; and Loaves and Fishes, which reaches out to the hurting with physical and spiritual food. The Burnett's invest their time and talent into these special organizations by getting involved in ways such as hosting parties and even going bowling as a family with these groups.

One thing that Scott Burnett is unmoving on is his faith and the calling he feels on his life.

"When our family started the business, we dedicated it to the Lord," Scott Burnett said. "We try to live and act by the Golden Rule and make sure we treat everybody with honesty and integrity."

This family has a strong sense of purpose to serve their clients. One indicator of that is the blog on their business website [www.burnettinc.com/blog](http://www.burnettinc.com/blog) with features



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**HAPPY FAMILY:** Members of the Burnett family in the company's showroom at 11202 E. 61st St, in Tulsa. From left are Scott Burnett, Kim Burnett and Neal Burnett.

that help homeowners care for the biggest financial investment of their lives, their home. Tips are shared in areas such as the prevention of moisture damage and other areas that can serve a home as well as raise its value.

Burnett's Marketing Manager Eli Ferrell said, "We approach everything we do with one main question, 'How can we help?' We solve problems and improve the

quality of life for our customers. We know that if we serve, serve, instead of sell, sell, the business will grow, and we'll sleep easy at night knowing we're doing the right thing."

The Burnett Windows and Siding showroom is located at 11202 E. 61st St., Tulsa, and all estimates are free. They can be reached at 918-286-7600 and at [www.burnettinc.com](http://www.burnettinc.com).

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# Vast Bank Announces First Floor Tenants for New H.Q.

More details have been released about the new six-story Vast Bank headquarters currently under construction at 110 N. Elgin Ave. in downtown Tulsa.

Besides tellers who will stand at kiosks with iPads to quickly serve customers, the open space will feature curated contemporary artwork, grab-and-go sushi and a new coffee shop. The ground level will also include a complimentary co-working space that downtown professionals and entrepreneurs can use for off-site meetings.

Doug DeJarnette, senior vice president of private banking for Vast Bank, said. "The bank is really taking a step back from trying to be the star of the show at this location. We want it to be a space for the community to use and enjoy—a place where people can come and grab a quick bite, meet a colleague and do so in a place that features beautiful architecture and inspiring artwork."

Hummingbird Coffee + Beer

will launch its business in the new open-concept space, which will be shared with the bank's teller area. Hummingbird is the venture of native-Tulsan Brian Sachse and draws its name from a Leon Russell song. Sachse lived for seven years in Portland and fell in love with their coffee scene. He is partnering with Portland-based Stumptown coffee to supply the beans for Hummingbird.

The ground floor will include a designated gallery space for Orth Contemporary, which will move from its current location in Kendall Whittier. Owner Katie Orth plans to take advantage of the modern open space of the building and the momentum of the adjacent Tulsa Arts District.

it's go go, a concept of Greg Hughes with in the raw and Architect James Boswell, will offer grab-and-go sushi rolls, salads, bento boxes and many other favorites. This will be in addition to the rooftop in the raw Vū, details of which



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**BANKING ON COFFEE:** Vast Bank will share its new teller area with Hummingbird Coffee and Beer in the soon-to-be opened Vast Bank Building across from ONEOK Field at 110 N. Elgin Ave in downtown Tulsa.

will follow with other upscale dining options this summer.

The venture is the result of several lifelong bonds and Tulsans choosing to stay in Tulsa and invest in their community. There are many childhood friendships and family histories shared between

the collaborators (Katie Orth, Doug DeJarnette, Tom Biolchini, Greg Hughes, James Boswell and Brian Sachse).

The 100,000-square-foot building is set to be completed in December 2019 and also will feature a rentable rooftop terrace, the Rendez-

vous Room. Each floor will feature a terrace and view of ONEOK Field. Other tenants include BKD CPAs and Advisors and Casillas Petroleum. Additional space is still available for lease. The building was designed by KKT Architects and developed by the Ross Group.

## D-Day's 75th Anniversary: Eisenhower's Great Legacy and America's Energy Impact



By MARK A. STANSBERRY

Seventy five years ago, June 6th, General Dwight D. Eisenhower led troops into what is known as D-Day. His outward display of confidence with the troops helped propel them to victory. In his book *Sleeping Giants*, Dr. Nathan Mellor writes, "When General Eisenhower had been named Supreme Commander of Allied Forces, he stressed the importance of morale. He outlawed negativity and used his formidable skills as a mediator to keep Allied leadership focused on objectives. Throughout this time, he had personally set the pace for his fellow leaders. His unflappable and direct approach to problem solving had been a source of inspiration. The stress of the job, however, was taking its toll." Mellor speaks to Eisenhower's dedication as a leader: "It says a great deal about Eisenhower that when he made the decision that D-Day was a go, he spent the final hours before the invasion with the men who he knew would pay the ultimate price for his decision. He wanted to be among the troops, to see their faces and gauge their readiness."

In 1968, I had a cartoon book on the life of Dwight D. Eisenhower. It highlighted D-Day, his presidency, childhood and overall life. That same year, he had a heart attack in Gettysburg, PA, where he was residing. I heard from my mom that he had this heart attack, so I sent him a letter wishing him well. I got a note back from him, prepared by his staff, signed Dwight D. Eisenhower, which thrilled this young twelve year old boy.



DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER

Fast forward to 1992, I became a delegate to Russia under the People to People International program. What I found out is that People to People International was founded by Dwight D. Eisenhower the year I was born, 1956, with the mission of peace through understanding, and with an emphasis on humanitarian, cultural and educational efforts worldwide. His legacy continued to have an effect on my life, when in 1994, I led a delegation of People to People International to China. Eventually, I became a member of the Board of Directors of People to People International in 2007. In 2009-2013 I served as Chairman of Worldwide Operations for People to People International.

The U.S. Energy Industry was vital to the success of D-Day and World War II overall. On the energy front, I was elected president of The International Society of the Energy Advocates in 2003. For over 40 years, The

Energy Advocates organization has been an energy education voice throughout America. A few years before I became president, The Energy Advocates was the lead group in remembrance and establishment of two seven-foot statues for the Oil Patch Warriors, one in England and one in Oklahoma.

I tell these stories, because the importance of the Eisenhower legacy and the oil patch industry go hand in hand. In my lifetime energy needs and energy security have become vital. As in 1944, to this day, America has needed America's energy. We carry on the legacy of Dwight D. Eisenhower, those that fought in D-Day, and the Oil Patch Warriors.

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## Chamber Announces Hirings

The Tulsa Regional Chamber has hired former Oklahoma legislator **Katie Henke** as vice president of regional business and education advocacy.

Henke is a former state representative and Tulsa-area educator. She was elected to the Oklahoma House of Representatives in 2012 and served for six years. As a representative, Henke was elected majority caucus secretary, served as vice chair of the Appropriations and Budget Committee on Education, and became floor leader in 2017.

"Katie is a great fit for our regional business and education advocacy team," said Mike Neal, president and CEO of the Tulsa Regional Chamber. "She showed incredible leadership at the Capitol, and we're thrilled that her passion for education will be used to help increase the economic prosperity of northeast Oklahoma."

The Chamber also recently promoted **Sam Peyton** to vice president of regional business and education advocacy. Peyton was hired by the Chamber in 2017 and previously served as director of government affairs. Before joining the Chamber, Peyton worked at the American Israel Public Affairs Committee in Washington, D.C.

"Sam has been an incredible asset to the Chamber, particularly on federal issues and policy," said Elizabeth Osburn, senior vice president of regional business and education advocacy. "He excels in every measure of his performance, and the Tulsa region benefits tremendously from his expertise and hard work."

The advocacy staff changes coincide with the departure of **Zack Stoycoff**, who recently accepted a new job as senior director of policy and planning at the Healthy Minds Initiative for the Anne and Henry Zarrow Foundation. Stoycoff joined the Chamber staff in 2013 as a communi-



KATIE HENKE



SAM PEYTON

cations manager before moving to the government affairs team in 2015. He was instrumental in the passage of state legislation to reform Oklahoma's criminal justice system, increase teacher pay and improve educational outcomes. Stoycoff is a former Tulsa World journalist and graduate of Rogers State University.

"Zack had a tremendous impact during his more than five years with the Chamber," Neal said. "We will miss his tireless work advocating for education, public health and criminal justice reform, among many other significant legislative matters. We look forward to continuing these efforts with Katie and working together with Zack on shared priorities in the future."

## BUSINESS & PEOPLE NOTES

Tulsa-based **Laredo Petroleum, Inc.** has announced **Mikell J. ("Jason") Pigott** as its new president and a member of the board of directors.



PIGOTT

Pigott succeeds Laredo founder Randy A. Foutch as the company's chief executive officer during the fourth quarter of 2019.

"Jason's appointment is the culmination of a comprehensive succession planning process that has been years in the making and that we began implementing in October of 2018," said Chairman and Chief Executive Officer Foutch. "His extensive background in leading multi-disciplinary operational and technical organizations as well as experience contributing to executive-level strategic decisions will be invaluable as he begins to assume leadership of the company and transitions into the CEO role."

"The opportunity to lead a company like Laredo is a once-in-a-lifetime honor," said Pigott. "Randy built a company designed for long-term success, amassing a contiguous acreage position in a world-class basin, investing in cost-reducing field infrastructure and maintaining a strong balance sheet. I am excited to lead Laredo as we strive to build upon this foundation and drive long-term value for our shareholders."

Pigott has more than 20 years of experience in the energy exploration and production industry, most recently serving as executive vice president of operations and technical services for Chesapeake Energy, where he oversaw a drilling, completion and facilities budget that exceeded \$2.0 billion annually while also leading the digital operations, supply chain and land efforts. Prior to joining Chesapeake in 2013, he was with Anadarko Petroleum for 14 years, serving in positions of increasing responsibility.

Pigott holds a Bachelor of Science in Petroleum Engineering from Texas A&M University and an MBA from the University of North Carolina, Kenan-Flagler School of Business.

The Tulsa branch of **Wells Fargo Advisors** announces that **Michael B. Alsup** has joined the branch as first vice president-investment officer.



ALSUP

Wells Fargo Advisors' Tulsa office can be reached at 918-742-8000 and is located at 6060 S. American Plaza, St E., Suite 400 in Tulsa.

With \$1.6 trillion in client assets as of March 31, 2017, Wells Fargo Advisors provides investment advice and guidance to clients through 14,657 full-service financial advisors and 4,093 licensed bankers. For more information, visit [www.wellsfargo.com](http://www.wellsfargo.com).

**Green Country Marketing Association** has announced that **Teri Bowers** is joining the staff as partner development director.



BOWERS

Green Country is a regional tourism organization representing 18 counties in northeast Oklahoma. Bowers will work with attractions on creative strategies to increase visitation and the related economic benefit locally and statewide, according to Jackie Stewart, executive director of Green Country.

Bowers has broad experience in both tourism and the media, with 11 years at the Oklahoma Aquarium and 15 years at KTUL. She also has continuing and past service on multiple boards and committees, including Association for Women in Communications, Waterworks Art Center, Tulsa Regional Chamber One Voice Agenda, and Green Country Marketing Association.

"Teri has been a valued member of our board of directors for the past 10 years, so the transition to staff member is a welcome and exciting move," Stewart said. "Teri brings a wealth of knowledge and enthusiasm for the great stories to tell throughout Green Country, and I know our partners will enjoy working with her to better promote their attractions."

Green Country Marketing Association works with the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department, the Oklahoma Travel Industry Assn. and others to promote the state tourism industry. For more information, contact Stewart at 918-744-0588.

**Griffin Communications**, an Oklahoma-owned multimedia company, recently announced that **Randy Smith** has joined its team as director of radio sales. In this role, Smith will integrate with the overall Griffin sales team and report to Vice President of Sales Wade Deaver.



SMITH

With more than 35 years of marketing and integrated radio and television media sales management experience, Smith has served as director of marketing/merchandising, vice president of sales/marketing and director of sales-radio for a variety of Tulsa companies including Cox Media Group, 7-Eleven Convenience Stores and LDF Companies.

Smith previously served as director of sales-radio for Cox Media Group where he managed inventory and rate structures to exceed a \$15 million annual revenue budget with five radio stations, digital revenue and event revenue streams. He also successfully increased revenue for companies such as Clear Channel Radio and E.W. Scripps Company, showing revenue growth by 18 percent and 22 percent, respectively. Smith received his bachelor's degree from the University of Oklahoma.

Oklahoma-based law firm **Hall Estill** has announced that **Kyle D. Freeman** and **Kent A. Gilliland** have been elected as new members of the firm's Executive Committee.



FREEMAN

Freeman joined the firm in 1998 and concentrates his practice in the corporate/commercial area where he has led negotiations for the drafting of: energy related agreements, primarily focused in the mid-stream business; multi-million dollar software licensing, development, services and hosting agreements; multi-million dollar asset and equity acquisitions; numerous commercial leases and related real property agreements.

Gilliland has more than 30 years of legal experience, joining Hall Estill in 2001. He practices primarily in the banking and commercial finance arenas, with emphasis on energy lending involving a mix of debt and equity structures, real estate construction and permanent loans, government lending, and dealer floor plan financing. He also represents clients in real estate acquisitions, sales, leasing and development matters. Gilliland has an individual attorney AV Preeminent rating through Martindale-Hubbell, has been selected as a Best Lawyer in Banking & Finance Law, and is an Oklahoma Super Lawyer in Banking.

**AAON, Inc.** has announced that **Jack E. Short** will retire from the company's board of directors following the end of his current term at AAON's 2020 annual meeting of stockholders.

The company also announced that Short stepped down as chair of the company's audit committee, and that **Caron Lawhorn** was appointed as chair to fill the vacancy, effective immediately. Short will serve as a member of the audit committee during the remainder of his term on the board, and also continues to serve as a member of the company's governance committee, as well as the company's lead independent director.

Norman H. Asbjornson, CEO, stated, "It has been a true pleasure to work with Jack for the past 15 years. We look forward to his continued contributions to the board as he completes his current term and helps facilitate Caron's succession as chair of our audit committee."



GILLILAND

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# Oneok Plaza Houses Interesting History and Look

The economics of corporate takeovers can have a powerful effect on building projects. A prime example of this effect is the outcome of the Oneok Building at 100 West Fifth Street in downtown Tulsa.

In the late 1970's, Cities Service Oil Company acquired a full city block between Fifth and Sixth streets and Cheyenne and Boulder avenues.

At the time, this was the site of the former Halliburton-Abbot Department Store, now defunct. Cities had outgrown its current office space and plans were made to construct a \$90 million corporate headquarters building. The new facility was to occupy the north half of the block at a tall, slender 52 stories.

The project got a green light from the Cities board, but no one anticipated multiple takeover attempts by Mesa Petroleum of Amarillo, Texas and earlier efforts by various Canadian firms. To avoid the takeover, Cities was sold to Occidental Petroleum Corporation. As

part of this \$4 billion dollar deal, Occidental began cutting up Cities to pay off debt. One of the first Cities items to be sold off was the new headquarters project. An affiliate of Albritton Development Company of Dallas, Texas bought the project as well as the adjacent block to the south between Sixth and Seventh streets where a parking garage was planned. (Cities, later to become CITGO, eventually moved to Houston in 2004.)

In an effort to make the project more economically desirable, Albritton reduced the planned height of the tower to 37 stories although the foundation structure and elevator core was already in place for the original 52 stories. Construction stopped in 1982 but resumed in 1983 with completion scheduled for 1984.

## On Architecture



By ROGER COFFEY, AIA



**PARK-LIKE SETTING:** The Oneok Commons occupies the south half of the block and is replete with green foliage as well as park-like and picnic-type areas. A tunnel under Sixth Street connects the full-block three-story parking garage to the headquarters building.

Coincidentally, at the same time, Oklahoma Natural Gas had outgrown its historic building at Sixth Street and Main Avenue (previously described in an earlier article) and was considering a new 350,000-square-foot facility. ONG struck a deal with Albritton and purchased the original Cities project.

The tower had reached 16 stories. ONG capped the building off at 17 stories. The building became the 495,000 square feet corporate office building called Oneok Plaza. The tower occupies the north half of the block. The south half, which is provided on grade access and some limited parking, received a \$4.8 million facelift in 2008. Some internal remodeling of the tower was included. A tunnel under Sixth Street connects the full-block three-story parking garage to the



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**GREAT ASSET:** The Oneok Plaza tower is a 17-story building occupying the north half of the block running from South Cheyenne and South Boulder avenues and West Fifth and West Sixth streets.



headquarters building. A large employee and tenant cafeteria is also located on this lower level.

The exterior of the Oneok Building is sheathed in a striking dark red granite. The granite occurs in horizontal bands separated by dark

gray glass bands. Although the building footprint is a simple rectangle, the east and west ends have a semi-circular extension creating a very simple, but dramatic shape. Oneok Plaza is an important asset to Tulsa, certainly worth seeing.

## SPRINGTIME FUN IN GREATER TULSA



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**ROTARY GATHERING:** Rotarian Kip Leikem recently hosted a Rotary Club of Tulsa welcoming event for new members at his home May 1. Among those attending, first row from left, Mike Homan, Sheena Grewal, Brady Nguyen, Brenda Melancon and Michelle Place. Back row from left, Scott Filstrup, John Hamill and Bob Saied.



**TULSA PRESS CLUB'S GREAT PLAINS EVENT:** The Tulsa Press Club held the annual Great Plains Journalism Awards event May 9-10 at the Mayo Hotel. From left are former KRMG radio host Joe Kelley now with Orlando's 96.5 WDBO; Becki Watson, Tulsa Press Club general manager; Anne Brockman, editor, Tulsa People magazine and event co-chair; Todd Price, New Orleans Times Picayune; and Jeannette Cooperman, St. Louis Magazine. Kelley, Price and Cooperman were speakers.



**MAYFEST SMILES:** Held this year May 17-19 in the Tulsa Arts and Historic Greenwood Districts, Mayfest again brought art, food, fun and shopping to its thousands of visitors.



**HOP JAM:** This year's Hop Jam, held in the Tulsa Arts District May 19, was another success. Oklahoma's largest craft beer and music festival, in its sixth year, was founded by Tulsa's famous music group Hanson.

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# Postoak Lodge and Retreat Now Offering Memberships

By JEANETTE SWINDELL  
Green County Marketing Association

Postoak Lodge & Retreat, which offers hiking, biking, fishing and swimming at an amazing location is now offering memberships in Postoak Lodge & Retreat's new Club. Members can enjoy such amenities as pool, hot tub, hiking trails, fishing, disc golf, horseshoes, putting greens, a fitness center and basketball.

Members also receive special discounts including \$10 off Postoak Canopy Tours, Friends & Family lodging rates and a 10 percent discount at Willow Café.

"We are excited to offer this opportunity to fans of Postoak," says Trisha Kerkstra, general manager. "Often we are asked

if Postoak is open to the public, which it is not. With the popularity of outdoor recreation growing in Tulsa, we thought this would be a great way for those who love the outdoors to enjoy Postoak's amenities. Our guests especially love the trails and the swimming pool."

There are several monthly membership options: Individual; Summer Club (May-Sept.) - \$55; Winter Club (Oct.-April) - \$39; 12-Month Club - \$49.

Family, which includes spouse/significant other and their children; Summer Club - \$65; Winter Club - \$49; and 12-Month Club - \$59. Members are welcome to bring a friend for \$15 a day.

"The membership is limited so if interested, it is best to call as soon

as possible to get a spot." Contact the Lodge at 918-425-2112 or [frontdesk@postoaklodge.com](mailto:frontdesk@postoaklodge.com).

Throughout the year, Postoak Lodge & Retreat is an amazing escape for large or small groups. It's an ideal retreat for business meetings, weddings, family reunions and weekend getaways. Situated on 1,000 beautiful acres, it is located at 5323 West 31st Street North in Tulsa.

Postoak Lodge & Retreat is a member of Green County Marketing Association, one of 11 multi-county organizations working with the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department, the Oklahoma Travel Industry Association and the other multi-county associations to promote state tourism, an \$8.6 billion industry.



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**POSTOAK POOL:** The pool at Postoak is one of the many amenities that the Postoak Lodge and Retreat has to offer.

## Senior Star Certified as a Great Place to Work

Senior Star, a Tulsa-owned senior living provider, announces that they have been certified by Great Place to Work for a second consecutive year.

Great Place to Work, an independent research and consulting firm, evaluated more than 1,000 surveys from Senior Star employees across the organization's 15 locations in the United States.

Great Place to Work also assessed more than 60 elements of team members' experience on the job. These included employee pride in the organization's community impact, belief that their work makes a difference and feeling their work has special meaning. Rankings are based on employees' experiences, no matter who they are or what they do. Respect, pride and camaraderie were among the top workplace highlights from Senior Star employees, all of whom contributed to this special distinction.

"Senior Star's goal is to ex-

ceed the expectations of our diverse group of associates," said Anja Rogers, Senior Star CEO. "By creating an environment of inclusion—where every person feels like they belong and are valued—positivity permeates everything we do. We ask associates to commit to a promise: To do for each other with love. I believe the Great Place to Work certification is a reflection of our associates' dedication to upholding that promise—to each other and to the seniors and families we serve."

Senior Star has implemented many opportunities that cater to the well-being of associates as individuals, such as incorporating a mentorship program that creates a path for career upward mobility, and wellness programs to encourage healthy habits. These resources, along with a culture of inclusion and empowerment, translate into happy associates who are at their best when providing care for residents.



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