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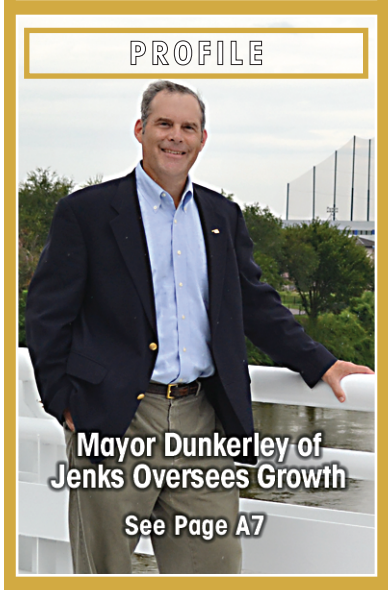

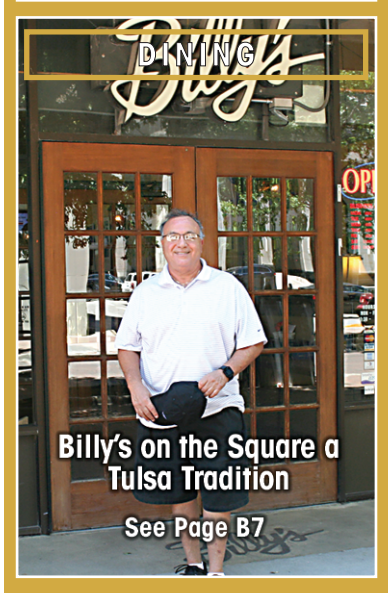

Tulsa State Fair Brings Fun for All

By EMILY RAMSEY
Managing Editor

The Tulsa State Fair returns Sept. 29, running through Oct. 9, bringing new and returning entertainment, with its theme "Picture This" encouraging fairgoers to "get social," says Sarah Thompson, with the Tulsa State Fair.

Giant picture frames will be set up around the fairgrounds to encourage visitors to take selfies and photos inside the frames, using the hashtag #findtheframes. The frames will be located in various areas, near the Golden Driller, livestock arenas, children's areas and entertainment.

"We want to highlight what people enjoy most about the fair and also encourage them to move into areas that they have not experienced before," she says.

Tickets to the fair cost $8-10 for an adult, $6 for children ages 5-12 and is free for children under 5 years old.

The fair's opening night is Ford Family Fun Night, where gate admission costs $1 with a coupon from a local Ford dealer. Oct. 4 is Alltech's Family Fest, with $5 gate admission.

"After fair admission is paid, fairgoers have a wide array of free activities and entertainment options available to them," says Thompson.

This includes a number of shows located on the fairgrounds, including the All Star Stunt Dogs Challenge, which has been a regular occurrence at the Tulsa State Fair for eight consecutive years; although, its total number of years at the fair is more than that, says Thompson, and it continues to draw large crowds of all ages. Performances will take place daily at noon, 4 and 7 p.m.

A new addition this year is Ma'Ceo Circus, to feature horse trick riding and aerial stunts.

The show will be located on Midway, east of the Exchange Center.

Courtesy Cooper Design

ENTERTAINMENT GALORE: *The Tulsa State Fair, Sept. 29-Oct. 9, returns this year with its many agricultural events, including livestock shows and live animal births in the birthing center, which continue to be popular draws for fairgoers as well as the rides. Pictured above is Johnna Stottlemyre from Luther Future Farmers of America, winner of Grand Champion Meat Goat in the Junior Livestock Show.*

"This will be a full circus show and the most visually exciting ground show we've had at the fair so far," says Thompson.

Performances will take place daily at 3:30, 5:30 and 7:30 p.m., starting Sept. 30. Limited shows will take place on opening night.

The Just For Kids building offers various free children's activities, such as the Make It and Take It Creative Zone, which offers a daily craft for children to make, block building and Lego construction areas, Tulsa's largest sandbox, and a miniature golf course, a new offering for this year.

"The Just For Kids building provides parents a place to come with their kids, where they can sit and rest while the kids can keep playing," she says.

Returning this year to the Just For Kids building is Little Ray's Reptile Zoo stage show and its Australian exhibit. "It's a fantastic exhibit," she continues. "It's geared toward younger children, but it's also something that parents will enjoy."

On the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Stage, on Sept. 29, is a new addition this year: the Tulsa State Fair Fashion Show, thanks to a new partnership with Clary Sage College. The show will feature entries made by Clary Sage students.

"We are always looking for new contests and ways to stay modern and relevant, and this show fits in well with our other competitive exhibits," continues Thompson.

The Oklahoma State Picking and Fiddling Championships returns Oct. 1-2, starting at 11 a.m. on both days. High energy hypnotist De'Anna the Hypnochick also returns daily Oct. 3-9, with afternoon performances.

Also new on the Muscogee (Creek) Nation stage this year is acrobatic show Flippin', with performances beginning Oct. 3.

Old Dominion opens the fair on Sept. 29 on the Oklahoma Stage, as well as American Authors, Elle King, Ashanti and others on following evenings.

The PRCA Rodeo and Concert Series takes place Oct. 7-8. Dustin Lynch will perform following the rodeo on Oct. 7 and Wade Bowen on Oct. 8. Tickets cost $40 and $35, respectively.

Included in the ticket price is admission into the fair, rodeo and concert.

Agricultural exhibits include the always popular birthing center and the Surgical Suite Surgeries both located in the Super Duty Exhibit Hall, the 4-H and Future Farmers of America competitive exhibits in the Ford Truck Arena Exhibit Hall, and the livestock shows taking place every day of the fair.

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Williams Lodge Taking Shape At Tulsa's Gathering Place

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EXPANSIVE VIEW: *A front view looking north of A Gathering Place for Tulsa's Williams Lodge.*

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PARK ENTRANCE: *A rendering of the completed Williams Lodge. The three-story stone fireplace and glass-enclosed porch can be seen in the foreground, with the lodge entrance to the left.*

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VISIBLE PROGRESS: *A side view of Williams Lodge where the entrance will sit. On the right side of the photo is the fireplace.*

Courtesy A Gathering Place for Tulsa

EYE-CATCHING STRUCTURE: *A rendering of the completed lodge with its covered porch and fireplace.*

By EMILY RAMSEY
Managing Editor

The first structure that individuals will see when entering A Gathering Place For Tulsa will be Williams Lodge. Construction on the lodge is not quite halfway complete. However, enough progress has been made at this point to create a beginning picture of what is to come.

Recently, the lodge's steel beams were installed, which provides the outline for the top level of the lodge, says Jeff Stava, executive director and trustee of Tulsa's Gathering Place, LLC. The beams will provide the support for the building's glass panes.

The lodge will sit on the back of the property, near the former location of Blair Mansion.

"The lodge will serve as the entryway, or as a welcome center, to the park," Stava says.

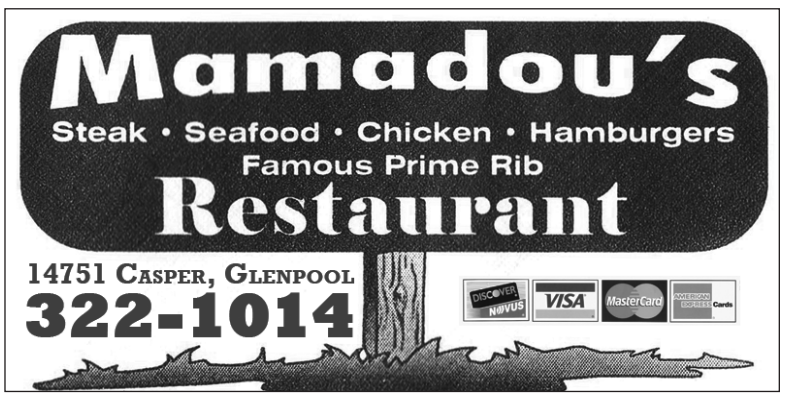
A three-story fireplace will sit on the southern end of the lodge, which will overlook Peggy's Pond and face the Arkansas River, with a two-story covered porch that will feature floor-to-ceiling glass panes. On the lower level of the covered porch area will be an ice cream shop, candy shop, gift shop and an area for equipment rentals.

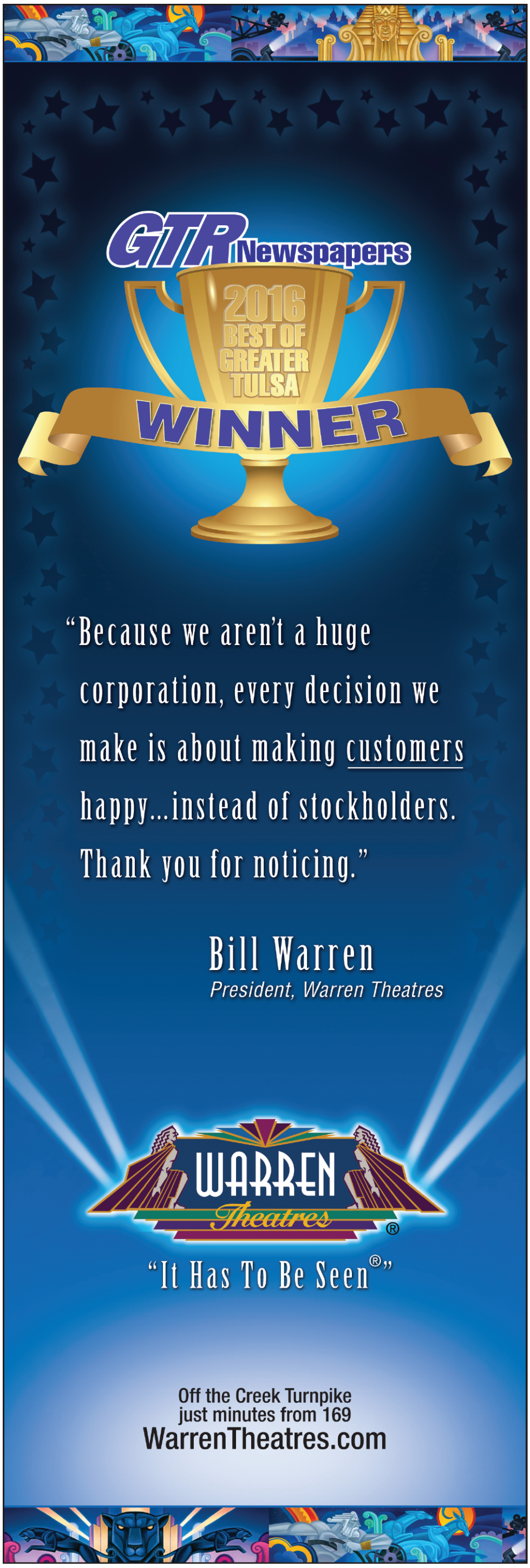
An outdoor food terrace and food kiosk will be located on the northern side of the lodge. The terrace will sit among the large trees that have been maintained on the land.

"These trees are the most beautiful and healthy that we have on the property. We want to protect them," says Stava. "Then, they will serve as a canopy over the food terrace."

Interior details of the lodge will include a wood ceiling, which Stava calls "a work of art" that will stretch from the ceiling to the fireplace and down the floor to the staircase.

"There are other architectural details that will be added that will make this a world-class building to match it to this world-class park," he says.





MARGARITAVILLE CASINO AND RESTAURANT OPENS TO PUBLIC

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HISTORIC MOMENT: *Dignitaries from the Muscogee (Creek) Nation and Greater Tulsa hold the ribbon at the historic occasion Aug. 25. Ready to cut the ribbon is Chief James Floyd.*

After breaking ground in 2013, River Spirit Casino Resort has completed the first milestone of its $365 million expansion. Margaritaville Casino and Restaurant has opened to the public. The opening also includes the new resort grand entry, valet parking under the new porte cochere, and on the expanded 3,000-space parking facility with a climate-controlled walkway.

The 30,000-square-foot convention center will open in September. The 27-story hotel tower including a luxury full service spa will open in December, The Paradise Cove theater and Ruth's Chris Steak House in January 2017 and the Landshark Bar, resort pool deck, outdoor event space, and new River Parks Trail opening in Spring 2017.

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Tulsa Global Alliance Celebrates 40 Years of Global Vision at Dinner

Supporters of the Tulsa Global Alliance celebrated its 40 years of success during a social function and dinner at the Oklahoma Jazz Hall of Fame Aug. 18. 2016 Honorees are Roy Clark, Jim Halsey and Minisa Crumbo Halsey. Honorary Founding Chairs are Rodger and Judy Randle, Marcia Heronemus-Pate and Dick Williamson.

Roy Clark is known worldwide for his performances via TV, stage, and the world's most famous music halls. Roy was a key artist and collaborator in the historic USSR tours and considers the pioneering, sold-out 1976 tour a highlight of his career. Roy was able to communicate with the Soviet people through music and a grin as only he could do and instantly broke barriers.

Jim Halsey's impact has truly been worldwide. From his Tulsa headquarters for the past 65 years, Halsey has made sure the world received ample supply of America's most loved export: its musicians and their music.

Minisa Crumbo Halsey is a Native American artist and author well known for her work in multiple media. Minisa has also been a significant U.S. citizen ambassador in times of international change. She was widely recognized for her full-size portraits of Native American peoples in the first-ever Native American Art exhibition inside the USSR in 1978 and was subsequently featured on the cover of the USSR's Soviet Life magazine.

The 40th Anniversary party also included Asian fusion cuisine and entertainment including country music duo Alaska and Madi as well as "classic meets cool" pianist Barron Ryan

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HONOREES: *Honored at the Tulsa Global Alliance 40 Year Anniversary Dinner are, from left, great Tulsans Roy Clark, Jim Halsey and Minisa Crumbo Halsey.*

Tulsa City/County Host Veterans Resource Fair

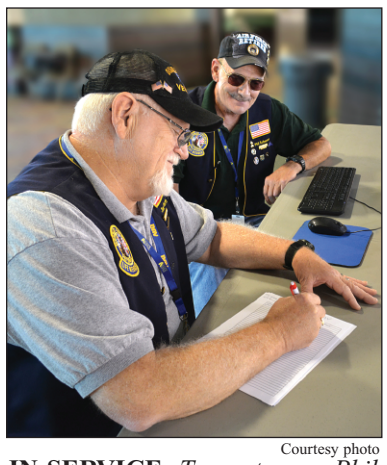
COMMENTARY

By DEWEY F. BARTLETT JR.
Mayor of Tulsa

You are all familiar with both the City of Tulsa and Tulsa County as government organizations. We pass laws, collect taxes, provide services, and other essential government functions. Just like other businesses our size, we have a duty to provide our employees with benefits and opportunities to further themselves both personally and professionally.

A significant amount of veterans are employed by both the City of Tulsa and Tulsa County. These dedicated employees selflessly served our country and sacrificed so much for our freedom. They continue serving our community today as law enforcement, fire fighters, street maintenance crews, engineers, and administrators. They bring the exceptional skills and leadership developed during their years of service to our community.

Last year, my administration formed a committee to address challenges facing our City of Tulsa employees who served in the Armed Forces. Our committee surveyed this special group, and the results showed many were not aware of the veteran service benefits available to them. To address this, the City of Tulsa and Tulsa County partnered to host our first-ever Veteran's Resource Fair for City and County employees last month.



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IN SERVICE: *Two veterans, Phil Scherman and Jim Harris, both DAV service officers, receive information about veteran benefits.*

Our goal was to provide our veterans with the opportunity to have a dialogue with the Veteran's Administration and learn more about the benefits they have earned while serving our nation. Many attendees at our Veterans Resource Fair were unaware they qualified for benefits. The highlight of the day came from a Tulsa County employee who had been waiting eight years to receive benefits and was able to meet with the VA that afternoon and work everything out.

All in all, 111 City/County veterans and their spouses talked to the DAV about the benefits process and the VA for benefits relating to National Guard/Reservists. Dr. Phillip Berry, city physician, also presented excellent information on PTSD and has since been asked to hold other city/county classes on this important subject that may still affect many of our veterans.

As Mayor, I'm extremely pleased the city and ccounty collaborated together to assist this valuable group of civil servants to receive the benefits they earned while serving our country. I also want to take this opportunity to thank Tulsa County and the City of Tulsa staff who worked hard to make this event a success. I'm so grateful this collaborative effort was beneficial for our veterans and their families and trust that next year's event can help many more.

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Jenks Mayor Discusses City's Past, Future

Kelly Dunkerley Cites Former Leaders, Quality of Life

By EMILY RAMSEY
Managing Editor

Editor's Note: Mayor of Jenks Kelly Dunkerley is one of Greater Tulsa Reporter's "10 People to Watch in 2016," as announced in its January 2016 issue. GTR was the first news group in greater Tulsa to introduce People to Watch, which launched in January 2009.

Throughout the year, GTR has published a series of articles featuring each of its "10 People to Watch," with next month's issue to feature local restaurateur and former Glenpool Mayor Momodou Ceesay.

When asked to discuss the city of Jenks and the progress it has seen and is currently experiencing, Mayor Kelly Dunkerley admits that he could talk for hours. However, before anything can be discussed, the first thing that should be done is to pay tribute to the decades of strong city leadership, he asserts.

Dunkerley, who moved to Jenks with his family in 2004, was elected mayor in April 2015. He has served on the city council since 2013. Prior to that, he served on the planning and zoning commission for two years and as Board Chairman for the Jenks Chamber of Commerce.

Dunkerley's wife is a veterinarian and faculty member at Tulsa Community College. Their daughter is a freshman at Jenks High School. Dunkerley works for for State Farm Insurance as its public affairs manager.

"We chose to move to Jenks because we felt it provided the highest quality of life and the schools are unmatched," says Dunkerley.

Regarding Jenks' past leadership, he continues, "The building blocks of where Jenks is going have been set by wise leaders decades earlier." As some examples, he references the construction of the 96th street bridge, the relocation of the sewage lagoon further south from its former location near where the Oklahoma Aquarium now resides, the construction of the Creek Turnpike, the opening of the Kimberly-Clark facility in 1990 and "an absolutely first class school system."

The city has also maintained its focus on river development for the past 15 years, he continues, with the opening of the Oklahoma Aquarium in 2002 and RiverWalk Crossing 10 years ago. With the opening of FlyingTee in June, businesses have joined RiverWalk Crossing in the past months with more businesses on their way, including Andolini's Pizzeria and Maryn's Taphouse and Raw Bar.

Add to that the opening of Margaritaville in August, and additional development is sure to follow on both the Jenks and Tulsa sides of the river, says Dunkerley.

Most recently, residents approved the passage of the Vision package that includes construction of two low-water dams in the Arkansas River, one of those to be constructed south of the 96th street bridge, which spans between Tulsa and Jenks.

"It's a huge commitment on the part of our residents to keep saying yes to the river," he says.

Included in the Vision package is additional bike trails in Jenks that will connect with Tulsa's trail system, with Jenks and Tulsa leaders' eventual goal of seeing that trail system connect all the way to Turkey Mountain.

The city is also seeing new commercial projects throughout its city limits, including in the four areas where it created TIF (Tax Increment Financing) districts: south of the Creek Turnpike where Simon Premium Outlets is expected to open in early 2018; Village on Main, where Thrive apartments are currently under construction; at Main Street and Highway 75, where the nearly completed headquarters of Gateway Mortgage will sit plus a commercial center with shopping and a hotel; and a commercial development on the north side of 121st street, west of Highway 75.

"Our city needs sales tax, which is our only revenue stream to foster a high quality of life," says Dunkerley. "The outlet mall has the potential to double our city budget in the future."

Not only that, but as the mall is built, Dunkerley expects to see increased interest in the nearly 200 acres of land around the mall and along the Arkansas River, opening the door for further river development.

"As hard as Jenks has worked to make our city attractive for quality development, it's often even more difficult to maintain a high level of excellence, and I'm proud we've been able to meet that challenge," he says.

Yet, in addition to the new construction projects, Jenks leaders remain loyal to the city's history, specifically its downtown area.

Using excess Vision 2025 funds, the city of Jenks is creating a downtown park on A Street between Second and Third streets, thanks to its partnership with Jenks Public Schools, which owns the property. The green space will include a performance stage and public restrooms.

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: *Mayor of Jenks Kelly Dunkerley stands on the Jenks pedestrian bridge, overlooking RiverWalk Crossing and FlyingTee, which opened in June. In addition to RiverWalk, which is currently experiencing an influx of new businesses, there is a long list of economic development and quality-of-life projects taking place throughout the city.*

"We are committed to being a walkable city, with trails and through place-making," he says.

To further foster that idea, sidewalks are being added downtown that connect individuals to the park, and alleyways are being improved to provide more "pleasurable walking areas," Dunkerley says, specifically the east-west sidewalk adjacent to the Hive, a community arts incubator, and the east-west alley that lies north of Main Street between Second and Third streets.

The areas are being rehabilitated to offer additional parking and seating, turning them from alleys into sidewalks, an idea that city officials saw implemented during intercity visits.

The city is also expanding its main trail in the south part of the city in order to connect it to downtown.

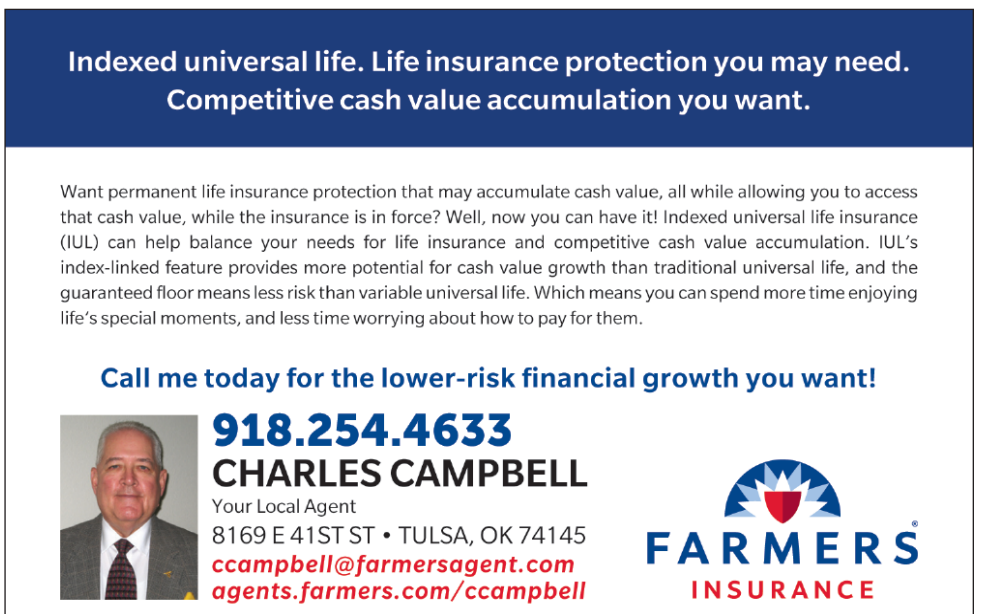
As the city continues to see development, Dunkerley makes it clear that this was no accident but, rather, a plan of action that community leaders have methodically implemented.

"With the success of the Jenks school district, we had to think outside of the box to bring economic development to the city," he says.

"First, we focused on building high quality neighborhoods, because our school system was drawing families to the city. As we've accomplished that goal, we then focused on core infrastructure improvements and establishing a business friendly environment with incentives such as TIF districts to attract high quality economic development.

"With the Arkansas River, Simon Premium Outlets and our downtown, we are making Jenks a point of destination," says Dunkerley.

That vision, it appears, is nearing fulfillment now more than ever before.



EDUCATION

TCC, Lobeck Foundation Name StartUp Winner

Spring Noodles Wins $2,500

The Tulsa StartUp Series named Spring Noodles the winner of the Food/Retail Live Pitch Series held July 20 at 36 Degrees North. Spring Noodles is a healthy alternative for quick service restaurants with an Asian style noodle bar.

Cecilia Wessinger of Spring Noodles received a $2,500 cash prize to advance her restaurant concept, a three-month membership to 36 Degrees North, a spot in the Venture Assessment Program at i2E and a mentor who will be available to meet weekly for at least three months. Spring Noodles was one of six finalists in the Food/Retail Pitch Series to advance to the live pitch round. Other finalists were Foodie Foot Tours, Jared's ProPops, M&R Craft Salsa Company, Paleo D'Lites, and The Pop House.

"The Food/Retail series marks the fourth of five monthly pitch competitions, and we continue to see the support for startups expanding in Tulsa and are glad to be part of that community," Autumn Worten, Tulsa Startup Series chair says. "We had six strong competitors, sharing their passion and love of Tulsa through their business ideas."

The Tulsa StartUp Series, powered by Tulsa Community College and the Lobeck Taylor Family Foundation, focuses on delivering resources and mentoring opportunities to entrepreneurs.

"Companies like Spring Noodles are exactly why the Lobeck Taylor Family Foundation felt so strongly about funding programs like Kitchen 66 and Tulsa StartUp Series," Elizabeth Frame Ellison, Lobeck Taylor Family Foundation board member, says. "These food entrepreneurs have very creative, viable businesses. By doubling our efforts and funding multiple programs that support Tulsa's entrepreneurs, we're able to help these worthy startups take that passion to the next level through added exposure and capital."

The next monthly pitch competition is Wild Card - open to anyone with any idea. Submissions opened Aug. 3 for the Tulsa StartUp Series Wild Card Pitch Series and submissions open for Demo Day on Sept. 22. The Tulsa StartUp Series features pitch competitions categorized by business segment and culminates with Demo Day during Global Entrepreneurship Week in November. The five Pitch Series winners get an automatic bid to compete at Demo Day, where the winner receives $15,000, a year-long membership to 36 Degrees North and a dedicated mentor.

TCC and LTFF have supported entrepreneurial innovation, growth and creativity since 2007 when the competition began as the Tulsa Entrepreneurial Spirit Award by former Mayor Kathy Taylor. The competition later adapted to the TCC StartUp Cup Powered by the Lobeck Taylor Family Foundation. This year, the competition reinvented itself to the Tulsa StartUp Series to meet the needs of local entrepreneurs. In total, Tulsa's original startup competition has generated more than 2,300 full-time, part-time, and contract jobs and a total economic impact for Tulsa of more than $57.7 million.

You can learn more about the Tulsa StartUp Series at www.tulsastartupseries.com, including instructions for submitting video pitches and competition rules.

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GOOD START: *Spring Noodles won the $2,500 prize during the Tulsa StartUp Series Food/Retail round. This is a photo of Cecilia Wessinger, owner of Spring Noodles, signing the $2,500 check.*

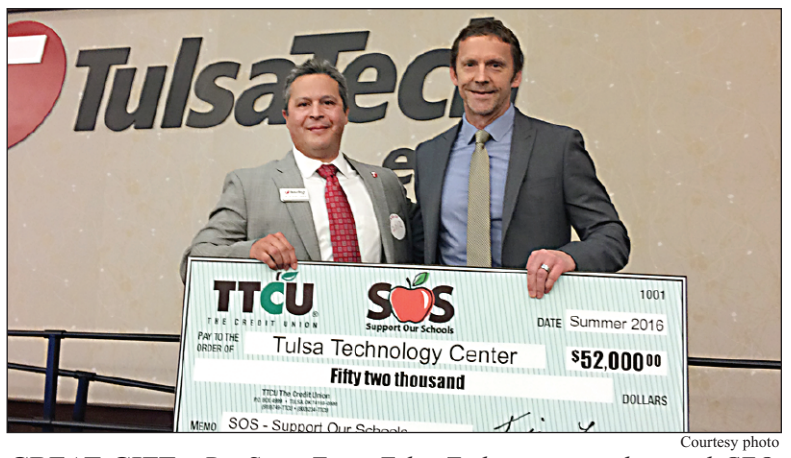
TTCU The Credit Union Presents $52,000 Donation to Tulsa Tech

TTCU The Credit Union recently presented a $52,000 donation to Tulsa Tech. The gift was the culmination of TTCU's SOS – Support Our Schools challenge campaign and School Pride program.

TTCU initiated the SOS - Support Our Schools campaign to help area schools cope with state funding shortfalls. TTCU donated $1 million to area schools, and urged other businesses, organizations and communities to join them to raise matching funds.

The School Pride program allows TTCU members to choose among more than 50 school card designs as the debit card for their TTCU checking account. Along with showing school spirit for area schools, each time the card is swiped to make a purchase, TTCU makes a donation to the school featured on the card. Since inception, the program has donated more than a half million dollars to schools.

"TTCU has been serving schools for more than 80 years. We were concerned about how the education funding crisis was impacting schools, and we wanted to do something about it," says Tim Lyons, CEO and president of TTCU. "We're grateful to be able help."



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GREAT GIFT: *Dr. Steve Tiger, Tulsa Tech superintendent and CEO, accepts a donation from Shelby Beil, TTCU chief financial officer. The donation was the culmination of the credit union's SOS - Support Our Schools challenge campaign and School Pride program.*

About TTCU The Credit Union

TTCU is the largest state-chartered credit union in Oklahoma with sixteen branches; five in Tulsa, two in Broken Arrow and Tahlequah, one each in Bixby, Jenks, Claremore, Miami, Muskogee, Owasso and Sapulpa. Established in 1934, TTCU The Credit Union, is a $1.6 billion credit union serving more than 120,000 members who are educationally affiliated, including students and their families as well as hundreds of Select Employee Groups in NE Oklahoma with a full complement of depository, lending and financial advisory services. TTCU is federally insured by the NCUA.

Eastern Honors Owasso Graduate

Mykaela Jones and Zach Fowler recently received the Larry Stone Award for their overall contributions, teamwork and citizenship as athletes at Eastern Oklahoma State College. The award is named after the late Larry Stone who played football and baseball at Eastern in the early 1960s. Presenting the award are Stone's siblings Sherri Stone Frederick, far left, and Terry Stone, second from right, and Eastern alumnus and former teammate Dr. Henry Migliore,far right.

Jones of Owasso also graduated on May 6 with a degree in life science. She also earned the Southwestern Bell Telephone Endowed Scholarship in 2014 and 2015. She was named to the President's Honor Roll for fall 2015, and was invited to join the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society in 2015. Jones played in Eastern's first-ever soccer game in the fall 2015. During her time on the team, she played in 38 games and was a starter in 37. As a sophomore, she served as team captain. Aside from her academic and athletic achievements, she was also involved other extracurricular activities such as Eastern's Trunk-or-Treat, Regional Science and Engineering Fair, and was an active member in the Math and Science Club. She graduated this spring with a 3.95 GPA and plans to continue her education and become a pharmacist.

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MYKAELA JONES HONORED

Former Student Sees Full Circle of Success

News from Tulsa Tech

By DR. STEVE TIGER
Superintendent

For over 50 years, the state's oldest and largest CareerTech institution has provided quality technical education to thousands of high school and adult students. Each day, Tulsa Tech helps students make their own path and begin their individual journey toward a successful career.

One student Kneisha Jones began her journey back in the mid-1980s.

"I attended Tulsa Tech my junior year of high school," Jones says. "I still remember how excited I was when I found out that I had been accepted into the Computer Technology program."

From the start, this 1986 graduate of Tulsa Memorial High School noticed a difference between the program and her regular high school classes.

"Tech was different than my high school classes; it made me feel independent," Jones says. "We were treated like adults, and our classroom was set up like a real office environment. I really looked forward to jumping on the bus and coming to my class each day."

By today's standards, the curriculum for the program may seem dated. However, as Jones is quick to say, many of the skills she learned were invaluable.

"We learned DOS, if anyone remembers that," she chuckles. "We were also taught core office skills, like typing and ten-key. We had to achieve so many words-per-minute, and if you didn't make it, then you kept trying until you did. Not only did I learn how to type fast and accurately, but many of the skills I learned in that program still serve me well today."

Before she began her current career in office support, this wife and mother of two had worked as a pharmacy technician for Saint Francis Health Center, a substitute teacher for Tulsa Public Schools, and she still helps to manage a family-owned barber shop.

"Although I've had the privilege of working in several different careers, I find office work the most rewarding," she says. "I'm definitely a numbers person, and I really enjoy getting to work with information and numbers each day."

Jones is currently the Senior Office Support Specialist for the Instructional Services Department at Tulsa Tech.

"My duties include supporting our instructional coordinators, who work with our instructors and help develop, modify and keep our curriculum up to date," says Jones. "The various applications I use each day include Microsoft Word, Excel, a scheduling software, and an application we use to process purchase orders and travel reimbursements."

Although her DOS skills might be a little rusty, Jones still gives credit to her former instructor, Nancy O'Hara, for all of the business knowledge she shared with each of her students. Important skills that weren't necessarily listed in the program curriculum.

"I am truly grateful when I think back to how much I was able to learn from Mrs. O'Hara," Jones says. "Everything from office skills to how to interview for a job, how to look a person in the eye, and use a firm handshake, these are all skills that I learned at Tulsa Tech."

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COMPUTER SKILLS: *Tulsa Tech's Senior Office Support Specialist for Instructional Services Kneisha Jones sits at her office desk. Jones is a former student in Tulsa Tech's Computer Technology program.*

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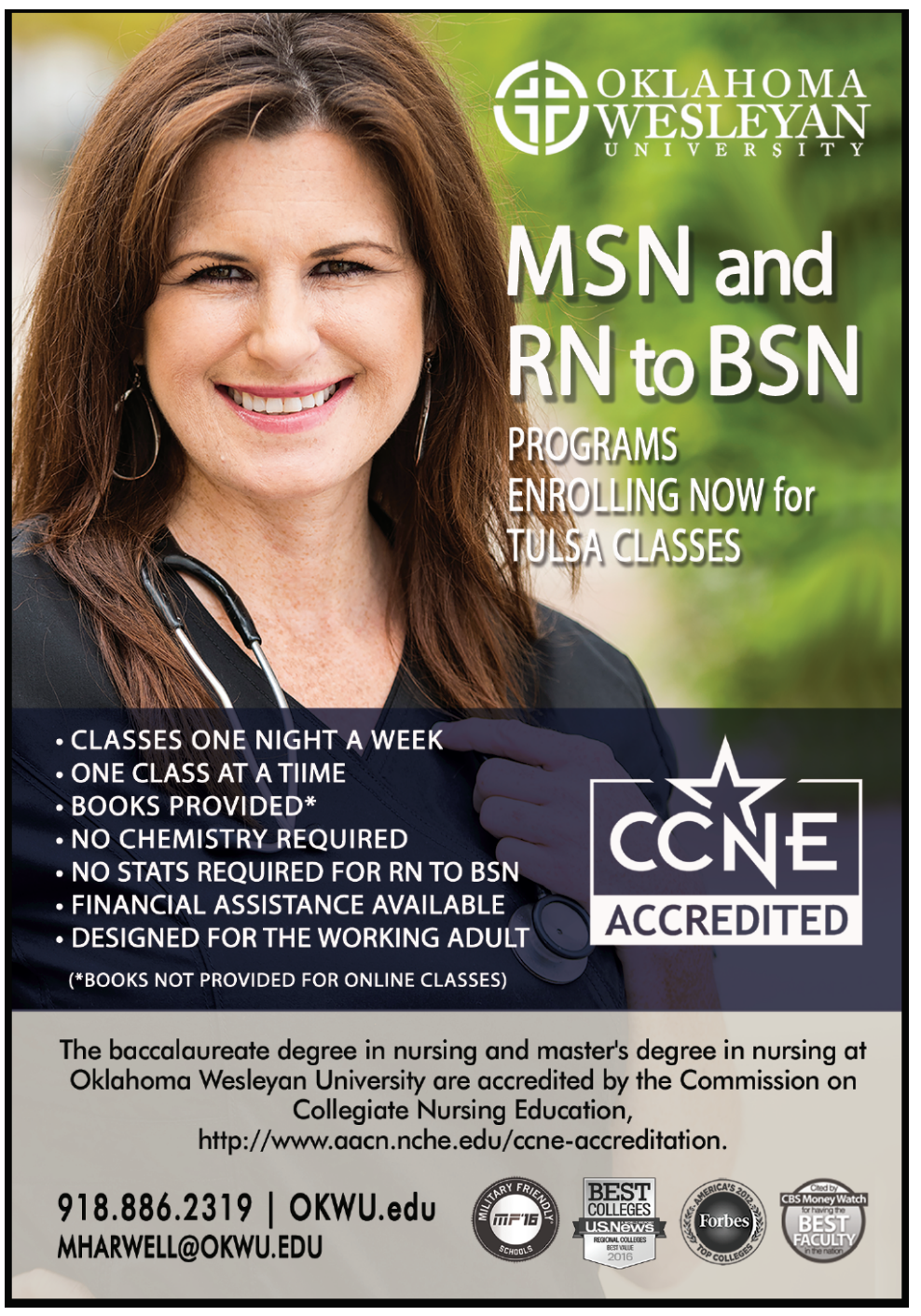

BROKEN ARROW EDUCATION

BAHS Junior Benefits Vandever Students

By EMILY RAMSEY
Managing Editor

In August, Broken Arrow High School junior Andrew Singletary used his Eagle Scout project to impact wheelchair-bound students at Vandever Elementary.

Singletary, who was diagnosed with autism at age three, began as a Cub Scout in first grade. Recently, he had been looking for a community project that would help him earn his Eagle Scout rank.

So, before school started, Singletary, with help from his Scout troop 977, constructed a wheelchair ramp in Vandever's garden, which sits in an open-air atrium in the center of the school.

After Vandever teachers and administrators created the school's garden about four years ago, they knew that they would need to install a wheelchair ramp.

According to special education teacher Tobey Bullington, all BAPS elementary students who are in wheelchairs attend Vandever.

"Andrew wanted to do something to help the students with disabilities," says Bullington.

The garden will include two flowerbeds that can be accessed by the ramp, with one bed raised to allow for easy access for wheelchair-bound students, explains Bullington. One of the flowerbeds will feature flowers of different textures and scents to allow for sensory stimulation.

"Research shows that nature helps special needs individuals regulate," she continues. "When they are having an episode, they can go into the garden, and it will help them to calm down."

Singletary also built a bench in the garden.

"I want to help students so they can gain experience in the garden and learn to garden with their own hands," says Singletary.

Also assisting Singletary on the project were his family, Vandever teachers and Crossland Construction.

In addition to flowers, the garden also contains fruit and vegetable plants and is used as an outdoor classroom and as a teaching area for garden club members.

The school's garden club is beginning its second year. For its first year, the club had 100 students participating.

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GARDEN ACCESSIBILITY: *Andrew Singletary, a junior at Broken Arrow High School, used his Eagle Scout project to bring greater accessibility to wheelchair-bound students at Vandever Elementary. In August, Singletary and other volunteers constructed a wheelchair ramp in the school's outdoor garden.*

B.A. Teacher Attends Williamsburg Institute

Twenty-seven Oklahoma teachers, including Ashley Weston from Broken Arrow's Liberty Elementary School, walked in the footsteps of America's patriots and British colonists during the Colonial Williamsburg Teacher Institute in Early American History, held over the summer in the restored capital city of 18th-century Virginia.

The Oklahoma Foundation for Excellence selected the teachers to receive all-expense paid trips to the summer institute in Williamsburg, Virginia, as well as $300 stipends for classroom materials. In addition, participants receive access to Colonial Williamsburg Hero, an online, on-demand multimedia library, which combines Internet activities and videos to help bring the Colonial Williamsburg experience to life in the classroom.

This marks the 24th year that the Oklahoma Foundation for Excellence has coordinated Oklahoma's participation in the Colonial Williamsburg Teacher Institute. Oklahoma is second in the nation, following California, in the number of teacher institute participants, with more than 800 graduates.

While at Colonial Williamsburg, teachers met character interpreters of 18th-century people and were immersed in early American history through hands-on activities and reenactments of historic events.

The Colonial Williamsburg Teacher Institute provides participants with interactive teaching techniques and skills to become mentor teachers who can assist their peers and other educators to develop active learning classrooms and make history exciting for their students.

Oklahoma's teacher institute program was founded and supported through the fundraising efforts of the late Oklahoma City businessman Edward C. Joullian III.

The Oklahoma Foundation for Excellence is a statewide nonprofit organization dedicated to recognizing and encouraging academic excellence in Oklahoma's public schools. In addition to its Colonial Williamsburg programs, the foundation sponsors an academic awards program, provides training and resources for new and established public school foundations, administers grants to teachers for professional development, and coordinates a statewide youth mentoring initiative.

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18TH-CENTURY LIFE: *Ashley Weston, fifth-grade teacher at Liberty Elementary School, tries on colonial American period clothing during her summer visit to the Colonial Williamsburg Teacher Institute, along with 26 other Oklahoma teachers.*

B.A. SPORTS

Carder Key Anchors B.A. Tiger Defense

By MIKE MOGUIN
Sports Writer

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CARDER KEY

Part of the reason Broken Arrow made the Class 6AI state title game last year was due to the performance of Carder Key on defense.

Key, a 6-2, 215-pound senior linebacker, forced 72 tackles, including four sacks, helping the Tigers to a district championship. He is now considered as one of the top players in the area at his position.

"I think it's a lot of blood, sweat and tears to get to this point," says Key, who has been starting since his sophomore year. "You come in every day with a chip on your shoulder ready to work.

"I see things a lot easier now because I know where things are going to happen before they happen," Key says. "Every year, I'm getting bigger, stronger and faster. It's a lot of fun playing with new speed, new strength and being able to do a lot of different things."

The top highlight for Broken Arrow in the 2015 season was an upset of Jenks, whom it eventually lost to in the state championship. B.A. was a one-point victor (35-34) in a high-scoring battle against the Trojans in their regular season matchup but lost to them by 21 points (35-14) in the title game. That has carried over through the offseason and the Tigers would like nothing more than to get back to that place in the final.

"You come that close and you get everything you ever wanted taken away from you," Key says. "It burns a little bit. Everybody has a chip on their shoulder and is ready to come out and prove something again this year. Everybody is counting us out, but I don't think any of us feel like we have any disadvantage or any reason why we shouldn't go back to the state championship game this year."

Broken Arrow opened the season on the road down in Texas, playing Euless Trinity, back on Aug. 26, in what has become known as zero week. That meant less time for preparation.

"It's a great opportunity to go down to Texas and show them what Oklahoma football is all about," Key says less than two weeks before the game.

"This year, (preseason practices) is a lot different because everything is compacted. We got to squeeze everything we can out of every practice because we don't have the extra week," Key says. "We got it coming up quick. We got five practices of pads before we suit up against Euless. Everybody is trying to squeeze everything they can in every practice, trying to get the most they can."

Overall, seven starters are back for the Broken Arrow defense. Key is one of two starting linebackers who are back. Skyler Haynes (6-1, 200, senior) is the other. Both will be used in a 4-3 scheme.

Tucker Dunlap (5-11, 180, junior) and C. J. Myers (5-10, 156, senior) return to the secondary. Trenton Lieurance (6-0, 275, senior) is expected to help on the defensive line. New starters will occupy the rest of the lineup.

Cade Yeager (6-1, 195, senior, quarterback), Corben Chambers (5-7, 155, junior, running back), Noah Cortes (5-10, 195, senior) and Devin Clayton (6-2, 215, junior, tight end) are among those back on offense. Blake Batson (6-3, 235, senior) is expected to anchor the line.

"We're young, we're going to learn, and we're going to keep getting better and better, and that's an advantage for us," Key says. "Teams will peak early, but we're going to peak when we're supposed to late in the season, and it will help us out.

After the opener at Euless Trinity in Texas, B.A. will play at Union (Sept. 2), then will have its home opener against Owasso (Sept. 9). After an off-week, the Tigers remain at home to begin District 6AI-1 play against Yukon (Sept. 23), followed by a trip to Jenks (Sept. 30) to close out both the month and the first half of the regular season.

"It's about getting thrown into the fire," Key says. "You're either going to react or you're going to not. Coming from B.A., you're going to have to perform. You don't want to get embarrassed. So (the schedule) brings guys to come out and play with everything they can. We proved last year by beating Jenks in the regular season that we can definitely compete with them, and we're going to show Union that this year."

B.A. Golfer Finishes 2nd

Tate Williamson of Broken Arrow walked all six rounds in three hot days of the Oklahoma Golf Association State Amateur Championship, and it seemed to be taking its toll at the midway point of his championship match against Quade Cummins of Weatherford.

A series of loose shots led to bogeys on holes nine and 10, putting him three down to the redshirt freshman at the University of Oklahoma, who was zipping around in a cart like most of the competitors in what began as a 64-man field at Oklahoma City Golf and Country Club.

All it took, however, was a 35-foot birdie putt from just off the green at the par-3 11th, and the rising senior at Northeastern State University was reenergized. Two holes later, he pulled off a miraculous punch shot from under a tree from 150 yards to two feet for another birdie at the par-5 13th, then birdied two of the next three as well.

The furious rally fell just short, however, as Cummins capped Williamson's birdie on the 14th hole with one of his own, then, leading by one after Williamson birdied 16, stuffed his approach

"I wasn't striking the ball the greatest, but my putter saved me all day," says Williamson,

Courtesy Oklahoma Golf
TATE WILLIAMSON AND QUADE CUMMINS

who works at Forest Ridge Golf Club in Broken Arrow and finished in the top 20 of all 10 events he competed in for NSU as a junior. "The greens here are in great shape and roll true, which helped a lot. Quade played really well in the finals. I'd have liked to have won, but it was a great match."

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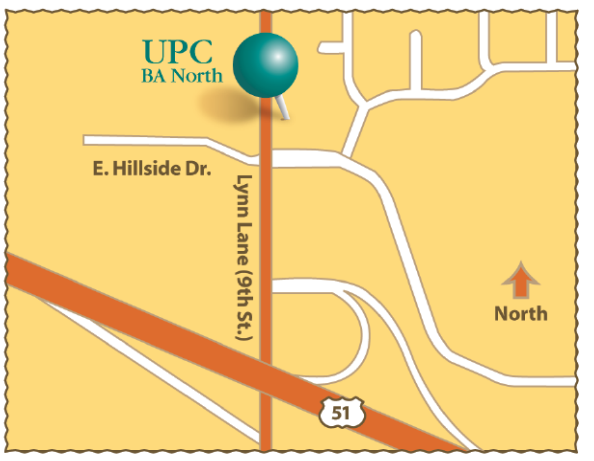

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SPORTS

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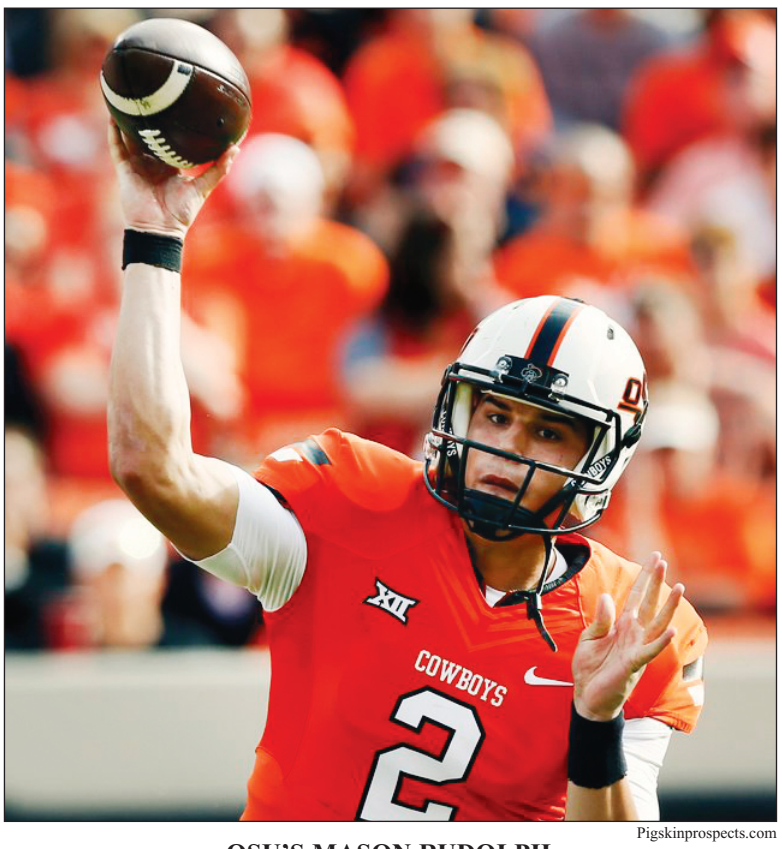
Big Three Teams Tout Great QB's

By TERRELL LESTER
Editor at Large



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OSU'S MASON RUDOLPH

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OU'S BAKER MAYFIELD

Few words in any Oklahoman's conversational vocabulary can move the emotional needle more swiftly than "kickoff."

The mere utterance of the word conjures up vivid visions of bountiful tailgating, splendid autumn afternoons and high-definition televisions and jumbotrons.

It could be that "kickoff" is actually Oklahoma's fifth season.

Some might make a case for "kickoff" being Oklahoma's first season.

Smack in between the summer solstice and the winter solstice resides the football solstice, a period when the sun shines brightest on every gridiron in Oklahoma.

The football solstice is just a flip of a calendar page away. If it's September, it must be time for kickoff.

Football has been a vital part of Oklahoma's history, going back more than a decade before statehood and just a few years after the Land Run.

As Oklahoma has matured and prospered, football, too, has developed and evolved, becoming the state's most passionate pastime, the state's foremost source of energy.

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High schools across the state will generally launch their seasons on the first Friday of September.

On the first Saturday of September, state-wide attention will turn to the three universities playing at the highest level of competition: The NCAA Division I Football Bowl Subdivision. All three played in post-season bowl games in 2015.

Here is a capsulized look at the 2016 season for those three programs.

University of Tulsa Golden Hurricane

The second season under head coach Philip Montgomery kicks off at home with San Jose State (6 p.m., H.A. Chapman Stadium). He guided the Golden Hurricane to the Independence Bowl in 2015, finishing with a 6-7 record.

Senior quarterback Dane Evans returns, bolstered by a breakout performance last season (25 TD passes, 4,000-plus yards). He was at the controls of a high-octane, hurry-up offense that put up 34 or more points in 11 of TU's 13 games.

In the backfield, he will be complemented by running back D'Angelo Brewer while Keevan Lucas and Josh Atkinson lead the receiving corps.

With six wins in Montgomery's debut season, TU surpassed its total of victories (five) from the previous two years combined.

TU traces its football history to its origins as Henry Kendall College and its first game in 1895.

In the second week of the 2016 season, TU will experience football at its highest historical level. On Sept. 10, the Golden Hurricane will travel to Columbus, Ohio, and the home of Ohio State University. The game will be played in 94-year-old Ohio Stadium, with a seating capacity of 104,944.

Considering Ohio State's recent success and solid, loyal fan base, it is likely the game could draw a sellout crowd, or close. Regardless, the largest crowd ever to see a Golden Hurricane team play football was 85,260 at the University of Oklahoma's Memorial Stadium in 2011.

As the regular season ends on Nov. 25, TU will have played six home games. Perhaps TU's most attractive American Athletic Conference game, with league favorite Houston, is on the road.

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OU, OSU, TU Plan to Return to Bowls in 2016

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University of Oklahoma Sooners

Expectations of OU football seem to always run in the hyperbolic range.

The Sooners as a team, and the Sooners as a fan base, expect to be in the hunt every season for a national championship, or, at the least, a conference championship.

Last season, the 17th under head coach Bob Stoops, OU won the Big 12 Conference title en route to a spot in the national semifinals and an 11-2 record.

With quarterback Baker Mayfield and running back Samaje Perine headlining a nationally ranked offense, the Sooners have their sights set on being once again in the national championship picture.

But to reach that level, the Sooners must navigate through a schedule that includes the season-opener at Houston, a home game with Ohio State and the annual Red River Rivalry with Texas in Dallas.

That represents one of the most anticipated schedules OU has approached since it first kicked off a football season in 1895. It was another five years, 1900, before OU and Texas met on the gridiron for the first time, and nine years, 1904, before OU first took on in-state rival Oklahoma A&M.

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TULSA'S DANE EVANS

Since that time, OU's football fortunes have soared. In the two decades following World War II, the fervor connected with OU's success began to be viewed as outright devotional, if not pious.

OU's six-game home schedule concludes with the annual Bedlam game with Oklahoma State on Dec. 3.

The Sooners have been installed as favorites to repeat as Big 12 Conference champs. Much will depend on a defense that graduated an experienced core.

The aforementioned "expectations" involving the Sooners include appearing in another bowl under Stoops. He has not failed to play in the post-season since his arrival in Norman in 1999.

Oklahoma State Cowboys

Mike Gundy, alum and quarterback record-setter, is kicking off his 12th season as head coach. He has put the Cowboys in 10 straight post-season bowls.

Coming off a 10-3 season in which Mason Rudolph emerged as a game-changing quarterback, the Cowboys can get off to a rollicking start with three consecutive home games.

If they can put together a run from the outset, they might be able to withstand a closing schedule that finds the Cowboys on the road for four of their last six games.

Gundy has enjoyed quite a run at the helm of his alma mater, and now sits as the winningest coach in school history, a span that began in 1901.

To extend that success, Gundy is looking at Rudolph operating behind an offensive line that returns intact. Additionally, Rudolph has four receivers who averaged 11 catches per game last year.

There always is talk of outstanding running backs at OSU. The new talk this year focuses on an old name.

Barry Sanders Jr. has transferred in from Stanford, upon his graduation.

The son of OSU's lone Heisman Trophy winner, he will command much of the offensive spotlight as a complement to Rudolph's passing game.

The Cowboys kick off their season with Southeastern Louisiana on Sept. 3 and close things out on Dec. 3 at Oklahoma.

Bedlam can be expected to be one of the spotlight games on the OSU schedule.

A year ago, in Stillwater, the Cowboys dropped a 58-23 decision, but in the previous three meetings, the game was decided in the final seconds.

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Jason Christie Prepares for Second Oilers Season

By GLENN HIBDON
GTR Sports Writer

Tulsa coach Jason Christie is sweating it out as he prepares for his second season with the Oilers.

"It's hot, eh?" says Christie, a 47-year-old Canadian. "It's been hot this whole month. I spent the last four years with a dry heat in California, but coming here it's really humid. The humidity down here is worse than the six years I spent in Illinois.

"This is one of the hottest places I've been to."

After finishing one point out of the ECHL playoffs a year ago in Christie's maiden voyage, the Oilers open training camp on Oct. 3 in preparation for what could be a banner season. Christie came to town a year ago with little time to recruit. After building his team from the ground up over a long, hot summer, expectations now call for the veteran coach to match his glowing credentials.

Christie became the ECHL's all-time winningest coach last season and arrived in Tulsa with 40 victories in eight of 13 seasons as a head coach. He had made the playoffs in 11 of those 13 campaigns and has compiled a 557-334-110 career record. Such impressive marks lead to high hopes for Oilers fans.

"This is the crazy time of year, and that makes it fun," Christie says of his recruiting efforts. "We have a good corps of guys coming back, and we're in kind of a building process.

"Last year we were right in the thick of things and were battling for second place, six points out of first, but we lost a lot of players at the end of the year. We lost nine toward the end, but that's why they are at this level. We're here to develop players and they all want to go up. You can't stop a kid from going up."

The Oilers appeared to be on the threshold of clinching a playoff spot when the Winnipeg Jets, their NHL affiliate, raided their roster and gutted much of the offense. Emerson Clark was leading the team in scoring when he was called up by the Chicago Wolves of the AHL and finished his season there. Clark is still with the Wolves heading into camp, but Christie wants him back if he doesn't stick there.

"It was a big blow losing him to the Wolves last year," says Christie. "It was an unusual situation (with the Winnipeg organization) because of their injury situation. They usually don't have that many, and it was weird. It was only the second time it's happened to me in my coaching career."

Christie says he doesn't blame the system for draining his best offensive players. It's simply the nature of the beast.

"Every kid has a different avenue in their careers and some have to start in the ECHL," he says. "Last season, I had four goalies on opening-day NHL rosters who played for me. That's how close it is. It's like baseball. Some kids have to go the extra mile to prove they can play. It's not fair to a kid to come down here and work his tail off and not get rewarded. It's like any business. Everybody wants to move up."

Sometimes they return. Dan DeSalvo finished last year as the Oilers' leading scorer and has already signed for the 2016-17 season. Dennis Brown, the team defensive MVP a year ago, has also inked along with rookie Ben Murphy. Other signees had not been announced as of mid-August.

DeSalvo collected 16 goals and 35 assists and made the All-ECHL Rookie Team before being called up by the Manitoba Moose on March 9. Brown amassed 35 points, 17th in the league among D-men, while Murphy joined the Oilers for the final 10 games of the season.

"Danny had a great year and Dennis had a breakout year for himself," Christie says. "They are two folks we wanted to come back and build around. DeSalvo never wants to be outworked, and he's relentless and full of energy. He knows where he is on the ice, and his determination puts him over the top.

"Brown is a skilled player with a good head on his shoulders for the game. He sees the rink well, and he's a guy who absorbs things when you talk to him. He wants to get better every day. Murphy scored some big goals at the end of the year and can shoot the puck well. It was a good summer for him in getting quicker and quicker at the pro level."

With the Oilers retaining his rights, goalie Kevin Carr is also expected back in camp, but Christie says Winnipeg is sending the team a goalie to inspect. Carr has been the mainstay between the pipes for Tulsa the last two seasons. In 97 games played, Carr has a 51-37-6 record with 2,483 saves in 5,631 minutes and a .912 save percentage.

HEAD COACH JASON CHRISTIE: *Bringing heat to the ice.*

Christie inherited Carr after he was announced as the Oilers' 11th head coach on July 23, 2015. He told a source that arriving so late in the recruiting process did hinder his preparation for the season. He says the team was a young one, but he didn't complain about the club's production on ice. This time, familiar faces should dot his roster.

"With the players we've got coming back this year, it's exciting for me. I've gotten to know a little bit of their identity and that makes it easier with a year under our belt," Christie says. "Our goal is getting better every day, from our organization on down. We want to be the elite organization in the league. We don't want to get stale.

"Starting late last year doesn't matter to me. I've done it before and made the playoffs. There are no excuses in hockey."

If the Oilers do reach postseason play in 2016-17, they will take a different route than last year. The ECHL has realigned its divisions ,and Tulsa will play in the Central Division along with Kalamazoo, Toledo. Fort Wayne, Quad City, Indianapolis and Wichita. Gone are long-time nemeses Allen and Missouri.

"I think we've a good balance in the league. Geez, it wasn't like we couldn't beat them," Christie says of Allen and Missouri. "We didn't have a problem with them, and we played them a ton.

"We'll just keep recruiting and see what guys are on the short list of American League teams. We'll see what guys aren't going to make it. I thought we had a good season last year until the end. We are by all means not satisfied with just making the playoffs.

"We like winning hockey games and losing doesn't sit well. We don't take it lightly. For sure, we expect bigger and better things."

In any event, the heat is still on for Christie and his Oilers when the season opens on Oct. 15.

Seating, Sponsor Tables Available For Oklahoma Golf Hall of Fame

A limited number of sponsor tables and individual seating are still available for the upcoming 2016 Oklahoma Golf Hall of Fame induction reception and dinner at 6 p.m. Sept. 18 at Southern Hills Country Club.

The 2016 Class, announced in April, consists of Tommy Bolt, Nancy Lopez, Labron Harris Sr., Jerry Cozby and, in a Contributors to the Game category, W.K. Warren Sr. and W.K. Warren Jr.

For information or to reserve a seat or table, go to www.oklahomagolfhof.org or call 918-280-0787.

In addition to the recipients, the Hall of Fame executive board will award scholarship recipients, including Class 5A state champion David Trimble, who will be attending the University of Oklahoma, and Hadley Walters of Edmond, who will be attending Oklahoma State University.

Senior Games Registration Underway

Registration for the Oklahoma Senior Games competition, for athletes 50 and over, is underway through Sept. 2. The events will be held at locations around the greater Tulsa and Oklahoma City areas mid-September through mid-October and is a qualification for the2017 National Senior Games to be played June 2-15, 2017, in Birmingham, Alabama.

The games are said to be a great way to meet friends, make new friends or just to have fun. Sports include 10K, 20K, 40K Cycling, Archery, Badminton, Basketball, Bowling, Golf Croquet, Golf, Horseshoes, Pickleball,1500M Race Walk, Racquetball, 5K-10K Road Race, Shuffleboard, Swimming, Table Tennis, Tennis and Track and Field. Visit www.OkSeniorGames.com to register.

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Utica Park Clinic (UPC) proudly announces the appointment of three medical providers, Heidi Dawson, PA-C, Timmeni Stevens, D.O., and Candice Earp, APRN-CNP. UPC, a service of Hillcrest HealthCare System, is one of the largest physician groups in Oklahoma, offering over 200 primary and specialty care providers who practice in over 50 clinics throughout northeastern Oklahoma.

HEIDI DAWSON, PA-C,
Hillcrest Hospital South

Heidi Dawson, PA-C, a family medicine physician's assistant, has joined Utica Park Clinic's (UPC) practice on the Hillcrest Hospital South campus in Tulsa.

Dawson has practiced family medicine in Oklahoma since 2006 and she is passionate about healthy, active living. Prior to joining Utica Park Clinic, she cared for patients at Muscogee (Creek) Nation Health System in Okemah and Sapulpa for 10 years.

Dawson earned her Bachelor of Science at Skidmore College in Saratoga Springs, New York in 2003. She then completed her Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies at the Arizona School of Health Sciences in 2005.

She is a member of the Oklahoma Academy of Physician Assistants and the American Academy of Physician Assistants. Her personal interests include dancing and spending time with her family.

Dawson is currently welcoming new patients and accepting most insurance plans. Her office is located at Utica Park Clinic on the campus of Hillcrest Hospital South, 9001 S. 101st East Ave. (91st and Hwy. 169), Suite 270. To schedule an appointment, call 918-392-7000 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

TIMMENI STEVENS, D.O.
Hillcrest Hospital South

Timmeni Stevens, D.O., has joined Utica Park Clinic's (UPC) Obstetrics and Gynecology (Ob/Gyn) practice on the campus of Hillcrest Hospital South in Tulsa.

Stevens performed her undergraduate studies at the University of Tulsa and Northeastern State University in Broken Arrow and earned her medical degree from the Oklahoma State University College of Osteopathic Medicine in Tulsa in 2012. She recently completed her Ob/Gyn residency at Oklahoma State University Medical Center in Tulsa.

Stevens is a member of the American Congress of Obstetrics and Gynecology and the Coalition Against Prescription and Substance Abuse of Tulsa. Her personal interests include reading, gardening and spending time with her family.

Stevens is currently welcoming new patients and accepting most insurance plans. Her office is located at Utica Park Clinic on the campus of Hillcrest Hospital South, 8803 S. 101st E. Ave., Suite 205, in Tulsa. To schedule an appointment, call 918-858-0008 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

CANDICE EARP, APRN-CNP
Broken Arrow

Candice Earp, APRN-CNP, has joined one of Utica Park Clinic's (UPC) Family Medicine practices in Broken Arrow.

Earp has been a healthcare professional since 2007 and was a registered nurse (RN) at a variety of facilities in Oklahoma, Arkansas and California prior to joining UPC.

Earp earned her Bachelor of Science in Nursing at Oklahoma City University in Oklahoma City in 2010 and her Master of Science in Nursing in 2016 at the University of South Alabama in Mobile, Alabama. She is a member of the American Association of Nurse Practitioners. Her personal interests include movies, football, basketball and tennis.

Earp is currently welcoming new patients and accepting most insurance plans. Her office is located at Utica Park Clinic at 1551 N. 9th St. in Broken Arrow. To schedule an appointment, call 918-355-7900 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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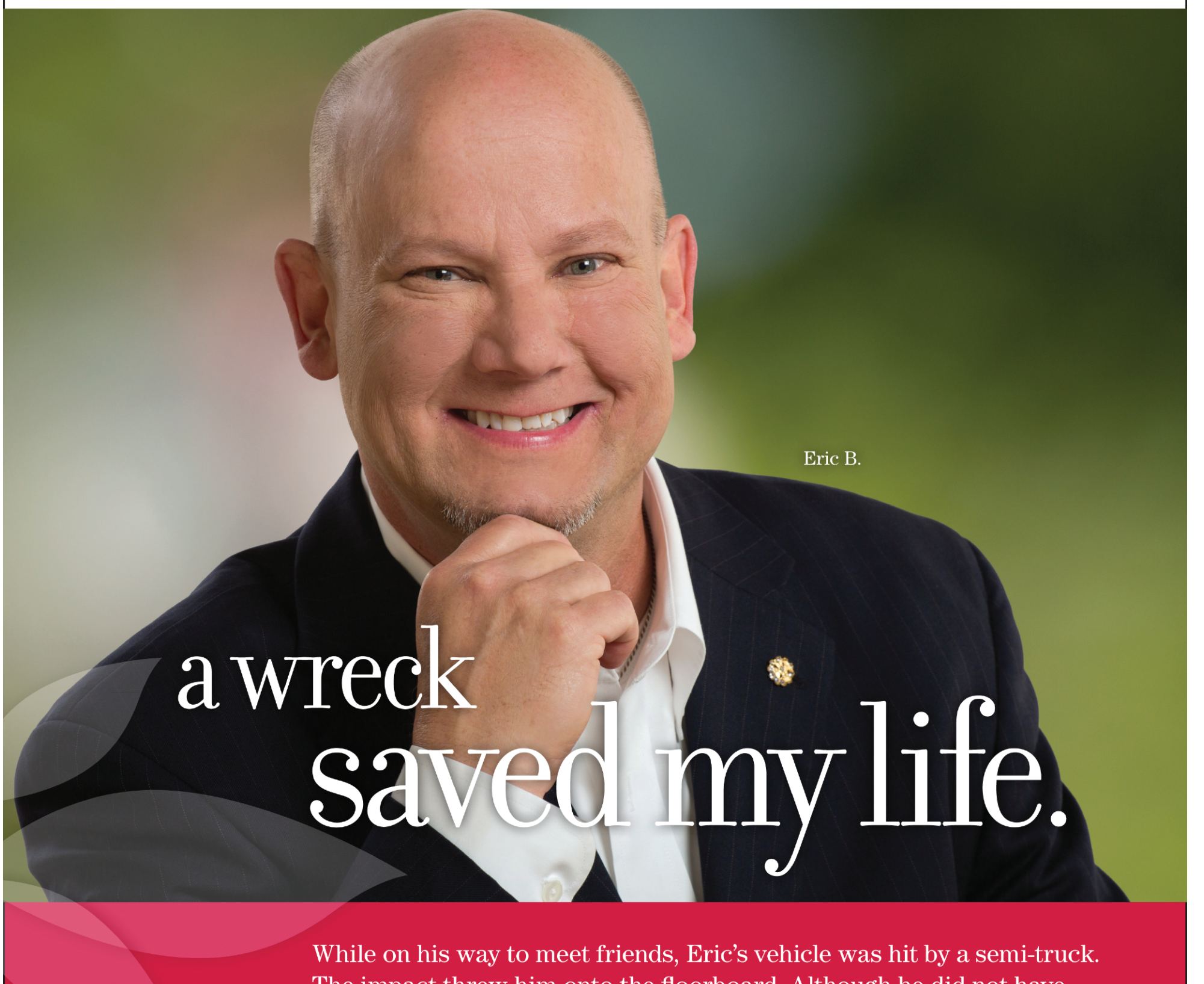

While on his way to meet friends, Eric's vehicle was hit by a semi-truck. The impact threw him onto the floorboard. Although he did not have any visible wounds, he was transported by ambulance to The Emergency Center at Hillcrest. They discovered he had multiple internal injuries caused by the wreck and a pre-existing 100% blockage in his heart. Fortunately, cardiologists from Oklahoma Heart Institute were just steps away and quickly performed a heart procedure, saving his life.

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HEALTH & WELLNESS

John Oje Named CTCA Tulsa Executive Chef

By EMILY RAMSEY
Managing Editor

In July, John Oje was named executive chef at Cancer Treatment Centers of America (CTCA) in Tulsa. Oje replaced Kenny Wagner, who left to reopen his family's restaurant Paddy's Irish Restaurant in south Tulsa.

Oje was born and raised in Hawaii, with a Hawaiian-Chinese mother and a German-Irish father, who worked as an executive pastry chef and baker. In addition to his father, Oje's mother taught him how to cook when he was eight years old.

"I grew up mainly with influences of Japanese, Chinese, English and Hawaiian," Oje says.

Those various influences coupled with a large extended family and a mother who frequently cooked for family gatherings, Oje gained many years of cooking experience.

"In our culture, when individuals come to our house, they are fed and completely taken care of," he says.

Oje's parents moved to Tulsa in 1992; Oje followed four years later and went on to earn his culinary degree from Oklahoma State University Institute of Technology in Okmulgee. He interned and then worked for 12 years with Tulsa Chef Michael Fusco as head chef at Flavors Restaurant and as executive chef at Michael Fusco's Riverside Grill.

In 2001, Oje earned the silver medal at the "Best Young Chef" competition in Houston, Texas. He returned to the competition in 2002, earning the title as "Best Young Chef in the Southwest."

Oje joined CTCA in January 2014 as executive sous chef to Wagner.

While there were some adjustments to be made when Oje came to CTCA, including acclimating to shorter work days compared with the typical restaurant schedule, many of Oje's cooking standards translated easily to CTCA.

"At Riverside Grill, we were focused on using fresh, local ingredients and cooking in a clean and light way, not heavy," he says.

In addition to creating the daily meals for CTCA's cafe, Oje and his kitchen staff are responsible for providing catering meals for hospital meetings and events and providing individualized meals for patients with special diets.

Below is a family recipe that Oje remembers his mother making, called Lau Lau.

Lau Lau is a protein (chicken, pork or fish) wrapped in a layer of taro leaves and then wrapped in ti leaves, which have a high oil content that provides protection from high heat. In the recipe below, Oje recommends using swiss chard in replacement of taro leaves.

"After moving to Oklahoma from Hawaii, our family missed the traditional Hawaiian fare and ingredients," says Oje. "Whenever my mom would get homesick, she would spend most of the day and into the evening cooking in the kitchen. She loved her Lau Lau."

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COOKING HERITAGE: *CTCA Tulsa Executive Chef John Oje displays Lau Lau, a favorite family recipe that his mother often made. Oje joined CTCA as executive sous chef in 2014 and was named executive chef in July.*

Chef Oje's Lau Lau

Ingredients

4 large leaves of Swiss chard with stems

6-8 oz. of chicken thigh or leg quarter

Pinch of sea salt

Banana leaf for wrapping (2 ti leaf if available)

Directions

Fill a large steamer with water and bring to a boil. Sprinkle the protein with the sea salt.

Portion a 12-inch square piece of banana leaf on a flat surface.

On another work surface, stack 3 to 4 Swiss chard leaves. Place the chicken onto the center of the chard leaves. Wrap the chicken up securely with the chard leaves, folding the sides over the filling first, and then roll them up like a burrito. Place the bundle in the center of the banana leaf and wrap it up like a little gift. Then tie the center of the leaf together with string.

Place the ti in the steamer and steam until a fork passes easily through the leaves and filling, about 1 hour (2-3 hours if using pork or a tougher protein).

Food Bank, Morton Partner

As part of National Health Center Week, Aug. 7-13, the Community Food Bank of Eastern Oklahoma partnered with Morton Comprehensive Health Services to provide meals and snacks for individuals at various Morton locations.

One of the food bank's food trucks, the Mobile Eatery, served 250 hot, freshly-made pancake breakfasts with sausage and fresh strawberries at the Morton Midtown Family Health Clinic, 102 N. Denver Ave. In addition to serving the Morton patients, clients from the nearby Salvation Army and Tulsa Day Center for the Homeless were also treated to breakfast.

Also during the week, the food bank provided Morton with granola bars, fresh fruit and water for a health fair at the Nowata Family Health Center and served a similar meal at the East Tulsa Family Health Center.

"Whether through providing nutritious food or health services, both Morton and the Community Food Bank share the common goal of improving health for low-income people who are food insecure," says John McCarthy, director of community initiatives at the food bank.

Courtesy Community Food Bank of Eastern Oklahoma

COMMUNITY FEEDING: *A Community Food Bank of Eastern Oklahoma food truck served 250 hot breakfasts during National Health Center Week, Aug. 7-13, as part of a partnership with Morton Comprehensive Health Services to provide meals and snacks at various Morton locations during that week.*

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B.A. AREA NEWS

Residential Project Planned For B.A.'s Rose District

Oaks Off Main To Feature 16 Homes

In August, Primus Properties held a ground breaking for The Oaks off Main, a new residential development in the Rose District, to be located at Cedar Avenue and Commercial Street within walking distance to the shops, businesses and restaurants in the Rose District.

The Oaks off Main is a brownstone-style residential development that will feature 16 homes in a park-like setting, says Bill Leet, owner of Primus Properties. The homes will range in size from 1400 to 2300 square feet and will include modern design features.

Several new homes have been built in the downtown area, but this is the first project with this many homes planned.

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DOWNTOWN LIVING: *Broken Arrow City Manager Michael Spurgeon speaks during a groundbreaking ceremony held Aug. 19 for The Oaks off Main, a brownstone-style residential development in the Rose District.*

AVB Helps Boy Scouts

Courtesy AVB Bank

COMMUNITY INVESTMENT: *AVB Bank President and CEO Ted Cundiff, left, and AVB Chairman of the Board Kelley Rash recently presented Indian Nations Council President Gentner Drummond with a $1,000 donation. "AVB Bank is proud to support the Indian Nations Council, Boy Scouts of America, in their dedication to the development of and investment in the youth of our community," says Cundiff.*

Jill Solomon's Exhibit Spotlights the Selfie

By EMILY RAMSEY
Managing Editor

Broken Arrow resident and photographer Jill Solomon's exhibit Narcissique Touriste, which was on display for a week in August at the Broken Arrow Historical Society, centered around Solomon's love for Paris and the unexpected discovery she made when she visited there in April.

"At first, I had a dilemma of how to bring my own creative voice to these monuments that have been photographed so many times," she says.

Then, upon her observations of fellow tourists, Solomon found that in the current age of technology and social media many visitors were more interested in photographing themselves than they were in the art itself, causing Solomon to feel, at first, irritation, which was then followed by an epiphany.

"I realized that this is the story," she says.

So, she began taking photos of individuals as they took photos of themselves, resulting in her exhibit at the Historical Society.

"Most people didn't notice that I was taking their photo, but a few people figured it out and asked me to send them copies of their photos, and now I have friends in Russia and Paris," Solomon laughs.

Solomon's trip to Paris came about after years of Solomon's desire to visit the city of love and its centuries of history and art. As she grew older, "I realized, life is short. I knew that if I was ever going to get to Paris, I needed to do it," she says.

Both Solomon's home and photography studio are located in downtown Broken Arrow. She opened her studio in 2012 after years working as a designer.

However, it was the unexpected death of her father that caused her to realize her passion for photography. "I remember going through my house looking for any last photos that had been taken of him," she says. "That made me realize how important it is to document your life not just for you but for your family.

"I consider that to be the last gift my father gave me: helping me to realize my passion for photography."

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NARCISSIQUE TOURISTE: *Broken Arrow photographer and resident Jill Solomon stands in her exhibit Narcissique Touriste, which was on display for a week in August at the Broken Arrow Historical Society.*

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STATE OF EDUCATION: *On Aug. 3, the Broken Arrow Chamber of Commerce held its annual State of Education Luncheon, where State Superintendent Joy Hofmeister, third from left, spoke about the future of Oklahoma's education system. Standing with Hofmeister are, from left, Broken Arrow Chamber Senior Vice President April Sailsbury, AVB Bank President and CEO Ted Cundiff, and Broken Arrow Chamber President and CEO Wes Smithwick.*

Girl Scouts Announces Events

As a new school year begins, Girl Scouts of Eastern Oklahoma (GSEOK) is announcing a series of upcoming events.

On Sept. 15 and 22, 6:30-7:30 p.m., GSEOK will hold a Girl Scouts rally at Church of Christ, 505 E. Kenosha St., to provide information to girls interested in joining a troop and to adults regarding ways to get involved as a troop leader or support volunteer.

On Sept. 24, GSEOK will hold a community open house at its new 30,000-square-foot office building: the Hardesty Leadership Center at 4810 S. 129th East Ave.

On Oct. 8, GSEOK will hold its annual Thin Mint Sprint, in support of the organization's health and wellness initiative.

The event will take place at Bentley Park in Bixby, with the Tag-a-long Trot, a 1-mile fun run, to begin at 6:30 p.m. and the 5K Glow Run at 7 p.m. Awards will be given to the top three finishers in each age category, and each 5K finisher receives a box of Thin Mints. Those who are interested in supporting Girl Scouts without racing can register as Virtual Runners or as a Rah-Rah Raisin cheerleaders.

Participants are encouraged to wear bright costumes. The event will also include a variety of activity stations. Last year's event saw more than 500 participants from the Tulsa area.

Girl Scouts is the only girl-led leadership development organization in the country. The organization endeavors to provide a multi-faceted approach to youth development through a research-based curriculum and creative programming that focuses on emotional and social well-being, physical health, nutrition and physical fitness.

GSEOK serves more than 10,000 girls with 2,200 volunteers across eastern Oklahoma.

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NEW HEADQUARTERS: *On Sept. 24, Girl Scouts of Eastern Oklahoma will hold a community open house at its new 30,000-square-foot office building: the Hardesty Leadership Center at 4810 S. 129th East Ave.*

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Runway Tulsa Brings a Week of Fashion

Runway Tulsa is bringing back national, local and student talent for a week of fashion and arts events with a philanthropic purpose.

Runway Tulsa will host a week of events Sept. 14-18, including a media night, fashion show at Utica Square with prize giveaways, a runway show starring Clary Sage's fashion design program, an Oklahoma artists' showcase and grand runway finale. Runway Tulsa's presenting sponsor Lexus of Tulsa will be giving away a Lexus car to benefit children diagnosed with a life-threatening medical condition through Make-A-Wish Foundation.

L.A. DESIGNER: *Alexis Monsanto will be heading the runway finale of Runway Tulsa on Sept. 17 at the Cox Business Center Assembly Hall. Described by L.A. Fashion Magazine as a "runway visionary," Monsanto is known for his exquisite couture collections and is a frequent fashion commentator for Hollywood's grandest red carpet events.*

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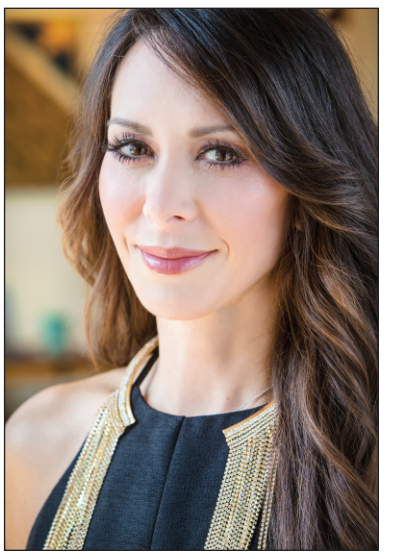

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NEW YORK DESIGNER: *Caycee Black will be a featured presenter at Runway Tulsa's finale on Sept. 17. She has dressed musicians and celebrities from the likes of Regina Spector, The Cults, Solange Knowles, Cat Sadler, Michelle Williams and Drew Barrymore.*

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chants will hold in-store parties from 5-7 p.m. All attendees will be provided with Passports that will list each participating store or restaurant.

Clary Runway – Friday, Sept. 16 at 6:30 p.m. at the Cox Business Center Assembly Hall

Clary Sage's fashion design program presents their fifth annual student and alumni runway show at the Cox Business Center Assembly Hall. Clary Runway is a show unlike any other, calling on the skills from not only the fashion design program, but interior design, cosmetology and makeup. Proceeds from the event go directly to fund scholarships for the students who need it the most. For more information please visit www.claryrunway.com.

Oklahoma Artist Showcase – Sept 16 at IDL Ballroom at 10 p.m. (Doors open at 9 p.m.)

The Oklahoma Artist Showcase will debut the best local talent in fashion, fine art, poetry, spoken word, film and more. The lineup of artists includes the Nuns band, painter John Hammer, Good Villains Band, spoken word artist Claire Collins, poet Benjamin Myers, clothing designer Hattie Eubanks, filmmaker Hugh Westhoff and poster artist Zack Raw. The Oklahoma Artist Showcase will continue as a monthly event highlighting Oklahoma's finest artists. For more information, please visit www.okartistshowcase.com.

Grand Runway Finale – Sept. 17 at Cox Business Center at 8 p.m. (Doors open at 7 p.m. VIP reception at 6:30 p.m.)

Runway Tulsa's Grand Runway Finale is the culminating event of the week and is a fashion show featuring designers from all over the country, showing their latest creations. Tulsa's own local designers K. Nicole and Nikki Warren will be presenting their designs as well. Immediately following the fashion show, an afterparty will be held in the lobby of the Aloft Hotel, featuring a DJ, designers and models.

"I am excited to kick off Runway Tulsa for a second year with famed designers and local talent," says Jon Terry, co-producer of Runway Tulsa and president of SRO Productions of Tulsa. "We are looking forward to making Tulsa a fashion hub and promoting the need for sustainable opportunities for Tulsa's aspiring designers."

Runway Tulsa's week of events will be chaired by Mrs. America 2015 Michelle Evans, Emmy Award Winning Journalist Cindy Morrison and locally-renowned TV personality Chera Kimiko.

Runway Tulsa is a major undertaking by a highly engaged staff of 14 Tulsans, Los Angeles Fashion Advisor and Runway Tulsa's Designer Coordinator Hope Tomorrow, and Southern California filmmaker Stephen Gregory.

VARIETY

Tulsa PAC Kicks Off Its 40th Anniversary Season

The PAC's 40th anniversary season is big, varied and promises to be one of the most exciting ever.

Closing out August are three musicals that continue into September: Theatre Tulsa's companion productions of "Oklahoma!" and "The Will Rogers Follies," and Theatre Pops' "Heathers." Hardly missing a beat Sept. 9-18 is Tulsa Project Theatre's "The Who's Tommy." This poignant, touching musical is a tad dark and every bit a rock-music experience. It won five Tony Awards in 1993 with hit numbers like "See Me, Feel Me" and "Pinball Wizard."

Show Buzz

By NANCY HERMANN

Tulsa Symphony continues its 10th anniversary celebration Sept. 10 with Grammy Award-winning violinist Joshua Bell. One of the biggest names in classical music overall, Bell performs during a concert featuring Strauss's "Don Juan," De Falla's "The Three-Cornered Hat" and Tchaikovsky's Violin Concerto.

Chamber Music Tulsa kicks off a thrilling season that will include the Beethoven Winter Festival in February, but first up is the Dover Quartet. The New Yorker called this group "the young string quartet of the moment." Slated for this Sept. 11 concert are works by Mozart, C. Shaw and Smetana.

Since it was announced that Disney's "Newsies" was coming to the PAC, I've heard how much people loved the "Newsies" movie that Disney released in 1992. That same story, told through music, is about dauntless newspaper boys who face down publishing giants Joseph Pulitzer and William Randolph Hearst. Celebrity Attractions presents this Tulsa premiere Sept. 14-18.

I was fortunate to have had the opportunity to interview Soledad O'Brien last month. She is intelligent and genuine. Her documentaries are revelations. I enjoyed seeing her as a newscaster on CNN for several years and appreciated her boots-on-the-ground coverage of some of the world's most cataclysmic disasters. She opens Tulsa Town Hall's 82nd season on Sept. 23. Congratulations go to Tulsa Town Hall for selling out its entire season of subscriptions!

Arguably, playwright David Mamet's masterpiece is the drama "Glengarry Glen Ross," which covers two days of hell in the lives of four real estate agents. Few are buying what they are hoping to sell, and the competition has everyone at each other's throats. Acting alert! I would see anything featuring the talents of Brian Rattlingourd and Will Carpenter, among others, in a stellar cast. Theatre Tulsa presents this thrilling piece of theatre Sept. 23-Oct. 2.

If you caught the closing ceremony at the Olympics, you will have seen Brazil's Grupo Corpo. Choregus Productions presents the company for one performance only Sept. 25. Twenty-two dancers evoke the diversity, rich colors and passionate rhythms of Brazil, combining classical ballet with Latin dance.

More Broadway comes our way this month with the charming, romantic "Once." Definitely, once is not enough to savor this beautiful love song of a musical with music and lyrics by Glen Hansard and Markéta Irglová. It won eight 2012 Tony Awards, including Best Musical. Celebrity Attractions hosts the show Sept. 27-28.

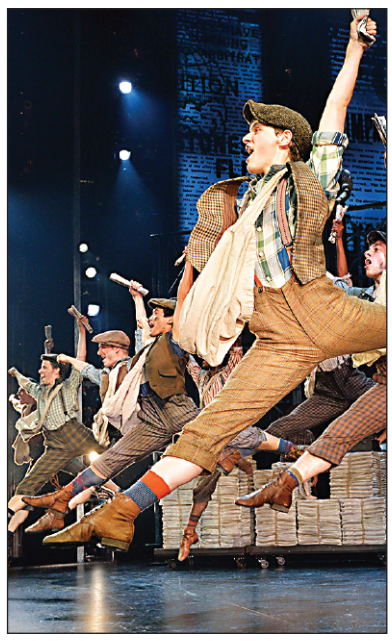
The PAC Trust presents their Imagination Series every year with quality children's theatre provided by outstanding troupes from the U.S. and Europe. First up is "Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters" Sept. 30. This is the story, based on the Award-winning Caldecott book, about an African King looking for a wife and a man with two daughter-prospects. There's vibrant dancing and original music, brought to Tulsa by Dallas Children's Theatre.

Free, open to the public and well worth your while this month is jazz artist Dean Demerritt performing with his trio at Brown Bag It on Sept. 7. Arranged and funded by the PAC Trust, Brown Bag It concerts are informal and staged in the acoustically wonderful Westby Pavilion. Bring your lunch!

Complementing the musical "Newsies" is a show in our Gallery that we're excited about titled "World Tour: Front Pages, Photographs and Advertisements from the Tulsa World Archives." Stop by to view the exhibit Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and during Chapman Music Hall events.

Help us get the PAC's 40th anniversary season off to a great start. We're saving you a seat!

SOLEDAD O'BRIEN: *A news anchor and boots-on-the-ground reporter, Soledad O'Brien is the featured speaker for Tulsa Town Hall's sold-out subscription series Sept. 23.*



DISNEY'S NEWSIES: *The musical is loosely based on the New York City Newsboys Strike of 1899 and highlights the heroism of those who stand up for what is right.*

Photos courtesy Tulsa PAC

DOVER QUARTET: *The New Yorker called them "the young American string quartet of the moment." The quartet opens Chamber Music Tulsa's season on Sept. 11.*

GRUPO CORPO: *This electric contemporary dance group from Brazil closed out the Rio Olympics. Choregus Productions presents the troupe Sept. 25.*

JOSHUA BELL: *Daniel Hege conducts this Grammy Award-winning, world-renowned violinist and recording artist for a Tulsa Symphony gala anniversary concert, Sept. 10.*

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Out & About in Greater Tulsa

By EMILY RAMSEY
Managing Editor

Usually, I love summer, ever eager for its arrival and despondent upon its departure. Yet, this summer, with its relentless humidity, no one is more surprised than myself to be dreaming of the crisp fall mornings soon to arrive.

September not only brings us a bit closer to those more moderate temperatures but also ushers in a number of anticipated events including some outdoors.

I admit I am still mourning the announcement that Tulsa Garden Center's annual An Evening of Wine and Roses will take this year off.

Due to the condition of The Tulsa Municipal Rose Garden, "the Board of Directors did not feel it was in a shape that would provide a proper venue for the event," says Tulsa Garden Center Education and Marketing Manager Mike Blake.

An evening under the stars and among the beautiful rose bushes with local wine and food vendors. There aren't many things much better than that.

However, Blake says that they are planning for the return of the event in 2017 and are currently looking to replace some rose bushes with ones that are more resistant to disease.

Well, at least I can drown my disappointment among the manicured hills of Southern Hills Country Club at Concours For the Cure, benefiting American Diabetes Association, on Sept. 25, a beautiful afternoon spent among classic cars, with a live orchestra, dinner and champagne.

Earlier in the month, Sept. 8-11, is the Blue Whale Comedy Festival, with daily comedy performances in downtown Tulsa venues. Since its first year in 2014, the event continues to expand with more venues and performers.

Tulsa's fashion scene is continuing to turn heads, with the help of Runway Tulsa, an annual event with the goal of cultivating and growing our local fashion industry. The organization connects fashion students in high school and college with training, industry resources, and business planning and financial support.

The event runs Sept. 14-18 and includes a fashion show at Utica Square and an Oklahoma Artist Showcase, featuring local fine art, poetry, spoken word and film artists. (Read more on page B1.)

Clary Sage College is showing its support of fashion in a number of ways.

Clary Sage's fashion design program will present its annual student and alumni runway show at the Cox Business Center on Sept. 16 as part of Runway Tulsa.

To follow that up, at the Tulsa State Fair on Sept. 29 on the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Stage will be a new addition this year: the Tulsa State Fair Fashion Show, thanks to a new partnership with Clary Sage College. The show will feature entries made by Clary Sage students.

Another noteworthy event returning this year is McNellie's Harvest Beer Festival. The event returns to downtown Tulsa Sept. 24 for its seventh year. The afternoon features 40 breweries offering unlimited tastings and food from McNellie's Public House, El Guapo's Cantina and Fassler Hall.

Regardless of your personal preferences, Tulsa has much to offer, especially this time of year. I, for one, don't plan to miss it.

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GARDEN GET TOGETHER: *From left, former Tulsa Mayor Rodger Randle, Tulsa County Commissioner Karen Keith, KTUL Channel 8 reporter Kim Jackson and Judy Randle enjoy Tulsa Garden Center's An Evening of Wine and Roses last year. The 2016 event was canceled, with plans for the event to return next year.*

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CONCOURS FOR THE CURE: *Individuals enjoy the many classic cars on display at the 2015 American Diabetes Association Concours For the Cure, held at Southern Hills Country Club. The event returns Sept 25.*

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Vision For Children Holds Third Annual Fundraiser

A little over eight years ago Dr. Tom Vanderpool (a local Jenks optometrist) went on a fishing trip to Bimini, Bahamas, with a few of his buddies. What he expected to be some down time with friends and relaxing in a beautiful location was spoiled by an unexpected storm. Because of that storm, and Vanderpool's curiosity, many children in the Bahamas can see better today.

On that rainy day when the fishing was terrible, Vanderpool decided to venture into the town looking for the local optometrist, but after visiting with the townspeople he learned that they did not have one. The island's medical system does not provide eye care for any of its citizens, and optometric care is only available on the islands of Freeport and Nassau. In order for the people of Bimini to receive care, they must travel on a boat or plane to one of the two other islands. Because of this, almost no child on the island had ever had an eye exam.

Since then, Vanderpool and his wife, Susan, have been inspired to help those children in Bimini and have returned to the island for the last eight years at least one month every year. These return trips have resulted in over 2,000 vision screenings, nearly 1,000 full eye exams, and over 500 pairs of glasses made and delivered at no cost to the child or their family. What was once a personal mission, funded by the doctor and some of his business colleagues has grown into the Vision for Children Charitable Foundation (VFC) a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.

In an effort to expand their mission, Vanderpool and VFC are holding the third annual fundraising benefit on September 15 at Spain Ranch in Jenks. The funds raised at this event will be used to continue care in the Bahamas and to expand their giving to the children of northeastern Oklahoma. "Our goal is to eventually have a network of doctors and individuals throughout Oklahoma who can refer to us when they find a child who cannot afford the glasses they desperately need" says Susan Vanderpool.

Tickets to the Vision for Children fundraiser are $50 per person. Included with the ticket price are an open wine bar and food crawl that will feature items from local restaurants and vendors. Attendees will also be able to participate in a silent auction, live auction, wine ring toss, and other fundraising games. For further information, to purchase tickets, or to make a donation, please visit giveachildvision.com.

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AIDING SIGHT: *Jenks optometrist Tom Vanderpool stands with an individual in Bimini, Bahamas, who has benefited from the services of Vision for Children Charitable Foundation, which provides eyecare and eyeglasses to those in need on the island and in northeastern Oklahoma. The nonprofit organization will hold its third annual fundraiser Sept. 15 at Spain Ranch, 732 E. 116th St., in Jenks.*

Courtesy Saint Simeon's

WESTERN DAYS: *For 20 years, donors have generously supported the Saint Simeon's Tulsa Senior Community through the Western Days annual fundraiser. The event will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 13, at the Cox Business Center. For two decades, Western Days has raised funds to support operations of Saint Simeon's Episcopal Home. From left are Mandy and Blake Atkins, patron chairs; John Brooks Walton, pioneer spirit award recipient; George and Phyllis Dotson, event chairs; the Rt. Rev. Dr. Edward J. Konieczny, honorary chair; and Lindsay Hurley Fick, Saint Simeon's president and CEO, honorary chair, at the Kickoff Party.*

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HARDESTY BALLET OPENING: *Tulsa Ballet opened the doors of the new Hardesty Center for Dance Education in Broken Arrow July 28. From left at the ribbon cutting are Roger Hardesty, Mary Beth Colpitts, Connor Hardesty and Michelle Hardesty. The facility is 21,000 square feet with dance studios, administrative office space, dressing areas for the students and a performance studio. The center is located just east of the intersection of Aspen Avenue (145th E. Ave.) and New Orleans (101st Street). For more information, visit www.tulsaballet.org or call 918-712-5327.*

Tulsa Roots Music to Rock Guthrie Green

By JULIE WENGER WATSON
Contributing Writer

Tulsa Roots Music returns to Guthrie Green on Sept. 11 for its fifth season of Tulsa Roots Rocks the Green, a free, all-ages concert series. On four consecutive Sundays this urban park in downtown Tulsa will be filled with an eclectic mix of nationally and internationally touring bands, along with local and regional performers and free kids' crafts.

Austin Americana singer-songwriter Hayes Carll headlines opening weekend. Carll's fifth release, Lovers and Leavers, came out April 8, over five years after his very successful KMAG YOYO. It's a beautiful, reflective collection of songs, perhaps something of a departure from this artist's often humorous and occasionally sarcastic songwriting. Smart and insightful lyrics are the hallmark of Carll's lyrics, and his music resonates with a wide and loyal audience.

Oklahoma songwriter Travis Linville, a recent transplant to Tulsa, has worked with Carll for years as his go-to guitarist. Linville, a gifted songwriter and performer in his own right, will open the day with some of his own tunes.

"The first time we met, he (Carll) came to one of my own shows in Oklahoma City," Linville recalls. "I think he got up on stage and played with us a little bit, and I'm pretty sure I stole his capo."

At the time, Linville and Carll shared the same Austin-based booking agent. When Carll found himself in need of a guitar player a few years later, Linville took the gig.

"We were well matched," Linville says. "We were friends anyway, and we became really good friends."

While Carll will be bringing his own Austin-based band to the show on Guthrie Green, he and Linville continue to team up periodically.

In addition to accompanying Carll, working on his own music, and teaching songwriting and performance classes at Edmond's Academy of Contemporary Music at the University of Central Oklahoma, Linville occasionally finds the time to produce albums for other musicians. Most recently, Linville worked with Oklahoma City's Carter Sampson on her latest release, Wilder Side.

"Working with someone who has a voice like that is really easy. She's great," Linville says. "I started with Carter's vocals, which I thought was important, then what I tried to do conceptually was to take Carter's singing and playing acoustic guitar and add a lot of really nice background instrumentation to support what the actual focus should be. It turned out really nice because you can't go wrong with a voice like Carter's."

Linville plans to release his own album in early February. In the meantime, you can catch him in Tulsa at the Mercury Lounge every Wednesday night. He'll also be hosting the 9th Annual Illinois River Music Jam Sept. 16 and 17 at Peyton's Place near Tahlequah.

For more information on Tulsa Roots Rocks the Green, visit www.tulsarootsmusic.org.

Courtesy The University of Tulsa

UNCORKING FOR TU: *TU Uncorked welcomed over 500 guests to the Donald W. Reynolds Center on June 24 for the 12th annual wine festival. This year's event raised a record $100,000 for The University of Tulsa Alumni Association scholarship fund, bringing the total funds raised for scholarships to over $800,000 since the event's inception in 2005. From left are Cinda and Mark Marra, honorary chairs and presenting sponsors; Hillary and Matt Hauth, event chairs; and Anna and Michael Krupka, event co-chairs.*

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Habitat For Humanity Leads 24-Hour Home Build

By EMILY RAMSEY
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BEFORE AND AFTER: *On the morning of Aug. 18, construction workers began work on building a new home at 2522 E. 5th Pl. in the Kendall Whittier neighborhood as part of "Open the Door in 24," a 24-hour complete home build event, a project by Tulsa Habitat for Humanity, the Home Builders Association (HBA) Charitable Foundation, Silvercrest Homes and additional community partners. The three-bedroom, two-bathroom, one-garage home was completed the following morning.*

In an effort to redevelop the Kendall Whittier neighborhood, Tulsa Habitat for Humanity and local community partners, including the Home Builders Association (HBA) Charitable Foundation and Silvercrest Homes, held "Open the Door in 24," a 24-hour complete home build event starting the morning of Aug. 18.

By 8 a.m. on Aug. 19, volunteers had transformed an empty lot in the Kendall Whittier neighborhood at 2522 E. 5th Pl. into a three-bedroom, two-bathroom, one-garage home that will serve as a model for future Habitat for Humanity homes. The home is also one of the first Insurance Institute for Business and Home Safety (IBHS) Fortified Homes in the state of Oklahoma. The IBHS Fortified Home program offers disaster protection and strengthens homes from hurricanes, high winds, hail and severe thunderstorms.

"With Tulsa Habitat for Humanity's new target group, we're excited to play a role in offering a new source of housing option," says Peter Grant, president of HBA Charitable Foundation. The foundation has partnered with Tulsa Habitat for Humanity for 15 years.

Tulsa Habitat for Humanity made the decision in January to focus specifically on providing new homes in the Kendall Whittier neighborhood, with the help of various local partners, says Tulsa Habitat for Humanity Executive Director Cameron Walker.

These partners include George Kaiser Family Foundation, which is focused on directing various needed resources to the area, such as economic development, health care and public safety; and Growing Together, a local nonprofit with the mission of improving the quality of life in Kendall Whittier.

Tulsa Habitat for Humanity's goal is to transition Kendall Whittier into a mixed-income community. "By intermingling various incomes in a neighborhood, it brings a change in dynamics to the area, and it's a more just and effective way to redevelop," Walker says.

The completed home will serve as a model home for Tulsa Habitat for Humanity for 18 months until a Kendall Whittier Elementary teacher is identified to purchase the home.

"We have an intentional focus to reach out to Tulsa Public Schools and its schools in the Kendall Whittier area," says Walker.

As another partner, Tulsa Public Schools is helping to identify teachers who qualify for HUD assistance who are willing to live near the schools in which they teach.

"Research shows that when teachers live in the community where they work, their relationships with parents and students are better, which leads to better student academic outcomes and greater family success," he says.

A few months ago, Tulsa Habitat for Humanity placed its first TPS teacher in a home in the area.

Resonance Fundraiser

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STACKED DECK: *Resonance Center for Women will hold its fourth annual fundraiser, Stacked Deck, on Sept. 29 at 6 p.m. The carnival street party will take place along Main Street in downtown Tulsa in front of Take 2 Cafe, 309 S. Main St. From left are Kristen Schooley, event chair; Andrea Myers, Resonance board chair and Stacked Deck ACE; Ken Brune, Stacked Deck ACE; June Patton, Stacked Deck ACE; Mary Anne Lewis, Stacked Deck ACE; and Deidra Kirtley, Resonance executive director. The Stacked Deck ACEs are individuals who have committed to raising a minimum of $10,000 for the fundraising event.*

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Prairie Brewpub: Memorable Beer, Food on Display

LOCAL DINING

By BLAKE AUSTYN
Contributing Writer

Prairie Brewpub, 223 N. Main St., opened in May in downtown Tulsa's Brady Arts District to high expectations and eager, large crowds. The popularity has yet to dissipate.

It took over two years from when Chase and Colin Healey, founders of Prairie Brewery, took steps with restaurateur Josh Royal to create a downtown brewpub. As the vision grew, additional partners were brought on: Ryan Stack, previous co-owner of MixCo; Paul Sorrentino; and Bill Grant.

Royal, Sorrentino and Grant also own R Bar, located in Brookside, and Roosevelt's, which opened in August on Cherry Street.

Though Prairie Brewery was recently bought by Krebs Brewing Co., that will have very little to no effect on the brewpub, says Stack.

The focus of the brewpub is, of course, beer and on highlighting Prairie beers. Mixed drinks are not available, except for a handful of offerings of seasonal, aged cocktails.

There are also nearly 15 wines available and 20 whiskeys.

The restaurant maintains 20 beers on tap, with 10-15 being Prairie beers. "Whatever space is left available on tap, we add in with beers that we are interested in, whether that's breweries that we have worked with in the past or beers from places we have visited or whatever is current right now. We are always trying to stay ahead of the game," Stack says.

The restaurant also offers close to 20 bottled beers.

As for the food menu, "we wanted it to complement the beers really well," says Stack, describing the food as American pub style.

Included on the menu are a few dishes with meat supplied by Burn Co BBQ, which has a very loyal following of its own. Burn Co dishes are only available for dinner Tuesday-Saturday.

One of these dishes is the Mac and Chase, macaroni and cheese with four kinds of cheeses, bacon, roasted tomatoes, Burn Co rib tips and green onion.

The hype about this dish since the restaurant opened has, admittedly, caused me to want to walk the other way. Few dishes live up to the hype. Turns out, this one absolutely does. Add a beer to wash it down, and you're downright floating on the ceiling. Heavenly.

However, before I got to my Mac and Chase, my group tried the Fried Green Tomatoes, which came with sides of Lemon Aioli and Ancho Rancho sauces. The fried tomatoes are a good, basic breaded item to pair with beer. Their taste really shines, though, when the sauces are added.

Our other entree was the fried catfish, which was the special of the day.

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CONTINUED POPULARITY: *Prairie Brewpub, 223 N. Main St., opened in downtown Tulsa's Brady Arts District in May as a partnership with Prairie Brewery. It maintains 20 beers on tap, with 10-15 being Prairie beers. The menu features American pub style food with dishes meant to complement the beers. One such dish, the Mac and Chase, at left, has gained a large following and for good reason. It is made with four kinds of cheeses, bacon, roasted tomatoes, Burn Co rib tips and green onion.*

"We recently started offering daily specials as a way to experiment with new items that we are thinking about adding to the menu," says Stack. "It's a way to try new ideas and find out what's working for customers."

The dish was made up of three nice-sized pieces of breaded catfish with sautéed brussel sprouts. The slightly charred flavor of the brussel sprouts was delightful and paired well with the catfish, which had a very mild, non-fishy flavor.

For dessert, we couldn't resist sharing the Pirate Bomb Bread Pudding, a chocolate and coconut bread pudding with a chile rum sauce. The coconut pieces were plentiful and complemented the chocolate well.

But the greatest moment for me was my first taste of the Mac and Chase. I look forward to repeating that experience many more times.

Although, as we start to enter fall with its cooler temps, I have a plan for one of my next visits to Prairie, which involves trying one of its burgers – "We can't keep enough of them in the kitchen," says Stack; "they're fantastic" – and eating that burger on Prairie's patio, which sits between Prairie and the adjacent building. "It's like we took an alleyway and created a green space," says Stack.

Prairie Brewpub is open Monday-Thursday 4 p.m.-11, Friday 4 p.m.-1 a.m., Saturday 11 a.m.-1 a.m., Sunday 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Kahlo Exhibit Runs Through Sept. 11 at Gilcrease

By GLENDA RICE COLLINS,
Arts Columnist

Frida Kahlo: Through the Lens of Nickolas Muray continues through Sept. 11, at Gilcrease Museum, and is a must-see for art aficionados.

Some 50 photographic portraits of Kahlo, dating from 1937 to 1946, explore Muray's unique perspective as her friend, lover, and confidant.

Considered to be one of Mexico's greatest and most prolific artists, Frida Kahlo (1907-1954) began painting during the recovery phase after being severely injured in a bus accident at age 18.

As a political activist, she later married fellow communist artist Diego Rivera, the famed muralist, who was 21 years her senior, in 1929.

Kahlo's mystique is undeniable and enduring, the intriguing 'je ne sais quoi' unrelenting.

In a July 13, 2016, The New York Times Not Forgotten obituary tribute commemorating the 62nd anniversary of Kahlo's death, the headline references "Frida Kahlo, Whose Self-Portraits Spoke to the Soul."

According to the Times article, her self-portraiture style of wearing the floor-length skirts of Tehuana clothing, "also allowed Kahlo to conceal her damaged leg, a result of (childhood) polio. It was amputated later in life...Her signature unibrow and her wispy mustache were in some ways a rebuke to conventional standards of beauty."

Kahlo's evocative self-portraits often connect viewers with her lifelong personal pain. Muray's photos expose her fortitude to be her own flamboyant person.

Many colorfully-draped and flo-

FRIDA KAHLO

ral-festooned Frida images by Muray celebrate her as an amazing, artistic creation of her own design: see Frida in Pink and Green Blouse (1938) and Frida with Olmeca Figurine (1939), both carbon process prints, Coyoacán. A contrasted Frida, her neck pierced and bloodied from thorns, gives pause for her 1940 Self-Portrait with Thorn Necklace and Hummingbird painting image exhibiting the raw, universal pain of lost love.

Kahlo is said to have painted the powerful image of herself at the same age, 33, that Christ was crucified.

Also notable is Muray's gelatin silver print of Kahlo's 1939 The Two Fridas oil painting, showing her two personalities – before and after her painful divorce that year. Muray has captured it all for posterity in print.

Photographer Nickolas Muray

The Hungarian Nickolas Muray (1892-1965), a successful New York fashion and commercial photographer, met Frida, his most inspiring model, during a 1931 Mexico vacation.

Having already pioneered highly saturated color photography techniques for celebrities, socialites and artists, Muray found his most colorful subject in Kahlo.

As his most photographed subject, Kahlo became uniquely recognized in popular culture, via a variety of media. Familiar photos of Frida with her pet eagle, monkeys, ancient sculpture and posed in brilliantly colorful Mexican attire, are enduringly iconic, still popular on mugs, stickers, aprons, posters and prints.

Muray's Frida leaning on a sculpture by Mardonio Magaña, Coyoacán1940, a digital pigment print on Hahnemuhle Photo Rag paper, captures Kahlo wearing the unique, hand-shaped Picasso earrings which she received as a gift during her visit to Paris. While there, one of Kahlo's small self-portraits was purchased by the Louvre.

A Woman of Ambivalence

Ironically, when Frida suffered the loss of Diego through divorce, she is said to have had no intention to marry "Nick."

Among large photographic prints of her personal letters to Nick is one dated May 31,1931, in which she included, with the original, a photo of herself holding hands with her spouse, Rivera. She signed the same note with the imprint of a kiss from her own lips, then sent it to her paramour. Muray and Kahlo remained friends and confidants until her death in 1954.

This traveling exhibition has been organized through the Nickolas Muray Archives and is circulated by GuestCurator Traveling Exhibitions located in Santa Fe, New Mexico.

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Based on the lives of three legendary Latin American women: Mexican painter Frida Kahlo, Salvadoran peasant activist Rufina Amaya and Argentine poet Alfonsina Storni, the show features diverse popular and folk songs of Mexico, El Salvador and Argentina. Cost is $8 for museum members, $10 for not-yet members.

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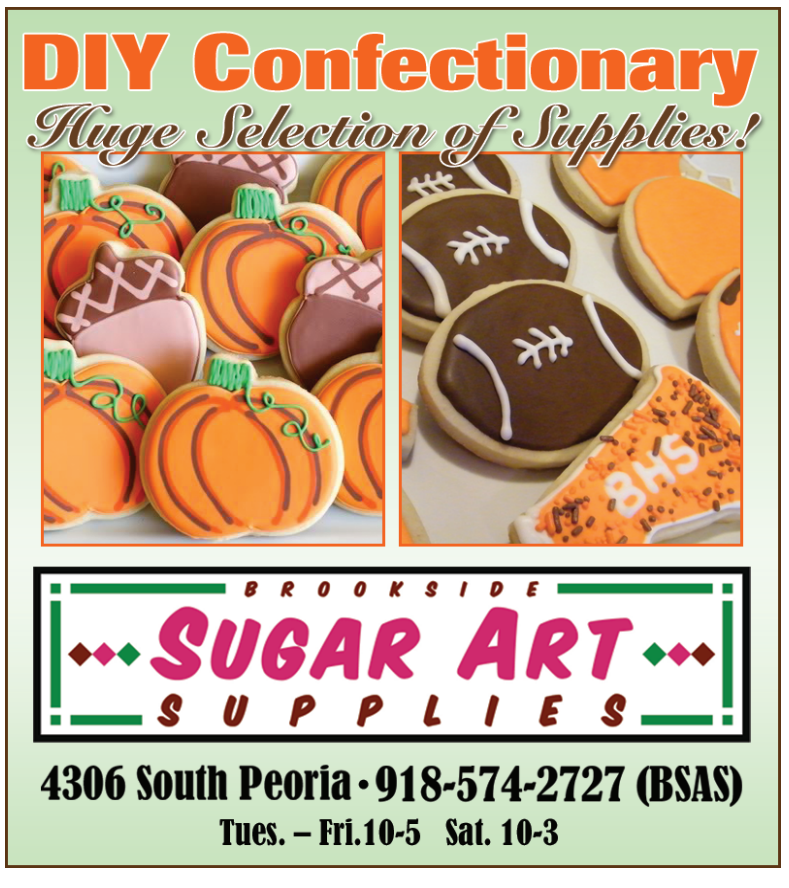

Billy's On the Square a Downtown Tulsa Tradition

By TERRELL LESTER
Editor at Large

Familiarity breeds content.

Few things in downtown Tulsa are as familiar as Billy's On the Square.

Even fewer things breed the contentment of savoring Billy's signature Theta burger.

For 32 years, Billy Bayouth, along with his loyal and unwavering staff, has been downtown Tulsa's lunch-time port-of-call.

Billy's has been creating burgers on opposite sides of Bartlett Square since the days when Main Street was a pedestrian mall.

First in the Sinclair Building, now in the Mayo Building, Billy's on the Square has made fewer moves than City Hall.

Billy's has been more of a consistent presence at Fifth and Main streets than Bartlett Square itself.

While Bartlett Square has transitioned from landmark fountain to dry hole, from traffic impediment to LED light show, Billy's has remained a gastronomic force of nature.

Comfortable and inviting, Billy's offers the best seat in Tulsa for noontime people watching.

Billy's window to the world might be surpassed only by its kitchen offerings, always under the watchful eye and practiced hand of Bayouth himself.

Menu favorites include nonesuch onion rings, charburgers, chicken sandwiches and Caesar's salads. And then there is the fall staple of Billy's blue-ribbon chili.

Yet for all the dining-room experiences and the one-of-a-kind location, Billy's On the Square has earned its reputation as a downtown landmark for one undeniable reason: the effervescent Billy Bayouth.

He is part of a widely known, highly respected family invested in the retail and service industry of greater Tulsa.

Bayouths have for years been involved in businesses such as clothing and food, entertainment and insurance.

Billy Bayouth, now 65, became arguably the most prominent link on the family's food chain, though it might not have been in his original plan.

A graduate of Jenks High School, he earned a degree in marketing and management from Northeastern Oklahoma State University. Cooking Theta burgers was not on his career menu, despite his mother, Josephine, operating King Sol's diner in Jenks during his formative years.

"I didn't learn enough there to know anything," he said.

Fresh out of college in 1974, he was encouraged by a family member to take a management position with a popular pizza restaurant in Tulsa's London Square shopping center, My Pi.

It was a fortuitous alignment.

During his five years with My Pi, Bayouth went from restaurant novice to restaurant impresario. He met his wife-to-be there. He forged working relationships with individuals that would last for decades to come.

Additionally, his time at My Pi provided the impetus for Bayouth and his brother, Sol, to join longtime family friend Nick Samara in opening Hamburger Haven near 71st Street and Lewis Avenue in 1979.

"Nick had the experience, and Sol and I helped manage Hamburger Haven," Bayouth said.

From that wellhead sprang the hamburger legacies of brothers Billy and Sol Bayouth.

Samara was emerging as a restaurateur of note, following in the footsteps of his father, Mike. Nick Samara made his presence felt in the operations of Pepper's Grill and Cantina, Big Mike's hamburger emporium and Celebrity Restaurant.

Sol eventually opened Pee Wee's Burgers and, later, Sol's Grill while taking part in an upscale entertainment venue, Tulsa Bandstand.

Sol was no stranger to the entertainment scene. He served as assistant manager at the Copa Club within the Hilton Hotel in Tulsa when cousin Jon Bayouth was manager. Sol later emerged as maître d when Jon opened the iconic Ziegfield's nightclub.

Along the same time, Billy was applying all the experience he gained from Hamburger Haven, building and opening Pee Wee's Burger Express just before settling into downtown Tulsa in 1984. In the late '80s, he expanded with a second Billy's at 51st Street and Yale Avenue.

Nick Samara, he said, helped put down the foundation for Billy's On the Square.

"Nick taught me a lot. How to do onion rings. How to do Caesar's salad," Bayouth said.

"I could never have done Billy's without the experience from Hamburger Haven."

Bayouth entered the downtown market during the infamous downturn of oil fortunes of the early '80s.

Even after signing a lease for ground-level space within the Sinclair Building, southeast corner of Bartlett Square, Bayouth was forced to endure a series of roadblocks.

Due to a mixup in contracts, the space was not available. The space went to a computer store. He reluctantly agreed to a second-story space, but then had to wait some six months before stairway access could be completed.

When Billy's On the Square eventually opened in the Sinclair Building, the last remaining operator-controlled elevator in downtown was still in service from the lobby to the second floor.

With his location in the heart of the Mayfest throngs, Bayouth flourished in the spring and Billy's became a festival staple to this day.

In 2001, while unable to agree on a new Sinclair lease, Bayouth landed the vacant ground-floor space in the Mayo Building diagonally across Bartlett Square, on the northwest corner.

Bayouth completed the move in less than a week.

Within seven years, the BOK Center opened within walking distance from Billy's and a new light was illuminating the downtown landscape.

Bayouth was among the first to secure a vendor's permit for food sales within the facility. The result: a de facto Billy's On the BOK.

As in other Bayouth ventures, the stars were in perfect alignment. Billy's On the Square operates from 10:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. weekdays. Most BOK events are scheduled at night.

Bayouth can work both sites. Some of his staff also does double duty. He has a roster of experienced helpers to complete the staff needed at the BOK.

Bayouth points with pride to his number of long-term employees.

He and his wife, Anita, have worked side by side at Billy's since 1984. So, too, have Stephanie Stewart, Anita's sister, and Donald Compton and Mark Rector. Maurice Barnett joined the roster in 1985.

Most have ties with Bayouth dating back to My Pi.

Bartlett Square, Bayouth said, "has always been one of the best locations in town."

Yet the key, he said, to the success of Billy's has been "experienced, good help."

In addition to the aforementioned six, Bayouth counts nine-year veteran Ollie Carbin as part of the Billy's team with 200 years of Theta burger experience. All in one little square of downtown Tulsa.

Bayouth has no trouble placing the estimate of sales of Billy's burgers at "3 million plus."

And he sees no slowdown.

Instead, he sees an uptick.

Talking of increased downtown traffic, due to a rise in condo and apartment residents, Bayouth is giving considerable thought to expanding the hours of Billy's.

"It's coming," he said.

"There is a possibility of sometime late summer that we might start experimenting with some night business," he said.

Just as downtown Tulsa recovered and prospered after the oil bust of the '80s, Billy's On the Square will be adjusting to the new and improved residential environment.

Billy's On the Square once was called a shining star in the gloomy days of downtown Tulsa.

That star remains just as bright as ever.

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GREAT RESTAURATEUR: *Billy Bayouth in front of his successful restaurant, which he has operated in downtown Tulsa since the early 1980s.*

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NEW ON CHERRY STREET: *From left, Paul Sorrentino, owner of restaurant and bar Roosevelt's; Lelia McCoy, executive vice president and board member with Valley National Bank; and Duane Phillips, owner of 1551 Cherry Street, stand in Roosevelt's in July. The restaurant opened in August and is located in the newly-constructed building at 1551 Cherry Street with two other restaurants. Valley National Bank provided the funding for the project.*

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Energy and the Media Highlighted at Conference

Energy Watch

By MARK A. STANSBERRY

The 24th Annual Energy Policy Conference (IEPC) – Roundtable/Summit was held Aug. 11 at the Renaissance Hotel in Tulsa. The roundtable was hosted by IEPC, the Energy Advocates and the Master of Energy Program at the University of Tulsa. I served as the moderator of the roundtable.

There were around 60 roundtable participants, including representatives from state and federal governments, chambers of commerce, public relations firms, concerned citizens, various areas of the energy sector, professors, think-tanks, energy management students from across the U.S., and media (including Forrest Cameron, CEO and Publisher of GTR Newspapers, who is a former recipient of The Energy Advocate of the Year for Journalism.)

Several subjects were briefly discussed regarding messages and the media covering and including: energy and water resources, hydraulic fracturing/horizontal drilling, endangered species act, regulations, energy and the environment, public perception of energy, energy education, the abundance of U.S. energy resources, economic development, and national security.

The roundtable opened up with an overview of an article in National Affairs written by Dr. Eric Claeys, professor at George Mason University, titled "The Case for Shale." Dr. Claeys states, "And so far, critics of shale production seem to be gaining the moral high ground. They indict shale production in moral terms. Unconventional energy producers are accused of 'polluting' sources of fresh water and the air, and of 'exploiting' the landowners from whom they lease. By contrast, defenses of shale production are fairly apolitical, often resting on economic statistics about wealth and jobs. To date, however, the shale's revolution supporters haven't developed or effectively publicized an account of why the shale revolution is also just a success story on a moral level as well as an economic one." I highly suggest every concerned citizen read Dr. Claeys article.

Dr. Claeys ends his article, "In a community in which anti-fracking rhetoric dominates, life and politics are characterized by scarcity and fears. That climate denies everyone – workers, consumers, landowners – opportunities to help themselves. By contrast, in a system of free enterprise, owners use their land to make their own lives better, and everyone benefits when energy companies increase the supply of energy available for all. The shale revolution needs more champions who can remind American citizens why. And so does the American system of free enterprise generally."

Takeaways from the roundtable: the energy industry should be more involved in telling its stories; social media should have a stronger presence; the energy industry should present the energy facts; the energy industry should be pro-active when it has made mistakes, be more transparent; the energy industry should educate the public about the importance of a strong energy industry and environmental preservation; and the energy industry should advocate the development of all forms of energy for America's security.

In December 2011, I was quoted by Paul Wiseman of the Midland Telegram, Midland, Texas, about the importance of public energy education and the need for each energy company to become involved. Loren Steffy, a business columnist at the Houston Chronicle at that time, commented on this article on his blog, saying, "One of the questions I am asked most frequently when I speak to industry groups pertains to the industry's image and what can be done about it. I usually find myself talking about how the industry has done a poor job…and how because much of the energy industry has little contact with the public, the only time it finds itself in the spotlight is when something goes terribly wrong."

Courtesy The University of Tulsa

LIFETIME ACHIEVERS: *Event host Mark Stansberry, right, with honorees Richard B. "Dick" Williamson, left, chairman of the board of T.D. Williamson, Inc., Tulsa, Lifetime Achievement Energy Advocate of the Year; and Kurt Abraham, editor/chief forecaster, World Oil, the Energy Advocates Journalist of the Year.*

The responses from the roundtables throughout the years have been very positive. For example, a college student attending one of the roundtables in Washington, D.C., wrote to me: "I enjoyed the roundtable so much that it prompted me to enroll in a natural resources and environmental economics course. I am beginning to work on a research paper on how our nation's energy policy should be structured and improved. The roundtable was one of the highlights of my time in Washington, D.C."

Why should we care? "Future generations are depending on us to keep the American dream alive!"

The roundtable was followed by a dinner honoring Richard B. "Dick" Williamson, chairman of the board of T.D. Williamson, Inc., Tulsa, Lifetime Achievement Energy Advocate of the Year; and Kurt Abraham, Editor/Chief Forecaster, World Oil, the Energy Advocates Journalist of the Year. Kurt Abraham was the keynote speaker. Dr. Tim Coburn, director of the Master of Energy Business Program at the University of Tulsa, served as host chairman and master of ceremonies.

Next year, the 25th Anniversary of the IEPC will be held in Oklahoma. Information will be announced and updated on energypolicyconference.com.

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First State Investment Advisors Celebrates 45 Years of Success

By K.J. WEBB
Contributing Writer

Tulsa-based First State Investment Advisors has been providing Tulsa families with portfolio management and investment expertise since 1971. The firm's approach to investing and its focus on personalized client service has established First State Investment Advisors as a trusted and consistently successful investment firm with a loyal client roster.

Since its inception, First State has partnered with key Tulsa families to provide them a new approach to investing: the Gold Chip Standard. Through these continued relationships, community involvement and charitable work, the firm's client base continued to expand over the years.

First State's founder, President and Chairman of the Board Sid Shupack says, "Our early clients developed a strong loyalty to us and continued to recommend us to families and friends, which allowed First State to grow and flourish through the years." As of March 2016, the firm managed nearly $42 million for individuals, pension plans and retirement accounts.

When asked to explain the Gold Chip Standard, Shupack says, "Our approach is to invest in the highest quality large cap companies, as determined by a list of factors we have defined as the standard of a Gold Chip company. We create value for our investors by becoming the expert on a selected list of these companies and buying in at opportune times based upon our fundamental analysis of the business."

Moreover, the firm's approach to investment management is different as compared to most other advisors. Where most investment firms rely on the recommendations and valuations provided by external sources, First State performs all of its own research, analysis and valuations.

In May 2016, the firm added another investment analyst to its staff, Matthew Redmond. As the company's new investment analyst and assistant portfolio manager, Redmond is responsible for developing the company's investment models and research. Since joining First State, Redmond has reduced the time required to complete First State's proprietary stock analysis from 30 days to one to three days, allowing more time to be spent researching companies to make better informed investment decisions.

Redmond graduated summa cum laude from Oral Roberts University with a BS in Finance and as an Honors Fellow, the highest distinction of the university's honors program. He had the top score of his university's graduating class on the ETS Major Field Test in Business, scoring in the 99th percentile of the national index. Prior to his position at First State, Redmond worked as a Financial Analyst for Helmerich & Payne. Redmond is currently earning his CFA Charter, one of the most prestigious designations a finance professional can have. After passing the first two of three exams in December 2015 and June 2016, he is currently a CFA Level III candidate.

Shupack explains the added value of the CFA designation, "The CFA credential is one of the most highly-esteemed designations in the investment world. It specializes in preparing candidates to become portfolio managers with advanced investment analysis skills. The high standards, grueling study, and work experience required ensures that the small percentage of candidates that make it through the program are well-equipped to analyze investments and make informed decisions. Holding the credential communicates a level of expertise and integrity that is widely respected, and it assures clients that every decision will be made with the highest degree of rigor. "

In addition to providing its own expert in-house analysis, Shupack explains another key factor that differentiates First State from other investment advisor firms: "We believe a fundamental differentiator is our client approach. We take the time to develop close personal relationships with each of our clients. As a business, we act exclusively as a portfolio manager, we provide each of our clients with free financial planning to address all of their other financial questions." Shupack adds, "Because we do not sell other products or services, we are able to minimize conflicts of interest in our recommendations to clients of what would best meet each of their unique needs. Additionally, we are happy to serve any client who is prepared to invest."

When asked what people should look for when selecting an investment advisory firm, Shupack advises the following: "There are several factors to consider before making your decision. A person should ask whether the management team has the expertise, experience, and integrity to successfully manage investments; what is the investment philosophy of the management, and does it match with your own financial philosophy, objectives, and constraints; what is the long-term record and historical performance of the firm; and have they provided you with a clear definition of the probable risk of investing in their style? Many firms are quick to talk about how well they have performed and skirt over the risk."

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FINANCIAL EXPERTS: *The First State Investment Advisors team of Matthew Redmond, left, and Sid Shupack stand outside their office in South Tulsa. Shupack is the firm's founder, president and chairman of the board, and Redmond is the new investment analyst and assistant portfolio manager responsible for developing the company's investment models and research.*

Regarding the current investment landscape, Shupack's prognosis on the economy for the rest of 2016-2017 is a high estimate for the Dow Jones Industrial Average Index (DJIA) of 19,000 by the end of the year (it is about 18,500 currently). "Our estimate for the DJIA in 2017 is 18,000 on the low side and 20,300 on the high side. We are forecasting GDP growth of 1.5 percent for the full year of 2016 and 2 percent for 2017. We estimate that unemployment will remain at about five percent for this year and next. We expect the value of the dollar next year to stay within a five percent range of the current value."

When asked if there is an art to investing, Shupack says, "The art of investing is experience. The ability to evaluate risk and reward and to consider all of the many nuances that go beyond the research and mathematical models is one that can only come from time and expert training. Each time a decision is made, that ability improves, and it takes many decisions to round out the other analytical skills of investing with this art."

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Animal Intuition Impresses Local Veterinarian

By EMILY RAMSEY
Managing Editor

After more than 30 years as a doctor of veterinary medicine, one truth that veterinarian Dr. Patrick Grogan has witnessed time and again during his professional years is the perceptiveness and intuition of animals.

"I have seen over and over animals do remarkable things," says Grogan, who is the father of KOTV Channel 6 meteorologist Michael Grogan. "It's been really enjoyable (over the years) to learn that."

Grogan gives the example of a Golden Retriever named Winston, who was inducted into the Oklahoma Veterinary Medical Association's Oklahoma Animal Hall of Fame Hero category in 2004.

"With no training, Winston knew to alert his owner, who was diabetic, when his owner's blood sugar was getting low," says Grogan.

Winston would alert his owner by nudging him with his nose. Later, a button that called for emergency services was installed in the man's home, which Winston would press if his owner became incapacitated or experienced a diabetic coma.

"It's amazing that with no training, the dog could tell something was wrong and he tried to intervene," Grogan says.

He mentions another example of a German Shepherd who lived in the country with her female owner. One day, a man broke into the home and tried to rape the owner. Even though the dog was nine months pregnant, she attacked the man and chased him away. Later, the man was caught and arrested.

"That dog most likely saved the woman's life," he says.

Grogan, a graduate of Oklahoma State University's veterinary school, interned with Woodland Animal Hospital. He has remained his entire career with the company, which is now owned by VCA Hospitals.

Grogan serves as medical director at VCA Woodland East Animal Hospital, and he specializes in dogs and cats and other small animals.

During his years in practice, Grogan has witnessed many changes in the industry.

Two areas currently growing in emphasis are vets' awareness of providing greater in-clinic pet comfort, called fear-free visits, and increased vet-client communication.

Vets can provide a calm experience for their animal patients through the use of calming pheromone scents in treatment rooms and through early puppy conditioning so that the animal learns early on that the vet clinic is not a place to fear, Grogan says.

The other trend that Grogan has noticed, particularly among younger clients, is the interest in greater communication with their veterinarian. "Clients want that knowledge; they want to be involved in their pet's treatment," he says.

Grogan uses an app that can be accessed on his devices that connects him to his client database, which allows him to provide regular client updates on pets' condition.

"I can send photos and updates to them after their pet comes out of surgery, copies of their lab work, and other pertinent information," says Grogan.

Grogan is serving as the 2016 president of the Oklahoma Veterinary Medical Association (OVMA). For the past 10 years, he has served as a district director for OVMA.

Much of what OVMA is involved with is statewide advocacy and educational efforts for animal-related issues. In addition, OVMA oversees the operation of the birthing centers and surgical suites at the Oklahoma City and Tulsa state fairs. OVMA estimates that the birthing centers see approximately 100,000 visitors each year, says Grogan. "They're very popular."

OVMA also holds yearly veterinary seminars and events as well as networking opportunities and activities that allow vets to communicate with each other.

Grogan has served on the Tulsa City County Board of Health since 2003.

"The rewards of my field are twofold," says Grogan. "Seeing animals respond to treatments and surgeries and go on to live longer, healthier and pain-free lives. Secondly, is the relationships with my human clients, getting to know them and their families and seeing the next generation and their pets."

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INDUSTRY EXPERTISE: *Veterinarian Dr. Patrick Grogan, medical director at VCA Woodland East Animal Hospital, poses with the clinic's resident cat, Mena. Grogan, the father of KOTV Channel 6 meteorologist Michael Grogan, has been practicing veterinary medicine for over 30 years.*

Courtesy HEATHER BERRYHILL

MORTGAGE BURNING: *On August 18, ABC of Oklahoma celebrated their success with an official Mortgage Burning Ceremony. The organization has worked hard to develop their association and have managed to pay off the mortgage to the building. To celebrate, 2,000 Oklahoma chapter chairman (and the original signer of the loan) Jim Beeman, left, helped lead the ceremony. In addition, from left are Carl Williams, president of ABC of Oklahoma; Joe Mann, Mabrey Bank; Scott Mabrey, president of Mabrey Bank; and Andy Wright, ABC committee member and president of FlorWright, Inc.*

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WINNING EVENT: *The Rupe Helmer Group has announced the completion of the Golden Dragon Taekwondo building located at 91st Street and Memorial Drive in Tulsa. Rupe Helmer Group served as general contractor and NAI Rupe Helmer assisted the owner, Master Seo, with the leasing of part of the building. From left are John Rupe, Jr., owner of Rupe Helmer Group and NAI Rupe Helmer, LLC; Siamak Ahmady, owner of Ahmadys Persian Rugs; Tulsa Mayor-elect G.T. Bynum, Master Seo, owner of Golden Dragon Taekwondo; Congressman Jim Bridenstine; and Sean Kouplen, CEO of Regent Bank.*

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SLIM HANEY CELEBRATION: Newton Box, owner of Slim Haney Machining, and his wife Patricia are happy as they cut the ceremonial ribbon to celebrate the success of the company, which has been in business for 54 years. The company has been in its current facility for 10 years and celebrates a milestone of breaking $10 million in sales. Also attending the event were members of the Tulsa Regional Chamber of Commerce, representatives from Congressman Bridenstine's office, and employees, suppliers and customers.

Slim Haney was founded in 1962 by W.B. "Slim" Haney, who started the company in a small rented building on Sheridan Road in Tulsa with two Brown & Sharpe single spindle screw machines.

In 1985, Slim retired and sold the business to his son Gene. Bob Parrott was promoted and the result was a doubling of production.

In 2004, Newton Box officially became the owner of Slim Haney Machining, Inc., and Bob Parrott was promoted to vice president.

In 2006, Slim Haney relocated the operations to its current climate controlled 20,000-sqare-foot facility that sits on a 3.2 acre lot, at the corner of 5615 N. Mingo Rd. in Tulsa, where the ribbon cutting took place.

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DREAMING AND DOING: *Honoring Oklahoma's Emerging Manufacturing Leaders at the recent Dream It Do It Kick-Off Breakfast at the Tulsa Tech Lemley campus are, from left, Joe Genet, Oklahoma Manufacturing Alliance; Dr. Steven Tiger, Tulsa Tech; Stephanie Cameron, OK2Grow/Dream It Do It Oklahoma, and Phil Albert, Pelco Structural. The event is open to educators, manufacturers, workforce partners, and students with the mission to create new interest in innovative and rewarding manufacturing careers. Phil Albert was the keynote speaker. In 2005, Albert, along with partner Phil Parduhn, opened Pelco Structural, LLC, located in Claremore. Dream It Do It Oklahoma invited area manufacturing employers to nominate "Emerging Manufacturing Leaders" in their company, who are under 40 years of age and show great potential in their manufacturing career. "Part of the coalition's goal is to clear up misconceptions among millennials. We want to let them know the diversity of jobs available in manufacturing, as well as the levels of salary they can earn," says Stephanie Cameron, state director of Dream It Do It Oklahoma.*

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BUSINESS & PEOPLE NOTES

GILLETT

Tulsa City-County Library CEO Dr. Gary Shaffer announces that the **Tulsa Library Trust** has hired **Sarah Jane Gillett** as its new executive director. The Tulsa Library Trust serves as the foundation, or 501(c)(3), for the Tulsa City-County Library.

Gillett was a partner with the law firm Hall, Estill, Hardwick, Gable, Golden & Nelson, P.C. until June 2016. During her tenure with the firm, she was named one of Oklahoma's Top 25 Female Attorneys. Gillett has a deep history with Tulsa nonprofits, serving on the boards and committees of Collegiate Hall Charter School, Tulsa Ballet, the Tulsa Area United Way Women's Leadership Council and the Child Abuse Network. She is a former president and remains an ongoing advisor for the Junior League of Tulsa.

BARCIK

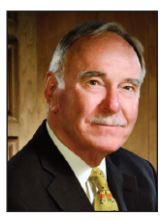
Oseco, a Broken Arrow-based leading manufacturer of rupture discs and other pressure relief devices, has named **Rob Barcik** as its new president.

He will take over for current president Bryan Sanderlin, who has been named a sector vice president within parent company Halma's Process Safety Sector. In his new role, Sanderlin will oversee several companies within this sector for Halma, including Oseco.

Barcik has served on the Oseco board and as vice pesident of manufacturing for the past 11 years. More recently, he took on the additional role of Process Segment General Manager for Oseco's chemical processing industry team. He has brought a number of changes to the company, including development of a satellite office in Brazil and the recent design and construction of a new building for Oseco's Broken Arrow campus.

The rupture disc manufacturer is planning to add a third facility on its Broken Arrow campus later this year that will double the company's manufacturing floor capacity and office space, with plenty of room for continued growth.

For more information about Oseco, visit oseco.com.



WADDEL

Jones, Gotcher & Bogan, P.C. announces the addition of **Patrick O. Waddel** as an Of Counsel attorney of the Firm. Waddel attended the University of Pittsburgh in Pennsylvania and the University of Tulsa, receiving a B.A. degree from the latter in 1964. He received his LL.B. degree from Southern Methodist University School of Law in 1967. He is a member of the Tulsa County and Oklahoma Bar Association, the Missouri Bar, and the State Bar of Texas.

Waddel's practice has principally been in the area of corporate and securities law, having participated in numerous public offerings, corporate financings, acquisitions and mergers. In addition to his practice, Waddel was a commissioner of the Tulsa Development Authority for approximately 25 years serving as its chairman for approximately 10 years. He is also a member of the executive board of the Dedman School of Law at Southern Methodist University.

WINTERS

Griffin Communications, an Oklahoma-owned and operated multimedia company, recently hired **Jamie Tygart** and **Sarah Tingler** as account executives and **Veronica Winters** as sales promotion manager at KOTV/News On 6 and KQCW/Tulsa CW in Tulsa.

Tygart has eight years of experience in direct sales and customer service. Previously, she worked at Fitness Together Brookside as a personal trainer and as an implant education coordinator and dental assistant at McGarry Implant Institute. She received her bachelor's degree in health education and promotion from Oklahoma State University in Tulsa.

Tingler has four years of experience in both English and Spanish media outlets working as an account manager for Tyler Media in Tulsa and various other outlets in Oklahoma City. In addition, she was a commercial advisor at Novo Cancun, a commercial and residential real estate development in Mexico. Tingler received a commercial and residential real estate license from the Oklahoma Real Estate Academy, attended Bosque Del Caribe Language Institute in Cancun, Mexico, and attended Tulsa Community College with an emphasis in mass communications and journalism.

As sales promotion manager, Winters is responsible for developing and executing station sales promotional campaigns to generate non-traditional revenue for Griffin Communications' Tulsa stations and websites. She previously worked at Celebrity Attractions in Tulsa as marketing and press coordinator and My Dentist Inc. as regional human resources specialist in Tulsa. She received her bachelor's degree in theatre arts from California State University in Long Beach.

SPERLE

Tulsa Bike Share announces the hiring of its first Executive Director, **Daniel Sperle.**

Formed in April, Tulsa Bike Share is a nonprofit partnership of public and private organizations working to bring bike sharing to Tulsa County.

In addition to hiring its first E.D., the organization also added Stephen Lassiter from BPAC (Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee) to its board of directors, which already included representatives from agencies and institutions such as the City of Tulsa, GKFF, Tulsa Health Department, INCOG, TCC, VisitTulsa Sports Commission, Tulsa Tough, Sapien Marketing and the Tulsa Regional Chamber.

As the head of the organization, Sperle will lead a fundraising campaign, facilitate a "request for proposals" process with bike share vendor companies, and collaborate with the City of Tulsa and others to receive federal, state, and other grant funds for bike sharing.

A native of Tulsa, Sperle has a desire to be part of Tulsa's revitalization as it becomes a thriving urban city. Most recently, he has graduated from the University of Oklahoma Urban Design Studio master's program and worked alongside the TYPros Urbanists crew on the StreetCred event on Route 66.

PHELPS

Marnie Phelps, Cyntergy, was elected president of the **Child Abuse Network's** board of directors at their annual meeting in June. Other officers include president-elect Cari Marshall, CMCi Consultants, LLC; secretary Tim Neuman, Williams Companies, Inc.; treasurer Ray Poudrier, ONEOK; and past-president T. Carley Williams, BKD, LLP. Barbara E. Findeiss serves as CAN's executive director.

CAN recently received a 4-star rating from Charity Navigator for demonstrating strong financial health and commitment to accountability and transparency.

SLATER

Public Service Company of Oklahoma (PSO) announces that **Tommy Slater**, currently the plant manager at Southwestern Electric Power Company's (SWEPCO) Welsh Plant in Pittsburg, Texas, will take over as vice president for Gary Knight, who is retiring Sept. 1 after 35 years of service with PSO.

Slater first joined SWEPCO in 1976. Prior to his appointment as manager at Welsh in 2010, he worked as a start-up engineer and lead start-up engineer, plant shift supervisor, and manager for SWEPCO's regional engineering organization.

He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in mechanical engineering from the University of Texas at Arlington and is a registered professional engineer in Texas.

In his new role, Slater will be responsible for overall operations, maintenance, continuous improvement and safety culture at all PSO generating facilities.

BRIDGES

The Parent Child Center of Tulsa, Inc. (PCCT) announces that **Kristine D. Bridges** will become the organization's next executive director in early 2017. She will follow Desiree Doherty, the current executive director who has announced her plans to retire. Bridges will join PCCT in October 2016 for a formal transition period.

Bridges is currently the executive director of the Tulsa County Child Protection Coalition and, in this role, has worked closely with PCCT and numerous other community organizations at the local and state level to improve the lives of children and parents involved in the child welfare system. She was previously associate dean and director of Professional Development at University of Tulsa College of Law. She holds a Bachelor of Arts in Speech Communication and a Juris Doctorate from Baylor University.

"We believe Kristine will provide excellent leadership for The Parent Child Center of Tulsa going forward," says Jamie McCoy, vice president and CFO at Canyon Creek Energy II and president of the PCCT Board of Directors.

For more information about PCCT, visit www.parentchildcenter.org.

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Mid-Continent Tower is Nationally Recognized

On Architecture

By ROGER COFFEY, AIA

One of the most unusual ways of expanding an office building occurred to the Mid-Continent Tower at Fourth Street and Boston Avenue. Originally called the Cosden Building, headquarters of Cosden Oil and Gas Company, this structure at 16 stories was one of Tulsa's tallest office buildings, our first real skyscraper. Built in 1918 by flamboyant oilman Josh Cosden at a cost of $1 million, it was one of the world's tallest concrete structures at the time. The southeast corner site had been the location of Tulsa's first school, the old 1884 Mission.

In the late 1970s, Reading and Bates, an international petroleum drilling contractor, under the leadership of CEO Charlie Thornton, purchased the Cosden Building with plans to make the building a headquarters facility for Reading and Bates. However, the building was not large enough, and the existing structure could not support more floors. Fortunately, an additional site was available to the east. The solution was to construct a duplicate 16-story tower to the east with a 17th floor cantilever above the original building. This cantilever provided support for 20 more floors for a total of 36 floors and a promenade roof terrace around a penthouse structure featuring a tall mansard roof cap. The penthouse is offset to the south from the center of the tower allowing roof terrace space on the north of the tower. Massive steel bridge trusses, which provide this support, can be seen at the 17th floor interior.

The original building was restored to near mint condition in 1980 and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. In 1984, the addition was completed. The building is now called the Mid-Continent Tower with over 320,000 square feet of usable office space.

Terra cotta is the main exterior skin material on Mid-Continent Tower. The architects, H.T.B (now called Dewberry), matched the old with the new terra cotta masonry material almost seamlessly. There is a "Sullivanesque" look to the exterior with its intricate weaving of linear and geometric forms and stylized foliage in symmetrical patterns. (Louis Sullivan was a turn-of-the-century Chicago architect famous for his geometric designs.) The tracery on the spandrels often has often been called Venetian Gothic.

Between stacked paired windows are slender columns with V-shaped projections all faced in terra cotta giving the façade a strong sense of verticality. A massive steel canopy with Gothic details projects over the sidewalk at the southwest corner of the building. This was the original entrance to the Cosden Building with a lobby that continues the Venetian Gothic flavor. Further inside, 10 elevators provide access to the floors above. Cleverly, locating the entrance next to the adjacent building on the south freed up the northwest corner where windows with both north and west exposure allowed for large corner office suites. Today, the main entrance is from Fourth Street through a two-story colonnade created by recessing the four structural bays of the new east addition. Below Fourth Street, a tunnel connects to a parking garage across the street to the north. There is also a first floor connection on the south to the Atlas Life Building (now occupied by Courtyard by Marriott).

Josh Cosden made and lost several fortunes during his lifetime. In 1913, at age 39, his estimated net worth was more than $50 million. Yet, he died broke in 1940. His company went into receivership and his property sold at public auction. Certainly, though, he would be pleased at the appearance of the building that he built almost 100 years ago.

36 STORIES: *The original 16-story Mid-Continent Tower was built in 1918 by oilman Josh Cosden. A second 16-story tower was added to the east with a 17th floor cantilever above the original building that provided support for 20 more floors for a total of 36 floors.*

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VENETIAN GOTHIC: *The lobby of the Mid-Continent Tower with a Venetian Gothic flavor. The main entrance to the building is from Fourth Street through a two-story colonnade created by recessing the four structural bays of the newer east addition.*

Homegrown Sustainability: Creating a Zero Waste Music Festival

Trash Talk

By BETH TURNER
Tulsa Master Recyclers Association

Witnessing the live music aftermath of trash piles inspired my first article on recycling in 2007, and I haven't seen it improve in that near-decade. So, when a festival came along that my sister helped co-lead, Mulberry River Society (MRS), in volunteer recycling efforts, not even her involvement could persuade me to believe that a zero waste festival could be possible. But with a cynical, yet hopeful, heart the First Annual Homegrown Music Festival brought back my faith that all things are possible.

The Homegrown Music Festival founders focused on shining a light on real solutions to festival waste.

Sustainability Manager Melissa Terry says success happened because of thoughtful planning and targeted partnerships. "We wanted partners with a track record of hard work and dedication."

MRS Homegrown Sustainability Co-Managing Volunteer Dena Turner, aka: my sister, says, "We jumped at this because we want people to come and enjoy our beautiful Mulberry River, which has to be done responsibly or this pristine river won't be here for us next year."

The Homegrown team now undertakes the task of post-analysis and thesis reporting that the public can soon access through the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality.

Terry says, "I'm in education, so I knew we'd have to do it all the way. We want a roadmap for how to host live music and sustainable living."

In lieu of the full report, here are a few of the eco-steps taken:

Step One

When guests arrived at the gate, they received individual compostable bags containing a stainless steel cup, and a bamboo plate and spork.

Step Two

In to the stage area, drink vendors fill your cup and food vendors fill your plate. Once done, take your dish to the station for a drop off and token pickup. Use your token at the vendor stations for use of a new plate. I kept my spork and cup clean but with me throughout the event.

Step Three

For food waste, MRS volunteers simply scraped it into five gallon buckets. The amount of scraps totaled 343.5 pounds, all of which went to feed local animals at a non-profit farm.

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ECO HEROES: *From the left: Jeremy Maxwell, Amanda Harris, Jesse Thomas, Dena Turner and David Gottschalk take a moment for a photo at the dishwashing station at Homegrown Music Festival. Volunteers upcycled 343.5 pounds of scraps for local animal feed, and rewashed 3000 plates numerous times in efforts towards a zero waste music festival.*

Let's pause to highlight the station's success. Homegrown purchased 3,000 plates, which were washed and distributed to food vendors pre-opening.

MRS volunteers, namely co-leader David Gottschalk and the station's builder National Marble and Granite's Jeremy Gunn, provided both efficient product and consistent service. So, not only did the team show huge numbers for saving waste in the first place, Festivalgoers throughout talked about the lack of flies and bugs that usually surround hot vending site trash bins at these venues.

Step Four

New Market Naturals from Fayetteville set up filtered water spouts inside the stage area, providing free fill-up stations to all patrons.

Step Five

Green Source provided on-site recycling and volunteers on bicycles retrofitted with bins hauled recycling and waste.

Step Six

Richter Solar Energy provided panels that fed 80 percent of the electricity used by the festival back to the grid. 80 percent!

Step Seven

Giant event line-up billboards staggered throughout the grounds to forgo printing individual-use playbill packets.

This system created more chatter between festivalgoers. People talked up their favorite performers, which was like live "likes," if you will.

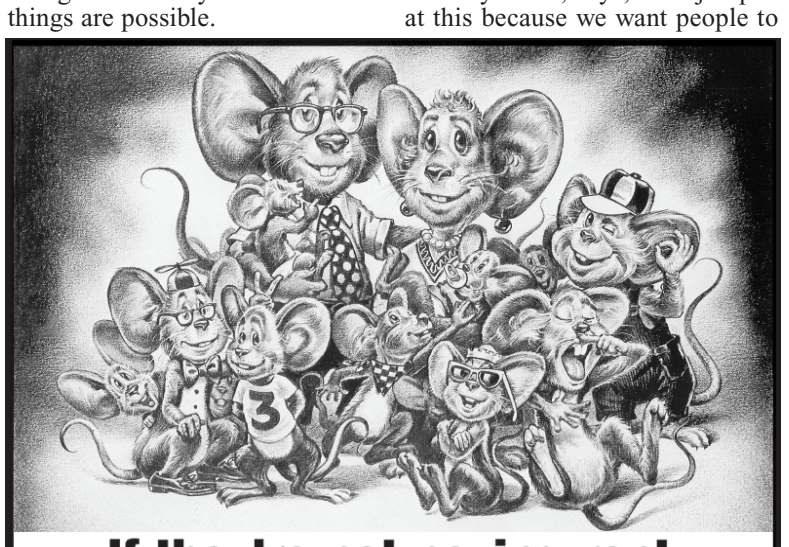
This brings me to my favorite overheard conversation: MRS' Turner telling a girl that the winner of the free t-shirt will be posted, to which her co-volunteer told the girl, "She means she'll write it on the actual poster wall to your right, not something online."

Step Eight

Richter Solar also provided a free device charging station!

Another conversation overheard as we packed up on Sunday: "Now that I know this is possible, I don't know if I can handle a festival that's not managed like this one." As I gazed across the grassy field just filled with dancers, now void of human footprint, I sighed and thought, "I too feel cynical. Yet hopeful."

Keep the conversation going by sending in your questions and comments to bethturner@me.com, and follow @TrashTalkTulsa.



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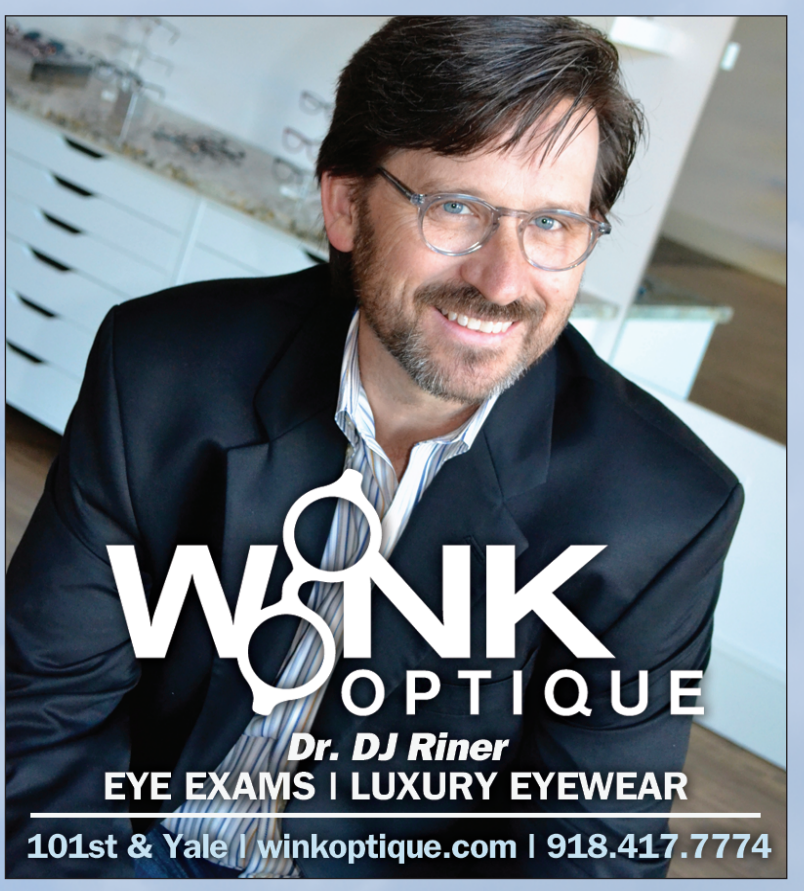

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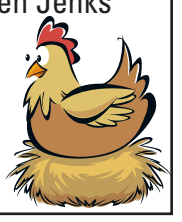

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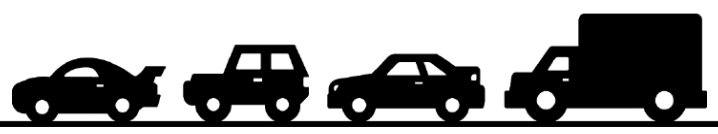

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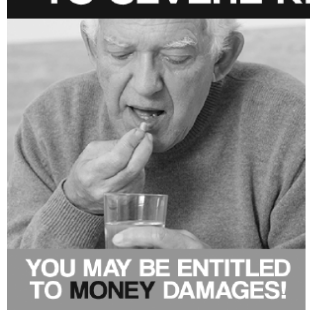

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28 August

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Heathers: The Musical
Theatre Pops
2 p.m.
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Oklahoma!
Theatre Tulsa
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1 p.m.
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Gaelic Storm
Cain's Ballroom
8 p.m.
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Connect to the You Within Workshop
Innergistic, Broken Arrow
6:30 – 9 p.m.
Visit innergistic.com for more information.

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Bluegrazz Wednesdays with Grazzhopper Trio
Cellar Dweller
9 p.m. – 12 a.m.
Visit grazzhopper.net for more information.

Food & Fitness After 50
Claremore Conference Center
11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Visit hillcrest.com for more information.

1 September

Oklahoma!
Theatre Tulsa
2 p.m.
mytickettoffice.com for tickets.

Movie in the Park: Double Feature – Rudy & We Are Marshall
Guthrie Green
8:30 p.m.
Visit guthriegreen.com for more information.

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Heathers: The Musical
Theatre Pops
8 p.m. • Sept. 2-3
mytickettoffice.com for tickets.

Vintage Tulsa Show
Expo Square
All Day
Visit exposquare.com for more information.

First Friday Concert
Gardens at LaFortune Park
7 – 9 p.m.
Visit parks.tulsacounty.org for more information.

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The Will Rogers Follies
Theatre Tulsa
2 & 8 p.m.
mytickettoffice.com for tickets.

Golden Hurricane vs.
San Jose State • 6 p.m.
Football
918-631-4688 for tickets.

Oklahoma!
Theatre Tulsa
8 p.m.
mytickettoffice.com for tickets.

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Heathers: The Musical
Theatre Pops
2 p.m.
mytickettoffice.com for tickets.

Oklahoma!
Theatre Tulsa
2 p.m.
mytickettoffice.com for tickets.

Tulsa Drillers
vs. Springfield
7:05 p.m.
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Tulsa Drillers
vs. Springfield
6:05 p.m.
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Tulsa's Great Raft Race
River West Festival Park (Finish)
7 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Visit tulsaraftrace.com for more information.

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Fitness on the Green: Boot Camp
Guthrie Green
5:30 p.m.
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Guthrie Green
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Brown Bag It: Dean DeMerritt Jazz Trio
PAC Trust
12:10 p.m.
FREE event.

Stars Go Dim
Cain's Ballroom
7 p.m.
Visit cainsballroom.com for more information.

Drunkard and Olio Auditions
Tulsa Spotlight Theatre
6:30 – 7:30 p.m.
Visit spotlighttheatre.org for info.

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Dixie Chicks
BOK Center
7:30 p.m.
Visit bokcenter.com for more information.

Blue Whale Comedy Festival
Various venues in Tulsa
Sept. 8 – 11
Visit bluewhalecomedyfestival.com for more information.

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The Who's Tommy
Tulsa Project Theatre
7:30 p.m.
mytickettoffice.com for tickets.

I Love the `90s
BOK Center
7:30 p.m.
Visit bokcenter.com for more information.

2016 Day of Caring
Expo Square
All Day
Visit www.tauw.org for more information.

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The Who's Tommy
Tulsa Project Theatre
2 & 7:30 p.m.
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Gala Anniversary Concert Featuring Joshua Bell
Tulsa Symphony Orchestra
8 p.m.
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Mother Road Revival
BOK Center
7:30 p.m.
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Dover Quartet
Chamber Music Tulsa
3 p.m.
mytickettoffice.com for tickets.

SUNDAY CONCERT: Tulsa Roots Music Rocks the Green!
Guthrie Green
2:30 p.m.
Visit guthriegreen.com for more information.

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I Can't Compose Music with BART Center for Music
Thomas K. McKeon Center for Creativity
12 – 12:45 p.m.
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Western Days 2016
Cox Business Center
6 p.m.
Visit westerndaysevent.com for more information.

Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Education Forum
LIFE Senior Services
9 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Visit lifeseniorservices.org for more information.

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Food Truck Wednesday
Guthrie Green
11:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Visit guthriegreen.com for more information.

Disney's Newsies
Celebrity Attractions
7:30 p.m.
mytickettoffice.com for tickets.

The Melvins
Cain's Ballroom
8 p.m.
Visit cainsballroom.com for more info.

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The Who's Tommy
Tulsa Project Theatre
7:30 p.m.
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Disney's Newsies
Celebrity Attractions
1 & 7:30 p.m.
mytickettoffice.com for tickets.

2016 Rib Crib's Rock 'N Rib Festival
BOK Center
Sept. 15 – 18
Visit bokcenter.com for more information.

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The Who's Tommy
Tulsa Project Theatre
7:30 p.m.
mytickettoffice.com for tickets.

Disney's Newsies
Celebrity Attractions
8 p.m.
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Whiskey Well
BOK Center
6:30 & 8:30
Visit bokcenter.com for more information.

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Golden Hurricane vs.
North Carolina A&T
1 p.m.
Football
918-631-4688 for tickets.

The Who's Tommy
Tulsa Project Theatre
2 & 7:30 p.m.
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The Who's Tommy
Tulsa Project Theatre
2 p.m.
mytickettoffice.com for tickets.

Disney's Newsies
Celebrity Attractions
2 & 7 p.m.
mytickettoffice.com for tickets.

Scotfest
River West Festival Park
Sept. 16 – 18
Visit okscotfest.com for more information.

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I Can't Cut It with Fab Lab Tulsa
Thomas K. McKeon Center for Creativity
12 – 12:45 p.m.
Visit tulsacc.edu for more information.

Tegan and Sara
Cain's Ballroom
7:30 p.m.
Visit cainsballroom.com for more information.

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NSUBA RiverHawk Run
NSU-Broken Arrow
5:30 p.m.
Visit nsualumni.com for more information.

Tech N9ne
Cain's Ballroom
7:30 p.m.
Visit cainsballroom.com for more information.

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Tulsa Roughnecks
vs. Swope Park
7:30 p.m.
For more information, visit tulsaroughnecksfc.com

TulsaWorks Open Houses for Job Training
Goodwill Industries of Tulsa
3 – 5 p.m.
Visit goodwilltulsa.org for more information.

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Tulsa Camerata: Neo/Classical Revisited
Philbrook Museum of Art
7 – 9 p.m.
Visit tulsacamerata.org for more information.

Martina McBride
Hard Rock Cafe
8 p.m.
Visit hardrocktulsa.com for info.

Whiskey Myers
Cain's Ballroom
7:30 p.m.
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Soledad O'Brien
Tulsa Town Hall
10:30 a.m.
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Glengarry Glen Ross
Theatre Tulsa Next Stage
8 p.m.
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Red, White & Brew
Rose District - Main St. in Broken Arrow
11 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Visit redwhiteandbrewba.com for more information.

Glengarry Glen Ross
Theatre Tulsa Next Stage
8 p.m.
mytickettoffice.com for tickets.

Tulsa Roughnecks
vs. Sacramento
7:30 p.m.
For more information, visit tulsaroughnecksfc.com

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Glengarry Glen Ross
Theatre Tulsa Next Stage
2 p.m.
mytickettoffice.com for tickets.

Grupo Corpo
Choregus Productions
3 p.m.
mytickettoffice.com for tickets.

XPO Game Festival
Cox Business Center
6 p.m.
Visit westerndaysevent.com for more information.

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I Can't Draw Cartoons with Kim Doner
Thomas K. McKeon Center for Creativity
12 – 12:45 p.m.
Visit tulsacc.edu for more information.

Documentary Premiere: Memo to Self - Protecting Sobriety with the Science of Safety
Circle Cinema
7 – 9 p.m.
Visit circlecinema.com for more information.

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Once
Celebrity Attractions
7:30 p.m.
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Ghost
Brady Theater
7 p.m.
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Once
Celebrity Attractions
7:30 p.m.
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Dusk in the Deco District
Centennial Park - Downtown Tulsa
4:30 – 8 p.m.
Visit facebook.com/tulsaartdecodistrict for more information.

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Saint Motel
Cain's Ballroom
7:30 p.m.
Visit cainsballroom.com for more information.

Movie in the Park: Children of Men
Guthrie Green
8:30 p.m.
Visit guthriegreen.com for more information.

Tulsa State Fair
Expo Square
Sept. 29 – Oct. 9
Visit tulsastatefair.com for more information.

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Glengarry Glen Ross
Theatre Tulsa Next Stage
8 p.m.
mytickettoffice.com for tickets.

Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters
PAC Trust
7 p.m.
mytickettoffice.com for tickets.

2016 Halloween Festival
Castle of Muskogee
Sept. 30 – Oct. 29
Visit okcastle.com for more information.

1 October

Head for the Cure 5K
Mabee Center
8 – 11 a.m.
Visit headforthecure.org/tulsa for more information.

Xplore Justice Adventure Race
The Center of the Universe, Tulsa
10 a.m.
Visit thedemandproject.org for more information.

Glengarry Glen Ross
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