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

The Tulsa State Fair returns Sept. 29, running through Oct. 9, bringing new and returning entertainment, with its theme

"Picture This" encouraging fair-goers to "get social," says Sarah Thompson, with the Tulsa State

"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

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.





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.

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

"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 formances. Australian exhibit. "It's a fantas- Also new

"This will be a full circus show tic exhibit," she continues. "It's (Creek) Nation stage this year is 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 Hypnochick also returns daily Oct. 3-9, with afternoon per-

Also new on the Muscogee

geared toward younger children, 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.

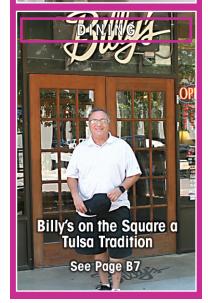
Included in the ticket price is admission into the fair, rodeo and concert.

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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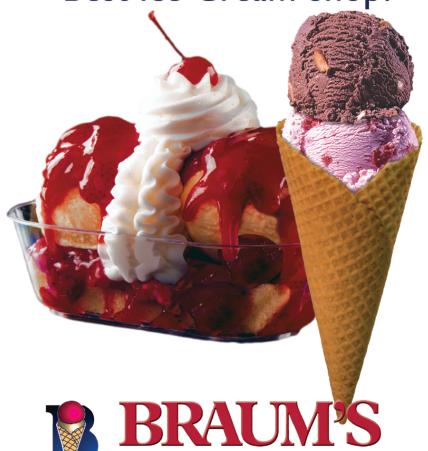
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CIRCULATION

WILLIAMS LODGE TAKING SHAPE AT TULSA'S GATHERING PLACE



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



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

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.



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

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 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.

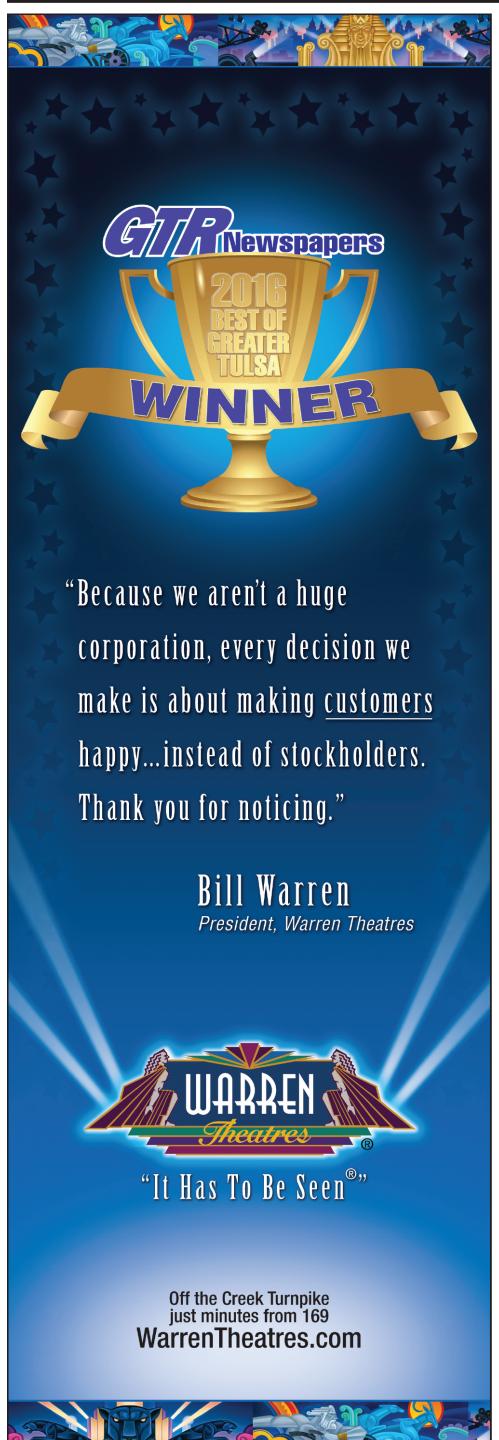
"These trees are the most beautiful and healthy that we have on the property. We want to protect them," says Stava. "Then, they will serve as a canopy over the food terrace."

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



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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> 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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Resolute PR and Collins College 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 profes-

A significant amount of veterans are employed by both the City of Tulsa and Tulsa County. These dedicated employees selflessly County partnered to host our first- mation about veteran benefits.

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



IN SERVICE: Two veterans, Phil Scherman and Jim Harris, both DAV service officers, receive infor-

City and County employees last month.

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

ever Veteran's Resource Fair for 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 county 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 vear, 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 develop-

"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,"

Yet, in addition to the new conremain 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 town.



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.

property. The green space will include a performance stage and public restrooms.

"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 struction projects, Jenks leaders 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 down-

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.

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Spring Noodles Wins \$2,500

The Tulsa StartUp Series named expanding in Tulsa and are glad to to the next level through added 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

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

Spring Noodles the winner of the 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.'

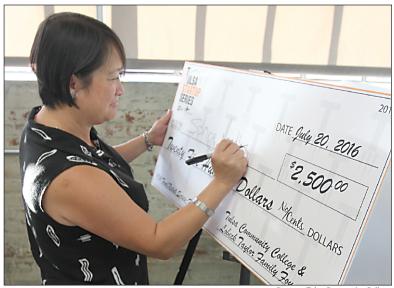
The Tulsa StartUp Series, pow-Cecilia Wessinger of Spring ered by Tulsa Community College and the Lobeck Taylor Family Foundation, focuses on delivering resources and mentoring opportunities to entrepreneurs.

like 'Companies 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

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 November. The five Pitch Series winners get an automatic bid to compete at Demo Day, where the winner receives \$15,000, a yearlong 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



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.

This year, the competition rein- and a total economic impact for vented itself to the Tulsa StartUp Series to meet the needs of local entrepreneurs. In total, Tulsa's competition later adapted to the original startup competition has sastartupseries.com, including TCC StartUp Cup Powered by the generated more than 2,300 full- instructions for submitting video Lobeck Taylor Family Foundation. time, part-time, and contract jobs pitches and competition rules.

Tulsa of more than \$57.7 million.

You can learn more about the Tulsa StartUp Series at www.tul-

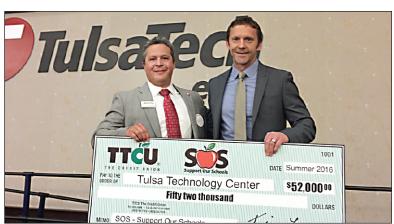
TTCU The Credit Union Presents \$52,000 Donation to Tulsa Tech

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

"TTCU has been serving schools for more than 80 years. We were concerned about how the educa-



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.

Lyons, CEO and president of TTCU. "We're grateful to be able

About TTCU The Credit Union

TTCU is the largest state-chartered credit union in Oklahoma with sixteen branches; five in Tulsa, two in tion funding crisis was impacting Broken Arrow and Tahlequah, one schools, and we wanted to do each in Bixby, Jenks, Claremore,

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 something about it," says Tim Miami, Muskogee, Owasso and 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 her academic and athletic achieve-



MYKAELA JONES HONORED

2015. Jones played in Eastern's extracurricular activities such as first-ever soccer game in the fall 2015. During her time on the team, she played in 38 games and was a

Eastern's Trunk-or-Treat, Regional Science and Engineering Fair, and was an active member in the Math starter in 37. As a sophomore, she and Science Club. She graduated served as team captain. Aside from this spring with a 3.95 GPA and plans to continue her education Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society in ments, she was also involved other and become a pharmacist.



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

attended Tulsa Tech my junior year of high school," Jones says. "I still remember

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

For over 50 years, the state's old-independent," Jones says. "We and mother of two had worked as a

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 dated. seem However, Jones is quick to say, many of the skills she learned were invaluable.

"We learned DOS, if anyone remembers that," chuckles. "We were also taught core office

how excited I was when I found out skills, like typing and ten-key. We that I had been accepted into the had to achieve so many words-perminute, 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

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 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."

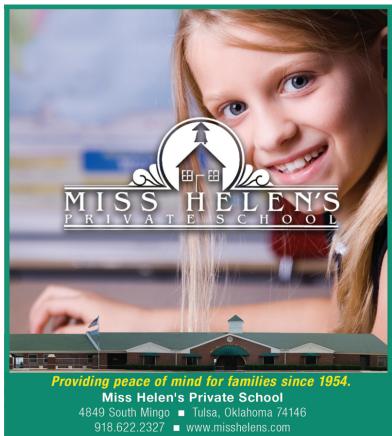
Although her DOS skills might be a little rusty, Jones still gives credit to her former instructor, Nancy O'Hara, for all of the business knowledge she shared with each of her students. Important skills that weren't necessarily listed in the program curriculum.

"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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Instructional Services Department 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.



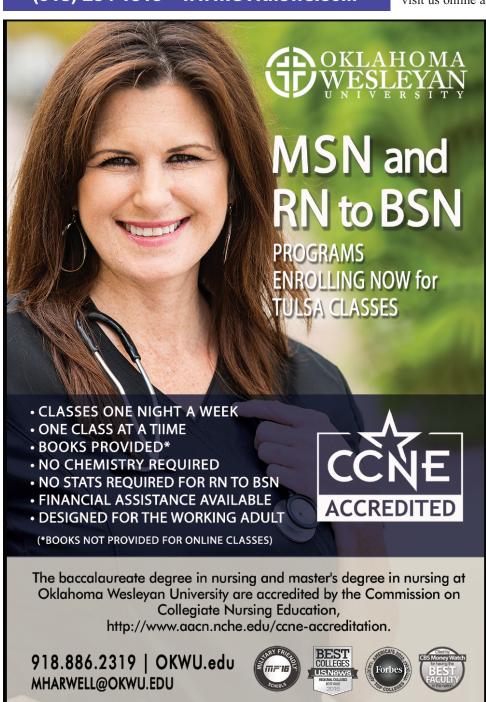


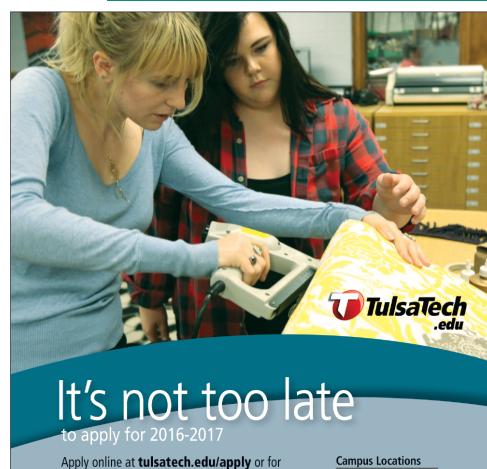
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Rejoice Schools Opens Middle, High School

Managing Editor

On Aug. 16, middle and high school students at Rejoice Christian Schools were welcomed on their first day of school to the brand new, multi-million dollar Rejoice Christian Schools (RCS) middle and high school campus, at 13407 E. 106th St. N.

The campus sits on a total of 65 acres of land, with Rejoice's elementary school to the west.

The 149,435-square-foot middle and high school facility features 56 middle and high school classrooms, with 15 students per

"To put that in perspective, in this new building, we have 22 high school classrooms," says school Superintendent Dr. Craig Shaw. "At our previous facility (located on 86th Street North), we had 23 classrooms total, for middle school and high school combined. This is a huge difference."

The additional classrooms will allow the school to offer additional course options.

This includes a new dual enrollment offering that allows middle and high school students to enroll in higher level courses to gain credits toward their future years in high school or college, respec-



FIRST DAY: Rejoice Christian Schools Superintendent Dr. Craig Shaw stands with high school students Miriam Arnold, second from left, Clara Cox and Christopher White on the first day of school at Rejoice Schools new middle and high school campus.



EXPANSION COMPLETED: Rejoice Christian Schools new middle and high school campus, located at 13407 E. 106th St. N., opened on Aug. 16, the first day of the new school year. The campus sits on a total of 65 acres of land, with Rejoice's elementary school to the west. The elementary school opened in October.

programs to include partnerships with Ohio Christian University Oklahoma Wesleyan University.

two gymnasiums, with one doubling as a FEMA 361 storm shelter, multiple science labs, libraries, and art and music cen-

Rejoice has also expanded its to showcase their acting and singing skills through drama performances and school programs. Its athletic facilities include a 2,000-seat football stadium, a In addition, the campus features baseball field, three gymnasiums, a weight room training complex and tennis courts.

Tablet-driven technology will be implemented in each classters. The 600-seat auditorium room, providing the opportunity will give students the opportunity for teachers to instruct and inter- Trust, which is the largest single last year.

act with students through the use of advanced technology.

In October, Rejoice opened its elementary school on the property. The elementary school had previously shared space with Rejoice Church, which sits adjacent to the school's acreage.

The school's expansion came about due to a \$50 million gift from the Eddy Gibbs Family

gift ever given to a K-12 school in the history of the United

The groundbreaking was held in March 2014.

RCS was founded in 1992 by First Free Will Baptist Church of Owasso. The school system continues to experience growth, seeing an almost 12 percent increase in enrollment as compared with

Camp Courage Encourages Empowerment

By ANNE BOYD Contributing Writer

Since its beginnings, Camp Courage has grown to become an important part of the Owasso community that offers both a fun experience for campers with a meaningful message.

The camp was created in 2007 by Ronnie and Jennifer Hayes along with the help of their founding board members. They welcomed campers in 2009 with one week of camp and 30 volunteers. Today, Camp Courage has grown to a full summer with more than 90 campers each week.

Jennifer Hayes explains that the name of the camp was inspired by the Bible verse at Joshua 1:9 which says, "Be strong and courageous for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go." The mission of Camp Courage is to encourage values and positive character traits in every camper so that they will be better prepared to overcome life's difficult situations with courage and confidence, she says.

Camp Courage offers both a day camp and a traditional camp. Day camp offers weekly adventures that begin at base camp before campers head out for various outdoor activi-

In a typical day, says Hayes, campers "start with games like basketball and dodge ball and then take field trips for fishing, canoeing, kayaking, roller-skating and hiking. Each week, we add new or different field trips, such as bowling, laser tag or inflatables at the lake behind

Traditional camp includes a full week of activities with overnight stays in a beautiful outdoor setting, complete with fireside chats and s'mores, she continues.

Of course, the camp wouldn't be possible without the help of the staff, board members and volunteers, she reiterates. "Everyone works very hard to be ready for the camp each year and to bring the best experience possible for the

Staff and volunteers go through training in leadership development and must earn certificates in first aid and CPR along with lifeguarding, instruction and water safety. In addition, they complete four or



INSTILLING CHARACTER: Hayes co-founded Jennifer Owasso's Camp Courage in 2007. The camp provides outdoor summer activities with the intent of instilling courage and confidence in children to better prepare them for life's future challenges.

more hours of training for childhood development.

"The preparation helps the staff and volunteers connect with the



OUTDOOR ADVENTURE: Campers enjoy a variety of fun activities during camp that are designed to build their courage and confidence. Camp Courage offers day and overnight camps with activities including field trips, fishing, canoeing, kayaking, roller-skating and hiking.

campers in a positive way," she return to camp through parents,

Hayes' next goal is to soon have land with water access, which will allow campers to do all of their favorite activities in one location.

For Hayes, her favorite part of involved, camp is "hearing the stories that campcourageusa.com.

grandparents or guardians about how their child has changed after attending.'

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Owasso Rams Hope For Football Turnaround

Experienced Team Looks to Bounce Back From 4-5 Season *In 2015*

By MIKE MOGUIN Sports Writer

It was not a year to remember for Owasso last season as it finished 4-5, marking its second below .500 season in three years. The Rams hope to turn that around in 2016 as they welcome back an

abundance of experience.
"We had a down year," Owasso coach
Bill Patterson says. "We really did. Very disappointing at five losses. I felt we got legitimately beat one time. But in the rest of those defeats, I felt like we had contributed to losing the game more than the other team beating us.

Owasso is being projected for a fifth place finish in District 6AI-2 by VYPE Magazine. That would mean no postseason if that prediction comes true. That is not in the Rams' plan.

"When you don't make the playoffs, it causes you to look and evaluate everything you do," Patterson says. "We've made some changes in our program and on the way we practice. We structured some things and took a real hard look at where our players need to be to help us. I feel like that type of reflection in the offseason gives us a better chance to have the type of year we come to expect here.

Troy Hudson (6-1, 190, senior) returns to quarterback the offense. He threw for over 1,000 yards and six touchdowns in 2015. He also ran for 268 yards on 48 rushes. He'll have wide receivers Jake Enzbrenner (6-0, 185, senior), Jaylen Johnson (6-1, 190, senior) and tight end Ethan Garner (6-5, 270, senior) to throw to.

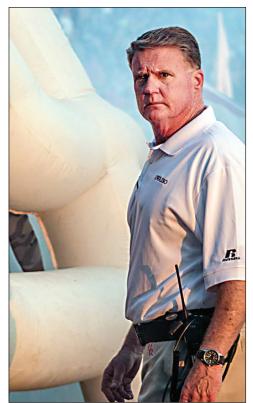
Bryce Cabrera (junior) and Fard Colbert (5-4, 170, senior) will be operating out of the backfield.

'(Cabrera) has had a real good summer and preseason at running back and we like his ability," Patterson says. "(Colbert) is a small back, but he's very strong, explosive and hard to find in there."

Three starters return up front – Russell Baker (6-4, 275, junior) at left tackle, Conner McAlester (5-11, 205) at center and Jason Bell (6-4, 280, junior), who is being moved from guard to tackle on the right side of the line.

'Those guys have done a good job leading," Patterson says. "And we actually got a lot of depth and some pretty good competition in our offensive line.

On defense, Connor Haff (6-4, 275, senior) and Alex Reedy (6-1, 255, senior) return to the line. Billy Fields (5-11, 205, senior) is back at linebacker. Three more North, who are expected to be improved, starters return to the secondary – corner- are on the remainder of the schedule. back Athanie Leeviramphan (5-11, 180, junior).



HEAD COACH BILL PATTERSON

Owasso opened up the season on Aug. 26 in what is becoming known as "zero" week, when it met Jenks, the defending Class 6AI state champion at home

"It's obviously an exciting challenge," Patterson says two weeks before the game. It's a new experience for us. I've talked to the other three coaches of the big schools in the Tulsa area (Jenks, Union and Broken Arrow) and they've all says the same thing that we open up the first game with one less week of preparation.'

Playing Jenks will get the Rams fired up. But opening up in the last week of August will be something different.

"It's the first time we've ever done it (opening in late August)," Patterson says.

You're extremely concerned with conditioning going into your first game because obviously you would expect for heat to be a factor on Aug. 26," Patterson says. "That really made it important for our players to be committed to our summer program.'

While Jenks and Owasso battled, Broken Arrow and Union were playing games in Texas in zero week.

The Rams remain at home in the first week of September against Bartlesville, then comes a trip to Broken Arrow, the state runner-up, followed by an off week before opening district play at Mustang on Sept. 23. Owasso then returns home to meet Union on Sept. 30.

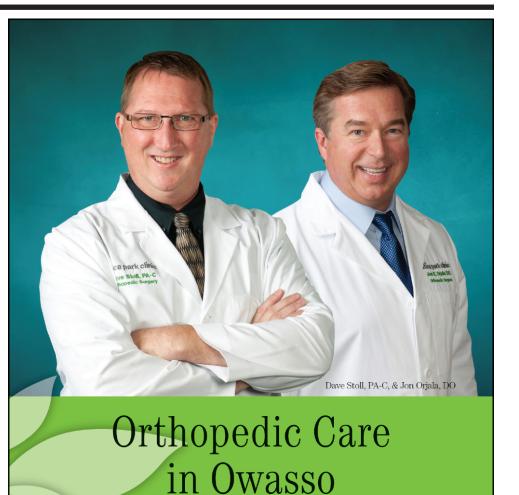
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"We don't have any breathers on our senior) and safeties Wayne Jones (6-1, schedule," Patterson says. "So we're going 195, junior) and Josh Proctor (6-3, 190, to have to be ready to play every week, and we have to avoid the injury bug.'



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Football Brings Oklahoma's Favorite Season

Big Three Teams Tout Great QB's

By TERRELL LESTER Editor at Large

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.

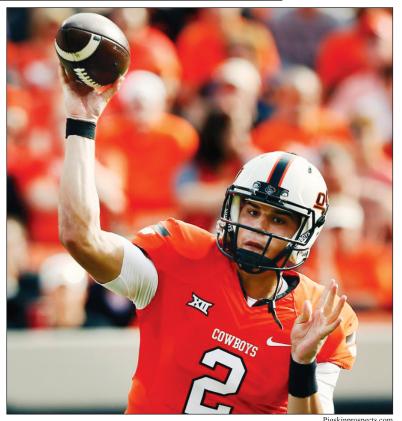
It could be that "kickoff" is actually Oklahoma's fifth season. Some might make a case for "kickoff" being Oklahoma's first season.

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.

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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 pro-

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The second season under head coach Philip Montgomery kicks off at home with San Jose State 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

In the backfield, he will be complemented by running back D'Angelo Brewer while Keevan

Lucas and Josh Atkinson lead the

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

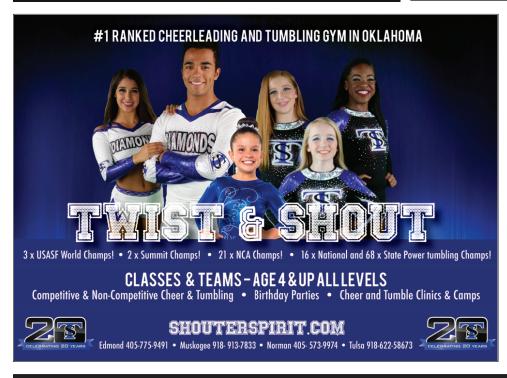
TU traces its football history to its origins as Henry Kendall College and its first game in

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

(Continued from page A12) 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 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 seasonopener at Houston, a home game with Ohio State and the annual Red River Rivalry with Texas in

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,



TULSA'S DANE EVANS

gridiron for the first time, and

took on in-state rival Oklahoma Since that time, OU's football fortunes have soared. In the two decades following World War II, the fervor connected with OU's

nine years, 1904, before OU first

outright devotional, if not pious. concludes with the annual arrival in Norman in 1999.

success began to be viewed as

before OU and Texas met on the 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 graduat-

ed an experienced core.

The aforementioned "expectations" involving the Sooners include appearing in another bowl under Stoops. He has not failed to OU's six-game home schedule play in the post-season since his

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

GTR Sports Writer

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

"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

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

"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

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



HEAD COACH JASON CHRISTIE: Bringing heat to the ice.

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.

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

'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.

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In addition to the recipients, the Hall of 6 p.m. Sept. 18 at Southern Hills Country Fame executive board will award scholarship recipients, including Class 5A state champion David Trimble, who will attending the University of Oklahoma, and Hadley Walters of Edmond, who will be attending Oklahoma State University.



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 the 2017 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 Welcomes New Providers

Heidi Dawson, Timmeni Stevens and Candice Earp Join One of the Largest Physician Groups in Oklahoma

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HEIDI DAWSON, PA-C,

Hillcrest Hospital South

Heidi Dawson, PA-C, a family medicine physician's assistant, has joined Utica Park Clinic's (UPČ) 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

Dawson earned her Bachelor of Science at Skidmore College in Saratoga Springs, New York in

Utica Park Clinic (UPC) proud- Master of Science in Physician School of Health Sciences in

> She is a member of the 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. completed her Ob/Gyn residency and 5 p.m., Monday through

TIMMENI STEVENS, D.O. Hillcrest Hospital South

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 University of Tulsa and 2003. She then completed her Northeastern State University in the campus of Hillcrest Hospital

Broken Arrow and earned her medical degree from the Oklahoma State University College of Osteopathic Medicine in Tulsa in 2012. She recently at Oklahoma State University Medical Center in Tulsa.

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

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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, and 5 p.m., Monday through Arkansas and California prior to joining UPC.

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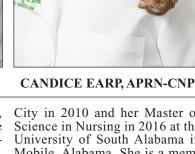
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City in 2010 and her Master of Science in Nursing in 2016 at the University of South Alabama in Mobile, Alabama. She is a member of the American Association of Nurse Practitioners. Her personal interests include movies, football, basketball and tennis.

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.

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John Oje Named CTCA Tulsa Executive Chef

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 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 providindividualized 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 ingredi-



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.

ents," 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."

Chef Oje's Lau Lau

Ingredients

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 4 large leaves of Swiss chard with banana leaf on a flat surface.

On another work surface, stack 3 6-8 oz. of chicken thigh or leg to 4 Swiss chard leaves. Place the chard leaves. Wrap the chicken up pork or a tougher protein).

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, chicken onto the center of the about 1 hour (2-3 hours if using



Food Bank, Morton Partner

As part of National Health Center Week, Aug. 7-13, the Community Food Bank of Eastern Óklahoma 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 servic-



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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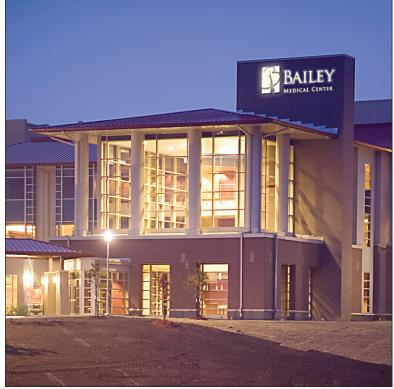
Bailey Named a Top Employer

For the fifth year, Bailey Medical Center of Owasso has been named one of the "100 Best Places to Work in Healthcare" by Modern Healthcare. Bailey Medical Center is one of only three Oklahoma health care organizations on the 2016 list.

The recognition program by Modern Healthcare is in its ninth year and honors workplaces throughout the healthcare industry that empower their employees to provide patients with the best possible care and services.

"Our team at Bailey Medical Center is exceptional, and this type of recognition exemplifies our commitment to providing an environment where our patients and staff feel valued and cared for," says Keith Mason, chief executive officer of Bailey Medical Center.

Some of Bailey Medical Center's efforts to foster a positive work environment involve offering creative ways to engage its team members. For example, Bailey Medical Center recently held an appreciation luau for its team members and, August, hosted the Bailey Olympic



in honor of the Olympics in POSITIVE WORK ENVIRONMENT: Bailey Medical Center of Owasso was recently recognized for its fifth time as one of the "100 Best Places to Work in Healthcare" by Modern Healthcare.

Local Nurse Recognized For Compassionate Care

Collinsville resident Linda Caton, RN, who is a nurse in the pulmonary department at Cancer Treatment Centers of America in Tulsa (CTCA), in July, received a DAISY award for the compassionate care she gives to patients.

The DAISY Award is an international program that rewards and celebrates the extraordinary, compassionate and skillful care given by nurses. Earlier this year, CTCA in Tulsa became a DAISY Award Partner, recognizing one nurse with the honor on a quarterly basis.

From April to June, CTCA staff, patients, and caregivers submitted more than 100 nominations for the DAISY Award. Last month, Caton was named the first recipient.

Caton was nominated for the close relationship she developed with a patient and his wife over the last two years. When the patient's condition started to decline earlier this year, Caton drove to their home in another state to see the patient before he passed and visited again for the memorial service only a few days apart.



ABOVE AND BEYOND: Linda Caton, left, a Collinsville resident and CTCA registered nurse, stands with Denise Geuder, RN, MS, CNOR, vice president of Patient Care Services and chief nursing officer, after learning that she would receive the DAISY Award.

- driving more than 800 miles total for both trips. Several weeks later, the patient's wife came to CTCA in Tulsa to visit with her late husband's physician, and she spent the weekend with Caton to celebrate their birthdays together, which are

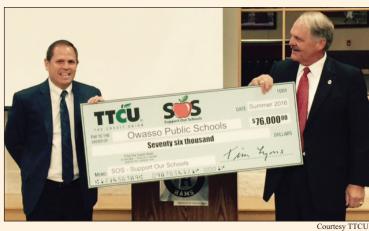
"Linda is an incredibly passionate nurse," says Tammi Holden, RN, BSN, vice president of Oncology Patient Services. "The patients become like her own family. She truly exhibits our Mother Standard of care with each of



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TTCU GIVES TO **OWASSO SCHOOLS**



FINANCIAL NEED: Owasso Public Schools Superintendent Dr. Clark Ogilvie accepts a donation of \$76,000 from TTCU CEO and president Tim Lyons, left. The donation was the culmination of the credit union's SOS – Support Our Schools challenge campaign and School Pride program.

In August, TTCU The Credit mitted to an effort like this to Union presented a \$76,000 help our public schools in such donation to Owasso Public a time of great need." Schools. The gift was the culmination of TTCU's SOS - Support Our Schools challenge campaign and its 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.

"This effort by TTCU has been unprecedented," says how the education funding cri-Owasso Public Schools sis was impacting schools, and Superintendent Dr. Clark we wanted to do something Ogilvie. "Certainly no other financial institution has com-

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. This allows TTCU members to not only show school spirit for area schools but also, each time the card is swiped to make a purchase, TTCU makes a donation to the school featured on the card. Since its inception, the program has donated more than \$500,000 to schools.

"We were concerned about about it," says Tim Lyons, TTCU CEO and president.

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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 pur-

Runway Tulsa will host a week of events Sept. 14-18, including a media night, fashion show at Utica Square with prize giveaways, a run-way 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.

THE EVENTS:

Fashion in the Square -Thursday, Sept. 15 from 5-7 p.m. at Utica Square.

The always fashionable Utica Square hosts this fun, open-to-thepublic and free fashion event. Participating Utica Square mer-



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.



CHAIR MICHELLE EVANS

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 filmmaker Hugh Eubanks, Westhoff and poster artist Zack Raw. The Oklahoma Artist Showcase will continue as a



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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 opportu-



CHAIR CINDY MORRISON



CHAIR CHERA KIMIKO



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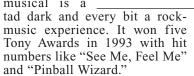
The PAC's 40th anniversary season is big, varied and promises to be one of the most exciting ever

Closing out August are three Town Hall for selling out its

Show Buzz

By NANCY HERMANN

musicals that continue into September: Theatre Tulsa's companionproductions of 'Oklahoma!" and "The Will R o g e r s Follies," and Theatre Pops' "Heathers." Hardly missing a beat Sept. 9-18 is Tulsa Project Theatre's "The W h o 's Tommy." This poignant, touching musical is a



Tulsa Symphony continues its 10th anniversary celebration Sept. 10 with Grammy Awardwinning 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.

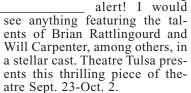
Since it was announced that Disney's "Newsies" was coming to the PAC, I've heard how much people loved the "Newsies" movie that Disney released in 1992. That same story, told through music, is about dauntless newspaper boys who face down publishing giants Joseph Pulitzer and William Randolph Hearst. 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 bootson-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 other's each throats. Acting



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

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.



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.

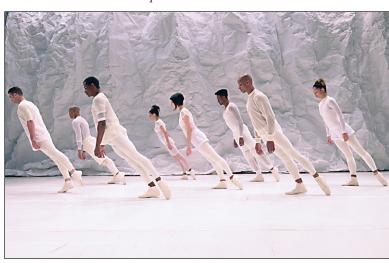
Arranged and funded by the PAC Trust, Brown Bag It concerts are informal and staged in the acoustically wonderful Westby Pavilion. Bring your lunch!

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



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.



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Fall Brings Fun Events, Colorful Memories

Usually, I love summer, ever eager efiting its departure. Yet, this summer, with its relentless humidity, no one is with a live orchestra, dinner and more surprised than myself to be champagne. dreaming of the crisp fall mornings soon to arrive.

closer to those moderate temperatures but also ushers in a number of anticipated events including some outdoors.

I admit I am still mourning 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 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, ben-

American for its arrival and despondent upon Association, on Sept. 25, a beautiful afternoon spent among classic cars,

Earlier in the month, Sept. 8-11, is the Blue Whale Comedy Festival, September not only brings us a bit with daily comedy performances in

Out & About in

Greater Tulsa

By EMILY RAMSEY

Managing Editor

downtown 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

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

on page B1.)

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



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.

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.



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.

"Thanks for swiping!"





"I had a dream to take every fifth grade student in Pryor School District to the Oklahoma City Science Museum. That's 172 kids! A lot of logistics, and a lot of money. But you never know which child it will spark to pursue a career in science.

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Vision For Children Holds Third Annual Fundraiser

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 nonprofit organization. Vanderpool's curiosity, many children in the Bahamas can see better today.

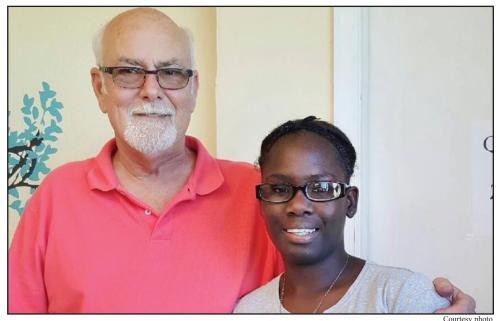
On that rainy day when the fishing was terrible, Vanderpool decided to venture into the town looking for the local optometrist, but after visiting with the townspeople he learned that they did not have one. The island's medical system does not provide eye care for any of its citizens, and optometric 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

A little over eight years ago Dr. Tom pairs of glasses made and delivered at no Vanderpool (a local Jenks optometrist) went 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)

> 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.



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.



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.



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, allages 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.

Hayes Carll headlines opening weekend. his very successful KMAG YOYO. It's a beautiful, reflective collection of songs, sionally sarcastic songwriting. Smart and insightful lyrics are the hallmark of Carll's lyrics, and his music resonates with a wide and loval 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.

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 Austin Americana singer-songwriter Oklahoma, Linville occasionally finds the time to produce albums for other Carll's fifth release, Lovers and Leavers, musicians. Most recently, Linville worked came out April 8, over five years after with Oklahoma City's Carter Sampson on her latest release, Wilder Side.

"Working with someone who has a perhaps something of a departure from voice like that is really easy. She's this artist's often humorous and occa- 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 'The first time we met, he (Carll) came 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.



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



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Habitat For Humanity Leads 24-Hour Home Build

Managing Editor

In an effort to redevelop the Kendall Whittier neighborhood, Tulsa Habitat for Humanity and local community partners, including the Home Builders Association (HBA) Foundation Charitable 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





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, onegarage home was completed the following morning.

in the Kendall Whittier neighborhood, with the help of various local partners, says Tulsa Habitat for Executive Director Humanity 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

specifically on providing new homes 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



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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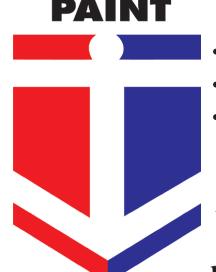
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Prairie Brewpub: Memorable Beer, Food on Display

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; 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 the day.

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





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

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, and enduring, the intriguing 'je ne Arts Columnist

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

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

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

Kahlo's mystique is undeniable

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. 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-

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 for celebrities, techniques socialites and artists, Muray found his most colorful subject in

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, monfrom thorns, gives pause for her keys, ancient sculpture and posed 1940 Self-Portrait with Thorn in brilliantly colorful Mexican

Necklace and Hummingbird attire, are enduringly iconic, still popular on mugs, stickers, aprons, posters and prints.

> Muray's Frida leaning on a sculpture by Mardonio Magaña, Covoacán1940, 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 selfportraits 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."

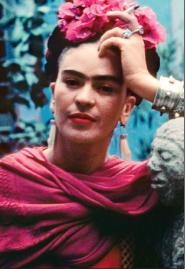
Among large photographic prints of her personal letters to Nick is one dated May 31,1931, in which she included, with the original, a photo of herself holding hands with her spouse, Rivera. She signed the same note with the imprint of a kiss from her own lips, then sent it to her paramour. Muray and 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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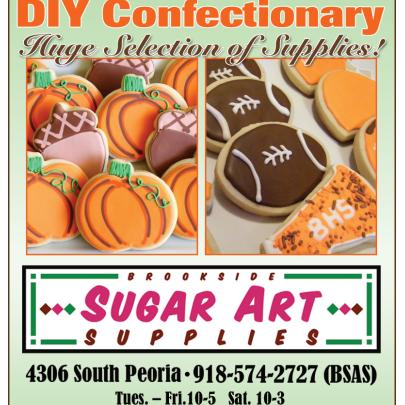
Based on the lives of three legendary Latin American women: Mexican painter Frida Kahlo, Salvadoran peasant activist Rufina Amaya and Argentine poet Alfonsina Storni, the show features diverse popular and folk songs of Mexico, El Salvador and Argentina. Cost is \$8 for museum members, \$10 for not-yet members.

For additional details and please updates, www.gilcrease.org.



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



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 watch-

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-akind 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.

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

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

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 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

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.

Samara was emerging as a onally 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

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.

"Ît'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



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



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.





Energy and the Media Highlighted at Conference

The 24th Annual Energy Policy The 24th Annual Energy Policy Conference (IEPC) – Roundtable/ overview of an article in National tem of free enterprise, owners use

Renaissance Hotel in Tulsa. The roundtable was hosted by IEPC, the E n e r g y Advocates and the Master of Energy Program at the University of Tulsa. served as the moderator of the roundtable.

There were around 60 roundparticitable pants, including representatives from state and federal governments, chambers commerce, public relations

firms, concerned citizens, various from whom they lease. By conareas of the energy sector, profes- trast, defenses of shale production sors, think-tanks, energy management students from across the U.S., economic statistics about wealth and media (including Forrest and jobs. To date, however, the Cameron, CEO and Publisher of GTR Newspapers, who is a former haven't developed or effectively recipient of The Energy Advocate of the Year for Journalism.)

media covering and including: energy and water resources, fracturing/horizontal hydraulic 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. landowners – opportunities to help tact with the public, the only time

Summit was held Aug. 11 at the Affairs written by Dr. Eric Claeys,

professor

Energy Watch University, titled "The Case Claeys states, ics of shale production seem to high They ground. indict shale production in moral terms. energy producers are accused of 'polluting' sources of fresh water and the By MARK A. STANSBERRY air, and of landowners

are fairly apolitical, often resting on shale's revolution supporters publicized an account of why the shale revolution is also just a suc-Several subjects were briefly discress story on a moral level as well cussed regarding messages and the as an economic one." I highly suggest every concerned citizen read Dr. Claeys article.

> community in which anti-fracking rhetoric dominates, life and politics are characterized by scarcity and fears. That climate denies

their land to make their own lives better, and everyone benefits when George Mason energy companies increase the supply of energy available for all. The shale revolution needs more for Shale." Dr. champions who can remind American citizens why. And so "And so far, crit- does the American system of free enterprise generally."

Takeaways from the roundtable: be gaining the 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 Unconventional 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 'exploiting' the 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 Dr. Claeys ends his article, "In a 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 everyone – workers, consumers, the energy industry has little con-



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.

it finds itself in the spotlight is when something goes terribly

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 Story!

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 cere-

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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

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 land-scape, 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

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.

owner. One day, a man broke into the home and tried to rape the owner. Even though the dog was 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 direc-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 communica-

Vets can provide a calm experience for their animal patients through the use of calming pheromone scents in treatment

He mentions another example of rooms and through early puppy a German Shepherd who lived in conditioning so that the animal the country with her female learns early on that the vet clinic is not a place to fear, Grogan says.

The other trend that Grogan has nine months pregnant, she noticed, particularly among attacked the man and chased him 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,"

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' condi-

"I can send photos and updates to tor at VCA Woodland East Animal 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

Much of what OVMA is involved with is statewide advocacy and educational efforts for animalrelated issues. In addition, OVMA oversees the operation of the birthing centers and surgical suites at the Oklahoma City and Tulsa

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.

state fairs. OVMA estimates that the birthing centers see approximately 100,000 visitors each year, says Grogan. "They're very popu-

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

"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.



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.



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.



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 produc-

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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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.

Oseco, a Broken Arrow-based leading manufacturer of rupture discs and 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.

Jones, Gotcher & Bogan, P.C. announces addition of Patrick O. Waddel as an Of Counsel attorney of the Firm. Waddel attended the University of Pittsburgh 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.

Griffin Communications, an

Oklahoma-owned and operated multimedia company, recently hired Jamie Tygart and Sarah Tingler as account executives Veronica Winters as sales promotion manag-

er at KOTV/News



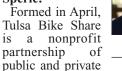
On 6 and KQCW/Tulsa CW in Tulsa.

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.

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





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.

Marnie Phelps, Cyntergy, elected president 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.

Public Service Company Oklaĥoma (PSO) announces that Slater. Tommy currently the plant manager Southwestern Electric Power Company's (SWEPCO) Welsh



SLATER

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.

The Parent Child Center of Tulsa, Inc. (PCCT) announces

that Kristine D. **Bridges** become the organization's next executive director in early 2017. She will follow Desiree Doherty, the current executive director who has announced her



BRIDGES

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

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occurred to the Mid-Continent Tower at Fourth Street and Boston Avenue Originally called Cosden Building, headquarters Cosden Oil and Company, Gas 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 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. material almost seamlessly. There is

One of the most unusual ways of available to the east. The solution

tower to the east with a 17th floor cantilever above the building. original 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 a total of 36 floors. 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 Fortunately, an additional site was a "Sullivanesque" look to the exteri- giving the façade a strong sense of



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

or with its intricate weaving of linear and geometric forms and stylized foliage in symmetrical patterns. (Louis Sullivan was a turn-of-thecentury 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



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.

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 twostory colonnade created by recessing the four structural bays of the years ago.

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

Homegrown Sustainability: Creating a Zero Waste Music Festival

Witnessing the live music after-

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 Society River (MRS), in volunrecycling efforts, not even her involvement could persuade me to believe that a zero waste festival could be possible. But with a cynical, hopeful, heart the First Annual Homegrown Music Festival

things are possible

Trash Talk

on real solutions to festival waste. Sustainability

Manager success says happened because thoughtful planning and targeted part-"We nerships. wanted partners with a track record of hard work and dedication."

R M Homegrown Sustainability Co-Managing Volunteer Dena Turner,

brought back my faith that all aka: my sister, says, "We jumped at this because we want people to

The Homegrown Music Festival come and enjoy our beautiful math of trash piles inspired my first founders focused on shining a light 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-analy-Melissa Terry sis and thesis reporting that the public can soon access through the Arkansas Department 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 nonprofit farm.





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 coleader David Gottschalk and the station's builder National Marble and Granite's Jeremy Gunn, provided both efficient product and will. 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

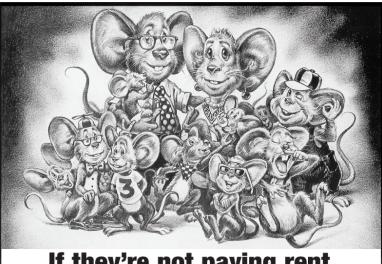
This brings me to my favorite overheard conversation: MRS' Turner telling a girl that the winner of the free t-shirt will be posted, to which her co-volunteer told the girl, "She means she'll write it on the actual poster wall to your right, not something online."

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.

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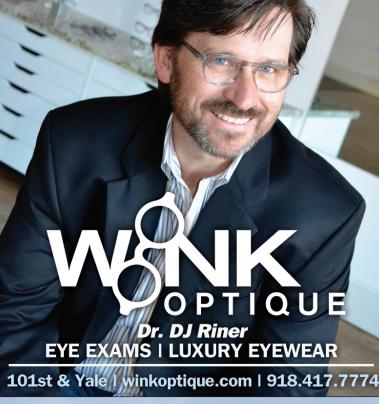
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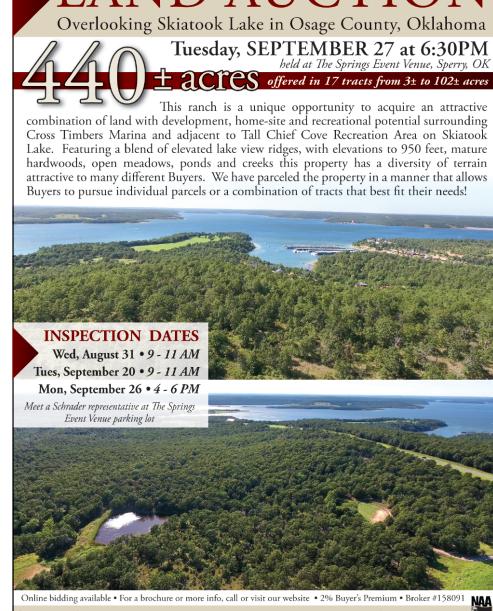








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